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# Merritt, Cook and Gray win

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The primary election was held on Tuesday and ended with no close results in any of the local races.

Randy Merritt won the seat for county commission district 2 with 49.9 percent, 3,102 votes, over Derek Howard, who gained 34.93 percent, or 2,171 votes and Millie Harrison received 15.17 percent or 943 votes.

All three candidates for this election were Democrats, which means that the primary election decides

the winner.

However, at the supervisor of elections office on Tuesday night, there was some confusion as to whether the race would have to go to the general election because no candidate received more than 50 percent of the total votes.

Supervisor of Elections Henry "Buddy" Wells said because it is a partisan race and all candidates were in the same party, the primary decides the winner.

This is unlike the school board races where one candidate must receive 50 percent of the votes plus

one to keep the race from going to the general election.

However, for Wakulla County, neither school board race will go to November.

In school board district 1, incumbent Ray Gray will keep his seat. Gray received 51.02 percent, 3,252 votes. Virginia "Jenny" Brock followed with 32.01 percent, or 2,040 votes. Ray Smith received 1,082 votes or 16.98 percent.

In school board district 3, Rebecca Cook won in a landslide, receiving 73.65 percent of the total votes or 4,596.

Of the 17,578 registered voters in the county, 6,644 voted, or 37.8 percent, Wells said.

"I wanted 50," Wells said. "I was hoping people would get out and get excited."

Most of the ballot results came in pretty quickly after polls closed at 7 p.m. However, the 12 touch screens, one at every precinct, were brought to the supervisor of elections office to upload those ballots directly.

Wells said they received 125 ballots from the touch screens.

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## Election mishaps

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Election day started with a hiccup in Wakulla County. Ballots for precincts in Medart and Shell Point were accidentally swapped.

The precinct at Medart fixed the problem and was able to open on time.

But the precinct at Shell Point opened well after 7 a.m.

Shell Point resident Jim McGill waited around until 7:20 a.m. on the polls to open.

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## Candidates react to the election results

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN

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Randy Merritt will be the new county commissioner after winning a majority of the votes in the Democratic primary over Derek Howard and Millie Harrison.

"I appreciate the support from the citizens of the county and I'll do my best to serve them," Merritt said.

Merritt said he did not spend the day campaigning or the usual activity of waving at voters from the roadside, saying he preferred to be at home.

"I stayed at the house with my kids," he said. "They are real excited about it, especially my 8-year-old. We watched it at home on the internet."

Merritt praised his opponent, Derek Howard.

"Derek's a really nice guy and I appreciate him running a clean campaign."

Howard was at the Supervisor of Elections shortly after the polls closed, looking tired after a day of doing roadside campaigning at several different areas of the county.

Becky Cook took a big majority to win re-election to the school board

- nearly 75 percent of the vote against challenger Glen S. Wade.

"I'd like to thank my opponent, who was a gentleman," Cook said. "I appreciate the confidence given to me by my constituents, and I look forward to another four years and moving forward."

Before the polls closed, Wade was waving to Crawfordville voters from a shady spot on the roadside and indicated he felt pretty confident.

In the other school board race, Ray Gray pulled out enough of a lead to win re-election facing a three-way battle with Jenny Brock and Ray Smith.

"I'm very thankful to all the people of Wakulla County for coming out," Gray said. "And I'm thankful that the other candidates ran a clean race."

Both Gray and Smith were at the supervisor's office to watch the results come in, and Smith shook Gray's hand and congratulated him.

Smith had indicated earlier in the day that he was satisfied with the race he had run - it was a positive message, he said.



It was the first election for Supervisor of Elections Henry "Buddy" Wells, above. The minor problems of the day "hurt him," he said. School board members Ray Gray and Becky Cook, left, share a celebratory hug.



## Inspection of septic systems is coming

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Wakulla County passed a rather progressive septic tank ordinance in 2006 and the state is catching up.

The county's ordinance requires new developers to install performance based septic systems and requires systems in need of repair to be changed to the performance based systems.

These systems are designed to remove Nitrogen to a level of 10 Mg/L or less, according to Padraic Juarez, environmental administrator for the Wakulla County Health Department.

The passage of this ordinance made Wakulla County the first place in the panhandle to have such an ordinance.

It is also one of the few ordinances that is county-wide and not more restrictive in certain areas, Juarez said.

The ordinance also calls for a yearly inspection of the performance based systems and for them to be worked on at least twice a year by a maintenance entity.

Along with that is a requirement for all onsite sewage disposal and treatment systems to be inspected every three years, according to Juarez.

The Department of Health is the entity responsible for regulating the systems.

Senate Bill 550 was passed this year which requires all septic systems to be inspected every five years across the state.

This includes all 2.3 million septic tank owners.

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## Dual-certified firefighters doesn't appear to have support

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The idea of integrating the fire service with ambulance seems to appeal to some, but not to others.

Ochlockonee Bay Volunteer Fire Chief Bill Russell brought the idea before the county commission at a workshop held on Aug. 19.

"What we want is just to give better service," Chief Russell said.

Chief Russell suggested having both fire and EMS personnel be dual certified, as both an EMT and a fire-

**Ochlockonee Bay VFD Fire Chief Bill Russell suggested the idea as a way to give better service - that both fire and EMS personnel be dual-certified. But there are concerns.**

fighter.

He added that some employees are already dual certified.

"I think the citizens would gain by this," Chief Russell said.

The idea would be to start hiring only those individuals who are certified to be both

an EMT and a firefighter, Chief Russell said.

"It's cheaper than hiring a bunch of people to do several different jobs," he said.

However, they would have a primary job, but could be called in an emergency situation for the other, Chief Russell added.

He added that people who are currently on either staff now and do not wish to be certified in the other should not be in fear of losing their jobs.

Chief Russell said it would be especially beneficial when there is a fire and the two-in, two-out rule is necessary to fight a fire.

The mandate requires two firefighters to be outside of a structure ready to assist, before other firefighters can enter the structure.

"There's just no reason they can't work together and supplement each other," Chief

Russell said.

Public Safety Director Scott McDermid said the department gets more EMS calls than fire calls and they frequently run out of ambulances.

He added that right now there aren't enough volunteer certified firefighters.

Also, with the two-in, two-out rule, that second group is supposed to be immediately ready to go in and get the crew out of the structure if need. If they were also the ambulance crew, that would be a challenge, McDermid said.

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## Former building official files lawsuit against the county

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN

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Luther Council, the former county building official dismissed several months ago over his handling of personnel issues, has filed a class-action lawsuit against the county claiming that the county illegally diverted building fees for other uses.

The lawsuit was filed in Wakulla circuit court on Thursday, Aug. 16 as a class action - with those citizens who paid building fees to be the class, and excluding Council.

Council raised the issue prior to his termination from the county that building fees - which, under state law, can only be spent on the building department - were being diverted to other uses. Both Clerk of Court Brent Thurmond and the county's legal firm reportedly

looked into the allegations and found nothing illegal.

Council's lawsuit claims that building fees were diverted "to defray other county expenses" rather than returning such unneeded funds to the citizens.

The 12-page complaint also claims that, "While head of the (county) Building Inspection Division, (Council) noted and protested the transfers. Instead, he was repeatedly told by county officials, including Tim Barton, one of the defendant's Assistant County Administrator in charge of budgeting, that (the county) viewed any surplus in any account holding the revenue as a form of "kitty," that (the county) could, in essence, raid in order to pay other county expenses not associated with (the county's) responsibilities to

enforce.. the Building Code."

Council's lawsuit claims that his immediate supervisor, Assistant County Administrator Lindsay Stevens, told him that Barton was in charge of the money and budgets and that Council should not concern himself with the monetary transfers.

Council claims that County Administrator Ben Pingree, when told by Stevens of his inquiries about the budget, said Council would be fired if he continued with his questioning.

Council publicly brought up the issues after he was going through the termination process for his handling of a sexual harassment complaint within the county Building Department. A woman in the department complained a building inspector was making inappropriate

remarks and, though Council had been advised by administration not to discuss the matter after a formal complaint was filed, he allegedly called the woman into his office and said he didn't believe her. She reported the conversation and he was reprimanded.

The final straw was when it was determined that the inspector did not have the proper certifications to do all home building inspections, both the inspector and Council were fired, with a three-person panel upholding the administration's decision to terminate Council, contending that as a department head he should have been aware of the certifications of his inspectors.

Council is represented in the lawsuit by Tallahassee attorney David Healey.

# Comment & Opinion

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## Sometimes the good guys win - thanks to Joan Smith



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Proof that sometimes the good guys do win: Wakulla County filed a complaint in circuit court a couple of weeks ago over the racist covenants that are part of the Wakulla Gardens subdivision from the 1960s - and the development company reportedly will not fight it.

The county commission was spurred to take action by local real estate agent Joan Smith, who said she was mortified to have to produce, as part of the disclosure to potential buyers, that the property's restrictions included language limiting ownership "to white people only."

Smith said she lost one sale because of the language - even though such restrictions are illegal and unenforceable.

Sitting in church one day,

Smith, who is white, said she looked over at her friend sitting with her in the pew, who is black, and was horrified at imagining presenting her friend with such hurtful language. She then took it upon herself to try to change it - without knowing exactly how to go about it.

County commissioners asked Heather Encinosa, county attorney with the Tallahassee law firm of Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, to look into the matter. Encinosa volunteered to take the matter on without charging the county fees for legal time - and on Aug. 2, the county filed a lawsuit against Panacea Development Corporation contending the racist restrictions are maintained as a record in the county's public records "without any notation on the face of the subject document that the race-based property ownership and residency requirements contained therein are illegal and unenforceable as a matter of law."

The complaint continues: "The mere presence of the explicit race-based ownership and use restriction... still maintains the power to cause emotional pain, suffering and embarrassment to persons who may be provided with or become aware of this provision in conjunction with a prop-

erty transaction involving Wakulla Gardens."

So, the lawsuit asks the court for a declaratory judgment that the restriction is "illegal, unlawful, invalid, and void, and permanently enjoin its application. Further, order that the public records of Wakulla County contain adequate notice of this decision as to the unenforceability of this restriction."

Encinosa reported that the company would not challenge such a declaratory judgment.

The restriction was obviously a product of its time, included in the subdivision's deed restrictions when it was recorded back in 1964 - remarkably, about the same time as the Civil Rights Act was passed.

Finally, the best time of the year: scuppernongs are ripe and football season is about to begin.

The air is full of possibilities - this year is the year! all the way! - at least until the first game is played.

And then, a few games into the season, as my hopes are dashed for my favorite team, I'm looking forward to baseball season.

Ah, the best time of the year: the grass is turning green and it's spring training.

## Ben Pingree is not being 'persecuted'

**Editor, The News:**

In Verna Brock's letter to the editor ("Dismayed by campaign against Pingree," Aug. 19), she claims County Administrator Ben Pingree is suffering unwarranted "persecution."

My immediate thought was how uninformed she must be. Then I wondered how Mrs. Brock feels about Mr. Pingree firing John Taylor without proper due process?

How about when he fired Larry Noles without proper due process? What about their families? What about their lives? I can't imagine the stress Mr. Pingree created in those families and their lives.

The Pingree regime has a rich history of dealing with any allegations of wrongdoing by simply firing the accused without proper due process. Exactly the opposite is occurring with Mr. Pingree himself: He's been given plenty of chances to answer the numerous charges and either refuses to answer or responds with non-answers - he's REALLY good at that!

I submit Mr. Pingree should have been fired right when his Franklin County land deal became public. He tried his level-best to hide this particular deal and

there are plenty of documents to back it all up. Had his boss been just like him, it would have been instant termination.

But Mr. Pingree's good fortune is his boss is a board, at least three of whom have no backbone whatsoever. Luckily for us, one of them has enough backbone to go around: Chairman Dr. Howard Kessler

Mr. Pingree will again be given ample opportunity to respond to all allegations in the Sept. 2 special meeting to discuss his actions and annual performance review.

No, Mrs. Brock, this is not "persecution" - rather his forum to answer why he did what he did.

Most of our commissioners believe Mr. Pingree can do no wrong. But there is a mountain of documentation showing Mr. Pingree got caught with his hand in the Wakulla County cookie jar and he needs to be held accountable for his actions.

Public statements by Commissioner Alan Brock (Mrs. Brock's son) fully exonerating Mr. Pingree of all wrongdoing is nothing short of amazing. I had no idea he was clairvoyant. He claims to "have looked into it" and all is just swell.

I'd suggest he did a little

more than ask Mr. Pingree, "Ben, you didn't do anything wrong, right?"

My guess is we'll never hear Mr. Pingree answer the charges. He'll likely either have "separated" or claim his attorney advises him not to comment.

We pay Pingree the big bucks to do a job and stress goes with the territory - as with all high-paying positions. If he can't cope, he should look for a new line of work with commensurate compensation.

By letting him go without "cause," his contract calls for a very sweet severance of nine months full pay and benefits, about \$100,000 of taxpayer dollars.

At the last BoCC meeting, Commissioner Stewart asked permission to negotiate a "separation" with Mr. Pingree. I hope his intention was to save some or all of the severance money, OUR money.

If the entire board had just an ounce of fortitude, they'd move ahead with "cause" and save our county the whole enchilada. If not, I hope this very expensive lesson in how not to hire an administrator is never forgotten.

**Steven Fufts Sr.**  
Panacea

## Some candidates signed pledges

**Editor, The News:**

In a recent edition, I had a letter about candidates for local office not accepting donations over \$200.

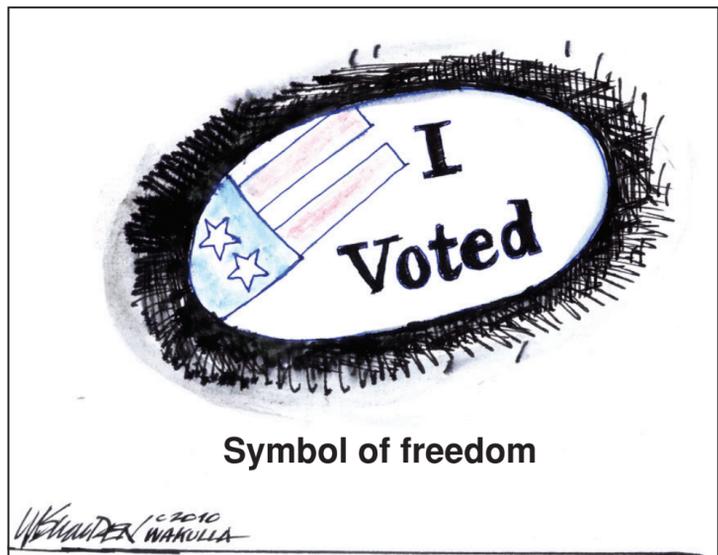
I have signed pledges from Howard Kessler, Derek Howard, and Jenny Brock.

Randy Merritt indicated, at the forum in the library, that he could not sign the pledge.

I have not heard from any other candidates that are running for either county commission or the school board.

If any other candidates would like a copy of this pledge they can contact me either by telephone at 926-5049 or by email at ron\_piasecki@earthlink.net.

**Ron Piasecki**  
Shell Point



## Treatment of Pingree is election-year politics

**Editor, The News:**

I have watched over the past few months as Commissioner Howard Kessler and his cronies have attempted to slander both County Administrator Ben Pingree and the staff of the Wakulla County government.

I believe that the tactics that have been used are beneath an elected official and are an obvious election-year ploy to generate votes.

Kessler has given Pingree great reviews each year but then says that he has consistently been a critic of Pingree's leadership.

Was he lying when he wrote the reviews or is he lying now?

The presentations given at county commission meetings are filled with one sided research and have been used to batter an administration which protocol says cannot respond during the meetings.

As Mr. Pingree said at the Aug. 16 county commission meeting, if there is any proof of wrongdoing or unethical behavior take it to the Florida Ethics Commission. If not, then sit down, be quiet and allow the county government to do real work for the citizens of Wakulla County rather than deal with

unsubstantiated allegations and constant harassment.

Morale at the county office has to be at an all-time low and the good people who have worked for years for the citizens of Wakulla County are wondering if it's all worth it.

Mr. Pingree and his family have been close to my family for years and I have never known a more honest individual. He has followed in his father's footsteps and dedicated his life to public service. The stress this has caused has already put him in the hospital and caused his family grief.

Is this how a county commissioner should act? This is not the man the county voted in four years ago and whoever has given him this political advice should no longer be listened to.

Dr. Kessler, you should be ashamed of yourself and your tactics and I encourage the citizens of Wakulla County to respond to this constant bullying and harassment on November 2. I know I and my family will.

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## Look at facts with Pingree, not emotions

**Editor, The News:**

Ms. Verna Brock's letter last week ("Dismayed by campaign against Pingree," Aug. 19) leads me to believe she, like her son Alan, is making decisions based on her emotions rather than the facts.

I am sure she thinks very highly of Ben Pingree. A lot of people do. He did a lot of good things for Wakulla County, but that is his job and he is paid well.

It's difficult to make objective decisions when people we like are involved. Ms. Brock has that luxury but Alan Brock doesn't. As a commissioner he is supposed to weigh all the facts and act for the good of the county not in the interest of someone he likes.

For Alan Brock and Mike Stewart to say in a BOCC meeting that they looked

into the problems and found everything OK is absurd.

I spoke to the citizens who brought these issues forward and neither commissioner asked to speak with them one-on-one or to see any evidence they may have. These issues are very troubling: Several no-bid contracts to a company that he purchased a house from and sold a coastal property to in a market where nothing was selling. Without disclosing either sale to the BOCC. The haphazard way he has been running the weatherization program.

For months several citizens along with Chairman Howard Kessler have been warning the commission that there were problems yet they chose to do nothing. Not because there were no problems but because they

like Ben Pingree.

Many thanks to Dr. Kessler for his unwavering commitment and a few watchful and determined citizens!

**Al Shylkofski**  
Crawfordville

## Thanks, quilters

**Editor, The News:**

Big Bend Hospice would like to take this opportunity to thank the ladies of the Quilters Guild of Wakulla County for the beautiful wheelchair/walker tote bags provided to our patients.

These tote bags are lovingly hand-made and are distributed to home-bound patients in Wakulla County to provide easy access to patient's personal belongings.

**Pam Raker Allbritton**  
Big Bend Hospice, Inc.

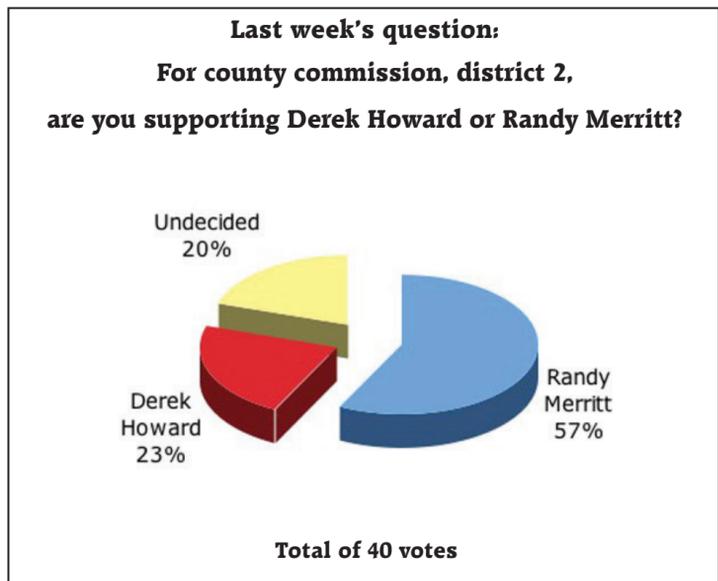
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	Wakulla	Crawfordville	Sopchoppy	Smith Creek	St. Marks	Medart	Ivan	Shell Point	Panacea	Ochlockonee Bay	Bethal	Shadeville	Total
<b>Commission District 2</b>													
Millie Harrison	143	172	43	12	29	78	155	59	37	33	96	86	943
Derek L. Howard	244	539	166	8	27	212	290	141	47	48	243	206	2171
Randy Merritt	348	698	300	58	70	297	487	176	127	111	209	221	3102
<b>School Board District 1</b>													
Jenny Brock	279	452	115	24	44	165	302	144	39	78	214	184	2040
Ray E. Gray	358	767	300	39	71	334	494	181	121	102	232	253	3252
Ray Smith	147	227	94	13	24	101	153	59	48	21	103	92	1082
<b>School Board District 3</b>													
Rebecca S. Cook	571	1022	378	61	96	441	719	278	148	145	379	358	4596
Glen S. Wade	179	411	126	15	36	154	216	89	58	45	159	156	1644

Mishaps

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He said he had to leave and wouldn't be returning from work until after the polls closed at 7 p.m.

Supervisor of Elections Henry "Buddy" Wells said he told McGill to call him and they would try and set something up so he could vote, but never received a call back from McGill.

McGill was the only one that Wells heard from about not being able to vote because of the mixup, he said.

"Things happen," Wells said. "I don't like it. We worked as fast as we could to take care of it."

Wells said the bags were set up and checked, but the wrong bag was taken because the bags were side by side.

Rachel Sutz Pienta, head of the Wakulla Democratic Women's Club, said she received calls this morning from the League of Women Voters members about the screw up.

Pienta said this makes her worry about the general election.

And she said no one wants a repeat of what happened in 2008.

"There's a history of electoral inconsistency in Wakulla County," Pienta said.

Another issue that popped up was a woman stating that she received the wrong ballot during early voting.

Leona Sellers, of Wakulla Gardens, said she was not able to vote for the state races during early voting.

"I didn't get the full ballot," Sellers said.

And when she went to her local precinct on Tuesday to vote in the state races, she was turned away because she already voted.

"I know you only get one vote," Sellers said.

But she said she only received a partial ballot and when the poll workers showed her the ballot, she said it was different than what she received during early voting.

Sellers said, "For once in my life, I did early voting."

She called the supervisor of elections office and said she was told they were going to investigate it.

Wells said Sellers received the ballot for what party she is registered for.

Wells confirmed that she received the correct ballot.

Wells said he did not receive any other complaints that day.



Canvassing board members prepare to tally votes. The board consists of Supervisor Buddy Wells, Commissioner Lynn Artz, and Judge Jill Walker. Judicial assistant Brenda Villiard also assists the board.

Merritt, Cook and Gray win

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"It was more than I expected," Wells said.

According to Wakulla County Judge Jill Walker, she was told many people in Sopchoppy chose to vote by touch screens instead of doing it manually.

"They stood in line," Judge Walker said.

All in all, Wells said he thought it went well for his first time.

"I think it's a process we all should participate in," Wells said.

In Wakulla County, Rick Scott gained the most votes for the Republican nominee for governor with 52.86 percent. Bill McCollum received 32.32 percent and Mike McCalister received 14.82 percent.

In the race for the Democratic nominee for Governor, Alex Sink received 66.72 percent and Brian Moore received only 33.28 percent.

For the Democratic nominee for Congress, Allen Boyd received 57.24 percent, while Al Lawson received 42.76

percent.

The Republican nominee who received the most votes in that race was Steve Southland with 34.58 percent.

The race for Democratic nominee for state senator went to Bill Montford with 65.88 percent with Curtis Richardson receiving 34.12 percent.

For circuit judge, circuit 2, Sopchoppy native Eddie Evans received the most votes, with 33.62 percent.

For U.S. Senator, the Republican nominee who re-

ceived the most votes was Marco Rubio with 80.49 percent.

The Democratic nominee for U.S. senator who gained the most votes was Jeff Greene with 48.23 percent.

In the race for Attorney General, the Democrat with the most votes was Dan Gelber with 59.02 percent over Dave Aronberg with 40.98 percent.

The Republican with the most votes was Jeff Kottkamp who received 43.06 percent.

Firefighters

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Fire Chief Louis Larmache said the department has been meeting the requirement of the two in, two out rule, but when there are two or three fires at a time it's harder.

Director of EMS Fran Council said she was not in favor of combining the services.

Council said most of her EMTs and paramedics don't want to be firefighters.

She added that having a great depth of knowledge in both fields would be hard if dual certification is required.

"It waters down your skill level," Council said.

She added that firefighters who are firefighter 1 certified should be

brought up to the second level of certification.

This can be done through scholarships or using the MSBU, she said.

She asked the commission to let EMS and fire services sit down and discuss their options.

Commissioner Lynn Artz was in agreement with Council and didn't want to see the health care in the county decline.

Chief Russell said he knows this will take a long time to implement, maybe 20 years, and doesn't see how it would take away from EMS.

Chairman Howard Kessler closed the workshop and no action was taken and no future date for discussion of integration was set.

Septic inspections

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Juarez said the state health office in Tallahassee is determining best how to implement this requirement.

"Some of the intent behind this statutory requirement is to clean up the waters around our state that are being adversely affected by the failing OSTDS (On-site Sewage Disposal and Treatment System)," Juarez said.

According to Senator Al Lawson's office, the bill was originally intended to affect property owners with septic tanks that were in close proximity to Florida's springs, it then was amended to include all septic tank owners.

Sen. Lawson is attempting to halt the statewide

mandate that is expected to go into effect in January 2011.

In a press release, Sen. Lawson said the inspections could cost homeowners an average of \$500 and, if systems are considered in need of repair, the homeowner could be forced to replace the system - costing thousands of dollars more.

In Wakulla County, Juarez said he doesn't see much of any impact because of the county's current ordinance.

"The impact that we can foresee this statute having on the citizens in our county are that sometime in the next five to 10 years the homeowners will need to have their OSTDS pumped and examined," Juarez said. "If the system is failing, they will have to install a work-

ing system that won't be a public health risk and won't contribute to the degradation of their aquifer."

Most systems normally have to be pumped every three to 10 years, Juarez said.

"So for many of these homeowners there will not be a unique or over-burdensome issue," he said.

One of the initial problems after requiring the performance based systems was that people would shut them off to save money. But in actuality, Juarez said the units cost about the same amount as a computer running in someone's home.

Those issues were corrected by educating people, he added.

As for when the state mandate will be imple-

mented, how findings will be reported and who will examine the systems, that is still being worked out, Juarez said.

Under the Wakulla County ordinance, all septic systems have to be inspected every three years, which is stricter than the state requirement.

However, according to Juarez, the county's ordinance doesn't give responsibility to a specific department, fee collecting authority or criteria for enforcement.

"The state statute does do all of these, so I think that most would agree to stick with those requirements," Juarez said.

However, if Lawson succeeds and the statute is repealed, the county would need to re-examine its ordinance, he added.

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# Church

## Obituaries

**Harley J. Gilbert**  
Harley "Jerry" Jerome Gilbert, 58, of Crawfordville, died on Monday, Aug. 16.

He was born on April 12, 1952, in Mississippi to Willie Ina Gilbert and Harley William Gilbert. He grew up and lived in Tallahassee and Crawfordville. He was a graduate of Rickards High School and became a certified charter boat captain. He was an avid outdoor enthusiast whose passions included scuba diving, fishing, artifact collection and exploring local history.

A memorial gathering was held Thursday, Aug. 19, at Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel in Crawfordville. A "Celebration of Jerry's Life" will be held at a later date.

Survivors include a daughter, Suzie Harlamor (Alex); two sons, Chris Gilbert (Michelle) and David Pritchett (Mitsy); five grandchildren, Katherine, Mitchell, David, Drew and Ashley; a sister, Anita Brown; niece, Nina; and great-niece, Faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is to be cremated and his remains brought to his beloved Gulf and river locations by his family and close friends.

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

for Dr. James Freeman in Clearwater, and a Girl Scout leader in Dunedin. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post in Crawfordville, and the Sopchoppy Homemakers. She also volunteered at Sopchoppy Elementary School and was a homemaker. She was of the Protestant faith.

Family received friends on Tuesday, August 24, at Bevis Funeral Home/Harvey-Young Chapel in Crawfordville. Graveside services will be held on Friday, Sept. 3, at 4 p.m. at West Sopchoppy Cemetery in Sopchoppy.

Memorial contributions may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee FL 32308.

Survivors include her husband of 64 years, Charles Payne of Sopchoppy; two daughters, Bunny Dutton of Dunedin and Marie "Tink" Adams and husband, Tony, of Clearwater; a brother-in-law, Joseph Payne of Springhill; two sisters-in-law, Gelette Bronson of Sopchoppy and Alva Davis of Port Richey; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her brother, J.C. Cothern; a grandson, Seth Adams; and a son-in-law, Wally Dutton.

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

ference. He was a Methodist preacher and his ministry took him to churches all over Florida.

Memorial Services will be held Thursday, Aug. 26, at 11 a.m. at the Crawfordville United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his sisters, Betty Rainey of St. Petersburg and Marth Lovett (Dean) of Lakeland; brother-in-law, William Dick Snyder of Crawfordville; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his wife of 50 years, Barbara Jane Spears; his parents, Frank and Vonro Spears; his children, Jimmy, David and Sharon; a brother, Donald; and two sisters, Francis and Faye.

We miss him very much, and we will never forget him.

Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel is in charge of arrangements. (850) 926-3333.

## Church briefs

### Open House at Anglican Church

On August 29, Christ Church Anglican is hosting its second annual Open House following the 10:30 a.m. service. Everyone in the community is invited to join us for worship, celebration and good food. Christ Church is located at 3383 Coastal Highway (just east of the high school), and celebrates Holy Eucharist at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

### Rocky Mount to host conference on youth issues

Rocky Mount will be hosting a question and answer conference on Saturday, Aug. 28, beginning at 9 a.m.

Speakers will be on-site to inform our youth about the issues that each are coping with in their daily lives.

Topics to be addressed are health issues, sexually transmitted diseases, and drugs; crime and how it affects you and your family; cyber crime and internet safety; gangs and the signs your child may be involved; and how these issues may affect your family.

Our goal is to reach out to our youth to educate them in the "wiles" of the world, so that they are able to make proper decisions in their lives.

The conference will conclude on Sunday, Aug. 29, at 11 a.m. when Elder Jasper Moore of Havana will bless us with a word from on high.

### Community outreach at Radical Restoration

Radical Restoration Ministries Inc. will be having our Community Outreach Day on Saturday, Aug. 28

from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be hot dog lunches, clothes will given away, and the food bank will also be open to those in need.

Please come and enjoy. May God bless you.

### Drummond Family at Christian Worship Center

Pastor Steve and Malissa Taylor invite you to morning worship at Christian Worship Center on Sunday, Aug. 29, which will feature the Drummond Family from Chipley at the morning service at 11 a.m.

Please come to worship the Lord and enjoy the Drummond Family as they minister in word and song. Dinner on the grounds will immediately follow after the morning worship. Come and be blessed.

## Lighthouse Children's Home to visit Medart



The Lighthouse Children's Home of Tallahassee will be visiting Friendship Primitive Baptist Church in Medart on Sunday, Aug. 29, at 11 a.m. to sing and give testimony.



**Frances E. Payne**  
Frances Eleanor Payne, 84, of Sopchoppy, died Friday, Aug. 20, in Sopchoppy. She was born in Arcadia, and had been a resident of Sopchoppy for 32 years, coming from Dunedin. She was a medical assistant

### Rev. Joshua C. Spears

Rev. Joshua Clayton Spears, 73, died Aug. 16, in Tallahassee.

He was born Dec. 21, 1936, in Wakulla County. He started as full-time pastor in 1972 with the Florida Con-

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# Oil Spill

## Overall state visitors are up, but not in Panhandle Current situation:

By MICHAEL PELTIER  
THE NEWS SERVICE OF  
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TALLAHASSEE - Despite bad press over the threat of oil soaked beaches, Florida tourism numbers were up for the second quarter of 2010, the state's tourism marketing agency reported Monday.

Although the good news was uneven.

Despite wall-to-wall cable news coverage of oil spewing into the Gulf of Mexico, 20.8 million tourists came to Florida for a visit in the three months ending June 30, during which time tarballs and other oily debris washed ashore on some Panhandle beaches.

Visitors did stay away from many Panhandle destinations, but it doesn't seem

to have affected many other areas of the state.

Gulf beaches in central and southwest Florida were never touched by the oil, and the Atlantic coast was spared as well.

Even as BP's Deepwater Horizon rig released millions of gallons of oil, 18.3 million U.S. residents and 2.5 million tourists from overseas and Canada flocked to Florida, a procession that state officials credit to an improving economy and efforts by Gov. Charlie Crist and others to get the word out that Florida's beaches remain open.

Trips to Florida from U.S. residents were up 2.4 percent from the same period in 2009. Overseas tourism was up 11.9 percent while the Canadian travel markets improved by 10.4 percent for the period.

### In the Panhandle, business owners, especially charter boat captains and other small business owners, saw summer sales take a nose dive.

small business owners, saw summer sales take a nose dive. And while many hotels were booked with relief workers and other clean-up support, the tourism-dominated region took a hit.

"Florida as a whole showed an increase in visitors for the second quarter, we know that tourism businesses in oil-impacted parts of the state have suffered economically," said Chris Thompson, president and CEO of Visit Florida.

"There can be little doubt that without Gov. Crist's intense focus and our aggressive tourism marketing efforts during May and June the Sunshine State could easily have been looking at

a very different outcome."

In May, BP agreed to give Florida \$25 million to pay for an advertising campaign promising that the state's beaches remained open and fishing was still an option.

The cash was in addition to \$25 million the company had already pledged to help offset the state's costs in preparing coastal regions for a possible landfall of the oil.

Crist and other officials crisscrossed the Gulf Coast, telling who ever would listen that most of Florida's beaches were open and oil free.

Visit Florida chairman Ed Fouche remained cautious, saying he hopes that the graphic images of oil recovery efforts won't leave a black mark on the state's \$60 billion tourism industry. More money would help make sure that doesn't happen.

"As response and recovery efforts are winding down, the industry remains concerned about public misperception and recognizes that the same level of resources may be needed to ensure travelers know that Florida's beaches are clean, clear and open for business," Fouche said in a statement.

Two troubling reports this week: one that 58 tarballs had washed up on St. George Island Beach - and the other that university scientists were reporting that government claims that most of the oil had evaporated were overly optimistic.

The St. George tarballs were being checked by state officials to determine if they were from the Deepwater Horizon spill, which has yet to be determined.

Meanwhile, scientists at the University of South Florida in Tampa concluded that dispersants used on the spill may have sent the oil to the ocean floor, where it has turned up at an undersea canyon within 40 miles of the Florida Panhandle. Plankton and other organisms showed a "strong toxic response" to the crude, according to researchers from the University of South Florida.

The oil could well up onto the continental shelf and resurface later, the scientists said.

### Lecture set at FSU Marine Lab

"What is the future of oil and gas development in the northeastern Gulf, and more specifically, for Florida?"

Dr. Donna Christie and Dr. Felicia Coleman will join forces to address this question at a conference at the FSU Marine Lab in St. Teresa on Thursday, Sept. 9 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Drs. Christie and Coleman will be reviewing the legal procedures that accompany oil and gas development, and the economic, legal and ecological liabilities that lie therein. In the process, they will review the Deepwater Horizon oil spill trajectory and the impact it has had on the way we think about energy use in the United States.

Dr. Christie is a leading authority on legal issues surrounding ocean and coastal management law, including ocean policy and fisheries management. She has been involved in this arena at the state level for Florida as well as at the national level as an author of the Review of U.S. Ocean and Coastal Law.

Dr. Coleman, an authority on marine ecology and fisheries management, has served on a number of federal panels charged with protecting marine resources, including the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council.

## Gulf Coast Claims Facility now processing BP claims

Gulf Coast Claims Facility Administrator Kenneth R. Feinberg announced the Gulf Coast Claims Facility is fully functioning and will begin to process claims for emergency payment.

All individual and business claims and supporting documentation have been transferred from BP to the GCCF, which is an independent facility run by Feinberg.

The GCCF was established in June as part of an agreement between the Obama Administration and BP to assist claimants in filing claims for costs and damages incurred as a result of the oil spill stemming from the Deepwater Horizon incident.

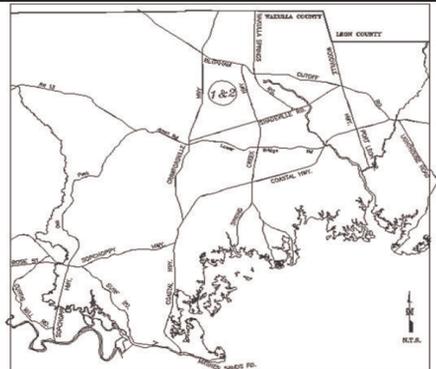
Claims previously filed with the BP Claims Process have been transitioned to the new GCCF Claims Facility for review, evaluation and determination - however

claimants will be required to file new forms with the GCCF to receive payments.

The former BP Claims office in Crawfordville was converted to a GCCF this week.

"I want to make sure the people in the Gulf understand we will not let you go out of business or lose your home. The number one priority of the GCCF is to assist the people in the Gulf," said Feinberg.

"Now that the claim centers are open and ready for business, the goal will be to get the emergency six month payment checks out the door, within 48 hours for individuals, after receipt of the claim form and sufficient supporting documentation and no more than seven days for businesses, after receipt of claim form and supporting documentation, and help people on the path to rebuilding their lives."



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING REZONING OF THE EMERALD ACRES SUBDIVISION

The Wakulla County Planning Commission and Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners proposes to consider the following applications and/or adopt the following by ordinance and has scheduled Public Hearings before the Wakulla County Planning Commission on Monday, September 13, 2010, beginning at 7:00 P.M. and before the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners on Monday, October 4, 2010, beginning at 5:00 P.M. and on Monday, November 1, 2010, beginning at 5:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard. All public hearings will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WAKULLA COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, ORDINANCE NO. 85-4, AS AMENDED; CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION AND OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS FROM RR-1 TO RR-2 FOR EMERALD ACRES SUBDIVISION, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION LOCATED GENERALLY TO THE NORTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF EAST IVAN ROAD AND EMERALD ACRES DRIVE, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

- Application for Change of Zoning: R10-04**  
Applicant: Wakulla County  
Proposal: rezone Emerald Acres Subdivision from RR-1 to RR-2 rural residential  
Tax ID Number: Multiple  
Existing FLU Map: Rural 2 (FLUE Policy 1.2.4)  
Existing Zoning: RR-1 (Section 5-27, LDC)  
Proposed Zoning: RR-2 (Section 5-34, LDC)  
FEMA Flood Info: "C" and "A" zones on Panel 0250-B  
Parcel Size: 93.94 +/- acres  
Location: Emerald Acres Subdivision, northeast of the intersection of East Ivan Road and Emerald Acres Drive (Section 16, Township 3S, Range 1W)  
Hearings Required: Planning Commission 09/13/2010 at 7 P.M.  
Board of County Commissioners 10/4/2010 at 5 P.M.  
Board of County Commissioners 11/1/2010 at 5 P.M.
- Application for Variance: V10-05**  
Applicant: Wakulla County  
Proposal: RR-2 minimum lot size  
Tax ID Number: 16-3s-01w-06s-04d27-002  
Existing FLU Map: Rural 2 (FLUE Policy 1.2.4)  
Existing Zoning: RR-1 (Section 5-27, LDC)  
Proposed Zoning: RR-2 (Section 5-34, LDC)  
FEMA Flood Info: "C" and "A" zones on Panel 0250-B  
Parcel Size: 1.64 +/- acres  
Location: 156 Emerald Acres Drive  
Hearings Required: Planning Commission 09/13/2010 at 7 P.M.  
Board of County Commissioners 10/4/2010 at 5 P.M.  
Board of County Commissioners 11/1/2010 at 5 P.M.

Copies of applications, draft ordinances, and any related public record files may be viewed at the Wakulla County Planning and Community Development Department located at 11 Bream Fountain Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327, 8 AM to 4:30 PM M/F; Phone (850) 926-3695. Any person desiring to appeal any decision made with regard to this matter must ensure a verbatim transcript or copy is made of the testimony and exhibits presented at said hearings. Persons needing special access considerations should call the Board Office at least 48 hours before the date for scheduling purposes. The Board Office may be contacted at (850) 926-0919 or TDD 926-7962.

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# Community



Blue Shades of Grass

## Blue Shades of Grass special guest at Sopchoppy Opry

Jackie Hill, the South's premier dobroist and his Blue Shades of Grass Band, are special guest for the Sopchoppy Opry on Saturday, August 28 at 7 p.m. in the historic Sopchoppy High School

Auditorium. Also appearing and serving as the on stage host for the show is the ever popular Johnny "Mr. Country" Calloway. Call 962-3711 for tickets.

## Birth Announcements

Seth and Amy Gray of Crawfordville announce the birth of their little girl, Bailey Grace Gray, born June 27th. She weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces and was 18.5 inches long.

Her maternal grandparents are Mark Williams and Carol Christopher of Barnesville, Md., and Amanda Williams of Germantown, Md.

Her maternal great-grandparents are Howard and Toni Wyncoop of Lakeland, Mike and Lori Butler of Lakeland, and John and Maxine Williams of Crawfordville.

Her maternal great-great-grandparents are Robert Butler of Lakeland, Wilma Ray of Laundale, N.C., and Charles and Gloria Ray of Lakeland.

Paternal grandparents are Steve and Sharon Wisham

of Crawfordville and Clint and Catherine Gray of Crawfordville.

Great-grandparents are Jim and Lacy Sanders of Crawfordville, Fred and Barbara Bailey of Mariana, Glenda Hudson of Crawfordville, Mays Leroy Gray of Crawfordville and Jim and Nelda Staccon of Tallahassee.

On August 5, Christopher Randolph and Jessica Elkins of Crawfordville welcomed their son Christopher Bernard Randolph, Jr.

He weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 19.75 inches.

Baby Christopher has two sisters, Victoria, 7, and Rihanna, 2, and a brother, Tommy, 6.

His maternal grandfather is Thomas Elkins of Greenville, S.C. His maternal great-grandparents are Robert and Betty Bradshaw of Dadeville, Ala.

His paternal grandmother is Mariena Smith of Crawfordville and paternal great-grandparents are Leo and Frances Smith of Crawfordville.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on September 7, 2010 at 5:01 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Rd., Crawfordville, FL 32327.

**Purpose of Hearing:**  
To Adopt the FY2010/2011 Tentative Budget & Adopt the Tentative Millage Rate. This is the first of two required public hearings.

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

August 26, 2010

## Benefit account open for Tucker

A benefit account has been opened at Wakulla Bank to help defray medical expenses and other costs for Matthew Tucker, 11, the son of Kim Tucker of Crawfordville.

Tucker is currently at Shands Hospital in Gainesville after a horseback riding accident on July 7. He went into Tallahassee Memorial Hospital with a lacerated spleen and kidney, a collapsed lung and fractured rib - but his condition quickly deteriorated and he got pneumonia and was put on a ventilator and was subsequently airlifted to Shands for treatment at the pediatric Intensive Care Unit there.

After five weeks, he has recovered sufficiently to sit up by the bedside, said his mother.

He still must undergo rehabilitation to build his muscle strength back up, she said. The family has had numerous expenses, such as food and lodging, and are on the waiting list for a Ronald McDonald House near the hospital - plus more expenses such as his transport to rehab.

Donations can be made at any Wakulla Bank branch, just indicate it should go to the Matthew Tucker account.

## Happy first birthday

Caleb Michael West celebrated his first birthday on Aug. 20.

He is the son of Nikki West and Roy West Jr. of Crawfordville.

His maternal grandparents are Ellen and James Owens of Bainbridge, Ga., and Mike Johnson of Crawfordville.

His paternal grandparents are Shirley and Roy West Sr. of Crawfordville.



Caleb West

## Calling all pet lovers

Wakulla County loves its pets and The Wakulla News is happy to bring back our Pet Photo Contest.

Like last year, there are a variety of pet categories as well as placement for cutest, funniest, most unusual and other fun categories. The 2010 Pet Photo Contest is open to everyone regardless of photography experience.

There will be a \$5 entry fee for each photograph submitted for judging. And our panel of judges, better known as the staff of The Wakulla News, will again judge the photographs

with composition, focus and sharpness, lighting, and creativity in mind. Photographs that have been digitally altered or those that may indicate injury or harm to the animal will not be accepted.

Contest rules and entry form can be found at www.thewakullanews.net under the community tab under news. Just print the form and mail it, fax it, or email it with your photograph (digital only) prior to the deadline on Sept. 3. We accept cash, check, or credit card for payment. Good luck!



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## Notice for Early Public Review of a Proposal to Support Activity in the 100-Year Floodplain and Wetland

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that Wakulla County has submitted an application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to the Florida Department of Community Affairs. Community Development Block Grant disaster relief funding was made available to Florida by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, under Title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et. seq.) for federally declared natural disasters that occurred during 2008. This funding will be used to stabilize 111,777.60 linear feet of roadways throughout the Wakulla Gardens subdivision as well as rehabilitate up to five (5) residential units damaged by Tropical Storm Fay.

This notice is required by Section 2(a)(4) of Executive Order 11988 for Floodplain Management, and by Section 2(b) of Executive Order 11990 for the Protection of Wetlands, and is implemented by HUD Regulations found at 24 CFR 55.20(b) for the HUD action that is within and/or affects a floodplain or wetland.

Construction associated with these projects will be undertaken in the 100 year floodplain. The County is interested in alternatives and public perceptions of possible adverse impacts that could result from the project as well as potential mitigation measures. Several of the roads to be stabilized within Wakulla Gardens are located within the floodplain area. These dirt roads are in poor condition and are a burden to the residents especially during wet periods. The County intends to stabilize these roads by adding approximately 4 inches of gravel to the existing road bed. The County also intends to assist with the rehabilitation of up to five (5) housing units throughout the County. These units have not yet been identified. Once these units have been identified the County will assess the location of the unit as it relates to the 100-Year Floodplain.

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding this plan. Written comments must be received at the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners at 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32326 on or before September 10, 2010.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting: Brent Pell, Project Engineer, (850) 926-7616.

Date issued: 8/26/10

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# School

## TCC Wakulla Center offers more free classes

In September Tallahassee Community College will again offer free classes to Wakulla County residents ages 18 or older.

The first set of free classes was offered in August and included Getting Started with Computers, Internet Fundamentals, Social Networking, E-Marketing, Word 2007 Intro, Excel, PowerPoint and QuickBooks.

According to Bonnie Holub, director of TCC's Wakulla Center, two additional free programs will be offered in September. Introduction to Solar Hot Water prepares trainees to design, install, operate and maintain the most common types of solar water heater systems. The class will meet on September 6, 7, 9, 13, 14 and 16 from 6 to 10 p.m. The Wakulla Ambassador Program will provide training in customer service concepts and an overview of Wakulla's natural attractions. That class is set for Wednesday, September 8, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The free classes are made possible by a special \$50,000 allocation from the TCC Board of Trustees to assist Wakulla County residents affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The classes are designed to equip community members with skills that will help them find additional job opportunities. The free and reduced-cost classes will be offered through November.

Holub further noted that the tuition for the Wakulla Center's popular Green Guide Certification Program, which runs from September 20 through Nov. 18, has been reduced. The College also offers limited scholarships to charter boat captains and those who have been working in the fishing industry. Individuals who are not seeking Green Guide certification are welcome to enroll in Green Guide classes and field trips on an individual basis.

The classes are offered at the TCC Wakulla Center, located at 5 Crescent Way in Crawfordville. Classes are also available to those residing outside Wakulla County at standard class fees.

For information on class dates, times, costs, scholarships and registration, call the TCC Wakulla Center at 850-922-6290.

## Pepsi awards \$2,000 to RMS

Refreshment Services, Inc., the Big Bend area's local Pepsi bottler, recently announced it awarded a \$2,000 Pepsi Grant to Riversprings Middle School.

The \$2,000 grant will be used to purchase popular fiction and current fiction titles for the library. These titles will be used in conjunction with the Renaissance Reader Program, which facilitates personalized reading lessons.

The grant is part of the Pepsi Refresh Project, a groundbreaking effort that funds ideas, big and small, that can refresh the world.

Through the Pepsi Refresh Project, Pepsi is awarding more than \$20 million in 2010 to fund ideas that move the world forward.

At [www.refresheverything.com](http://www.refresheverything.com), anyone can submit an idea and each month the public votes to determine which ideas get funded.

On the local level, Pepsi bottlers are awarding more than \$1 million to fund ideas that will make a difference in their communities.

Refreshment Services, Inc. believes that this \$2,000 will make a difference for the young men and



Refreshment Services Inc. presented a Pepsi grant to Riversprings Middle School recently.

women of Riversprings Middle School.

"We are proud to support the next generation of students at Riversprings Middle School. The Pepsi Refresh Project supports powerful, creative and fun ideas

that can create positive change and we're thrilled to award a Pepsi Grant that will make a difference in our own community," said Dave Faulkner, Vice-President of Refreshment Services, Inc. Florida Division.

Refreshment Services, Inc. (RSI) is the Big Bend's local Pepsi bottler. Purchased by the Vecchie family in 1965, RSI has been a part of the Big Bend community for 45 years, employing 76 people from the Big Bend area.

## Native American gathering soon

The Fourth Annual Sopchoppy Intertribal Native American Gathering (formerly known as pow wow) on Sept. 24 through 26 is fast approaching.

The general public is invited to all three days with free admission.

For the last two years, we have hosted the second and third grade school field trip for Friday 'Kids Day.' This year we have the need for 125 sponsors at \$10 each (tax deductible). The funds will be presented to the school board to pay the drivers and fuel for 12 buses.

We have added a Native American museum to the current program of Native American crafters, storytelling and drumming. This field trip provides the children the chance to experience "hands on" education and a day of fun.

Approximately 900 children attended the Kids Day in 2009.

Please help to continue to make this possible. Send checks or money orders to P.O. Box 275 Sopchoppy, FL 32358. Make payable to The Village of the Descendants, Muskogee East of the Mississippi.

## Educators invited to BLAST Off event at the Challenger Aug. 31

The Big Bend and Leon Association for Science Teaching (BLAST) invites educators to attend its fall membership event and learn new science skills and ideas.

Come BLAST Off at the Challenger Learning Center on Tuesday, August 31st from 4 to 7 p.m. Educators will be able to wander through more than 15 booths of community resources, chat with science enthusiasts, attend an evening under the stars in the planetarium, and enjoy complimentary TCBY yogurt, popcorn and snacks along with collegial conversation. Space simulator

tours, flight director activity demos, archaeology lesson plans, insects, recycling, magnets, wildlife and much more will be offered.

While networking with science educators from the Big Bend, attendees will be able to share successful science classroom strategies, learn more about the upcoming events BLAST has to offer, and register to win free shows, science demos and much more for their classroom.

For more information call BLAST President Robin Will at 850/925-6121 or email [robin\\_will@fws.gov](mailto:robin_will@fws.gov).

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

As Required by s. 1008.25(8)(b), Florida Statutes, for Annual Public Reporting  
The School District of Wakulla County  
School Year: 2009-2010

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

The following table shows FCAT Reading results for all students (all curriculum groups) tested during the 2010 administration of the FCAT in the district.

Grade Level	Total Number Tested	Number Scoring at Level 1	Percent Scoring at Level 1	Number Scoring at Level 2	Percent Scoring at Level 2	Number Scoring at Levels 1 and 2	Percent Scoring at Levels 1 and 2
3	409	33	8.07%	37	9.05%	70	17.11%
4	387	43	11.11%	39	10.08%	82	21.19%
5	382	27	7.07%	46	12.04%	73	19.11%
6	386	39	10.1%	62	16.06%	102	26.42%
7	354	32	9.04%	67	18.93%	99	27.97%
8	358	39	10.89%	100	27.93%	139	38.83%
9	329	43	13.07%	102	31%	145	44.07%
10	275	77	28%	91	33.09%	168	61.09%

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

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

Grade	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Number Retained	9	3	4	8	8	7	63	40
End-of-Year Membership*	416	398	390	394	360	357	332	299
Percent Retained	2.16%	0.75%	1.03%	2.03%	2.22%	1.96%	18.98%	13.38%

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

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

This table shows the number of third-grade students who were exempted from the FCAT reading requirement and promoted for good cause at the end of the 2009-2010 school year.

ELL/LEP Students with Less than 2 Years in ESOL	Students with Disabilities (SWD) Not Tested on FCAT per IEP	Students Passing Alternative Assessment	Students Demonstrating Proficiency through Portfolio	SWD Retained Once with 2+ Years of Remediation	Students Retained Twice with 2 or More Years of Remediation	Total Promoted with Cause
0	2	13	2	13	2	32

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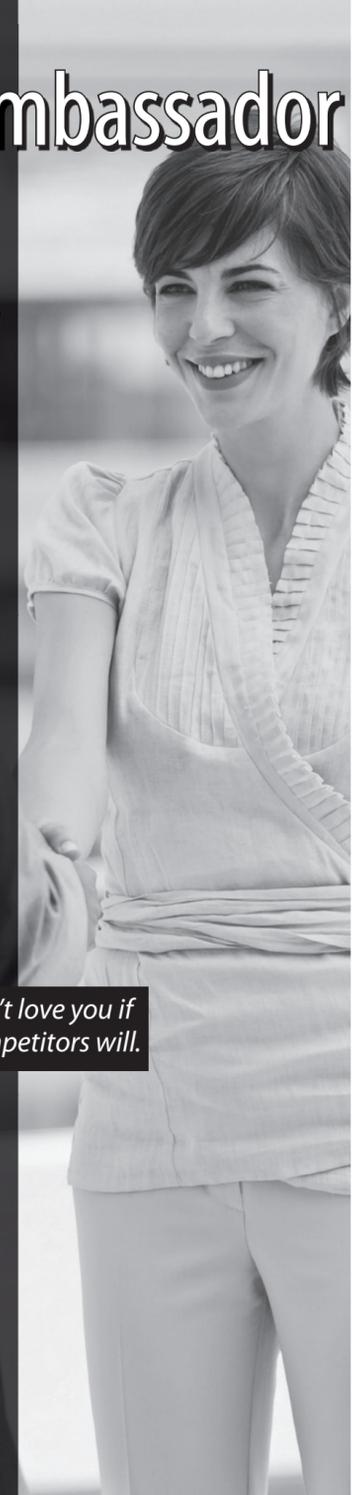
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# LEGAL NOTICE

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS TO BE VOTED ON NOVEMBER 2, 2010 NOTICE OF ELECTION

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**No. 1  
CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENT  
ARTICLE VI, SECTION 7  
(Legislative)**

**Ballot Title:**  
REPEAL OF PUBLIC  
CAMPAIGN FINANCING  
REQUIREMENT.

**Ballot Summary:**  
Proposing the repeal of the provision in the State Constitution that requires public financing of campaigns of candidates for elective statewide office who agree to campaign spending limits.

**Full Text:**  
ARTICLE VI  
SUFFRAGE AND  
ELECTIONS  
SECTION 7. Campaign spending limits and funding of campaigns for elective state-wide office.—It is the policy of this state to provide for state-wide elections in which all qualified candidates may compete effectively. A method of public financing for campaigns for state-wide office shall be established by law. Spending limits shall be established for such campaigns for candidates who use public funds in their campaigns. The legislature shall provide funding for this provision. General law implementing this paragraph shall be at least as protective of effective competition by a candidate who uses public funds as the general law in effect on January 1, 1998.

**No. 2  
CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENT  
ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3  
ARTICLE XII, SECTION  
31  
(Legislative)**

**Ballot Title:**  
HOMESTEAD AD  
VALOREM TAX CREDIT  
FOR DEPLOYED  
MILITARY PERSONNEL.

**Ballot Summary:**  
Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require the Legislature to provide an additional homestead property tax exemption by law for members of the United States military or military reserves, the United States Coast Guard or its reserves, or the Florida National Guard who receive a homestead exemption and were deployed in the previous year on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the Legislature. The exempt amount will be based upon the number of days in the previous calendar year that the person was deployed on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the Legislature. The amendment is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2011.

**Full Text:**  
ARTICLE VII  
FINANCE AND  
TAXATION  
SECTION 3. Taxes; exemptions.--  
(a) All property

owned by a municipality and used exclusively by it for municipal or public purposes shall be exempt from taxation. A municipality, owning property outside the municipality, may be required by general law to make payment to the taxing unit in which the property is located. Such portions of property as are used predominantly for educational, literary, scientific, religious or charitable purposes may be exempted by general law from taxation.

(b) There shall be exempt from taxation, cumulatively, to every head of a family residing in this state, household goods and personal effects to the value fixed by general law, not less than one thousand dollars, and to every widow or widower or person who is blind or totally and permanently disabled, property to the value fixed by general law not less than five hundred dollars.

(c) Any county or municipality may, for the purpose of its respective tax levy and subject to the provisions of this subsection and general law, grant community and economic development ad valorem tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses, as defined by general law. Such an exemption may be granted only by ordinance of the county or municipality, and only after the electors of the county or municipality voting on such question in a referendum authorize the county or municipality to adopt such ordinances. An exemption so granted shall apply to improvements to real property made by or for the use of a new business and improvements to real property related to the expansion of an existing business and shall also apply to tangible personal property of such new business and tangible personal property related to the expansion of an existing business. The amount or limits of the amount of such exemption shall be specified by general law. The period of time for which such exemption may be granted to a new business or expansion of an existing business shall be determined by general law. The authority to grant such exemption shall expire ten years from the date of approval by the electors of the county or municipality, and may be renewable by referendum as provided by general law.

(d) Any county or municipality may, for the purpose of its respective tax levy and subject to the provisions of this subsection and general law, grant historic preservation ad valorem tax exemptions to owners of historic properties. This exemption may be granted only by ordinance of the county or municipality. The amount or limits of the amount of this exemption and the requirements for eligible properties must be specified by general law. The period of time for which this exemption

may be granted to a property owner shall be determined by general law.

(e) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, twenty-five thousand dollars of the assessed value of property subject to tangible personal property tax shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation.

(f) There shall be granted an ad valorem tax exemption for real property dedicated in perpetuity for conservation purposes, including real property encumbered by perpetual conservation easements or by other perpetual conservation protections, as defined by general law.

(g) By general law and subject to the conditions specified therein, each person who receives a homestead exemption as provided in section 6 of this article; who was a member of the United States military or military reserves, the United States Coast Guard or its reserves, or the Florida National Guard; and who was deployed during the preceding calendar year on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the legislature shall receive an additional exemption equal to a percentage of the taxable value of his or her homestead property. The applicable percentage shall be calculated as the number of days during the preceding calendar year the person was deployed on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the legislature divided by the number of days in that year.

**ARTICLE XII  
SCHEDULE  
SECTION 31.**

Additional ad valorem tax exemption for certain members of the armed forces deployed on active duty outside of the United States.--The amendment to Section 3 of Article VII providing for an additional ad valorem tax exemption for members of the United States military or military reserves, the United States Coast Guard or its reserves, or the Florida National Guard deployed on active duty outside of the United States in support of military operations designated by the legislature and this section shall take effect January 1, 2011.

**No. 3  
CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENT  
ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS  
4 and 6  
ARTICLE XII  
(Legislative)**

**Ballot Title:**  
PROPERTY TAX LIMIT  
FOR NONHOMESTEAD  
PROPERTY;  
ADDITIONAL  
HOMESTEAD  
EXEMPTION FOR NEW  
HOMESTEAD OWNERS.

**Ballot Summary:**  
The State Constitution generally limits the maximum annual increase in the assessed value of nonhomestead

property to 10 percent annually. This proposed amendment reduces the maximum annual increase in the assessed values of those properties to 5 percent annually.

This amendment also requires the Legislature to provide an additional homestead exemption for persons who have not owned a principal residence during the preceding 8 years. Under the exemption, 25 percent of the just value of a first-time homestead, up to \$100,000, will be exempt from property taxes. The amount of the additional exemption will decrease in each succeeding year for 5 years by the greater of 20 percent of the initial additional exemption or the difference between the just value and the assessed value of the property. The additional exemption will not be available in the 6th and subsequent years.

**Full Text:**  
ARTICLE VII  
FINANCE AND  
TAXATION

SECTION 4. Taxation; assessments.--By general law regulations shall be prescribed which shall secure a just valuation of all property for ad valorem taxation, provided:

(a) Agricultural land, land producing high water recharge to Florida's aquifers, or land used exclusively for noncommercial recreational purposes may be classified by general law and assessed solely on the basis of character or use.

(b) As provided by general law and subject to conditions, limitations, and reasonable definitions specified therein, land used for conservation purposes shall be classified by general law and assessed solely on the basis of character or use.

(c) Pursuant to general law tangible personal property held for sale as stock in trade and livestock may be valued for taxation at a specified percentage of its value, may be classified for tax purposes, or may be exempted from taxation.

(d) All persons entitled to a homestead exemption under Section 6 of this Article shall have their homestead assessed at just value as of January 1 of the year following the effective date of this amendment. This assessment shall change only as provided in this subsection.

(1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on January 1st of each year; but those changes in assessments shall not exceed the lower of the following:

a. Three percent (3%) of the assessment for the prior year.

b. The percent change in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, U.S. City Average, all items 1967=100, or successor reports for the preceding calendar year as initially reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(2) No assessment

shall exceed just value.

(3) After any change of ownership, as provided by general law, homestead property shall be assessed at just value as of January 1 of the following year, unless the provisions of paragraph (8) apply. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(4) New homestead property shall be assessed at just value as of January 1st of the year following the establishment of the homestead, unless the provisions of paragraph (8) apply. That assessment shall only change as provided in this subsection.

(5) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to homestead property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; provided, however, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(6) In the event of a termination of homestead status, the property shall be assessed as provided by general law.

(7) The provisions of this amendment are severable. If any of the provisions of this amendment shall be held unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any remaining provisions of this amendment.

(8)a. A person who establishes a new homestead as of January 1, 2009, or January 1 of any subsequent year and who has received a homestead exemption pursuant to Section 6 of this Article as of January 1 of either of the two years immediately preceding the establishment of the new homestead is entitled to have the new homestead assessed at less than just value. If this revision is approved in January of 2008, a person who establishes a new homestead as of January 1, 2008, is entitled to have the new homestead assessed at less than just value only if that person received a homestead exemption on January 1, 2007. The assessed value of the newly established homestead shall be determined as follows:

1. If the just value of the new homestead is greater than or equal to the just value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be the just value of the new homestead minus an amount equal to the lesser of \$500,000 or the difference between the just value and the assessed value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

2. If the just value of the new homestead

is less than the just value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be equal to the just value of the new homestead divided by the just value of the prior homestead and multiplied by the assessed value of the assessed value of the prior homestead. However, if the difference between the just value of the new homestead and the assessed value of the new homestead calculated pursuant to this sub-subparagraph is greater than \$500,000, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be increased so that the difference between the just value and the assessed value equals \$500,000. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

b. By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature shall provide for application of this paragraph to property owned by more than one person.

(e) The legislature may, by general law, for assessment purposes and subject to the provisions of this subsection, allow counties and municipalities to authorize by ordinance that historic property may be assessed solely on the basis of character or use. Such character or use assessment shall apply only to the jurisdiction adopting the ordinance. The requirements for eligible properties must be specified by general law.

(f) A county may, in the manner prescribed by general law, provide for a reduction in the assessed value of homestead property to the extent of any increase in the assessed value of that property which results from the construction or reconstruction of the property for the purpose of providing living quarters for one or more natural or adoptive grandparents or parents of the owner of the property or of the owner's spouse if at least one of the grandparents or parents for whom the living quarters are provided is 62 years of age or older. Such a reduction may not exceed the lesser of the following:

(1) The increase in assessed value resulting from construction or reconstruction of the property.

(2) Twenty percent of the total assessed value of the property as improved.

(g) For all levies other than school district levies, assessments of residential real property, as defined by general law, which contains nine units or fewer and which is not subject to the assessment limitations set forth in subsections (a) through (d) shall change only as provided in this subsection.

(1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on the date of assessment provided by law; but those changes

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in assessments shall not exceed ~~five~~ ~~ten~~ percent (+0%) of the assessment for the prior year.

(2) No assessment shall exceed just value.

(3) After a change of ownership or control, as defined by general law, including any change of ownership of a legal entity that owns the property, such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(4) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; however, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(h) For all levies other than school district levies, assessments of real property that is not subject to the assessment limitations set forth in subsections (a) through (d) and (g) shall change only as provided in this subsection.

(1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on the date of assessment provided by law; but those changes in assessments shall not exceed ~~five~~ ~~ten~~ percent (+0%) of the assessment for the prior year.

(2) No assessment shall exceed just value.

(3) The legislature must provide that such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date after a qualifying improvement, as defined by general law, is made to such property. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(4) The legislature may provide that such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date after a change of ownership or control, as defined by general law, including any change of ownership of the legal entity that owns the property. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(5) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; however, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(i) The legislature, by general law and subject to conditions specified therein, may prohibit the consideration of the following in the determination of the assessed value of real property used for residential purposes:

(1) Any change or improvement made for the purpose of improving the property's resistance to wind damage.

(2) The installation of a renewable energy source device.

(j)(1) The assessment of the

following working waterfront properties shall be based upon the current use of the property:

a. Land used predominantly for commercial fishing purposes.

b. Land that is accessible to the public and used for vessel launches into waters that are navigable.

c. Marinas and drystacks that are open to the public.

d. Water-dependent marine manufacturing facilities, commercial fishing facilities, and marine vessel construction and repair facilities and their support activities.

(2) The assessment benefit provided by this subsection is subject to conditions and limitations and reasonable definitions as specified by the legislature by general law.

#### SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.--

(a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars and, for all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entireties, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assessment of homestead property at less than just value.

(b) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or family unit or with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which the interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.

(c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent residents, ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax relief

shall be in the form and amount established by general law.

(d) The legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant an additional homestead tax exemption not exceeding fifty thousand dollars to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner and who has attained age sixty-five and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars. The general law must allow counties and municipalities to grant this additional exemption, within the limits prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for the periodic adjustment of the income limitation prescribed in this subsection for changes in the cost of living.

(e) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related, the veteran was a resident of this state at the time of entering the military service of the United States, and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, proof of residency at the time of entering military service, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related, and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The Legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years. This subsection shall take effect December 7, 2006, is self-executing, and does not require implementing legislation.

(f)(1) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the legislature shall provide an additional homestead exemption to the person or persons who:

a. Establish the right to receive the homestead exemption in subsection (a) within one

year after purchasing the homestead property; and  
b. Have not owned a principal residence during the eight-year period before the purchase. For married persons, neither the purchaser nor his or her spouse may have owned a principal residence during the preceding eight years.

(2) The additional homestead exemption shall equal 25 percent of the just value of the property on January 1 of the year in which the homestead exemption in subsection (a) is received, but not more than \$100,000.

a. The amount of the additional exemption shall be reduced in each subsequent year by an amount equal to twenty percent of the amount of the initial additional exemption or by an amount equal to the difference between the just value of the property and the assessed value determined under subsection (d) of section 4 of this Article, whichever is greater.

b. The additional homestead exemption shall not apply after the fifth year after the initial additional exemption is granted.

(3) Only one additional exemption under this subsection may apply to a single homestead property.

ARTICLE XII  
SCHEDULE  
Property tax limit for nonhomestead property.-The amendment to Section 4 of Article VII reducing the limit on the maximum annual increase in the assessed value of nonhomestead property to five percent from ten percent and this section shall take effect January 1, 2011.

Additional homestead exemption for first-time homestead property owners.-The amendment to subsection (f) of Section 6 of Article VII providing for an additional homestead exemption for persons who have not owned a principal residence within an eight-year period and this section shall take effect January 1, 2011, and shall be available for properties purchased on or after January 1, 2010.

#### No. 4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE II, SECTION 7 (Initiative)

**Ballot Title:**  
REFERENDA REQUIRED FOR ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLANS.

**Ballot Summary:**  
Establishes that before a local government may adopt a new comprehensive land use plan, or amend a comprehensive land use plan, the proposed plan or amendment shall be subject to vote of the electors of the local government by referendum, following preparation by the local planning agency, consideration by the governing body and notice. Provides

definitions.

#### Financial Impact Statement:

The amendment's impact on local government expenditures cannot be estimated precisely. Local governments will incur additional costs due to the requirement to conduct referenda in order to adopt comprehensive plans or amendments thereto. The amount of such costs depends upon the frequency, timing and method of the referenda, and includes the costs of ballot preparation, election administration, and associated expenses. The impact on state government expenditures will be insignificant.

#### Full Text:

ARTICLE II  
GENERAL PROVISIONS  
SECTION 7. Natural resources and scenic beauty.--  
Public participation in local government comprehensive land use planning benefits the conservation and protection of Florida's natural resources and scenic beauty, and the long-term quality of life of Floridians. Therefore, before a local government may adopt a new comprehensive land use plan, or amend a comprehensive land use plan, such proposed plan or plan amendment shall be subject to vote of the electors of the local government by referendum, following preparation by the local planning agency, consideration by the governing body as provided by general law, and notice thereof in a local newspaper of general circulation. Notice and referendum will be as provided by general law. This amendment shall become effective immediately upon approval by the electors of Florida.

For purposes of this subsection:  
1. "Local government" means a county or municipality.  
2. "Local government comprehensive land use plan" means a plan to guide and control future land development in an area under the jurisdiction of a local government.  
3. "Local planning agency" means the agency of a local government that is responsible for the preparation of a comprehensive land use plan and plan amendments after public notice and hearings and for making recommendations to the governing body of the local government regarding the adoption or amendment of a comprehensive land use plan.  
4. "Governing body" means the board of county commissioners of a county, the commission or council of a municipality, or the chief elected governing body of a county or municipality, however designated.

#### No. 5 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE III, SECTION 21 (Initiative)

**Ballot Title:**  
STANDARDS FOR LEGISLATURE TO FOLLOW IN LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING.

**Ballot Summary:**  
Legislative districts or districting plans may not be drawn to favor or disfavor an incumbent or political party. Districts shall not be drawn to deny racial or language minorities the equal opportunity to participate in the political process and elect representatives of their choice. Districts must be contiguous. Unless otherwise required, districts must be compact, as equal in population as feasible, and where feasible must make use of existing city, county and geographical boundaries.

#### Financial Impact Statement:

The fiscal impact cannot be determined precisely. State government and state courts may incur additional costs if litigation increases beyond the number or complexity of cases which would have occurred in the amendment's absence.

#### Full Text:

ARTICLE III  
LEGISLATURE  
SECTION 21. Standards for establishing Legislative district boundaries.--  
In establishing Legislative district boundaries:  
(1) No apportionment plan or district shall be drawn with the intent to favor or disfavor a political party or an incumbent, and districts shall not be drawn with the intent or result of denying or abridging the equal opportunity of racial or language minorities to participate in the political process or to diminish their ability to elect representatives of their choice; and districts shall consist of contiguous territory.  
(2) Unless compliance with the standards in this subsection conflicts with the standards in subsection (1) or with federal law, districts shall be as nearly equal in population as is practicable; districts shall be compact; and districts shall, where feasible, utilize existing political and geographical boundaries.  
(3) The order in which the standards within subsections (1) and (2) of this section are set forth shall not be read to establish any priority of one standard over the other within that subsection.

#### No. 6 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE III, SECTION 20 (Initiative)

**Ballot Title:**  
STANDARDS FOR LEGISLATURE TO FOLLOW IN CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING.

**Ballot Summary:**  
Congressional districts or districting plans may not be drawn to favor or disfavor an incumbent or political party. Districts shall not be drawn to deny racial or language

# LEGAL NOTICE

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

### TO BE VOTED ON NOVEMBER 2, 2010

### NOTICE OF ELECTION

I, Dawn K. Roberts, Interim Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do hereby give notice that an election will be held in each county in Florida, on November 2, 2010, for the ratification or rejection of proposed revisions to the constitution of the State of Florida.

minorities the equal opportunity to participate in the political process and elect representatives of their choice. Districts must be contiguous. Unless otherwise required, districts must be compact, as equal in population as feasible, and where feasible must make use of existing city, county and geographical boundaries.

#### Financial impact statement:

The fiscal impact cannot be determined precisely. State government and state courts may incur additional costs if litigation increases beyond the number or complexity of cases which would have occurred in the amendment's absence.

#### Full Text:

ARTICLE III  
LEGISLATURE  
SECTION 20. Standards for establishing Congressional district boundaries.-- In establishing Congressional district boundaries: (1) No apportionment plan or individual district shall be drawn with the intent to favor or disfavor a political party or an incumbent; and districts shall not be drawn with the intent or result of denying or abridging the equal opportunity of racial or language minorities to participate in the political process or to diminish their ability to elect representatives of their choice; and districts shall consist of contiguous territory. (2) Unless compliance with the standards in this subsection conflicts with the standards in subsection (1) or with federal law, districts shall be as nearly equal in population as is practicable; districts shall be compact; and districts shall, where feasible, utilize existing political and geographical boundaries. (3) The order in which the standards within subsections (1) and (2) of this section are set forth shall not be read to establish any priority of one standard over the other within that subsection.

#### No. 7 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE III, SECTION 20 (Legislative)

**Ballot Title:**  
STANDARDS FOR LEGISLATURE TO FOLLOW IN LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING.

**Ballot Summary:**  
In establishing congressional and legislative district boundaries or plans, the state shall apply federal requirements and balance and implement the standards in the State Constitution. The state shall take into consideration the ability of racial and language minorities to participate in the political process and elect candidates of their choice, and communities of common interest other than political parties may be respected and

promoted, both without subordination to any other provision of Article III of the State Constitution. Districts and plans are valid if the balancing and implementation of standards is rationally related to the standards contained in the State Constitution and is consistent with federal law.

#### Full Text:

ARTICLE III  
LEGISLATURE

SECTION 20. Standards for establishing legislative and congressional district boundaries.-- In establishing congressional and legislative district boundaries or plans, the state shall apply federal requirements and balance and implement the standards in this constitution. The state shall take into consideration the ability of racial and language minorities to participate in the political process and elect candidates of their choice, and communities of common interest other than political parties may be respected and promoted, both without subordination to any other provision of this article. Districts and plans are valid if the balancing and implementation of standards is rationally related to the standards contained in this constitution and is consistent with federal law.

#### No. 8 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE IX, SECTION 1 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 31 (Legislative)

**Ballot Title:**  
REVISION OF THE CLASS SIZE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

**Ballot Summary:**  
The Florida Constitution currently limits the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in public school classrooms in the following grade groupings: for prekindergarten through grade 3, 18 students; for grades 4 through 8, 22 students; and for grades 9 through 12, 25 students. Under this amendment, the current limits on the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in public school classrooms would become limits on the average number of students assigned per class to each teacher, by specified grade grouping, in each public school. This amendment also adopts new limits on the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in an individual classroom as follows: for prekindergarten through grade 3, 21 students; for grades 4 through 8, 27 students; and for grades 9 through 12, 30 students. This amendment specifies that class size limits do not apply to virtual classes, requires the Legislature to provide sufficient funds to maintain the average number of students required

by this amendment, and schedules these revisions to take effect upon approval by the electors of this state and to operate retroactively to the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

#### Full Text:

ARTICLE IX  
EDUCATION  
SECTION 1. Public education.--

(a) The education of children is a fundamental value of the people of the State of Florida. It is, therefore, a paramount duty of the state to make adequate provision for the education of all children residing within its borders. Adequate provision shall be made by law for a uniform, efficient, safe, secure, and high quality system of free public schools that allows students to obtain a high quality education and for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of institutions of higher learning and other public education programs that the needs of the people may require. To assure that children attending public schools obtain a high quality education, the legislature shall make adequate provision to ensure that, by the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year and for each school year thereafter, there are a sufficient number of classrooms so that:

(1) Within each public school, the average maximum number of students who are assigned per class to each teacher who is teaching in public school classrooms for prekindergarten through grade 3 does not exceed 18 students and the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in an individual classroom does not exceed 21 students;

(2) Within each public school, the average maximum number of students who are assigned per class to each teacher who is teaching in public school classrooms for grades 4 through 8 does not exceed 22 students and the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in an individual classroom does not exceed 27 students; and

(3) Within each public school, the average maximum number of students who are assigned per class to each teacher who is teaching in public school classrooms for grades 9 through 12 does not exceed 25 students and the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in an individual classroom does not exceed 30 students. The class size requirements of this subsection do not apply to extracurricular or virtual classes. Payment of the costs associated with meeting reducing class size to meet these requirements is the responsibility of the state and not of local school districts. Beginning with the 2003-2004 fiscal year, The legislature shall provide sufficient funds to maintain reduce

the average number of students required by in each classroom by at least two students per year until the maximum number of students per classroom does not exceed the requirements of this subsection.

(b) Every four-year old child in Florida shall be provided by the State a high quality prekindergarten pre-kindergarten learning opportunity in the form of an early childhood development and education program which shall be voluntary, high quality, free, and delivered according to professionally accepted standards. An early childhood development and education program means an organized program designed to address and enhance each child's ability to make age appropriate progress in an appropriate range of settings in the development of language and cognitive capabilities and emotional, social, regulatory, and moral capacities through education in basic skills and such other skills as the Legislature may determine to be appropriate.

(c) The early childhood education and development programs provided by reason of subsection subparagraph (b) shall be implemented no later than the beginning of the 2005 school year through funds generated in addition to those used for existing education, health, and development programs. Existing education, health, and development programs are those funded by the State as of January 1, 2002, that provided for child or adult education, health care, or development.

ARTICLE XII  
SCHEDULE  
SECTION 31. Class size requirements for public schools.-- The amendment to Section 1 of Article IX, relating to class size requirements for public schools, and this section shall take effect upon approval by the electors and shall operate retroactively to the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

#### No. 9 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE I, SECTION 28 (Legislative)

**Ballot Title:**  
HEALTH CARE FREEDOM.

**Ballot Summary:**  
HEALTH CARE SERVICES.-Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to ensure access to health care services without waiting lists, protect the doctor-patient relationship, guard against mandates that don't work, prohibit laws or rules from compelling any person, employer, or health care provider to participate in any health care system; permit a person or an employer to purchase lawful health care services directly from a health care provider; permit a health care provider to accept direct payment

from a person or an employer for lawful health care services; exempt persons, employers, and health care providers from penalties and fines for paying directly or accepting direct payment for lawful health care services; and permit the purchase or sale of health insurance in private health care systems. Specifies that the amendment does not affect which health care services a health care provider is required to perform or provide; affect which health care services are permitted by law; prohibit care provided pursuant to general law relating to workers' compensation; affect laws or rules in effect as of March 1, 2010; affect the terms or conditions of any health care system to the extent that those terms and conditions do not have the effect of punishing a person or an employer for paying directly for lawful health care services or a health care provider for accepting direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services; or affect any general law passed by two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature, passed after the effective date of the amendment, provided such law states with specificity the public necessity justifying the exceptions from the provisions of the amendment. The amendment expressly provides that it may not be construed to prohibit negotiated provisions in insurance contracts, network agreements, or other provider agreements contractually limiting copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, or other patient charges.

Full Text:  
ARTICLE I  
DECLARATION OF RIGHTS  
SECTION 28. Health care services.--

(a) To preserve the freedom of all residents of the state to provide for their own health care:

(1) A law or rule may not compel, directly or indirectly, any person, employer, or health care provider to participate in any health care system.

(2) A person or an employer may pay directly for lawful health care services and may not be required to pay penalties or fines for paying directly for lawful health care services. A health care provider may accept direct payment for lawful health care services and may not be required to pay penalties or fines for accepting direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services.

(b) Subject to reasonable and necessary rules that do not substantially limit a person's options, the purchase or sale of health insurance in private health care systems may not be prohibited by law or rule.

(c) This section does not:

(1) Affect which health care services a

health care provider is required to perform or provide.

(2) Affect which health care services are permitted by law.

(3) Prohibit care provided pursuant to general law relating to workers' compensation.

(4) Affect laws or rules in effect as of March 1, 2010.

(5) Affect the terms or conditions of any health care system to the extent that those terms and conditions do not have the effect of punishing a person or an employer for paying directly for lawful health care services, except that this section may not be construed to prohibit any negotiated provision in any insurance contract, network agreement, or other provider agreement contractually limiting copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, or other patient charges.

(6) Affect any general law passed by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the legislature after the effective date of this section, if the law states with specificity the public necessity that justifies an exception from this section.

(d) As used in this section, the term: (1) "Compel" includes the imposition of penalties or fines.

(2) "Direct payment" or "pay directly" means payment for lawful health care services without a public or private third party, not including an employer, paying for any portion of the service.

(3) "Health care system" means any public or private entity whose function or purpose is the management of, processing of, enrollment of individuals for, or payment, in full or in part, for health care services, health care data, or health care information for its participants.

(4) "Lawful health care services" means any health-related service or treatment, to the extent that the service or treatment is permitted or not prohibited by law or regulation, which may be provided by persons or businesses otherwise permitted to offer such services.

(5) "Penalties or fines" means any civil or criminal penalty or fine, tax, salary or wage withholding or surcharge, or named fee with a similar effect established by law or rule by an agency established, created, or controlled by the government which is used to punish or discourage the exercise of rights protected under this section. For purposes of this section only, the term "rule by an agency" may not be construed to mean any negotiated provision in any insurance contract, network agreement, or other provider agreement contractually limiting copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, or other patient charges.

# Sports

## Grubbs, Knox win Wildwood



Former PGA pro Kenny Knox, left, and local amateur Will Grubbs won the open.

By PETE SANDS  
Wildwood Director of Golf

This past weekend saw plenty of pars and birdies, along with a few rain drops at the 2010 Wildwood Open at the Wildwood Golf Club in Medart.

The 110 competitors in eight separate flights fought through the heat and rain for the 36-hole tournament.

Former PGA tour pro Kenny Knox and local amateur Will Grubbs stood atop the leader board after the 36th hole and battled it out in a playoff. Play was suspended due to darkness and co-champions were crowned.

Knox and Grubbs put up two rounds sub-par of 137. Other notables were Jason Jones

at 139 and Mark Harman at 142.

Other winners include USGTF member Geoff Bryant, who won the Senior Pro flight, Mike Sullivan of Tallahassee won the Championship B flight, Tommy Brown of Tallahassee took control of the First flight, Sheriff David Harvey of Crawfordville won the Second flight, Barry Kirkland of North Georgia won the Third flight, Chuck Shields won the Net Senior flight, and Dave Tuplin won the Gross Senior flight.

Director of Golf Pete Sands was pleased with the turn out this year.

"This weekend was a great success for us, and it could not have been possible without the great support of the participants and our generous sponsors," Sands said.

## Gridiron Season Tickets are available

The Wakulla Gridiron Club will be set up at the Medart Recreation Park on Saturday, Aug. 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for pick up of Gridiron Season Tickets and parking passes.

Riversprings Middle School will be playing their annual fall Green and White game starting at 10 a.m. and Wakulla Middle School will be playing their Black and Red game later in the day. Come on out and support our future War Eagles!

Individuals who have paid may pick up their tickets, passes and all-new 2010 Gridiron Sponsor car tag at

this time.

If you have reserved seats, but have not paid, please bring your payment with you when you come to pick up your tickets.

If you would like reserved seating there are still seats available. Seating chart will be on-site, so bring your checkbook and reserve your spot in the best seats in the house.

The 2010 season kicks off with the jamboree today, Aug. 26, at 6 p.m. at Gene Cox Stadium.

For more schedule information, visit our website at [www.wakullagridiron.weebly.com](http://www.wakullagridiron.weebly.com), email us at [WarEagleFootball@embarqmail.com](mailto:WarEagleFootball@embarqmail.com), or call Cyndi Dotson at 556-4099.

## Football fish fry will be held

A fish fry benefit for recreation park football will be held Saturday, Aug. 28, at Hudson Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mullet plates with sides will be served for a \$5 donation.

The money raised will go towards offsetting costs for kids for the program.



The Storm players: front row, Jackson Montgomery, Zach Norman, Chase Forster, Jacob Estes and Dylan Atkins; back row, Jordan Vaughan, Kaleb Langston, Mason Metcalf, John Weber, Buddy Wood and Michael McGlamry.

## Wakulla Storm wins tournament

The Wakulla Storm 12U Travel Baseball team won the tournament held in Leesburg, Ga., on Aug. 7.

The Storm had an outstanding tournament due

to the strong pitching and clutch hitting performances by its players, pounding out an impressive 23 hits in both the semi-final and championship games, and

shutting out both teams, to win the championship.

The Wakulla Storm team consists of 10 local players from Wakulla County and a player from Wewahitchka.



## Red Sox win in Dothan

The Wakulla Red Sox 11U travel baseball team notched its first tournament win on Sunday Aug. 15, in Dothan, Ala.

The Back-to-School Blowout V was a two-day event and the Red Sox were the only undefeated 11U team left at the end of the day. The Red Sox are Bailey Chandler, Jacob Dismuke, Lucas Briggs, Bradley Lord, Dallen Leach, Bailey Fagan, Jared Weber, Austin Hogan, Will Barwick and Thomas Anderson. Manager is Keith Anderson.

## Meeting set for X-country

### Cross-Country parents meeting

The annual early season parents meeting for the 2010 high school cross country teams will be held on Monday, Aug. 30, at 7 p.m. at Wakulla High School.

All parents and athletes are encouraged to attend as many items related to the upcoming season will be discussed.

If you have any questions, please contact Coach Paul Hoover at 509-7861.

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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

The Board of County Commissioners of Wakulla County, Florida, announces a Special Public Meeting to discuss issues concerning the County Administrator. Such Special Public Meeting has been called by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners to allow citizen input regarding the County Administrator and to allow the Board to evaluate the County Administrator. **The special public meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. on September 2, 2010 at the County Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida.** All interested parties are invited to attend the special meeting.

A complete copy of the agenda will be available in the County Commissioners Administration Office at 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, Phone (850) 926-0919. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Welch at (850) 926-0919 or [jwelch@mywakulla.com](mailto:jwelch@mywakulla.com).

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

*In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in this meeting should contact the Board of County Commissioners Administration Office at 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, Phone (850) 926-0919, at least two (2) days prior to the hearing.*

AUGUST 26, 2010

**UNDERSTAND YOUR RIGHTS IN DIVORCE**

Free Informational Seminar - for Men Only  
(Seminar for Women to be offered at later date)

**Presented by Deirdre A. Farrington, Esq.**

**Wednesday, September 8, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.**

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**2010 FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION**

**Extended Registration for Junior Division Only**

REGISTRATION DATES: SATURDAY 8/28/10  
REGISTRATION TIMES: 8:00 am TO 12:00 NOON  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SATURDAY 8/28/10, 12:00 PM  
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# Outdoors

## Fish til noon: you can beat the heat and the thunderstorms

I hope you had a good weekend and were able to get out and get on the water. It's still hot out there but if you fish until about noon and come in you're likely to beat the heat and the thunderstorms we've been having every day.

Last week the Florida Outdoor Writers Association had a conference in Tallahassee and on Friday they were treated to fishing and kayaking in Wakulla County and then were served a delicious shrimp dinner from Posey's Up the Creek restaurant in Panacea.

Shields Marina in St. Marks provided the location for the lunch and it was under their Marina Store where they keep their new boats. What a great location for a big event like that.

Several of the guides out of Shell Island took some of the writers out and did very well on trout around Little Pass east of the Lighthouse. They caught some on the Gulp but most were caught on a glow D.O.A. fished under the Cajun Thunder.

Jimmy at Shell Island said the D.O.A. was their number one seller and producer and they sold more D.O.A.'s than anyone in Florida.

Then along came the Gulp and that all changed.

Capt. Kent Taylor and Capt. Frazier over at AMS use the D.O.A. quite a bit and do quite well with it.

Luke uses a Spook instead of the Cajun Thunder while Kent used the Cajun Thunder.

The color they prefer is



### From The Dock

BY CAPT. JODY CAMPBELL



the clear gold with gold metal flake in the one-quarter ounce.

One advantage over the Gulp is that it sinks very slow and can be fished in extremely shallow water.

I just got off the phone with Capt. Randy Peart and he said charters have really slowed down over at St. George Island, but he knew they were still catching trout on the grass flats and some reds in the cut and around the bridge.

Look for sheepshead around the pilings on the old bridge and look for flounder along the riprap.

A very good fisherman told me that he would get a mud minnow, hook it through the lips and just walk along the wall above the riprap dragging the minnow very slowly on the bottom. Once he got a strike or felt like he was dragging a dishrag along the bottom he would set the hook.

He has won and placed

in the flounder division in many of the Big Bend Classics.

Randy said he and his son went down around Gray Mare Rock last week and went diving looking to spear some flounder. He said they didn't get any flounder but did manage to pick up quite a few scallops. His son said a friend of his had been going out in front of Black Rock in about eight feet of water and getting scallops.

Randy said while he was diving in one of the holes a school of about 25 reds swam around him.

On Sunday, he fished with Harold Fulford and they caught quite a few rock bass and Spanish. They finished up the day fishing the Ochlockonee Shoals and caught quite a few speckled

trout, silver trout, Spanish and blues fishing in about 12 to 14 feet of water.

Dr. Greg Anderson from Tifton was out on the shoals a week or so ago and limited out on trout in about 12 feet of water. They fished grubs on the bottom on the north-east side of the shoals.

I was talking with someone who had been fishing out in front of the Aucilla in about eight feet of water and doing pretty good on trout. He has been using a Gulp on the bottom and one day had a good grip floating small pinfish under a Cajun Thunder.

Don't forget the sun block and plenty of water and leave that float plan with someone.

Good luck and good fishing!

## On the lookout for wildlife – including the 'dead on road' kind

### Wakulla Wildlife



BY GEORGE WEYMOUTH

I've tried to point out in my Wakulla Wildlife articles lately by driving just a little slower, you're more likely to get a really good look at the various "forest finks" along the way, instead of just a fleeting glimpse.

You'll also get a better idea of whether that thing on the road is litter, or a D.O.R. ("Dead on the road," a naturalist's term) animal.

Sometimes the D.O.R. may be pretty re-arranged and yucky, but often the specimen may be dang-near perfect, and in beautiful condition.

As a wildlife artist and a taxidermist (one who taxis the dermis - that is, places skin over an animal replicated form) I'm constantly finding legal wildlife I cannot resist taking home to my freezers, to someday mount or at least do an illustration of it.

One example is a Eastern

Coachwhip about five feet long (they get up over eight feet) that I'd love to either make a mold of to eventually cast a replica, or mount it in its typical "hunting position" - which is crawling along through usually open sandy areas, with its head and neck way off the ground in search of prey, elevated almost like a cobra!

They are related to our Black Racers, and like all racers is long and skinny, but only the head and neck is black, while the rest is tan, giving it the appearance of a braided tan leather whip with a black handle, hence the name Coachwhip.

Another is a Eastern Hog-nose Snake I found in June that I believe is mountable.

My first introduction to this "serpent" was in Indiana years ago when I was a child. I thought it was a

Copperhead so killed it with a hoe, by hacking it in half. To my surprise each half immediately rolled over and played dead.

Soon through library books I found out what species it really was. My grandmother, knew this critter as the "puff, blowing, spreading, or spitting adder," and in her pioneer mind thought even its breath could kill you, or at least make you mighty sick.

This reptile is a real ham. At first when cornered they'll coil their tail, as if a stinger is on the tip, flatten out ridiculously, including their head and neck, and then hiss very loudly to convince you to leave it alone!

If that doesn't work, it will proceed to roll over and right before your eyes appear to die, by going into contortions while at the same time dragging its open mouth around in the dirt with the tongue extended also collecting dirt.

If you step back a few feet, and give it some room in a few minutes, you'll see it pull in the tongue, close the mouth and roll over the head to peak around to determine if the coast

is clear.

These snakes are considered harmless, as "they never bite." If they do strike, they do so with a closed mouth, bumping you with their up turned slightly pointed shovel-like nose, used to prey up objects in search of hiding toads, their

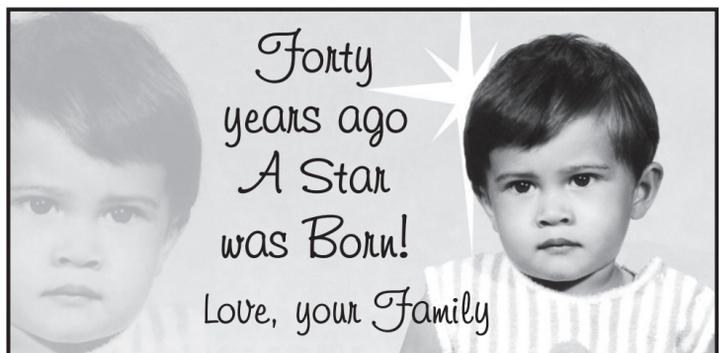
main diet.

Surprising to all us herpetologists is the fairly recent discovery that they do indeed have a venom, very similar to the vipers, used to subdue the toads, and if a person were to "prove" them to not be poisonous by sticking a finger into the

animal's mouth, they could get mildly envenomated.

Moral of the story: Believe granny!

*My apologies for my last article: it got to The Wakulla News too late, and got botched up. My fault - sorry!*



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# Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Sherrie Alverson



Do you know the saddest answer in the world for a reporter?

"I have no news." And that is the reply I received not just once, but twice - from both Flotilla 12 (St. Marks) and Flotilla 13 (Shell Point.)

However, John Edrington, Flotilla 13 operations officer, did add, "We had a patrol scheduled, but the boat changed our minds."

He went on to explain that he, his son Glenn Edrington, and son-in-law, James Taylor, had planned to devote the day to on-the-water boat crew training for our two newest members, Ben and Joanne Batey.

John's boat is kept at Port of Panacea Marina where they all met Sunday morn-

ing. They loaded the gear, including plenty of water for everyone. (Dehydration can be a serious problem in the sweltering heat that we have been experiencing lately.)

All went well until they were nearly to the mouth of the channel - then, the on-the-water training day came to an end. They were able to get back to the marina, but it took some doing.

So now what do I write about? After scanning my "Save" file for nearly a half-hour, I came across a page out of the Apalachee Bay Volunteer Fire Department 1998 directory.

The fire department and the flotilla have had overlapping membership since the VFD was organized in

1975. The first president was Bob McCallum (he was also member of Flotilla 13); Ernie Grover took over from October '76 to February '77; Johnny Porter (Flotilla 13) - February '77 to October '78; then Galveston Alexander and Kenneth Holly (both 13 members) each served a year.

Chuck Alverson (13) served two years. Jack Brundage (13) and Al McElfresh - one year each. Tom Tillman - two years; Chester Murray, four years; and then Larry Lowhorn for two years. Stan Warmath served from October '94 to November '96 and Tom Tillman finished out his term. Jeff Jacques was elected president in October 1997.

Ken Campbell was their first Fire Chief, then Galveston Alexander, Wright Alexander, Ken Holly, Chuck Alverson, Chester Murray, Larry Lowhorn, Mike Lowhorn, and then Larry again.

Galveston, Ken and Chuck also served as Flotilla 13 commanders.

From Chapter 4 of the Boat Smart:

An operator involved in a boating accident:

- Must stop their vessel immediately at the scene of the accident unless the action would endanger your own vessel, crew, or pas-

sengers.

- Give assistance to anyone injured in the accident.

- Give their name address, and identifying number of their vessel to the other vessel's operator and/or owner of damaged property.

Vessel operators involved in an accident must report the accident by the quickest means possible if the accident has resulted in:

- A death or disappearance of a person;
- An injury causing a person to require medical attention beyond first aid.
- Damage to the vessel and other property of \$2,000 or more.

The report of the accident must be made to:

- The Division of Law Enforcement, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at (888) 404-3922 or #FWC from a mobile phone or
- The sheriff of the county where the accident occurred or
- The police department of the municipality in which the accident occurred.

Failure to report an accident and failure to render aid are both criminal offenses.

Remember, safe boating is no accident!

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

## Increase in boating fatalities is concern to FWC

Many Florida boaters know the importance of wearing a life jacket and abiding by the navigation rules. However, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission emphasizes the importance of making safe, smart decisions when out of the boat as well.

"When people enter the water, they put themselves at risk," said Capt. Carol Keyser of the FWC's Boating and Waterways Section. "Swimming, diving, tubing and other activities in the water can be fun, but need to be done safely."

FWC statistics show the current number of boating accidents this year is 50, up four from this time last year. And, a recent alarming trend is reflected in those statistics.

"In the past three

months, there have been three drownings that occurred when people jumped into the water off of moving boats," Keyser said. "Jumping off a moving vessel and into the water is not like jumping into a pool," she added. "There often are dangers hidden under the surface of the water or the water may be shallower or deeper than expected."

Another danger comes when they attempt to swim or dive in high-traffic areas.

Alcohol use, which is always a concern for law enforcement, is suspected to have played a role in several of the recent fatalities.

For more information on boating safety, call Capt. Carol Keyser at 850-488-5600, or go to MyFWC.com/Boating or www.wearitflorida.com.

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## Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

Tide charts by Zihua Software, LLC

Aug. 26 - Sept. 1

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

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

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Location	Date	High	Low	High	Low	High
St. Marks River Entrance	Thu Aug 26, 10	3.7 ft.	0.7 ft.	3.9 ft.	0.6 ft.	
	Aug 26, 10	3:41 AM	9:44 AM	3:53 PM	10:01 PM	
	Fri Aug 27, 10	3.8 ft.	0.6 ft.	3.8 ft.	0.8 ft.	
	Aug 27, 10	4:03 AM	10:16 AM	4:26 PM	10:25 PM	
	Sat Aug 28, 10	3.8 ft.	0.6 ft.	3.7 ft.	1.0 ft.	
	Aug 28, 10	4:24 AM	10:48 AM	5:02 PM	10:51 PM	
	Sun Aug 29, 10	3.8 ft.	0.6 ft.	3.5 ft.	1.2 ft.	
Aug 29, 10	4:47 AM	11:23 AM	5:43 PM	11:21 PM		
Mon Aug 30, 10	3.8 ft.	0.6 ft.	3.2 ft.	1.5 ft.		
Aug 30, 10	5:13 AM	12:04 PM	6:33 PM	11:56 PM		
Tue Aug 31, 10	3.8 ft.	0.7 ft.	2.9 ft.			
Aug 31, 10	5:44 AM	12:59 PM	7:41 PM			
Wed Sep 1, 10		1.8 ft.	3.7 ft.	0.8 ft.	2.8 ft.	
Sep 1, 10		12:39 AM	6:25 AM	2:17 PM	9:19 PM	
City of St. Marks	Thu Aug 26, 10	3.5 ft.	0.7 ft.	3.6 ft.	0.6 ft.	
	Aug 26, 10	4:17 AM	10:48 AM	4:29 PM	11:05 PM	
	Fri Aug 27, 10	3.5 ft.	0.6 ft.	3.5 ft.	0.7 ft.	
	Aug 27, 10	4:39 AM	11:20 AM	5:02 PM	11:29 PM	
	Sat Aug 28, 10	3.6 ft.	0.5 ft.	3.4 ft.	0.9 ft.	
	Aug 28, 10	5:00 AM	11:52 AM	5:38 PM	11:55 PM	
	Sun Aug 29, 10	3.6 ft.	0.5 ft.	3.2 ft.		
Aug 29, 10	5:23 AM	12:27 PM	6:19 PM			
Mon Aug 30, 10		1.1 ft.	3.5 ft.	0.6 ft.	3.0 ft.	
Aug 30, 10		12:25 AM	5:49 AM	1:08 PM	7:09 PM	
Tue Aug 31, 10		1.4 ft.	3.5 ft.	0.6 ft.		
Aug 31, 10		1:00 AM	6:20 AM	2:03 PM	8:17 PM	
Wed Sep 1, 10		1.7 ft.	3.4 ft.	0.7 ft.	2.6 ft.	
Sep 1, 10		1:43 AM	7:01 AM	3:21 PM	9:55 PM	
Shell Point, Spring Creek	Thu Aug 26, 10	3.8 ft.	0.8 ft.	4.0 ft.	0.7 ft.	
	Aug 26, 10	3:38 AM	9:41 AM	3:50 PM	9:58 PM	
	Fri Aug 27, 10	3.9 ft.	0.7 ft.	3.9 ft.	0.8 ft.	
	Aug 27, 10	4:00 AM	10:13 AM	4:23 PM	10:22 PM	
	Sat Aug 28, 10	3.9 ft.	0.6 ft.	3.7 ft.	1.0 ft.	
	Aug 28, 10	4:21 AM	10:45 AM	4:59 PM	10:48 PM	
	Sun Aug 29, 10	3.9 ft.	0.6 ft.	3.5 ft.	1.3 ft.	
Aug 29, 10	4:44 AM	11:20 AM	5:40 PM	11:18 PM		
Mon Aug 30, 10	3.9 ft.	0.7 ft.	3.3 ft.	1.6 ft.		
Aug 30, 10	5:10 AM	12:01 PM	6:30 PM	11:53 PM		
Tue Aug 31, 10	3.8 ft.	0.8 ft.	3.0 ft.			
Aug 31, 10	5:41 AM	12:56 PM	7:38 PM			
Wed Sep 1, 10		2.0 ft.	3.7 ft.	0.8 ft.	2.8 ft.	
Sep 1, 10		12:36 AM	6:22 AM	2:14 PM	9:16 PM	
Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay	Thu Aug 26, 10	2.8 ft.	0.5 ft.	2.9 ft.	0.5 ft.	
	Aug 26, 10	3:33 AM	9:55 AM	3:45 PM	10:12 PM	
	Fri Aug 27, 10	2.9 ft.	0.5 ft.	2.9 ft.	0.6 ft.	
	Aug 27, 10	3:55 AM	10:27 AM	4:18 PM	10:36 PM	
	Sat Aug 28, 10	2.9 ft.	0.4 ft.	2.7 ft.	0.7 ft.	
	Aug 28, 10	4:16 AM	10:59 AM	4:54 PM	11:02 PM	
	Sun Aug 29, 10	2.9 ft.	0.4 ft.	2.6 ft.	0.9 ft.	
Aug 29, 10	4:39 AM	11:34 AM	5:35 PM	11:32 PM		
Mon Aug 30, 10	2.9 ft.	0.5 ft.	2.4 ft.			
Aug 30, 10	5:05 AM	12:15 PM	6:25 PM			
Tue Aug 31, 10		1.1 ft.	2.8 ft.	0.5 ft.	2.2 ft.	
Aug 31, 10		12:07 AM	5:36 AM	1:10 PM	7:33 PM	
Wed Sep 1, 10		1.3 ft.	2.7 ft.	0.6 ft.	2.1 ft.	
Sep 1, 10		12:50 AM	6:17 AM	2:28 PM	9:11 PM	
St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.	Thu Aug 26, 10	2.9 ft.	0.7 ft.	3.0 ft.	0.6 ft.	
	Aug 26, 10	3:25 AM	9:23 AM	3:37 PM	9:40 PM	
	Fri Aug 27, 10	3.0 ft.	0.6 ft.	3.0 ft.	0.8 ft.	
	Aug 27, 10	3:47 AM	9:55 AM	4:10 PM	10:04 PM	
	Sat Aug 28, 10	3.0 ft.	0.6 ft.	2.9 ft.	0.9 ft.	
	Aug 28, 10	4:08 AM	10:27 AM	4:46 PM	10:30 PM	
	Sun Aug 29, 10	3.0 ft.	0.6 ft.	2.7 ft.	1.2 ft.	
Aug 29, 10	4:31 AM	11:02 AM	5:27 PM	11:00 PM		
Mon Aug 30, 10	3.0 ft.	0.6 ft.	2.5 ft.	1.5 ft.		
Aug 30, 10	4:57 AM	11:43 AM	6:17 PM	11:35 PM		
Tue Aug 31, 10		2.9 ft.	0.7 ft.	2.3 ft.		
Aug 31, 10		5:28 AM	12:38 PM	7:25 PM		
Wed Sep 1, 10		1.8 ft.	2.9 ft.	0.7 ft.	2.2 ft.	
Sep 1, 10		12:18 AM	6:09 AM	1:56 PM	9:03 PM	
Dog Island West End	Thu Aug 26, 10	2.9 ft.	1.1 ft.	2.9 ft.	1.0 ft.	
	Aug 26, 10	3:41 AM	9:09 AM	3:43 PM	9:10 PM	
	Fri Aug 27, 10	3.0 ft.	0.9 ft.	2.7 ft.	1.2 ft.	
	Aug 27, 10	3:53 AM	9:41 AM	4:30 PM	9:24 PM	
	Sat Aug 28, 10	3.2 ft.	0.8 ft.	2.6 ft.	1.4 ft.	
	Aug 28, 10	4:09 AM	10:15 AM	5:22 PM	9:42 PM	
	Sun Aug 29, 10	3.3 ft.	0.7 ft.	2.5 ft.	1.6 ft.	
Aug 29, 10	4:30 AM	10:53 AM	6:25 PM	10:04 PM		
Mon Aug 30, 10	3.3 ft.	0.6 ft.	2.4 ft.	1.7 ft.		
Aug 30, 10	4:56 AM	11:41 AM	7:45 PM	10:25 PM		
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Wed Sep 1, 10		3.4 ft.	0.5 ft.			
Sep 1, 10		6:08 AM	2:25 PM			

Day	Major Times	Minor Times	Better
Thursday	2:35 am-4:35 am 2:55 pm-4:55 pm	8:55 pm-9:55 pm 8:48 am-9:48 am	Better
Friday	3:16 am-5:16 am 3:36 pm-5:36 pm	9:24 pm-10:24 pm 9:41 am-10:41 am	Good
Saturday	3:57 am-5:57 am 4:18 pm-6:18 pm	9:55 pm-10:55 pm 10:34 am-11:34 am	Average
Sunday	4:40 am-6:40 am 5:03 pm-7:03 pm	10:30 pm-11:30 pm 11:30 am-12:30 pm	Average
Monday	5:26 am-7:26 am 5:51 pm-7:51 pm	12:27 pm-1:27 pm	Average
Tuesday	6:16 am-8:16 am 6:42 pm-8:42 pm	1:26 pm-2:26 pm	Average
Wednesday	7:09 am-9:09 am 7:36 pm-9:36 pm	2:24 pm-3:24 pm	Average

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moon rise	Moon set	Brightness
Thursday	7:10 am	8:06 pm	8:56 pm	8:49 am	90%
Friday	7:11 am	8:05 pm	9:25 pm	9:42 am	84%
Saturday	7:11 am	8:04 pm	9:56 pm	10:36 am	78%
Sunday	7:12 am	8:03 pm	10:31 pm	11:31 am	72%
Monday	7:13 am	8:02 pm	11:10 pm	12:28 pm	66%
Tuesday	7:13 am	8:00 pm	11:55 pm	1:26 pm	60%
Wednesday	7:14 am	7:59 pm	--:--	2:25 pm	53%

## Court shorts

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN  
editor@thewakullanews.net

A Leon County grand jury returned an indictment last week for murder and robbery against Elijah James II, the former boyfriend of Danielle Brown.

Brown, who lived on the Leon County side of Springhill Road but grew up and worked in Wakulla County, has been missing since February and is believed dead.

Brown was last seen with James and, though her body has never been recovered, law enforcement officials found her burned car at the dump in Thomas County.

James was identified as a suspect in the case and has been held on other charges.

Assistant State Attorney Jack Campbell will prosecute the case.

In other court matters:

A September hearing date has been set in the lawsuit filed by Ronald Fred Crum and Larry Tucker against Wakulla County over the former wetlands ordinance.

Still pending are complaints that Wakulla Commission Chairman Howard Kessler violated public records law by refusing to turn over records requested by Crum and Tucker.

The county's law firm has contended that the failure to turn over pictures taken by Kessler of Crum's property was not intentional. The disc of photos that Kessler turned over to county staff was believed lost and was not turned over to Crum and Tucker's attorneys until Kessler was preparing for deposition and found the disc in his desk.

Both sides have filed motions for summary judgment on the issue: with Crum and Tucker arguing that Kessler willfully violated public records law and should be sanctioned; and the county arguing there was no will-

ful intent and so the county should prevail on the issue.

Tucker and Crum won the primary thrust of their lawsuit when the court declared the county's wetlands ordinance was invalid because of numerous procedural flaws when it was originally passed.

Approved by county commissioners with the intention of protecting isolated wetlands, enforcement of the ordinance proved contentious: restrictions against development activity within 75 feet of a wetlands was interpreted by code enforcement to include mowing rights-of-way along roadsides near water.

Crum was charged with violating the wetlands ordinance over duck ponds he was building on his property. His neighbor, Tucker, was charged with a violation for a fish pond.

Crum determined that Kessler filed the complaint against him - which Kessler denied, saying he had merely communicated concerns of some Panacea residents - and Crum responded with a tit-for-tat complaint against the commissioner, claiming that he violated the ordinance by mowing around a wetland on his Panacea property.

A notice of violation was filed against Kessler by county staff and later dropped - though Crum's and Tucker's cases were not, which prompted claims that the ordinance was being politically enforced.

While Wakulla Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls found the ordinance void because of problems in how it was enacted - it wasn't advertised properly, for example, and wasn't turned in to the Secretary of State's office in time - the judge never looked at the content of the ordinance.

A couple of weeks ago, county commissioners ap-

proved a new ordinance that replaced the one thrown out by the court.

Local kennel owner Wallace and Cathy Bailey turned over assignment of their kennel to Dixieland Assets, a company directed by attorney Bill Corbin, who sent a letter to local officials - including county commissioners, some county administrative staff, Clerk of Courts Brent Thurmond and Sheriff David Harvey - claiming there have been "intentional violations of federal and state laws."

The violations, Corbin's letter states, "took place by those under county control-supervision-knowledge" and caused egregious damaged to assigners.

Wakulla County Animal Control filed a case against the Baileys last fall claiming, in effect, that they were operating a puppy mill with about 150 dogs and subjecting the animals to inhumane conditions.

In January, Wakulla County Judge Jill Walker made a finding that the conditions were poor and ordered the Baileys to limit the number of dogs on their property to 50 within 30 days.

A subsequent order was filed by Judge Walker in March that gave Animal Control officers the right to inspect the Bailey property to ensure compliance, but placed restrictions on when the officers could go on the property.

The Baileys appealed the order. Since the case has been pending, the county filed a motion in June asking for an expedited ruling from Wakulla Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls contending that animal control is uncertain of its ability to enforce Judge Walker's order limiting the Baileys to 50 dogs.

Corbin's letter, dated Aug. 9, contends the county has spent \$19,379 on legal costs associated with the case.

## Personal information released

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN  
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Wakulla County confirmed last week that it inadvertently released personal information on numerous people - including Social Security numbers and other identifying information.

The personal information was given out in a couple of public records requests in July, according to Debbie Dubose, who oversees county Human Resources.

The information was released on numerous county employees as well as the county's clients on its weatherization program.

After it was discovered the information had been mistakenly released, the county contacted the indi-

viduals and subsequently redacted the materials, Dubose said.

Letters went out to the individuals whose information was disclosed shortly thereafter that recommended the individuals contact a consumer reporting agency to request a fraud alert.

The first inadvertent release was given out in a public records request made by a citizen dealing in the county's weatherization program, and included Social Security numbers of weatherization clients and some county employees.

Another public records request by another individual resulted in the release of the personal information of county employees of Animal Control.



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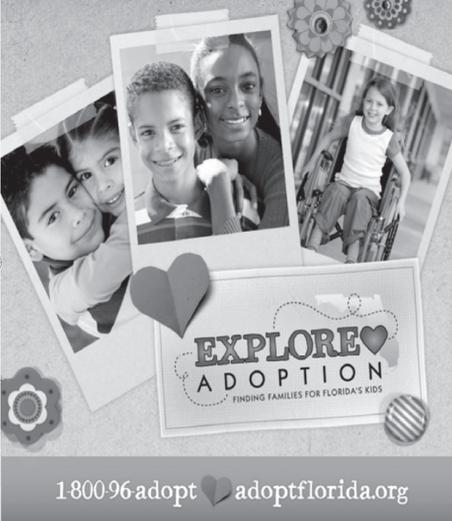
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September 2, 2010	Special Meeting to Discuss Issues Concerning the County Administrator	5:00 P.M.
September 7, 2010	Regular Board Meeting	5:00 P.M.
September 9, 2010	Public Hearings to Consider Imposing the Solid Waste Service Special Assessment and the Fire Protection Services Special Assessment. (To Be Held at the Community Center)	6:00 P.M.
September 20, 2010	Regular Board Meeting	5:00 P.M.
October 4, 2010	Regular Board Meeting	5:00 P.M.
October 7, 2010	Workshop to Discuss the Roads Clean Action Plan Committees Final Report and Recommendations	5:00 P.M.
October 7, 2010	Workshop: To Discuss Mt. Beasor Rd.	6:00 P.M.
October 18, 2010	Regular Board Meeting	5:00 P.M.
November 1, 2010	Regular Board Meeting	5:00 P.M.

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August 5, 2010

Read The Wakulla News for special holiday deadlines.

The Wakulla News office will be closed  
Monday September 6

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News:  
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Noon Wednesday for all ads requiring proof.  
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4 p.m. Wednesday for all real estate ads.  
11 a.m. Friday for Classified Ads.  
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The Wakulla News

# Law Enforcement and the Courts

## Sheriff's Report

On Aug. 12, Det. Rob Giddens and Deputy Will Hudson of the Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force assisted the Taylor County Sheriff's Office and Perry Police Department in locating and apprehending several wanted fugitives through the U.S. Marshal's office.

The Task Force was able to apprehend four fugitives from their list. The operation started at 5:30 a.m. and concluded at 10:45 a.m.

On Aug. 12, Deputy Scott Rojas was working in the parking area at Wakulla High School when he went to investigate an open car trunk. Rifle cases were observed in plain view and Deputy Rojas had a public announcement made inside the school for the vehicle owner to return to the car.

The vehicle owner returned after completing a job interview and said he accidentally hit the trunk latch which exposed firearm cases. A rifle and ammunition were found in the vehicle.

Deputy Rojas seized the property and requested a warrant for the man rather than arresting him on the spot. The State Attorney's office will review the warrant and determine if they want to arrest the man for possessing a firearm on school property.

The suspect is a 55-year-old Tallahassee man who recently moved to Wakulla County to look for work.

On Aug. 12, Daniel F. Hinchee of Panama reported that a motorist backed into his vehicle at Ace Hardware. The motorist left the scene but a witness was able to give law enforcement a vehicle description and tag number.

Deputy Ryan Muse was able to locate Helmer L. Magnuson, 80, of Crawfordville as the motorist. Magnuson received a traffic citation for improper backing. No injuries were reported and damage was

less than \$600.

On Aug. 12, Deputy Ryan Muse conducted a traffic stop on Crawfordville Highway. The vehicle displayed a tag that expired in 2008. The driver of the vehicle, Kerri Leann Bailey, 27, of Crawfordville, did not have a driver license. She received a traffic citation for driving while license suspended or revoked second offense and unassigned tag attached. She was also arrested on two outstanding warrants and taken to the Wakulla County Jail.

On Aug. 14, Deputy Nick Boutwell conducted a traffic stop on Old Woodville Highway north of Highway 267 after becoming concerned about the driver crossing the center line. It was determined that the driver was not impaired, but the passenger, Joshua J. Yancy, 22, of Crawfordville, admitted having cannabis and drug paraphernalia. Due to being cooperative, Yancy was only issued a notice to appear in court.

On Aug. 15, Fred Warren Bradford, Jr., 30, of Panama was stopped by Deputy Nathan Taylor for having a broken tail light lens. Communications officials informed the deputy that Bradford had his license suspended multiple times. He was placed under arrest for knowingly driving while license is suspended/revoked as a habitual offender.

On Aug. 15, Deputy Ian Richards was investigating a domestic altercation at a Crawfordville home and determined that the 27-year-old husband was the aggressor and was charged with battery. As he continued his investigation, Deputy Richards discovered four

marijuana plants growing outside the home and drug paraphernalia inside the home. The husband was also charged with producing marijuana and possession of narcotic equipment.

On Aug. 13, Deputy Dale Evans arrested Edward Thornton, 31, of Midway, and charged him with knowingly driving with a license suspended or revoked. Deputy Evans clocked Thornton traveling 58 miles per hour in a 35 mph zone and later 95 mph in a 55 mph zone. Thornton was taken to the Wakulla County Jail without incident.

On Aug. 16, Edward T. Jones of Crawfordville reported a church burglary at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Medart. A chalice, valued at \$250, was stolen from the priest's study.

On Aug. 17, Sarah Grace Terry, 21, of Tallahassee was stopped by Deputy Ryan Muse for having an expired California vehicle tag. She was found to have an outstanding Leon County warrant for failure to appear on a battery charge. She was transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

On Aug. 17, a 15-year-old female juvenile reported a suspicious vehicle as she walked her 5-year-old sister home from the school bus stop. The victim reported being approached by an older white model car.

The driver invited the two girls to come into his vehicle to get out of the heat. The teenager told the suspect that she was nearing her home and was about to start screaming. When the man heard this he sped away and the two victims went home to tell their mother about the incident.

## Tallahassee man injured in motorcycle accident

A 24-year-old Tallahassee man suffered serious injuries when he crashed his motorcycle into the back of a truck pulling a trailer on Woodville Highway on Sunday at 3:46 p.m.

Scott Thomas McCrealy was operating a motorcycle northbound on the Woodville Highway (Hwy. 363) when he attempted to overtake a truck in front of him that was turning westbound onto Kinsey Road. McCrealy crashed into the upper part of the trailer and got stuck

under the truck's driver's side rear bumper.

The driver of the truck and trailer, William Blake Brown, 28, of Crawfordville, received assistance unhooking and moving the trailer in order to extradite the motorcycle rider. McCrealy was issued a uniform traffic citation for illegal passing meeting oncoming traffic.

McCrealy was taken to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital with lower body injuries. Additional charges are pending.

## Cars vandalized at sinkhole

Three vehicles parked off C.J. Spears Road in Crawfordville were vandalized in a parking area while their owners swam in nearby sinkholes on Friday, Aug. 20 and Saturday, Aug. 21, according to Sheriff David Harvey.

The informal parking area is state property used by sinkhole swimmers just off U.S. Highway 319 in the northern part of Wakulla County.

On Aug. 20, Mitchell H. Tallman of Tallahassee reported that someone broke his passenger side window. The victim reported the loss of \$430 worth of personal property including an iPod

and GPS unit. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$500.

Less than 30 minutes later, Michael A. Lucia of Havana reported a vehicle burglary and vandalism. The front passenger window was broken and a school book, briefcase, power cord and head phones, valued at \$415, were taken.

On Aug. 21, Pablo A. De Alejo of Tallahassee reported a vehicle burglary at the same location. The front passenger side window was broken out and \$1,160 worth of property including an iPod, wallet, cash, passport, keys, driver license and an iPhone were taken.

On Aug. 17, James Wayne Henley, 23, of Crawfordville was charged with battery inside the Wakulla County Jail facility. Henley demanded to make a telephone call and was told he could make the call after dinner and the shift change.

He became agitated and began a verbal rant before allegedly striking Edward Karl Metzler, 26, of Havana in his cell. Metzler had red marks on his back and a scratch behind his left ear, but did not require medical attention.

On Aug. 18, Deputy Nathan Taylor responded to a 24-year-old Crawfordville man walking in the middle of Crawfordville Highway at 11:34 p.m. He told Deputy Taylor that he was armed and wanted to be shot.

The subject attempted to throw himself in front of traffic as he was being secured by the deputy. The unarmed man was taken to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital and turned over to TMH staff under the Baker Act.

On Aug. 19, Deputy Nick Boutwell observed John Warren Strickland, Jr., 38, of Panama driving erratically on U.S. Highway 98. He conducted a traffic stop and determined that Strickland's driver license was revoked as a habitual traffic offender. Strickland was issued a uniform traffic citation and taken to the Wakulla County Jail. Deputy Ben Steinle took a female passenger in the vehicle to her home.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office received 939 calls for service during the past week.



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# Florida outdoor writers pay a visit to St. Marks

By JENNIFER RAYMOND  
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One hundred visitors from all over Florida went to the city of St. Marks on Friday, Aug. 20, visitors who were intent enjoying the outdoors the area offers.

The visitors were members of the Florida Outdoor Writers Association (FOWA), who came to Wakulla County as part of their annual conference.

The association is the largest and oldest state writer's association in the country.

Groups went out fishing and kayaking and then met at Shields Marina for lunch.

"We're so pleased to have everyone here," said city manager Zoe Mansfield.

Mansfield said this was the first time the association has come to St. Marks.

About 20 members of Original Florida met at city hall that morning.

This group is made up of 12 counties from Gainesville to Gadsden County. It deals with regional tourism and they all get together to leverage their dollars, said Kerri Post, senior marketing director for Visit Tallahassee.

Post said they were given the opportunity to host the association which included about 50 writers from around Florida.

The writers were invited to experience what the North Florida area has to offer – and it will hopefully generate some media coverage.

Post said many of the members have never been to this area and told her they had no idea it had such a wealth of outdoor activity.

The idea behind hosting the event is to hopefully get some media coverage for the area from the writers.

"We expect some great coverage," Post said.

Executive Director for FOWA Tommy Thompson said the conference is held all over the state and they try to move them geographically.

"It was time to move on up north," Thompson said.

Thompson said one requirement is to make sure there are enough hotels and meeting space in the city they select.

However, the group isn't interested in big cities, he said.

They chose Tallahassee because it had the event space and had Wakulla County, Thompson said.

Outdoor Day was held in Wakulla County, he added. The feedback Thompson received from members was all positive, he said.

"We like anything we

can do outdoors," Thompson said.

And St. Marks is surrounded by the outdoors, St. Marks Mayor Phil Cantner said.

Those attending the luncheon also got a chance to hear from Steve Otwell, a Florida Sea Grant seafood specialist from the University of Florida who has a doctorate in food science, about determining if Gulf seafood is safe to eat after the Deepwater Horizon spill.

"How can you ensure the seafood that you eat and the seafood that you catch is safe to eat?" Otwell said.

Otwell said the seafood is harvested from open waters.

Practical sensory screening can detect any obvious taint, he said.

"I'm going to show you how sensitive your nose is," Otwell told the audience.

He added that the perception of Gulf seafood is far worse than the reality.

"The seafood product is much safer than people think," Otwell said.

Otwell presented seafood that he contaminated with oil taken from Deepwater Horizon site. He let the audience smell them to see if they could detect anything, without telling them what they were smelling.

There is a science to



Steve Otwell, above, talks to the writers about how safe Gulf seafood is to eat. Participants were invited to sniff containers of shrimp – some contaminated, some not – to see how sensitive their noses are.



smelling, Otwell said. There are three different approaches, bunny, inhale and basset hound, Otwell said.

The bunny is all that is needed to smell the samples, he added.

The audience smelled samples tainted with crude oil, some tainted with diesel and some that weren't contaminated with anything.

During the sampling, people winced and crunched their noses because of the strong smell at times.

Otwell said sensory experts go through numerous tests to be able to do what they do.

"There are people out there who make a living off their noses," he said.

One of the samples was contaminated with one to four parts per million of crude oil. That is pretty hard to detect, Otwell said.

Another sample was five to eight parts per million of crude oil, which is just a little change, but the amount of people who could smell it almost doubled.

The third sample was 12 to 15 parts per million, which can be detected very easily, Otwell said.

Otwell said diesel is more harmful than crude oil because diesel has been refined and is volatile.

"It's much more problematic," he said.

Otwell said the seafood that is contaminated with oil is not an immediate problem, but a long term issue.

He added that someone would have to be exposed to it over a number of years in a consistent margin.

Plus how old someone is and how often they eat the contaminated food is a factor.

Otwell said it is a whole calculation over time.

He added that those factors reduce the risk expected from an oil spill.

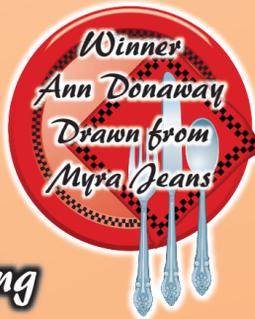
Otwell said the seafood has been tested extensively.

"They are having a hard time finding contaminated samples," Otwell said.

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# Wakulla County Senior Citizens Celebrate Life

## Christmas in July was a success – thanks to community support



**R.H. Carter**  
Executive Director,  
Wakulla County Senior  
Citizens Council, Inc.

The Wakulla County Senior Citizens Board, Staff and senior citizens are deeply indebted to everyone who participated in our Christmas in July luncheon and auction on July 28.

At a time when funding is declining from all our traditional county, state and federal sources, it was wonderful to see the strong support from our community. Our United Way funding has also been declining in recent years. However, our community support of our older populations is not matched anywhere else in our state.

The sponsors, table reservations, ticket purchases, donated art and baskets, art framing, decorations and volunteer services for this special fundraising event resulted in tremendous support for senior citizens.

Next year we will advertise early so more can participate in this activity.

We take advantage of every opportunity to generate funding to better serve our senior citizens.

The largest financial challenge we have is funding our meal programs. These programs include lunches served in the Senior Center

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called "congregate meals" and meals delivered to homebound seniors called "meals-on-wheels."

We continue to serve all seniors who need these meals.

Most senior centers limit this service to the number provided for in their Older Americans Act meal grants. To date, we have been able to meet all meal needs because of community support.

You really do make a difference.

When you hear me talk about how great it is to live in Wakulla County, I really mean it. Other counties create waiting lists for meals in excess of their grant but you have enabled us to avoid waiting lists for meals.

We are exploring the establishment of a senior meal club that would provide our community the opportunity to join and make regular payments to senior meal programs.

September is National Hunger Month and we hope to have our operation procedures in place for our meal club by the end of that month.

Following the Christmas in July lunch, one of our supporters asked how they could get involved in supporting our programs. I immediately mentioned our need for a senior meal club and they seemed excited to become active in this endeavor.

We will keep you informed about all our efforts to better serve the seniors.

Again, I want to thank you for caring and sharing.



### Christmas (shopping) in July

Christmas in July was an opportunity to shop and socialize. Above, the shoppers at right consider the bids placed on items for sale. The fundraiser helps underwrite the senior center's meal program.

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## WEEK IN WAKULLA

### Thursday, August 26

- 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.
- BIG BEND HOSPICE offers an Adult Grief Support Group starting today and going until September 16. It starts at 6 p.m. at Big Bend Hospice Counseling and Resource Center, 1669 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee. Contact Wendy at 878-5310, ext. 704 or wendy@bigbendhospice.org.
- SOPCHOPPY DEPOT COMMITTEE will meet at Posh in Sopchoppy at 6 p.m. Call Debbie at 528-5838 for more information.
- COASTAL OPTIMIST CLUB will meet at noon at Posey's Steam Room in Panacea.
- **Friday, August 27**
- 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 in-

- formation, call 926-6290.
- KARAOKE will be held at Hamaknockers's Oasis.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets each Friday at 8 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. Call (850)545-1853 for more information.
- **Saturday, August 28**
- NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meets at 3240 Crawfordville Highway at 5 p.m. For more information, call 224-2321.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets each Saturday at 5:30 p.m. at Mission by the Sea Church on Alligator Drive in Alligator Point. Call (850)545-1853 for more information.
- **Sunday, August 29**
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets each Sunday at 6:00 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville, Florida. For more information call (850)545-1853.
- AFRICAN DRUMMING workshop with Yasid will be held at Posh in Sopchoppy at 2:30 p.m. For more information call 962-1010.
- **Monday, August 30**
- LINE DANCING will be held at the senior center at 1:30 p.m.
- WOMEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meeting is held each Monday at 6 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. For more information call (850)545-1853.
- **Tuesday, August 31**
- 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 LI-ONS CLUB will meet at 6

- p.m. at the Hudson House behind Wakulla Bank.
- **Wednesday, September 1**
- 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.
- COALITION FOR YOUTH will meet at 12:30 p.m. at the TCC Wakulla Center.
- **Thursday, September 2**
- TOASTMASTERS will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Posey's Up the Creek. For more information call 528-0895.
- WRITERS OF WAKULLA will meet at 6 p.m. at the public library.
- COASTAL OPTIMIST CLUB will meet at noon at Posey's Steam Room in Panacea.
- **Friday, September 3**
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets each Friday at 8 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. Call (850)545-1853 for more information.
- **City and County Meetings**
- **Thursday, August 26**
- PUBLIC WORKSHOP on the Crawfordville Town Plan—Public Input will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Wakulla Community Center.
- **Saturday, August 28**
- PUBLIC WORKSHOP on the Crawfordville Town Plan—Public Input will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Wakulla Community Center.

### Special Events

- **Saturday, August 28**
- FISH FRY will be held at Hudson Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to benefit the recreation park football. They will be accepting \$5 donations for a mullet plate.
- **Wednesday, September 1**
- THE ACTING UP PLAYERS will present a short play at the Senior Center at 10:45 a.m. The play will be "Lost and Found" by David Day.
- **Monday, September 6**
- MEMORIAL HURRICANE RUN/WALK held by the American Red Cross will begin at 8 a.m. Registration is at 7 a.m. Visit [www.tallyredcross.org](http://www.tallyredcross.org) for more information and registration forms or contact Debara Jump (850) 402-5612 or [debara.jump@tallyredcross.org](mailto:debara.jump@tallyredcross.org).
- **Saturday, September 11**
- MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY will be hosted by VolunteerWAKULLA at Hudson Park beginning at 9:30 a.m. featuring several community service events. Volunteer sign-up will begin at 7:30 a.m. at Hudson Park. Next to the park, the Sheriff's Office will be having an event commemorating 9/11 beginning at 8:30 a.m. After the activities are completed there will be a free lunch, door prizes, and community celebration. Call 745-0600 for more information.
- NINTH ANNUAL SEPT. 11 MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held at the sheriff's office at 15 Oak Street beginning at 8:45 a.m.
- **Monday, October 18**
- GOLF TOURNAMENT will be hosted by the Wakulla High School Girl's Volleyball team at Wildwood Country Club. Call Patty Davis at 510-0317 for more information.

### Library News...



By SCOTT JOYNER  
WCPL

#### Friday Night Movie

On Friday, Aug. 27, we are showing a thriller starring Pierce Brosnan and Ewan McGregor and directed by Academy Award Winner Roman Polanski.

When a young writer is hired to ghost write the memoirs of a British prime minister he gets much more than he signed on for.

While investigating the death of the previous ghost writer, he finds secrets, betrayal, and begins to fear for his life.

Please join us at 7 p.m. for this PG-13 (for language, brief violence) rated film. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and we ask that any children be accompanied by an adult.

#### Health Department Survey at the Library

The Wakulla County Health Department is asking for your help to improve care for mental and substance abuse in Wakulla County. You can go to [www.surveymonkey.com/s/wakullacountymentalhealthsurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/wakullacountymentalhealthsurvey) to complete this anonymous

survey or come by the library where we have hard copies and a link on our public computers.

This survey will allow for better funding for these issues in Wakulla County and better care for all who need it so we encourage all to please take the survey. If you have any questions please call the Health Department at 926-0400.

#### Quit Smoking Classes

While we're on the subject of health, please remember that we have Quit Smoking Classes at the Library each Tuesday night at 6 p.m.

These classes are sponsored by the Big Bend Area Health Center and are free to the public.

Quit smoking aids are available to participants while supplies last.

Please come out and take advantage of this free opportunity to improve your health and well being.

#### Computer Classes

Our fall round of computer classes begins on Thursday, Sept. 2 with Facebook II at 1:30 p.m. and Microsoft PoewrPoint II at 5:30 p.m.

We'll also have Computer Basics II on Saturday, Sept. 4 at 9 a.m.

As always these classes are free but do require early registration or they may be dropped.

If you're interested please sign up at the front desk or call us at 926-7415.

The full September class schedule is on our website at [www.wakullalibrary.org](http://www.wakullalibrary.org).

Submit your special event to be included in the Week in Wakulla. The deadline is Friday at 5 p.m.

Contact: [jraymond@thewakullanews.net](mailto:jraymond@thewakullanews.net), (850) 926-7102 or by fax at (850) 926-3815.

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9/20	Business Basics I and Startup	6-9 p.m.
9/21	Water-Related Businesses: Fishing, Kayaking, Bait and Tackle	6-9 p.m.
9/26	St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge Field Trip	1-5 p.m.
9/27	Wakulla Landscape I	6-9 p.m.
9/28	Business Basics II	6-9 p.m.
10/2	River Ecosystems/Tree Identification Field Trip	9 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 1-5 p.m.
10/4	Creating Web Pages and Web Marketing I	6-9 p.m.
10/5	Wakulla Landscape II	6-9 p.m.
10/10	Kayak Field Trip	1-5 p.m.
10/11	Creating Web Pages and Web Marketing II	6-9 p.m.
10/12	Geological Features	6-9 p.m.
10/17	Forest Field Trip I – Leon Sinks	1-5 p.m.
10/24	Birding & Sea Life – Mashas Sands/Gulf Specimen Marine Lab Field Trip	8 a.m.-1 p.m.

This is a partial schedule—for remaining schedule

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or visit [workforce.tcc.fl.edu/Wakulla](http://workforce.tcc.fl.edu/Wakulla)

Scholarships available to Wakulla charter boat captains and those working in the seafood industry.

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  - 9:30 a.m. - Hudson Park to select a volunteer location - Volunteer Service (or go directly to your organization's volunteer site)
  - 12:30 p.m. - Lunch and Celebrate Wakulla! (Lunch will be provided for all volunteers!)
  - 2:00 p.m. - Enjoy your day and thank you for joining VolunteerWAKULLA to help
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# Senior center activities included speakers on elder abuse, hurricanes, ID – and Fourth of July cookout

By **DIANE LANTER and ANN ROSS**  
Senior Center Staff

The Senior Center was the place to keep cool and take part in lots of activities in July.

Joanne Lopinski, from Area Health Education Center, talked to the seniors about recognizing and reporting elder abuse – noting elder abuse takes on many forms and doesn't always mean physical abuse.

Family members and friends can also become part of abuse, when pressuring you to make changes to your lifestyle, make legal changes to documents, or have access to your personal records when you have not made that decision for yourself.

Call the Senior Center if you have questions.

Pat Morgan, also from the Area Health Education Center presented a program on healthy lifestyles.

These educational programs will be held again in October.

The Fourth of July was celebrated with a noon cookout to finish off a day of music and the color – for the day was red, white and blue.

Chef Mary treated us with a cookout of hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, and ice cream cones. A perfect day to celebrate freedom.

Kimberly Morris from the National Federation of the Blind gave an informative program on the services provided by the organization. Pamphlets are available at the center.

Scott Nelson, Director of Emergency Management, talked to us about the hurricane season already upon us. Maps and emergency numbers are available at the senior center.

Nelson reminded us that, if we are in an emergency situation and need to evacuate, the shelter at Crawfordville Elementary would be available, but those with special needs (oxygen, wheelchairs, etc.) would be transported to Tallahassee.

Plan ahead for your pets as the local shelter cannot house them.

If you have special

needs, the health department has the forms to fill out so that you can be notified ahead of time.

Wakulla Tax Collector Cheryl Olah presented a program to the seniors reminding them that they need to have a photo ID prior to voting and those can be purchased at the local tax office, which now houses the drivers license department. Also, information can be added to your driver's license so that, in case of emergency, the license can be scanned to observe who to contact,

prescription information and any health issues, etc.

Tamara Byrnes, our Yoga, watercolor, crafts and beading instructor, had hip replacement surgery recently and her Yoga class will resume in September. We are looking forward to her return.

The staff at the Senior Center would like to know what classes or programs we could offer that would benefit the seniors of Wakulla County.

We have had some requests for a square dancing class, but we need someone to call the dances.

Also, there has been an interest in playing Bunco.

Contact us at 926-7145.

Thanks to all who made our Garage Sale another huge success. The next one will be in November.



Uncle Sam paid a visit to the senior center on the Fourth of July.

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# Wakulla County Senior Citizens Celebrate Life

## Summer program was fun-filled and created some memories for seniors and kids alike

By **KIM RUIZ**  
Senior Center Staff  
Where has the summer gone? Time has flown by especially for those of us working with the senior center summer childcare program.

Each summer the senior center has provided childcare for elementary school-aged children.

A staff of about 10 childcare workers took the children on various field trips, did crafts and made sure the kids were well-supervised while having loads of fun.

In the past, the children went on field trips every day but this year the senior center built an awesome playground equipped with a huge jungle gym, sand boxes and picnic tables.

The kids stayed at the center two days a week doing crafts, recycling projects, playing on the new playground and having water play.

Three days a week the kids went on field trips.

They went to the beach, movies, skating, bowling and the big field trip of the summer was to Gulf World in Panama City.

Each afternoon the kids were provided healthy snacks from Ms. Mary, the head chef at the senior center (I like to call her a culinary artist).

Over the course of the summer, the kids have had peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, ice cream, cones, homemade cookies, hot dogs, baked beans, Ms. Mary's famous stromboli, and one of the kids favorites was decorating their own cupcakes.

I think I can speak for the entire childcare staff that not only have the kids had a fun-filled summer, but we have too.

We hope that we have not only shown the kids a good time but we have instilled memories that they will remember for years to come.



The new playground with jungle gym, sandboxes and picnic tables was used by the elementary-aged children at the senior center's summer camp. (Photo special to The News)

## Service receives safety award



Driver Tray Crump with safety award

By **TRAY CRUMP**  
Wakulla Transportation Driver

For 12 years I have been associated with a unique ministry that provides special services for the disadvantaged residents of our community as well as others.

Wakulla County Transportation is that ministry.

I am one of the drivers who helps transport qualified residents for medical and transportation disadvantaged services.

Through the years, we have been nominated for various awards for outstanding services. We recently received the 2010 Safety Award of the Year, where we demonstrated an outstanding safety record!

Our record is as follows: No accidents in eight years, 940,014 miles, (98,190 trips), and 2,820,043 miles without a roadcall.

I was honored to physically receive this award on the behalf of our staff and management.

I am proud of our accomplishments this year but we must continue to strive for excellence in safety!



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# Survival guide for the medical maze

By CATHERINE R. CAMERON  
Special to The News

Getting through the maze of medical bills that seniors receive can sometimes be challenging.

The first thing that I suggest to anyone is to establish a relationship with your doctor's nurse and get the fax number. That way, if you should have an urgent matter and you cannot get through the phone, you can fax a letter to the nurse to get to the doctor. You can always access a fax at your local library or newspaper.

When handling medical bills make sure that you check them for duplicate billing and accuracy. Save all your medical bills as back up for your taxes.

If you do have to complain about an issue give the provider a chance to remedy the problem before complaining to either the Department of Agriculture, Consumer Affairs or the Department of Professional Regulation if the complaint is against a doctor or practice.

If you should have to complain to the Department of Consumer Affairs, you can call directly at (850) 488-2221 or (800) HELP-FLA or go online to [www.800helpfla.com](http://www.800helpfla.com) and go over to the Consumer Affairs link. You can then download the form and mail it to the agency for resolution.

It is useful to keep a log of all your doctor appointments in a calendar to

make things simpler for yourself.

You should also carry a list of all your medications and medical history in case of emergency or doctor's appointments.

When shopping for medical supplement insurance make sure that you shop around for the best possible price and also go over all the options before you sign up. Also, make sure that your physician accepts this plan before you switch.

Do not give your MEDICARE number to anyone other than a doctor or hospital.

Catherine R. Cameron writes from Crawfordville.

AARP Florida:

## Social Security should not be cut

By DOUG HEINLEN  
AARP Florida President

As Social Security celebrates its 75th birthday this month, many older Floridians may not know that the government is suggesting changes to the program to reduce the federal operating budget deficit.

AARP Florida strongly opposes these suggested changes. While the deficit clearly needs to be reduced, it's important to remember that Social Security hasn't contributed a single penny to the federal deficit. Instead, AARP Florida believes any changes to Social Security should focus on keeping the program strong for current and future generations.

Financed by money that hard-working people contribute, Social Security is the one reliable source of income for older Americans and other beneficiaries.

Some 20 percent of Floridians over age 65 rely on the program for all of their income, while 40 percent of African-Americans in Florida depend on it for their entire income as well. It provides financial security to build upon, offers economic security for disabled workers and provides income to the spouses and children of deceased workers.

In essence, its benefits keep millions of Americans out of poverty.

Today, Social Security is financially strong and is in no immediate danger of going broke. In fact, over the years, it has built up a surplus of \$2.5 trillion.

Even without changes, it could pay full benefits until 2037 and nearly three-quarters of promised benefits for decades beyond.

Social Security needs changes to continue to pay the benefits that have been promised to current and future generations.

The changes do not have to be drastic, but the sooner we act, the better.

Any changes should be designed to help Americans prepare for a secure retirement.

Companies can go bankrupt, pensions can be terminated and the stock market can crash. But Social Security benefits are a constant.

Cutting them or privatizing the program is not the answer. Americans cannot afford the social insecurity that will come from risky proposals that put everyone's retirement plans in jeopardy.

If the government wants to restore confidence in our nation's budget picture, they should deal with what has actually caused the deficit.

Doug Heinlen, is AARP's Florida state president.

## Resources for dealing with senior resistance

Just when you thought that a family caregiver's job couldn't get more difficult, consider this: Many of the estimated 30,000 households caring for a senior in the Tallahassee area are trying to help an aging relative who'd rather not have help.

A study of family caregivers who responded to a survey on caregiverstress.com revealed that more than half of the respondents (51 percent) said that their aging relative was very resistant to care. These seniors often object to help whether it's from their own children or a professional who tries to come into their homes to assist.

"This is a real problem

for family caregivers worried about the safety of a senior loved one who might be forgetting food on the stove or neglecting to take their medications," said Scott Harrell, owner of the Home Instead Senior Care office serving the Tallahassee area.

But experts say that keeping fiercely independent seniors safe at home isn't a lost cause; there are solutions for them and their family caregivers. That's why the Home Instead Senior Care network is launching Caring for Your Parents: Education for the Family Caregiver.

The unique, educational program includes a number

of resources that address senior resistance to care as well as a variety of other topics such as choosing an in-home care provider, the signs of aging, long distance caregiving and communicating with aging parents. The free materials and videos are available at [www.caregiverstress.com](http://www.caregiverstress.com).

Why do seniors resist help?

"If seniors admit they need help, they feel their independence is in question," said Harrell. "Seniors believe that once they acknowledge they need help, they'll lose control of their affairs."

The strain can take a particular toll on working family caregivers. The Home Instead Senior Care study revealed that 42 percent of caregivers spend more than 30 hours a week caregiving. That's the equivalent of a second full-time job.

**Help (Not) Wanted**  
Five strategies to help counter a senior's resistance

to assistance:

1. Understand where the resistance is coming from. Ask your parent why he or she is resisting. Oftentimes older adults don't realize they are being resistant.

2. Explain your goals. Remind your loved one that you both want the same thing.

3. Bring in outside help. If a relationship with a parent is deteriorating, ask a professional, such as a geriatric care manager, for an assessment. Also, go to [www.4070talk.com](http://www.4070talk.com) for tips on how to talk with a loved one.

4. Research your options to find the best resources for your loved one. Contact your local Area Agency on Aging or a geriatric care manager to research resources in your community.

5. Respect your parent's decisions. As long as your loved one is of sound mind, he or she should have the final say.

## SafeLink offers free time for low-income families

MIAMI - TracFone Wireless Inc. recently announced that its federal Lifeline offering, SafeLink, will now offer participants of the program in Florida the choice of three monthly plans, including up to 250 minutes of free monthly talk time.

Recognizing that Americans are still struggling through the worst economic recession in decades, SafeLink is renewing and further strengthening its commitment to low-income families by providing the ability to stay connected with current or potential employees, children at home alone while their parents are at work, health care specialists, vital emergency responders, or relatives in time of personal emergencies, such as roadside vehicle breakdowns.

Florida customers previously enjoyed a flat allotment of 150 free minutes per month. The new plans will

allow SafeLink customers in the Sunshine State more options to appropriately address their needs.

To qualify for Lifeline in the state of Florida, a household must participate in one of the following:

- Federal Public Housing Assistance / Section 8;
- Food Stamps;
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP);
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI);
- National School Lunch Program;
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF);
- Medicaid;
- Bureau of Indian Affairs Programs (Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Head Start Subsidy, NSLP);
- Household income at or below 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

## This Appointment Could Help Save Your Life

An Important Message from the Tallahassee Memorial Cancer Center and Southeastern Urological Center

More than 200,000 new cases of prostate cancer are diagnosed in the United States each year and nearly 40,000 men will die from it. The good news is this—if it's found early, the outlook for men diagnosed with prostate cancer is better than ever.

### Who Should Be Screened For Prostate Cancer?

If you are age 50 or older you should be screened by a urologist every year. If you have a father or brother with prostate cancer—or, you are an African American, you should be screened annually beginning at age 40.

  
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Must currently hold a valid Florida Animal Control Officer Certification, including Chemical Capture and Euthanasia training. Applicants may be permitted to obtain the certifications listed above within 6 months of employment.

Experience involving intensive public contact is desirable. Possession of or the ability to obtain a valid Florida driver's license. Applicants must pass a background investigation, drivers license history, and drug screening. Must be available to work weekends, early and late shifts, periodically be "on-call", and available on short notice.

Starting salary is \$10.01 an hour. To apply, send a Wakulla County employment application to Human Resources, P.O. Box 1263, Crawfordville, FL 32326. Applications may be obtained by visiting our website at [www.mywakulla.com](http://www.mywakulla.com) or can be picked up at the County Administrator's office located at 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL. If you have questions regarding qualifications and/or duties and responsibilities, you may contact Deborah DuBoise at 850.926.9500. Veteran's preference will be given to qualified applicants. Wakulla County is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. This advertisement will remain open until position is filled.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE NORTH FLORIDA BROADBAND AUTHORITY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

The North Florida Broadband Authority ("NFBA") announces a meeting of the NFBA Operations Committee that all interested persons are invited to attend. The NFBA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union and Wakulla Counties and municipalities of Cedar Key, Cross City, Lake City, Live Oak, Monticello, Perry, White Springs and Worthington Springs, Florida. The NFBA's Operations Committee meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 2, 2010, at the Cabot Lodge Board Room, 3726 SW 40th Boulevard, Gainesville, FL 32608. The NFBA's Operations Committee meeting will be to conduct general business of the committee. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the NFBA with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation or have any questions please contact Faith Doyle, Clerk to the NFBA Board at (877) 552-3462 or (407) 629-6900 at least one (1) business day prior to the date of the meeting.

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

CASE NO.: 65-2009-CA-000503  
SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ANNETTA D. REATHERFORD, et al, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION  
TO:  
ANNETTA D. REATHERFORD  
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 69 PUEBLO TRAIL, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327  
ALSO ATTEMPTED AT: 248 FRANCIS MAPLES DRIVE, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32310  
AND 295 TRICE LN., CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327-2269  
CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN  
JUSTIN L. REATHERFORD  
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AND 295 TRICE LN., CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327-2269  
CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LOT 25 AND THE WEST 1/2 OF LOT 26, BLOCK 7, WAKULLA GARDENS UNIT TWO, A SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 42, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Marshall C. Watson, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 1800 NW 49th Street, Suite 120, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309 within 30 days after the first publication of this Notice in the Wakulla News and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 4th day of August, 2010.

BRENT X. THURMOND  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
BY: s- IRVINE METCALF  
AS DEPUTY CLERK  
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Legal Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 09-CA-104 DIVISION:

GREEN TREE SERVICES, LLC, successor servicer to GreenPoint Credit LLC,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Emily S. Smith, Wendell A. Croft, Margaret A. Croft, IF LIVING, AND IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THEM; Lisa Shaffer, State of Florida; Florida Department of Revenue; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AND ANY OTHER PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY WHOSE NAMES ARE UNCERTAIN.

Defendant (s).

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to an order or a final judgment of foreclosure entered in the above-captioned action, I will sell the property situated in WAKULLA County, Florida, described as:

TRACT NO. 26, BETTYWOOD

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA (MARKED BY A CONCRETE MONUMENT), THENCE RUN SOUTH 0 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE HALF SECTION LINE, 2227.83 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 594.00 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN NORTH 84 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST, 875.95 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT AND POINT OF BEGINNING OF TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST, 110.00 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF BETTYWOOD DRIVE; THENCE RUN NORTH 80 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF BETTYWOOD DRIVE, 278.47 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 0 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 48 SECONDS EAST, 487.0 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 84 DEGREES 00 SECONDS WEST, 289.91 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SITUATE, LYING ALONG THE EAST SECTION LINE, SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

INCLUDING the following Manufacturing Home: 2000 Fleetwood Anniversary, 28X80, Serial Numbers: FFLY70A28428AV21 & FFLY70B28428AV21.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, in the lobby of the WAKULLA County Courthouse, 322 Shadaville Road, Crawfordville, Florida, 32327 at 11:00 a.m., on September 16, 2010. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 6 day of August, 2010.

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

Individuals with disabilities needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in bidding should contact the Public Administrators office, as soon as possible. If hearing impaired, 1-800-995-8771 (TDD); or 1-800-995-8770 (V) via Florida Relay Service.

August 19, 26, 2010

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

CASE NO.: 09-452-CA

FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

BLUEWATER DEVELOPMENT & CO., INC., CHRISTOPHER P. COPELAND, DAVID B. COPELAND, HIDDEN MEADOWS ON LOWER BRIDGE HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., and LAURIE FAIRCLOTH are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Wakulla County Courthouse 322 Shadaville Road, in Crawfordville, Wakulla County, Florida at 11:00 a.m., on September 23, 2010, the property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 23, Block A of Hidden Meadows, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 66-71, of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida.

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

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

August 26, 2010 September 2, 2010

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

CASE NO. 10-206-CA

JOHN J. RYAN and SHARON W. RYAN,

Plaintiff,

vs.

J. DONALD NICHOLS, EDWIN BROWN, if alive, and if dead, his unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, assignees, and all other parties claiming by through, under or against him,

Defendant.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: EDWIN BROWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Tax Debt Quiet Title has been filed against you, regarding the property described as follows:

LOT 3, BLOCK H, AQUA DE VIDA, A SUBDIVISION AS PER SHOWN BY MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 12, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Wakulla County Parcel ID No. 25-55-02W-046-03397-000

and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on MARY W. COLON, ESQUIRE, SMITH, THOMPSON, SHAW, and MANAUSA, Plaintiff's attorneys, 3520 Thomasville Road, 4th Floor, Tallahassee, Florida 32309-3469, no more than thirty (30) days from the first publication date of this notice of action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED this 9th day August, 2010.

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

August 19, 26, 2010 September 2, 9, 2010

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

Case No. : 10-244-CA

SOUTHERN CONSTRUCTION CO., LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Corporation

Plaintiff,

vs.

SELECT PROPERTIES GROUP, LLC, an administratively dissolved Florida Limited Liability Corporation; SOUTHTRUST BANK, an Alabama Banking Corporation, N/K/A WACHOVIA BANK, N.A., a National Bank; Association AND WIREGRASS HOME-BUILDERS, INC., a Georgia Corporation doing business in Florida.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: SELECT PROPERTIES GROUP, LLC, AND OTHER ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL OTHERS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title to the following property in Wakulla County, Florida:

"Block "J" Lot 26 of Magnolia Gardens, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 37, of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida," (the "Property").

Property Tax Parcel# 00-00-078-013-11085-000

has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on Frances Casey Lowe, plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 3042 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327, on or before date not less than 30 days after the first publication, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on plaintiffs attorney or immediately after service; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

Dated: this 30th day of July, 2010.

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

August 5, 12, 19, 26, 2010

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

Case No. : 10-245-CA

SOUTHERN CONSTRUCTION CO., LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Corporation

Plaintiff,

vs.

SELECT PROPERTIES GROUP, LLC, an administratively dissolved Florida Limited Liability Corporation; SOUTHTRUST BANK, an Alabama Banking Corporation, N/K/A WACHOVIA BANK, N.A., a National Bank; Association; AND WIREGRASS HOME-BUILDERS, INC., a Georgia Corporation doing business in Florida.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: SELECT PROPERTIES GROUP, LLC, AND OTHER ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL OTHERS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title to the following property in Wakulla County, Florida:

"Block "F" Lot 54 of Magnolia Gardens, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 37, of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida," (the "Property").

Property Tax Parcel Id# 00-00-078-013-11501-000

has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on Frances Casey Lowe, plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 3042 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327, on or before date not less than 30 days after the first publication, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on plaintiffs attorney or immediately after service; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

Dated this 30th day of July, 2010.

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

August 5, 12, 19, 26, 2010

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION File No: 10-62-PR

IN RE: ESTATE OF ALEX A. HOBBS,

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ALEX A. HOBBS, deceased, File # 10-62-PR is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. The names and addresses of the co-personal representatives and the co-personal representatives' attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is August 26, 2010

Co-Personal Representative: Gail H. Field, Allen N. Hobbs

Attorney for Personal Representative: Van P. Gseeker, Esquire, File No. 0281506 Iglar & Dougherty, P.A., 2457 Care Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32308 Telephone: (850) 879-2411

August 26, 2010 September 2, 2010

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

TAX DEED FILE NO. 2010 TXD 026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOHN J. ORY SHARON W. RYAN the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate # 1218 Year of Issuance 2008 Description of Property Parcel # 25-55-02W-046-03395-000 AQUA DE VIDA BLOCK H LOT 1 OR 11 P 89 OR 550 P 514

Name in which assessed J. DONALD NICHOLS, as personal representative of the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 15th day of SEPTEMBER, 2010, at 10:00 AM.

Dated this 27th day of July, 2010.

Signature: Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk by: Letha M. Wells, Deputy Clerk of Wakulla County, Florida

August 5, 12, 19, 26, 2010

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

10-65-PR DIVISION - PROBATE

IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES HENRY BURGE, JR.

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of James Henry Burge, Jr., deceased, whose date of death was July 10, 2010 and whose social security number is XXX-XX-0321, is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is August 26, 2010.

Signed on August 20, 2010.

JAMES H. BURGE Personal Representative Marion D. Lamb III Florida Bar No. 0500951 217 Pinewood Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32303 Telephone: (850) 395-0501 Attorney for Personal Representative

August 26, 2010 September 2, 2010

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

CASE NO.: 65-2009-CA-000315 DIVISION:

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ERIC T. SU, et al.

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in WAKULLA County, Florida:

LOT 5 BLOCK D, SUMMERWOOD (UNRECORDED):

COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA AND THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION, A DISTANCE OF 2749.18 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 686.79 FEET TO AN IRON ROD IN THE CENTERLINE OF A 60 FOOT ROADWAY EASEMENT, THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 49 SECONDS WEST 1339.53 FEET TO AN IRON ROD, THENCE RUN SOUTH 0 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF A 60 FOOT ROADWAY EASEMENT 974.82 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 324.94 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST 324.94 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST 331.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH 1989 52X27 FLEETWOOD MOBILHOME, TITLE NUMBER 47728195 AND 47738195, ID NO. F L F L K 3 2 A 1 1 2 8 9 H A N D F L F L K 3 2 B 1 2 8 9 G H.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 9119 Corporate Lake Drive, Suite 300, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 11th day of August, 2010.

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

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

August 19, 26, 2010

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

CASE NO.: 65-2010-CA-000228

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JAN ERICKSON A/K/A JAN H. ERICKSON, et al.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: JAN ERICKSON A/K/A JAN H. ERICKSON LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 187 BEECHWOOD DRIVE, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327 AND 10075 GATTWAY N APT 102, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32246 CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 16 OF THE HATHSFIELD LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA AND THENCE RUN NORTH 16 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 133.68 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 73 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST 395.69 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 16 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 27 SECONDS WEST 568.74 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT LYING ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF BEECHWOOD DRIVE, THENCE RUN NORTH 17 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 172 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST 502.62 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARK #4261), THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 69.90 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 16 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 27 SECONDS EAST 300.06 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 5.31 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Marshall C. Watson, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 1000 NW 49th Street, Suite 120, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309 within 20 days after the first publication of this Notice in the The Wakulla News and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), disabled persons may request a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32326, or call (850) 926-0905 not later than five business days prior to such proceeding.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 4th day of August, 2010.

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

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

August 26, 2010 September 2, 2010

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF WAKULLA COUNTY

announces a special school board meeting to be held on:

DATE: Thursday, September 2, 2010 TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: School Board Room 69 Arroyo Road, Crawfordville, Florida

PURPOSE: Special school board meeting.

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

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

August 26, 2010

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

CASE NO.: 65-2010-CA-000283 DIVISION:

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST DEBRA HOUSSER A/K/A DEBRA J. HOUSSER A/K/A DEBRA JEANE HOUSSER, DECEASED, et al.

Defendants(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST DEBRA HOUSSER A/K/A DEBRA J. HOUSSER A/K/A DEBRA JEANE HOUSSER, DECEASED

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

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LOT 5 BLOCK D, SUMMERWOOD (UNRECORDED):

COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA AND THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION, A DISTANCE OF 2749.18 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 686.79 FEET TO AN IRON ROD IN THE CENTERLINE OF A 60 FOOT ROADWAY EASEMENT, THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 49 SECONDS WEST 1339.53 FEET TO AN IRON ROD, THENCE RUN SOUTH 0 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF A 60 FOOT ROADWAY EASEMENT 974.82 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 324.94 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST 324.94 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST 331.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 9119 Corporate Lake Drive, Suite 300, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.



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

# 'Twas the week before the primaries

By KEITH LAING  
NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA  
TALLAHASSEE, Aug. 20  
- 'Twas the week before the primaries, and all through the state, every creature was stirring, especially candidates.

There was stirring in the polls too, though which direction they were going changed from day to day - and poll to poll.

One showed Republican gubernatorial candidate Bill McCollum and Democratic U.S. Senate hopeful Kendrick Meek, two familiar faces in Florida politics, could be stirring in their tougher-than-expected primaries with new-to-the-scene opponents who have spent millions of dollars to wrest the respective nominations away from them.

A Quinnipiac University poll showed both men surging to leads over their largely self-financed opponents, with McCollum leading former Columbia Healthcare/HCA CEO Rick Scott by a 44 percent to 35 percent margin, and Meek leading by 35 percent to 28 percent over Jeff Greene.

Less than three weeks ago, McCollum trailed Scott by nine points and Meek was behind real estate mogul Greene by 10 points.

Momentum changes all the time. But the same day, a Sunshine State News poll showed Scott still holding a narrow edge on McCollum, 44 to 42 percent.

Explain that. While you're at it, explain last week, when a Mason-Dixon poll showed McCollum leading Scott 34 percent to 30 percent in the GOP gubernatorial primary, with a five percent margin of error.

Or days later, when a

St. Petersburg Times poll conducted by Ipsos Public Affairs had Scott ahead by a 42 percent to 32 percent tally, with the margin of error at 5.9 percent.

A Florida Medical Association poll by The Tarrance Group had McCollum up 44-40.

For those keeping score, in the Democratic U.S. Senate primary, Mason-Dixon showed Meek ahead by 14 points against self-funded Greene while the Ipsos Poll had Greene up by four.

By week's end, no one was sure which numbers were most accurate as the candidates head into the home stretch. The cause for the disparity was likely that some polls were surveying registered voters; some polls were counting only "likely" voters.

Conventional wisdom says likely voter surveys are typically more accurate, unless of course, an unlikely number of voters show up at the polls.

Put another way, your guess is as good as your favorite pollster's.

There was little doubt, however, that the hotly contested primaries could have unintended beneficiaries. Independent Senate candidate Charlie Crist and presumptive Democratic gubernatorial nominee Alex Sink maintained leads of all their possible opponents.

Quinnipiac University's survey of general election matchups showed Sink, who once trailed McCollum by double-digits, now leading 31-29 percent in that hypothetical matchup - within the poll's three percentage point margin of error.

If Scott becomes the GOP nominee, Sink holds a 33-29 percent advantage, with in-

dependent Bud Chiles drawing support from 12 percent of voters.

Looking ahead to the November Senate race, Crist led former House Speaker Marco Rubio 39-32 percent, with Meek gaining 16 percent.

If Greene wins next week's Democratic primary, Crist gets 40 percent and Rubio's 32 percent and Greene's 15 percent.

Crist's numbers were buoyed by a stunning level of support from Democratic voters.

Crist, who broke with the Republican Party in April, pulled more support among Democrats - 45 percent - than either Meek or Greene, who drew 36 and 31 percent respectively.

But that's probably not a surprise to anyone who witnessed lawmakers' reactions to his last few State of the State addresses, when the loudest cheers came from the back of the room.

#### SINK'S NOT WAITING FOR THE RESULTS

Like the rest of us, Alex Sink will find out Tuesday who she will be running against in the fall. But she did not wait this week to get started campaigning for the Governor's Mansion, naming her running mate earlier than expected and launching her first television commercial.

Sink tapped former state Sen. Rod Smith to join her on the ticket, hoping the tough-edged, ex-prosecutor from Gainesville would help her courting conservative voters.

Sink had been expected to wait until after the primaries were over to make her choice, but she said this week she wanted voters being inundated with televi-

sion commercials to know they had "a choice" in the governor's race.

And hoping to make that choice clear for them, Sink released an ad attacking both McCollum and Scott for the harsh GOP primary, with impersonators of Scott and McCollum arguing in a classroom to illustrate the point.

"Don't know about you, but I've had just about enough of politicians attacking each other," Sink said over the argument in the commercial. "I'm Alex Sink, and I'm ready to attack Florida's challenges."

After detailing a few of her campaign promises, Sink closes the ad by saying "the fight I'll be having as governor is for you."

Republican Party of Florida Executive Director Ronnie Whitaker criticized Sink for appearing at a Miami fundraiser with President Barack Obama, but not taking pictures with him.

By contrast, Meek's campaign, which has sought for weeks to show that Obama's administration was not quietly supporting Gov. Crist in the Senate race, couldn't wait to show pictures of the Miami Congressman with Obama.

Just in case anyone missed the news that the president and Meek stopped for sandwiches after the fundraiser, Meek's campaign e-mailed pictures to supporters.

Elsewhere in politics, a couple of high-profile national Republicans got involved in the decidedly low-profile attorney general's race.

Former Alaska governor and vice-presidential nominee Sarah Palin endorsed former Hillsborough prosecutor Pam Bondi on her Facebook page, which carries more weight than when most people click the site's "like" button.

Former Agency for Health Care Administration Secretary Holly Benson quickly countered with an endorsement from former U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who is speculated to be considering a run for president like Palin.

The odd man out, Lt. Gov. Jeff Kottkamp, must be waiting to hear back from former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee.

**With polls changing from day to day - and poll to poll - no one was sure which numbers were most accurate... Your guess is as good as your favorite pollster's.**

to hear back from former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee.

#### CANNON GOES TO BAT FOR REDISTRICTING

In non-political news - that is still very political - House Speaker-designate Dean Cannon took to the Supreme Court to defend the Legislature's attempt to blunt a pair of ballot measures that could threaten the Republican Party's grip on the Legislature and congressional delegation.

In a rare move by an elected official, Cannon, who is also a lawyer, appeared before justices to argue in favor of keeping proposed constitutional Amendment 7 on the November ballot.

He said the measure is needed to assure minorities can maintain representation in the Legislature and Congress when voting district boundaries are redrawn in

2012.

The high court seemed divided on the issue though. Newly installed Chief Justice Charles Canady noted that there was no law that banned a constitutional provision that might be vague or confusing and questioned whether the court even had the authority to prohibit the people from considering an amendment because it is ambiguous.

But Justice Peggy Quince voiced concerns throughout the argument that voters might not know the relationship between the amendments, specifically that Amendment 7 was meant to either counter or add to the other two proposals.

"It just seems to me that we really do the public a disservice if we put these kinds of amendments on the ballot that don't even make reference to the fact that there is something else that's there that is related to them," Quince said.

#### STORY OF THE WEEK:

The candidates - and the polls - were all over the place in this final full week of campaigning before Tuesday's primaries, and a candidate for governor who has the luxury of not having serious primary opposition kicked off the general election in earnest.

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Likely voters are usually a more accurate gauge, unless you have a lot of people who come to the polls who normally don't vote," Lance deHaven Smith, Florida State University professor who studies polling and public policy, summing up the ambivalence of the week's polling.

"Good game. Let's go call grandma on our 100-micron fiber-optic phone."



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