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State to seek death penalty against Wilson

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A Wakulla County grand jury has returned an indictment for two counts of first-degree murder against Andrew Michael Wilson, and the state attorney's office immediately filed a notice of intent to seek the death penalty against him.

The grand jury was convened on Friday, May 6, and the 21 jurors heard the

case against Wilson - and returned an indictment for two counts of first-degree murder, a charge of attempted first-degree murder, burglary of an occupied dwelling armed with a deadly weapon with a person assaulted, and violation of a domestic violence injunction.

Immediately after the indictment was unsealed, Assistant State Attorney Lorena Vollrath-Bueno filed a notice that the state

would be seeking the death penalty against Wilson.

Wilson, 24, is charged with killing John McKenzie, 62, and Patrick Pittman, 24, in a home in Wakulla Station on March 30. He is also charged with attempting to murder his former girlfriend, Gabrielle McKenzie, 19, with whom he has a 1-year-old son.

Gabrielle McKenzie is recovering from knife wounds to her throat. The probable cause

affidavit on file in the courthouse indicates that Wilson wrapped his feet with plastic bags and used duct tape to hold the bags on. He parked his vehicle about a quarter-mile from the McKenzie home and got in using a hidden key he knew about.

At some point during the attack inside the house, Wilson's fingers were nearly severed. He left the scene and was driving his truck to Georgia when he crashed -

possibly due to bloodloss from his wounds.

It has been confirmed that it was Pittman who placed the 911 call that brought deputies to the house. While he died before deputies arrived, his actions are credited with saving the life of Gabrielle McKenzie.

The 1-year-old was in the house when deputies got on the scene - bruised, covered with blood and crying inconsolably.



MUGSHOT: Andrew Wilson's booking photo from the Wakulla County Jail.

FCAT SCORES

Wakulla 8th graders are top in Big Bend

By BETH O'DONNELL
Assistant Superintendent

Wakulla County students made top marks on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test in Writing.

Students in grades 4, 8 and 10 took this state essay test in March and the scores were released on May 4.

The combined 8th grade Wakulla County School District students averaged a 4.4 on a scale of 0 to 6. This ranked Wakulla County 8th grade students with the third highest scores in the state.

Their scores were top in the Big Bend. Eighty-nine percent earned a 4.0 or above. A score of 4.0 is considered proficient.

Wakulla High School 10th grade students ranked fourth in the state with a 4.0 average. They ranked second in the Big Bend. Seventy-one percent scored a 4.0 or above.

Fourth grade students ranked sixth in the state and third in the Big Bend with a combined score of 3.9. Seventy-eight percent scored a 4.0 or above.

"I am proud of the growth our students have shown in writing. Every school at every level showed a marked increase in the percentage of students scoring 4.0 and above," said Superintendent David Miller.

The state has steadily raised the proficiency level from 3.0 to 3.5 to the current 4.0.

FCAT reading, math and science scores and Algebra I End of Course test results will be released later in June.

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Crab Pickin' Fun

The Blue Crab Festival was held in Panacea last weekend, including

the ever-popular crab picking contest, above. The amateur contest was won by Tamika Smith, left, competing against Betty Arban,

center, and Meghan Monaghan. For more, see story and photos on Page 14A. (Photo by Jennifer Raymond.)

Proposals received for Wakulla Springs

By JENNIFER RAYMOND
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The process of contracting out concession operations at Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park and lodge is moving forward as seven proposals have been submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

The proposals were due on May 4 and are currently being reviewed by Division

staff, according to Public Information Officer Kristin Lock.

Once the evaluations are complete, the respondents will be listed at DEP's website, Lock said.

Evaluations are anticipated to be completed as early as this week, she added.

"In light of the need to quickly select a vendor to begin operation of the park's concessions, staff is working to expedite this

process and begin negotiations as early as this month," Lock said.

President of the Friends of the Wakulla Springs Ron Piasecki said he was told the evaluations would be completed by May 20 and then negotiations would begin.

"We're optimistic," Piasecki said.

The request for proposals includes the operation of the 27-room lodge, gift shop

and restaurant.

If a suitable vendor is not found, the state has said the concessions could close with the start of the new fiscal year on July 1.

The idea to contract out concessions to a private vendor came as a way to cut costs by the state.

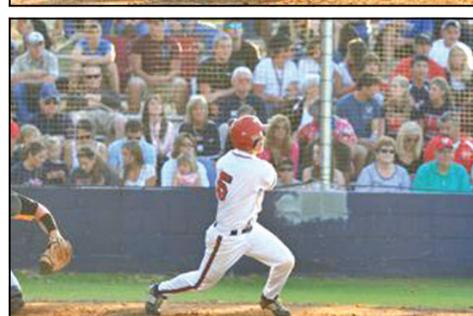
Other parks seeking private vendors for concessions are Hillsborough River State Park and Weeki Wachee Springs State Park.

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War Eagles win semi-final 1-0 over Rutherford

The swing that won the game

Photographer Ken Fields captures Conner Smith's homer:



By JENNIFER HAHN
News Correspondent

The Wakulla War Eagles unanticipated playoff run continued in dramatic fashion on Friday, May 6. The squad shut out the Rutherford Rams beating them 1-0 at home to win the regional semi-final.

Conner Smith hit a first inning home run and that was enough for the win.

Jake Walker closed out the game on the mound, solidifying the War Eagle win as he wore out Rutherford batters. He got the final Ram batter to pop out to Jeff Barnes and the Wakulla fans celebrated in the stands as the team rushed the field.

"The team was ecstatic and proud. It was great to see them pile out of the dugout and go over the fences after the victory," said Head Coach Mike Gauger.

Rutherford entered the game with a record of 22-6, undefeated in district play. The Rams would have been favored by all accounts were it not for the fact that one of their losses was to Wakulla, one week ago, for the district championship.

The War Eagles were on a three-game winning streak that had carried them through districts and the Regional 14-A quarterfinals. With a league record of 0-4, Wakulla had been beating teams in the playoffs that had overwhelmed them in the season.

"Ryan Zimba and Jake Walker have been pitching extremely well and it seems we may be starting to hit a little better in timely situations," said Gauger when asked about Wakulla's recent wins.

Wakulla set out Friday to prove their success was not a fluke. Rutherford was hoping it was.

The War Eagles did not disappoint the hometown faithful. Senior pitcher Ryan Zimba came up huge. He struck out eight batters and with the combined efforts of Walker completely nullified Rutherford's offense. They did not score a run.

With the unwavering defensive fielding displayed by Wakulla, it took only a solo

ELITE 8: Wakulla will play Bishop Kenny in Jacksonville on Friday, May 13, at 7 p.m. for the regional championship. If they win, they will go to the state play-off.

home run by Conner Smith in the first inning to propel the team to victory.

With the win, Wakulla will carry a record of 18-9 to Jacksonville where they will take on Bishop Kenny for the regional final. With only two games separating the team from a regional championship, it is an exciting time to be a War Eagle. Gauger looks forward to a big road game and a chance to see his young men compete again.

"They have put in the time, having all played their whole lives, so hopefully they can just get out there and rely on past experiences. I want them to have fun, enjoying what they're doing and playing for," Gauger said.



JENNIFER HAHN

Who says baseball doesn't have cheerleaders? Makenna, Divida, and Avery Schissler cheer on friend, No. 9, Jeff Barnes.

Newly refurbished Heron launched at Wakulla Springs

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A newly refurbished Heron was launched at Wakulla Springs on Thursday, May 5.

The improvements to the tour boat - fresh paint, new bench seats, and dual electric motors - were paid for by the Friends of Wakulla Springs.

"The Friends have committed to a multi-year project of refurbishing the river cruise boats for Wakulla Springs State Park," said Ron Piasecki, president of the group. "The

Heron is the second boat in the project."

The cost of the project was \$32,000.

Ranger Bob Thompson took the Heron from the Ways facility upriver to the boat dock and then took it for a quick ride before the boat was put into service that afternoon with tours.

The Friends are already planning how to help the Park with getting the boat, the Alligator, back in service.

The waters were clear enough that day for the glass-bottom boats to run.



Wakulla Springs State Park Manager Brian Fugate looks over the new electric motors on the Heron. A gas motor is still available as a back-up.



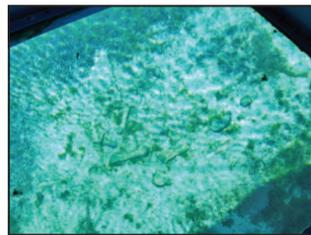
The Heron is launched at the state park's Ways facility, a few miles downriver from the lodge. The tour boat was out later that afternoon, full of passengers.



MAIDEN VOYAGE: Park ranger Bob Thompson at the helm, Ron Piasecki, president of Friends of Wakulla Springs, and Park Manager Brian Fugate on the first trip of the Heron.



WILDLIFE: Six deer feed in a field near the Wakulla River as the Heron passes by.



GLASS-BOTTOM VIEW: The water at Wakulla Springs was clear enough for glass bottom boats to run. After the Heron took off with a load of passengers, Fugate took a glass bottom boat over the spring. At left, mastodon bones in the spring.

Wakulla represented at Sustainable Leadership Academy

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Wakulla County was one of 19 counties chosen to participate in the Gulf Coast Sustainable Economies Leadership Academy held in New Orleans, La., May 2-4.

Wakulla was one of three selected from the state of Florida.

"It was a competitive thing to be at the leadership academy," said Paul Johnson who attended the conference representing the Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce.

Others on the team were County Commissioner Lynn Artz, Leon Jacobs representing the Industrial Development Authority and Pam Portwood representing several non-profit organizations including Florida Foresight and Sustainable Big Bend.

"We had a very diverse and compelling team," Johnson said.

The academy was possible in partnership with the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Clean Economy Development Center and the Institute for Sustainable Communities.

Through a grant from the Surdna Foundation, all expenses were paid for those chosen.

The workshop was intended to provide training and peer learning opportunities focused on improving, expanding and accelerating communities' efforts to develop new economic development programs, such as energy efficiency, re-

newable energy, ecological restoration and community resilience.

Johnson said the idea was to find the economies of the future post Hurricane Katrina and the BP Oil Spill.

Johnson said they were able to see how other communities reinvented themselves and their economic diversification and recovery plan.

"Like a lot of coastal communities, we are on the cusp of redefining ourselves," Johnson said.

A main idea of the workshop was to share experiences and learn from each other.

The two key words of the academy were sustainability and resiliency, Johnson said.

Communities must have economies that sustain for the future and they have to be resilient from natural and man made disasters, he said.

The workshop included guest speakers, discussions and presentations on energy efficiency and renewable energy, aligning resources and funding for sustainable economic development, energy efficiency and renewable energy frameworks and tools, financing strategies for a sustainable economy and restoring local communities, ecosystems and economies.

The next step will be for the team to come back together and debrief, Johnson said.

There is also a joint meeting of the county's Industrial Development Authority and Economic Development Council



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CONFERENCE ATTENDEES: Leon Jacobs, chair of the Wakulla County Industrial Development Authority, Steve Nicholas of the Institute for Sustainable Communities, Pam Portwood, representing Florida Foresight and the Wakulla Tourist Development Council, and Paul Johnson, representing the Wakulla Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Council.

scheduled for May 17.

Johnson said they will come up with a joint plan and a specific project for economic development.

"We need a plan of moving forward," Johnson said.

Johnson said they will decide on a short term project to collaborate on.

Johnson said one project they are looking into is one in Port St. Lucie. They set up a sustainable alternative energy project.

What we learned at the academy will help a lot, Johnson said.

"It was a great opportunity for Wakulla County," Johnson said.

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GOVERNMENT

Jackson leaving as extension agent County looking at curbside pickup

By JENNIFER RAYMOND
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Wakulla County will say goodbye to another county employee this week as Scott Jackson leaves for Bay County. Jackson serves as the Wakulla County Extension Director and has since August 2007.

"He's been a great employee," said Interim County Administrator Tim Barden.

Prior to moving to Wakulla County, Jackson was the Florida Sea Grant Extension Agent for Okaloosa and Walton counties.

Jackson has a bachelor's degree in wildlife and fisheries from Texas A&M University, as well as a master's degree in marine aquaculture.

He heard of the open director position for Wakulla County and had always liked the area so he applied.

Jackson said, "I always enjoyed and admired the natural resources."

The opportunity presented itself and Jackson said it was a no brainer.

"It's a beautiful place to live and work," Jackson said.

Later on, he said he discovered how nice the people are too.

Something he said he'll always remember is the love and support his family received after his wife, Angela, was diagnosed with cancer two years ago.

"I'll never forget and I'll always be grateful," Jackson said.

Angela is healthy now, Jackson said, and part of that reason is because of the community, including members of his church.

Some of the accomplishments Jackson is proud of is the response his office gave during these tough economic times. This involves the need for increased food at local food banks.

"We have to make sure we have enough food," Jackson said.

Jackson said they set up a system that took a lot of work to implement and involved different agents and groups working together.

Jackson estimated that about 25 percent of Wakulla County households utilize food banks.

In 2007 and 2008, the number was about a third of that.



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

MOVING ON: Wakulla Extension Agent Scott Jackson, who has been here since 2007, is leaving to take a position in Bay County.

"There's a pressing need," Jackson said. "That we have to continue to work on."

Jackson said he was also proud of the involvement the extension office had in the oil spill.

The office worked on wildlife issues and helped facilitate training for 900 community response volunteers.

"It was a real memorable event," Jackson said.

He added that the office also helped with the 1,000 of people who showed up for the vessels of opportunity training held at Wakulla High School.

Jackson said although he is leaving Wakulla County, he will continue to work with the county on regional issues.

"I'm not going that far away," Jackson said.

He will be a marine science agent for Bay County and will be closer to his wife's family.

The cooperative extension service is administered by the University of Florida who has a partnership with Wakulla County.

The county pays for half of the director's salary, Barden said.

"We definitely got our money's worth," Barden said of Jackson. "He's knowledgeable on so many different aspects."

The University of Florida will interview and recommend a director

to Barden.

Barden said it typically takes four to six months.

In the meantime, Shelley Swenson, extension agent, will serve as interim director.

"She's definitely qualified," Barden said.

Jackson agreed and said, "She'll do a good job and bridge the gap."

Barden said he is unsure if Swenson would want the job permanently.

"I just hope we get someone half as good as Scott," Barden said.

Jackson wanted to encourage people to continue to support the extension office and provide the new director with that same support.

"That lead role is key and very important," Jackson said.

The mission of the cooperation extension service is to improve lives by developing knowledge in agriculture, natural resources and the life sciences and to make that knowledge accessible to sustain and enhance the quality of human life.

Locally this is done through research-based educational programs in Agriculture, Horticulture, Family and Consumer Sciences, marine interest and 4-H Youth Development.

A farewell reception will be held for Jackson on Friday, May 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the extension office.

By JENNIFER RAYMOND
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The county commission has decided to move forward with request for proposals to get a franchise hauler for trash pickup and recycling.

The hauler would also be responsible for disposal.

Under this plan, county residents would be required to pay for trash pickup.

This option was presented by Commissioner Alan Brock last year during the controversial solid waste assessment that was being proposed.

In September 2010, the commission held a final public hearing regarding the fee and voted three to two, with Commissioners Lynn Artz and Brock opposing, to not adopt the fee.

However, in December 2010, the commission held a workshop on solid waste and decided at that time to readdress the solid waste assessment.

The assessment would charge each household \$112 per year and they would no longer have to pay tipping fees at the transfer station. Commercial properties would not be charged the assessment and would still pay tipping fees.

The commission is looking at charging this fee to pay for costs to close and seal the landfill, build or upgrade its current transfer station and monitor the existing closed landfills around the county.

However, Brock has said that if the county is going to charge a fee, it should also provide a service.

At the May 2 meeting, Commissioner Randy Merritt suggested the county issue a request for proposals for solid waste collection to see what is out there, but to also move forward with the solid waste assessment.

"Let's figure out what it's going to cost," Merritt said.

County Attorney Heather Encinosa suggested the commission see if it wants to pursue a franchise hauler and then make a decision regarding the assessment.

Artz said she wanted to follow the attorney's recommendation.

She added that there was no need to spend \$15,000 on mailing out notices to residents about the solid waste assessment if they decide to go with the other option.

Encinosa said there

would be time to issue an RFP and if the commission decided against that to then put the solid waste assessment on the tax roll.

The deadline to put the assessment on the tax roll in November is Sept. 15.

Merritt said he is against mandatory garbage pickup, but is OK with seeing what's out there.

"I'm not in favor of government telling me to have my garbage picked up," Merritt said.

Brock said most people he has talked to are against the concept all together, or want curbside.

Artz suggested that included in the RFP is closure of the landfill, garbage collection and periodic pickup of bulk items, in addition to recycling.

Commissioner Mike Stewart said an issue with bulk items is residents having to wait and hold on to the item. He also wondered what people would do with construction and demolition trash.

"I think it will encourage more woods dumping," Stewart said.

Brock suggested people take those items to Marpan Recycling.

Public Works Director Cleve Fleming said dumpsters could be placed at the existing site to accommodate for those items.

Fleming added that the one hauler would be responsible for everything.

Stewart said he thought it was going to be too expensive.

"We're a very rural county," Stewart said.

He added that the biggest complaint he has heard from citizens who live on dirt roads about having to drag their trash cans a long distance to bring it out to the road for pickup.

Fleming said the county has to do something, either curbside or the assessment.

"Wakulla County has to make a change," Fleming said.

Improvements are needed at the transfer station to bring it into compliance with the Department of Environmental Protection, as well covering the cost of closing the landfill.

The commission decided to proceed with issuing the RFP and will vote on advertising the RFP on solid waste collection at its May 16 meeting.

Workshop set on Fire, EMS consolidation

By JENNIFER RAYMOND
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After the last county commission meeting and the idea of consolidating the Wakulla County Public Safety Department with the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office was discussed, Commissioner Lynn Artz said she heard from numerous firefighters and EMS employees who were upset.

These people were upset because no one told them that the sheriff was performing a study of possible cost savings by consolidating these services.

"That study came as a surprise to them," Artz said.

She then presented to the commission what the Wakulla County United Firefighters Association requested.

WCUFFA wanted the commission to hold a town hall meeting to let EMS and fire provide information about their services, ways they have already cut costs and additional ideas to

reduce costs.

They also wanted to be able to perform their own study of possible cost savings if EMS and fire are consolidated under the county commission.

They also requested that staff evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of fire and EMS and compare those services to other jurisdictions.

"There's some assumption that our department is inefficient," Artz said.

She added that she wanted to see the data that supports that statement.

Wakulla Station Volunteer Fire Department Chief Delana Johnson said the volunteers were concerned about how consolidation would impact them.

She added that they were also concerned about losing their voice and budget reductions.

"Give serious consideration to both sides," Johnson said.

Crawfordville Volunteer Fire Department Chief D'arcy Brazier said, "What

does the sheriff know about firefighting?"

"Please give us a chance to participate in this," Brazier added.

Commissioner Jerry Moore said fire and EMS should get together and see what they can do to save money.

Commissioner Randy Merritt said he is willing to look at anything and doesn't feel the fire department is inefficient. However, he said he feels it could cut back in some administrative areas.

Stewart said he wants to know what the fire de-

partment needs in order to operate and to also discuss this at the committee meetings held with the fire chiefs.

Brazier said the department would like to present its plan to be more efficient.

Moore said he wanted to look at everything.

"There's no sacred cow in this county," Moore said.

The commission will hold a workshop for fire and EMS to present their ideas on May 26 at 5 p.m. in the commission chambers.

PUBLIC NOTICES

For our readers' convenience, The Wakulla News will provide this Public Notice Section in our A-section for all Public Notices not published in the Legal Notice section of the newspaper.



City of Sopchoppy

NOTICE OF MEETING CHANGE

The City of Sopchoppy will be changing the date of the regular May meeting from the second Monday to the **third Monday in May**. The meeting will be held, **May 16, at 6:30 p.m.**, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, FL.

May 5, 12, 2011

City of Sopchoppy

CITY ELECTION NOTICE

The City of Sopchoppy will be holding elections for **three** seats on the Sopchoppy City Council. These seats are currently held by Colleen Skipper, Richard Harden and James Stokley. Any resident who is a registered voter may qualify as a candidate with the City Clerk. Qualifying begins May 6 2011. **The last day for qualifying will be Friday, May 20 2011 at NOON.** Any resident wishing to qualify should register with the City Clerk and obtain the necessary forms. Elections will be held at City Hall Annex, 100 Municipal Avenue from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 14, 2011.

For more information, contact City Clerk, Jackie Lawhon or Deputy Clerk Linda Langston at City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, FL or by phone 962-4611.

May 5, 12, 2011

City of Sopchoppy

WORKSHOP NOTICE

The City of Sopchoppy will be holding a workshop **Monday, May 23** to review the proposed Employee Pay Classifications and Personnel Policies of the City. A **second** workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, **May 24** to review CDBG Grant Opportunities. Both meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, Florida.

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Oil spill bill passes

The much-watched bill that is intended to promote economic development in the counties most affected by last summer's Deepwater Horizon oil spill passed the legislature last week.

SB 2156 creates the Department of Economic Opportunity with the executive director of the new agency will be confirmed by the Senate.

The bill also includes language relating to oil spill recovery for the Panhandle - including Wakulla County - defining the most affected counties and waiving certain requirements for companies seeking to open there.

The bill moves Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development, the Department of Community Affairs, and the Agency Workforce Innovation functions into the new agencies Oct. 1.

The counties are Bay, Escambia, Franklin, Gulf, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, and Wakulla.

It also appropriates \$10 million per year for three fiscal years to develop and implement an economic strategic plan in counties designated as disproportionately affected.

It directs how funds received by the state for damages caused by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill may be directed.

- from News Service of Florida

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GUEST EDITORIAL

It's spring in rural America

By JOHN CRABTREE
Center for Rural Affairs

My daffodils are in bloom, setting my flower bed ablaze with beautiful yellow flowers. Every available space in my house that gets direct sunlight is dedicated to seedlings for my garden.

All this reminds us of the importance of farming, ranching and local food production to many of America's rural communities.

And the national resurgence of gardening is a hopeful sign for the role local foods can play in revitalizing rural communities.

The only way to appreciate the true value of a tomato (or any other vegetable) is to experience the effort and sheer joy of raising one yourself.

That's one reason the Center for Rural Affairs, with help from USDA and Siouland Community Foundation grants, helped create the Siouland Community Garden project (www.cfra.org/node/2735).

A partnership with the public library, extension office and the City of South Sioux City, Neb., the project covers organic practices, presentations from local market farmers and hands-on garden training.

But it doesn't stop there, offering trainings for potential market gardeners and new farmers that include business planning, marketing and more.

In its second year, the project is a model that other communities should emulate.

Little things are often important things. Gardens provide a sense of community ownership, as well as fresh fruits and vegetables.

Those of us who would see our communities – rural and urban – know the benefits of a renewed and revitalized local food system should do what we can to become a part of it, even if only in a small way.

John Crabtree is with the Center for Rural Affairs. He can be contacted at johnc@cfra.org.

READERS WRITE:

Say farewell to Scott Jackson at gathering

Editor, The News:

One of our key county leaders is soon leaving to pursue his career elsewhere. Later this month Scott Jackson, UF/IFAS Wakulla County Extension Director will move his talents and his family to serve the Extension clientele in Bay County.

In the short time he has been in Wakulla County he has facilitated many changes within the office, as well as all across the County.

His impact on his staff will never be

forgotten.

I know that everyone who has worked with him professionally and personally feels similarly.

I hope you will join the Extension personnel for a gathering in his honor from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, May 13 at the Extension Office. Assist us with expressing our gratitude to Scott for a job well done.

Shelley Swenson
UF/IFAS Wakulla County
FCS Agent

Thanks for support of Jam 4 Camp

Editor, The News:

On behalf of Wakulla County 4-H, the 4-H Advisory Committee, our volunteers, leaders and 4-H youth, we would like to sincerely thank everyone who came out and supported our Jam 4 Camp event on April 30.

We had live entertainment from Back Lash, Woody Harvey, Rick Ott, Canopy Road, The SAIL High School Bluegrass Ensemble and Broken Axle.

We had over 20 vendors selling everything from potato bags to wooden benches and everyone enjoyed the beautiful weather.

We would especially like to thank our Major Marshmallow Sponsors – Progress Energy, Wakulla County Tobacco Prevention S.W.A.T. as well as our Cool Canoe Sponsors Purple Martin Nursery, Wakulla County Parks and Recreation Department

and the Wakulla Men's Club. Our Golden Guitar Sponsors were Gatortrax Services LLC, Centennial Bank, Printing on Demand, Green Earth Recycling, Talquin Electric, Capital City Bank and Winn-Dixie.

At the end of the day, the Canopy Road Band was awarded the "Jam 4 Camp Champ" title and will be back next year to defend their title.

Thanks once again to everyone who came out to support us and for helping 4-H raise almost \$4,000 to help kids attend camp this year! We wanted to let everyone know that there are still slots available in all of our camps and T-shirts are still for sale.

If you missed it this year, you missed a great time, but get ready to come out next year on April 28, 2012, and Jam 4 Camp again!

Sherri Kraeft
4-H Coordinator

Reaction to bin Laden's death was troubling

By KEVIN HALL
Ochlockonee Bay UMC

In light of the recent news events of this past week, with the killing of Osama bin Laden and those who were with him, I am both horrified and sickened by the actions and the words of some who call themselves Christians.

I realize that this written statement will go against the grain of many, but I invite you to listen (and read) before you make a final judgment on my conviction.

I come before you now as a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to which I have covenanted to Almighty God to be His ambassador of Grace and Love to all people. If it were not for His Grace we all would be destined to eternal separation from His presence, a certain and undeniable hell.

But out of His love for all people, even while we are covered in sin, He sent His Son Jesus Christ to die upon the cross, to be for all people the final atonement for sin.

This is His Grace. The Grace of Almighty God. Grace afforded to all people who receive it unto themselves.

Reasonably then, we are persuaded under conviction of God's Holy Law to prevent the efforts of murder of innocent men, women, and children of the whole world. We are persuaded to advocate life to the fullest means possible for all people.

And we are persuaded to mourn for those who are killed before their predestined time.

Vengeance belongs to God, and God alone! Who amongst us are deemed worthy to proclaim and judge an individual unwor-

thy? Only God and God alone!

To witness a parade-like atmosphere where people dance in the streets upon the news of bin Laden's death is no less distasteful than the parade-like atmosphere where a radical sect of people danced in the streets upon the news of the attacks.

Have we succumbed to the same level of unrighteousness?

Indeed, we can be grateful that there will be no longer any murderous plans of attack from bin Laden upon anyone, but what of his next successor and then the next for years to come.

Throughout the history of the world mankind has plotted to kill his neighbor for his own selfish desires. Be they religious desires or just pure greedy desires.

I call upon all people who claim the name "Christian" to fall now upon your knees and begin to fervently pray for those who would be enemies of one another throughout the world.

Hear again these words of Jesus Christ, "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor, and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:43-45 NIV

Where have our prayers gone for our enemies or have they even been offered up?

We as a nation founded under Biblical principles have removed all trace of God within the government establishment, yet we hear the leaders proclaim that God has smiled down upon us.

I cannot stand before you nor sit idly by without asking you to reflect upon

the principles and teaching of Jesus Christ as you determine how you will handle this occurrence of human death.

It saddens me greatly to realize how many will sit within a sanctuary this Sunday morning, within God's presence, and give thanks for the death of any individual. When in fact we should be on our knees praying for them to come to the Light of Christ Jesus rather than asking for them to be sent to the darkest portion of hell.

I am reminded of a criminal who was being duly executed according to his crime, by his own admission, as recorded in the Gospel of Luke.

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals – one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One."

The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:33-43 NIV

That which Christ Jesus did for the criminal upon the cross, hours or perhaps moments before his death, could Christ Jesus not do for our enemies? Even the like of Osama bin Laden?

I welcome debate upon this statement in our leisure time, certainly not during our time of Worship to Almighty God. For this is His time, as all-time should be.

Kevin Hall is the pastor of Sopchoppy/Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Church. He can be contacted at livinginhim@gmail.com.

Experience at News was worthwhile

Editor, The News:

I would like to thank The Wakulla News for allowing me the honor and privilege of volunteering. I have gained valuable learning experiences in which I will be able to utilize in future employment.

This was the most pleasurable work environment that I have ever been a part of

and I want you to know that I appreciate the opportunity that was given by you all.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to you all, I truly enjoyed the controlled insanity of it.

Yours sincerely,

Ethel Brown
Crawfordville

Leo Lovel shared with students

Editor, The News:

We would like to thank Mr. Leo Lovel for the wonderful books he donated to our school. He donated enough copies of "The All-Florida Reader" that we could each have our own copy.

"The All-Florida Reader" is a collection of stories he wrote about fishing, hunting, his childhood and other adventures. We

have enjoyed adding our own stories in the blank pages of the book. Also, we would like to thank him for coming to speak to our classes about his books.

It was awesome to be able to meet him in real life and get his autograph.

Sincerely,

COAST Charter School
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Fire, EMS aren't broken, so don't try to fix

Editor, The News:

The fire department and the ambulance service.... if is not broken, it does not need to be fixed.

We have one of the best Fire Departments and Ambulance Services in the North Florida area and I cannot imagine making it

any better so let's leave it the way it is.

When we have needed the ambulance service, they have been there for us in a very timely manner and my family and I are grateful for that.

Catherine Cameron
catherine.cameron@lscu.coop

Sen. Montford opposed to state budget plan

North Florida Senator Bill Montford, D-Tallahassee, on Friday cast a firm vote against the Legislature's budget plan citing cuts to education and state employees, and the negative impact these cuts will have on small businesses, as the primary reasons.

"I know we have to make cuts, but the cuts to our schools and to the people who serve our state were just too much," stated Montford.

"If we are to grow our economy and attract new businesses to the Sunshine State, we have a duty to offer a high quality education system and high quality public services. We can't continue asking people to do more and more with less and less because at some point the system will break down.

"This budget puts too great a strain on our schools and public institutions and for that reason I felt I must oppose it," he said.

"Additionally, less discretionary income for these hard workers has direct impacts on many of the businesses in my district.

"As a matter of fact, the three percent

Florida Retirement System budget issues will reduce the spending power in the 11 counties that I represent by over \$77 million. That is going to devastate everything from restaurants, to dry cleaners and many other small businesses in my district.

"For these reasons and many others, I cannot support this budget."

In debate, Sen. Montford outlined the reasons for his opposition while acknowledging the challenges of crafting a budget in a tough year.

Sen. Montford expressed gratitude and respect for his colleagues, from both sides of the aisle, and thanked the Senate Leadership for the opportunity he was afforded, as a Senate newcomer, to be part of the process.

Sen. Montford also expressed his respect for his colleagues, from both sides of the aisle.

Bill Montford was elected to represent Senate District 6 in the 2010 general election.

Letters

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Then there were 2: County administrator job down to Edwards, Portwood

He added that in his professional life, he has worked with a lot of county managers and city staffs and admired the work they did.

"I wanted that opportunity," Edwards said.

In these economic times and the real estate market the way it is, the desire to be a county administrator was pushed to the forefront, he said.

"I feel like I have good, well rounded experience and would bring a lot to the county," Edwards said.

Edwards is married to

a little brighter than it has," she said. "I'm good at finding the strengths and exploiting them."

Interview questions

The commissioners were given the opportunity to ask each candidate the same questions ranging from experience to improving revenues to their opinion on full public disclosure.

Edwards spoke of his experience dealing with developments that were troubled and the steps he would take to improve

and his home purchase and relationship with county vendors, the candidates were asked if they believed in full public disclosure.

Both agreed that anything that is a conflict or if there was a problem, it would need to be disclosed.

Commissioner Randy Merritt then asked each candidate how long they planned to be the county administrator if hired, trying to determine whether this job would be a stepping stone for them.

Edwards said, "I don't need this for my resume."

He added that he plans to retire in Wakulla County as county administrator.

Portwood said this position would not be a stepping stone for her, but said she is always open to opportunities.

"I consider them as they come," Portwood said.

Commissioner Lynn Artz then asked each candidate how they would reduce energy and make the county administration and county more energy efficient.

Edwards said he would look at the Public Works Department which has a large number of vehicles and see if smaller vehicles can be used or ones that are more fuel efficient. He said he would also look at operating four 10-hour days. He would also look at the building department and make sure the proper vehicles are being used.

As far as electricity, he said he would implement a system that shuts off once the offices are closed.

He also suggested investing in park and ride areas for those commuting to Tallahassee.

Portwood said she would look at where the county is spending the most on energy and see where the problems are and then set policy to address those problems.

She added that she would also look at similar counties and see what they have implemented.

As far as the county itself, she spoke of Sustainable Big Bend, an organization she co-founded, and how it tries to show people how they can live more simply.

She stressed the importance of educating individuals and families.

Commissioner Mike Stewart asked what each applicant thought their role was in working with the commission, the county attorney and the community.

Edwards said, "I will work at the pleasure of the board."

He added that he would present the information and then do what the board instructs.

With the community, Edwards said his door will always be open.

"I will be out in the public," Edwards said.

Portwood said her role with the board would be to



PHOTOS BY CAROLE TOLER

LAST 2: Remaining candidates for the county administrator job are David Edwards, top, and Pam Portwood, above.

Lara Beck Edwards, who is administrative assistant to the county administrator. She was hired by former administrator Ben Pingree.

Portwood lives in Crawfordville and has lived in Wakulla County since 1991. She currently serves as the director of the Wakulla County Tourist Development Council and the resource development officer for Tallahassee Community College.

She worked for Wakulla County as director of the office of special projects for a little more than a year and prior to that was the director of the Wakulla County Grants Department for almost 10 years.

Portwood said her 28 years of public administration and 14 years specifically dealing with Wakulla County make her uniquely qualified for the position.

Portwood said it wasn't an easy decision to decide to apply for the position because of what the other county administrators have been through, but knowing who she would be working with and the assets the county has made her want to work with them.

"And let their light shine

those developments. First, Edwards said, "You've got to get a hold of the pocket book."

After that, he said he would look at potential revenues, try and streamline operations, make cuts and then fundamental changes. And sometimes, he said he would stop all operations and start over.

He added that he plans to take the same approach with the county.

"I need to get in and see what's going on," Edwards said.

He said he would look at the money that is going out first, then look at each department and compare the work load to personnel.

Portwood had a similar answer and said she would go through the budget with a fine tooth comb.

She added that she felt some of the county processes needed to be looked at and streamlined.

She said she felt some of the county's talents have been displaced and taken off target and she would get it back on track.

"I can get things moving," Portwood said.

In light of the controversy that surrounded Pingree



CAROLE TOLER

BOARD LISTENS: Chairman Mike Stewart and commissioners Jerry Moore and Lynn Artz listen to the answers during the interviews.

provide it with the information needed to make the right decision. She added

last two candidates. The commissioners will now chose who their top

by taking vacation time for his interview. But she said she didn't feel the commis-

“ I’m grieving for our county now. ”
 – Lynn Artz on Richard Reade removing himself from consideration for the administrator job.

that she would also be responsible for the daily functions of the county administration.

As far as the community, she said she would be involved in the community and also make government as transparent as possible.

Commissioner Alan Brock presented the last question to each candidate and wanted to know what they would do the first month on the job.

Edwards said he would get around and meet all the county staff to better understand the entire picture.

He added that he would also find out what's going on with each department and develop a strategy to handle any problems and make any changes that were necessary.

"I believe in stable management," Edwards said. "And I want to get there as quick as possible."

He added that if a change is made, it will be measured to see if it's effective.

He also said he will attend all meetings and try and gain as much information as possible.

Portwood said she would try and prepare in the months leading up to starting the job.

Once in the position, she said she would look at the personnel policy and position descriptions and make sure the county staff's strengths are being used in the best way possible.

Commissioner Jerry Moore did not have any questions for the candidates, but did have some comments.

Of Edwards, Moore said he was overqualified for the position and the county would be lucky to have him.

He told Portwood that there was no question she loves Wakulla County and she should be proud that she made it down to the

candidate is and the person who receives the most No. 1 votes could be the next county administrator.

At the May 16 meeting, the commission will either approve or disapprove the top candidate.

Reade drops out

Originally there was supposed to be three candidates at the final interview, but Richard Reade dropped out the day of the interview. After interviews, the commission had Reade ranked as the top candidate.

Reade is currently the assistant manager and sustainability officer for the city of Delray Beach.

Commissioner Lynn Artz addressed the public informing them why Reade was not present and why she felt he withdrew.

"His comfort level was not high enough," Artz said Reade told her.

She added that Reade showed the commission his interest in the position

showed its interest in him.

At a previous meeting, Artz had asked the board to reimburse Reade for his mileage for the final interview, but she could not get a second on the motion and it failed.

"I think we snubbed him," Artz said. "I think we were penny wise and pound foolish."

She added that the county's reputation probably scared him away.

"Our county has a well-deserved reputation for nasty politics and character assassinations," Artz said.

She continued to say that she didn't think he felt the county would have welcomed him and given him a fair chance.

"Sadly, I think he's probably right," Artz said.

She added that some other county will end up hiring him and Wakulla County will continue to struggle.

"I'm grieving for our county now," Artz said.

'In our own voice' is held at NAMI

By JANICE MCFARLAND
 Special to The News

"In our own voice" was a program sponsored by NAMI Wakulla on Monday, April 25, at which people spoke of their experiences in dealing with psychological issues in their own and others' lives - bringing insight to mental health and the healing process.

John Padgett spoke of the challenges of being properly diagnosed and accepting responsibility for one's choices.

Danny Willis spoke of how Post Traumatic Stress Disorder affects not only individual lives, but entire cultures, and how one can

adapt and live in the healing process.

Elizabeth Woodsmall spoke concerning anxiety and identity disorders, multiple personality disorder, PTSD, the effects of childhood trauma, and treatment options. She has found that in helping others, we help ourselves.

NAMI Connections, a weekly support group, meets on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. at the NAMI office, 2140 Crawfordville Hwy.

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Obituaries

Alice M. Bruce

Alice M. Bruce, 88, died May 6, in Lake City. She was born in Aucilla on Jan. 2, 1923, and lived in Quincy for many years.

Visitation was Tuesday, May 10, at the Charles McClellan Funeral Home in Quincy. A graveside service was held Wednesday, May 11, at 11 a.m. at the Hillcrest Cemetery, Quincy. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Survivors include four sons, Benny (Diane) Bruce and Toby (Shirley Bates) Bruce of Tallahassee, Mike (Shari) Bruce of Lake City and Vernon (Mary) Bruce of Crawfordville; and 12 grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Elijah Bruce, and stepchildren, Sarah Dalton and Johnny Bruce.

Charles McClellan Funeral Home in Quincy was in charge of the arrangements.

Marjorie R.L. Onkey

Marjorie Raker Lowe Onkey, 84, of Tallahassee passed away on May 10 after a brief illness.

She was born Oct. 10, 1926, in Crawfordville, the second child of five born to Hobson and Beulah Raker. She retired from the Florida Department of Rehabilitative Services and was a member of First Baptist Church in Tallahassee.

Growing up in Crawfordville, she attended Crawfordville High School and participated in the girl's basketball team. After graduation, she attended Lively Business School. She was an executive secretary for the Florida Department of Rehabilitative Services and retired in 1983. She raised two children with her loving husband Aaron before he passed away in 1984. Marjorie enjoyed traveling and made trips to Spain and England. She enjoyed spending time at Oyster Bay with her second husband John and was an enthusiastic grandmother to Casey Lynne and Erin.

Visitation will be on Thursday, May 12, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Culley's MeadowWood, 700 Timberlane Road in Tallahassee. The funeral services will be held at Culley's MeadowWood, Timberlane Chapel on Friday, May 13, at 10 a.m. The burial will follow. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Project of Tallahassee, 301 E. Tharpe St., Tallahassee FL 32303-5552.

Survivors include her children, Tracey Lowe of Tallahassee and son, Brian Lowe (Francie) of Crawfordville; two granddaughters, Erin Lowe and Casey Lynne Lowe; her sister, Linda Kennedy of Manchester, Tenn.; two brothers, Warren (Council) Raker of Tallahassee and Jimmy (Jane) Raker of Crawfordville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Aaron L. Lowe; second husband, John P. Onkey; and sister, Eldred Karker.

Jesus River Festival is held in Sopchoppy

Special to The News

Rock 'n roll, bluegrass, contemporary, gospel, blues.

Church has never sounded like this as Christian musicians brought their unique worship styles to the third annual Jesus River Festival that took place at the Sopchoppy City Park on March 19.

"Our vision is to bring all different types of worship styles together into one, exciting worship event," Wakulla One coordinator Denita Lambou said. "We want Christians to be able to come together in unity, no matter the church denomination or age or race of the person. The focus is on Christ, and there was something for everyone to enjoy there."

More than 500 people came to enjoy the music, which included international performer The Ernie Garcia Band, local talent from Acoustic Praise, the Treadway Brothers, Laura & Ian Tuttle, and Tracy & Jeanie Perez. Also performing was the New Bluegrass Gospel Connection out of South Carolina and Rick McNight from Oklahoma.

Although music was the driving force behind the festival, there were also praise dance and mime performances from Free Fire Ministries of Carabelle, personal testimonies, and even an impromptu singing performance from some enthusiastic audience members. Children's ministries also provided

the youngest guests with games, songs, stories and craft activities that focused on the celebration of Jesus Christ.

"The Jesus River Festival adopted the Feeding Wakulla Task Force as a service project to collect canned goods for local food banks, and the response was great!" explained one JRF organizer, Nathan Lewis. "JRF was also a great place to learn about some of the local ministries that offer guidance and services for those who may be recovering from addictions or facing unplanned pregnancies or who may just need prayer during a troubling time."

There was no charge for the event, and the guests were treated to free burger, hotdog and chicken plates as well as door prizes from community businesses and give-aways from WAVE 94. "We really just wanted to bless those who came," Lewis said.

"And I want to thank the numerous volunteers, churches and businesses who contributed to the success of the festival. However, it's not even really about the event. It's all about Christ and His glory."

Musicians, ministries, or churches who are interested in learning more or participating in the 2012 Jesus River Festival can contact the organizers at www.jesuseriverfest.com, or through the event sponsor Wakulla One at www.wakullaone.com.

Heartsong will perform at Good News Assembly on Sunday

The ministry group Heartsong will be at Good News Assembly of God on Sunday morning May 15. The group is on summer tour as a part of the ministry training they are receiving at Central Bible College in Springfield, Mo.

The group of 23 students will be traveling this summer to put into practice the things they have studied. These students are earning degrees in such fields as music ministry, media, missions, pastoral ministry and youth or children's ministry.

They will be leading in praise and worship, providing special music, delivering devotionals, prayer and teaching.

Everyone is invited to join Pastor Fielder and the congregation at Good News Assembly in enjoying this ministry group. Sunday School starts at 9:30 a.m. Morning worship will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Good News Assembly is located at 2028 Bloxham Cutoff just over a mile east of the intersection of 319 and 267 near Wakulla Springs.

New Testament Bible Church will hold services at The Works

Thanks to the generosity and help of local business owners and officials, the New Testament Bible Church will be meeting every Sunday from noon to 1 p.m. in the conference room at The Works, located at 27F Azalea Drive off Crawfordville Hwy., just behind the Pizza Hut and CVS Pharmacy in the middle of Crawfordville.

Come on in and get a great cup of coffee and join the prayer and Bible study.

The value of starting a new church is that all human tradition is thrown out, and a new start is made with only the teachings of the Bible to be our guide.

Two of the Biblical activities that will always be a part of this church are prayer and Bible study. We need you, and you need us.

Of course, the Lord Jesus answers our prayers, but He also gave a special promise for those who meet and pray for each other. I do not know about you, but I need answers to prayer, so I want to do whatever it takes to see my prayers answered and answered with power. One prayer can remove mountains.

One prayer can change the world. Jesus promised in Matthew 18:19, "Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."

We will not know how to pray for you, and you will not know how to pray for us unless you come and meet with us. It says in Amos 3:3, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed."

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McClendon welcomed into honor society



Joseph McClendon

Joseph McClendon was inducted into the Phi Theta

Kappa International Honor Society at the Rho Tau Tallahassee Community College induction ceremony on March 24.

McClendon is a 2010 graduate of Providence Christian Academy in Crawfordville.

He is a native of Wakulla County.

He is the son of Fred and Dawn McClendon of Crawfordville.

His grandparents are Don and Sharon McClendon of Crawfordville and Hilda Morris of Panama City.

Waltman makes NFCC president's honor roll

North Florida Community College student and Wakulla County resident Randal L. Waltman of Crawfordville has been named to the President's Honor Roll for Spring Term 2011.

The President's Honor Roll recognizes outstanding academic achievement at the completion of each semester. Inclusion on the list is awarded to all full-time

students who, during spring term, have earned a grade point average of 3.8 to 4.0 on course work of at least 12 hours.

A total of 35 students were named to the President's Honor Roll for Spring Term 2011.

For information contact the Office of College Advancement, (850) 973-1653 or email News@NFCC.edu.

Happy first birthday



Lexie McClendon

Lexie Elaine McClendon celebrated her first birthday on April 22.

She is the daughter of Fred and Dawn McClendon of Crawfordville.

She has five brothers, Emory, Joseph, Gabriel, Freddy, and one sister, Mateah.

Her grandparents are Don and Sharon McClendon of Crawfordville, and Hilda Morris of Panama City.

Pitmans announce birth of daughter on April 22

Page and Dana Pitman of Crawfordville announce the birth of their daughter, Kinley Faith Pitman on April 22 at Capital Regional Medical Center in Tallahassee.

She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 20.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Allen and Susan Dees and the late Tony Bramblett and Judy all of Crawfordville.

Paternal grandparents are the late Eugene and Bettye Pitman.

Kinley has two brothers, Gage and Payton, and a sister Kylee.

It's a girl for Spears and Dickey

Candace Spears of Spring Creek and Robert Dickey of Crawfordville announce the birth of their daughter, Natalee Spears-Dickey, on Sept. 28, 2010.

She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

Her maternal grandparents are Susie Vuoso of Spring Creek and Chris Vuoso of California and Clyde and Shanna Nichols of Crawfordville.

Her paternal grandparents are Robert and Cynthia Dickey of Crawfordville.

Maternal great-grandparents are Willie and Tenny Spears of Spring Creek.

Paternal great-grandparents are Nicole and Robert Dickey of Crawfordville.



Wakulla County Shriners, pictured from left to right, are Nobles Terry Herring, Mike Horvath, Bob Deitz, Rich Wilson, Jim Phillips, Jimmy Smith, Illustrious Sir Wes Prine, Potentate, Hank Creech, Gary Alshouse, Jason Aragon and John Miester. Not pictured, Del Sparkman.

Shriners raise money for children's hospitals

Marzuq Shriners conducted their annual Spring Paper Crusade on Saturday, April 16 to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Approximately 39 Shriners in Wakulla County wearing their traditional fezzes stood at street intersections and local stores to accept donations from the public.

The Wakulla Shrine Club raised more than \$1,300 of the more than \$5,000 collected during this campaign.

Hank Creech, president of the Wakulla Shrine Club, presented a check with a donation of \$1,300 collected during this event to Wes Prine, Potentate of Marsuq Shriners, during their monthly meeting at the club located at 4141 Crawfordville Hwy.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the great people of Wakulla County for their most

generous support of our local efforts to raise money for Tampa Shriners Hospital, especially during this current economic downturn that we all are experiencing. Providing quality care for children is what we do, and as Shriners we are committed to this mission" said Creech.

Shriners International is a fraternity founded in 1872. Since the beginning individual temples had always supported various charitable activities, and with time came an increased desire to establish an official philanthropy.

In 1920, Shriners voted to establish their first hospital and today, there are 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children providing specialized care to children with orthopaedic conditions, burns of all degrees, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate, regardless of their ability to pay.

To this day, Shriners International continues to support the health care system they founded through various fundraisers, such as the traditional Paper Crusades. Shriners Hospitals for Children relies on the generosity of donors to provide the resources needed to carry out its mission of improving the lives of children through treatment, research and education.

About Shriners International Shriners International is a fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. There are approximately 325,000 members throughout the world.

For more information about Shriners International, please visit www.shrinershq.org, or beashrinernow.com or call Shriners International Headquarters at 813-281-0300.

Donation given to Wakulla Special Olympics

Special to the News

Ashley Anderson, Special Olympics coach, recently received a donation of athletic shoes, socks and money from Angie Gentry, president of Gamma Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for Key Women Educators.

Delta Kappa Gamma believes in supporting students and teachers, Gentry said.

Gentry said, "We thought that our efforts might make the Special Olympics more accessible to the athletes.

The Special Olympics provides a unique opportunity for its participants and we were excited to be a part of it."



Angie Gentry presents a donation to Ashley Anderson.

WMS students raise money for Relay for Life

Wakulla Middle School had an outstanding time at this year's Relay for Life that was held on April 15 and 16.

The Wildcat team went above and beyond their set goal of \$2,500.

The team consisted of several teachers and nine hard-working students. The students who participated were Meghan Sarvis, Brittany Hope, Cheyenne Whittington, Kayla Rudd, Haley Simpson, Lexi Bratcher, Athena Yates, Carolyn Ingram and Kacey O'Berry.

Wakulla Middle School held fundraisers to help and meet their goal.

One fundraiser was a cancer awareness baseball game which included selling chicken dinners. Many local businesses helped with the cancer awareness baseball game through donations.

Many thanks go out to Posey's Steam Room, Coastal Restaurant, Sopchoppy Grocery, the Wakulla Middle School Baseball Team, Principal Mike Barwick and Larry Shiver for all their donations and hard work.



Wakulla Middle School students, Meghan Sarvis, Brittany Hope, Cheyenne Whittington, Kayla Rudd, Haley Simpson, Lexi Bratcher, Athena Yates, Carolyn Ingram and Kacey O'Berry, participate at Relay for Life held last month.

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School

education news from local schools

Craig named Park Scholar



Taylor Craig

Taylor Craig, a senior at Wakulla High has earned the distinction of being named a Park Scholar for 2011 at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

She is one of 45 seniors from across the nation selected for the award in 2011, which is valued at about \$80,000 for North Carolina residents and \$136,000 for out-of-state students.

"It's an incredible honor and I'm very grateful to be named one of the Park Scholars, I'm very excited about all of the opportunities that being a Park Scholar offer," Craig said. "The class of 2015 is full of some amazing people, and I feel privileged to be among them."

Among the nation's most prestigious undergraduate merit scholarship programs, the scholarships pay tuition and fees, room and board,

books and supplies, travel and personal expenses for four years of study at North Carolina State University.

Park Scholars are selected based on outstanding accomplishments and potential in scholarship, leadership, service and character.

Taylor is the daughter of Kevin and Tara Craig. She currently serves as secretary for the National Honor Society and treasurer of the Interact Club. She has also volunteered as a math tutor for the past several years. She was recently named to the WHS 2011 senior class honor court.

Taylor plans to double major in Political Science and Sociology with a minor in Spanish. "I am considering a career in International Law. I want to work as an advocate for people who do not have a voice".

Since traveling aboard with the People to People Ambassador Program in 2009, Taylor has been working to raise awareness of human trafficking as a social issue. She is currently participating in a post-it-note campaign, which uses volunteers to distribute post-it-notes containing information about the National Trafficking Hotline. In addition, she recently worked with the Interact Club to gather needed supplies for victims.

Riversink gets moon rocks and meteorite samples

Special to the News

On March 4, four teachers from Riversink Elementary in Wakulla County attended a special NASA security training hosted by the Challenger Learning Center in Tallahassee.

Fourth grade teachers Margy Callahagn, Megan Crombie and Diane Driggers, along with fifth grade teacher Laura Hume, worked with NASA Aerospace Education Specialist Lester Morales, to learn how to handle and care for Lunar and Meteorite samples.

As a result of this training and certification, Riversink was granted permission to obtain, on loan, a set of moon rocks and meteorite samples from the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

Over the next two weeks, students and teachers (K-5) will have the opportunity to view these samples.

The moon rock samples were gathered from the moon during the Apollo missions from the late 1960s to 1970s. The meteorite rocks were collected from samples taken from meteorites that have crashed to Earth over

time.

On May 12, Riversink Elementary School will host a family Science Exploration night from 6 to 8 p.m.

During this evening of hands-on science experiments and investigations, they will have fun with scientific activities from all grade levels. As a part of the experience, the moon rocks and meteorite samples will be on display. On the same evening, we will also have a NASA Space Shuttle tile available to the public.

In the fall, our school was given the opportunity to acquire a small piece of the Space Shuttle Program. Riversink Elementary was issued a Space Shuttle tile to keep at the school and use for educational purposes.

Our tile has both black and white markings and attaches to the outside of the shuttle orbiter. There are more than 20,000 of these tiles that make up the thermal shield on the space craft.

NASA is closing out the Space Shuttle Program and is making these tiles available to schools to teach and inspire a new generation of space science enthusiasts.

Three Riversink Elementary students win top prizes in Leon-Wakulla essay contest

The Leon-Wakulla Retired Educators Association (LWREA) sponsors a fifth grade essay contest each year for all fifth graders in both counties.

This year, all three winners are from Riversink Elementary School.

Each participant wrote about "A Memorable Experience with a Grandparent or a Grandparent Figure."

The first place winner was Brandon Shields from Nick Weaver's class who received a \$100 savings bond.

Second place winner was Connor Scott from Stan Ward's class who received a \$50 savings bond.

Third place went to Raven Godwin from Weaver's class. She received a \$25 savings bond.

In addition, each winner received a gift basket from Chick-Fil-A and a tote bag of gifts from Envision Credit Union.

The winners, their parents and their teachers were honored at an awards ceremony and ice cream social at Envision Credit Union on



The winners of the Leon-Wakulla Retired Educators Association fifth grade essay contest pose with their awards. First place was Brandon Shields, second place was Connor Scott and third place was Raven Godwin.

April 5.

Brandon Shields is the son of Andrew and Rhonda Shields.

Connor Scott is the son of Mike and Nikki Scott.

Raven Godwin is the daughter of Krista Smith.

Holland & Knight Law Firm provided the money for the savings bond and Chick-Fil-A and Envision donated

the gift baskets. The winning essay will be submitted to the state organization, the Florida Retired Educators Association.

Wakulla Christian holds special Mother's Day program



Students at Wakulla Christian School perform a special program to honor their mothers on May 6.

On Friday morning, May 6, the Wakulla Christian School student body held a special program to honor their mothers right before Mother's Day.

This event is known as Muffins for

Moms which is an annual event that the Wakulla Christian School Booster Club hosts for the school, its students and their respective mothers.

After a brief program performed

by the students, there was a special time of fellowship and refreshments before the students returned to their classrooms.

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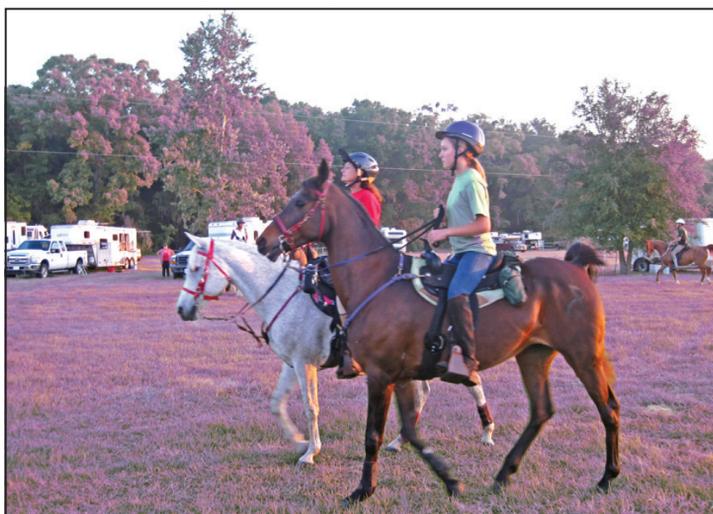
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Marina Condrey competes in endurance ride



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

FIRST ENDURANCE RIDE: Marina Condrey competes in the Greenway Getaway in Ocala in April, placing 7th, the day after her 13th birthday.

By **MELODIE JOHNSON**
Stables by the Bay

Marina Condrey was my first student at Stables by the Bay. She started riding at 8 years old and has become a great rider.

She got interested in doing endurance with me as I would compete in two or three rides a year and she would train with me and my friends.

Endurance riding is based on distance, usually 25 to 100 miles, and a fitted horse to compete.

Each rider has a distance to finish in certain amount of time. Your horse has to pass a check list in order to be considered finished and in what order he came in.

Marina would ride one of her horses, but they just couldn't handle the stress or conditions, and would go lame.

So I allowed her to ride my

older mare, Jaz to train with us.

Jaz is a 23-year-old bay Arabian-Tennessee Walker.

Marina has always wanted to compete, but either family matters or the timing got in the way and she couldn't attend the rides with me.

We have been training the last two months for this ride in Ocala, and I asked her since it was her 13th birthday coming up and she could ride Jaz, if her mom would let her come.

Her mother said yes, so we planned our ride, trained hard and Marina's mother and my husband would go and be our crew - to help with the horses to cool down for vet check.

We competed in the Greenway Getaway on April 9 in Ocala at the Florida Horse Park.

We did the 25 mile distance, and my horse, Sassy, an 8-year-old,

flea-bitten gray Arabian mare, was pulled on the first loop for lameness after 15 miles in one and a half hours. But Marina got to go out with another sponsor, Lynn Burks and her daughter, Lexi, to finish the race in 7th place.

It was the best birthday present I could give her and she was all beside herself.

I made one little girls weekend something she'll never forget!!

I am so very proud of her riding abilities.

Sheila and David Condrey of Ochlockonee Bay are the proud parents.

Check out Southeast Endurance Riders Association online to get an idea of the event. It's different than Competitive Trail Riding.

Melodie Johnson operates Stables by the Bay in Panacea.

VOLLEYBALL

Sarah Roberts signs with Gulf Coast State

Special to The News

Wakulla High Volleyball's libero Sarah Roberts signed with Gulf Coast State College receiving an athletic scholarship to play volleyball.

Roberts began playing volleyball at Wakulla Middle school as an outside hitter. She continued her freshman year at Wakulla High playing JV, but it wasn't until her sophomore year playing on the varsity team that she switched to libero and found her niche.

The Libero is a defensive position that requires a different color jersey because of the freedom they have to roam the court and substitute for any player in the back row.

For the next three years she stood out in the opposite colored jersey playing in the back court. It wasn't just her jersey that made her stand out, but her speed, agility and incred-



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

SIGNING: Sarah Roberts signs a scholarship for Gulf Coast State College with her parents and coaches.

ible digs that became her trademark. While other players seemed to constantly be in the air, Roberts spent a lot of her time on the floor diving for balls, often denying Wakulla's opponents of points.

It was that speed and the ability to read the opponents that caught the eye of Gulf Coast's head

volleyball coach Kyle Peck during last year's Regional Playoff game.

Afterwards, Coach Peck sought out Roberts and her parents and said, "I want her to play for us."

Roberts kept her options open talking with other colleges before coming back to Gulf Coast.

"After visiting the campus I just fell in love with

the people at the school" Roberts said.

Wakulla High Volleyball Coach Erica Bunch spoke at the signing saying, "It's going to be hard to fill the void in the back with Sarah gone; she covered a lot of the court."

Head Coach Peck from Gulf Coast also attended the signing. "I am really looking forward to this year with Sarah," he said. "I am expecting great things from her."

For two years running Roberts was selected for the All Big Bend team, and received an award for "Defensive Player of the Year" for the War Eagles.

Roberts is planning to pursue a degree in the nursing field while on scholarship at Gulf Coast.

Sarah is the daughter of Dennis and Lynn Roberts and also has a younger sister, Ashley Roberts, whom she shares the court with as a teammate.

BASEBALL

Babe Ruth recap

Wakulla Babe Ruth recap for week 4

5-2. The Rays defeat the Iron Pigs 5 to 1

The Rays were led by **Aaron Price**, **Cody Ochat**, and **Thomas Davis** who each had a hit in the game.

For the Iron Pigs, **Michae Herron** went 2 for 3 and **Bailey Metcalf** and **Devin Caldwell** each had a hit

5-3. Iron Pigs beat the Mudcats 8 to 7

For the Iron Pigs, **Chance Cater** went 3 for 3, **Devin Caldwell** and **Hunter Causeaux** each had 2 hits and **Brice Brooks**, **Ryan Willis** and **Trent Brantley** also had a hit.

The Mudcats were led by **Phillipe Franks** 3 for 3 as well as **Dillon Causeaux**, **Zeke Bryan** and **Nolan Terry** who each had a hit in the game.

5-5. Rangers defeat the Mudcats 9 to 4

Brandon Geiger had 2 hits and **Chance Runyan**, **Josh Conway** and **Seth Carroll** each had a hit in the game for the Rangers.

Jake Bryan went 3 for 3 and **Phillipe Franks** and **Brandon Bennett** were 2 for 3. **Shane Davis** and **Nolan Terry** also had a hit in the game.

5-6. Rays beat the Rangers 13 to 9

For the Rays, **Logan Harrell**, **Hunter Deross**, **Nate Lee**, **Aaron Price**, **Cody Ochat** and **Casey Camp** all had a hit in the game.

Standings after week 4

1st Rays 7-1
2nd Iron Pigs 4-3
3rd Rangers 3-5
4th Mudcats 1-6

Batting leaders

Brandon Geiger .625 - 10 for 16
Devin Caldwell .500 - 9 for 18
Aaron Price .500 - 7 for 14
Seth Carroll .471 - 8 for 17
Hunter Deross .471 - 8 for 17

- submitted by Brian Caldwell



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BABE RUTH ACTION: Nick Lentz being held on 2nd by Michael Herron.

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Outdoors

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Weather's great and fish are biting

Well, the winds finally quit blowing and Mother's Day weekend was absolutely beautiful.

When I went to get bait early Saturday morning it seemed like every other vehicle was towing a boat. Hopefully, your wife or mother had a nice weekend and you took them fishing if that's what she wanted.

Jeff May and Tim Boggs from the Atlanta area came down last Sunday to fish. Jeff had plans of fishing offshore with three guys and Tim was going to fish inshore with three.

Due to the weather, Jeff's plans changed and they all fished inshore. Jeff and Tim work with the U.S. Marshals out of Atlanta and absolutely love to fish.

Each year in the Spring and Fall they plan a trip around the moon phase and bring six other law enforcement people they work with.

Unfortunately you can't do anything about the weather and it was absolutely horrible. Jeff was able to get his offshore boat onto the flats when the tide finally came in on Wednesday and they caught 10 nice trout using Gulps and live shrimp and three were over 22 inches.

Tim and his crew ended up with 17 trout and one 22-inch red. This is a real close group of guys who absolutely love their job and love putting criminals behind bars.

Mike Pearson from Tifton went offshore on Friday and said they brought back three red grouper and released about 30 black grouper to 33 inches. They fished in about 45 feet of water with live pinfish.

On Saturday he took the wife and kids out and fished for trout and Mike said he hooked about a 100-pound tarpon while trout fishing. He said it jumped once and then it was over.

Last week Luke Frazier and Mike Crum fished over at Lanark Village and lim-



From The Dock

BY CAPT. JODY CAMPBELL

ited out on nice trout using the Gulp and D.O.A. under a cork. He said they fished in about four feet of water south of the Lanark Reef and there were fish everywhere.

Luke asks you to keep Capt. Kent's wife in your prayers as she has been in the hospital for several weeks fighting some kind of kidney problem. Kent works with Luke at AMS in Medart.

Capt. David Fife took his buddy from Destin out on Friday and Saturday and they caught their limit of reds and quite a few trout. They fished live bait around the oyster bars. He said they fished out around the Long Bar between Shell Point and Panacea and caught lots of trout but most were small.

Capt. Randy Peart said he fished Friday and Saturday out of the Econfina and because of the stringy grass coming off the bottom and laying like a mat on the top, he had to go to 12 feet of water to catch fish. He said they caught a fish or got a bite on almost every cast.

He took Brad and Kim Kupfer from Stuart and they had two over 22 inches, several 17 and 18 inch fish and plenty of small trout, flounder, sea bass, and lady fish.

He fished with Rob Vandriver and his two sons on Saturday and had about the same success. They were using Gulps on the bottom.

Randy said he is also seeing lots of cobia and some big ones. He said over at St. George some big pompano are being caught and trout are being caught in the bay. At Dog Island plenty of reds are being caught at the stump hole.

Jimmy Bevis at Shell Island Fish Camp in St. Marks said he has never seen as many big trout coming off the flats as he has this spring. Seven or eight fish over five pounds came in over the weekend and all from the West Flats around the stake line.

Capt. Sid Stringer came in with his limit and has for the last three weeks. Some of Jimmy's kin came down from Thompson, Ga., and Danny Sellars took them out on Saturday and Sunday. He had four girls and they got their limit each day using shrimp and the Gulp.

Frank Cox, a long time customer of Shell Island has been catching lots of cobia and brought in three over the last week.

Mary Jackson from Havana told her husband Eddie that what she wanted for Mother's Day was for him to get their boat running and to take their 4-year-old son Caden and 8-year-old son Landen to the St. Marks River and go fishing.

Well, he got it running and they ran out to the mouth of the St. Marks River and the boys caught three trout, a flounder and lots of catfish and pinfish. Mary said the boys had so much fun because there was action from the time they started fishing. This is one Mother's Day Mary won't forget for a long while.

On Saturday, I took Judy Griffin and her friend Laura, both nurses from Tallahassee, and we got our limit of nice trout. Judy caught a 19 inch trout on her first cast and also had one about 22 inches long later in the day. She had never caught a red

so we tried for them and the only thing I could find were small ones. She can now say she has caught reds, even though they were small.

The Big Bend Saltwater Classic will be June 17-19, over Father's Day Weekend.

Held at the Carrabelle Boat Club, this is the largest tournament of the year and is both inshore and offshore with proceeds going to support O.A.R. (Organization of Artificial Reefs), which makes artificial reefs in the area for fishing offshore.

On Aug. 6-7, the eighth annual C-Quarters Kingfish Shootout will be held in Carrabelle with first place king taking home \$10,000. All proceeds go to the Leukemia Research Foundation and in the past seven years they have donated \$600,000 to that cause.

The tournament is put on in the memory of Jimmy Crowder's daughter who died with leukemia. If you want to get ready for that tournament you can fish May 14, June 18 and July 9. C-Quarters will be putting on three kingfish tournaments with a guarantee pay out of \$5,000. Proceeds of these tournaments go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of North and Central Florida.

On July 23, C-Quarters will be holding its seventh annual Youth Fishing Tournament. There are seven fish categories and kids must be 16 or younger to participate. They can fish from the docks and if in a boat no further than Dog Island.

For more information on any of these tournaments call Millard Collins, dockmaster at C-Quarters. His number is (850) 697-8400.

The weather's great and the fish are biting so get out there a have some fun. Remember to know your limits and be careful out there.

Don't forget the float plan.

Good luck and good fishing!

High temps, no rain increase danger of fire

Special to The News

Extreme dryness continues to be a critical problem in our area of North Florida.

Daily, the drought index is increasing under the influence of high temperatures and the absence of significant rainfall.

These factors all combine to make our area ripe for wildfire.

Currently, South Georgia is experiencing a dramatic increase in wildfire activity under these very same conditions.

The Florida Division of Forestry encourages the public to exercise extreme caution in the use of fire outdoors during this time.

Outdoor cookouts require someone to be tending the grill at all times until the coals are dead-out. Coals must be disposed of in a concealed container and not on the ground.

ATVs, trucks and cars should not be parked in tall grasses where heat transferred from the exhaust pipe or catalytic converter can cause a fire.

All campfires should be extinguished using the water and stir method until the campfire is dead-out.

Acreage and pile burning is risky under present conditions. Postponement for a time when weather conditions are more favorable is encouraged.

If you must burn, stay with your pile or acreage burn at all times, have a dedicated water source present at all times and carry the phone number for your local Division of Forestry office, (850) 488-1871, in the event that suppression action is required.

North Floridians, playing it safe is key under the current weather conditions. Be cautious outdoors and help prevent wildfires from occurring in our area.

For more information please contact Todd W. Schroeder with the Florida Division of Forestry at (850) 414-1138.

Kids' Fishing Tourney is set in Panacea on May 21

Special to The News

The Wakulla Children's Fishing Tournament Committee is hoping to build a love for fishing in young people through the annual Wakulla Children's Fishing Tournament on Saturday, May 21.

The tournament organizers are seeking sponsors for the tournament, which is free to children ages three to 15.

Organizers are hoping more than 300 boys and girls come to Woolley Park in Panacea to take part in the event. Volunteer fishing captains are being sought who are willing to take children out fishing on their boats.

Festivities begin at 7 a.m. at the Port Panacea Marina and continue later in the day at Woolley Park in Panacea.

Sheriff David Harvey and the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office have helped organize the event for several years.

"This is a great opportunity for boys and girls to learn something about the sport of fishing and enjoy an activity that may become a lifelong hobby," said Sheriff Harvey. "Fishing is something that people can enjoy well into their retirement years."

The last tournament fleet boat will leave Port Panacea Marina at 8:30 a.m. and the weigh-in at Woolley Park will be held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided to all participants at Woolley Park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Youth not going out on a family boat or with one of the fleet of volunteer captains may fish from any safe location and bring their catch to Woolley Park.

The fresh water divisions include bass, pan fish and catfish.

The saltwater categories include white trout, speckled trout, Spanish mackerel, redfish, flounder and whiting.

No grouper, snapper, amberjack, sharks, rays, hard head or sail catfish will be considered.

All anglers will receive a tournament T-shirt at the registration table. Parents or guardians of children must sign a release form before children board a tournament vessel.

Children age 5 to 8 must be accompanied by one parent or guardian and they must wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket.

Youth will not only receive a T-shirt and lunch, but an opportunity to participate in games and win trophies as well.

Prizes will be given away including fishing poles and tackle boxes. The grand prize is a trip to Sea World for a family of four that includes some spending money.

As is true with so many volunteer events, organizers are looking for sponsors. A contribution of \$75 or more will help ensure the success of the tournament and the name of the individual or business making the donation will appear on the back of the T-shirt.

The tournament may be cancelled due to poor weather.

All donations to support the tournament will be welcomed. Donations may be made to Wakulla Children's Fishing Tournament, P.O. Box 349, Panacea FL 32346-0349. For more information, call Major Larry Massa at 745-7105.

Firearms safety, outdoor skills will be taught in June

Special to The News

The popular Firearms Safety and Outdoor Skills Program is back for 2011 and this year youths have their choice of two sessions.

The first session will be held Monday through Friday, June 20 to June 24 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Wakulla Sheriff's Office Training Center and Firing Range at Otter Creek.

The program is open

to boys and girls ages 12 to 16.

The second session of the program will be held Monday through Friday, July 18 to July 22, also from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Registration ends for the two sessions on June 10 and space is limited to 30 youths.

The cost is \$100 per student which includes lunch and beverages each day.

WCSCO instructors will provide a hands-on learn-

ing experience based on the Florida Hunter Safety Course. Classroom time will be kept to a minimum with teaching done at the range in an outdoor environment.

Students will receive training in a variety of topics aimed at introducing them to the lifetime sport of hunting.

Subjects include how to use a map and compass; observation of wildlife and reading wildlife signs; developing outdoor

survival skills; field first aid; and hunting skills and safe use of rifles, shotguns and archery equipment which will enhance the hunting experience.

Students will also be exposed to the GREAT and SAVE programs to reinforce a positive approach to dealing with social problems facing youth.

Once the student successfully completes the course, they will receive their Florida Hunter Safety course certification which is required for anyone born after June 1, 1975 to purchase a Florida hunting license.

To register for one of the programs, call Major Larry Massa at 745-7105.

The range is located at 65 Qualify Lane in Sopchoppy.

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Water Ways

Local writers share their experiences

a peek into life on and under the water



Underwater Wakulla

By Nicole Stanton

Is it better to buy new or repair old equipment?

Customers bring in the wackiest equipment. Some acknowledge that the 40-year-old regulator is a museum piece and they just want to show it off, or see if it still works. But there are those who still want to use these antique regulators.

Let's do a comparison between a used regulator that is in moderately good shape and a new regulator over a five year period.

A complete regulator (no computer) costs \$800 new. This includes the shop assembly and free parts for life for many mainstream brands of regulators. A used complete regulator (no computer) on eBay is \$100, no free parts.

Right away, the price gap to fill is \$700.

The regulator from eBay will need to be serviced. This is life support equipment and should be serviced every year.

The average regulator rebuild for a complete regulator is \$110 labor, plus cost of service kits at \$45.

The total cost of this rebuild is \$155 plus tax.

The total cost of an eBay regulator is a minimum of \$265.85 right out the gate.

Many manufactures have pushed the repair schedule for new regulators from every year to every two years, meaning that for the next two years, your new regulator will not need any service if it is well maintained.

This cannot be said for all older regulators - the used titan will still need annual service incurring the \$165.85 annual rebuild with additional costs should anything additional need replacing.

Five years maintenance of the new regulator only costs \$235, the eBay regulator costs \$829.25.

When the total cost of each regulator from first purchase to the five year limit is tallied, a new regulator costs \$1,035 and a used regulator costs \$1,095.10.

A total savings of \$60 over five years.

If you want to save a few dollars, going used can sometimes be cost effective.

But with all of the manufacturer incentives to buy new, it can be well worth your while to spend your time at your local dive shop rather than surfing eBay.



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Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



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BM1 Hank Diatrich and Ray Willis chatting.



Uniform inspection.



Terry Hoxworth, John Robon and Terry Donohue

Saturday May 7, the Staff Officers for Flotilla 12 met before the general business meeting for the quarterly staff meeting.

This is a time we use to go over new ideas and talk about things so we don't have really long business meetings. Following, all the members were invited to have a uniform inspection before the start of our general meeting.

It has been said that you never get a second chance to make a good first impression and this is especially true when we are representing the U.S. Coast Guard.

Often times, those not familiar with the auxiliary as a volunteer organization affiliated with the active duty see auxiliaries as active duty.

In that light, we strive to put our best foot forward at all times.

Our former Director of the Auxiliary, Capt. Montgomery, was known to carry a pair of scissors in his pocket and would cut a crew neck undershirt into a V-neck undershirt if worn improperly.

He would also have dollar bills handy to send you to get a proper shirt after his alteration.

That just goes to show how we are held to a high standard!

Thankfully we also had BM1 Hank Diatrich, from the Seahawk stationed in Carrabelle with us so he could offer insight.

During the business meeting, several exciting events were discussed. National Safe Boating week is up and coming the week of May 21. To kick things off in our neck of the woods, Flotilla 12 will be hosting a ramp day for free vessel safety checks not only on May 14 but also on May 21 at the public boat ramp at Fort St. Marks.

We are also working

coordinate with the second Annual Ready, Set, Inflate world record attempt, which will be held on Saturday, May 21, at the start of National

Safe Boating Week.

For more information you can visit the website at: <http://www.readysetinflate.com/usa/>.

This event is designed to increase awareness on the importance of life jackets and promote their use. Details to come if we are able to make it happen in our area on the 21st!

As I already mentioned, we had the pleasure of having BM1 Hank Diatrich from the Seahawk join us for the meeting. He discussed the happenings of the Seahawk and how the auxiliary can continue to support the active duty and offer services to the crew.

Terry Donohue discussed the progress of the St. George Island Detachment. They are continuing to grow and are now up to 12 full members and have four in the process. The SGI Detachment continues to participate in public events to increase awareness of their presence in the area.

We try to end meetings on high note, and awards are always special.

This month for Flotilla 12, John Denmark received an award for his cumulative hours of service. Tim Ashley received his meritorious team commendation for the FSU Flyover and his 10 years of service in the Auxiliary. Every five years of service, an award is received. Tim is one of our longest time members of Flotilla 12.

Many of you may be wondering how Flotilla 13 is doing - as well as Sherrie. Flotilla 13 continues to work hard to keep a strong presence in the Shell Point area, and anyone interested in helping them should contact John Sykes.

Sherrie is continuing to recover and sends her regrets for not being able to write the column for such a long while.

In the spirit of National Safe Boating Week, remember Sherrie's parting words of wisdom: - "Safe Boating is NO Accident."

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8:21 pm	3:04 am	8:22 pm	3:40 am	8:23 pm	4:19 am	8:23 pm	5:00 am	8:24 pm	5:45 am	8:24 pm	6:36 am	8:25 pm	7:32 am
Brightness- 61%		Brightness- 68%		Brightness- 76%		Brightness- 83%		Brightness- 91%		Brightness- 99%		Brightness- 94%	

St. Marks River Entrance		City of St. Marks		Shell Point, Spring Creek	
Date	High	Low	High	Low	High
Thu May 12, 11	0.7 ft.	3.3 ft.	0.9 ft.	3.0 ft.	3.0 ft.
Fri May 13, 11	0.9 ft.	3.5 ft.	0.3 ft.	11:08 PM	
Sat May 14, 11	3.2 ft.	1.1 ft.	3.8 ft.	-0.2 ft.	
Sun May 15, 11	3.4 ft.	1.3 ft.	4.0 ft.	-0.6 ft.	
Mon May 16, 11	2:24 AM	7:39 AM	1:40 PM	8:44 PM	
Tue May 17, 11	3:13 AM	8:20 AM	2:19 PM	9:31 PM	
Wed May 18, 11	3:4 ft.	1.6 ft.	4.2 ft.	-0.9 ft.	
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Date	High	Low	High	Low	High
Thu May 12, 11	0.5 ft.	2.5 ft.	0.7 ft.	2.3 ft.	2.3 ft.
Fri May 13, 11	0.7 ft.	2.6 ft.	0.2 ft.	11:06 PM	
Sat May 14, 11	2.4 ft.	0.8 ft.	2.8 ft.	-0.1 ft.	
Sun May 15, 11	2.5 ft.	0.9 ft.	3.0 ft.	-0.5 ft.	
Mon May 16, 11	2.6 ft.	1.0 ft.	3.1 ft.	-0.6 ft.	
Tue May 17, 11	2.5 ft.	1.1 ft.	3.1 ft.	-0.7 ft.	
Wed May 18, 11	2.6 ft.	1.2 ft.	3.2 ft.	-0.6 ft.	

Dog Island Listings:		High Tide		Low Tide	
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.			

Court shorts

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
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A Crawfordville woman filed a small claims lawsuit after her dog was mauled by a pit bulldog while walking in her neighborhood.

According to a complaint filed in small claims court on Friday, May 6, Janette Wagner was walking her two dogs with a friend on April 9 when a pit bull came across a field and attacked her miniature schnauzer.

The small claims lawsuit was filed against Brianna Miley, who reportedly owns the pit bull, named Tara.

The 18-pound female schnauzer suffered severe injuries in the attack, and has accumulated more than \$3,600 in veterinary bills as a result.

The complaint states that the dog, Sam, belongs to Wagner's daughter, who has cerebral palsy. Six years ago, when the girl was in second grade, she had surgery on her hip and was in a body cast for eight weeks - and got to pick out the puppy as a reward for enduring the surgery with a positive attitude.

Though she wasn't present at the dog attack, Wagner's daughter is now fearful of being in her wheelchair in the neighborhood, the complaint states. It claims that the daughter no longer wants to do her usual exercise of wheeling herself around

the neighborhood while she times herself because she's afraid.

In other court matters:

- The woman who claimed to have been the victim of a sexual battery by a state trooper has filed a civil lawsuit against the state Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles seeking unspecified damages for the alleged incident.

Former state trooper Charlie Odom, who lost his job over the matter, was found not guilty of charges of sexual battery by a law enforcement officer several months ago. A trial a year earlier resulted in a mistrial after the jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict.

The woman claimed that Odom stopped her for speeding on Shadeville Highway. Her license was suspended and she admitted to having an alcoholic drink before she got behind the wheel - but she was written no tickets. She claimed it was because Odom fondled her and took pictures of her topless.

Odom denied the allegations of inappropriate behavior, though he did not take the stand to testify at either trial. The defense was mostly focused on casting doubt on the testimony and credibility of the accuser.

The lawsuit against the state, filed in late March, claims DHSMV was negligent in hiring Odom.

The response by the state, filed April 28, seeks to have the lawsuit dismissed.

- A woman was found guilty last week of felony fleeing and eluding, sale of a controlled substance, possession with intent to sale, plus misdemeanor charges of aggravated assault - a lesser charge of the felony aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer she was originally charged with - and resisting arrest without violence and driving with a suspended license.

After an all-day trial on Tuesday, May 3, the jury was out two hours before returning the verdict against Shamaka Costin, 31.

The charges stemmed from a March 2009 drug deal at Panacea RV Park in which Costin, who is from Tallahassee, had allegedly sold \$300 worth of cocaine to an undercover officer. When deputies attempted to arrest her, she fled in her car and a high-speed chase ensued.

The police report indicates she was captured, along with two passengers in her car, when she tried to duck pursuing officers by pulling into a driveway.

Costin still faces additional charges from a full body search at the Wakulla County Jail that turned up cocaine and cash she had stuffed in her body.

What had been the subject of numerous motion hearings wasn't even mentioned at the trial - a contention by the defense that Costin had been Tasered by deputies the night of her arrest.

Deputies denied Tasering Costin. But Assistant Public Defender Edrene Johnson

told the court last month that there was evidence in the equipment used to monitor when deputies deploy their Tasers that two deputies weapons had been used that night.

All of that ultimately came to nothing, especially with Wakulla Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls' contention that - whether Costin was Tasered or not - it wasn't a defense to a drug dealing charges.

Costin's case was prosecuted by Assistant State Attorney Angelique Knox.

Other recent criminal trials have included the cases of Clyde Hamilton, who was found not guilty of lewd and lascivious assault on two young girls in a jury trial on April 20.

After the verdict, some jurors indicated they felt the state hadn't proven a case against Hamilton. One of the main concerns expressed was that the two alleged victims in the case, now 13 and 16, weren't believable in their testimony.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant State Attorney Lorena Vollrath-Bueno. Hamilton was represented by Crawfordville lawyer Richard Reno.

The next day, April 21, a jury found Francisco Alicia guilty of sexual battery on a child and he was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

That case was also prosecuted by Vollrath-Bueno. Alicia was represented by Tallahassee attorney Ethan Way.

State legislature slashes schools budgets by 8 percent

By LILLY ROCKWELL
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, May 8 - Florida lawmakers approved an education budget in the final hours of the legislative session that slashed money that pays for schools by nearly 8 percent, cutting funding by \$542 per student.

Budget writers say they were left with few choices but to slash spending when faced with a \$3.75 billion budget hole, and said they tried to shield education from the more severe cuts that hit other areas, such as prisons.

Public schools are now left to figure out how to close multi-million budget gaps, with many crafting plans to lay off hundreds of employees, and cutting school services like extra-curricular programs.

This year's budget was particularly harsh for pub-

lic schools because it comes on top of years of falling property tax revenue, drops in enrollment and cuts or at least stagnation in what the Legislature sends to schools.

"If you look at the budget we're coming out with, it could be a lot worse," said Sen. Bill Montford, D-Tallahassee. Lawmakers in charge of the education budget initially braced for more severe 15 percent cuts. But Montford explained that schools will have a hard time coping with even a very slight cut.

"If this were the first year, (schools) could absorb it," said Montford, a former school superintendent. "We've been absorbing these cuts now for five years."

Already, school districts have drafted spending plans that include layoffs and salary cuts, furloughs,

cuts to after-school programs and school bus transportation.

The Miami Herald reported that the Miami-Dade school district, for instance, is considering teacher layoffs for the first time and salary cuts to guidance counselors and maintenance workers to help close its budget hole that is estimated at more than \$100 million.

"It's not cutting fat, it's cutting into bone now," said Ron Meyer, a lobbyist for the Florida Education Association. He also found it troubling that school funding is cut while voucher programs that divert state funds to private schools are being expanded.

Advocates for public schools say at the same time their funding is cut, schools are being asked to do more, such as institute new testing requirements

as part of the new teacher merit pay law.

"We have cut so many people out of the central office, at the same time you are adding more and more requirements," Montford said.

"Who is going to do it? Literally, who will do it?"

Republican lawmakers who helped craft the education budget, which cuts money for schools by \$1.35 billion, say the money schools are losing will be partially offset by savings from requiring teachers and other school employees to contribute 3 percent toward their retirements and from federal stimulus dollars saved by districts from last year.

But school districts have used those federal stimulus dollars unevenly. Some districts spent it at the federal government's urging, others spent some

of it, and still other districts socked away most of it for next fiscal year.

Florida School Boards Association Executive Director Wayne Blanton doesn't look favorably upon the changes to the Florida Retirement System that some lawmakers say is a "savings" for schools in the budget.

The way Blanton looks at it, the state is requiring school employees to use their own salaries to plug gaps in the budget, though he said he realizes without the changes to the retirement system "we would have been even more in the hole."

Blanton said he would have preferred the Legislature look for other sources to plug the budget

shortfall, such as a new Internet sales tax rather than look to the school employees themselves.

Meyer, the lobbyist for the Florida Education Association, said beyond the cuts to education, schools and teachers have been hit hard by changes to how they will be paid and awarded contracts as well as policies that funnel more kids into private schools.

"The super-majority of Republicans have been like kids in a candy store," Meyer said. "They've just seen an opportunity here to do whatever they have been wanting to try in the past but hasn't gotten through."

Florida home sales up in first quarter

By MICHAEL PELTIER
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, May 10 - Bargain pricing and the sparks of recovery combined to boost existing housing sales in the first quarter 2011, according to statistics from Florida Realtors that show a 13 percent increase in sales from the same period last year.

Sales of existing homes through March totaled 44,531 homes statewide, with 17 of 19 Florida municipalities showing sales gains year to year.

Condominium sales were even stronger, with the number of sales jumping 29 percent for the quarter ending March 31.

Condo prices rose in all but one statistical region. Sales were boosted in part by soft home prices.

The median price of a home sold during the quarter was \$123,600, down 6 percent from the \$131,100 posted for the same three-month period last year.

Condo prices fell 16 percent to \$80,700.

The median price fig-

ures continue to reflect the sale of distressed properties, which pull the figure lower than would be reflected in the sales of non-distressed homes.

"Florida Realtors' first quarter report shows sales picking up significant momentum after decelerating in the fourth quarter of last year, though prices are continuing to slip," said Sean Snaith, director of the University of Central Florida's Institute for Economic Competitiveness.

"The labor market recovery is just starting to blossom - once it is in full bloom it will provide some needed curb appeal for Florida's struggling housing market by creating a new pool of qualified buyers and preventing other homeowners from falling victim to foreclosure," he said.

Nationally, existing-home sales, including single-family and condo, were off 0.8 percent from a 5.18 million pace during the same period in 2010, the National Association of Realtors reported Tuesday.

The national median

price of a single family home fell 4.6 percent to \$158,700 compared to a year ago. Distressed homes accounted for 39 percent of all sales.

"The reading of quarterly price data can be volatile because they are based on the types of homes that are sold during the quarter," NAR chief economist Lawrence Yun said in a statement.

"When buyers principally purchase distressed properties in a given market, the recorded prices will be very low, which is what we're seeing now in much of the country," said Yun.

In Florida, Miami led the state as sales increased by 47 percent year-to-year.

Home sales in Melbourne were up 42 percent while sales in Tallahassee rose 20 percent.

Other strong markets included West Palm Beach (up 33 percent), Fort Walton Beach (up 19 percent) and Tampa (up 17 percent.)

Sales woes continue for Southwest Florida and along the Treasure Coast, two focal points

on state's building boom gone bust.

Year-to-year sales slipped 14 percent in Fort Pierce and falling 4 percent in Fort Myers.

"Distressed properties are proving to be an ongoing complication in the healing process of Florida's housing market," Snaith said.

"The foreclosure moratorium and Florida's overburdened court system have slowed the process of handling foreclosures," said Snaith.

"Until these properties can move through this process, complete recovery will be difficult to attain."

Florida's sales figures compared well to other Southern states. In the South, existing-home sales increased in the first quarter to an annual rate of 1.96 million and are 2.8 percent higher than the first quarter of 2010.

The median existing single-family home price in the South slipped 0.6 percent to \$141,800 in the first quarter from a year earlier.



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Sheriff's Report

On April 28, Deputy Cole Wells responded to a medical assistance call where a 16-year-old Crawfordville female juvenile passed out after ingesting a synthetic marijuana compound sold over-the-counter under the name Spice.

EMS officials treated the victim and others who were taking the Spice. She was transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital.

In other activity reported this week:

- On April 28, Stephen Glover of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief to his automobile. Multiple scratches were discovered on the victim's vehicle. Damage was estimated at \$750 and a brick was used to create the damage.

- On April 28, Denver Cyr of Crawfordville reported a grand theft of a go-cart. The go-cart was taken from the victim's home. It is valued at \$1,500 and was entered in the NCIC/FCIC computer.

- On April 28, David Levi Krause, 20, of Tallahassee received a notice to appear in court for possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia following a traffic stop.

Deputy Cole Wells observed the vehicle fail to stop for a stop sign at Old Shell Point Road and Highway 267. Deputy Wells allegedly smelled marijuana when he stopped the vehicle and was given consent to search the vehicle. He allegedly discovered marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

- On April 28, a 12-year-old student at Wakulla Middle School reportedly admitted to criminal mischief to a school bus by cutting a bus seat with a razor.

The juvenile allegedly admitted making a six inch cut and was given a civil citation for 24 hours of community service. He was turned over to his parents.

- On April 29, Tabitha Hicks of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary. A forced entry was discovered and DVDs, a dryer and DVD player, valued at \$1,150, were stolen.

- On April 29, Aaron Franklin Swain, 35, of Crawfordville was issued a traffic citation for driving while licensee suspended-habitual offender.

Deputy Ryan Muse allegedly observed the suspect driving on Wakulla Arran Road and knew the driver did not have a valid license. A traffic stop was conducted to verify Deputy Muse's belief.

- On May 1, Deputy Ben Steimle observed a cloud of smoke near county vehicles on Trice Lane. The cloud was determined to have come from a fire extinguisher. Oil was also spilled on a county truck and the ground.

- On May 1, Troy Sparkman of Crawfordville reported a burglary and theft of his vehicle. A checkbook was stolen from the vehicle which was left open.

- On May 1, Priscilla Lalonde of Crawfordville reported the theft of an air conditioning unit at the home of a relative. The air conditioning unit was valued at \$3,000.

- On May 1, Gary Griffith of Dowling Park reported the theft of two generators and a trailer, valued at \$2,200. The property was stolen from a work area in St. Marks. The trailer and tag were entered in the NCIC/FCIC computer.

- On April 29, John Busby of Crawfordville reported a traffic crash that damaged his fence. A motorist crashed into the fence and left the scene.

- On April 30, FHP Corporal Scotty Lolley reported a motorist struck a stop sign in the 1300 block of U.S. Highway 98 in Panacea.

- On April 30, Kai Page of Crawfordville reported the theft of a firearm. The victim loaned the weapon to a suspect who refused to give it back to her. The firearm is valued at \$450.

- On May 1, Deputy Mike Zimba responded to a medical emergency involving a 16-year-old male juvenile who ingested Spice. The father of the victim called EMS officials who transported the victim to a Tallahassee hospital.

- On May 2, Jacquelyn McMillan of Crawfordville reported a medical emergency as her son was the victim of a dog bite on the St. Marks Rail Trail. EMS treated the 9-year-old child's leg injuries. Lt. Brad Taylor, Deputy Cole Wells and Wakulla Animal Control unsuccessfully searched for the dog.

- On May 2, Louann Majorland of Panacea reported the theft of a \$100 bicycle from her home.

- On May 3, an arson was reported by Daniel Strickland of Crawfordville. The victim ran an errand to Crawfordville and returned to find a fire at the east side of his home and a second fire burning on his front door step. The victim put out the fires and called 911. Damage to the siding of the home was estimated at \$200. A suspect has been identified.

- On May 3, Sgt. Jeremy Johnston assisted the Leon County Sheriff's Office by apprehending a wanted man in Crawfordville. Allan E. Nelson, 55, of Crawfordville was wanted for criminal activity in Leon County. Sgt. Johnston delivered Nelson to the Leon County line.

- On May 2, Stephen Todd Bowman, 44, of Crawfordville was charged with failure to update a driver license or identification card and failure to register as a sex offender. Bowman attempted to re-register with the WCSO but his driver license reflected a Monticello address. His re-registration was required in March 2011.

Bowman is required to report in person twice a year during his birth month and six months later to update his residential address and has 48 hours to update his driver license address. Bowman was also charged and convicted of failure to register in Leon County in 2006.

- On May 2, James Roberts of Transfield Services of Port St. Joe reported the theft of \$800 worth of aluminum sign posts. The regulatory sign posts were located east of Panacea and south of Sopchoppy. Numerous thefts of sign posts were noted in Franklin County as well. The sign posts are worth \$200 each.

- On May 3, the theft of an overhead projector owned by the Wakulla County School District was reported. The property was stolen out of a vehicle. The Leon County Sheriff's Office recovered the projector, which is valued at \$300.

- On May 3, Tenesa Keillor of Crawfordville reported a credit card offense. Someone accessed her account and charged

\$719. Deputy Lorne Whaley determined that the charge originated in Austria.

- On May 2, Detectives Nick Boutwell and Rob Giddens interviewed a subject in connection with a burglary on Stoney Lane. The subject connected Garrett M. Revell, 25, of Crawfordville to the burglary.

Revell is already in jail pending the outcome of other burglary charges. The victim, William Costigan, reported the loss of a flat-bed trailer, vehicle batteries and parts of boats. WCSO investigators recovered a boat carburetor.

Revell was charged with burglary of a conveyance, trespassing and theft of motor vehicle parts.

- On May 3, Greg McInnis of Huntington, Tenn. reported a burglary of a shed in Crawfordville. Tools, fishing gear, golf equipment, lawn mower and a bicycle were reported missing. The property is valued at \$550.

- On May 4, Deputy Cole Wells conducted a traffic stop of a motorist with a non-functioning headlight. After the stop he determined that the driver, Jay Steven Herring, 28, of Crawfordville had a suspended driver license since September 2010. Deputy Wells seized his vehicle tag for not having insurance. Herring was charged with knowingly operating a motor vehicle while license suspended or revoked.

- On May 4, John McDonald Gregg, 52, of Crawfordville was charged with illegal burning of tires in Crawfordville. Deputy Taff Stokley responded to a burning complaint and contacted the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. A DEP Special Agent asked Deputy Taff to make the arrest on DEP charges.

- On May 4, Sgt. Andy Curles responded to a noise/loud music complaint at Shell Point. The sergeant asked the homeowner to turn down his music at 10:25 p.m. The man turned it down but turned it back up after the law enforcement officer left the scene.

Sgt. Curles returned to the home and warned the homeowner that he would be arrested if he turned the music up again.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office received 1,019 calls for service during the past week.

Juveniles caught stealing sheriff's lawnmower

Special to The News

Two juveniles were caught trying to steal Wakulla County Sheriff David Harvey's riding lawnmower last week.

The mower was being used by a work crew to cut grass at some property owned by the sheriff in Medart on Friday, May 6, according to WCSO Public Information Officer Keith Blackmar.

A work crew was cutting grass at residential property when they stopped to use blower equipment. The two juveniles, both age 14, allegedly stole the John Deere mower key while the crew was away from the equipment.

The crew returned to the mower to find the key missing and left the scene to get another key. In the meantime, the juveniles hopped on the machine and left the property.

Capt. Bill Poole arrived on scene and followed the juveniles through a wooded area and flushed them into the waiting arms of Detectives Nick Boutwell and Derek Lawhon.

One of the juveniles was allegedly caught with the mower key in his pocket.

The two juveniles were transported to the Wakulla County Jail and were charged with grand theft in the case. The juveniles were positively identified by witnesses as the individuals on the mower and the mower was recovered in the woods in good condition.

Detectives are also pursuing leads that may connect the juveniles to burglaries that have been committed in the same area.

Deputy's house burns down

Special to The News

Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Deputy Billy Metcalf lost his home in a residential fire reported at 12:30 p.m. Friday, May 6, according to WCSO Public Information Officer Keith Blackmar. Nobody was injured in the blaze, but the home was a total loss.

Investigators determined that the source of the blaze was a grease fire that originated in the kitchen. None of the five individuals, including three teenagers, living in the Medart area home were injured.

A benefit fish fry will be held for Metcalf and his family on Friday, June 3 at noon at Hudson Park in Crawfordville. Tickets will be going on sale soon and donations to assist the family will also be accepted.

The meal is a mullet plate with all of the trimmings for a \$6 donation.

In addition, the Panacea Volunteer Fire Department will host a fundraiser for Deputy Metcalf and his family on Saturday, May 14 at 11 a.m. at the VFD station. A seafood lunch of shrimp and mullet is planned.

Donations may be made to the Citizens Support Others Fund C/O the Wakulla Sheriff's Office, 15 Oak Street, Crawfordville, FL 32327.

FWC Law Enforcement

The state Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission reported these recent law enforcement activities in the region:

GADSDEN COUNTY

Resource officers working the Apalachicola River arrested seven different individuals fishing illegally on the river over the past week.

The violations ranged from taking freshwater game fish by illegal method, bag limit violations, and ginging largemouth bass.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Officers arrested three individuals in Apalachicola Bay for possessing a monofilament gill net.

The officers observed two boats fishing together and when conducting a stop for a fisheries inspection, the individuals pushed the monofilament net overboard and abandoned it.

The officers stopped the suspects and cited them.

Prior to these arrests, the three suspects combined have been cited over 70

times for resource violations in Wakulla and Franklin counties.

The investigation is ongoing and more arrests are expected in connection to the monofilament net.

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Blue Crab Festival draws a big crowd to Panacea

By JENNIFER RAYMOND
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The 37th annual Blue Crab Festival was held Saturday, May 7 at Woolley Park in Panacea and participants had the chance to try their luck at the crab picking contest or mullet toss or sample the array of seafood dishes available from a number of vendors.

There was also face painting, craft vendors and performances by the Mountain Dew Cloggers and several musicians to keep those in attendance entertained.

The mullet toss was held around noon and people gathered near the marked off area to watch the competition.

The winner of the adult competition, William Johnson, managed to throw the lifeless

mullet 124 feet. Second place went to Dan Osterkamp at 116 feet and third place went to Thomas Porter at 110 feet.

In the children's competition, Dylan Curley took first place with 80 feet. Coming in second place was Zachary Clark with 64 feet and third place was Ethan Thumball with 63 feet.

The next competition that was held was the crab picking contest. The winner of the professional category was Jennie King with 9 ounces. Barbara Thompson came in second with 8 ounces and Dishawn Scott came in third with 6 ounces.

Next up was the amateur division. First time contestant Tamika Smith took first place, Meghan Monaghan came in second and Betty Arban placed third.



Young contestants in the mullet toss, above right and left. The children below picked up mullet pieces that flew off the flung fish.

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A young child, above left, danced with the Mountain Dew Cloggers. This woman's chicken hat didn't help with tossing mullet. The professional crab pickers compete, below.



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Making a pledge for Wondrous Wakulla



GREEN LIVING

By SHELLEY SWENSON
Wakulla Extension Service

Last week I had the privilege of being a part of Medart Elementary School's annual Project Learning Tree.

Each year the student curriculum is enhanced by bringing speakers from the Big Bend area into the classroom to expand the "world" as it exists for young people.

I was one of a number of speakers who presented their session eight times to reach the students in a small session. The theme that the school chose this year was Wondrous Wakulla. I shared the day with people talking on preservation of our coastlines, forests, nutrition and so on.

Of course when I was asked and heard the theme I jumped at the opportunity to talk about Wondrous Wakulla through the eyes of the trash that accumulates in the ditches all over the county. I brought two interns from the Department of Education with me to cover the nutrition aspect of my work.

I took the children on a make-believe trip to Shell Point in my revved up pickup truck.

All along the way I threw trash out of my make-believe window aiming for the ditch or the bed of my pickup. By the time we arrived at the beach, my car was empty of trash with

very few things ending up on the truck bed.

A very meaningful discussion followed as I asked the students to tell me what the make-believe Shelley was thinking as she trashed Wakulla County on her way south. Although the students could not believe I would do such a thing as litter and felt I really was a bad citizen, I know that some of them have done the same or watched their parents do so.

I had created a time line on the floor with numbers of years and asked the students to place the trash on the time line to indicate their estimate for how long each item will remain in the ditch or even in the landfill.

The students were so surprised to learn that a plastic bottle will remain for 1,000 years, an aluminum can 500 years, and a disposable diaper for 1,000 years.

I then asked them to consider three things that they could do to make Wakulla County even more wondrous. If they could adopt the concepts offered and seriously change their behavior, they were to sign a pledge of commitment.

I want to share the results. I asked them to consider the following:

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Recycling is on the increase in county offices

By LYNN ARTZ
County Commissioner

Pamela Joy, Chair of the Wakulla Recycling Task Force, believes that the county should lead by example.

So, after confirming that little was being recycled in most county offices, she has been setting up recycling stations in one county office after another.

Ms. Joy began with the Planning Office (where she works), then quickly moved on to the County Administration Building and the Property Appraisers Office.

No money for recycling bins and barrels? No problem.

Ms. Joy simply lines empty copy paper boxes with plastic and labels them with colorful signs.

In addition to a box to collect paper, Ms. Joy creates boxes to collect aluminum

cans, plastic bottles, and cardboard. Arranged together, the four boxes form a recycling station for each office.

County employees have responded positively. Many have begun tossing their recyclables into the boxes instead of trash cans.

Providing opportunities for collecting recyclables is just the first step, however. The recycling boxes have to be emptied and the recyclables transported elsewhere by someone. So Ms. Joy enlisted the help of facilities management staff.

Employees John Gerhardt and Larry Thompson now pick up the recyclables when picking up trash from these same office buildings. They say it is easy for them to transport both types of waste without any extra trips.

All it took was the addition of a multi-bin recycling



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LEADING BY EXAMPLE: Pamela Joy, chair of the county recycling task force, left, has set up recycling stations in county offices. Property Appraiser Donnie Sparkman, right, prepares to recycle a can.

container to the location where they transport the trash.

Buoyed by her success, Ms. Joy is ready to move on to another county office

building. She's got her eye on the Supervisor of Elections Office.

There seems to be no stopping this recycling dynamo.

Field trip is set to band Red-cockaded Woodpeckers

Special to The News

On Saturday, May 14, U.S. Forest Service Wildlife Biologist Chuck Hess will lead a group into the Apalachicola National Forest to view the banding of Red-cockaded woodpecker nestlings before they fledge.

This is a unique opportunity for everyone to

see and learn about these endangered birds in their native habitat. One of only a few birds endemic to the U.S., they live in our mature southern pine forests.

Sponsored by Concerned Citizens of Wakulla, the trip is free and open to everyone.

To sign up, contact Hess at hess@fs.fed.us.

'Fish and oil don't mix' at FSU Marine Lab

Special to The News

A free, public lecture that will explore the effects of oil spill-related pollutants and other environmental contaminants on fish populations will be held at the FSU Marine Lab on Thursday, May 12, at 7 p.m.

The scheduled speaker is Jim Gelsleichter, an assistant professor of biology at the University of North Florida and former staff scientist at the Center for Shark Research at the Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota.

His presentation will include an overview of collaborative research he's conducting with researchers at numerous universities - including at FSU's Coastal and Marine Lab - to assess the full impacts of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill on coastal and deepwater fish in the eastern Gulf of Mexico.

Light refreshments will be served following the lecture, which is a part of the FSU Coastal and Marine Lab's ongoing Conservation Lecture Series.

Attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food donation for the Second Harvest of the Big Bend.

The FSU Marine Lab is located at 3618 Coastal Highway in St. Teresa at the intersection of highways 98 and 319 in Franklin County.

Visit the FSU Coastal and Marine Lab website at <http://www.marinelab.fsu.edu/> to learn more about the distinguished research facility.

For further information on the May 12 lecture or future events in the monthly

Conservation Lecture Series, call (850) 697-4120.

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Farewell party for Scott Jackson at the extension office from 4 to 6 p.m.

2011 Miss Wakulla County Pageant at 7 p.m. at WHS.

Sharks and Chablis at Gulf Specimen Marine Lab from 4 to 7 p.m.

Respite Care at Lake Ellen Baptist Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Monday

Thursday, May 12

- 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.
- COASTAL OPTIMIST CLUB will meet at noon at Posey's Steam Room in Panama.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 7:30 p.m. at St. Marks First Baptist Church.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 7 p.m. at the Panama Women's Club on Otter Lake Road, Panama. For more information call 524-9103.
- FAMILY TO FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP will meet at 6 p.m. at the NAMI Wakulla office.

Friday, May 13

- FRIDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB meets at the public library from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS meets at St. Teresa's Episcopal Church in Medart from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- PICKIN' 'N' GRINNIN' JAM SESSION will be held at the senior center from 10 a.m. to noon. (Also on Tuesdays)
- SASSY STRIPPERS QUILTERS GROUP meets at the public library from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to make quilts for traumatized children. The "cruiser quilts" are donated to Wakulla County deputies to be used for children in need. New members welcome. For information, call 926-6290.
- KARAOKE will be held at Hamaknockers Oasis.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets each Friday at 8 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. Call (850)545-1853 for more information.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets each Friday at noon at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. Call (850)545-1853 for more information.
- BIG BEND HOSPICE ADVISORY COUNCIL will meet at 1 p.m. at Beef O'Brady's in Crawfordville. Call Pam Allbritton at 926-9308 or 508-8749 for more information.

Saturday, May 14

- 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.
- SOPCHOPPY GROWER'S MARKET is held every Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., in front of Posh Java, Organics & Gifts in historic downtown Sopchoppy. The market features local organic and unsprayed vegetables, homemade, hand-ground, fresh bread from Crescent Moon Farm, live music and varying demonstrations, events, vendors and activities. Growers and Seafood Vendors wanting to participate may phone Jennifer Taylor at: (850) 241-3873 or email famu.register@gmail.com. For general information or to offer an activity, demonstration or performance, contact Posh at (850) 962-1010 or Debbie Dix at (850) 528-5838, or email posh_faery@yahoo.com.

Sunday, May 15

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets each Sunday at 6 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville, Florida. For more information call (850)545-1853.

Monday, May 16

- 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.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 7:30 p.m. at St. Marks First Baptist Church.
- YOGA CLASS will start at 10:30 a.m. at the Wakulla County Senior Center. Please join the class for a morning of stimulating postures, balance and alignment work, and final relaxation focusing on the mind-body connection.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 7 p.m. at the Panama Women's Club on Otter Lake Road, Panama.
- RESPITE CARE is offered by The Alzheimer's Project of Wakulla at Lake Ellen Baptist Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your loved one to be cared for. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost. The church is located at 4495 Crawfordville Highway. Call Pat Ashley for more information at (850) 984-5277.

Tuesday, May 17

- 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 824 Shadeville Road at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 224-2321.
- VFW LADIES AUXILIARY BINGO will be held at the VFW Post on Arran Road from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- CRAWFORDVILLE LIONS CLUB will meet at 6 p.m. at the Hudson House behind Wakulla Bank.
- NAMI CONNECTION will meet from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the NAMI Wakulla office. This group is for people diagnosed with a mental illness.

Wednesday, May 18

- 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.
- NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 6:30 p.m. at 2140-C Crawfordville Highway. For more information call 224-2321.

Thursday, May 19

- COASTAL OPTIMIST CLUB will meet at noon at Posey's Steam Room in Panama.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 7:30 p.m. at St. Marks First Baptist Church.
- ROTARY CLUB OF WAKULLA COUNTY will meet at 12 p.m. at the Wakulla County Senior Citizen's Center.
- 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 to 9 p.m.

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets each Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Panama Women's Club on Otter Lake Road, Panama. For more information call 524-9103.
- NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meets at 824 Shadeville Road at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 224-2321.
- CONCERNED CITIZENS OF WAKULLA COUNTY will meet at 7 p.m. at the public library.
- WAKULLA COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets in the Education Center of the Crawfordville United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. This group meeting is for men and women, regardless of the type of cancer. For more information, call 926-6050.



The 2011 Miss Wakulla Pageant will be held on May 14 at 7 p.m. at Wakulla High School. The contestants are Bailee Pearce, Mary Warren Adkison, Ashley Taylor, Kendalin Burns, Hailee Clark, Kelsey Cook, Brooke Edwards and Logan Harvey.

Friday, May 20

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets each Friday at 8 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. Call (850)545-1853 for more information.
- FRIDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB meets at the public library from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS meets at St. Teresa's Episcopal Church in Medart from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- PICKIN' 'N' GRINNIN' JAM SESSION will be held at the senior center from 10 a.m. to noon. (Also on Tuesdays)
- SASSY STRIPPERS QUILTERS GROUP meets at the public library from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to make quilts for traumatized children. The "cruiser quilts" are donated to Wakulla County deputies to be used for children in need. New members welcome. For information, call 926-6290.
- KARAOKE will be held at Hamaknockers Oasis.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets each Friday at noon at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. Call (850)545-1853 for more information.
- NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 6:30 p.m. at 2140-C Crawfordville Highway. Call 224-2321 for more information.

Special Events

Friday, May 13

• FAREWELL PARTY FOR SCOTT JACKSON, UF/IFAS Wakulla County Extension Director, will be held at the extension office from 4 to 6 p.m. Jackson is moving to the extension office in Bay County.

Saturday, May 14

• SPRING RECITAL will be held by the students of Michelle Snow School of Music at Christ Church Anglican on Coastal Hwy. 98 in Medart. There are two performances, today at 11 a.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. The recital is free and will be followed by a reception. For more information, call 926-7627.

• RED-COCKADED WOODPECKER BANDING EXPEDITION will be led by U.S. Forest Service Wildlife Biologist Chuck Hess. He will lead a group into the Apalachicola Forest to view the banding of the woodpecker nestlings before they fledge. Sponsored by the Concerned Citizens of Wakulla, the trip is free and open to everyone. To sign up, contact Chuck Hess at Chess@fs.fed.us.

• 2011 MISS WAKULLA COUNTY PAGEANT will be held at the Wakulla High School Auditorium at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 and 5 and under is free. Reserved seats may be purchased for \$10, please contact us at misswakullacounty@yahoo.com.

Sunday, May 15

• THIRD ANNUAL SHARKS AND CHABLIS wine tasting fundraiser will be held at Gulf Specimen Marine Lab from 4 to 7 p.m. For more information call 984-5297.

Saturday, May 21

• WAKULLA CHILDREN'S FISHING TOURNAMENT will be held by the Wakulla Children's Fishing Tournament Committee to build a love for fishing in young people. The tournament organizers are seeking sponsors for the tourney, which is free to children ages 3 to 15. Festivities begin at 7 a.m. at the Port Panama Marina and continue later in the day at Woolley Park in Panama. The last tournament fleet boat will leave Port Panama Marina at 8:30 a.m. and the weigh in at Woolley Park will be held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided to all participants at Woolley Park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Youths will not only receive a T-shirt and lunch, but an opportunity to participate in games and win trophies as well. Prizes will be given away including fishing poles and tackle boxes. The grand prize is a trip to Sea World for a family of four that includes some spending money. For more information, call Major Larry Massa of the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office at 745-7105.

• GRAND PRIX RUN FOR WAKULLA SPRINGS 5K TRAIL RUN AND 1 MILE FUN RUN will be held by The Friends of Wakulla Springs State Park at Wakulla Springs State Park, located 15 miles south of Tallahassee on SR 267. The 5K is a Gulf Winds Track Club (GWTC) Grand Prix event and the 1 Mile Fun Run is a GWTC Youth Grand Prix event. This unique run winds through a wilderness area of the State Park which is not open to the general public. 1 Mile Family Fun Run begins at 8 a.m.; Grand Prix 5k Run begins at 8:30 a.m. Online registration available at Raceit.com and ends May 20. Mailed pre-registrations must be postmarked no later than Monday, May 16. Packet pickup and race day registration opens at 7 a.m. "Run and Ride" Runners Guided Boat Tour at 10:30 a.m. Runners and their families are invited on a special guided boat tour for an additional \$6 per adult, \$3 for kids 4 to 12 (Children under 3 are free). Pre-registered is \$15 (includes T-shirt). Without a shirt is \$10. Day of race is \$20 (with T-shirt). Without a shirt option is \$15. Family Fun Run is \$10 (with a T-shirt). Without a

shirt \$5; children 5 and under free. For more information contact Cheryl Creel, 509-7103 or email cdavis2636@gmail.com.

• CARDS FOR CARING will be held by Habitat for Humanity of Wakulla County, a Motorcycle Poker Run event to benefit their tenth house construction. Card #1: Capital City Harley Davidson, 1745 Capital Circle NW, Tallahassee. Registration at 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Last bike out at 10:45 a.m. Card #2: Beef O'Brady's, 10 Preston Drive in Crawfordville. Card #3: Outz's, Too, 7968 Coastal Hwy. in Newport. Card #4: River Cantina, 859 Port Leon Dr. in St. Marks. Card #5: Skybox Sports Bar & Grill, 2581 Crawfordville Hwy. in Crawfordville. Last bike in at 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided by Skybox. Prize awards and drawings will take place at 3:30 p.m. Registration Costs: \$15 per bike, \$10 per passenger, \$5 for any additional hand. Best Hand will receive a \$250 cash prize. For more information call Peggy at (850) 926-5037 or Susan at (850) 519-2292.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 28

• WAKULLA COUNTY MEMORIAL VFW POST 4538 FUNDRAISER will be held at Walmart. They will be selling Buddy Poppies. They are handmade flowers, made by our disabled veterans. The proceeds go to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States for Veterans Assistance Programs. Please help us help our veterans by buying a Buddy Poppy. We only ask \$1 for each Buddy Poppy but will gratefully accept donations in any amount.

Saturday, June 11

• NAMI TRIPLE CROWN DERBY FUNDRAISER will be held by NAMI Wakulla, an affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. All proceeds will help in the support, education and advocacy for mental illness in Wakulla County. The event will be held at the Wakulla County Livestock Pavilion (Cooperative Extension Service). A barbecue is scheduled for 5 to 6:30 p.m.. The Derby will start at 6:30 p.m. Non-alcoholic mint juleps can be purchased throughout the evening. Tickets are \$20 per person, which includes the barbecue and band derby. Tickets can be purchased at the NAMI Wakulla office at 2140-C Crawfordville Highway or call the office for ticket information and reservations, 926-1033.

City and County Meetings

Thursday, May 12

• ST. MARKS CITY COMMISSION will meet at 7 p.m. for its regular meeting at city hall.

Monday, May 16

• COUNTY COMMISSION will meet at 5 p.m. for its regular meeting.
• SOPCHOPPY CITY COMMISSION will meet at 6:30 p.m. at city hall for its regular meeting.

Library News...



By SCOTT JOYNER
WCPD Director

Once again our great patrons have helped us out and saved the State Aid to Libraries program. For the third year in a row, the immense response that the Legislature received from library supporters from across the state showed how important the citizens of Florida consider their public libraries. With this funding, our children's and summer programs and free computer instruction will continue, as well as our potential of offering e-book service to our nearly 16,000 registered patrons beginning next fiscal year.

We will also strive to provide the most current books, films, and other materials that our patrons so rightfully demand, in addition to access to the Internet for all who need to apply for government help, job hunt, study for school, or simply keep in touch with friends and family.

Again thank you for your continued support and we encourage everyone to stop by and see what the library has to offer.

Friday Night Movie

On Friday, May 13, we are offering the blockbuster seventh film in the Harry Potter series.

Rated PG-13 (for action and frightening scenes), this film is the first of two movies based upon the book Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by J.K. Rowling.

Following the death of his mentor Dumbledore, Harry Potter, along with his

friends Hermione and Ron, begin the search for the Horcruxes in which the evil Voldemort has hidden parts of his soul. They need to destroy these Horcruxes in order to defeat Voldemort and his evil forces once and for all. With pure evil hot on their trail, the three friends take Harry one step closer to his final destiny, confronting Voldemort face to face and saving the world from evil.

With the second part of this film coming out in July, we encourage all to get caught up with this beloved series as we prepare to say goodbye to our friends from Hogwarts.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. for the 7 p.m. showing and as always we ask that each child be accompanied by an adult.

Computer classes for May

We are proud to offer the following classes to the citizens this month.

On Thursday, May 12, we have: Edit Your Digital Photos Online II at 9:30 a.m. followed by Facebook II at 1:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, May 17: Computer Basics I at 9:30 a.m. with Microsoft Excel 2007 III at 1:30 p.m.

Lastly we're offering on May 26: Computer Basics II at 9:30 a.m. and Skype at 1:30 p.m.

All classes require early registration as seating is limited.

Friday Book Club

Our Friday afternoon book club is now reading "The Leisure Seeker" by Michael Zadoorian.

We have one copy left for purchase at the front desk for \$8.35 to those participating in the Book Club.

We'd be more than happy to order more if need be.

All Book Club books are purchased and donated by the Friends of the Library.

Please join this fun group each Friday at 3 p.m.

GREEN SCENE



What's the future of cars with hydrogen fuel cells?

Dear EarthTalk: Not long ago we were reading a lot about hydrogen's role in a clean energy future, with cars transitioning from gasoline-powered engines to hydrogen-powered fuel cells. Where does hydrogen fit now in the mix with electric cars now coming on so strong?

- Amanda Jenkins, Troy, Mich.

It is true that just a few years ago everyone was talking hydrogen fuel cells as the future of petroleum-free automotive transport. Fuel cell cars can run on infinitely renewable hydrogen gas and emit no harmful tailpipe emissions whatsoever.

A 2005 Scientific American article bullishly reported that car company executives "foresee no better option to the hydrogen fuel-cell vehicle in the long run."

Likewise, the International Energy Agency suggested, also in 2005, that some 30 percent of the global stock of vehicles - 700 million cars and trucks - could be powered by hydrogen fuel cells by 2050.

But high development costs and implementation hurdles have kept fuel cell vehicles (FCVs) out of the mainstream for now. And in the face of competition from a new crop of all-electric and hybrid-electric vehicles lately, some analysts wonder whether the fuel cell's future is as bright as once thought.

That's not to say the technology isn't impressive, and still potentially very

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promising. The concept was first developed by NASA some five decades ago for use in space travel and has since been implemented in a wide range of other mobile and stationary power applications.

In an FCV, a stack of fuel cells under the hood converts hydrogen stored on-board with oxygen in the air to make electricity that propels the drive train.

While automakers have been able to make fuel cells small enough to fit in and power a conventional size car or truck, the price per unit is high due to the need to incorporate expensive, cutting edge components.

And the lack of widespread demand precludes cost-saving mass production.

Also, the lack of hydrogen refueling stations around the country limits the practicality of driving a fuel cell vehicle.

According to Richard Gilbert, co-author of the book, *Transport Revolutions: Moving People and Freight without Oil*, another big issue for hydrogen-powered fuel cells is their energy inefficiency. Creating hydrogen gas by splitting water molecules via electrolysis ends up us-

ing up about half of the energy it creates. Another half of the resulting energy is taken up by the conversion of hydrogen back into electricity within fuel cells. "This means that only a quarter of the initially available energy reaches the electric motor," reports Gilbert.

Making hydrogen by reforming natural gas is also highly inefficient and relies on a fossil fuel from the get-go.

Such losses in conversion don't stack up well against, for instance, recharging an electric vehicle (EV) like the Nissan Leaf or Chevy Volt from a wall socket - especially if the electricity can be initially generated from a renewable source like wind or solar.

But FCVs aren't dead in the water yet. A few dozen Californians are already driving one of Honda's FCX Clarity fuel cell cars. A \$600/month lease payment entitles qualifying drivers to not only collision coverage, maintenance and roadside assistance but also hydrogen fuel, available via a handful of "fast-fill" hydrogen refueling stations.

General Motors is part of an effort to test FCVs and implement a viable hydrogen refueling infrastructure in Hawaii, currently one of the most fossil fuel dependent states in the U.S.

The Hawaii Hydrogen Initiative aims to bring



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upwards of 20 hydrogen refueling stations to Hawaii by 2015. Other efforts are underway in the U.S., Europe and elsewhere.

Dear EarthTalk: I heard that timber thefts are increasing across the country. Why would people steal timber and is it a particular kind for a particular use?

- Rosie Ng, Stanwood, Wash.

People are stealing timber for the same reasons they steal anything: to profit from someone else's hard work.

What makes timber thefts that much harder to stop is the fact that, most of the time, they occur in remote forested areas and loggers typically don't have to document their sales as meticulously as other kinds of natural resource extraction.

With the economy still in the doldrums, it's not surprising that timber thefts appear to be on the rise, at least based on anecdotal evidence from around the country.

"Timber theft can range from a landowner cutting down a neighbor's tree to loggers stealing hundreds or thousands of trees from private or public lands," reports Lori Compas in the September/October 2010

issue of E Magazine. "Investigators say it's difficult to calculate the exact number of trees lost to theft, but losses are estimated at \$3 million over the last five years in Mississippi alone."

She cites one example there in which a logger was arrested on three counts of timber theft after clearing some \$375,000 worth of trees from land set aside to benefit local schools.

In some cases, thieves are targeting specific types of rare or expensive wood, such as the distinctively patterned birds-eye maple used in some high-end musical instruments.

High development costs, implementation hurdles and competition from electric and hybrid-electric vehicles have kept hydrogen-powered fuel cell vehicles (FCVs) out of the mainstream for now. At left, the Honda FCX Clarity fuel cell car.

Since there's no way to tell if the wood inside a maple tree will show the birds-eye pattern without cutting into it, thieves aren't scared to damage or potentially kill a tree to find out.

Oftentimes other loggers will even tip off local authorities about a rogue member of their industry perpetrating such crimes.

Timber thieves who haul their take out of state might also face federal charges for transporting stolen timber across state lines.

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Swenson: Wondrous Wakulla

I commit to trying to cut down on Wakulla County trash by doing the following things:

1. I will not throw paper, wrappers, cans, bottles or any other trash from the car window or drop it when walking.

2. I will discuss with my friends and my family how we might set up a system to do more recycling.

3. I will use more things that I can eat from and drink from over and over like a re-usable water bottle or picnic dishes instead of products that are not biodegradable.

One hundred and fifteen youths completed the survey. Of those, 113 committed to the first; 105 committed to the second; and 112 committed to the third.

I am very proud of the decision the students made to change the appearance of Wakulla County to make it truly Wondrous Wakulla. Thank you Medart Elementary for including me in your yearly event.

Shelley Swenson is an Extension Agent II, UF/IFAS Wakulla County Family and Consumer Sciences Agent.

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Be prepared for senior emergencies

Special to The News

A local senior care company has unveiled a new resource for those adult children who live in fear of getting "the call" that tells them their senior loved one is in trouble.

Research conducted for the Home Instead Senior Care network has revealed that many grown children don't know all they should about their older adults' medical histories.

That's why Home Instead Senior Care has worked with Humana Points of Caregiving to develop a variety of resources to help families be better prepared.

The Caring for Your Parents: Senior Emergency Kit is an information management tool, can help family caregivers keep important information at their fingertips such as their senior's doctors, pharmacy and insurance company, medications and dosage details as well as allergies.

For more information, go to www.SeniorEmergencyKit.com or call your local Home Instead Senior Care office at 850-297-1897.

A survey of future family caregivers conducted for the Home Instead Senior Care network indicates a widespread lack of knowledge including the fact that less than half (47 percent) say they know about their parents' medical histories in case of an emergency.

"We've seen the turmoil that such an emergency creates and we've also witnessed how much smoother it can go when families are prepared," said Scott Harrell, owner of the Home Instead Senior Care office serving Leon, Gadsden, Jefferson and Wakulla counties, plus the Panhandle.

"This resource will provide family caregivers with the tools they need to be ready for the unexpected," he said.

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Keep Wakulla County Beautiful

Don't let back pain keep you from exercise

Lower Back Pain is one of the most common problems we see at the gym.

Clients with back pain are apprehensive to work their backs, abs, or legs.

I don't blame them one bit.

Back pain can stop you in your tracks. When an attack happens, sufferers are not able to move and sometimes some are not able to stand up straight. It is so excruciating to those whose have it, and it can take weeks for them to be back to normal.

Back pain sufferers find it hard to work or be mobile and have countless injections, pills, doctor appointments, etc.

So if anything that they are going to do at the gym might trigger an episode they avoid it like the plague.

What are triggers? Certain ways we move can



GET FIT

By PAMELA CHICHESTER

The lower back and lumbar spine are most vulnerable to the effects of obesity.

What about exercise? A common misconception, sufferers think that exercise will trigger pain. Not so.

A lack of exercise and bodily conditioning leads to poor flexibility and weak muscles in the back, pelvis, and thighs. This can increase the curve of the lower back, causing the pelvis to tilt too far forward. Along with this your posture weakens, and other regions of the spine (neck) may become painful.

There are a lot of things that can help minimize back

pain - for example, the best time to start exercising the back is first thing in the morning prior to getting out of bed.

Think about what happens at night, your body is in a prolonged position all night which may cause your spine to "stiffen" up or cause fixation of the spin.

To start a spine healthy day, try a few stretches to help increase flexibility.

Knee to Chest Stretches: This you can do as soon as you wake up in the morning. First, pull one knee to the chest, then the other. Hold each for five seconds. Then pull both knees to the chest at the same time and hold for five to eight seconds. Repeat every two to three minutes for fifteen minutes. Relax your back as you pull gently.

Pelvic Rock Mobilization: Start this mobilization technique on your back

with your legs bent. Then gently lift the pubic bone (bottom of the pelvis) upward and progressively lift the pelvis and then the low back while squeezing both buttocks together. Hold for three to five seconds, then gently lower the pelvis back down and continue to roll the back into a slight arch and hold for about three seconds.

Speak to your doctor before starting a new exercise program to make sure you are healthy enough for an exercise regimen.

Exercise programs can be painstaking to deal with, but it's a bigger pain to deal with pain, so why not change your thinking. Stretch and exercise are great remedies!

Pamela Chichester, CFT is Body-Take 24 Hour Fitness manager. She can be reached at 926-2348.

Children's Gardens can inspire kids' curiosity

Children's Gardens
Open endless pathways, encourage magical places, and draw on a child's natural curiosity with a Child's Garden.

What to Buy / Plant
Children look closely at the intricate shapes of the origami like flowers of columbine and bleeding hearts.

They find huge sunflowers irresistible, love the texture of "fuzzy" lambs ears and strawflowers, too.

Try sensitive plant, which curls up when touched; show a child how a snapdragon talks, and plant balloon flowers known as platycodon.

Invite butterflies into the garden by planting



Gardening Guide
By NANCY GEORGE

monarda, pentas, and lantana; plant moonflowers for nighttime fun while attracting sphinx moths.

Show children which fragrant plants to crush and smell, like lavender, pineapple mint, lemon balm, and scented geraniums.

Edibles
Children love small and large vegetables, like grape tomatoes or giant pumpkins. Try plants that come in surprising colors, such

as purple green beans and carrots, moon and stars watermelon, and 'Easter egg' radishes. And what child wouldn't like fresh strawberries, blueberries or tiny orange kumquats?

Pests
Let children know that some insects are beneficial, and even destructive bugs are highly interesting. Make homemade bug spray and give them the job of spraying plants. Ingredients include the

For Fun
Take your child to the Children's Shakespeare garden and labyrinth at 1401 High Road in Tallahassee. Teaching riddles and rhymes help to make gar-

dening basics easy to remember.

Following is a list of some of the really delightful ones I've heard. "Many vegetables love potato, but keep them away from eggplant and tomato."

"Lettuce is easy to grow, on average except when competing with sunflower or cabbage."

"To plant your carrots, deeply till, but keep them far away from dill."

"Beets of red should never be planted in a bed with beans of green, nor mustard weed."

"Onion, garlic, leeks and shallots keep bugs away from carrots, but these bulbs, unseen disagree with its neighbor bean."

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This unique run winds through a wilderness area of the State Park which is not open to the general public.

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Date: Saturday, May 21, 2011
Location: Wakulla Springs State Park, Wakulla County (15 miles south of Tallahassee on SR 267)
Race Times: Distances & 1 mile Family Fun Run begins at 8:00 am
Awards: Grand Prix 5k Run begins at 8:30 am
5K Awards: Overall, Masters & Grandmasters M/F and 3 deep in 5-yr age groups
Register: Online registration available at raceit.com and ends May 20th

Mailed pre-registrations must be postmarked no later than Monday, May 16. Packet pickup and race day registration opens at 7:00 a.m.

Special Event: "Run and Ride" Runners Guided Boat Tour.....10:30 (approximately)
Runners and their families are invited on a special guided boat tour for an additional \$6.00 per adult, \$3.00 for kids 4 to 12 (Children under 3 are free).

Please "make your reservations" by paying for the Run and Ride with your registration fee.

Fees: Mailed Pre-registration ends May 16th
Pre-registered \$15 (includes T-shirt) Without a shirt \$10
Day of race \$20 (With T-shirt) Without a shirt option \$15
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The Friends of Wakulla Springs would like to thank our sponsors. Without their support, we could not host the 5K Run that directly benefits Wakulla Springs. To learn more about donating to the Friends, or to become a member, please visit <http://www.wakullasprings.org/projects.html>

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Into the Wild Abridgment: Chapter Ten

Previously, the traveling cats were attacked by a crowd of vicious rats, and Bluestar lost a life. They returned to camp only to hear the sounds of battle.

"Quick!" Bluestar howled. "It is as StarClan warned me. Our camp is being attacked!"

Firepaw charged, his soreness from the battle with the rats forgotten. The battle sounds grew louder, and the stench of ShadowClan filled his nostrils. He was right behind Tigerclaw as they dashed into the clearing.

They were met with a frenzy of fighting. ThunderClan cats battled furiously with ShadowClan warriors. Every corner of the camp seemed alive with fighting.

The returning cats hurled themselves into battle. Firepaw caught hold of a tabby warrior and sank his teeth deep into her leg. She yowled and turned on him, lunging at his neck with her teeth bared. He managed to pull her down into the dirt, clawing her till she squealed and struggled away, running into the undergrowth surrounding the camp.

Firepaw saw a white ShadowClan cat with jet-black paws dragging a ThunderClan elder away from the nursery. Blackfoot! The ShadowClan deputy quickly killed the elder, who had been guarding the kits, and reached into the bramble nest with one massive paw. The kits were squealing, undefended as their mothers wrestled ShadowClan warriors.

Firepaw prepared to spring toward the nursery, but a scrawny tortoiseshell leaped on top of him. As he slammed into the ground, he tried to call out that the kits were in danger.

Blackfoot had scooped two kits from their bedding and was reaching for a third.

Firepaw flung the tortoiseshell warrior away. He spun around and plunged his teeth deep into the cat's shoulder, sending her howling into the undergrowth.

He dashed to the nursery and thrust his head through the entrance. Blackfoot was nowhere to be seen. Inside the nest, crouching over the kits, was Yellowfang, her fur spattered with blood. She looked up with a ferocious hiss, then, realizing it was Firepaw, yowled. "They're okay. I'll protect them."

Brokenstar's warning about the ShadowClan rogue flashed through Firepaw's mind. He would have to trust Yellowfang. He ducked back out of the brambles.

There were only a few ShadowClan cats left. Whitestorm and Darkstripe chased the last two out of camp.

Firepaw sat, exhausted, and stared. Blood spattered the clearing, and tufts of fur drifted in the dust. The undergrowth was ripped open where invaders had crashed through.

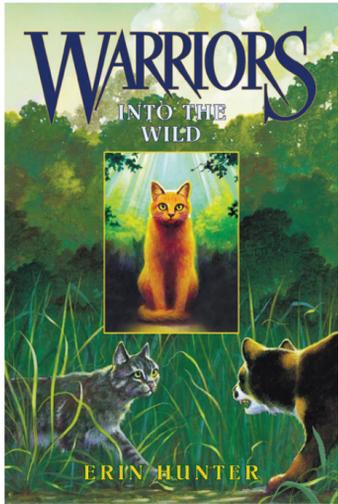
The ThunderClan cats gathered beneath Highrock. The queens ran to the nursery to check on their kits. Firepaw waited tensely, relaxing when he heard purrs of joy coming from the bramble nest.

Frostfur wove her way through the crowd, followed by Yellowfang. The queen stepped forward. "Our kits are safe, thanks to Yellowfang. A ShadowClan warrior was trying to steal them, but Yellowfang fought him off."

"It was no ordinary ShadowClan warrior," Firepaw put in. "It was Blackfoot." "The ShadowClan deputy!"

Bluestar limped forward. "Spottedleaf is with Lionheart," she murmured. "He was injured. It looks bad."

A wail rose from Graypaw and he raced to Lionheart. Spottedleaf stepped back to let the apprentice share tongues for the last time with his mentor. Finally Graypaw sat up and cried. "He's gone!" He lay down beside Lionheart's body and rested his head on his paws. The rest of the Clan walked forward to grieve for their beloved deputy.



Firepaw joined them. He licked Lionheart's neck and murmured, "Thank you for your wisdom. You taught me so much." He sat down beside Graypaw.

Bluestar padded up. "What am I going to do without you, Lionheart?" she whispered. It was the first time Firepaw had seen her look defeated, and a chill ran through him.

Tigerclaw briefly shared tongues with Lionheart. Firepaw waited to hear what words he would

share with his friend, but Tigerclaw remained silent. To Firepaw's confusion, the dark tabby's eyes seemed fixed on Ravenpaw, not the fallen deputy.

Bluestar hauled herself onto Highrock. The cats began to gather in the clearing below, silent and somber-faced.

"It is nearly moonhigh," meowed Bluestar. "It is once more my duty—much too soon—to name ThunderClan's new deputy."

Firepaw looked from warrior to warrior. They were looking expectantly at Tigerclaw.

Bluestar continued. "I say this before Lionheart's body, so his spirit may approve my choice. I have not forgotten how one cat avenged the death of Redtail and brought his body back to us. ThunderClan needs this fearless loyalty now." Bluestar paused. "Tigerclaw will be the new deputy of ThunderClan."

There was a yowl of approval, the loudest voices belonging to Darkstripe and Longtail. Tigerclaw lifted his chin proudly as he listened to the Clan. He leaped up beside Bluestar. "I am honored," he yowled. "I never expected to gain such high rank, but I vow to serve you as best I can." He gravely dipped his head and jumped down from Highrock.

Firepaw heard Ravenpaw murmur "Oh, no!" beside him. Ravenpaw's head was hanging low. "She should never have chosen him!"

"Are you talking about Tigerclaw?" Firepaw whispered.

"He's wanted to be deputy since he took care of Redtail—" Ravenpaw stopped abruptly.

"Took care of Redtail?" Firepaw echoed. What did Ravenpaw know? Was Tigerclaw responsible for Redtail's death?

"Are you telling Firepaw how I protected Redtail?"

Ravenpaw whipped around, his eyes wide with fear. Tigerclaw loomed over them.

Firepaw jumped up. "He was saying he wished you'd been here to take care of Lionheart as well," he mewed.

Tigerclaw stalked away in silence. Ravenpaw started to tremble uncontrollably.

"Ravenpaw?" Firepaw meowed.

With his head held low, Ravenpaw slunk back to Graypaw and crouched next to him, pressing his skinny black body next to Graypaw's thick fur as if he was suddenly cold.

Firepaw looked helplessly at his two friends. He padded over and settled beside them, ready to sit out the night.

At dawn, a group of elders took Lionheart's body away to the burial place. Ravenpaw hurried back to the apprentice's den. Firepaw followed him slowly. Too exhausted to speak, he settled down for a long sleep.

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List 10 words that rhyme with "float."

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2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

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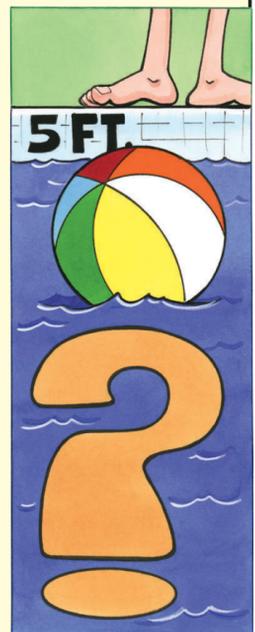


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- 1) S _ _ N G L A _ _ _ E S
- 2) R _ _ _ T S
- 3) T _ _ W _ _ L S
- 4) T _ _ Y S
- 5) _ _ U N S _ _ R E E _ _
- 6) G O _ _ _ L E S
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680 Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is given pursuant to Florida Self-Storage Facility Act, Florida Statutes, Chapter 83, Part IV, that Sopchoppy Mini Storage will hold a sale by sealed bid on Saturday, May 28, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at Sopchoppy Hwy., Sopchoppy, FL 32358, of the contents of Mini Warehouse containing personal property of:

ANDREW MORRIS
JENNIFER BRADLEY
SHERYL TAUBE
ADRIAN COLLIER
LISA LOLLIE

Payments must be made by Saturday, May 28 by 10:00 a.m. before the sale date of Saturday, May 28, 2011. The owners may redeem their property by payment of the Outstanding Balance and cost by contacting Sopchoppy Mini Storage at 850-962-4742. Or by paying in person at the warehouse location.

May 12, 19, 2011

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle and vessel will be sold for towing and storage charges pursuant to F.S. 713.78.

Date of Sale: 5-25-11
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Vehicle: 2002 KIA
VIN #: KNADC123626179244

Date of Sale: 5-27-11
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Vehicle: 1996 TOYOTA
VIN #: JT2BG12K6T0359814

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May 12, 2011

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- 56 Oyster Bay Dr. - 4BR/3BA on deep water canal w/ boat slip, \$1250 per month
- 2170 Coastal Hwy. Lanark - 3BR/2BA Gulf front home \$900 a month.
- 56 Blue Heron Ochlockonee Bay - 3BR/1BA Canal front home \$750 per month.
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683 Estate (Probate) Filings

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

CASE NO: 11-17PR PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT JOHN LALONDE, JR. a/k/a ROBERT J. LALONDE, JR.

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Robert John Lalonde, Jr., deceased, File 11-17PR is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney is set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

This date of the first publication of this notice is May 12, 2011.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Frances Casey Lowe, Esq. Florida Bar No. 521450 Guilday, Tucker, Schwartz & Simpson, P.A. 3042 Crawfordville Highway Crawfordville, Florida 32327 (850) 926-8245

Personal Representative: Priscilla A. Lalonde 103 Turkey Run Road Crawfordville, Florida 32327

May 12, 19, 2011

684 Miscellaneous Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Centennial Bank, 620 Chestnut Street, Conway, Faulkner County, Arkansas 72032 intends to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to establish a full-service mobile branch in Wakulla County, Florida. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the application including the record of performance of applicant banks in helping to meet local credit needs.

You are invited to submit comments in writing on this application to the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, P.O. Box 442, St. Louis, MO 63166-0442. The comment period will not end before Thursday, May 26, 2011. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12C.F.R. Part 262. Procedures for processing protested applications may be found at 12C.F.R. 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board's procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the application, contact Glenda Wilson, Community Affairs Officer, at (314)444-8317. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the application if they are received in writing by the Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period.

May 12, 2011

687 Invitations to Bid

Advertisement Detail WAKULLA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OCHLOCKONEE BAY TRAIL - PHASE I Invitation to Bid No. 2011-17 Advertisement Begin Date/Time: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

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

Sealed responses for the OCHLOCKONEE BAY TRAIL - PHASE I will be received until 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 10, 2011; responses should be addressed to the Wakulla County Purchasing Office, at 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, at which time all proposals will be publicly opened. Responses received after the time and date specified will not be accepted and shall be returned unopened to the Proposer.

Please direct all questions to: Administrative: Virginia Dekle e-mail: vdekle@mywakulla.com Phone: 850.926.9500, FAX: 850.926.0940

Technical: George Roland, PE Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. Phone: 904.828.3929 FAX: 304.367.1692 e-mail: george.roland@kimley-horn.com.

ITB documents will be available at www.mywakulla.com or can be picked up at the location listed above after 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2011.

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

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

Mike Stewart, Chairman Virginia Dekle, OMB

May 12, 19, 2011

692 Gov - Notice of Meeting

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF WAKULLA COUNTY

announces a regular school board meeting to which all interested persons are invited:

DATE: Monday, May 16, 2011

TIME: The regular meeting will be held at 5:45 p.m.

PLACE: School Board Room 69 Arran Road Crawfordville, Florida

PURPOSE: Regular School Board Meeting.

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

May 12, 2011

693 Gov - Election Notices

REGISTRATION AND NOTICE TO SHOW CAUSE

Pursuant to Section 98.075(7)-(2), Florida statutes, notice is given to the following persons(s) to show cause why they should not be disqualified as a registered voter:

CATHERINE R. CLUSSMAN Last known address of 358 Persimmon Rd Sopchoppy, FL 32358

The above individuals are notified to show cause why his/her name should not be removed from the voter registration rolls. Failure to respond within 30 days of this published notice will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor of Elections and removal of your name from the statewide voter registration system. For further information and instructions, contact the Supervisor of Elections at (850) 926-7575.

Henry F. Wells Wakulla County Supervisor of Elections P. O. Box 305 Crawfordville, Florida, 32326

May 12, 2011



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 - Savannah's
 - Senior Center
 - Stop N Save
 - Tasty Takeout
 - Victor's American Grille
 - Walgreen's
 - Wal-Mart
 - Winn Dixie

IN MEDART

- Dollar General
- Inland Store
- Petro
- Wakulla Co Public Library
- Wildwood Inn

IN PANACEA

- Big Top Supermarket
- Crum's Mini Mall
- Dollar General



IN OCHLOCKONEE BAY

- Angelo's
- Mashes Sands BP

IN CARRABELLE

- Carrabelle IGA

IN SOPCHOPPY

- Express Lane
- Lou's Bait and Tackle
- Sally's
- Sopchoppy Grocery

IN SPRING CREEK

- Spring Creek Restaurant

IN SHELL POINT

- C21/Florida Coastal Properties

IN WOODVILLE

- Ace Hardware
- Bert Thomas Grocery
- Dollar General
- Gulf Coast Lumber
- IGA Grocery Store

IN ST. MARKS

- Bo Lynn's
- Express Lane

IN WAKULLA STATION

- Dollar General
- Savannah's
- Stop N Save
- Wakulla Station BP

AND ELSEWHERE

- Glenda's Country Store
- Mack's Country Meats
- Spring Creek Restaurant
- Stop N Save (Bloxxham Cutoff/H'way 319)
- Stop N Save (H'way 98/ Spring Creek Road)
- Wakulla Springs Lodge

IN TALLAHASSEE

- Circle K (Capital Circle & C'ville Highway)
- Publix (Capital Circle & C'ville Highway)

Brain Teasers

1	2	3			4	5
		5		2		
6	7			8	9	
2			3		7	
9		4		1		6
	1		6			8
	2		6		8	1
		9			2	
5	3			7	9	4

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

7	9	6	2	1	7	8	5	9
2	5	7	8	6	9	1	7	4
1	8	5	7	9	9	6	7	2
8	7	7	6	9	2	1	5	5
9	5	9	1	7	7	2	8	6
6	1	2	5	5	8	7	9	7
7	6	1	8	7	5	5	2	9
5	2	9	7	6	1	5	7	8
5	7	8	9	2	5	7	6	1

Solutions

- ACROSS**
- Group belief
 - Sharif of "Funny Girl"
 - End-of-round signal
 - Rial spender
 - Spot on the Web
 - Lamb's nom de plume
 - ___ one's time (waited)
 - Part of QED
 - "___ fair in love ..."
 - Barely make, with "out"
 - Raw recruit
 - Rich source of fossils, perhaps
 - "Ich bin ___ Berliner"
 - Grid coach Amos Alonzo ___
 - Lure into crime
 - Puts together
 - '89 movie based on a '73 court decision
 - Baseball's Felipe or Moises
 - Lena or Lehmann
 - Land of the leprechauns
 - It may be 20/20
 - Was biased
 - "And so ___" (Ellerbe catchphrase)
 - Clunky shoe
 - I-95, e.g.
 - Sci-fi zapper
 - Worrisome economic condition
 - Prefix with corn or form
 - Chore list heading
 - Bow-toting god
 - Demagnetize, as a tape
 - Dentist's request
 - ___ gin

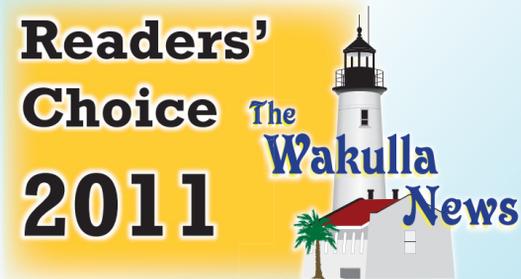
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American Profile Hometown Content 4/17/2011

- DOWN**
- Lama land
 - Eleniak of "Baywatch"
 - Corvair critic Ralph
 - Sci-fi zapper
 - Worrisome economic condition
 - Prefix with corn or form
 - Chore list heading
 - Bow-toting god
 - Demagnetize, as a tape
 - Dentist's request
 - ___ gin
 - Emit an intense beam
 - Hollywood's Hagen
 - Wayside retreats
 - Prefix meaning "false"
 - Pirate's potato
 - Ancient Germanic invaders
 - Intended prey for a "puddy tat"
 - ___ avis
 - Score after deuce
 - Confined, with "up"
 - Hawaiian fish, on menus
 - Touched down
 - Empire State Building climber
 - Singer James or Jones
 - In the doldrums
 - Medieval drudge
 - Borrowed cars, e.g.
 - Friend in the 'hood
 - Of a long-ago era
 - Tropical source of jelly
 - Any of three Indy winners
 - Nobel physicist Bohr
 - Cram into the overhead
 - "___ the mornin!"
 - Yemeni port
 - Barris game show prop
 - Many a Disney character
 - Fortuneteller's opening
 - Seance sound

Here's your chance to participate in **The Wakulla News** **Readers' Choice Contest!**

The **Wakulla News** is asking our readers to participate in the Readers' Choice Contest to identify Wakulla County's most popular local businesses!



Tell us your favorite
"Readers' Choices"
 by filling out the official entry ballot below.
Your name will then be registered in a random drawing for \$100 in Cash.

One entry per person. Please follow these guidelines:
All ballots should be clearly printed. The business name must be clearly identified.

Your nominations must fit the appropriate category. Use the official entry ballot.
 All ballots must be received at The Wakulla News office by 4:00 p.m., Friday, June 10, 2011.
 Ballots may be mailed to: The Wakulla News, P. O. Box 307, Crawfordville, Florida 32326, or you may drop off the ballot at The Wakulla News office at 3119-A Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville.

Send your nominations today.
 Then watch for results in the July 28, 2011 edition of **The Wakulla News!**

Register Today for **WIN \$100**
your chance to... Submit your completed entry form and be entered in the drawing to win \$100 in Cash

Readers' Choice Categories:

- | | |
|---|--|
| Animal Care:
Pet Care _____
Grooming & Supplies _____ | Miscellaneous:
Childcare _____
Clothing and Gifts _____
Storage Centers _____
Dance Studio _____
Photographer _____
Hotel _____
Hardware _____ |
| Automotive:
Auto Engine Repair _____
Auto Body Shops _____
Used Car Dealer _____ | Personal Services:
Barber Shop _____
Hair Salon _____
Nail Care _____
Tanning _____ |
| Financial Services:
Bank _____
Credit Union _____
Mortgage Company _____ | Professional Services:
Accountant _____
Attorney _____
Doctor _____
Dentist _____ |
| Food and Beverage
Liquor Store _____
Grocery _____
Ice Cream/Snacks _____
Bakery _____ | Recreation:
Marina _____
Fishing Charter _____
Bait & Tackle _____
Boat and _____
Motor Repair _____
Canoe/Kayak Rental _____
Scuba _____ |
| Health and Fitness
Gym _____
Massage Therapist _____
Chiropractor _____
Fitness Instructor/Trainer _____ | Restaurant:
Atmosphere _____
Breakfast _____
Lunch _____
Dinner _____
Service _____
Entertainment _____ |
| Homes and Land
Builder _____
Real Estate Company _____
Title Company _____
Surveyor _____
Lawn Care/Landscaping _____
Nursery/Garden Center _____
Flooring _____
Plumbing _____
Electrician _____
A/C-Heating _____
Painter _____
Tree Service _____
Pool Care _____
Home Cleaning Service _____ | Use the area beside each category to list your favorite business. |

ENTRY FORM:

Mail your official entry form and completed ballot to:
The Wakulla News
c/o Readers' Choice Contest
 P. O. Box 307, Crawfordville, FL 32326
 OR drop it off at **The Wakulla News** office:
 3119-A Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Age _____

Are you a current subscriber to **The Wakulla News**? Yes No

*Entries must be handwritten on official entry ballot from **The Wakulla News**. Sorry, no computer generated ballots, mechanical reproductions, photocopies, carbon copies, illegible entries or ballots with answers that are not true and/or relevant will be accepted.
 *At least 25% of the categories must be filled out.
 *Only one entry per person. Ballots not meeting these requirements will be voided.
 *All ballots must be received by **The Wakulla News** by 4:00 p.m. on June 10, 2011. Send entire ballot to **The Wakulla News** "Readers' Choice Contest", P. O. Box 307, Crawfordville, FL 32326 or bring it to our office at 3119-A Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville. (No purchase required.)
 *Winning entry will be drawn by a representative of **The Wakulla News**.
 *All entrants agree to publication of their name, home town, and photograph without additional compensation. Announcement of the winner will appear in the "Readers' Choice" special section to be published in the July 28 edition of **The Wakulla News**.
 *Employees of **The Wakulla News** and their families are not eligible to win. Not intended for residents of states where prohibited by law. Winner must be 18 years of age or older.
 *All ballots that do not meet this criteria will not be counted.

THIS AD IS YOUR OFFICIAL BALLOT & ENTRY FORM.
 Please complete and return to
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