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## Sopchoppy elects newcomer to city commission

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The election results are in and the city of Sopchoppy has re-elected two candidates and one newcomer to the city commission.

Those running in the election were Commissioners Richard Harden and Jim Stokley, Mayor Colleen Skipper and lifelong Sopchoppy resident Anginita Rosier.

Harden and Skipper were awarded another two-year term and Rosier obtained the third open seat.

There were 59 votes cast in the June 14 election. Harden obtained the most votes, with Skipper coming in second and Rosier in third, according to Sop-

choppy Deputy Clerk Linda Langston.

Langston said Rosier and Stokley were just a couple votes from each other.

This will be Skipper's 10th year serving on the commission.

"I'm thrilled," Skipper said. "I'm happy and grateful to the citizens."

She said she plans to focus on trying to bring a business into Sopchoppy that would not hurt the small businesses, but help the entire community.

Harden, who served as vice mayor, will be in his sixth year on the commission.



Anginita Rosier



Richard Harden



Colleen Skipper

Harden said he was grateful that the citizens still feel confident in him to keep him on the commission.

He hopes to tap into the city's cultural assets in the future and encourage economic growth.

"And make us a destination and not a drive

through," Harden said.

This will be the first term for Rosier, who has worked as a legal assistant in the general counsel's office for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities for 17 years and is currently pursuing a criminal justice degree with plans to become an attorney

and practice criminal and family law.

Rosier said she was elated to win a seat on the commission.

"It is an honor to be able to serve the people of this great city," Rosier said.

Rosier said she is looking forward to getting involved

in all aspects of government and ensuring that tax dollars are protected and promoting the best interests of residents.

Stokley served only one term on the commission, but was proud of what the commission accomplished in those two years.

The organizational chart, job classifications, personnel policies and pay classifications for the city was one of those accomplishments.

"It was a good thing we needed to do," Stokley said.

He also wished Rosier luck on the commission.

When asked if Stokley had any future political plans, he would only say, "Maybe."

## FROM DRUG ADDICT to productive member of society



JENNIFER JENSEN

Angela Bailey has traveled a long, winding road through drug addiction and crime and is now clean and sober and works as assistant manager at the Goodwill store in Crawfordville.

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From a drug addict to an inmate to an assistant manager.

That was the journey of Angela Bailey, who traveled down the wrong road for many years and then decided it was time to choose the right one.

Bailey has been an assistant manager at the Goodwill Store in Crawfordville for the last two months, starting as a clothes processor in the back of the store about a year and a half ago.

When she first started, Bailey was facing murder charges.

*At one point, she was facing murder charges – now she's been sober for three years and has earned the trust of her employers at Goodwill.*

"I was going to go to prison for something I didn't do," Bailey said. "I hit bottom."

At the time, Bailey was heavily involved in drugs and her boyfriend was as well. Her boyfriend committed the murder, but Bailey did not report the incident and was considered an accessory.

"The only thing I was guilty of was drugs," Bailey said.

But, she said, "Like my mom always said, 'If you lay with dogs, you're going to get fleas.'"

She was in the Leon County Jail for 10 months, then was bailed out by her mother.

After getting out of jail, she prayed a lot and asked God for help.

She then saw the "Now Hiring" sign at the Goodwill and decided to stop in.

"If God would have let go of me, I would have died," Bailey said.

She applied for the job with Goodwill and the next day, she was hired.

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### BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

## Mentors for kids are needed now

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The Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring program for Wakulla County started back in March, but now, three months later, the organization only has one match in the county.

Stacy Harvey, Wakulla County program coordinator, said it has been difficult finding volunteers for the program.

The waiting list the non-profit organization had was several years old and things have changed for many of those on the list since they expressed interest initially, Harvey said.

"The waiting list has been going on for years," Harvey said.

Out of seven people who were on the waiting list previously, only two were still available.

"It's kind of like we're starting from scratch," Harvey said.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Big Bend has always served Wakulla County, but decided back in November that it wanted a stronger presence in the county.

Through a fish fry, donations and fundraisers, it was able to raise enough money to staff a person completely devoted to the county.

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## Missing child found, Panacea mom arrested

Special to The News

Wakulla County Sheriff's Office investigators arrested a 21-year-old Panacea woman Friday, June 17 and charged her with child abuse-neglect after the child's father reported the young girl missing at 7:12 a.m., according to the sheriff's office.

Sheriff's investigators arrived at the Bayberry Lane home and interviewed Sheena Marie Smith.

They determined that she left the home late at night with her 5-year-old daughter on Thursday, June 16.

The child's father found



Sheena Marie Smith

Smith in the morning, she was reportedly intoxicated and could not remember what happened to their daughter.

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## First Lady Ann Scott visits Wakulla Springs

By CAROLE TOLER  
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"For me, summer and reading go hand in hand," said Florida's First Lady Ann Scott during her visit to Wakulla Springs last week in support of the Summer Literacy Adventures campaign.

Scott read aloud from "It Happened in Florida" by E. Lynn Wright to a group of about 30 children at the Wakulla Springs lodge on Wednesday, June 15.

After the reading, Scott took questions from the kids, who were more interested in her position as governor's wife than her views on literacy.

Scott was asked what it was like to be the governor's wife, to which she responded: "Very special. Hopefully I can make a difference in the state."



CAROLE TOLER

Ann Scott, wife of Gov. Rick Scott, visited Wakulla Springs to promote summer reading.

Scott's favorite board game is Scrabble. Her husband's favorite is Monopoly.

"Surprise, surprise," Scott joked.

When asked if she enjoyed being followed

around by guards, Scott said, "If they're nice."

Scott was even asked if she would like to be the

Governor's maid, to which she replied, "I have been for 39 years."

Scott was asked about her favorite books, which include the Bronte sisters' "Wuthering Heights" and "Jane Eyre," and Jane Austen's "Sense and Sensibility."

Scott said she felt it is "Very important" to get the word out to kids about reading in the summer months. She is "sure that teachers do," but realizes the importance of having other members of the community emphasize reading as well, so that students do not experience "summer slide" -- the decline in learning gains that many undergo during the summer.

Scott said the book she's most looking forward to reading this summer is Florida author Patrick Smith's "A Land to Remember."

# Victor's

AMERICAN GRILL

## LUNCH BUFFET ALL YOU CAN EAT MONDAY - FRIDAY 11-3PM

**Monday...**

Fried Chicken, Sausage Peppers And Onions, Hamburger Steak, Fried Pork Chops, Mac-N-Cheese, Homemade Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Collard Greens, Mixed Vegetables, White Rice, Baby Limas And Salad Bar..... \$7<sup>99</sup>

**Tuesday...**

Fried Chicken, Grilled Pork Chops, Strip Steak, Country Fried Steak, White Rice, Mac-N-Cheese, Homemade Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Fried Okra, Mixed Vegetables And Salad Bar..... \$7<sup>99</sup>

**Wednesday...**

Fried Chicken, Chicken-N-Dumplings, Meat Loaf, Chicken Fajitas, Mixed Vegetables, Baby Limas, Collard Greens, Corn, Fried Okra, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy And Salad Bar ..... \$7<sup>99</sup>

**Thursday...**

Teriyaki Chicken, Fried Chicken, Chicken Wings, Jambalaya, Corn, Mac-N-Cheese, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Beef With Broccoli And Salad Bar ..... \$7<sup>99</sup>

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### From drug addict to member of society

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"Goodwill gave me that chance," Bailey said. "I owe a lot to them."

While working at Goodwill, she waited for her court date.

When her court date came, her defense proved that she had nothing to do with the murder, but she was sentenced to prison because she was an accessory. Her attorney, along with an agreement by Goodwill, got the judge to allow Bailey to continue to work at Goodwill during the day as part of the work release program and report to the Wakulla County Jail from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. to serve her time. She served eight months.

After her prison sentence, she was promoted to third key, which is out on the floor, and eventually to assistant manager.

"They're as proud as I am," Bailey said of Goodwill.

To go from someone who couldn't be trusted at all to someone who is trusted with handling money and opening and closing the store felt really good, Bailey said.

"It means a lot for someone to trust you," Bailey said.

Bailey said those at Goodwill treated her like a person, not a drug addict.

"They don't look at you as a disability, they look at you as someone with potential," Bailey said.

She said the current manager, Susan Hodges, has played an important role in her life.

"She's a firm believer in prayer and that's what I needed in my life," Bailey said.



JENNIFER JENSEN

Amanda Doumanian, spokeswoman for Goodwill Industries, said, "Goodwill is very proud. She has worked very hard to overcome many barriers and is now helping others."

Bailey said she was raised in Christian home and her parents did all they could.

"I had good parents, a good life," Bailey said. "I just took the wrong road."

ters, who are 16 and 19 years old, and ultimately lost custody of them when her life was spiraling out of control.

"That was the hardest part," Bailey said.

While on drugs, Bailey said she knew she didn't want that for her life, but had no control.

"It's not you," Bailey said. "The drug has total control."

Although she was

**"I'm clean. I am a member of society. I deserve the life I have worked for. My girls deserve it."**  
- Angela Bailey

Bailey first experimented with drugs 19 years ago with her first husband and it progressed from there.

"I lost everything," Bailey said. "I had everything."

She has two daughters,

who are 16 and 19 years old, and ultimately lost custody of them when her life was spiraling out of control.

"They'd cry just as many tears as I'd cry," Bailey said.

Her daughters never stopped loving her and today, they are all very close, she said.

They are her inspiration and seeing their strength helped her find hers, she added.

"I'm very proud of my girls," Bailey said.

On top of family support, Bailey said her mother had a whole army of people praying for her.

"I had them all," Bailey said. "I really felt it."

She said she owes a lot to God.

"I survived," Bailey said. "There's a lot of people who didn't."

She hopes her story will help others who are struggling.

"If this reaches one drug addict, please let them know that they will be OK," Bailey said. "It does get easier. When you fall, don't ever stop getting up."

Bailey has been clean and sober for three years.

"When I lay down at night, I know I'm one day stronger," Bailey said.

She said she will always be an addict and fighting the urge to relapse is a constant battle.

"I'm a drug addict for the rest of my life," Bailey said.

A life she wouldn't trade, even though people were hurt along the way.

"That life is what made me who I am today," Bailey said.

And today, she's proud of how far she has come.

"I'm clean. I am a member of society," Bailey said. "I deserve the life I have worked for. My girls deserve it."

### Ladies Day is held at the shooting range



Special to The News

Every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to about 3 p.m., unless there are special events at the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Firing Range and Training Facility, a number of women take part in Ladies Day at the Firing Range.

The day allows ladies to shoot their weapons with WCSO instructors in a friendly environment that encourages female shooters to feel more comfortable around their firearms.

The cost to shoot is \$10 per day for non-members and free to ladies who are members of the firing range. The annual range fee is \$75. The range is located in the Otter Creek community off U.S. Highway 319 on the way to Sopchoppy.

Eve Borgos is one of the many women who have taken advantage of the shooting opportunities available to her.

"It's a fun day," she said. "People are just so nice. You make some great friendships and I'm learning."

April Roberts said she enjoys her time at the firing range because, "Real ladies shoot pistols." She added that .22 caliber and 9-mm weapons are her favorites.

Jackie Celuska and husband Don, a retired law enforcement official from Bay County, said she has just recently come to the range. She shoots with her husband but also enjoys the opportunity to shoot with other women.

Firing Range instructor Deputy Ed Tyer said that the idea of having shooting time for women grew out of a plan to open the range to ladies once a month. But the plan proved to be so popular that the instructors opened the range to women every Wednesday.

Deputy Tyer, Lt. Fred Nichols and range volunteers not only help women with their shooting techniques and selection of weapons, but address personal safety issues with a variety of exercises. Deputy Tyer demonstrated how to overcome a home intruder while also avoiding the loss of their weapons.

"We started doing this a couple of months ago," said Tyer. "We try to do something different each time."

While the ladies were using one section of the range, a private security group was practicing on another portion of the range and male shooters were practicing on another area.

"We want to make these ladies comfortable handling their guns," said Lt. Fred Nichols. Interest in personal safety for females skyrocketed after Gary Michael Hilton abducted and killed Wakulla County resident Cheryl Dunlap in December 2007.

For more information about programs at the range, call 745-7290. To register for programs at the range, call Major Larry Massa at 745-7105.

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.99¢ Lite Beer
- Thursday**  
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- Saturday**  
Shrimp Dinners - 2 Sides  
Choice of 3...\$12.99  
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Grilled/Blackened Shrimp  
Shrimp Scampi  
Fried Shrimp
- Sunday**  
Chicken Philly Sandwich  
with Fries...\$6.99

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SOPCHOPPY

# City commission will cover 3-percent retirement contribution for employees

By JENNIFER JENSEN  
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In light of the new state retirement contribution requirement, the Sopchoppy City Commission has decided to make up for the shortfall for city employees.

On July 1, employees will contribute 3 percent of each paycheck to their retirement funds. The commission decided to give those employees a 3-percent raise from July to the end of the fiscal year in September to offset what the employees have to pay.

City Clerk Jackie Lawhon said the employees must contribute that 3 percent, but the city can choose how it handles the new requirements.

The portion that the city pays for retirement will now be less and Lawhon said the city would still save money even if that went with that option of offsetting the 3 percent.

They would still save \$435 a month, she said.

Mayor Colleen Skipper wanted the city to help with the 3 percent. She said she understood being a county employee and wanted to help the city employees.

The commission chose to offset the amount this year for employees, but said it would look at the budget to see if it's feasible for the following year.

In other news, the city also discussed the new tennis courts and the possibility of adding lights at the court.

Commissioner Richard Harden said he is pushing for getting lights out there for people who enjoy playing tennis at night.

The lights would increase the use of the court, Harden said.

Harden has been actively seeking donations to pay for the lights. So far, he has received \$5,000 worth of pledges.

The commission decided to offer a corporate level and individual sponsorships and those people and businesses would be on a sign at the tennis courts.

Harden said he was also looking into ideas on how to pay for the electricity.

Also relating to the tennis courts, a member of the National Tennis Association, Will Haynes, has asked the city if he can offer lessons at the courts to adults and children in the community.

The lessons would be free. Haynes has agreed to purchase five tennis rackets for the lessons and was looking for someone to donate 10 more.

Lawhon said Haynes wanted to see if a certain hour can be blocked off for one of the courts for the lessons.

The commission agreed that it was a good idea and directed the staff to work with Haynes to set that up.

The Sopchoppy Depot Advisory Committee was at the meeting to receive approval from the commission to apply for a grant to help with additions to the depot. The money would be come from federal transportation

enhancement funds.

Harden said he was in favor of applying for the grant.

"If we don't get it, we don't," Harden said. "If we do, that would go a long way."

Nelson Martin, with the committee, said the application needed to be sent out as soon as possible.

Each application will then be ranked in September and then a check is written to the recipient. There is no match for the city.

There was an idea for new exhibits, a diorama and kiosk.

Any ideas will have to receive final approval by the commission.

The commission voted unanimously to apply for the funding.

At last month's commission meeting, a resident appeared before the commission asking that a high water bill be waived because it was caused by a busted pipe. At that time, the commission asked City Attorney Dan Cox to look into drafting an administrative policy regarding this.

Cox said it was his recommendation to go by a case by case basis because otherwise there would be a need for a minimum threshold to trigger the policy. This could also cause issues with people who may try to take advantage of the policy.

The commission agreed.

The next meeting will be held July 11 at 6:30 p.m.

# Mentors for kids are needed now

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Harvey was then hired in March and went through the training for the mentoring program.

Since that time, she has actively been trying to find mentors and children who want to participate in the program.

"It's been a little difficult," Harvey said.

She stressed the need for mentors and getting the word out that the program is here in Wakulla.

"I have more kids than adults," Harvey said.

And the organization believes in finding the best match for each child. So even if there are 10 children and 10 mentors, that doesn't mean there will be 10 matches.

"The goal is to make the strongest match possible," Harvey said.

According to the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Big Bend's website, the organization makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers and children, ages 6 through 18, in communities across the country in hopes of developing positive relationships that have a direct and lasting effect on the lives of young people.

The organization stresses the importance of one-on-one mentoring, Harvey said.

And the program has proven it works. Big Brothers Big Sisters has been around for more than 100 years and 40 in the Big Bend.

Requirements for those who wish to volunteer are: at least 18

years old and a 12-month commitment.

Harvey said the reason for the commitment is because most of the children in the program have experienced loss in the past and the organization doesn't want to bring someone into their life who walks away from the program after only a few months.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters have to spend four hours a month with their little, which is spread out into two sessions. Of course, the mentor can spend as much time with the child as they like.

Harvey said they are looking for people who are willing to take a bike ride, go to the museum, read, help with homework, etc.

These types of relationships help build the child's self-esteem, she said.

Those interested in volunteering will have come in for an interview with Harvey, who will find out about their relationships, likes and dislikes and why the person wants to volunteer.

After the interview, a background check will be performed. If all goes well, that person will be ready to be matched.

The program is also always accepting donations.

And money raised in Wakulla County will stay in Wakulla County, Harvey said.

For more information on volunteering or making a donation, contact Harvey at 366-3865 or by email at wakulla@bbbs.org.



## Big Brothers Big Sisters

# 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.



## Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Division of Recreation and Parks

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks announces an advisory group meeting to which all persons are invited.

**DATE AND TIME:** Wednesday, July 6, 2011, 9:00 a.m. (ET)

**PLACE:** Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park, Dogwood Pavilion, 550 Wakulla Park Drive, Wakulla Springs, Florida 32327

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** Presentation and discussion of an amendment to the land management plan for Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park.

**A COPY OF THE AGENDA MAY BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING:** Brian Fugate, Park Manager, at (850) 926-0700 or email Brian.Fugate@dep.state.fl.us.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting: Brian Fugate, Park Manager, at (850) 926-0700 or email Brian.Fugate@dep.state.fl.us. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800) 955-8770 (Voice).

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## Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Division of Recreation and Parks

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks announces a public workshop to which all persons are invited.

**DATE AND TIME:** Tuesday, July 5, 2011, 7:00 p.m. (ET)

**PLACE:** Wakulla County Agriculture Extension Office, The Arena, 84 Cedar Avenue, Crawfordville, Florida 32327.

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** Presentation and discussion of an amendment to the land management plan for Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park.

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### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Wakulla County State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program is looking for licensed contractors for the purpose of Housing Rehabilitation on one home and Demolition/Reconstruction on one home located in Wakulla County. This program is designed to perform general code related repairs and improvements for very-low and low income homeowners. If you are a licensed housing rehabilitation contractor and are interested in bidding for this project, please plan to attend a contractors meeting scheduled for June 30, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in the Wakulla County Housing Authority Office located at 15-B Crescent Way, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Application packages will be handed out at this meeting. Items eligible for repair include but are not limited to roofs, heating systems, plumbing, electrical and other code related housing systems. Contractors must provide proof of workers compensation and liability insurance to be considered for this program. Details for participation and program rules and regulations will be discussed at this meeting. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call Ria Ricks, Project Assistant at (850) 877-1908.

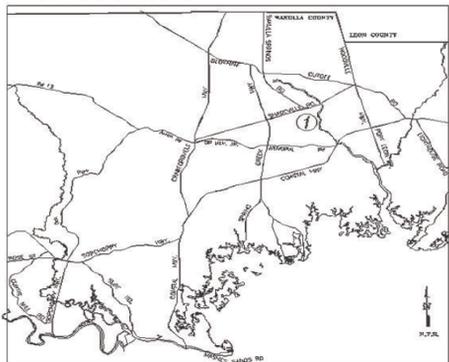
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## Notice of Public Hearings Concerning Small Scale Map Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map

The Wakulla County Planning Commission and Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners proposes to consider the following application and/or adopt the following by ordinance and has scheduled Public Hearings before the **Wakulla County Planning Commission on Monday, July 11, 2011, beginning at 7:00 PM, and before the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners on Monday, July 18, 2011, beginning at 5:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard.** All public hearings will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2011-05, AND ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM AGRICULTURE TO RURAL 1 AS REFLECTED ON THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN, AS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON NOVEMBER 30, 1995; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**



### 1. Application for Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment: CP11-01

**Applicant:** Mark R. and Lynn W. Hinrichs  
**Agent:** Bruce I. Wiener  
**Proposal:** amend future land use map  
**Tax ID Number:** 00-00-002-000-06086-003  
**Existing FLU Map:** Agriculture (FLUE Policy 1.2.2)  
**Proposed FLU Map:** Rural 1 (FLUE Policy 1.2.3)  
**Existing Zoning:** AG (Section 5-25, LDC)  
**FEMA Flood Info:** "A and C" zones on Panel 0250-B  
**Parcel Size:** 6.04 +/- acres  
**Location:** East side of Tiger Hammock Road, north of Mysterious Waters subdivision

**Hearings Required:** **Planning Commission Monday, July 11, 2011 @ 7:00 PM**

**County Commission Monday, July 18, 2011 @ 5:00PM**

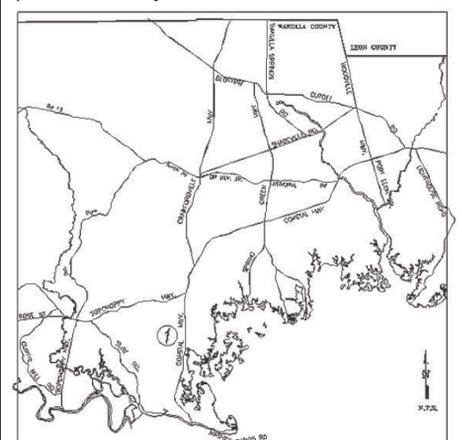
Copies of applications, draft ordinances, and any related public record files may be viewed at the Wakulla County Planning and Community Development Department located at 3095 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, 8 AM to 4:30 PM M/F; Phone (850) 926-3695. Any person desiring to appeal any decision made with regard to this matter must ensure a verbatim transcript or copy is made of the testimony and exhibits presented at said hearings. Persons needing special access considerations should call the Board Office at least 48 hours before the date for scheduling purposes. The Board Office may be contacted at (850) 926-0919 or TDD 926-7962.

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## NOTICE OF LAND USE CHANGE AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners proposes to consider the following applications and has scheduled a Public Hearing regarding the following before the Wakulla County Planning Commission on Monday, July 11, 2011, beginning at 7:00 PM, unless otherwise noted below or as time permits. All public hearings are held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.



### 1. Application for Conditional Use: CU11-04

**Applicant:** Panacea Park Baptist Church, Inc.  
**Proposal:** construct addition at existing church  
**Tax ID Number:** 23-5s-02w-000-02813-000  
**Existing FLU Map:** Urban 1 (FLUE Policy 1.2.5)  
**Existing Zoning:** R-1 (Section 5-30, LDC)  
**FEMA Flood Info:** "B" zone on Panel 0370-C  
**Parcel Size:** 10.04 +/- acres  
**Location:** 77 Fishing Fool Street

**Hearings Required:** **Planning Commission: Monday, July 11, 2011 @ 7:00 PM**

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# Comment & Opinion

readers speak out

## Prepare for the zombie apocalypse – or other emergency



CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL WEBSITE

There are all kinds of emergencies out there that we can prepare for. Take a zombie apocalypse for example. Laugh now, but when it happens you'll be happy you read this, and hey, maybe you'll even learn a thing or two about how to prepare for a real emergency.



**William Snowden**  
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In a stunning bit of creativity from the government, the Centers for Disease Control has put on its Public Health Matters Blog, "Preparedness 101: Zombie Apocalypse."

The information on preparing for emergencies is serious, even if it goes about it in an amusing way.

The CDC, tongue planted firmly in cheek, gives a history of zombies and encourages citizens to be prepared – and notes that preparing for a zombie emergency would also prepare for other types of emergencies: "Identify the types of emergencies that are possible in your area. Besides a zombie

apocalypse, this may include floods, tornadoes, or earthquakes."

The CDC's public health bulletin on zombies has proven immensely popular.

Last week, Wakulla Emergency Management Director Scott Nelson held a press conference to encourage residents to prepare as hurricane season gets underway.

Nelson urged coastal residents to be prepared to evacuate if a hurricane nears, and stressed the importance of being prepared.

Others speaking at the regional press conference included the directors of Emergency Management for Franklin and Taylor counties, Pam Brownell and Dustin Hinkel, as well as Red Cross Emergency Services Director Katie Sherk, County Commissioner Jerry Moore and St. Marks City Manager Zoe Mansfield.

The message is: Be prepared.

"You heard plan, plan, plan," Nelson said at the press conference on Thursday. "Be prepared, be prepared."

If you have questions, contact Nelson at 745-7200 or go to floridadisaster.org.

And your zombie apocalypse kit should include:

- Water (1 gallon per person per day)
- Food (stock up on non-perishable items that you eat regularly)
- Medications (this includes prescription and non-prescription meds)
- Tools and Supplies (utility knife, duct tape, battery powered radio, etc.)
- Sanitation and Hygiene (household bleach, soap, towels, etc.)
- Clothing and Bedding (a change of clothes for each family member and blankets)
- Important documents (copies of your driver's license, passport and birth certificate to name a few)
- First Aid supplies (although you're a goner if a zombie bites you, you can use these supplies to treat basic cuts and lacerations that you might get during a tornado or hurricane).

*William Snowden is the editor of The Wakulla News.*

### READERS WRITE:

## Some questions about TDC and bed tax

Editor, The News:

At the last county commission meeting, I made the suggestion that the 2 percent bed tax be used to increase the general fund. I was speaking under a totally false impression of facts.

The bed tax is loosely defined in Florida Statutes, governed by the Department of Revenue.

Since that meeting, I have devoted many hours researching the tourist development tax, its potential uses, and the role of Tourist Development Council director.

These are some of my concerns, questions, and findings:

1. How did we go from \$17,000 a year as listed on the classified advertisement for a part-time TDC director in March 13, 2008, to \$25,000 a year on a fixed rate contract?

2. How many hours were expected as "part-time" for this contract position (which is not hourly)?

3. Where did the \$35 per hour originate? I suspect it came from a grant which has no correlation to the county's TDC contract.

Overage was charged to the county when TDC director overran hours while working on other grants at \$35 per hour.

Is paying this an obligation of the County for a fixed rate contract?

In this fiscal year, the overage is in the thousands of dollars. The TDC director's 1099 tax form from Wakulla County for 2010 was \$37,762.

This fiscal year, our TDC director submitted an employment application with the county listing three other grants she was working at the same time she was performing her contract with the county.

The minimum hours listed for 2010 were in the range of 65 hours per week, while the maximum was 80 hours!

Is it possible or likely to work that many hours?

Compare that with our sheriff's deputies earning about \$29,000 for a 40-hour work week under potentially dangerous conditions. They are vital to the county. We should reconsider our priorities.

4. Section 4 of the TDC director Amended Employment Agreement, states the director shall be budgeted parttime without benefits.

"The Director is responsible for setting appropriate office hours and availability sufficient to meet the workload and tasking."

Why pay additional hours of any kind? That's what "contract" means, getting the work done at the contracted rate!

5. Ordinance 2003-14 states that the TDC

shall be comprised of nine members.

"Six of those shall be involved in the tourist industry and have demonstrated an interest in tourist development... and not less than three nor more than four shall be owners of motels, campgrounds, fish camps, B&Bs, etc."

What are the names of the nine TDC members and which of the three or four members are owners of establishments subject to collecting and paying bed taxes?

6. At 2 percent, the tourist development taxes (known as "bed tax") collected for 2011 should bring to the County an estimated \$40,000.

At the last meeting on June 6, the Board decided to increase this tax to 3 percent.

What plans for its use prompted this increase?

7. In my discussion with the Department of Revenue, the Florida Association of Counties and eight counties of similar population, I learned that bed tax can be applied to other uses besides advertising.

Our County Welcome Center could be "improved, upgraded, enlarged, and maintained such as replacing hand rails, toilets, etc."

This becomes an unnecessary budget item. Our civic center could draw trade shows, festivals, sporting events, musical concerts, and other events designed to encourage tourism.

Bed tax funds can be used for remodeling the center making it suitable for these events and attracting tourists.

The idea of a swimming pool is being researched. Consider a high school swim team hosting state, regional or district meets, bringing in families, using our restaurants, campgrounds, convenience stores, etc.

In other counties, these taxes are used to pay bonds for convention centers, ball parks and similar assets. These are real uses of the tourist development tax.

Increased taxes have been approved and our expected tax return may be as much as \$60,000 a year. We need a progressive plan for its use.

What role can citizens of Wakulla County play in influencing good management and securing fairness to all? Their role is vital to responsible government.

Write your commissioners and state your concerns. The next quarterly TDC meeting is open to the public, will you be there?

**Gail Hickman**  
Crawfordville

## Raising a community, one child at a time

Editor, The News:

We have a silent hero in Wakulla County. An individual who has, and will continue to make major contributions to the growth and development of our county. A decision maker, a planner, an administrator and at times a sheriff. This silent hero would never "toot her own horn" – so I will.

Linda Wicker (affectionately known as Miss Linda) is the very successful director/owner of Happy Time Child Care Center. Her success has nothing to do with her exemplary business practices, but with the individual attention she gives every Happy Time child and family.

Ms. Linda is at Happy Time every morning. She is there every evening. She is on the ladder, she is doing laundry, she is serving breakfast, wiping a nose, cleaning a bathroom and setting up an activity for a child...as each and every one of her staff does the same.

Those of us who have ever had the pleasure of having our child(ren) attend Happy Time know exactly what I am talking about. We know (and look forward to) the decorations announcing the upcoming season or holiday. We look forward to the Halloween Festival, Santa, Snow Cone Wednesdays, the Easter Bunny, reindeer food, and of course, lollipops at the end of the day. The amount of work and the attention to detail to pull all of this off is nothing short of remarkable.

There are of course a few things you will

never find at Happy Time. You will never find a dirty child, (yes we parents love the washcloths soaked in warm water) a runny nose or an unorganized or dirty classroom. The place is crazy busy and immaculate. You will never find a bored child. You will never find a scared or sad child because a teacher will immediately comfort them and engage them in something fun.

We, as a community, are truly blessed to have a place for our children to go that allows us to leave for work feeling confident that our children and grandchildren will be nurtured, active, disciplined, and safe in the loving arms of the Happy Time Staff.

As a mother of a special needs child (by the way, all children at Happy Time are special), I find great comfort in and must commend Ms. Linda Wicker and her staff (past and present) for their professionalism, their compassion and their genuine love for children. Thank you for taking our children by the hand, for teaching them, for encouraging them and for your willingness to "Raise Our Community-One Child at a Time."

Even if you have not had the opportunity to enroll your child at Happy Time, next time you drive by HONK YOUR HORN in appreciation for our community's silent heroes who will never toot their own.

With Sincere Appreciation,  
JAG's mommy

**Maureen Honan**  
mhonan@embarqmail.com

*Thanks to those who assisted*

Editor, The News:

I would like to give a huge thank you to the individuals who assisted in the hit and run that took place in the Capital City Bank parking lot on June 3.

Their time and information given was greatly appreciated.

For the one who did not take time to stop, your information was given to me by these caring people, so I will not be doing without and we can still process your information to repair the damage you have done.

**Julia M. Simmons**  
Crawfordville

## Repeal of wetlands ordinance is mistake

Editor, The News:

I read your recent coverage of the county commission talks on repealing the wetlands ordinance. I feel this would be a huge mistake and strongly disagree with Randy Merritt who appears to be spearheading this effort.

As founding executive director of both the county recycling department and Keep Wakulla County Beautiful I've had some experience in seeing what happens when county regulations are not consistent with the state. We lost both local and state enforcement because nobody knows who is in charge and everybody passes the buck.

When my committee drafted the litter

and dumping ordinances, we were urged by DEP to make the county ordinances consistent with the state. This resulted in everybody being on the same page, resulting in better local and state cooperation. Our roads and our woodlands are now cleaner thanks to strong enforcement by our Sheriff's Department and FWC, as well as Interior Department and Refuge officials.

Don't let this misguided and pro-development subterfuge destroy our wetlands. The lasting beauty of our county depends on you, each and every one. Speak up!

**Mike Jett**  
Panacea

## Candidates sought for local elected offices

Editor, The News:

Time flies! The 2012 election will soon be here, so heads up! Pick the office you want to run for, then go to the election's office to pick up your "Candidate Packet."

The positions listed are up for re-election. The salaries posted are based on the 2010-11 fiscal year and do not include benefits such as retirement, health and life insurance.

Sheriff = \$105,823, School Superintendent = \$97,228, Clerk of Court = \$97,228, Property Appraiser = \$97,228, Tax Collector = \$97,228, Supervisor of Elections = \$80,227, County Commissioners = \$31,249 (District 1=Brock, District 3=Stewart, District 5=Artz), School Board members = \$25,733 (District 2=Scott, District 4=Thomas)

The only requirements for any of these positions are: Be at least 18 years old, a resident of the county and a registered voter. Education and experience are NOT required.

The dedicated staff, under these posi-

tions, know how to get the job done!

If elected, you can be the "Talking Head" making the big bucks.

No offense intended!

The people at the election's office are very helpful and can explain the process of running.

You can qualify by getting 178 petitions signed or by paying a fee. Most people opt for the petitions.

The first deadline for qualifying is May 7, 2012, so start working on the petitions now!

I was asked if a teacher could run for the School Board. The answer is yes, but if elected, they must resign from teaching. But a teacher's spouse can run and be elected with no effect on the teacher.

You can even get elected without paying your property taxes!

**Donna Sanford**  
Crawfordville

## Help in locating Great Dane appreciated

Editor, The News:

CHAT of Wakulla and Wakulla County Animal Control would like to thank all the people who helped with tips to locate the Great Dane "Misty" that escaped from the Adoption Center on June 10 while being loaded to go her foster home.

We want to thank Animal Control Officer Christine Burns, Capt. Cliff Carroll and Deputy Ben Steinle who were involved in the final recapture of the Great Dane.

Animal Control, Lewis McCartha and his

family, CHAT volunteers and other folks from the community were looking for the dog for hours.

Our special thanks go to Brian Poulson who was out there looking for the animal at 3 a.m. and spent many hours on the search. Brian is working with dogs who come to our facility either frightened, mistreated or undisciplined.

Thanks from all of us at CHAT.

**Heide Clifton**  
CHAT of Wakulla, Inc.

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

# Worries: Drug test problems, granny dumping

By JIM SAUNDERS  
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, June 17 - Florida health-care officials hit the road this week to hold hearings about the new Medicaid overhaul - and got an earful about "granny dumping" and endangered mom-and-pop pharmacies.

The Agency for Health Care Administration, which held 10 hearings from Pensacola to Fort Myers, can do little about many of the objections. In passing the overhaul, lawmakers required that seniors enroll in managed-care plans and decided against giving special treatment to independent drug stores.

But the hearings are a prelude to AHCA seeking all-important approval of the overhaul from the Obama administration. The objections could offer fuel for opponents who want the federal government to reject the Legislature's plan.

Gov. Rick Scott, meanwhile, accomplished a priority this week when he signed a bill combining agencies into the new Department of Economic Opportunity. The bill includes dismantling the Department of Community Affairs, a move that is already starting to ripple through growth decisions.

But word also got out this week that Scott has delayed moving forward with a plan to require drug testing for state employees. He decided not to implement the plan while the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida challenges its constitutionality in federal court.

**MEDICAID ROAD SHOW**

AHCA faces an Aug. 1 deadline for submitting a detailed proposal to the federal government to carry out the Medicaid overhaul, which calls for almost all beneficiaries to enroll in managed-care plans by October 2014.

That short time frame sent agency officials barreling across the state this week to hold public hearings. They held as many as four in one day - hitting Tampa, Orlando, Fort Lauderdale and Miami Gardens on Thursday.

Hundreds of people turned out for the hearings, with many critical of the overhaul.

During a hearing Monday, Pensacola resident Julia Pearsall warned of glitches in moving to the managed care system.

"What happens in the short run can be a

matter of life and death to the recipients," said Pearsall, who has long worked on social service issues.

It was also clear from the hearings that some of the opposition was well-organized.

Community pharmacy operators, for instance, turned out en masse because of concerns that HMOs will use mail-order pharmacies to fill prescriptions for Medicaid beneficiaries.

"With unemployment and the economy the way it is, it seems illogical to put more stress on independent business," said David Enfinger of A&E Pharmacy in Pensacola.

Another common refrain came from people opposed to requiring seniors to enroll in managed care. An oft-repeated sound bite: The overhaul will lead to "granny dumping," with HMOs trying to seek seniors out of nursing homes.

Managed-care industry officials, however, argued that they will improve the care of Medicaid beneficiaries.

"We're not managed costs," said William McHugh, president of Amerigroup Florida. "We're managed care."

**JOBS AND BODILY FLUIDS**

Florida got a glimmer of good news Friday, with the announcement that May's unemployment rate was 10.6 percent - down 0.2 percent from April.

But Gov. Rick Scott made the biggest jobs-related news, when he signed a bill to create a new economic-development agency and acknowledged putting off drug tests for state workers.

The new Department of Economic Opportunity will merge agencies such as the Agency for Workforce Innovation and the remnants of the Department of Community Affairs.

Scott said the bureaucratic changes are intended to help create jobs. Dismantling the Department of Community Affairs, for example, largely eliminates state oversight of local growth decisions, removing a potential roadblock to development.

"The bill I signed today provides us flexibility to seize opportunities created by developing markets and effectively respond to the changing needs of the businesses that grow our economy," Scott said in a prepared statement.

State workers, meanwhile, got at least a temporary reprieve from Scott's drive to start requiring drug tests. Scott issued an

executive order in March calling for the tests but put them on hold amid an ACLU lawsuit.

Scott and his staff denied that he was backing away from the tests. "We're going forward with it," the governor said. "We're going forward, it's just a process."

But ACLU officials described the decision as a "retreat" and said the executive order is a violation of state employees' rights.

"We are pleased that this new order has delayed subjecting thousands of state employees to demeaning, invasive and illegal tests of their bodily fluids," ACLU legal director Randall Marshall said. "But it does not change our constitutional challenge."

**2012 AND BEYOND**

The 2012 legislative session is still seven months away, but a battle is already building about redistricting.

After supporting 2010 constitutional amendments that created new redistricting standards, several groups this week called on lawmakers to speed up the once-a-decade process of drawing new political lines.

The process is scheduled to start in January, though the groups fear that will lead to chaos in candidates qualifying for the 2012 elections.

Also, the groups - including the state NAACP, the League of Women Voters of Florida, Hispanic advocacy group Democrazia and Common Cause Florida - asked the House to drop out of a lawsuit that challenges one of the amendments.

"Please let us know that you will do your duty, abide by your oaths to enforce the Florida Constitution, and comply with the Fair Districts amendments," the groups said in a letter to legislative leaders dated Tuesday.

Republican leaders, who have long opposed the amendments, said they think many of the complaints are politically motivated and aimed at helping Democrats.

"While I would hope that is not the case, how else can we interpret their suggestion that members of the public have less time to speak and to offer input prior to the maps being drawn," said House Redistricting Chairman Will Weatherford, R-Wesley Chapel, who is scheduled to become speaker after the 2012 elections.

Democrats, meanwhile, also have longer-term political concerns as they try to figure out who might be a good gubernatorial candidate in 2014.

Among the possibilities: unsuccessful 2010 nominee Alex Sink, Sen. Jeremy Ring of Margate, former Sen. Dan Gelber of Miami Beach - and maybe even former Republican Gov. Charlie Crist, who is a man without a party.

"Never underestimate Charlie Crist's ability to shake things up," Democratic campaign operative Steve Schale said.

**KID STUFF**

It was a rough week for some students, both young and old.

The Florida Department of Education directed numerous school districts to investigate suspicious test scores on FCAT and end-of-course exams because of high numbers of erased answers. The districts are Broward, Miami-Dade, Duval, Flagler, Gadsden, Hillsborough, Jefferson, Lee, Leon, Manatee, Orange, Palm Beach, Polk and Seminole.

Meanwhile, college students will get hit in the wallet again, as state universities look to plug budget deficits. All of the state's universities are expected to seek 15 percent increases next year in undergraduate tuition.

But on the bright side, Florida kids got a high-profile backer this week, when First Lady Ann Scott became the state's new Chief Child Advocate.

Roy Miller, president of the Children's Campaign, an advocacy and watchdog group, said he would have preferred to see a full-time child advocate along with the First Lady. But he also expressed optimism.

"We understand the importance of pillow talk to helping children, and we're looking forward to working with her," he said.

**STORY OF THE WEEK:** The Agency for Health Care Administration held hearings throughout the state, as it prepares to submit a detailed Medicaid overhaul to the federal government.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "There are members of my community, of the African-American community, who are sick and tired of a bleached Parole Commission," said Rep. Darryl Rouson, D-St. Petersburg, after Scott and the Cabinet decided against reappointing Cassandra Jenkins to the Parole Commission, leaving it with no African-Americans.

## New law is already part of the growth debate

By JIM SAUNDERS  
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, June 15 - Less than two weeks after Gov. Rick Scott signed an overhaul of Florida's growth management system, the law is already playing a part in a dispute about a major development proposal.

The law led last week to a judge dismissing the Florida Department of Community Affairs from a case that centers on Volusia County's approval of what is known as the "Farmton" project.

The Sierra Club and a New Smyrna Beach resident

are challenging the project, which could bring 25,000 homes to a vast undeveloped area of Volusia and Brevard counties over the next five decades.

Also, Volusia County and the landowner, Miami Corp., have asked to apply the new law to the case. If granted, that likely would make it harder for the Sierra Club to win arguments that Farmton should be blocked because of issues such as urban sprawl.

Miami Corp. attorneys said the project would not lead to urban sprawl, whether under the standards of the old growth-

management system or the new law.

Attorney Glenn Storch said about 75 percent of the 59,000-acre property - which Miami Corp. has owned since the 1920s - will be conserved, and development will occur in "clusters."

"That's not urban sprawl," Storch said. "That's what we should be encouraging everybody to do."

But Marcy LaHart, an attorney for the Sierra Club, said opponents can still show that Farmton would create sprawl, which state growth-management policies have long tried to dis-

courage.

"The Farmton project is still a postcard example of urban sprawl," she said. "The law still says that new developments should not create urban sprawl."

The law, which Scott signed June 2, will transform Florida's growth-management system, shifting more control to local governments and dramatically reducing state oversight. Scott also signed another measure Tuesday that will abolish the Department of Community Affairs later this year and move its remaining duties to a new Department of Economic

Opportunity.

Unlike many other laws that include a time lag, the growth-management law took effect immediately after Scott signed it. That led last week to the Department of Community Affairs filing a motion to be dismissed from the Farmton case, which was quickly granted.

The Farmton case is pending in the state Division of Administrative Hearings. It stems from Volusia County's approval of comprehensive-plan changes that are needed for the project to move forward.

The Department of Com-

munity Affairs objected to the Farmton project last year under former Secretary Tom Pelham, an outspoken defender of the earlier growth management laws. Negotiations, however, led to a settlement that was approved this year by Volusia County and the department.

The Sierra Club and environmental activist Barbara Herrin filed a challenge in May against Volusia County and the department. It raised a number of issues, including charging that the project would "epitomize urban sprawl at its worst."

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# Church

religious views and events

## Obituaries

**John J. Gray**  
**Jimmy E. Strickland**  
**Consuela L. Wilson**

**John J. Gray**  
 John Joseph Gray, 50, of Spring Creek passed away on Thursday, June 16.

He was a lifelong resident of Spring Creek and was of the Baptist faith. He was a commercial fisherman and enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include his mother, China Gray; brothers, Leon and Keith Gray, all of Spring Creek; sisters, Bobby Jean (David) Messer of Carrabelle, Susan Carboni of Tallahassee; and numerous other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Martin W. Gray.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 25, at 3 p.m. at Shady Sea Baptist Church, Spring Creek with the Rev. Billy Spence officiating.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Forbes Funeral Home, Macclenny (904-259-4600 or www.forbesfuneralhome.net).

Strickland and Leroy Strickland.  
 Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey Young Chapel is in charge of arrangements (850-926-3333 or www.bevisfh.com).

### Consuela L. Wilson

Consuela Langston Wilson, 88, of Smith Creek, passed away Saturday, June 18.

She was a Sunday school teacher at Mount Elon Church for 40 years.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 21, at 11 a.m. at Mount Elon Church. Viewing was held prior to the service at 10 a.m.

Survivors include a brother, Terry Langston (Lena), and a sister, Lavita Faircloth (Charles), both of Tallahassee; two daughters, Gloria Thomas (Tommy), of Crawfordville and Connie Pace (Robert) of Tallahassee; and one son, Stan Wilson (Willette) of Smith Creek; eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Horace Wilson, and a son, Hugh Wilson.

Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey Young Chapel, in Crawfordville is in charge of arrangements.(850-926-3333 or www.bevisfh.com)

## Benefit yard sale to be held

A benefit yard sale and raffle to benefit Wendy Maxey will be held Saturday, June 25, beginning at 8 a.m. in front of Lindy's Fried Chicken in Crawfordville.

The 86'ers (WHS 1986 Girls Alumni Club) is hosting a huge yard sale, baked goods sale and raffle to benefit their close friend and classmate Wendy Maxey, who has been diagnosed with cancer. Maxey is currently receiving treatment at Shands Hospital in Gainesville and all sale proceeds will go towards medical expenses.

If you have any garage sale items that you would like to donate, please give us a call. (One of us girls will even pick up the items from you!) Or if you have any retail items, services or gift certificates/cards that you can contribute to the raffle, we would greatly appreciate it!

You can contact Terri Knighton Robinson at 528-2387, Niki Miller Perez at 294-4290 or Kelly Porter Dugger at 566-5661.

## Open mic gospel sing is set

Pioneer Baptist Church will host a community-wide "Open Microphone Gospel Sing" on Friday, June 24, at 7 p.m.

Anyone who enjoys singing or playing gospel music is invited to participate. Others who enjoy listening are encouraged to attend and have a blessed night of worship through music.

Pioneer Baptist Church's address is 486 Beechwood Drive. The church is located

four miles east of Crawfordville, just north of the Dr. MLK, Jr Memorial Road and the Spring Creek Highway intersection.

Please call Pastor Dennis Hall at 878-5224 for more information.

We hope to see you.

### Jimmy E. Strickland

Jimmy Erastus Strickland, 78, of Crawfordville, passed away Monday, June 13, in Crawfordville.

He was born in Ivan, and was a contractor.

Family received friends Wednesday, June 15, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel in Crawfordville. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 16, at Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel.

Survivors include two sons, Jimmy DaWayne Strickland (Denise) of Crawfordville and Damon Clayton (Connie) of Tallahassee; four brothers, Bobby Strickland (Alsie), Leaston Strickland, Fred Strickland (Annette) and Wayne Strickland (Evon), all of Crawfordville; two sisters, Maxine Allen and Geraldine White, both of Crawfordville; two grandsons, Michael DaWayne Strickland and Josh Clayton, and friend Louise Nelson of Crawfordville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Isaiah Strickland and Epsie Rayburn Strickland; and two brothers, Roland



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The photos are scenes from the Jesus River Festival, held in Sopchoppy in March.



# Wakulla Worship Centers

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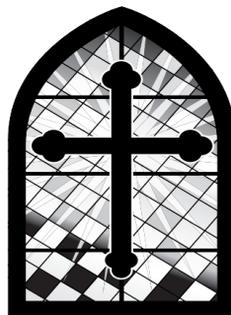
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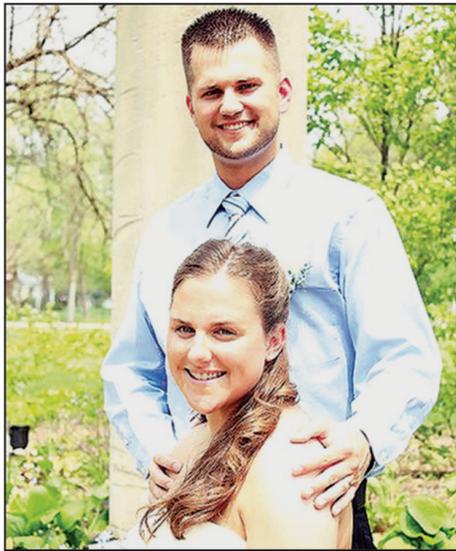
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# Community

happenings in our community

## Vaughn marries Villiard



Erika Villiard and Jacob Vaughn

Kevin and Brenda Villiard of Sopchoppy proudly announce the marriage of their daughter Erika M. Villiard to Jacob A. Vaughn of Kankakee, Ill.

The bride, a 2002 graduate of Wakulla High School, enlisted in the United States Air Force in August 2002.

The groom, graduated from Herscher High School in 2004 and enlisted in the United States Air Force in 2009 after attending Olivet Nazarene University. He is the son of Scott and Laurie Vaughn of Kankakee, Ill.

The couple were married in an outdoor ceremony in Small Memorial Park in Kankakee on May 10.

The couple will reside in Ramstein, Germany, until they are reassigned in December 2011.

## Reception for Christie June 25



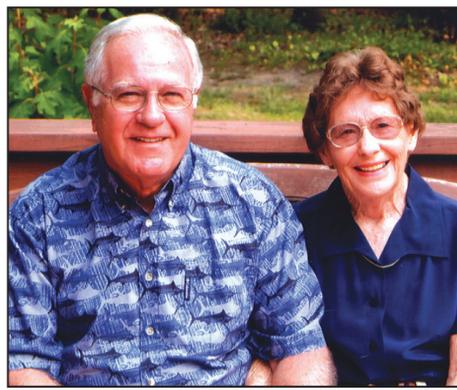
Nicholas Christie

Nicholas Christie graduated from the Art Institute of Jacksonville with a bachelor's in fine arts in digital filmmaking on June 18.

During his sophomore year in high school, he produced the documentary which won NWF's Youth Conservationist of the year, on Wakulla County's river systems, "Paradise in Peril."

He is the son of Connie Christie and the late Michael Christie.

A reception for his graduation is Saturday, June 25, along with a screening of his documentary, "Spokes People," at the Christie home on Emerald Acres Road.



Thomas and Virginia Tillman

## Tillmans celebrate 50 years

Thomas and Virginia Tillman, of Crawfordville, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 24.

They were married on June 24, 1961, at St. Clements Chapel, Episcopal Church of the Advent in Tallahassee, by the Rev. Harry B. Douglas.

They have two children, Michael Britton Tillman and Daniel Graham Tillman and his wife Ginger, all of Wakulla County.

They have two grandchildren, Tyler and Taylor Tillman.

Thomas Tillman is retired from state government and Virginia Tillman is retired from the Wakulla County school system.

They have been residents of Wakulla County for 32 years and are members of Christ Church Anglican.

## Khloe Johnson is turning 1



Khloe Johnson

Khloe LeAnn Johnson will celebrate her first birthday on June 24.

Her parents are Christopher and Carissa Johnson of

Crawfordville.

Maternal grandparents are Tracy Sanders of Crawfordville and Al Thomas Jr. of Crawfordville.

Paternal grandparents are Jeff and Patricia Johnson of Crawfordville.

Maternal great-grandparents are Tommy and Kathy Sanders of Sopchoppy, Wilbur Jr. and Loyce Reeves of Tallahassee and Rosa Simmons of Crawfordville.

Paternal great-grandparents are John and Christina Johnson of Crawfordville.

## Happy first birthday

Kyleigh Bradley celebrated her first birthday on June 8. She is the daughter of Shalia Reshell Godbolt of Sopchoppy and Kyle Bradley of Panacea.

Maternal grandparents are Delene and Michael Godbolt Sr. of Sopchoppy.

Paternal grandparents are Terena and Lynn Bradley of Panacea.

Maternal great-grandparents are Dora Mae Webster of Crawfordville, Willie Gene Allen of Sopchoppy, Dorothy Burney of Sopchoppy and Benjamin Godbolt Jr. of Tallahassee.

Paternal great-grandpar-



Kyleigh Bradley

ents are Terri Gallegly and Joe Gallegly of Oklahoma and Patricia and Glen Bradley of Oklahoma.

## Oil spill discussion will be held on June 29

### Special to The News

On April 20, 2010, the Deepwater Horizon Oil Rig exploded, killing 11 workers and releasing at least 5 million barrels of crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico.

Since that time, many citizens along the coast have been working to raise awareness about the continuing effects of the spill.

This will be the subject of a series of meetings scheduled to be held along the coast.

Cherri Foytlin, a Louisiana resident who recently walked from New Orleans to Washington D.C. to raise awareness of these issues, will be available for a community roundtable type discussion "Unite the Gulf for Environmental Justice" to be held at The Frog & Hummingbird Company in Sopchoppy on Wednesday, June 29 at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Foytlin's book "Spill! The Truth About the Gulf Oil Catastrophe" was recently accepted by the Louisiana Library Association as a member of the prestigious Author's Row.

Foytlin will speak about her role in the non-profit group Gulf Change, a nationwide collaborative effort for environmental justice based in the Gulf Coast.

The event will be hosted by The Frog & Hummingbird Company, 118 Municipal Way, in Sopchoppy. The evening will also include the music of Drew Landry.

Landry, a talented singer/songwriter who spoke and sang during last year's president appointed Oil Spill Commission's hearings, has been an outspoken voice in protection of coastal areas and culture, and has recorded a series of songs for the "Solution to Pollution Project" with Dr. John.

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Wakulla County Property Appraiser Donnie Sparkman -- Charlie Odom (rider)  
St. Marks City Manager Zoe Mansfield -- Kalynn Woodward (rider)  
Sopchoppy Public Works Leonard Tartt -- Beau Webster (rider)  
Dr. David Keen -- (Dr. David Keen, rider)  
Sherri Posey Miller of Panacea -- Jody Campbell (rider)  
NAMI Wakulla Past President Charlie Creel -- (Dennis Taylor, rider)

Wakulla County Undersheriff Donnie Crum sent regrets to NAMI Wakulla stating that no one from the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office was available to participate in the Derby

# School

education news from local schools

## Construction company gets \$7,500 in settlement with school board

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN  
editor@thewakullanews.net

The school board approved a \$7,500 settlement with North Florida Construction over a failed bid that the district contended was insufficient.

The settlement was negotiated with the construction company on May 27 and approved by the school board at their meeting on Monday, June 20. At the same time, school board members voted to award the job to Sperry Construction.

Assistant Superintendent Jimmie Dugger told the school board that staff believed the settlement with North Florida Construction could save the district \$25,000 to \$30,000 in legal fees if the company pursued a lawsuit.

North Florida Construction filed a bid protest after submitting a proposal that was the low bid. District staff contended that North Florida's bid did not properly indicate licensed subcontractors for the project - and it

was thrown out for the next bid, submitted by Sperry.

In other matters before the school board:

- The school day may get a bit longer next year for Wakulla High School students because of a state requirement that incoming 9th graders take a virtual class.

That will likely result in the day being lengthened from a release time of 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The requirement will go into effect for the 2012-13

school year, not the upcoming year.

There was a discussion of the implications of a longer high school day, especially on the district's bus transportation schedule.

School board member Greg Thomas was prompted to ask Pat Jones, who is transportation director for the district, about the possible cost-savings of converting school buses to use natural gas.

Jones said that the cost was prohibitive: it costs

upwards of \$80,000 to convert school buses, she said. A new school bus costs \$92,000.

Jones also indicated it would cost potentially millions to create a fueling station, and that fueling buses takes hours.

Neighboring Leon County recently received a grant to add 10 natural gas school buses to its fleet.

- The school board set a schedule for upcoming budget meetings, including moving its July meeting to a

Thursday, July 21, to approve advertising its proposed millage levy in the next week's Wakulla News. An Aug. 1 public hearing on the budget is planned.

The school board agreed to move its August meeting to another Thursday, Aug. 18, which is also the first day of school.

The final public hearing on the school board's proposed budget would likely be on Sept. 12.

## Teachers union sues over new contribution law

By JIM SAUNDERS  
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, June 20.....Likening the change to an income tax, the Florida Education Association on Monday challenged the constitutionality of a new law that will force government workers to pay into the state pension system.

The FEA, backed by other labor groups, said the Legislature's decision last month to require workers to chip in 3 percent of their pay violates contractual and collective-bargaining rights.

The case, filed in Leon County Circuit Court, is a class-action lawsuit filed on behalf of 556,296 people, including state employees, teachers and police officers. The Florida Police Benevolent Association, which represents police and correctional officers, quickly sought to formally intervene in the case.

FEA President Andy Ford said the state "should abide by the promises it makes" to employees, who have not been required to contribute to the retirement system since the 1970s. The case has 11 named plaintiffs.

"It is essentially an income tax levied only on the workers belonging to the Florida Retirement System," Ford said during a conference call with reporters.

But Gov. Rick Scott, who signed the changes into law May 26, issued a statement saying he is "confident this law is good for the people of Florida and will stand up in court."

"Asking state employees to pay a small percentage into their pensions is common sense," Scott said. "Floridians who don't work in government are required to pay into their own retirement. This is about fairness for those who don't have government jobs."

The contribution requirement is slated to take effect July 1. FEA attorney Ron Meyer said the lawsuit seeks to require the state to set aside the money collected and return it with interest to workers if the challenge is successful.

That means employees will see at least temporary reductions in their paychecks in the coming weeks.

In a letter released when he signed the changes into law (SB 2100), Scott said the 3 percent contributions would save public employers \$769 million a year. The lawsuit also challenges another part of the law that eliminates automatic 3 percent cost-of-living increases for retirees, a change Scott said would save \$775 million a year.

If the constitutional challenge is successful, Ford said lawmakers could find other ways to make up the money, such as closing tax loopholes and more fully collecting taxes on goods sold over the Internet.

The pension lawsuit centers, in part, on a 1974 law that halted employee contributions to the retirement system. That law says the rights of retirement system members are "contractual in nature" and "shall not be abridged in any way."

Meyer said lawmakers could make changes to the retirement system for future employees. But he said requiring contributions and changing the cost-of-living adjustments for people already enrolled in the system violates their rights.

## Barbara Lewis is June employee of the month



Barbara Lewis

### Special to The News

Barbara Lewis, Wakulla High School custodian, is recognized as the June Em-

ployee of the Month

Lewis has been a custodian at Wakulla High School for more than a decade. She learned about the job through her sisters, Carol Hairston and Ethel Brannen, who have or do work with the school district.

Lewis attended and graduated from Shadaville Elementary School and Wakulla High School.

Lewis said "being able to laugh and talk with the teachers and students," is one of the most enjoyable aspects of her job.

She adds, "Being able to give advice and redirect the path of troubled students is very meaningful to me

as well."

Her dedication is illustrated in the mentoring she provides to students as a mentor with the Back on Track Club for four years.

Wakulla High School Operation Foreman Kenny Harvey said, "Barbara Lewis is dependable and dedi-

cated. She takes pride in her work and is respected by her peers as well as students and teachers at Wakulla High School.

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# Sports

sports news and team views



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

## FASTPITCH SOFTBALL

### Wakulla wins third place in tournament

Special to The News

The Wakulla Fastpitch Club defeated the South Georgia Blast and the Lady Knights of Fort Walton Beach. Both games resulted in scores of 5-4 and assured Wakulla of third place in a six-team USFA Tournament in Marianna on June 11 and 12.

Tia Unsel and Devlyn Curtis had six hits each including two homeruns by Unsel to lead the team offensively. Jesella Harvey and Megan Collins each picked up a win pitching.

Harvey, Juliana Prestia, Mallory Whaley, Chyanne Blankenship, Melanie Collins, Desera Travis, Ashley Colvin, and Ana Reyes all had hits to contribute in both wins.

The team lost 3 - 0 to eventual champion Full Throttle from Troy, Ala., and 10-7 in a rematch with South Georgia.

"Tia and Devlyn dominated the pitchers we faced and all of our girls hustled on defense and did a lot of good things at the plate and on the bases to earn the third place finish," said head coach Scott Collins.



### Red Sox are champions

The Red Sox were Wakulla Cal Ripken Majors Division Champions and included Will Barwick, Lucas Briggs, Marc Carter, Jake McCarl, Jacob Dismuke, Hunter Greene, Jekale Forbes, Taylor Bennett, Beau Baker, Bryson Nichols, Damon Countryman and Balin Jernigin. Red Sox Manager was Michael Briggs. Coaches were WMS's Mike Barwick and Mike reene. Team mom was Angel Carter.

## SOCCER

### Summer camp to be held

The First Annual Wakulla Eagle Soccer Camp will be held July 18 at the Wakulla County rec park from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost will be \$90.

The camp will be led by Leo Flanagan and Josh Bruno.

Coach Flanagan holds an Irish FAI international, USSF 'B' license, National youth license and a UEFA 'B' license.

His playing career includes professional teams in Ireland (Dundalk) and England (Blackpool and Queens Park Rangers) and at the International level represented Ireland (FAI) against Argentina and Brazil.

Flanagan also served as former general manager of the Jacksonville Cyclones.

For more information please call Cheryl at 879-2487 or email sopchoppypop@yahoo.com.

## SOFTBALL

### Adult League is forming

Wakulla County Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring an Adult Softball League.

The entry fee is \$300 per team and teams must provide their own balls for games. Teams will play two games per night for a total of 10 games.

Registration deadline is Monday, June 27 at 5 p.m. Rosters and entry fees are due at that time. The league will start the week of July 5 and run for approximately five weeks. Game times are 6:45, 8 and 9:15 p.m.

All games will be played at the rec park in Medart.

Men's league and co-ed league will probably play on Monday and Tuesday nights. Both leagues might have games on Thursday nights depending on the number of teams that register.

Homerun rule for men's league is three and a foul. Homerun rule for coed league is three and an out. Co-ed league will play with a 12-inch ball.

Contact W.C.P.R.D at 926-7227 for any additional information or visit www.wcprd.com.

## FOOTBALL

### Fundamentals camp set

Coach Fundamentals youth football camp will be held the week of July 11 through 15 at Riversprings Middle School.

The camp will be held daily from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Children ages 8 to 14 may attend the camp. The cost of the camp is \$100.

You may register by mail. Send camper's name, age, shirt size (adult sizes), and two positions of interest (one offense, one defense) to CFFC Youth Football Camp, 140 Alexander Road, Crawfordville FL, 32327.

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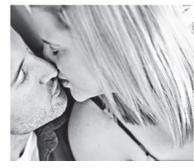
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Linda faces challenging situations with tenacity and grace with a touch of humor.

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# Outdoors

outdoor sports and fishing reports

## Plenty of scallops on the flats at St. Marks

I hope you had a nice Father's Day Weekend and were able to get out and do some fishing. I was out of town but understand the weather was about the same, calm in the morning and blowing in the afternoon.

Remember that scallop season opens this Saturday, June 25, and runs through Sept. 15.

You've got to have a dive flag up when you're in the water or you're gonna get a ticket. Limit is two gallons whole per person and no more than 10 gallons on the boat. If you have five people on the boat you can keep 10 gallons of whole scallops. If you have 20 people on the boat you can still only keep 10 gallons.

Everyone I have talked to says there are plenty of them at St. Marks and they said Keaton Beach is loaded this year. Be careful



### From The Dock

BY CAPT. JODY CAMPBELL

out there, but have fun. Watch for other boats and people in the water and pay special attention to the weather as these afternoon thunderstorms can pop up really quick and have a lot of wind and lightning.

I drove my wife to Carabelle for a meeting on Thursday and noticed that they were working on the store (Old Village Mart) at the ramp in Lanark Village. I stopped on the way back and talked with some of the folks working there and they said they hoped to be open by the Fourth of July weekend.

I don't have the final results for the Big Bend Saltwater Classic that was held this past weekend but there were some really nice fish caught and weighed-in by Sunday morning.

In the Junior Division, Taylor Munroe had a 6.05-pound redfish - which was a tournament record if it holds. He also had a 3.5-pound flounder.

Jada Bedford had a 22.5-pound king and Chandler McDonald had a 15.9-pound red snapper which was a new tournament record.

In the recreational division, Lamar Munroe had a

whopping 6.85-pound flounder for a tournament record and Buddy Boyett had a 7-pound redfish which was a new tournament record.

David Moss weighed-in a 69.45-pound wahoo and Blake Gardner weighed-in a 44.25-pound cobia.

All of these weights were as of early Sunday morning so any of these folks could have been knocked out of first place though it would take a really good fish to beat any of these.

Stephan Shelhaus from Ohio keeps his boat at Shell Island Fish Camp and comes down about three times a year to fish. He typically likes to target sharks, Spanish or kings. He said he couldn't get the Spanish to bite but he did catch lots of trout and flounder fishing one of the reefs off of St. Marks.

Capt. Randy Peart, who fishes the Aucilla and Econfina in the spring and fall, fishes out of St. George during the summer months. He said he has been fishing every day and fishing is real good.

On Sunday they caught two trout over 5 pounds fishing the grass flats east of the Bob Sikes Cut and have been catching lots of trout, sharks, ladyfish and silver trout. He said reds are being caught in the cut using greenbacks. Most of the reds are just legal. Randy said he is seeing lots of tarpon and most of the Spanish being caught are on the East End of the island.

Remember that amberjack and black/gag grouper is closed right now in both state and federal waters.

Know your limits and don't forget to leave that float plan with someone.

Good luck and good fishing!



### Nice catch

Sharon and Al Lettera of South Florida were recent house guests of Major Alan and Kathie Lamarche of Shell Point. Alan took them fishing over shallow water reefs in Apalachee Bay and they caught and released a bonanza of species including gag grouper, sea bass, trout, mackerel, lady fish, sharks and Sharon caught four different undersized cobia. Most fish were caught on Gulp jigs. After dinner that night, Al went fishing under the lights on Alan's dock and caught a limit of trout, including "Old Smedley!"



### Nose-to-nose

This Boxer, named "Callie," got to meet a manatee up close and personal on a

recent boat trip with her owners Eddie and Vallie Mandell. Remember to keep an eye out for manatees when you're boating. (Photo special to The News)

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# Water Ways

Local writers share their experiences

a peek into life on and under the water



## Underwater Wakulla

By Joerg Hess

Talk to the diving enthusiasts, and the typical dive lasts about 30 minutes.

It is not so much a question of depth or breathing gas availability, but more of personal preference and perseverance.

Unless you have gained a lot of experience, it takes concentration to manage the equipment under water. It is understandable that, after half an hour of intense focus, concentration wanes, and the dive comes to a natural end.

However, when pushing beyond this barrier, the experience manifests itself into "muscle memory." The control of the equipment becomes automated, and the diver can enjoy the environment rather than having to spend his or her attention on the gear.

This is known as "practice makes perfect," and applies to any other sport as well.

What is unique to diving are the circumstances: the cold water (and even the gulf during summer gets cold after a while) has unique effects.

The springs are a year-round 68 degrees, making long-term exposure both refreshing and tiring. On top of that, the diver breathes elevated concentrations of oxygen, which is argued to be therapeutic.

Breathing pure oxygen in so-called oxygen bars, for example, has been described to enhance health and well-being, strengthen the immune system, enhance concentration, reduce stress, increase energy and alertness and generally relax the body. Combine this with the visual stimulation of awe-inspiring sights that can be witnessed under water, and you have a cocktail for happiness and health.

I witnessed this personally last week during a sequence of multi-hour, deep dives in excess of 200 feet in our amazing underground rivers (aka caves). This type of diving is not new to me, nor were the dives particularly demanding.

I simply hadn't done it in a while, but the results were obvious. Many people commented on how much more relaxed I seemed, and that I was definitely smiling more.

The only drawback I found was a forced abstinence from my morning runs, as the joint movement can trigger a delayed onset of DCS, or "the bends."

It is a price I am happy to pay for the time being. I feel lucky that I can enjoy the real Florida beyond its natural boundaries, and can "walk" the underwater trail.

It is an amazing experience!



## Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



### Boating emergency

Coast Guard Station Panama City  
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Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 17  
or  
Flotilla 17



First, let me wish all the father's out there a belated Father's Day!

I hope everyone had a very special day with their families.

Three times a year all the flotillas in our division get together for a meeting. This past weekend was the Summer Division meeting held in Pensacola at the Naval Air Station. Flotilla 17 was the host flotilla, and they went out of their way to make the weekend great for all who attended!

Flotilla 12 was represented well and Flotilla 13 sent their regards. Flotilla Commander from 13 John Sykes was not able to make it due to family commitments.

The conference began Friday night with a fellowship at the Mustin Beach Officers' Club Ready Room. This was a great time for everyone to catch up and visit before the training began on Saturday.

The morning training was Auxiliary Incident Management System (AIMS) followed by Team Coordination Training (TCT) or Sexual Harassment Prevention. Off site at the Coast Guard Station was First Aid/CPR Training. Chuck Hickman from



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Commodore Crouch, Division Commander Mo Davis and Vice Commander Gordon Schmidt.

Flotilla 12 presented the TCT while Flotilla 12's FC presented the First Aid/CPR training.

After all was said and done, Division Commander Mo Davis had the following to say:

I want to thank everyone who attended the Division Meeting yesterday in Pensacola. Although we had very low attendance,

we did have a very productive meeting.

Flotilla 17 did an excellent job setting up the meeting and arranging for all of our needs to be met. I also want to thank the facilitators. Every one of them put a lot of effort into the preparation and did a very professional job presenting the material.

Please remember to

take another look at your Contingency plans to make sure you have back up plans to insure 100 percent accountability of all members. You may want to look at requesting all members to contact you or your VFC with their plans, especially if they are leaving the area and instill in them the idea that communications work both ways and they should answer any AIMS notifications and to proactively contact you to advise of their status.

Also, please ask your FSO-MT (member training) to keep Anne Del Bello in the loop on any classes they are teaching so that other Flotillas know of this opportunity.

Our next meeting will follow the annual JAREX on Oct. 8. Training day will be Oct. 9 with the Awards Banquet that evening and the next morning, Oct. 10, we will have our Business Meeting which will include DCDR and VDCDR elections for 2012. Again, thanks for all that you do. In spite of the poor economy and high fuel prices we are having a very good year as our Silver Oar indices clearly indicate.

As Sherrie reminds us, Safe boating is no accident.

# Ham radio to hold annual Field Day this weekend in Wakulla

Special to The News

The Wakulla County Sportsman's Paradise Amateur Radio Club (SPARC) members will join with other American Radio Relay League members for their annual 'Amateur Radio Field Day on Saturday, June 25, and Sunday, June 26.

The Club will set up temporary operations at the Wakulla Station Trail Head Park, located

less than one mile north of Hwy 267 on Old Woodville Highway. The trailhead is a part of the Tallahassee-St. Marks bicycle trail.

The public is welcome to join the fun from 2 p.m. Saturday to 2 p.m. Sunday to meet members and see how amateur radio works. There will be a special radio set up for visitors to get a hands on experience with radio communications, talking to others at similar field day sites all

across the country.

Ham radio operators volunteered locally during tropical storm Fay, when SPARC deployed a radio tower in the Smith Creek area to establish communications for the Fire Department and the Sheriff's Office.

Thousands of hams assist in emergencies, in our country and around the world, in the wake of hurricanes, tsunamis, earthquakes and terrorist at-

tacks. Hams volunteer in local public service agencies, hospitals, shelters, search and rescue programs, and more.

This year's Field Day site is made possible through the generosity of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Greenways and Trails and supported by the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office (Emergency Management), the American Red Cross and the

State Emergency Operations Center.

A hobby for all ages, amateur radio operators include everyone from rock music stars to nuclear physicists to kings and politicians.

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Friday		Moon		Sun		Moon		Sun	
Sun rise/set	6:37 am / 8:42 pm	Moon rise/set	1:40 am / 2:48 pm	Brightness	-45%	Last	June 23	New	July 1
Saturday		Moon		Sun		Moon		Sun	
Sun rise/set	6:37 am / 8:42 pm	Moon rise/set	2:11 am / 3:42 pm	Brightness	-39%				
Sunday		Moon		Sun		Moon		Sun	
Sun rise/set	6:37 am / 8:42 pm	Moon rise/set	2:46 am / 4:37 pm	Brightness	-33%				
Monday		Moon		Sun		Moon		Sun	
Sun rise/set	6:38 am / 8:42 pm	Moon rise/set	3:25 am / 5:33 pm	Brightness	-27%				
Tuesday		Moon		Sun		Moon		Sun	
Sun rise/set	6:38 am / 8:42 pm	Moon rise/set	4:09 am / 6:29 pm	Brightness	-21%				
Wednesday		Moon		Sun		Moon		Sun	
Sun rise/set	6:38 am / 8:42 pm	Moon rise/set	4:58 am / 7:24 pm	Brightness	-14%				

St. Marks River Entrance		City of St. Marks		Shell Point, Spring Creek	
Date	High	Low	High	Low	High
Thu Jun 23, 11	1.2 ft.	3.1 ft.	1.4 ft.	2.5 ft.	1.9 ft.
Fri Jun 24, 11	2:13 AM	8:41 AM	4:10 PM	10:30 PM	8:24 PM
Sat Jun 25, 11	3:11 AM	9:40 AM	5:29 PM	11:58 PM	9:16 PM
Sun Jun 26, 11	4:18 AM	10:42 AM	6:29 PM		10:14 PM
Mon Jun 27, 11	5:25 AM	11:37 AM	7:17 PM		11:07 PM
Tue Jun 28, 11	6:23 AM	12:25 PM	7:59 PM		11:55 PM
Wed Jun 29, 11	7:12 AM	1:07 PM	8:36 PM		

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay		St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.		Dog Island West End	
Date	High	Low	High	Low	High
Thu Jun 23, 11	0.9 ft.	2.3 ft.	1.0 ft.	1.9 ft.	1.9 ft.
Fri Jun 24, 11	1:1 ft.	2.3 ft.	0.9 ft.	1.8 ft.	1.8 ft.
Sat Jun 25, 11	1:3 ft.	2.3 ft.	0.7 ft.	1.9 ft.	1.9 ft.
Sun Jun 26, 11	1:4 ft.	2.4 ft.	0.5 ft.	1.8 ft.	1.8 ft.
Mon Jun 27, 11	2.0 ft.	1.5 ft.	2.5 ft.	0.2 ft.	1.7 ft.
Tue Jun 28, 11	1:40 AM	6:34 AM	12:17 PM	8:10 PM	8:10 PM
Wed Jun 29, 11	2:21 AM	7:23 AM	12:59 PM	8:47 PM	8:47 PM

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.			

Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	
Major Times	6:49 AM - 8:49 AM	Major Times	7:32 AM - 9:32 AM	Major Times	8:15 AM - 10:15 AM	Major Times	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Major Times	9:48 AM - 11:48 AM	Major Times	10:39 AM - 12:39 PM	Major Times	11:33 AM - 1:33 PM
Minor Times	12:26 AM - 1:26 AM	Minor Times	12:55 AM - 1:55 AM	Minor Times	1:25 AM - 2:25 AM	Minor Times	1:59 AM - 2:59 AM	Minor Times	2:36 AM - 3:36 AM	Minor Times	3:19 AM - 4:19 AM	Minor Times	4:08 AM - 5:08 AM

# Court shorts

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN  
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A Crawfordville man facing felony charges of cultivation of marijuana had the charges dropped after the judge found that officers should have gotten a search warrant before attempting to seize the plants.

Troy Porter, who lives in a single-wide mobile home in the woods off Spring Creek Highway, was allegedly growing 37 pot plants along with tomatoes and other vegetables in his garden.

At a hearing on Thursday, June 16, Porter's defense attorney Lynn Alan Thompson successfully argued that law enforcement officers who came through the woods to Porter's home and saw the marijuana had no right to seize the plants without a warrant. The officers were on Porter's property and the plants were not in open view, according to the law.

Detective Robert Giddens of the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office was working with the U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force on April 21 and the officers were looking for fugitive James Robert Hancock in the area near Porter's home. Giddens said he had received a tip that Hancock was hiding in one of two mobile homes in the area. Members of the task force searched but couldn't find him - when they heard the sound of a chain saw or other machine through the woods.

Giddens said the officers followed a well-traveled path through the woods

and came upon Porter at an outbuilding on his property near his garden. Officers wanted to ask Porter if he had seen Hancock or anyone run through the woods when they spotted the marijuana plants.

Porter told the court that officers told him that if he told them where Hancock was, they would forget about the plants. But he said he didn't know where Hancock was.

Thompson contended that the plants were not in plain sight, but were in a part of Porter's home that would have required officers to get a search warrant to seize the plants as evidence.

Assistant State Attorney Angelique Knox argued that the plants were in plain view - the property was not posted with no trespassing signs, and that law enforcement saw the plants clearly when they walked onto the land.

Wakulla Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls found, though, that "Without question, what we're dealing with here is court-protected area" of the home where a citizen has a "reasonable expectation of privacy."

"A search warrant is required," Judge Sauls said, "even if the contraband is in plain view."

In other court matters:  
• A woman found guilty of sale of cocaine, assault on a law enforcement officer and felony fleeing and eluding was sentenced to two years in state prison followed by three years of probation.

Shameka Costin was found guilty in a trial two

months ago of the charges, which stemmed from a March 2009 drug deal in Panama. When undercover sheriff's deputies tried to arrest Costin for dealing cocaine, she sped away in her car.

"I'm truly sorry for all the chaos I caused that night," Costin told the court at her sentencing on Thursday, June 16.

Character witnesses portrayed Costin as someone who had learned her lesson and was deeply involved in carrying for her two children, her disabled mother, and her sister's two children, plus her 14-year-old brother.

Pastor Ethel Skipper told the court that, in the past year and a half, Costin had come back to the church of her childhood.

But several deputies with the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office sat in the front row of the courtroom gallery in a show of support for officers who had been accused of "corruption" - in the words of Assistant State Attorney Angelique Knox.

The allegation was that two deputies had deployed their Tasers after she resisted arrest - and that the officers then denied using the weapons.

Assistant Public Defender Edrene Johnson had gotten a couple of continuances in the trial to investigate the allegations and told the court that there was some indication that deputies' Tasers had been deployed that night.

It was never mentioned in the trial because, as Wakulla Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls noted, whether Costin was Tasered or not, it was no defense to a charge of drug dealing.

It's only usefulness would have been in trying to question the truthfulness of the officers when testifying.

The state asked that Costin be sentenced to seven years on the convictions, while the defense asked the court to go below sentencing guidelines and order Costin to some non-prison sanction.

The guidelines called for a sentence of between 19 months and 15 years in state prison.

"Fifteen years is an appropriate sentence," Judge Sauls told Costin, calling illegal drugs a "scourge that needs to be eliminated."

But under the conditions, he sentenced Costin to two years in prison.

The case of a woman who filed a lawsuit against the sheriff's office after she was Tasered in the BP claims office by an off-duty deputy was settled out of court.

The woman, Jacqueline Paynter-Stalvey, filed the lawsuit against the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office and Sheriff David Harvey for negligence after she was Tasered by Capt. Brent Sanders last summer.

Sanders was providing off-duty security at the BP claims office during last year's oil spill.

The circumstances of the Taserings are not clear.

Paynter-Stalvey filed a lawsuit in Wakulla Circuit Court seeking unspecified damages of more than \$15,000.

The terms of the settlement were not included in the court file, only a notice that the case had been settled, filed on June 2, indicating a voluntary dismissal of the case was being sought.



Two pounds of marijuana seized by sheriff's deputies.

## Medical marijuana seized

Special to The News

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, with assistance from the Leon County Sheriff's Office, seized more than two pounds of marijuana from a Crawfordville residence in northern Wakulla County Monday, June 20, according to Sheriff David Harvey.

"My office received information from the Leon County Sheriff's Office that a delivery of narcotics was being made at the Crawfordville residence," said the sheriff. "Investigators went

to the home and knocked on the suspect's door and seized medical marijuana that was delivered from California.

"There was no indication that the suspect was selling the drugs on the street," the sheriff said. "A warrant for the 68-year-old white male will be issued at the conclusion of the investigation."

The WCSO Narcotics Unit seized a total of 2.09 pounds of high grade marijuana with an estimated value of more than \$10,000. The total weight of the marijuana was 948.9 grams.

## Child found, mom arrested

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Investigators determined that Smith and the child's father had been arguing when Smith left the home with the girl.

When the child's father was unable to locate Smith in the morning, he left home and found her walking along a road in Panama without the child.

Deputies arrived on the scene and discovered two sets of footprints along the side of the road. They eventually found the child at an

other Panama home, sleeping on a couch, unharmed and in good health.

The homeowner told deputies that Smith stayed at the home until 4:30 a.m. when she left with a male companion, but without the child.

The Florida Department of Children and Families was notified and began an investigation. Smith was transported to the Wakulla County Jail without incident. The child was turned over to the custody of her father.

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# Law Enforcement and Courts reports

## Sheriff's Report

On June 7, Deputy Mike Zimba charged Wakulla County Jail inmates Robert Nason Daily, 27, of Panama and David Paul Delvalle, 29, of Crawfordville with battery on a jail detainee. The two men got into a physical altercation with a 34-year-old inmate from Crawfordville. The victim was treated for minor injuries by the WCSO Medical Unit. The dormitory altercation was captured on video.

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

- On June 9, Mark Bodie of Crawfordville reported a vehicle burglary. A GPS was stolen from the unlocked vehicle. The GPS was valued at \$250 and suspects have been identified. Deputy Rachel Oliver investigated.

- On June 9, Marva Williams of Crawfordville reported a grand theft. Jewelry items, valued at \$1,500, were stolen from the victim's home. On June 14, Edwin Dewayne Hughes, 19, of Tallahassee was arrested for the theft of Williams' jewelry.

- The jewelry was pawned at Gold Buyers of Crawfordville, which paid Hughes \$66 for the stolen jewelry. Gold Buyers is also listed as a victim in the crime. Hughes was charged with dealing in stolen property.

- On June 10, a 45-year-old Panama man reported being the victim of an aggravated battery. The victim was looking after a friend's property and asked several individuals who were swimming and boating in a pond to leave. The victim was struck in the head by an unknown object and suffered an injury that required 40 stitches. He was taken to a Tallahassee hospital by

Wakulla EMS.

- On June 10, Felicia Nelson of Crawfordville reported a vehicle burglary. Speakers and an amp, valued at \$600, were stolen.

- On June 13, Madeline Lessirard of Tallahassee reported a vehicle burglary at the C.J. Spears parking area. A window was broken out and \$900 worth of property was stolen, including her purse, glasses, camera and iPod. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$500.

- On June 13, Molly McMillan of Tallahassee reported a vehicle burglary at C.J. Spears Road parking area. A window, valued at \$250, was broken. Nothing was reported missing.

- On June 11, a retail theft was reported at Wal-Mart after Meagan Alexandra Lott, 21, of Crawfordville allegedly selected cosmetics from the shelf but failed to pay for them as she left the store. The merchandise was valued at \$28.

- On June 11, Thomas White of Crawfordville reported recovering a bag of marijuana in a ditch off U.S. Highway 98. The marijuana weighed 27.3 grams and was taken to the sheriff's office for disposal.

- On June 12, FHP Trooper Brian Speigner conducted a traffic stop at 4495 Crawfordville Highway and requested WCSO assistance to conduct his investigation. Trooper Speigner requested the suspect be placed in his vehicle.

- The suspect, Charles Denium Gray, 22, of Carabelle, allegedly ran from Speigner's vehicle and was captured 100 feet away from the vehicle.

- Gray allegedly attempted to flee a second time and was subdued. FHP is pursu-

ing charges of resisting an officer without violence and driving with a revoked driver license.

- On June 10, a 17-year-old juvenile was given a juvenile civil citation for creating a disturbance at a pool at the Bridlewood Apartments. The juvenile allegedly threatened individuals at a pool party and was taken into custody. He received 16 hours of community service under the civil citation program and was charged with disorderly conduct.

- On June 11, Deputy Ryan Muse conducted a traffic stop for excessive speed and discovered an out-of-county warrant for Shannon Renee Rosier, 29, of Crawfordville. She was wanted for a Leon County violation of probation for grand theft from July 2009. She was taken to the Wakulla County Jail where Leon County confirmed extradition.

- On June 13, Joseph R. Yawn of Sopchoppy reported a grand theft of a trailer, valued at \$5,700. The trailer was taken from a Crawfordville business and was entered in the NCIC/FCIC computer.

- On June 12, a vehicle burglary was reported by Jennifer Marsalona of Tallahassee. Her vehicle was at the C.J. Spears Road parking area. The vehicle was vandalized and \$180 worth of personal property was taken. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$100.

- On June 12, a vehicle burglary was reported at the C.J. Spears Road parking area by Meredyth R. Cassell of Longwood. The vehicle was damaged and \$1,030 worth of property belonging to Cassell and two

other victims were reported missing.

- On June 12, Chris Mink of Tallahassee reported a vehicle burglary at the same location. Mink and two other victims reported the theft of \$1,224 worth of property.

- On June 12, Vicki Serpico of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary. Electronic games, televisions, currency and jewelry, valued at \$4,285, were reported stolen. A forced entry was discovered.

- On June 12, criminal mischief was reported at the Riverside Café in St. Marks. Suspects attempted to steal a garden gnome valued at \$40. After getting caught, the suspects broke the gnome in the parking area and left the scene.

- On June 15, a structure fire was reported at Lindy's Fried Chicken. A fire originated in clothing hampers which spread to an exterior wall. Damage was estimated at \$1,300 and is believed to have started by cleaning chemicals. The state Fire Marshal was contacted.

- On June 15, Jason Greener of Sopchoppy reported the theft of tractor tires, valued at \$2,000. The tires were stolen from a storage building.

- On June 15, Derrick Franklin of Crawfordville reported a structure fire. Smoke was observed coming out of the attic. Wakulla firefighters arrived on scene to extinguish the fire which is believed to have started due to a lightning strike.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office received 931 calls for service during the past week.

## Jail contraband scheme foiled

Three Wakulla County Jail inmates and a female suspect outside the jail were charged in a failed contraband scheme Thursday, June 16, when the female attempted to toss the inmates contraband through an open jail window, according to Sheriff David Harvey.

Jordan Lamar Barwick, 19,

Dustin Blake Chambley, 23, and Tre Allen McCullough, 19, all of Crawfordville, were charged with attempting to introduce contraband into a detention facility. Randi Rae Ministerio, 19, of Tallahassee was charged with attempted introduction of contraband into a detention facility.



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# A piece of the Appalachian Quilt Trail is at home in Wakulla

Inspired by barn doors painted with quilt squares in the mountains, resident Marie Rardin was moved to do the same thing - on her garage door

By CAROLE TOLER  
reporter@thewakullanews.net

Pull into Marie Rardin's driveway, and you'll notice lovely flower beds, a nice house, and a red garage door with the painted image of a quilt square.

Rardin's garage door is like a misplaced piece of the Appalachian Quilt Trail.

The Appalachian Quilt Trail, which began in Ohio and spread beyond the Appalachian Mountains, consists of barn doors that have been painted with the patterns of quilt squares.

Rardin first learned of the trend from her sister Patsy, who lives in Boone, N.C.

Rardin said that Patsy let her know as different people in the area started painting their barn doors.

Rardin, who gushed about Boone as a place with "gorgeous winding roads" and "babbling brooks," loved looking at the displays. With the encour-



PHOTOS BY CAROLE TOLER

**QUILT FANCIER:** Marie Rardin with a quilt sewn by her mother, Lila Amos.

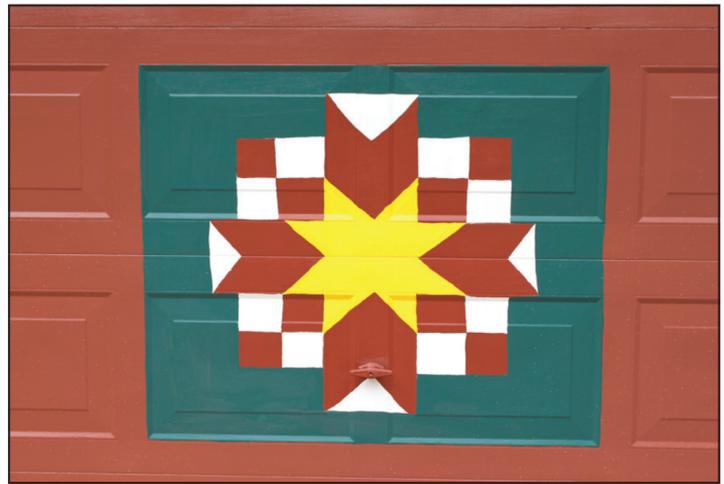
agement of a friend, local artist Win Conger, Rardin decided to make her own. The two embarked on the project together.

Rardin's appreciation of quilts runs deeper than the squares painted on barn doors, however.

Rardin's mother, Lila Amos, hand-stitched king size quilts up until she passed away.

Amos made quilts for many people, including one for Rardin that she has treasured for 20 years.

Rardin and Conger



**QUILT SQUARE:** Marie Rardin had her garage door painted by artist Win Conger to resemble a quilt.

planned and made designs for months - they "hem-hawed," in Conger's words - until Rardin saw a quilt pattern she liked in a magazine.

According to Conger, Rardin saw it and said, "This is it. I'm not going to change my mind any more."

Once they started, "it was poof!" as Conger put it, and they completed the project in about three days.

Conger did the intricate work, laying out the pattern and working around the indentions in the garage door.

Conger had to change the ratio of the design, which she said showed the complexity of art, that it is something where "You've got to fit the situation to what you're doing."

Rardin, who insisted she "doesn't paint or do artwork at all," helped with the painting.

"We had fun doing it" Rardin said. "I'm happy with it, I love it."

In fact, Rardin enjoys looking at it so much, she stated "I don't even want to open my door."

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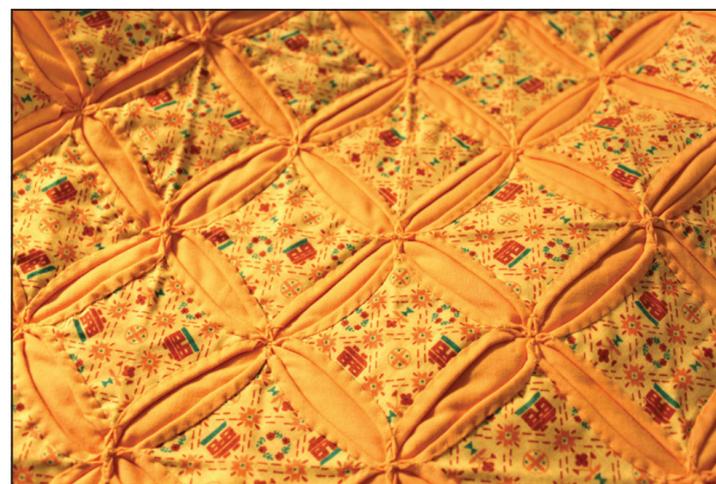
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**HEIRLOOM:** Rardin's mother, Lila Amos, sewed this quilt. The stitches in the cathedral window pattern quilt are no more than one-eighth of an inch apart.

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## On a ride-along with Wakulla EMS

Spending a day with the ambulance service to get an idea of what it's like – waiting for calls, responding to those in need

By JENNIFER HAHN  
Wakulla News correspondent

It is a strange thing to want for trauma.

Not that I would wish suffering of any kind on anyone, but as I pulled into the Medart station of the Wakulla county EMS I admit thinking that if something had to happen perhaps it could be on the morning of Friday, June 10 when I was scheduled for a ride-along.

As rare, and possibly abhorrent, a feeling as it was, I wanted to experience, in good health, the controlled chaos of an emergency.

I can write this now, because as luck would have it – good luck, and barrels full of it – the Wakulla Emergency Medical Services did not receive a call in the five hours I spent with them.

But I did not know this, no one in the job ever does, when at seven in the morning I met paramedics Dylan Jones, Mike Register and EMS Supervisor Marvin Walters outside the station. Jones stocked the ambulances or "trucks" and the group washed the vehicles.

These routines mark the beginning of every 24-hour shift – small constants in a day that is impossible to plan.

It took me awhile to adjust to this fact.

"We could get a call right now?" I asked a number of times, like the "Are we there



**LIFE IN EMS:** The view while riding in the back of an ambulance, above. EMS Supervisor Marvin Walters, right, keeping his truck clean.

yet?" of an anxious backseat child.

"We could," replied Jones with ease and matter of factness. I imagined scrub brushes hitting the pavement and spilt buckets of soapy water.

It has notoriously been said of paramedics that they hold one of the most stressful jobs in America.

Director of Wakulla EMS, Fran Council, spoke of the "difficulty of work/life balance," in the field and the average paramedic/EMT career spanning a mere three and a half years.

Of the 18 current full-time employees of the Wakulla EMS, the average is 11. Most have worked for much longer, and continually within Wakulla County. It is clear they are doing something right.

Walters has totaled 28 years in the service, 19 of them spent in Wakulla. I asked what he thought of the job and its reputation.

"There is nothing stress-

ful about my job," he said earnestly.

Of all the myths busted that day, I found this one hardest to grasp, but it was an almost unanimous sentiment.

"Job satisfaction counts on the area, call load, and work environment," Walters said.

The Wakulla EMS, although not the busiest, is certainly put to work. They average 3,200 calls a year.

Paramedics work 24 hours on, 48 hours off, averaging three shifts a week.

When the shrill tone rings from their radios, these men do anything and everything asked of them and often more.

They deal with any variety of pain or sick: car accidents, drug overdoses, drunks, mental illness, lift assists, delivering babies; the duties are endless and ever changing.

"Everything from a stubbed toe to death," Walters said.



The paramedics swear that call load can rarely be predicted and follows few trends.

Summer months tend to be a bit busier with beach traffic and Wakulla's population increases.

Although car accidents, on the whole, have been on a decline due to the county's lowered speed zones.

And then there is the moon. Everyone I interviewed attested to the high trauma rate, and overall crazy happenings, on a full or new moon. No one I interviewed could say why.

With still sweaty palms and an anticipatory heart rate, I asked the group if they found themselves dealing with anxiety and stress from the job.

Jones and Register gave a resounding "nope," and Walters laughed. Smiling, he pressed his palms together over his heart like a Hindu yogi and said, "these guys are like Om."

I was starting to believe them and shifted gears into figuring out why they break the norm.

All three men spoke of love for the job, attributing Wakulla EMS's success to the workplace and quality of people.

"We are more than friends here. It's almost like a second family," Walters said.

*The only collective fear of paramedics: rubber necking drivers hitting them on the road.*

This relationship would become clearer to me later, in the second phase of our morning: "Breakfast!" said Register. He told me to "Eat up because you never know when you might get to eat again."

It was then that my official ride-along took place. I strapped myself into the one seat in the back of the ambulance: grey, polyester, exactly right angled, and was driven at appropriate speeds to a local restaurant.

Of the ride, there was little to report. Although I enjoyed the feel and view of being driven backwards (the seat faces to the back of the truck), ambulances are what you think they would be when off duty: cold, spare, immaculate and void.

Staring at the stretcher, I was grateful that it was only me back there, and

that we were only driving to breakfast.

Over pancakes and eggs the men chatted like the old, good friends they are. They shared inside jokes, talked of hunting and fishing, and laughed about certain aspects of the job – such as being called out to a hidden sinkhole where only a hunting local would know directions, or their only collective fear: rubber necking drivers hitting them on the road.

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**BETWEEN CALLS:** Dylan Jones kills time, awaiting calls at the station.

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### City and County Meetings

**Thursday, June 23**

- COUNTY COMMISSION will hold a workshop to discuss the 2011-2012 budget at 5 p.m. in the commission chambers.

### Clubs, Groups, Regular Meetings

**Thursday, June 23**

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 7:30 p.m. at St. Marks First Baptist Church.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 7 p.m. at the Panacea Women's Club on Otter Lake Road, Panacea. For more information call 524-9103.
- 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.
- COASTAL OPTIMIST CLUB will meet at noon at Posey's Steam Room in Panacea.
- FAMILY TO FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP will meet at 6 p.m. at the NAMI Wakulla office.
- ROTARY CLUB meets at the senior center at noon.
- LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS will meet at 7 p.m. at the library. Contact Anne Ahrendt at (850) 528-0895 or Rachel Pienta at (850) 321-3582 for more information.
- FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY will meet at 6 p.m. at the library.

**Friday, June 24**

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- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets each Friday at noon 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.
- KARAOKE will be held at Hamaknockers Oasis.
- 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.
- FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE at the library will be held at 7 p.m. The movie is a family comedy based upon the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (Rated PG). Back in middle school after summer vacation, Greg Heffley and his older brother Rodrick must deal with their parents' misguided attempts to have them bond. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

**Saturday, June 25**

- 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.
- NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meets at 3240 Crawfordville Highway at 5 p.m. For more information, call 224-2321.
- SOPCHOPPY GROWER'S MARKET is held every Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., in front of Posh Java in 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, June 26**

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

**Monday, June 27**

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 7:30 p.m. at St. Marks First Baptist Church.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 7 p.m. at the Panacea Women's Club on Otter Lake Road, Panacea.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS FOR WOMEN meets each Monday at 6 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. For more information call (850) 545-1853.
- LINE DANCING will be held at the senior center at 1:30 p.m.
- 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.
- LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD will meet from 4 to 5 p.m. at the library.
- PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. at the library.
- QIGONG-LEVEL ONE HEALING FORM CLASS will be held at the Senior Center from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The instructor is Janis David. This gentle exercise movement is known to relax and strengthen the mind and body. The class is free for those over 60 years of age and \$5 for those under 60. For more information, call 926-7145.

**Tuesday, June 28**

- 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.
- CRAWFORDVILLE LIONS CLUB will meet at 6 p.m. at the Hudson House behind Centennial 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.
- 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.



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**Hands Across the Sand will be held at Wakulla Beach on June 25 at noon. The gathering begins at 11 a.m. and the event will be held from noon to 12:15 p.m. The movement's mission is to promote a clean energy future for the earth and end its dependence on dirty fuel sources.**

**Wednesday, June 29**

- 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. Call 224-2321 for more information.

**Thursday, June 30**

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

### Special Events

**Thursday, June 23**

- BLUES JAM will be held at The Frog and The Hummingbird Co & Butterfield's Roadhouse in Sopchoppy. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Reservations are strongly suggested. All events are subject to change and it is suggested you call or email in advance. During all their events proprietors Salli Squitieri and Gabriel Butterfield offer assorted beverages, teas and coffee, light fare and dangerously delicious desserts and by popular demand regularly feature their signature cheese platter. The Jams are open to all musicians of all levels and to those who simply want to enjoy the music.
- ACOUSTICS JAM will be held at The Frog and The Hummingbird Co & Butterfield's Roadhouse in Sopchoppy. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Reservations are strongly suggested. All events are subject to change and it is suggested you call or email in advance. During all their events proprietors Salli Squitieri and Gabriel Butterfield offer assorted beverages, teas and coffee, light fare and dangerously delicious desserts and by popular demand regularly feature their signature cheese platter. The Jams are open to all musicians of all levels and to those who simply want to enjoy the music.

**Friday, June 24**

- GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY for the Ochlockonee Bay Bike Trail will be held at the Mashers Sands Trailhead, Mashers Sands Road, approximately 2.2 miles east of the Tide Creek Bridge from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Ochlockonee Bay Bike Trail is an 11.63 mile bicycle/pedestrian trail that will extend from the Mashers Sands Trailhead along Mashers Sands/Surf Road to the intersection of Surf Road and US 319 in Sopchoppy.
- TRIO CON MOTO will be performing Celtic and classical music at Posh Java Organics & Gifts, on the corner of Rose Street and Winthrop Avenue in Sopchoppy, at 8 p.m. The group features violinists Aisha Ivey and Katie Geringer, and Cellist Michelle Fry. For tickets to this concert, please contact Posh Java at (850) 962-1010. Doors open at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$10. Payment may be made in cash, by check or by using Visa, MasterCard, or Discover cards. Reservations are required.

**Saturday, June 25**

- HANDS ACROSS THE SAND will be held at Wakulla Beach at noon. The gathering begins at 11 a.m.. The event will be held from noon to 12:15 p.m. For further information contact Karen Dugo at 325-0088 or ksdugo@yahoo.com.

**Monday, June 27**

- NAMI'S JUNE PROGRAM will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the TCC, Wakulla Center and will feature guest speaker David Money, an advocate at Disability Rights Florida. Money and other volunteers have begun a group program, the Trauma Recovery and Empowerment Class (TREC), at Wakulla Correctional Institution to reduce the likelihood of inmates returning. The target of Money's program is inmates who suffer from short-term and long-term consequences of victimization, posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), including mental health symptoms, depression, and substance abuse. NAMI Wakulla invited Money to talk about the TREC program and the impact treating mental illness in prison could have on the community. The program is free and open to the public

**Thursday, June 30**

- SAFARI MAN RODGER TRIPP will be at the library from 7 to 8 p.m. as part of the children's summer program. The Safari Man returns with more songs and stories about the world around us.
- USING FACEBOOK FOR BUSINESS will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the TCC Wakulla Center in partnership with the chamber of commerce. For more details, contact Petra Shuff at (850) 926-1848 or wakullaco@chamber.com.

### Upcoming Events

**Friday, July 1**

- NICK ANNIS will perform at Posh Java at 8 p.m. Admired by folk fans for his storytelling talent, Annis captivates his audience by drawing upon timeless accounts of humanity and true stories. For more information, visit nickannis.com. To reserve a seat for this upcoming performance, contact Posh Java at (850) 962-1010. Tickets are \$10 prepaid and \$12 at the door. Posh is located on the corner of Rose Street and Winthrop Ave., in downtown Sopchoppy.

**Monday, July 4**

- FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION will be held in Sopchoppy starting at 10 a.m. with a parade through downtown. There will be food and arts and craft vendors, as well as live music and children's activities. Admission to the park is \$3. Children 12 and under are free. The festival will end with a fireworks display at 9 p.m.

**Friday, July 8**

- FROM THE HEART MUSIC HOUR will be held at Monticello Opera House starting with happy hour at 6:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. and lasts until 10 p.m. There is an after party from 10:30 to midnight. Tickets are \$20 each. Artists featured are Brian Bowen, 19 South, Sarah Mac Band and Tobacco Road. To purchase tickets, call the opera house at 997-4242 or From the Heart of Sopchoppy at 962-5282. There is also a show on Saturday that features some different artists. This will be the fourth live episode recorded and will air on WFSU.

## Tail Wagger...



By **JOAN HENDRIX**  
President of CHAT

What a cute little puppy he must have been when his family first brought him home.

No one knows how long he was with this family, but hopefully he was with them for most of his young years.

One always wants to know the full story about a lost dog.

What happened that caused him to be wandering alone on a highway. Did he escape from his owner's property? Surely someone was looking for him. He's just too beautiful and friendly to not have a home. You wonder why he didn't have a collar with a phone number.

Eventually, he walked up to a house where the occupants could see that he was lost. Because of their concern for this friendly dog and to protect him from any harm, they took him in. However, because they could not keep him, he was taken to Wakulla County Animal Control hoping that his own-

ers would call looking for him. Unfortunately, as days passed by, no call came.

A short time later, a CHAT volunteer spotted this beautiful yellow lab and golden retriever mix in an exercise yard at animal control. At that time, we asked if he could be released to CHAT and placed in our adoption facility.

Once we brought him in, he was checked for heartworm, given all his vaccinations, de-wormed, given flea control, a good bath, and later neutered.

Not too long after that, he was spotted again by a loving family who just had to have him. They spent time with him and couldn't believe how wonderful he was.

His new family is absolutely thrilled with Bingo (new name.) They say he is just gorgeous, the sweetest dog in the world and they are totally nuts about him. They've built an outdoor kennel for him in the event he needs his own space, but so far he spends all his time inside with them because the weather is so hot. They take him out to play and to exercise and he is definitely going to be one spoiled boy, which is how it should be.

Bingo apparently grew up with kids and cats and is just a great all around good family dog.

Good boy, Bingo!

# The Wakulla News EXTRA!

## Billy the Kid gave it everything he's got to become Billy Dean

By CAROLE TOLER  
reporter@thewakullanews.net

Billy Dean, award winning Country music artist and upcoming headliner at July 9's From the Heart Music Hour, took the time to answer some questions in a phone interview held last Friday.

Dean expressed excitement about his upcoming performance at the Monticello Opera House, saying, "I'm looking forward to helping Rick [Ott] and those guys get that old beautiful theater up and going...it's one of my favorite venues."

On his early life and whether growing up in a small town made him feel like his career path was limited, Dean said, "Oh yeah most definitely - I never saw life outside Quincy." Though he had always wanted to sing, Dean said, "I thought I'd end up playing a little circuit down on the beach, staying in the area, going into farming or something."

But that all changed in '82 when Dean entered the Wrangler Country Star Search. He made it into the finals in Nashville, where he became a top 10 finalist. "That gave me a lot of hope that I could make it out of Quincy and have a music career," Dean stated.

Before going on Wrangler Star Search, Dean "grew up almost every Saturday night" backstage at his father's band performances. Dean called the experience a "learning ground," and said he "learned a lot of songs from just watching guitar players playing." Dean also learned the "etiquette" of being in entertainment.

When Dean made the decision to leave college - where he had a basketball scholarship - to pursue his career in music, people questioned him.

"A lot of people said, 'You need something to fall back on, you should stay in college.' But my mind was already made up. I had really strong determination," he said.

His attitude was "I'll die trying - I'm going to give it everything I've got."

After the Wrangler Star Search, Dean did some touring before landing on Ed McMahon's Star Search - and winning as top male vocalist in '88. Dean called this event "a tipping point," when "a lot

of people in Nashville starting taking me seriously."

"All in all," Dean said, "I had to make things happen, I just had to keep moving."

After this success, Dean's career took off, and he released his debut album Young Man, which included the top five song "Only Here For A Little While." To date, Dean has released 12 albums - three of which are gold, one of which is platinum - and 11 Top 10 singles.

Dean affirmed that dealing with the balance between career and personal life is "the No. 1 struggle you deal with in the demands of stardom."

Dean remembered one particular situation: After about a year of trying, Dean's agents landed him a spot on "The Late Show with David Letterman." Dean was with his day-old daughter when he received the call urging him to leave immediately for New York. Dean, wanting to bond with his newborn, turned down the offer.

"I didn't realize what a career changer that was going to be," Dean said, "but I never regretted that [decision]."

Dean didn't miss out on too much - he

*The From the Heart Music Hour will be held at the Monticello Opera House on July 8 and 9. Quincy native Billy Dean will headline the July 9 show.*

made two appearances on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno."

Dean feels grateful that God has blessed him with a good life, and said his song "If There Hadn't Been You" is a "thank you to my creator, for giving me this opportunity."

The most personal song Dean has written has been "Billy the Kid." Dean grew up in a small neighborhood, where "people would tell on you if you did wrong," a neighborhood where he would "take off the whole afternoon" on a bicycle and "just check in with his parents," as he put it.

When Dean moved to Nashville, he was known as Harold Dean - but others



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in Nashville didn't think that was a catchy name, so he changed it to Billy.

"You lose a little part of yourself," Dean said, "I lost the Harold Dean I grew up with in Quincy."

Dean said his favorite cover song would "definitely" be "We Just Disagree" - a Dave Mason song from the 70's that Dean turned into a top 10 on Country music charts.

When asked who he would choose to make a song about his life, Dean said "James Taylor would be my favorite. I look up to a lot of country artists...[but] if I had to pick one, James Taylor has influenced me the most."

Dean said a lot of people compare him to James Taylor. "He's such an icon. I shudder at that type of comparison."

One of Dean's more recent ventures has been into his business - Song Sessions. In Song Sessions, Dean, along with songwriters Monty Powell and Anna Wilson, take what they know about collaboration from songwriting, a "co-creative venture," and help upwards of 200 employees write a song within 75 minutes.

Dean said that business people usually spend more time utilizing the logical side of their brain, and neglecting the creative side, but that "we show them how the two can work together."

Dean's favorite part of being a celebrity has been "being able to do a lot of good,

a lot of charity work" and that he feels a "sense of purpose" when he does something like visit a children's home.

Dean has also enjoyed being able to share the red carpet with his family, to give them a "sense of what it feels like to have their picture taken a million times, to have a table up front at restaurant."

Dean has been the spokesperson for Averitt Cares for Kids and Sunkist's Take A Stand Program, and recently became a spokesperson for Naturipe. Dean said he liked that Naturipe empowers kids and supports family farms.

Dean imparted some advice for aspiring musicians: "I can't tell you how important it is to treat it like a business, and to grow your social media."

Dean said, "If you grow enough fans - and the way you grow your fans is to play live...the music industry will seek you out."

Dean, who emphasized the importance of keeping a presence through social media, has taken his own advice and created a Billy Dean phone application that, in his words, has "everything you can possibly imagine that has to do with me and my career" and can be found on iTunes.

On resembling Kurt Russell, Dean chuckled and said, "I've gotten that a lot over the years...I'll take that as a compliment."

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# On a ride-along with Wakulla EMS

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"Hobbies and laughter recoup the men from their shifts," Walters said.

The paramedics spend a lot of time off the clock with each other, participating in sports, hanging out and looking after one another.

They once ganged together to help a fellow paramedic fix his well pump that was 60 feet under ground.

After breakfast we headed back to the station where I learned that the 24-hour shift is not without its advantages.

Where other counties, like Leon, run a 12-hour shift cycle, paramedics are bound to their trucks.

In Wakulla's stations, set behind the garages, are small dormitory-like apartments equipped with a kitchen, living room, bedrooms, television and computers.

The men wait out calls in their second homes. They read, watch Netflix, surf the web and sleep.

Paramedic Marshall Bradford said that "Like me, you can be the type of person who will sleep through anything at home but the second that tone goes off your adrenaline is pumping and you are completely alert. You get used to it."

Several men could be found using down time to study. Many people become paramedics before shifting to fire services, as Dylan Jones is about to do, or becoming doctors.

Walters encourages this, "if you keep your people happy, even if you lose them, it helps with Wakulla EMS's legacy. It keeps us attracting better people to work here," he said.

Leaving the Medart station behind, Walters drove me around to tour the similar Wakulla (nicknamed the "vacation station" by employees for its lack of calls) and Crawfordville sta-

tions and finally to the EMS headquarters.

On the drive, he told me of the joys of "taking care of people." He said he is fond of diabetic calls most of all - how with the right medication sufferers are instantly revived.

As an EMS supervisor, he is able to respond to calls on a backup basis when all the other paramedics are out.

"I miss the action a little bit," he reflected.

It is life-saving work and yet there is a transitory element to it. Doing everything you can for a patient and then dropping them off and, more often than not, never seeing how things turn out.

Because of this, Paramedics and EMTs receive less recognition from patients and community. Walters said there is "the occasional thank you call or card, follow-ups, and baked goods brought to the office."

*'Being able to save someone's life was so incredible. I knew I could never do anything else,' says EMS Director Fran Councill*

They have, however, received recognition from the state.

In 1998 the Wakulla County EMS System was designated as the "Provider of the Year" in Florida. Paramedics Rick Strickland in '98 and Steve Piggot in '01 were honored with "Best First Responder of the Year."

Councill acts as godmother of the entire operation.

Wakulla EMS was started in 1973; Councill joined up in '74. To give an even better idea of her experience: in the state of Florida every paramedic is given a number upon being certified; the first to do so was 1, the second got 2, and so on. Jones's number is 515,486.

Councill's number is 429.

Her bright, cramped office seemed more like a tiny museum of Wakulla EMS. The walls are adorned top to bottom with EMT memorabilia, artifacts, on the job photos, quotes from Teddy Roosevelt, genealogy charts, cartoons and a considerable number of plaques. When asked about the plaques, Councill replied, "Oh, I don't know. People just really like to give plaques."

I told Councill of my weak stomach for blood, and how I once passed out when dissecting a worm. I was curious to know if she thought this type of thing could be reversed.

"People tend to cut themselves short. You may think that you're one way, but anything is easier when you know you can do something about it. What we do is something like performing," she told me. It was sound advice on several levels.

As director, Councill handles every aspect of Wakulla EMS. In addition to doing everything a business executive would do, she is also a backup driver, "the fourth driver" as she said.

Councill is on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It has to be a busy night for her to be called on, but it has happened enough that her bird has learned to say "Oh no!" when the phone rings extremely late or early.

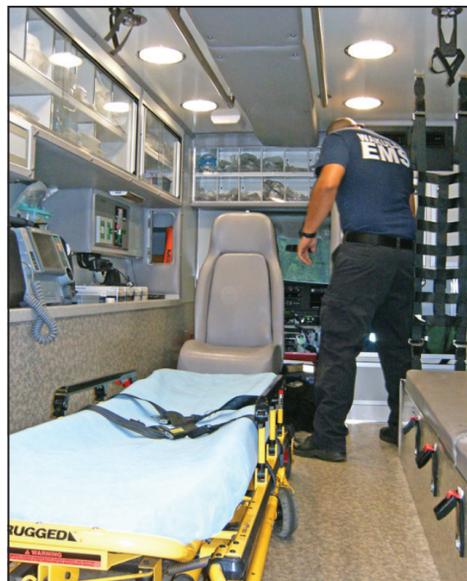
She is the kind of person who is slightly ashamed of the bird story. When she found the bird mimicking her words she vowed to never say them again when late calls came in. When somebody needs to be there, she would like it to be her.

Councill has a great love for her work, and it seems as though she were destined for it. Like so many Wakulla EMS employees, she spoke of "really enjoying taking care of people."



PHOTOS BY JENNIFER HAHN

**EMS GODMOTHER:** Longtime Director of Wakulla EMS Fran Councill.



**READY:** Paramedic Dylan Jones stocks his ambulance, preparing for whatever the day may bring.

"There is an innate reward to the job," she said.

In her youth she worked in first aid with the Red Cross at a veteran's hospital while her mother took care of first aid needs at local shelters. But it wasn't until much later that she became a paramedic. Out of school, Councill started a Star Trek club for children. One of the child's parents worked

for Leon County EMS and got her interested in giving it a try.

In training, she gave CPR to an older man picked up dead in his home. Later at the hospital she saw him alive, smiling and hugging his wife.

"I knew right then," said Councill, "that this is what I wanted to do. Screw the master's" - she had received

a master's degree in sociology at Duke - "being able to save someone's life was so incredible. I knew I could never do anything else."

"There are more highs than lows," she said. "I love delivering babies. It doesn't happen that often, but to hand a baby to a father for the first time, someone who might never have held a baby before, that is really special."

"My guys are so compassionate," she said. "They are incredibly experienced and some of the best at what they do."

It can also be seen in numbers. In a small county where funds are low, Wakulla EMS has been able to give back (through smart budgeting and scheduling) \$103,000 this year alone.

"The only way this county is going to survive is if we all work together. EMS has to do their part," Councill said.

"Working together" is a theme she comes back to time and time again in every aspect of her work. She praises the Wakulla Fire Department and sheriff's office for the support they provide EMS: "Citizens are blessed to have these three organizations working so closely together - like a well-oiled machine."

With my time coming to an end, I parted ways with Councill. She knew we never received a call and asked me if I thought I had enough for a story. I thanked her and told her I thought I did.

Walters told me that in the EMT world it is bad luck to say the word "slow."

"You won't hear anyone ever say it, they will give a low hand gesture or say that it's 'been all right,'" he said.

Because whatever you want, assume or expect to happen in this line of work, you always get the opposite.



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680 Legal Notices

681 Foreclosure Proceedings

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

Case No.: 10-296 CA

AMERIS BANK,

P.O. Box 899  
25365 West Newberry Road,  
Newberry, Florida 32669

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSH HUNT a/k/a JOSH R. HUNT a/k/a JOSHUA HUNT, CANDICE POARCH a/k/a CANDACE POARCH, and CAPITAL CITY BANK,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Plaintiff's Final Summary Judgment of

Your Local Weather

Wed 6/22	Thu 6/23	Fri 6/24	Sat 6/25	Sun 6/26
97/75	92/73	90/72	91/72	90/73
Partly cloudy, chance of a thunder-storm.	Scattered thunder-storms possible.	Scattered thunder-storms. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.	Scattered thunder-storms possible.	Scattered thunder-storms possible.

Foreclosure entered in the above-captioned action, I will sell the property situated in Wakulla County, Florida, described as follows, to wit:

A parcel of land in the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Lot 58 of the Hartfield Survey of the Lands of Wakulla County, Florida; being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a concrete monument marking the Southwest corner of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Lot 58 of the Hartfield Survey of the Lands of Wakulla County, Florida; thence run North 17 degrees 20 minutes 15 seconds West along the West line of said Northeast Quarter (also being the East line of Bettywood II), a distance of 385.75 feet to a concrete monument and the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described party; thence run South 17 degrees 15 seconds West, 390.89 feet to a concrete monument; thence North 72 degrees 01 minutes 58 seconds East 555.00 feet to the centerline of a 60.00 foot roadway; thence run along said center line South 17 degrees 58 minutes 01 seconds East 390.87 feet to the center of a 60.00 foot cul-de-sac; thence South 72 degrees 01 minutes 59 seconds West 559.37 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING containing 5.00 acres more or less.

Together with and subject to a 60.00 foot roadway easement lying 30 foot each side of the following described centerline:

Commence at a concrete monument in the old Aaron Road marking the Northwest corner of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Lot 58 of the Hartfield Survey of Wakulla County, Florida; thence run North 72 degrees 14 minutes 43 seconds East 515.50 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the centerline to be described herein. From said POINT OF BEGINNING, thence run South 17 degrees 31 minutes 35 seconds East, 483.83 feet; thence run South 35 degrees 25 minutes 28 seconds East, 100.12 feet; thence run South 17 degrees 58 minutes 01 seconds East, 1,016.27 feet to the center of a 60 foot cul-de-sac and the end of the centerline described therein.

The above described property being to a 200 foot Florida Power Transmission Line over and across a portion thereof.

Property Address: 88 Midnight Pass, Crawfordville, FL 32327

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, except as set forth herein after, at public sale on July 14, 2011, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in the County of Wakulla, Florida, to wit: thereafter as the sale may proceed, to the highest bidder for cash, except as prescribed in paragraph 7, at the Wakulla County Courthouse, 308 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, Florida 32327.

If you are a subordinate lien holder claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the Clerk of Court no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to do so, you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.

Notice to Persons With Disabilities: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator's office not later than seven days prior to the proceeding.

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

June 23, 30, 2011

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

CASE NO. 11-77-CA

CAPITAL CITY BANK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

KEVIN W. RYTER a/k/a KEVIN RYTER, LYN L. RYTER, UNKNOWN TENANT(S) I, and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) II,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 1, 2011, in Case No. 11-77-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Wakulla County, Florida, in which CAPITAL CITY BANK is the Plaintiff and KEVIN W. RYTER, LYN L. RYTER, UNKNOWN TENANT(S) I, and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) II, are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the lobby at 318 Shadaville Highway, Crawfordville, Wakulla County, Florida, 32327 at 11:00 a.m. on July 7, 2011, the property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure, including property located in and for Franklin County, Florida and Franklin County, Florida, and more particularly described as follows:

Parcel One:  
Lot 28, Block D, Shell Point Beach, Unit V, a subdivision as per map or plat as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 47, Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida.

Parcel Two:  
Lot Number One (1) of Block "G", of Unit No. 2, of Peninsular Point, a subdivision in the West half of Fractional Section 1, Township 7 South, Range 2 West, in Franklin County, Florida, according to the plat or map thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 21, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, other than the Plaintiff, must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

Dated on June 3, 2011

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

Garvin B. Bowden, Esq., Attorney for Plaintiff, 81st Wiener, Wadsworth & Bowden, P.A., 1300 Thomaswood Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32308

June 16, 23, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO. 11-96-CA

JOYCE T. ANDERSON Plaintiff,

vs.

HEIRS OF ALMETTER ANDERSON, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, JUDGMENT CREDITORS AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST HER; HEIRS OF FLODIA (FLODIE) A. SHEFFIELD, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN; THOMAS B. STOUTAMIRE; JOYCEBETH F. STOUTAMIRE; HEIRS OF THEO A. COX, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN; LEO COX; GREGORY M. COX; BYRON P. COX; TIMOTHY COX, RITA C. DALTON; HEIRS OF MABLE A. COLVIN, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN; JEROME FULTON COLVIN; MITZI C. ROBERTS; DUANE COLVIN; PAGE C. EVANS; HEIRS OF VERA MERRITT, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN; HEIRS OF RUTH A. LAWHON, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN; WAYNE M. LAWHON; MITCHELL R. LAWHON; JAMES LARRY LAWHON; HEIRS OF RUBY A. DOOLEY, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN; HEIRS OF FLOY A. WILLIAMS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN; CLINTON WILLIAMS, JR.; DENNIS WILLIAMS; HEIRS OF ONA ("ONIE") A. ROZAR, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN; CAMERON; ONIE MARIE THARPE; FLORENCE A. SMITH; SUCH DEFENDANTS INCORPORATED, AS NOMINEE FOR SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING, LLC; MAGNOLIA RIDGE NORTH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at front FOYER OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:30AM, on the 7th day of July, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT B, BLOCK A, MAGNOLIA RIDGE NORTH, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 55 AND 56, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 48 MAGNOLIA RIDGE, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on June 7, 2011.

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

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

June 23, 30, 2011

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

65-2010-CA-00026

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2

Plaintiff,

vs.

RICHARD T. COTTOM, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC., AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on June 1, 2011, in the Circuit Court of Wakulla County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Wakulla County, Florida described as:

AGAINST SUCH DEFENDANTS; OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, OR UNDER THOSE UNKNOWN NATURAL PARTIES; AND ALL CLAIMANTS, PERSONS OR PARTIES, NATURAL OR CORPORATE, OR WHOSE EXACT LEGAL STATUS IS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMED OR DESCRIBED DEFENDANTS HEREIN

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: HEIRS OF ALMETTER ANDERSON, HEIRS OF FLODIA (FLODIE) A. SHEFFIELD, HEIRS OF THEO COX, HEIRS OF MABLE A. COLVIN, HEIRS OF VERA MERRITT, HEIRS OF RUTH A. LAWHON, HEIRS OF RUBY A. DOOLEY, HEIRS OF FLOY A. WILLIAMS, HEIRS OF ONA ("ONIE") ROZAR, PAMELA R. CAMERON, TIMOTHY COX, OTHER ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL OTHERS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title to the following property in Wakulla County, Florida:

That part of W 1/2 of NW 1/4 lying East of Public Road and West of a certain Branch which forms the East and West lines and the Section Line and Public Road forms the West and North lines of Section 7, Township 3 South, Range 4 West for approximately 10 acres (hereinafter described as the "Subject Property").

has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on Frances Casey Lowe, plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 3042 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327, on or before date not less than 30 days after the first publication, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on plaintiffs attorney or immediately after service; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

Dated on June 7, 2011

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

June 16, 23, 2011

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

CASE NO.: 2011-CA-000027

PREMIER BANK, a Florida banking corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

COPPERHEAD CONSTRUCTION, INC., a Florida corporation; Kenneth W. Davis; Donna J. Davis; and GARMEN ROCIO HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Default Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-captioned action, I will sell the property situated in Wakulla County, Florida, described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 10, Carmen Rocio, a Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 4, Page(s) 33, of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the Court House of the a.m. on the 30th day of June, 2011.

Dated this 2nd day of June, 2011.

Wakulla County

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

Copies provided to:

Monica M. Freeland, Esq., Attorney for Plaintiff, Copperhead Construction, Inc., c/o W. Crit Smith, Registered Agent Carmen Rocio Homeowners Association, Inc., c/o Nell E. Rozar, Registered Agent

June 16, 23, 2011

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

CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 65-2008-CA-000105

DIVISION:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS CWABS, INC. ASSETBACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006- BC4.

Plaintiff,

vs.

DAVID S. WEAVER, et al,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated June 5, 2011 and entered in Case No. 65-2008-CA-00



# Adventures in London and Paris – and lessons learned

*Off on a post-graduation European trip, the summer intern at The Wakulla News shares her travel experiences and some tips*

By **CAROLE TOLER**  
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Thanks to my parents and their reward for my successful graduation from high school, I took a trip to England and France this summer that proved to be a true learning experience. On June 1, Nita Burke, Alicia Crum, Natalie Crum, Deborah Hill, Casey Lowe, Frances Lowe, Lori Sandgren and I left for London.

London – the city of cute buildings, cute little cars and people in blue and black and grey rushing to and from work – was made especially enjoyable because of the following attractions:

- **The London Eye.** It is basically like your normal fairground Ferris wheel, if your normal fairground Ferris wheel was so enormous it had to have enclosed capsules instead of open seats.

We went on the Eye at sunset, and enjoyed an amazing panorama of the city, with the Thames running just beneath us. The London Eye takes 30 minutes to make a full rotation, providing passengers with ample opportunity to photograph the city from every conceivable angle and strike innumerable poses in search of the best new Facebook profile pic.

And just in case that isn't enough photography, you forget your camera or you don't have that one perfect picture, the Eye shoots its own photo at the end, just like a roller coaster ride at Disney.

**Lesson Learned:** The London Eye is a short walk away from a Tube station. The Tube is the common name for the subway system that brings workers and tourists into London because many workers cannot dream of affording a place in London and some tour companies choose to lodge their customers in the middle of nowhere.

- **Windsor Castle and Dover Castle.** Both castles are enormous stone structures built on hills to protect their rulers from attack. The difference is that the Queen sometimes lives in Windsor Castle, at which time her personal flag would fly from the tower instead of the Union Jack. Dover, on the other hand, is quite uninhabited, and has some cool underground passageways that you could easily hide in and scare someone.

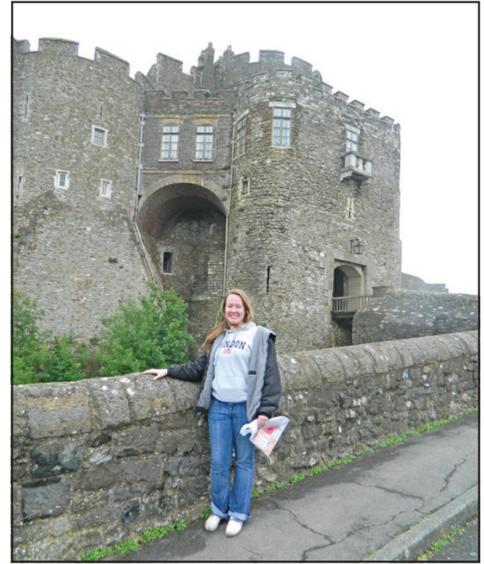
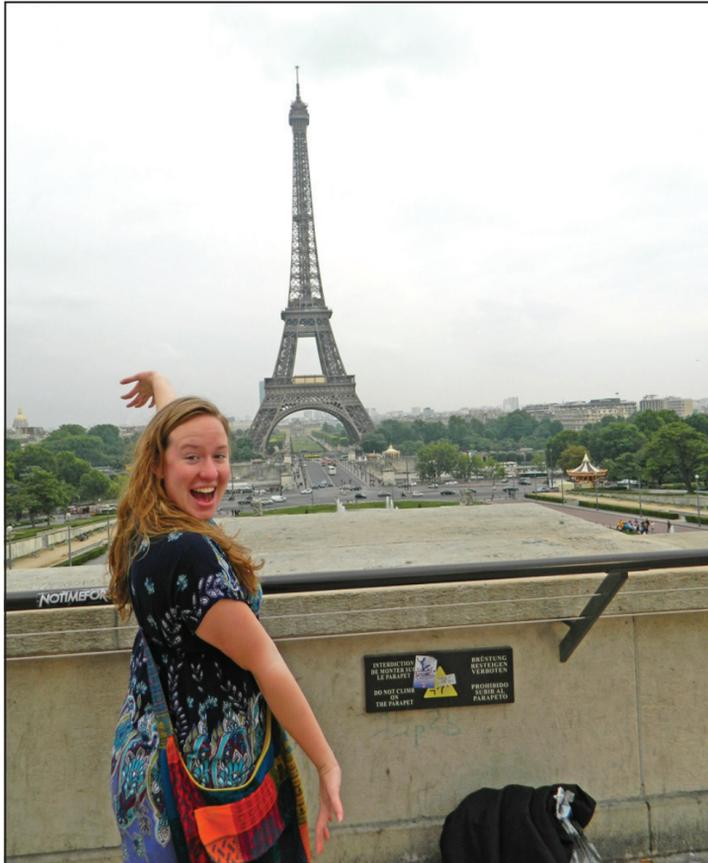
**Lesson Learned:** Prince Harry does not wander around Windsor Castle or Dover Castle looking for a girlfriend.

- **The Globe Theater.** The Globe, inasmuch as possible, is an exact copy of the original Globe, from the empty space where Groundlings stood, to the VIP balcony seating, all the way up to the thatched roof that caused the old Globe to burn.

**Lesson Learned:** Customer service is a very different concept in Europe. While waiting in line at the cafe in the Globe, you may need to interrupt the conversation between two employees to be able to place your food order.

- **Shopping.** The Portobello Market is an outdoor and indoor market that winds down Portobello Street, and offers a huge selection of jewelry, purses and antique books, prints and dishes. If that doesn't sound appealing, or you do not do well pushing through large crowds of people in the heat of the day, I would not recommend visiting Portobello Market. After PM, we went to Harrod's, the famous upscale department store that spans many levels and many wings.

**Lessons Learned:** Har-



**EUROPEAN VACATION:** Carole Toler with a view of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, left, and at Dover Castle in England. Below, touching 'Point Zero' in Paris.

Musée d'Orsay.

- **Moulin Rouge,** aka the "We Have Female Bodies and We are Proud of It" show. To my dismay, there was no Ewan McGregor or Nicole Kidman. In fact, there was no plot line. Probably.



My understanding was impeded because the performers were singing in French. There was however, a juggler, ventriloquist and woman who swam with snakes. And a lot of singer-dancers in feathers and rhinestones and not much else.

**Lessons learned:** Although there is no dress code, everyone (else) dresses up for the Moulin Rouge. My bad.

There is no point in bringing your camera. They will take it away as you enter the building, and the only photos you'll be able to take – of the outside of the theater – will be the exact same images you can buy in tourist shops all over Paris.

- **The Eiffel Tower.** It was sort of like the London Eye – we went on the tower at sunset, and enjoyed the amazing panorama of the city, with the Seine running just beneath us. But the Eiffel Tower was much more romantic.

Because it was Paris –

rod's is super expensive. According to the sales assistant, I am not the only person to buy the cheapest item I can possibly find, just to cross that action off my bucket list.

When our time in London was over, we took the ferry from England to France. Thanks for the buildup Vera Lynn, but there were no bluebirds over the white cliffs of Dover.

## ON TO PARIS

Once in Paris, we rode on a bus throughout the city, looking at the fancy architecture and famous sites.

The highlights of our time in Paris included:

- **Versailles.** The best way to explain Versailles is like this: One day, King Louis XIV said, "I am very rich. I want to show everyone how rich I am. I will build the most ornate palace imaginable. I will build it in the countryside

so that the starving commoners do not see it and get angry and chop off my head." The Hall of Mirrors sparkles with the height of decadence, but the gardens are perfectly groomed and refreshingly simple.

**Lessons Learned:** Sometimes schoolchildren are taken to Versailles on a field trip. Sometimes, many, many schoolchildren from around the world will be on a field trip to Versailles all at once, and they will be loud and obnoxious and everywhere – much like roaches, to use the exact term expressed by a member of our party who shall remain anonymous.

- **Notre Dame.** Fortunately, we all enjoyed looking at stained glass windows. Right outside Notre Dame is a circle with a sun in the middle, entitled "Point Zero," a spot that marks the center of Paris. According to tradition, if you stand on Point Zero you will return to Paris.

**Lesson Learned:** Our

Irish tour guide does an excellent American accent, and can say "Not-er Dame" in a drawl that would make any Southerner proud.

- **The Louvre.** There are three Ladies of the Louvre: The Venus de Milo, Winged Victory and of course, the Mona Lisa. There seems to be no air conditioning in the Louvre, which is why we only stuck around long enough to see two of the ladies – sorry, Venus. Winged Victory, the now-headless statue also known as Nike, dates back to BC. Mona Lisa – the Italian painting that is the pride of this French museum – is well worth elbowing your way to the front of the throng that has gathered around it for your very own personal photo of the world's most famous lady and some stranger's reflection in the protective glass.

**Lesson Learned:** If we had wanted to see French Impressionist paintings, we should have skipped the Louvre and gone to the

Paris in its full romantic essence. Also, the Eiffel Tower is taller than the London Eye, more beautiful to look at, and you can spend all the time you want inside. And right before going up in the tower, we witnessed a proposal. So really, the Eiffel Tower is way better than the London Eye.

**Lesson Learned:** Wakulla is home to many world travelers. At the Eiffel Tower, we ran into Wakulla's own Kerri Johnson and her mother. How cool is that?

One thing I can take away from this trip, besides the hundreds of pictures, new friends and souvenirs, is the prerogative to say:

"I ran into someone at the Eiffel Tower."  
And I will, frequently.

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