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Beat the heat



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Swimming at Wakulla Springs is a time-honored way to cool off. Soaring temperatures mean more people in the swimming area at the spring, where the water is a cool 70 degrees.

Yeah, it's hot. Here's 10 ways to stay cool

By CAROLE TOLER
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Summertime, and the livin' is... well, hot. The constant, if slow, climate change only adds to the scorching heat that is intensified in Florida by humidity. But before tossing out your vague, well-intentioned plans of "being active" this summer and settling for the life of a couch potato, take advantage of all the opportunities that Wakulla has to offer. Whether relying on the natural resources that are so abundant in Wakulla, or taking advantage of man-made ones, here are 10 great ways to beat the heat in Wakulla for the remainder of the summer.

1. Wakulla Springs

With its crystal clear waters and abundant wildlife, it's easy to see why Wakulla Springs is a destination for a plethora of visitors, from near and far. Enjoy the year-round 70-degree waters in the designated swim area, which includes a diving platform, and search for alligators or that famous jumping catfish on a riverboat or glass bottom boat tour.



Posh Java in Sopchoppy.

2. Concerts at Posh Java and The Frog and the Hummingbird Co. in Sopchoppy

Posh has Randall "Big Daddy" Webster performing on Saturday, July 30 at 8 p.m. Also on the bill are Bill and Eli Perras. The Frog and the Hummingbird Co. and Butterfield's Roadhouse has a CD release party planned for Donna

Decker on Aug. 17, a free Blues jam scheduled Aug. 25, a free acoustic jam scheduled Aug. 26, and a concert by Georg Schroeter and Marc Breiffelder - this year's solo/duo winners from the International Blues Competition, playing on Aug. 27. Call Posh at 962-1010 or The Frog and The Hummingbird Co at (305) 304-2226, for more information or to see if any new events have been planned.



The Frog and The Hummingbird in Sopchoppy.

3. Drift on the Wakulla River

Rent a kayak, canoe - or now, a paddleboard, at TNT Hideaway, located at the bridge over the Wakulla River. Go alone or on a guided tour. TNT also has two special guided tours coming up, the Cultural and Ecological Experience and the Guided Kayak Fishing Trip. Visit tnthideaway.com to learn more.



Paddleboarding on the Wakulla River.

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School board sets tentative millage at 8.5

It's about the same rate as last year, but it represents a decrease because lower property values mean lower revenues

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The school board voted to set the tentative millage for this year at 8.558 mills, which is a slightly higher rate than last year - but because of the continuing decrease in the value of the county's taxable property values, it actually represents an eight percent decrease in revenues.

School board members were warned of an increasingly bleak budget picture for the district. For the past two years, the state and districts had federal stimulus money to support education.

That money is gone, and the district is going into its reserve funds - in addition to other budget-saving efforts - to operate.

The millage rate represents an assessment of just over \$8.55 per \$1,000



David Miller

of taxable property value. For a \$100,000 home with a \$50,000 homestead exemption, school taxes would amount to just more than \$427.50. That does not include other property tax assessments, such as the county.

The amount is considered a decrease because, while the rate is slightly higher, it will bring in less money because of lower property values.

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Linda Young works to protect clean water

Activist Linda Young complains EPA's Clean Water Act is full of loopholes and won't achieve the desired result - clean water

By JENNIFER JENSEN
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Concerned Citizens of Wakulla County and guests heard an eye-opening discussion on water quality criteria from environmental activist Linda Young on Thursday, July 21.

Young is the director of the Clean Water Network, a coalition of more than 155 groups that are committed to full implementation, enforcement and strengthening of the Clean Water Act and other safeguards of our water resources. She has been fighting to preserve the



Linda Young

waters of Florida for 22 years.

"We should be leaving some of the incredible resources we get to enjoy for the next generation," Young said.

She told the crowd of more than 30 that the truth is not being told to the citizens about the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's draft rule for numeric nutrient water quality criteria.

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FWMA releases limpkin on the Wacissa River

By JENNIFER JENSEN
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A unique visitor made Florida Wild Mammal Association in Wakulla County his home for several months before being released back into the wild.

This visitor was a limpkin found at a lake in Tallahassee emaciated, starving to death. He was taken in by Goose Creek Wildlife Sanctuary in Tallahassee, which did the initial care on the bird.

But the sanctuary was having no luck feeding the limpkin and contacted Chris Beatty, executive director and founder of FWMA, to see if the bird might be better off at her facility.

The idea was that the bird might be more comfortable in an outdoor enclosure.

"I learned a lot about this very interesting, shy bird," Beatty said. "It was the first one that has ever come in for treatment at FWMA."

Beatty said the bird was not



CHRIS BEATTY/FLORIDA WILD MAMMAL

This limpkin was reportedly starving when it was found at a lake in Tallahassee. It's seen here during its recuperation at FWMA.

friendly and bopped up and down like a sandpiper. If he got nervous, he would drag his foot behind him as if he were injured. The bird still

had flight ability and flew like a helicopter, she said.

"He went straight up and then would fly in the direction he

chose," Beatty said.

The limpkin was brought down to Wakulla around April and Beatty said she learned right away that there biggest problem was finding something the bird would eat.

So initially, Beatty said, they tube fed the bird. The problem is that 90 percent of a limpkin's diet is apple snails, which are hard to come by in this area.

Beatty contacted Bonnie Allen, ranger at Wakulla Springs State Park, to see if the springs had apple snails, but no such luck.

Allen put Beatty in contact with Cal Jamison and Kent Meyer and the three came up with a plan.

Jamison said they went looking for apple snails and found Eurasian apple snails in the pond at Martha Wellman park in Tallahassee. They began making the trip once a week to collect 60 to 100 snails for the bird.

"This little guy eats about 14 extra large snails a day, much to Cal's dismay," Beatty said.

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PHOTOS BY CAL JAMISON/SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

The freed limpkin splashes as he quickly makes his escape during his release at an idyllic spot on the Wacissa River. At right, Cal Jamison and Kent Mayer prepare to free the bird from his box.



FWMA releases limpkin on the Wacissa River

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Mayer and Jamison would collect the snails, unload them at FWMA, count them and place them in a fish tank.

The limpkin only wanted live food and preferred snails, Jamison said.

Beatty said the only issue was that the Eurasian apple snails are much bigger than native apple snails and the bird could not get them open.

"He would spend hours fighting with the snail trying to get something to eat," Beatty said.

So Beatty, Mayer, Jamison and others would crack the snails for the bird. Jamison said they would put a hole in it to break the suction.

"It got pretty darn healthy," he said.

Once the bird started to gain weight, they began looking for a place to release the limpkin that had a food source and other limpkins, which became challenging.

"We wanted to let it go where it would be in good company," Jamison said.

Native apple snails are declining so many areas in Florida are no longer able

to support a limpkin population, Beatty said. This includes Wakulla Springs, where there has not been a recent limpkin sighting in some time.

Due to the decline, the limpkin is listed as a species of special concern for Florida.

Originally, Jamison said they planned to release the bird down south, but the area had been having bad luck with limpkins and everyone had hoped they would be able to release the bird locally.

Then, Beatty saw an article in the June 9 issue of

The Wakulla News from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission that stated limpkins were still abundant on the Wacissa River. There were also sightings reported by people at Wilderness Way on the river.

Prior to the release, Jamison and Mayer scouted out the area to see if it was suitable for the limpkin. They did not see a limpkin, but noticed lots of bird life and snails.

So, on July 13, Jamison and Mayer loaded the bird up and set off for Cassidy Springs on the Wacissa. When they arrived, they

spotted the other limpkin and lots of snail eggs. They released the bird from the box and it took off, landing in the water and then flying away.

"He took off and didn't look back," Beatty said.

Jamison said he felt good about the release and that it was a true success

story. "Hopefully we'll get reports that they are now seeing two limpkins," Jamison said.

Jamison said he plans to return to the river to see if he can spot a limpkin or two.

"I have a lot invested in that bird," Jamison said.

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Young works to protect clean water

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In 2008, EPA was sued for a lack of numeric criteria and forced to take action under the Clean Water Act, Young said.

A rule has been drafted and Young said the numbers for nutrient criteria don't look that bad, but that was just the tip of the iceberg.

Her issue with the draft rule is the amount of loopholes to get around the criteria one must attain.

"It was like Christmas time in polluter land," Young said.

Young said agriculture operations and entities who manage stormwater will not be regulated under the nutrient rule.

The rule will be implemented through National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits and the Total Maximum Daily Loads Program, she said.

Under the NPDES permit, there is an allowance for compliance schedule, site-specific alternative criteria, variances, change of designated use, etc.

"Anyone can apply for a site-specific alternative criteria," Young said. "And it's easy to get."

For NPDES permit holders, Young said there are lots of alternatives and ways to avoid the rule.

For example, with stormwater NPDES regarding Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems permits, their water quality-based limits can be expressed as a narrative and there is a presumption of compliance with best management practices, Young said.

She added that as long as they report it, it is assumed they are in compliance.

Vic Lambou, member of CCOW, said whether a narrative meets the standards are in the eye of the beholder.

Also included in the rule is that the criteria will be applied as an average across the body of water and doesn't apply at the end of any pipe, Young said.

Young said that would be like taking everyone's temperature in the room and averaging it out.

"If it's not that bad, then we're going to declare everybody fine," Young said.

She added that the rule also only applies to freshwater and not estuaries or South Florida flowing streams. And for a waste-

water treatment plant to be affected, it must be discharging into surface water.

"This rule sucks," Young said. "It isn't going to fix our nutrients problem."

The nutrients are a problem because too much can cause algae to grow into a large bloom and when it dies, it can release toxins that are deadly in high doses. An example is the red tide bloom in southwest Florida in 2005, she said.

"They were cleaning up fish with bulldozers down there," Young said.

There is a fear of contamination in drinking water from the toxins. Some toxins, such as cyanobacteria can pass through the normal treatment process, she said. As well as eating contaminated seafood.

Young said there is the perception that this rule will cost the taxpayers lots of money. But, she said the sewer plant in Tallahassee and one at Otter Creek would not be affected.

'It was like Christmas time in polluter land,' Young said of loopholes in regulations.

She said the state, federal government and polluters are on one side and citizens are on the other.

She stressed the need for citizens to band together and take action locally, such as managing stormwater discharges, protecting wetlands, educating citizens and managing fertilizer use through ordinances.

"Don't count on the state to save your waters," Young said.

During the discussion, Commissioner Alan Brock brought about the proposed changes to the county's comprehensive plan for wetlands, including the removal of the buffers, which he said he does not support.

Young also told the group that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection was finalizing a state nutrient criteria, which is identical to EPA's rule, except with more loopholes, and once the DEP rule is final and approved by the EPA, the EPA will withdraw the federal rule.

For more information about Young or the Clean Water Network, visit www.cwn-se.org/.

Countywide golf cart ordinance approved

COUNTY COMMISSION

By JENNIFER JENSEN
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Several public hearings were held at the July 18 county commission meeting - including a change to the countywide golf cart ordinance, proceeding with the idea of countywide solid waste collection services and regulating internet cafes.

The Pancea Waterfronts Florida Partnership approached the county about the desire to allow golf carts on the east and west side of Coastal Highway. The countywide golf cart ordinance was then approved on April 4, but at the June commission meeting, Commissioner Jerry Moore requested that the ordinance be modified.

The ordinance approved on April 4 required that all drivers have a valid driver's license, did not allow for night-time operation and there was a \$35 cost for inspection and registration.

Since that time, several in the Shell Point community expressed frustration with the new ordinance and requested that the county adopt the state's regulations.

The commission voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance making the acceptable age at 14, allowing night-time operation on designated roads and elimi-

nating the inspection and regulation requirement.

Artz said she voted in favor of the ordinance with reservations because she didn't agree with the allowable age.

The commission also voted unanimously to proceed with garbage pickup for the county. For the county to proceed with franchising the solid waste collection on or before August 2014, it would have to have a public hearing to discuss the pros and cons. If the commission agrees to a franchise hauler, all haulers would also have to receive notice of the decision.

County Attorney Heather Encinosa said this action preserves the county's option to go with mandatory garbage pickup.

Artz said, "We're not making a decision."

The commission will look at the request for proposals for solid waste collection at its August 1 meeting.

Another public hearing was held on regulating the use and licensing of simulated gambling devices and facilities. This ordinance refers to internet cafes, which sell internet time or phone cards that gives the person a certain number of sweepstakes entries. The machines being used look like slot

machines.

There are two internet cafes already in the county and this ordinance would not apply to them, however, it would require them to get permitted.

"There is a proliferation of them in the state," Encinosa said.

According to Encinosa, the ordinance caps the limit of facilities within the county at 10. It also requires each facility to get a permit, ranging from \$2,500 to \$12,500. There is also an annual inspection fee of \$50 and location restrictions from daycares, schools, parks, churches, senior citizen centers and other gambling facilities. The business is also prohibited from selling alcohol and allowing minors. The hours of operation are limited to 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. There is also a requirement for additional security.

The commission approved the ordinance, but also decided to hold a workshop to discuss the issue further.

In other news, the commission agreed to advertise for a director of planning and community

development after the resignation of Lindsay Stevens.

The commission agreed they wanted the person to have county planning experience and if the applicant didn't have a degree, they would need 10 years of county planning experience.

The commission agreed to move forward and establish a hiring committee, with future County Administrator David Edwards being involved in the process. The county would not hire anyone until Oct. 1.

Building Official Frank Baxter resigned and the commissioned agreed to pursue an agreement with Leon County to provide these services.

Interim County Administrator Tim Barden said by law, the county cannot be without a building official.

In the meantime, building department employee Rod Revell will take the necessary steps to get certified and once that happens will take over as building official.

The next meeting is Aug. 1 at 5 p.m.



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.

WAKULLA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE UNCLAIMED MONIES - JUL - 11

As required by F.S. 116.21, below is a list of unclaimed monies the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office is holding. Named Individuals must submit a written claim on or before September 1, 2011 by the close of business at the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office. A valid form of identification will be required to make a claim.

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JULY 28, 2011

City of Sopchoppy City of Sopchoppy, Florida Notice of Adoption of Ordinance

The City Commission of the City of Sopchoppy gives notice of its intent to adopt the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 85-4 AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 86-3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA, KNOWN AS THE FAIR HOUSING CODE OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY; AMENDING SECTION 2 THEREOF PROVIDING FOR A DECLARATION OF POLICY BY ADDING THAT IT IS THE CITY'S DESIRE TO ALSO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING BASED ON FAMILIAL STATUS; AMENDING SECTION 3 THEREOF CONTAINING DEFINITIONS BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION TO INCLUDE A DEFINITION OF FAMILIAL STATUS; AMENDING SECTION 4 THEREOF PERTAINING TO UNLAWFUL HOUSING PRACTICES SO AS TO MAKE UNLAWFUL AND A DISCRIMINATORY HOUSING PRACTICE (1) THE SALE OR RENTAL OF HOUSING BECAUSE OF FAMILIAL STATUS, (2) THE FINANCING OF HOUSING BECAUSE OF FAMILIAL STATUS, AND (3) BROKERAGE SERVICES FOR HOUSING BECAUSE OF FAMILIAL STATUS; AMENDING SUBSECTION 7(3)(C) THEREOF PERTAINING TO THE GENERAL STATEMENT OF FACTS CONTAINED IN AN INFORMAL COMPLAINT TO INCLUDE FAMILIAL STATUS IN THE BASIS OF DISCRIMINATION; PROVIDING CODIFICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

A public hearings on the proposal Ordinance will be held on Monday, August 8, 2011, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon as can be heard in the City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, FL. A copy of the Ordinance may be obtained and persons wishing to comment may do so in person at the public hearing or by writing to the City of Sopchoppy, P.O. Box 1219, Sopchoppy, Florida 32358.

If an individual decides to appeal any decision made by the commission with respect to this meeting, a verbatim transcript may be required. If so, the individual should make provision for a transcript to be made at the meeting, (RE: Florida Statute 286.0105). Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the city at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting Jackie Lawhon at the above address or by phone at 850-962-4611.

Colleen Skipper, Mayor
Attest: Jackie Lawhon, Municipal Clerk
Publication Date: July 28, 2011

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on August 15, 2011 at 5:00p.m. in the Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Rd., Crawfordville, FL 32327 to Consider:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA INCREASING THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX RATE; LEVYING THE ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT (1%) TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 125.0104(3) (d), FLORIDA STATUTES; LEVYING THE ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT (1%) TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 125.0104(3) (l), FLORIDA STATUTES; AMENDING SECTION 29.045 OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY CODE TO LEVY THE INCREASED TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX RATE; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A copy of this ordinance shall be available for inspection by the public at 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327. Interested parties may appear at the Public Hearing or submit comments and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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

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Comment & Opinion

readers speak out

BUCKEYE RESPONDS:

Letter mischaracterized pulp mill's plans

Editor, The News:

In response to "Buckeye Pulp Mill threatens seagrasses" in last week's Wakulla News:

Chad Hanson's recent letter mischaracterized emerging plans to improve the Fenholloway River in Taylor County and nearby Gulf waters.

Since the column mentioned by name the company for which I work - Buckeye - I would like to provide readers with additional information about our operations and commitment to improve both river and Gulf water quality.

Buckeye acquired the cellulose manufacturing plant near Perry in 1993 and began an extensive modernization program resulting in dramatic environmental improvements.

The color of the plant's treated effluent has been reduced by 55 percent. Biological oxygen demand and total suspended solids have been reduced by 49 and 58 percent respectively.

The release of phosphorous and nitrogen nutrients have been reduced by 60 and 39 percent respectively. The inadvertent generation of dioxin has been eliminated. Buckeye's use of groundwater has been reduced by 20 percent.

In 2003, biologists with the U.S. Geological Survey conducted an assessment and found bass, bluegills, warmouth, red bellies and

several species of catfish, as well as bowfin and gar, in the Fenholloway. They also collected young tarpon just below the plant's effluent outfall. All of the fish were healthy.

The Florida Department of Health subsequently lifted the fish advisory that had been instituted in 1990.

A couple of assertions in the column were wrong and worth mentioning. The writer stated that Buckeye operates under an expired permit and that a dead zone exists at the mouth of the Fenholloway. Neither claim is factual.

Still, it is fair to say that more environmental improvements are needed to address Fenholloway and near-Gulf water quality issues. Buckeye is committed to making the improvements.

Buckeye is working with state and federal regulatory agencies and scientists, including those recommended to us by the Clean Water Network and the Natural Resources Defense Council, to develop and implement a plan of work that restores the Fenholloway to fishable and swimmable standards, maintains the fishable and swimmable designation that already exists for Gulf waters adjacent to the Fenholloway, and completes restoration of nearby seagrass beds.

The comprehensive plan involves completing the restoration of 6,700 acres

of wetlands near the headwaters of the Fenholloway, making additional upgrades of equipment within the manufacturing process, installing a more efficient effluent treatment system, and relocating the plant's discharge point so that "salty" effluent will not impact the freshwater portion of the Fenholloway.

Mr. Hanson's letter expressed a concern that relocating the plant's effluent discharge point would harm Gulf water quality. In fact, the comprehensive plan of work under consideration improves both Gulf and river water quality.

The plan will improve the quality and reduce the volume of the plant's treated effluent.

Buckeye will not agree to any plan that creates a new environmental problem for its neighbors or the company.

Anyone who would like to learn more about current conditions and planned improvements to Fenholloway and Gulf waters is encouraged to visit Buckeye.

A visit can be scheduled by calling (850) 584-1275. We value two-way communications with our neighbors.

Sincerely,

Howard Drew

Howard Drew is Buckeye Site Manager and Vice President, Wood Cellulose Manufacturing

MORE ON THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL:

Bed tax goes for everything but tourism

Editor, The News:

I would like to clear up some misunderstandings and misconceptions relative to the Wakulla County Tourist Development Council, and criticism leveled at citizens doing their very best to make sure tourist tax money goes directly to developing tourism and helping local businesses in the county. Recent letters by Richard Harden and Robert Seidler are way off base.

(Harden's letter was "Wakulla County needs the TDC" and Seidler's was "The real best job is being a doer," both of which appeared in last week's Wakulla News.)

Right now, TDC "bed tax" money is being spent on everything but tourism.

Many concerned citizens want it stopped. I want the Board of County Commissioners to look carefully before passing the proposed tax and I want the principals in the TDC to realize how important it is to use tourist money for tourism!

To date, the majority of any money collected over the years has gone to executive director salaries and benefits, not tourism.

Just like our last county administrator, the efforts go to building an empire and protecting favorites, not doing the job.

As a teacher, I have witnessed for many years education dollars go everywhere, to administrators, bureaucrats and fancy benefits, instead of to the classroom and our children. And that's what is happening in the TDC.

I think it is wrong for special interest representatives such as Mr. Harden and Mr. Seidler to criticize citizens who want to see our tourist base expanded, and get away with it.

The average citizen expects the tourist tax money to go directly to marketing and promotion, not to a few well-connected individuals. I am disappointed that Mr. Harden and Mr. Seidler stooped to that kind of attack.

Mr. Harden, the vice-chair of the TDC

writes, "Wakulla County needs the TDC." We agree!

What Wakulla County does not need is more of the same cronyism and diversion of funds from its main charge - to get tourists here and help our local small businesses, not aid a small group of well connected individuals who know every bureaucratic trick in the book to benefit from the public's money.

He also made some important misstatements of facts - "fully devoted" does not reflect the TDC's executive director's contract at all. There are no hours mentioned. Most of the promotion he writes about could be done by locals working together or by county staff, using county purchasing procedures and guidelines.

As for Mr. Seidler, he was the recipient of a \$38,000 no-bid single source contract to produce eight videos for the TDC.

How would the readers of his letter react if they knew that his no-bid contract was for approximately 150 seconds of video, which cost approximately \$250 PER SECOND to produce. Surely worth bidding out, right?

That is what citizens are riled about - once again, a local organization is run for the people running it, not for the people it is designed to benefit.

Unless citizens express their outrage at the continuing special-interest funneling of funds, the Board of County Commissioners, who see nothing wrong with this, will approve doubling the tourist tax.

That money, through the usual bureaucratic magic will continue to be spent as described above.

Aug. 15 is the date of the public hearing on this issue. I suggest people attend to make sure our tax money is spent as intended.

The same attention is needed in many other areas..

Jenny Brock
Old Magnolia Road

School supply giveaway needs donations

Editor, The News:

Greetings to our Sponsors and Friends:

The Youth Department of Miracle Deliverance Center #2 is planning a "BACK TO SCHOOL-SUPPLY GIVEAWAY EVENT AT THE PARK."

This event will be held on Saturday, Aug. 13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hudson Park in Crawfordville.

We want to make this event accessible to all local youth in Wakulla County.

Our purpose is to provide and assist with backpacks and school supplies for students in Wakulla County. This event is designed to energize and encourage the youth at our local churches and within our community. We are scheduling fun activities for the children as well as concessions for food and drinks.

We would like to assist as many students as possible with their back to school needs; we feel that this will give them an edge in a stressful environment. Therefore, we are contacting local businesses to solicit dona-

tions for this event.

All donations are tax exempt. Our organization is 501(c)3 and we will provide our current tax exempt certificate for your records.

Please note that all donations would be an added blessing for this event. Monetary donations will also be appreciated. If you choose to donate by check, please make checks payable to Miracle Deliverance Center #2 Youth Department.

Please notify one of our contact persons for donations that need to be picked up: such as backpacks, school supplies, snacks, food items, gift certificates, gift cards, etc. Thanking you in advance and may God bless you.

For more information, contact Minister Phyllis Harvey at (850) 926-7957 or Sister Princella Moore at (850) 566-3566.

Yours in Christ,

Elder Stewart Scott
Youth Pastor
Miracle Deliverance Center #2

Sopchoppy Opry was a pleasant evening

Editor, The News:

On the evening of July 16, I and other family members attended a special show of the Sopchoppy Opry in the historic Sopchoppy High School Auditorium.

The show included singers and a band from the Panama City area where songs were sung that Tammy Wynette and George Jones made so popular during past years.

It was indeed a most pleasant evening. We enjoyed an excellent dinner at the Crooked River Grill in Lanark Village then on to Sopchoppy. The music was great and it was very close, if not, a sellout crowd attending the show.

Along with the show, what makes the trip so pleasant is the refurbished auditorium itself. The outside and inside walls are the same lime rock as they

were when I graduated from Sopchoppy High School in 1953.

I guess the point of writing this is to say to anyone looking for an enjoyable evening on the last Saturday of each month or during special shows in specific months, they will find the Opry to be a most memorable experience

James M. Roddenberry
Tallahassee

Thanks for article on mag lab

Editor, The News:

Thank you for running the story about the three Wakulla County teachers doing extreme science at the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory this summer.

We've got the story posted up here at the lab - in official places and (most importantly) in the cafeteria where it really gets seen!

Everyone was so happy to see these teachers get some much deserved attention for their dedicated efforts to improve themselves as science instructors.

Kathleen Laufenberg
Writer & Editor
National High Magnetic Field Laboratory

Bed tax offers no benefit to tourists

Editor, The News:

RE: The Bed Tax issue

Here we go again, the well-meaning servants in the Wakulla Tourist Development Council are aiming for a bigger rip-off of our tourists and I believe this is seriously wrong.

What benefit do the tourists get from this bed tax? Absolutely nothing!

To me, this is a simple case of legalized robbery and using this money to subsidize our local businesses that are already making a profit from visiting tourists.

Every experienced businessman knows that there must be an advertising budget to draw additional customers to their establishment. This is where TDC should extract their funds from, and not from the tourists who pay enough taxes as it is.

What a horrible way to treat Wakulla's visiting families and business personnel!

I can easily visualize that if a lawsuit was placed against the bed tax, the

city, county and TDC would lose hands down.

The tourist receives no benefit of a free ride to town or site, any souvenir, favors, room, service or privilege from this bed tax.

Our commissioners find it easy to tax visitors because no one is there to defend them. It's like picking on guys who can't defend themselves. It may be interesting for the shortsighted TDC members to know that when a family or guest violently objects to paying the bed tax, there have been a few cases where the room sale was lost.

What frequently happens is that the room sale is "negotiated" to the satisfaction of the guest so no room tax appears on the bill. But the hotel realizes the bed tax is the law so they pay the tax for the "guest" out of their corporate funds.

So! TDC blithely believes all is well.

Pam Portwood's salary, for her fine efforts on behalf of TDC should be

subsidized by local businesses' advertising budget, not by local and visiting tax payers. It is the local businesses that receive all the financial benefits.

The truth is... TDC is doing all the work that the Wakulla Chamber of Commerce should be responsible for.

I strongly recommend that the TDC and the Chamber study the procedures used by Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin and other successful tourist sites.

I further suggest that the Wakulla Chamber of Commerce wake up and learn what other Chamber of Commerce groups are doing to help their community and the Wakulla Board of County Commissioners get out of the private business sector.

They (the commissioners) do enough damage as it is by their lack of careful research, objective analysis and the trading of political favors for votes.

Respectfully yours,

John E. Probert
Panacea

Fee at Wakulla Springs hinders business

Editor, The News:

I read the July 21 article ("Marketing the Lodge") in The Wakulla News regarding Wakulla Springs and the new contractor, Cape Leisure Corp. that has taken over management of the lodge, restaurant and gift shop.

They want to increase volume and extend the hours for the restaurant and add new menu items.

My wife and I used to frequent the restaurant quite often for lunch as the food, service and atmosphere was great. At that time the restaurant

would deduct the park entrance fee from the meal tab. The entrance fee then went up to \$6 and would not be deducted.

I realize the restaurant has nothing to do with the entrance fee, which is collected and pocketed by the state.

The state, however, has hampered lunch sales at the restaurant which affects their bottom line.

Date and time stamps are on every receipt when you enter the park and are on every restaurant receipt. A policy to allow someone a two hour window to enter the park to go to the restaurant

and receive the \$6 refund, when presented a restaurant receipt upon leaving, would not be difficult to administer.

If you are patronizing the restaurant, but not using any of the other facilities it is just ridiculous to force you to pay an additional \$6.

The current policy needs to be looked at. The state could certainly help Cape Leisure Corp. increase their business with no cost to the state which would in turn help the park.

Richard Bickford
Crawfordville

Thank you for kindness to family

Editor, The News:

The Webster family would like to express their heartfelt thanks for the many acts of kindness shown through flowers, cards, food, words of encouragement and for just being there for us during the illness and loss of our loved one (Edward Webster).

Having family and friends around

helped us more than you could ever know. We thank you, we love you and may God forever bless each of you.

For additional information, please contact myself at 519-8991.

Thanks,

Dorothy McHenry
Crawfordville





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School board sets tentative millage

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"We're not going to have to cut programs this year," Superintendent David Miller said in a conversation before the start of a budget workshop with school board members on Thursday, July 21.

"But if we have to keep digging into reserves, next year we may have to cut programs."

The district will have a number of jobs reduced this year through attrition, Miller said. Besides the loss of Assistant Superintendent Jimmie Dugger, who is retiring and whose position won't be filled immediately, the district also anticipates another 10 or 12 teachers retiring – and the resulting savings from hiring replacement teachers at lower salaries – is expected to save several hundred thousand

dollars.

The district will also save money with the state-mandated employee contributions to retirement accounts. Last year, the district paid 10.7 percent in employee retirement, but that's been reduced to 4.9 percent this year – with employees paying three percent.

Miller noted it doesn't add up to same amount of retirement contribution as last year, and he questioned the political motives of the decision. Was the reduction because the state pension fund is stable? he asked. Or was it a move to provide cover for the governor and legislature to increase the employee contribution to five percent next year? Or, he asked, was it done to balance the budget on the backs of the employees?

"The good news," Miller

told the school board, "is that we ought to be able to function" this year.

Academically, the past two years have been the best in the history of the school district, Miller said – and students are posed to do it again this year.

But, as school board member Jerry Evans put it, it's next year's budget he's worried about.

The district also appears likely to lose students this year. Estimates are that the school population will decrease by about 100 students. Last year, the district lost about 60 – and enrollment has continued to decline over the past couple of years.

The district receives about \$6,000 in funding for each student, which could mean a total reduction of \$600,000 for the budget, noted Assistant Superin-

tendent Jimmie Dugger in presenting the budget to school board members.

He anticipated no growth this year or next – and noted that the planning commission meeting for August is cancelled because of a lack of matters to consider.

Miller observed that this will be the smallest class at Wakulla High School in the past 10 years. The high school will be 300 students under its capacity.

The value of the county's property tax roll was down to \$1.235 billion this year, down from last year's value of \$1.3 billion – an 8 percent drop. Last year's value was a decline of 9.2 percent from the previous year, and that was down 7.6 percent from the year before that.

One bright spot for the district is the quarter-mill tax that voters approved last year – which will bring in about \$296,000 in local revenues, but will generate another \$339,000 in state

funding.

The legislature required voters approve local option millage, and 31 districts put the issue before voters. Wakulla was one of only 16 in the state that were approved.

A big hit is the loss of federal stimulus money. The district received a total of more \$2.28 million last year.

With the state unable to fund education, the federal money saved the jobs of about 50 teachers and support staff, Miller said.

"All the ARRA funds did was hold us harmless," Miller said. "What's important for the public to know – whether you like the feds or the president – these funds bailed us out."

The stimulus money paid the salaries of 32 teachers and 15 paraprofessionals, Miller said.

On the issue of class size, Miller noted that the district added six teachers

when about 15 students came in. He questioned though, given the forgiveness of some of the class-size penalties, if the district would have been better off not to have complied with the law from the financial standpoint.

The cost of hiring the teachers because of class size was about \$180,000. For the violation, the district would have faced a penalty from the state of about \$60,000.

The districts in compliance were promised that the fines collected from districts out of compliance would be distributed to them as sort of a bonus – but Wakulla only got \$28,000 for complying.

Ultimately, Miller said, it was good that Wakulla complied with the class size requirements – otherwise, the district would not have met the requirements to be designated as a high-performing district.

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Obituaries

**Jewel Ann Dandridge
George D. Johnston Jr.
Robert Sottolare**

Jewel Ann Dandridge

Jewel Ann Dandridge, 54, of Panama, passed away Sunday, July 24, in Tallahassee.

She had lived in this area for 15 years coming from South Carolina. She was a homemaker. She loved the beach and water around Panama. She enjoyed working with plants and she loved her grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, July 28, at 11 a.m. at Panama Full Gospel Church.

Survivors include her husband, Jody Dandridge of Panama; her mother, Arlene Hallman of Springfield, S.C.; two sons, Shawn Dandridge (Mattie Marshall) and Matthew Dandridge, both of Panama; one daughter, Stephanie Dandridge (Edward Chaires) of Sopchoppy; a brother, Andy Hallman of South Carolina; a sister, Sharon Williamson of Wagner, S.C.; and two grandchildren, Steven Dandridge and Rusty Chaires. She is also survived by a number of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles and her Mineral Springs family.

She was predeceased by a son, Tyler Dandridge, in 2007.

George D. Johnston Jr.

George D. Johnston Jr. went to his Lord on Thursday morning, July 21, at the age of 87.

He was the son of George and Inez Johnston. He was born at home on Feb. 12, 1924, in Hatchechubbee, Ala.

He entered the U.S. Navy in September 1942. While in the Navy, he attended the U.S. Naval Training School at Iowa State College. He served on the USS YMS 36 and the USS YMS 228 minesweepers in the Mediterranean during World War II. He was honorably discharged in January 1946.

He earned his Bachelor of Electrical Engineering from The Alabama Polytechnic Institute (Auburn University) in 1949. Immediately upon graduation he was recruited by International Business Machines (IBM) and worked for them for 37 years.

He was a member and Deacon of First Baptist Church, Crawfordville. He dedicated

his life to serving the Lord. He loved his country and his family. He enjoyed his many projects, especially his woodworking and gardening.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to Crawfordville Hospice, 2889 Crawfordville Highway Suite C, Crawfordville FL 32327 or First Baptist Church, 3086 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville FL 32327.

He was a loving and faithful husband to Dorothy Glenn Johnston for 50 years until her death in 1999. He was loved and adored by his children, George and Michelle, Glenn Michael and Katy, Thomas Brian and Robin, Robert Allen and Lori and Connie and George Koilas, Jr.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Emma Metcalf Johnston, and her children, Letha and Henry Wells, Rene and George Roote, and Carol Metcalf.

He is also survived by one sister, Margie Jones, of Savannah, Ga. He has 16 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews and is lovingly remembered as "Papa."

He was predeceased by his mother, father and one brother, Douglas C. Johnston.

The family is eternally grateful for the services of our blessed angel, Lenore Stokely. The family so appreciates the many caregivers of Crawfordville Hospice for their love and compassion.

Robert Sottolare

Robert Sottolare of Medart passed away, Thursday, July 21, at his home.

He was born April, 27, 1939, in New Jersey to Robert and Anna Sottolare.

He spent the majority of his life in Florida working as a hardware man, building and driving his tractor to his heart's content. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. "Bob" will be missed by all and will never be forgotten.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Jean; his children, Robert Jr., Ann Marie, Michael, Judy and Debbie; and his grandchildren, Jessica, Brittany, Ashley, Robert, Lynn, Kendra, K.C., Britney and Brandon.

Church briefs

Radical Restoration offers outreach

Radical Restoration Ministries Thrift Store announces that all clothing is \$1. We are located at 1378 Coastal Highway in Panama, open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please come join us for our Outreach on Saturday, July 30, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will be giving away clothing, household items and a free lunch. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Dawn (850) 363-6597.

Camp meeting revival set in Sopchoppy

Camp meeting revival will be held Monday, Aug. 1, through Friday, Aug. 5, at Odom Memorial Campground in Sopchoppy. There will be a different speaker each night. Services begin at 7:30 p.m.

Pioneer Baptist to hold 'open mic' sing

Pioneer Baptist Church will host a community-wide "Open Microphone Gospel Sing" on Friday, July 29, 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 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.

Lighthouse Children will visit Friendship P.B.



The Lighthouse Children's Home will be visiting Friendship Primitive Baptist Church in Crawfordville on Sunday, July 31, at 11 a.m. for singing and testimony. Friendship P.B. is located at 165 Friendship Church Road in Medart.

Upcoming events at Wakulla UMC

Wakulla United Methodist Church will have Chancel Choir on Thursday, July 28, at 7 p.m. Also on Aug. 18 and Aug. 25.

An old fashioned ice cream social will be held on Sunday, July 31, at 6 p.m. at the church. Also on Aug. 28.

On Aug. 6, the church will host a Back to School Kid Blowout 8 p.m., with games, pizza supper, movie and popcorn for ages K - 8th grade. Please call the Wakulla United Methodist Church at (850) 421-5741 for reservations by noon on Aug. 4.

Wakulla United Methodist Church is located at 1584 Old Woodville Road. Everyone is welcome to join us.

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Special to The News

The 1961 graduating class of Crawfordville High School celebrated their 50th class reunion on June 17. The reunion was held in the old lunch room at the school.

Eighteen out of 28 graduates attended the reunion. The success of this night resulted in the classmates meeting monthly for lunch at various locations. All class members are urged to attend.

Wilderness Coast libraries' board will meet

The Wilderness Coast Public Libraries' (WILD) Governing Board will meet on Monday, August 8, at 1:30 p.m. in the Franklin County Public Library, Eastpoint Branch Meeting Room at 29 Island Dr. Eastpoint, Florida.

The meeting is open to the public. Wakulla County is a part of this organization. For more information, please call (850) 997-7400.

USS Mount McKinley reunion September 11-15

The USS Mount McKinley Association will hold its 23rd annual reunion in Cincinnati, Ohio, from September 11 through September 15. The reunion is for veterans of all branches of military and associate members who served on the Amphibious Force Flagship, USS Mount McKinley. It is also for associate members from the Flagship Alliance group who served on one

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Smith marries LaChapelle

Elizabeth LaChapelle and Adam Christopher Smith, both of Crawfordville, were married on May 28 at Willow Pond Plantation in Monticello.

She is the daughter of Marc and Ginger LaChapelle.

He is the son of Cindy Lynch and Jason Blankenship and Mike Smith.

The Rev. Andrew Creel officiated the ceremony.

The maid of honor was Shayna Seres and the flower girl was Jenna Yaden. The ringbearer was Zachary Smith and the best man was Scott Lashus.

A reception followed the ceremony also at Willow Pond Plantation.

The bride is employed with Florida Wellness Center and the groom works at Anytime Electric.



Elizabeth LaChapelle and Adam Smith

Wiley family welcomes baby boy Connor

Connor Julian Wiley was born on June 29 to John and Cornelia Wiley of Mexico Beach.

He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 inches long.

His maternal grandparents are Steve and Charm-

ian Jinks of Tallahassee and Lester and Vicki Dunlap of Sopchoppy.

His paternal grandparents are Bobby and Linda Wiley of Mexico Beach.

His maternal grandparents are David and Jean Dunlap of Sop-

choppy, Fred and Jewell Hirsch of Tallahassee and Berney and Peggy Barwick of Crawfordville.

His paternal great-grandparent is Marnell Vanderford of Baker.

Dang is member of Sigma Alpha Lamda

Eric Dang, of Crawfordville, was recognized as a member of the Sigma Alpha Lamda, National Leadership and Honors Organization at Florida State

University. The organization is dedicated to promoting and rewarding academic achievement and providing members with opportuni-

ties for community service, personal development, and lifelong professional fulfillment.

He is the son of Kim Ly.

Beat the heat: 10 tips for staying cool

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4. Get an ice cream cone at Myra Jean's
Choose from a variety of Blue Belle flavors for a classic cone, or order a special treat, such as the Grasshopper Sundae.



An ice cream cone from Myra Jean's.

5. Nature watch at St. Marks Lighthouse
Enjoy the scenery and the historic lighthouse, and

search for deer, dolphins or the endangered West Indian Manatee. Additionally, July is a good time to see white ibis, eastern kingbirds, purple martins and wood storks. In August, baby deer and alligators are just being born.

6. Dance

The Senior Center offers line dancing bi-weekly. Classes for beginners are offered Monday at 1:30 p.m., and dancing for everyone is held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2 to 3 p.m.



The Wakulla Wigglers step out at the Senior Center.

7. Go fishing

The Mashes Sands pier, and Wakulla, Sopchoppy, St. Marks and Ochlockonee rivers are some of the many places to go fishing in Wakulla County.

8. Visit the Public Library

Every other Friday night, the library holds a free movie night featuring a recent film - such as its most recent

featured flick, "The Company Men." Or get your children involved in the summer field trips, reading groups and other special activities offered during the summertime.

9. Get your Bingo on

Beef O' Brady's and the VFW Post both hold a Bingo night every Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. And, if that's not enough Bingo for you, the senior center offers Bingo every day from 1 to 2 p.m.

10. Relax at Mashes Sands

Sunbathe, swim, have a picnic or work on your photography skills at Mashes Sands. To go even more off-the-beaten path, head to Wakulla Beach. Pick up some boiled peanuts en route to either location for a true Wakulla experience.



The beach at Mashes Sands.



The Black Bean, at Winn-Dixie Plaza just next to the Huddle House, brings authentic Cuban Cuisine to Crawfordville. Come in and enjoy freshly made Cuban food for lunch or dinner in a clean and relaxed atmosphere.

The Black Bean Cuban Cuisine serves an array of appetizers, sandwiches, wraps, salads, dinners, sides and desserts to fit any budget. Nothing on their menu exceeds \$9.95! Their extra-large portions are guaranteed to satisfy the hungriest appetite.

The extensive menu features 13 appetizers, including the famous croquetas (crow-ket-as). Which are ham filled breaded fingers lightly fried. The papa rellena (papa rey-e-na), seasoned ground beef wrapped inside a mashed potato ball and fried to perfection is also a popular item!

For sandwich lovers, the Cuban sandwich, of course, is on the top of the

list as the biggest seller. The menu features 18 other types of hot pressed sandwiches. The Island Burger is an enormous hand-made 10 oz. burger that could easily be the one meal of the day. It includes Island Fries all for only \$6.95. The Mojo Roasted Pork sandwich, a Cuban tradition, is a local favorite. Fried or grilled fish sandwich, lightly pressed is, also on the list and provides a coastal element to the menu. Wraps and salads with a Cuban twist are also in their menu.

Your dinner options are beef, chicken, pork or fish plates. There are 10 rich-flavored options to choose from and are served with the sides of your choice. Masitas (mah-see-tahs), which are tenderly marinated and lightly fried pork chunks are hot items!

Daily lunch specials are served all day (lunch and dinner). Try the Chicken Sofrito (soh-free-toh) when you see it on

the board!

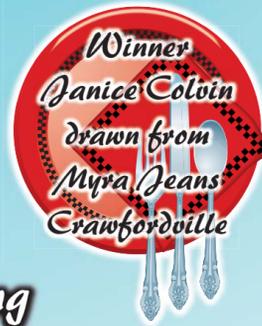
If you still have room for dessert, there are several choices including flan and key-lime flan, guava flan and also guava and cream cheese empanadas and churros. To complete your dining experience, Cuban coffee, "Café con leche" and 5 other types of Spanish coffees are available.

Crawfordville residents, Scott and Michelle Kurtlander, owners of The Black Bean Cuisine invite you to stop by and enjoy a delicious meal, in a relaxed atmosphere with fast and friendly service. Tammy Myers, the restaurant manager, explains that their philosophy is to serve large portions of freshly made food at affordable prices. And she adds "come by and see us at 2615 Crawfordville Hwy. in The Winn-Dixie Plaza for a flavorful meal or order take out by calling 850-745-8545. Our summer hours are daily from 11AM-9PM".

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Florida pension plan gains \$19 billion, up 22 percent

By LILLY ROCKWELL
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, July 20 - Lifted by gains in the stock market, the Florida Retirement System pension plan gained \$19 billion in the fiscal year that ended on June 30.

That is a gain of 22 percent, the biggest in 25 years, reports the State Board of Administration, and larger than the 14 percent gain from last year. The total value of the pension plan has soared to \$128.4 billion.

The state pension plan performed better than its benchmark, a goal of 21.7

percent, and better than many of its peers that have also reported returns for the fiscal year.

Ash Williams, the executive director and chief investment officer for the State Board of Administration, said "by staying the course and being able to use strong partnerships to take advantage of market opportunities" the pension plan was able to rebound by \$54 billion from a recent low of \$83.3 billion just 27 months later.

But even with promising returns, thousands of employees are fleeing the traditional pension plan to the state's 401(k)-style

investment plan, which reported an 18.1 percent return and has 136,500 participants.

No doubt sparked, at least in part, by the uncertainty surrounding long-term employment in state government, 8,300 public employees made the switch this year, which is double the number of employees that made the same switch last year.

Nearly 25 percent of new hires chose the 401(k)-style investment plan, a slight increase from recent years.

The Florida Retirement System pension plan serves nearly 1 million people, making it one of the larg-

est public pension plans in the nation. Participants are drawn from state government and local govern-

ments. Though not all public pension plans have released their returns for the fiscal year, the ones that have shown that FRS performed better, according to an SBA spokesman. Only CalSTRS, the public pension plan for California teachers, performed better with a 23.1 percent return.

Florida's retirement system has drawn scrutiny lately from Gov. Rick Scott, who questioned whether the pension plan was sound and called for re-

forms that included requiring a 5 percent contribution by employees.

The Legislature instead required a 3 percent contribution, which kicked in this month. A lawsuit filed by the Florida Education Association and other union groups is challenging the new requirement.

Doug Martin, a spokesman for the Florida chapter of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, called the 3 percent contributions "harsh medicine," but said it could have been worse.

"Thank goodness the Legislature didn't shut it down," Martin said. "It

really is one of the shining stars of state government."

Still, Scott's concerns about the state pension plan have apparently not been entirely eased.

As recently as July 1, the St. Petersburg Times reported that Scott warned in an email to state employees that across the nation, pension systems are "unsustainable" and would require major tax hikes to stay solvent.

"The pension reform we accomplished this year prevents tax hikes, and also protects the retirement of government workers," Scott wrote in the email.



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| PROPOSED MILLAGE LEVY | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------|-------------------|
| REQUIRED LOCAL EFFORT (including Prior Period Adjustment Millage) | 5.5150 | | BASIC DISCRETIONARY OPERATING | 0.7480 | |
| | | | DISCRETIONARY CRITICAL NEEDS-OPERATING | 0.2500 | |
| BASIC DISCRETIONARY CAPITAL OUTLAY | 1.5000 | | DEBT SERVICE (VOTED) | 0.5450 | |
| | | | TOTAL MILLAGE | 8.5580 | |
| Revenues | GENERAL | SPECIAL REVENUE | DEBT SERVICE | CAPITAL PROJECTS | ENTERPRISE FUNDS |
| Federal | 618,442.00 | 4,319,258.91 | | | |
| State Sources | 24,093,919.00 | 25,074.00 | 133,400.00 | 1,087,701.78 | |
| Local Sources | 7,972,218.00 | 747,785.24 | 646,436.91 | 1,779,184.17 | 102,600.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 32,684,579.00 | 5,092,118.15 | 779,836.91 | 2,866,885.95 | 102,600.00 |
| Transfers In | 0.00 | | | | |
| Other Financing Sources | | | | | |
| FUND BALANCES - (July 1, 2011) | 5,245,575.50 | 349,671.73 | 58,329.88 | 3,351,516.35 | 31,879.30 |
| TOTAL REVENUES AND BALANCES | 37,930,154.50 | 5,441,789.88 | 838,166.79 | 6,218,402.30 | 134,479.30 |
| Expenditures | | | | | |
| Instruction | 20,786,830.31 | 2,005,933.83 | | | |
| Pupil Personnel Services | 1,677,295.02 | 152,302.37 | | | |
| Instructional Media Services | 488,924.03 | | | | |
| Instructional & Curriculum Development Services | 928,615.07 | 388,746.00 | | | |
| Instructional Staff Training | 106,380.10 | 334,202.47 | | | |
| Instructional Related Technology | 295,832.97 | | | | |
| Board of Education | 494,977.90 | | | | |
| General Administration | 368,806.15 | 107,557.43 | | | |
| School Administration | 1,910,093.06 | | | | |
| Facilities Acquisition Construction | 146,108.97 | | | 6,037,354.30 | |
| Fiscal Services | 359,499.71 | | | | |
| Food Service | 1,942.52 | 2,110,401.00 | | | |
| Central Services | 563,006.92 | 12,420.07 | | | 102,600.00 |
| Pupil Transportation Services | 2,612,871.83 | 90,450.00 | | 181,048.00 | |
| Operation of Plant | 4,220,208.64 | | | | |
| Maintenance of Plant | 988,880.93 | | | | |
| Administrative Technology Services | 168,145.85 | | | | |
| Community Services | 4,076.60 | | | | |
| Debt Services | | | 781,116.92 | | |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 36,122,496.58 | 5,202,013.17 | 781,116.92 | 6,218,402.30 | 102,600.00 |
| Transfers Out | | | | | |
| FUND BALANCES - (June 30, 2012) | 1,807,657.92 | 239,776.71 | 57,049.87 | | 31,879.30 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, & BALANCES | 37,930,154.50 | 5,441,789.88 | 838,166.79 | 6,218,402.30 | 134,479.30 |

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

School

education news from local schools

Dugger is administrator of the year



Jimmie Dugger, Administrator of the Year, with colleagues, at the Wakulla County School Board Meeting on July 21 after receiving his plaque.

Special to The News

District Administrator of the Year, Jimmie Dugger, was recognized at the July 21 Wakulla School Board Meeting.

Dugger, Assistant Superintendent for Administration, garnered a standing ovation from his Wakulla County School District colleagues, school board members and family as he achieved a milestone in service to Wakulla County for 38 years.

At the meeting, he was presented with the District Level Administrator of the Year plaque.

Dugger said, "Each person you come in contact with can teach you something if you are willing to listen and accept them. I have seen people become more than they thought possible. I hope that I have contributed a little to their success."

Successful operation of an educational institution requires competent administrators. Dugger, who served eight years as assistant superintendent, 11 years as Crawfordville Elementary School Principal, seven years as Wakulla High School Assistant Principal and 12 years as a Wakulla High School teacher and coach, retires from the District this month.

He said, "I am proud of the Wakulla County School System. It has provided me an opportunity to grow over the past 38 years. The leadership I have worked with over the years, encouraged me to continue my education and to do what is best for student and school board employees. The district continues to offer great opportunities for students and employees because the leadership of the district cares about the people it

serves."

Superintendent David Miller described Dugger as the "resident expert" in all facets of administration. He spoke of the respect and high level of confidence Dugger maintained throughout the district.

Perhaps the thing we will miss the most is his considerable institutional knowledge of the district.

"He simply knows everyone in the district and has a perspective that includes a historical understanding of the context that is very useful," Miller said.

"People know if Jimmie Dugger is involved in a project it will be done right and done well," he said. "I appreciate your fierce devotion to detail, work ethic and high sense of integrity."

Dugger graduated from Florida State University in 1973 with his bachelor's degree in social studies and again in 1982 with his master's in educational administration and supervision.

He spent his formative years in Wakulla County, attending Crawfordville High School and graduating from Wakulla High School.

When Dugger first enrolled in school in 1959 Wakulla only had three first-twelfth grade schools; Crawfordville, Shadeville and Sopchoppy. There was no air conditioning, no car-

pet, no kindergarten and no Pre-K. Since then the school district has increased school sites by three-fold with most classes equipped with state of the art technology.

Dugger served our country for 25 years in the Army National Guard and Army Reserves including a tour of Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm in 1991.

Miller said everyone who knows him would want him back tomorrow, but he's had a wonderfully successful career and no one would want to deprive him of his retirement plans.

Registration open for ACT

Registration is now open for the September 10, ACT achievement test. Students must register before August 12.

The ACT is a curriculum-based achievement exam. The ACT has four sections—English, mathematics, reading and science—and takes about three hours to complete.

During registration, students may select up to four universities to receive their score reports.

The cost for the ACT test without writing is \$34. When combined with the optional ACT Writing Test, the total cost is \$49.50.

The ACT website, www.actstudent.org, has helpful information, free sample items, and inexpensive test prep materials to help students prepare for the exam. Most students register online at www.actstudent.org. Students may also pick up registration forms from their high school counseling offices. Late registration is available until August 26, for an extra \$21 fee.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The District School Board of Wakulla County will soon consider a budget for fiscal year 2011-2012. A public hearing to make a DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on August 1, 2011 at 6:00 P.M.

JULY 28, 2011

Open house schedule for Wakulla County schools

Wakulla Pre-K - Tuesday, August 16: 3 to 5 p.m.

Crawfordville, Medart, Riversink, Shadeville Elementary Schools - Tuesday, August 16: 4 to 7 p.m.

Riversprings and Wakulla Middle Schools - Monday, August 15: 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Wakulla High School - Monday, August 15: 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The 2011-2012 School Year for Wakulla County students begins on Thursday, August 18 and is an early release day.

AMENDED NOTICE OF TAX FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY

The School Board of Wakulla County will soon consider a measure to amend the use of property tax for the capital outlay projects previously advertised for the 2009 to 2010 school year.

New projects to be funded:

MAINTENANCE, RENOVATION, AND REPAIR
Wakulla Middle HVAC Replacement

Amended projects to be funded:

None

Projects to be deleted:

MAINTENANCE, RENOVATION, AND REPAIR
Wakulla High - Roof Replacement and Repair

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing to be held on August 1, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Wakulla County School Board Administrative Offices, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida.

A DECISION on the proposed amendment to the projects funded from CAPITAL OUTLAY TAXES will be made at this meeting.

JULY 28, 2011

NOTICE OF TAX FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY

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

This tax is in addition to the School Board's proposed tax of 6.513 mills for operating expenses and is proposed solely at the discretion of the School Board.

The capital outlay tax will generate approximately \$1,779,184.17 to be used for the following projects:

MAINTENANCE, RENOVATION, AND REPAIR
Wakulla Middle HVAC Replacement

MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES
Purchase of Two (2) School Buses

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing to be held on August 1, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Wakulla County School Board Administrative Offices, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida.

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

JULY 28, 2011

Sports

sports news and team views

WRESTLING

War Eagles shine at camp

By JOHN HINSEY
WHS Wrestling Coach

Three Wakulla High wrestlers teamed up with Lincoln High and made the trip to Georgia State College to participate in the University of Missouri's team camp.

They were placed on a team with other kids from Lincoln and the Tallahassee area. The three wrestlers, senior Travis Hinsey and juniors Zach Malik and Kevon White, had an outstanding showing at the camp.

During the team challenge that lasted three days, all three were undefeated. Their team won the camp championship in their division.

Being undefeated qualified all three to

enter the camp championship where they crown the best wrestlers at each class. When the dust settled Travis Hinsey went 14-0 and was camp champion at 138 pounds with all pins - the final two matches were both decided in less than 30 seconds.

Kevon White went 13-0 and was named camp champion at 132 pounds. He had nine pins and won the final match in overtime to take the championship.

Zach Malik went 11-1, with 10 pins. His only loss of the week came in the semifinals of the championship where he fought back to finish third at 120 pounds.

Congratulations to these three young men for an outstanding performance.

FOOTBALL

WMS tryouts will be held Aug. 8

Special to The News

Wakulla Middle School Wildcat Football tryouts will begin on Aug. 8 at Wakulla Middle School.

Practices will start promptly at 6 p.m. and will conclude at 8 p.m. for the first week. All athletes will need cleats and P.E.

clothes to participate.

All participants must have an FHSAA sports physical on file at WMS to try out.

The forms for this physical can be found online at the Florida High School Athletic Association web site, www.fhsaa.org/forms/general-forms/general-eligibility/el2.

SPORTING CLAYS

Five-stand shoot scheduled for Sept. 17

Special to The News

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office will host a Five Stand Sporting Clays Shoot on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 9:30 a.m. at the WCSO Training Center and Firing Range. The competition is \$50 per shooter and five shooters may register as a team.

The top prize will be a Benelli M2 semi-automatic, 12 gauge shotgun. The Benelli is on display at Noshoes Firearms, 2181 Crawfordville Highway in Crawfordville.

Get a few friends together and join as a team or come out and join other shooters and enjoy a day on the range.

Shooters not registered as a team will be randomly grouped into squads of five shooters.

Participation will be limited to the first 25 shooters to register.

For more information, call the range at (850) 745-7290. Participants are asked to come by the range and pre-register prior to Aug. 12.

GOLF

Chris Kirk earns first PGA win



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Golfer Chris Kirk's grandparents, Andy and Dixie Kimmey, live on Live Oak Island.

The professional golfer's grandparents, Andy and Dixie Kimmey, live on Live Oak Island.

By JENNIFER JENSEN
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Andy and Dixie Kimmey couldn't be prouder of their grandson. That's because he just won his first golf tournament with the PGA Tour.

Their grandson is 26-year-old Chris Kirk, a professional golfer, who took first place in the Viking Classic held in Madison, Miss., on July 11-17.

The rookie shot a 4-under 68 to take home his first win, beating Tom Pernice Jr. and George McNeil by one stroke. His last shot was a tap-in putt. With his score, he also tied the tournament record with a 22-under performance over four rounds.

What makes this victory even more special is that the Viking Classic was the first tournament he played after going pro in 2007.

This victory earned Kirk \$648,000 and 250 points in the FedEx Cup. He is currently ranked 28th in the

FedEx Cup standings.

Kirk came close to a victory prior to this tournament at the Shell Houston Open on March 28 through April 3. He finished second to Phil Mickelson.

Kimmey said this is Kirk's first year as part of the PGA Tour. Before that, Kirk was on the Nationwide Tour.

"That's even more exciting," Kimmey said of the win for Kirk.

Kirk has been playing golf since he was 3 years old.

"He absolutely adores the game," Kimmey said.

He earned a golf scholarship to the University of Georgia and graduated in 2007. During his collegiate career, he was the winner of the 2007 Ben Hogan Award, given annually to the nation's top collegiate golfer. He also helped his team earn the 2005 NCAA Championship and two Southeastern Conference team titles.

"He never wanted to do anything else," Kimmey said.

Kimmey said she wasn't able to see Kirk's win, but her and her husband, Andy, have been able to see him play a few times. When they aren't

able to see him in person, they make sure they watch him on TV.

They aren't the only ones who are keeping a close eye on his performance. Kimmey said many people at their church and in the community are keeping up with Kirk's career.

"People who never cared anything about golf are following him," Kimmey said.

Kirk, a rookie on the PGA tour, got his first win at the Viking Classic held in Madison, Miss.

Kimmey said the tour keeps Kirk busy and he travels constantly to different tournaments.

"He doesn't get to come home often," Kimmey said.

But, Kimmey said they have had fun watching his career and will continue to cheer him on.

Kirk is the son of Gary and Kim Kirk of Woodstock, Ga. He currently lives on St. Simon's Island, Ga., with his wife.

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Outdoors

outdoor sports and fishing reports

Another beautiful weekend for fishing

Well, it was another beautiful weekend in Wakulla County. Lots of people were on the water and plenty of scallops still being found at St. Marks, St. Joe Bay, Keaton Beach and Steinhatchee.

In the St. Marks area, the most are being found in about seven feet of water. Just watch out for the jellyfish on the incoming tide.

Capt. Randy Peart said fishing over around St. George continues to be very good for trout. He's still using the Cajun Thunder with a white Gulp and fishing around four feet of water over the grass. The oyster bars and docks in the bay are holding reds and there are plenty of sharks around. There are also plenty of tarpon around the west cut. Some big oversized reds are being caught in Bob Sikes Cut using live bait on the bottom. Some Spanish and blues are being caught and plenty of ladyfish.

The store at Lanark is now open and is called the Lanark Market. I know they will be selling bait and tackle, some groceries, and I believe they will have a deli. One of the most important items they have is non-ethanol gas. I believe the phone number is 697-2211.

I talked to the folks at Rock Landing Marina in Panacea and she said they had the permits for gas on the docks so it shouldn't be much longer.



From The Dock

BY CAPT. JODY CAMPBELL

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

- Tallahassee Builders, this weekend, out of Carrabelle Boat Club. Call (850) 385-1414.
- Kingfish Shootout, Aug. 6 and 7, out of C-Quarters in Carrabelle. (850) 528-0553.
- Kevin's Seatrout Shootout, Aug. 27, out of C-Quarters.

This weekend is the Tallahassee Builders tournament and it's still not too late to register. The web page is www.tallyba.com or you can call their office at (850) 385-1414. This will be hosted out of the Carrabelle Boat Club.

The eighth annual Kingfish Shootout to benefit the Leukemia Research Foundation will be held Aug. 6 and 7. This will be held out of C-Quarters Marina in Carrabelle also, and they can be reached at (850) 697-8400.

On Aug. 27 will be the Kevin's Seatrout Shootout. This will be hosted out of C-Quarters Marina in Carrabelle and will pay the top 10 teams that have the heaviest stringer of five trout. For more info go to www.seatroutshootout.com or call Brian

Hurley at (850) 528-0553.

I was talking with an FWC officer last Tuesday and he said they pulled up to one of the markers to check a boat last week and the angler waved them off. The reason was they were hooked onto a big cobia, which measured 45 inches. They also said they were seeing a lot of tarpon in the Wakulla and St. Marks rivers.

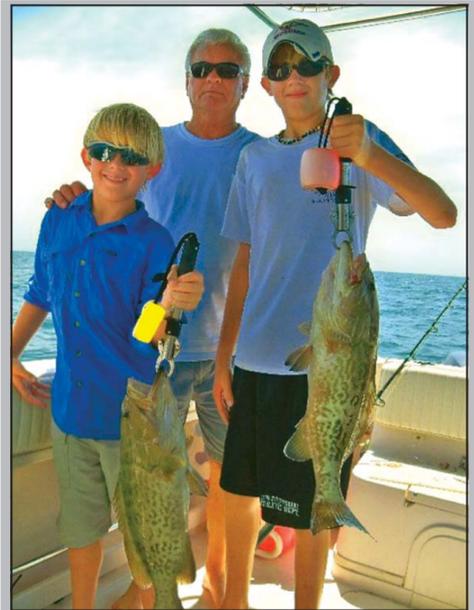
Capt. David Fife was coming in from fishing last week and noticed a kayak hooked up to a large fish. He got way out of the way and it turned out he was hooked up with a large tarpon. After a long fight, David eased over to him and helped him land about a 120-pound fish which he

caught on a live pinfish. On Thursday of last week I fished with Bobby Rich of Arlington, Ga., and his son from Flowery Branch, Ga. We fished a half-day and the weather was absolutely beautiful until around noon at which time it got rather hot. We fished a rock pile out from St. Marks in about 17 feet of water and caught 15 trout, five flounder, three blues, numerous ladyfish and three short cobia. On the way in we saw a tripletail, but he just wouldn't bite.

Fishing is pretty good right now and will just get better into the latter part of August and September.

Remember to leave that float plan with someone and know your limits.

Good luck and good fishing!



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Fishing brothers

Granddad Wayne Waldrep, manager of Hines Hill Plantation, and son Cliff Waldrep, of Mandalay Plantation, took Cliff's sons, 9-year-old Hurston and 13-year-old Ryan, on their first off shore fishing trip out of Shell Point with Major Alan Lamarche. The youngsters used squid and cut bait to catch 20 gag grouper (all released, some to the sharks), 10 keeper red grouper, a box full of Key West Grunts and two huge snapper (released).

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Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water



Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

More than two decades ago, I was asked to present what we knew about Wakulla Springs to an assembled group of faculty and visitors at a FSU's Center for Professional Development luncheon.

The Wakulla cave was described then as an inundated dry cave since Mastodon bones are found within.

Not much has been learned since then, except that I no longer need to speculate about the origin of the water or its destination underground.

This water follows ever-expanding conduits as deep as 350 feet on its journey to the Gulf of Mexico. Wakulla Springs is the overflow vent of a grand mixing basin located further back in the cave, very much like, but larger than Indian Springs just down the street.

Rain north of the springs can dramatically increase (and drought dramatically reduce) water volume and, thus, flow. Wakulla Springs may have siphoned (pulled water in) at one time if wall sculpturing is believed.

The story is so much more interesting when you consider the consequence of this hydrology. When the water is flowing at its greatest volume during heavy rain and low tide, sand is collected from the cave and sent out into the basin where it is deposited on a very steep slope leading down to the vent at 180 feet.

This slope is held in place by the force of the outward flowing water. If disturbed, as Wally Jenkins did in the 1950s, by dropping a heavy weight on his way into the cave (a way to drop fast to reduce exposure time), the slope creates an underwater avalanche.

Visibility drops to zero and Wakulla Springs becomes a temporary siphon, much like a toilet bowl. Wally told me he would swim up until he hit the ceiling and blindly crawl out on his back when this happened.

No surprise then, in 1987 when the U.S. Deep Cave Diving Team set off another avalanche when they accidentally dropped one of the 3,000 pound weight pods onto their habitat.

And tragically, no surprise again when the same avalanche occurred at Indian Springs in 1992 that trapped and killed our good friend Parker Turner, after the loose cavern ceiling collapsed on to a steep slope while divers were swimming in the cavern.

In all cases, a large amount of slope debris and water flushed back into the cave. The Indian Springs cave vent and flow was so small, it did not reopen soon after. No one knows how long it takes Wakulla to reopen, but considering its size, most concede not long.

Soon the lighter sand is again sent back up the slope and deposited on the steepening slope as the vent reopens. But something is left behind.

Please envision a Mastodon grazing near the Springs. For whatever the reason, she slips and loses her footing and falls into deeper water. Perhaps she is old or sick and with water deeper than her height, she sinks to the basin floor and slowly enters the food chain. Years later, an articulated pile of bones remain. A drought occurs north of Wakulla Springs that reduces the flow that retains the slope of the basin and an avalanche carries the sand supporting the Mastodon bones down through the vent and deposits them in the first room at 230 feet.

How can we test this hypothesis?

Had the Mastodon died in a dry cave, her bones would still be articulated (held together). Had she been deposited there by an avalanche, the bones will be disarticulated and scattered about the room.

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Tips as hurricane season approaches

BOATING

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The first six weeks of this year's hurricane season have passed without a serious threat.

But the National Hurricane Center's 2011 prediction of 12 to 18 named storms - including three to six major hurricanes - is in the back of everyone's mind.

For that reason, Florida operators of Sea Tow, the nation's leading marine assistance provider, advise boaters across the Sunshine State to be prepared.

First, review your insurance policy - with your provider, if possible. Boat owners whose marine insurance requires them to relocate their vessels out of a hurricane zone should do so by the date specified in their policy.

But for those who plan to not relocate their boats, it's important to have a Storm Plan ready to execute as soon as the forecast spells danger.

In fact, most insurance providers require a formal written Storm Plan detailing where and how your boat must be secured during a hurricane.

Make sure your insurance policy is current and in force, and that you know what actions it requires you to take in the event of a storm.

If you live out of the area during the summer months, designate a responsible person to execute the Storm Plan in your absence.

It's also important to check the lease or dockage agreement with your marina, storage facility or private dock owner where your boat is moored to be sure the vessel can

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The Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports column should return to its usual spot next week.

by video, of all valuable fixed items, such as marine electronics, on board your boat.

• Store all the boat's important documents, including your marine insurance policy, in a secure place off the vessel.

• When a storm is forecast for your area, remove all detachable items from your boat, such as canvas, sails, cushions, fishing rigging, radios and antennas. Lash down everything that you cannot remove, including booms, tillers, wheels, etc.

• Deflate your dinghy and store it and its outboard off the boat. If it's a fiberglass dinghy, have it stored in an indoor facility.

• If your boat is on a trailer, lash it securely. Use tie-downs to anchor the trailer to the ground, let the air out of its tires and weigh down the frame.

• If your boat is in a facility with shore power, be sure all power is turned off and all shore power cords are stowed securely. Disconnect your boat's battery.

• Boats docked in a marina or in a private berth should be centered in the slip. Double-up all dock lines and make sure they are of sufficient length to compensate for excessive high water.

• Anchored boats should ensure enough scope. Inspect all anchor rodes and chain and use only good or new gear. Set extra anchors as necessary.

• Do not stay with your boat or try to ride out a storm on board.

No matter how valuable your vessel is to you - both financially and sentimentally - it's not worth your life.

remain there during a hurricane.

If it can stay, be sure you know the procedure for securing not only your vessel, but those docked around it, as well.

A boat that breaks loose in a hurricane can wreak havoc on neighboring vessels.

Some facilities demand that boats be removed from the water when a major storm is forecast.

Owners who must move their boats should decide where to have it hauled before the hurricane season begins.

Don't wait until a storm is imminent. Charges for storm haul-outs may be covered by your insurance policy.

Also, check with your local Sea Tow Florida franchise to see what pre-storm haul-out services are offered.

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Hunters asked to look out for chronic wasting disease in deer

While no cases have been reported in Florida, the FWC is asking hunters to report any potential signs of the disease in the state

FWC News

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has not found any evidence of chronic wasting disease (CWD) after years of extensive testing of the state's white-tailed deer population.

The FWC tested 910 free-ranging deer during the past year and 5,519 deer during the past nine years, with no CWD-positive results.

"We are fortunate that no Florida deer has tested positive for CWD," said Cory Morea, FWC's deer coordinator and biologist. "The effect this disease has had in other states is substantial."

"We would like to obtain more samples of deer from areas adjacent to captive deer facilities, because the most likely way for CWD to be introduced into Florida is through the importation of deer from other states," Morea said.

CWD is a contagious neurological disease that

has been found in captive and wild mule deer, white-tailed deer, moose and Rocky Mountain elk within several Western states and more recently in Eastern states.

The disease causes degeneration of the brain of infected animals, resulting in emaciation, abnormal behavior, loss of bodily functions and death.

Virginia and West Virginia are the only southeastern states where CWD has been detected.

To reduce the chances of CWD entering Florida, the state prohibits importing live deer unless they come from a herd that has been certified CWD-free for five or more years.

Additionally, importation of any species of deer, elk or moose carcasses, with the exception of cleaned skull caps, antlers, tanned hides and deboned meat, is prohibited from 19 states and two Canadian provinces where CWD has been detected.

Chronic wasting disease has been detected in New Mexico, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Illinois, New York, West Virginia, Michigan, Virginia, Missouri, North Dakota and

Maryland, and Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada.

Visit the CWD Alliance website at www.cwd-info.org for the most up-to-date CWD reporting.

"Early detection is the key to limiting the spread of the disease, if such an outbreak should occur in Florida," Morea said.

The FWC is once again turning to hunters and members of the public this hunting season for assistance in helping monitor the state's deer herd for CWD.

"We're asking hunters to report any sightings of sick or emaciated deer, or deer found dead from unknown causes," Morea said. "If you see such a deer, do not touch it, but instead contact us as soon as possible by calling toll-free, 866-CWD-WATCH (293-9282). Wildlife biologists will respond and, if necessary, collect deer tissue for testing."

There is no evidence that CWD poses a risk for humans. However, public health officials recommend avoiding direct contact with any sick-looking deer or one that has died from unknown causes.

For more information about CWD surveillance in Florida, go to MyFWC.com/CWD.

To help minimize wildfire risk, take care of the little things

Florida Forest Service

The desperate call for rainfall across the state was recently answered with the start of the rainy season, causing some noticeable changes.

The temporary campfire ban on all state lands has been removed. The list of Florida counties enforcing burn bans continues to grow smaller.

Extreme fire behavior and conditions have eased in most areas of the state. Does this mean that our threat of wildfire has disappeared?

Not for a minute. Remember that prior to the rains Florida was experiencing the severest drought conditions seen in several years. That situation doesn't change overnight.

Soils continue to be dry up to a foot beneath the surface even though substantial rain has fallen.

In the Tallahassee area the water table is still a good 15 inches below the normal 32 inches this time of year. High temperatures with no rain over three or four days could place us under the same severe drought conditions.

We are still coming out of dryness and therefore the risk of wildfire still

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- Gas cans or other hazardous material stored on the side of the house;
- Pine needles used in mulch beds up against the house;
- Combustible materials located under decks and walkways;
- Tree branches growing less than two feet above the ground;
- Chimney without an installed spark arrester.

Pay attention to these little things, they cost you just a portion of your time each week. Take care of them before they take care of your home and property.



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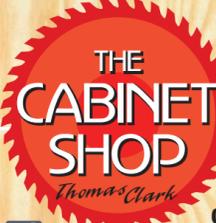
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Former trooper acquitted of sexual battery files counterclaim against woman in case

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
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Former State Trooper Charlie Odom, who lost his job and went to trial for charges he sexually battered a woman during a traffic stop in January 2009, filed a counterclaim last week seeking damages from the woman after she filed a civil lawsuit against Odom and the Florida Highway Patrol.

Odom went to trial twice - the first trial in December 2009 was a mistrial - and he was ultimately acquitted by a jury in November 2010.

Earlier this year, shortly after the verdict, the woman filed a lawsuit seeking unspecified monetary damages from the state Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the agency of which the highway patrol is part, for negligence in hiring Odom. The minimum damages being sought are \$15,000 for a circuit civil lawsuit.

On July 19, Odom, through Tallahassee attorney Sidney Matthew, filed a counterclaim seeking damages from the woman - stating that Odom had been a victim of "abuse of process, false arrest, malicious prosecution, assault and battery on a law enforcement officer, intentional infliction of emotional distress, (and) defamation by libel and slander..."

Prior to that Jan. 28, 2009, traffic stop, the counterclaim states, Odom "enjoyed a good reputation

as a licensed law enforcement officer trooper with his employer, the Florida Highway Patrol. (He) also enjoyed a good reputation for honesty, decency and integrity in the Wakulla County community in which he lived and raised his family."

The woman testified at both trials that Trooper Odom stopped her that night, reportedly for exceeding the speed limit. Her driver license was suspended; she admitted she had been drinking. The trooper wrote her no tickets, though - and she claimed that was because Odom fondled her on the roadside, had her follow him to a restaurant parking lot where he took a photo of her breasts on his cell phone, and accepted oral sex from her.

Odom did not take the stand at either of his trials, but was adamant that he did not do the things he was charged with.

In the counterclaim, Odom claims that the woman made statements to him - "gratuitous verbalizations" - that were an invitation for him to seek some form of sexual contact as a quid pro quo for not charging her with any traffic violations.

The counterclaim indicates that, among those invitations, was lifting up her shirts and brassiere and flashing her breasts at the officer, as well as allegedly touching herself and making some vulgar comments.

The counterclaim indicates that Odom ignored the statements and

warned her to stop and scolded her for her behavior.

The counterclaim states that, the next day, the woman made a false report to law enforcement about Odom's actions that night. The subsequent search warrant and investigation by the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office did not provide evidence that corroborated the woman's story, the counterclaim states. For example, forensic specialists with the state found no photos of a woman's breasts on Odom's cell phone, which was seized as evidence a couple of days after the traffic stop.

The only physical evidence prosecutors could present at trial was "touch DNA" taken from inside the woman's pants that was consistent with Odom's DNA - but was far from conclusive. Under the state's theory, the DNA came from Odom's hand when he touched the woman. The defense countered at trial that the results of the tests only showed that, statistically, the DNA came from a white male - hardly the basis for a conviction.

The counterclaim also indicates that the sheriff's office and the state attorney's office were aware of an ongoing feud between state troopers and the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office that became a problem after Sheriff David Harvey's re-election was challenged in 2008 by former trooper Charlie Creel.

Two charged with sex with juvenile



Salena Marie McVey

Melvin Santos

Special to The News

Two Crawfordville residents, a 40-year-old man and a 26-year-old woman, face sexual assault and cruelty toward a child charges in connection with a July 4 sexual act with a Taylor County juvenile, according to Wakulla County Sheriff David Harvey.

On July 11, Detective Erika Buckley received information that a female juvenile was photographed nude and engaged in a sex act with Salena Marie McVey, 26. During the investigation, Det. Buckley learned that McVey and Melvin Santos, 40, traveled to Perry in late June to pick-up the 16-year-old female and spent a week with her in Wakulla County.

The victim told investigators that they consumed alcohol and smoked marijuana during their time together and took several sexually oriented nude photographs.

Santos and McVey were both charged with promoting a sexual performance by a child

McVey was arrested July 15 and is being held in the Wakulla County Jail on a \$25,000 bond. Santos was arrested July 19 and is also being held in jail on a \$25,000 bond.

Court shorts

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
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A 51-year-old Carrabelle man was found not guilty by a jury last week after a one-day trial on charges of felony fleeing and attempting to elude an officer, and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

The man, Albert Dykes Rickards, went to trial on Tuesday, July 19. The arrest report in the court file indicates that, on Jan. 11, Rickards was reportedly driving erratically and refused to obey the commands of a sheriff's deputy.

The deputy, Rachel Oliver, testified that Rickards nearly drove into her in the parking lot at a fast food restaurant in Crawfordville. He yelled at the officer,

and she asked him what was wrong - if he was having a problem.

He drove off, and the deputy turned on her emergency lights to pursue him - and he allegedly drove at a high speed and refused to stop until he reached a nearby convenience store. He then allegedly made a move as if to crash into her with his car.

A subsequent investigation revealed that Rickards kept a detailed log of his sightings of law enforcement - he believed he was under surveillance. The log showed dates, times and places where he saw officers, indicating that they were stalking, following and spying on him.

The arrest report also indicates that Rickards put his cell phone battery in backwards, believing this kept the gov-

ernment from tracking him.

Defense attorney Jeff Arrowood had filed motions several months ago that Rickards was not competent to proceed.

Psychologist Terry Leland testified that Rickards did suffer from delusions, but was competent.

There had been a possible verdict of not guilty by reason of insanity but, after an hour of deliberation, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty of all charges.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant State Attorney Lorena Vollrath-Bueno. The trial was presided over by Wakulla Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls.

In other court matters:

- Centennial Bank filed to foreclose

on Panacea Motel, claiming the establishment's owners have defaulted on the loan.

According to the lawsuit, a loan was taken out in January 2005 with Apalachicola State Bank for the motel by Anne B. Morgan and Heather Clark for \$200,000.

According to the lawsuit, the note has been in default since Jan. 12, 2011, and, as of June 15, is valued at \$211,745 plus late fees.

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Law Enforcement and Courts reports

Sheriff's Report

On July 16, Deputy Sean Wheeler, Deputy Will Hudson and Deputy Cole Wells investigated an open house party involving juveniles and underage drinkers in Crawfordville.

Deputy Wheeler discovered an 18-year-old male ill with alcohol poisoning in a bathtub. EMS was contacted and the subject was transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital.

Two 17-year-old females returned to the home to retrieve some alcohol and were issued juvenile civil citations and given 24 hours of community service.

The juveniles were turned over to their parents and the male subject's father was notified. The party was attended by more than 100 people and the 18-year-old was issued a notice to appear in court for hosting an open house party.

In other activity reported by the sheriff's office this week:

• On July 14, Rick Tooke of St. Marks reported a theft and vandalism to his crab traps in the St. Marks River. The exact amount of financial loss is still to be determined; however each trap is valued at \$25. Capt. Billy Jones investigated.

• On July 14, Douglas Coleman of Tallahassee reported a burglary in Crawfordville. A forced entry was discovered. Some items inside the home were disturbed, but the victim could not determine if anything was stolen. Damage to the home was estimated at \$300. Lt. C.L. Morrison investigated.

• On July 14, Paul Eakin of Tallahassee reported a burglary in Panacea. A forced entry was discovered, but nothing was reported missing at his home. Deputy Nick Gray investigated.

• On July 14, a 29-year-old Crawfordville woman reported being the victim of an aggravated battery as a male acquaintance struck her several times with a shower rod at her home. The victim showed investigators her injuries. The suspect was identified and an arrest warrant was issued. Captain Brent Sanders and Lt. Mike Kemp investigated.

• On July 17, a criminal mischief was discovered at Woolley Park in Panacea. Damage to the men's room included two sinks pulled out of the counter tops and toilet paper spread around the facility. The women's room had damage to two sinks and a clogged toilet.

An electric water cooler was also damaged. The damage to the property was estimated at \$600. Deputy Randy Phillips investigated.

• On July 17, five Tallahassee victims reported vehicle thefts at the C.J. Spears Road sink parking area. A passenger window was broken on a vehicle owned by Andrew Jernigan.

Jernigan reported the theft of \$1,147 worth of property inside the vehicle. Guilia Marino reported the loss of \$457 worth of property. Maighdlin Martinez reported \$122 worth of lost property. Joshua Swim reported \$232 worth of losses and a juvenile reported the loss of \$55 worth of property. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$200. Deputies Will Hudson and Sean Wheeler investigated.

• On July 15, Nazrul Islam of Tallahassee reported a retail theft at the USA convenience store in Crawfordville. A female suspect entered the store and stole beer and potato chips. The stolen items were valued at approximately \$4. Deputy Cole Wells investigated.

• On July 15, WCSO staff located an 83-year-old Panacea woman with memory issues who had walked away from her home. Panacea VFD and a member of the Ochlockonee Bay VFD assisted with the search of a heavily wooded area. The elderly woman was discovered a short time later in good health. She was less than one mile from home. The woman was issued a Project Life Saver tracking device. Lt. Brad Taylor, Capt. Randall Taylor and Deputy Lorne Whaley investigated.

• On July 16, Jefferson Whitaker of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief to his mailbox. The box appears to have been hit by a vehicle. Damage was estimated at \$75. Deputy Randy Phillips investigated.

• On July 16, Deputy Lorne Whaley observed a vehicle with a head lamp that was out. He attempted to conduct a traffic stop as the driver increased his speed to 74 miles per hour on Jack Crum Road. The 17-year-old Crawfordville driver was arrested for DUI.

A 16-year-old Crawfordville juvenile was issued a civil citation for possession of drug paraphernalia after a smoking pipe was discovered inside the vehicle. Lt. Jimmy Sessor also

investigated.

• On July 18, John Chancey of Crawfordville reported a theft of a kayak from the Wakulla River. A dock handrail was damaged that was used to secure the kayak. The kayak is valued at \$1,500 and contains his name spray-painted on the side of the vessel. Lt. C.L. Morrison investigated.

• On July 18, Johnny Lee Arnett, 54, of Crawfordville was issued two criminal traffic citations for driving while his license was suspended or revoked, second offense or more and unassigned tag attached to a vehicle.

Deputy Ryan Muse observed Arnett make an abrupt turn near oncoming traffic and conducted a traffic stop. He discovered that the tag attached to the vehicle was assigned to a trailer and the driver did not have a valid driver license. Arnett was issued a notice to appear in court.

• On July 18, Chris Carpenter of Hibbett Sports in Crawfordville reported a retail theft. A customer removed a pair of UFC gloves from the store without paying for them. The value of the stolen property is \$35. Sgt. Andy Curles investigated.

• On July 13, a Dickson Bay Road resident reported a traffic crash and a Jeep was discovered against a concrete pillar in the victim's yard. Deputy Billy Metcalf followed a trail of blood from the scene and he located a suspect nearby.

EMS was called to the scene to treat Matthew Cole Metcalf, 28, of Panacea for his injuries. It was determined that he did not have a valid driver license.

The suspect refused to give a blood sample to determine if he was impaired. Deputy Ben Steidle is seeking a warrant for leaving the scene of an accident with property damage and driving while license is revoked. Lt. Dale

Evans also investigated.

• On July 15, investigators arrived at a Crawfordville residence to investigate a disturbance complaint and determined that Robert M. Paiano, 43, of Crawfordville was in possession of firearms. Paiano was determined to be a convicted felon and was charged with possession of seven firearms by a convicted felon.

The firearms were confiscated and warnings were issued for drug paraphernalia which was also found on the scene and confiscated. Deputy Cole Wells, Lt. Brad Taylor and Deputy Lorne Whaley investigated.

• On July 15, Janet Zeneski of Crawfordville reported items stolen from a Crawfordville laundromat. Bedding, valued at \$200, was stolen from a dryer. Evidence was collected at the scene. Deputy Rachel Oliver investigated.

• On July 18, Jennifer Ball of Crawfordville reported a fraud over the internet. The victim attempted to purchase a dog online. The victim sent the company \$200 to ship the animal, but later received an e-mail stating that an additional \$1,000 was owed. The case was turned over to the Criminal Investigations Division. Lt. C.L. Morrison investigated.

• On July 19, Frank Porter of Crawfordville reported a vehicle fire on Wakulla Arran Road. The vehicle began to smoke while it was being operated and the driver pulled over to investigate.

The vehicle, a 1987 Toyota truck, was fully engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived to put out the blaze. The vehicle was a total loss and the fire was ruled accidental. Sgt. Andy Curles investigated.

• On July 19, Charles Finley of Crawfordville reported a fraud. At least seven unauthorized charges were discovered on the victim's credit card from New York and they totaled \$1,815. Deputy Billy Metcalf investigated.

• On July 19, Animal Control Director Ivanhoe Carroll reported a cruelty to animals case as a resident dropped a cat off at the animal control unit with several injuries. Someone wrapped duct tape around the cat's neck. The animal, which had been found in a remote area off Highway 61, was euthanized. Deputy Ian Dohme investigated.

• On July 19, Michael Gene Maxie of Crawfordville reported a grand theft of a double axle trailer. The trailer was stolen from a Crawfordville business and a suspect has been identified. The trailer was entered in the NCIC/FCIC computer. It is valued at \$750. Deputy Ian Dohme investigated.

• On July 19, Zende W. Vickers of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary. The victim reported the theft of a sum of money from his wallet. A suspect has been identified. Deputy Clint Beam investigated.

• On July 20, Bernard Stevens of Crawfordville reported a fraud and identity theft. Someone in Tallahassee used the victim's Social Security number to file a tax return. Deputy Rachel Oliver investigated.

• On July 20, April Wilson of Panacea reported a fraud. Someone applied for a cash advance using her personal information. The loan request was made over the Internet. Lt. Brad Taylor investigated.

• On July 20, Stanley Clark of Crawfordville reported the theft of tools from his shed. The tools were valued at \$211 and a suspect has been identified. Evidence was also collected from a pawn shop. Lt. Brad Taylor investigated.

• On July 20, Ethel Jefferson of the City of St. Marks reported an illegal burning at a city pavilion. The pavilion railing was damaged when someone placed a hot item on it. Damage was estimated at \$100. Lt. Brad Taylor investigated.

• On July 20, a clerk at the St. Marks Express Lane reported a trespass and illegal dumping in the company dumpster. The clerk identified the suspect through a company logo on the vehicle. A warrant request has been made for trespassing and littering, less than 15 pounds. Lt. Brad Taylor investigated.

• On July 20, a 17-year-old male juvenile reported a fraud as he attempted to purchase a motorcycle from an internet listing company. The victim sent \$1,000 of the total amount agreed upon but never received the motorcycle. Deputy Lorne Whaley investigated.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office received 980 calls for service including: 19 business and residential alarms; 96 citizen contacts; 13 frauds; 70 investigations; 38 medical emergencies; 368 business and residential security checks; 19 special details; 19 suspicious vehicles; 53 traffic stops; 10 disabled vehicles; 12 wanted people; and 11 watch orders.

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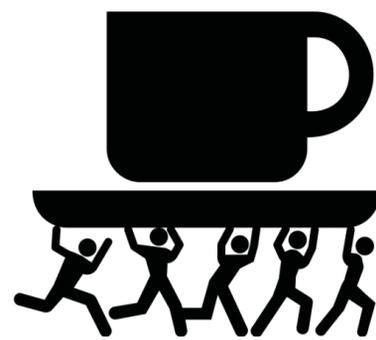
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Wakulla County Senior Citizens Celebrate Life



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Elvis! Live! In Crawfordville!



Todd Allen Show will feature the music of the King of Rock 'n' Roll



Wakulla County Senior Center
Young at Heart
R.H. Carter

The concert fundraiser will be held at the Senior Center on Sept. 9.

to tell. They can make you laugh while some of their stories will make you cry.

A senior told me a story and asked me not to mention her name. Life was great until her husband passed unexpectedly.

She did not know if she had money or was broke and she did not care. She wanted to stay home alone, and soon became very depressed and hoped to die.

One of her neighbors intruded in her life, saw her condition and insisted that she visit the senior center with her. As soon as she was seated, some seniors came over to talk. She was shocked to learn that she wasn't the only person in the world in her condition. She learned of their experiences and how they overcame their problems.

Today her greatest joy in life is to encourage other seniors and watch their lives become more fulfilled.

It is so easy to turn an ordinary day into a special celebration. Occasionally, we choose a color to designate a day of celebration. Recently, everyone was asked to wear something orange. I wore an orange shirt and cap. One of them talked me out of my cap but I would not give up my shirt.

Chef Mary told me that we served 133 lunches that day. We normally serve fewer than 100 lunches but the seniors wanted to enjoy the special celebration.

Funding for these services is declining.

We're working hard to prevent reducing services. We ask that you consider our senior center every time you have funds available for human services.

This need in our community is growing.

The Wakulla County Senior Center has scheduled the Todd Allen Show to present an evening of music by Todd Allen Herendeen and the Follow That Dream Band on Sept. 9.

The show will be held at the Senior Center beginning at 8 p.m.

The Todd Allen Show is family friendly and full of variety oldies and country music.

Todd performs many artists including Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Neil Diamond, Tom Jones and many more - including his award winning Tribute to the King.

This promises to be a wonderful evening of entertainment to support senior services in Wakulla County.

The board, staff and volunteers are always planning fundraising events to provide in home services such as housekeeping, personal care, meals-on-wheels, telephone reassurance, emergency alert response systems, utilities, etc.

The center also provides daily congregate meals, music, art, exercise, many educational programs and a variety of health screenings.

I have and continue to write about the perils of isolation and loneliness. The seniors who visit the senior center view it as "their center."

Seniors meet in their center and share their life experiences. I always rank this service as the most important service we provide.

All seniors are special and have their own stories

Patriotic seniors



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Seniors celebrate Flag Day on June 14 during a special celebration at the Senior Center.

In June, Senior Center activities included a celebration of Flag Day, a seminar on hurricane preparedness, a Summer Fun Party, plus Wakulla Wigglers and Qigong classes

By **DIANE LANTER** and **TAMARA BYRNES** of the Senior Center

Red, White and Blue were the colors of June at the Senior Center.

Flags and patriotic memorabilia greeted us on every wall and table. June 14, National Flag Day, was a day that will live in our minds and hearts forever.

The Pickin' 'n' Grinnin' Band, Boy Scout Troup 4 and Troup 5, Jerry Evans, Maurice Langston, Randy Anderson, Becky Cook, and David Miller, along with our local veterans and our flag-waving seniors celebrated our freedom and gratitude to be living in America.

Thank You to all who participated in our special day, a great time was had by all. We are, indeed, indebted to our service men who are making freedom possible for all of us.

Scott Nelson, Emergency Management director, gave us important information on hurricane preparedness and reminded us not to wait until the last minute to make decisions on staying or evacuating. The Senior Center

has pamphlets to guide you if you need to evacuate or plan to stay at home.

We celebrated the official beginning of summer with a Summer Fun Party. Chef Mary served hot dogs, coleslaw and homemade ice cream for an indoor picnic.

The Wild Wakulla Wigglers entertained with music and dancing and, once again, patriotic music filled the room. We will miss their dancing in August, they will be back in September. If you would like to learn line dancing, they meet at 1:30 p.m. on Monday and 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

The first Thursday of the month, at 10:30 a.m., we have a group of musicians who play gospel music. Come and join us and sing along with the band to your favorite songs.

Don't forget our new class of Qigong (pronounced CheeGung) an exercise using breathing, mental focus, movement



A table of veterans enjoy lunch on Flag Day.

and visualization to move and enhance your health, mental and emotional state and connection to spirit. It is a relaxing and strengthening exercise for the mind and body. Classes are Mondays at 12:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Another exercise class that benefits memory and balance is our Brain Gym Class, which is a

seated exercise. Qigong can also be done in a sitting position.

Computer classes are held at the center on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. The instructor will help individuals at any skill level.

For more information on activities at the Senior Center, please call 926-7145.

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POSH JAVA
Organics & Gifts

Saturday, July 30, 2011, at 8 p.m.
Posh Java will host a blues/Americana/folk concert with singer/songwriters Randall "Big Daddy" Webster and Bill & Eli Perras.
Tickets are \$12 reservations are suggested (850) 962-1010
64 Winthrop Avenue, on the corner of Rose Street and Winthrop Avenue in downtown Sopchoppy

SAVE THE DATE!
Wakulla County Big Bend Hospice GOLF Tournament



For more information, call Pam Allbritton at 850.926.9308

Go to www.bigbendhospice.org to Sign-up Today!

Week in Wakulla

Email your community events to jjensen@thewakullanews.net

Post your event on TheWakullaNews.com

Storyteller Mama Koku at the library at 7 p.m.

Farewell show for Mack McElderry at From the Heart Studio at 5 p.m.

County Commission meeting at 5 p.m.

Coalition for Youth meeting at 12:30 p.m. at TCC Wakulla.

Thursday

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City and County Meetings

Thursday, July 28

- ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE will hold a public meeting at 10 a.m. in the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Conference Room, 3093 Crawfordville Hwy. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss ways to conserve energy and report to the BOCC for consideration.

Monday, August 1

- COUNTY COMMISSION will meet for its regular meeting at 5 p.m.

Thursday, August 4

- COUNTY COMMISSION will meet for a budget workshop at 5 p.m., followed by a workshop to discuss implementing a Blue Print 2000-type effort in Wakulla County.

Clubs, Groups, Regular Meetings

Thursday, July 28

- 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.
- 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.
- WAKULLA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 24 High Drive, Crawfordville.
- BINGO will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at Beef O' Brady's to benefit Florida Wild Mammal Association.
- FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY will meet at 6 p.m. at the public library. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.
- LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS will meet in the children's room at the public library at 7 p.m. Contact Anne Ahrendt at (850)528-0895 or Rachel Pienta at (850)321-3582 for more information.

Friday, July 29

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

Saturday, July 30

- 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, July 31

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

Monday, August 1

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- 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.
- RESPIRE CARE is offered by The Alzheimer's Project of Wakulla at Lake Ellen Baptist Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your loved one to be cared for. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost. The church is located at 4495 Crawfordville Highway. Call Pat Ashley for more information at (850) 984-5277.

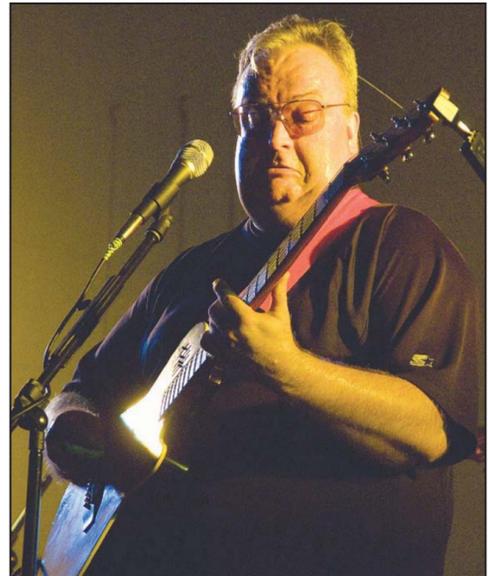
Tuesday, August 2

- 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.
- 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.
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- CRAWFORDVILLE LION'S CLUB will meet at Beef

O'Brady's at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, August 3

- 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.
- WAKULLA COUNTY COALITION FOR YOUTH will meet from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the TCC Wakulla Center.



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- WRITERS OF WAKULLA will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. in the conference room at the Wakulla County Public Library. New members are always welcome.

Special Events

Thursday, July 28

- MAMA KOKU will be at the library as part of the summer children's program from 7 to 8 p.m. She is a master storyteller and children's writer. She is also an educator who has taught children at all age levels. Come watch her stories come to life.

Saturday, July 30

- BLUES/AMERICANA/FOLK CONCERT will be held at Posh Java in Sopchoppy at 8 p.m. featuring Randall "Big Daddy" Webster and Eli and Bill Perras. Tickets are \$12. For reservations call 962-1010 or email poshjava@yahoo.com.
- FAREWELL SHOW for Mack McElderry will be held at From the Heart Studio in Sopchoppy at 5 p.m. This will be his final local appearance as he is moving in September. Tickets are \$10 at the door and there will also be copies of his books and CDs for sale. Seating is limited. RSVP by email at sopchoppyriver@gmail.com or call 962-5282.
- SOPCHOPPY OPRY will feature the Messer Brothers and Marilee Smith, at 7 p.m. at the historic Sopchoppy High School Auditorium for the Opry's 11th Anniversary show. Call 962-3711 for tickets.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, August 6

- BOOK GIVEAWAY will be held at the public library from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. hosted by the Friends of the Wakulla County Public Library. Donations will be accepted and are tax deductible.
- FREE OUTDOOR ART MARKET AND DAY OF MUSIC from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Sopchoppy. There will be vendors and musical performances going on

throughout the day. All Activities for this event are taking place on Municipal Avenue starting at The Frog and The Hummingbird Co & Butterfield's Roadhouse at the corner of Rose Street and Municipal Avenue. There will be pet items, painted signs, bird baths, bird houses and feeders, stone mosaic work, forged knives, paintings, homemade barbecue and spicy honey mustard sauces, photographs and more.

Saturday, August 13

- LONDON GREENE MEMORIAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT will be held at 9 a.m. at Wildwood Country Club. The cost is \$200 per team (4 person team) or \$50 per person. Hole sponsors are \$100 per hole and the company signs will be displayed at the hole. All Proceeds go to the Landon Green Scholarship Fund, which benefits Wakulla County Pre-K. Come join us for a day of fun and prizes. For More information, call Jared Greene at 556-8982, Lavonne Greene at 567-5626 or Amber Greene at amber@famb.org. Checks may be mailed to 988 Wakulla Arran Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327. Please make checks payable to Landon Greene Scholarship Fund. All contributions are gratefully accepted.
- CHAT PAW SPA AND FAMILY FUN DAY will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at CHAT, 1 Oak Street, Crawfordville. Amenities include all natural ingredients, aromatherapy bubble bath, flea and tick dip, grooming, fluff blow drying, brushing, fur style, pawdicures, nail pawlish art and music. Suggested donations are \$10 for all amenities, \$5 for regular bath/flea dip only and \$5 for glamour photo (pearls, bow ties, hats, ribbons, boas, etc.) There will be snow cones, animal balloons, Clifford the Big Red Dog moonwalk and raffles.

Wednesday, August 17

- CD RELEASE PARTY of "I Have Your Petty Secret" by performance artist, Donna Decker, at Butterfield's Roadhouse in Sopchoppy at 7:30 p.m. This CD is a compilation of spoken word and music, featuring original music by musicians Gabe Butterfield, Frank Lindamood and Andy Moorcer who all will be performing this evening. Donna's sister, poet and performer, Helen Decker, will be a special guest. For More information contact Salli Squitieri 305-304-2226 or email frogandhummingbirdco@yahoo.com

Saturday, August 20

- FUN IN THE SON will be held at Hudson park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be music, games and free food. There will be volleyball, board games, slip-n-slide, water bouncer, music, food, speakers, community outreach and more.

Library News...



**By SCOTT JOYNER
WCPL Director**

As I mentioned last week, WCPL will be going back to our regular evening and Saturday hours beginning next week, the first week in August. We will, however, be closed on Fridays along with the other county offices starting Aug. 5, until the county furlough period is over.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this temporary change in schedule, and are hoping to get things fully back to normal soon.

Mama Koku returns for our last performance of the summer

The final performance in our Summer Program of Events is Mama Koku on Thursday, July 28, at 7 p.m. Koku is a master storyteller and children's writer whose interactive stories and songs bring the crowd to life as they learn valuable lessons about the world around them.

She's one of our most popular performers who we try to have visit us every year due to popular demand. Please come out for all the fun!

Friends of the Library monthly meeting & Silent Auction info

The Friends of WCPL will be holding their monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 28. The main issue on the agenda is the silent auction to be held on Sept. 23 to raise funds for the library.

They're asking anyone who has an item they'd like to donate to contact

me at 926-7415 or scottj@wakullalibrary.org for more information.

Anything donated can be considered a tax deductible donation.

For more information, or if you'd just like to get involved with this invaluable group, please join us at the meeting (followed by Mama Koku afterwards).

Summer Reading books

With Wakulla County schools starting on Aug. 18, there are only three weeks left, after this article is printed, for students to get their summer reading finished. While we carry copies of every required book for grades 6-12 and most of the optional books, there are rapidly growing waiting lists on what we have.

Some book lists are already so long that we can't guarantee that you'll receive them in time for school to start.

If your child still needs to do their summer reading, please come by or give us a call as soon as possible so we can try to help.

Riversprings Middle School students can pick up copies at the front office of the school while their supplies last.

Book Extravaganza fundraiser coming soon

Our bi-monthly Book Extravaganza fundraiser takes place on Saturday, Aug. 6, from 9 a.m. to noon. As always we'll have thousands of books, audio and video for your browsing pleasure.

While monetary donations are not required, all funds raised go directly to our Friends of the Library organization which pays for our Summer Programs, a good portion of our book and materials budget, as well as offsetting other expenses which saves Wakulla taxpayers more than \$25,000 a year.

Please arrive early to get the "best stuff" as there is usually a line waiting for me to unlock the doors.

What are some resources for job-hunting seniors?



The Savvy Senior

By Jim Miller

Dear Savvy Senior,
Can you recommend some good resources to help job hunting seniors? I'm 60 years old and have been out of work for nearly six months now and need some help. What can you tell me?

Seeking Employment

Dear Seeking,
The tough employment market over the past few years has been particularly hard on people over the age of 55. Fortunately, there are a number of online tools and in-person training centers scattered across the country today that can help. Here's what you should know.

In-Person Help

A good first step to get help finding a job is at a Career One-Stop center. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor, these are free job resource centers that can help you explore career options, search for jobs, find training, write a resume, prepare for an interview and much more. There are around 3,000 of these centers located throughout the country. To find one near you, call 877-348-0502 or go to careeronestop.org.

Depending on your financial situation, another program that may help is the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). Also sponsored by the Department of Labor, SCSEP offers access to training and part time job placements in a wide variety of community service positions such as day care centers, senior centers, governmental agencies, schools, hospitals, libraries and landscaping centers. To qualify, participants must be over 55, unemployed and earning less than 125 percent of the federal poverty level – \$13,600 a year. Unfortunately, 2011 federal budget cuts have significantly reduced this program funding, but it's still a viable option. To learn more or locate a program in your area visit www.doleta.gov/seniors or call 877-872-5627.

In addition to the national resources, some states, communities and local nonprofit organizations may offer their own senior employment programs. For example, in certain areas in Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Washington state and Wisconsin there are Aging Worker Initiative programs to help local job seekers 55 and older. To find out if your community offers any locally-based senior employment programs, contact the Area Agency

on Aging – call 800-677-1116 or see www.eldercare.gov to get your local number.

AARP WorkSearch

Another resource that offers free job help is the AARP Foundation WorkSearch Virtual Job Coach program. This is a volunteer-run program that helps any job-seeker (you don't need to be an AARP member), age 40 and older, by connecting you with a trained volunteer to help you search for jobs and get training. The coaching is typically done via e-mail or over the phone. Call 877-659-0969 or visit aarpworksearch.org to find help.

In addition, AARP also offers a jobs search engine that you can access at jobs.aarp.org. Or, if you want in-person assistance, AARP has 23 WorkSearch facilities around the country that provide free face-to-face help. To search for a facility, contact your state AARP office. See aarp.org/states or call 888-687-2277 for contact information.

Online Resources

There's also a wide array of online employment networks that can help you connect with companies that are interested in hiring older workers. One of the best is retirementjobs.com, which offers a job search engine that lists more than 30,000 jobs nationwide from companies that are actively seeking workers over the age of 50. It also provides job-seeking tips and advice, helps with resume writing and allows you to post your resume online for companies to find you.

Some other 50-plus job seeking sites worth a look are seniors4hire.com, workforce50.com, retiredbrains.com, retireeworkforce.com, wiserworker.com, seniorjobbank.com, enrge.us (a site devoted to retired government employees) and yourecore.com (an online recruitment firm that connects retired scientists, developers and engineers with companies that offer consulting assignments).

Start a Business

If you're interested in starting a small business but could use some help getting started, turn to the U.S. Small Business Administration which offers tips, tools and free online courses that you can access at sba.gov. Also see score.org a nonprofit association that provides free business advice for entrepreneurs.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org.

Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

AARP FLORIDA

Older Floridians worry about the economy and may delay retirement

By JEFF JOHNSON
of AARP Florida

In February 2011, an AARP survey showed that 44 percent of Floridians age 50 plus were so concerned about the state's struggling economy that they planned to delay retirement. Of those who said they planned to delay retirement, one in four said they planned never to retire.

That's a grim picture, showing an older Florida that's pessimistic about its retirement security. Yet if AARP took that same survey again today, it might show even more pessimism. And it could be justified, if Congress cuts a political deal to pay the nation's bills that could permanently sour your retirement dreams.

Right now, the President and Congress are considering a deal to pay the nation's bills that could cut billions from Social Security and Medicare benefits for today's seniors.

To help reduce the deficit, some in Washington want a deal that includes raising Medicare premiums, co-pays and deductibles for today's seniors, shifting costs to seniors rather than lowering costs throughout the health care system.

Another proposal would force better off seniors to

pay more for Medicare as if it were a welfare program. These seniors already pay more for their Medicare and AARP is deeply concerned that means-testing benefits could erode the popular support that has helped keep Medicare strong for more than 45 years.

Washington is also considering including a proposal that could cut Social Security by \$112 billion over 10 years by permanently reducing Social Security cost-of-living increases. This proposal is particularly galling to older Floridians, who have seen shortcomings in the current Social Security cost-of-living formula leave them struggling with no cost-of-living increase despite two years of steadily rising costs for fuel, food, prescription drugs and medical care.

AARP is fighting hard to keep Congress from making cuts to your retirement benefits. In mid-July, AARP state-level leaders and top-ranking volunteers traveled to Washington to meet face to face with Florida members of Congress and senators. AARP volunteer Ken Reinhardt and I urged Florida's elected officials to attack waste, fraud and abuse in the federal budget, rather than targeting your retirement benefits.

From all over America, AARP members have poured more than 600,000 calls, e-mails and petitions into the Capitol. AARP is running an aggressive series of national television advertisements to urge our 37 million members nationwide to raise their voices on this issue. AARP also is mailing information on this urgent issue to tens of millions of Americans 50 plus.

AARP's position is clear: Congress should attack waste, fraud and abuse in federal spending rather than targeting the Medicare and Social Security benefits you have earned. As the national discussion over reducing our budget deficit goes forward, it is very important that you raise your voice in this debate. Call 1-888-722-8514 to be connected to your member of Congress toll-free and urge them to attack waste and fraud in federal spending, rather than targeting your Medicare and Social Security benefits.

No one disputes that deficit reduction is very important. But older Floridians worked a lifetime for the benefits they receive. They deserve to be able to count on them.

Jeff Johnson is AARP Florida's interim state director.

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It's the conversation people don't have until they have to, but by then, it's too late.

The fact is that in 2010, more than 7,000 people turned 65 years old or older every single day, a figure that is predicted to rise in 2011.

Further, an AARP survey revealed that only four in 10 of those people feel they will be financially secure for their golden years.

For many, that lack of financial stability will transform from being a worry to becoming a crisis if they discover they'll need any kind of assisted living. That's why Gabriel Heiser, an attorney with more than 25 years of experience in nursing home law, believes that people should start planning now, even if they aren't close to their 65th birthdays.

"The average monthly cost of a nursing home today is \$6,917 per month, and a typi-

cal Alzheimer's patient will spend \$395,000 for their nursing home care after diagnosis," said Heiser, author of "How to Protect Your Family's Assets from Devastating Nursing Home Costs: Medicaid Secrets" (www.MedicaidSecrets.com).

The mistake a lot of people make is thinking that they can't qualify for Medicaid, according to Heiser.

Heiser listed the asset limits for those applying for Medicaid. They include:

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K. Gabriel Heiser, J.D., has focused exclusively on estate planning and Medicaid eligibility planning since graduating from Boston University School of Law in 1983.

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The Senior Center's biggest fundraiser of the year was held on Wednesday, July 20, and a large crowd enjoyed a Christmas lunch of turkey and dressing and a silent auction.

The Senior Center was decked out in its Christmas finery, including Christmas trees and other decorations.

Detectives from the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office acted as servers during the luncheon.

It was an opportunity to have a good meal, buy some interesting items - all for a good cause.

See more photos online at www.thewakullanews.com





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

Hari-drop out, and going to court

By MICHAEL PELTIER
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, July 22 - Senate President Mike Haridopolos called it quits this week in his quest to become Florida's next U.S. senator, kicking off a week that was otherwise dominated by the courts.

Handing down a series of opinions on myriad subjects from tobacco liability to tax breaks, Florida appellate courts this week were also inundated with a new round of lawsuits as groups angered over recent legislative actions brought their grievances to the courts in hopes of stopping prison privatization and a ballot measure aimed at allowing government money to go to religious organizations.

Meanwhile, a handful of failing schools got more time to improve their performance. And state utility regulators went toe-to-toe with federal environmental regulators over efforts to safeguard marine life from nuclear power plants that dot Florida's coast.

And a year after officials successfully capped the leaking well, Gulf Coast lawmakers introduced federal legislation to earmark future Clean Water Act penalties levied against BP for the coastal region that saw the brunt of the worst oil spill in U.S. history.

And Florida's unemployment stayed at 10.6 percent in June, unchanged from May but 0.8 percentage points higher than a year ago.

COURTS PROVIDE STAGE FOR MUCH OF WEEK'S DRAMA

Courts provided much of the week's drama by stepping into and out of a series of long-standing feuds involving hundreds of millions of dollars.

The Florida Supreme Court kept the door open for thousands of claims being sought by smokers of big tobacco companies over smoking related illnesses and death. In a closely watched case, the state's highest court chose not to hear an appeal by R.J. Reynolds

of a \$28.3 million award to the wife of a dead Panhandle smoker, one of several cases the cigarette maker is facing.

Pricey in its own right, the case has wider implications for the tobacco industry by stripping R.J. Reynolds and other tobacco companies of a key strategy for defending thousands of Florida lawsuits filed by sick smokers or their survivors.

By choosing not to intervene, the Supreme Court let stand a lower court ruling upholding the way courts should interpret its 2006 opinion that established critical findings about the health dangers of smoking and misrepresentation by cigarette makers.

R.J. Reynolds challenged the way lower courts applied the 2006 decision, arguing the widow of Benny Martin was not forced to prove the company's liability. The cigarette maker had used the same strategy in defending other cases, such as a \$15.75 million verdict in the death of an Alachua County smoker.

"Today, the Florida Supreme Court said, 'No, we're done hearing this,'" said Matt Schultz, a Pensacola attorney who represents the widow, Mathilde Martin.

"We remain confident that the Martin decision directly violates Reynolds' constitutional rights by depriving us of our due process right to a fair and impartial trial," said David Howard, a company spokesman.

The Martin case, like others stemming from the 2006 Supreme Court decision, is known as an "Engle progeny" case. That is because of the name of a plaintiff in the 2006 decision, which was filed as a class action.

R.J. Reynolds plans to appeal the case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Meanwhile, residents of Pensacola Beach must pay property taxes like everyone else, the First District Court of Appeal affirmed Monday in a case that addresses an issue that has persisted on Santa Rosa Island since shortly after World War II.

In an opinion affirming a lower

court ruling and setting the stage for possible Florida Supreme Court review, the First DCA ruled that Escambia County can collect property taxes from residents even though the residents don't own the land on which their residences sit.

Monday's ruling affects about 2,400 properties that have been assessed \$39 million in property taxes since the case was brought forward in 2004. Of that, residents have paid \$26 million in anticipation that the ruling might go Escambia's way.

Finally, a federal judge in Gainesville has ordered Dixie County to remove a six-ton granite monument of the Ten Commandments and directing viewers to "Love God and Keep His Commandments," from the front of the county's courthouse in Cross City.

The Dixie County Commission gave the OK for the monument in 2006, and the ACLU of Florida sued, arguing the monument represented government speech, violating constitutional prohibition against government promotion of religion.

While the court decisions may have marked the end of the road for some legal challenges, other legal squabbles started their journeys in Tallahassee this week as a pair of lawsuits challenging laws passed in 2011 was filed.

A group of corrections officers and their union sued to block the state's effort to privatize 18 Florida prisons, saying the law allowing the privatization was illegally added to the state budget during the waning days of the 2011 session.

The lawsuit says lawmakers overstepped their bounds by including budget proviso language that requires the Department of Corrections to explore the private prison option, a controversial issue that has been simmering in Tallahassee for years.

Teachers also went to court. In a challenge to a proposed constitutional amendment, the Florida Education Association filed suit against a measure put on the

ballot by lawmakers that would allow the state to funnel money to religious institutions.

Public school advocates are fearful that the proposed constitutional amendment was designed to promote a big expansion of private school vouchers. The lawsuit is being driven primarily by the FEA with help from public school groups such as the Florida School Boards Association.

The proposed constitutional change, known as Amendment 7, would delete a line in the state constitution that prohibits the state from using taxpayer dollars to "aid in any church, sect or religious denomination."

HARI-"DROP"-OLOS STEPS OUT, DAWSON IN

Senate President Mike Haridopolos stunned much of Florida's political establishment this week by dropping out of the U.S. Senate race despite having raised \$3.5 million for his bid to unseat Democratic incumbent Sen. Bill Nelson.

Haridopolos also said he wouldn't seek any other office next year, squelching any thoughts that he might try to make a bid for a new I-4 corridor U.S. House seat that is expected to emerge in the redistricting that will be complete before next year's election.

Haridopolos said he couldn't be a good Senate president and a candidate.

"It became increasingly clear to me, and those around me, that the responsibilities I was managing on both fronts are in conflict," Haridopolos said.

Gov. Rick Scott, who was on vacation this week in Montana, said the announcement took him by surprise.

"Anytime a statewide race loses a principled conservative like Mike Haridopolos in a race of this importance, it is a sad day for our state," Scott said in a statement.

While the former Republican front runner chose to step out the limelight, a former Democratic senator was thrust into it.

Mandy Dawson, already under investigation in a case involving alleged influence peddling and kickbacks, was arrested on federal tax charges.

Dawson has also been under investigation for corruption surrounding her dealings with Alan Mendelsohn, a Broward County eye doctor and political fundraiser who was sentenced in June to four years in prison. Mendelsohn said in open court last year that he funneled more than \$80,000 to Dawson, at her insistence, to curry favor for legislation he was pushing.

FAILING SCHOOLS WANT MORE TIME

Eight struggling Florida schools on Tuesday were given one more year to execute a turnaround strategy designed to boost student performance.

The last-minute approval, just a month before the school year begins, came with stern warnings from the State Board of Education that the schools must show dramatic improvement by the same time next year, or risk closing, becoming a charter or being turned over for a private company to run.

Most of the schools impacted by Tuesday's decision are in Duval and Miami-Dade counties.

STORY OF THE WEEK: The Florida Supreme Court chooses not to intervene in an appeal by R.J. Reynolds in a tobacco liability lawsuit. The court's decision not to decide keeps the way clear for thousands of suits stemming from a class action lawsuit filed against the industry.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Today, the Florida Supreme Court said, 'No, we're done hearing this,'" said Matt Schultz, a Pensacola attorney who represents Mathilde Martin, a widow whose dead husband, a Lucky Strike smoker, was awarded \$28.3 million from R.J. Reynolds.

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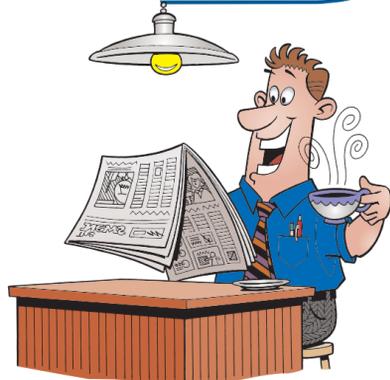


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| Fort Myers | 90 | 77 | t-storm | Plant City | 92 | 75 | t-storm |
| Gainesville | 89 | 75 | t-storm | Pompano Beach | 90 | 81 | rain |
| Hollywood | 89 | 80 | rain | Port Charlotte | 91 | 76 | t-storm |
| Jacksonville | 86 | 78 | t-storm | Saint Augustine | 88 | 77 | t-storm |
| Key West | 89 | 85 | rain | Saint Petersburg | 89 | 80 | t-storm |
| Lady Lake | 90 | 75 | t-storm | Sarasota | 89 | 77 | t-storm |
| Lake City | 87 | 74 | t-storm | Tallahassee | 84 | 74 | t-storm |
| Madison | 86 | 74 | t-storm | Tampa | 90 | 77 | t-storm |
| Melbourne | 88 | 78 | t-storm | Titusville | 89 | 76 | t-storm |
| Miami | 89 | 81 | rain | Venice | 87 | 76 | t-storm |
| N Smyrna Beach | 88 | 77 | t-storm | W Palm Beach | 91 | 80 | rain |

National Cities

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| Atlanta | 90 | 72 | t-storm | Minneapolis | 85 | 73 | t-storm |
| Boston | 83 | 65 | sunny | New York | 87 | 73 | sunny |
| Chicago | 92 | 77 | t-storm | Phoenix | 99 | 80 | t-storm |
| Dallas | 104 | 81 | pt sunny | San Francisco | 66 | 56 | pt sunny |
| Denver | 84 | 62 | t-storm | Seattle | 68 | 55 | cloudy |
| Houston | 95 | 77 | t-storm | St. Louis | 98 | 80 | pt sunny |
| Los Angeles | 77 | 62 | mst sunny | Washington, DC | 91 | 77 | mst sunny |
| Miami | 89 | 81 | rain | | | | |

Moon Phases



UV Index

| Wed 7/27 | Thu 7/28 | Fri 7/29 | Sat 7/30 | Sun 7/31 |
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| 9 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| Very High | Very High | Extreme | Extreme | Extreme |

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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535 Comm. Property for Sale

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555 Houses for Rent

2BR/1BA Cozy Cottage on large wooded lot. 1266 Dr. MLK Mem. Rd. west of Spring Creek Rd. Close to Crawfordville and area schools. CH/A, dishwasher, laundry-room w/W/D. Separate storage shed / garage. \$600/month, plus security. References required. 850-926-7439 or 850-294-8654.

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Crawfordville, 2BR/1BA single wide MH. Deck, shed, newly renovated. NO pets-firm! Nice neighborhood. Taking applications. 926-6212. Leave message. \$550/month+\$500/sec.

Sopchoppy, 2BR/1.5BA, S/W, MH in downtown Sopchoppy. \$550/month, first, last, deposit. No pets or indoor smoking. Revell Realty, 962-2212.

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2BR/2.5BA Townhouse with sleeping loft located on deep-water canal with dock. Community pool, gated subdivision. \$1,900/month plus deposits. No Pets.

3BR/2BA on 3 acres, Mill Creek Estates on cul-de-sac. Borders National Forest. Large detached game room w/kitchen and bath. Large deck. \$1200/month, \$1200/deposit. one-year-lease. 850-251-2549.

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560 Land for Sale

2-acre lot for sale near new Shadeville School, corner of Steel Court and Spring Creek Hwy. (city water). Owner financing. Call 850-556-1178 or 850-556-3765.

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680 Legal Notices

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

CASE NO: 11-00078-CA
CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to GULF STATE COMMUNITY BANK,

Plaintiff,

vs.
WILLIAM M. DAVIS a/k/a
WILLIAM MICHAEL DAVIS

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to the Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Wakulla County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Wakulla County, Florida described as:

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39 Rutland Road, Crawfordville- 3BR/2BA Doublewide, \$750 per month.

1119 Alligator Dr. Beachfront home- Alligator Point 2BR/2BA Furnished, w/ fireplace, deck on the Gulf of Mexico \$1,300 per month.

28 Endeavor Drive- Tradewinds of Ochlockonee Bay, 3BR/3BA, community club house, pool, pier, and a private boat slip. \$2,500 per month.

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- 26C Guinevere Lane 3BR/2BA Townhouse \$800 Mo. No Smoking or Pets
- 33 Comanche 3BR/2BA House \$825 Mo. No Smoking or Pets
- 51A & 49B Dispennette Drive 3BR/2BA Duplex \$750 Mo. Incl. Water/Swr No Smoking/Pets ok
- 31 Chehaw Road-Panacea 4BR/2BA MH \$750 Mo. No Smoking or Pets
- 106 Jer-be-lou-Panacea 3BR/2BA House on 2 acres \$900 Mo. No Smoking or Pets
- 174 Beaty Taff Drive Shell Pt. Beach House with Guest Quarters - 3 BR/3 1/2 BA total. \$1,500 Mo. No Smoking or Pets
- 26B Old Courthouse Square 2BR/2BA Townhouse \$850 Mo. No Smoking or Pets
- 64 John David Road-Medart 2BR/2BA House \$750 Mo. No Smoking or Pets
- 8 Rochelsie Rd. 3 BR/2BA w/ Gar \$850 Mo. No Smoking, Pets Okay w/Approval/Fee
- 110 Mount Pleasant 3BR/2BA House on 2 acres \$800 Mo. No Smoking or Pets
- 249 Donaldson-Williams Rd. 3BR/11/2BA MH on 7 Acres \$500 Mo. Pets Okay w/Approval/Fee

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680 Legal Notices

Lot 55, Block 5, and Lot 17, Block 13, Wakulla Gardens, Unit No. 1, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 39, of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida.

at Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the steps of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on August 11, 2011.

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

Witness my hand and the seal of this Court this 12th day of July, 2011.

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

July 21, 28, 2011

**THE SCHOOL BOARD
OF WAKULLA COUNTY**

announces a special school board meeting to which all interested persons are invited:

DATE: Monday, August 1, 2011
TIME: Special School Board Meeting (5:45 PM)
Public Hearing on the 2011-2012 Budget (6:00 PM)
PLACE: School Board Room
69 Arran Road
Crawfordville, Florida
PURPOSE: Special School Board Meeting, Public hearing.

For further information please contact:
Superintendent's Office
Wakulla County Schools
P.O. Box 100, 69 Arran Road
Crawfordville, FL 32226
850-926-0065

July 28, 2011

681 Foreclosure Proceedings

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 CARMEN ROCIO
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.,
a Florida corporation,
Defendants.

AMENDED 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 front door of the Courthouse of Wakulla County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 11th day of August, 2011.

Dated this 8th day of July, 2011.

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

July 21, 28, 2011

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

CASE NO. 65-2010-CA-000153

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR SG MORTGAGE SECURITIES ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FRE2,
Plaintiff(s),

vs.

TOMMY TAYLOR; et al.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Summary Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on September 30, 2010 in Civil

Case No. 65-2010-CA-000153, of the Circuit Court of the SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT in and for WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, wherein: US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR SG MORTGAGE SECURITIES ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FRE2 is the Plaintiff, and; TOMMY TAYLOR; VERA TAYLOR; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; AND UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION are Defendants.

The clerk of the court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Front Door of the Courthouse at 11:00 a.m. on August 11, 2011, the following described real property as set forth in said Final summary Judgment, to-wit:

Lots 18 and 19, Block 11, WAKULLA GARDENS, UNIT 1, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 39, of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE SALE, MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on the 8th day of July, 2011.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of Court Administration at (850) 577-4401, or at the Leon County Courthouse, Room 225, 301 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301 2 working days of receipt of a notice compelling you to appear at a court proceeding, if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

July 21, 28, 2011

682 Public Sales and Auctions

NOTICE OF AUCTION

Under the authority of the Florida storage facility Act the described below has been seized for Non payment of rent and other accrued expenses. The property will be sold at auction to the highest bidder as provided by the self storage act 83.06 Double D Storage LLC reserves the right to refuse any or all bids. James Orr- household items, Jacqueline Black- household items Double D Storage LLC 289 Cajor Posey Rd Crawfordville FL 32327 850-524-0473 Date: Aug 11th 2011.

July 28, 2011
August 4, 2011

683 Estate (Probate) Filings

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

CASE NO: 11-23PR
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF ANN FOLSOM YARBROUGH a/k/a ANN F. YARBROUGH
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Ann Folsom Yarbrough, deceased, File 11-23-PR is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney is set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRRED.

This date of the first publication of this notice is July 21, 2011.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Frances Casey Lowe, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 521450
Frances Casey Lowe, P.A., of Counsel
Guiday, Tucker, Schwartz & Simpson, P.A.
3042 Crawfordville Highway
Crawfordville, Florida 32327
(850) 926-8245

Personal Representative:
Chad Smit
P.O. Box 758
Panacea, Florida 32346
July 21, 28, 2011



685 Notice of Fictitious Name

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Country Seabreeze-R-US located at Post Office Box 1362, in the County of Wakulla, in the City of Crawfordville, Florida 32327, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Crawfordville, Florida, this 21st day of July, 2011.

-s- ANNETTE BAILEY

July 28, 2011

686 Divorce Proceedings

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

CASE NO.: 11-326-DR

FRANCIS DAVID CARONE

Petitioner

and

JEANNE CRISTINA MAUTONI

Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: JEANNE CRISTINA MAUTONI
RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Francis David Carone whose address is 16 Mysterious Waters Road, Crawfordville, FL on or before AUGUST 11, 2011, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HIGHWAY, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain

automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated this 14th day of July, 2011.

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

July 21, 28, 2011
August 4, 11, 2011

690 Gov - Tax Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

TAX DEED FILE NO. 2011 TXD 027

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that EDWARD M. MITCHELL, JR., the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate # 1363
Year of Issuance 2003

Description of Property
Parcel # 00-00-034-009-08420-000
WAKULLA GARDENS UNIT 2
BLOCK 6 LOT 71
OR 5 P 466

Name in which assessed FLINKMAN ALEXANDER said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 17th day of August, 2011, at 10:00 AM.

Dated this 23rd day of June, 2011.

Signature: Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk
By: Letha M. Wells, Deputy Clerk
Clerk of Circuit Court,
Wakulla County, Florida

July 7, 14, 21, 28, 2011

690 Gov - Tax Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

TAX DEED FILE NO. 2011 TXD 029

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that DAVID BECK the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate # 1628
Year of Issuance 2002

Description of Property
Parcel # 00-00-035-011-09494-000
WAKULLA GARDENS UNIT 4
BLOCK 59 LOT 37
OR 146 P 236 or 189 P 92

Name in which assessed JOHN C. SWINDLE said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 17th day of August, 2011, at 10:00 AM.

Dated this 30th day of June, 2011.

Signature: Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk
By: Letha M. Wells, Deputy Clerk
Clerk of Circuit Court,
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July 7, 14, 21, 28, 2011



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

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| 6 | l | ζ | 8 | 7 | 9 | λ | 9 | ε |
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| 7 | λ | 9 | ε | ζ | 6 | l | 8 | 9 |

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| 6 | l | ζ | 8 | 7 | 9 | λ | 9 | ε |
| ε | 8 | 9 | l | 9 | λ | 6 | ζ | 7 |
| 7 | λ | 9 | ε | ζ | 6 | l | 8 | 9 |

- ACROSS**
- Greeley's direction
 - Sunscreen ingredient
 - Self-righteous
 - Brunei's home
 - Yemeni port
 - Chili hotness unit
 - Something missing
 - Germinated barley
 - Oslo's land, on stamps
 - Gospel-spreading Hall of Fame shortstop?
 - Barbie's beau
 - BA or RBI
 - "That hurts!"
 - Adversaries in "Risk"
 - Idaho's nickname
 - Colorful equine
 - ___ carotene
 - Carpeting calculation
 - Make a selection
 - Mongol invaders
 - Durante's ___ Calabash
 - Prefix with morphic
 - A mode of transportation
 - Be crazy about
 - Supporter of a cause
 - Overcooked to the max
 - Historians' time slices
 - Man Friday
 - Stranded driver's need
 - Gospel-spreading author of "The Client"?
 - Balkan capital
 - Scruggs or Hines
 - Act the pack rat
 - Board flaws
 - Suit to ___

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- DOWN**
- One of four on a squash court
 - Jacob's twin
 - Green around the gills
 - Accepts, as boarders
 - Where to find a gaucho
 - Adjust to fit
 - Round-ending signal
 - Voting "no"
 - ___no
 - Gospel-spreading "NCIS" actor?
 - Egg on
 - Feds
 - Black ___ (cattle breed)
 - "This is only ___"
 - Baseball's Garciaparra
 - Windy City train initials
 - Sachet emanation
 - Partitioned, with "off"
 - Gospel-spreading "Lost" actor?
 - "Dig"?
 - "And others," briefly
 - ___ Haute, Indiana
 - Alleviated
 - Muffin choice
 - Retort to "Am not!"
 - Riyadh resident
 - ___Lingus
 - Wardrobe assistant
 - Big Indians
 - Player of a lumberjack's game
 - Correspond, grammatically
 - Sounds of reproach
 - ___ O'Neill Chaplin
 - Brewski topper
 - Hoopster Archibald
 - Moneyed one
 - They try harder
 - Disappear à la Frosty
 - Suffix with social or urban

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Project Connect aims to help local juvenile offenders

A Wakulla teen, who's currently in a juvenile program in Greenville, will soon be released. The new program calls for sheriff's deputies to offer mentoring and help him adjust to life

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The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office will be taking part in a new juvenile justice program, called Project Connect, which was created with the goal of helping Wakulla County youths get back on track in becoming productive citizens while also reducing the recidivism rate in juvenile justice programs.

Twin Oaks Juvenile Development Assistant Program Director Thornton Davis alerted Wakulla Sheriff David Harvey to the fact that a Wakulla County resident, who was part of their juvenile justice program in Greenville, is ready to be released back to his home county.

Davis said Twin Oaks hopes a little extra care for the juvenile offender when he is first released could save the youth from returning to the court system again.

Project Connect is designed to help the young offender, who is about to complete his court-ordered time at the juvenile facility, get in touch with law enforcement and other support people who plan to serve as mentors and help him adjust to life back in Wakulla.

"I am pleased to endorse this program," said Sheriff Harvey. "As the Sheriff of Wakulla County, I am always looking for ways to support, encourage and develop the youth of our county. I believe the future success of Wakulla County lies in the future of our youth. By doing some mentoring now we can decrease crimes, provide structured activities, improve community support and devel-

op stronger relationships with our youth."

Project Connect was the idea of Twin Oaks founder and CEO Donnie Read, who has worked with troubled youths for more than 13 years.

With facilities in Graceville, Liberty County and Greenville, Twin Oaks is a private company that works with the Department of Juvenile Justice and Department of Children and Families to make sure that juveniles have a chance to succeed in life after their short stay in court ordered facilities.

"We are attempting to work with juveniles to make sure they are doing things the right way," said Davis. "Project Connect can provide a sanctuary for the kids when they get out. We just want to make sure that they have a good support system around them."

"They will need somebody to talk to because one or more of their parents could be in jail," he said. "We're tired of shutting the door when they leave and saying 'good luck kids.'"

A little extra care for a juvenile offender when he is first released could save the youth from returning to the court system again.

Davis is gathering support from area sheriff's in an effort to provide Project Connect in several Big Bend counties. Twin Oaks serves youths from the Ocala area to Jacksonville and west to Pensacola.



PHOTO BY WCSO

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office has committed to help a local juvenile, who is soon to be released from a program, reconnect to society. The sheriff's Project Connect team includes Thornton Davis and Major Maurice Langston, seated, and Major Larry Massa, Capt. Billy Jones and Detective Rob Giddens.

Sheriff Donnie Conyers of Liberty County was the first sheriff to throw his support behind the program, but Wakulla will be the first county to have the program tested locally.

"We want to make sure that he (Wakulla juvenile) has the right people around him when he gets out," said Davis. "Often times there are no support systems in place for these kids."

A Community Action Team is formed when the youth is getting close to being released. Twin Oaks will alert the sheriff's office that the juvenile is returning to the county and conference telephone

calls are made to let the juvenile know that there are people in Wakulla County who care and want to help him.

"I think it is just a win-win situation for everyone involved," said Davis, who added that being part of Project Connect is optional for the youth.

"We are definitely on board with this," said Major Maurice Langston who was selected as the contact for the WCSO.

Capt. Billy Jones was also selected with Detective Rob Giddens and Major Larry Massa. Jones served as school resource officer for Wakulla High School and has a vast

knowledge of the juvenile population in Wakulla. Giddens worked theft cases involving the juvenile at Shell Point and Sopchoppy that landed the juvenile in court and ultimately at Twin Oaks.

A case manager tracks the juvenile through the system and alerts the sheriff's office that he/she is getting ready to complete the treatment program and a transition conference is set up to review the goals set by the juvenile.

"If he offends again he will go to jail rather than a youth program," said Davis of the Wakulla juvenile who will turn 18 in late 2011.

"We feel he can be a

productive citizen if we can channel (him) in the right direction," he said. "We want to try and find work for the kid and some positive influences. The Community Action Team will offer a helping hand."

"We will be very aggressive in helping him accomplish his goals," said Major Langston. "We will show him that we want him to have a fair shake and we have confidence in him."

Davis said he feels confident that the Wakulla juvenile wants to be successful in the Project Connect program.

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