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Curbside garbage pickup passes

Commissioners vote 3-2 to accept a bid from Waste Pro to be the county's garbage and recycling hauler with county residents receiving once-a-week service for \$196 a year

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In the near future, residents could see their garbage and recyclables picked up once a week by Waste Pro.

At the Aug. 1 County Commission meeting, the commission voted 3-2, with Commissioners Randy Merritt and Jerry

Moore opposing, to approve the bid by Waste Pro to be the solid waste franchise hauler for the county and to negotiate a contract.

The commission was deciding between two options for managing solid waste, charging a \$112 assessment which would allow for no tipping fees, necessary closure of the landfill and upgrades to the transfer station; or charging a \$196 assessment that includes weekly garbage pickup for every resident and closure of the landfill.

"We have a mandated choice," Commissioner Alan Brock said. Brock has been a driving force behind countywide garbage

pickup.

The reason for the assessment was because improvements are needed at the transfer station to bring it into compliance with the Department of Environmental Protection. The county could incur expensive fines or be mandated to upgrade the facility by the state if it doesn't do something, according to the commission.

Public Works Director Cleve Fleming said the county continues to lose money in the solid waste business.

"It hasn't been an enterprise fund for a long time," Fleming said.

Prior to this meeting, it seemed the commission was leaning towards the \$112

assessment. However, Commissioner Mike Stewart changed his opinion and felt the garbage collection was the best option.

"The \$112 option is just a band-aid," Stewart said.

Stewart said the bids received were much lower than he anticipated and this option could actually save some people money.

"When I explained it to the public, the light came on," Stewart said.

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The little-understood octopus

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The behavior of octopuses, like this one above, is being studied at Gulf Specimen Marine Lab in Panacea by Chris Capeless, below. While the creature's anatomy is well-known, the workings of its brain is not well understood.

While they have simple brains, which makes them perfect specimens for study, they are extremely curious animals, able to solve problems and learn.

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More than 20 centuries ago, Aristotle described the octopus as a stupid creature, "for it will approach a man's hand if it be lowered in the water."

Today, that is considered curiosity. In fact, many believe that the octopus is quite intelligent.

One of those people is Chris Capeless, who has a doctorate and is trained in animal psychology. Capeless, along with Gulf Specimen Marine Lab and its founder and president Jack Rudloe, is engaging in a unique experiment to study the behavior of the octopus.

A lot is known about the anatomy of the octopus, but not its behavior, Capeless says.

"It's still a mystery," Capeless says.

Capeless used to visit Gulf Specimen Marine Lab in Panacea often when his children were young. Recently, his wife, who is a wildlife photographer, had never been and decided she wanted to go. During their visit, Capeless met Rudloe and they began talking about their fascination with the octopus and the desire to learn more about them. From there, the two decided to work together and Rudloe agreed to let Capeless use the lab to conduct his study.

"I have long been interested in octopuses and have observed fantastic behavior and intelligence on their part and want to know more about them," Rudloe says.



"I'm very fortunate Gulf Specimen is giving me the opportunity to do this," Capeless says. "This is one of the few places in world this can take place."

Capeless has always been intrigued by the octopus and says its brain is set up much differently than a humans and other animals.

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Ray Gray faces disciplinary action

The county's parks and recreation director, who is out on medical leave, has been written up for insubordination and did not attend a meeting to discuss job concerns.

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Ray Gray

Parks and Recreation Director Ray Gray is in the hot seat and facing disciplinary action.

Gray was written up for insubordination by Interim County Administrator Tim Barden on July 21.

Barden said it is a pending personnel issue.

In a memo by Barden, he states that there is concern over Gray's performance of his duties as parks and recreation director. Barden listed

three issues, lack of accessibility/management oversight, sheriff contract for mowing and outside employment.

According to the memo, a meeting was scheduled for July 21 between Barden, Human Resources Director Debbie DuBose and Gray and Gray did not attend the meeting.

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No citizens at school board budget hearing

The school board gives preliminary approval to the tax levy of 8.5 mills, and sets the final public hearing for Sept. 12.

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The Wakulla County School Board voted without dissent to go forward with proposed millage levies at a public hearing this week. No citizens attended the hearing, which was held Monday, Aug. 1.

The school board budget and tax levy typically draws very little citizen interest. Several years ago, as real

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estate speculation fueled skyrocketing property values especially along the coast, a number of citizens attended a budget hearing to question the increase in taxes.

This year, not only are property values down, but the increase in taxes is miniscule - at 8.55 mills, it's .011 mills higher than last year.

Superintendent of Schools David Miller noted that, on taxable property valued at \$100,000, the increase amounts to \$1.10 for school board taxes.

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Panacea man charged with drugs, killing neighbor's pig

David Howard King faces drug charges for selling prescription pills out of a Panacea tattoo parlor, as well as animal cruelty charges for killing and eating a pot-bellied pig that wandered onto his property.

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Wakulla County Sheriff's Office investigators arrested a 36-year-old Panacea man Monday, Aug. 1 in connection with the service of a search warrant at a Panacea tattoo studio, according to Sheriff David Harvey.

David Howard King faces charges of possession of prescription pills with intent to sell, distribution of Schedule III prescription pills and trafficking in more than four grams.

King was also charged with grand theft of livestock and cruelty to animals in connection with shooting a pot-bellied pig named "Spam," a 12-year-old family pet that wandered onto his property.

The WCSO Narcotics Unit conducted an undercover purchase of prescription pills involving King.

A search warrant was served at the Apocalyp-



David Howard King

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tic Tattoo Studio in Panacea on Aug. 1.

No pills were discovered in the establishment at the time of the service of the search

warrant.

However, a handgun and shotgun were seized from the location.

A bag of yellow powder is currently being tested for controlled substances.

In addition, on July 28, the pot-bellied pig was being cared for by a friend of the owner who reported hearing a gunshot.

Later, the owner discovered that King had shot the animal, dressed it out and consumed part of the pet.

King was charged with grand theft of livestock and cruelty to animals in connection with the shooting a pot-bellied pig named "Spam," a neighbor's 12-year-old family pet.

During the service of the search warrant, King admitted to shooting the pig and six plastic bags of pork parts were recovered from a freezer at the studio.

The .32-caliber handgun used to shoot "Spam" was recovered. The pig was valued at \$350.

King was transported to the Wakulla County Jail without incident.

He is being held in jail on a \$200,000 bond.



Committee looks at saving money in county buildings

The Energy Conservation Committee is investigating energy usage and planning energy audits in order to give some recommendations to the county that could result in some cost savings.

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The Wakulla County Energy Conservation Committee met for the second time and the main focus of the meeting held on July 28 centered around usage at buildings under the Board of County Commissioners.

Dan Ard, with Talquin Electric, acquired data from the county to determine an average kilowatt usage per square foot.

According to Ard, anything more than 1 kilowatt per square foot is a red flag.

Ard said this data makes it easier to see the buildings that

are the biggest consumers. "It seems like all the volunteer fire departments had high usage," Ard said.

And until an audit is done and the building scoped out, Ard said he could not say why the usage was so high.

Once the biggest consumers are identified, energy audits can be done on the building to determine what the culprit is, Ard added.

In going through the data, Ard and several other committee members said it is possible the numbers could be off, because of miscalculations or space included that is not conditioned, meaning it does not have air conditioning or heat.

County Commissioner Lynn Artz suggested the fire departments measure the conditioned space of their buildings to make sure the square footage is accurate.

There was also some confusion over some of the buildings

on the list - which was compiled by the county's maintenance department prior to the committee forming - and apparently duplicate buildings listed. Committee member Elinor Elfner said this needed to be untangled.

Committee member Tom Harrington suggested splitting the buildings among the committee members and having each person go to the building, measure the conditioned space, take pictures and make notes about the structure.

"You don't have to be an expert," Harrington said.

Harrington said there was a need for a facility by facility approach and to think of each building as a piece of equipment and the kind of maintenance it may need.

The committee decided to draft a check list that each member and volunteer fire departments could use to evaluate each building. Then a comprehensive list would be compiled

and Ard would determine the usage again based on the new measurements.

Ard said he would be able to provide a more realistic report if given concrete information.

Once audits are done, the committee would then look at putting in place certain recommendations for energy conservation, and stressed the need for each idea to have a return on

Once the biggest energy-consumers buildings are identified, energy audits can be done to see what the problem is, the committee is told.

investment for the county.

Ard agreed and said, "It's foolish to spend money you aren't getting back in five years."

The committee also had representatives from the other power company provider, Progress Energy.

Robert Clark suggested looking at the AC units in each building, because those that are older can be big culprits of high energy usage. He also suggested limiting use of hot water.

At the last committee meeting, it was determined that the county did not have a maintenance policy or criteria for equipment.

"These guys are at the whim or whoever calls first," Ard said.

Ard said not having a timeline of when air filters should be changed is a red flag.

The committee decided it would come up with procedures and policies for maintenance and present it to the county commission.

The next committee meeting will be held on Aug. 25 at 10 a.m.

At that meeting, Progress Energy will be presenting a report and review of their accounts.

Study underway of the little-understood octopus

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"They do things that seem to be impossible with what they are working with," Capeless says.

He adds that octopuses are able to learn and problem solve and are extremely curious.

"They will investigate everything," Capeless says.

He adds that the octopus is very aware of its surroundings and watches him as he moves about, near the tank.

"They are as clever as they come," Capeless says.

Capeless has worked with all types of animals and compared an octopus' intelligence to that of a monkey, even though the monkey's brain is 50 times bigger and more complicated.

The octopus can change the color of its entire body extremely fast because of color cells on their skin called chromatophores.

"They can do anything," Capeless says.

The color changing seems to be tied to their emotions, like they are doing some kind of mental work, Capeless says.

"Their thoughts are reflective on their skin," Capeless says.

Capeless approaches the tank holding a small treat for the creature. In an instant, it has a small amount of brown around its eye. Then, within a few seconds, its entire body has changed to that brown shade.

"It's tantalizing," Cape-



An octopus being studied at Gulf Specimen in Panama.

less says.

Once it has eaten its snack, the octopus changes back to its original color, but still seems curious as it floats towards the top of the tank.

This octopus is one of three Capeless is performing experiments on. The experiments deal with the senses, seeing what sounds and tastes the octopus likes and dislikes. He has been

conducting experiments for a month and believes the process will take a couple years to make a determination about its behavior and will have to study numerous octopuses.

"We need lots of animals to work with," Capeless says.

One question Capeless is trying to answer is whether or not an octopus can hear, he says it seems that they

can because the octopus reacts and seems to be sensitive to vibrations in the water. However, it is not known how they hear since they do not have ears. It could be by touch or internally, like the vestibular system we have, he says.

With taste, Capeless says, people do not know what octopus like, so he is trying to figure out their feeding behavior.

In this experiment, he has two PVC pipes that extend into the water and sit at the bottom of the tank. In one pipe, he releases salt water and in the other, he puts a chemical liquid. When the liquid is released in the water, it creates a cloud and the octopus swims through the cloud and it either responds or not.

Capeless says they are trying all types of different substances that would serve as signals to a type of food, such as a mollusk or crustacean.

"It's a needle in a haystack," Capeless says.

The lab and Capeless are also working on building a rig of eight tanks to house octopus for the study. Currently, the lab does not have the accommodations needed for the study. One large tank is needed for one octopus. Capeless says they are working on the design, which will connect all the tanks together like a maze. They hope to have it completed as soon as possible. Then the next step will be acquiring the octopus to

The study of the octopus brain could have applications in Alzheimer's disease, as well as a possible model for artificial intelligence

live there.

During the summer, octopus move to colder water, which is a bit of a problem because it makes them harder to find. And octopus only live to be about a year old.

Rudloe says the lab is

accepting donations of live octopuses for the research.

"We are going to need all we can get this coming year," Rudloe says. "Fishermen can keep them alive by changing water, and keeping the container tightly covered so they can't crawl out and escape, which happens often."

Although the short life means work must be done quickly, there is also a positive. Capeless says it allows them to see the development of the brain and what happens to it as the octopus ages.

"The brain literally falls apart when they get old," Capeless says.

The study of the octopus brain could be helpful in dealing with Alzheimer's disease, Capeless says. Studying the octopus as a possible model for artificial intelligence is where he hopes to eventually take the study.

"We're just scratching the surface," Capeless says.

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County's budget down, millage to stay at 8.75

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The county is getting closer to adopting its upcoming budget which includes a decrease of 12.4 percent from this year.

The total budget of \$44,317,621 includes a millage rate of 8.75, the same as this year.

The desire by the board to not increase the millage rate leaves a deficit of \$971,278 because of a 10 percent property tax reduction.

In order to account for the loss, there is no growth included in the proposed budget, as well as no employee raises, a decrease in flex plan funding, the elimination of 10.5 board of county commissioner staff positions, elimination of seven positions within the sheriff's office, decrease in EMS staff and overtime and budget cuts.

Interim County Administrator Tim Barden said there are no furloughs included in the proposed budget or elimination of programs.

According to Barden, the board has cut 5.6 percent, the sheriff's office has cut

5.39 percent, tax collector has cut 3.7 percent, clerk's budget has reduced by 6.8 percent and the property appraiser has decreased its budget by 4.8 percent. The proposed budget for the supervisor of elections has increased by 2 percent because of the upcoming elections in 2012.

In addition to making cuts, the county has also increased the Communications Service Tax from 1.82 to 5.22 percent, which will generate \$593,444 a year.

They also implemented a new Public Service Tax of 10 percent, which applies to the purchase of electricity, metered or bottled gas, fuel oils and water. This will generate \$1,622,089 each year.

The commission is also looking at charging a solid waste assessment of \$196, which would include garbage and recycle pickup for every resident, as well as increasing the fire MSBU from \$61 per household to \$75.

The final budget workshop is scheduled for Aug. 4 at 5 p.m. Two public hearings on the budget will be held Sept. 6 and 19. The next fiscal year starts Oct. 1.

School board budget hearing

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The school board set the final public hearing on the budget for Sept. 12 at 6 p.m.

In a related budget matter, the school board approved a spending resolution to be able to spend \$390,000 in restricted categorical monies.

The money was an accumulation of money that could only be spent for Supplemental Academic Instruction, and the school board approved its use to meet class-size requirements.

Using the nearly \$400,000 will help in this year's tight budget. "The caveat," said Randy Beech, the district's finance of-

ficer, "is this is a one-time shot."

The school board met at its usual time of 5:45 p.m. and took up some agenda items before the budget hearing, which was advertised to start at 6 p.m. After they dispatched those agenda items pretty quickly, Chairman Mike Scott announced a "seven or eight minute pause" to begin the budget hearing at 6 p.m.

Besides four staff members and a reporter, only four school board members and Superintendent Miller were at the meeting.

Besides Scott, school board members Becky Cook, Ray Gray and Greg Thomas attended. Member Jerry Evans was absent.

Investigation sought into possible Sunshine Law violation by county

Citizen Hugh Taylor claims that Chairman Mike Stewart may have violated the Sunshine Law by not giving the public access to his meeting with new county administrator David Edwards to discuss his contract.

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A request for an inquiry into a possible Sunshine Law violation by a county commissioner has been submitted to the state attorney's office.

Resident Hugh Taylor believes Commissioner Mike Stewart violated Sunshine Law when he met with future County Administrator David Edwards to discuss the terms of his contract.

Taylor said that Stewart was directed by the commission to negotiate a contract with Edwards at the June 21 meeting.

Following that meeting, Taylor said he spoke with the First Amendment Foundation and then requested the negotiations to be made public and to attend the meeting, but was told that he could not.

"I just wanted to go and view the meeting," Taylor said.

Taylor said he was told by the First Amendment Foundation to refer to page 20 and 21 of the "Government In The Sunshine Manual," which discusses delegation of authority and says that the law does not provide for any government by delegation exception.



Directed by county commissioners to meet with Edwards, below, to discuss a contract to hire him as county administrator, Chairman Mike Stewart, above, says he believes he did nothing wrong. County Attorney Heather Encinosa was at the meetings and says they were 'fact-finding,' and that the board had not delegated any decision-making authority to the chairman.

Sunshine Law for fact finding, it is rather narrow.

"If there is winnowing or narrowing of options that are available for consideration by the decision-making collegial body, that would be broader than mere fact-finding," Rhea said. "Fact-finding is 'finding facts' not limiting options."

Taylor said he felt it was clear at the July 18 meeting that things were negotiated prior and would never be convinced it didn't take place.

"It is of concern," Taylor said.

Taylor presented this information to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office to investigate for a possible violation of the Florida Sunshine Law.

The WCSO forwarded it to the state attorney's office, which will review it.

"I don't know what will come of it," Taylor said. "Sometimes all you can do is let a judge decide or a third party decide."

He added that Stewart was charged with negotiating with Edwards from the get go and Taylor said he has let that slide before.

"No more sliding," Taylor said.

County Attorney Heather Encinosa said the meeting was not required to be in the sunshine because Stewart was fact finding and was not delegated any decision-making authority.

Although Taylor said he respects Encinosa's opinion, he also realizes she represents the county commission.

"She has clients she has to defend," Taylor said.

Stewart said he conferred with Encinosa and didn't meet with Edwards without her present.

"I didn't negotiate anything," Stewart said. "I know I've done the right thing."

Stewart said he brought back Edwards' desires to the board at the July 18 meeting and the board did not agree to some of those desires.

According to the First Amendment Foundation Director Jim Rhea, although there is an exception to the

Rec director Ray Gray faces disciplinary action

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Gray is currently on leave and has filed a claim for leave under the Family Medical Leave Act.

According to Gray, he put in for medical leave on July 20 and has not been working since that following morning, July 21.

Gray said he knew nothing about the meeting or the memo.

"I'm totally unfamiliar with it," Gray said. "I haven't had the courtesy of being informed."

He wondered how a meeting could be scheduled if he was on leave and said was told it was irrelevant.

According to the memo, Barden said he had been trying to meet with Gray for nine months about these issues and a meeting was scheduled for July 21 and that Gray refused to meet without a volunteer of his present.

The memo states that the lack of accessibility has been expressed by Barden, staff, commissioners and the public, and that Gray does not maintain office hours and prior to his county self phone being taken away, the voicemail box was constantly full. Barden said when he has visited the parks and recreation office in the last six months, there was only support staff in the office.

Questions are raised about Gray's performance of his job - his accessibility, the contract for mowing and his outside employment. Gray said that, since he's been on leave, he's unaware of the allegations.

Barden stated, "To me this exhibits a clear lack of administrative oversight as well as inaccessibility to the public and other staff."

In relation to the sheriff's contract for mowing, Barden said he has requested that the contract be formalized including an updated list of mow sites. The current contract was drafted by Gray and Sheriff David Harvey, according to Barden, and several of the sites being mowed are private property, including Mineral Springs and Sulphur Hole.

Barden stated that the lack of accessibility and mowing contract are direct insubordination and a management plan will be drafted that includes increased office hours, improved email and responsiveness by management, improved planning of staff work for efficiency, regular staff meetings and daily or weekly meetings with the

administrator. Barden also listed an issue with Gray's outside employment.

According to Barden's memo and one submitted by former Public Services Director Doug Jones on May 29, 2010, in March 2010, Gray submitted outside employment request forms for Gray Services I Inc., Ray and Jody Gray, Wakulla County School Board, Amazing Tropical Interiors and Title Loan Services Inc.

In Jones' memo, Jones recommended approval of the school board job, Ray and Jody Gray and Tropical Interiors.

In Jones' memo, he states, "Both of these enterprises can be conducted in the evening and on weekends and to the best of my knowledge do not conflict with duties and responsibilities of Mr. Gray in his position as Director of Parks and Recreation."

However, Jones also states in his memo that according to personnel policy, outside employment is allowed to supplement his or her income, and the only one where Gray earns less than his job as director is his position with the school board.

According to Barden, he was told of the outside employment by former County Administrator Ben Pingree in November 2010 before

he resigned. Since then, Barden has requested Gray to provide documentation of how he was providing 40 hours to the county.

According to emails between Barden and Gray, Gray said he works 50 hours a week for parks and recreation and is able to do so because he owns the companies referred to and has staff and managers who run those companies.

In Barden's memo, he said he wanted documentation verifying this.

At the end of Barden's memo, he states that Gray has three options dealing with his outside employment. He can disengage himself from all other jobs besides school board and parks and rec, resign his position with the county or be terminated.

When speaking with Barden, he said the issue was pending and would not discuss it further.

Commissioner Mike Stewart was aware of the situation and said it was a personnel issue that has been going on for a while.

"I can't say what will happen," Stewart said.

Gray said he did not know how long his medical leave was going to last and wasn't sure what he was going to do.

"I've never had to deal with anything like this before," Gray said.

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Comment & Opinion

readers speak out

There has to be a better way to protect valuable seagrasses



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When I was a little girl growing up in Georgia, we came down to the Aucilla River to fish nearly every weekend. I remember riding up on the front of daddy's tri-hull and seeing the grass beds zooming by underneath in the crystal clear water of the flats on the Gulf of Mexico - Apalachee Bay to be specific.

During a recent lecture about seagrass beds at the Gulf Specimen Marine Lab in Panama, Anne Rudloe spoke to a group of interested locals along with entry-level marine biology students from the University of Georgia.

She identified the types of seagrasses found in this area as well as the sea life that depend and flourish in those grassy areas.

Rudloe said seagrasses around our coastal area include manatee grass, shoal grass, turtle grass, star grass, and widgeon grass, all of which provide habitat for a host of sea animals.

Sea horses are common in seagrass beds around the Wakulla County coast. Scallops live as adults in seagrass beds. Pink shrimp are probably the most valuable seafood harvested in the gulf and use seagrass beds as a nursery habitat. Manatees are also major grazers of seagrass beds.

Seagrass beds provide nursery habitats for groups of sea life. Seagrass beds attract wildlife and act as a feeding ground for different types of sea animals. Seagrass beds improve water quality and stabilize the sea bottom. Seagrass beds contribute to the sediment health of nearby habitats and offer shelter for small

sea creatures.

Seagrass beds are very sensitive areas and serve as a water quality and clarity indicator. Rudloe said DEP conducts annual monitoring of fixed sites along the Big Bend Aquatic Seagrasses Preserve, which stretches from the mouth of the St. Marks River down to Yankeetown.

Those same seagrasses I grew to love as a child are part of the largest aquatic preserve and one of the most pristine places in Florida, the Big Bend Aquatic Seagrasses Preserve.

The preserve provides

But let's face it, Florida's pristine coastline and all that depend on it is constantly under attack, hastening erosional and environmental degradation.

habitat to a variety of sea and shore birds including a large nesting colony of frigate birds on Seahorse Key in the Cedar Key area.

The preserve supports a very important commercial shellfish industry which includes oysters, pink shrimp, blue crabs, stone crabs and Cedar Key clams.

The area is also a popular scallop season destination and is home to a wide variety of fish attracting commercial and sports fishermen.

The Big Bend Aquatic Seagrasses Preserve was established in 1985 and consists of 984,000 acres of sovereign submerged lands, except for one area that remains unshaded indicating it is not part of the preserve.

That unshaded area was excluded from the preserve because the water there did not meet the water quality standards required for aquatic preserve designation.

That area is the area around the mouth of the Fenholloway River.

There's a lot of history there.

In 1947, the Fenholloway was designated as Florida's

only Class 5 industrial river and became the dumping ground for the Perry pulp mill's waste.

State and plant officials have since been working to improve the water quality of the Fenholloway.

In 1993, the plant changed ownership and the improvements have been notable. In 2003, the river was designated as Class 3, suitable for recreation and propagation and maintenance of a healthy balance of fish and wildlife.

Pretty impressive, even applaudable.

But let's face it, Florida's pristine coastline and all that depend on it is constantly under attack, hastening erosional and environmental degradation.

If it's not hurricanes and tropical storms pounding away at the shoreline and wreaking havoc on the seagrasses, it's the BP oil spill, or 40 percent of the nation's runoff flooding down the Mississippi River into the gulf sending plumes of sludge into the Gulfstream threatening our reefs and sea life, or it's pulp mills using our gulf as a dumping ground.

The Florida DEP Big Bend Seagrasses Aquatic Preserve website features this quote by Gary Ellis of the Gulf Archeological Research Institute:

"The Big Bend Seagrasses Aquatic Preserve epitomizes the Florida estuarine system: a natural dynamic system that has supported indigenous Floridians for millennia and continues today.

These ecological systems provide the best opportunity to study the coastal strand and should continue to be the focus of our best conservation and protection efforts."

"...Our best conservation and protection efforts."

There has got to be a better way.

Tammie Barfield is general manager of The Wakulla News.

Local officials have lost their senses

Editor, The News:

Well, it seems the curse of Washington continues to infest our country.

I read in the local paper where our local politicians are using their authority to raise our utilities by 10 percent and also the hiring of another person at \$70,000-plus and he wanted more.

You people need to come to your senses and realize that most of the people in this area get by on far less.

That's nine times the amount of my Social Security and I pay \$4 for gas and milk just like you.

But come election time again, we have one vote each and I trust the people

won't forget this.

If I had my way, we'd vote one-half of you out and cut the other half 50 percent, and that would still be four and one-half times my check.

I'm a transplanted Alabamian, and our new governor there agreed not to take any salary until everyone there has a job.

Just maybe some of our public leaders will start to think of the shape our nation is in and stop all this greed before it's too late, if not already.

God bless the U.S.A.

Bill Avery
Panacea

Thank you from families

Editor, The News:

A thank you from the Webster and Timmons family. Thank everyone for their support during the time of my loss over the Fourth of July holiday.

I love you all. If there's anything I can do for you all, let me know.

From the family

Editor, The News:

The Timmons family would like to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness shown through prayers, kind words, flowers, food, during the loss of our loved one, Ida Mae Timmons. May God bless each of you.

Timmons family

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT CONTROVERSY:

TDC is a tool to promote local tourism

Editor, The News:

I feel much of the information printed thus far in the Comments & Opinion section of The Wakulla News has been purposely misleading, distorted, and biased.

The tourist tax is authorized by state statutes and added to room rates at hotels, motels, campgrounds and vacation rental houses everywhere in Florida. So, visitors to the area pay the tax, not local residents.

The state of Florida authorizes each county to levy a tourist tax varying from a minimum of 2 percent to a maximum of 6 percent. In Florida seven counties levy no tourist tax; 14 counties levy 2 percent; 11 counties levy 3 percent; and 35 counties levy 4 percent or more.

Wakulla currently is at the 2 percent levy and Leon County is one of the counties with 5 percent. I'm traveling to Minneapolis next week and the tourist tax they charge is 11 percent.

If a county chooses to levy the tax, its county's governing body establishes and appoints members to a nine-person Tourist Development Council, which develops a tourist development plan and oversees the allocation of funds. The "Wonders of Wakulla," a comprehensive marketing plan, was developed with public input in roundtable meetings and approved by the TDC Board.

By law, the members of council represent lodging, elected officials and tourist-related endeavors. This is the representation on the TDC board. In May, the TDC submitted a request to gradually increase the tax to 4 percent.

The request document states, "Due to limited number of beds," this levy (of 2 percent) only produces \$40,000 in annual revenues. Compare this to our neighbor, Franklin County, whose levy is also 2 percent, but produces more than \$700,000.

The request document also provides a general list of promotional activities for which the tax will be used, including promotional maps and videos, social marketing efforts, participation in travel shows, and the continuance of effective ad campaigns. The TDC recently received a grant, thanks to the work of director Pam Portwood to develop a method of tracking where our visitors come from, so marketing funds can be more effectively targeted.

More questions raised about TDC

Editor, The News:

In regards to the article "Public hearing set for bed tax increase" by Jennifer Jensen (front page story, July 21 issue of The News) and the recent Letters to the Editor about the TDC, I did my own research and what I found was disturbing.

The first thing I reviewed was the tourist director's contract that clearly states she is to receive \$25,000 per year or \$2,083.37 per month. The county's check register proves she receives \$2,437.91 per month. That is a \$354.54 per month discrepancy.

I spoke with commissioners and reviewed documents. I also spent many hours looking for evidence such as a new contract or authorization giving the director the extra \$354.54 per month. I cannot find any proof of the extra thousands of dollars in pay for the director was approved.

At Monday night's BOCC meeting, Commissioner Alan Brock stated that her contract needs to be updated. The board knows she is receiving more than she is contracted to receive and that is all they will do

to correct the situation?

No one should be able to get more money than they are contracted to receive.

Giving her a new contract and letting her keep that money is unacceptable. She needs to pay back the \$354.54 for each and every month she was over paid and it needs to be done ASAP.

I then looked at the budget for the Tourist Development Fund. It clearly states the amount of money to be spent on things such as travel, phones, printing/binding and advertising.

I then reviewed the check register. It is clear that these items are already over budget for this fiscal year.

This board needs to put a stop to the overspending.

I then tried to answer the most obvious and logical question: What kind of "bang for the buck" do the residents of this county get for taxing outsiders and our friends and family who come to visit and stay at places such as Wakulla Springs Lodge and Shell Island Fish Camp?

No one knows. We know that the

The TDC often hosts travel writers who then write articles about Wakulla for various newspapers and magazines. An article on St. Marks will appear in the August issue of Florida Sportsman magazine.

An even larger USA Today feature asked local experts to name one great scenic drive in each state and the District of Columbia. Entitled, "51 Most Scenic Drives in America," the Florida entry, recommended by Sandra Friend, Florida author and host of floridahikes.com, was:

"As a sea breeze rolls in and the morning mist lifts along the Big Bend Scenic Byway, pine forests give way to the play of sunlight across the shallows of the Gulf of Mexico. A curvaceous beauty between the oyster beds of Apalachicola and the crab traps of Panama, this 48-mile stretch of U.S. 98 offers fresh-as-you-can-get seafood along one of Florida's wildest shores."

This single article increased the number of visits to the Florida Big Bend Scenic Byway website from 412 in May to 1,557 in June when the article appeared. And the TDC is to thank, because Friend was one of the travel writers hosted by Portwood and the many tourist-related enterprises in the county.

But why spend money to promote tourism in Wakulla County?

According to VISIT FLORIDA tourism is the largest industry in Florida. In 2009, visitors spent a record \$60.9 billion. That produced a return of \$3.65 billion in the state's economy as general revenue through the basic retail sales tax.

Florida is the No. 1 destination among domestic vacation travelers in the U.S. and is the No. 2 international travel destination market in the U.S., trailing only New York. More than 80.9 million out-of-state visitors came to Florida in 2009, and from January- June of 2010 that number is up 2.5 percent. Some 17 million residents took in-state trips in 2009 and January-June 2010 estimates are up 5 percent.

More than 968,400 Floridians are directly employed by tourism in Florida and every 85 visitors to Florida support one Florida job.

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this only happened in communist countries.

I read with interest Paulette Cooper's letter about "Landing the world's best job" (Letters, July 14) and Robert Seidler's reply ("The real best job is being a doer," Letters, July 21) as well as replies to those comments.

I'm not sure about those suggestions or the replies, but I think I know how to get the world's second-best job:

1) Have a history of saying and doing anything for a buck.

2) Show your contempt for citizen efforts to educate people about the proposed water stealing a few years ago by sending a film crew to a citizen movie showing of "Chinatown," which intimidated some of the people who came to watch the movie about water theft in California.

In a way this worked, some of the citizens were intimidated and left. I thought

3) Take whatever video you have of noted environmentalist Bruce Means, re-edit it to completely turn around his quotes, then show it at an N.G. Wade planning and zoning meeting while Dr. Means is out of the country, which insures the passage of the zoning because Dr. Means said it was "all right" - NOT.

4) After showing your true colors working against citizen interests, get a real good \$38,000 no-bid single source contract from the TDC for eight 30-second videos.

Now, that's a job to shoot for, Robert Seidler!

Oh, that's right, that was you. Shame on you for not disclosing that in your letter.

JD Brock
Live Oak Island

More letters

County wants to tax its way out of crisis

Editor, The News:

Wakulla County Commissioners take the easy way out - they tax.

In my household, if I am in debt and spending more than I am making, I will look at my expenditures to see where I can cut the fat. Then I will cut the fat.

Does our local Wakulla government do the same?

Our local government is no different than the spendthrifts in Washington. Wakulla County elected officials have an entitlement mindset, and it's with your tax dollars. We need to elect true fiscal conservatives who really look out for our tax dollars.

At the time I write this, look at what is on the table here in Wakulla County:

- New Taxes**
- Public Service Tax - Approved
 - Solid Waste MSBU - Proposed
 - Ambulance MSBU - Proposed

Increased Taxes

- Communication Service Tax - Approved
- Fire MSBU - Proposed
- Hotel Bed Tax - Proposed

We need tough decisions in county government. Many Wakulla citizens have been asking our politicians in Washington to hold the line on the budget, asking them to cut needless spending.

Ask yourself, have we cut needless spending here in Wakulla County?

Florida Tax Watch CEO Dominic Calabro says the county can do a better job making cuts.

"They should cut their operating expenses. Get rid of perks. See who gets a car that doesn't need to have a car, cut back on some of the salaries that they're paying," says Calabro.

We need county commissioners, constitutional officers and the sheriff's department to all pull their weight and cut the fat and non-essential drains on us taxpayers and on the county's budget that we

all know exist.

We need leadership we can count on and that will seek, find and adjust the areas in county government that will save county dollars.

This is their watch, the "Blame Bush" mentality used in Washington equating locally to "Blame past administrations" does not work with the taxpayers of Wakulla County.

We need leadership and true fiscal conservatives in Wakulla County that are not afraid to look within each and every department and make tough decisions and cut the fat that is in county government.

Not Commissioners who take the easy way out by taxing the already taxed citizens of this County.

Gordon McCleary
President
Wakulla Republican Club



Becton Roddenberry with his family dog, Bianca. The Boston Terrier was found after it had been missing for two weeks.

Happy ending: Lost dog is back home

Editor, The News:

Recently our Boston Terrier, Bianca, was found after being lost for two weeks.

The Roddenberry family would like to give our utmost gratitude to the Johnson family in Sopchoppy for her safe return,

and the loving care they gave her.

In addition to the Johnson family, we would like to give our sincere thanks to The Wakulla News for their concern, professionalism and paramount care they showed us during that trying time. Placing an advertisement with

the Wakulla News brought our beloved Bianca back to our family. Advertising in the Wakulla News works! Kudos to the Johnson Family and to The Wakulla News!

Thurman, Kimberly, Becton and Brooklyn Roddenberry

Contribution of flowers for biology studies appreciated

Editor, The News:

The director and students at Savary Academy would like to express our

gratitude to Wakulla Florist, which has graciously donated flowers and plants to us for our biology experiments.

We are very grateful! Thank you Wakulla Florist for believing in our education!

Donna Savary
Savary Academy for Virtual Education
Crawfordville

Animal cruelty is intolerable

Editor, The News:

On Saturday, July 30, I did my volunteer hours at the CHAT Adoption Center.

Bob Crane, the Wakulla County Animal Control officer, came over to the building CHAT occupies and asked me to let him use the scale to weigh a chain he just took off a pit bull that was already dead. The owners moved away several weeks ago and left the animal on a chain.

The chain weighed 10 pounds. The dog had no food, no shelter and, oh yes, there was water because it had rained. Bad thing about that was that

the dog could not reach the water. He had his chain tangled around a pole.

I just hope that those people who left that helpless animal do not have children. I hate to think how they are being treated.

If you ever see anything suspicious, please call Animal Control at 926-0902 or 926-0906. Also, call the sheriff's office to make sure that cases like that are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. If you do not act things like this will never stop.

Heide Clifton
Crawfordville

Thanks for being on Crawfordville Elementary's team

Editor, The News:

With the new school year just around the corner, Crawfordville Elementary School is making plans for the year and reflecting on its successes and how to duplicate those successes.

Teamwork is one of our focuses this year. The first step to a successful team is knowing your team members.

Our team members are the faculty and staff of Crawfordville Elementary School, our students, our parents, our community, our business partners, our district and all of those individuals who give their time, energy and funding toward our endeavors.

I would once again like to thank the numerous individuals, businesses, organizations and community members for their support of our 25th annual Spring Festival that took place Saturday, April 2, as well as their support throughout our school year.

We have volunteers help-

ing each day, businesses supporting the needs of individual students, parents staying involved, and community members regularly offering to help.

Teamwork is what makes any organization successful. Thank for all that you do for Crawfordville Elementary School and for being a part of our team!

A special thank you to the following:

Ticket Sponsors: Walt Disney World, Tim Jordan and Bonnie Holub, Wildwood Inn and Golf Course, St. James Bay Golf Resort, Premier Athletics, Karla Nelson Photography, Crawfordville Martial Arts Academy, Florida-Georgia Glass and Wal-Mart.

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religious views and events

Obituaries

James A. Carlson Jr.
Linda M. Sasser

James A. Carlson Jr.

James A. Carlson Jr., 48, of Panama died on Wednesday, July 27, at the Big Bend Hospice House in Tallahassee.

He was a native of Belleville, Ill. He was a computer technician, and enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at Panama Congregational Holiness Church on Monday, Aug. 8, at 4 p.m.

Survivors include his wife, Dorlene Porter of Panama; his father and step-mother, James A. and Carolyn Carlson Sr. of Ocala; his mother, Donna Carlson of Edgewater; a brother, Fred H. (Elizabeth) Carlson of Tallahassee; and numerous other friends and family also survive.

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

Linda M. Sasser

Linda Mercer Sasser, 64, died on Saturday, July 30, at her home in Sopchoppy.

A native of Tallahassee, she had been a resident of Sopchoppy for several years, where she owned and operated Sister's Antiques and Uniques. Previously, she was the accountant for the Wakulla Senior Citizens Center in Crawfordville for many years.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 3, at the Sopchoppy United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Kevin Hall officiating. The family received friends on Tuesday, Aug. 2, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Bevis Funeral Home Harvey-Young Chapel in Crawfordville. Memorial contributions may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308.

Survivors include her husband, Mike Sasser of Sopchoppy; a son, John Sasser of Crawfordville; a daughter, Capt. Sharon Sasser, USMC, of Lexington Park, Md.; a brother, Terry David Mercer of Jefferson County; a sister, Cheryl Brown of Thomsville, Ga.; and two grandchildren, Seth and Meghann Sasser of Crawfordville.

Church briefs

Fun Day planned at Mount Pleasant on Saturday, Aug. 6

Mount Pleasant Church will hold a Fun Day on Saturday, Aug. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for games, food and fun. The church is located at 90 Mount Pleasant Lane in Wakulla Station.

First Baptist will hold annual church-wide garage sale

First Baptist Church of Crawfordville will host its annual church-wide garage sale on Saturday, Aug. 6, from 8 a.m. to noon.

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

Proceeds from the garage sale will go towards hosting the youth Revolution event coming Aug. 17 through Aug. 20.

FBCC has been blessed with your support in past years and invites you to come out again and shop for some great bargains. See you there.

Back to School Kid Blow Out slated at Wakulla UMC

Wakulla United Methodist Church schedule of upcoming events includes:

Back to School Kid Blow Out on Saturday, Aug. 6, beginning at 5 p.m., for kids in grades K-8. Reservations due Aug. 4 by calling 421-5741.

Praise Team Practice will be held Tuesday, Aug. 9 at 7 p.m. at the church.

An ice cream social will be held Aug. 28 at 6 p.m. at the church.

Wakulla United Methodist Church is located at 1584 Old Woodville Road in Wakulla Station.

Pilgrim Rest P.B. Church to celebrate Pastor's Anniversary

Pilgrim Rest Primitive Baptist Church will celebrate its Pastor's Anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 7.

Morning worship services will be rendered by the Rev. Larry Austin and the Testera P.B. Church at 11:30 a.m., while afternoon services will be rendered by the Reverend Donald Jefferson and the Mount Olive #1 and Shiloh P.B. Church families at 3 p.m.

For more information, please contact (850) 590-6132.

Classes on Christian faith to be offered at Christ Church Anglican

Special to The News

Starting on Wednesday evening, Aug. 17, at 6 p.m., Christ Church Anglican will present the ALPHA course. The course is low-key, friendly and fun. And it is supported by all major denominations of the Christian church.

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- Christianity: Boring, Untrue, and irrelevant?
- Who Is Jesus?
- Why Did Jesus Die?
- How Can I Be Sure About My Faith?
- Why And How Do I Pray?
- Why And How Should I Read The Bible?
- How Does God Guide Us?
- Who Is The Holy Spirit?
- How Can I Be Filled With The Spirit?
- What Does The Holy Spirit Do?
- How Can I Resist Evil?
- Why and How Should I Tell Others?
- Does God Heal Today?
- What About The Church?

No question is out of bounds, and participants are free to say as much or as little as they wish as they learn about the teachings of Jesus.

The course is free and it is open to everyone.

At Christ Church there will be a supper served at 6 p.m. with the study getting underway at 6:45 p.m. This is for anybody in the area who can see some benefit from this open, free-wheeling, look at all things Christian.

Christ Church is located at 3383 Coastal Highway in Medart, just east of the high school. The phone number is 745-8412. Please leave a message if no one is in the church office.

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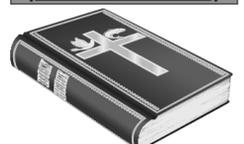
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Community

happenings

Stricklands celebrate 50 years



Wayne and Evon Strickland, at left in 1961, and also at right in a more recent photo.

Wayne and Evon Strickland will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 4.

They were married on August 4, 1961, in Crawfordville. They have lived in Wakulla County for 50 years. They are

faithful members of Whid-don Lake Primitive Baptist Church.

He is retired from Florida State University, and she is also retired and currently serves as church treasurer. They have three children,

Doug Strickland (Sonja), David Strickland (Tammy), and Deana Strickland Metcalf (Tim).

They have six grandchildren, Kasey, Caleb, Hannah, Bailey, Mason and Cade.

Reynolds completes Army basic training

Private 1st class Brooke Reynolds, of St. Marks, graduated from the Army basic combat training at Fort Sill, Okla., on July 8.

She is the daughter of Lorraine Wyatt and the late Sonny Reynolds.

She has a daughter, Makayla.

She graduated from



Brooke Reynolds

High school at Ringold High School in Ringold, Ga., in 2009.

Now Reynolds will move on to her Advanced Individual Training. She will also complete this training at Fort Sill.

During this training, she will learn the skills to perform her specific Army job.

4-H summer camps are a success



PHOTOS BY JO ANN PALMER, STACY HARVEY, TRAVIS HARVEY-HENDERSON, SHERRI KRAEFT

4-H campers participate in numerous activities during the summer ranging from spa day to learning about bee hives, pictured above, and the campers, below.

By SHERRI KRAEFT
Wakulla County 4-H Agent

favorites of new and returning campers every year.

It is hard to believe, but summer is almost over. We are happy to report that all of the residential and day camps offered this summer through the 4-H program were a success.

Beginning with "Bug Camp" in early June, campers got to make their own bug collections, as well as learn from several guest speakers, including David Hall and Dave Seal with the Appalachian Beekeepers Association. Students got to see two bee hives that are currently being housed at the Wakulla County Extension Office. On the last day, we had Brittany Sims and Bill Turner from Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission come and talk about gopher tortoises.

Camp Cherry Lake was attended by 63 campers and counselors in Madison. This year, campers visited Jungle Gym's and got to rotate through workshops that included spa, cooking, sports, crochet, outdoor cooking, as well as canning and preserving. It's no surprise that the marshmallow paint wars and the awesome campfire activities are also

There were three weeks of Culinary Camp where campers experienced making table linens, proper table etiquette and drying and preserving foods.

We donated more than 250 items to a local women's shelter as our community service project for the camp.

We also had a great time making plain, "About Me" bracelets, macramé and recycled beads during our week of Beading Fun for Everyone.

Many participants were able to utilize scholarship money to attend camps thanks to the success of our Jam 4 Camp event this past April.

Please plan to join us and be a part of the second Annual Jam 4 Camp on April 28, 2012, in Hudson Park.

I would like to personally thank all of our volunteers, parents and youth for a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing everyone throughout the upcoming 4-H year.

For more information on any of our 4-H activities, clubs or for more information, please contact the Wakulla County 4-H Office at 926-3931 or email Sherry Kraeft at sjkraeft@ufl.edu.

Panacea yard of the month

Panacea Waterfronts Committee awarded Yard of the Month for July to the Taylors of Center Street.

Stevens welcome baby boy

Cole Richard Stevens was born on June 13 at 8:47 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.

His parents are Chad and Elizabeth Stevens of Crawfordville.

He has an older brother

Grayson Stevens, who is 3. His maternal grandparents are Chang Kalmbach, of Perrysburg, Ohio, and the late Richard Kalmbach.

His paternal grandparents are Rod and Vicki Stevens of Destin.

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Colleen and Rosie, two sisters who care,
A dad named Ben who's always there.
She's married to Wuddy, who has red hair,
And we know for sure he loves and cares.

*We want you to know we really care,
Best Wishes, Happy Birthday and lots of prayers.*

Love, Colleen, Rosie, Dad, Wuddy and Tricia

Nature and wildlife photo contest entries due Sept. 6

The Florida Wild Mammal Association is holding the fourth Annual Nature and Wildlife Photo Contest.

Entries are due Sept. 6 and all photos must have an entry form attached to the back. There will be a \$5 entry for each photo submitted. There is no entry fee for those under 18 years old, but they are required to have a parent or guardian sign a waiver.

For official entry forms and rules, go to the website, woodstorkfestival.com.

All winners will be announced at the Woodstork Festival on Oct. 8. There will be a prize for best in show, first, second and third places in the youth and adult divisions.

Woodstork Music Festival and Silent Auction was created in the tradition of Woodstock. The Festival features a variety of live bands, a silent auction, art vendors, education vendors, kids activities, food, drink, and beer.

All proceeds from the festival are used to care for sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife at Florida Wild Mammal Association (FWMA). Founded in 1994 FWMA provides care for close to 1000 wildlife patients each year with the goal of returning them to their native habitat or providing a sanctuary for those who will never recover enough to be set free.

The festival will be held at 3Y Ranch in Crawfordville.

Suggested donation for admission is \$5. Children 6 and under are free.

For questions, call 926-8447.

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School

education news from local schools

Free books and popsicles given away by travel truck



Students enjoy the free popsicles and books given away by teachers from Crawfordville Elementary School as part of the Trade and Travel Truck.

Special to The News

Crawfordville Elementary School's teachers don't rest in the summer.

Our teachers (like most all teachers in Wakulla County), are planning for the new year, researching new websites, meeting with each other, getting their rooms set up, reading books, looking at the new and old curriculum and trying to plan the perfect year for their students.

They plan for the successes of their individual students, as well as for the successes of all students through positive, productive, creative approaches while keeping parents involved in the process. Such opportunities include Bingo for Books held twice a year, book fairs, book clubs, reading contests, book drives, parent conferences, our volunteer and PTA programs, as well as many other opportunities that come up throughout the year.

Crawfordville, however, didn't want to wait until school started to reach out to its students and community.

The newest approach to "family connections" is through the idea of a "Trade and Travel Truck."

The school has been creating ways to improve parent involvement and the love for reading for many years, and the "Trade and Travel Truck" seemed to fit in with the plan.

The plan is to provide new books for students and families, encourage reading, provide reading tips, and give opportunities for students to trade their new or used book for another one at other events held at school.

More than 150 post-cards were sent to families in Crawfordville neighborhoods prior to the visit to let them know that Crawfordville's "Trade and Travel Truck" would be in their area at specific times.

On July 28, the "Trade and Travel Truck Team" ventured out into the community to give away free new books and help the students beat the heat with frozen treats.

A group of about 11 teachers, administrators and paraprofessionals, gathered together at school, piled in the back of a couple of pick-up trucks with more than 400 books and 300 popsicles to begin their journey.

Lots of books were given out, all of the popsicles were consumed, elementary students were seen and just as many middle school students, new parents were met and familiar parents were greeted, requests were

made to come back again. Connections were made with many families, and an incredible experience was had by all who went and were involved.

We plan to visit other neighborhoods, continue to provide opportunities for parents to be involved and continue to ensure a quality education for all students at Crawfordville Elementary.



Students browse through books at the trade and travel truck on July 28.

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Sarojanie Samlal district employee of the year

Special to The News

School District Employee of the Year, Sarojanie Samlal, was recognized at the July 21 Wakulla County School Board meeting.

Samlal will represent Wakulla County in the State of Florida School-Related Employee of the Year recognition program.

A district selection committee reviewed the Employee of the Year applications that included letters of recommendation and a resume.

Previously recognized as employee of the Month in October 2010, Samlal has proven her outstanding dedication to her school, Shadeville Elementary, the Wakulla County School District and the students she serves.

In the last five years, Samlal, known as "Mrs. Ro" by her friends and co-workers, completed her associate's degree, CPR/AED training, Improving Reading Fluency and Sign Language.

Among her long list of accolades from parents and staff for organizing Shadeville's Accelerated Reader Store, the creation of a PBS (Positive Behavior Board) bulletin board for recognizing courteous students, and serving as PTO Historian, her most treasured is for her positive, progressive and inspiring ideas for the students she serves and especially for the special



Sarojanie Samlal, district employee of the year, poses with her plaque, Superintendent David Miller, staff and Wakulla County School Board members.

needs student with whom she works.

Samlal shares, "I hope that every kind word, every smile, and every hug, makes the world a better place not just for my assigned student but for all the children."

Space would not allow for the rave review provided by Shadeville Principal Susan Brazier, however, in summation Brazier shares, "Mrs. Ro is a special lady who brings joy to our school's working environment daily. She is one of the finest employees I have ever worked with and I greatly admire her."

Assistant Principal DeAnn Hughes adds, "During

the five years that I have worked with Mrs. Ro I have seen her tireless enthusiasm, undeniable dedication, and her people-oriented personality that has such a positive, motivating effect on all of us around her."

Samlal graduated from Naparima Girls High School, Trinidad, West Indies, in 1983; then went on to attend San Fernando Technical Institute, Trinidad, from 1983 to 85, where she received a diploma in early childhood Education and Computer Programming.

From 1986 to 1997, she attended York University, Canada and Broward Community

College, Fort Lauderdale.

In 2010, she completed her associate's degree at Tallahassee Community College.

Superintendent David Miller concludes, "I am delighted and proud Mrs. Samlal will be representing Wakulla County Schools at the State level for Employee of the Year. She is an asset to our District who exemplifies the character of employees who go above and beyond to make this an A District. Congratulations!"

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Sports

sports news and team views



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

The WHS cross country runners after the 5K Warrior Race up the mountain. Returning runners on the team include Norma Woodcock, Cora Atkinson, Raychel Gray, Marty Wiedeman, Rachel Woolfer, Zach Broadway, Cody James, Stanley Linton, Gabe Hutchins and new runners, Casey James, Lydia Wiedeman, Tyler Kinard, Lilli Broadway, Savannah Strickland, Amber Stewart and Mitchell Atkinson. Coaches are Greg James and Paul Hoover.

CROSS COUNTRY

Runners attend summer camp

By PAUL HOOVER
WHS Track Coach

Sixteen Wakulla High School cross country runners recently attended the Warrior Running Camp held at Berry College in Rome, Ga.

The week-long camp is designed to help further the runners' knowledge and experience of cross country running while interacting with other runners from all over the southeast.

This is the second year that WHS runners have attended the camp and was by far the largest contingent from the school to ever attend such a camp, more than doubling the number that had attended in the past.

The directors of the camp provide a great running environment coupled with some formal instruction, but also really stress it being a fun experience for the campers.

Besides the daily training runs, there were also various innovative and fun team competitions and the experience culminated in a 5K Warrior Race up the campus' mountain.

The WHS team was the second largest team at the camp this year. Through the athletes' fundraising efforts at Wal-Mart and Victor's, the Booster Club was able to cover half of the cost of the camp for all the athletes and this made it possible for a lot more of them to attend.

"This is the third camp we have attended, but to have 16 athletes go to this year really exceeded our expectations," said Coach Paul Hoover. "These camps are really important to the program, not only for the training benefits, but primarily for the team building aspect."

"Of the 16 runners who attended, seven are new runners," Hoover said, "either incoming freshmen or sophomores, who have not yet gone through a cross country season. This is such a great way to introduce them to the sport and help build our program. Hopefully, by the time they are seniors, they will have attended four of them."

"The kids really seem to love this camp and are already talking about going next year," Hoover said.

WRESTLING

Car wash fundraiser is set

The Wakulla High School wrestling team is currently getting organized for the upcoming season. We have a car wash and yard sale this Saturday, Aug. 6, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Hardee's and Century 21 parking lot and donations are being accepted.

Our boys have been working hard in the offseason with camps and summer tournaments to be the best they can be. We are currently looking for new team members. If you have wrestled in the past

or want to come out this year for the first time now is the time to get organized and gather the information you need.

If you were a part of last year's team and have not been in contact since last season please contact us ASAP so we can get information out to you.

For more information on how to become a part of the team or to become a booster or sponsor, please contact John Hinsey at (850) 728-1548 Booster Club President.

... and another to benefit Eden Springs

The WHS wrestling team will be hosting a car wash at Eden Springs Nursing and Rehab Center on Aug. 13 from 8 a.m. to noon to help raise money for Eden Springs' Senior Prom which will be held on Sept. 30.

Eden Springs was one of our sponsors this past season. Helping raise money for this event is our way of showing how

much we appreciate the support throughout the season.

All proceeds will go towards the Eden Springs Senior Prom. Anyone who would like to make donations towards this event please contact coach Daron Harvey at (850) 566-7267 cell or (850) 926-7181 work or Margerie Hamilton at (850) 926-7181.

FOOTBALL

WMS try-outs are Aug. 8

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

The practices will be located at Wakulla Middle School. Practices will start promptly at 6 p.m. and will conclude at 8 p.m. for the first week.

All participants must have an FHSAA

sports physical to try-out. The forms are online at the Florida High School Athletic Association web site, www.fhsaa.org/forms/general-forms/general-eligibility/e2. Print the form from the website by clicking on the student tab. Your health care provider must complete the form.

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AGE DETERMINING DATE: SEPTEMBER 1st FOR ALL SPORTS EXCEPT GIRLS SOFTBALL WHICH IS JANUARY 1st Example: A participant must turn 5 before September 1, 2011 in order to be eligible to participate, NO EXCEPTIONS.

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PEE WEE DIVISION - AGES 9-11
JUNIOR DIVISION - AGES 12 - 14
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Outdoors

outdoor sports and fishing reports

Reflecting on 10 years on the FWC



By **RODNEY BARRETO**
FWC Commissioner

I wanted to take a moment and reflect on how far the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission team has come in the past 10 years.

I have been honored to work with commissioners and staff who are not only dedicated to the mission of the FWC, but also passionate in managing fish and wildlife resources for their long-term well-being and the benefit of people.

I am proud to note that Floridians have more hunting and fishing opportunities now than before. Thirty new areas with public hunting have been added in the past five years, totaling an additional 135,000 acres.

We all understand the need to reach out to our

youth, and a hunting initiative that I am particularly proud of is the new youth turkey hunting weekend, allowing hunting on 78 FWC-managed areas.

The youth turkey hunts on these wildlife management areas will be two-day, Saturday-Sunday hunts on the weekend prior to the opening of spring turkey season on each particular WMA, beginning with the 2012 season.

It is so important to expose young people to outdoor recreational opportunities. The more our youth experience wildlife and nature, the more likely they are to grow up to appreciate these resources and to pass along outdoor traditions to future generations.

In addition to expanded hunting opportunities, we constantly strive to make sure Florida has plentiful fishing resources.

Florida is the "Fishing Capital of the World." What angler doesn't look forward to the thrill of hearing a reel sing as line peels out.

We are the world's destination for visitors who want to catch tarpon, bonefish and permit, and I am especially proud of our catch-and-release program for these "rock stars" of

saltwater fishing.

The Commission has worked hard to ensure Floridians and our visitors have the opportunity to catch a big one.

Another opportunity is the expansion of this year's bay scallop season. It kicked off on June 25 and runs through Sept. 25, starting a week early and running two weeks longer than usual. This is great family fun and gives our visitors and residents the chance to take advantage of this fun outdoor activity.

Recognizing that anglers and hunters are just a part of Florida's conservation community, I am proud of the vast resources available to wildlife viewers in our state made possible through our various partnerships.

The Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail represents only one aspect of wildlife viewing enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. The FWC worked with the Wildlife Foundation of Florida and the Florida Department of Transportation to create this network of 500 birding sites and 2,000 miles of self-guided highway trails throughout Florida.

There are many things that I will take with me as

I leave the Commission, including many memories, friendships and accomplishments that I share with my fellow commissioners and FWC staff.

I'd like to thank my fellow commissioners and FWC staff for their hard work and dedication in helping to make all these public opportunities possible, in addition to their years of support and friendship.

I have been honored to work with a group of people who are passionate about wildlife issues and consider the work they do to be a calling, as have I.

Finally, I want to thank former governors Bush and Crist. I will always be honored and humbled by the confidence they showed me when they appointed me to the Commission as well as their continued support that made this journey possible.

Rodney Barreto is leaving the FWC after 10 years on the Commission, having served as chairman for the past six years.

Capt. Jody Campbell is on vacation this week. His column, "From the Dock," should return next week.

Take hunter safety and get ready for opening day

From FWC News

With the dog days of summer upon us, it's hard to think about hunting. But if you're between the ages of 16 and 36, and haven't yet taken the state's hunter safety class - now's just the time to be thinking about it.

Many of these classes, offered statewide, fill up fast during hunting season while people scramble to get certified. Summer months offer smaller class sizes and offer a better opportunity for students to attend, because they often have more free time then.

People 16 years old or older and born after May 31, 1975, must complete the FWC's hunter safety requirement before they can buy a Florida hunting license.

There is an exception though. A law passed a few years ago allows individuals to hunt under the supervision of a licensed hunter, 21 years old or older, without having to complete the state's hunter safety certification.

It's called the Hunter Safety Deferral License, and it allows those people who purchase one to hunt on a one-year trial basis.

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Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water



Underwater Wakulla

By Nicole Stanton

Ever had one of those days when nothing goes right? A flat tire on your way to work, or the elevator being busted when you have to travel to the 13th floor.

In diving, these "Oh, no!" moments happen all the time. When you are diving shallow and there is a clear path to the surface, these moments aren't very important. But when you are traveling deep into the bowels of the earth, you need to pay attention.

The rule goes something like this, if for any reason you have an issue that makes you say "Oh, no!" that counts as one.

As you continue on, if you have to say "Oh, no!" three times, GO HOME. Crawl back into bed and watch re-runs until dinner and try again tomorrow.

In some regions, this is followed by the statement, "God loves you and wants you to live."

Why would you drive two hours, put on a burning hot wetsuit and haul your equipment more than 200 yards to the dive site just to turn around and go home when you reach this magical number?

Well, you want to live don't you? The theory behind the three strike rule is that in any diving related death, no one problem will kill you. Usually it's something like six or seven problems.

The average human can handle up to three major problems occurring at any time, after that it's too much to balance. When you're in trouble, all those other problems don't just go away, they become even worse because as you divert your attention to managing the one failure, those others will begin to fail as well.

Years ago, a very good friend of ours was diving in a cave in Jackson County, let's call him Bob. Bob was diving a Rebreather (when he exhaled, the exhaust was filled with oxygen and cleaned for reuse), one he had been fully trained and qualified to use. Bob's dive buddy was diving open circuit (meaning that when he exhaled the exhaust was in the form of bubbles in the water).

Our friend Bob ignored the rule of three strikes. One, he drove all night to reach his dive site; he was exhausted and mentally compromised.

Two, his oxygen sensors were not showing the correct voltages and were malfunctioning.

Three, his oxygen injection system was rusting and needed replacement.

Those three factors were known to Bob before the dive began.

What was not considered before the dive was the following:

One, Bob's dive buddy was not briefed on what to do in an emergency.

Two, Bob had not invested in a bailout system that had been proven to save lives on Rebreathers during emergencies.

Three, when Bob cleaned his rusty oxygen injection system, he put it back in upside down.

Bob died because his oxygen injector (solenoid) was incorrectly installed. However, had his oxygen sensors been working, he would have known that his oxygen levels were too high.

Had he not needed a new oxygen injector, he would not have removed his. Had his buddy known how to help him during the emergency, he could have made a safe emergency exit. And with the improved bailout, Bob might have been able to save himself.

At any point, if Bob had called the dive at strike three, he would still be with us today.

The rule of three strikes is almost a mantra amongst technical divers because it shows how risk management is so important to coming home alive.

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Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



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These past few weeks have been a little busy for me as some of you know. I have to offer my sincere appreciation to Mark Rosen and Bob Asztalos from Flotilla 12 for sending the following story and pictures.

Mark wrote: When is the captain of a vessel not a captain?

When he is a Master Chief Boatswain's (Bosun's) Mate commanding an 87-foot Coast Guard Patrol Boat.

At a ceremony held at Coast Guard Station Panama City on Friday, July 29, Master Chief Boatswain Mate Robert Przybylski retired after 26 years in the service and passed command of the Seahawk to Master Chief Boatswain Mate Daniel B. Kilbourne, who entered the service in 1987.

Attended by members of the St. Marks Auxiliary flotilla, Bob Asztalos, Bill Wannall, Raye Crews and Mark Rosen, the ceremony was a duplicate of the ceremony passing command that has been performed thousands of times in the history of the Coast Guard.

To this writer, the high point of the ceremony was the passing of a folded flag from an assemblage of Master Chiefs from as far away as Mobile, including several who served with Master Chief Przybylski over his time in service.

Gifts presented to the master chief included a sterling silver Bosun's whistle, used to pipe senior officers on and off the ship and a shadow box containing replicas of



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE NEWS
Members of Flotilla 12 with Master Chief Boatswain Mate Robert Przybylski.



The Seahawk at Coast Guard Station Panama City.

all his awards and decorations. The shadow box has a story rooted in tradition. When a Coastie retired,

if his shadow preceded him off his last command, it was considered bad luck. But the shadow box captures that shadow and the retiree is assured of good luck throughout his retirement.

Also attending were Master Chief Boatswain Mate Robert Przybylski's wife, Maria, and his two daughters. A lunch was served in the station mess, along with a luscious cake. It was truly an honor to be part of that celebration.

This commentary speaks volumes about who the auxiliary is perceived by the active duty, especially in our region.

For most of the important ceremonies and celebrations at Station Panama City, the auxiliary has an open invitation. We are truly lucky to have such support and camaraderie between the gold side and the silver side.

On Saturday, Aug. 6, Flotilla 12 will hold our monthly meeting at the fire station in Crawfordville. An FSO meeting will begin at 9 a.m. followed by a fellowship breakfast/snack at 10 a.m. Our business meeting begins at 10:15 a.m. and is scheduled to conclude by noon.

Later that same afternoon, all FSOs are encouraged to join our Flotilla Commander Bob Asztalos and VFC Bill Wannall in Carrabelle for a business meeting with our St. George Island detachment beginning at 2 p.m. at the Boat Club in Carrabelle.

This meeting will in place of the regular meeting on the second Thursday.

I would be remiss if I did not remind everyone of Sherrie's words of wisdom, Safe Boating is No Accident.

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Moon rise/set: 1:20 pm / ---
Brightness: 41%

Saturday
Sun rise/set: 6:58 am / 8:26 pm
Moon rise/set: 2:25 pm / 12:20 am
Brightness: 49%

Sunday
Sun rise/set: 6:59 am / 8:26 pm
Moon rise/set: 3:29 pm / 1:08 am
Brightness: 56%

Monday
Sun rise/set: 7:00 am / 8:25 pm
Moon rise/set: 4:29 pm / 2:00 am
Brightness: 63%

Tuesday
Sun rise/set: 7:00 am / 8:24 pm
Moon rise/set: 5:24 pm / 2:56 am
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Wednesday
Sun rise/set: 7:01 am / 8:23 pm
Moon rise/set: 6:13 pm / 3:55 am
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St. Marks River Entrance

| Date | High | Low | High | Low | High |
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| Thu Aug 4, 11 | 3.9 ft. | 0.4 ft. | 3.4 ft. | | |
| Fri Aug 5, 11 | 1.1 ft. | 3.9 ft. | 0.4 ft. | 3.0 ft. | |
| Sat Aug 6, 11 | 1.5 ft. | 3.8 ft. | 0.5 ft. | 2.7 ft. | |
| Sun Aug 7, 11 | 1.9 ft. | 3.7 ft. | 0.5 ft. | 2.5 ft. | |
| Mon Aug 8, 11 | 2.1 ft. | 3.6 ft. | 0.4 ft. | | |
| Tue Aug 9, 11 | 2.7 ft. | 2.2 ft. | 3.6 ft. | 0.2 ft. | |
| Wed Aug 10, 11 | 2.9 ft. | 2.1 ft. | 3.8 ft. | 0.1 ft. | |

City of St. Marks

| Date | High | Low | High | Low | High |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|------|
| Thu Aug 4, 11 | 0.6 ft. | 3.6 ft. | 0.4 ft. | 3.2 ft. | |
| Fri Aug 5, 11 | 1.0 ft. | 3.6 ft. | 0.4 ft. | 2.8 ft. | |
| Sat Aug 6, 11 | 1.4 ft. | 3.5 ft. | 0.2 ft. | 2.5 ft. | |
| Sun Aug 7, 11 | 1.7 ft. | 3.4 ft. | 0.5 ft. | 2.4 ft. | |
| Mon Aug 8, 11 | 2.29 AM | 8:26 AM | 5:06 PM | 11:19 PM | |
| Tue Aug 9, 11 | 2.5 ft. | 2.0 ft. | 3.3 ft. | 0.2 ft. | |
| Wed Aug 10, 11 | 2.7 ft. | 1.9 ft. | 3.5 ft. | 0.1 ft. | |

Shell Point, Spring Creek

| Date | High | Low | High | Low | High |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------|
| Thu Aug 4, 11 | 4.0 ft. | 0.4 ft. | 3.5 ft. | | |
| Fri Aug 5, 11 | 1.2 ft. | 4.0 ft. | 0.5 ft. | 3.1 ft. | |
| Sat Aug 6, 11 | 1.6 ft. | 3.9 ft. | 0.5 ft. | 2.7 ft. | |
| Sun Aug 7, 11 | 2.0 ft. | 3.8 ft. | 0.5 ft. | 2.6 ft. | |
| Mon Aug 8, 11 | 2.3 ft. | 3.6 ft. | 0.4 ft. | | |
| Tue Aug 9, 11 | 2.7 ft. | 2.4 ft. | 3.7 ft. | 0.2 ft. | |
| Wed Aug 10, 11 | 2.9 ft. | 2.3 ft. | 3.8 ft. | 0.1 ft. | |

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

| Date | High | Low | High | Low | High |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------|
| Thu Aug 4, 11 | 2.9 ft. | 0.3 ft. | 2.6 ft. | | |
| Fri Aug 5, 11 | 0.8 ft. | 2.9 ft. | 0.3 ft. | 2.2 ft. | |
| Sat Aug 6, 11 | 1.1 ft. | 2.9 ft. | 0.4 ft. | 2.0 ft. | |
| Sun Aug 7, 11 | 1.4 ft. | 2.8 ft. | 0.4 ft. | 1.9 ft. | |
| Mon Aug 8, 11 | 1.6 ft. | 2.7 ft. | 0.3 ft. | | |
| Tue Aug 9, 11 | 2.0 ft. | 1.6 ft. | 2.7 ft. | 0.1 ft. | |
| Wed Aug 10, 11 | 2.2 ft. | 1.5 ft. | 2.8 ft. | 0.1 ft. | |

St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

| Date | High | Low | High | Low | High |
|----------------|---------|----------|---------|----------|------|
| Thu Aug 4, 11 | 3.1 ft. | 0.4 ft. | 2.7 ft. | 1.1 ft. | |
| Fri Aug 5, 11 | 3.0 ft. | 0.4 ft. | 2.6 ft. | | |
| Sat Aug 6, 11 | 3.0 ft. | 0.4 ft. | 2.6 ft. | | |
| Sun Aug 7, 11 | 3.45 AM | 10:41 AM | 6:15 PM | 11:57 PM | |
| Mon Aug 8, 11 | 2.2 ft. | 2.1 ft. | 2.9 ft. | 0.1 ft. | |
| Tue Aug 9, 11 | 2.2 ft. | 2.1 ft. | 2.9 ft. | 0.1 ft. | |
| Wed Aug 10, 11 | 2.2 ft. | 2.1 ft. | 2.9 ft. | 0.1 ft. | |

Dog Island West End

| Date | High | Low | High | Low | High |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|------|
| Thu Aug 4, 11 | 3.0 ft. | 0.7 ft. | 2.4 ft. | 1.2 ft. | |
| Fri Aug 5, 11 | 3.1 ft. | 0.5 ft. | 2.2 ft. | 1.5 ft. | |
| Sat Aug 6, 11 | 3.2 ft. | 0.4 ft. | | | |
| Sun Aug 7, 11 | 3.3 ft. | 0.2 ft. | | | |
| Mon Aug 8, 11 | 3.2 ft. | 0.1 ft. | | | |
| Tue Aug 9, 11 | 3.2 ft. | 0.0 ft. | | | |
| Wed Aug 10, 11 | 2.6 ft. | 2.0 ft. | 3.1 ft. | -0.0 ft. | |

For tides at the following points add to Dog Island Listings: High Tide Low Tide
Carrabelle 28 Min. 25 Min.
Apalachicola 1 Hr., 53 Min. 2 Hrs., 38 Min.
Cat Point 1 Hr., 13 Min. 2 Hrs., 31 Min.
Lower Anchorage 1 Hr., 36 Min. 2 Hrs., 3 Min.
West Pass 1 Hr., 26 Min. 2 Hrs., 39 Min.

Fugitive arrested after chase

Wanted for armed robbery in Alabama, the man leads troopers on a high-speed chase from Franklin County to Wakulla, where he's finally captured.

Special to The News

Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Deputy Sean Wheeler arrested an Alabama fugitive at 12:10 a.m. Saturday, July 30, after the suspect led Florida Highway Patrol Troopers on a high speed chase from Lanark Village in Franklin County to a convenience store near Wakulla High School in Medart, according to Sheriff David Harvey.

Christopher Wayne Lynn, 25, of Logan, Ala., was charged with aggravated fleeing and attempting to elude law enforcement officers with injury or property damage, crimes against



Christopher Wayne Lynn

persons, resisting an officer with high speed fleeing, DUI, possession of narcotics equipment and out of state fugitive from justice.

FHP Trooper Thomas Stone attempted to make a traffic stop of Lynn in Lanark Village but Lynn refused to stop.

Stone and FHP Trooper Michael Simmons attempted to stop Lynn again north of Sopchoppy, but in the process, Lynn's vehicle, a 2003 Toyota Tundra, struck Simmons' FHP vehicle. Lynn's vehicle also struck Stone's vehicle.

Deputy Wheeler spotted the suspect's vehicle near a convenience store in Medart. Lynn pulled into the convenience store in an attempt to hide.

Deputy Wheeler blocked the Toyota in and drew his service weapon in an attempt to get Lynn to obey his commands to get down on the ground. Eventually, Deputy Wheeler assisted his suspect to the ground and handcuffed him. Lynn was taken to the Wakulla County jail without incident.

The vehicle was turned over to FHP officials who arrived on scene a short time later with other WCSO units as back-up.

Lynn had an active warrant for armed robbery in Alabama.

Curbside garbage pickup passes

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Brock said the average price for collection is \$300 and if half the county pays for garbage collection currently, they would save money with the \$196 assessment. With the \$112 option, they are looking at an increase.

"They will see a tangible change for \$196," Brock said.

And the offer of picking up recycling brings the county into the 21st century, Stewart said.

The commission is also hoping the mandatory garbage collection will reduce illegal dumping on the roads and in the woods.

Commissioner Jerry Moore said he couldn't support the \$196 option because it puts the local haulers out of a job and doesn't keep the service local.

In the current proposal, Waste Pro would be the only garbage hauler in the county and would be required to buyout the other companies, giving them 15 months worth of gross receipts. Also included in the proposal is that Waste Pro will hire those displaced workers in Wakulla County before anyone else.

Fleming said many of the haulers are behind on payments to the county, but he stuck his neck out for them.

"We could have put them out of business 3 years ago," Fleming said.

Another problem, Fleming said, was no regulations regarding the haulers. With Waste Pro, the

commission will review its performance every year.

Commissioner Randy Merritt's opposition was more out of principle and that he didn't feel the government should tell the citizens they must have curbside pickup.

"This is the easiest option for us," Merritt said. "We don't have to do anything. We don't have to solve our own problems."

The contact would be for a 10-year agreement and would include the county receiving a franchise fee, which would be used to close and cap the landfill. The county would still own the transfer station, but it would be taken over and modified by Waste Pro.

Waste Pro would provide weekly garbage and recyclables pickup, once a month pick up of bulk items and upon request pick up of white items, such as a washing machine.

Many people in the

community were worried about whether a garbage truck come come down their long driveway.

Ralph Mills with Waste Pro of Florida said they can get anywhere the postal service can.

There was also a fear about only having one franchise hauler, creating a monopoly where the hauler could increase its fee each year. The commission said the company is only allowed to increase to no more than the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and excess fuel surcharges and must come before the commission for approval.

The commission then voted unanimously to approve the initial solid waste assessment resolution and update the tax roll and prepare the mailing of notices for the assessment.

The commission will hold a public hearing on the solid waste assessment at the Sept. 6 commission meeting.

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Creel gets endorsed by FOP

Staff report

Charlie Creel, candidate for Wakulla County Sheriff, was endorsed by the Fraternal Order of Police at a campaign event held over the weekend.

A letter from the president of FOP, James Preston, praises Creel for his 30-year career as a state trooper with the Florida Highway Patrol, eight of which were served in the Wakulla area.

"The citizens of Wakulla will be well-served with a fresh outlook and positive approach you will bring to the office of sheriff," Preston's letter reads.

At the campaign event on Saturday, July 30, Creel was also endorsed by Dale Wise, who served for a time as the undersheriff at the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office. During a 40-year



Lisa Henning, of the Fraternal Order of Police, gives Charlie Creel a handshake and the group's endorsement.

career in law enforcement, Wise also served as interim sheriff of Alachua County.

Creel announced his candidacy a couple months ago. He ran for the office in 2008 and lost by 50 votes to Sheriff David Harvey, who has been in office for 35

years and is currently the dean of Florida sheriffs.

Harvey has not announced his intentions yet, whether to seek re-election or not, and speculation is rife about the upcoming campaign and who may run if Harvey doesn't.

Argenziano planning a run for Congress

By BRANDON LARRABEE
 THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, Aug. 1. - Former Republican state Sen. Nancy Argenziano said Monday she is prepared to run as a Democrat for the seat now held by U.S. Rep. Steve Southerland, R-Fla.

Argenziano, who said she will officially announce her candidacy in the next couple of weeks, has grown increasingly vocal about what she views as the "hijacking" of her former party.

She retired from the Public Service Commission last year, a few months before her term was set to expire, to campaign against Rick Scott's successful gubernatorial bid. And Argenziano was part of a series of "Awake the State" rallies held earlier this year to slam the agenda pursued by Scott and the GOP-dominated Legislature.

"I decided to run as a Democrat because the Republican Party left me and they left their principles," Argenziano said in an interview Monday afternoon.

Word of Argenziano's plans leaked out as a draft of a letter she wrote to friends who had asked her to run began circulating on the Internet.

"We have seen our representatives vote to end common sense protections that ensure clean air and clean water, pass the Ryan plan which proposed to gut Social Security and end Medicare, put the full faith and credit of America in doubt for the first time in history, and vote against protecting America's wildlife from extinction, among other steps backward into the 16th century," Argenziano wrote in the final draft of her letter. " ... The

barbarians are no longer at the gate; they are in the halls of Congress."

The independent-minded Argenziano says Democrats should be under no illusion about what they're getting. She said she wouldn't be in lockstep with that party either, insisting she will still speak her mind.

"It's time, and I plan to jump in," she said in the interview. "And if I believed that America was really ready to put independents in office, I would run as an independent."

Argenziano could present a credible challenge to the freshman Southerland, who defeated incumbent Democrat Allen Boyd last year amid a Republican tsunami. Her old Senate district includes parts or all of six of the counties crossed by the sprawling 2nd congressional district.



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Law Enforcement and Courts reports

Sheriff's Report

On July 23, Deputy Ryan Muse and Reserve Deputy James Stubbs conducted a traffic stop on Brandon Michael Johnson, 28, of Crawfordville at Wal-Mart in Crawfordville. Johnson fled from his vehicle into a wooded area where Deputy Muse deployed his Taser to stop Johnson from running. It was determined that Johnson had outstanding warrants and a revoked driver license. Johnson received uniform criminal traffic citations for fleeing and eluding law enforcement and driving while license suspended or revoked.

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

- On July 21, Nelson Nichols of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary. The victim noted the theft of a number of furniture items including chairs and a hutch. The items were valued at \$1,150.

- On July 21, Michael Carter of Panacea reported a criminal mischief as the victim recovered some of his furniture in a ditch on Joe Mack Smith Road. A suspect has been identified.

- On July 22, Elizabeth McClain of Sopchoppy reported a fraud. Someone purchased computer equipment using the victim's credit card while the items were delivered in Georgia.

- On July 22, Michael Bush of Tampa reported a fraud in Sopchoppy. The victim noted the discovery of his Wakulla County property for sale on the internet. Local real estate agents were listed as taking bids on the property.

- On July 22, Marshall Bradford of Crawfordville reported a theft from Callaway Auto. Car parts, toolboxes, scrap metal and other items were reported missing. The victim also reported the theft of a trailer which was recovered in Medart on July 24. The stolen property is valued at \$2,850.

- On July 22, Sue Whidson of Wal-Mart reported a retail theft. A store employee, Johnathan Robert Spooner, 19, of Crawfordville, was reportedly video taped while allegedly stealing \$46 while working as a cashier. Deputy Ian Dohme arrested

the suspect for retail theft and transported him to the Wakulla Jail.

- On July 22, Gregg Stanton of Crawfordville and the Wakulla Dive Center reported a fraud. Someone requested a transfer of money from the victim's business bank account. A second transfer was attempted but it was not approved by the bank. The suspects attempted to steal \$20,500 from the victim.

- On July 22, Ralph William Haynes of Tallahassee reported a business burglary at the former Mom's Restaurant in Sopchoppy. A refrigeration unit and copper wiring were stolen from the establishment. The loss was estimated at \$600.

- On July 22, Deputy Ryan Muse and Reserve Deputy James Stubbs conducted a traffic stop at Wal-Mart after observing a vehicle without a tag. Brittany Sue Rayburn, 21, of Crawfordville was stopped and marijuana was recovered in an outside pocket of her purse. She was arrested for possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and had an outstanding warrant for failure to appear.

- On July 22, Courtney Michele Martin, 21, of Crawfordville struck a vehicle driven by Janice Lee Thayer, 56, of Tallahassee as she attempted to turn south onto U.S. Highway 319 from C.J. Spears Road. Martin was issued a traffic citation for failing to yield the right of way. Damage to Martin's 2010 Kia was \$2,000 and damage to Thayer's 2003 Ford was \$4,000.

- On July 23, Michelle Stout of Crawfordville reported two vehicle burglaries at her home. Currency and sunglasses, valued at \$145, were reported stolen from the two vehicles. The victim's vehicle doors were not locked.

- On July 23, Anthony A. Harper of Crawfordville reported a residential fire in Crawfordville. A kitchen stove fire was reported after the tenants ate dinner and left the home for a short period of time. Harper was able to extinguish the fire with a water hose. The Wakulla Fire Department determined that the fire damage was limited to the stove and behind the

stove. The family had cooked with grease in a pan. Jessica Lynn Mays and two children, age 7 and 8, were also at home at the time of the fire. There were no injuries and the American Red Cross was notified. Damage to the residence has not been determined. Randy Nelson is the property owner.

- On July 23, Timothy Zdrzil of Crawfordville reported two vehicle burglaries at his home. A charger, flashlight and iPod charger cord was reported missing. They are valued at \$65. The vehicles were not locked.

- On July 23, Angel Hodges of Crawfordville and Riverside Café reported a fraud in St. Marks. A fake \$20 bill was recovered. The bill was seized by Deputy Nick Gray.

- On July 24, Amanda Rae Fountain, 19, of Crawfordville reported someone crashing into her parked vehicle. However, evidence at the scene was inconsistent with her story and she admitted that Lee David Wiggins, 18, of Tallahassee was driving when he crashed. Eventually, Wiggins admitted that Fountain was driving and struck a Talquin power pole, telephone box and mailbox owned by Scott McKinney. Fountain was charged with leaving the scene of a crash involving property damage and Fountain and Wiggins were both charged with providing false information to law enforcement.

- On July 25, Nicole De'Ree Smith, 30, of Crawfordville was charged with criminal trespassing and loitering and prowling in connection with being found inside a Crawfordville home. A witness reported Smith breaking into a home. Deputy Ryan Muse and Sgt. Ronald Mitchell allegedly found Smith hiding inside the home. After being threatened by Taser deployment, Smith eventually complied with commands to come out into the open.

- On July 24, real estate agents Susan Jones and Marsha Tucker reported a felony criminal mischief to a home owned by former Wakulla County Administrator Ben

Pingree in Crawfordville. Three windows at the home were broken. A brick was recovered inside the home that was used to damage one of the windows. Sheetrock was also damaged. The total damage at the home was estimated at \$1,000.

- On July 25, Connie Zuchowski of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief as someone cut down bamboo on her property. The bamboo was valued at \$250. Evidence was collected at the scene.

- On July 25, Ashleigh Gilley of Crawfordville reported a vehicle burglary. Currency and electronics, valued at \$490, was taken.

- On July 25, William D. Jones of Crawfordville reported a grand theft at his residence. A laptop computer and air card, valued at \$498, were reported stolen. The victim identified Nicole De'Ree Smith, 30, of Crawfordville as a suspect. Smith had recently been admitted to the Wakulla County Jail and was in possession of the property when she was booked. She was charged with grand theft.

- On July 26, Cheryl Donley of Crawfordville reported a grand theft of jewelry from her home. The jewelry is valued at more than \$2,000 and a suspect has been identified.

- On July 27, George Bergeron of Crawfordville reported a grand theft of tools and scrap metal from his property. The tools and stolen metals are valued at \$1,600.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office received 983 calls for service during the past week including 24 residential and business alarms; 86 citizen contacts; 10 disturbances; 52 investigations; 52 medical emergencies; 272 business and residential security checks; 15 special details; 10 suspicious vehicles; 10 suspicious people; 10 thefts; 13 traffic crashes with no injuries; 17 traffic enforcements; 36 traffic stops; 12 reckless vehicles; 16 wanted people and 95 watch orders.



A video shot of the man who allegedly used a stolen credit card at the Crawfordville Wal-Mart.

Suspect sought in credit card case

Special to The News

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office is seeking information related to the theft of a credit card from Franklin County and the subsequent use of the stolen credit card at the Crawfordville Wal-Mart, said Sheriff David Harvey.

On June 26, a suspect stole a credit card belonging to a Monticello woman who was in Carrabelle at the time of the theft. On June 29, the victim reported that the credit card was used at the Wal-Mart by a male suspect who made three separate purchases at the store.

The suspect is a white male in his 20s approximately 5 feet, 9 inches tall with black, shoulder-length hair parted in the middle. He was wearing a black long sleeve T-shirt with white writing on the sleeves and a chest pocket emblem. He was also wearing white shorts and black high top tennis shoes.

The suspect was accompanied to the Wal-Mart parking lot by another male subject who was driving a tan Chevrolet Suburban. The second subject remained in the vehicle until the first subject left the store with the \$640 worth of items he purchased.

The tan Suburban is believed to be a 2000 to 2005 model with a tow hitch, white tag on the front of the vehicle, running boards and a luggage rack on top of the vehicle. The suspect faces charges of grand theft and criminal use of a credit card in Wakulla County.

Anyone with information about the suspect is asked to contact Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Detective Matt Helms at (850) 745-7190.

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Taking Care of Business

Business News from



New networking event as Chamber members meet for lunch
See Page 5B



Local Rotarians serve dinner at Rotary Youth Camp
See Page 10B

Chamber mixer is held at Capt. SeaNiles Pool & Pub



About 40 members met up at Capt. SeaNile's Pool & Pub for a Pinnacle Vodka tasting and hors d'oeuvres. Some did not know that we have a pool hall in Crawfordville, and were surprised at the size of Capt. SeaNile's. There is no need to drive to Tallahassee for a round of billiard or darts. We had a lot of fun wielding our cues after being challenged to a round of pool.

Capt. SeaNile's opened in August 2008. The name of the establishment comes from the family's love of the water and the family boat "SeaNile." The establishment boasts 6,000 square feet, with 10 tournament-grade pool tables, steel-tip darts, leagues, pool tournaments and a host of other activities to enjoy.

Since inception, the establishment acquired a liquor license in May 2009. The package store was opened in June 2010. Capt. SeaNile's has been striving to provide an alternative entertainment to the community.



CHAMBER MIXER: Clockwise from top, Virginia Moore and Sherry Kraeft, SeaNile owners Randy and Tammy Miller, pool players Shirley Gavin, Petra Shuff and Mary Ellen Davis, and Tina Johnson prepares to take a shot.

President's message:

The business perspective



JOHN SHUFF
Chamber President

In the interest of serving the business community in the best way we know how, we have been focusing heavily on our local government, as it has the most influence on the environment within which our businesses must thrive.

With that in mind, and as we move into August, there are a number of issues being considered by our commissioners that should be keeping us on our toes.

As you may know our planning director has resigned and our commissioners decided at the June 18 meeting to advertise for a new planning commissioner.

This new employee's immediate supervisor will be the new administrator, David Edwards - hopefully, he will have enough time to get oriented after Oct. 1 to have a meaningful say in the selection process.

Given the state of our construction economy, we probably should have held off a couple of weeks in deference to Edwards, as the planning director will be one of his key people.

Hopefully, the process will be delayed and this error will correct itself - with Edwards heading up the search committee and bringing candidates to the commissioners.

Our building official has also resigned in the last few days. On a positive note, Rod Revell has stepped forward to express an interest in the position.

We need to get back to a local person in this position and wish Rod well as he begins work on his certifications.

I clearly remember the time when we had only one inspector, the building official, and there was more work going on then than now.

Given the state of the county's budget and the lack of construction activity, we need to trim this department back and await better days.

I also remember a time when the clerk of the court developed the budget for the county. I am not sure what caused us to have two budgetary staffs in our little county, other than a check and balance, but given the state of the economy, and with a new administrator coming in, this may be an excellent time to drop both assistant administrator positions and reorganize for the lean times ahead.

The Chamber recently attended a workshop on what to do with the community center our county bought with the idea that we could use grant funds to pay a large portion of the cost. Unfortunately, our staff did not completely understand the grant guidelines regarding existing buildings and therein lies one of the main reasons for our budget shortfall.

The workshop discussion centered around how to spend \$392,000 in grant money on the new purchase and the most discussed option was to put in a swimming pool with YMCA managing it for the county.

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Week in Wakulla

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County Commission budget workshop at 5 p.m.

Book giveaway at the library 9 a.m. to noon.

Car seat installations and inspections at Beef O' Brady's 6 to 9 p.m.

Wakulla Domestic Violence Task Force at noon at TCC Wakulla.

Thursday

Saturday

Tuesday

Wednesday

City and County Meetings

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.

Thursday, August 11

- ST. MARKS CITY COMMISSION will meet for its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at city hall.

Clubs, Groups, Regular Meetings

Thursday, August 4

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

Friday, August 5

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Saturday, August 6

- 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.
- WAKULLA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is located at 24 High Drive in Crawfordville.

Sunday, August 7

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

Monday, August 8

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 7:30 p.m. at St. Marks First Baptist Church.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 7 p.m. at the Panacea Women's Club on Otter Lake Road, Panacea.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS FOR WOMEN meets each Monday at 6 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. For more information call (850) 545-1853.
- LINE DANCING will be held at the senior center at 1:30 p.m.
- RESPITE CARE is offered by The Alzheimer's Project of Wakulla at Lake Ellen Baptist Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your loved one to be cared for. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost. The church is located at 4495 Crawfordville Highway. Call Pat Ashley for more information at (850) 984-5277.

Tuesday, August 9

- 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.
- NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meets at 824 Shadeville Road at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 224-2321.
- VFW LADIES AUXILIARY BINGO will be held at the VFW Post on Arran Road from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- 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.
- CRAWFORDVILLE LION'S CLUB will meet at Beef O'Brady's at 6 p.m.
- WAKULLA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY will meet at 7 p.m. at the public library. The public is encouraged to attend all meetings.

Wednesday, August 10

- 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 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE will meet at noon at TCC Wakulla Center. Lunch is provided. Call (850)926-9005 for more information.

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- BIG BEND HOSPICE ADVISORY COUNCIL will meet at 1 p.m. at Beef O'Brady's in Crawfordville. Please call Pam Allbritton at 926-9308 or 508-8749 for more information.
- 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.

Special 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. Vendors will be on the corners of Rose Street. There will be Sopchoppy River art, pet items, pet gifts, painted signs, bird baths, bird houses and feeders, stone mosaic work, forged knives, paintings and more.
- BACK TO SCHOOL KID BLOW OUT for students kindergarten through eighth grade will be held at Wakulla United Methodist Church at 5 p.m. Reservations are due August 4, call 421-5741. The church is located at 1584 Old Woodville Road.

Monday, August 8

- WILDERNESS COAST PUBLIC LIBRARIES GOVERNING BOARD will hold a public meeting from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Franklin County Public Library, Eastpoint Branch. The meeting is open to the public.

Tuesday, August 9

- CAR SEAT INSTALLATION AND INSPECTIONS will be held at Beef O' Brady's from 6 to 9 p.m. by members of the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit. The sheriff's office will not only assist with installation of child safety seats, but will also be inspecting car seats to make sure they are properly installed.

Wednesday, August 10

- BROWN BAG LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES on small business financing will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. by FAMU Small Business Development Center for chamber members. Seats are limited. Make a reservation by calling the chamber at 926-1848.

Thursday, August 11

- WAKULLA TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL will hold a public meeting at 8:30 a.m. at the Wakulla Welcome Center in Panacea, 1501 Coastal Highway. Call (850) 926-0919 for more information.

Upcoming Events

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.

Tail Wagger...



By JOAN HENDRIX
CHAT President

Do you want to spoil that pooch of yours? And, while the pooch is at the spa, the kids can be eating snow cones or jumping and playing on the moonwalker bouncer. Or if anybody is hungry follow your nose to find the pizzas or the hotdogs at the pavilion. Just what is going on at the Hudson Park, Saturday, Aug. 13? It's an event like no other!

Family Fun by Le CHAT Boutique, a glamorous day at the spa for your special pooch. Amenities include: All natural ingredients; Aromatherapy Bubble Bath (lavender magic, vanilla walnut, mint, citrus, apple oatmeal); Le Organic Lemon Flea and Tick Dip; Grooming; Fluff Blow Drying; Brushing; Fur Style; PAWdicures; Nail PAWlish Art; Soothing music for relaxation of your doggies. All amenities are for a donation of \$10.

If your hunk of a pooch doesn't want any of this girlie stuff, bring him any way for an aromatherapy bath and organic dip.

After a visit at the spa, a glamour shot of this handsome or beautiful pooch will be available. Dress him or her up in hats, ties, pearls, scarves and more to choose from. Pictures are \$5.

In addition to these activities, there will be raffles, which include a round of golf sponsored by Wildwood Country Club; a Savings Bond from Centennial Bank; gift certificates from: Myra Jean's, Talk of Town Deli, Beef O'Brady, Black Bean; pedicure and manicure from Evolution Day Spa; a cake from the Donut Hole; flower basket from Creation Florist; six months of temporary membership from Anytime Fitness; gift basket from Posh; oil change from McClendon Auto Services, and more.

Many thanks to The Wakulla News, wakulla.com, Sarah Viviano for her animal balloons, Canine Clips, Paford Party, Skybox, Little Caesars, Pizza Hut, Jump N Fun Rentals, Crawfordville Parks and Recreation, and Christy Brooks of Purrs and Waggs Healthy Pets, for her organic doggie biscuits. I apologize if I have inadvertently left out any contributor. We appreciate all of you so much.

Come join the fun and help us raise money for the homeless animals at the Citizens for Humane Animal Treatment. You will be glad you did and so will our furry friends who need a forever home.

Library News...



By SCOTT JOYNER
WCPL Director

With our 2011 Summer Program coming to an end, we'd like to thank all the families who have participated in the reading groups, field trips and performances this summer. We have had great attendance all summer long and hope that you have had as much fun as we have.

If you have any comments or ideas on how we can improve the Summer Program next year, don't hesitate to contact myself or Leilania Nichols, our Children's Coordinator.

Speaking of Leilania, I'd like to recognize her for her hard work this summer for the youth of Wakulla County. We are lucky to have a licensed teacher on staff who not only can set up programs that are fun for children but can make sure that they learn something as well.

We'd also like to thank the Friends of the Library organization for their 100 percent funding of the Summer Programs each year.

Furlough Day Closing

WCPL will be closed on Friday, Aug. 5, for a county mandated furlough day. As I mentioned last week, our hours for the rest of the week are back on our regular schedule.

Book Extravaganza Fundraiser

Speaking of the Friends of the Library, their bi-monthly Book Extravaganza Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, Aug. 6, from 9 a.m. to noon in our Main Meeting Room.

As always, we have thousands of books, video and

audio for your browsing pleasure. While monetary donations aren't required, all funds raised go directly to the Friends of the Library for our Summer Programs, book budget and other needed expenses throughout the year.

Each year the Friends' donations save the taxpayers of Wakulla County nearly \$25,000 by covering expenses that don't have to be paid out of our county budget, so please come out and support this great organization!

Utility and Weatherization Assistance at WCPL

The Capital Area Community Action Association will be at WCPL on Thursday, Aug. 11 and Aug. 25 from 9 a.m. to noon to answer questions and take application for utility and weatherization assistance to those in need.

This program will be offered on the second and fourth Thursday's on each month for those who meet the eligibility requirements. To make an appointment of get information please call 926-3122.

Friday Night Movie on Aug. 12

I wanted to give everyone advance notice on our Friday Night Movie on Aug. 12, as there will be no article next week due to my being on vacation.

We will be showing the inspirational true story of surfer Bethany Hamilton, who in 2003 at the age of 13 lost her left arm in a shark attack. Her determination to come back to competitive surfing inspired the nation and was the basis for the bestselling book written by Hamilton Soul Surfer: A True Story of Faith, Family, and Fighting to get back on the Board.

This PG (for an intense accident sequence and thematic material) rated film stars Anna-Sophia Robb, as Hamilton and Dennis Quaid and Helen Hunt as her parents. This film will inspire the entire family. Doors will open at 6:45 p.m. for the 7 p.m. showing.

Spotlight on Business

Business News from



Business: Wakulla Diving Center Owners: Gregg & Ann Stanton

Tell us about your business: Wakulla Diving Center has been locally owned and operated here in Wakulla since 1993. We were a backyard diver training business, filling the occasional tanks from our compressors located deep in the Wakulla woods.

At the urging of our loyal customers, and our growing international community, we began looking for a permanent home in 2006. It took four years and the housing market to crash before we found our new home in Medart on U.S. Highway 98. We are now building one of the best (and largest) dive service centers in the region. We regularly play host to international students and divers who bring their vacation money here to Wakulla County.

What services, products do you offer? Simply put, we sell service to the diving customer. That means we start with the stated desire of the customer, and match it what we have or can get. We currently offer cylinder gas fills from simple air, Nitrox, Trimix, Oxygen, Argon and CO2. We can repair most dive equipment, though sometimes we are provided dive gear too far gone to repair economically.

We offer the widest selection of new equipment from Atomic, to Aqualung, Aeris, Apex, Dive Rite Mares, Poseidon, TUSA and Genesis. We offer diver training basic scuba classes through Advanced Rebreather cave training. We train cave divers, as well as rescue divers and underwater criminology.

The Underwater Crime Scene Investigation (UCSI) is an investigative team associated with Wakulla Diving Center, that primarily investigates Rebreather fatalities.

Right now we do not offer charters, however, by spring 2012 we hope to have a crew and captain to provide off shore service. We work closely with the Wakulla County Dive Club. We are organizing a local spearfishing club. Check back with us as we grow our services.



What sets your business apart from the competition? We have two diving communities in Wakulla County. One is recreational, the folks who love snorkeling, photography and spear a few fish offshore in shallow water. The other diving community is called technical, the folks who love to dive our caves to depths of 200 feet as much as a mile back from the opening. We aspire to bridge the gap and to meet the needs of all divers from free swimmers to rebreathers. We are all inclusive, and the customer always comes first.

What should we be on the lookout for? Wakulla Diving Center is always

growing and expanding. We are still in the summer season when recreational divers prevail, and we are bringing on new staff and expanding our spearfishing and free diving specialty corners. In two months, the Technical community will begin arriving as the weather cools down. Winter events designed to keep summer divers interested include a local spearfishing contest, monthly seminars and the fall internship (equipment training). Proposed summer plans include workshops, movies, offshore boat service and expanded training. We are also putting together a Labor Day sale to clear out equipment that has failed to sell so that we can bring in the latest greatest toys for our customers to enjoy.

Why did you join the Chamber? We joined in 2010 for the opportunity to support the community and to network with like-minded business people.

What's your reason why Wakulla residents should Shop Local? When you shop local, you are keeping our economy alive and well. When you shop big corporations, you're supporting someone who will never support you.

If anyone is interested in your products/services, how do they contact you? Call us at (850) 745-8208 Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Visit our website at www.wakulladiving.com, or email us at Wakulla_Diving_Center@wakulladiving.com.

The address is 2784 Coastal Hwy, Route 98, Crawfordville, FL 32327
Fax is (850) 745-8218.

Chamber Chatter

Free workshop: Aug. 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1p.m. FAMU Small Business Development Center will be holding a free workshop at the Chamber office on Small Business Financing. RSVP 926-1848. Seating is limited.

Upcoming Chamber mixer: Ameris Bank, Aug. 18, RSVP to Chamber office 926-1848

Upcoming August Networking Luncheon: Aug. 24 at Posey's, from noon to 1:15 p.m.

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Law office of R. Alan Andrews opens

The law office of R. Alan Andrews, P.A. held its ribbon cutting on July 19. Andrews practices in the areas of Social Security Disability and Worker's



Compensation injuries. He was a former partner

with Pelham and Andrews in Tallahassee and moved his practice to Crawfordville in September 2010. He has been practicing law since 1997, and has focused on disability and worker's compensation since 1999.

Andrews is a 1989 graduate of Wakulla High, and received his undergraduate and law degree from Florida State University. His family has resided in Wakulla County since 1975.

His office is located at 1626-C Crawfordville Highway in the NorthPointe Office Center. He likes the convenience for residents of Wakulla County, and his legal assistant, Gayle Dansby, is available in the office for questions and scheduling conferences.

If you have any questions about disability or a work place injury, you can reach the law office of R. Alan Andrews by phone at (850) 926-7476 or toll-free (877) 623-3004, or by email at aandrews@andrewsdisability.com.

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Jo's Dollar World opens

The Chamber welcomed and held a ribbon cutting ceremony for new member Jo's Dollar World on July 13.

Josette Balkman was raised in

With a goal to provide good and affordable merchandise to the community, they made a decision to launch Jo's Dollar World.

The inventory includes costume jewelry, hair accessories, religious items, novelties, toys, men's items, greeting cards, gift items, and etc.

They cannot promise to greet customers with the jokes and rhymes such as "give me a nickel and I'll make you tickle" or "give me a dime and I'll give you a rhyme," or "give me a dollar and I'll make you holler"



a family oriented business environment and eventually became assistant manager of the small grocery store located in Tallahassee that her parents worked hard to make a success. Balkman, with the support of her husband who is a retired minister, started making plans to open a small business in the community they have grown to love since moving here three and a half years ago.

that she recalls her dad so happily greeting his customers with on a daily basis, but they aim to provide wonderful customer service so that the customers' shopping experience will be one that they will remember.

Business hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Scholarships are presented

The Chamber of Commerce proudly presented two scholarship checks to Wakulla High School graduates Holly Marie Peacock, above, and Ryan

Alexander Leigh, below, in July. Holly will be attending TCC, and Ryan is enrolled at FSU.

Funds for the scholarships were raised through

a new annual Chamber event, the Low Country Boil, held earlier this year in April. The next boil is set for the third Saturday of March 2012.



President's message: The business perspective

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I wonder how many people in Wakulla County have been able to afford a pool the last few years? Our county can't afford it either. What would happen if things did not work out for YMCA and they turned the management back over to us in a couple of years?

Commercial pools are expensive to maintain and require trained staff to operate safely.

Do we want to get in the life guard business right now?

Why not spend it on a fire suppression system that will be required for future uses and get a reduction in our insurance rate on the building right now?

Thinking like this makes one very concerned that the fact that we are broke has

not truly sunk in yet.

As discussed in the July article, the commission passed the new utility tax and, as always, new laws have unintended consequences.

We recently found out that our largest employer, St. Marks Powder, and other large employers will be disproportionately affected by the public service tax.

When the issue was discussed with their home office, St. Marks Powder was told to cut eight to nine jobs.

What would happen to our economy if they decided to leave? St. Marks Powder has been good for Wakulla and we need to develop an exemption that will protect our jobs.

Another issue is beginning to be bantered around about Wakulla Springs and

new campgrounds.

As you may recall a couple of months back we were concerned about Wakulla Springs and whether it would stay open. We now have a new concession operator at the springs and we certainly hope they are successful.

The state is also considering establishing a fairly large campground across Highway 61 from the park, surely in an attempt to augment revenues as the state is also feeling the money pinch.

This has elicited numerous comments from the community and a proposed resolution from Commissioner Lynn Artz to study the concept and its effect on the aquifer.

We support Artz' resolution, but with the thought being how can we get this done in an environmentally

sound way.

Sewer and water are available on Highway 61 so this should be a fairly easy task. We have been stating for years that we are destined to be an eco-tourism economy, so what could be more in tune with that concept than a campground?

We should be thinking about putting a little space between the units or arranging in pods so we don't end up with a typical cookie cutter plan. We need to come up with a first class design as these people will rent our kayaks, hire our Green Guides and boat captains, eat in our restaurants and walk across the street to swim in the springs.

If we want Wakulla Springs to stay under state control we need to help with

the financial solution to the state's problem. We will not be able to keep Wakulla Springs as our little piece of heaven funded by the rest of the state.

Enough for policy wonk-ness!

We will be holding our third business luncheon at Posey's Steam Room in Panacea on Aug. 24, and somehow I have a feeling that seafood will be on the menu – so plan to attend our newest venue for getting the business community together.

The Chamber's Education Committee has been partnering with Tallahassee Community College, Florida A&M's Small Business Development Center and Florida State's Jim Moran Institute for the last two years to of-

fer free workshops to our members.

FAMU SBDC will be holding a "Small Business Financing" workshop Aug. 10 at the Chamber office from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Seating is limited, so call the office for your reservation at 926-1848.

We have had several new members join this past month:

Jo's Dollar World at North Pointe Center
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In the current economy, should you delay retirement?



By JASON ALDERMAN

One indicator our economy is still hurting is that more and more people are postponing retirement.

According to the Department of Labor, those over 55 and still working have increased steadily since the recession began - 28.9

need 70 percent or more of pre-retirement income to maintain their current lifestyle, but it's difficult to generalize.

For example, some people downsize housing or retire to less expensive areas and thus need less.

Others can expect increased medical, utility and other bills to outpace earnings on their savings.

Start estimating your retirement needs by using online calculators:

The Retirement Estimator at www.ssa.gov/estimator automatically enters your earnings information to estimate your projected Social Security benefits under different scenarios, such as age at retirement, future earnings projec-

To make ends meet, many people begin drawing reduced benefits from Social Security before reaching full retirement (65 for those born before 1938 and gradually increasing to 67 thereafter). This can have several financial consequences:

Your monthly benefit will be reduced by up to 30 percent. (Conversely, if you postpone benefits until after reaching full retirement age, your benefit increases by 7 to 8 percent per year, up to age 70.)

Although many states don't tax Social Security benefits, they are counted as taxable income by the federal government.

So, depending on your overall income, you could

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million at last count - and some surveys show more than a third of employees expect to work past age 70 or never retire.

Would-be retirees have faced a perfect storm of negative situations:

Having to tap retirement savings early to cover bills or tide them through unemployment.

Plunging home values diminished or erased the equity many had hoped to draw on in retirement.

Unable to afford - or qualify for - health insurance they'll need until Medicare kicks in.

And many boomer parents have put their own savings on hold while helping their kids struggle through the recession.

If you're hoping to retire in the next few years, consider the following:

How much will you need?

Financial planners often suggest people may

tions, etc.

You can also download a more detailed calculator to make more precise estimates.

Check whether your 401(k) plan administrator's website has a calculator to estimate how much you will accumulate under various contribution and investment scenarios. If not, try the various retirement calculators at www.bankrate.com.

AARP offers a retirement calculator to help determine your current financial status and what you'll need to save to meet your retirement needs.

After you've explored various retirement scenarios, consider paying a financial planner to help work out an investment and savings game plan. If you don't have a personal referral, good resources include www.cfp.net, www.napfa.org and www.fpanet.org.

Social Security issues.

owe federal tax on a portion of your benefit. IRS Publication 915 at www.irs.gov has full details.

If you begin drawing Social Security while still working, your benefit could be significantly reduced depending on your income.

Read "How Work Affects Your Benefits" at www.ssa.gov for details.

(Rest assured, however: Those reductions aren't truly lost since your benefit will be recalculated upward at full retirement age.)

One last suggestion: Once you've settled on what you think will be a sufficient retirement budget, try living on it for a few months first before retiring to make sure it actually works.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To follow him on Twitter: www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney



Chamber meets for lunch at Myra Jean's

Mary Wallace has come up with another opportunity for networking with local businesses and Chamber members.

Mark your lunch calendar for the last Wednesday of every month to have lunch with area business owners and managers.

The luncheon also provides an opportunity to try different area restaurants each month, win door prizes and meet new chamber members and member



guests. In August, the luncheon will be held at Posey's Up the Creek in Panama. Cost is \$12 including entree, beverage and dessert.

Additional unemployment reforms went into effect on Aug. 1

TALLAHASSEE - On Monday, Aug. 1, several changes to Florida's Unemployment Compensation program that were signed into law last month took effect.

These reforms will save the state money, reduce taxes on employers and help get Floridians back to work.

Changes taking effect Aug. 1 include:

- Internet Filing and Certification of Weeks - Initial and continued claims must be filed over the internet. The change will improve government efficiency and provide a projected \$4.7 million savings annually in administrative costs.

- AWI's unemployment compensation hotline will be available to answer questions about the filing process.

- Work Search - Claimants are required to contact at least five potential

employers per week and provide this information over the internet during their bi-weekly certification for benefits.

A quick, efficient way to contact employers is by using the Employ Florida Marketplace at employflorida.com, the state's online job matching system where you can search thousands of job postings and apply for jobs.

If a claimant is not able to make at least five employer contacts in a week, meeting with a representative at a local one-stop career center for reemployment services will satisfy this requirement for that week.

- Skills Review - In order to receive benefits, claimants filing new claims must complete an initial skills review over the Internet.

The results of the re-

view will be used by local One-Stop Career Centers to assist claimants with finding jobs.

- Severance Pay - If a claimant's severance pay per week is equal to or greater than the claimant's weekly benefit amount, the claimant is not entitled to benefits for that week.

Severance pay does not impact the total amount of benefits that can be paid on the claim.

To access Internet services, claimants may visit public libraries, community centers, senior centers, Florida's One-Stop Career Centers - for a list of locations, please visit: www.floridajobs.org/onestop/onestopdir/index.htm

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WEEKLY ROUND-UP – (Recap and analysis of the week in state government)

The black hole of sinkholes

By MICHAEL PELTIER
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, July 29 – Florida officials this week made sinkhole rates go higher and hoped prison costs would go lower in an effort to save state taxpayers money on both.

Sinkhole coverage got a lot more expensive for tens of thousands of coastal residents who will see their rates leap toward the heavens as state insurers this week tried to make up for decisions made a few years ago that critics say were politically expedient, but actuarially irresponsible.

With losses far outstripping premiums as claims exploded in recent years, the state-backed insurer of last resort says it has to charge more for less.

Meanwhile, Florida prison officials are hoping to pay less for more as they privatize prisons in the southern third of the state.

Correction officials had a busy week, also spending time in court defending the state's recipe for a lethal cocktail of drugs used to execute death row inmates.

And while debt ceilings and default were on the tongues of most politicians, Florida lawmakers spent some time on the road this week getting input from the vox populi on how to fairly redraw political boundaries while addressing the needs of minority candidates and communities of interest.

Meanwhile, state officials had to defend themselves against allegations of unfairness and ineptitude over the firing of allegedly incompetent insurance fraud investigators, and an initial slate of inductees to the state's newly established veterans Hall of Fame that included Confederates and not a single veteran of color.

CITIZENS' APPROVES RATES HIKES TO FILL SINKHOLE BLACK HOLE

Citizens Property Insurance Corp.'s Board of Governors on Wednesday unanimously approved sinkhole premium increases for 2012 that will cause rates for coastal homeowners to skyrocket, some by thousands of dollars a year.

"We recognize that the need for sinkhole coverage is enormous," said Citizens CFO Sharon Binnon. "This fact is not lost on us but this is about Citizens' past experience.... These rates are the direct result in the explosion of claims."

Sen. Mike Fasano, R-New Port Richey, whose region will see some of the highest premium increases for sinkhole coverage, has led the charge against the rate hikes. He continued his quest this week.

"There are people who live in sinkhole prone areas that could potentially be forced

out of their homes due to these rate increases," Fasano said in a statement.

Pasco County coastal residents, according to Citizens estimates, will see average sinkhole premiums jump from \$441 to \$4,017, an increase of 810 percent for the optional coverage.

Last year, Citizens collected about \$32 million in sinkhole premiums but paid out more than \$245 million in claims. Insurers blame the increase not on a geological change, but savvy attorneys, public claims adjusters and inadequate protections in Florida law.

Sen. Charlie Dean, R-Inverness, has joined Fasano in calling for public hearings on the proposed rate increases.

PRIVATE PRISONS, PUBLIC GOOD?

Calling it a prudent experiment – although one that should not expand further until the facts are in – the state's top prison officials this week moved the state forward on its plan to privatize prisons in the southern third of the state.

Corrections Secretary Ed Buss said in an interview this week that after this round, the state should stop until it knows what the effect is.

"I think in terms of private prisons, this is as far as Florida should go," Buss told the News Service. "This wasn't my decision, this wasn't Gov. Scott's decision. This was the Legislature's decision."

The state on Monday released a request for proposals calling for a five-year contract with a single bidder to run 29 facilities associated with 11 South Florida correctional institutes. One of the state's main law enforcement unions has sued to try to block the move.

That contract should allow the state to assess how a widespread system of private prisons would work in comparison to public facilities, Buss said. That would include a look at how well private prisons work to reduce recidivism, one of Buss' top goals as corrections secretary.

"This will provide some competition so that the public and private sector can go head-to-head," he said. "I wouldn't recommend any future private prisons until we get the data and we see if it does actually work."

SCOTT: EMBRACE TEXAS HIGHER ED REFORMS

Gov. Rick Scott has begun discreetly promoting the same changes to the higher education system that Texas Gov. Rick Perry has championed including controversial measures on merit pay for professors, tenure reform, and generally a much greater emphasis on measurement of whether professors are turning

out students that meet certain goals.

Scott has discussed the Texas reforms with his appointees to university and college governing boards to line up support to dramatically change how universities and colleges are funded, overhaul professor tenure, emphasize teaching over research, and give students more influence.

REDISTRICTING HITS THE ROAD

Gearing up for redistricting talks later this year, lawmakers took their show on the road to Central Florida this week as they heard from local residents on how to redraw Florida's political map that is expected to include another congressional seat along the I-4 corridor.

From Latinos, who made up much of Central Florida's population growth since the 2000 Census, the request was for a district that would be heavily influenced by Hispanic voters as an acknowledgment of the influx of non-Cuban Latinos.

Blacks asked for a district that would continue in the mold of the seat held by U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown, D-Fla., who won her seat in a heavily black district after changes forced by the Voting Rights Act.

LatinoJustice PRLDEF, an organization that has been working with Latino community leaders in the area on redistricting, presented a map of a Central Florida district that would be 46.2 percent Hispanic and 12.3 percent black. It would run from Haines City to Union Park.

Black residents urged lawmakers not to unwind Brown's district, particularly in light of the new Fair Districts standards, which are aimed at curbing partisan gerrymandering and forcing lawmakers to draw compact districts. Brown's district snakes from Jacksonville to Orlando.

Meanwhile in Tallahassee, a federal judge heard from a conservative voting rights group that a new Florida election law unconstitutionally burdens grassroots groups trying to get their voices heard.

U.S. District Court Judge Robert Hinkle has been asked to throw out the law opponents say places undue restrictions on small, nominally funded groups by requiring stringent disclosure requirements. Attorneys for the Florida Department of State say simply that voters should know who is behind political advertising efforts.

VETERANS HALL OF FAME A SHAME?

Drafters in the Veterans Affairs agency of a list of proposed inductees into a Veterans' Hall of Fame were in retreat this week after a prominent African-American senator said it was offensive. A spokesman for Gov. Rick Scott said there would be a replacement list

that will be more broad in its appeal.

The Department of Veterans Affairs had put out the draft list, which could have up at this coming Tuesday's meeting of Scott and the Cabinet. That starting list was made up of 22 former governors, including Scott.

But among those were six veterans of the Confederate States of America military, including one former governor, Abraham Al-lison, who was later convicted of and jailed for intimidating black people.

On Friday, the list was no longer on the Cabinet's agenda for Tuesday.

BONDI QUESTIONED OVER FIRINGS

The dismissals of a pair of insurance fraud investigators within office of Attorney General Pam Bondi has led to questions by Rep. Darren Soto, D-Kissimmee over why Bondi fired Theresa Edwards and June Clarkson who had been lead foreclosure fraud attorneys in the office under former Attorney General Bill McCollum.

Soto's call came as liberal interest group Progress Florida this week began circulating a petition trying to get the attorney general's inspector general's office to investigate the firings.

Edwards and Clarkson and said publicly in newspaper stories that their boss, Richard Lawson, who heads up the economic crimes division in Bondi's office, questioned them extensively about two mortgage processors that are under investigation by the office, Jacksonville-based Lender Processing Services and Tampa-based ProVest.

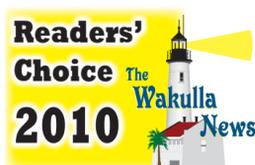
Lawson told the News Service that he indeed asked about those two companies, after their lawyers expressed concerns about the way Edwards and Clarkson were handling the cases – and, in particular about a public presentation the two gave in a public forum that gave their "impressions and theories" about the Lender Processing Services, and characterized certain companies as foreclosure mills.

STORY OF THE WEEK: Citizens Property Insurance approves sinkhole premiums that could raise rates for some coastal residents by thousands of dollars a year. At least two state lawmakers want the legislature to hold public hearings over the matter.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "It's about all of those veterans out there, the rank and file veterans, all those accomplished veterans who didn't happen to get elected governor," Florida Sen. Arthenia Joyner, D-Tampa, on a preliminary list of inductees to the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame, which included 21 past and one present Florida governor, but few decorated veterans – and no African Americans.

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August 4, 2011

681 Foreclosure Proceedings

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

CASE NO. 65-2008-FC-000166
CITIMORTGAGE, INC.

Plaintiff,
vs.

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July 28, 2011
August 4, 2011

Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated July 25th, 2011, and entered in Case No. 65-2008-FC-000166, of the Circuit Court of the 2ND Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA County, Florida: CITIMORTGAGE, INC. is a Plaintiff and MARK FULATER A/K/A MARK D. FULATER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARK A/K/A MARK D. FULATER; IF ANY; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION; WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE LOBBY OF THE COURTHOUSE, at 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HIGHWAY, CRAWFORDVILLE IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, at 11:00 a.m., on the 25th day of August, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to

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Dated this 26th 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

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August 4, 11, 2011

682 Public Sales and Auctions

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| | | | | |
| 94/77 Slight chance of a thunderstorm. | 95/77 Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 70s. | 95/76 A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 70s. | 94/76 Scattered thunderstorms possible. | 93/76 A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 70s. |
| Sunrise: 6:57 AM Sunset: 8:29 PM | Sunrise: 6:57 AM Sunset: 8:29 PM | Sunrise: 6:58 AM Sunset: 8:28 PM | Sunrise: 6:58 AM Sunset: 8:27 PM | Sunrise: 6:59 AM Sunset: 8:26 PM |

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- 39 Rutland Road, Crawfordville- 3BR/2BA Doublewide, \$750 per month.
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- 28 Endeavor Drive- Tradewinds of Ochlockonee Bay, 3BR/3BA, community club house, pool, pier, and a private boat slip. \$2,500 per month.

Florida At A Glance

Area Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|-----------------|----|----|---------|----------------|----|----|---------|
| Clearwater | 89 | 78 | t-storm | Ocala | 93 | 78 | t-storm |
| Crestview | 94 | 75 | t-storm | Orlando | 92 | 78 | t-storm |
| Daytona Beach | 91 | 76 | t-storm | Panama City | 92 | 78 | t-storm |
| Fort Lauderdale | 90 | 81 | t-storm | Pensacola | 91 | 80 | t-storm |
| Fort Myers | 91 | 78 | t-storm | Plant City | 94 | 77 | t-storm |
| Gainesville | 94 | 78 | t-storm | Pompano Beach | 90 | 80 | t-storm |
| Hollywood | 90 | 79 | t-storm | Port Charlotte | 92 | 78 | t-storm |
| Jacksonville | 94 | 78 | t-storm | Port Augustine | 90 | 77 | t-storm |
| Key West | 89 | 84 | t-storm | St. Petersburg | 89 | 81 | t-storm |
| Lady Lake | 94 | 78 | t-storm | Sarasota | 90 | 77 | t-storm |
| Lake City | 94 | 78 | t-storm | Tallahassee | 95 | 76 | t-storm |
| Madison | 97 | 77 | t-storm | Tampa | 90 | 78 | t-storm |
| Melbourne | 90 | 78 | t-storm | Titusville | 92 | 76 | t-storm |
| Miami | 90 | 80 | t-storm | Venice | 88 | 75 | t-storm |
| N Myrna Beach | 90 | 77 | t-storm | W Palm Beach | 91 | 79 | t-storm |

National Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|-------------|-----|----|-----------|----------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Atlanta | 100 | 76 | sunny | Minneapolis | 86 | 71 | mst sunny |
| Boston | 76 | 63 | t-storm | New York | 79 | 72 | t-storm |
| Chicago | 82 | 70 | pt sunny | Phoenix | 106 | 85 | t-storm |
| Dallas | 106 | 84 | mst sunny | San Francisco | 65 | 54 | pt sunny |
| Denver | 82 | 63 | t-storm | Seattle | 75 | 57 | sunny |
| Houston | 99 | 77 | pt sunny | St. Louis | 97 | 77 | t-storm |
| Los Angeles | 82 | 64 | pt sunny | Washington, DC | 93 | 75 | t-storm |
| Miami | 90 | 80 | t-storm | | | | |

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Local club serves dinner at Rotary Youth Camp



PHOTOS BY DOUG JONES/SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Several members of the Wakulla Rotary Club traveled to Centenary Camp in Gadsden County recently to take dinner and dessert to campers there. Above, local Rotarians Michelle Snow, Becky Bergeron, Richard Russell, Doug Jones, Amy Geiger and Niraj Patel with campers from Wakulla. Below, serving pizza to campers and counselors.

Staff report

Members of the Wakulla Rotary Club visited the Rotary Youth Camp in Gadsden County recently to take pizza and ice cream for dinner.

Rotary Youth Camp was incorporated in 1995 to offer a camp program for children with disabilities.

RYC provides an overnight summer camp experience to children with special needs who have conditions such as spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, hearing and seeing impairments, neuromuscular disorders, Down's syndrome, autism and spinal cord injuries.

Many of the campers find it difficult, if not, impossible to attend other camps. Eighty percent of first time campers have never attended a camp of any kind or even spent a night away from home.

RYC gives these special children a chance to enjoy activities such as swimming, scuba diving, riding



horses, archery, fishing and singing karaoke. There is also daily arts and crafts, recreation, special projects based on a theme for the summer, and the week ends with a "dress up" dance.

The counselor-to-camper ratio is 1:2, and more than 80 percent return rate for both campers and counselors. The staff includes many with disabilities and several who are former campers.



Camp director Leslie Smith, Michelle Snow and a camper.

Subcontractors sought

Ajax Building Corporation is hosting a workshop for minority, women and locally owned subcontractors interested in working on the \$29 million Leon County/City of Tallahassee Public Safety Complex. The session will be held on Thursday, Aug. 11 at 5 p.m. at the Leon County Courthouse, fifth Floor County Commission Chambers.

Companies in Leon, Gadsden, Wakulla and Jefferson counties are encouraged to attend, and prequalify for upcoming Ajax projects. A bidder prequalification questionnaire can be found at www.ajaxbuilding.com/subcontractors_vendors.html.

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