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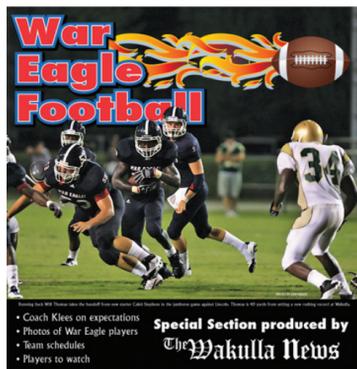
## War Eagles are ready



PHOTO BY KEN FIELDS/Special to The News

Wakulla's Ryan Henderson makes a hard hit on Lincoln's quarterback during last week's jamboree at Gene Cox Stadium in Tallahassee.

### Ready for some FOOTBALL?



Wakulla football regular season opens tonight, Sept. 1, against Mosley High School in Lynn Haven at 8 p.m.

Riversprings and Wakulla middle schools play. See Sports, Page 8A

### Wakulla pounds Leon, Lincoln at jamboree in preparation for the regular season opener

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14-0.

Leon got the ball inside the Wakulla 10 but the War Eagle defense made a stand - the Leon quarterback was hit hard on a couple of consecutive pass plays and a field goal attempt was missed.

When Wakulla took over, Conner Smith came in at quarterback. After a punt, Leon had a drive that included a 30-yard run. But Wakulla intercepted a pass with 1:02 left in the quarter and ran out the clock.

The Wakulla-Lincoln game was played at a higher intensity and there were some big hits delivered. The War Eagles and the Trojans jockeyed for dominance, but they played evenly for the first period, which ended with no score.

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The Wakulla War Eagles looked sharp at this year's jamboree, beating Leon, 14-0, and Lincoln, 14-6.

The jamboree between Wakulla, Leon, and Lincoln was held at Gene Cox Stadium in Tallahassee on Thursday, Aug. 25. Each team played two quarters against the others - with Lincoln vs. Leon opening the evening, which was won by Lincoln, 12-0, and the scoring included a safety.

Wakulla took on Leon next - and the Lions continued to show themselves mistake-prone.

Running back Marshane Godbolt rushed for a 20-yard touchdown with 1:23 left in the first quarter. A long TD pass to Lyntonio Bowdry early in the second quarter put the War Eagles up



KEN FIELDS

Marshane Godbolt smiles as he scores. He had two rushing touchdowns, one each against Leon and Lincoln.



WILLIAM SNOWDEN

Wakulla Head Coach Scott Klees on the sideline as his War Eagles take the field against Leon at the jamboree.

## Capital Area Agency raises concerns over proposed federal cuts

The executive director of the agency that oversees Wakulla's energy assistance programs worries that federal budget cuts will have a devastating impact at the local level



By JENNIFER JENSEN  
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Cuts being proposed at the federal level will have devastating effects on several programs administered in the county.

This is the concern being raised by Dorothy Inman-Johnson, the executive director of Capital Area Community Action Agency (CACAA), who manages the Low Income Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) and Weatherization Assistance programs for the county, both which will see massive budget reductions for the next fiscal year.

Inman-Johnson said President Obama has proposed a 50-percent cut to LIHEAP, which would take effect on March 1, 2012. Florida already doesn't get its fair share of allocation because it was initially set up to help those colder weather states, she said. An adjustment was made for warm weather states, but those

ing modifications.

Inman-Johnson said the people they help will not be the only ones affected. Most of the money the agency provides for utility bills goes to those uncollectable accounts and if there is no longer funds available to pay those bills, then the utility companies will see a decrease in revenue.

"In some cases, these are large dollar amounts," Inman-Johnson said.

She added that with less revenue coming in, there is an increase in demand on the local government to fill in the gaps, which could result in tax increases.

"In the end, it impacts everyone," Inman-Johnson said.

The Weatherization Assistance Program will also see a severe decrease in its budget for next year. Funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, or stimulus money, was given to weatherize homes. The purpose was to create jobs in the construction industry and community and lower the energy burden for



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With the federal cuts proposed to energy assistance programs, Dorothy Inman-Johnson said they will more than likely not be able to sustain a full-time office in Wakulla with four full-time staff members.

"Which is very sad because it's sorely needed," she said.

states could only receive a higher allocation if there was extra money available.

Such a deep cut will be especially difficult for her agency since they receive such a small amount of money to begin with, she said.

According to the Office of Management and Budget, the justification for the cut is that more moderate energy prices are anticipated for next year. If prices rise, the office will look at mak-

low income families.

Those funds will run out in February 2012.

Inman-Johnson said she has been able to hire five Wakulla County construction companies and five sub-contractors to weatherize homes. She also has two full-time staff members managing this program. She will only be able to retain the workers and employees until December or January.

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## Missing dog will be reunited with family

After being hit by a car, a dog's microchip indicates he was reported missing from a home in Texas more than a year ago. His owner, who since moved to Alaska and just had a baby, is making arrangements to get him back

By JENNIFER JENSEN  
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A terrible accident may have been a blessing in disguise for a rust-colored dachshund named Bob.

Bob was found by Wakulla County Animal Control three weeks ago after being hit by a car and suffering two broken ribs and an injured leg. He has since been in the care of Bonnie Brinson, founder of Cauzican Rescue, and Dr. Norm Griggs of Shepherd Spring Animal Hospital ever since.

"He's lucky to be alive," Brinson said. After animal control brought Bob to Cauzican, Brinson scanned his pet microchip to track down his owner. It turned out that Bob's owner was not a resident of Wakulla County. In fact, she didn't even live in Florida.

Dana Guzardo reported her beloved Bob



PHOTO BY DANA GUZARDO/Special to The News

Bob at home in Texas before he went missing and turned up in Wakulla County after being hit by a car.

missing in Killeen, Texas, in February 2010. She put up fliers and searched for him for weeks, with no luck, and said she didn't think she would ever see him again.

"Nobody knows how he got to Florida," Brinson said.

'I can't wait to show my first baby to my new baby,' the owner of the lost dog says

Guzardo said she can only assume someone took him after he got out of the fence and ran off more than a year ago.

When 24-hour Pet Watch called the number associated with the microchip, the number had been disconnected so they called the emergency contact who was listed. The person told them Guzardo had moved to Alaska. And ironically enough, she happened to be in labor with her first child at that exact time.

When Guzardo eventually heard the good news, she said she immediately broke down crying.

"I can't wait to show my first baby to my new baby," Guzardo said.

Bob was 5 years old at the time he went missing and Guzardo adopted him when he was just three weeks old. Her father said she was allowed to have Bob for a fee.

"So, I traded the go-kart I got for Christmas, for a very tiny Bob," Guzardo said.

After that, the two were inseparable. Bob traveled with Guzardo everywhere.

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# Missing dog found in Wakulla County will be reunited with family

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"He was very so much my best friend," Guzardo said, who still keeps a picture of Bob with her.

Guzardo said Bob is extremely loving, obedient and great with children.

"My niece, who is now 5 years old, her first word was 'Bob,'" Guzardo said. "She loved him very much."

She said Bob has never been considered a pet, but always a part of the family.

"I am truly blessed to be able to have the chance to get my lost family member home, and that there are people in this world who are kind enough to help and care," Guzardo said.

He even gets along with cats, she said. Guzardo brought home a kitten when Bob was 4 and before long, they were best friends.

When the cat, Betty Sue, had kittens, Bob was right there, laying his head in the box keeping watch and even helping to clean one of the



*'My niece, who is now 5 years old, her first word was "Bob," says the dog's owner, Dana Guzardo*

kittens.

"You would have thought the two were a married set of animals," Guzardo said.

Bob has two puppies of his own, Bobette and Boudroux, who live with Guzardo's mother.

Bob is still recovering from his accident here in Wakulla County. He will undergo surgery to have his two ribs fixed by Dr.

Griggs.

In November, the goal is to get Bob home.

Guzardo is going to visit her family in Texas and would reunite with Bob and then take him back to Alaska.

Guzardo said they haven't figured out how to accomplish that because it will be costly. Brinson plans to hold a fundraiser to accept



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Bob with his owner, Dana Guzardo, back in Texas before he disappeared from his home in February 2010. Guzardo moved to Alaska and recently had a baby. Bob was turned over to a rescue group in Wakulla County after he was hit by a car, and data in an implanted microchip helped find Guzardo.

donations for the cause in the near future and Guzardo said she will give as much as she can. Brinson said she is still working out the

details.

"My husband and I are truly anxious to have my dog back, he has been very missed," Guzardo said.

Brinson said this story is an example of how microchips really works.

"Now he can go home," Brinson said.

# Capital Area Agency director raises concerns over proposed federal cuts

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"Unless we can convince Washington that the plan is not a good one," Inman-Johnson said.

Inman-Johnson said when CACAA was chosen by the Florida Department of Community Affairs to step in when the county was underperforming, they immediately made changes to how the programs were run, especially LIHEAP. Two people were hired to manage LIHEAP and CACAA opened an office in Wakulla County, where the Wakulla Housing Department was located. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. They also started taking LIHEAP applications every day, as opposed to once a month as was previously done by the

Inman-Johnson said she has made a commitment to her staff to cut back hours and keep them at the level needed to still receive benefits.

county.

"We greatly increased the level of service," Inman-Johnson said.

However, with the massive cuts proposed, Inman-Johnson said they will more than likely not be able to sustain a full-time office and four full-time staff members, which will cut the level of service that the community has become to expect.

"Which is very sad because it's sorely needed," she said.

She added that since the downturn of the economy,

the demand has more than doubled.

Inman-Johnson said she will have to cut staff hours, but has made a commitment to her staff to try and keep them at the level needed so they will still receive benefits.

"As far as the money will allow us to go," Inman-Johnson said.

Layoffs will be a last resort, she said.

On top of this, it costs more to deliver services in smaller, rural counties, Inman-Johnson said. This is because the counties are spread out and sometimes the distance to the office is extremely far, Inman-Johnson said.

"Some people go without because they can't get there," she said.

When they arrive in a

rural county, they establish outreach days each month at different areas in the county for those people who are unable to make it to their office. They identify a partner in the community where they can host the event. Currently, they have a newly established partner in Medart and are looking for a place to host these events in Sopchoppy and Panacea. But, with the budget cuts, it will be a little more difficult to have those outreach days, Inman-Johnson said.

*"I do not feel President Obama's budget decisions for draconian cuts to these important services to the poor are made with an understanding of the successes achieved by CAAs throughout America," Inman-Johnson wrote in a letter*

There is also a 50-percent cut proposed for the Community Services Block Grant. Inman-Johnson said CACAA does not manage this program in Wakulla. It is man-

aged by the Wakulla County Senior Citizens Center.

This money helps with emergency assistance, food assistance, transportation, education, childcare, job assistance and more, she said. The senior center probably receives around \$25,000 to \$28,000 and that would be cut to \$20,000, she added.

"It helps those in crisis situations get back on their feet," Inman-Johnson said.

This is another area where Florida does not receive its fair share, she said. The allocations are based on the number of people at or below the poverty line. Florida is above the national level because of its heavy dependence on housing, construction and tourism, she said.

The justification for the decrease in funding is because there have been documented failures in program oversight and accountability. The highest performing community action agencies will be targeted to receive funding, according to the Office of Management and Budget.

Inman-Johnson said part of the CACAA's job is to serve as an advocate for those people who can't speak for

themselves. She intends to get the word out to as many people as she can to help them understand the impacts of the proposed budget cuts.

She has been emailing and calling members of the president's administration, delegation and recently spoke with George Sheldon, acting assistant secretary of the Administration for Children and Families of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She said he was very receptive and asked to present some challenges and barriers CACAA might face with the decrease in funding, as well as some success stories.

"I do not feel President Obama's budget decisions for draconian cuts to these important services to the poor are made with an understanding of the successes achieved by CAAs throughout America and the very difficult challenges they must overcome to achieve these successes," Inman-Johnson said in the letter.

"Hopefully something good will come from the kinds of contacts we've been making," Inman-Johnson said.



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## COUNTY COMMISSION

# Resolution planned against pumping water from Wakulla Springs

The resolution, to be sent to the water management district, would ask that permits to pump water from local springsheds for transfer be denied

By JENNIFER JENSEN  
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The Wakulla County Commission has plans to take a stand against the transport of water from the Wakulla Springs and Spring Creek springsheds.

The commission will adopt a resolution to send to the North Florida Water Management District to deny any permit to pump water, by a private company, from the ground or surface water bodies in Wakulla County and transfer that water outside the springsheds; establish minimum flows and levels for the Wakulla and St. Marks rivers; and requests the water management district compile and publish all permitted and actual extractions on a yearly basis.

Commissioner Lynn Artz said she hopes this will encourage other areas to follow their lead.

Artz, along with members of the Hydrogeology Consortium, have been working on a draft of the resolution for a while.

One of those members is Dr. Todd Kincaid, who gave a presentation to the county commission at its Aug. 16 meeting on Wakulla Springs and the importance of this resolution.

Kincaid presented information on where the water comes from, as well as the importance of reuse and recharge, the need to stop the pumping of groundwater and trying to get the public engaged.

While discussing the resolution, there was a difference in opinion on the commission about whether the resolution should use basin, watershed or county.

Artz said the problem with using basin is that the lines are not defined and they are getting bigger.

Kincaid said using watershed isn't as expansive as springshed.

Commissioner Jerry Moore wanted the resolution to use the word "county" so nothing can be pumped out of the whole area.

"If we lose our freshwater, we lose our seafood," Moore said.

He added that this would affect a lot of people in the area who rely on that industry.

All commissioners were in support of the resolution, but agreed it needed to be fine tuned. The resolution will come back to be approved at a future meeting.

In other matters:  
• The commission voted to advertise a bid invitation to install a fence at upper bridge on the Wakulla River.

There have been numerous issues at the bridge, including vandalism, illegal trash dumping, people drinking at the bridge and people jumping off the bridge into the river creating a safety concern. A man died last year after he jumped off the bridge and drowned.

The plan is to put a six-foot tall chain link fence with three rows of barbed wire across the top to prevent these occurrences. There would be one gate for access to U.S. Geologi-

*The board also makes plans for a chain link fence with barbed wire at upper bridge*

cal Survey equipment. This would box off each end and restrict access.

Commissioner Mike Stewart said there would be no fencing to block off the boat landing to allow for boats to still have access to the ramp.

Stewart added that the issue is people fishing from the bridge and jumping off the bridge and wandering onto private property.

"Sooner or later, someone's going to hold us accountable because we didn't do anything," Stewart said.

Commissioner Randy Merritt wondered if adding barbed wire was really necessary.

Interim County Administrator Tim Barden suggested installing a fence that curves upward at the top, to deter people from climbing over it.

"That would really mess a drunk up," Stewart said.

Commissioner Alan Brock was hoping there

was a solution that didn't involve obstructing the view of the river.

Commissioner Lynn Artz agreed and wanted to continue to look for alternatives.

The commission agreed, but decided to advertise an invitation to bid for installing the fence in the mean time. The estimated cost is \$16,000.

The next county commission meeting will be Sept. 6 at 5 p.m. at the community center due to several items of interest, including public hearings on the solid waste assessment, fire MSBU increase, Tourist Development Tax increase and budget.

## CITY OF SOPCHOPPY

## Employees will get 2 percent payraises in upcoming budget

The payraises, plus Christmas bonuses, are given to employees as the city projects coming in under budgeted expenditures

By JENNIFER JENSEN  
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Although revenues continue to decline for most cities, the City of Sopchoppy appears financially stable, even with its small budget.

The total proposed budget for 2011-2012 is a little more than \$1.5 million, which includes a 2-percent raise for the majority of city employees and a 3-percent raise for two employees who obtained an additional license in the water department and Deputy Clerk Linda Langston because she recently earned her clerk certification and has taken on more duties, according to City Clerk Jackie Lawhon.

A Christmas bonus is also included for all employees.

Commissioner David Edwards said he wanted to make sure raises were being awarded because the city met or came under its budgeted expenditures, not simply because it was done last year.

Commissioner Richard Harden said the 2 percent is the same as the cost of living increase and it was deserved.

*'They've done good managing the budget,' a city commissioner says of staff*

Edwards agreed and said since the city expects to spend less than projected, they could hand out raises.

"They've done good managing the budget," Edwards said of staff.

Also included in the proposed budget is \$13,740 set aside for capital improvements from money generated in the water fund.

"We need to pump some more back into the community," Edwards said. "It's their system."

There is also money to upgrade the park bathroom, and for a new roof and windows at the historic Sopchoppy gym.

Lawhon said the city has \$1 million in its fund balance and pointed out that Sopchoppy is one of few cities in the area that doesn't charge a property tax.

The first public hearing on the budget will be held on Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m. The second and final hearing will be held Sept. 19 at 6:30

p.m.

In other matters:  
• City commissioners voted unanimously for the city to be included in the county's solid waste assessment of \$196, which includes weekly curbside garbage and recyclable pickup. All properties with a structure on it will see the bill on their taxes.

• During a special meeting, the commission discussed the standard operating guidelines, personnel policies and procedures developed by Paula Arnold of Quest Management Consultants. The city hired Arnold last year and the contract was for one year. She agreed to work 20 hours

a month for \$1,400.

Included in the guidelines is a purchasing policy. The commission agreed that purchases under \$2,000 could be made by Lawhon or Public Works Director Leonard Tarrt. Purchases \$2,001 to \$5,000 need to have two verbal quotes, those more than \$5,000 need two written quotes and those more than \$10,000 must be approved by the commission.

Also included are hiring procedures, job descriptions, inventory, performance evaluations, etc.

Arnold will bring back the policies and guidelines for the commission to vote to adopt at its next meeting.



## City of Sopchoppy City of Sopchoppy, Florida Notice of Consideration of Variance

The City Commission of the City of Sopchoppy gives notice of its intent to a variance to the setback requirements of the Highway Commercial zoning designation to allow the placement of an ice machine within the setback area on property located at 2148 Sopchoppy Highway.

A public hearings on the proposed variance will be held on Monday, September 12, 2011, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon as can be heard in the City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, FL. A copy of the proposal may be obtained and persons wishing to comment may do so in person at the public hearing or by writing to the City of Sopchoppy, P.O. Box 1219, Sopchoppy, Florida 32358.

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

Colleen Skipper, Mayor  
Attest: Jackie Lawhon, Municipal Clerk

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

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

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

As Required by s. 1008.25(8)(b), Florida Statutes, for Annual Public Reporting  
The School District of Wakulla County  
School Year: 2010-11

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

The following table shows FCAT Reading results for all students (all curriculum groups) tested during the 2011 administration of the FCAT in the district.

Grade Level	Total Number Tested	Number Scoring at Level 1	Percent Scoring at Level 1	Number Scoring at Level 2	Percent Scoring at Level 2	Number Scoring at Levels 1 and 2	Percent Scoring at Levels 1 and 2
3	382	30	7.85%	34	8.90%	74	19.37%
4	403	36	8.93%	40	9.92%	76	18.85%
5	399	36	9.02%	48	12.03%	84	21.05%
6	398	40	10.05%	56	14.07%	96	24.12%
7	375	30	8.0%	49	13.06%	79	21.06%
8	353	53	15.01%	85	24.07%	138	39.09%
9	341	51	14.95%	102	29.91%	153	44.86%
10	258	52	20.15%	93	36.04%	145	56.20%

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

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

Grade	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Number Retained	11	3	1	13	8	15	42	15
End-of-Year Membership*	377	407	406	399	381	350	338	275
Percent Retained	2.92%	.74%	.25%	3.26%	2.1%	4.29%	12.43%	5.45%

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

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

This table shows the number of third-grade students who were exempted from the FCAT reading requirement and promoted for good cause at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

ELL/LEP Students with Less than 2 Years in ESOL	Students with Disabilities (SWD) not Tested on FCAT per IEP	Students Passing Alternative Assessment	Students Demonstrating Proficiency through Portfolio	SWD Retained Once with 2+ Years of Remediation	Students Retained Twice with 2 or More Years of Remediation	Total Promoted with Cause
0	1	8	1	7	3	20



## NOTICE OF LOCATION CHANGE FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners has changed the location of the September 6, 2011

Board Meeting & Public Hearings to now be held at the:

**Wakulla County Community Center,  
318 Shadeville Road, Crawfordville, FL.**

**Purpose of Meeting: To Conduct General Business of the Board Including the Following Public Hearings:**

- Request Board Approval to Conduct the First of Two Public Hearings to Adopt the FY2011/2012 Tentative Budget & Tentative Millage Rate
- Request Board Approval to Conduct the Public Hearing and Approve the Proposed Ordinance Concerning Solid Waste Management, Collection, and Disposal, Authorizing the Issuance of Franchises, Requiring Mandatory Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste Generated Within the County, and Repealing Certain Provisions of the Existing Solid Waste Code
- Request Board Approval to Conduct the Public Hearing and Adopt the Final Assessment Resolution for Solid Waste Services
- Request Board Approval to Conduct the Public Hearing and Consider Adopting the Proposed Ordinance Increasing the Tourist Development Tax Rate
- Request Board Approval to Conduct the Public Hearing and Consider Approving the Placement of Traffic Calming Devices to be Installed on Revell Road and Carriage Drive
- Request Board Approval to Conduct the Public Hearing and Consider Adopting the Final Assessment Annual Rate Resolution for Fire Protection Services

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

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

SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

# Comment & Opinion

readers speak out



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Local Boy Scouts canoe at Camp Sequoyah in Alabama during the summer.

## Consider scouting this school year

By DAVID DAMON

If the intent was to get a break from the Florida heat by going to summer camp in northern Alabama in July, well, it didn't work this year.

Camp Sequoyah was not only hotter, but much wetter. It rained at least once a day and sometimes all night long for our week at summer camp.

Neither the heat nor the rain was enough to dampen the spirits of this group of young men or the leaders from Boy Scout Troop 8. They settled into a routine of merit badge classes in the morning, ranging from climbing to white water canoeing.

David and Lew, the two adult leaders, spent their mornings at the waterfront working on their BSA Life-guard Certifications, while David was also teaching the Sailing Merit Badge class. In the afternoons, it was free time, time to sign up for any number of activities from the rifle range to the water slide.

Every day was packed full of activities for the boys and leaders, along with most nights.

On the first evening, Adventure Valley took place. The scouts scrounged up their worst shorts, T-shirts and shoes for an obstacle course through the red, soupy Alabama clay. Slithering and mud bogging, they came out the other end completely unrecognizable.

Other nights were around a huge bonfire at the council ring watching silly skits and presentations. Two other nights were spent hand cranking the ice cream makers.

As the week came to an end, the camp-wide competition between troops began. Last year, Troop 8 took away top honors on the rifle range that also included the shotgun and archery competition.

This year, as Rusty, the waterfront director put it, "it was total domination by Troop 8 in every waterfront competition." For the first time in Camp Sequoyah's history, one troop made a complete sweep taking first place in every category. Swimming, canoes and rowboats were all part of the competition.

This year, they added a new category, the two-man canoe race. A .25-mile canoe race that required both agility and skill. As quickly as the speed of the canoes picked up, it was stopped when the whistle blew.

One whistle blow meant

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that the two canoers had to trade places, two blows meant that they had to both jump out of the canoe in the middle of the lake, climb carefully back in the canoe without flipping it, and start racing again.

As spectators, it was almost as much fun watching and yelling from shore! Again, we won.

Troop 8 also made a strong showing later that afternoon in the triathlon, coming in second place. Later that evening, just before dark, feeling the pressure, Troop 8 also won the Scoutmasters Golf, using "clubs" and "balls" made from natural things found in camp or in the woods. It had a bit of a "Flinstones" feel about it, using a tree limb for a club and alternating between rocks and pine cones for balls.

The winning shot was a chip shot (using a pine cone for a tee) through the ecol-

ogy building's open back window in order to save strokes by not going around the building and through the front door.

By the way, summer camp's not just for the kids! By week's end, one scout and one adult leader from Troop 8 had also earned the BSA Mile Swim patch.

At the closing campfire ceremony on Friday night, Troop 8 walked away with ribbons and certificates along with the coveted "Golden Buoys" award.

The ride back to Wakulla County was so much quieter than the ride up, as the lack of sleep and nonstop activities caught up with everyone.

As the summer comes to a close and we all get wrapped up in the routine of a new school year, consider scouting. It's a great way for your young man, and/or yourself as an adult leader, to experience new activities and see new places.

He will build new friendships and learn teamwork and responsibility. These experiences are ones that they will build upon as they go off to college or work and become our future leaders.

In Wakulla County, there are several Cub Scout and Boy Scout troops to choose from. They are each a little different in their scope and interests but all focus on the Scout Oath and the Scout Law and are always welcoming to new scouts.

Visit each of the scout programs and find the one that seems like a good fit for your son.

For more information contact the scout office at 576-4146.

For information on Troop 8 or other scout programs you can also contact Scoutmaster David Damon at 251-4166.

*David Damon is scoutmaster of local Troop 8.*

## Most popular stories online:

- War Eagles beat Leon, Lincoln at football jamboree

- Elizabeth L. 'Betty' Strickland obituary

- Ray Gray is fired by county

- Week in Wakulla: Aug. 18-25

- Week in Wakulla: Aug. 25-Sept. 1

- Julie Moran Petros obituary

- Solid waste assessment moving forward

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## READERS WRITE:

### Ray Gray has done much for the county

Editor, The News:

I saw Ray Gray's picture on the front page of The Wakulla News and it got my attention. As I began to read what I thought would be some kind of acknowledgment for his outstanding work in Wakulla County as our parks and recreation director, I was sorely disappointed.

Instead, I read of how Wakulla County commissioners have decided that Mr. Gray is unfit for his position that he has held with this county for more than 17 years.

I am appalled at the lack of respect and appreciation for someone who has given this county and the children of the rec park all

of his time and devotion for all these years.

May I remind everyone that Mr. Gray has gotten this county numerous grants and funding for projects that would have otherwise been left neglected.

He has shown this county what a productive citizen of society should be and demonstrated outstanding character with not only his work but his personal relationships within this county and with all who meet him.

If our county officials would put in only half the time and effort that Ray Gray does...just think of what this county could be... Productive!

Alisha Mathers  
Crawfordville

I totally agree. The citizens of this county should look at each commissioner's character, voting record, accessibility, response to the citizens concerns, etc. and decide who should be re-elected and who should be voted out. We do have a voice, the voter's ballot in each election.

Exercise your right to vote and elect outstanding citizens, such as Ray Gray, when election time comes around.

God bless you.

Brenda Mathers  
Crawfordville

### Questions persist about bed tax spending

Editor, The News:

We are very fortunate that we can travel and travel we do! We are also very fortunate to return home to Wakulla County where we have resided nearly 20 years.

When we visited Alaska, we paid "bed taxes" ranging from 7 to 12 percent depending on the city. If I understand it correctly, that fee goes to advertise the variety of resources available to visitors, as well as visitor's centers in many of the cities and communities.

Alaska has a great website with hot links to places to stay, restaurants, activities and more. We choose to travel and when we travel it is necessary to stay in lodging other than a private home (in most

instances). We expected to pay a little extra more than the usual state sales tax in the various states and countries we have visited.

So why the opposition to a bed tax in Wakulla County? I believe it stems from a lack of knowing what the tax will be used for and who will be paying it. We live in a "tourist oriented" county and I think some of the current bed tax pays for that.

But what else? Advertisement? Where? When? Franklin County advertises heavily on TV and radio. Museums? Boat ramps and public piers? Maintenance of such places as Mashers Sands Beach?

Will it pay to have the litter picked up alongside our roads? Will the bed tax pay for road improvements, sewer upgrades,

water treatment facilities, all of which are used by the visitors to our county?

How will we residents benefit? I am all for an increased tax that will improve services for both residents and visitors. I also think it should be equally collected from campgrounds/RV lots to motels to bed and breakfasts.

Maybe when some of these questions have been answered, Wakulla residents will be more receptive. I hope so. We need to increase our revenue and those who visit our county can help. But the funds should directly benefit those visitors, not benefit any one project/person/idea.

Val LaHart  
Ochlockonee Bay

### Response to a couple of last week's letters

Editor, The News:

I'd like to comment on two letters today.

First to Kathryn Wilson ("County is taxing residents to death," Letters, Aug. 25): I don't know where you get your news because Jerry Moore is the only commissioner who has been against every tax increase proposed. If you read The Wakulla News edition your letter was in you would know that he is against any tax on public services – page 2A ("Commission debates lowering the Public Services Tax," news story). I don't know Mr. Moore but so far he is the only commissioner who hasn't lied or flip-flopped.

Second, you went 25 miles one way to shop at Publix? Are you unaware of the current local program to "shop in Wakulla" promoted in The Wakulla News? There is nothing at a Publix in Leon County that can't be purchased at Winn-Dixie or Wal-Mart in Wakulla...Nothing!

I'm a senior just like you but I quit shop-

ping at Publix when I moved to Wakulla because I believe in supporting my local friends and businesses.

As for Diane Delaney ("Local businesses benefit from bed tax," Letters, Aug. 25): we know that local businesses benefit from the bed tax. The concern of most is that Ms. Portwood agreed to a contract at a specific price. She then billed over that price and someone paid her the inflated amount with no regard to the contract. Now they want to increase the bed tax primarily to pay her even more. She should return everything she was paid over the contract price – it's the taxpayers money.

I hope you both have studied the facts before the next election for commissioners. You both have an agenda about an individual.

A fact is what that person has done, it has nothing to do with how you feel about them.

F.J. Young  
Crawfordville

### These 'special' taxes are killing taxpayers

Editor, The News:

An open letter to the Wakulla County commissioners:

From what we read, our perception is that you commissioners are financially comfortable to the point that apparently you don't care about what taxes are! Many of us in Wakulla are retired and on a fixed income. We care!

My wife and I have watched the market value of our property drop from \$580,000 in 2006 to \$161,600 in 2011 (a 72-percent decrease). There is no

market, we can't escape from this insanity! The assessed value however has grown from \$133,000 to \$146,600 (a 10-percent increase).

Our taxes have varied from \$ 1,665 in 2008 to this year's proposal of \$2,451 (a 32 percent one-year increase). Wow, is it your goal to claim in tax sales the property of those of us that can't keep paying the usurious taxes of this small Florida county? Your proposed \$560 of "special" taxes is a killer!

Make do with the 8.75 mills instead of killing us with your "special" taxes.

These are very difficult times for those of us who pay the taxes. You Wakulla County commissioners and politicians at all levels, just don't get it!

Wakulla may only pay 8.75 mills property tax. However with proposed Fire MSBU \$75, Trash Tax \$196, Communication Tax 5.22 percent, and Public Service Tax (on the utility bill) 7 percent, total tax will amount to 14.55 mills!

You commissioners don't seem to care. We the taxpayers do!

Ron Wigton  
Oyster Bay/Shell Point

### Why can't county live within its means?

Editor, The News:

This letter is directed to Wakulla County commissioners. I would have said "our" commissioners, but that they are not.

For the last two years, everything has gone up, and I live on a fixed income. I am old and not able to work – and life has become a larger-than-life challenge. Obama has taken away the "cost of living increases" so our income stays the same. The commissioners have mandated pay

increases and apparently do not know or care how the taxes they pass are going to affect us. I, for one, cannot afford the increases. If I don't pay, they will take my home – how fair is that?

I was taught all my life to live within my means and I have done that up to now. What I really want to know is why can't this county do the same?

Mary Lou Martin  
Crawfordville

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# Church

religious views and events

## Obituaries

**Hal Arlen Council**  
**Claude Donald Granger**  
**Howard 'Shorty' S. Hussey Sr.**  
**Marlene Mae Parker**  
**Julie Moran Petros**  
**Dorsey Lee Revell**

**Hal A. Council**  
 Hal Arlen Council, 80, of Spring Creek, died Saturday, Aug. 27, at his residence.  
 The memorial service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 11 a.m. at the Council's residence in Spring Creek.  
 Survivors include his wife, Yvonne Council of Spring Creek; daughters, Susan Council of Crawfordville and Lori Council Farkas of Shell Point; and two grandsons, Samuel Arlen Farkas of Tallahassee and Coy White of Crawfordville.

**Claude D. Granger**  
 Claude Donald Granger, 72, of Monticello, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 23.  
 A graveside service was held Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Waukeenah Cemetery. The family received friends on Friday, Aug. 26, at Beggs Funeral Home Monticello Chapel, 485 E. Dogwood Street, in Monticello. (850-997-5612)  
 He led a long and full life. He was born in Wacissa on Aug. 21, 1939. He proudly served his country from June 16, 1958, to July 1, 1978, doing two tours in Vietnam. He retired from the Army as a Sergeant 1st Class. After retirement, he moved back home to Florida, where he was employed as an engineer with Florida Gulf Construction Company. He was an outdoorsman, loved fishing and was an avid hunter. He loved to entertain his many friends and family with his stories and silly jokes.  
 Survivors include his wife of 24 years, Barbara Woodard Granger of Monticello; his children from his previous marriage Becky (Eddie) Harrod and Lyvonde (James) Corbett of Crawfordville, and a son Claude (Kerry) of Quincy; two brothers, Ralph Granger and family of Chaires, and George Granger and family of Woodville; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

**Howard 'Shorty' S. Hussey Sr.**  
 Howard "Shorty" Stanley Hussey Sr., 77, of Crawfordville, passed away Saturday, Aug. 27, in Tallahassee.  
 He was born in Derby, Vt., and moved to this area in 1998 coming from Grand Ridge. He was a member of Lake Ellen Baptist Church. He was a very loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He was loved by all.  
 Services were held on Wednesday, Aug. 31, at 11 a.m. at Lake Ellen Baptist Church, with burial at Lake Ellen Baptist Church. Family received friends from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 31, at Lake Ellen Baptist Church prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lake Ellen Baptist Church, Mission Fund, 4495 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville FL 32327.  
 Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Janice

Hussey; two sons, Howard S. Hussey Jr. of Wakulla and Clint Self Hussey of Sneads; one daughter, Rose Mary Hussey Proctor (Allen) of Zephyrhills; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.  
 Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel in Crawfordville is in charge of arrangements (850-926-3333 or bevisfh.com)

**Marlene M. Parker**  
 Marlene Mae Parker, 73, died on Monday, Aug. 22, in Crawfordville.  
 She was born in Laporte, Ind., and had lived here since 1981. She was a member of Medart Assembly of God. She enjoyed crafts and gardening, loved her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.  
 Family received friends on Wednesday, Aug. 24, at Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel, in Crawfordville. Services were held on Thursday, Aug. 25, at Medart Assembly of God. Burial followed at St. Elizabeth Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee FL 32308.  
 Besides her husband of 53 years, William Parker, she is also survived by one son, Mark (Julia) Parker of Crawfordville; two daughters, Melissa Parker (Steve Howell) of Crawfordville, and Chrisy (Richard) Carlton of Tallahassee; a brother, Gene Christian (Jeanne) of Laporte, Ind.; a sister, Coralee Hoffman of Inverness; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many loving family and friends.  
 Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel in Crawfordville is in charge of arrangements (850-926-3333 or bevisfh.com)

**Julie M. Petros**  
 Julie Moran Petros, 61, of Crawfordville, died on Thursday, Aug. 25.  
 She was born June 30, 1950.  
 Funeral services were held at St. Marks First Baptist Church on Saturday, Aug. 27.  
 Survivors include two sons, James Petros and Steven Petros; a daughter, Annette Petros; and 10 grandchildren.  
 Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel in Crawfordville was in charge of the arrangements.

**Dorsey L. Revell**  
 Dorsey Lee Revell, 87, of Sopchoppy, passed away Friday, Aug. 26, in Tallahassee.  
 Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, at Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel, with burial in Grimes Cemetery. The family received friends one hour before the services at the funeral home.  
 Survivors include one son, Kenneth Revell of Sopchoppy; three daughters, Lorraine Crum (Henry) of Bainbridge, Ga., Kay Lynn (Steve) of Sopchoppy, and Angie McPherson (Matt) of Woodville; nine grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.  
 She was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde Revell, in 2000; a son, Clyde Revell Jr. in 1978; and daughter, Rosa Lee Revell, in 1942.  
 Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel, Crawfordville is in charge of arrangements. (850-926-3333 or bevisfh.com)

## Church briefs

**Christian Worship Center to hold youth garage sale**  
 The Christian Worship Center will hold a youth garage sale on Saturday, Sept. 3, beginning at 8 a.m.  
 The sale will include furniture, clothes, dishes, appliances and more.  
 The yard sale will be held at the church, which is located at 3922 Coastal Highway.  
 For more information, call 926-6302 or 509-5412.

**Sopchoppy UMC to hold Alternative service**  
 Sopchoppy United Methodist Church is pleased to announce a new "Alternative" service to begin Sunday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m.  
 The alternative service is for anyone who is seeking relief from the oppressive hurt of the world and life's worries.  
 Dress is very casual.  
 The service is multi-faceted and dynamic where we can feel His presence and hear His voice for direction, healing, restoration of mind and body. We invite you to "Come and See for yourself" what God can do for you.  
 Contact us at 962-2511 for details. Sopchoppy United Methodist Church is located at 10 Faith Ave. in Sopchoppy.

**Annual Youth Conference set at Miracle Deliverance**  
 The Youth Department of Miracle Deliverance Center #2, located at 122 Roberts-Williams Road Crawfordville, would like to cordially invite the youth of the county to our Annual Youth Convention.  
 Our theme this year is "Please Be Patient with Me, God is not Through with Me Yet: Part II," Job 23:10. The convention will begin Thursday, Sept. 8, through Sunday, Sept. 11, with services beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday night and at 11 a.m. Sunday morning.  
 On Saturday, Sept. 10, we will host a "HalleLuau" Youth Luau at the Sopchoppy Historical Gym, located at 159 Yellow Jacket Lane in Sopchoppy, from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m., for any youth that wish to attend. Tickets are on sale for \$8 per person.  
 For more information please contact Sister Priscilla Moore at 566-3566 or Minister Phyllis Harvey at 926-7957.

**Thank you for the birthday parties**



Lottie Roddenberry wants to say thank you for the birthday parties held in celebration of her 100th birthday.  
 Thank you.

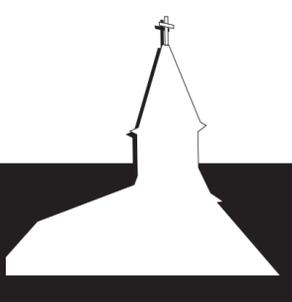
**Lottie Roddenberry with a birthday crown at one of her recent parties.**

PHOTO BY  
 AMANDA DAUGHTRY  
 Special to The News

**Claudine Skipper Family appreciates support**

The family of Claudine Skipper would like to thank all the wonderful people who came forth with gifts of love and, most of all, thank you for your prayers.

**The Claudine Skipper Family**



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 Worship 11:00 a.m.  
 Pastor Mike Shockley 926-7209  
 Ochlockonee & Arran Road "Come Grow With Us" www.crawfordville-umc.org

**Medart Area**

**Trinity Lutheran Church** of Wakulla County  
 Hwy. 98, Across from WHS  
 Web site: Lutheransonline.com/trinityofwakulla  
 Bible Class 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship 10:00 a.m.  
 Pre-School M-F (3-5 Years)  
**Pastor Vicar Bert Matlock**  
 Church 926-7808 • Pre-School 926-5557

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church**  
 Fr. Edward T. Jones, Pastor  
 3609 Coastal Hwy. Crawfordville • 850 926-1797  
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**Sopchoppy**

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 Refreshments 10:30am  
 Worship 11:00am  
 Prayer 5:00pm  
 Wednesday Supper 6:00pm  
 Wed. Pioneer Club 6:30pm  
 Wed. Adult Group Studies 6:30pm

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 10:30am Children's Bible Class  
 10:30am Service  
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 Thursday 10:30 am Adult Bible Study  
 Wednesday 6:30 pm - Supper and Children, Youth and Adult Bible Classes  
**The Rev. John Spicer, Rector**  
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 3383 Coastal Highway

**Wakulla Station**

**Wakulla United Methodist Church**  
 Sunday Contemporary Service 8:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School for all ages - 10 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.  
 Wednesday Service - 7 p.m.  
 1584 Old Woodville Rd.  
 Wakulla Station  
 421-5741  
**Pastor Janice Henry - Rinehart**

**Coastal Areas**

**Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Church**  
 Sunday Worship 9 a.m.  
 Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
**Pastor Kevin Hall**  
 (850) 984-0127

**Sopchoppy United Methodist Church**  
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship 11 a.m.  
 Pastor Kevin Hall  
 850-962-2511

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 Evening Worship..... 6 p.m.  
 Wednesday Service..... 7 p.m.  
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# Community

happenings

## VCA makes donation to CHAT



Staff members of VCA Wakulla Animal Hospital present a check to CHAT thanks to donations made from its clients, as well as the animal hospital.

**Special to The News** gave. VCA is still collecting for VCA gave \$1,000 in match-CHAT until Sept. 30 for their local charity drive. VCA Wakulla Animal Hospital collected \$1,215.54 through donations given by clients to help CHAT of Wakulla. A big thanks to those who

gave. VCA gave \$1,000 in match-CHAT until Sept. 30 for their local charity drive. Visit [vcacharities.com](http://vcacharities.com) for more information on VCA charities.

A check was recently presented to CHAT for this amount from VCA.

## Gerrell and Gray to wed



Derricke Gray and Brittany Gerrell

Brittany Nicole Gerrell, of Wakulla Springs, and Derricke Gray, of Crawfordville, announce their engagement. She is the daughter of Scott and Traci Gerrell of Wakulla Springs. He is the son of Derricke and Kathy Gray of Crawfordville. The wedding is planned for March 31, 2012 at Sopchoppy Southern Baptist Church.

## Pantelis earns straight As

Constantina Pantelis of Crawfordville has been placed on the President's List at Tallahassee Community College, having achieved a straight A average. She is majoring in psychology and plans to continue her education at Florida State University. She moved to Crawfordville from New York after working for Austrian Air Lines for five years. Her interests include mathematics, foreign cultures, diplomacy and writing. She is the daughter of Patricia Hackworth also of



Constantina Pantelis

Crawfordville and has a three-year-old daughter.

## Grave marker dedication is planned for Celia Whaley

**Special to The News** Celia Catherine Revell Whaley. The Wakulla Guards Camp 742, Sons of Confederate Veterans of Wakulla County and the Quincy Young Guards Camp 703, Sons of Confederate Veterans from Quincy, will also be participating. Whaley is the granddaughter of Private Stephen Calvin Revell, 5th Regiment, Florida Infantry, Confederate States of America. Whaley joined the chapter on May 15, 1983, and was an active member until her death on July 1, 2009. She was very instrumental in the installation of the Confederate monument in Hudson Park. The public is invited to attend.

# Let's go Shopping

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Kinsey Hough

## Happy first birthday

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# School

education news from local schools

## RMS principal and assistant win administrators of the year

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Wakulla County School District continues a tradition of excellence with its sixth overall consecutive "A" rating and fourth consecutive year designation of an Academically High Performing District. Wakulla County School District was the only school district in the Big Bend to land in Florida's Top 10. The school with the highest student learning gains in the District for the 2010-2011 school year was Riversprings Middle School.

The School Level Administrative Awards were selected based on learning gains achieved aligned with student achievement. As a result, Riversprings Middle School Principal Dod Walker and Assistant Principal Michele Baggett received the School Level Administrative Team Award.

Superintendent Miller applauds the performance of all Wakulla County schools. He said, "After all the cheers have died down and the news has been written, the enduring thing that is left is the dedication to doing with our lives the very best we can to make our schools a better place for our students. Fortunately, Wakulla schools are full of dedicated teachers, staff members and administrators committed to that premise."

Walker and Baggett have been the administrative leadership team at Riversprings since 2006.

Walker has been the Riversprings principal since it first opened in August 2000.



Dod Walker



Michele Baggett

Prior to that, Walker served as assistant principal at Wakulla Middle School. A graduate of FSU and Stetson University, Walker is quick to give credit to the outstanding faculty and staff assembled at Riversprings.

He added, "Any award or accolade that may come the way of Mrs. Baggett or me is simply a reflection of the hard work, dedication and expertise of the teachers and staff at Riversprings. I am proud of our student's victories this past year in the classroom, on the athletic fields and in their own personal growth. Every year brings new challenges and opportunities to achieve great things and expect 2011-12 to be another fantastic year in the already proud traditions built at Riversprings."

Walker is a product of the Wakulla County School District as are his children. When not busy as head Bear at Riversprings he enjoys watching sports, especially baseball.

Both Riversprings administrators have roots deep in

Wakulla. Assistant Principal Baggett is also a Wakulla High School graduate. Prior to being selected as assistant principal in 2006, Baggett served as a PE Coach at Shadeville and Alternative Education Teacher at Wakulla Middle School. She also taught and coached in Marianna, but was excited to get back to Wakulla to "the best school system in the state of Florida."

Baggett is a graduate of Troy State University and the University of West Florida. Like Walker, she also enjoys sports and is known for her athleticism as a softball player in Wakulla and in Alabama.

Baggett said she enjoys all aspect of her job.

She said, "What keeps me coming back for more is the fact that at the end of the day I know that I have touched the lives of many children. It is not always easy being the disciplinarian, but if the students know that you care for them and want them to succeed, then the hard work and effort is worth it."

## Substitute teacher donates prize money to RMS



Wakulla substitute teacher Marilyn Lewis presents a donation to Riversprings Middle School. She was the winner of a \$1,000 prize given away during the National American Library Association Conference.

Special to The News

Marilyn Lewis, an active Wakulla substitute teacher and school volunteer since August 2008, is the recipient of a \$1,000 prize sponsored by Dollar General.

Lewis attended the summer 2011 National American Library Association Conference in New Orleans and was one of only three prize winners. She made sure the money was sent directly to the Wakulla School District.

When the check was received in finance Lewis said, "I was just thrilled. I am so excited that I was able to win and donate the prize to Riversprings Middle School."

Lewis has developed a fondness for the RMS Bears during her service as an active volunteer for Marlene Adams, RMS teacher, and Jennifer Thaxton, media specialist. Lewis is also an energetic substitute teacher.

Media Specialist Jennifer Thaxton said, "Mrs. Lewis makes a positive difference at RMS. She brings a wealth of experience, bubbly enthusiasm and a heart for kids."

Superintendent Miller noted this as yet another example of a com-

munity that continually supports Wakulla's schools and students. He added, "It is evident that Mrs. Lewis has a strong desire to share the importance of life-long learning. We are grateful that she contributes her vast knowledge and passion for learning with our students."

Lewis has served as a media specialist or librarian at St. Leo University, East Carolina University, Sul Ross State University, Florida State University, the Highlands County Library System in Lake Placid, the Alachua County Library District in Gainesville, the University of Florida, Oregon State University, Edison Community College, California Polytechnic State University and Western New Mexico University. She graduated from high school in Oxnard, Calif., received her bachelor's degree from Le Moyne College and her master's degree from California Polytechnic State University.

Lewis said, "As a librarian and volunteer I have seen the delight of discovery on children of all ages across the USA - when they learn something new. The learning process never ceases."

## School Advisory Council meetings scheduled

Riversprings Middle School will hold a School Advisory Council Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 8 at 2:30 p.m. in the school's library. The public is welcome.

WHS will hold its first School Advisory Council meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 7 in the WHS library from 3 to 5 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

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## RMS band starts year with summer camp

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The Riversprings Middle School Band Program, under the Direction of Carmen Williams, finished their second Annual Summer Band Camp.

Riversprings Middle is the only middle school to

offer a summer band camp for middle school students in this area.

The camp was an incredible success and the students had a fantastic time.

The students were able to prepare football game music, prepare audition material and music to be played dur-

ing this semester.

It was a great head-start for the fall, Williams said.

The last day was celebrated by having a huge water gun battle.

Plans are already in the making for next year's summer band camp.

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# Sports

sports news and team views



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The 2011 Riversprings Middle School Bears players and coaches.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

### RMS vs. WMS kicks off season

By **JOE JACOBS**  
RMS Head Coach

The Riversprings Bears kicked off the 2011 football season on Friday, Aug. 26 against cross-county rival Wakulla Middle School.

The format of the early season game was much like last seasons' early contest, except this year had starters playing the first half, and the younger and less experienced players playing the second half.

RMS had a great night in both halves, which saw the Bear offense muster more than 350 yards total offense, and the defense score 2 touchdowns while forcing 3 turnovers.

RMS got the scoring started early with special teams. WMS squib-kicked the opening kickoff down the middle of the field. The ball found its way to the hands of seventh grader **Demarcus Lindsey**, who found his way to the endzone for a 61-yard touchdown return. Eighth grade running back **Monterious Loggins** pinched in the conversion to make the opening score 8-0.

RMS never looked back, scoring 38 unanswered points in the first quarter. Members of the RMS starting backfield touched the ball only five times on offensive plays (excluding extra points), which gave plenty of second and some third team players a chance to play early in the game.

In a pleasant surprise, first year player **Matthew Bowyer** carried the ball four times for 92 yards, including a 60-yard touchdown jaunt.

The Riversprings "Killer Claw" defense kept the pressure on the Wildcats all night.

Big **Kyle Weaver** and his defensive line mates held the Cats in check, enabling the RMS linebackers to swarm to the ball. Seventh grade defensive back **Justin Davis** forced a Wildcat fumble, which he promptly scooped up and took in for a 22-yard touchdown. First year player **Kelton Donaldson** also recovered a fourth quarter fumble and returned it for a 12-yard touchdown, which helped the "young guys" of RMS outpace their Wildcat counterparts 12-8. In total, Riversprings played all 49 kids that dressed for the game.

At the end of the night, RMS finished with a final score of 56-8.

"We liked a lot of what we saw, but we know we still have a lot of work to do," RMS Coach **Joey Jacobs** said. "We played a far from perfect game, so we are going to try and get better and better."

The Bears and the Wildcats will mix it up under the Friday night lights again on Oct. 14 for the Wakulla County Championship.

RMS was back in action again on Tuesday, Aug. 30 against Suwannee at J.D. Jones Stadium at Jerry Reynolds Field.



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## CROSS COUNTRY

### Wakulla competes in Miller Landing Madness

By **PAUL HOOVER**  
Track Coach

Thirty-seven members of the Wakulla High School cross country team made the trip to Tallahassee on Saturday, Aug. 27, to compete as an independent team, called the Wakulla Sand Gnats, at the annual Miller Landing Madness races held at Phipps Park.

Since the cross-country style races are held before the local high school teams can officially compete, the local athletes formed their own independent team and parents provided transportation.

The races, sponsored by the Gulf Winds Track Club, included a 5K race, primarily for high school aged athletes, an open

8K Grand Prix race and a 3K race for middle school aged competitors. All of the races were held on dirt roads and grassy trails on a course that is used for high school and middle school meets throughout the cross country season.

The Sand Gnats girls team place third in the 5K race in the team competition and two athletes, **Marty Wiedeman** (3rd) and **Kasey James** (6th), placed in the top 10 girls.

The Sand Gnats boys team also placed third and team leader **Stanley Linton** was the third overall male.

Two local athletes, **Cora Atkinson** and **Raychel Gray**, competed in the 8K race due to their being tied for the lead in the 15-19 age

group in the Gulf Winds Grand Prix Race Series. **Atkinson** finished first in the age group and **Gray** took second place.

The first official race for the WHS Cross Country teams will be the Panhandle Jamboree held in Marianna on Sept. 10.

#### Cross Country Parents Meeting Set

The annual WHS cross country parents meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 7 p.m. at the High School. Parents of all of the athletes are encouraged to attend.

If you have any questions, please call Coach Hoover at 850-509-7861.



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The Wakulla Sand Gnats racing team at Phipps Park in Tallahassee.

## VOLLEYBALL

### Lady War Eagles play well in their season opener

Special to The News

The Lady War Eagle Volleyball Team had their pre season classic opener this past weekend on Aug. 27, hosted by Leon High School.

Their first match started at 11 a.m. against the Choctaw Indians. The Lady War Eagles came out with a strong start, defeating the Choctaw Indians in their first match 25-20, 25-23 and 26-24. The key players of the match were **Haley**

**Brown** with 10 kills and 4 digs, **Chelsea Carroll** with 16 assists and **Breighly Bolton** with 4 ace serves.

The next match they played started at 3:30 p.m. against the Mosley Lady Dolphins. After a hard fought first game, the Lady War Eagles fell to the Mosley Lady Dolphins 21-25. Being defeated in the first game, the Lady War Eagles couldn't seem to get it together for the next two games and were defeated 14-25 and 13-25.

The key players of this game were **Ashley Roberts** with 3 kills, **Breighly Bolton** with 3 kills and 2 digs, **Shannan Wood** with 4 kills, **Haley Brown** with 4 kills and 4 digs and **Chelsea Carroll** with 14 assists.

All in all the Lady War Eagles played well for their season opener.

The Lady War Eagles will travel to Orlando on Sept. 1 for the annual KSA tournament that they participate in each year.

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# Outdoors

outdoor sports and fishing reports

## It's hot – get in the water somewhere

About the only way to stay cool these days is stay inside in the air conditioning or get in the water somewhere.

The Ochlockonee Shoals is a great place to go and swim and snorkel and the water out there is crystal clear and as close as we can get to the Keys.

The Shoals are probably 13 miles off St. Marks, 11 miles from Shell Point and five miles from Mash-e Sands landing.

The big sandbar to the east at the end of the St. Marks Channel is another good spot for swimming. It's shallow and the water is very clear.

The other way to stay cool is spend the day scalloping. There are still plenty of scallops around and most are coming from five to six feet of water, between Black Rock and Cobb Rocks.

Keaton Beach is still reporting plenty of scallops as well as St. Joe Bay. The last day for scalloping in 2011 is Sept. 25.

This is gonna be the last long weekend of the summer so no matter where you plan to go on the water there are gonna be lots of other boaters.

There are a lot of jellyfish in the waters also so watch out for them. If you don't have a boat I would suggest packing a picnic lunch and heading to Wakulla Springs. The water temperature is in the 70s, crystal clear. It's gonna be crowded so get there early.

The Kevin's H2O Trout tournament scheduled this past weekend had to be canceled due to small craft advisories and the new date for the tournament



### From The Dock

BY CAPT. JODY CAMPBELL

will be Oct. 1. I'll guarantee you they will have more fishermen for that date, plus fishing should really be getting good then.

The water temperature on the flats has been as high as 89 so fishing on the flats in the shallow water has been rather tough. Add to that all the floating grass and this is your typical August fishing.

There are still plenty of ladyfish, catfish and sharks on the flats and some trout, though most are small. We fished Thursday and caught quite a few trout but only had three that were legal. The only thing we could get them to hit was live shrimp.

I spent an hour of the high tide looking for reds but could hardly get a pinfish bite. I don't think I have ever seen as many cannonball jellyfish as are out there right now.

Alan Larmache of Shell Point said he fished last week and caught and released six reds all in the slot and one over. He was using ladyfish strips on a lead head. Alan also said he has been catching quite a few flounder.

I hear that fishing around Lanark for trout has been pretty good in three to four feet of water and reds are being caught around the docks and Lanark

Reef. There are also plenty of tarpon off Lanark Reef.

Some of the deep holes in the Wakulla River are producing reds. Plenty of trout are still being caught in eight to 16 feet of water around the Ochlockonee Shoals and the Rotary is still producing black sea bass, flounder and some trout.

Lots of big kings are being caught offshore and some red grouper.

Right now you can keep two kings per day and they must be 24 inches to the fork. The only grouper you can keep are red grouper and the limit on them is two per day and they must be 20 inches long. Gag grouper are still closed until Sept. 15 and it will close again on Nov. 16. Limit will be two and they must be 22 inches.

Amberjack opened back up on July 31 and you can keep one and it must be 30 inches to the fork. There is no season on cobia and you can keep one and it must be 33 inches to the fork. Snapper season is closed until June 1, 2012.

Inshore regulations may change for redfish and trout. They will make a decision in the fall about changing the bag limit on reds from one to two and there is talk that they may do away with closed periods of time for trout.

If you're gonna be on the water this weekend take plenty of water. Know your limits and watch out for the other folks out there.

Good luck and good fishing!

## Continued dry weather, continued risk for fire

Special to The News

Few of us would argue that wildfire is a year round threat in Florida.

Heavy coastal winds, low humidity, continuing dry conditions, and frequency of rainfall are a few of the elements that contribute to this risk. One tool used by the Florida Forest Service to indicate the dryness of the soil and surface fuels is the Keetch-Byram Drought Index or KBDI. A 0-800 numeric scale is used where by a value of "0" indicates total water saturation and "800" indicates dry, arid desert-like conditions.

Tallahassee's six county region currently has an average score of 621, making us one of the driest regions in the state. Over this past weekend several small fires occurred on the Apalachicola National Forest.

Heavy winds, low humidity and continued drying conditions contributed

to their cause.

Wildfires continue to occur in our region. The Florida Forest Service urges the public to continue to use caution when using fire outdoors.

### Tips for a safe Labor Day

Stay with your grill until cooking is completed and fire is put completely out.

Dispose of used charcoal in safe containers. Do not dump into the woods. At gatherings, avoid parking cars over tall grasses. Heat exchange from the car may cause grasses to ignite.

Build campfires only in designated areas.

Continued dryness calls for continued efforts to prevent wildfire in the Tallahassee area. Please help us by having a safe Labor Day weekend.

For more information contact your local area forestry station or visit us at fl-dof.com.

## Thanks to life jacket, boater rescued by FWC

A St. Augustine man is alive today thanks to wearing his life jacket and alert Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission law enforcement officers Ben Boots and Mike Pedonti.

At around 12:30 a.m., Geary Allen Springer, 57, was a passenger in a 9-foot dinghy with David Mark Hickey, 52, paddling from the Crane Park boat ramp in the Intra-coastal Waterway heading north back to Hickey's boat moored at the city marina. The water was very rough, and a wave swamped their vessel, which caused the two men to fall into the water.

Hickey was able to make it to shore, but he lost sight of his friend. Hickey walked through the wetlands to Flagler Hospital and reported the incident and the search began. Searchers using boats and helicopters included the FWC, St. Johns County

Sheriff's Office, St. Augustine Police Department and U.S. Coast Guard Station Mayport personnel.

"I was on the water searching at 3 a.m., and it was not the kind of weather recreational boaters should be out in," said FWC Officer Corey Bridwell. "We were feeling the effects of Hurricane Irene, the seas were rough, the winds were gusty, and conditions were rapidly deteriorating."

Around 9 a.m., Pedonti and Boots located Springer clinging to mangrove trees in the ICW just north of the 312 bridge. He was still wearing the life jacket he had put on for what he thought would be a short paddle back to the boat.

"This story has a happy ending for Mr. Springer, and the reason is that he was wearing his life jacket. In fact, after we picked him up he said, 'the life jacket saved my life,'" said Pedonti.

## Florida black bear is a conservation success story

By KATHY BARCO  
FWC Chairman

This is my first column as chairman of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. I am honored and, frankly, humbled by the support of my fellow commissioners, our stakeholders and the Floridians this Commission works with every day.

I thought it appropriate to start my conversation with you by sharing our success story of the FWC's threatened species rule for Florida black bears.

In the early 1970s, Florida black bears dropped to their lowest numbers on record;

estimates were as few as 300 bears statewide. Our predecessor agency, the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, stepped in and selected the Florida black bear as one of the first listed threatened species in 1974, adding more protection to bears and their habitat.

But adding bears to a list alone does not recover a species. The FWC and its partners identify important wildlife habitats and work with private landowners to keep those lands in conservation, whether through easements and agreements through our Landowner Assistance Program, or purchases through

programs like Florida Forever. Statewide educational efforts teach thousands of people each year about bears and how to avoid conflicts.

The FWC passed a rule that made feeding bears illegal, allowing us to focus on the core cause of human-bear conflicts. All of those efforts have allowed us to bring the bear back to about 3,000 animals today.

In fall 2010, the FWC led a team of experts to review all the data available on Florida black bears to see if bears met the criteria to be considered at high risk of extinction. The team found that the bear no longer met those criteria,

and five additional external species experts reviewed the report and agreed with the team's recommendation to remove it from the threatened species list.

This June, I was proud to preside for the first time as chairman of the commission when FWC staff presented their recommendations on the bear and 60 other threatened species.

As my colleague and former Chairman Rodney Barreto said, it was "a time to celebrate our success."

We have more bears in Florida now than we have had in the past seven decades, and the bear is well on its way to being removed from the threatened species list.

Kathy Barco is the new chairman of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

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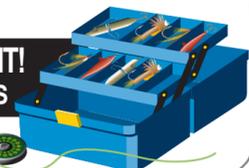
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# Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water



## Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

Our winter training and cave diving season has started. This past weekend I was training folks in Cavern diving, which is an extension of open water diving.

Most folks fly in from around the world for training in our caves. We host them in Wakulla County. Their departure sometimes creates a problem as they like to dive right up to their gate call at the airport. For safety reasons we cannot allow this. Here is why.

Diving is a full contact sport, your entire body is involved, resulting in an off-gassing period that can last up to 24 hours (and more) after you surface from your dive.

One of my students in this weekend's class announced near the end of the class on Sunday that his flight was to depart Monday morning at 7 a.m. Why is this a problem?

We live in a pressure world, in an atmosphere when above water and a hydrosphere when under water. Our air-filled atmosphere decreases in pressure as we travel upwards away from the planet's surface. Our water filled hydrosphere increases in pressure much faster as we drop in depth.

Our body is mostly made up of water. Our liquid-filled tissues require gases to live. These gases are in balance with the pressure outside our body at sea level. But when we go up in the atmosphere our tissues off gas. When we go down in the hydrosphere, our tissues on gas.

The longer or deeper our body stays underwater, the more inert gas (Nitrogen in the case of air or Nitrox breathing gases) enters our body's tissues. The more inert gas in our tissues when we reach the surface, the longer it will take for this gas to exit the body.

We may even need to spend extra time at shallow depths to decompress before getting out of the water. And all is well as long as we stay at sea level long enough after a dive to let the gases get back in balance with the atmospheric pressure.

But if we prematurely travel 1,000 feet or more above the surface of the water, we risk injury as this inert gas that normally is in solution in our tissues tries to exit our tissues in the form of bubbles. Most aircraft have a cabin pressure of 8,000 feet!

So what is a safe surface decompression schedule before boarding a plane?

In Hawaii it meant we could not drive home over the middle of the island as the mountain pass was higher than 1,000 feet. Visitors to the Caribbean who scuba dive are often cautioned to spend extra time ashore before returning to the States for fear of decompression sickness caused by the radical reduction of pressure while flying. So what can we do?

The National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAUI) recommends waiting for a period of 24 hours after a dive before taking a flight home. The U.S. Navy has a policy of waiting for 12 hours after what is described as a recreational dive and longer for more arduous dives.

Other agencies have as little as a two-hour waiting period after a dive. Each option carries an increased risk of injury, and must be considered carefully. But wait you must, or expect an injury that may require a costly chamber ride to cure.

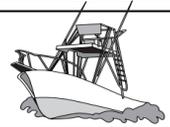
Most dive tables and dive computers will take a full day to predict that your tissues are clear of any imbalance of gases. As such, The NAUI recommendation seems prudent.

After all, the safest dive is no dive at all.



## Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



I don't think any of us have escaped seeing the damage Irene left in her path.

Early on in the storm, she was set to move into the Gulf and right up into our neck of the woods.

While I never wish a storm to hit anyone, we are so very lucky this did not come our way. It has been a few years since we have felt the impact from a storm, but the season is not over yet and we are still at risk.

Saturday, Coast Runner II was out with Bob Asztalos as coxswain and owner Bill Wannall, Raye Crews, Mike Harrison and Chuck Hickman as crew.

Bill Wannall sent in the following about the day:

When we set out, there were small craft warnings. Seas were one to three feet when we began and by lunch were between three and five feet. Coxswain Bob Asztalos kept the boat and crew in the rivers following lunch due to the building waves.

While able, we practiced extensive navigation training of expanding squares and victor sierra search patterns. These are two methods we use to search for possible persons in the water or help recover debris.

Depending on the need, weather and capabilities, one of the two are our primary models.

We also practiced our Person in the Water training which included Oscar the 80 pound dummy. The training commenced about 14 to 16 miles off shore.

Two weeks ago we reported the St. Marks sea buoy was going under water and pictures were sent to Station Panama City.

## Boating Emergencies

- Coast Guard Station Panama City ..... (850) 234-4228
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- Coast Guard Auxiliary St. Marks (Flotilla 12) ..... (850) 942-7500 or ..... (850) 284-1166



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

The new sea buoy at the St. Marks Channel.

This is a critical marker for the St. Marks Channel as it is the main lighted buoy used to guide ships in, especially tugs pushing barges at night.

Additionally, Sea Tow and TowBoatUS rely heavily on these to guide them in dur-

ing nighttime assists. We surveyed the area Saturday and the Coast Guard had dispatched a tender to replace the St. Marks Sea buoy.

As of right now, we are back in good order.

Our new member from

TowBoatUS was instrumental in supplying additional detailed pictures to Station Panama City for review. The TowBoatUS captain known as "Biggon" has joined Flotilla 12 and is a real asset in supplying needed information during the week.

We all welcome him to our auxiliary.

Coxswain and Flotilla Commander Bob Asztalos also added that part of the training included locating the buoy 14 miles offshore and well away from where it should be. A report will be sent to Station Panama City to get this problem addressed as soon as possible.

Both Bill and Bob said it was a great patrol.

Any day out on the water is better than a day than spent on land.

However, since many of us have to remain on land more than we may like, I also wanted to say that safety is still paramount.

FAMU is in session, Leon and Wakulla are also in session and FSU began this week. I had the joy of trying to find parking at work with all the students moving back in.

These first few weeks are always a challenge to get back into the routine of school and work.

As Sherrie reminds us, safe boating is no accident!

In light of the recent storms, fair winds and following seas to all.

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Tide charts by Zihua Software, LLC										
St. Marks River Entrance			City of St. Marks			Shell Point, Spring Creek				
Date	High	Low	High	Low	High	Date	High	Low	High	
Thu Sep 1, 11	4.1 ft.	-0.0 ft.	3.8 ft.	1.2 ft.	11:00 PM	Thu Sep 1, 11	3.2 ft.	-0.0 ft.	3.5 ft.	1.2 ft.
Fri Sep 2, 11	4.1 ft.	0.1 ft.	3.4 ft.	1.5 ft.		Fri Sep 2, 11	3.2 ft.	0.1 ft.	3.1 ft.	3.1 ft.
Sat Sep 3, 11	5:00 AM	12:00 PM	6:19 PM	11:32 PM		Sat Sep 3, 11	12:04 AM	5:36 AM	1:04 PM	6:55 PM
Sun Sep 4, 11	4.0 ft.	0.3 ft.	2.9 ft.			Sun Sep 4, 11	1.4 ft.	3.7 ft.	0.3 ft.	2.7 ft.
Mon Sep 5, 11	5:33 AM	1:01 PM	7:22 PM			Mon Sep 5, 11	12:36 AM	6:09 AM	2:05 PM	7:58 PM
Tue Sep 6, 11	1.8 ft.	3.8 ft.	0.5 ft.	2.6 ft.		Tue Sep 6, 11	1.7 ft.	3.6 ft.	0.5 ft.	2.4 ft.
Wed Sep 7, 11	2.1 ft.	3.6 ft.	0.7 ft.	2.6 ft.		Wed Sep 7, 11	1.10 AM	6:50 AM	3:21 PM	9:23 PM
Thu Sep 8, 11	12:52 AM	7:12 AM	3:48 PM	10:35 PM		Thu Sep 8, 11	1.9 ft.	3.3 ft.	0.3 ft.	2.4 ft.
Fri Sep 9, 11	2.3 ft.	3.4 ft.	0.7 ft.	2.7 ft.		Fri Sep 9, 11	1:56 AM	7:48 AM	4:52 PM	11:11 PM
Sat Sep 10, 11	2:09 AM	9:00 AM	5:14 PM	11:55 PM		Sat Sep 10, 11	3.1 ft.	3.1 ft.	0.6 ft.	
Sun Sep 11, 11	2.2 ft.	3.4 ft.	0.6 ft.			Sun Sep 11, 11	3:13 AM	9:36 AM	6:18 PM	
Mon Sep 12, 11	4:10 AM	11:05 AM	6:19 PM			Mon Sep 12, 11	2.5 ft.	2.0 ft.	3.2 ft.	0.5 ft.
Tue Sep 13, 11						Tue Sep 13, 11	12:31 AM	5:14 AM	11:41 AM	7:23 PM

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay										
Date	High	Low	High	Low	High	Date	High	Low	High	
Thu Sep 1, 11	3.1 ft.	-0.0 ft.	2.8 ft.	0.9 ft.		Thu Sep 1, 11	3.2 ft.	-0.0 ft.	2.9 ft.	1.2 ft.
Fri Sep 2, 11	4:22 AM	11:20 AM	5:17 PM	11:11 PM		Fri Sep 2, 11	4:14 AM	10:48 AM	5:09 PM	10:39 PM
Sat Sep 3, 11	3.1 ft.	0.1 ft.	2.5 ft.	1.1 ft.		Sat Sep 3, 11	3.2 ft.	0.1 ft.	2.6 ft.	1.5 ft.
Sun Sep 4, 11	4:52 AM	12:11 PM	6:11 PM	11:43 PM		Sun Sep 4, 11	4:44 AM	11:39 AM	6:03 PM	11:11 PM
Mon Sep 5, 11	3.0 ft.	0.2 ft.	2.2 ft.			Mon Sep 5, 11	3.1 ft.	0.3 ft.	2.3 ft.	1.8 ft.
Tue Sep 6, 11	5:25 AM	1:12 PM	7:14 PM			Tue Sep 6, 11	5:17 AM	12:40 PM	7:06 PM	11:45 PM
Wed Sep 7, 11	1.3 ft.	2.9 ft.	0.4 ft.	2.0 ft.		Wed Sep 7, 11	3.0 ft.	0.5 ft.	2.0 ft.	
Thu Sep 8, 11	12:17 AM	6:06 AM	2:28 PM	8:39 PM		Thu Sep 8, 11	5:58 AM	1:56 PM	8:31 PM	
Fri Sep 9, 11	1.5 ft.	2.7 ft.	0.5 ft.	1.9 ft.		Fri Sep 9, 11	2.0 ft.	2.8 ft.	0.7 ft.	2.0 ft.
Sat Sep 10, 11	1:03 AM	7:04 AM	3:59 PM	10:27 PM		Sat Sep 10, 11	12:31 AM	6:56 AM	3:27 PM	10:19 PM
Sun Sep 11, 11	2.7 ft.	3.5 ft.	0.5 ft.			Sun Sep 11, 11	2.2 ft.	2.6 ft.	0.6 ft.	2.1 ft.
Mon Sep 12, 11	1.70 AM	8:52 AM	5:25 PM	11:47 PM		Mon Sep 12, 11	1:48 AM	8:44 AM	4:53 PM	11:39 PM
Tue Sep 13, 11	1.6 ft.	2.6 ft.	0.4 ft.			Tue Sep 13, 11	2.2 ft.	2.7 ft.	0.6 ft.	
Wed Sep 14, 11	4:21 AM	10:57 AM	6:30 PM			Wed Sep 14, 11	3:49 AM	10:49 AM	5:58 PM	

Dog Island West End										
Date	High	Low	High	Low	Date	High	Low	High	Low	
Thu Sep 1, 11	3.2 ft.	0.5 ft.	2.9 ft.	1.5 ft.		Thu Sep 1, 11	4:12 AM	10:29 AM	5:53 PM	10:16 PM
Fri Sep 2, 11	3.3 ft.	0.5 ft.	2.6 ft.	1.8 ft.		Fri Sep 2, 11	4:39 AM	11:32 AM	7:13 PM	10:39 PM
Sat Sep 3, 11	4:39 AM	11:32 AM	7:13 PM	10:39 PM		Sat Sep 3, 11	3.4 ft.	0.4 ft.	2.5 ft.	1.9 ft.
Sun Sep 4, 11	5:12 AM	12:48 PM	9:00 PM	10:57 PM		Sun Sep 4, 11	5:12 AM	12:48 PM	9:00 PM	10:57 PM
Mon Sep 5, 11	3.4 ft.	0.4 ft.				Mon Sep 5, 11	3.4 ft.	0.4 ft.		
Tue Sep 6, 11	5:53 AM	2:18 PM				Tue Sep 6, 11	5:53 AM	2:18 PM		
Wed Sep 7, 11	3.3 ft.	0.4 ft.				Wed Sep 7, 11	6:46 AM	3:43 PM		
Thu Sep 8, 11	3.3 ft.	0.4 ft.				Thu Sep 8, 11	3.2 ft.	0.4 ft.		
Fri Sep 9, 11	7:58 AM	4:54 PM				Fri Sep 9, 11	7:58 AM	4:54 PM		
Sat Sep 10, 11	2.7 ft.	2.0 ft.	3.1 ft.	0.4 ft.		Sat Sep 10, 11	2.7 ft.	2.0 ft.	3.1 ft.	0.4 ft.
Sun Sep 11, 11	1:26 AM	3:49 AM	9:32 AM	5:51 PM		Sun Sep 11, 11	1:26 AM	3:49 AM	9:32 AM	5:51 PM

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.

# Law Enforcement and Courts reports

## Sheriff's Report

On Aug. 18, Deputy Cole Wells observed a 2-year-old walking along the side of Liberty Road in Crawfordville. The child was upset and could not tell the deputy where he lived.

With the help of another resident, Deputy Wells was able to reunite the child with his father who was asleep in the home.

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

- On Aug. 18, Cary Newton of Crawfordville reported a theft of a computer from his home. The laptop is valued at \$500 and a suspect has been identified. Deputy Cole Wells investigated.

- On Aug. 17, Kathryn Gibson of Crawfordville reported an animal incident where her companion was bitten by a rattlesnake. The victim, James Hennessey, was filling a water bucket under the home when a diamondback struck.

The snake was discovered in a coil nearby and killed. It measured nearly four feet long and was transported to the hospital to provide anti-venom information for hospital staff. The victim was also transported by EMS. Lt. Brad Taylor investigated.

- On Aug. 21, Charles Landum of Sopchoppy reported a grand theft of tools and agricultural equipment from his property. The equipment was valued at \$1,970. The property was taken from tool sheds. PSOs Rusty Miller and Wes Coleman investigated.

- On Aug. 21, Lt. Jimmy Sessor and Detective Josh Lawhon investigated an open house party on Klamath Street in Crawfordville. Several individuals were determined to be under 21 and consuming alcohol. Christina Marie Hanna, 20, of Crawfordville was issued a notice to appear in court for hosting an open house party where underage individuals were drinking.

- On Aug. 21, Detective Josh Lawhon and Lt. Jimmy Sessor were participating in a party patrol and investigating an open house party when a motorist drove by holding a beer in his hand.

Detective Lawhon conducted a traffic stop. A DUI investigation was conducted and Wesley John Hall, 21, of Crawfordville was charged with DUI. Deputy Mike Zimba also investigated.

- On Aug. 21, Tracy Douglas of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief at her home. Someone

destroyed her flower beds and kicked a hole in a wall. A piece of jewelry was also reported missing. Damage to the home was estimated at \$106. The jewelry was valued at \$200. Suspects have been identified. Deputy Nick Gray investigated.

- On Aug. 20, Michael Lawrence of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief. Three of the victim's vehicle tires were damaged. A suspect has been identified. Damage to the tires was estimated at \$400. Deputy Taff Stokley investigated.

- On Aug. 20, a retail theft was reported at Wal-Mart. Two suspects, Candace Ann Spears, 21, and Susie Spears Vuoso, 44, both of Crawfordville were observed taking baby clothing and attempting to conceal items.

Both subjects were given a notice to appear in court for retail theft and were issued trespass warnings not to return to the store. The property was valued at \$36. Lt. Mike Kemp investigated.

- On Aug. 20, James Espy of Crawfordville reported missing contents from his wallet as well as a telephone. The victim was loading a boat on a trailer and placed his wallet and cell phone in the boat.

He returned to the launch site and discovered the wallet on the road, but it was missing the contents. The contents of the wallet and cell phone are valued at \$157. Sgt. Andy Curles investigated.

- On Aug. 19, Robert Nason Daily, 27, of Panacea was charged with introduction of contraband into a detention facility after Correctional Officer Kenneth Miller discovered the inmate with jailhouse buck.

Buck is homemade alcohol made of bread, water and fruit fermented over time. Several inmates were drinking from the bag of buck which was confiscated.

- On Aug. 19, Judith Ann Smith, 58, of Panacea received a uniform traffic citation for driving with an expired drivers license, more than six months expired. Deputy Mike Zimba responded to an accident scene at Jer-Be-Lou Boulevard and Lucy Lane.

Smith crashed her vehicle into some trees. Deputy Zimba learned that her driver license expired in 2007. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$1,000. Smith and a passenger in the vehicle were not injured.

- On Aug. 20, Lt. Jimmy Sessor and Detective Erika Buckley were investigating an open house party.

Whitley Brooke Avery, 19, and Haley Brook Barber, 19, both of Crawfordville, were issued notices to appear in court for hosting a house party where individuals under 21 were consuming alcohol. Parents of all the minors on scene were notified and transported their children from the scene. Deputy Ian Dohme also investigated.

- On Aug. 20, Detective Erika Buckley and Lt. Jimmy Sessor were on party patrol in Crawfordville when Detective Buckley observed a vehicle parked in the road with three occupants inside. Small amounts of marijuana were discovered burning inside the vehicle with Spice.

A 15-year-old male and a 16-year-old female were issued juvenile civil citations and 24 hours of community service. The third person in the vehicle was not charged.

- On Aug. 19, a Crawfordville woman reported that a 21-year-old suspect from Crawfordville exposed himself in the Wal-Mart parking lot. The suspect, who has been identified, followed the victim around the store and exposed himself to her before driving off. Deputy Taff Stokley investigated.

- On Aug. 19, Brett Shields of Shields Marina reported a theft to a vessel owned and stored by Mark A. Murray. An anchor, fish box, buoy and rope, valued at \$300 were taken. Deputy Clint Beam investigated.

- On Aug. 19, Brett Shields of Shields Marina reported a burglary to a boat owned by Martin G. Jaron of Tallahassee. Two fishing rods and a seat cushion were taken from the vessel. The property is valued at \$205. Deputy Clint Beam investigated.

- On Aug. 19, Lynda Autrey of Crawfordville reported a grand theft of a gas generator from her home. The generator was taken from an area near a shed. It is valued at \$900. Deputy Clint Beam investigated.

- On Aug. 23, Jennifer Warren of Crawfordville

reported a residential burglary. Televisions, a firearm, computers and electronics, valued at \$4,650, were reported missing. Deputy Lorne Whaley and Detective Josh Lawhon investigated.

- On Aug. 23, Stephanie Taylor of Panacea reported a residential burglary. The victim reported the theft of \$17 cash. A suspect has been identified. Lt. Brad Taylor investigated.

- On Aug. 23, Tim Shiver of Crawfordville reported an environmental offense as someone dumped vehicle tires on his property. Approximately 100 used tires were found on the site. The litter control team was contacted to remove and weigh the tires. Sgt. Jeremy Johnston investigated.

- On Aug. 23, Lt. Danny Harrell responded to Sopchoppy to investigate a dog bite. Carlos Arnett reported a bulldog bite on his arm. The animal was captured by Animal Control Officer Bob Crain for the required quarantine and the owner was notified.

- On Aug. 23, Sgt. Joe Page reported discovering marijuana planted in the Sopchoppy area. Sgt. Page discovered a worn path to recently planted marijuana. Eight plants were seized. The plants were well cared for when they were discovered. The Narcotics Unit also investigated.

- On Aug. 24, a Sopchoppy resident reported that her daughter had left home and refused to return. Lt. C.L. Morrison contacted the mother and called the 17-year-old juvenile and got her to agree to return to her home. The missing person bulletin was canceled.

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## Two arrested for trying to steal 28 cases of beer, lead deputies on chase

Special to The News

Two Crawfordville men were arrested for attempting to steal 28 cases of beer from the Crawfordville Wal-Mart early Friday, Aug. 26, according to Major Maurice Langston.

The two men also face charges for leading a Wakulla County Sheriff's Office deputy on a vehicle chase on U.S. Highway 319 and for falsely reporting the getaway vehicle as being stolen.

Garland Stanwick Landers Jr., 27, was charged with fleeing and eluding a law enforcement officer, perjury, retail theft and a uniform traffic citation for driving without a tag. Jamie Lavonne Deibert, 28, was charged with retail theft and perjury.

"A WCSO deputy was flagged down by store officials at 12:08 a.m. after the two men left the store without paying for \$411 worth of beer in two shopping carts," said Major Langston. "Deputy Mike Zimba observed the suspect vehicle leaving the parking lot at a high rate of speed. He followed the truck northbound on U.S. Highway 319 at speeds in excess of 60 miles per hour."

"Deputy Zimba discontinued the pursuit after observing Landers nearly cause a crash with oncoming vehicles on the highway," added Major Langston. "The deputy returned to the store to conduct his investigation and was able to identify Landers from recently issuing him a citation for



Jamie Lavonne Deibert



Garland S. Landers Jr.

driving without a tag."

Eighteen cases of beer were recovered from one shopping cart and 10 cases of beer were recovered from the second shopping cart.

The suspect vehicle was found by law enforcement broken down on the side of U.S. Highway 319 and was towed from the scene.

Shortly after deputies gathered all of the evidence in the case, Landers called the sheriff's office to report his truck as stolen. The two men provided false sworn statements to law enforcement about the "theft" and were charged with perjury.

Both men were transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

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# War Eagles are ready



KEN FIELDS

Playing a half against each of the other two teams in the jamboree games, Wakulla beats Leon 14-0 and Lincoln 14-6.



WILLIAM SNOWDEN

Running back Will Thomas, far left, is 40 yards from becoming the all-time rushing leader at Wakulla. The Wakulla cheerleaders, above, get the crowd fired up at Gene Cox Stadium. Peyton Jones, 2, wears a Wakulla cheerleader uniform her grandmother made for her - and studies the moves of the big cheerleaders very intently so she can join in.



WILLIAM SNOWDEN

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In the second quarter, Wakulla attempted a Conner Smith field goal with it just missed, wide left.

After stopping a Trojan drive, on the next series, running back Will Thomas broke long run for a touchdown and the point after was good.

But on the ensuing kick-off, the Trojans kick returner ran the ball back 80 yards for a touchdown and put Lincoln right back in the game. The extra point missed, and the War Eagles led, 7-6.

Wakulla intercepted a Lincoln pass and ran it back into Trojan territory. The War Eagles pushed down

to 21 yard line where they faced a fourth and 10 with 2:24 left, and the pass fell incomplete.

Lincoln took over on downs. Lincoln tried a screen pass that was sniffed out and the running back was tackled for a three-yard loss. The Lincoln quarterback was hit hard by Ryan Henderson and got up obviously feeling the sting.

On the next play, the Lincoln quarterback fumbled and Wakulla recovered at the 20-yard line.

Marshane Godbolt had his second score of the night with a 20-yard run. The extra point was good and Wakulla was up 14-6 with a minute left.

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# Taking Care of Business

Business News from



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**President's message:**

## There's a lot going on in the county



**JOHN SHUFF**  
Chamber President

Is it September already? Kimberly Moore, my predecessor, told me this year would go fast!

Most activity around the county slows down during August, except for one group that we usually have a little to say about in each of these letters, the Board of County Commissioners.

I think our five commissioners are trying real hard to fix past transgressions. I say this because of the recent backtrack on the Public Service Tax.

I personally supported this issue because statements were made from commissioners that indicated a roll back in ad valorem taxes next year after we increase our operating capital.

I, for one, do not think it wise that we are considering working off of a line of credit for the lean months in the fall, or at any time.

My opinion is evolving towards an ad valorem roll-back this year. Living with a real tight budget while we learn what we really need seems appropriate given the times we are all living through.

**Garbage collection**

As I am sure you know the BOCC has voted in favor

of curbside garbage collection, this seems to be in the best interest of the county.

We have been losing about \$350,000 per year at the transfer station and funding it with general revenue funds. We do lose some jobs in the process but those jobs, when you think about it, were subsidized by property taxes.

I hope Waste Pro lives up to their word and hires as many of these displaced workers as possible, and I congratulate Alan Brock for his persistence on this issue.

This ordinance will bring us one step closer to a transparent budget process. We all need to understand what we are paying for.

With regard to the controversy surrounding the Tourist Development Tax, we all need to step back and take a deep breath.

**On TDC and bed tax**

After reading a report from our clerk of courts' budget office, it is apparent that some issues need correcting but that does not negate the need to promote Wakulla County. If I remember correctly, raising the bed tax to 4 percent would bring us in line with 36 other counties in the state, hardly out of the mainstream of this heavily conservative state.

With tourism I would suspect that you live or die by the quality of your destination and your ability to project that idyllic image. We need to keep moving forward, it is hard to drive looking in the rearview mirror.

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## Ameris Bank hosts mixer

Dear Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce Members,

Thank you for being part of the Business After Hours mixer at our office on Aug. 18 and making it such a memorable night.

As we sat back and evaluated the night, we all found ourselves saying, "Wow, wasn't that fun?"

We had 55 or so members visit with while we listened to the impeccable music of the Sarah Mac Band, who sang and played in the background. We even had Sopchoppy's own Rick Ott, of From the Heart, join in for a set.

And we would be remiss if we did not say thank you for the great food supplied by Judy Bunch.

Judy and her team supplied a delicious array of hors d'oeuvres. We have had rave reviews about all the wonderful food that was served.

And last but certainly not least, we want to say thank you to all of you for your attendance. We all appreciated the fellowship and the conversation.

If we can ever be of service to you, your family or business, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

Sincerely,  
Marty Stubblefield, Shana Langston, Tara C. Sanders and the Ameris Bank Team



Tracy Duncan and Barbara Guzzetta, above, were greeters for the evening. The Sarah Mac Band, below performed.



Chamber members Susie Tooke and Janis David, above. Bill Russell and Chamber President John Shuff, below.



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Hors d'oeuvres prepared by Judy Bunch for the mixer.

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<b>September 22</b> Weather and Tides in Nature	<b>October 1</b> FSU Marine Lab
<b>October 4</b> Wakulla Landscape	<b>October 16</b> Leon Sinks
<b>October 27</b> Birds of the Region	<b>October 23</b> Wakulla Sinks

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**Week in Wakulla**

Email your community events to [jjensen@thewakullanews.net](mailto:jjensen@thewakullanews.net)

Post your event on [TheWakullaNews.com](http://TheWakullaNews.com)

**FWMA Giant Yard Sale at Townsend's Nads Mini Storage from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Friday**

**James "Tuck" Tucker will perform at Posh Java in Sopchoppy at 8 p.m.**

**Saturday**

**Labor Day. Government offices closed.**

**Monday**

**County Commission meeting at Community Center at 5 p.m.**

**Tuesday**

### City and County Meetings

#### Tuesday, September 6

- COUNTY COMMISSION will meet for its regular meeting at 5 p.m. at the Community Center, located at 318 Shadeville Road. Items of interest are public hearings on solid waste management, solid waste special assessment, Fire MSBU increase and Tourist Development Tax increase.

#### Thursday, September 8

- COUNTY COMMISSION will meet at 5 p.m. for a workshop on subdivision road acceptance options.
- ST. MARKS CITY COMMISSION will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. at city hall.

### Clubs, Groups, Regular Meetings

#### Thursday, September 1

- 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 WRITERS GROUP will meet at 6 p.m. at the public library.
- WAKULLA GRIDIRON CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the WHS Field House at J. D. Jones Stadium. The public is invited to attend.
- WAKULLA GENEALOGY GROUP will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the public library. All are invited to attend.

#### Friday, September 2

- 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.
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- 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.
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#### Saturday, September 3

- 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](mailto: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](mailto:posh_faery@yahoo.com).

#### Sunday, September 4

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

#### Monday, September 5

- 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, September 6

- 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.
- CRAWFORDVILLE LION'S CLUB will meet at Beef O'Brady's at 6 p.m.

#### Wednesday, September 7

- 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 COALITION FOR YOUTH will meet at noon at the public library.



**Blues, bluegrass and old country music will be performed by James "Tuck" Tucker at Posh Java in Sopchoppy on Sept. 3 at 8 p.m. Tucker is a singer, songwriter and dobro/guitar player and has been described as one of the "nation's premier dobroist."**

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### Special Events

#### Friday, September 2

- GIANT YARD SALE will be held to benefit The Florida Wild Mammal Association at Townsend's Nads Mini Storage, located at 59 Shadeville Road in Crawfordville, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The sale will also be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. All donations are greatly appreciated! Donations can be dropped off at Unit 43 (through August) or brought to the yard sale. For more information about FWMA visit our website at [www.wakullawildlife.org](http://www.wakullawildlife.org).

#### Saturday, September 3

- GIANT YARD SALE to benefit The Florida Wild Mammal Association will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Townsend's Nads Mini Storage, located at 59 Shadeville Road in Crawfordville. All donations are greatly appreciated! Donations can be dropped off at Unit 43 (through August) or brought to the yard sale. For more information about FWMA visit our website at [www.wakullawildlife.org](http://www.wakullawildlife.org).
- JAMES "TUCK" TUCKER will perform at Posh Java in Sopchoppy at 8 p.m. His music is a mixture of blues, bluegrass and old country. Visit [www.jamestucktucker.com](http://www.jamestucktucker.com) for more information and to listen to Tucker's music. For reservations for the upcoming concert, contact Posh Java at (850) 962-1010 email [posh\\_java@yahoo.com](mailto:posh_java@yahoo.com). Tickets are \$10.

#### Wednesday, September 7

- CHAMBER RIBBON CUTTING will be held for Bright Beginnings Preschool and Day Care at 10 a.m. Their new location is 360 Shadeville Hwy.

### Upcoming Events

#### Friday, September 9

- ELVIS AND FRIENDS will perform at the Senior Center at 8 p.m. featuring Todd Allen Herendeen and the FTD Band. Tickets are available at \$25 per person and are tax deductible. Seating is limited. Purchase tickets or for more information please call the Senior Center at (850) 926-7145. The Senior Center is located at 33 Michael Drive in Crawfordville. Please join us as a community supporting the Senior Center, meals on wheels program and other critical needs of our seniors.

#### Saturday, September 10

- GRAVE MARKER DEDICATION CEREMONY will be held by the R. Don McLeod Chapter 2469 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy of Wakulla County at 10:30 a.m. at the Pigott Cemetery in Medart, to honor a former member, Celia Catherine Revell Whaley. The Wakulla Guards Camp 742, Sons of Confederate Veterans of Wakulla County and the Quincy Young Guards Camp 703, Sons of Confederate Veterans from Quincy will also be participating. She is the granddaughter of Private Stephen Calvin Revell, 5th Regiment, Florida Infantry, Confederate States of America.

#### Sunday, September 11

- 9-11 MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held at the sheriff's office at 8:45 a.m. to remember those lost. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the attack.

#### Tuesday, September 13

- WAKULLA TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD will meet at 10 a.m. at the public library. In addition to its regular business, the agenda includes a recommendation to the CTC competitive procurement process and the Annual Operating Report. A time for public comments will be afforded to anyone wishing to address the board.

#### Thursday, September 15

- CHAMBER BUSINESS MIXER will be hosted by Covenant Hospice and NHC Homecare from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Location to be announced. Invitation will be emailed prior, RSVP to the Chamber office at (850) 926-1848.

#### Saturday, September 17

- COASTAL CLEANUP will be held by Keep Wakulla County Beautiful and The Ocean Conservancy from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The different locations are St. Marks Refuge, Mashas Sands, Bottoms Road, Shell Point, Ochlockonee Bay or Woolley Park. A free lunch will be served to volunteers at Woolley Park at 11:30 a.m. Raffles and door prizes. For more information contact [helpkwcb@gmail.com](mailto:helpkwcb@gmail.com) or (850) 745-7111.

#### Friday, September 23

- FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SILENT AUCTION will be held at the public library from 6 to 8 p.m. The Silent Auction includes gift certificates, vacations, marine supplies, gifts, artwork, dinners, school supplies and more. Food and drinks will be provided. To make a donation to the auction or for more information about the event, please contact Sue Belford at (850) 926-4244 or [FriendsWakullaLibrary@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsWakullaLibrary@gmail.com).

#### Friday, September 30

- IGNITE THE FIGHT GOLF TOURNAMENT will take place at Wildwood Golf Resort with registration at 11 a.m. and shotgun start at noon. Cost is \$75 per golfer. Proceeds will go to benefit the Wakulla County United Fire Fighters Association.

#### Saturday, October 1

- IGNITE THE FIGHT 5K RUN will take place at Hudson Park with registration beginning at 8 a.m. and race time at 9 a.m. Cost is \$10 for kids, \$15 for pre-registered adults and \$20 day of the race. Proceeds will go to WCUFFA.

# Spotlight on Business

Business News from



## Business: Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Big Bend

**Name of owner:** We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. We belong to the community.

**Tell us about your business:** Since 1971, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Big Bend has operated under the belief that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life. As the Big Bend's largest donor and volunteer supported mentoring organization, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Big Bend makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers ("Bigs") and children ("Littles"), ages 6 through 18. We develop positive relationships that have a direct, positive and lasting effect on the lives of young people facing significant obstacles.

This year, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Big Bend is celebrating its 40th Anniversary and with it, service to thousands of youth who with the help of a mentor, achieved greater confidence, avoided risky behaviors and experienced improved educational achievement.

In fall 2010, Big Brothers Big Sisters established a Wakulla County Pilot Program to strengthen and expand services to Wakulla County youth. Thanks to several local investments, the agency hired a part-time program coordinator in February with the dual role of community outreach and program management. The Wakulla County program coordinator, Stacy Harvey, recruits participants (both child and mentor), screens children, families and mentors, matches compatible adults and children, and provides ongoing, monthly match support to the mentoring pairs.

**What services, products do you offer?** We create and support one-on-one mentoring relationships designed to help youth facing adversity achieve success in life. We serve more than 350 children annually who face adversity, those of single, low-income or incarcerated parents. Their families seek our support to help the kids beat the odds.

Studies find we do just that, breaking negative cycles too often linked to children in their circumstances.

**What sets your business apart from the competition?** Unlike many mentoring organizations, ours requires that we carefully select and screen volunteer mentors who are committed to long-term service. We provide staff support to the volunteers, mentees and families throughout the life of the relationship, making available necessary training and ongoing coaching to keep the mentoring going strong. This



### Big Brothers Big Sisters of The Big Bend

is why our mentoring is proven to be successful by various researchers.

**What should we be on the lookout for?** Be on the lookout for opportunities to partner with Big Brothers Big Sisters as a meaningful volunteer experience for you and your employees. Also, the Wakulla County United Way campaign kicks off very soon this fall, so please find a way to donate through their campaign efforts.

**How long have you been a Chamber member?** We've been a member since fall 2010.

**Why did you join the Chamber?** We joined the Chamber to build exposure for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Big Bend's Wakulla County Program, to form constructive win-win, cause-related marketing partnerships with local businesses and organizations, and to build a base of volunteer referral sources.

Because Big Brothers Big Sisters is

a donor-supported volunteer organization, it is always in need of investment to insure its ongoing viability and willing volunteers to make a difference in the lives of children.

**Why should local businesses join the Chamber?** Commercial business and nonprofit organizations should join the Chamber for myriad reasons. It is important to build publicity and exposure for your company; make new business contacts; receive referrals, resources and assistance; serve as a voice for your customers; and remain informed about local, regional and state developments that may affect your business.

**What's your reason why Wakulla residents should Shop Local?** Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Big Bend considers itself a small, local business. As such, it understands the importance of making local investments. Just as it is important to reinvest local dollars in local markets, thereby strengthening our community's economic base, it is also important to invest early in the success of tomorrow's business-owners and workforce—the youth we serve.

"Buying local" means creating more good jobs; customers receiving better service; putting taxes to good, efficient use; and insuring citizen-driven demand for diverse products. And, from our nonprofit business angle, buying or shopping local is smart because local businesses are 250 percent more likely to invest in its neighboring community organizations.

**If anyone is interested in your products/services, how do they contact you?** Phone/email: Our program coordinator, Stacy Harvey, lives and works in Wakulla County and can be reached at (850) 366-3865 or Wakulla@bbbsbigbend.org.

Mail: Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Big Bend, PO Box 1192, Crawfordville FL 32326.

Website: www.bbbsbigbend.org and www.bbbs.org/wakulla.

## Chamber Chatter

**New members:**  
Tallahassee Regional Airport – City of Tallahassee/Aviation Department  
Rainbow International  
Bright Beginnings Preschool and Day Care

**Ribbon Cutting:** Bright Beginnings Preschool and Daycare, Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. at 360 Shadeville Highway.

**September Chamber Luncheon:** Beef O' Brady's, Wednesday, Sept. 28 (always the fourth Wednesday).

**Upcoming Business Mixer:** Covenant Hospice and NHC HealthCare will jointly host the September business mixer on Sept. 15 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at 3034 Coastal Highway.

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## Chamber luncheon held at Posey's

By PETRA SHUFF

Unlike our economy, we again saw some growth in attendance at the Chamber Networking Luncheon, up to 44 this month.

We are thrilled that Mary Wallace's idea of adding networking luncheons to the Chamber's activity calendar has been so well received. Mary is doing a wonderful job recruiting restaurants to host the events, and keeping the schedule within everyone's lunchtime. She also follows her own suggestion to invite a guest, business owners that are not yet Chamber members. Her guest, Cyndy Murphy with Rainbow International, a local water



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extraction company, signed her membership application during the luncheon.

Sherrie and Noah of Posey's Restaurant took the opportunity to offer several dishes to show that they do not only serve seafood.

The beef stew with cabbage was a hit.

Compliments to Posey's efficient wait staff - you know how to hustle. Great job, ladies.

Cathy Frank with Wakulla Historical Society and the

Wakulla Extension Office won the \$44 cash drawing. Congrats, Cathy!

We would also like to thank the following business and individuals for contributing prizes for the free raffle: Best Western PLUS, Capital Health Plan, Centennial Bank, Coldwell Banker Hartung and Noblin Inc - Lionel Dazevedo, Cook Insurance, JoAnn Palmer, Mary Ellen Davis Law Office, Rainbow International, Synovus Mortgage Corp., The Wakulla News and The Works Coworking Café.

Our September Networking luncheon will be hosted by Beef O' Brady's on Sept. 28 from noon to 1:15 p.m.

### Lunch and Learn

I would like to remind you of the Brown Bag Lunch and Learn Series workshop on Leadership Essentials offered by the Chamber Education Committee in partnership with FAMU SBDC and FSU Jim Moran Institute. The class is offered free to Chamber members and will be held Sept. 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact our office at 926-1848 to sign up.

Last, but not least, I would like to welcome our new members Tallahassee Regional Airport - City of Tallahassee/Aviation, Rainbow International and Bright Beginnings Preschool and Daycare.

## Shuff: There's a lot going on in the county

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Let's talk about something that could be a game changer for Wakulla County. The Chamber of Commerce is working with the county to foster a public private partnership to implement the "Our Town" plan.

Just in case this is your first time hearing about this let me hit the high spots for you: We are tired of hearing about the latest 10 or 15 year plan for four-laning U.S. Highway 319. In the past you waited on the state to prioritize your road then waited another five or 10 years and then the trucks pulled up.

Not so anymore, with tighter budgets other communities started bringing action plans and money to the priority meetings and guess who got their roads widened.

That is exactly what Tallahassee did and precisely why we have been left sitting on the side of the road.

We are not trying to invent a wheel here; we are borrowing a tried and true plan from our northern neighbors.

We are beginning meetings to work out the details on this implementation plan and will bring a proposal to our Board of County Commissioners that we hope becomes a referendum on the 2012 ballot if all goes well.

This referendum will list specific projects that need doing to improve traffic flow through the hub of our county, install sidewalks for pedestrian access, improve storm water retention and give our county seat better curb appeal.

In return we will ask that you agree to a sales tax of some sort to fund these specific projects.

For all the people who drive to Tallahassee every day, we will probably cut enough time off your daily transit to pay for your tax contribution in gas savings because your car will not be idling as long getting through Crawfordville.

If we all take the leap together and do this right, we will attract more businesses to "Our Town" thereby giving ourselves more shopping choices. This will help generate additional sales tax dollars allowing us to deal with other problems that we have but simply do not have the financial ability to deal with now.

### Chamber luncheon

Our third luncheon networking event was another great success. 44 people chose to attend and a good time was had by all. Posey's up the Creek did a wonder-

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

# Corrections' Buss disagrees with governor's plans, resigns

By MICHAEL PELTIER  
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, Aug. 26. - Floridians bid goodnight to Irene and goodbye to Ed this week as they dodged a major hurricane but watched as lightning struck the state's prisons chief who fell out of favor with his boss.

Department of Corrections Secretary Ed Buss resigned his post midweek following a series of disagreements with the governor's office over prison privatization, health care and reality TV. The Indiana transplant, who went from Wunderkind to red-headed stepchild in his roughly seven months in office, was replaced by a 34-year veteran from FDLE with deep Tallahassee roots.

While Buss was getting a pink slip, the state's water management districts announced they had trimmed their budgets by more than \$700 million in response to legislative directives and tough budget times. Public radio stations could sympathize as they were informed that they would receive no state help.

On the political front, the Republican race for U.S. Senate remains dominated by undecided voters as a large field of candidates vie for public attention in what appears to be an uphill battle to defeat a popular Democratic incumbent.

Meanwhile, GOP presidential candidates eyed the swing state for their respective bids to unseat a not-so-popular Democratic incumbent, with Mitt Romney leading the pack and newcomer (and Scott bff) Texas Gov. Rick Perry gaining his most prominent endorsement.

### THE WHEELS ON THE BUSS COME OFF

Hailed as a national leader in prison reform, Buss in December became one of the earliest and highest profile appointments for the incoming governor.

But following legislative moves to privatize a third of Florida's prison beds, Buss said the experi-

ment should not extend further until cost savings were achieved, a cautious stance that may have contrasted with Scott and the Legislature's hard-charging approach. The plan also cost \$25 million more than expected, a revelation that fueled the fires of privatization critics.

Also, the agency this week terminated an \$180,000 contract with a woman brought to the agency by Buss to oversee the planned privatization of prisoner health care.

Scott's office reportedly pushed for the woman, Elizabeth Gondles, to be fired over concerns about a conflict of interest. Her husband is the director of the only organization in the nation that accredits state prison medical services.

The final straw may have been more to do with process than substance in a flap over a decision to allow the MSNBC series "Lock-up" to film at the Santa Rosa Correctional Institution in Milton. Scott said he hadn't vetted the contract and canceled it - though some at DOC told a newspaper that his office had been clued in. Then, in a strange twist, after Buss quit on Thursday, Scott reapproved the contract anyway.

In a statement, Scott's office said of Buss' resignation that "differences in philosophy and management styles arose which made the separation in the best interests of the state."

Despite a resignation letter, Buss purchased a \$310,000 home in Tallahassee in May, so the split probably wasn't his idea.

### BUDGET CONTINUES TO DRIVE POLICY

Budget considerations both past and present continue to drive policy as agencies deal with tight purse strings and legislative leanings.

Water management districts submitted a budget proposal that is \$700 million leaner than the present fiscal year, with most of the cuts coming from the South

Florida Water Management District.

The budget shelves, at least temporarily, a \$190 million land purchase from U.S. Sugar and delays the sale of \$100 million in bonds to pay for further land acquisition.

A frequent critic, the Everglades Foundation, said it was "pleasantly surprised" by the proposal, saying that it maintains critical Everglades efforts and re-focuses the agencies that during better times had gotten a little fat.

Other environmental groups, including Audubon of Florida, were not as enamored, saying the budget puts water supply, water quality and long-term Everglades funding in jeopardy.

Meanwhile, the State Board of Education approved a legislative wish list that excluded \$4.8 million for public broadcasting, throwing the future of public funding for the programming into question.

The decision marked the first time in more than 35 years the state did not provide money for public broadcasting.

"What do they do for education?" asked Board Chair Kathleen Shanahan.

Meanwhile, there was news this week that Florida's charter school movement is alive and well.

Florida school districts are flooded with applications for new charter schools, motivated by several new laws that make it easier to start traditional and virtual charters.

Nearly 100 more new charter school applications have been filed for the 2012-13 school year than were filed at the same time last year, a 38-percent increase, according to statistics from the Department of Education. Statewide, school districts have received 348 charter school applications. Last year, districts received 252 applications.

### POLLS

A Sachs-Mason-Dixon poll

finds the president in trouble and Mitt Romney ahead in the GOP field in the state. The poll, which had a margin of error of plus or minus 8 points, showed Romney ahead of his closest Republican rival, Perry, 21 percent to 13 percent.

Jon Huntsman, whose headquarters is in Florida, got less than 1 percent. Perry had an active week, signing up for a handful of debates and appearances and getting an endorsement by House Speaker Dean Cannon, R-Winter Park.

Meanwhile, the race for the U.S. Senate remained wide open on the Republican side, with the poll showing U.S. Rep. Vern Buchanan leading a long list of primary contenders with 14 percent. He's followed by U.S. Rep. Allen West at 11 percent.

The problem is neither Congressman is running, though it may now be clear why Buchanan hasn't ruled it out. West has.

Former state House Majority Leader Adam Hasner leads among candidates who have declared their interest in challenging Democratic incumbent Bill Nelson. Hasner, preferred by 8 percent of respondents, is followed by former U.S. Sen. George LeMieux (7 percent), Craig Miller (5 percent) and Mike McCalister (2 percent). More than half of respondents, however, remain undecided.

Voting groups are also looking toward 2012. Voting-rights groups and elected officials have asked a federal court to allow them to intervene in the legal fight over the most controversial elements of Florida's new elections law, which among other things makes it more difficult to register on Election Day.

The American Civil Liberties Union and Project Vote joined citizens, two lawmakers and a pair of supervisors of elections in asking to be allowed to fight the law in the U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C.

The state decided to try to get partial "preclearance" - required for the law to go into effect in five

counties with a history of racial discrimination or language minorities - from the court instead of the U.S. Department of Justice, which usually pre-clears laws under the Voting Rights Act.

### POWER COMPANY RATE HIKE APPROVED

State regulators allowed Gulf Power Co. to at least temporarily raise rates by \$38.5 million. The so-called "interim" increase will start hitting customer bills in mid-September and will lead to a \$4.49 a month jump for residential customers who use 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity.

The Florida Public Service Commission will re-visit the interim increase as it considers Gulf's proposal for a permanent base-rate increase of \$93.5 million.

### TRI-RAIL TALKS

Prison officials aren't the only ones talking about privatization.

State transportation officials confirmed this week that they are in talks with Florida East Coast Railway to provide passenger rail service from West Palm Beach to Miami on the company's tracks, and that FEC might also be interested in running the existing Tri-Rail commuter train system in South Florida.

The discussions, reported first by the Palm Beach Post, were alluded to recently by Secretary of Transportation Ananth Prasad.

**STORY OF THE WEEK:** Florida Department of Corrections Secretary Ed Buss abruptly resigns this week over apparent discord between his office and Gov. Rick Scott over the agency's mission.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "What do they do for education?" Board of Education Chair Kathleen Shanahan concerning the decision not to fund public broadcasting as part of the state's education budget.

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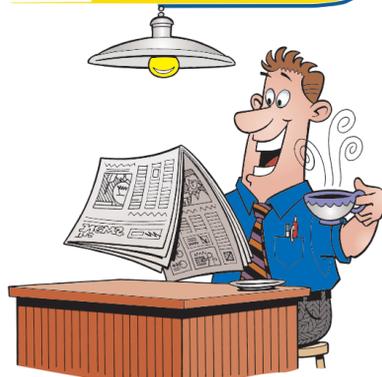


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## BUSINESS

## Joanna Johnson wins award

Staff report

Wakulla County counselor Joanna Johnson won another big award for her work recently when she was named the 2011 Professional of the Year for the Northwest Region by the Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association.

The award was presented on Aug. 25 at the Hyatt in Orlando.

Johnson was selected for the award by her peers in FADAA. The Northwest Region includes the area from Ocala to Pensacola. Only a few months ago, Johnson was named Substance Abuse Counselor of the Year by the Florida School of Addiction Studies.

Johnson said she was excited by the award, and was especially proud of the recognition for Wakulla County.

"This program originated in Wakulla County," she



WILLIAM SNOWDEN

Crawfordville counselor Joanna Johnson with the 2011 Professional of the Year award she received from the Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association.

said. "I think that's big for us."

Johnson began her practice in Wakulla County 10 years ago.

Her book on addiction recovery, "Stepping on Stones:

A new experience in recovery," recently earned a designation as a moderate seller on Amazon. Johnson was recently invited to attend a book fair in New York in December.

## Florida home sales strong in July

By MICHAEL PELTIER  
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

Favorable interest rates and ample inventory helped boost home sales in July by 12 percent compared to a year ago, with some markets seeing much higher increases. Florida Realtors reported Thursday, Aug. 25.

The statewide average belied much heftier increases in some markets. Sales jumped 47 percent in Miami and 57 percent in Tallahassee as buyers appeared to be taking advantage of lower prices in those markets, where median prices fell 8 percent and 10 percent respectively.

Statewide, prices held relatively stable, falling 1 percent year to year, from \$137,700 to \$136,500.

"Realtors in markets across the state are reporting increased activity from potential homebuyers who are ready to take advantage

of historically low mortgage rates and current availability of affordable housing options," said Florida Realtors President Patricia Fitzgerald in a statement.

Florida condominium sales for July also rose 12 percent from July 2010, with median prices rising 4 percent to \$90,900.

Florida's housing recovery lagged behind national trends that showed July home sales increase by 21 percent over July 2010. Part of that was rebound from a trough brought on by the end of the home buying tax credit program. The National Association of Realtors on Thursday tempered the news saying sales would be even more robust if lenders and appraisers stopped being "unnecessarily restrictive."

"Affordability conditions this year have been the most favorable on record dating back to 1970, but many buyers are being held back

because banks are offering financing to only the most highly qualified borrowers, ignoring a large share of otherwise creditworthy buyers," said Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist.

In the South, existing-home sales were up 19.5 percent from July 2010. The median price in the South was \$152,600, 2.2 percent below a year ago.

In Florida, 15 of 19 metropolitan areas posted higher year-to-year sales. Besides Tallahassee and Miami, other strong Florida markets included Pensacola, up 38 percent, Sarasota, up 23 percent, and West Palm Beach, up 21 percent.

Housing woes continued along the Treasure Coast, with sales slipping 13 percent in Fort Pierce/Port St. Lucie. In Southwest Florida, the epicenter of the housing bust, sales fell 3 percent in Fort Myers. Orlando home sales were flat.

## Local businesswoman behind Zerona laser in Tallahassee

Zerona offers safe alternative for painless reduction of inches and body fat in Tallahassee

Special to The News

TALLAHASSEE - Wakulla County resident Kathie Ann Brown and her business partner Amanda Mullen announce the arrival of the Zerona, the only non-invasive, body slimming, low-lever laser treatment, making it the first center to offer the Zerona in the Tallahassee area.

During clinical trials, the Zerona has been scientifically proven to result in an average of 3.6 inches lost from patients' waist, hips and thighs.

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The introduction of Zerona to The Laser Center will provide those seeking a safe alternative to surgery with a body contouring program that causes no bruising, scar-

ring and discomfort. The simple procedure consists of six 40-minute treatments over a two-week period.

Patients have been pleased with the results from Zerona treatments and because there are no needles, no incisions and no recovery time involved, they can continue with their daily activities immediately after each treatment.

Zerona is an excellent option for patients who do not want to experience the downtime, health risks or pain associated with more invasive procedures for body contouring.

Zerona uses patented and clinically proven low level laser technology developed by Erchonia. The results were proven effective through a double-blind, randomized, multi-site, and placebo-controlled study. Zerona is FDA approved.

"Zerona is the leading technology for body contouring without surgery," says Steve Shanks, vice president at Erchonia. "We are pleased to bring such a superior product to highly-respected facilities such as The Laser Center of Tallahassee who can now offer Zerona as a perfect solution for those who want to jump start or maintain a healthier and slimmer lifestyle."

For more information on the Zerona treatments at The Laser Center call (850) 325-1246. To learn more about Zerona, visit [www.myzerona.com](http://www.myzerona.com).

## Rep. Bemby gets assignments

State Rep. Leonard Bemby, D-Greenville, has been appointed to the House Appropriations Committee, which produces the House's proposed budget in conforming and implementing legislation, for a second year.

The committee provides legislative oversight regarding agency and judiciary implementation of the budget, and also reviews the Governors budget recommendations, agency legislative budget request, and analyzes trust funds.

Additionally, legislation with a fiscal impact is typically heard by the House Appropriations Committee, or one of its respective subcommittees.

Bemby was again appointed to the House State Affairs Committee that considers matters relating to the oversight and use of state resources, including issues relating to Florida's agriculture and citrus industries, environmental protection, conservation of Florida's natural resources, energy, utilities and tele-

communications regulations and state agency governance.

Bemby's other appointments include Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee, Select Committee on Water Policy and K-20 Innovation Education Subcommittee.

"I've been blessed to be able to have first-hand knowledge and a strong background in agriculture, which enables me to have the ability to be effective through my committee assignments," Bemby said.

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# Reverse mortgages aren't for everyone



By JASON ALDERMAN

You can scarcely turn on the TV without seeing ads for reverse mortgages.

They're touted as a great tool for cash-strapped seniors to tap their home equity to pay off bills while remaining in their homes with no monthly mortgage payments.

Although that may be true for some people, these complicated and costly

loans aren't right for everyone, so it pays to do your homework.

Here's a primer on reverse mortgages and precautions you need to take:

Reverse mortgages let homeowners age 62 or older borrow against their home equity without having to make monthly payments (as with refinance loans).

The loan needn't be repaid until you move out permanently, sell the property or die.

In addition, seniors wishing to downsize or relocate may make a large down payment on a new home and then use a reverse mortgage to finance the rest.

The vast majority of these mortgages are made

through the Federal Housing Administration's Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) program.

Common features include:

All parties on the loan must be at least age 62.

The home (current or future) must be your principal residence.

applicable fees.

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The allowable loan amount is based on your home's appraised value, your age, interest rate and type (fixed or variable), mortgage insurance and

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Reverse mortgages can be very expensive. Lenders may charge a loan origination fee of up to \$6,000. In addition, you must pay upfront and then ongoing

mortgage insurance premiums (MIPs).

HECM Standard loans have an upfront MIP of 2 percent of the home's value. HECM Saver loans have a far lower 0.01 percent upfront MIP (although the allowable loan amount may be up to 18 percent less).

Both versions also charge an additional 1.25 percent MIP of the outstanding balance annually, as well as a loan origination fee of up to \$6,000 and various other charges.

A few other potential downsides with reverse mortgages:

You are responsible for homeowner's fees, property taxes, insurance and repairs for the life of the loan. If you don't pay them, you risk cancellation or foreclosure.

They aren't cost-effective if you plan to move in a few years.

Some couples put only

the older spouse on the loan in order to secure a higher balance, but this can backfire: If that person dies first, the survivor could be bound to pay off the loan - a real problem if the home's value is "underwater."

The longer you carry a reverse mortgage, the more your home equity - and thus, your estate - will decrease.

Because reverse mortgages are so complicated, potential borrowers are required to consult a Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-approved counselor before being allowed to apply. Before you even get to that stage, do your research.

Helpful sites include those sponsored by the HUD ([www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)) and AARP ([www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org)).

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To Follow Jason Alderman on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney](http://www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney).

## July jobless rate steady

By MICHAEL PELTIER  
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, Aug. 19 - Florida's unemployment rate in July remained unchanged at 10.7 percent after state labor market officials revised June's rate upward, the Agency for Workforce Innovation reported Friday, Aug. 26.

The rate, which is still nearly a point lower than the 11.5 percent the state experienced in July 2010, translates into 987,000 jobless out of a workforce of more than 9.2 million.

In Wakulla County, the unemployment rate was down to 8.4 percent in July from 8.6 percent in June.

Of a labor force of 16,905 in July, there were 1,421 people counted as unemployed by the state.

Wakulla continues to have one of the lowest jobless rates in the state. Of 67 counties, Wakulla ranked ninth for lowest unemployment. Neighboring Franklin County had a lower jobless rate of 7.8 percent, ranking fifth, and Leon County had a rate of 8.9 percent, ranking 12th.

The lowest unemployment in the state was in Monroe County with a rate of 6.6 percent. The highest unemployment was in Hendry County, with a rate of 18.8 percent.

As part of the monthly announcement on labor statistics, there was a downward revision in the number of jobs created since the first of the year. Last month, state economists estimated that 85,500 had been created since Jan. 1. The latest update reduces that estimate to 64,300.

The drop of 21,200 will likely become fodder as the parties jockey for any political advantage over the state's erratic economic recovery.

Florida's job loss figure was the second highest in the nation behind Illinois, although the state still has a net gain of 64,300 jobs for the year.

State employment officials, meanwhile, cautioned that the figure, which represented a 0.1 percentage point uptick from preliminary June figures released last month, was not completely unexpected as the state crawls its way back from the biggest economic downturn since the 1930s.

"Mixed signals from economic indicators during recovery are common," AWI Director Cynthia R. Lorenzo, said in a statement. "Fluctuations in rates of unemployment and job growth are typical examples of starts and stops while the economy rebounds and unemployed workers who may have given up looking for work rejoin the workforce."

"You need to look at the long term trends," added Rebecca Rust, AWI chief economist. "There will be fluctuations month to month."



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**3Br 2Ba House \$1050mo + Sec. Dep.**  
**3Br 2Ba House \$900mo + Sec. Dep.**  
**3Br 2Ba House \$850mo + Sec. Dep.**  
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**680 Legal Notices**

**681 Foreclosure Proceedings**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 2009-528-CA  
AMERIS BANK, PLAINTIFF,  
vs.  
GORDON T. DARNELL, et al.,  
Defendants(s).  
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

**Century 21**  
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Florida Coastal Properties, Inc. T. Gaupin, Broker Silver Coast Realty  
**Ochlockonee Bay 984-5007**

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**RENTALS**

**OCHLOCKONEE**  
2BR/2BA on Ochlockonee River, \$900/month plus applicable deposits & last month rent.

**SHELL POINT**  
2BR/2BA Canal-front, fully furnished ground level house, with in-ground pool \$1,500/month plus applicable deposits. No Pets.

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

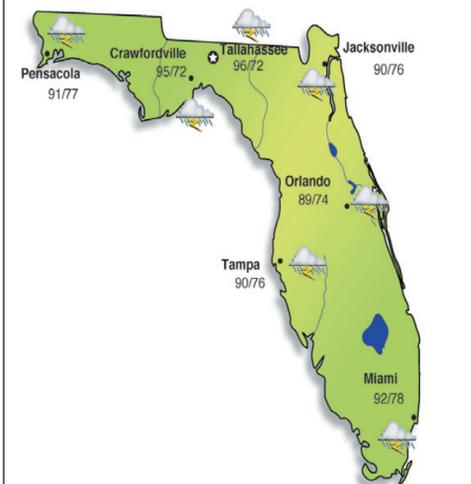
3BR/2BA home in gated community on deep-water canal. Unfurnished, No Pets. \$2,000/month plus deposits.

**Today's Weather**

Local 5-Day Forecast				
Wed 8/31	Thu 9/1	Fri 9/2	Sat 9/3	Sun 9/4
<b>95/72</b> Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>95/71</b> Slight chance of a thunderstorm.	<b>97/72</b> Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>95/72</b> Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.	<b>93/72</b> Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 8:01 PM	Sunrise: 7:14 AM Sunset: 8:00 PM	Sunrise: 7:14 AM Sunset: 7:59 PM	Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 7:58 PM	Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 7:56 PM

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**Area Cities**

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Clearwater	89	75	t-storm	Ocala	92	72	t-storm
Crestview	95	71	t-storm	Orlando	89	74	t-storm
Daytona Beach	87	74	t-storm	Panama City	92	75	t-storm
Fort Lauderdale	91	79	t-storm	Pensacola	91	77	t-storm
Fort Myers	89	75	t-storm	Plant City	92	75	t-storm
Gainesville	92	72	t-storm	Pompano Beach	92	78	t-storm
Hollywood	90	78	t-storm	Port Charlotte	91	74	t-storm
Jacksonville	90	76	t-storm	Saint Augustine	87	75	t-storm
Key West	89	83	t-storm	Saint Petersburg	88	79	t-storm
Lady Lake	91	73	t-storm	Sarasota	90	75	t-storm
Lake City	92	72	t-storm	Tallahassee	96	72	t-storm
Madison	96	72	t-storm	Tampa	90	76	t-storm
Melbourne	88	76	t-storm	Titusville	88	75	t-storm
Miami	92	78	t-storm	Venice	89	74	t-storm
N Smyrna Beach	87	75	t-storm	W Palm Beach	89	77	t-storm

**National Cities**

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	91	68	mst sunny	Minneapolis	84	71	t-storm
Boston	81	60	mst sunny	New York	83	68	pt sunny
Chicago	83	65	t-storm	Phoenix	105	84	pt sunny
Dallas	104	80	mst sunny	San Francisco	63	56	pt sunny
Denver	94	65	pt sunny	Seattle	66	53	pt sunny
Houston	98	77	pt sunny	St. Louis	96	76	t-storm
Los Angeles	79	62	sunny	Washington, DC	84	71	pt sunny
Miami	92	78	t-storm				



**UV Index**

Wed 8/31	Thu 9/1	Fri 9/2	Sat 9/3	Sun 9/4
10	11	11	10	10
Very High	Extreme	Extreme	Very High	Very High

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- 47 Mohawk Trail, 3BR/2BA House w/Garage on double lot \$850 mo. No Smoking or Pets
- 4379 Crawfordville Hwy (Commercial Building) \$3,500 Mo. 7,000 sf., incl. 800sf of office space, fenced
- 4 Choctaw Road 3BR/2BA House on double lot \$850 Mo. No Smoking or Pets
- 25 Sawgrass Drive Live Oak Isl. 4BR/2BA House \$1,900 Mo. No Smoking or Pets
- 80 Sawgrass Drive Live Oak Isl. 2BR/2BA House/beachfront, dock \$1,250 No Smoking or Pets
- 26 Manatee Lane 2BR/2BA House \$1,500 Mo. (Vacation Rental also \$100 night) No Smoking or Pets
- 10 Hidden Springs Panacea 2BR/2BA House on pilings \$950 Mo. No Smoking or Pets
- 249 Donaldson-Williams Rd. 3BR/1.5BA MH on 7 Acres \$500 Mo. Pets Okay w/Approval/Fee
- 26B Old Courthouse Square 2BR/2BA Townhouse \$850 Mo. No Smoking or Pets
- 51A & 49B Dispenette Drive 3BR/2BA Duplex \$750 Mo. Incl. Water/Swr No Smoking/Pets ok
- 31 Chehaw Road-Panacea 4BR/2BA MH \$750 Mo. No Smoking or Pets
- 110 Mount Pleasant 3BR/2BA House on 2 acres \$800 Mo. No Smoking or Pets
- 174 Beaty Taff Drive Shell Pt. Beach House with Guest Quarters - 3 BR/3 1/2 BA total. \$1,350 Mo. No Smoking or Pets
- 26C Guinevere Lane 3BR/2BA Townhouse \$800 Mo. No Smoking or Pets

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

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

681 Foreclosure Proceedings

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered herein, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at a public sale at 11:00 a.m. on the 15th day of September, 2011, in the lobby of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327 the following described property:

EXHIBIT "A" DEED DESCRIPTION

A portion of Lot 5 and 6, Block 52, Wakulla Gardens Unit Five as recorded in Plat Book 1, page 55 of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a pinched iron pipe marking The Northwest corner of Block 52 of Wakulla Gardens Unit Five as recorded in Plat Book 1, page 55 of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida and thence run South 18 degrees 36 minutes 00 seconds East along the Easterly right-of-way boundary of Bealer Road 105.91 feet to an iron rod and cap (LB 7017) marking the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING continue South 18 degrees 36 minutes 00 seconds East 60.00 feet to an iron rod marking The Southwest corner of Lot 5; thence South 18 degrees 23 minutes 42 seconds East 50.20 feet to an iron rod and cap (LS 4864) marking The Southwest corner of Lot 6; Thence North 71 degrees 46 minutes 38 seconds East 89.93 feet along the South boundary of said Lot 6 to an iron rod and cap (LB 7017); North 18 degrees 19 minutes 48 seconds West 80.65 feet to an iron rod and cap (LB 7017) thence North 72 degrees 09 minutes 02 seconds East 9.86 feet to an iron rod and cap (LB 7017) thence North 18 degrees 35 minutes 56 seconds West 30.00 feet to an iron rod and cap (LB 7017); fence South 71 degrees 33 minutes 28 seconds West 99.99 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on August 11, 2011.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE COURT ADMINISTRATORS OFFICE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. TELEPHONE: 850-926-0905; OR, IF HEARING IMPAIRED, 1-800-995-8771 (TDD); OR 1-800-955-8770 (V), VIA FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE.

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

August 25, 2011 September 1, 2011

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

CASE NO. 65-2008-CA-000259 DIVISION

INDYMAC FEDERAL BANK FSB,

Plaintiff, vs.

JOHN W. SMITH, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: WESLEY SMITH, AS AN HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN W. SMITH A/K/A JOHN WESLEY SMITH

DECEASED

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

STACY SMITH, AS AN HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN W. SMITH A/K/A JOHN WESLEY SMITH

DECEASED

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in WAKULLA County, Florida:

LOT 3 COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 18, T3S, R1W, AS MARKED BY A CONCRETE MONUMENT NO.1254, AND ACCEPTED BY CERTIFIED CORNER RECORD NO. 32915, AND RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SECTION LINE 653.09 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST 874.57 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 119, PAGE 984 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA

COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH BOUNDARY 377.09 FEET THENCE LEAVING SAID SOUTH BOUNDARY RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST 552.44 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST 60.76 FEET, THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST 20.02 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST 315.08 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 119, PAGE 984, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 21 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EASTERLY BOUNDARY 570.45 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THE EASTERLY AND SOUTHERLY 40.00 THEREOF BEING SUBJECT TO A ROADWAY EASEMENT.

RESERVING UNTO THE GRANTOR HEREIN A ROADWAY EASEMENT OVER THE EASTERLY AND SOUTHERLY 40.00 FEET THEREOF.

TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER AND UNDER THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 03 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 18, A DISTANCE OF 653.04 FEET TO A 4 INCH BY 4 INCH CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST 874.64 FEET TO A 1 INCH IRON PIPE MARKING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST 735.81 FEET TO A 1 INCH IRON PIPE LYING ON THE EASTERLY MAINTAINED RIGHT-OF-WAY OF REVADEE SPEARS ROAD, THENCE RUN NORTH 03 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID MAINTAINED RIGHT-OF-WAY 576.08 FEET TO A 5/8 INCH RE-ROD (MARKED #7 160), THENCE LEAVING SAID MAINTAINED RIGHT-OF-WAY RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST 765.19 FEET TO A 4 INCH BY 4 INCH CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST 569.92 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Florida Default Law Group, P.L., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 4919 Memorial Highway, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on this 15th day of August, 2011.

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

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

September 1, 8, 2011

683 Estate (Probate) Filings

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

PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO.: 2011-44-PR

IN RE: ESTATE OF MAURICE AUBREY BRADLEY

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of MAURICE AUBREY BRADLEY, deceased, whose date of death was April 30, 2011; is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division; File No.: 2011-44-PR; the address of which is Probate Division, Wakulla County Courthouse, Crawfordville, Florida, 32327. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this notice, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN

THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS: Thursday, September 1, 2011.

SAMUEL N. SULLIVAN 4679 Crawfordville Highway Crawfordville, Florida 32327 Personal Representative

Attorney and Personal Representative: -s- CECIL L. DAVIS, JR. Florida Bar No.: 0242721

BANKER LOPEZ GASSLER, P.A. 111 North Calhoun Street Tallahassee, Florida 32301 (850) 681-4213

September 1, 8, 2011

685 Notice of Fictitious Name

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Forest Edge Enterprises, located at 6028 Fox Road, in the County of Leon, in the City of Tallahassee, Florida 32305, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Crawfordville, Florida, this 26th day of August 2011.

-s- HOMER TEDDER

September 1, 2011

687 Invitations to Bid

Advertisement Detail WAKULLA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE & SERVICES Request for Proposal No. 2011-19 Advertisement Begin Date/Time: August 16, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

Board Decisions will be available at: 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327.

Sealed responses for Liability Insurance Coverage & Services addressed to the Wakulla County Purchasing Coordinator, at 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327 will be received until 2:00 p.m. on September 6, 2011, at which time all proposals will be publicly opened. Any responses received after the time and date specified will not be accepted and shall be returned unopened to the Proposer.

Please direct all questions to: Deborah DuBose, OMB Coordinator Phone: 850.926.9500 FAX: 850.926.9006 e-mail: ddubose@mywakulla.com

RFP documents will be available at www.mywakulla.com or can be picked up at the location listed above after 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 2011.

Any person with a qualified disability requiring special accommodations at the bid opening shall contact purchasing at the phone number listed above at least 5 business days prior to the event. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact this office by using the Florida Relay Services which can be reached at 1.800.955.8771 (TDD).

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids or accept minor irregularities in the best interest of Wakulla County.

Mike Stewart, Chairman Deborah DuBose, OMB Coordinator

August 25, 2011 September 1, 2011

688 Gov - Miscellaneous

Notice of Final Agency Action Taken by the Northwest Florida Water Management District

Notice is given that stormwater permit number 1136 was issued on August 26, 2011, to City of Sopchoppy the construction will replace the existing culvert that crosses Park Avenue, Sopchoppy.

The file containing the application for this permit is available for inspection Monday through Friday (except for legal holidays), 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Northwest Florida Water Management District's ERP Office, The Delaney Center Building, Suite 2-D 2252 Killalee Center Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32309.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the District permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57 F.S., or may choose to pursue mediation as an alternative remedy under Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, and Rules 28-106.111 and 28-106.401-404, Florida Administrative Code. Petitions must comply with the requirements of Florida Administrative Code, Chapter 28-106 and be filed with (received by) the District Clerk located at District Headquarters, 81 Water Management Drive, Havana, FL 32333-4712. Petitions for administrative hearing on the above application must be filed within twenty-one (21) days of publication of this notice or within twenty-six (26) days of the District depositing notice of this intent in the mail for those persons to whom the District mails actual notice. Failure to file a petition within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right(s) such person(s) may have to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569

and 129.57, F.S., concerning the subject permit. Petitions which are not filed in accordance with the above provisions are subject to dismissal.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice of intent. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the District on the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceedings, the accordance with the requirements set forth above.

September 1, 2011

Looking for a copy of The Wakulla News You're In Luck! Find Your Copy Today at These Rack and Dealer Locations. Includes a rack of newspapers and a list of dealers.

Brain Teaser Brought to you by... Best Western PLUS. Includes a large puzzle grid and a list of clues.

Brain Teaser puzzle grid with numbers 1-9 in various positions.

- ACROSS 1. Latvia's capital 5. Site of many Goyas 10. Gush forth 14. Like some testimony 15. CSA general 16. Garr of "Mr. Mom" 17. Wildlife protector 19. Commuter line 20. JFK guesstimate 21. Puts a question to 22. Thrilling, in an unconventional way 23. Does a brake job 25. Dimwit 27. Circus safeguard 28. "That's all, folks!" speaker 31. In a murderous frenzy 34. Tasty mushroom 35. Suffix with señor 36. Be a role model 40. Back in time 41. Broadcasting 42. Rebel 43. Rose Bowl city 45. Game piece 47. Vampire repellent 48. Relating to plant life 52. Bull's sound 54. Fair to middling 55. According to 56. Castel Gandolfo resident 57. When doubled, "Fiddler on the Roof" tune 60. Carrier's partner 61. Chilling 62. Work in the bleachers 63. Democratic donkey creator 64. Rolls radials 65. Summer quaffs

Brain Teaser puzzle grid with numbers 1-65 in various positions.

- DOWN 1. Walkie-talkie "OK" 2. Boiling mad 3. \_\_\_ Abdel Nasser 4. Tankard filler 5. Car radio button 6. Smells something fierce 7. Hannibal's hurdle 8. Twister Joey 9. Bard's above 10. Like a referee's shirt 11. It's passed in friendship 12. Abstract composer Satie 13. Cunning 18. Classic Welles role 22. Pal of Fran and Ollie 24. "\_\_\_ Dinka Doo" 25. More tender 26. Jurassic Park sighting 28. Conductors' spots 29. "\_\_\_ never fly!" 30. Restaurant critic Greene 31. "Yesterday!" in business memos 32. Prefix with bucks or bytes 33. Ear doctors' gadgets 34. Haunted house noises 37. Beckett's no-show 38. Teller's stack 39. Mimicking bird 44. Put the collar on 45. Dances recklessly 46. Molecule builder 48. Dirt-court game 49. Ready to streak 50. \_\_\_ Kristen of "Ryan's Hope" 51. Pokémon collectibles 52. Drive to nowhere in particular 53. Chevy of yore 54. Prepare the paint 57. Bon \_\_\_ (witty remark) 58. "\_\_\_ takers?" 59. An ex of Artie and Frank

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# ROADSHOW COMES TO CRAWFORDVILLE NEXT WEEK!

By Jason Delong  
THR STAFF WRITER

Got gold? Next week, visitors can cash in on gold and silver jewelry, antiques, collectibles, and all coins prior to 1970

Clean out your attics, closets and lock boxes, because the "As seen on TV," **Treasure Hunters Roadshow** is coming to **Crawfordville**. Roadshow specialists are in town next week examining your gold and silver, antiques and collectibles.

While the Roadshow will accept anything that's old, they will be focusing on: gold and silver coins made before 1970, military items, toys and trains, musical instruments, pocket and wrist watches. **Scrap gold is expected to be a popular category this week due to soaring gold prices.**

Buyers for the roadshow have noticed a tremendous increase in the amount of gold coming to the Roadshow, and for good reason. Record gold prices have Roadshow guests cashing in on broken or outdated jewelry with our **fair and honest** purchase offers.



Above—Roadshow specialist, Mike Delong, sits with a gentleman who is eagerly anticipating the assessment of his collectibles.

The Roadshow encourages anyone planning a visit to take a minute and examine their jewelry box or their lock box at the bank and gather anything that is gold. If a guest is not sure if

something is gold, bring it in and the Roadshow staff will test it for free. Other gold items of interest include gold coins, gold ounces, gold proof sets and dental gold.

Other types of items Roadshow specialists hope to see include vintage guitars. Ryan Krushas, one of the Roadshow's instrument specialists, spoke about some of the top guitars getting great offers. "Gibsons and Fenders are in big demand right now as are vintage amps," said Krushas. We also buy violins, mandolins, woodwinds, if it plays it pays! Timepiece specialist Jeff Ford adds, "Watches are hot! We recently paid over \$2,500 for an old Hamilton pocket watch. And we are buying all types of high-end wrist watches too. Brands like Rolex, Tiffany and Chopard are very desirable to collectors. And the finest Swiss timepiece in the world, Patek Philippe, just earned a happy seller \$42,000.00"

When specialist Tom Fuller was asked what he enjoyed most about working at the Roadshow, he was quick to answer, "Old coins and paper currency—for as long as I can remember, I have been fascinated with collecting coins. I would go through the change in my parents' grocery store, looking for rare dates and errors. Once, I found a silver quarter that I sold for \$300. Not bad for an 8 year old."

Fuller went on to explain that any U.S. coins made before 1970 are the most sought after by collectors. Coins made before 1965 are 90% silver, and valuable because of either the silver content or even more valuable if one happens to be a rare date. Fuller explained, "We help people sort through their coins for unique dates. We buy all types of coins at the Roadshow—from wheat pennies to buffalo nickels, and from single coins to entire truckloads. See you at the Roadshow."

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## WHAT WE BUY

**COINS** Any and all coins made before 1970: silver and gold coins, dollars, half dollars, quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies. All conditions wanted!

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**JEWELRY** Gold, silver, platinum, diamonds, rubies, sapphires, all types of stones and metals, rings, bracelets, necklaces, etc. (including broken jewelry) all costume jewelry wanted.



**WRIST & POCKET WATCHES** Rolex, Tiffany, Hublot, Omega, Chopard, Cartier, Philippe, Ebel, Waltham, Swatch, Elgin, Bunn Special, Railroad, Illinois, Hamilton, all others.



**TOYS, TRAINS, DOLLS** All makers and types of toys made before 1965: Hot Wheels, Tonka, Buddy L, Smith Miller, Nylint, Robots, Battery Toys, Mickey Mouse, train sets—Marklin, American Flyer, Lionel, Hafner, all other trains (all gauges, accessories, individual cars), Barbie dolls, GI Joe, Shirley Temple, characters, German.



**MILITARY ITEMS & SWORDS** Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWI, WWII, etc: swords, badges, clothes, photos, medals, knives, gear, letters. The older the swords, the better.

**GUITARS & INSTRUMENTS** Fender, Gibson, Martin, Rickenbacker, Gretsch, new and vintage amps, saxophones, wood winds, mandolins and all other musical instruments.

## CHECK IT OUT!

- WHO** TREASURE HUNTERS ROADSHOW
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- INFORMATION** 217.787.7767

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