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Board approves $196 garbage fee

Facing a packed house of citizens opposed to it, county commissioners vote 4-1 for mandatory garbage pickup

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The Community Center was packed on Tuesday, Sept. 6, with the majority of the crowd upset over the proposed mandatory curbside garbage and recyclable pickup for all Wakulla County residents, some who called the proposal an example of socialism.

There were a few who spoke in favor of the assessment because of the addition of recycling and they said it discourages illegal dumping.

"It will help us all to keep Wakulla County beautiful," said Pamela Joy.

But, many residents expressed frustration with the county forcing residents to pay for curbside and not giving them any other option.

"It boils down to one simple thing for me and that's choice," said Jonathan Clark.

In spite of the negative comments received, the commission felt the $196 assessment on all dwellings within the county, except those living in St. Marks, was the best solution for the county in dealing with its solid waste issue.

Commissioner Alan Brock, who brought the idea of curbside pickup before the board initially, said half of the county's 1,300 households that already pay for garbage pickup will see a decrease with this option. The typical amount for garbage pickup is about $300, now those residents will pay $196 for the same service.

They voted four to one, with Commissioner Jerry Moore opposing, to approve the solid waste assessment and agreed to a 10-year franchise agreement with the sole provider, Waste Pro.

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Relief offered to low-income residents

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Those who cannot afford the new $196 solid waste assessment might be able to get some relief.

Included in the assessment is a hardship assistance clause and the commission also discussed possibly adding a compassionate appeals process for special cases.

Currently, assistance is available for low income residents, which is defined as those who have a gross income that doesn't exceed 80 percent of the median income of Wakulla County, as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The median income is $65,100, which means a family of four that makes $47,850 could be exempt from paying the solid waste assessment.

However, Commissioner Alan Brock said the commission did not realize the income level was so high and were aiming more for the very low or extremely low income level, which would be either $17,950 or 29,990.

In previous meetings, the commissioners had estimated that probably less than 100 or so residents would qualify. Under the current criteria, that number will be much higher.

The commission will look at amending the criteria at its Sept. 19 meeting. This will also affect the criteria for applying for assistance with the Fire MSBU.

Those wishing to apply for assistance must do so before Oct. 1 at the county administration building. For more information, call 926-0919.

Remembering Sept. 11

PHOTOS BY JENNIFER JENSEN

The annual Sept. 11 memorial service held at the sheriff's office. This was the 10th anniversary of the attacks.

A woman and child saying the pledge.

Wakulla pays tribute to the victims of the terrorist attacks and to those who serve. 'Our resolve is still here'

By JENNIFER JENSEN
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On that specific date, Sept. 11, people join together as one community, one nation, one world and put their differences aside to honor and remember those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, as well as those who still mourn their loss and those who continue to serve.

Events were held throughout the world on that day, marking the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks when more than 2,700 people were killed. Here in Wakulla County many gathered at the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office for a memorial service at 8:46 a.m., the exact time the first plane hit the World Trade Center.

Local writer Herb Donaldson shares a personal recollection of Sept. 11, 2001, in New York City. See Page 4A.

Those in attendance were quiet and somber, perhaps recalling where they were on that tragic day.

"We all remember vividly Sept. 11," said Major Maurice Langston.

Langston said the attacks on the U.S. that day were intended to make us crumble, but America is still here.

"Our resolve is still here," Langston said.

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County considers lowering tax rate

After imposing a 7 percent tax levy on utility usage, commissioners indicate they support lowering property taxes to 8.5 mills from current rate of 8.75

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After agreeing to make additional cuts of $257,285 to its proposed upcoming budget, the county commission was able to reduce its millage rate to 8.5 from the current rate of 8.75.

The commission recently voted to impose a Public Services Tax of 7 percent on utilities and vowed to try and lower the millage rate.

Commissioner Lynn Artz proposed two different plans during the first budget hearing held on Sept. 6. The first proposal gave suggestions on what to cut, which including delaying the hiring of the incoming county administrator, planning director and parks and recreation director, as well as a 10-percent pay cut for all constitutional officers. The second proposal did not offer suggestions, but simply how much each constitutional office would need to cut.

The commission chose to go with the second proposal and have Interim County Administrator Tim Barden come up with the best solution to reach those cuts for the BOCC.

"Proposal A was just too hard," Commissioner Mike Stewart said.

He added that he was pleased the commission was able to reduce the millage rate at all.

"In this day and time, that's amazing," Stewart said.

He added that the county is operating at 2005-06 budget levels and in 2005, the county brought in $9.5 million.

Barden said, "We're barely bringing in $9 million this year."

The amount of reductions needed to be spread across all constitutional offices was decreased because of the County Commission's decision to move the sheriff's office into the community center temporarily. The lease ends Oct. 1 for the Oak Street building. This will save the county about $50,000, Barden said.

Artz said Barden also made some adjustments with worker's compensation. A portion of the workers compensation costs, $22,000, was moved from the general fund to the building department and the Fire MSBU. This brought the total amount needed to be divided among offices to $185,606.

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Increase in bed tax approved to promote tourism

The bed tax is increased from 2 percent to 3 percent and then 4 percent in six months. The board also amended TDC director Pam Portwood's contract and adjusted her salary

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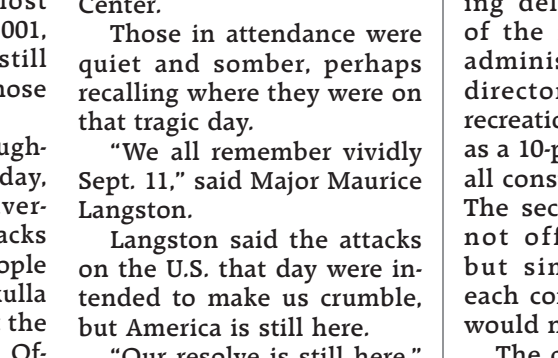
Lately there have been passionate remarks made regarding the Wakulla County Tourist Development Council and its director, Pam Portwood. Some of these statements have been in support of Portwood and the council's actions, while others have questioned those actions and their efficiency.

These statements came in the form of letters to the editor, during citizens to be heard at commission meetings, emails to the TDC and by word of mouth. They started after the TDC proposed an increase in the Tourist Development Tax, or bed tax, from 2 percent to 3 percent and then 4 percent six months later. The tax is on payment received for the rental or lease of living quarters or accommodations for less than six months.

The county commission held a public hearing on Sept. 6 to adopt the increase and they unanimously approved it.



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TDC Director Pam Portwood

"Get it through your skulls, nobody in the county is going to pay this," Commissioner Jerry Moore said.

All commissioners expressed their support in the increase and the fact that citizens would not be paying the tax.

For the last five years, this tax has generated between $35,000 and $40,000 a year, according to Portwood. The tax increase is expected to generate an extra $20,000 a year for the first 6 months.

Portwood said the TDC board unanimously voted to request the increase because of tourism being hit so hard lately, with the economy and BP Oil Spill.

She added that Wakulla is one of the few counties that charges only 2 percent. Most charge 4 percent or more.

TDC Chairman Richard Harden said this makes it difficult for Wakulla to compete.

"We're priced out of it," Harden said.

Many people have expressed concern about whether the revenues coming in from the tax are being used in the most efficient way possible, as well as why there is an increase in salary proposed for Portwood.

TDC members have said Portwood will be able to do more with the increased revenue and will need more time to do it.

Resident Renee Calhoun, who has not been shy about her feelings regarding the TDC, said she called other TDCs and could not find a director that made as much as Portwood.

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CITY OF SOPCHOPPY

Edwards resigns from city commission to take county job

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Sopchoppy City Commissioner David Edwards announced his resignation at the commission's Sept. 12 meeting effective Sept. 30 because of a new position he will hold starting Oct. 1.

The always outspoken commissioner was selected as the next county administrator by the county commission from more than 65 applicants.

He decided to step away from his role as county commissioner because of the obvious conflict.

"I think the world of what y'all are doing," Edwards said.

He told the other commissioners to ask questions constantly and remember to serve the citizens.

Commissioner Richard Harden said, "You have generated some lively discussion."

He added that Edwards forced the city to look at things in a new and fresh light.

In other news, the commission held its first budget hearing.

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. A Christmas bonus is also included for all employees.

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

There is also money to upgrade the electric in the park bathroom, as well as make improvements to the trail, and construct a new roof and install new windows at the Historic Sopchoppy Gymnasium.

Improvements included for the water department are a lift gate and a vehicle that gets good gas mileage.

In other matters:

• The city commission also held a public hearing on the adoption of an exclusive franchise for solid waste collection and hauling with Waste Pro. The commission decided at a previous meeting that it was in the best interest of the city to join in with the county's solid waste assessment, which includes weekly curbside pickup of garbage and recyclables.

The commission voted four to zero to approve the resolution. Mayor Colleen Skipper was absent.

• The rate study and master plan was presented at the meeting and the commission decided not to impose the increased rates that were suggested.

The base charge for water usage would increase from $12 to $14 for in town and $18 to $21 for out of town. There was also a charge of 35 cents for excessive uses inside the city and out of city would be charged 45 cents.

Edwards said, "I don't think we need to raise the rates this year."

However, he did want the city to remain aware of growth and if it is needed in the future.

"We don't need to wait 10 years and then double our rates," Edwards said.

City Clerk Jackie Lawhon agreed and said now wasn't the time, especially with all the increases the county is imposing next year.

Public Works Director Leonard Tartt said the city is in a good position if growth happens and it needs to move forward with expanding its system. He, along with Lawhon, have been looking for available property in case that happens.

"If we need to move, we can," Tartt said.

• In the previous meeting, the city commission was presented with personnel policies and procedures, as well as standard operating guidelines for the city that was prepared by Paula Arnold with Quest Management Consultants. The city hired Arnold to draft these policies.

Included in the guidelines is a purchasing policy. The commission agreed that purchases under $2,000 could be made by Lawhon or Tartt. 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. There are exceptions included for emergency situations.

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

The commission voted four to zero to adopt the proposed policies and procedures.

The next Sopchoppy Commission meeting will be Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at city hall for the second budget hearing.

The next regular commission meeting is Oct. 10 at 6:30 p.m.

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BUDGET SUMMARY

City of St. Marks - Fiscal Year 2011-2012

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ST. MARKS ARE 1% LESS THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.

		GENERAL FUND	UTILITY FUND	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
Millage Rate Per $1,000	**5.0327**			
ESTIMATED REVENUES:				
Taxes:				
Ad Valorem Tax		**140,000**		**140,000**
Franchise Fees		25,800		25,800
Utility Tax		28,800		28,800
Communications Service Tax		11,000		11,000
Licenses & Permits		4,200		4,200
Intergovernmental Revenue		35,640		35,640
Charges for Services		41,248	320,000	361,248
Miscellaneous Revenue		3,100	-	3,100
Grant Revenue		685,000	-	685,000
TOTAL REVENUES		974,788	320,000	1,294,788
Carried Forward Balances		48,701	3,808,694	3,857,395
TOTAL REVENUES AND BALANCES		**1,023,489**	**4,128,694**	**5,152,183**
EXPENDITURES:				
General Government Services		248,688		248,688
Physical Environment		1,680		1,680
Transportation		-		-
Culture/Recreation		36,320		36,320
Other Nonoperating		3,100		3,100
Water/Sewer/Garbage Expenditures			320,000	320,000
Grant Expenditures		685,000		685,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		974,788	320,000	1,294,788
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets		48,701	3,808,694	3,857,395
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND BALANCES		**1,023,489**	**4,128,694**	**5,152,183**

The tentative, adopted and/or final budgets are on file in the office of the above mentioned taxing authority as a public record.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The City of St. Marks has tentatively adopted a budget for fiscal year 2011-2012.
A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION
on the budget AND TAXES will be held on
Tuesday, September 20, 2011
at 5:30 P.M.

at 788 Port Leon Drive
St. Marks, Florida

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Increase in bed tax approved for tourism

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Resident Robert Baker said, "Pam's doing a great job. She needs more tools and money to get the job done."

Resident Steve Fults, who has voiced concerns over procedural issues within the TDC, said more should be done with less.

"Efficiency is key," Fults said.

Portwood said the extra revenue generated from the tax increase will be used to promote local events, increase social marketing efforts, increase production of promotional items such as tear-off maps and videos, increase attendance at travel shows, improve their website, provide stipends for student internships to maximize contractual service dollars, increase the director's hours to develop and implement marketing campaigns and continue ad campaigns.

Portwood said there is an increased focus on advertising.

There were also issues raised over Portwood's contract with the county as TDC director.

One of the issues is that there are two recent contracts, March 2009 and May 2010, which are different from each other. One includes compensation of $25,000 a year and allows travel to be reimbursed. The May 2010 contract includes a base salary of $25,000, does not mention travel reimbursement, but includes health insurance to be paid for the director at the same rate as a county employee.

There was also some discussion of whether Portwood was considered an independent contractor or a county employee because of language in the contract.

Calhoun said, "Just because you say someone is an independent contractor doesn't make it so."

Those within the TDC have expressed frustration over comments that have been made about Portwood and called these actions a "witch hunt."

TDC member Steve Brown said, "Issues are one thing, attacks are another."

Commissioner Mike Stewart said these actions are "downright disgusting."

He added that some good came out of these concerns because administrative errors were pointed out and are now corrected. However, he did not respect the attempted character assassination of Portwood.

"I'm tired of it," Stewart said.

The commission voted unanimously to amend the contract to clearly establish the director as a contract employee, adjust the salary to $29,255 as reflected in the October 2010 TDC budget and approve travel reimbursement.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

THE CITY OF ST. MARKS WILL HOLD
A SPECIAL MEETING
ADOPTING A NEW RESOLUTION
INCREASING ONE DAY
OCCUPATION LICENSE FEE.

DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2011
TIME: 5:35 PM
LOCATION: 788 PORT LEON DRIVE
ST. MARKS, FL 32355

The City of St. Marks located at 788 Port Leon Drive, 9AM to 4:30PM M/F; Phone (850) 925-6224. Persons needing special access considerations should call the City Hall at least 24 hours before the date for scheduling purposes.

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Energy committee finds some problems

The county's Energy Conservation Committee, looking for savings, finds lights and air conditioners on 24/7 in some buildings

By JENNIFER JENSEN
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While traveling around to various county-owned buildings, members of the Wakulla County Energy Conservation Committee noticed similar issues, lights were on 24/7, all air conditioning units were on, even when no one was in the building, and pipes were leaking.

Members Elinor Elfner and Tom Harrington explored these buildings to determine square footage of conditioned space and overall status of the building so the committee can ultimately see who the high utility users are in the county.

"We are at a level of ground zero," Harrington said.

Once it is determined who the highest offenders are, employees from Progress Energy and Talquin Electric will perform an energy audit on the building and try and recommend changes to decrease energy usage.

Bob Clarke, with Progress Energy, said adding anything that has a return on investment under 2 years is a no-brainer.

Dan Ard with Talquin said those building with lights on 24/7 should install occupancy sensors.

"That's a low hanging fruit," Ard said.

'We are looking to reduce expenditures with minimal output,' says a committee member

The committee has discussed the need for a threshold for a ROI as a county.

Commissioner Lynn Artz, who serves on the committee, said the county's biggest constraint is money.

"We are looking to reduce expenditures with minimal output," Artz said.

The committee plans to look at easy, inexpensive ways to cut costs at first.

Elfner said the committee is also trying a behavioral approach with county employees, raising their awareness of energy conservation.

Artz said she wants to document the rebates and savings that are received from work done by the committee and set aside those savings into a separate account as a revolving green fund that is used for energy upgrades.

The committee also discussed a need for a maintenance schedule on all buildings which currently does not exist. This would fix the leaky pipes and AC units.

"They are putting out fires upon request," Ard said.

At the next meeting, the committee plans to prepare a report to present to the county administrator on the buildings they have evaluated.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 22 at 10 a.m. in the county administration conference room.

County considers lowering tax rate

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This means a budget reduction of $69,720 for the BOCC, $96,360 for the sheriff, $4,018 for the clerk, $9,021 for the property appraiser and $6,487 for the tax collector. The reduction for the supervisor of election was included in the BOCC total.

"We found some cuts to remove off the top," Barden said.

Artz said Barden has proposed delaying the hiring of the planning director and parks and recreation director for 6 months to achieve the board's reductions.

The proposed budget of more than $43 million includes several increases in fees and some new ones. Those are the $196 solid waste assessment for all households, an increase in the Communications Services Tax to 5.22 percent, implementation of the 7-percent PST and an increase in fire MSBU from $61 to $75 per household.

The budget also includes no raises for county employees and no growth, as well as the elimination of 27 positions across the board.

The amount of budgeted reserve is $480,000.

The final budget hearing will be Sept. 19 at 5 p.m. in the commission chambers.

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City of Sopchoppy

Public Meetings to Adopt the Budget of the City of Sopchoppy

The City of Sopchoppy will be holding two public hearings on **Ordinance 2011-05**, An Ordinance of the City of Sopchoppy adopting the operating budgets for the City of Sopchoppy for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. The first reading and public hearing will be held during the regular monthly meeting of the City Council on **Monday, September 12, 2011** and the second public hearing and adoption of the Ordinance will be held at a Special Called Meeting on **September 19, 2011**. Both meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be held at City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, Florida. The special called meeting on September 19 will be held only for the purpose of adopting the budget.

A copy of the Budget may be viewed at City Hall from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Friday.

If special assistance is needed to attend this meeting, please call the Clerk's office at 962-4611 at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

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Wakulla County

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The County of Wakulla has tentatively adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2011/2012.

A public hearing to make the FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2011 at 5:01 PM

at

Wakulla County Commission Chambers

29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327

SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

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Budget Summary
Wakulla County, Florida
Fiscal Year 2011/2012

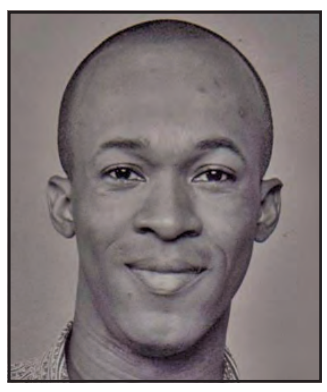
Proposed Millage Levy
General Fund 8.5000

Estimated Revenues:	Millage Per $1000	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise Fund	Total All Funds
Taxes:						
95% Ad Valorem Taxes	8.5000	$ 10,240,177	$ 988,095		$ 2,545,060	$ 13,773,332
Sales, Use & Fuel Taxes		$ -	$ 1,877,441	$ 1,674,476	$ -	$ 3,551,917
Charges For Services		$ 3,829,515	$ 291,385	$ -	$ 1,221,588	$ 5,342,488
Fines and Foreitures		$ 26,000	$ 153,607	$ -	$ -	$ 179,607
Intergovernmental Revenue		$ 4,486,850	$ 6,019,586	$ 4,556,387	$ 1,388,125	$ 16,450,948
Licenses and Permits		$ 71,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 71,000
Miscellaneous Revenues		$ 44,783	$ 4,500		$ -	$ 49,283
Total Sources		$ 18,698,325	$ 9,334,614	$ 6,230,863	$ 5,154,773	$ 39,418,575
Transfers In		$ 70,392	$ 58,538	$ 30,000	$ -	$ 158,930
Fund Balances		$ 36,901	$ 940,813	$ 1,747,545	$ 610,000	$ 3,335,259
Total Revenues, Transfers, Reserves and Fund Balances		$ 18,805,618	$ 10,333,965	$ 8,008,408	$ 5,764,773	$ 42,912,764
Expenditures:						
General Government		$ 5,295,715	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 5,295,715
Public Safety		$ 11,319,148	$ 1,531,121	$ -	$ -	$ 12,850,269
Physical Environment		$ 80,493	$ 70,588	$ 30,000	$ 4,754,157	$ 4,935,238
Transportation		$ -	$ 1,863,286	$ 4,324,019	$ -	$ 6,187,305
Economic Environment		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Human Services		$ 678,293	$ 1,215,968	$ -	$ -	$ 1,894,261
Culture / Recreation		$ 707,503	$ 4,281,011	$ 643,919	$ -	$ 5,632,433
Court-Related Expenses		$ 158,328	$ 375,905	$ -	$ -	$ 534,233
Debt Service		$ -	$ 192,667	$ 1,035,493	$ 425,532	$ 1,653,692
Total Expenditures		$ 18,239,480	$ 9,530,546	$ 6,033,431	$ 5,179,689	$ 38,983,146
Transfers Out		$ 86,138	$ 53,392	$ 8,300	$ -	$ 147,830
Fund Balances / Reserves		$ 480,000	$ 750,027	$ 1,966,677	$ 585,084	$ 3,781,788
Total Expenditures, Transfers, Reserves and Fund Balances		$ 18,805,618	$ 10,333,965	$ 8,008,408	$ 5,764,773	$ 42,912,764

Comment & Opinion

readers speak out

Personal recollection of Sept. 11, 2001 in New York



By HERB DONALDSON

It was one of those days that a person does not care to remember. It becomes a day that a person dares not forget.

Everything went wrong from the moment I awoke: I was late for work with no time to iron my clothes, and before leaving the house, the toilet seat broke when I lifted it.

In New York City everything is about timing. During the morning and evening rush hours, if the train is even a few seconds late, you can feel that manic "twitch" snaking in, past and through those on the platform.

It is forever in the mind of a working New Yorker that survival, safety and comfort will always come first and must be taken on a daily basis. Anything else is for the tourists.

From the 145th Street station in Harlem, where I lived at the time, the A Train is the quickest route to West 4th Street. From there, its a five-block walk from the station, through Washington Square Park, to the Public Theater/New York Shakespeare Festival, where I worked. I was looking forward to that walk. After being bumped, jostled and pushed by those on the train, the walk had quickly become a decompress ritual that prepared me for a full day at the theatre.

Our train was just outside the Columbus Circle 59th Street station when it stopped. This was not uncommon. A few seconds, maybe a minute delay, and then we'd be moving again.

There was word – garbled – from the conductor over the intercom system that the train would be "moving shortly." After about 10 minutes, the intercom told us there was an accident at the World Trade Center. This caused a quick jerk of heads, people glancing around with questions in their eyes, finally looking – seeing, as if for the first time, one another.

A few more minutes. The intercom spoke again: "Due to the accident at the World Trade Center, all trains are ending service. This train will terminate at the 59th Street station. Again: Due to the accident at the World Trade Center, all trains are terminating service."

Uproar. Everyone in our car heard what was said, but somehow it wasn't good enough.

I was quietly in fear for we were still underground. The thought of something happening to the Trade Centers immediately brought to mind a young man named Timothy McVeigh and the Oklahoma City bombing.

After almost 30 minutes, the train began to move, but very slowly. When it stopped, we were not fully in the station.

Our group walked from the back of the train to the front car. With the doors open, the rush of noise was deafening. As one looked from inside the windows of the car out onto the platform, all that could be seen was madness.

There was no escaping the screams, cries and thunder of voices steeped in frustrated rage that echoed – bounced – from the walls of the station.

There was an older lady standing beside me who was so shaken she simply sat down and stared – it was all she could do.

Upon seeing this – whatever it was – this little old woman could not bring herself to even leave the train. She was scared, and I was too, because I didn't know what to do.

As a conductor came and spoke to the woman, I stepped into the new madness, alive and spreading on the platform. I had to find the exit.

As I pulled my way through the crowd, all I could grasp and understand from the bits of chatter swirling around my head was that two planes had hit the Trade Center towers. Many were presumed dead.

I managed to get to the stairs, then up, and out onto the street. It is a thing you never forget.

Columbus Circle is exactly that – a circle. A hub, where cars move through the area in a roundabout fashion. The Trump Towers are on one side, Central Park on another. Traffic is always moving and swerving in this area and I knew it fairly well, for when I first came to the city I stayed less than a block away in a hotel room that I shared with David, the grandson of Anita Townsend. I wondered now where he was, if he was all right. He was the only true connection that I had in New York that was – literally – close to home. A place that – in that moment – I'd never felt so far from.

Everything, as far as automobiles, buses and the like, had stopped. Traffic was so backed-up that no one could move. People stood in the streets, car doors were wide open, blaring what seemed to be the same radio station, the same newscaster with the report that the Pentagon had been attacked.

I looked back, away from Harlem, toward downtown. The smoke was like a huge black snake that crept along the blue wall of sky, then bloomed and disappeared into the clouds.

I turned back toward Harlem. If I could stay alongside Central Park, then cross the street and go straight, I could make it back to my apartment, 86 blocks away, uphill.

Many things happened during that walk. It wasn't the walk I expected, or desired. But it was a walk that will forever define a turning point in my life. Seeing people who looked like ghosts, covered in the ash of the falling towers.

To look at their faces was the only thing that seemed to make them human with their red-rimmed eyes and the cheeks, streaked as if someone had clawed them, bearing a trail from the tears they'd been crying.

To ask if they were all right.

To sit with them when they cried.

To buy them water to drink, and find myself arguing with a street vendor who decided to up his price – just as the world began to fall apart – to $5 for an 8-ounce bottle of water.

There are many stories about New York surrounding that day and how everyone came together to help on another. And no doubt it happened, I was there, I saw it and participated wherever I could.

But make no mistake: Where there was pain, some people saw it as their opportunity to profit, and their maneuvers, along with their greed, was swift and shameful.

And still, I made friends on that walk. I cried and prayed with people even though I'm not much of a praying man.

And as the years go by, I remember not only those who are gone, but those who've lived through it.

Those who've lost their loved ones to it. And those who are, in so many ways, lost – to this day, because of it.

To know there are 86 blocks to go before reaching a place of safety, is one thing.

But to come to the realization that in this life's journey, there will never be a "safe place" in the world until mankind puts its hand to the plow and makes it, is something else.

Herb Donaldson is a playwright and founder of Palaver Tree Theatre Company. He moved back home to Wakulla County last year.

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Corrections

In this week's Week in Wakulla on Page 2B, the Tourist Development Council is listed as meeting on Thursday, Sept. 15. The meeting is actually next week, Sept. 22.

Also, in Scott Joyner's "Library News" column on that same page, he notes that the Library will be closed for a furlough day on Friday, Sept. 16. After B-section had gone to press, Joyner received an email from the county administrator that the furlough day had been rescinded.

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READERS WRITE:

Board is on notice, taxpayers are mad

Editor, The News:

I have only been attending BOCC meetings for the last 16 months.

The Tuesday night meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was the best meeting I have ever attended.

The people of Wakulla County spoke out, took charge and told the Board what they thought about increasing our taxes and mandating citizens pay for garbage pickup or lose their homes.

Then when they had the guts and booed the chairman when he said they had no right to speak, I for one was proud to be one of them.

The fact that residents of this county, that have lived here for 30 years or more came out and said things such as, "If you are going to shove it down my throat at least do it with a spoon not with a shovel" and everyone cheered, speaks volumes to me.

The board was put on notice Tuesday night, the taxpayers are mad as hell.

One huge question that needs to be answered is, after lawsuits and other expenses how much is this board really going to cost taxpayers?

Renee Calhoun
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VFW's shenanigans are irritating

Editor, The News:

Some things I read irritate me, such as the latest shenanigans of the VFW.

Back in October 2010, the VFW PAC endorsed Florida Democratic candidate for Congress, Ron Klein, a non-veteran, over Florida Republican candidate and war veteran Allen West.

Although his campaign was sorely underfunded and spending much of his campaign season as a military contractor in Afghanistan, West beat the shirt off Klein in the November 2008 election.

Both are now preparing for the next election.

The VFW PAC knew that Klein was an extreme Nancy Pelosi-supporting-liberal and non-veteran, yet they put their support and money on him.

West is a true patriot and veteran, but was ignored by the VFW PAC, which has always supported Democrats over Republicans by a wide margin.

So who does the VFW PAC actually represent ? Yes, as a veteran, that irritates me.

Early in his administration, Obama proposed cutting $540 million from the budget by requiring military and veterans to pay for their healthcare. The VFW supported it while every other veterans organization soundly trounced it.

Also when the Department of Homeland Security letter was leaked stating veterans were a potential source of terrorism, again other veterans groups stood up and shouted at the DHS, while the VFW did nothing, silent as a church mouse they remained. That irritated me.

Now, the VFW is livid and irate towards Obama and his administration for not sending a keynote speaker to their 112th National Convention this year in San Antonio, Texas, from Aug. 26 to Sept. 1. Obama snubbed them. Neither he nor anyone from his administration attended.

In 2009, Obama addressed the convention. In 2010, Biden addressed the convention.

For the first time since the VFW's 112 year origin, a top-ranking government official did not attend.

Many decades ago, the U.S. Navy had a saying that "10 percent never get the word." Seems like the VFW and the VFW PAC is in that 10 percent.

Obama's reputation preceded him before his election. He has lived up to his reputation 100 percent and then some. No one should have been surprised since his pre-election anti-American, anti-veteran and anti-Constitution actions and tirades indicated precisely how he would be as President. He is that, plus some, and that irritates me.

The VFW is not as popular as it once was with veterans. It has steadily lost membership for years. So has the American Legion and other veteran organizations.

Seems like other groups can, and actually do, a better job representing veterans than the VFW, American Legion, Amvets, etc.

Unless they turn themselves around and get a grip, they will soon be defunct. No vets organization should contribute funds to anti-American politicians or causes unless the members get to vote.

In some cases today, the members do not get to vote, and that irritates me.

Floyd Robertson
Sopchoppy

Goodbye environment, hello development

Editor, The News:

Protecting land, especially wetlands, is important to maintaining a clean water supply.

On Sept. 19, Commissioner Randy Merritt is proposing that we eliminate wetland protection from our county's Comprehensive Plan – which is absolutely necessary to maintain the nature and beauty of this county.

This is one of the most important decisions this board will ever make as it affects the future of generations to come.

It is a fact that Central Florida is almost to the point of desperation to obtain and provide an adequate water supply for its residents due to their lack of foresight in protecting their wetlands. We have to be careful and manage our resources better. Water is not an infinite resource.

If protecting water, air and healthy ecosystems isn't for future generations – what is?

Quite frankly, I don't understand why the people of this county are not outraged over what is happening.

Don't you get tired of watching the powerful and wealthy trample on us, making bad decisions that we have to pay for?

The people of this county are about to watch as developers mow down the areas that we think are safe, fill them in and build and profit.

And who will be left to clean up their mess after they take their money and leave? How does that benefit you or help in any way to provide and protect our clean water source? It won't.

How does this protect fish and wildlife habitats or increase recreational opportunities, commercial fishing, eco tourism or other environmental services that benefit the public? It doesn't.

Over the next 20 years, there will be significant increases in water consumption, at the same time that water resources are already declining. Water is a finite resource, and we can no longer take it for granted.

Outside of allowing builders to build in sensitive wetland areas, what good will eliminating our wetlands protection do? We cannot allow politicians to decide our destiny, or destroy our precious waters.

Please write to your commissioners, and please show up at their Board meeting on Sept. 19, as soon as you can get there after 5 p.m., and be counted to protect our water supply and our way of life.

Merritt keeps saying that there is overlapping of "government" in our comp plan. DEP Secretary Herschel Vinyard wants consistency in the permitting, and Merritt is using this as a way to change our wetlands ordinance, and to benefit who?

Permitting can be different from wetland protections. We do not need to end up with the least protective rule, as Merritt is proposing. We need to hold on to the wetlands ordinance that our past Boards wisely put into effect, and protected.

Do you think commissioners are looking out for your best interests? Goodbye environment, hello development!

Your input and your presence is the only weapon that is truly effective. Please, just show up.

Sue Damon
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Thanks for support of National Suit Drive

Editor, The News:

Workforce Plus would like to take this opportunity to thank the Wakulla County community for its generosity and care of its neighbors. In August, Workforce Plus partnered with Men's Wearhouse to bring the National Suit Drive, a professional clothing drive, to the Big Bend.

The professional clothing drive will clothe dozens of people in the community – for free. It goes without saying that dressing professionally is critical to finding employment.

But not everyone can afford to purchase professional clothes. The National Suit Drive filled this need by creating opportunities for thoughtful people like you to donate gently used business clothing. Men's Wearhouse collected the items and then Workforce Plus distributes them at no cost to deserving people in the community.

Your generous efforts will change many lives with the amount of professional clothing donated. You and your fellow neighbors gave 63 suits, 22 blazers, 35 pants, 21 shirts, 26 ties and eight pairs of shoes.

Simply stop by Workforce Plus in Crawfordville to use the clothing closet. Again, it is completely free.

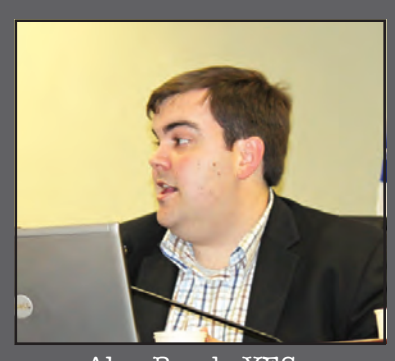
So from the bottom of all our hearts here at Workforce Plus, thank you!

Kimberly Moore
President
Workforce Plus

County commissioners on garbage assessment:

Randy Merritt: YES

Proposed a compassionate appeals process for hardship cases.



Alan Brock: YES

"I like the appeal idea."

Mike Stewart: YES

The $196 assessment was the lesser of two evils, he said. "This is a big step in the right direction."

Jerry Moore: NO

"If the power is off, for dog gone sure, you're not generating garbage."

Lynn Artz: YES

If the county doesn't do something, it's looking at expensive fines and possibly mandated upgrades.

Board approves $196 garbage fee

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Many people disagreed with only having one provider for the county, which they said created a monopoly, and to such a long contract.

Resident Jim Hodges said, "If you're going to start shoving stuff down our throat, you should start with a spoon, not a shovel."

However, included in the contract is a stipulation that says the amount Waste Pro charges can only increase the same as the consumer price index and if fuel costs increase drastically. All increases must come before the commission which will vote to accept it or not.

All residents will be required to pay a solid waste assessment of $196 for Waste Pro to come pick up their garbage and recyclables once a week. All parcels with a dwelling unit will be charged the assessment.

The commission also said that those structures that do not have power or a kitchen facility will not be charged.

"If the power is off, for dog gone sure, you're not generating garbage," said County Commissioner Jerry Moore.

To determine if one will be charged for both structures on their property, the commission said to look at how many MSBUs they are currently charged. If a property owner receives two fire MSBU bills, then they will more than likely receive two solid waste assessments.

Commissioner Randy Merritt suggested a compassionate appeals process for special cases, such as those pieces of property that have two homes, but only one household.

The commissioners agreed and said they would come up with a process.

Non-residential buildings will be billed by Waste Pro directly. For small businesses that only require a 96-gallon garbage can, they will be charged $18 a month. For larger businesses, the cost ranges from $73 to $243 a month for a commercial dumpster, depending on the size. Businesses already using Waste Pro will be charged the new fee.

Public Works Director Cleve Fleming said a marketing representative with Waste Pro will be going around to businesses in the county to discuss their options for garbage pickup.

Waste Pro was required to buyout all the other haulers within the county, which includes 15 months worth of gross receipts. Most of the haulers were in debt to the county and the amount they owe will be deducted from what they receive from Waste Pro.

Stewart said this was one of the reasons he was swayed and agreed to the curbside pickup.

Waste Pro is also required to pay a franchise fee of 9 percent of gross receipts to the county, which the county will set aside to cap the landfill and monitor the closed landfills around the county.

Stewart called the $196 assessment the lesser of two evils. The other evil being the $112 assessment, which didn't include curbside pickup, but would allow residents to drop off their trash for free at the landfill.

If the county chose to go with the $112 assessment, it would then take out a $1.5 million loan, which has a $700,000 grant attached to it, and use that to close and cap the landfill, build or upgrade its current transfer station and monitor the existing closed landfills around the county.

"This is a big step in the right direction," Stewart said.

The county has been faced with a problem with its solid waste for some time. The county needs to build or upgrade its current transfer station to get into compliance with the Department of Environmental Protection.

The capacity for the transfer station has remained the same, while the county has doubled in size. Currently, all trash has to be shipped out of the county.

Commissioner Lynn Artz said if the county didn't do something, it was looking at expensive fines and possibly mandated upgrades.

Waste Pro will also take over operation of the transfer station and make the necessary upgrades. However, it will no longer accept household items. It will be open Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will only accept white goods, bulk and construction and demolition debris.

The trash service will go into effect Oct. 1.

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You May Be Exempt From Paying the New Solid Waste Assessment

By Ralph Thomas

"It is hereby ascertained, determined, and declared that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the County to assist Low Income Persons who are Owners of homesteaded Residential Property with the financial burden created by the imposition of a Solid Waste Service assessment." Source – Solid Waste Resolution

On Tuesday September 6th, Commissioners adopted a new resolution, which imposed a new tax on the Citizens of Wakulla County for the collection of solid waste. The resolution also provided Hardship Assistance for those who may have trouble paying the assessment.

I was present at the meeting. Citizens and Commissioners sought clarification from County Staff and the County Attorney regarding the income limits, in an attempt to determine who would qualify for the exemption. Apparently, Commissioners were not provided this key data before the meeting and staff did not have a copy available at the meeting. Given the very short time to qualify, I'm taking the initiative myself to make sure our citizens are aware of the deadline and the income limits. You must act quickly to take advantage of the exemption. You must apply prior to **October 1, 2011** to receive the exemption this year.

A large percentage of the population may be eligible to claim the exemption. The resolution states, eligibility is determined by the income limits established by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), specifically the low income threshold which is established at 80% of the median adjusted gross income for households. Eligibility is based upon the number of people in each household. The 2011 limits are:

1 - $33,500
2 - $38,300
3 - $43,100
4 - $47,850
5 - $51,700
6 - $55,550
7 - $59,350
8 - $63,200

HUD has determined the median adjusted gross income for Wakulla County to be $65,100, therefore, possibly 50% of households may be eligible.

The resolution states, applicants shall file with the County Administrator, an application under oath demonstrating entitlement to hardship assistance. Such application shall include the following:
(1) The name and address of all Owners of the Residential Property;
(2) The address and legal description for the Residential Property;
(3) Proof of Total Household Income from all sources and other documentation required to demonstrate qualification as a Low-Income Person; and
(4) Such other information relating to the application as may be reasonably requested.

The County Administrator, with the assistance of other members of the administrative staff shall, within fifteen (15) days after the filing of such application, review the application and such other supporting data that may be filed and make such further investigation as may be reasonably required in order to determine if the applicant is qualified for hardship assistance.

The County administrator shall furnish his written decision to each applicant by United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the applicant at the address stated on the application on or before the expiration of twenty (20) days following the filing of the application determining if the applicant is or is not qualified for hardship assistance.

The County Administrator's office is located at 3093 Crawfordville Hwy. His phone number is 926-0919.

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Obituaries

Eleanor Carlan
Hal Council
Juanita 'Nita' T. Humphries

Eleanor Carlan

Eleanor Carlan died Saturday, Sept. 10, in her home after an extended illness.

Raised in Crawfordville as the daughter of Henry Wooten Smith Sr. and Alma Forbes Smith, Eleanor moved to Atlanta in 1950 and married Fred Carlan. They returned to Crawfordville in 1980 and spent the next 26 years here among family and friends. In 2006, they returned to Atlanta to be near their grandchildren.

She was fully involved in the Crawfordville community. She sang in the church choir and participated in community theatre; she attained the rank of Flotilla Commander in the Coast Guard Auxiliary, served as a bailiff in the Sheriff's office, and with her husband ran Carlan's Nursery and Greenhouse on Highway 61. From helping to feed the high school football team before Friday night games to working the polls at elections, Eleanor was always there with a smile and a helping hand.

The viewing was held at Crawfordville United Methodist Church on Tuesday, Sept. 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. The funeral service was held at the church on Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 2 p.m. followed by a graveside service at the Crawfordville Cemetery.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Edwin Carlan Sr. She is survived by her two sons, Fred Edwin Carlan Jr. and his wife Kathy of Canton, Ga., and Carey Conrad Carlan of Duluth, Ga.; and two grandchildren, William Edwin Carlan and Hannah Elizabeth Carlan.

Culley's Meadowwood Funeral Home in Tallahassee was in charge of the arrangements.

Hal Council

Hal Council's memorial set for Sept. 17, has been cancelled until an October date. Further notice will be posted in a future obituary.

Juanita 'Nita' T. Humphries

Juanita "Nita" T. Humphries, 90, died on Wednesday, Sept. 7.

Graveside services were held on Friday, Sept. 9, at Macon Memorial Park Cemetery in Macon, Ga. The family met with friends following the service. Memorial donations may be made to Centenary United Methodist Church, 1290 College Street, Macon GA 31201.

She was the wife of the late Albert Leon Humphries, and was born in Macon, Ga., and the daughter of the late Cicero and Odessa Dixon Tharpe. She was a retired medical records specialist.

Survivors include her sister, Evelyn Tharpe McPherson of Grapevine, Texas; a nephew, Ron McPherson and his wife, Jan, of Grapevine, Texas; and their daughter, Michelle L. McPherson of Nashville, Tenn.

Macon Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery (www.maconmemorial.com) was in charge of the arrangements.

Church has a new Rosary Garden

By SHIRLEY S. CASTOLDI

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishioners gathered in the recently completed Marian Garden to dedicate it to prayer and reflection. After welcoming everyone to the early evening service, Father Eddie Jones, the pastor of the parish, prayed a special dedication and blessed the area next to the church.

The garden features a newly painted statue of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, surrounded by a rosary made of concrete stepping stones donated by Brooks Concrete. The stones were decorated by the church members with colorful pieces of mosaic glass arranged in various Christian symbols or pictures to display their love and faith in God and acknowledge his magnificent world.

A large concrete cross filled in with a glass angel, multi-colored morning glories and creatures of creation draw one's attention to the beginning of the area for prayer. Birds can drink of the water in a centrally located bird bath also covered in mosaic designs. The garden is partially enclosed with a black, wrought iron fence topped with a cross of gold and white doves.

This metalwork was the labor of Wayne Morgan and Wayne Morgan Jr.

Inside the fence are two concrete benches (donated by Charlie and Lois Jacobs) to rest on for a period of silent prayer and meditation. Surrounding this grotto, the owners of SLD Nursery & Tree Farm and Just Fruits & Exotics, planted tall crepe myrtles, rose bushes and various plants along the walkway with a sprinkler system to keep things green especially during the hot summer months.

The project was the inspiration of Hannah Gale and her fellow parishioners, Linda Miller and Nicole Lepp. There are many others who donated supplies, time and talents to make this endeavor possible. We appreciate their generosity and ask God to bless them abundantly.

When the congregation began to pray the rosary, a heavy downpour forced the group into the church to complete this prayer. Following the service, refreshments were served in the Seton Hall. Everyone enjoyed the cake created by H & H Catering. Not only was it delicious, but the cake design captured the theme of the dedication – Our Blessed Mother.

At the end of the day, the last few parishioners to leave the Seton Center along with Father Eddie observed two rainbows situated directly above the church. This spectacular, natural phenomenon helped to eclipse the afternoon downpour.

The rosary is a favorite prayer of many Catholics. Its focus is on the lives of Jesus and Mary as found in the Gospels.

If you would like to visit our Garden of Prayer, you are more than welcome to stop and pray awhile.

Church briefs

Women's Conference is Saturday

Greater Mount Trial Primitive Baptist Church, Elder Bernard Plummer Pastor, Women's Ministry will be hosting our annual Women's Conference on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. entitled, "Women Desperate for Divine Transformation."

We will have two workshops and our guest speaker will be co-pastor of New Life, New Beginning Church, Pastor Sharon McClendon of Tallahassee. Praise and Worship by Minister Christopher Whitehead. Registration is free and lunch will be served.

For more information please contact Sister Tanya Price at (850) 510-7445 or Evangelist Gwen Williams at (850) 745-1264. Everyone is invited.

Pastor's anniversary to be celebrated

Little Salem Primitive Baptist Church would like to invite you and your family to join us as we celebrate our pastor, Elder Renson A. Thompson's 30th anniversary.

We will be having a "Seven Days of Praise" program starting on Sept. 19. The program will start at 7 p.m. each evening and will feature music and guest ministers bring the word of God.

Come prepared to have a hand clapping, foot stomping good time. Little Salem P.B. Church is located at 1998 Wakulla Arran Road in Crawfordville. We look forward to having you join us.

Gospel concert in Sopchoppy

The Sopchoppy Opry presents An Adventure in Gospel Music on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. in the old Sopchoppy School Auditorium.

This is a benefit for the Sopchoppy Historic GF&A Railroad Depot.

Tickets are $10 each. Call for available seating at 962-2668, 962-2210 or 962-2646. Available unassigned seats will be sold at the door, however, there is no guarantee of available seating at the door, so please call early to reserve your seat.

'Healthy Lifestyle Walk' this weekend

Miracle Deliverance Center #2 is sponsoring a "Healthy Lifestyle Walk" at the Wakulla High School Track Field. The date and time is Saturday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Everyone, adults and children are invited to come out, walk at your own pace and show your support for living a healthy lifestyle.

Water and light refreshments will be available. Ms. Grace Keith (Health Educator) from the Wakulla County Health Department will be providing information and assistance.

Contact persons, Health Leaders, Marva and Clyde Preston 597-5300, eyemblessed@embarqmail.com.

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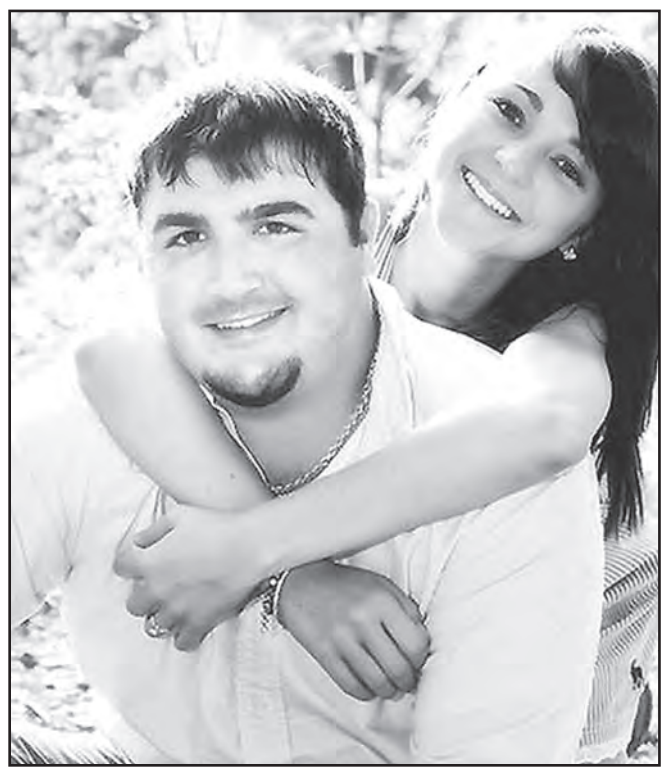

Kristine Bryant and Jeffery Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Bryant of Panama City and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Lewis of Panacea are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their children, Kristine Bryant and Jeffery Lewis.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Mosley High School and Gulf Coast Community College.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Wakulla High School and Tallahassee Community College.

Both are employed in Construction Management.

The ceremony will be held Oct. 15.

Optimists donate school supplies

Coastal Optimist Club members display their collected school supplies.

Special to The News

The Coastal Optimist Club recently completed their August school supply drive which assisted students at all of the Wakulla County public schools.

The drive was well received in the community as collection boxes were left in a number of county businesses for members of the public to donate school supplies for students of all ages.

The drive ended August 19 with the sorting and distribution of the supplies on August 25.

The club members who helped sort the supplies for distribution included: (left to right) Jo Ann Daniels, Carol Ann Williams, Tara Keiser, Quill Turk, June Vause, Walter Dodson, Susan Turner, Walt Dixon, Sally Gandy, Noah Posey, Tom Vlasak, and Tammie Barfield who took the photo.

Rankin-Blake is placed on president's list

Special to The News

Marylean Rankin-Blake was placed on the President's List at Tallahassee Community College for maintaining a 4.0 GPA during the last semester.

She is currently seeking her certification in computer programming. After graduation, she plans to open her own business consultant firm.

Marylean Rankin-Blake

She volunteers at many charitable organizations.

She is employed as a Government Operations Consultant.

She is the daughter of Alice White.

Chamber food drive ends Sept. 30

Special to The News

Wakulla Chamber of Commerce is partnering with America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend to bring Wakulla residents donated groceries through a food drive.

The drive aims to collect 300 pounds of non-perishable goods by Sept. 30.

Donors can drop off non-perishable items in bins at the Chamber of Commerce, located at 23 High Drive in Crawfordville.

Common donations include high-quality, nutritious food such as canned meats, peanut butter, canned vegetables and fruits, canned soups, rice, pasta and whole grain cereal.

Non-food items are also accepted, including new deodorants, soaps, toothpastes and toothbrushes, hair brushes and diapers.

The Chamber will deliver the donations to America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend. The donations will then be sorted and distributed to partners in Wakulla County, putting food on the tables of countless families.

One local partner making an impact on the food drive is St. Mark's Powder. The Crawfordville manufacturer is accepting donations through a generous company-wide campaign.

To learn more about the Chamber of Commerce and the investments it is making in the community, visit www.wakullacountychamber.com/.

For more information about ending hunger, donating to food drives and ways you can help make an impact, visit www.fightinghunger.org./.

It's a girl for the Woodalls

Ava and Jason Woodall of Crawfordville announce the birth of their daughter, Savannah Machele Woodall on Aug. 20.

She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20.3 inches long.

Her maternal grandparents are Donna Chatham of Crawfordville and Tommy Martin of Sopchoppy.

Her paternal grandparents are Sammy and Joye Woodall of Old Town.

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September teachers and employee of the month are announced

Special to The News

At the recent School Board meeting, September Teachers of the Month Wakulla High School's Missy Rudd and Shadeville Elementary School's Lisa Brown were recognized with the Food Service Department's Manager Ingrid Funderburke.

Superintendent David Miller and the Wakulla County School Board applaud the dedication and commitment these employees have demonstrated on behalf of the students, schools, the profession of education and communities they serve.

Missy Rudd

Lisa Brown

Ingrid Funderburke

Rudd has been teaching at Wakulla High School for the past five years as an ESE, Read 180 and English teacher.

Prior to teaching at Wakulla High School she spent 20 years in training and teaching positions in state government and the private sector.

Rudd said, "After 20 years training and teaching and basically satisfying my own goals, I felt it was time to give back to my community and get back to my roots. Teaching high school was a real eye-opener but I feel like I have found my niche."

Rudd is a graduate of Florida State University. However, she is also a product of the Wakulla County School System, attending Sopchoppy Elementary School and graduating from Wakulla High School.

Interacting with students, discovering their interests, listening to their stories and connecting to them are some of the reasons Rudd loves teaching.

She said, "On most days in the classroom I learn something too, and on those days, even routine paperwork is enjoyable."

Wakulla High School Principal Mike Crouch shares, "Missy Rudd has an infectious smile that epitomizes her teaching style. She is always positive and her students know she cares for them because she supports them in and out of class. There are school events almost every night at the high school and chances are you will find Ms. Rudd there cheering on her students. This is a quality that cannot be taught in college or on the job."

Rudd also contributes as either a member or sponsor on various committees including School Advisory Council, Reading Leadership Team, WHS Interact, Calendar Committee, SB736 Teacher Evaluation, WCTA, National Council of Teachers of English, Florida Reading Association and the International Reading Association.

Lisa Brown is a Shadeville Elementary School kindergarten teacher. Prior to beginning her career as a teacher in August 2005, she worked for more than 14 years as a legal secretary in Tallahassee.

After marrying a boy from Sopchoppy, she returned to college to become a teacher. Brown was blessed with an internship with Pat Thomas and was hired to teach kindergarten at Shadeville the next year, the same year her son started school. Originally from North Miami, she is a graduate of Flagler College.

Brown said, "I love kindergarten because the students are learning so much at this time in their life. Along with academics, they are learning to go to school, be part of a classroom community, and learning their role in the world. I enjoy being a part of this important transition in their lives. After all, everything anyone needs to know, they learned in kindergarten."

Shadeville Principal Susan Brazier said, "Mrs. Brown is a six-year veteran kindergarten teacher who is highly respected by her colleagues and loved by her students and their parents for her hard work, dedication and the warm classroom learning environment she creates. She makes the kindergarten experience special through the many developmentally appropriate activities she offers her students each day."

Brown also serves as the kindergarten team leader and on the yearbook committee.

The September Employee of the Month is the Food Service Department's Cafeteria Manager, Ingrid Funderburke.

Funderburke began working as sub in the food service department in 2007 and rapidly moved from part-time to full-time to cafeteria manager.

She said, "My husband, son and I moved to Wakulla County in 2006 so that my son could attend school in Wakulla County."

Originally from Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, Funderburke received training from the Trinidad Tobago Hotel School and received a certificate in middle management.

She said, "I enjoy coming to work every day, working alongside my staff and preparing lunch for the kids. We have fun in our kitchen while we work. I also like watching the kids go through the line with their lunch and tell us what they liked that we served that day."

Gail Mathers, Director of Food Service describes Funderburke as funny, animated, compassionate, energetic, organized, dedicated and problem solver. Mathers explains, "Ingrid is constantly seeking information and new ideas to enhance the food service program. Both she and her staff do an outstanding job in not only preparing very tasty food but also in presenting the food in a very appealing display. Mrs. Funderburke's strengths are her leadership and management skills which are evident in the camaraderie shared by her staff, the outstanding inspection reports and excellent audit reviews. Mrs. Funderburke is a valuable asset and the Food Service program is fortunate to have her as a member of their team."

ACT scores of WHS graduates exceed state

Special to The News

Wakulla High School's Senior Class of 2011 outscored their counterparts in Florida on the American College Test (ACT) in all areas tested: English, mathematics, reading, and science. This test is used for college entrance.

More WHS seniors took the ACT than ever before, increasing from 129 in 2010 to 153 students in 2011.

WHS students averaged 19.5 in English (state 18.8). In mathematics, WHS was at 20.9 (state 19.9). Reading scores averaged 21.1 (state 20.2). WHS science scores came in at 19.6 (state 19.1). The overall composite score for WHS graduates was 20.4 (state 19.6).

WHS students who completed the highest level of math, including Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, and AP Calculus, averaged an ACT math score of 27.0 over the state average of 22.7.

Students can prepare for the ACT and on entrance exams by taking Advanced Placement and college dual enrollment courses.

"The rigor of our Advanced Placement classes, plus that of the dual enrollment college courses available to WHS students is essential to increase students' readiness for college," said Superintendent David Miller.

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VOLLEYBALL

Lady War Eagles win

Special to The News

The Lady War Eagles hosted their first district game on Tuesday, Sept. 6, against Rickards High School and won.

The Lady War Eagles started a little slow in the first game against Rickards, winning 25-8.

Beginning the second game, the Lady War Eagles seemed to have warmed up a bit and dominated the next two games winning 25-6 and 25-7.

The key players for this match were Ashley Roberts with five kills, Breighly Bolton with five kills, Emily Haley with five kills and 13 aces, Jordan Pryor with five kills and 11 aces and Chelsea Carroll with 18 assists.

This was a good start for district play as the Lady War Eagles are now 1-0 in their district. The next district game for the Lady War Eagles will be against Suwannee High School on Sept. 15, at home.

The Lady War Eagle Junior Varsity also played Rickards High School JV the same night. Just like the varsity team, the junior varsity dominated and won the match 2-0.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Bears beat Jefferson County

By JOE JACOBS
RMS Coach

The Riversprings Bears hit the gridiron again on Sept. 8, and they kept up their winning ways, defeating the visiting Jefferson County Tigers 28-12.

Bears Coach Joey Jacobs said, "We didn't play well tonight at all. We had mental lapses, breakdowns in fundamentals, and an athletic opponent that came out and played with purpose."

RMS did have a few bright spots though, and they were present in all three phases of the game.

The Bears got things going on the opening kickoff, when the Tigers kicked off deep to Antonio "Antses" Morris. Antses corralled the ball at the 8 yard line, and 92 yards later he was crossing the goal line with a convoy made up of Monterious Loggins and Keith Gavin.

Offensively, RMS was led statistically by quarterbacks Bucky McGlamry and Feleipé Franks. The pair combined to complete 7 of 8 passes for 123 yards, three touchdowns and one interception. Two of the touchdown tosses went to Keith Gavin for 61 and 21 yards respectively.

Riversprings only allowed one touchdown defensively. The Bears were led by eighth grader Keith Gavin. Gavin had five tackles, three assists, including a quarterback sack, and several bone-jarring hits on the night.

Morris had four tackles, including two sacks.

"Although we didn't play the best game technique-wise tonight, we did play with a ton of heart," said Coach Jacobs. "Our guys didn't quit, and they found a way to win."

RMS has a large break before their next game, due to a cancellation by the Marianna Bullpups.

Riversprings will be back in action against the Taylor County Bulldogs on Thursday, Sept. 29 at 6 p.m. The game will be in Perry.

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Cross-country runners include Stanley Linton, D.J Victor, Cody James, Travis Hinsey, J.P. Piotrowski, Brandon Trussell, Jacob Martinez, Tyler Bennett, Mitchell Atkinson, Will Bartnick, Mary Wiedeman, Reid Tillery, Kendall Barron, Kasey James, Richard Walker, Kristie Hodges, Lydia Wiedeman, Lilli Broadway, Norma Woodcock, Tyler Kinard, Savanna Harris, Amber Stewart, Savanna Strickland, Rachel Woofter, Emily McCullers, Travis Parks, Ashley Carr, Allison Carr, Wyomi Creel, Courtney Flowers, Tyler Carrier, Jessica Trombini, Ava Shaw, Stephanie Mathis, Cora Atkinson and Raychel Gray.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Panhandle Jamboree opens season

By PAUL HOOVER
Track Coach

Forty-four members of the 2011 Wakulla High School cross country team opened their season this past weekend at the Panhandle Jamboree hosted by the Marianna High School Cross Country Club.

The races were run on the popular and fast Marianna High home course and, as expected, produced some good early season times for both the boys and girls.

Fourteen boys' teams and 10 girls' teams toed the starting line and there was also a large open/JV race after the High School varsity races.

The WHS boys and girls teams both placed third overall.

The WHS boys were led by David Victor (18:40), with Cody James (19:03), Brandon Trussell (19:21), Hunter Phillips (19:26) and freshman J.P. Piotrowski (20:19) rounded out the scoring for the team. Also running varsity qualifying times for the boys was Jacob Martinez (20:33), freshman Mitchell Atkinson (20:43), Tyler Bennett (20:37) and Jesse Register (21:27).

Senior Cora Atkinson led the charge for the ladies, covering the 5K course in 21:45, with Marty Wiedeman not far behind in 21:56. Other scorers for the team included Kasey James, freshman, (22:20), Norma Woodcock (23:11) and Kristie Hodges (24:19). Freshman Lilli Broadway (24:26) was the sixth member of the team to run a varsity qualifying time.

"A couple of our key runners didn't compete Saturday because they were taking the ACT test, but, overall, the others performed well, especially for an early season meet," noted Coach Paul Hoover. "We've got a lot of work to do before the end of the season, but I was pretty encouraged with our kids' performance."

"One of the brightest spots was the performance of five of our first year girls who either ran a varsity qualifying time or real close to it. This group included freshmen Kasey James, Lilli Broadway, Tyler Kinard, Lydia Wiedeman and sophomore Amber Stewart and they probably ran faster this early in the season than any group we have had before, "said Hoover.

"We've got pretty good group of young runners, both boys and girls, and it is going to be really interesting to see how they develop throughout the season."

The teams compete next on Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Lincoln Invitation at Tom Brown Park in Tallahassee, with the races beginning at 10 a.m.

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War Eagles win home opener, 30-21

The War Eagles come onto the field. The team's motto for the year is 'Keep your ax sharp at all times.'

ONE-TWO PUNCH: Running back Deonte Hutchinson, above, had 139 yards and a touchdown on nine carries against Taylor County, while Will Thomas, below, gained 144 yards on 23 carries and had three TDs.

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By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
editor@thewakullanews.net

"It was a hard-hitting game but a sloppy game," said Wakulla Head Coach Scott Klees of the War Eagles' 30-21 win over the Taylor County Bulldogs last week and improving to 2-0 on the young season.

"We turned the ball over way too many times, and they turned the ball over way too many times," Klees said.

The War Eagles had four turnovers in the game. "You usually don't win when you do that," Klees said.

But the Bulldogs matched that with four turnovers of their own.

The two teams held each other scoreless in the first quarter, and Wakulla got the first points on the board with a Connor Smith 26-yard field goal.

The Bulldogs struck back on the ensuing kickoff with a return for a touchdown.

Running back Will Thomas scored the War Eagles' first touchdown on a 30-yard run. It was the first of three touchdowns on the evening for Thomas, who rumbled for 144 yards on 23 carries.

Deonte Hutchinson was named Offensive Player of the Game and carried the ball nine times for 139 yards and a touchdown. The scoring run came in the third quarter when he broke free for a 55-yard run to put the War Eagles up, 17-14.

The Bulldogs countered with a drive in response and took the lead, 21-17, in the final minute of the third quarter.

Thomas banged in two short runs for TDs in the fourth quarter to put the game away.

Klees praised offensive lineman Chris Griffin, who graded out at 88 percent.

The defense caused several turnovers, including a Nic Walker interception to go along with six tackles.

Cornerback Marshane Godbolt was named Defensive Player of the Week grading out at 89 percent.

And Special Teams Player of the Week was Ryan Henderson, who had a blocked punt.

Klees also praised the home crowd: "I was really proud of our fans. It was one of the biggest crowds for a home opener," he said. Reynolds Stadium was filled with "football spirit."

Coming up this week, Wakulla faces North Florida Christian at home.

"We're both undefeated," Klees said, though he noted the War Eagles have faced a different level of foe than NFC.

Still, the War Eagles lost to NFC last year. "This is definitely one we put on the calendar," Klees said.

"I want to see our defense step up and hit like they did in the pre-season game," Klees said. "If we come out and get physical, it's going to be a good game. If we're not, it's gonna be a long night."

And being physical is a hallmark of Wakulla football, Klees said.

"On the offense, I want to see us control the ball, control the clock, and on defense, we need to get after them," Klees said.

Players of the week

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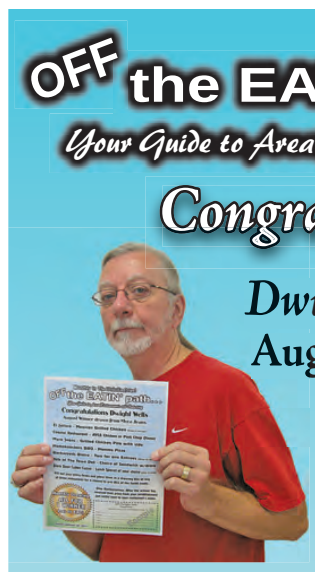
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In The Huddle

A weekly look at college football in the Sunshine State

FLORIDA STATE SEMINOLES

Oklahoma on the horizon for FSU

By TIM LINAFELT
Osceola.com Staff Writer

After months of proclaiming, maintaining and insisting that they weren't looking ahead to Oklahoma, the Florida State Seminoles can finally change their tune.

"It feels like Christmas, man," sophomore safety Lamarcus Joyner said. "I mean Thanksgiving is before Christmas. You love Thanksgiving so you don't want overlook it with Christmas. [But] with the other two opponents gone, it's time for Oklahoma. This is what everybody's been talking about." With FSU's 62-10 win over Charleston Southern Saturday, there's officially nothing standing between the Seminoles and their primetime date with the No. 1 Sooners next week.

Everybody, it seems, except for the Seminoles, who have smoothly deflected question after question throughout spring and fall camps about their highly anticipated rematch with OU. On rare occasion, a player might admit to hoping for a measure of revenge after last season's 47-17 defeat in Norman, but more often than not, the company line remained consistent: FSU was focused first on Louisiana-Monroe, next on Charleston Southern and then on Oklahoma.

They may not have been talking about the Sooners, but some Seminoles have had plenty of time to think about them.

"I watched (last year's game) 20 times, 30 times," defensive end Brandon Jenkins said. "I watched it and it motivates me and the team. We want to do better this year and I think we're going to make it happen this year."

As the clock hit zero here on Saturday night, "then" officially became "now", and "this year" finally became "this week."

"We have a thing – 'live in the now,'" Jimbo Fisher said. "Our 'now' is Oklahoma. Our 'now' from right now until the end of next Saturday night is Oklahoma. Then we have to put that one away and go to the next one."

The Oklahoma game may be the next one, but it's far from just another one. FSU will be hosting the nation's No. 1 team for the first time since 1996, when it defeated top-ranked Florida, 24-21. Doak Campbell Stadium will set the stage for its first meeting between two top-5 teams since 2003, when No. 2 Miami escaped with a 22-14 victory over the fifth-ranked Seminoles. And Saturday will mark the first time that Florida State has hosted a top-5 matchup that didn't feature either the Gators or the Hurricanes.

PHOTO BY Colin Hackley - Osceola

Coach Jimbo Fisher is in his second season as head coach of the Seminoles.

The stakes are indeed high. ESPN's College Gameday will be on the scene. And the college football world will have its eyes set on Tallahassee.

"This is the fun time," Fisher said. "This ain't the time to get nervous now. This is the time to have fun and compete and want to win and all that, but now's the time to lay it on the line and have some fun."

'Noles running attack yet to get on track

By TIM LINAFELT
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Florida State's offense rolled to 647 total yards in Saturday's 62-10 win over Charleston Southern, so it's not as if EJ Manuel and Co. are sputtering along. But for the second straight week, FSU's running game appeared out of sync and mostly ineffective, this time against a CSU defense that surrendered 316 rushing yards in its opener at Central Florida.

Led by freshman James Wilder, FSU's running backs amassed a reasonable 170 yards on 37 attempts (4.6 yards per rush), but that number is skewed by the game's final play, a 41-yard run by Wilder that would've been nullified by an illegal formation penalty, had CSU not declined the infraction to end the game. With Wilder's long run removed, FSU's average drops to a pedestrian 3.58 yards per carry.

Wilder finished the day with 76 yards on 10 carries. No other Seminoles running back had more than 23 yards. And that comes a week after FSU struggled for 92 rushing yards against Louisiana-Monroe.

Quarterback EJ Manuel insisted after the game that he's not yet concerned about the running attack. And it's true that FSU's offensive line is still finding its footing as it transitions into life with the departed Rodney Hudson and Ryan McMahon.

"It takes a little bit of time for everyone to groove in together," senior left tackle Andrew Datko said. "But I think from last week [the line's play] improved. That's how it's supposed to be every week: improve, improve, improve."

Florida State also tried mixing things up along the line, moving Bryan Stork to center and sliding Jake Fahrenkrug to left guard. After the switch, FSU appeared to pick up some momentum on the ground, mostly on the legs of senior running back Jermaine Thomas, who received his first work of the season Saturday night.

"We actually started running the ball really nice in the second [half], and got some nice runs going," FSU head coach Jimbo Fisher said. "We're still tweaking and turning and getting the best guys in the best positions."

FSU should also add another dimension to its running attack starting next Saturday, as Manuel will likely use his legs far more frequently than he did against ULM and CSU. When asked if Stork would be an option at center next week, Fisher said, "That's always an option."

PHOTO BY Bill Rollins/Special to The News

Running back Devonta Freeman carries the ball during the game against Charleston Southern.

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Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
The game can be seen on ESPN, ESPN3.com.

FLORIDA GATORS

Real challenge comes Saturday

PHOTO COURTESY OF GatorBait.net

A Florida player blocks a UAB defender to give Chris Rainey an opening.

By MARTY COHEN
GatorBait.net Editor

It was important for Florida to make some progress Saturday night against UAB, ostensibly an improved opponent over the opening foe Florida Atlantic. There was some good, some bad, and even a little ugly in front of one of the smallest Swamp crowds in quite some time, but for the record, it was 39-0 and now 2-0 for Will Muschamp.

Frankly it's hard to tell how much these two dress rehearsals helped the Gators as they embark on big boy football beginning Saturday against a suddenly revived Tennessee outfit.

We do know that tailback Chris Rainey is ready for prime time. The fifth-year senior seems to be ready-made for Charlie Weis' pro-style attack and he once again turned in a highlight-reel performance, stealing the show on a warm and muggy night in The Swamp.

Rainey was terrific again, rumbling for 119 breath-taking yards on 16 carries with one touchdown, and had another nullified by a holding penalty on guard Jon Halapio. Rainey also caught three passes for 43 yards, giving him 162 total yards in 19 touches. The season's first two games, the totals read: 27 carries for 198 yards and two touchdowns, plus nine receptions for 110 yards and another score. That's 36 touches for 308 yards and three touchdowns, an average of 8.6 yards every time he gets the ball in his hands.

"Seems like he does something new every time he touches the ball," junior offensive tackle Xavier Nixon said.

Rainey did his damage Saturday basically without speed partner Jeff Demps. Demps left with about five minutes to go in the first quarter and did not return to the sidelines. Muschamp was predictably vague and said it was a shoulder.

The Gators need all their weapons and Demps' health will be a major topic during the week. Florida got solid production out of Mike Gillislee (11 carries for 79 yards and a touchdown) and it will be interesting how much this staff utilizes his abilities.

A certain discussion point will also be Florida's struggles in the Red Zone the opening two weeks. If Weis was not pleased in this area after the opening week, when the Gators did not register touchdowns on two of their five chances inside the 20, he will be downright ornery this time around.

Three times the Gators dented the Red Zone, only to settle for first-half field goals. It hardly makes a difference against the likes of UAB, but that's not the case in SEC play.

Joining Demps on the sidelines for much of the game was sophomore tight end Jordan Reed. Muschamp said Reed felt a twinge in his hamstring but didn't believe it was serious, yet we'll have no way of truly knowing until next Saturday. Reed still figures to be a key factor in this offense, but so far hasn't made much a dent.

Defensively the charity is now over. Florida Atlantic turned out to be worse than we even imagined and for all the yards and points UAB mustered last season, the Blazers returned a bunch of those folks yet looked equally miserable on offense.

The Blazers' lack of offensive productivity was detrimental to a UF defense still searching to find itself. Tennessee comes in with loads of confidence offensively after piling 45 points on Cincinnati Saturday, with quarterback Tyler Bray completing 34 of 41 passes for 405 yards and four touchdowns against the Bearcats. In two games, Bray has connected on 51 of 75 passes (68 percent) for 698 yards with seven touchdowns and no interceptions.

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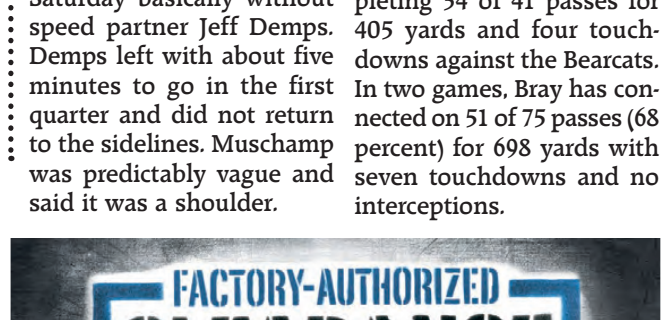

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Outdoors

outdoor sports and fishing reports

Big trout are moving into the flats

From The Dock

BY CAPT. JODY CAMPBELL

What an absolutely gorgeous weekend we had.

Light winds and not too hot. Cool in the morning, enough so that you needed a long sleeve shirt, which was really nice. Water temperatures are starting to fall and were in the high 70s on Sunday -- which means trout that moved out to the deeper water should be starting to move back in shallower.

I wish I could tell you about all the fish I've been catching but I can't. I fished four different times in Oyster Bay and on the flats out from Shell Point last week for a total of about eight hours and caught very few fish.

The speckled trout I caught for the most part were small, one nice red and quite a few silver trout and only a couple of them were big. Hopefully, all is about to change.

I talked to Capt. Vic Davis and he said he had a good trip on Sunday fishing the mouth of the Ochlockonee River. No big trout but a bunch of 15.5-inch trout. They were fishing grubs about three feet under a Cajun Thunder.

Capt. Randy Peart said he fished the Econfina one day last week and found a few fish in four feet of water but most were small. They moved out to 10 and 12 feet and caught bigger trout, but they didn't seem to be as thick as they had been several weeks back.

Randy does a lot of guiding out of St. George during the summer months and the guides over there told him fishing was good and seemed to be getting better. Quite a few big trout have moved onto the flats and they are still catching reds in the cut.

I called Mike Falk Jr. at Mike's Marine to see if he had talked with anyone that had fished and he said he hasn't heard much.

He did say they were catching lots of reds up in the Ochlockonee River and this past weekend he saw a big tarpon jump out of the water in front of their house on the Ochlocknee, which is up above the St. Marks Boat Club.

He said they have been spending most weekends at St. Joe scalloping. He said they went Saturday and Sunday and had their limit each day in less than an hour.

I've not talked to a lot of people who have been going to St. Marks but the few that I have said they were still getting them but in a little deeper water. The last day of the season is Sept. 25 so you still have a few weeks left.

Gag grouper season reopens on Sept. 15 so I imagine quite a few folks will be heading offshore this weekend. It closes again on Nov. 15 so it doesn't give you a long time. Everybody says there are plenty of them out there so I guess we'll know Thursday afternoon.

Capt. David Fife said some of his neighbors have been doing real good on reds using cut bait on the bottom and fishing the high tide.

Bill Birdwell and Dr. William Hurt fished over at the mouth of the Panacea channel on Saturday and caught quite a few silver trout. This place should just be getting better and better.

I like to eat them if they are fresh but it seems like they get a little mushy after being frozen. One thing about it though, they sure do fish a lot harder than a speckled trout.

If you've fished out of Shell Point of Panacea in the past few weeks I know you have noticed all the cannonball jellyfish.

I remember seeing them in the past in big numbers, but nothing like now. They like very salty water and warm water so maybe that's why they're here in such big numbers.

According to experts, the diet of cannonball jellyfish is made up of zooplankton and red drum larvae. They are ecologically important because they are the major prey base for the endangered leatherback sea turtle. They are loaded with proteins and at the same time are scarce in fat content and most importantly, cholesterol.

They are considered a delicacy in Asia but I have never seen them on a menu around here. The scientific name, Stomolophus meleagris, which means many-mouthed hunter. If you decide to try one of them let me know.

Remember to leave that float plan and be careful out there. Good luck and good fishing!

Photo by UF Fox Squirrel Research Team

A fox squirrel. A new study is being undertaken by the University of Florida to look at distribution of the animal, and the public is asked to report any sightings.

Report sightings of fox squirrel for study

Special to The News

In Florida, the fox squirrel can be found in almost every county, but the distribution is patchy and not well understood.

To better understand fox squirrel distribution, a new research project conducted by the University of Florida Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is asking members of the public across the state to report their fox squirrel sightings at the following website, public.myfwc.com/hsc/foxsquirrel/GetLatLong.aspx.

The fox squirrel, named for its fox-like tail, is a charismatic mammal approximately twice the size of the common gray squirrel.

The coloration of the fox squirrel is highly variable, ranging from a creamy tan to all black.

As part of a research project between the University of Florida and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, scientists have begun collecting fox squirrel sightings throughout the state to determine distribution and dive into the why's of fox squirrel presence.

Scientists are interested in sightings on both public and private land throughout Florida, anywhere you see them. It's very simple to submit sightings – takes less than two minutes – using the Google map application which automatically enters the lat/long once you choose the location.

Here's the website to report your sightings, public.myfwc.com/hsc/foxsquirrel/GetLatLong.aspx.

Youth Hunting Field Day set for Sept. 24

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will host its Youth Hunting Field Day on Saturday, Sept. 24, at Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy, north of Tallahassee.

It's no coincidence that this date happens to be National Hunting and Fishing Day, making the event a great opportunity for the entire family to come out and learn about hunting and fishing.

The FWC is partnering with Tall Timbers to put on this free, half-day event for interested kids of all ages and their parents. Advance registration is not necessary for the event, which runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Attendees will get to shoot at targets with bows and arrows, shotguns, rifles and muzzleloading guns. Other activities include a hunting-dog demonstration.

Those who have taken the online hunter safety course can complete the required field activities at the event by registering at MyFWC.com/HunterSafety.

Also, participants are eligible for door prizes, including a youth hunt or a free week of summer camp in Ocala or at the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center (BTYCC), near Tallahassee.

For more information on Youth Hunting Field Day, call 850-413-0084. For directions to Tall Timbers Research Station, go to www.talltimbers.org.

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Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water

Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

We are in transition.

The store at Wakulla Diving Center is much quieter now than last month. As the days get shorter, the nights get cooler and the kids are back in school, interest in diving is changing in our neighborhood.

Folks may go for that last fishing trip now that gag grouper season is open again, but for the most part, the diving season will now giving way to the hunting season.

Well, with college football on Saturday and professional football the rest of the time, what can we expect?

We know the ocean will get cold and stormy in the winter anyway. Most recreational divers are hanging up their fins and storing their cylinders until next summer.

OK, be sure to wash the salt out of your dive equipment first and then dry everything thoroughly before storage.

Do not store rubber goods in the garage next to the AC or hot water heater as they emit ozone. Ozone will cause the rubber to rot. Salt will corrode your metal parts.

Wet suits need to be stored flat, not on hangers, as the neoprene will stretch. Be sure to store your aluminum cylinders full, not half empty.

Fire (should you have one in your house) will cause the cylinder pressure to increase (five psi for every degree the surrounding temperature rises). Your cylinder's burst disk pressure will not be reached before the cylinder walls will fail and the cylinder will explode, adding shrapnel to your misery.

A full cylinder will burst its overpressure disk and just make a lot of harmless noise.

Don't forget to service your spear guns and regulators now so that they will be ready for the new diving season.

Most of you know that Wakulla Diving Center is not just a recreational dive store like the other dive shops in our area.

It is true that we have had a great summer season thanks to our diving community. We have asked for your help to identify what you want and provided it as best we could. Thank you.

But now a different community is stepping through our doors. With the cooler weather and less rainfall, our cave waters are clear and will soon be warmer than the air above them.

Technical divers from all over the world converge upon us for training on rebreathers, cave and deep (mixed-gas) diving.

This month I have two classes that keep me busier than I am during the summer. We have classes packed in right through the end of the year.

Yes, we still offer basic through advanced recreational diver training supported by our intern program and a growing list of Associate Instructors. Winter is a good time to get Nitrox or Advanced qualified.

As you also know Wakulla Diving Center has a larger staff now that Nicole has returned to the University of Rhode Island. Our new store manager is Keith Davis, a respected spear fisherman, who is expanding our selection of guns and merchandise services. Our Technical manager, Travis Kersting, is expanding the options for blended gasses (more gases), better hydro station and machine shop. He is still available for any regulator repair or cylinder maintenance service you may care to request during the winter.

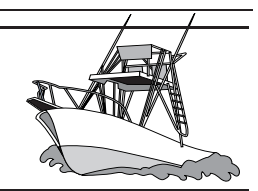
Otherwise you will find him in the back renovating our new facility soon to be called under pressure. Look for it next summer!

And yes, it has taken us six months to replace the front door, destroyed by vandals, with a new etched door by the same artist.

Let the winter festivities begin!

Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



Members of Flotilla 12 joined together on Saturday, Sept. 10 for our monthly business meeting. It was a full house.

Flotilla commander Bob Asztalos encouraged everyone to attend our upcoming Division Meeting in Panama City from Oct. 7 through Oct. 9.

This is a great opportunity for reconnecting with members of the division that we only see at these meetings, as well as valuable training. Ellena Rolland had worked hard to prepare the JAREX (joint active duty, auxiliary and other emergency responders search and rescue exercise) which promises to be an awesome experience.

A favorite part of our meeting is the awards. This is not only because it means the meeting is drawing to a close, but it is a time to recognize the hard work of our members and recognize their accomplishments.

Rick Yood received his award for our flotilla receiving the Silver Oar last year. Dave Rabon was recognized for passing his Vessel Examiner and Recreational Boater Safety exams. This is part of the process for becoming VE and RBS qualified to provide vessel safety checks and providing boating safety materials to our local establishments.

Before becoming our Vice Flotilla Commander, Bill Wannall was the Personnel Services/Human Resources Staff Officer for our flotilla. Bill is credited with increasing our flotilla membership significantly in the previous two years.

To honor his hard work, Bill received an award for recruiting and retaining new members. Bravo Zulu, Bill!

As part of the process for becoming an Operational Specialist in the Auxiliary (AUXOP), a member must complete several courses and maintain qualifications in different areas.

Chuck Hickman received a Certificate of Advancement for completing and passing the Auxiliary Weather course and becoming a Weather Specialist.

Sept. 11 is a day those of us old enough to remember will never forget its significance. As a flotilla, we felt it important to make sure we were out on the water to fly the colors and show our support for the men and women along with their families who sacrifice daily for our safety and freedom. We had two facilities out Sunday.

After meeting up at Shell Island Fish Camp, both headed out and went separate ways.

Coxswain Bob Asztalos reported the following: We were out on Coast Runner II Sunday with a crew of Bill Wannall, Raye Crews, Mike Harrison and Terry Hoxworth. Water samples were taken from the Shell Point area and will be sent to FWC for monitoring red tide in our area.

I was also very impressed with the number of boats with large American flags flying from them. It was a sight to behold. I think people appreciated seeing us out on the water this weekend.

Coxswain Mark Rosen sent the following: The day was dawning bright and sunny when the crews of USCG Auxiliary vessels Fin-Lee and Coast Runner 2 prepared to get under way for patrols from the Shell Island Fish Camp on Sunday. All members were aware of the importance of this day in particular, and the need to be at the top of their game in readiness.

Fin-Lee, skippered by Mark Rosen with his crew of Steve Hults, Rick Yood, Dave Rabon, and Rob Purvis, headed out to complete an environmental mission of water sampling for FWC and boat training for the crew. There were many boats out for the day and the water was almost flat calm. All the tasks were completed and both vessels secured their patrols with no incidents.

A bit of sad news to share with all of you, Eleanor Carlan, former Commander of Flotilla 13, crossed the bar on Sept. 10 in Georgia. There is a funeral planned for Crawfordville, but a date/time was not set.

I did not have the honor of knowing her. We extend heartfelt condolences to her family and friends. Fair winds and following seas, Eleanor!

As Sherrie reminds us, safe boating is no accident!

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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.

St. Marks River Entrance

Date	High	Low	High	Low	High
Thu Sep 15, 11	3.8 ft. 3:50 AM	0.4 ft. 10:24 AM	3.7 ft. 4:42 PM	1.2 ft. 10:22 PM	
Fri Sep 16, 11	3.8 ft. 4:13 AM	0.5 ft. 10:57 AM	3.5 ft. 5:19 PM	1.3 ft. 10:51 PM	
Sat Sep 17, 11	3.8 ft. 4:38 AM	0.6 ft. 11:33 AM	3.3 ft. 6:02 PM	1.5 ft. 11:23 PM	
Sun Sep 18, 11	3.7 ft. 5:07 AM	0.7 ft. 12:17 PM	3.0 ft. 6:56 PM		
Mon Sep 19, 11		1.8 ft. 12:03 AM	3.6 ft. 5:43 AM	0.9 ft. 1:18 PM	2.8 ft. 8:12 PM
Tue Sep 20, 11		2.0 ft. 12:56 AM	3.4 ft. 6:31 AM	0.9 ft. 2:43 PM	2.8 ft. 9:51 PM
Wed Sep 21, 11		2.2 ft. 2:14 AM	3.3 ft. 7:46 AM	0.8 ft. 4:13 PM	3.0 ft. 11:13 PM

City of St. Marks

Date	High	Low	High	Low	High
Thu Sep 15, 11	3.6 ft. 4:26 AM	0.4 ft. 11:28 AM	3.4 ft. 5:18 PM	1.1 ft. 11:26 PM	
Fri Sep 16, 11	3.6 ft. 4:49 AM	0.4 ft. 12:01 PM	3.2 ft. 5:55 PM	1.2 ft. 11:55 PM	
Sat Sep 17, 11	3.5 ft. 5:14 AM	0.5 ft. 12:37 PM	3.0 ft. 6:38 PM		
Sun Sep 18, 11		1.4 ft. 12:27 AM	3.4 ft. 5:43 AM	0.7 ft. 1:21 PM	2.8 ft. 7:32 PM
Mon Sep 19, 11		1.6 ft. 1:07 AM	3.3 ft. 6:19 AM	0.8 ft. 2:22 PM	2.6 ft. 8:48 PM
Tue Sep 20, 11		1.8 ft. 2:00 AM	3.2 ft. 7:07 AM	0.8 ft. 3:47 PM	2.6 ft. 10:27 PM
Wed Sep 21, 11		2.0 ft. 3:18 AM	3.0 ft. 8:22 AM	0.8 ft. 5:17 PM	

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Date	High	Low	High	Low	High
Thu Sep 15, 11	3.9 ft. 3:47 AM	0.5 ft. 10:21 AM	3.7 ft. 4:39 PM	1.3 ft. 10:19 PM	
Fri Sep 16, 11	3.9 ft. 4:10 AM	0.5 ft. 10:54 AM	3.6 ft. 5:16 PM	1.4 ft. 10:48 PM	
Sat Sep 17, 11	3.8 ft. 4:35 AM	0.6 ft. 11:30 AM	3.3 ft. 5:59 PM	1.7 ft. 11:20 PM	
Sun Sep 18, 11	3.8 ft. 5:04 AM	0.8 ft. 12:14 PM	3.1 ft. 6:53 PM	1.9 ft. 12:00 AM?	
Mon Sep 19, 11	3.6 ft. 5:40 AM	0.9 ft. 1:15 PM	2.9 ft. 8:09 PM		
Tue Sep 20, 11		2.2 ft. 12:53 AM	3.5 ft. 6:28 AM	1.0 ft. 2:40 PM	2.9 ft. 9:48 PM
Wed Sep 21, 11		2.4 ft. 2:11 AM	3.3 ft. 7:43 AM	0.9 ft. 4:10 PM	3.0 ft. 11:10 PM

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Date	High	Low	High	Low	High
Thu Sep 15, 11	2.9 ft. 3:42 AM	0.3 ft. 10:35 AM	2.8 ft. 4:34 PM	0.8 ft. 10:33 PM	
Fri Sep 16, 11	2.9 ft. 4:05 AM	0.4 ft. 11:08 AM	2.6 ft. 5:11 PM	1.0 ft. 11:02 PM	
Sat Sep 17, 11	2.8 ft. 4:30 AM	0.4 ft. 11:44 AM	2.5 ft. 5:54 PM	1.1 ft. 11:34 PM	
Sun Sep 18, 11	2.8 ft. 4:59 AM	0.5 ft. 12:28 PM	2.3 ft. 6:48 PM		
Mon Sep 19, 11		1.3 ft. 12:14 AM	2.7 ft. 5:35 AM	0.6 ft. 1:29 PM	2.1 ft. 8:04 PM
Tue Sep 20, 11		1.5 ft. 1:07 AM	2.6 ft. 6:23 AM	0.7 ft. 2:54 PM	2.1 ft. 9:43 PM
Wed Sep 21, 11		1.6 ft. 2:25 AM	2.4 ft. 7:38 AM	0.6 ft. 4:24 PM	2.2 ft. 11:05 PM

St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

Date	High	Low	High	Low	High
Thu Sep 15, 11	3.0 ft. 3:34 AM	0.4 ft. 10:03 AM	2.9 ft. 4:26 PM	1.1 ft. 10:01 PM	
Fri Sep 16, 11	3.0 ft. 3:57 AM	0.5 ft. 10:36 AM	2.7 ft. 5:03 PM	1.3 ft. 10:30 PM	
Sat Sep 17, 11	2.9 ft. 4:22 AM	0.6 ft. 11:12 AM	2.6 ft. 5:46 PM	1.5 ft. 11:02 PM	
Sun Sep 18, 11	2.9 ft. 4:51 AM	0.7 ft. 11:56 AM	2.4 ft. 6:40 PM	1.7 ft. 11:42 PM	
Mon Sep 19, 11	2.8 ft. 5:27 AM	0.8 ft. 12:57 PM	2.2 ft. 7:56 PM		
Tue Sep 20, 11		2.0 ft. 12:35 AM	2.7 ft. 6:15 AM	0.9 ft. 2:22 PM	2.2 ft. 9:35 PM
Wed Sep 21, 11		2.2 ft. 1:53 AM	2.5 ft. 7:30 AM	0.8 ft. 3:52 PM	2.3 ft. 10:57 PM

Dog Island West End

Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu Sep 15, 11	3.2 ft. 3:22 AM	0.6 ft. 9:50 AM	2.8 ft. 5:14 PM	1.6 ft. 9:20 PM
Fri Sep 16, 11	3.3 ft. 3:45 AM	0.6 ft. 10:24 AM	2.7 ft. 6:08 PM	1.7 ft. 9:43 PM
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Wed Sep 21, 11		2.1 ft. 1:13 AM	3.1 ft. 7:23 AM	0.5 ft. 3:55 PM

Thursday	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:21 am 7:42 pm	9:19 pm 10:10 am
Brightness– 82%	

Friday	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:22 am 7:41 pm	9:56 pm 11:03 am
Brightness– 76%	

Saturday	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:22 am 7:40 pm	10:37 pm 11:57 am
Brightness– 70%	

Sunday	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:23 am 7:39 pm	11:23 pm 12:51 pm
Brightness– 64%	

Monday	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:23 am 7:37 pm	--:-- 1:44 pm
Brightness– 58%	

Tuesday	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:24 am 7:36 pm	12:13 am 2:34 pm
Brightness– 52%	

Wenesday	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:24 am 7:35 pm	1:09 am 3:22 pm
Brightness– 45%	

Thursday	
Major Times	Minor Times
3:25 AM - 5:25 AM 3:47 PM - 5:47 PM	10:09 AM - 11:09 AM 9:19 PM - 10:19 PM
Good	

Friday	
Major Times	Minor Times
4:09 AM - 6:09 AM 4:32 PM - 6:32 PM	11:03 AM - 12:03 PM 9:55 PM - 10:55 PM
Average	

Saturday	
Major Times	Minor Times
4:55 AM - 6:55 AM 5:19 PM - 7:19 PM	11:57 AM - 12:57 PM 10:36 PM - 11:36 PM
Average	

Sunday	
Major Times	Minor Times
5:43 AM - 7:43 AM 6:08 PM - 8:08 PM	12:50 PM - 1:50 PM 11:22 PM - 12:22 AM
Average	

Monday	
Major Times	Minor Times
6:33 AM - 8:33 AM 6:59 PM - 8:59 PM	--:-- - --:-- 1:43 PM - 2:43 PM
Average	

Tuesday	
Major Times	Minor Times
7:24 AM - 9:24 AM 7:51 PM - 9:51 PM	12:12 AM - 1:12 AM 2:33 PM - 3:33 PM
Average	

Wenesday	
Major Times	Minor Times
8:17 AM - 10:17 AM 8:43 PM - 10:43 PM	1:08 AM - 2:08 AM 3:21 PM - 4:21 PM
Average+	

Preacher found guilty of theft at trial

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
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A former preacher at St. Nora Primitive Baptist Church in Sopchoppy went to trial recently for defrauding the small church of thousands of dollars for personal expenses and was found guilty by a jury and immediately sentenced to prison.

The preacher, Stanley Sims, was charged with grand theft for using a church credit cards for personal expenses – including suits, perfume for his wife and travel.

Sims had a criminal record that included more than 42 felony convictions for fraud in his past.

Assistant State Attorney Angelique Hutchens, who prosecuted the case, told the jury in closing arguments that the church, which has six to 10 regular members, was paying Sims a salary of $600 a month. He told church members he needed a credit card and, Hutchens said, ran it up to its limit within 30 days.

"It is about the abuse of his position," Hutchens told jurors, contending that the charges Sims ran up had nothing to do with church business – such as $430 at a jewelry store. He also spent several thousand dollars at Home Depot and Sears on home improvement items.

Assistant Public Defender Brian Higgins argued that the home improvement items were air conditioning and electrical materials to repair the crumbling church.

Additionally, Higgins argued that for it to be a theft, the charges had to be unauthorized. "There was no unauthorized use of the credit card," Higgins said, contending that "You cannot take something from someone authorized to use it."

Sims acknowledged to the jury that the three-piece suit and cufflinks he wore at his trial were purchased on the church credit card.

After the jury returned a guilty verdict, Wakulla Circuit Judge Jackie Fulford sentenced Sims immediately.

Because of Sims' past criminal record, the judge gave him four years in state prison followed by one year probation to make restitution.

Sims reportedly cried as he was taken into custody in the courtroom and taken to jail.

Sex offender arrested for molesting girls

Robert Joseph Larue

Wakulla County Sheriff's Office detectives arrested a 44-year-old Crawfordville man Saturday, Sept. 10 in connection with a sexual battery case involving three female victims, according to Sheriff David Harvey.

Robert Joseph Larue, a registered sex offender, is accused of inappropriately touching three female victims who had visited his home over the course of the past year. Larue is a Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) registered sex offender as a result of a 1995 lewd and lascivious charge in Leon County.

In the Wakulla County case, Larue was charged with one count of lewd and lascivious molestation-victim over age 12 but less than age 18 and one count of lewd and lascivious molestation on a victim under age 12. The female victims are age 8, age 12 and age 14.

An interview with the oldest victim determined that in addition to touching the girls in inappropriate locations, Larue also hugged and tickled them over the past year. Larue is being held in the Wakulla County Jail with no bond. Detective Erika Buckley and Deputy Sean Wheeler investigated.

Wakulla jail receives recommendation for accreditation

Special to The News

The Wakulla County Detention Facility was recommended for re-accreditation approval Friday, Sept. 2 following a three day visit by the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission Aug. 31 to Sept. 2.

The corrections operation joined the law enforcement division in August after receiving a re-accreditation recommendation for another three years.

The Accreditation assessors included: Lt. Don West of the Alachua County Sheriff's Office, Sgt. David Harvey (no relation to the Wakulla Sheriff) of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Corporal Diana Frost of the Osceola County Sheriff's Office and Isaiah Denard who is the corrections coordinator for the Florida Sheriff's Association. In addition, two Florida Department of Law Enforcement observers took part in the examination; Laurie Mizzel, executive director of the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission and Commission for Law Enforcement Accreditation; and William Walls, program manager for law enforcement and corrections for this region, took part in the inspection.

Sgt. Harvey said he was very impressed with the WCSO corrections operation and was pleased to make a recommendation of re-accreditation.

Corporal Frost agreed and stated that there were no major issues or concerns with the assessors. She stated that there was an outstanding degree of "cleanliness, professionalism and order and control of the inmates."

Lt. West said he reviewed the medical end of the corrections operation and found everything to be in order. He added that medical is particularly an area where corrections units can face concerns from inspectors.

"This was one of the easiest inspections we've done," he said. "We are all very impressed with the jail."

One of the areas of the inspection is a review of corrections standards and policies and making sure the policies and standards are being followed.

"I am proud of the job done by the men and women who work in the detention facility," said Sheriff David Harvey. "There was no doubt in my mind that both the law enforcement and detention side of the operation would be recommended for re-accreditation."

Major Jared Miller, who is in charge of the facility, noted that the detention facility must follow 900 detention standards in order to be eligible to house federal inmates for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and many of the standards being followed for the state inspection are required for the ICE detainees as well.

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Law Enforcement and Courts reports

Sheriff's Report

On Sept. 1, John Copeland of Crawfordville reported the theft of his wallet at Wal-Mart. The victim reported losing his wallet in the restroom. By the time the theft was reported, the victim's bank told him that a bank card had already been used at a Wakulla County convenience store. The wallet and contents are valued at $51.

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

• On Sept. 1, a retail theft was reported at Wal-Mart. Brittany Ann Taylor, 18, of Tallahassee was observed putting infant items inside a personal bag. The suspect attempted to leave the store without paying for the merchandise which was valued at $45.75. Taylor was issued a notice to appear in court for retail theft.

• On Sept. 2, Christopher Thomas of Crawfordville reported a vehicle burglary. A firearm and prescription drugs were reported missing. A forced entry was observed as the window of the vehicle was damaged. The firearm and narcotics are valued at $460.

• On Sept. 2, Billy Sanders of Sopchoppy reported a grand theft of 30 crab traps. The victim was able to provide numbers for some of the traps. The value of the stolen traps is $960.

• On Sept. 1, Jamuti M. Harvis, 21, of Crawfordville was charged with two counts of domestic battery after an EMS crew responded to a location on U.S. Highway 319 where a female victim was down in the ditch. The victim in the ditch was treated by an EMS crew and it was determined that Harvis battered another victim at a residential location as well. Harvis was picked up walking away from the scene.

• On Sept. 5, Michael Shane Minshew, 29, of Tallahassee was charged with aggravated battery and false imprisonment after a 33-year-old female victim reported being beaten and kept from leaving a residence following a physical disturbance at a friend's Crawfordville home. Minshew was spotted walking on U.S. Highway 319 and detained. The victim suffered a number of injuries in the altercation but refused medical transportation to the hospital.

• On Sept. 5, Judy Fox of Valdosta, Ga., reported a residential burglary in St. Marks. The victim was staying at a fish camp and socializing with friends when she reported the theft of cash, her driver license and a bank card from her purse. The property was valued at $202.

• On Sept. 5, Bettina Brown of Crawfordville reported a grand theft of a dirt bike motorcycle from her property. The bike was valued at $1,200.

• On Sept. 5, a 9-year-old female was attacked by a bulldog. The dog scratched the girl and witnesses reported the victim antagonized the dog before the incident. Animal Control was called to the scene to investigate.

• On Sept. 4, a concerned citizen contacted law enforcement and reported that suspicious-looking juveniles attempted to break into a St. Marks residence. It has not been determined who owns the home or what may have been taken.

• On Sept. 4, Wright Alexander of Crawfordville reported a traffic crash at his home. Significant damage was observed to the victim's perimeter fence. A vehicle was driving at a high rate of speed when the accident occurred. Damage to the victim's fence is estimated at $2,500. Beer cans and a cooler were found in the victim's yard.

• On Sept. 2, Rhonda Moore of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary. An Xbox entertainment system was reported missing. The Xbox is valued at $300 and was entered in the NCIC/FCIC computer.

• On Sept. 2, Robert Coshatt of Crawfordville reported discovering a wallet in his yard. The wallet contained a driver license and other forms of identification for a male who was identified. The wallet also contained a debit card for a female. The property was turned over to the WCSO property section.

• On Sept. 3, Christopher Tully, 24, of Tallahassee was arrested on narcotics charges following an investigation into a possible burglary at the Bridlewood apartments in Crawfordville. Deputy Nick Gray and Deputy Wesley Padgett found Tully hiding near a soda machine. He was in possession of marijuana and prescription pills. He was charged with possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of prescription drugs without a prescription.

• On Sept. 3, a retail theft was reported at Wal-Mart. A 15-year-old Crawfordville female was charged with retail theft and trespassing at Wal-Mart after being identified from previous incidents at the store. The juvenile allegedly took a carton of cigarettes, valued at $64, without paying. She did not meet the entrance requirements of the juvenile detention center and was released to her mother.

• On Sept. 6, Everett Harvey of Sopchoppy reported a criminal mischief to a vehicle at Crawfordville Elementary School. Someone scratched the side of the victim's vehicle from the front bumper to back bumper. Damage is estimated at $100.

• On Sept. 6, Scott Hartsfield of Talquin Electric Cooperative reported a grand theft of copper wire from the Spring Creek Highway substation. The wire was valued at $2,000. A second theft was reported at the Wakulla Arran Road substation and $800 worth of copper was stolen. A third substation theft was reported on Crawfordville Highway and $5,000 worth of copper was stolen. Sgt. Jeremy Johnston investigated.

• On Sept. 7, a 17-year-old Wakulla High School student was charged with disrupting an educational institution and resisting an officer with violence after an incident at Wakulla High School. The student refused to report to in school suspension and became disruptive in the school. The female got into a physical altercation with an administrator and SRO Deputy Scott Rojas. Deputy Rojas sustained scratches on his arms during the altercation. The juvenile was released to her parents.

• On Sept. 7, Gary Lawhon of Crawfordville reported a vehicle burglary at Mash Island Park in Ochlockonee Bay. The victim reported the theft of money from his wallet. Someone entered the unlocked vehicle and removed $22.

• On Sept. 7, Daniel Crockett of Crawfordville reported a burglary and grand theft of a boat motor propeller. The boat was docked in the river behind his residence. The propeller is valued at $600.

• On Sept. 7, Broderick Bellow of Crawfordville reported the theft of a mailbox. The mailbox and post were missing from their location. The property is valued at $50.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office received 760 calls for service during the past week including: 23 residential and business alarms; 80 citizen contacts; 19 disturbances; 13 fires; 56 investigations; 12 power lines down; 42 medical emergencies; 48 security checks; 15 special details; 11 suspicious vehicles; 18 traffic enforcements; 30 traffic stops; 17 trees down; 15 disabled vehicles; 13 reckless vehicles; 86 watch orders; and 11 welfare checks.

Man arrested for trying to meet with 15-year-old girl

Special to The News

Donovan Arthur Sauleda

A 25-year-old Miami man was arrested for a felony count of computer pornography and traveling to meet a minor following a six-month investigation where the man communicated with an undercover detective who posed as a 15-year-old female, according to Sheriff David Harvey.

Donovan Arthur Sauleda of SW 187th Ave. was charged on Aug. 29 after he was met by law enforcement at a Crawfordville home. He was taken to the Wakulla County Jail without incident.

In late February, the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office received information that the suspect was sending lewd and sexually oriented text messages to a 15-year-old female victim. The teenager told investigators that she had met the suspect in 2010 through social media.

Undercover detectives established a relationship with the suspect and Sauleda came to Wakulla County on Aug. 29 to meet what he thought was a 15-year-old. He was greeted by Major Maurice Langston, WCSO detectives and agents from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations.

Sauleda allegedly sent messages that were sexual in nature to undercover agents and when he arrived in Crawfordville sexual paraphernalia was discovered on him as well as Ecstasy and marijuana. He was charged with two counts of possession of marijuana with intent to sell and two counts of possession of synthetic narcotics (Ecstasy) with intent to sell.

Sauleda was held in the Wakulla County Jail under a $25,000 bond before being released on Sept. 1. Additional charges are possible as law enforcement officials audit the defendant's electronic devices.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office is a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) National Task Force. The Task Force was created to assist state and local law enforcement agencies by enhancing their investigative response to technology facilitated crimes against children.

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Remembering Sept. 11

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Langston then pointed out the men and women who stood behind him, which included members of the sheriff's office, Florida Highway Patrol, fire department, emergency management service, ROTC and veterans.

"This is you're own hometown homeland security," Langston said.

Prior to Langston's words, Sheriff David Harvey recognized two fallen heroes from Wakulla County who lost their lives while serving their county after Sept. 11. He also recognized those currently serving, as well as the veterans in attendance.

Superintendent of Schools David Miller sang a duet of "Where Were You When the World Stopped Turning" by Alan Jackson. Marshall Taylor also sang a patriotic song.

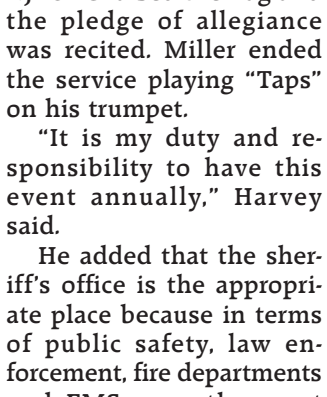
The Wakulla High School NJROTC raised the flag and the pledge of allegiance was recited. Miller ended the service playing "Taps" on his trumpet.

"It is my duty and responsibility to have this event annually," Harvey said.

He added that the sheriff's office is the appropriate place because in terms of public safety, law enforcement, fire departments and EMS were the most affected.

"In our business, when you see people running away from a burning building or gun, we're running to it," Harvey said.

He added that it is important to remember those in public safety who lost their lives that day, as well as the civilians.



David Miller plays 'Taps' on his trumpet to end the somber ceremony.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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Local student's artwork hangs in the Capitol

Emily McMillan, a fifth grader at Medart last year, has her artwork chosen as one of 12 from the Big Bend to hang in the Capitol

By JENNIFER JENSEN
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A Wakulla student was recently selected to have her artwork hang in the Florida State Capitol.

Emily McMillan, who was a fifth grader at Medart Elementary School at the time she was chosen, was picked from entries all over the Big Bend area. Only 12 pieces of art were chosen from elementary, middle and high school students in Gadsden, Leon, Suwanee and Wakulla counties.

"It's wonderful," said McMillan's mother, Kim. "She was very excited."

Kim McMillan said her daughter has always loved art, ever since she was little, and was active in the Art Club at Medart.

McMillan's acrylic painting entitled, "The Great American White Pelican" will be on display in the Education Unit in the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget until June 30, 2012, said Amanda Thompson, education and exhibition director with The Council on Culture and Arts.

Emily McMillan

Art teachers could nominate one student from their school and submit that entry to the Council on Culture and Arts, who is hosting the Capitol Student Art Exhibition, along with Tallahassee and Leon County's art agency. This is the first year of the exhibition.

"We hope it will continue," Thompson said.

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Dad Mark, brother Ben, Emily and mother Kim McMillan.

Emily McMillan's artwork, titled 'The Great American White Pelican,' is on display at the Capitol through June 30, 2012.

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Week in Wakulla

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Post your event on TheWakullaNews.com

Thursday — Chamber Mixer from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the chamber.

Saturday — Coastal Cleanup from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at various locations.

Monday — County Commission meeting at 5 p.m. in commission chambers.

Tuesday — Iris Garden Club meeting at 1 p.m. at the public library.

City and County Meetings

Thursday, September 15

• WAKULLA COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL will meet for a public roundtable meeting from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Commission Chambers.

Monday, September 19

• COUNTY COMMISSION will meet for its regular board meeting at 5 p.m. in the commission chambers. Items of interest on the agenda are the second budget hearing on the 2011-2012 budget.

Thursday, September 22

• WAKULLA COUNTY ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE will meet at 10 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioner's conference room. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss ways to conserve energy.

Clubs, Groups, Regular Meetings

Thursday, September 15

• 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.

• CONCERNED CITIZENS OF WAKULLA COUNTY will meet at 7 p.m. at the public library.

Friday, September 16

• ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets each Friday at 8 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. Call (850) 545-1853 for more information.

• ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets each Friday at noon at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. Call (850) 545-1853 for more information.

• FRIDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB meets at the public library from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

• GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS meets at St. Teresa's Episcopal Church in Medart from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

• PICKIN' 'N' GRINNIN' JAM SESSION will be held at the senior center from 10 a.m. to noon. (Also on Tuesdays)

• SASSY STRIPPERS QUILTERS GROUP meets at the public library from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to make quilts for traumatized children. The "cruiser quilts" are donated to Wakulla County deputies to be used for children in need. New members welcome. For information, call 926-6290.

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Saturday, September 17

• ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets each Saturday at 5:30 p.m. at Mission by the Sea Church on Alligator Drive in Alligator Point. Call (850) 545-1853 for more information.

• NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meets at 3240 Crawfordville Highway at 5 p.m. For more information, call 224-2321.

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

• ORDER OF CONFEDERATE ROSE "MARY C. GWALTNEY" CHAPTER will meet at 5 p.m. at the public library. For more information, please call Lisa Morgan at (850) 926-1405

• SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS "WAKULLA GUARDS CAMP" will meet at 5 p.m. at the public library. Come join us. For more information, please call Lisa Morgan at (850) 926-1405.

Sunday, September 18

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

Monday, September 19

• 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.

• YOGAS CLASSES with Tamara will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. This is a gentle restorative class focusing on the breath to build flexibility, restore balance with a mind/body approach.

Tuesday, September 20

• 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.

• SARRACENIA CHAPTER OF THE FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY will have noted botanist and author Gil Nelson as its guest speaker at 6:30 p.m. at the public library. Nelson, author of "The Trees of Florida" and several other popular manuals, will give a presentation on the native hollies of the Southeast.

• IRIS GARDEN CLUB will meet at 1 p.m. at the public library and will feature master gardener Jeannie Brodhead who will discuss how to attract butterflies to the yard using native and other flowering plants. Larval and nectar plants will be showcased along with facts about our most common local butterflies. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome.

Wednesday, September 21

• 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.

• BEADING CLASSES with Tamara will be held at 12:45 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Choose from glass and stone beads to create your masterpiece. There is a $3 to $5 fee for the materials.

• KNITTING CLUB will meet at 4 p.m. at the public library. Anyone interested in the art of knitting are encouraged to attend.

Thursday, September 22

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• FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY will meet at 6 p.m. at the public library.

• LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS will meet at 7 p.m. at the public library. Contact Anne Ahrendt at 528-0895 or Rachel Pienta at 321-3582 for more information.

Friday, September 23

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Special Events

Thursday, September 15

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

• PAIN MANAGEMENT SEMINAR will be held at 7 p.m. at the Crawfordville United Methodist Church sponsored by the Wakulla County Cancer Support group. It doesn't matter what kind of pain you experience and you don't have to have cancer to attend. If pain is a big issue in your life, please come. Kathleen J. Barnett, Pain Management Clinical Specialist of Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, will be the featured speaker.

Friday, September 16

• BENEFIT for the Anthony Revell Scholarship Fund will be held at Dux's Lounge at 9:30 p.m. Fireplug will be playing. Donations will be accepted all night.

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, Mashes 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. For more information contact helpkwcb@gmail.com or (850) 745-7111.

• ADVENTURE IN GOSPEL MUSIC will be held by the Sopchoppy Opry at 7 p.m. in the old Sopchoppy School Auditorium. This is a benefit for the Sopchoppy Historic GF&A Railroad Depot. Tickets are $10 each. Call for available seating at 962-2668, 962-2210 or 962-2646.

Thursday, September 22

• WOMEN AGAINST MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS LUNCHEON will be held to raise awareness about MS and raise money to benefit those living with MS in North Florida. The event will be held at the University Center Club in FSU Doak Campbell Stadium. at 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. For more information, call (850)386-4843 or email MSluncheon@earthlink.net.

Upcoming Events

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.

• BIG BEND HOSPICE BEREAVEMENT SEMINAR will be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, for professionals and peer supporters that work with bereaved families. Counselors, mental health professionals, clergy, educators, nurses, health professionals, emergency responders, law enforcement, military person. A registration fee of $79 is required which includes breakfast and lunch. Please call Lisa Baggett at (850) 878-5310, ext. 433 with questions or go to www.bigbendhospice.org to register.

Saturday, September 24

• SOPCHOPPY OPRY presents The Kenny Hill Band at 7 p.m. in historic Sopchoppy High School Auditorium. The Kenny Hill Band features three Brian Hill playing the flat top, Jennifer is the group's lead vocalist, and stand-up bass player and Ken Baldauf is a banjo picker and concertina player. Tickets are just $10 for all regular Opry shows. Call 962-3711 to make reservations.

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.

Saturday, October 8

• WOODSTORK FESTIVAL will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 3Y Farm. There will be music, arts and crafts, exhibits, educational booths, food and drink. There will be a silent auction from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is the Florida Wild Mammal Association's annual fundraiser. All proceeds will be used for the care and feeding of injured and orphaned wildlife. Visit www.woodstorkfestival.com for more information.

Library News...

By SCOTT JOYNER
Interim Library Director

The Friends of the Wakulla County Public Library is holding their first Silent Auction to benefit the library on Sept. 23 at 6 p.m.

Thanks to the many local businesses and patrons who have donated items. There are a wide variety of things for you to bid on. Paintings and drawings, weekends at local hotels/resorts, marine supplies, gift certificates to restaurants, auto repair donations, and much, much more will go to the highest bidder.

Refreshments will be available as you keep a close eye on those bids.

All the fun begins at 6 p.m. and will go on until 8 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact me. I'll have more details in how the bidding process will work in next week's article.

As I've told you many times, the funds raised by the Friends help fund our Summer Program for the children of Wakulla County, our book budget, helps us with supplies and other expenses involved in the day to day running of the Library.

Each year, the Friends have donated more than $20,000 to the library. These are funds that do not come out of local tax dollars but from the generosity of the thousands of people in this community who love and use the library each year.

With the Friends' support, over the next year we hope to provide e-book checkouts for our patrons, buy new Public Access Computers, begin with the long awaited final renovation of the expansion wing of the library, and continue to provide computer classes, a wide variety of books, films, and other materials free of charge to the citizens of Wakulla.

I've said many times that our business actually goes up when the economy is down, so without the help of the Friends we'd be hard pressed to provide the services expected and needed by our county.

Please come out on Sept. 23 and have fun while supporting your library.

Computer Classes for the week

Our last day of computer classes for September will be Tuesday, Sept. 20 and includes: Skype: Getting Started at 9:30 a.m. followed by Digital Photography: Windows Live Essentials Photo Gallery at 1:30 p.m. Both are free but do require early registration.

Furlough Day Closure

We will be closed on Friday, Sept. 16 for a county mandated furlough day. We will be open our regular hours on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We apologize for any inconvenience these furlough closings have caused our patrons over the past four months and will be back to our full time schedule beginning Oct. 1.

Thank you for your understanding.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Author Diane Roberts will teach writing workshop

Special to The News

We are born of water. Most of the earth is water. Most of the human body is water.

Ever since humans began to conceptualize the world, water has been holy: every spring had its naiad, every river its demigod; there were ladies in the lakes, spirits in the streams, the rain was a divine benediction and the ocean was a titan – Oceanus, whom Homer called the parent of the Olympian gods, child of Gaia the earth and Uranus the sky.

Yet Americans now take water for granted: it's there to drink, bathe in, sprinkle on our lawns, maybe use as recreation or decoration, like a pond at a golf course.

We assume it will always be there, plentiful and clean.

But the United Nations (along with many scientists) warn that the wars of the 21st century will likely be fought over water.

Some countries, such as Yemen, are already at dangerously low levels of access to water.

'Thinking Water: Our Essential Element and How to Craft Its Story' will be held Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the FSU Coastal & Marine Laboratory in St. Teresa.

The cost is $60 ($48 for students)

For more information, contact Sharon Thoman by email sthoman@fsu.edu or by phone (850) 697-4095.

And here in Florida, the most watery state in the union, we are dirtying our essential element at a faster rate than at any time since the passage of the Clean Water Act in 1972.

Our politicians resist any attempts to rein in pollution and even muse out loud about treating water purely as a commodity, an opportunity for corporate profit.

In the workshop, participants will read works by writers such as Emily Dickinson, William Butler Yeats, Marjorie Stoneman Douglass and others, do some writing exercises and discuss how to write about water, advocate for water and tell the story of our waters with a view to deepen understanding of water economics, water science and water politics.

What to Bring: A journal, your favorite piece about water (it can be by anyone, including you!), lunch and something to drink.

Diane Roberts is an eighth-generation Floridian, a Director of the Florida Wildlife Federation and Professor of Creative Writing at FSU. She holds degrees from FSU and Oxford University, and has been writing for newspapers for 25 years, beginning as a political columnist for the Florida Flambeau. A former member of the St. Petersburg Times editorial board, she is a frequent contributor to the paper, an essayist for National Public Radio's "Weekend Edition Sunday," and a commentator for the BBC.

Roberts is the author of "Dream State: Eight Generations of Swamp Lawyers, Conquistadors, Confederate Daughters, Banana Republicans and Other Florida Wildlife" and three other books.

Her work has appeared in the New York Times, the Miami Herald, the Washington Post, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, the Times of London, the Guardian and The New Republic. Her essays on the politics of Nature have appeared in "Between Two Rivers: Stories from the Red Hills to the Gulf" and "UnspOILed: Writers Speak for Florida's Coast," both edited by Susan Cerulean.

Diane Roberts

Student's artwork hangs in the Capitol

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Kim McMillan expressed the same sentiment and said it helps to stress the importance of keeping arts in the schools.

Art teacher Diane Perez chose McMillan's artwork, which was done for a lesson that celebrated Earth Day, where students were asked to complete a screen representing wildlife in honor of the day.

"The students created illustrations as a visual vehicle to communicate the idea to the viewer," Perez said in the entry submission. "This student chose acrylic paint and used painting techniques taught in class."

The artwork was reviewed based on visual appeal, originality and creativity and technique and craftsmanship, Thompson said.

Although this office at the capitol is not open to the public, the students, along with their families, were honored with a reception on Aug. 18 at the Education Unit to view their hanging artwork.

McMillan is the daughter of Kim and Mark McMillan and is a sixth grader at Wakulla Middle School.

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Entry Forms due by September 16, 2011
(Digital photos only)

TCC Wakulla offers more nature-based classes

Special to The News

Tallahassee Community College's Wakulla Ecotourism Institute is preparing for another semester of natured-based classes and guided field trips that explore the natural history of the Big Bend.

Established in 2007, the Wakulla Ecotourism Institute promotes awareness, appreciation and responsible enjoyment of natural and cultural resources and prepares students to start their own nature-based businesses.

Classes start Thursday, Sept. 15.

This semester, the program is offering two brand-new classes and a new field trip: Weather and Tides in Nature on Sept. 29, which will teach students about weather patterns, cloud formation and the reasons behind tides and currents; North Florida Trees on Nov. 3, which will teach students how to recognize common trees, plants and vines in the Big Bend area; and a Nature Photography field trip on Nov. 13, which will teach students techniques for obtaining eye-catching photographs of landscapes, waterscapes and wildlife in nature.

The ecotourism classes take place at The TCC Wakulla Center in Crawfordville and are offered in the evenings from 6 to 9 p.m.

In addition to evening classes, the program also features weekend field trips to a variety of local natural areas, including the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, Leon Sinks and Fort San Marcos.

"We attract many different kinds of students—some are entrepreneurs looking for the resources and knowledge to start their own natured-based business, others are just nature-lovers interested in learning more about the environment," said Bonnie Holub, director of The TCC Wakulla Center.

Ecotourism classes are $20 and field trips are $40. Those interested in becoming certified green guides can take the entire 90-hour program of courses for only $320.

For more information on TCC's ecotourism classes and The TCC Wakulla Center, call (850) 922-6290 or visit workforce.tcc.fl.edu/wakulla.

Activist Jerry Couey will speak to League of Women Voters

Special to The News

Jerry Couey, one of the Florida First Amendment Foundation's "Sunshine Law Brigade," will be speaking at the Thursday, Sept. 22 meeting of the Wakulla County League of Women Voters.

Couey was featured by the Florida Society of Newspaper Editors in various articles during the "Sunshine Week" in March.

"We feel his story is worth hearing," said Jenny Brock, local league president. "We at the League feel that open government is important and that citizens should not have to struggle to obtain information. It is citizens like Mr. Couey who keep government honest, sometimes at great cost to themselves."

Couey, from Santa Rosa County, said, "I have to say a lot of this comes from how I was raised by my family. As a taxpayer these rights and freedoms should come naturally. We have a right to know what the government does with our money and we should have an impact on how it is used."

"Nobody ever remembers when I ask nice," Couey said. "The government has forced me to the lengths I have gone. I was nice when I did this in the beginning and nice at the county commission meetings, and no one would listen to me."

Barbara Petersen, president of Florida's First Amendment Foundation, said, "Jerry Couey's the best ... a tenacious and unabashed citizen watchdog who has fought to keep government – our government – transparent and accountable. Our Sunshine Brigade members are a valuable resource. In Santa Rosa County, it's Jerry and Alan Isaacson, a local minister. In Wakulla County, it's Hugh Taylor, our local Brigade member. Brigade members provide a service to the citizens through the state by keeping a watchful eye on our government and its actions."

After Couey's talk and Q&A, the League members will have a short meeting to elect officers and discuss upcoming projects.

"We invite everyone in the community to join with us, listen to Mr. Couey and consider joining the League," said Brock. "We are non-partisan and issue oriented, interested in fairness, equity, transparency and open government," Brock said.

Rick Ott at Posh

Local singer/songwriter/guitarist Rick Ott will perform his original music on Saturday, Sept.24 at Posh Java in Sopchoppy beginning at 8 p.m. The concert will feature a special guest appearance by vocalist Brook Sessions. Ott performs music that combines rock n' roll, blues, country and gospel, woven into meaningful songs about life. For more information, go to www.fromtheheartofsopchoppy.com For reservations, contact Posh Java at (850) 962-1010 or email poshjava@gmail.com. Tickets are $10. Reserved seating encouraged.

Gospel set concert to benefit depot

Staff report

A benefit gospel concert to support the historic Sopchoppy Depot will be held Saturday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Sopchoppy School auditorium.

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The Sopchoppy Opry is presenting an evening of talented local artists performing gospel music.

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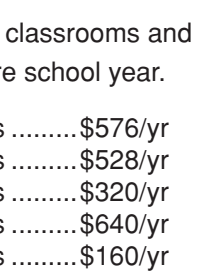

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Answers: 1) Criss Angel, 2) David Copperfield, 3) Penn & Teller, 4) David Blaine, 5) Lance Burton, 6) Siegfried & Roy, 7) Doug Henning

What Rhymes with…

List 10 words that rhyme with "trick."

1. _____ **2.** _____ **3.** _____ **4.** _____ **5.** _____ **6.** _____ **7.** _____ **8.** _____ **9.** _____ **10.** _____

Some answers: brick, click, lick, nick, pick, quick, sick, stick, tick, wick

The Brass Bell

Newspaper Association of America Foundation

Written by Cathy Sewell and illustrated by Blaise Sewell of The Curriculum Closet

Chapter Five of Six - Arriving in Gallinas

"Coronado and his men visited many villages in search of the seven cities of gold. Starving and tired, they would sometimes force their way into the villages and take what they needed."

– *Coronado and the Golden Cities*

Karol, Hector and Felix walked side by side into the town of Gallinas. Tired and hungry, the trio marched on, determined to find the treasure.

"All right, navigator," Karol teased. "Which way?"

"Um, well, let me think," Hector searched their surroundings. A row of businesses lined Main Street, very much like Corona. But this town was bigger.

"Look!" Felix pointed down the street. "They have a theater!"

"And a bowling alley!" Karol added.

"Shhh ... listen!" Hector said, tilting his head. "Do you hear that?"

It took a minute for Felix and Karol to hear it.

"Ah, it's the *merengue*!" Karol announced, with a little bit of a dance motion.

"What's that supposed to be? You feeling OK?" Hector laughed.

"Shut up, Hector," Karol's cheeks turned a dark shade of red.

"I was just playing with you," Hector apologized. "You're actually pretty good."

"Let's go see where the music is coming from," Felix said, heading toward the center of town.

"Over there, at the park!" Hector was the first to spot the crowd. "It looks like a party!"

They walked until they were at the edge of the park. The smell of burritos, *enchiladas*, beans and salsa made its way to the hungry trio. They could see decorations and a large *piñata* hanging from a tree branch.

"I'd give my right arm for a burrito about now," Hector said, licking his lips.

"I'd give my giant, purple, swollen ankle for just one *taco*!" Felix joined in.

"I'd give both of you away for one single tortilla chip!" Karol laughed. And before they knew what had happened, she was in the middle of the party. She was laughing and talking and pointing back to the two dirty, tired and slightly starving boys.

"What do you think she's doing?" Felix whispered.

"Well, I think she's earning her tortilla chip!" Hector quickly answered as Karol returned.

"OK, you two, let's go!" She motioned toward the party.

"I knew it! You sold us, didn't you!" Hector said, pointing an accusing finger in her face.

"No, genius! That's my Aunt Rosa and my cousins. They invited us to come and eat."

"Thanks, Karol!" both boys said over their shoulder, heading to the picnic tables.

"So, Felix," Tia Rosa began, "Karol said you've been reading about the explorer, Coronado."

"Yes ma'am, that's right," Felix could barely speak, with both cheeks full of food. He tried to reach into his backpack to show her the book and spilled his plate. "Thanks again, unlucky bell," he said under his breath.

"Here, Felix, use this," Karol handed him a napkin.

"You should meet Demetri – he's kind of an explorer," Rosa said. "He's originally from Russia and has been in the United States for about a year. He's a taxi driver."

Rosa walked Felix over to an unusual-looking man. He wore a brightly colored shirt, leather sandals and had a long, gray ponytail.

"How in the world can you make any money as a taxi driver out here in the middle of nowhere?" Felix asked, trying not to sound rude.

"Ah, young man!" Demetri said in a loud, strong Russian voice. "That's what makes it exciting! I never know who I'll meet or where I'll go. Every day is a new adventure for me and my companion, Misha!" His voice echoed across the park and his arms swung around the whole time he spoke.

"It was nice meeting you, Demetri," Felix said, slowly backing away from the loud man. "But my friends and I have a treasure to find."

"Good luck on your adventure," Demetri bellowed.

"Same to you!" Felix said, shaking Demetri's big, sweaty hand.

"Thank you very much for the amazing food!" Felix told Rosa.

"You're welcome. But promise me that next time you're coming to Gallinas, you'll give me a call. I'd be happy to pick you up," Rosa said, hugging Karol goodbye.

And they were once again walking down Main Street, with full bellies and renewed excitement.

"Are we almost there?" Karol asked, when it seemed as if they were approaching the other end of town.

"No, we're not almost there," Hector said. "We are there!" He stopped in front of a large brick building. They stood looking up at the big sign hanging on the front, and they all knew that they had finally arrived.

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

A sinking feeling about insurance, fair districts fair

By MICHAEL PELTIER
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, Sept. 9 – A crack in the foundation of the insurance industry's push for higher sinkhole premiums appeared this week: opposition to the proposed rate increases has gotten so loud that it can't be ignored no matter how much the rate increases might make sense financially.

With some coastal residents facing sinkhole premium hikes of more than 2,000 percent, the state-backed insurer Citizens Property this week said, essentially, "Well, OK, maybe that's a bit much – we'll see what we can do."

Meanwhile, a controversial state law requiring new financial assistance applicants to pass drug tests before receiving benefits moved to federal court this week following a challenge by the American Civil Liberties Union and a U.S. Navy veteran who contend applicants shouldn't have to offer a specimen simply because they are in temporary financial straits.

CITIZENS SINKHOLE RATE PHASE-IN LIKELY

Responding to cries from policyholders who could see their rates shoot through the roof, Citizens' new chairman, former state legislator Carlos Lacasa, called a special meeting of the insurer's board of governors to discuss ways to temper the blow of proposed sinkhole premium increases to many of its 1.4 million policies.

Citizens officials said they will consider phasing in sinkhole premium hikes required by lawmakers earlier this year as they try to balance actuarial soundness and political realty in the face of objections from customers of the state's largest property insurer.

The announcement came as the company readied for a public hearing Tuesday in Tampa, a location near the epicenter of sinkhole claims and activity. The board voted in July to approve the premium increases.

Citizens officials have said repeatedly that sinkhole claims are threatening the company, its policyholders, and maybe the state's residents, who back the company and would bail it out in the event of failure.

Last year, the company collected $32 million in sinkhole premium, but paid out nearly $250 million in claims.

"FAIR DISTRICTS" FAIR, FEDERAL JUDGE SAYS

Turning aside a challenge from a bipartisan pair of members of Congress who had opposed the measure, U.S. District Judge Ursula Ungaro said she heard nothing in oral arguments that swayed her that the Fair District Amendments weren't fair – or at least legal.

The amendment, which is aimed at cutting back on politically gerrymandered districts, was overwhelmingly approved by voters in last year's elections, as was another dealing with legislative districts.

Attorneys for U.S. Reps. Corrine Brown, a Democrat, and Republican Mario Diaz-Balart argued it was an unconstitutional infringement on the Legislature's rights under the U.S. Constitution to draw the lines. Brown and Diaz-Balart, who also fear the standards could hurt minority representation, promised to appeal.

"It's just step one, and we're going on all the way to the Supreme Court, if necessary," Brown said.

ACLU CHALLENGES DRUG TESTS

A new Florida law requiring applicants to pass drug tests before getting temporary cash assistance from the government amounts to unconstitutional suspicionless searches, the ACLU contended in a lawsuit filed this week in federal court to shut the program down.

As of July 1, new applicants for temporary government assistance through the program known as TANF, or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, were required to pay for a drug test. If the test comes back negative, the fee is repaid by the state. A positive test bars the applicant from receiving benefits for a year.

"The new law assumes that everyone who needs a little help has a drug problem," said Luis Lebron, a University of Central Florida accounting undergraduate and U.S. Navy vet who is the lead plaintiff in the class action lawsuit. "It's wrong and unfair. It judges a whole group of people on their temporary economic situation."

Backers of the measure, including Gov. Rick Scott, say private businesses have been requiring such tests for years and government should be no different. A survey released Wednesday by the Drug and Alcohol Testing Industry Association, a trade group for testing companies, found 57 percent of employers conduct drug tests on all job candidates.

Critics argue that recipients are being singled out based on a myth that poor people are more likely to use illegal drugs. They point out that other government programs such as student loans, food stamps and business grants do not require recipients to be screened for drug use.

NAN RICH LOOKS TOWARD 2012

Senate Democratic Leader Nan Rich is considering a 2014 run for governor. Rich said this past week that Gov. Rick Scott's priorities have been made clear by the state's budget and she thinks most Floridians don't share his priorities.

The longtime children's advocate, who has been in the Legislature since 2000, said she's talking to possible supporters to decide whether she should run. So far, no prominent Democrats have announced for the race.

"I think I would be a good governor," Rich said.

REPUBLICANS, FRIENDS SAY GOODBYE TO BITNER, RUMBERGER

Friends and colleagues bid farewell this week to Dave Bitner, Republican Party of Florida chairman, who died this week following a short battle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS. He was 62.

Just recently Bitner had announced he was stepping down as head of the party, saying the degenerative disease was making it impossible for him to carry on his duties.

He recommended that he be succeeded by his vice chairman, Lenny Curry of Jacksonville, and several top party activists have said now it's even more likely that the party leaders will go along and make Curry the next chairman.

Bitner was widely seen as a steadying presence at a Republican organization rocked in recent years by scandal and political divisions.

Prominent Republican attorney and longtime environmental advocate, Thom Rumberger died Wednesday following complications from diabetes. He was 79.

Rumberger had a long career of public service and lawyering, and was also considered one of the pre-eminent advocates for Everglades protection and restoration.

Rumberger most recently was also among those who worked in favor of the "Fair Districts" amendments to the constitution that were in court on Friday - notable because he was one of the few Republicans in favor of the plan.

He was also a former judge and lost a 1970 bid for attorney general to Bob Shevin. Rumberger was one of the founders of the law firm Rumberger, Kirk and Caldwell.

SAY WHAT YOU MEAN, MEAN WHAT YOU SAY

A pair of political leaders this week found themselves in the middle of controversies after comments on separate issues left some room for debate as to just what they meant.

Depending on what you read, Gov. Scott either expressed cautious interest in drilling in the Everglades or said that in an abundance of caution, such a suggestion was for now off the table.

Ambiguous – some might say avoiding – comments made by Scott this week during an Economic Club of Florida speech led some media outlets to report Scott was on board with Everglades exploration, a stance held by U.S. presidential candidate Michele Bachmann, when given a couple chances to rule it out, he didn't.

"With regard to the Everglades, I think we have to be very cautious if there's going to be any more drilling," Scott said in answer to a question from the audience. "It's my understanding, we haven't had any problems to date so my goal would be to be very cautious."

Shortly after Scott's appearance, spokeswoman Amy Graham said far more clearly what the administration now says the governor was trying to say: When it comes to drilling in the Everglades, "that discussion is not on the table." Graham said.

Meanwhile, Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown's position on a tolled outer beltway around the southwestern part of Jacksonville similarly was hard to read. Brown position on the beltway has gone from not supporting to supporting it to partly supporting it. Similarly, a Brown employee, former Sen. Tony Hill, had to clarify for the waffling mayor this week: cutting the baby in half. Brown supports the beltway, Hill said, but doesn't support tolls.

STORY OF THE WEEK: The board of governors of Citizens Property Insurance looks at a mob of angry policy holders and says, maybe 2,000-percent premium increases are a bit much.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "It's sad that Floridians had to hire an arm of lawyers to protect themselves from their own elected officials." Dan Gelber, lawyer for Fair Districts backers, after a federal judge rejected an effort by two members of Congress to get the redistricting out of the constitution.

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Time: 9:00 a.m.
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September 15, 2011

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

CASE NO.: 65-2010-CA-000200
DIVISION:

PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RICHARD L. WESTBERRY A/K/A RICHARD LAMAR WESTBERRY , et al,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated August 29, 2011 and entered in Case No. 65-2010-CA-000200 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA County, Florida wherein PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, is the Plaintiff and RICHARD L. WESTBERRY A/K/A RICHARD LAMAR WESTBERRY; MELANIE S. WESTBERRY A/K/A MELANIE STURDIVANT WESTBERRY; FLORIDA COMMERCE CREDIT UNION; TENANT #1 N/K/A KELLY WESTBERRY are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Lobby OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3056 Crawfordville Highway at 11:00AM, on the 29th day of September, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

COMMENCE AT AN OLD CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREE 01 MINUTE 07 SECONDS WEST 658.50 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREE 01 MINUTE 56 SECONDS WEST 658.51 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 59 SECONDS EAST 1237.93 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY GRADED COUNTY ROAD, THENCE NORTH 10 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY A DISTANCE OF 334.54 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (PLS NO. 3293) FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN THENCE NORTH 10 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY A DISTANCE OF 377.49 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (LB NO. 732), THENCE LEAVING SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY AND RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST 294.54 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (LB NO. 732), THENCE SOUTH 10 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 37 SECONDS EAST 377.41 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (LB NO. 732), THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST 293.55 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THE SOUTHERLY 60.00 FEET OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LANDS BEING SUBJECT TO A 60.00 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITIES.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO: 1997, PEACHTREE, VIN# PSHGA20066A & PSHGA20066B.

A/K/A 803 OLD WOODVILLE ROAD,
CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on August 30, 2011.

BRENT X. THURMOND
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY -s- TAMIKA PETERSON
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 8, 15, 2011

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

CASE No. 65-2009-CA-000455

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,

Plaintiff,
vs.

LEWIS, THOMAS C., et. al.,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment enter in Case No. 65-2009-CA-000455 of the Circuit Court of the 2ND Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, and, LEWIS, THOMAS C., et. al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cast at, at the 11 a.m. hour of, on the 29th day of September, 2011, the following described property:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA TO-WIT: LOTS 51 & 52 VILLAGES OF ST. MARKS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE(S) 70, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

DATED this 25th day of August, 2011.

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

September 8, 15, 2011

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

FILE NUMBER: 10-386-CA

MAJESTIC ACRES LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company,

Plaintiff

v.

BILLY FISHER and BARBARA FISHER, et al.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: BILLY FISHER and BARBARA FISHER, if alive, and if dead, their unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, judgment creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under, or against them; the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, and judgment creditors of deceased defendants, and all other parties claiming by, through, under, or against defendants; and all unknown natural persons if alive, and if dead or not known to be dead or alive, their several and respective unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, and judgment creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, or under those unknown natural persons; and the several and respective unknown assigns, successors in interest, trustees, or any other person claiming by, through, under, or against any corporation or other legal entity named as a defendant; and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described defendants or parties or claiming to have any right, title, or interest in the property,

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

Lot 17, Block B, WAKULLA RIVER ESTATES UNIT ONE, as per plat thereof recorded on page 48 of Plat Book No. 1 of the public records of Wakulla County, Florida

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on George H. Gwynn, Esq., the plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 4128, Tallahassee, Florida, 32315, on or before October 10th, 2011, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED ON August 29th 2011.

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

September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2011

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

CASE NO. 11-124-CA

JLT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC,

Plaintiff,

vs.

TOMMY E. TANNER; MICHELLE R. TANNER; WAKULLA COUNTY; and UNKNOWN TENANTS,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Wakulla County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Wakulla County, Florida, described as:

Lots 32 and 33, Block 26 of Greiner's Addition to Town of Crawfordville as map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1 of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida.

at public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the lobby of the Wakulla County Courthouse, Crawfordville, Florida at 11:00 a.m., on September 29, 2011. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, other than the property owner, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

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

September 8, 15, 2011

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

CASE NO.: 11-129-CA
DIVISION:

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ALENNA D. TRUSIK, et al,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION
To: ALENNA D. TRUSIK
BRIAN J. TRUSIK
Last Known Address:
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Tallahassee, FL 32311-4176
Current Address:
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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 122, VILLAGES OF ST. MARKS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE(S) 70, OF HE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 122 COQUINA CROSSING,
ST MARKS, FL 32327

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 Albertelli Law, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623, and file the 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 19th day of August, 2011.

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accomodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding at the Office of the Wakulla County Clerk of Court, 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327; Telephone: (850) 926-0905; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), via Florida Relay Service. To file response please contact Wakulla County Clerk of Court, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, Tel: (850) 926-0905; Fax: (850) 926-0901.

September 8, 15, 2011

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

CASE NO.: 11-93 CA

AMERIS BANK, a Georgia Bank
4899 Belfort Road, Suite 100
Jacksonville, Florida 32256

Plaintiff,

v.

THE UNKNOWN HEIR, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES OF LYLE F. RINKEL, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE NAMES DEFENDANTS; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, AND ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES OF BETTY C. RINKEL A/K/A BETTY RAILEY RINKEL, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAMING BY THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANTS, DANNY DANFORD, MIKE RINKEL, JERRY RINKEL, AMBER GREENE, BARBARA WALLACE, NANCY SYKES, CARIS DAVIS AND THE UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF 25 Elizabeth Street, Crawfordville, Florida 32327,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEE, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES OF LYLE F. RINKEL, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSON CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINT THE NAMED DEFENDANTS and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITOES, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES OF BETTY C. RINKEL A/K/A BETTY RAILEY RINKEL, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a civil action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court, County of Wakulla, State of Florida, for damages in excess of $15,000.00. You are required to file a written response with the Court and serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Timothy D. Padgett, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 2878 Remington Green Circle, Tallahassee, Florida 32308, at least thirty (30) days from the date of first publication, and file the original with the clerk of 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.

Dated this 18th day of August, 2011

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

September 8, 15, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE #2008-142-FC

SHORE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. D/B/A UNITED WHOLESALE MORTGAGE

PLAINTIFF

VS.

WILLIAM P. LALLY ET AL.

DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of foreclosure dated 8/25/2011 entered in Civil Case No. 2008-142-FC of the Circuit Court in and for WAKULLA County, Florida, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at THE WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE located at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Fl. 32327 at 11:00 a.m. on the 29th day of September, 2011 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

Lot 10, Block "H", of Springwood Subdivision, Phase II, a subdivision as per Map or Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, at Page 14 and through 17, of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida. Together with a 1997 REDM Doublewide Mobile Home, VIN #'s FLA14611088A and FLA14611088B, Title #'s 71720938 and 71720939. Dated this 25th day of August, 2011.

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

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

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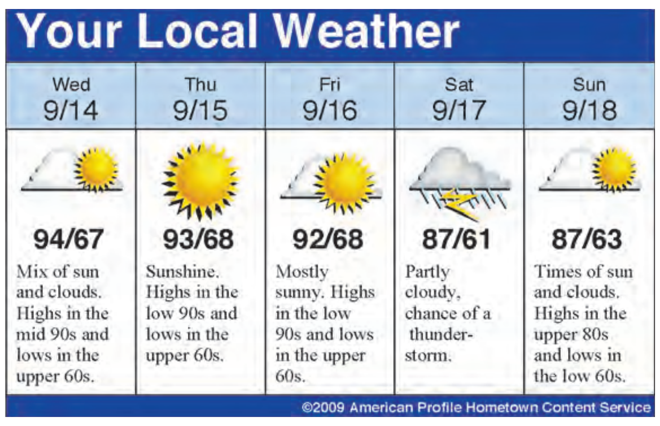

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sistance. Please contact: Susan Wilson, ADA Coordinator 301 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32301 850.577.4401 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

September 8, 125, 2011

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

CASE NO. 65-2010-CA-000425

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

vs.

STACIE RENEE KIRKLAND A/K/A STACIE R. KIRKLAND; ANTROY LEMORE KIRKLAND A/K/A ANTROY L. KIRKLAND; DIANE DELORES ROBERTS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DIANE DELORES ROBERTS; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;

Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Wakulla County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Wakulla County, Florida, described as:

From the Southwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, Township 3 South, Range 1 West, Wakulla County, Florida, run East 711.12 feet along the South boundary line of said Northeast 1/4 to a concrete monument and the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said concrete monument, run due North 1,296.43 feet to a point on a traverse line in the approximate center of the Bethel to Wakulla public road; thence run North 87°05'20" East along said traverse line 127.22 feet to an angle point; then run South 74°16' East along said traverse line 98.32 feet; thence run due South 1,276.23 feet to the South boundary line of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 3, Township 3 South, Range 1 West; thence run West along the South boundary line of said Northeast 1/4 221.78 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Less the Southerly part of the Bethel to Wakulla public road, lying and being in the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, Township 3 South, Range 1 West, Wakulla County, Florida. Said land being otherwise described as Lot 4 of an unrecorded plat of a survey of lands of the Estate of Stacey Roberts, deceased.
To include a:

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2006 NOBI VIN N110006B 0097019298

A/K/A 154 ROBERTS WILLIAM
Crawfordville, FL 32327

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the Lobby of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327 at 11:00 o'clock, A.M., on September 29, 2011.

DATED THIS 26th DAY OF AUGUST,2011.

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

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 26TH day of August, 2011.

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY:
Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra
9204 King Palm Drive
Tampa, FL 33619-1328
Attorneys for Plaintiff

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact:

Danny Davis
Office of Court Administration
301 South Monroe Street, Room 225
Tallahassee, FL 32303
850.577.4401

at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

September 8, 15, 2011

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

Case #: 2010 CA-000298
Division #:

Florida Commerce Credit Union

Plaintiff,

-vs.-

Melissa Nicole Carmichael a/k/a Melissa Carmichael and James Lee Carmichael a/k/a James L. Carmichael a/k/a James Carmichael, Wife and Husband; Clerk of Circuit Court Wakulla County Florida;

Defendant(s),

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 8/25/11, entered in Civil Case No. 2010-CA-000298 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein Florida Commerce Credit Union, Plaintiff and Melissa Nicole Carmichael a/k/a Melissa Carmichael and James Lee Carmichael a/k/a James L. Carmichael a/k/a James Carmichael, Wife and Husband are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE LOBBY OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT CHURCH STREET, HIGHWAY 319, CRAWFORDVILLE, FLORIDA AT 11:00 A.M. on 11/10/11 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

Parcel "C"

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER FO THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 2-SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST 1471.39 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #2919), THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST 1309.79 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST 1293.91 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT LYING ON THE EASTERLY MAINTAINED RIGHT-OF-WAY OF LONNIE RAKER ROAD, THENCE LEAVING SAID EASTERLY MAINTAINED RIGHT-OF-WAY CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST 30.00 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #7160) LYING ON THE WESTERLY MAINTAINED RIGHT-OF-WAY OF LONNIE RAKER ROAD, THENCE RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID WESTERLY MAINTAINED RIGHT-OF-WAY 263.85 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #7160), THENCE LEAVING SAID WESTERLY MAINTAINED RIGHT-OF-WAY RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 32 SECONDS WEST 1164.43 FEET TP AM IRON PIPE, THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST 896.19 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #7160) MARKING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE NORTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST 671.04 FEET TO AN OLD AXLE, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 02 SECONDS EAST 322.50 FEET TO AN OLD AXLE, THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST 59.61 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #2919), THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST 658.20 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT , THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST 758.57 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT LYING ON THE EASTERLY MAINTAINED RIGHT-OF-WAY OF LONNIE RAKER ROAD, THENCE RUN SOUTH 11 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID MAINTAINED RIGHT-OF-WAY 16.33 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #7160), THENCE LEAVING SAID MAINTAINED RIGHT-OF-WAY RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST 1143.73 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

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

September 8, 15, 2011

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

CASE NO.: 2011-170-CA

GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC,
225 Town Park Drive, Suite 325
Kennesaw, GA 30144-3710

Plaintiff,

v.

STEPHEN M. ROBBINS A/K/A STEVE M. ROBBINS, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF STEPHEN M. ROBBINS A/K/A STEVE M. ROBBINS, ANGELA K. ROBBINS, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANGELA K. ROBBINS, CIT LOAN CORPORATION, successor in interest to the CIT Group/Consumer Finance, Inc., MONOGRAM CREDIT CARD BANK OF GEORGIA, a corporation, and HSBC BANK NEVADA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, successor in interest to Direct Merchants Credit Card Bank, National Association,

Defendant,

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: STEPHEN M. ROBBINS A/K/A STEVE M. ROBBINS, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF STEPHEN M. ROBBINS A/K/A STEVE M. ROBBINS, ANGELA K. ROBBINS, and THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANGELA K. ROBBINS:

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a civil action has been filed against you iin the Circuit Court, County of Wakulla, State of Florida, to foreclose cerrtain real property described as follows:

LOT 17, KENMORE ESTATES, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 13 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA; TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1993 64 X 28 NOBILITY MOBILE HOME, SERIAL NUMBER N86032AB.

You are required to file a written response with the Court and serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Timothy D. Padgett, Plantiff's attorney, whose address is 2878 Remington Green Circle, Tallahassee, Florida 32308, at least thirty (30) days from the date of first publication, and file the original with the clerk of 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.

Dated this 29th day of August, 2011.

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

September 8, 15, 2011

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

CASE NO.: 65-2011-CA-000206
DIVISION:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, SHERROL D. WILSON A/K/A SHERROL L. WILSON A/K/A SHERROL LEE WILSON, DECEASED, et al,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, SHERROL D. WILSON A/K/A SHERROL L. WILSON A/K/A SHERROL LEE WILSON, DECEASED

Last Known Address: Unknown
Current Address: Unknown

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

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 7, BLOCK D, WOODVILLE SOUTH, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK NO. 2, PAGE 31 OF PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 157 FINNER DR.,
CRAWFORDVILLE, FL* 32327-5427

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 Albertelli Law, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623, and file the 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 26th day of August, 2011.

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accomodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding at the Office of the Wakulla County Clerk of Court, 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327; Telephone: (850) 926-0905; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), via Florida Relay Service. To file response please contact Wakulla County Clerk of Court, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, Tel: (850) 926-0905; Fax: (850) 926-0901.

September 8, 15, 2011

682 Public Sales and Auctions

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 83, PART IV

Notice is given pursuant to Florida Self-Storage Faciltiy Act, Florida Statutes, Chapter 83, Part IV that Crawfordville Self Storage will hold a sale by sealed bid on Saturday, October 1, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. at 3291 Crawfordville Hwy. of the contents of Mini-Warehouse containing personal property of:

DEBRA DUNCAN
ELENA WOHLFORD
MARANDA COX

Before the sale date of Saturday, October 1, 2011, the owners may redeem their property by a payment of the outstanding balance and cost by paying in person at 3291 Crawfordville Hwy.

September 15, 22, 2011

683 Estate (Probate) Filings

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

CASE NO: 11-47PR
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF
JOSEPH HAROLD BLANCHARD

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Joseph Harold Blanchard, deceased, File 11-47PR is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney is set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

This date of the first publication of this notice is September 8, 2011.

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

Personal Representative:
Rose Regina Blanchard
55 Midnight Pass
Crawfordville, Florida 32327

September 8, 15, 2011

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

PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NUMBER: 11-52-PR

IN RE: ESTATE OF:

MARGARET EVELYN NICHOLS,

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of MARGARET EVELYN NICHOLS, deceased, File NO. 11-52-PR, is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla, Florida, Probate Division, the address which is Crawfordville, Florida. The names and addresses of the personal representative and his attorney are listed below.

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

All other creditors of decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIMS FILED TWO YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DEATH ARE BARRED FOR EVER.

The date of the first publication of this notice is September 15th, 2011.

DAVID S. NICHOLS
Personal Representative

JOE B. WEEKS, ESQUIRE
FLORIDA BAR IS NO. 0109522
16 B East Washington Street
Quincy, Florida 32351
Phone: (850) 509-1002
Fax: (850) 875-4313
Attorney for Personal Representative

September 15, 22, 2011

684 Miscellaneous Notices

Notice of Non-Discriminatory Policy

Wakulla Christian School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other programs.

September 15, 2011

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc., is the recipient of federal financial assistance from the Rural Utilities Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is subject to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture which provide that no person in the United States on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, religion, sex or handicap shall be excluded from participation in, admission or access to, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any of this organization's programs or activities.

The person responsible for coordinating this organization's non-discrimination efforts is Kenneth A. Cowen, Director of Administrative Services. Any individual, or specific class of individuals, who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above from and/or file a written complaint with this organization; or the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250; or the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Washington, D.C. 20250. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

September 15, 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 Wilde Things, located at 97 Spokan Trail, in the County of Wakulla, in Crawfordville, Florida 32327, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Crawfordville, Florida, this 6th day of September 2011.

-s- MELINDA WILDE

September 15, 2011

687 Invitations to Bid

Advertisement Detail

WAKULLA COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
Request for Proposal No. 2011-22
Advertisement Begin Date/Time:
September 9, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

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

Sealed responses for Information Technology 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 29, 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
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 Friday, September 9, 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

September 15, 22, 2011

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

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ACROSS
1. Black Halloween critters
5. Black Halloween critters
9. Like an Afro
14. Govt. workplace monitor
15. Mary Kay competitor
16. Collection basket passer
17. Versatile vehicles, for short
18. Alliance with a Brussels HQ
19. Onetime Friday taboos, for some
20. Prohibitive-sounding name of a comedian
23. Prefix with angle or athlete
24. Citi Field player
25. Welt producers
29. Axman's warning
31. Film crew member
33. "__ Buttermilk Sky"
34. Word before trail or lock
35. Vittles
36. Send packing
37. Prohibitive-sounding name of a pop singer
40. Pal of Tigger
42. "Bummer, man!", more formally
43. "__ Nice Clambake" ("Carousel" tune)
46. Massachusetts cape
47. Branch Davidians, for one
48. Fit for farming
49. Act the middleman
51. Country club figure
52. Fix, as a fight
53. Prohibitive-sounding name of a movie don
57. Perpendicular to the keel
60. Oliver Twist's request
61. Similar in nature
62. Bamboo-eating "bear"
63. One of a noted lithographing pair
64. Enrapture, slangily
65. Stutz Bearcat contemporary
66. Dry run
67. Some BS holders

DOWN
1. Trial telecaster, formerly
2. Waldorf-__
3. Homer and family
4. Encl. for a reply
5. Web site ad, perhaps
6. __-garde
7. Schlep
8. Stuck-up sort
9. Erroneous conviction
10. Pushers' customers
11. __ Na Na
12. __ up (angry)
13. Decade divs.
21. "... __ bagatelle"
22. Ike's story?
26. Word in a dog-adoption ad
27. CTA trains
28. Several reps, in the weight room
30. Two out of two
31. Like Lakes Ontario and Michigan
32. Shutout spoilers
35. Organ that a tadpole eventually loses
36. Gumbo veggie
38. Use a springboard
39. Year-end tune
40. It's good to break on the links
41. Word on a penny
44. Making true: Var.
45. Keys on maps
47. Punch line, e.g.
48. Run in
50. Weasel out of
51. Sponge features
54. Skip over
55. Shelter from the storm, perhaps
56. Maneuver carefully
57. Jungle swinger
58. __-relief
59. USNA grad

Solutions

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High Definition (HD) available on all TV plans for an additional $11.99/month, and up to two (2) of the up to four (4) video streams can be in HD. Customer's location determines both HD availability and the maximum number of HD video streams (between 0 and 2 HD streams) a customer can view and record at any one time per residence, regardless of the number of set-top boxes (STBs) in the household. All non-HD video streams are provided in standard definition. Subscription to service precludes customers from purchasing high-speed Internet services from any third party. Additional charges will apply for additional programming packages, movie channel subscriptions (except for Prism™ Premium plan), Pay Per View movies and events, On Demand purchases, and premium services/subscriptions for all plans. Some subscription services, events, and broadcast network service may be blacked out in customer's area. 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