



# Three charged with burglaries in Wakulla, Leon

Two of the Tallahassee residents are charged with eight counts of theft of a firearm, the third suspect is charged with possession of stolen property

Special to The News

Wakulla County Sheriff's Office detectives teamed up with the Leon County Sheriff's Office in executing a search warrant that resulted in the arrest of three Tallahassee residents in connection with burglaries and grand thefts reported in both counties, according to Sheriff Donnie Crum.

Jason Miguel McCollough, 20, Gwendolyn Smith, 19, and Skylar Dylan Heller, 20, all of Tallahassee, were arrested Friday, Dec. 9 following the execution of



Skylar Dylan Heller



Jason M. McCollough



Gwendolyn Smith

the search warrant and additional investigation at other undisclosed Tallahassee locations.

McCollough and Heller were charged with eight counts each of grand theft of a structure and one count each of grand theft while armed and criminal mischief. Smith was charged with possession of stolen property.

"Wakulla Sheriff's Of-

fice detectives were working in conjunction with Leon County Sheriff's Office investigators to solve crimes in both counties," said Undersheriff Maurice Langston. "The arrests solve one case in Wakulla County and two Leon County cases and five firearms were recovered along with jewelry, a television, computer, personal identification and BB guns."

Law enforcement officials arrived at a Shumard Drive home in Tallahassee and arrested McCollough and Smith at that location. Heller was arrested later the same day at another Tallahassee location.

In late November, a Crawfordville resident reported a residential burglary where the suspects created a forced entry into the home and a

shed. The stolen property was valued at \$3,150.

During the investigation, Wakulla detectives received information that McCollough was a possible suspect and was in possession of the stolen property.

Additional intelligence determined that Heller was connected to the burglaries being investigated in both counties.

The Crawfordville victim's home is near the Leon County line.

McCollough and Heller are being held in the Wakulla County Jail with no bond. Smith was released from jail after posting a \$1,000 bond.

Much of the stolen property from the Crawfordville location was recovered in Tallahassee.

Additional charges are possible as the investigation continues.

# Family crashes into down tree

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A Crawfordville family escaped injury after their vehicle crashed into a large downed tree near the back entrance of the Wakulla Springs State Park on Thursday, Dec. 15.

Shanekia Williams Robinson, 32, Aaron Devaughn Robinson, 33, and a 4-year-old child were riding in a 2007 Nissan Altima when Shanekia Robinson crashed into the road obstruction. The large tree took down the power line and blocked both lanes of traffic on Highway 61.

Wakulla EMS and firefighters responded to the scene but the driver and passengers were uninjured. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$15,000. Power was out for nearly four hours.

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# Richard Harden announces his candidacy

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An alternative could have been a one time tax assessment that would have provided enough money to make the upgrades to the landfill and the county wouldn't have had to sign a contract with Waste Pro, he says.

"The property owners would still have had a choice and the local garbage providers would still be in business," Harden says.

As far as the county budget, Harden says the county has spent money on large purchases instead of seeking grant funding or not purchasing them at all. Reserves have also been depleted because of county lawsuits, he says.

"I think in the future the county needs to pick its

legal battles more wisely and avoid a further loss in revenue," Harden adds.

If elected, he says he would try to stabilize the budget and eliminate the need for furlough days.

When asked if he had any budget cutting ideas, Harden says he would need to look more thoroughly at the budget.

*"Promoting our cultural assets are the key to increasing tourism," Harden says.*

"We need to operate within our means," Harden says.

Harden also wants to try and bring local businesses back to the county by loosening some of the building restrictions.

Wakulla County also needs to be marketed as a tourism destination, Harden says.

"Tourism will bring people here," he adds.

Each area of the county has festivals and celebrations throughout the year, which need to be promoted to help bring people to the county to help build the local economy, Harden says.

"Promoting our cultural assets are the key to increasing tourism," Harden adds.

While promoting tourism there also need to be continued support for local fishermen, especially as they continue to battle the effects the net ban restrictions have placed on them, Harden says.

"If a resolution could ever be reached it would immediately create ad-

ditional jobs in the waterfronts communities," Harden says.

Harden believes he has the experience to serve the citizens well.

"My decisions are always based on what will do the greatest good for the greatest number of people for the longest period of time," Harden says. "I have always tried to put the will of the people first and serve with honest, integrity and faith in my lord and saviour Jesus Christ."

In addition to serving on the Sopchoppy City Commission, Harden is also the chairman of the Wakulla County Tourist Development Council, vice president of the Wakulla County Historical Society, member of the Sopchoppy Lions Club and Sopchoppy United Methodist Church.

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# Ray Gray files discrimination complaint

The former county parks director, fired by the county in August, claims he's a victim of age discrimination

By JENNIFER JENSEN  
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A county employee who was fired back in August has filed a complaint against the county with the Florida Commission on Human Relations.

Former Parks and Recreation Director Ray Gray claims he was wrongfully terminated after devoting 17 years to the county.

Gray said he was dismissed while on medical leave under the Florida Medical Leave Act, which he said is not allowed. The reason for his medical leave was stress due to working in a hostile environment, Gray said.

Gray also claims age discrimination in his complaint.

"I'm over 50 and for me to be dismissed for no reason after 17 years," Gray said that it wasn't right.

"I never did anything wrong," Gray said.

Gray was terminated on Aug. 16 by then Interim County Administrator Tim Barden for numerous issues,

including failing to attend scheduled meetings, a lack of responsiveness to requests, performance issues and issues with outside employment, according to the termination letter.

Gray was written up in a disciplinary report on July 21 when Barden pointed out the issues of a lack of accessibility and management oversight, sheriff contract for mowing not authorized and his outside employment.

Gray contended that he had been on medical leave since July 21 and didn't know about the meetings scheduled with Barden or the disciplinary report. According to Gray, this was all simply retaliation stemming from a Harassment and Hostile Work Environment complaint filed against Barden and County Commissioner Mike Stewart on July 14.

Barden said Gray's medical leave was reviewed by the county attorney and was ultimately denied for a lack of documentation. The minute it was denied, Gray was notified by email and letter and should have been at work, Barden added.

Barden said his sick leave was never approved, but regardless of that, Gray did not return phone calls or emails and did not show up



Ray Gray

at scheduled meetings and he was terminated because of the issues listed in the letter.

Gray said the county cannot deny medical leave under the Florida Medical Leave Act, which he said the county is now learning.

"Even the government can be held accountable," Gray said.

Gray appealed his dismissal from the county, but a three-person panel of county employees upheld his dismissal on Oct. 20.

At the appeal hearing, Gray read a prepared statement and claimed he was fired because of his age, because he had filed a Workers Compensation claim and because he had "criticized the gross mismanagement by the prior administrator and retaliation for filing a harassment and report

*'I'm looking forward to everything coming out,' Gray says.*

of hostile work environment."

Shortly after his appeal, he filed his complaint with the commission on human relations.

"It's the first step," Gray said. "There's a certain order of things you have to follow."

Communications director for the Florida Commission on Human Relations, Jon Peck, could not confirm or deny that a complaint had been filed, but said if one was filed the commission had 180 days to conduct its investigation and determine if there was cause or not.

As part of the process, Peck said the commission encourages the parties to mediate and come to a resolution.

"That's always the goal," Peck said.

If they choose not to, the commission will reveal its findings and the complainant can then take it to the Division of Administrative Hearings.

Gray said he is still waiting on the commission's response.

"I'm looking forward to everything coming out," Gray said.

# Wakulla's graduation rate

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Graduation calculations are made using a cohort, which is defined as a group of students who graduate within four years of their first enrollment in ninth grade. Students who transfer to other schools are removed from the calculation and students who transfer in are included in the calculation.

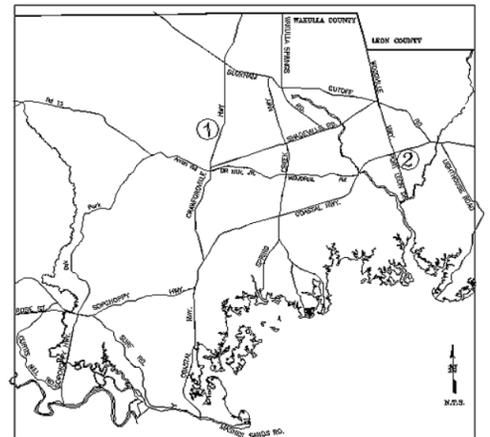
The dropout rate also decreased for Wakulla to 1.9 percent in 2011 from 3.4

percent in 2010.

"We are confident that even with more challenging graduation requirements each year, our students are succeeding," said Miller. "Our job is to fully prepare students for college, careers and good citizenship. While it's hard to measure some of the ways our system tries to help students achieve success, improving our graduation statistics is one way to validate that we are on the right track."

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Wakulla County Planning Commission proposes to consider the following applications. A Public Hearing is scheduled regarding the following before the Wakulla County Planning Commission on Monday, January 9, 2012, beginning at 7:00 PM, and before the Board of County Commissioners on Monday, January 24, 2012, beginning at 5:00 PM, unless otherwise noted below or as time permits. All public hearings are held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.



- Application for Site Plan:** SP11-17  
**Applicant:** Crawfordville Financial Partners  
**Agent:** Wade Davis, Auto Zones Stores, Inc.  
**Proposal:** construct new automotive retail store  
**Tax ID Number:** 00-00-076-000-10248-000  
**Existing FLU Map:** Urban 1 (FLUE Policy 1.2.5)  
**Existing Zoning:** C-2 (Section 5-38, LDC)  
**FEMA Flood Info:** "C" zone on Panel 0250-B  
**Parcel Size:** 1.53 +/- acres  
**Location:** Crawfordville Highway, immediately south of CVS  
**Hearings Required:** Planning Commission: Monday, January 9, 2012 @ 7:00 PM  
Board of County Commissioners: Monday, January 24, 2012 @ 5:00 PM
- Application for Site Plan:** SP11-19  
**Applicant:** Florida Power Corp  
**Agent:** Tom Kilgore  
**Proposal:** construct substation  
**Tax ID Number:** 26-36-01e-000-05464-002  
**Existing FLU Map:** Agriculture (FLUE Policy 1.2.2)  
**Existing Zoning:** AG (Section 5-25, LDC)  
**FEMA Flood Info:** "B" zone on Panel 0275-B  
**Parcel Size:** 6.99 +/- acres  
**Location:** south side of Coastal Highway, east of the intersection of Coastal Highway and Port Leon Drive  
**Hearings Required:** Planning Commission: Monday, January 9, 2012 @ 7:00 PM  
Board of County Commissioners: Monday, February 6, 2012 @ 5:00 PM

**Copies of applications, draft ordinances, and any related public record files may be viewed at the County Planning Department located at 3095 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, 8 AM to 4:30 PM M/F; Phone (850) 926-3695. Any person desiring to appeal a decision of a County Board must ensure a verbatim transcript or copy is made of the testimony and exhibits presented at said hearings. Persons needing special access considerations should call the Board Office at least 48 hours before the date for scheduling purposes. The Board Office may be contacted at (850) 926-0919 or TDD 926-7922.**

DECEMBER 22, 2011

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will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the County Administrator's Office, 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend.

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the County with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the above-referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County at (850)926-0919, at least one day prior to the date of the hearing.

DECEMBER 15, 22, 29, 2011  
JANUARY 5, 2012

# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011

Board of County Commissioners in and for Wakulla County, Florida met for a regular scheduled Board Meeting on Monday, November 21, 2011 with Chairman Mike Stewart presiding. Present were Commissioners Brock, Artz, Merritt, and Moore. Also, present were County Administrator David Edwards, County Attorney Heather Encinosa and Deputy Clerk Evelyn Evans.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Stewart

Swearing-In Ceremony of Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2011/2012 - Judge Jill Walker

Judge Walker administered the Oath of Office as Vice Chairman to Commissioner Merritt and administered the Oath of Office as Chairman to Commissioner Brock.

Seating arrangements were changed at this time with Chairman Brock and Vice Chairman Merritt taking their perspective places on the Dias.

Chairman Brock presided over the meeting from this point

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(CD5:12) Commissioner Merritt moved to approve the Agenda with the following changes/modifications:

Commissioner Stewart - requests to add under Awards and Presentations a brief comment regarding a Volunteer

County Attorney - Table item (7) on the Consent Agenda for a future meeting, under Awards and Presentations "Our Town" presentation tabled to the next meeting

Commissioner Artz - requests to add an Announcement and pull item (11) on the Consent Agenda for discussion

Under Awards and Presentations, Add Operation Santa

Second by Commissioner Stewart and the motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

### PUBLIC HEARING

(CD5:13) 1. Request Board Approval to Conduct the Public Hearing and Consider Adopting the Proposed Ordinance Amending the Commissioner Districts of Wakulla County

Commissioner Merritt moved to approve to conduct the Public Hearing and adopt the proposed Ordinance adjusting the Boundary Lines for the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners. Second by Commissioner Artz and the motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

### DISTRICT 1

The boundary lines of District One are as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Wakulla Springs Road and the northerly county line of Wakulla County; thence easterly along the county line to its intersection with the Tallahassee-St. Marks Bike Trail (old Tallahassee to St. Marks railroad); thence southerly along the county line and the

Tallahassee-St. Marks Bike Trail to a point at which the county line runs easterly; thence leaving the Tallahassee-St. Marks Bike Trail run easterly along the county line to a point at which the county line runs southerly; thence southerly along the county line to its intersection with Coastal Highway; thence westerly along Coastal Highway to its intersection with the northeastern most point of Census Block 3019 within Tract 0102.02; thence westerly along the northern boundary of said Census Block 3019 to its intersection with River Plantation Road; thence northerly along River Plantation Road to its intersection with Hunters Trace; thence northerly along Hunters Trace to its intersection with the eastern boundary of Census Block 3012 within Tract 0102.02; thence northerly along the Eastern boundary of said Census Block 3012 to the Northeast corner of said Census Block 3012; thence westerly along the northern boundary of said Census Block 3012 to its intersection with River Plantation Road; thence northerly along Shadaville Road to its intersection with Casseaux Road; thence northerly along Casseaux Road to its intersection with Wakulla Arran Road; thence easterly along Wakulla Arran Road to its intersection with the western point of Census Block 1071 within Tract 0102.03; thence northerly along the western boundary of said Census Block 1071 to its intersection with Wakulla Springs Road; thence northerly along Wakulla Springs Road; thence northerly along Bloxham Cutoff Road; thence northerly along Bloxham Cutoff Road to its intersection with Old Shell Point Road; thence northerly along Old Shell Point Road to its intersection with Bloxham Cutoff Road; thence southeasterly along Bloxham Cutoff Road to its intersection with Wakulla Springs Road; thence southeasterly along Wakulla Springs Road to its intersection with Casora Drive to its intersection with Crawfordville Highway; thence northerly along Crawfordville Highway to place of Beginning.

also being the westerly boundary of Census Block 3078 within Tract 0102.03; thence northerly along the west boundary of said Census Block 3078 to its intersection with the southeasterly corner of Census Block 3076 within Tract 0102.03; thence westerly along the southern boundary of said Census Block 3076 to its most western boundary of said Census Block 3076; thence northerly along said Census Block 3076 to the southeastern corner of Census Block 3061 within Tract 0102.03; thence northerly along the western boundary of said Census Block 3061 to its intersection with the northern boundary of said Census Block 3061; thence westerly along the northern boundary of said Census Block 3061 and the northern boundary of Census Block 3067 within Tract 0102.03 to its intersection with Government Road; thence northeasterly along said Government Road to its intersection with Forest Road 313; thence northerly, westerly and easterly along Forest Road 313 to its intersection with Bloxham Cutoff Road; thence northerly along Bloxham Cutoff Road to its intersection with the northerly county line of Wakulla County; thence easterly along the county line to its intersection with Wakulla Springs Road and the place of Beginning.

### DISTRICT 2

The boundary lines of District Two are as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Wakulla Springs Road and the northerly county line of Wakulla County; thence southerly along Wakulla Springs Road to its intersection with Old Shell Point Road; thence southeasterly along Bloxham Cutoff Road to its intersection with Bloxham Cutoff Road; thence southeasterly along Bloxham Cutoff Road to its intersection with Wakulla Springs Road; thence southeasterly along Wakulla Springs Road to its intersection with Casora Drive to its intersection with Crawfordville Highway; thence northerly along Crawfordville Highway to place of Beginning.

### DISTRICT 3

The boundary lines of District Three are as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Crawfordville Highway and Wakulla Arran Road; thence easterly along Wakulla Arran Road to its intersection with Cajer Posey Road; thence southerly along Cajer Posey Road to its intersection with Shadaville Road; thence easterly along Shadaville Road to its intersection with Hickorywood Drive; thence southerly along Hickorywood Drive to its intersection with Maplewood Drive; thence easterly along Maplewood Drive to its intersection with Beechwood Drive to its intersection with Spring Creek Highway; thence southerly along Spring Creek Highway to its intersection with Coastal Highway; thence westerly and southerly along Coastal Highway to its intersection with Casora Drive; thence westerly along Casora Drive to its intersection with Evalve Road; thence northerly along Evalve Road to its intersection with Glover Daddy Road to its intersection with Casora Drive; thence westerly along Casora Drive to its intersection with Maplewood Drive; thence westerly along Maplewood Drive to its intersection with Hickorywood Drive; thence northerly along Hickorywood Drive to its intersection with Shadaville Road to its intersection with River Plantation Road; thence southerly along River Plantation Road to the northern boundary of Census Block 3012 within Tract 0102.02; thence easterly along the northern boundary and southerly along the eastern boundary of said Census Block 3012 to its intersection with Hunters Trace; thence southerly along Hunters Trace to its intersection with River Plantation Road; thence southerly along River Plantation Road to its intersection with the northern boundary of Census Block 3019 within Tract

### DISTRICT 4

The boundary lines of District Four are as follows: Beginning at the Intersection of Coastal Highway with the easterly County line of Wakulla County; thence southerly along the County line to the boundary line of the State of Florida in the Gulf of Mexico; thence westerly to a point directly north of the easternmost point of St. James Island (Bald Point); thence westerly to the center

point of the U.S. 98 Bridge across Ochlockonee Bay; thence westerly along the County line to the southernmost point of Census Block 3034 within Tract 0101.00, thence northerly along the eastern boundary of said Census Block 3034 and along Surf Road to the intersection with the western boundary of Census Block 3035 within Tract 0101.00; thence northerly along the western boundary of said Census Block 3035 and along the right of way of Surf Road; thence easterly along the northern boundary of said Census Block 3035 to its intersection with the western boundary of Section 34 in Township 5 South Range 2 West; thence northerly along the western boundary of said Section 34 to the northwest corner of said Section 34; thence easterly along the northern boundary of said Section 34 to the northeast corner of said Section 34, also being the southwest corner of said Section 26 in Township 5 South Range 2 West; thence northerly along the western boundaries of Sections 26, 23 and 14 of Township 5 South Range 2 West to the northwest corner of said Section 14; thence easterly along the eastern boundary of said Section 14 and also Section 13 in Township 5 South Range 2 West to the northeast corner of said Section 12 in Township 5 South Range 2 West; thence northerly along the eastern boundary of said Section 12 to the southwest corner of Hartsfield Survey Lot 111; thence easterly along the southern boundary of said Lot 111 to its intersection with the eastern boundary of Census Block 3085 and along a portion of Purly Bay Road to its intersection with the southern boundary of Census Block 2057 within Tract 0102.00; thence easterly, southeasterly and easterly along the southern boundary of said Census Block 2057 to the western boundary of Hartsfield Survey Lot 114; thence northerly along the westerly boundary of Hartsfield Survey Lots 114, 104 and 94 to the intersection with Jack Crum Road; thence easterly and southeasterly along Jack Crum Road to its intersection with Spring Creek Highway; thence northerly along Spring Creek Highway to its intersection with Beechwood Drive; thence westerly and northerly along said Beechwood Drive to its intersection with Maplewood Drive; thence westerly along Maplewood Drive to its intersection with Hickorywood Drive; thence northerly along Hickorywood Drive to its intersection with Shadaville Road to its intersection with River Plantation Road; thence southerly along River Plantation Road to the northern boundary of Census Block 3012 within Tract 0102.02; thence easterly along the northern boundary and southerly along the eastern boundary of said Census Block 3012 to its intersection with Hunters Trace; thence southerly along Hunters Trace to its intersection with River Plantation Road; thence southerly along River Plantation Road to its intersection with the northern boundary of Census Block 3019 within Tract

0102.02; thence easterly along the northern boundary of said Census Block 3019 to its intersection with Coastal Highway; thence easterly along Coastal Highway to the Point of Beginning.

### DISTRICT 5

The boundary lines of District Five are as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Bloxham Cutoff Road and the northerly boundary of the county line of Wakulla County; thence southeasterly along said Bloxham Cutoff Road to its intersection with Forest Road 313; thence southerly, easterly and westerly along said Forest Road 313 to its intersection with Government Road; thence southeasterly along Government Road to its intersection with the northern boundary of Census Block 3067 within Tract 0102.03; thence easterly along the northern boundary of said Census Block 3067 and also along the northern boundary of Census Block 3061 within Tract 0102.03 to the intersection with the eastern boundary of said Census Block 3061; thence southerly along the eastern boundary of said Census Block 3061 to the intersection with the northernmost point of Census Block 3076 within Tract 0102.03; thence southeasterly and easterly along the boundary of said Census Block 3076 to the intersection of the western boundary of Census Block 3078 within Tract 0102.03; thence southerly along the western boundary of said Census Block 3078 to its intersection with Spring Creek Highway; thence southerly along Spring Creek Highway to its intersection with Jack Crum Road; thence westerly and northerly along said Jack Crum Road to its intersection with the northernmost point of Census Block 3076 within Tract 0102.03; thence southeasterly and easterly along the boundary of said Census Block 3076 to the intersection of the western boundary of Census Block 3078 within Tract 0102.03; thence southerly along the western boundary of said Census Block 3078 to its intersection with Spring Creek Highway; thence southerly along Spring Creek Highway to its intersection with Jack Crum Road; thence westerly and northerly along Jack Crum Road to its intersection with the northwest corner of Hartsfield Survey Lot 94; thence southeasterly along the western boundary of said Lot 94 and the western boundaries of Hartsfield Survey Lots 104 and 114 to its intersection with Census Block 2057 within Tract 0102.00; thence westerly, northerly and westerly along the southerly boundary of said Census Block 2057 to its intersection with Purly Bay Road and the eastern boundary of Census Block 3085 within Tract 0101.00; thence southerly along the eastern boundary of said Census Block 3085 to a point where it intersects with the southerly boundary of Hartsfield Survey Lot 111; thence westerly along the southern boundary of said Lot 111 to a point on the eastern boundary of Section 12 in Township 5 South Range 2 West; thence southerly along the eastern boundary of said Section

12 to the southeast corner of said Section 12, and also being the northeast corner of Section 13 in Township 5 South Range 2 West; thence westerly along the northern boundaries of Sections 13 and 14 in Township 5 South Range 2 West to the northwest corner of said Section 14; thence southerly along the western boundaries of Sections 14, 23 and 26 in Township 5 South Range 2 West to the southwest corner of said Section 26, also being the northeast corner of Section 34 in Township 5 South Range 2 West; thence westerly along the northern boundary of said Section 34 to the northwesterly corner of said Section 34; thence southerly along the western boundary of said Section 34 to its intersection with the northern boundary of Census Block 3035 within Tract 0101.00; thence westerly along the northern boundary of said Census Block 3035 to its intersection with Census Block 3034 within Tract 0101.00, and with the right of way of Surf Road; thence southerly along the eastern boundary of said Census Block 3034 to the most southerly point of said Census Block 3034; thence westerly and northerly along the county line and the meanders of Ochlockonee River to a point at which the county line runs easterly; thence easterly along the county line to its intersection with Bloxham Cutoff Road and the place of Beginning.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS  
Update Regarding Our Town Committee - John Shuff

This item was tabled to a future date

(CD5:17) Announcement of Wakulla County Swine Show - Todd Carlton

The Swine Show is February 25, 2012 and support is requested from the BOCC and citizens

(CD5:21) Commissioner Stewart - Mr. George Crump was not present, but Commissioner Stewart wanted to thank him publicly for volunteering his time in raking, mowing and picking up pine straw at Azalea Park

(CD5:22) Operation Santa - Bruce Ashley  
Requesting Community support with November 25, 2011 as the last day to sign a family up for Adoption, please call 926-3526. Donations may be made at the Library, Wakulla County Sheriff's Department on Oak Street or the Sheriff's Office annex on Shadaville Highway

Commissioner Artz announced Tuesday, November 22, 2011 is the Community Thanksgiving at the Wakulla County Senior Citizens from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

These minutes approved by the Board on December 5, 2011, as presented by Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk.

DECEMBER 15, 22, 2011

# Comment & Opinion

readers speak out

## Congratulations, War Eagles, on a great season



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The Wakulla War Eagles football team gave the season a great ride.

While there were a lot of disappointed people at the Citrus Bowl on Friday afternoon when the War Eagles lost their bid for a state championship, it was pretty amazing to see the support for the team from the community.

Down 38-0 and over-matched against a bigger Miami Norland team, neither the team nor its fans ever gave up.

And some players appeared frustrated at the end of the game, but by the end of the awards ceremony they all appeared to be smiling.

Being runner-up may not have been the result they wanted, but it certainly appeared unlikely earlier in the season when they were 2-2.

And they got those two losses in back to back games – falling to North Florida

Christian after they led 20-19 in the fourth quarter. It appeared the game was in hand, all Wakulla had to do was run out the clock, but a roughing the kicker penalty on a punt gave NFC the ball back and they made the most of it.

The next week came the loss to Fort White in a driving rainstorm. Last play of the game, Fort White ran a hook-and-ladder play that scored.

Those two heartbreaking losses could have been an excuse for the War Eagles to quit.

Instead, the players listened to Head Coach Scott Klees – who had preached to them about playing as a team.

It started to gel. After rattling off four straight wins, the War Eagles faced their biggest challenge: district rival Godby, in Tallahassee, for their homecoming.

Though they were underdogs, the War Eagles played with more emotion than Godby – and played as a team. They upset Godby and stole the district crown. They ended up finishing the regular season 8-2.

In the playoffs, the War Eagles continued to play at a high level, rolling over Gulf Breeze. They faced Godby again and won again – proving they were the best team in the district.

And then they defeated Ponte Vedra and, in triple overtime the next week,

beat Pasco.

Standing at 12-2, the War Eagles went to the Citrus Bowl – again as the underdog. The other five teams playing for division championships last week were all nationally ranked.

Not Wakulla.

While the War Eagles consistently gave up size to their opponents, the team showed what a difference playing with heart makes.

It was inspiring, and it was a thrill to watch.

So congratulations to the players and coaches on a great season.

I also want to thank the photographers who shot the games – Ken Fields and Bill Rollins.



**Photographer Ken Fields**

Fields was at most of the games and has provided The News with some stunning action photos this season.

Thanks, Ken.

*William Snowden is editor of The Wakulla News.*

## Suicide is a difficult topic

By HERB DONALDSON

One year ago this month, I attended the funeral of a teenage girl.

It all began in August of last year, when our budding theatre group, The Palaver Tree Theater, had its very first event at the Wakulla Library. Three short stories and one short play by a local writer were presented. The actors were adults and young adults from the community.

One participant was a teenager who attended Wakulla High School. I liked her instantly. She reminded me of a few young ladies I knew when I was that age. Most especially those who were down to earth.

Later, that December, we were casting students for the school's Black History month production, so I attended a performance showcase at the school for a closer look at the talent pool.

After the show, I caught glimpse of her. I remember she wore what appeared to be a pink-toned dress. She was with a small clump of highly enthusiastic young girls – actors from the show – who were greeting their friends and family. I watched her, from a distance, as she stood a few steps behind the group, taking everything in.

Her smile was a bit uptight, but not out of place. It was the smile of one who was holding her silence, but speaking volumes behind her eyes.

I remember her smile in particular because, one: something about it made me hesitant to say goodbye to her before I left that event; and two, because it was similar to the look she had almost two weeks later, when I last gazed down at her, during the funeral.

Before I left home to attend that final goodbye for the young woman I barely knew, I sat down with the sheet she'd filled out for me less than five months before. Her child-like script in writing her name, phone number, email address, and what she hoped to accomplish with her acting and performing abilities.

When I arrived at the church, I saw a young man, a teenager, who is very close to my family. He also attends the high school and knew the girl. Through tears, he sobbed, "She was my friend."

Recently, that same young man wrote a letter, filled with a sense of despair and hopelessness about his life and his future. A fellow student found the note and turned it in, fearing he might take his own life.

These feelings are not uncommon among young adults, or adults in general. But for each of us who make it through the storms of early life, there are many who are lost in the undertow.

The suicide numbers in Wakulla increased in 2005 and 2009, with seven suicides each year. For 2009, a number of the fatalities were linked to the individual's use of anti-depressant medication. None, it seems, were linked to the economic slump of the time.

There is no typical suicide victim. Wakulla's casualties have included students, teachers, a local fire chief, and so many other sons and daughters throughout the years. Though there are warning signs, there

are no guarantees that an actual suicide will occur from the displaying of those signs.

The Florida Suicide Prevention Coalition lists a number of those risk factors: history of previous suicide attempts; family history of suicide, depression/mental illness; alcohol/drug abuse; stressful life event or loss; easy access to lethal methods (guns, other weapons, stockpiling drugs, etc.); incarceration; exposure to the suicidal behavior of others; job/financial loss; neglect of self and appearance; trouble with school; perfectionism/becoming overly self-critical; talking, writing, or hinting about suicide; the ending of a relationship; self-mutilation (cutting, etc.); loss of interest in activities/hobbies; sad, angry, aggressive, lethargic, apathetic, giving away possessions as if putting affairs in order.

Most of these, certainly not all, appear strikingly similar to the things most people encounter in their friends, family – and often themselves – on a daily basis.

Like religion or politics, suicide is not an easy topic, and is often shied away from. When it occurs – too late – there is such secrecy and behind-the-back talk that, in the end, the victim is blamed or vilified. Family and close friends become marked, as if who they were before never existed. Now that the suicide has occurred and the public knows "the truth," they become stigmatized.

Talking around suicide, and not directly to it, leaves those who work to prevent it with limited information and resources needed to dig in and solve it – or, at the very least, eliminate the desire to end one's life early on.

Things that can help a person through this period of crisis include treatment availability and medication compliance, according to the FSPC.

However, other immediate actions can be taken, such as creating a stronger sense of family, friends, and community. Also the reinforcement of a positive self-esteem, along with sobriety, and an influence on good health and eating habits can be helpful.

Pets, a calm environment, and a sense of duty to others, as opposed to complete focus on oneself, are also useful ways to become active in the healing effort. Finally, offering something to believe in that provides a sense of hope. Be it religion, family, or something as simple as a mandatory family meal two to three times a week could make the difference.

In February, earlier this year, during our Black History Month event at the high school, I gave a young man from the play a ride home after rehearsal. We talked about many things, and eventually, I asked how it was that he came to be in our production. He mentioned that a young lady encouraged him to try out. He didn't believe he could do it, and if not for her, he would've never tried.

It was the same young lady that we'd lost that December. When he said her name, we shared a moment of silence.

*Herb Donaldson, a local playwright, is a founder of Palaver Tree Theatre.*

## Reminded of the 'Whiskey Speech'

County Commissioner Lynn Artz sent us an email on the famous "Whiskey Speech" last week, with a note that it reminded her of the Dec. 5 commission meeting where the board debated allowing alcohol in public buildings.

The "Whiskey Speech" was delivered by then-Rep. N.S. "Soggy" Sweat Jr. on April 4, 1952, at a banquet while the prohibition issue was before the Legislature. It is a classic in the art of looking at two sides of an issue.

Sweat was a judge, law professor, and state representative. His speech is considered a classic example of analyzing issues from different perspectives.

For years Rep. Ed Perry from Oxford, Miss., always delivered the Whiskey Speech on the last day of the regular legislative session. It was his way of showing that they were in fact going to Sine Die the session. After Ed retired no one took up the cause.

### SWEAT'S "WHISKEY SPEECH"

"My friends,

"I had not intended to discuss this controversial subject at this particular time. However, I want you to know that I do not shun controversy. On the contrary, I will take a stand on any issue at any time, regardless of how fraught with controversy it might be. You have asked me how I feel about whiskey. All right, here is how I feel about whiskey.

"If when you say whiskey you mean the

devil's brew, the poison scourge, the bloody monster, that defiles innocence, dethrones reason, destroys the home, creates misery and poverty, yea, literally takes the bread from the mouths of little children; if you mean the evil drink that topples the Christian man and woman from the pinnacle of righteous, gracious living into the bottomless pit of degradation, and despair, and shame and helplessness, and hopelessness, then certainly I am against it.

"But;

"If when you say whiskey you mean the oil of conversation, the philosophic wine, the ale that is consumed when good fellows get together, that puts a song in their hearts and laughter on their lips, and the warm glow of contentment in their eyes; if you mean Christmas cheer; if you mean the stimulating drink that puts the spring in the old gentleman's step on a frosty, crispy morning; if you mean the drink which enables a man to magnify his joy, and his happiness, and to forget, if only for a little while, life's great tragedies, and heartaches, and sorrows; if you mean that drink, the sale of which pours into our treasuries untold millions of dollars, which are used to provide tender care for our little crippled children, our blind, our deaf, our dumb, our pitiful aged and infirm; to build highways and hospitals and schools, then certainly I am for it.

"This is my stand. I will not retreat from it. I will not compromise."

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## Most popular stories online:

- Occupy Sopchoppy fails to take hold
  - Coast Guard Auxiliary for Dec. 8
  - Library News: Dec. 8
  - Underwater Wakulla – Dec. 8
  - Barnett graduates from Flagler
  - Tomaini honored
  - Wakulla is well represented at fair
  - Cross Country: Linton, Atkinson earn invitations to all-star meet
- [thewakullanews.com](http://thewakullanews.com)

## Prepare for upcoming election

By HENRY 'BUDDY' WELLS  
Supervisor of Elections

The Florida Republican Presidential Preference Primary is coming up next month. Here's some information to help you vote:

The upcoming Presidential Preference Primary election on Jan. 31 will be open to registered Republicans only.

If you are registering to vote for the first time in Florida or would like to change your political party affiliation, you must do so on or before Jan. 3, 2012.

If you are new to the area or just turning 18 years old, registering to vote has never been easier! You can visit [www.wakullaelection.com](http://www.wakullaelection.com) to register online, at DMV while updating your Florida driver license or at the Wakulla County Elections office; as well as the county library and city halls in St. Marks and Sopchoppy.

It is very important to keep your voter information current at all times.

If you have moved recently, do not wait until it is too late to update your address. Because your address dictates your elected representation and polling location, it is imperative to keep your address up to date.

To locate your polling location and representation information, pull out your voter information card or visit [wakullaelection.com](http://wakullaelection.com).

While your voter information is a great resource

with valuable information, it is not required to vote. You will simply need to bring a photo and signature ID to the polls with you.

**Vote by mail:** Voting by mail has never been more secure, efficient and economical. One of the long-standing myths is that mail ballots (absentee) are not always counted.

Not true! They are the first counted along with the early votes. New law requires these results be uploaded within 30 minutes after poll closes at 7 p.m.

Once the ballot has been received by the election office, the signature on the voter's certificate will be compared to the voter's signature found on the most current registration application on file with the election office, which highlights the importance of periodically updating your signature.

If the signature is in question or not signed at all, the sealed ballot will be presented to the canvassing board (consisting of the supervisor of elections, the chair of the county commission, and the county judge) for their determination. Once all ballots have been confirmed and accounted for, the ballots are processed and will remain stored until tabulated and released after 7 p.m. on Election Day.

To take advantage of this convenient voting method, you can request your mail ballot in writing (including e-mail), in person, by phone at (850) 926-7575 or online at

[wakullaelection.com](http://wakullaelection.com).

**Vote on Election Day:** If not voting early or by mail, you still have the option to vote on Election Day. The polls will be open Jan. 31, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

You must vote at your assigned precinct with your photo and signature ID! Your precinct location can be found on your voter information card or visit [wakullaelection.com](http://wakullaelection.com) and click on Precinct Location; then at top of page click on Wakulla County Precinct and follow directions.

If you have any questions, please contact the election office at (850) 926-7575 or visit [wakullaelection.com](http://wakullaelection.com).

Also, a \$1.6 million grant to enhance the absentee voting process for military and overseas citizens has been awarded to Wakulla County and a coalition of 12 other Florida counties.

The coalition, called Our Mission; Your Vote, has received a grant from the Federal Voting Assistance Program to provide greater online access, automation of absentee request and expedite ballot delivery.

As a military veteran, I am excited about the possibilities that this system presents in providing fast, secure and, most importantly, an accessible absentee ballot delivery system.

Remember to get out and vote and let your voice be heard.

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religious views and events

## Obituaries

**Johnny Mason Atkinson Sr.**  
**Homer Riley Harvey**  
**MSgt. James Franklin Humphries Sr.**  
**Shirley Elizabeth Needelman**  
**Anita Pearl Parker Pigott**

**Johnny Mason Atkinson Sr.**  
 Johnny Mason Atkinson Sr., 62, died at his home in Crawfordville.

He was born in Mullins, S.C., a son of the late Carl James Atkinson Sr. and Irene G. Gasque Atkinson. He was a decorated veteran, having retired from the U.S. Air Force as Chief Master Sergeant. He was also retired from the U.S. Postal Service. He was a lifelong member of Gapway Baptist Church in Mullins, S.C., and also attended New Life Baptist Church in Charleston, S.C., and Wakulla Baptist Church in Crawfordville.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, Dec. 18, at Gapway Baptist Church in Mullins, S.C. Burial followed at the church cemetery. The family received friends on Saturday, Dec. 17, at Richardson Funeral Home in Marion, S.C. Memorial donations may be made to Gapway Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 2305 South Hwy. 41, Mullins, SC 29574.

Survivors include his son, Johnny Mason Atkinson Jr. and wife, Sonya, of Palm Bay; daughter, Teresa Anne Broxton and husband Thomas W. Broxton of Crawfordville; mother of his children, Estela B. Atkinson of Crawfordville; three grandsons, Isaac Gregory Atkinson, Garret Mason Broxton, and Thaddeus Dalton Broxton, as well as a granddaughter on the way, Jurnee Jae Lynn Atkinson.

He was predeceased by his brother, Carl Jimmy Atkinson.

An online registry may be signed at RichardsonFuneralHomeofMarion.com

**Homer R. Harvey**  
 Homer Riley Harvey, 95, passed away Monday, Dec. 12, in Crawfordville at his daughter's home.

He had lived in this area his entire life. He was a member and past deacon of Lake Ellen Baptist Church. He was a longtime Farm Bureau Insurance Agent and was a Moorman Feed Distributor. He was a farmer, rancher, building contractor and he contributed to the lives of many.

Visitation was held Friday, Dec. 16, at Lake Ellen Baptist Church. Services were held Saturday, Dec. 17, at Lake Ellen Baptist Church. Memorial contributions may be made to Lake Ellen Baptist Church Building Fund, 4495 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville FL 32327.

Survivors include three sons, Pat and Janice Harvey, Mike and Carolyn Harvey and Dennis and Jowanna Harvey, all of Crawfordville; a daughter, Ouida and Hershel Ruddof Crawfordville; a sister, Mary Lou and Harper Carter; 12 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews; and a devoted caregiver, Ruth Jackson.

He was predeceased by his wife, Yvonne McLaughlin Harvey; his parents, Riley and Lilly Anna Harvey; stepmother, Clara Council Harvey Hatcher; brother, Norflet Harvey; sister, Mary Virginia White; and caregiver, Carrie Moody.

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

**Shirley Needelman**

Shirley Elizabeth Needelman, 85, of Shell Point, died on Dec. 13, in Tallahassee.

She was born Nov. 16, 1926, in Philadelphia. She was married to Coleman Needelman, who preceded her in death on Aug. 6, 1989.

Survivors include her children, Steven Needelman, Sherry Provo, Sue Bell, Irene Walton, Sally Haas and Bob Needelman; 15 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

The graveside service was held Friday, Dec. 16, at Tallahassee Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Boys Town, 3555 Commonwealth Boulevard, Tallahassee FL 32303.

Online condolences may be made at www.abbeyfh.com.

**James Franklin Humphries Sr.**

James Franklin Humphries Sr., 86, entered into rest on Saturday, Dec. 17.

He was born on March 24, 1925, in St. Petersburg. With pride and honor, he served his country in the U.S. Army, retiring as Master Sergeant. His church home was Lake Ellen Baptist Church in Crawfordville.

Visitation was held Monday, Dec. 19, at McCullough Funeral Home in Warner Robins, Ga., followed by funeral services in the chapel of McCullough Funeral Home with Pastor Keith Wallace officiating. Interment followed in Glen Haven Memorial Gardens with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully suggests memorial donations to Southern Care Hospice, 3312 Northside Drive, Bldg D, Suite 150, Macon GA 31210.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 67 years, Claudia Lenora Baker Humphries; son, Ronald "Ronnie" S. Humphries; and parents, Rufus Samuel "Sam" Humphries and Minnie Lee Durden Humphries Keel.

His memory will forever be treasured by his loving sons, James F. Humphries, Jr. (Pennie) and David A. Humphries (Sallie); 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Go to www.mcculloughfh.com to sign the Online Registry for the family. McCullough Funeral Home and Crematory was in charge of arrangements.

**Anita Pearl Parker Pigott**

Anita Pearl Parker Pigott, loving wife, mother and grandmother, died on Dec. 14.

In lieu of flowers those wishing to make a memorial contribution may do so to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, North Florida Chapter, 4237 Salisbury Road, Building 4, Suite 406, Jacksonville FL 32216.

Graveside services were held at Pigott Cemetery in Medart on Saturday, Dec. 17.

Survivors include her husband of 51 years, Ralph F. Pigott Sr.; her children, Buzz, Scarlet, Morris and Darlette; her grandchildren, Rusty, Gus, Parker and Braeden; and her great-granddaughter, Kacy.

## Merry is as merry celebrates

By REV. JAMES L. SNYDER

Although I may look a little stodgy on the outside with a few gray hairs blossoming on the top, I still know how to celebrate, and this is the time of the year to do that sort of thing. I love a good Christmas celebration.

For the last few years, I have never had to check my calendar to know when it is time to celebrate the Christmas season. It seems that the Thanksgiving turkey always gives rise to what I shall refer to as the Holiday Turkey. No sooner is my Thanksgiving turkey resting snugly inside of me when the Holiday Turkeys begin their assault on Christmas.

Do not let this get out, but I love it.

Some people are quite offended when these Holiday Turkeys begin their assault on Christmas. I would be insulted if they did not. I expect them to attack anything to do with Christmas. It just goes to show that the Christmas story has not lost its offense.

Those of us who celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ embrace this time of the year with a great

deal of joy and praise. After all, we are celebrating the fact that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. What better message to celebrate at this time of year when most people are having a difficult time.

Don't get me wrong here. I believe in celebrating Jesus Christ every day. There is something special about setting aside one day out of the year to recognize his birth. I do not worship the manger nor do I venerate the three wise men. I do, however, appreciate the fact that Jesus Christ came into this world and it certainly is my privilege once a year to celebrate His birthday.

I know He was not born on December 25, but it is the thought that counts.

Even those who do celebrate Christmas sometimes celebrate the wrong thing. People who do not have much money spend themselves poor getting Christmas presents for their family, and then they spend the rest of the year trying to pay off those purchases.

Instead of spending money this year for your family, why not spend a little time with them. That will do more good than

something you buy in the store that will be obsolete by the time they open it Christmas morning.

Then there are those who take this time of the year to do nothing but party, party, party. By party, I mean getting so inebriated they have no idea what they are doing or saying.

You can always tell the quality of a person by what they celebrate and how they celebrate. Of course, the Holiday Turkeys will accuse me right here of being judgmental. Perhaps they are right.

The Christmas season is the season to celebrate God's answer to man's incurable dilemma. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16 KJV). The answer to all of man's problem is Jesus Christ.

The Christmas season is the season to join with family and neighbor and sing of God's amazing Grace. Go ahead. Deck your halls with Holly but in the midst of it all, give God the glory in the highest. This is the season for our streets to echo

with the joyous celebration of Christ coming into this world.

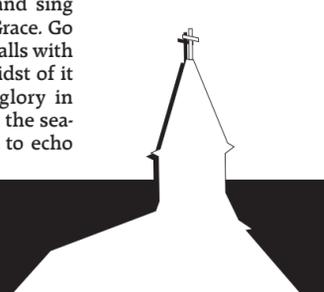
Then there are those who object.

I have a proposition for all of the Holiday Turkeys who object to me celebrating Christmas or trying to call it something other than what it really is.

You do not have to celebrate the Christmas season; just allow me to celebrate it in a way that I see fit. Then, I will not celebrate April 1 or Halloween but will allow you to celebrate your holidays anyway you want to. I think that is fair. It is a two-for-one deal I am not sure anybody could ever pass up.

Celebrate your holiday, and I will celebrate the Christmas season and wish all my friends a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

*The Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship in Ocala.*



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# Wakulla Worship Centers

<p><b>Crawfordville Area</b></p>	<p><b>Coastal</b></p>	<p><b>Sopchoppy</b></p>	<p><b>Medart Area</b></p>
<p><b>Crawfordville United Methodist Church</b>                  Sunday School 10:00 a.m.                  Worship 11:00 a.m.                  Pastor Mike Shockley 926-7209  <small>Ochlocknee &amp; Arran Road "Come Grow With Us" www.crawfordville-umc.org</small></p>	<p><b>Ochlocknee Bay United Methodist Church</b>                  Sunday Worship 9 a.m.                  Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m.                  Pastor Kevin Hall                  (850) 984-0127</p>	<p><b>Sopchoppy United Methodist Church</b>                  Sunday School 9:45 a.m.                  Worship 11 a.m.                  Pastor Kevin Hall                  850-962-2511</p>	<p><b>Trinity Lutheran Church</b> of Wakulla County                  Hwy. 98, Across from WHS                  Web site: <a href="http://Lutheransonline.com/trinityofwakulla">Lutheransonline.com/trinityofwakulla</a>                  Bible Class 9:00 a.m.                  Worship 10:00 a.m.                  Pre-School M-F (3-5 Years)                  Pastor Vicar Bert Matlock                  Church 926-7808 • Pre-School 926-5557</p> <p><b>Christ Church Anglican Sunday</b>                  8:30am Service                  9:30am Sunday School for Adults &amp; Children                  10:30am Worship Service                  Nursery available                  Thursday 10:30 am Adult Bible Study                  Wednesday 6:00 pm - Supper and Children, Youth and Adult Bible Classes                  The Rev. John Spicer, Rector                  850-745-8412                  3383 Coastal Highway</p>
<p><b>You've Got Bible Questions? We've Got Bible Answers</b>                  Find the Peace and Hope and Answers in these Troubling Times.    <b>Let the Bible Speak</b>                  1044 Shadaville Road • Crawfordville, Florida 32327                  "the churches of Christ salute you" — Romans 16:16  <a href="http://www.OysterBayChurchofChrist.org">www.OysterBayChurchofChrist.org</a></p>	<p><b>Wakulla Station</b></p>	<p><b>Sopchoppy Church of Christ</b>                  Corner of Winthrop &amp; Byrd St.                  Sunday: Bible Study ...9:30 a.m.                  Worship .....10:30 a.m.                  Evening Worship .....5 p.m.                  Wednesday: Bible Study...7 p.m.                  Visitors are welcome!                  Home Bible Courses available... please call for details,                  962-2213</p>	<p><b>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church</b>                  Fr. Edward T. Jones, Pastor                  3609 Coastal Hwy, Crawfordville • 850 926-1797                  Sunday Mass 9:00 am                  Wednesday &amp; Thursday Mass 7:00 pm                  Monday Mass 3:30 pm Eden Springs                  1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month:                  Confessions 10:30 - 11:30 and 3:00 - 4:00                  Adoration Mass 10:00 am  <b>Cemetery lots and Cremain spaces available. 850-509-7630</b></p>
<p><b>Ivan Assembly of God</b>                  202 Ivan Church Road                  Crawfordville                  Pastor, Daniel Cooksey                  "Come &amp; Worship With Us"                  926-IVAN(4826)                  Sunday School..... 10 a.m.                  Sunday Worship..... 11 a.m.                  Evening Worship..... 6 p.m.                  Wednesday Service..... 7 p.m.                  &amp; Youth Service..... 7 p.m.                  Royal Rangers..... 7 p.m.                  Missionettes..... 7 p.m.</p>  	<p><b>Wakulla United Methodist Church</b>                  Sunday Contemporary Service 8:30 a.m.                  Sunday School for all ages - 10 a.m.                  Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.                  Wednesday Service - 7 p.m.                  1584 Old Woodville Rd.                  Wakulla Station                  421-5741                  Pastor Janice Henry - Rinehart</p>	<p><b>Spirit Life Church</b>                  Spirit Filled                  NEW LOCATION!                  131 Rose Street • Sopchoppy, FL                  962-9000                  Schedule of Services                  Sunday School 9:45am                  Refreshments 10:30am                  Worship 11:00am                  Prayer 5:00pm                  Wednesday Supper 6:00pm                  Wed Pioneer Club 6:30pm                  Wed Adult Group Studies 6:30pm                  Blood Bought Word Taught Spirit Wrought                  Pastor John S. Dunning                  (From Rhema Bible Training Center)                  www.ochcc.org</p>	<p><b>Lake Ellen Baptist Church</b>                  Hwy 319 Medart,                  Office 926-5265                  Early Worship 8:30 a.m.                  Sunday School 9:45 a.m.                  Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.                  AWANA 5:00 p.m.                  Youth Zone Time 4:30 p.m.                  Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.                  Wednesday Services 7:00 p.m.                  Our Mission is: Loving God and Loving Others through Worship, Ministry and Service.                  Operating like a family; strong in the Word of God, warm and inviting. Powerful ministries for strengthening our families. Reaching Children, Youth, Adults and Seniors for Jesus.                  We will look forward to seeing you this Lord's Day.  <a href="http://www.lakeellenbaptistchurch.org">www.lakeellenbaptistchurch.org</a></p>

# Community

happenings

## Kareem Slater is property manager of the year

On Nov. 16, the Georgia Chapter of the Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM) honored Kareem Slater, vice president of Property Management for Columbia Residential, with its Certified Property Manager of the Year award in Atlanta.

Justin Dinerman, president of the Georgia Chapter, presented Slater with his award during their annual awards and officer installation meeting. Slater's outstanding contributions to the real estate management profession and local community were recognized.

Slater has been involved in property management for more than 12 years and is responsible for the day-to-day operation of more than 5,500 multi-family units. He also founded the The Purple Approach organization, where he speaks and consults with



Kareem Slater

organizations about how to energize their teams through their Mission Statement and Core Values.

He is the son of Hilly and Joseph Slater of Crawfordville.

IREM is an international community of real estate managers and is the only professional management association serving both multi-family and commercial real estate sectors.

## JacksBQuick racers win big at Yuletide Trials

Travis Hallman and The JacksBQuick Boarding Kennel crew recently went to Enigma, Ga., for the Yuletide Trials.

Hallman brought his two favorite racers, seven-time National Champion, Heartbreaker, and Heartbreaker's older sister, Dip.

Heartbreaker and Dip raced other Jack Russell Terriers from as far away as Connecticut.

Heartbreaker competed against dogs a third her age. She once again beat her younger opponents, winning all of the divisions.

At the end of the day, Heartbreaker had one final race for the overall championship. She had to race against her son, Goose,



Travis Hallman, Heartbreaker and Dip win big at the Yuletide Trial.

the reigning Adult National Champion. Out of the box, Heartbreaker was ahead of Goose and pulling strong

as the crowd cheered and hollered. Unfortunately for Heartbreaker, it didn't take long for Goose to prove why

he is the undisputed National Champion. Goose came by Heartbreaker and never looked back.

Now for a side order of Dip. JacksBQuick Dip, at 11 years old, was racing in the senior division and brought home two Championships from Yuletide Trials.

Dip is a beautiful racer with great form over the hurdles and has won a National Championship herself and a few High Jump Championships, plus numerous other blue ribbons and trophies.

Hallman said for the overall weekend it couldn't have gotten much better, seven first place titles, 1 second place title and four championships.

## Holiday tips for parents with autistic children

By CARRIE STEVENS  
Special to The News

Let's face it, the holidays are stressful. If you are the parent of an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) child, stress and the holidays go hand in hand, regardless of what you do. The Christmas lights, Santa Claus, candy, parties, are overstimulation for your child.

Try these Holiday Survival tips to minimize stress.

Visit [www.autismresourcecentral.org](http://www.autismresourcecentral.org) and [www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org) for more.

1. Use unbreakable ornaments.
2. Take two cars so one of you can leave early if need be.
3. Bring a sensory fidget bag with Koosh balls, vibrating pens, cars, trains, etc.
4. Bring child's favorite DVD. If staying overnight, bring portable DVD player.
5. For child sensitive to

sound, bring ear plugs to block out noise.

6. Bring your child's favorite foods and snacks.

7. Leave when things are going well, right after the party's peak.

8. Have your stuff packed and by the door so that you can make a quick exit.

9. Host the dinner. Your child will always be more comfortable in their own home. Ask everyone to bring a dish or order a ready-made dinner. Also, limit the number of people you invite.

10. Tell relatives ahead of time not to be disappointed with your child's reaction to their gifts.

11. For child sensitive to clothing, have scissors handy to cut tags out right away.

12. Disposable cameras are a great way for the child to be a part of the event and feel like the center of attention. The child can be the official "photographer."

13. Give the child a job to do, like passing out treats.

14. Work out a schedule ahead of time. Talk to your child a few days before the event and show pictures in the order the events will take place. This will help your child prepare.

15. Take a car ride to give your child a break from all the action.

16. Make relatives have time with your child one on one. This will keep the child from feeling overwhelmed. Don't forget to spend some time with them yourself.

17. IPads are a great way to keep your child calm. The trick is keeping other children from touching it while your child is playing with it.

18. Don't let relatives give lots of junk food to your child.

Remember to stay calm. I realize family members don't always understand, so use this time to educate them.

Tell them what to expect, what the normal routine is and that it's vital to stick to that routine as much as possible. This is to ensure they have a good holiday, as well as you and your child.

Remember there is always support out there for those who ask for it.

One of my family members always said, "God helps those who help themselves." The more I do to educate and help my child, the more doors keep opening and provide me the opportunity to help my family heal and educate my community and legislators.

I have learned this is just another bump in the road that has helped me become a better person.

Happy Holidays!

Carrie Stevens is the creator of the Train Club for Spectrum Children of Wakulla County.

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# School

education news

## RMS students get leadership training



Sixth graders (above and below) at Riversprings Middle School makes it to the top of the rock wall to mark the end of leadership training.

By **MARLENE ADAMS**  
Special to The News

Students in sixth grade in Mrs. Weber and Mrs. Adams reading classes at Riversprings Middle School participated in a Leadership Training with Lt. Gatchall of the National Guard the week of Nov. 14 to Nov. 18.

Students learned the qualities a leader possesses

and how to ascertain those qualities in themselves. The program is designed to get students thinking about their choices in life and to promote good values in them. Loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage were discussed and students learned through motivational games what each of the values mean.

The culminating activity was a rock wall where students were given the opportunity to test their own personal courage on a 25-foot high wall.

All in all the students loved the experience and walked away with acronyms that help them remember the values to look for in both themselves and those who lead them, which in turn helps them make better choices as they go through life.

The Leadership Training followed a six-week, one day a week lesson on Bullying.

In addition to these lessons, students in Mrs. Adams class were learning about WWII and the Holocaust. The goal was to help students make the connection that bullying can get out of control and that sometimes one must make a stand for what is right. During the WWII portion of the lessons, a guest speaker Rodger Lewis, came in and spoke with the students about his experiences in WWII in the European and Pacific theatre.

Having both Lewis, a veteran of WWII, and Lt. Gatchall of the National Guard speak to the classes tied in with our appreciation of Veterans Day, in which students wrote letters of appreciation and reflected on the contributions of our men and women of the armed services.

The lessons about choosing the right thing to do and treat others as you would want to be treated, was received well by the students.



Wakulla High School takes third place in the NFCC High School Brain Bowl Tournament. Team members are, back row, Mikayla Westerfield, Travis Hinsey, Nathan Green, Jake Hunter, Devin Crockett and Coach Brian Jacobs. Middle row, Coach Shari Evans, Kyla Kerce, Caroline Venturi, Landon Glover and Kaylyn Thigpen. Front, Belle Robinson, Rami McIver and Randell Mainer Wakulla High School's Teams 1 and 2.

## Wakulla High takes third at brain bowl

Top students from North Florida high schools went head to head at the annual High School Brain Bowl competition held Nov. 10 at North Florida Community College.

Six teams competed in the event that challenges

high school students in the areas of science, math, and humanities while under pressure.

Wakulla High School place third, with Branford County High School in first place, and Suwannee High School in second place.

Among the many outstanding students participating in this year's Brain Bowl Tournament, Randell Mainer of Wakulla took first place, Evin Ward of Branford took second place and Rhett Barker of Suwannee took third.

## Wakulla NJROTC wins big at field meet

By **ZACHARY AZZARITO**  
NJROTC Public Affairs Officer

On Dec. 10, Wakulla NJROTC competed in the Boca Raton field meet at Boca Raton Community High school. Earning trophies in almost every category, the War Eagle Navy scored big.

The cadets arrived in Boca Raton on Dec. 8. The next day was filled with competitions including the personnel inspection, where judges grade how well each cadet looks

in their uniforms and how much they know of general military knowledge. Other competitions include drill teams, push ups, sit ups, 100 question postal and the 100- and 200-meter relay races. It is a fun, but challenging day.

Many of the teams placed in the top five in their competition. The Athletics team scored 5th in the 200 meter relay, 3rd in push ups and 5th in sit ups helping to put Wakulla in 4th for overall Athletics. Of the drill teams,

Unarmed Basics, placed 4th. Armed Basic placed 2nd. Armed Exhibition placed 3rd, and Color Guard placed 5th, giving the unit 5th overall in military drill. Scoring 1496 out of 1500 points, Wakulla placed 1st in the personnel inspection for the first time in its history, beating 2nd place Flanagan High, last years state champions.

Placing 5th in overall competition, it was definitely a good day for the War Eagle Navy.

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On the evening of Friday, December 2, 2011, the school held its only fund-raising event with the help of many community leaders who offered their gracious support. Medart was able to provide a time of enjoyment, fellowship, and memories for the school's families and community. Through everyone's support we were able to gain financial assistance for curriculum needs.

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# Sad Ending: High-flying War Eagles are brought down

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The experience of playing the championship game certainly may have overwhelmed the War Eagle players - traveling to Orlando, playing in the Citrus Bowl, the attention and dazzle and excitement, which included having the championship game televised by Fox Sports on the Florida Sunshine Sports Channel.

Norland had faced it last year - losing the championship game, then returned this year with a sense of what to expect.

And Klees was philosophical in the loss: "I hope there's life lessons for this team. I hope it helps them become better men."

Wakulla appeared over-matched against Norland - a bigger team that won most of the battles in the trenches throughout the day, and had a much-touted running back in Duke Johnson who showed why he's gotten so much attention.

Wakulla's speedy offense only got a few first downs on the day, and they were hampered as the game went on with the loss of Deonte Hutchinson to a possible concussion, center Caleb Brown with an ankle injury and Marshane Godbolt with a dislocated elbow.

And workhorse running back Will Thomas was knocked out of one offensive series with a cut on his cheek.

With the offense unable to produce, the Wakulla defense was on the field too long - playing their bend, don't break style of containment.

With all else being equal, Wakulla would have needed to win the turnover battle and a few other breaks in order to pull out a win. As it was, there were few breaks for the War Eagles.

## GAME RECAP

Wakulla kicked off to Norland, and in the first offensive series, the War Eagles forced a fumble by the Vikings' running back Duke Johnson, but were unable to move the ball and had to punt.

Norland then began a methodical drive with short

runs, taking what Wakulla would give, until they had moved the ball down to Wakulla's 5. From there, Johnson took it in for a score. The extra point was good, and Norland was up 7-0 with 2:06 in the first.

Wakulla again had a three-and-out offensive series and punted to Norland, which again mounted another drive, including a 36-yard pass play down to the 6. On the next play, Johnson swept to the left, saw the defense, turned and crossed the field to his right and made it to the corner for a score. It was 14-0 with just over 10 minutes in the second quarter.

In the next offensive series for Wakulla, quarterback Caleb Stephens was sacked and fumbled, and the ball was recovered by the Vikings at Wakulla's 19. Norland tried a halfback pass with Johnson throwing the ball and Wakulla's safety Quanzee Davis intercepted it and it certainly appeared he was in the end zone for a touchback, but the officials ruled Davis caught it at the one-foot line.

The War Eagles had their backs against their own end zone. Stephens took the snap but couldn't get back to the line of scrimmage and was tackled in the end zone for a safety.

Down 16-0, the back-breaker came when Wakulla kicked off the Norland and Johnson returned it 67 yards for a touchdown. The extra point was good, and the Vikings were up 23-0 with more than 9 minutes remaining in the half.

After the kick off, Wakulla tried to rally back: a quick pass to Deonte Hutchinson out of the backfield got a first down. They ran for another first down. Then got another pass to Hutchinson for a 17 yard gain that looked like the War Eagles were finding a rhythm, but the play was called back for an illegal receiver downfield. The drive stalled, and the War Eagles were forced to punt.

Wakulla's defense stopped Norland, and the offense got the ball back with a minute left in the half - and got a completion to Antonio Bowdry to get to Norland's 30. Facing a third

and 16 with 15 seconds left and the clock running, Stephens tried a pass to Mikal Cromartie at the goal line but the Viking defender intercepted it at the 4 yard line to stop the War Eagle threat.

In the third quarter, Wakulla got the kickoff and Demetrius Lindsey tore off a 17-yard run that looked like the start of something. The drive fizzled and again the War Eagles had to punt.

Norland got a good return by Johnson on the punt, and a penalty for a late hit out-of-bounds added 15 yards to it. Facing a fourth down, the Vikings kicked a field goal to go up 26-0.

On the next offensive series, the War Eagles lost Godbolt when he was tackled hard after catching a screen pass.

Forced to punt, the War Eagle defenders tackled Johnson hard and he was flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct after taunting Wakulla's players by pointing at the scoreboard.

Pinned back deep, Norland moved the ball with Johnson's runs and some pass plays and scored again. The extra point was blocked, but it was 32-0 with 10 minutes remaining in the fourth quarter.

The War Eagles were forced to gamble with passes and, facing a fourth down and 6, had a pass fall incomplete and Norland took over on downs.

The Vikings scored with another Duke Johnson run, the extra point was no good, and Norland was up 38-0.

Wakulla's school spirit was still evident: the fans gave the team a standing ovation, and the War Eagles went to the end zone and linked arms to sing the school song as the War Eagle band in the stand played the music.

The coaches and players then lined up for their silver runner-up medals and the runner-up trophy and watched as Norland accepted their medals and trophy.

Walking off the Citrus Bowl field after answering reporters questions, Klees looked around and said, "We'll do it again next year."



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The size difference between the two teams was obvious. Wakulla's Luke Taylor, listed as 5'11" and 205 pounds, lines up against Norland's Ereck Flowers, who is 6'6" and 315.



WILLIAM SNOWDEN

The War Eagle cheerleaders cheer as fans watch the game.



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Athletic Director Mike Smith hugs his son, kicker Conner Smith, during the awards.



WILLIAM SNOWDEN

Wakulla fans were still in the stands cheering on the War Eagles after the game ended.



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## The colder the weather, the better the river fishing

Well, here we are just days away from Christmas and it feels like spring.

The warm weather is good for the fishermen but not too good for the fish. Most of those that were up in the rivers moved out where there was warmer water and they are scattered out.

I talked to JR down at the Aucilla and he said the warm weather last week pushed the fish out of the river and to the mouth of the creeks. He said when the tide turned and came in the trout and red came in and they were very aggressive.

On Sunday morning it got cool again and moved some more fish back up into

the Aucilla. He hasn't heard anything from down around the Econfina but figures it to be about the same type of fishing. The colder the weather the better the river fishing is gonna be.

I was down at Shell Island over the weekend and Jimmy said they had been catching lots of reds between Shell Island Fish Camp and the yacht club. Fish live shrimp, mud minnows or Gulps on the bottom real slow. Some reds are still being caught up in the St. Marks River as well. Trout fishing is slow.

Capt. David Fife said the fish were thick in Spring Creek but the warm weather changed everything. One or two reds are being caught in



### From The Dock

BY CAPT. JODY CAMPBELL

there but not many and the trout moved out around the Oyster Bars.

He fished Friday of last week and using mirrolures caught eight nice trout and one red. This time of year he likes it to be overcast for better fishing because the water is so clear. He also fishes the mirrolure as slow as he can.

He did talk to a friend



who said they had caught a lot of reds fishing on the bars between Shell Point and Panacea using live bait.

I took a party out fishing on Tuesday and we had a good day. One of them said it was a great day and the other said it was the best day he had ever had.

We only caught one trout, but had three reds

and threw back 34. Most were around 23-inches long and all were caught on live shrimp or mud minnows.

I don't hear much about fishing offshore because the federal-state laws are such that it's hardly worth going out there. The season is closed on everything that you can catch except red grouper, or at least I believe you can still catch them.

There are plenty of big black sea bass out there right now and Larry Hess of Shell Point has been catching his limit of them out in about 45 feet of water.

If you're thinking about a last minute gift for one of your fishing buddies be

sure and shop locally at one of the many bait and tackle stores in our area. They can always use a couple of more Cajun Thunders, or how about a couple of packs of their favorite Gulp.

These and many other items can be found at AMS, Lou's Bait and Tackle, Shields Marina, Crum's, Mashas Sands BP, Shell Island Fish Camp and Rock Landing Marina.

Remember to leave that float plan with someone and know your limits. I hope you and your family have a very Merry Christmas.

Good luck and good fishing!

## Nothing like bow hunting for hogs in stocking feet

Down in south central Florida east of the town Frostproof, near the Kissimmee River, is the Three Lakes Management area, a place I'd bow-hunted many times before I moved to our lovely Wakulla County.

My friend Neal had met me there, and we had decided to try for hogs along the river, as there was a lot of hog rootings, and other signs like where they had scratched an itch on the base of a cabbage palm, or small oak, trails full of tracks, etc.

Neal and I knew feral hogs were really hard on wildlife in general. They had rooted up the banks of the Kissimmee River so much, eating turtle eggs, roots and worms that the opportunistic weed called dog fennel, which thrives in disturbed soil, had taken over. In the rich floodplain soil, the dog fennel had reached seven feet and higher!

Since the area is hunted,

the hogs had pretty much gone nocturnal, and we knew if we were to have a chance at them we needed to be there at first light, while they would be in the open and exposed. After sunrise we'd have to go into the fennel, and stalk up on them bedded down.

So in the faint pre-dawn light, we worked our way towards the open river's edge through the grooves of fennel, which were sopping wet with morning dew. By the time I got through an eighth of a mile with dripping wet plants rising overhead, I was also dripping wet, and starting to shiver!

We finally stepped out into the open and saw no swine to our disappointment, but ahead of us was a 30 foot oak, a distinct place for us to part and hunt separately as the oak was a unique spot on the flood plain and could be seen for

### Wakulla Wildlife

BY GEORGE WEYMOUTH



nearly a mile from up or down the river edge.

We agreed to meet there at noon and parted. First though I slipped off my shoes, leaving them by the oak, as I prefer to hunt in my stocking feet.

Yes, there are snakes, but to make sure I don't step on a venomous snake, I sneak hunt (I call it) very slowly, glancing at the ground every few steps, and in the process feel I'm more in tune with nature, and see and hear more, including possible game.

I'd not gone over a mile perhaps when I came to a wet area surrounded by St. John's Wort. I opted to wade through it, as by then the sun was up and I was warmer. I waded out about 50 feet when it became deeper than I thought, but I noted that there were literally floating islands, which if careful I could walk on - they were that big and buoyant!

I managed to get about 50 feet further, and then fell through.

Dang! It was over my waist! Boy, had I read this

area wrong! After a struggle I managed to get back up on the vegetation, but became very concerned that if a gator decided he'd like me for breakfast, I was a sitting duck as my bow would not have slowed one down.

Finally I got across, and was greatly relieved to step back on solid ground. I then met Neal, he too had seen no hogs, and had come to get me and eventually head towards camp.

In scouting a little more I remember looking up and seeing a Snail Kite (formally the Everglades Kite) flying over us, and it was feeding on a small snake as it flew along.

That wasn't unusual, but eating a snake was, as their main diet is the Apple or Pomecia Snail, which their specialized bill is even designed to open.

Then we had another

treat, a Burrowing Owl at its underground tunnel.

It stood there looking at us about 25 feet away, and I recall Neal borrowing my longer recurve bow and my binoculars and stepping slowly closer to it and resting the binoculars on the bow's tip to steady it and get an exceptional look at close range.

We headed back to the oak, so I could get my shoes, only to find a dead Cottonmouth Moccasin laying over my footwear. Some other hunter had killed it, and laid it there, telling me, "moron."

I'm a slow learner, unless it is really cold, I still bow hunt in stocking feet!

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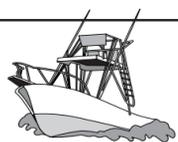
# Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water



## Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



## Underwater Wakulla

By Travis Kersting

A note from Sherrie Alverson:

"A long, long time ago, I wrote my first article for The Wakulla News. It was about four inches long, announcing the June 2, 1974 opening of Flotilla 13's Communications Center at Shell Point. For the boaters and the Coast Guard Auxiliary it was newsworthy as the nearest Coast Guard Station was about 90 miles away - Yankee Town to the east and Panama City to the west.

"A little background, in January that year, A. B. Taff & Sons, Inc. offered Flotilla 13 the use of one of their storage buildings on the beach. We had been searching for a place large enough for a radio room, a large meeting room and a functional kitchen.

"The article I wrote after the dedication was a tad longer than the first one. Then there was an exciting search and rescue to report and then it became a weekly column. Over the years I have had the pleasure of reporting many wonderful Auxiliary events.

"Except for the time I was Flotilla Commander, I have been responsible for reporting local Coast Guard Auxiliary news. There have been guest columnists from time to time, but it wasn't until 2005 that I asked for help and Carolyn Brown Treadon wrote her first Flotilla 12 report. She has

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been writing since.

"The last weeks of 2010 were very difficult for me and I often had to as Carolyn to write the entire column.

"And now, Dear Readers, I will explain. At Christmas last year we learned that my youngest son who lived in Columbus, Ga., had cancer and had only months to live, and maybe only weeks. Ron told everyone he would live until his birthday, Jan. 16th. True to his word, it was 5 a.m., that morning he quietly slipped away.

"The end of February, I broke my hip, spent 30 days in rehab. Was home for a few days before I had a light stroke and spent April in rehab. Home again for a few days in May, then back to the hospital - dehydration.

"Finally home again, but not for long. Back to hospital, this time they thought I was having a heart attack. I kept telling them that my heart was

fine, but it took several days of testing before they decided it must have been dehydration again.

"I knew the time had come to turn the column over to Carolyn and on July 24, 2011, it was. I had planned to write a goodbye note to my wonderful readers shortly thereafter, but sometimes things do not work out as planned.

The end of an era is difficult especially for a sentimentalist. I have struggled with personal memories of a once proud, productive flotilla.

"Chartered on Dec. 20, 1966, with 18 members and now it will be disestablished as of Dec. 31, 2011, with only two remaining members, John Sykes, Flotilla Commander and Sherrie Alverson.

"Dear readers, I am so grateful that Carolyn is my replacement. She, too, loves the Auxiliary and will keep you properly informed. It is with a heavy heart that I say goodbye, but there will always be wonderful memories of the time we shared."

After reading this, there is nothing more I can say... Sherrie, you have trained me well and I feel honored and humbled to come behind you. Thank you for trusting me enough to ask.

As Sherrie has signed her articles to all of you for so many years, safe boating is no accident!

We all know someone who probably wouldn't know what to do without the internet.

Sometimes it's a young person who grew up surrounded by technology and sometimes it's someone who grew up with a slide rule. They have internet on their phone, their computer, their television and they use it to complete even the most remedial tasks.

For example, we all know what a calculator is but Google solves complex math problems too, so why own a calculator?

The internet seems to have no bounds, as of yet. Divers and hobbyists now have access to 24-hour online stores where they can order almost anything they could imagine. There exist vast forums where people from across the globe can communicate in real time about their favorite subjects. Video sites offer user submitted how-to clips on nearly every subject, and all that without ever leaving your home.

I'm one of those people.

I grew up with it and I lived in an area with few people and fewer resources for good information. I frequently turned to the internet rather than the library, for information and for goods.

As a diver I would have to travel about two hours to a dive shop to find out they didn't have what I wanted or I missed their open hours or the person who could help me was out in the field teaching a class. Naturally the internet was my best resource for dive equipment. Many times I knew about a product before my "local" shops (called LDS online) had. Sometimes I even had the product in hand before the LDS was able to order it from a vendor.

And prices online were almost always better. Between Ebay, Amazon, and Google I could find almost anything.

The reality was that I was also getting advice on forums. You, the user, pay nothing for the advice you are getting and sometimes that is what it is worth. The result was me owning and buying a number of things I didn't really need.

I gathered my receipts one year and discovered that I had spent nearly \$12,000 in one year on dive equipment. Much of that equipment I had turned around and sold in that same year, usually to buy something else for diving.

The internet is still a great tool. Where else could you find a video for assembling your diving harness at 2 a.m.? Well, if you had purchased that dive harness at a brick-and-mortar establishment they probably would have assembled it for you or with you so that at 2 a.m. you could be sleeping instead.

Some training agencies even offer dive instruction online. Some people embrace it while others laugh at it. Our current open water course takes about six to seven days to complete and includes lecture time, pool training, and time at both fresh water and saltwater dive sites.

Time in class is interactive and immediate. Travel to the sites includes stories and talk on all things diving, the time you spend in the store is spent learning about equipment and trying it on. You don't get those benefits online.

I once mailed fins back and forth 3 times to an online store to try and get a pair that fit. I spent \$8-10 in shipping each time. If I had gone to a store and tried them on I could have saved that money (and time) or upgraded fins. When I got a new item I dove it untrained and usually alone, experimenting on my own to figure out the best way.

I could have learned in hours or days, with an instructor, what took dozens of dives on my own sometimes. I didn't get the benefit of the little tips and tricks that a good instructor can throw you.

There is a time and a place for the internet, it's a powerful and handy tool, but it shouldn't replace your LDS.

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Tide charts by Zihua Software, LLC

For tides at the following points add to Dog Island Listings: High Tide Low Tide

Carrabelle	28 Min.	25 Min.
Apalachicola	1 Hr., 53 Min.	2 Hrs., 38 Min.
Cat Point	1 Hr., 13 Min.	2 Hrs., 31 Min.
Lower Anchorage	1 Hr., 36 Min.	2 Hrs., 3 Min.
West Pass	1 Hr., 26 Min.	2 Hrs., 39 Min.

Day	Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set	Brightness
<b>Thursday</b>	7:29 am / 5:42 pm	5:13 am / 3:51 pm	18%
<b>Friday</b>	7:29 am / 5:42 pm	6:18 am / 4:51 pm	11%
<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 am / 5:43 pm	7:18 am / 5:55 pm	3%
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 am / 5:43 pm	8:11 am / 6:59 pm	4%
<b>Monday</b>	7:31 am / 5:44 pm	8:58 am / 8:03 pm	11%
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:31 am / 5:44 pm	9:38 am / 9:03 pm	18%
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:32 am / 5:45 pm	10:15 am / 10:01 pm	25%

Day	Major Times	Minor Times
<b>Thursday</b>	10:33 AM - 12:33 PM 11:04 PM - 1:04 AM	5:12 AM - 6:12 AM 3:50 PM - 4:50 PM
<b>Friday</b>	11:35 AM - 1:35 PM	6:17 AM - 7:17 AM 4:50 PM - 5:50 PM
<b>Saturday</b>	12:06 AM - 2:06 AM 12:36 PM - 2:36 PM	7:17 AM - 8:17 AM 5:54 PM - 6:54 PM
<b>Sunday</b>	1:05 AM - 3:05 AM 1:34 PM - 3:34 PM	8:10 AM - 9:10 AM 6:58 PM - 7:58 PM
<b>Monday</b>	2:02 AM - 4:02 AM 2:28 PM - 4:28 PM	8:57 AM - 9:57 AM 8:02 PM - 9:02 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	2:54 AM - 4:54 AM 3:19 PM - 5:19 PM	9:38 AM - 10:38 AM 9:02 PM - 10:02 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	3:42 AM - 5:42 AM 4:05 PM - 6:05 PM	10:14 AM - 11:14 AM 10:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Location	Date	High	Low	High	Low	High
St. Marks River Entrance	Thu Dec 22, 11		-1.1 ft.	3.0 ft.	1.5 ft.	3.6 ft.
	Fri Dec 23, 11		-1.3 ft.	3.1 ft.	1.4 ft.	
	Sat Dec 24, 11	3.7 ft.	-1.3 ft.	3.1 ft.	1.2 ft.	
	Sun Dec 25, 11	1:26 AM	-1.2 ft.	3.1 ft.	1.1 ft.	
	Mon Dec 26, 11	2:10 AM	-0.9 ft.	3.0 ft.	1.0 ft.	
	Tue Dec 27, 11	2:53 AM	-0.6 ft.	2.9 ft.	0.8 ft.	
	Wed Dec 28, 11	3:26 AM	-0.2 ft.	2.9 ft.	0.8 ft.	
City of St. Marks	Thu Dec 22, 11		-1.0 ft.	2.8 ft.	1.3 ft.	
	Fri Dec 23, 11	3:3 ft.	-1.1 ft.	2.9 ft.	1.2 ft.	
	Sat Dec 24, 11	1:14 AM	-1.2 ft.	2.9 ft.	1.1 ft.	
	Sun Dec 25, 11	2:02 AM	-1.1 ft.	2.8 ft.	1.0 ft.	
	Mon Dec 26, 11	2:46 AM	-0.9 ft.	2.8 ft.	0.9 ft.	
	Tue Dec 27, 11	3:29 AM	-0.7 ft.	2.7 ft.	0.8 ft.	
	Wed Dec 28, 11	4:12 AM	-0.5 ft.	2.7 ft.	0.7 ft.	
Shell Point, Spring Creek	Thu Dec 22, 11		-1.2 ft.	3.0 ft.	1.6 ft.	3.6 ft.
	Fri Dec 23, 11		-1.4 ft.	3.1 ft.	1.5 ft.	
	Sat Dec 24, 11	3.7 ft.	-1.4 ft.	3.2 ft.	1.3 ft.	
	Sun Dec 25, 11	1:23 AM	-1.3 ft.	3.1 ft.	1.2 ft.	
	Mon Dec 26, 11	2:07 AM	-1.0 ft.	3.1 ft.	1.0 ft.	
	Tue Dec 27, 11	2:50 AM	-0.7 ft.	3.0 ft.	0.9 ft.	
	Wed Dec 28, 11	3:33 AM	-0.3 ft.	2.9 ft.	0.8 ft.	
Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay	Thu Dec 22, 11		-0.8 ft.	2.2 ft.	1.1 ft.	2.7 ft.
	Fri Dec 23, 11		-0.9 ft.	2.3 ft.	1.0 ft.	
	Sat Dec 24, 11	2.7 ft.	-0.9 ft.	2.3 ft.	0.9 ft.	
	Sun Dec 25, 11	1:18 AM	-0.8 ft.	2.3 ft.	0.8 ft.	
	Mon Dec 26, 11	2:02 AM	-0.7 ft.	2.3 ft.	0.7 ft.	
	Tue Dec 27, 11	2:45 AM	-0.5 ft.	2.2 ft.	0.6 ft.	
	Wed Dec 28, 11	3:28 AM	-0.2 ft.	2.1 ft.	0.6 ft.	
St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.	Thu Dec 22, 11		-1.1 ft.	2.3 ft.	1.4 ft.	2.8 ft.
	Fri Dec 23, 11		-1.2 ft.	2.4 ft.	1.3 ft.	
	Sat Dec 24, 11	2:9 ft.	-1.3 ft.	2.4 ft.	1.2 ft.	
	Sun Dec 25, 11	1:10 AM	-1.2 ft.	2.4 ft.	1.1 ft.	
	Mon Dec 26, 11	1:54 AM	-0.9 ft.	2.3 ft.	0.9 ft.	
	Tue Dec 27, 11	2:37 AM	-0.6 ft.	2.3 ft.	0.8 ft.	
	Wed Dec 28, 11	3:20 AM	-0.2 ft.	2.2 ft.	0.8 ft.	
Dog Island West End	Thu Dec 22, 11		-0.8 ft.	2.1 ft.	1.6 ft.	2.6 ft.
	Fri Dec 23, 11		-1.0 ft.	2.1 ft.	1.5 ft.	
	Sat Dec 24, 11	2.6 ft.	-0.9 ft.	2.0 ft.	1.3 ft.	
	Sun Dec 25, 11	12:17 AM	-0.8 ft.	2.0 ft.	1.2 ft.	
	Mon Dec 26, 11	1:11 AM	-0.6 ft.	1.9 ft.	1.0 ft.	
	Tue Dec 27, 11	2:04 AM	-0.3 ft.	1.9 ft.	0.8 ft.	
	Wed Dec 28, 11	2:57 AM	0.1 ft.	1.8 ft.	0.7 ft.	

# Law Enforcement and Courts reports

## Sheriff's Report

On Dec. 14, a female victim reported a Crawfordville stalking. Deputies investigated and discovered Justin Wade Spivey, 28, of Crawfordville walking near the victim's home. Spivey was in possession of a concealed and loaded firearm. Deputies discovered that Spivey's concealed firearm permit had expired and he was charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

Spivey was also charged with stalking after deputies discovered that the victim had filed multiple complaints against the suspect for harassment in recent months. Deputy Vicki Mitchell, Sgt. Ronald Mitchell and FHP Trooper J.R. Schilling investigated.

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

- On Dec. 8, Wanda Wimberly of Crawfordville reported the theft of her purse at Wal-Mart. The victim was shopping when she realized her purse was missing. The purse was located but her wallet and medications were missing. The value of the stolen items is \$160.

- On Dec. 9, Deputy Jeremy Johnston's patrol vehicle suffered damage when he was driving northbound on Spring Creek Highway and an owl flew out of a ditch. The owl struck the driver side mirror causing the mirror to strike the driver side door window breaking the glass.

- On Dec. 9, Brandon Maloy of Crawfordville reported a vehicle burglary. The truck was left unlocked and \$380 worth of property, including an iPod, tool set

and cash, was stolen.

- On Dec. 9, Roshan Ayub of Crawfordville reported a burglary at the Crawfordville Highway Subway. A forced entry was discovered. Electronic equipment and currency, valued at \$3,600, was reported missing. Damage to the establishment was estimated at \$15.

- On Dec. 9, Wallace Dilmore of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary. A television and two firearms, valued at \$650, were taken from the home.

- On Dec. 11, Deputy Mike Zimba responded to a traffic crash on Forest Highway 13 near Arran Road. A 16-year-old male driver from Crawfordville was traveling too fast and lost control of his 2000 Chevrolet Blazer and flipped on a curve. EMS officials responded to the scene but the teenager refused treatment. The teenager was not charged.

- On Dec. 11, Lt. Jimmy Sessor investigated an underage drinking party off Bob Miller Road. Lt. Sessor discovered a group of youths gathered around a beer keg. The youths were all between the ages of 18 and 20. Lt. Sessor and Deputy Mitch Revels contacted the parents of the youths and made arrangements for their transportation. None of the youths claimed ownership of the keg and it was seized for destruction.

- On Dec. 10, Elizabeth Causseaux of Crawfordville reported a grand theft of a wood burning stove. The cast iron stove was taken from the victim's property and was valued at \$500.

- On Dec. 10, a 20-year-

old Orange Park driver was involved in a traffic crash on Pearl Avenue in Crawfordville. The victim had a medical episode and blacked out. Deputy Mike Zimba determined that the victim hit a tree and created \$4,000 worth of damage to the vehicle. The vehicle was towed from the scene and the driver was not cited.

- On Dec. 9, Minnie McMillian of Sopchoppy reported a traffic crash at her home. The victim was attempting to jump start a friend's vehicle when it shifted into gear and traveled backwards in her yard. The van eventually stopped when it crashed into a shed. The damage to the shed is estimated at \$300. Damage to the friend's vehicle is estimated at \$750. Nobody was injured.

- On Dec. 9, Shalana Kilpatrick of Crawfordville reported a vehicle burglary at her home. The victim's purse was taken from the vehicle which was not locked. The purse and contents are valued at \$50.

- On Dec. 10, Anton Salas of Crawfordville reported a trespass complaint. Someone let three of his horses out of their fenced compound. The victim found the gate open and the horses outside the area.

- On Dec. 10, Henry West of Crawfordville reported a burglary to the Boy Scouts Christmas tree sales area on Crawfordville Highway. Three Christmas trees were reported stolen. They are valued at \$180. A hole in the fence was discovered as the subjects cut the fence.

- On Dec. 13, James D. Bennight of Crawfordville

reported a business fraud. Six unauthorized charges were observed on the victim's bank card. The loss stemming from the charges is \$250.

- On Dec. 13, a retail theft was reported at Wal-Mart after an asset protection employee allegedly spotted Virginia Sue Nicholas, 63, of Tallahassee concealing items on her person and attempting to leave the store without paying for them. The items were recovered and valued at \$85. Nicholas was taken to the Wakulla County Jail after it was determined that she was on probation for her third conviction of retail theft.

- On Dec. 13, Joshua McKenzie of Crawfordville reported an animal incident involving a dog. McKenzie reported that his dog and a neighbor's dog began to fight. The victim grabbed his dog and tossed him over his property fence, but the other dog bit him on the hands. EMS treated the victim's injuries and the dog in question was taken by Animal Control for impoundment. The dog's owner was contacted.

- On Dec. 13, Sgt. Ray Johnson investigated a fight between two Riversprings Middle School students at a bus stop. A 12-year-old victim was punched several times by a 13-year-old student. The 13-year-old was given a civil citation for 40 hours of community service.

- On Dec. 13, Eula Harmon of Crawfordville reported the theft of a purse from outside Wal-Mart. The victim left the purse in a

shopping cart. The purse and contents were valued at \$317. An anonymous caller gave information about a suspect picking up the purse and leaving the scene. A suspect has been identified.

- On Dec. 13, Sgt. Eddie Wester was contacted by a concerned citizen about a suspicious package that was recovered in the Crawfordville area. The package contained a white powdery substance that the sergeant confirmed was cocaine. The cocaine weighed 1.9 grams and was submitted into evidence for destruction.

- On Dec. 14, Virginia Myers of Dollar General on Woodville Highway reported a grand theft. Someone stole 10 stocking carts that were stored behind the business. The metal carts are valued at \$930.

- On Dec. 14, Bryant Bradley of Crawfordville reported a fraud as someone used the victim's Social Security number to purchase a cellular telephone. Lt. Mike Kemp investigated.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office received 818 calls for service during the past week.

## Reward is offered

A Panacea man is offering a \$1,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of the individual or individuals responsible for a felony criminal mischief to his fishing vessel between Dec. 9 and Dec. 11. The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office has agreed to match the \$1,000 reward.

Danny Ray Metcalf attempted to go crabbing on Dec. 11 in his 24-foot boat when he discovered that someone filled the gasoline tank with sugar. In addition, the victim noticed that someone drilled three holes near the keel of the vessel and stuffed towels in the bilge pump.

Damage was estimated at \$2,500. Anyone with information about the suspect or suspects in the case is asked to contact Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Detective Rob Giddens at (850) 745-7185.

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# The Wakulla News EXTRA!

## Merry Christmas!

LETTERS TO SANTA  
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Community comes together to support

# Operation Santa



JENNIFER JENSEN

The community center became a drop-off point for donations to Operation Santa, and volunteers sorted and arranged the items for needy local families.

Seeing the need, Wakulla comes together to support 125 local families with donations for Christmas

By JENNIFER JENSEN  
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Those struggling to make ends meet, provide a meal for their families or presents this Christmas got some much needed help last week.

Thanks to a project called Operation Santa, started by the Wakulla County Coalition for Youth, 125 families received assistance in the form of food, clothes, household items, gift cards and Christmas wishes.

Last year, the project helped 48 families and this year the need was even greater, with the number of those seeking assistance nearly tripling.

"The community has been amazing," says Gail Campbell, executive director for the coalition and go-to woman for Operation Santa.

Operation Santa began accepting applications from families around Halloween. Some were identified through the Department, service providers, educators, churches, the sheriff's office, fire departments and various agencies in the county.

For many of the families, this was the first time they had ever reached out for help, says Lt. Bruce Ashley, president of the coalition.

"One thread heard multiple times was I lost my job, my job was cut to my job cut my hours," Ashley says.

Campbell adds that many families were living on a paycheck of \$1,000 per month, or minimum wage, which is nearly impossible.

"The ones that touched me were the ones that could hardly talk," Campbell says, describing families who were the working poor and were uncomfortable with asking for help.

Others asking for help had lost a loved one, parent or caregiver, had serious medical or mental problems, or were grandparents raising their grandchildren on a fixed income, all trying to provide for their families, but struggling to do so.

"Some just wanted to make sure their children, grandchildren got something for Christmas, had a Christmas meal," Ashley

*'Wakulla County has a world of folks with giving hearts and words are inadequate to describe that part,' says one volunteer.*

says. Once families were identified, they created a wish list. The lists varied in each family, and some families No. 1 wish was for food or toiletries, those things so many of us take for granted, Campbell says.

Out of all the families requesting assistance, 67 were adopted by an individual, family, group or business who tried to fulfill all the items on the list as best they could. The remaining 58 families still needed assistance.

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Lt. Bruce Ashley, president of the youth coalition, above, with donated toys. Below, Gail Campbell and volunteers sorted the items that came in to the community center.



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

# MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

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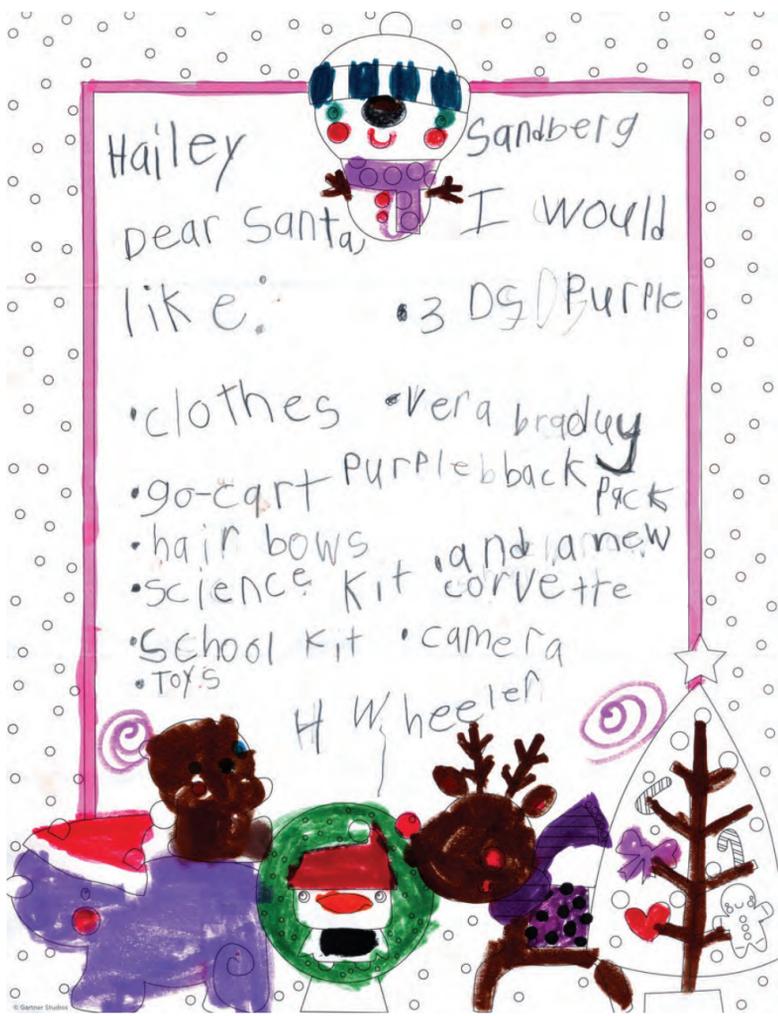


Tammie Barfield



Eric Stanton

# Letters to Santa



Dear, Santa my name is bradley i am 8 I like stuff that takes power My My Christmas wishes are

1. Smart Phone
2. Lots of wig's
3. Computer
4. TV
5. Iova lamp
6. Spy stuff
7. flashlights
8. clone boys

Bradley Lee  
Thank You

Santa, please, bring the real Shadow, the hedgehog into the den and he is sitting on the couch for me when I wake up. (The real Shadow the hedgehog from Sonic X) The real, living, breathing one. It would be the best Christmas ever, and tell him for him to live with us. Forever. PLEASE let him be real. I beg you, Santa. Please, please, PLEASE

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year and would like to give you my list.

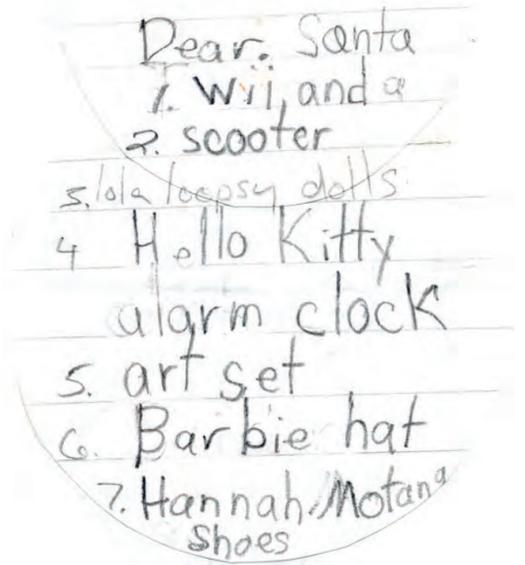
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- Beyblade
- Transformers
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- Mayhem Wii game
- air swimmers- shark
- pillow pet- panda
- Lego DS game
- Jeep
- 4-wheeler
- Phone
- Cars 2

Thank you.  
Bret Jolly

To: Santa  
From: Jack  
I have been a good boy this year. I would like 6 things.

1. Nerf gun rifle
2. light strike (two) guns
3. wwe bendable action figure fighters with John cena randy orton and sin cara and air boom.
4. one fishing rod
5. lego halo figures
6. 2 sets of boxing gloves

Dear Santa  
I have been a very good boy this year. What I would like this year is an trampoline, wii and golf cart. (Please!) (wii or xbox with kenect) Your good boy Maxwell



Dear Santa,  
I want a wii gun to play hunting on TV. Merry Christmas, Love, Justin

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I would like a bike and pony for Christmas. your friend Payton

**Greetings OF THE SEASON**

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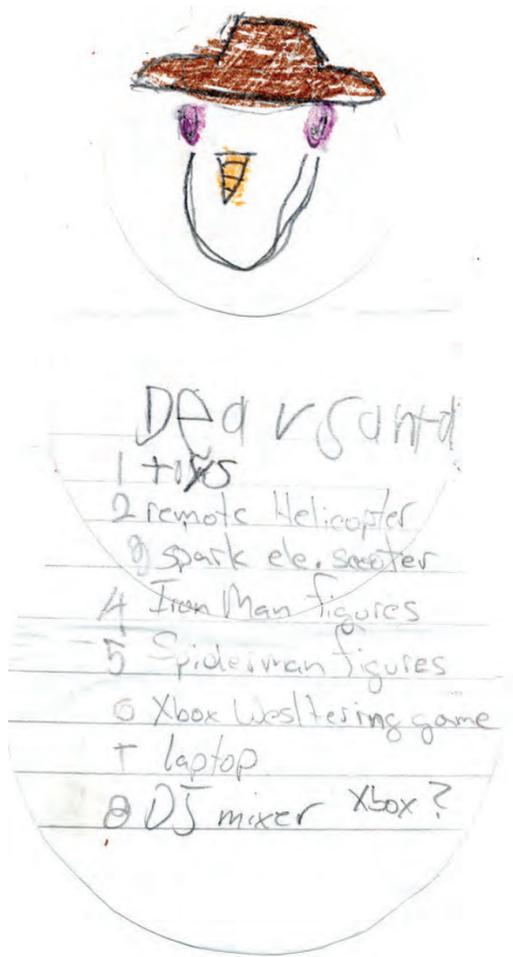
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Brent Thurmond, Clerk of the Court

WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE

# Letters to Santa

These letters came from Santa's mailbox on the courthouse lawn and were copied by elves before being forwarded to the North Pole



Dear Santa  
 All I want for Christmas is Bike and splis and a fogile asow a radio and some songs and a lapetop and some zoopezs.  
 Your friend Gabby Carraway.  
 Thank you and have a good night.

(Taped to the letter is an additional letter:)

Dear Santa for Christmas I want a 2011 Holiday Barbie, Orbies Moodle lamp, and a Barbie Designable Hair.  
 Sincerely,  
 Garbrelle Carraway

(On a sealed envelope on which is written on the front "Santa Clays" and on the back: "P.S. no snooping all red except for Santa.")

Dear Santa,  
 Can I have a Ari Studio Box. Merry Chirmastas  
 From Abigail

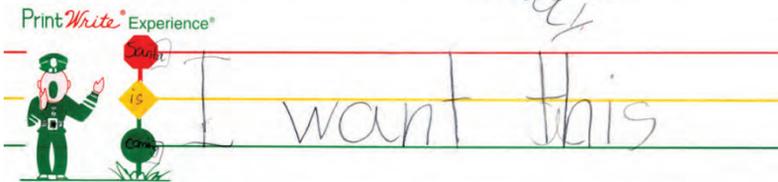
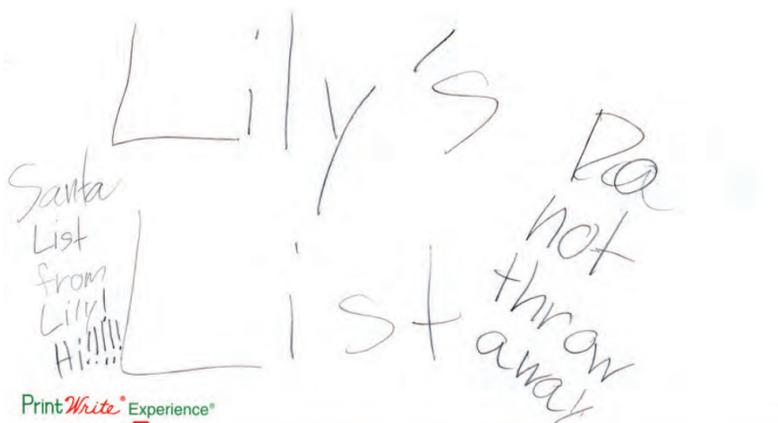
(Envelope addressed to "Santa Claus 'The North Pole'" from Landon Owens:)  
 I wont hot wheel's car. and I wont kung zuw.  
 and I wont a Toy Train.  
 and I wont a TransFormer.  
 and I wont a cars.  
 and I wont a Legos Star Wars.  
 and I want a Legos jungle.  
 and I want a Xdcox E6D.  
 and I want a Will.  
 with the Will I want Mario and with the Xdcox I want wwe.  
 To and I want a Legos Star Wars video game.  
 and I want a  
 (Doesn't finish)

Dear Santa  
 all I want for Christmas is a play sataion3 and A new Bike also I want a 007 golden eye DS game  
 your friend

Isaac Hamilton

Dear Santa,  
 all I want for Christmas is:  
 a race car  
 a fish  
 a swing set  
 a singing star  
 crayons  
 a singing Broom  
 2 singing letters

Jaxon Taff



**Wakulla County**

Mike Stewart, Randy Merritt, Alan Brock, Lynn Artz and Jerry Moore  
 Your Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners.

WISHING ALL OUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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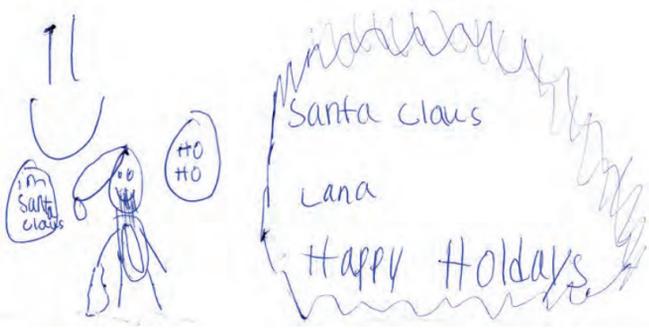
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Season's Greetings  
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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from all of us!

# Letters to Santa



Dear Santa,  
I want a dark blue bike for Christmas with brakes on the handlebars.  
from Abigail

(From Ava DuBois, written on a computer and printed:)

Ava's List

1. Ivey Ling
2. The Twins
3. Figit Friend
4. Squinkies Cruise Ship
5. Squinkies Adventure Mall
6. Smurfette 21" Jumbo Plush Doll
7. Inkoo
8. Figit Friend Newbies
9. Bizu
10. Gomu's
11. The Twins Bed

(On snowman cutout:)

- Dear Santa
1. Wii and
  2. scooters
  3. lola loopsy dolls
  4. Hello Kitty alarm clock
  5. art set
  6. Barbie hat
  7. Hannah Motana shoes

(Obviously written by an adult on a corner of green construction paper on which are child's scribbles :)

Santa,  
Please call me @ 926-\*\*\*\* to talk about Christmas night.  
(Child's scribble.)  
I am 4 years old and my name is Leila Donley. I want a Mommy and me baby doll. Thanks.  
(Child's signature)

(Two letters, both on spiral notebook paper, folded together:)

Kyra  
I want a american girl doll and a ds game  
did you run over my grand-ma.  
write back  
(And the other)  
All I want for Christmas is a machetty.  
Nolan

(Another snowman cutout:)

- Dear santa,
1. I want the inopin chinese castle
  2. Batman Artham city game
  3. jack sparrow volumes 2-12
  4. Great Illustrated classics by Mavilne G. Vogel
  5. laptop
  6. Wii
  7. Goosebumps Wii game
  8. toy sword

(On scrap paper that, on the back, is for RSVP for "Christmas Dinner Hosted by the Deacons and their Wives" and which was checked the box for Sorry, we cannot come:)

Santa I want for Cristmas is:  
a moterscoter that is purple and a computer that is colorful that is a laptop.  
To: Santa Cluse  
From: Hailey ann Crum.

(From Ian Dubay:)

- Bayblades  
galaxy pegagus  
raystriker  
meteo L-Drago 2  
sonice series - poison  
serpent  
spiral copricorn  
flame wolf  
storm pegasus  
dark wolf  
fusion wheel galaxy  
rock aries  
rev up laucher  
cyber pegsus  
gravity destroyer  
metal face bdf  
ray unicorn  
hard type carrycase  
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flame libra  
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torch aries  
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rock lenon  
string lacher

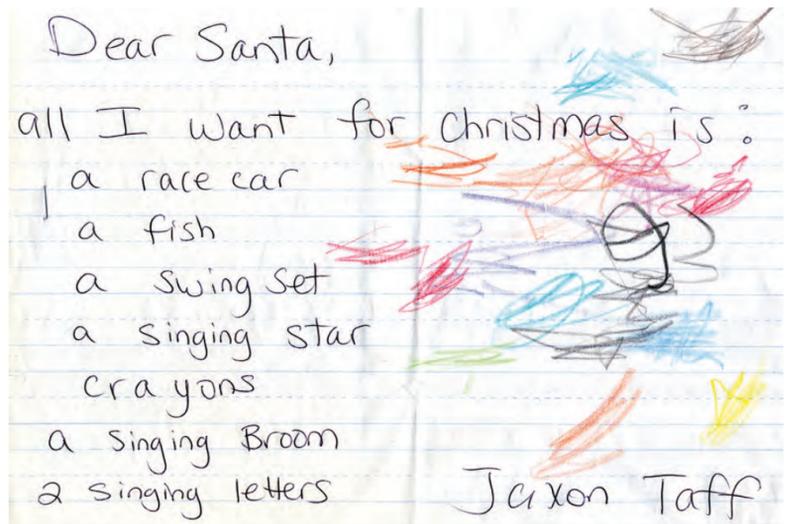
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boys football pants  
black  
boys 5-pocket com-  
pression girldle  
boys rib pertectre  
x-box 360  
boys michigans jersey  
football  
ipod touch  
virgin mobil blackberry  
8530 prepaid cell phone  
bey blnde game for  
wii  
ir controll spin galixy  
pegasus  
hell kerbecs  
2 Michigan hats

(From River Bodiford:)

- Dear Santa  
I wote a cat not real  
a doll  
power range sendai on  
wii  
little horse not real  
baby bottles  
BB gun  
jacket  
toy puppydog  
raddit  
games for ari wii 3 years  
old  
grile  
dog tank  
2 baby ducks  
ant tank

(From Cole DuBois:)

- Cole's List
1. Angry bird 5" plush toys with sound
  2. Angry birds 8" plush pig with sound
  3. Apples to apples
  4. Gomu erasers
  5. Mind flex
  6. trampoline
  7. Electric scooter
  8. Hoot wheels sky jump
  9. Wipeout 2 for ds
  10. Guinness world records 2012



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# Letters to Santa

Dear Santa  
I want an american girl doll and a D.S. game. If you please would you give a little bit of money to help out my family.  
P.S. What are your reindeer names?  
Love,  
Sadie

Dear Santa,  
All I really am asking for, for Christmas, is five-fingers, UGG Boots, that white floral looking laptop at Wal-mart, and another dog. My dog BB is so lonely when we leave. I care about him so much, I hate seeing him look so lonely. He gets so pumped when he plays with other dogs. But, sadly when playtime is over BB gets lonely again. The other dog I want is located at CHAT. His name is Pirate and he was neglected. I can't stand people mistreating animals. Most of them have to be put down because their in such poor shape. Anyways, he is a young, male. His breed is known for hunting. They are great guard dogs. And they love to run, just like BB. I really want pirate. I mean it this time, please Santa.  
Love,  
Anne Marie Russell

Hailey Sandberg  
Dear Santa,  
I would like:  
• 3DS Purple  
• clothes  
• Vera bradley purple back pack  
• go-cart  
• hair bows  
• science kit  
• school kit  
• toys  
• and a new corvette  
• camera  
4 wheeler

Dear Santa,  
I want  
bike  
gun  
truck  
boots  
for Christmas  
Love  
Kaleb



(From James:)  
Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for Christmas. I was good for Christmas this year. Books all Diary of a wimpy kid, all the hunger games, all Big Nate Movies all Mortal kombats, all Star wars, Indiana Jones, Games wii ufc unleashed, wwe 2012, 3D mario play station Dc vs. mortal kombat , wii Indiana Jones electronic DS Blackberry skreen, Ipod, Ipad touch, Xbox 360, games to, app computer. vibrateing chair, Dude Dairy, just Dance 3 just dance for kid,

electric guiter, rock band wii m The Black-eyed peas, paint ball gun with paintball.  
please Right on the Back

Dear Santa  
what I want for Christmas is a Ipoit that is pink I hope you get it for me and please tale Jesus happy Birthday and I want a bike for Christmas a hello kitty bike and a basken to and a horn.  
Love Lana  
Happy Holidays I love you

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas!  
I think I was good.  
DS  
Ipod  
T.V.  
Xbox  
Wii guitar  
remote cotrol car  
work-out set  
electric giuar  
jurnal  
all songs  
just dans 3  
all star wars  
movies  
books  
monster truck  
from Jacob  
(On the back:)  
paintball gun.  
suopr man movie.  
giuar hero brum set.

Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for Christmas.  
1. Phone - slide up.  
2. Jeans - the good kind.  
3. Volleyball net  
4. The Hunger Games series  
5. Keyboard w/ pedal  
6. Shirts - designer  
7. New straightenor - hair.  
That is just about it.  
P.S. I mostly wanta phone!  
Precision

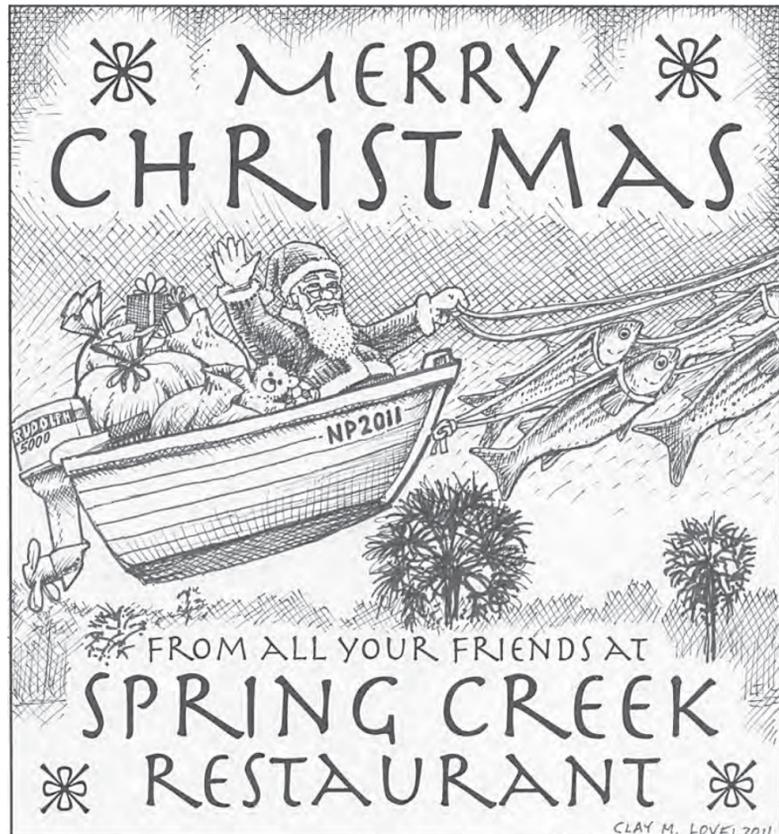
Dear Santa,  
Thank you for all my blessings. I have all I need. Please help the poor. and needy. Thank you  
Tiffany  
P.S. If you must don't forget my boots.

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good this last year and I want some more Lego's Duplo Blocks.  
I would also like a Hot Wheels Track Set or a Cars 2 Track Set with Lightning McQueen.  
I would really like a

figurine, an action figure of Spiderman or Batman. (Smiley face)  
I would also like for you to bring Mommy some cookies.  
I hope you had a good summer. Have a good Christmas, Santa.  
Love, Wyatt Mackie



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**Celebrate the holiday season!**

*Wishing you the gift of love, the gift of peace, and the gift of happiness during this time of celebration.*

**To all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

Henry F. Wells "Buddy" and Staff  
Wakulla County Supervisor of Elections

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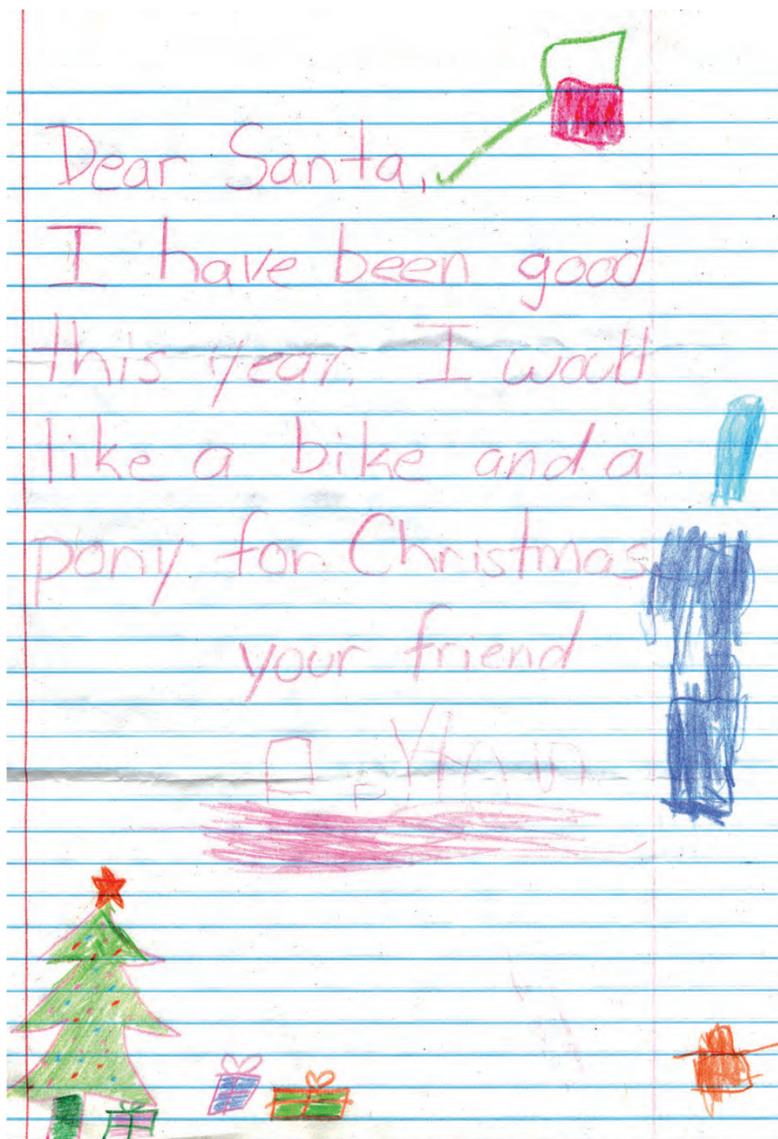
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# Letters to Santa



(Two letters inside one envelope, one from Lily and one from Sophia:)

Lily's List. Do not throw away Santa List from Lily! Hi!!!! I want this things... a elf monster high dolls (Other side of paper:) a teddy bear that looks like a gumme bear a fake santa a penguin a snowflake

Dear Santa Clause and Rudolph,

I've been good this year. Can you please bring me a play-dough food? And a game? And a princess doll? And a princess house?

I will leave you chocolate cookies. I will leave apples for Rudolph.

Can I please get a car?

Kyara

ents last year. I especially liked the Tinkerbell doll.

This year I would like a big doll with clothes, a Strawberry Shortcake doll, another fairy for Tinkerbell to play with, and a Lala Loopsy doll. I would really like one of those.

I hope you have a good Christmas with Mrs. Claus and all the elves.

Love,  
Alexandria Mackie

Sophia's wish list Do not thow away elmo stuff Yo Gabbe Gabbe stuff coloring book of elmo and Yo Gadde Gadde

Dear Santa, I want a penguin that sings and danc- es from Happy feet two  
Love  
Trista

Dear Santa Clause and Rudolph, How are you doing

I am good. I have been tring to be good. This year for ckimas I would like a skate board, re-diki, angrey birds, hackon wood, and laser stunt chaser and some toys of your choice.

Raul

Dear Santa, I have been talk- ative in class this year. But mom says I am a pretty good boy.

I would like for Christmas Bey Blade, Bukugan-dragons, a Nerf football, Lego Harry Potter, Trans- formers figure R.C. Mouse Trap board game, and Hot Wheels trackset.

I louv you Santa.  
Jacob Mackie

Dear Santa and Mrs. Clause gear 4 wheeler small gun toys small gun case Legos police car Mason

Dear SANTA, How's the North Pole? Is it cold there? I'm in Florida. It's not cold here.

Can I please have a videogame for my Leapster? And a case for my games please?

I'll leave you cook- ies! (Heart) IAN

Dear Santa, I was wondering if you could hide all our presents all over the house again, and can you get me superio marieo glaxsy 3 some new chawk, a dog that walks by it's self, and can you get me a had baby set, and can you get a new chair like wat I saw at the gurage sale.

How do you de liver all your pres- ents in one nite and I've ben good.  
Love, Sevin.

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# Letters to Santa

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My Christmas wishes is a easy bake oven, barbie dolls, 4-wheeler, clothes, Justin Beberb microphone and set, Dora PJ's, Justin B. picture for my bedroom wall and baby dolls, olivia's house  
I love you Santa  
Thank you  
Trinity

Dear Santa  
I would I like a fake-car and a I-pod and disny mony for the family and hi heels.  
Sencirly Cameron Nichols

Dear Santa  
I wanta jeep and a trompelen and a happy napch Dora doll sum hihills and sum hair boes and a Dora tcht by Britton Nichols  
Love Santa and Mis. Clos  
Love Britton  
(Heart-Heart-Heart-Heart-Heart)

Dear Santa,  
My name is Riley Davis, but you already know that don't you.

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- 2 a minerbird
  - 3 Every Instrument
  - 4 A smart phone and a i-pad and a i-pod
  - 5 TOY MACHINE
  - 6. LEAP PAD
- THANKS SANTA  
RILEY

Dear Santa,  
Can I have a electrica goter. And can you hide all of the present all over the house again. I have ben good and made ab honor roll. Thank you for bringing my presents last year. And can you get me that car that has a spy camra on it.  
By Wyett

Dear Santa:  
I have been good all year, can you bring me, a skateboard, a doonbugy, and a dirtbike.  
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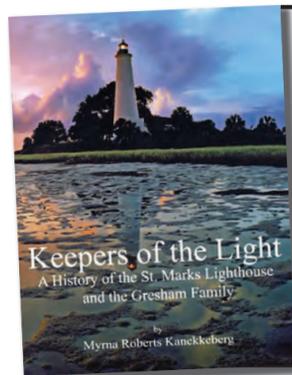
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What a Great Christmas Present!



# Community comes together to support Operation Santa

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On Dec. 1, Operation Santa took over the Wakulla County Community Center and began taking donations of clothes, kitchen items, furniture, tools, toiletries, bikes, books, toys and monetary donations to provide items for the other families.

"Every single day, someone came in to donate," Campbell says.

More than \$10,000 was raised to buy diapers, food, toiletries, toilet tissue, laundry detergent, socks, underwear, gift cards, bikes and other wish list items.

The Cops for Kids Foundation donated 20 bikes through its alliance with the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office. Wal-mart had a Christmas wish tree where children

other way of providing a meal for their families. And 40 boxes of non-perishable food items were given to those families who did not have access to things such as food stamps.

Originally, Operation Santa had not planned to give away food, but after seeing a huge need, Campbell says they tried to do everything they could. Next year, they will work with food pantries in the area



JENNIFER JENSEN

Donated bicycles for Operation Santa.

wrote one wish on an ornament and customers could buy the item, along with their regular purchases, to donate to Operation Santa. Dollar General also participated. Food and clothes boxes were also placed at numerous locations around the county.

Many hair salons also donated hair cuts for children, which was a common need, Ashley says.

Fifty Christmas dinners were purchased from Winn-Dixie for those who had no

and be able to better assist people with that wish.

A 90-year-old woman only requested food and toiletries as her wishes. Campbell asked her what else she might like. The woman said her washing machine broke a while ago and she would love if it could be fixed. Badcock ended up donating a washing machine to her.

Another family asked for a Christmas tree, which was also donated.

Once all the items were



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Staff with the Board of County Commissioners adopted a family for Operation Santa and donated all these items.

collected, sorted and placed into a box for each family, it was time for the families to receive their wishes.

Families picked up their items at the community center on Dec. 16.

Campbell says it was an amazing experience.

"They were literally

overwhelmed and teary eyed when they walked in the door, when they saw the outpouring," Campbell says.

Some were quiet and in awe of the moment,

some offered thanks and appreciation, others cried or hugged the volunteers

helping with their donated items.

"Humbled was a word heard often," Ashley says. "Humbled at the outpouring of support, humbled by the stories of difficulty."

The whole operation was a huge community effort, Campbell says, and those

who donated typically did not want the recognition.

"Wakulla County has a world of folks with giving hearts and words are inadequate to describe that part," she adds.

She was also thankful to the volunteers, many who worked 10 hour days for 16 days straight, as well as the cooperation between all churches in the area.

She is already looking for volunteers for next year and says she wants to find people who have great passion, talent and time, as well as connections.

Her hope for next year is to start earlier and collaborate with churches and various organizations to be able to reach even more people, and possibly create a council of representatives from each who will focus solely on helping those in need.

Many people were in need of rental or utility assistance, which the group was unable to provide.

"This is bigger than the coalition," Campbell says.

There is poverty in Wakulla County and Operation Santa can't solve the problem, she says.

Ashley adds, "But for at least a small period in time, we can help some families celebrate some measure of joy."

For some of the families who came in after the deadline or are still in need of assistance, they were invited to come back to the community center in January and look through the remaining items.

For more information about the coalition or to learn more about Operation Santa, call 926-3526.

*We wish you and your family the gifts of Peace, Hope and Joy this Christmas Season and a prosperous 2012.*

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# Letters to Santa



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 beyblade twisted tempo  
 beyblade Hades Kerbecs  
 beyblade Rock Zurafa  
 Ipod touch  
 Dear Santa all of the above I would love to have but what I really want out of it is the triple battle set and Rock Zurafa. So Santa Please Get me this.  
 Love,  
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 an elephant, lion puzzle  
 purple car  
 green car  
 blue car  
 red car  
 white car  
 purple car  
 rusty car  
 a dinosaur, purple  
 bicycle, toy  
 a purple plate  
 purple helicopter

Dear Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus,  
 There are many things I want for Christmas.  
 - 4 wheeler  
 -gun  
 - gun case  
 - pink Iphone 4S  
 - girl and boy baby alive  
 - clothes from walmart  
 - boy and girl duper bag  
 - vere Bradley purse  
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	<p><b>Thursday</b></p>	<p><b>Friday</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday</b></p>

**Office Closures**

**Friday, December 23**

- WAKULLA COUNTY offices and buildings will be closed for the holiday.
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**Monday, December 26**

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- ST. MARKS CITY hall will be closed for the holiday.
- THE WAKULLA NEWS office will be closed.

**Clubs, Groups, Regular Meetings**

**Thursday, December 22**

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 7 p.m. at the Panacea Women's Club on Otter Lake Road, Panacea. For more information call 524-9103.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 8 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadeville Highway. Call (850) 544-0719 for more information.
- 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 La Cantina Grille in Panacea to benefit Florida Wild Mammal Association.
- NAMI FAMILY TO FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP will meet at 6 p.m. at the NAMI Wakulla office, 2140-C Crawfordville Highway. This group is for family members and friends of people diagnosed with mental illnesses and is free of charge.
- FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY will meet at 6 p.m. at the library. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

**Friday, December 23**

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

**Saturday, December 24**

- 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.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 8 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadeville Highway. Call (850) 544-0719 for more information.
- NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meets at 3128 Crawfordville Highway at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 224-2321.

**Sunday, December 25**

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

**Monday, December 26**

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 7 p.m. at the Panacea Women's Club on Otter Lake Road, Panacea.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS FOR WOMEN will meet at 6 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. For more information call (850) 545-1853.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 6 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadeville Highway. Call (850) 544-0719 for more information.
- 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, December 27**

- ALANON meets at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville at noon.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 6 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadeville Highway. Call (850) 544-0719 for more information.
- 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.
- VFW LADIES AUXILIARY BINGO will be held at the VFW Post on Arran Road from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- CRAWFORDVILLE LION'S CLUB will meet at Beef O'Brady's at 6 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 28**

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at Ochlockonee Bay UMC on Surf Road at noon.



DENISE FOLH

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- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 8 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadeville Highway. Call (850) 544-0719 for more information.
- 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, December 29**

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 7 p.m. at the Panacea Women's Club on Otter Lake Road, Panacea. For more information call 524-9103.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 8 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadeville Highway. Call (850) 544-0719 for more information.
- 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.
- BINGO will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at La Cantina Grille in Panacea to benefit Florida Wild Mammal Association.
- 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.

**Friday, December 30**

- 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.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 8 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadeville Highway. Call (850) 544-0719 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)
- WAKULLA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 24 High Drive, Crawfordville.

**Special Events**

**Friday, December 23**

- BLOODMOBILE will be at Wal-mart from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A \$10 gift card will be given to all donors. For questions, call 877-7181.

**Saturday, January 7**

- DOUG AND TELISHA, Country/Americana singer/songwriters, will perform at 8 p.m. at Posh Java in Sopchoppy. For more information, call (850) 962-1010.

**Sunday, January 8**

- WE REMEMBER TRIBUTE will be held by Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, at 2 p.m. Each person honored on the Tree of Remembrance in any of the 26 locations throughout eight counties, will be honored. One by one each name will be read aloud and a bell, from the USS Constant a Navy minesweeper from the 1950s to early 1990s, will be tolled in honor of each life. There will be musical performances from the Big Bend Hospice choir and the sound of bagpipes provided by Joe Ashcraft of the Tallahassee Pipe Band, as well as words of hope and comfort. A reception will be held immediately following the Tribute. For those who cannot attend, you can watch the event on the Big Bend Hospice website www.bigbendhospice.org where it will be streamed live. It will also be posted later as a video on the website for family and friends to view. For more information on the Tribute Service please call Connie Palmer at 878-5310.

**Monday, January 9**

- WORKSHOP for 2012 graduates and their parents to assist them with filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Wakulla High School Auditorium. Financial aid advisors from Florida State University will present information to

help students accurately complete the form. For more information, call the guidance office at 926-2221.

**Friday, January 13**

- BEGINNING BRIDGE CLASS will be held at 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. This is the first class of eight sessions. There is no charge for those 60 years or older. There is a \$2 charge for everyone else. Lunch can be purchased for \$2. The first session will be for fun and introductions and the remaining will be for master points, if there are at least three tables. For more information call Jerry Brelage at 228-6669 or Shirley Anne at 926-1566.

**Library News...**



By SCOTT JOYNER  
WCPL Interim Director

As this is the last article I'll be writing this year I wanted to take the opportunity to thank each and every one of the library's patrons on behalf of the staff for all their great support in 2011.

We look back on what was a great year for us. We said goodbye to two institutions at the library as Clarissa Wilkerson and Director Doug Jones both retired and we said hello to a new staffer we were lucky to get, Annie Brown.

With your help, we once again helped the Florida Legislature see the importance of public libraries to the community (especially smaller counties like Wakulla) as the State Aid to Libraries program was once again funded due to immense public support.

We had record attendance at our Summer Program of Events for the children of Wakulla County as fun learning was had by all with the reading programs, field trips and nationally recognized entertainers, funded 100 percent by the Friends of the Library.

Speaking of the Friends, they had their first silent auction which raised more than \$3,000 for the library in a fun and new way to raise much needed funds.

We continued to strive to provide the best collection of materials that we could for the citizens of Wakulla. This includes ordering extra copies of the summer reading and Sunshine State books for all the students of the county.

We hosted many community organizations in our meeting rooms, including, but not limited to, the Historical Society,

Iris Garden Club, Native Plant Society, Girl Scouts, and many, many more. Tutors and homeschoolers used our meeting rooms and computer lab in helping Wakulla's students achieve their educational goals.

Free computer classes were offered year around and will continue to be available in the future.

Our Friday Night Movie program continued to be one of the most popular services we offer to the public as we provided a theatre type setting for Wakulla's students watch award winning, popular films without driving to Tallahassee or paying for Netflix or RedBox.

Lastly we purchased 12 new public access computers with new state of the art monitors for our patrons use (again with the help of the Friends of the Library).

In 2012 we hope to continue to provide all the above services in addition to many more.

We are striving to provide e-book checkout service in the spring or early summer for those with e-book readers like the Nook, Kindle, etc.

We will be switching to a new automated system for the library in February, which will save taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars over the coming years.

Our long overdue expansion into the southern wing of the building will begin as we convert storage space over time into new study rooms, a teen area and more.

We will continue to work hard for the citizens of Wakulla County and will grow and thrive with your continued support.

Please have a safe and happy holiday season and thank you for supporting your library!

**Holiday Hours**

WCPL will be closed Friday, Dec. 23 through Monday, Dec. 26 and Friday, Dec. 30 through Monday, Jan. 2 for the two holiday weekends.

We will be open our regular hours Tuesday-Thursday. Items can be returned in our book drop as it will be checked over both weekends.

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**Misc. Notices**

5067-1222 January 7, 2012 sale-Callaway Auto & Truck Repair PUBLIC NOTICE

**Misc. Notices**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Notice is hereby given that the following Vehicle will be sold for repairs and storage Charges pursuant to section 713.585 Date of Sale: January 7, 2012 Time: 9:30AM Vehicle: 2000 Ford Ranger Vin #: 1FTYR14V9VTA30970 All sales to be held at Callaway Auto & Truck Repair, 1502 Shadeville, Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327 Telephone 850-926-1039

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**Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices**

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**Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices**

the 5th day of January, 2012.

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

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

Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of the Circuit Court (seal)  
By: /s/ Desiree D. Willis, Deputy Clerk  
November 18, 2011  
Timothy D. Padgett, P.A., 2878 Remington Green Circle, Tallahassee, FL 32308. Telephone (850) 422-2520, Facsimile (850) 422-2567.

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5062-1229  
Vs. Mitchell, Joseph Emery 09-482-CA, Amended Notice of Sale  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.:09-482-CA

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JOSEPH EMERY MITCHELL and LAURA I. MITCHELL, CO-TRUSTEES OF THE JOSEPH EMERY MITCHELL AND LAURA I. MITCHELL REVOCABLE TRUST, or Successors in Trust, as Defendants, dated May 17, 2007, LAURA I. MITCHELL, individually, and JOSEPH EMERY MITCHELL, individually, Defendant.

**AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment entered on November 16, 2011 and the Order on Plaintiff's Motion to Cancel and Reschedule Foreclosure Sale entered on December 14, 2011, in Case Number 09-482-CA in the Circuit Court of Wakulla County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Wakulla County, Florida, described as:

Begin at an old iron pipe marking the Northeast corner of the Southwest quarter of Lot 7 of the Hartsfield Survey of Lands in Wakulla County, Florida, and thence run South 17 degrees 23' 30" East along the Easterly boundary of the Southwest quarter of said Lot 7, a distance of 163.00 feet to the Southeasterly maintained right-of-way boundary of a graded county road, thence run South 16 degrees 05' 05" West along said right-of-way boundary 331.34 feet to a concrete monument, thence run South 72 degrees 57' 37" West 863.46 feet, thence run North 17 degrees 23' 30" West 440.50 feet to the Northerly boundary of the Southwest quarter of said Lot 7, H.S., thence run North 72 degrees 57' 37" East along said Northerly boundary 1046.23 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Subject to a graded county road over and across the Southeasterly part thereof.

**LESS AND EXCEPT part sold:**

Commence at an old iron pipe marking the Northeast corner of the Southwest quarter of Lot 7 of the Hartsfield Survey of Lands in Wakulla County, Florida, and thence run South 17 degrees 23' 30" East along the Easterly boundary of the Southwest quarter of said Lot 7 a distance of 163.00 feet to the Southeasterly maintained right of way boundary of a graded road, thence run South 16 degrees 05' 05" West along said right of way boundary 54.61 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING, continue South 16 degrees 05' 05" West along said right of way boundary 276.73 feet to a concrete monument, thence run North 17' 23' 30" West 231.76 feet, thence run North 72' 57' 37" East 1016.10 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Subject to a graded county road over and across the Easterly part thereof.

Together with (i) all buildings, improvements, hereditaments, and appurtenances thereunto appertaining, as far as they may now or hereafter during the term of this indenture belong to or be used in connection with the occupancy of any building existing or to be constructed on such property; (ii) all fixtures, equipment and accessories and attachments thereto now or hereafter attached or used in connection with the operation of such property, and all replacements, additions, and betterments to or of any of the foregoing; (iii) all rights in now existing and hereafter arising easements, rights of way, rights of access, water rights and courses, sewer rights and other rights appertaining thereto; (iv) all as-extracted collateral including without limitation all gas, oil and mineral rights of every nature and kind, all timber to be cut and all other rights appertaining thereto; and (v) all leases, rents and profits therefrom. The real property, buildings, improvements, fixtures, equipment, accessories thereto, appurtenances and all replacements and additions thereof and thereto, all leases and rents therefrom, and all collateral described above are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Property".

at Public Sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327, at 11:00am on the 19th day of January, 2012.

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.

Dated December 14, 2011.  
Brent X. THURMOND, Clerk of Court (seal)  
/s/ By Desiree Willis as Deputy Clerk  
Attorney for Plaintiff: Hunter G. Norton, Esquire, P.O. Box 49948, Sarasota, FL 34230

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Evelyn Evans, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327 at 850-926-0330 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.

December 22 & 29, 2011

5061-1222  
Vs. Shriver, Kathleen M. 652008CA000010FC, Notice of Rescheduled Foreclosure Sale  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO. 652008CA000010FC DIVISION

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR FRIEDMAN, BILLINGS, RAMSEY GROUP, INC. (FBR) SECURITIZATION NAME-FBR01 2005-5, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
KATHLEEN M. SHRIVER, et al, Defendants).

**NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated December 1, 2011 and entered in Case No. 652008CA000010FC of the Circuit Court of the SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT in and for WAKULLA County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR FRIEDMAN, BILLINGS, RAMSEY GROUP, INC. (FBR) SECURITIZATION NAME-FBR01 2005-5, is the Plaintiff and KATHLEEN M. SHRIVER; 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 SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; ACCREDITED HOME LENDERS, INC.; SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO AAMES FUNDING CORPORATION; are the Defendants; the Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at LOBBY OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00 AM, on the 5th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 1, BLOCK 28, OF WAKULLA GARDENS UNIT THREE, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 43, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

A/K/A 135 SARSI DRIVE, 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 December 2, 2011.  
Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of the Circuit Court (SEAL)  
By: /s/ Desiree D. Willis, Deputy Clerk

\*\*See Americans with Disabilities Act Any person with a disability requiring reasonable accommodations should call the Clerk of Court at (850) 926-0905.

December 15 & 22, 2011

5060-1222  
Vs. Beam, Nancy Revell Notice of Sale  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 11-153-CA

JAMES L. THOMPSON, Plaintiff,  
vs.

NANCY REVELL BEAM; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NANCY REVELL BEAM; 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 situated in Wakulla County, Florida, described as:

Commence at the intersection of the Easterly right-of-way boundary of State Road No. S-365 with the South boundary of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 15, Township 3 South, Range 1 West, Wakulla County, Florida, and thence run North 15 degrees 18 minutes 33 seconds West along said right-of-way boundary 223.80 feet, thence run North 74 degrees 41 minutes 24 seconds East 350.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING thence run North 15 degrees 18 minutes 33 seconds West 125.00 feet, thence run North 74 degrees 41 minutes 41 minutes 27 seconds East 175.00 feet, thence run South 15 degrees 18 minutes 33 seconds East 125.00 feet, thence run South 74 degrees 41 minutes 27 seconds West 175.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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 February 2, 2012. 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 Circuit Court (SEAL)  
/s/ By Desiree D Willis, as Deputy Clerk  
December 22 & 29, 2011

5058-1222  
Vs. Jordan, Gary 09-CA-443 Re-Notice of Sale Pursuant to Chapter 45  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
CASE No. 09-CA-443

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF JANUARY 1,2006 MORGAN STANLEY HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2006-1 MORTGAGE PASS -THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1, Plaintiff,

vs.  
GARY JORDAN, ANGEL JORDAN, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC.(MINE# 100176105081070966), SONGBIRD SUBDIVISION PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC. UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2 and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, including, if a named Defendant is deceased, the personal representatives, the surviving spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming, by through, under or against that 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.

**RE-NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**

NOTICE HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 24, 2010, and entered in Case No. 09-CA-443 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF JANUARY 1,2006 MORGAN STANLEY HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2006-1 MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1 is Plaintiff and GARY JORDAN, ANGEL JORDAN, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC.(MINE# 100176105081070966), SONGBIRD SUBDIVISION PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC. UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2 and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, including, if a named Defendant is deceased, the personal representatives, the surviving spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming, by through, under or against that 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, are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the lobby of the Wakulla County Courthouse located at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL at 11:00 a'clock A.M. on the 5th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 3, Block K, of Songbird, Phase II, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat 3, Pages 113 through 116, of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida

Located : 18 Swift Pass, Crawfordville, FL 32327

and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiff's mortgage.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds 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.

Dated at Crawfordville, Wakulla County, Florida, this 1st day of December, 2011.  
Brent Thurmond, Clerk of said Circuit Court  
/s/By: Desiree D Willis, As Deputy Clerk

Claribel & Okond,P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff  
500 S. Australian Ave., Suite 730, West Palm Beach, FL 33401 (561) 713-1400  
December 15 & 22, 2011

5056-1222  
Vs. Evans, Ashley 2011-CA-000189 Notice of Action  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.:2011-CA-000189

CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to Wakulla Bank, Plaintiff,  
v.  
ASHLEY CIARA EVANS, a/k/a ASHLEY CIARA SCHILLING, a/k/a ASHLEY CIARA FOX, JOHN ROBERT SCHILLING, and JAMES FOX, DEFENDANTS.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: JAMES M. FOX  
513 East Ivan Road  
Crawfordville, FL 32347

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

Lots 32, 33, and 34 of the West Side of the Town of Sopchoppy, as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida

has been filed against you, Ashley Ciara Evans, a/k/a Ashley Ciara Schilling, a/k/a Ashley Ciara Fox and John Robert Schilling in the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Wakulla County, Florida, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses to it, if any to: RONALD A. MOWREY, MOWREY LAW FIRM, P.A. at 515 North Adams Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301 on or before January 16, 2012, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court, at the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32347, 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.

WITNESS my hand and Seal of this Court on November 21, 2011  
Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of Court (seal)  
By /s/Desiree D. Willis, As Deputy Clerk  
December 15 & 22, 2011

5053-1222  
Vs. Despirito, Emil T., 65-2011-CA-000115 Notice of Foreclosure  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA DIVISION: CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO. : 65-2011-CA-000115

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,  
vs.  
EMIL T. DESPIRITO A/K/A EMIL T. DESPIRITO, JR , et al, Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated October 27, 2011 and entered in Case No. 65-2011-CA-000115 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT in and for WAKULLA County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC. is the Plaintiff and EMIL T. DESPIRITO A/K/A EMIL T. DESPIRITO, JR; DEBRA U. DESPIRITO; DISCOVERY MARKETING; SPRINGWOOD II ROADOWNERS' MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT FOYER OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 5th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 8 BLOCK H SPRINGWOOD PHASE II A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3 PAGES 14 THROUGH 17 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH A CERTAIN 1996 MOBILITY MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO: VIN# N87271A AND N87217B.

A/K/A 196 RIDGEWOOD DRIVE, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the

properly 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 November 22, 2011.  
BRENT X. THURMOND, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT (SEAL)

By /s/DESIREE D. WILLIS, AS DEPUTY CLERK

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

December 15 & 22, 2011

**Notices to Creditors/ Administration**

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5066-1229  
Creech, Henry Nathaniel 11-66-PR Notice To Creditors  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 11-66-PR

IN RE: ESTATE OF HENRY NATHANIEL CREECH, DECEASED.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of Henry Nathaniel Creech, deceased, whose date of death was August 13, 2011; File Number 11-66-PR, is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville, Florida 32327. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons 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 THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME 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 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 FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of the first publication of this notice is 12/22/2011.

Personal Representative  
Victoria Creech  
5296 Paradise Cay Circle  
Kissimmee, Florida 34746

Attorney for Personal Representative  
CAROLYN T. LEBOEUF, ESQ. Florida Bar No. 0362409, 909 East Park Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida 32301 (850) 222-2000  
Published two times in The Wakulla News on December 22 & 29, 2011.

5059-1222  
Brinkley, Bernice D.11-64-PR  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO.:11-64-PR

IN RE: ESTATE OF BERNICE C. BRINKLEY, DECEASED.

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Advertisement Detail  
WAKULLA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REHWINKEL ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS  
Invitation to Bid No. ITB2012-05  
Advertisement Begin Date/Time: December 15, 2011 8:00 a.m.  
Board Decisions will be available at:  
3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327.

Sealed responses for Roadway Improvements to Rehwinkel Road addressed to the Wakulla County Purchasing Office, at 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327 will be received until January 13, 2012, 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: Virginia Dekle

Phone: 850.926.9500, FAX: 850.926.0940 e-mail: vdekle@mywakulla.com

Plans and Specifications Packages may be purchased at the Wakulla County Purchasing Office at 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327 for a fee of \$100.00 beginning December 15, 2011. Checks or money orders only please - made payable to: Preble-Rish, Inc.

No pre-bid meeting will be held for this project. All Bidders are encouraged to visit the site to become familiar with the project area. 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.

Alan Brook, Chairman  
Virginia Dekle, Office of Management and Budget

**Today's Weather**  
**Local 5-Day Forecast**

Wed 12/21	Thu 12/22	Fri 12/23	Sat 12/24	Sun 12/25
74/62 Partly cloudy, chance of a thunder-storm.	78/59 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.	76/59 Isolated thunder-storms. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 50s.	70/50 Occasional showers possible. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.	69/46 Mostly Cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.
Sunrise: 7:29 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:30 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:30 AM Sunset: 5:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:31 AM Sunset: 5:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:31 AM Sunset: 5:43 PM

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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Clearwater	79	59	cloudy	Ocala	82	56	cloudy
Crestview	76	58	t-storm	Orlando	80	56	pt sunny
Daytona Beach	78	57	pt sunny	Panama City	73	62	t-storm
Fort Lauderdale	79	73	pt sunny	Pensacola	72	63	t-storm
Fort Myers	82	63	pt sunny	Plant City	82	58	pt sunny
Gainesville	80	59	cloudy	Pompano Beach	80	72	pt sunny
Hollywood	80	71	pt sunny	Port Charlotte	81	60	pt sunny
Jacksonville	78	62	cloudy	Saint Augustine	78	59	pt sunny
Key West	79	72	pt sunny	Saint Petersburg	74	64	pt sunny
Lady Lake	81	56	pt sunny	Sarasota	79	60	pt sunny
Lake City	77	59	pt sunny	Tallahassee	72	62	t-storm
Madison	76	65	rain	Tampa	79	59	pt sunny
Melbourne	79	63	pt sunny	Titusville	79	59	pt sunny
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N Smyrna Beach	78	58	pt sunny	W Palm Beach	79	70	pt sunny

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- 174 Beaty Truff Drive Shell Pt. Beach House – 2 BR/2 BA with separate 1 BR Efficiency. \$1,350 Mo. No

**Notices to Creditors/ Administration**

**Self Storage Notices**

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of Bernice D. Brinkley, deceased, whose date of death was July 8, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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The first date of publication of this Notice is December 15, 2011.

Personal Representative:  
/s/ Phyllis F. Hurst

Attorneys for Personal Representative  
LAW OFFICES OF STUART E. GOLDBERG, P.L./s/ Stuart E. Goldberg Fla. Bar No. 0365971, Amy Mason Collins, Post Office Box 12458, Tallahassee, Florida 32317  
Telephone (850)222-4000 Facsimile (850) 942-6400

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**5063-1215**  
12/27 Sale-Wakulla Realty  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
Notice is given pursuant to Florida Self-Storage Facility Act, Florida Statutes, Chapter 83, Part IV that Wakulla Realty will hold a sale by sealed bid on Tuesday, December 27 at 10:00 a.m. at 2655B U.S. Highway 319 of the contents of Mini-warehouse containing personal property of:

Wilburn McCalvin  
Dan Sheppard  
Sara McGowan  
Deanne Kirkland  
Sandcastle Painting, LLC

Before the sale date of December 27, 2011, the owner may redeem their property by payment of the outstanding balance and cost by mailing it to Post Office Box 535, Crawfordville, Florida 32326 or by paying in person at 2655 U.S. Highway 319, Crawfordville, Florida.

December 15, 22, 2011

**5055-1222**  
12/31 Sale-Seminole Self Storage  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
NOTICE IS GIVEN PURSUANT TO FLORIDA SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT, FLORIDA STATUTES, CHAPTER 83, PART IV THAT SEMINOLE SELF STORAGE WILL HOLD A SALE BY SEALED BID ON **DECEMBER 31, 2011 AT 10:00 A.M.** AT 2314 CRAWFORDVILLE HWY, CRAWFORDVILLE, FLORIDA 32327, OF THE CONTENTS OF MINI-WAREHOUSE CONTAINING THE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF:  
MARY LOUISE SLOAN  
SCOTT STANLEY  
MELINDA ZUHL  
BEFORE THE SALE DATE OF **DECEMBER 31, 2011** THE OWNERS MAY REDEEM THEIR PROPERTY BY PAYMENT OF THE OUTSTANDING BALANCE AND COST BY MAILING IT TO 2314 CRAWFORDVILLE HWY, CRAWFORDVILLE, FLORIDA, 32327 OR PAYING IN PERSON AT THE WAREHOUSE LOCATION.  
December 15 & 22, 2011

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  - Riddick's org.
  - Norwegian metropolis
  - Fancy flapjack
  - Spot for an angler

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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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# Letters to Santa

Some of the letters collected at Santa's Mailbox at the courthouse:



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 I will have you chocolate cookies. I will have apples for Rudolph.  
 Can I please get a cat?  
 Love,  
 KRONAWICKBOLM  
 Myra




**Fa, la, la, la, la,  
la, la, la, la.**

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*Deirdre A. Farrington, Esq.*

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*Catch the Spirit of Christmas*



Angie, Frank, Capt. Luke, Capt. Kent, Vince and Kevin and our little blessings, Morgan and Janaleah

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We invite you to stop by any of our locations on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23** for our Christmas Open House.

The staff looks forward to serving you refreshments at this special event.

All Centennial Bank locations will be open regular hours **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24.** The bank will be closed **MONDAY, DECEMBER 26** in observance of the Christmas holiday.



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