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Andrew Wilson, top to bottom, is found guilty of two counts of murder and one attempted murder; Christine Corley competes on the TV show "Master Chef"; David Edwards is hired as the new county administrator; After 35 years, Sheriff David Harvey resigns.



Gary Hilton, above, is sentenced to death in February for the murder of nurse Cheryl Dunlap, right.

Death for Gary Hilton



FILE PHOTOS

Staff Report

Another year has come and gone, leaving behind stories of sadness, triumph, hope, tragedy and happiness.

From the Wakulla High School football team making it all the way to the state championship and mandatory garbage pickup throughout the county to the loss of two lives in Wakulla Station.

The News looks back at the top stories of 2011, in no particular order, those stories that received massive amounts of attention and those who made significant impacts on the community.

- Hilton found guilty of kidnapping and murdering Dunlap. Jury recommends death.

After a little more than an hour of deliberation on Monday, Feb. 21, the 12-person jury in the Gary Michael Hilton trial returned a unanimous recommendation that Hilton face the death penalty for the murder of Crawfordville nurse Cheryl Dunlap in December 2007.

On Tuesday, Feb. 15, the jury found Hilton guilty of kidnapping and murdering Dunlap.

On Dec. 1, 2007, Dunlap was last seen at Leon Sinks, just across the Wakulla-Leon county line. A couple of hikers saw her reported missing a couple of days later when she didn't show up for work. Her Toyota Camry was found on the side of Crawfordville Highway near Leon Sinks with a flat tire.

Dunlap's decomposing body was found 15 days later, her head and hands missing.

On April 21, Leon Circuit Judge James Hankinson sentenced Hilton to death, as well as life for kidnapping and five years for theft.

- County housing programs are gone.

As of March 31, all programs previously under the reins of the Wakulla County Housing Department are no longer being controlled by that department.

Meridian Community Services Group was chosen to administer the county's Section 8 or Housing Choice Voucher program and the State Housing Initiatives Partnership program. The SHIP program ensures that residents of Wakulla County with low, extremely low, and moderate incomes have access to safe and affordable housing.

The weatherization assistance program (WAP) and Low Income Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) program are being administered by Capital Area Community Action Agency.

The state now monitors those programs under Capital Area and the county will no longer be the middle man. As far as SHIP and Section 8, the county will still receive the funds from the state for those programs and then will transfer it to Meridian.

Since May 2010, the county commission heard about numerous issues and problems within the housing department, that started with the weatherization department. The Department of Community Affairs stripped the Weatherization Assistance Program American Recovery and

Reinvestment Act funds from the county after giving them numerous chances to speed up the weatherization process. Funds were then transferred to Capital Area to administer the funds in Wakulla County.

The county commission then became aware that there were issues in nearly every program within the housing department, some that affected the service being provided to those in the community who needed it. After giving the housing department the opportunity to improve the programs, the commission ultimately chose to outsource all programs.

The county's Section 8 program was in troubled status for the last three years and the most recent review listed it once again as troubled. If that wasn't enough, in February, the county's Section 8 coordinator, Valerie Lewis, was arrested on 30 different charges relating to her position as case manager and family self-sufficiency coordinator with the Tallahassee Housing Authority.

- Double murder in Wakulla Station.

On March 30, two people were killed and a third was injured during an apparent home invasion in Wakulla Station.

The suspect in the murders is 24-year-old Andrew Michael Wilson, the father of a 1-year-old child who lived in the home.

Wilson was arrested in Stewart County, Ga., and was later transported back to Wakulla County.

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Tallahassee man arrested for burglary

Special to the News

A 40-year-old Tallahassee man was arrested Monday, Dec. 19, in connection with a residential burglary on Mary Ann Drive in Crawfordville.

The execution of a search warrant on Thursday, Dec. 22 at the Tallahassee home of a relative of the suspect allowed Wakulla County Sheriff's Office detectives to recover much of the stolen property, according to Sheriff Donnie Crum.

Eric Ray Cardin was arrested for two counts of burglary, two counts of criminal mischief, two counts of grand theft, one count of possession of burglary tools and one count of possession of narcotics equipment.

In early October, the victim reported the loss of more than \$46,000 worth of property and \$20,000 worth of damage inside the home as copper wire was removed from an air conditioner, as well as from the inside of the residence.

Some of the stolen items included a wooden cigar store Indian, record player console, antiques, amplifiers, sleeping bags, fishing gear, old records, collectables and more. Detectives Derek Lawhon and Josh Langston were conducting a follow-up investigation at the victim's property on Dec. 19 when they saw Cardin and a 15-year-old at the Crawfordville home.

Cardin was arrested and the juvenile was released into the custody of a relative. A number of the victim's items were recovered in Cardin's vehicle which was seized by law enforcement. Burglary tools were also observed at the location.

"Detective Josh Langston and I were in the process of doing some follow-up investigation when we came upon Eric Cardin at the victim's home," said Detective Lawhon.

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Michael Morgan takes over as new fire chief

By JENNIFER JENSEN
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The new head of the Wakulla County fire department took over the reigns on Dec. 12 and feels his experience with volunteer fire departments will be beneficial and help unite all 12 stations.

"It's the perfect match for me," says Fire Chief Mike Morgan.

Morgan started out in the fire system as a volunteer and then decided to make it a career, while also simultaneously working as a volunteer firefighter.

During his time with Pasco County Fire Rescue, he helped merge several of the independent volunteer stations with the county.

"The county protected part of the county and the volunteer fire departments protected the other areas," Morgan says.

Starting in the 70s and going through the 90s, Morgan says each volunteer department joined the county one by one.

"So I've been through that process," Morgan says.

He was the volunteer fire chief



Fire Chief Michael Morgan

of Tri-Community Volunteer Association from 2002 until it merged with the county in 2005. This was the only volunteer station left that hadn't joined with the county.

Morgan says there was a lack of funds and responsiveness because

most volunteers have full-time jobs, so he decided it was in the stations best interest to merge.

There's lots of growing pains, Morgan says, when merging volunteers with paid firefighters. However, he says both are beneficial to each other.

Morgan hopes he can fully unite the stations in Wakulla County.

"My philosophy is these are Wakulla County firefighters," Morgan says. "They're available for the entire county."

Morgan met with the Wakulla United Firefighters Association and says he seems to have the support of most of the volunteer fire chiefs.

"I've not met with anyone in the Wakulla County fire service that hasn't been anything but professional, cooperative and anxious to move on," Morgan says.

Morgan says he plans to meet with all the volunteer fire chiefs again and do planning sessions to develop strategies and learn from their experience and expertise.

He says he wants to look to the future and establish a 5-year plan.

"I want their help in establish-

ing goals and objectives," Morgan says.

There is no plan to come in and change everything, he says. There are a few minor changes that have already been made, including a few radio terminologies.

Dispatch previously called the paid fire station the county fire station.

"We're all county fire, we're all part of the county," Morgan says.

So now, the paid station is called station 12.

He says the paid chief was being called by the number 1209, but he changed that also because he says he is over all fire stations, not just the career fire station. Morgan is now referred to as chief 1.

"I want to ensure we are working as a cohesive team," Morgan says.

Morgan was hired by the Dade City Fire Department in 1968 and spent 10 years moving up the ranks to assistant chief. From there, he became a chief officer for the Pasco County Fire Rescue and held that position for 16 years.

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The child's mother, Gabrielle McKenzie, 19, was injured and taken to a Tallahassee hospital where she was treated with a cut throat, and survived.

The dead men were John Robert McKenzie, 62, and Patrick Lee Pittman, 24.

Pittman made the 911 call to the sheriff's office around 3:30 a.m. that brought deputies to the scene. While he died before deputies arrived, his actions are credited with saving the life of Gabrielle McKenzie.

Wilson was identified as a suspect by Gabrielle McKenzie, who spoke his name, according to the sheriff's office.

Gabrielle McKenzie had a court order to keep Wilson away from her. She went to court in February and got an injunction against Wilson, and it was extended in March, complaining that her former boyfriend and father of their 1-year-old son Layne was stalking her, continuously calling and texting her.

At the time of the incident, Former Wakulla Sheriff David Harvey said evidence indicated it was a premeditated attack: Wilson apparently parked about a quarter-mile from the home and went inside early in the morning.

After the murders, the community rallied behind Gabrielle McKenzie, holding benefits to help her and her son financially.

On May 6, a Wakulla County grand jury returned an indictment for two counts of first-degree murder, a charge of attempted first-degree murder, burglary of an occupied dwelling armed with a deadly weapon with a person assaulted and violation of a domestic violence injunction against Wilson. The state attorney's office immediately filed a notice of intent to seek the death penalty against him.

Christine Corley is on the TV show Master Chef.

One of Wakulla's own got the chance to compete for the title of master chef as a contestant on the hit Fox TV show. Christine Corley of Sopchoppy is a single mom with a passion for cooking and tried out for "Master Chef" along with 20,000 other home cooks. Only 100 were then flown to Los Angeles for a chance to present their dish to a panel of three judges, Chef



FILE PHOTOS

Christine Corley, top left, makes it to top eight on "Master Chef." Management of the Wakulla Lodge is taken over by a private vendor; Gabrielle McKenzie with son Layne and father, John; Patrick Pittman was killed by a former boyfriend of his girlfriend Gabrielle; Ray Gray is fired by the county; and Wakulla War Eagles finish the season as the state runnerup.

Gordon Ramsay, Chef Graham Elliot and restaurateur Joe Bastianich.

Corley made the top eight and was eventually sent packing when contestants were whittled down to six on Aug. 2.

"I walked out with confidence in myself and my food," Corley says.

Corley was chosen out of 20,000 applicants to appear on the show, which featured home chefs competing for the title of Master Chef and \$250,000. She stayed on week after week of facing various cooking challenges, ranging from making lunch for hundreds of hungry children to cooking steak three different ways having to nail the right temperature for medium rare, medium and well done.

The last challenge Corley participated in centered around childhood memories and the contestants were asked to come up with a different take on grilled cheese and tomato soup.

In the end, Corley was sent home along with another contestant, Derrick Prince. But

she was told by Ramsay that she was a breath of fresh air in the competition and to never, ever stop cooking.

She is currently as a private chef.

Edwards is next administrator.

After a 3-2 vote in May not to hire Sopchoppy resident David Edwards as the new county administrator, the Wakulla County Commission changed the vote at the June 21 meeting.

The commission voted 3 to 2 in favor of approving the top ranked candidate, Edwards, for the position.

Commissioner Alan Brock was the deciding vote.

Commissioner Mike Stewart voted against Edwards because of questions he said he asked Edwards regarding financial disclosure, that Edwards did not answer truthfully. Edwards did not fill out the financial disclosure form to run for Sopchoppy City Commission correctly. He did not list all his debts and liabilities. There were also some issues with the Internal Revenue Service revealed on his background check.

At a previous meeting, Edwards said not filling out the form properly was a mistake, but he was told he would get a full disclosure packet the following year. As far as the IRS issue, Edwards said the economy collapsed and those issues happened and he was in the process of taking care of them.

Commissioner Lynn Artz expressed concern and said everything Edwards would do as county administrator would be for the first time and the county can't afford any mistakes.

Edwards started on Oct. 3 taking the position previously held by Benjamin Pingree. Assistant County Administrator Tim Barden served as interim county administrator after Pingree resigned on Nov. 30, 2010.

As of July 1, Wakulla Springs lodge is run by private vendor.

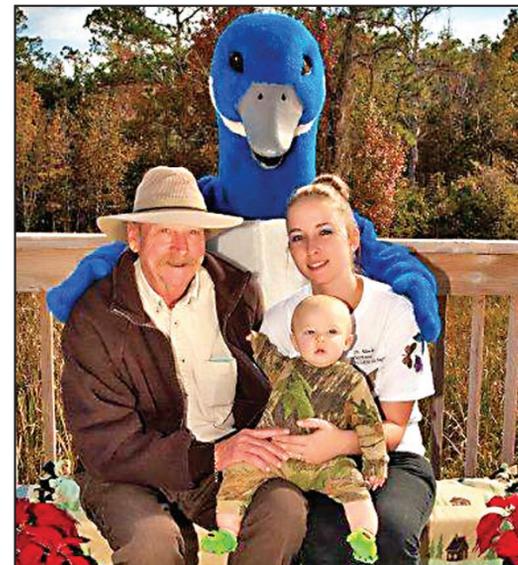
The lodge, as well as the restaurant, gift shop and soda fountain, remain open and are operated by Cape Leisure Corporation out of Cape Canaveral.

As part of a 15-percent reduction in the state's budget, a plan was proposed to privatize concessions at several state parks. The state had said if a vendor was not found, there was a possibility the concessions would be closed.

Cape Leisure entered into a 5-year agreement with DEP, which ends on Sept. 30, 2016.

Cape Leisure must pay DEP a monthly fee and monthly commission based on gross sales for all its operations.

For the first year, the monthly base fee is \$3,000



plus 2 percent of gross sales. That increases to \$5,000 and 3 percent the following year and after that the percent of gross sales increases 1 percent each year.

The cost of operations for is about \$1.4 million a year.

Sheriff Harvey will resign.

On Thursday, Aug. 4, Sheriff David Harvey announced his resignation, effective Oct. 1, to take a newly created position with the Florida Sheriffs Self Insurance Funds.

Harvey accepted the executive director position with the fund and was unanimously approved by the board of managers of the funds, established by the Florida Sheriffs Association. He will oversee the funds and provide operational and administrative direction to the board, who will serve as his boss.

Prior to submitting his application, Harvey had decided not to seek re-election, saying he was ready for a different path and his family did not want to go through another election.

Harvey has been involved with the Risk Management Fund since its inception in 1977. He attended the Florida Sheriffs Association Conference that year and an item of concern for most of the sheriffs was liability issues and insurance. So the sheriffs developed a public-entity risk pool in 1978. He was a charter board member of the liability, automotive, workers compensation and healthcare funds and was elected chairman of the liability, auto and healthcare funds in 1993.

Harvey was elected nine times and served for 35 years as sheriff. Harvey has been in law enforcement for 39 years and was the youngest sheriff ever elected at the age of 26. He is also currently the longest serving sheriff in Florida.

Undersheriff Donnie Crum was appointed by Gov. Rick Scott to serve as sheriff.

Ray Gray fired by county.

After 17 years, the county's longtime parks and recreation director was fired. Ray Gray was terminated by Interim County Administrator Tim Barden on Aug. 16 for failing to attend scheduled meetings, a lack of responsiveness to requests, performance issues and issues with outside employment, according to the termination letter sent to Gray from Barden.

Gray was written up for insubordination on July 21 and in a disciplinary report.

Gray contends that he has been on medical leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act since July 21 and didn't know anything the disciplinary report until he was informed by The News.

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 of hostile work environment."

Shortly after his appeal, he filed a complaint with the Florida Commission on Human Relations claiming he was wrongfully terminated. Gray said he was dismissed while on medical leave under the Florida Medical Leave Act, which he said is not allowed and he also claims age discrimination in his complaint.

Gray is still waiting on a response from the commission.

Board approves \$196 garbage fee.

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

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

On Sept. 6, they voted four to one, with Commissioner Jerry Moore opposing, to approve the solid waste assessment and agreed to a 10-year franchise agreement with the sole provider, Waste Pro.

The trash service went into effect Oct. 1.

Waste Pro also took over operation of the transfer station and will make the necessary upgrades.

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

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

The commission decided to do this option instead of the \$112 assessment, which didn't include curbside pickup, but would allow residents to drop off their trash for free at the landfill.

The county would then have had to take out a \$1.5 million loan, which had a \$700,000 grant attached to it,

and use that to close and cap the landfill, build or upgrade its current transfer station and monitor the existing closed landfills around the county.

Board OKs \$42M budget.

The Wakulla County Commission approved the budget unanimously for the upcoming year which includes a millage rate of 8.5, .25 mills lower than the previous year.

The commission was hoping the lower property tax would help ease some of the burden of the other taxes that have either been added or increased. These include the \$196 solid waste assessment, 7 percent Public Service Tax, increase in Communications Service Tax to 5.22 percent and increase in fire protection assessment to \$75 per household.

The total budget for the county is \$42,901,664. To be able to reduce the millage rate, there was an need for an additional \$257,285 in cuts. To obtain those cuts, the board reduced travel for circuit court judge and an OPS position for a total of \$11,000, as well as eliminating the \$49,680 used to pay for the leasing the Sheriff's Office annex building, which houses the Criminal Investigative Division and Road Patrol Division.

All these reductions still left a gap of \$185,605 which was spread across all constitutional offices. The board was required to cut \$69,720. The sheriff must cut \$96,360. The clerk must cut \$4,018. The property appraiser will have to cut \$9,021 and the tax collector will need to reduce her budget by \$6,487.

The commission also decided to delay the hiring of a planning director and parks and recreation director.

The amount of budgeted reserve is \$480,000.

Sad ending. The high-flying War Eagles are brought down by Miami Norland in the state championship game.

It was a disappointing ending to an otherwise high-flying season when Miami Norland defeated Wakulla in the state 5A championship game at the Citrus Bowl on Friday by a score of 38-0.

At the end of the game, there were a few long faces amongst the War Eagle players, but most wore smiles as they received their silver medals as state runners-up in their division.

Most of the War Eagle fans - more than 1,000 of whom made the trip south for the big game - stayed after the game was over to cheer their team.

Wakulla appeared over-matched against Norland - a bigger team that won most of the battles throughout the day, and had a much-touted running back in Duke Johnson.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

Wakulla County, Florida (the "County") hereby provides notice, pursuant to section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments throughout the unincorporated area of the County and within the incorporated areas of the cities of Sopchoppy and St. Marks, for the cost of providing fire, emergency medical services, solid waste, stormwater, road maintenance and improvements, clean energy and wind resistance improvements, and other neighborhood improvements, facilities, and associated services commencing for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2012 and continuing until discontinued by the County. The County will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 5:00 p.m. on January 10, 2012 in the Wakulla County Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and 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.

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Comment & Opinion

readers speak out



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Wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

Tail Wagger...

Outgoing remarks from president



By JOAN HENDRIX
CHAT President

It's time for me to hand over the gavel to a new President for the year 2012. But, before I do, I'd like to thank all of the hardworking board members, CHAT members and all of the dedicated volunteers who enabled us to hold events, take our animals to off-site adoption venues, walk in parades, exercise our animals, keep computer records updated, and so much more.

We have enjoyed new opportunities this year. Sears specifically invited CHAT to participate in their Sears Adopt-a-Pet Day once a month. This has enabled us to adopt out more home-

less animals than we would have.

A new annual event was held at Hudson Park called, "Pamper Your Pooch Day at the Paw Spa."

Our community eagerly came out and supported this event by making it one of our top fundraisers and at the same time it enabled dog lovers to spoil their special pooches. This event will be held in a cooler month next year.

A program was established by CHAT, with the generous contributions of our local veterinarians, to help those responsible citizens who are in financial need to be able to spay and neuter their animals. Our thanks and appreciation again is expressed to Shepherd Springs, VCA Animal Hospital and Crawfordville Animal Hospital for their care, concern and generosity.

CHAT has recently undergone a big change in our operations this year by reducing paid staff to one employee. The Adoptions Manager is a new position and is working

out well for us, particularly because of his efforts and those efforts by CHAT board members and new part time volunteers committing more hours to keeping our adoption center one of the best in this area.

This past year, our figures have shown that the number of adoptions has dropped by a large percentage. These figures have been dropping for the last three years for us and some of the other adoption facilities in our area. Let us all hope that next year we can save many more lives of our animal friends and place them in loving homes. Please spay and neuter all of your animals.

I wish to extend my congratulations to the new President of CHAT and for all of the good things that will come for CHAT and the animals in 2012.

I am proud to have served as CHAT President for 2011 and I look forward to continue my volunteer service to the animals that I love so much who depend on us as human beings to care for them.

Sheriff Harvey deserving of honor

Editor, The News:

In response to Mary Cortese's letter to the editor that appeared in the Dec. 15 issue of The Wakulla News.

I guess beauty is in the eye of the beholder, but I would hardly call the new David F. Harvey Criminal Justice Complex lettering on the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office entrance sign a "big ugly wall decoration."

Sheriff David F. Harvey served Wakulla County tirelessly during his 35 years in office and made sure that Wakulla County residents were safe from violent crime and could expect a high level of quality of life. I was proud to work under Sheriff Harvey for many years and what made Wakulla County safe was Sheriff's Harvey's motto that we don't go home for the night until we solve the crime. That is why murder cases in Wakulla County don't go unsolved.

It is this same attitude that all the investigators

take seriously here at the WCSO and led to a quick response and arrests when Wakulla High School's visitor locker room was broken into and Pasco County's football team lost more than \$7,500 worth of property on Dec. 9.

Sheriff Harvey was very deserving of the honor and I felt it was more appropriate than putting a small plaque somewhere where it cannot be seen. It was my decision and my decision only to add it to the existing sign. It was in no way meant to disrespect the Wakulla County Commission. I appreciate their support in finding a way to honor our former sheriff.

There were no taxpayers' dollars used on the sign because the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Activity Fund and donations paid for the sign. The WCSO employees contribute to the activities fund and it provides money for holiday meals for the staff as well as flowers for those who are sick or in the hospital or other activities.

Someone who was involved in law enforcement as long as Sheriff Harvey was is bound to create a few relationships where people want to tear down his legacy. I understand that and if I offended anyone I am sorry. The entrance sign is an appropriate place to honor him and our sign is only a short distance from another sign honoring a great man, Fire Chief Raymond Love. Chief Love is honored for his contributions to Wakulla County firefighting by having his name attached to the fire training center. It is also common for public safety signs in other counties to honor the service of their public officials in the same manner.

During the time that Sheriff Harvey's name was added to the entrance sign, loose and missing letters from the sign were also repaired.

Respectfully,

Donnie W. Crum
Wakulla County Sheriff

Thanks given to the community

Editor, The News:

Thanks.

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, food, cards, calls and all that you have done during the loss of our father.

The Family of Homer Riley Harvey

Appreciate coverage of Operation Santa

Editor, The News:

more appreciated than you can imagine.

The news pieces about Op Santa was wonderful. Not only is the story a good one, it will help Operation Santa 2012.

Merry Christmas to all of you. You are

Peace,

Gail Campell
Wakulla County Coalition for Youth

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Thankful for Christmas miracle

Editor, The News:

My husband, Buddy Camp, went in the hospital on Sunday, July 24 and was diagnosed with necrotizing pancreatitis.

He was in the hospital for five months.

Our CHRISTmas Miracle was, and we didn't know but God knew and was listening to our Lake Ellen Baptist Church family praying, that Buddy would be home for CHRISTmas.

Buddy came home on Dec. 22, after a trip to Shands Hospital in Gainesville, for CHRISTmas.

This was and is the best and biggest CHRISTmas present our family could have ever hoped for.

A great big thanks to God, first of all, for bringing him and keeping him in his hands through all of this.

God has used doctors and nurses, at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, TMH rehab, Select Specialty Hospital in Tallahassee and Shands Hospital in Gainesville, as "angels" to assist here in helping with this Christmas Miracle.

He is continuing to use Shands Hospital, doctors, nurses and staff in helping with his miracle of healing that he started in Buddy's life on July 24. God still has work to do on Buddy for his complete healing of this illness.

God blessed us to have church family, relatives and friends stay with Buddy 24 hours a day no matter what hospital he was in for the five months.

God used Buddy to witness for him in each hospital he was in. To God be the glory great things he

has done and will continue to do.

Please continue to pray. God is never too busy to listen to our prayers. God does get all the glory for this CHRISTmas Miracle he has given to our family.

My family and I would like to thank our wonderful church family at Lake Ellen Baptist Church and all churches, family, friends, doctors, nurses and staff for prayers and the endless loving and diligent care given to Buddy during this illness.

Thanks to all for the prayers, support, visits, flowers and food during this time.

Linda, Bryan, Charlene, Suzanne, Brianne, Casey and Eli Camp and Family

Vendors sought for Arbor Day Festival

Editor, The News:

Please publicize. Thank you!

Vendors and Exhibitors Sought for January 21 Arbor Day Festival.

Artisan and craft vendors are invited to display their wares on Saturday, January 21, at Crawfordville's eighth annual Arbor Day celebration in Hudson Park between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Nature art and outdoor items such as gardening tools, plants, outdoor furniture, wind chimes, and bird feeders will have considerable appeal for festival goers.

Green Guides, nurseries, tree and yard service companies, and other nature-based businesses are encouraged to publicize their services to this market.

Vendors and exhibitors pay no fee. As many as

one thousand people are expected to attend.

To participate as a vendor or exhibitor at this year's festival, please complete the vendor form and return it to apiasecki@centurylink.net or mail to Iris Garden Club, Attn.: Angret Piasecki, 137 Royster Dr. Crawfordville, FL 32327.

Questions? Send an e-mail or call 926-5049.

Lynn Artz

Letters to the editor

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Obituaries

Alexander Crum
Jane P. Fleming
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Alexander "Buddy" Crum

Alexander "Buddy" Crum, 82, of Sopchoppy passed away Dec. 21.

He was born September 13, 1929, and was a lifelong resident of Wakulla County. He was a commercial fisherman.

Graveside services were held Friday, Dec. 23 at 2 p.m. at Crum Cemetery in Sopchoppy.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Bertha Crum; daughter, Gloria Metcalf; five sons, Robert Walker, Sammy Crum, Mitchell Crum, James Crum and Richard Crum; 10 grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. He is also survived by one sister and two brothers.

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

Jane P. Fleming

Jane P. Fleming, 87, peacefully passed away Friday, Dec. 23, at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital.

She is survived by her son, James; daughters, Peggy, Patti and Suzanne; their spouses; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; as well as all of her kind and caring friends in Sopchoppy, where she had lived the last 12 years of her life.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Fleming.

Jane will be remembered in the hearts of all who knew her. May there be peace in believing she will now be sailing smooth seas with her husband, the love of her life, and may they always have red skies at night.

The family wishes to thank Dr. J. Brian Sheedy of Palliative Care for "being there" for us.

Cremation is being handled by the wonderful people at Bevis Funeral Home in Tallahassee.

Benjamin P. Puzon

Benjamin Perez Puzon passed away Dec. 26 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

He was born December 28, 1940, in Key West to Leonilo Perez Puzon and America Zaldivar Puzon, both deceased.

During high school in North Miami, he played basketball, softball and boxed. After high school, he took up Isshinryu-style karate, attained his black belt level of Sho-Dan and became an instructor.

He moved to Crawfordville in 2000. He enjoyed motorcycles, and loved to cook, fish and boat. He was a professional meat cutter from 1965 to 2005, retiring from Publix. His greatest loves were his family and his friends.

Donations may be made to UF Shands Cancer Center, PO Box 103633, Gainesville, FL 32610 in lieu of flowers.

Both visitation and funeral services will be held Friday, Dec. 30, at Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel, 3106 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327. Family visitation is at noon, friends visitation at 1 p.m. and funeral service at 2 p.m.

Burial will be at Sanborn Cemetery in Sopchoppy, immediately following the service.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Cheryl Darlene Cooper; children, Benjamin Ray Puzon (wife, Elizabeth Goldberg), Lisa Benaé Puzon Brown (husband, Ronald "Kicker" Brown), and Christine Ruth Puzon (significant other, Jason Winters); grandchildren, America Margaret Puzon, Alexandra Nicole Puzon, Ethan Daniel Brown and Isabel Darlene Brown; six Brothers, Leonilo, Robert, James, John, David and Michael; and three sisters, Anna Whicker, Margo Durham and Leah Gilmer.

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Church News

Financial Peace University offered at First Baptist

Nearly 1.5 million families have been able to positively change their financial situation through Financial Peace University (FPU), the 13-week course taught by Dave Ramsey.

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If problems can't be resolved, perfect mistakes

By REV. JAMES L. SNYDER

An old year is fading and a new year is upon us again. Each year I go kicking and screaming into the New Year, and not because I am against change. My pants pocket is full of change.

I simply cannot remember to change the year on the checks I write until May. By the time, I remember the correct year I have forgotten to make deposits into my checking account. I need a reality check, which with any luck will not bounce as high as my checkbook.

That is not the only reason I hesitate going into a new year. The biggest reason has to do with the mistakes I made during the old year.

Looking back over the old year, I worry that my blunders were not as bad as they could have been. Did I make all the gaffes I possibly could? Did I fill my quota? What is my quota, anyway?

For many people, the New Year offers the opportunity to start over again. Actually, what happens is people simply make new mistakes curiously similar to the mistakes made during the old year.

If I have any resolution for the New Year it would be to perfect the mistakes I have already made. I do not see any sense in making new bloopers when I can easily requisition the old ones for duty during the New Year.

And what is wrong

with my old mistakes? The only thing I can think of is that I did not work hard enough to make the most of them. It is one thing to make a mistake, but it is quite another thing to perfect the art of making a mistake so that you do not have to repeat it ever again. Too many amateurs have given mistake-making a bad name.

Most of my mistakes have been so poorly discharged that in the coming New Year I will have to re-do many of them. And, frankly, I am tired of it all. I am anxious to move on to new areas of mistake making.

I am convinced there are faux pas to make that I have not dreamed of at this point in my life. Believe me, I have been dreaming. Actually, the gracious mistress of the Parsonage things they are all nightmares. However, my horsing around is not limited to the nighttime.

With that in mind, my resolution for the New Year is to make sure all mistakes I make (and there will be plenty, I assure you) will be as thorough as possible. I refuse to execute any mistake before its time.

Some mistakes take lots of time to fully mature, but when its time comes, I want to make sure it is implemented as smoothly and as perfectly as possible.

If I am any judge of character, the majority of people will not make any new mistakes this coming New Year. Oh, they think

they are making new mistakes but in reality, they are dusting off old ones and re-dating them for the current year. What a waste of time, in my opinion.

For those who take mistake-making seriously, allow me to offer some help to guide this pursuit in the coming New Year.

Look back over the old year and make a list of all of the mistakes you have made. If you are a husband, solicit help from your wife, who will be able to remember all of those mistakes you have forgotten. (Not to mention one or two you did not make.)

Go over each mistake on your list and determine if it needs repeated for the New Year. It does not make sense in doing new mistakes if you are not finished with the old ones. Nothing is more disheartening than a half-baked mistake.

For every mistake from the previous year not needing repeated, place a nice red star in front of it. That mistake can now go into your Hall of Blame, which you will never have to repeat again.

Of course, you will have some mistakes, even though they have been perfectly executed are well worth repeating. You know which ones they are. Don't you?

Now look at all of those mistakes listed for repeating during the New Year. Prioritize them so you can begin the New Year with a good plan.

As you prioritize this

list, think of ways in which you can improve on your mistakes over the past year. No satisfaction compares with doing something as good as you can. One man's blunder is another man's gaffe.

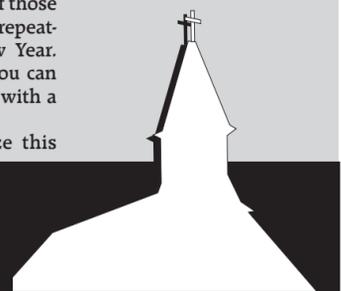
Everyone generates mistakes, which is healthy. What is unhealthy is thinking you have not made any mistakes, which is a mistake. Some people have the strange idea that they live a completely mistake free life.

A mistake well executed is a mistake never needing repeating. During the New Year, execute as many mistakes as your conscience will allow.

The Bible, an authority on mistakes, says this; "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." (1 John 1:8-10 KJV.)

The great hope we have is that there is no mistake bigger than God's ability to forgive.

The Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship in Ocala. He lives there with his wife Martha.



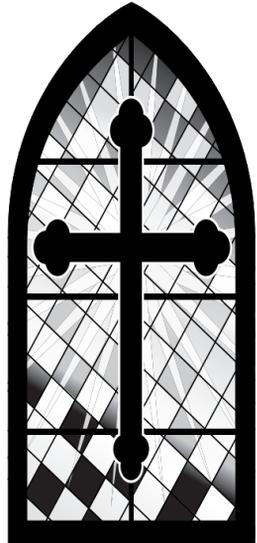
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happenings

Clayton-Hall and Medica will wed on New Year's Eve



Anna Clayton-Hall and Blake Medica

Anna Elizabeth Clayton-Hall, 27, from Crawfordville and Blake George Medica, 29, from Charlotte, N.C., announce their engagement.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Danny Clayton and Sharon Hall, both of Crawfordville.

The groom-elect's parents are Liz and Cy Johnson, of Charlotte, and Jack and Femy Medica, also of Charlotte.

She graduated from Wakulla High School in 2002 and received her bachelor's degree in history from Florida State University in 2006 and her bachelor's degree in interior design from The Art Institute of Charlotte in 2009. She is a design associate for an interior design firm in Charlotte.

He graduated from Providence Senior High School in 2001. He received his bachelor's degree in political science from Florida State University in 2006. He currently works in sales.

The ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. on New Year's Eve at the Charlotte City Club in Charlotte, N.C.

The couple will honeymoon in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. They will live in Charlotte.



Lindsay Wise and Josue Avila

Avila weds Lindsay Wise

Lindsay Wise and Josue Avila, both of San Jose, Costa Rica, were married on Aug. 20.

The couple had a beach wedding at Playa Pan de Azucar, Guanacaste, Costa Rica. The officiant was the Rev. Woody Roland.

The reception was held at Hotel Sugar Beach.

The bride is the daughter of Dale and Karen Wise of Ochlockonee Bay.

The groom is the son of Lilliana Avila-Reyes, of San Jose, Costa Rica, and the late Nelson Avila.

The couple works in the mission field in the San Jose area.

They will live in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Happy first birthday to Lily Ann Soto



Lily Ann Soto

Lily Ann Soto celebrated her first birthday on Dec. 23.

She is the daughter of Giovanni and Terri Soto of Crawfordville. Her father is a native of Colombia, South America. The mother is from Thomasville, Ga.

Her maternal grandparents are Barbara and Wade Curlee of Sneads and the late Hoyt Holley.

Her great-grandmother is Vera Mae Wyatt Holley of Albany, Ga.

Her maternal grandparents are Joyce and Holic Hampton of Tallahassee.

Her paternal grandparents are the late Theresa Soto and Jose Humberto and Alba Hertado, of Colombia, who now live in Tallahassee.

It's a boy for Davis and Carter

Angela Davis and Danny Carter, of Crawfordville, announce the birth of their son Aiden Joseph Carter.

He was born on Dec. 9 at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital.

He weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19.75-inches long.

He has an 8-year-old sister, Sandra Russell.

Big Bend Hospice tribute set for Jan. 8 in Tallahassee

Special to The News

Each person honored on the Tree of Remembrance in any of the 26 locations throughout eight counties, will be honored at a special We Remember Tribute on Sunday, Jan. 8, at Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., starting at 2 p.m.

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.

"The impact one life

has had on another is immeasurable," said Pam Wilson, Big Bend Hospice Foundation Executive Director.

"This Tribute honors those connections. There is such power and presence in a name. To hear a beloved name spoken and this historic bell toll in a loved ones honor is an amazing experience."

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.

Those who cannot attend 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.

"We realize how important it is to continue to cherish those who are no longer here. By calling their name and honoring their memory it makes

our loved ones a part of the present," continued Wilson.

"There is no greater tribute than to remember the joy and blessings a loved one has been to us in life and continues to bring us in memory even after death. This Tribute service seems like a fitting way to conclude the Tree of Remembrance season and begin a new year."

For more information on the Tribute Service please call Connie Palmer at 878-5310.

Small Steps to Health and Wealth 6-week program is offered

Special to The News

Just in time to rescue failed New Year's resolutions to improve health and personal finances, the Cooperative Extension system is launching an online Small Steps to Health and Wealth (SSHW) Challenge called "Winter 2012 SSHW Challenge."

This free six-week program, open to anyone who enrolls online, will be held from Sunday, Jan. 15, through Saturday, Feb. 25.

Prizes will be awarded for participants who report the highest point totals.

To sign up for the SSHW Challenge, follow the "Challenges" link on the Small Steps to Health and Wealth website at njaes.rutgers.edu/sshw. Set up a user name and password and download a simple one-page user's guide with instructions about how to proceed. Enroll in the Challenge titled "Winter 2012 SSHW Challenge."

It has been well documented that when people monitor their behavior and measure how they're doing, they are often inspired to do better and

achieve positive results.

Participants in a SSHW Challenge are "on their honor" to report their activities accurately. If they "cheat" on reporting their points, they are only cheating themselves by not following the recommended daily practices.

The SSHW Challenge is based on the performance of 10 recommended practices on a daily basis: five that involve health and nutrition and five that involve financial management.

The Challenge is a great way to convert ambitious New Year's resolutions, like losing weight and saving money, into daily action steps.

The five daily health and nutrition practices are: eat at least 4 cups of fruits and vegetables; get at least 30 minutes of physical activity; drink water or unsweetened beverages instead of sugar-sweetened beverages; eat at least two servings of whole grain foods; and learn something new about health and nutrition.

The five daily financial management practices included in the SSHW Challenge are: save a \$1

bill (or more) and/or pocket change; invest \$5 or more per day; track money spent throughout the day; eat lunch prepared at home; and learn something new about personal finance.

Winter 2012 SSHW Challenge participants will have an opportunity to replace one daily health activity and one daily personal finance activity with unique daily personal challenges of their own.

"Providing some adaptation of the traditional SSHW Challenge format will make the Challenge more "personal" for participants and give them an opportunity to practice new behaviors if they are already doing all of the 10 pre-selected activities," explained Dr. O'Neill.

Doing even one of the 10 recommended daily practices is a great way to get started on the path to better health and improved financial security. The more SSHW Challenge activities that are performed by participants, the better.

If you have questions, contact Shelley Swenson, UF/IFAS Wakulla County Extension, at 926-3931.

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School

education news

Students put on Christmas program



Preschool and kindergarten students sing Christmas songs for this year's program, 'Let's Dress Up for Christmas.'

Special to The News

On Monday, Dec. 12, the Wakulla Christian School preschool and kindergarten put on their annual Christmas program.

This year's program was "Let's Dress Up for Christmas."

It was written by Kathy Skogen-Soldner and directed by Angie Pulsifer, WCS kindergarten teacher.

The 3K-5K students delighted their families and their friends with a number of songs about the true meaning of Christmas.

A reception was held following the performance.

Students are inducted into National Elementary Honor Society



Zoe Doler and Bethany Thomas are inducted into the National Elementary Honor Society.

On Friday, Dec. 2, Wakulla Christian School held its second NEHS Induction Ceremony.

The National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS) recognizes elementary students for their academic achievement and service to the school and

community. Principal Dr. Don Gowans, and the school's NEHS advisor, Michael Creech, announced and congratulated the following inductees during the ceremony: Zoe Doler (fourth grade) and Bethany Thomas (fourth grade).

In addition to this year's inductees, the students joined the current members: Brianne Camp (sixth grade), Danyelle Dias (sixth grade), Mia Frick (sixth grade), Mackenzie Kenyon (fifth grade), Bailey Rutledge (fifth grade) and Hailey Spears (fifth grade).

A brunch was held following the ceremony.

Riversprings holds national geography bee



Maclellan Hicks and Chayton Bussy

By MARLENE ADAMS of RMS

On Dec. 9, Riversprings Middle School held its annual National Geographic Bee school wide competition. This year there were twelve contestants, four from each grade level.

Eighth grade level winners, were Daniel Sloan, Issac Kent, Mattias Gunarson and Blake Bolton. The seventh grade winners were Emma Chason, Lucas

Briggs, Maclellan Hicks and Alex Mernhardt. For the

sixth grade the winners were Jacob Kempf, Easton Lawhon, Jazmine Fields and Chayton Bussey.

In the weeks previous, the students competed within their grade levels to become the grade level winners. Then in turn they represented their grade level in the school-wide competition. On Dec. 9, all representatives met in the library for the competition.

The final round took place between Maclellan Hicks (7th grade) and Chay-

ton Bussy (6th grader.) They had to answer simultaneously by writing their answers on a white board. The winner was Maclellan Hicks.

Hicks submitted a 70 question test to National Geographic in hopes of being one of the top 100 scorers in Florida. Results will be released until March.

We are proud of Maclellan for her accomplishment in being the winner of the 2011 National Geographic Bee here at Riversprings Middle School.

Keith wins Wakulla Middle spelling bee



Spelling bee winners, Connor Keith, Harley Rigdon and Danna Richardson

Wakulla Middle School held its school spelling bee on Dec. 8.

A special thanks goes out to Coach Jeri Jump for being the spelling bee coordinator.

The winners are in sixth grade are first place, Yulia Moody; second place, Miracle Potter; and third place, Cierra Green.

The seventh grade winners were Danna Richardson, first place; second place, Har-

ley Rigdon; and third place, Alyssa Stokley.

Winners in eighth grade were Christian Glover in first place, Connor Keith in second place and Ryan Houston in third place.

The school-wide spelling bee champion was Connor Keith. Second place went to Harley Rigdon and Danna Richardson came in third place.

The county spelling bee is Jan. 13 at Shadeville.



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Sports

sports news and team views

Palmer is winner of the turkey shoot



Dorothy Palmer clutches her winning paper target and prize after the Panacea turkey shoot.

Special to The News

With only a small amount of assistance from a member of the Panacea volunteer fire department, 4-year-old Dorothy Palmer leveled a 20-gauge shot gun at the target and pulled the trigger, winning the fourth round of the Panacea turkey shoot on Dec. 17.

She is the daughter of Ann Gray from Panacea.

Her prize was a turkey.

For the last 10 years, the annual turkey shoot occurs during the first three Saturdays of November and December and is a fundraiser held at the Panacea Volunteer Fire Department.

The volunteer fire department also oversees the event and ensures that, not only enough turkeys are purchased, but also that safety and community participation are equally attended to.

Members of the community including, fire department volunteers, disabled individuals, children, adults, men and women of all sorts participated and enjoyed the rare right to discharge a firearm legally within the Panacea City limits.

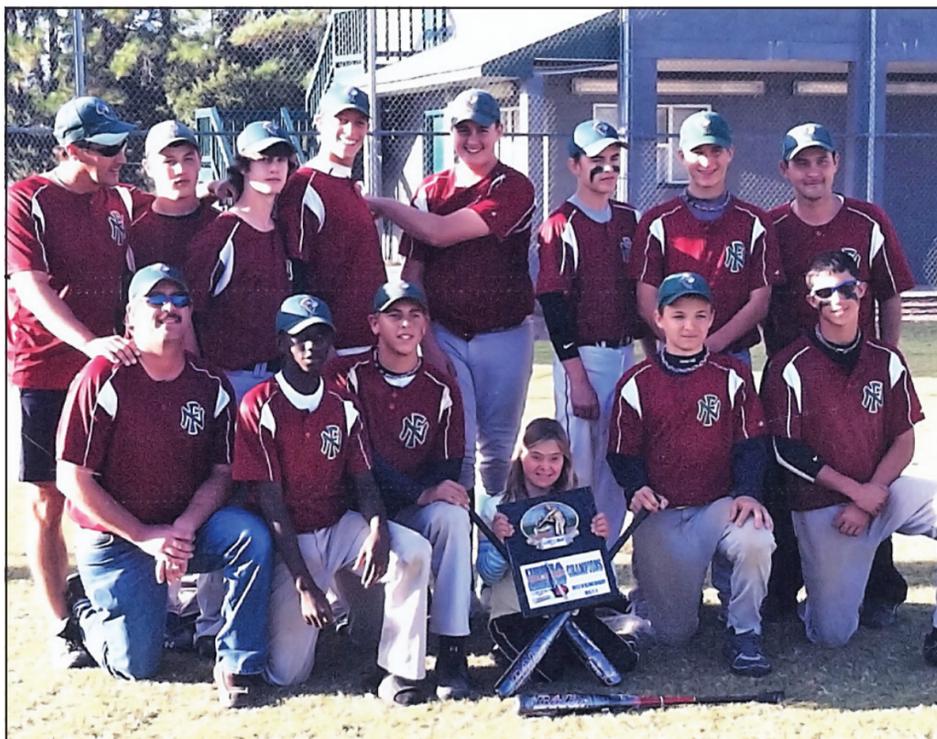
Palmer also was asked to draw the ticket for the winning raffle ticket for a Remington Model 870 Express Super Magnum Pump shotgun.

The winning ticket belonged to John Baker who received the good news via a phone call immediately after the drawing.

For more information or to contact the Panacea Volunteer Fire Department, call 984-5814 anytime there is a local need.

The department is already gearing up for next year's event and everyone is invited.

North Florida Sandgnats are ranked No. 1 in nation



North Florida Sandgnats include four players from Wakulla County, including Hunter Causseaux, Felipe Franks, Jacob Plouffe and Reid Strickland. The Sandgnats will travel to the World Series in June.

Special to The News

North Florida Sandgnats, a 14-year-old travel baseball team, recently became ranked No. 1 in the nation in USSSA National Power Rankings.

The team is made up of four boys from Wakulla County. They are Hunter Causseaux, Felipe Franks, Jacob Plouffe and Reid Strickland.

Head coach Rocky Strickland, also from Wakulla said, "Seven players have played together going on three years now. There's

“Seven players have played together going on three years now. There's just great chemistry and respect among the boys.”

Coch Rocky Strickland

just great chemistry and respect among the boys.”

This year they came from behind several times to win. At this level, one or two errors can lose the game. Every kid has the ability to be the star player, Strickland said.

“With teams I've coached in the past that were loaded with talent, I always had kids that

weren't team players or had attitude issues, these kids don't have egos,” Strickland said. “They don't complain if they're asked to bat last or if they're not playing in there favorite position, they understand the game and love to play and watching them have fun makes all the time, effort and money worth it.”

The team plans to play in Omaha, Neb., at the World Series in June.

The team is looking for sponsors to replace the old uniforms and equipment. If anyone is interested, contact Rocky Strickland at 850-528-4221.

WHS volleyball coach is new owner and director of Prostyle Tallahassee

Wakulla High School Volleyball Head Coach Erica Bunch is the new owner and director of Prostyle Tallahassee.



Erica Bunch

She was hand-picked to replace outgoing two-time Olympian and Volleyball Hall of Fame inductee Rita Crockett, who accepted the position of assistant athletic director at Florida International University.

Formerly known as the North Florida Volleyball Academy, Prostyle Tallahassee is one of the largest clubs in North Florida. Within the last two years, three of their teams received a National bid.

Prostyle Tallahassee offers elementary, middle and high school girls and boys the opportunity to participate in clinics, camps, as

well as regional and national travel teams.

Formerly a standout outside hitter for Florida State, Coach Bunch, who was recently named 2011 Outstanding Junior's Coach by the Florida Region of USA Volleyball, has been building a volleyball program in Wakulla County over the past several years. Her high school team has repeatedly won district titles while her middle school girls competed on school teams that won their district. Her previous club, the Wakulla Storm were consistently ranked high in the region.

Coach Bunch will now be working with some of the best volleyball coaches in the Tallahassee area, as well as Sneads and Niceville. The Prostyle athletes represent some of the best players in the region. Girls that are interested can go to Prostyle Tallahassee's website, (<http://prostyletallahassee.clubspaces.com/>) The opportunity to play with the best in the region will provide a great opportunity for Wakulla county athletes to improve their skills and have the tools needed to take their game to the next level.

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Outdoors

outdoor sports and fishing reports

Warm water effecting season's fishing

Well I hope you had a safe and enjoyable Christmas and that Santa brought you all the new fishing tackle you asked for. Last week in mentioning bait and tackle stores to shop with I forgot to mention Jerry's Bait and Tackle located on Woodville Hwy. They carry a good line of tackle, fresh and saltwater live bait and have a deli. They also carry a good selection of hunting accessories.

I talked with Alan Larmarche last week and he said they went out week before last offshore and had one of the best days for gag grouper he has had in a long while.

They also caught some real nice red snapper, some red grouper and some real big black sea bass. Of course the only thing they came in with were the sea bass and the red grouper. Everything else had to be thrown back due to closed seasons. Alan continues to argue that there are plenty of gag grouper out there and this is just one more indication.

Mark and Louise Prance had their boys down from Gainesville, Ga., before Christmas and they fished every day they were here. They caught lots of big sea bass in about 20 feet of water



From The Dock

BY CAPT. JODY CAMPBELL



and a bunch of reds around the oyster bars though most were about 17.5-inches long. They used shrimp, cut bait and the Gulp.

Capt. David Fife said the fish moved out of Spring Creek and out around the oyster bars. The warming water has them scattered

and he's having to fish a lot of spots to come in with his limit. This time of year David is fishing live mud minnows and a Mirrolure, which he fishes about as slow as you possibly can and still have it moving.

Trout and reds are being caught around the Aucilla

and Econfina at the mouth of the creeks and rivers on the incoming tides. JR has been doing extremely well with the Gulp white/red Jerk Bait. Another good lure this time of year is the Rattlin Redfin in gold/silver and black/silver.

On February 1st we have some changes coming to regulations. The limit on red fish changes to 2 per person and you can have a maximum of 8 fish on board. Trout season will be open all year with no closures and the Northeast Area (over around the Jacksonville area) has changed to a six fish bag

limit. If you're gonna fish this weekend we'll have some fairly good tides and good water movement. Remember to leave that float plan with someone and know your limits.

My New Years wish to everyone is, "I hope the smallest fish you catch this year is as big as the biggest fish you caught last year." Be careful out there and if you're going to go to a New Year's Eve party be sure and have a designated driver. You've still got a lot of fish to catch. Good luck and good fishing!

'Big Bend' white tail bucks go into peak rut

Well on Dec. 21, it officially became winter, and on Dec. 25, Christmas, and soon it'll be a new year and the start of January 2012!

January in our Big Bend region is the month our native white-tailed deer bucks go into peak rut. It's the harshest month of the year, when food for deer and other wildlife too, is the hardest to find, and often it's the coldest. A perfect time to go into rut.

In extreme south Florida the rut starts in late July clear into September. Then in the Everglades it is often flooded, and deer find survival a challenge, wading around in a foot of water, and eating plants saturated with the same.

So this is when they breed, so in turn the fawns are born mostly in February and March there, (though they can be 'dropped' any month of the year though out the state). So breeding occurs when survival is rough, so that the fawns are born when food is plentiful.

Take the Florida Keys for instance. In the keys dur-

ing hurricane season the keys, which are exposed coral beds, become flooded leaving little water holes or puddles all over, and everything deer love to eat is lush, so the majority of fawns dropped from the tiny Key Deer (a subspecies of our White-tailed Deer, or geographical variation) are born in the fall.

On the other hand, the Keys are far enough south that few winter storms with rain reach the keys and by pretty much April when we expect fawns to arrive, the keys are bone dry, and survival is the hardest. So, this is when the bucks go into rut there. A complete flip from the norm.

Keep in mind, the deer does have three periods when they come into estrus, and are receptive to being bred, so there is a 'pre rut' and after the main rutting period there also is a 'post-rut'.

This is why our deer locally are showing signs of rutting way before the main rut kicks in. The two often most obvious signs of when the bucks are going into rut

Wakulla Wildlife

BY GEORGE WEYMOUTH



are the 'rubs' and 'scrapes'. Most outdoor folks know what rubs and scrapes are, but for the uninformed let me touch on this subject briefly.

When the buck's antlers are through growing, and turn basically to bone, the skin covering the antlers, covered with thousands of sensitive hairs as they were growing, that protected the soft easily damaged growing antlers is no longer needed, and as it appears starts to itch intensely.

The buck then will 'shed his velvet' by rubbing on a tree's trunk, and literally, tear the skin from the hardened main beams and tines the antlers, and they bleed!

By now his neck is swollen and he is ready to take on other bucks in fights for

the right to breed the receptive does. He'll nearly stop eating as he goes into all out rut, and will scrape other tree trunks bare with his 'rack' baring the trunks inner wood! He'll often do this in a row selecting small pines (in our region) or other trees with 2 to 4 inch trunks.

In the northern states where White-tails can reach twice the size of ours (and up to 500 pounds) they rub on trees 4 to 6 inches in diameter!

While rubbing, and pushing against these trees they smear on scent from the 'forehead glands'. Scrapes are when a buck will paw the ground, and urinate in the

bared ground to also signal his presence.

He'll usually do this under an overhanging twig or small branch, which he will rub ever so gently against the corner of his eye, and smear on it fluid from his Preorbital Gland located just under the eyes leading corner (where our tear glands are). He leaves these "markers which in turn does come across, and determine which buck they are attracted to.

Hunters now look for these signs, and try to place their stands near rubs, or scrapes, to intercept the legal bucks.

It was on such a scouting venture a few years back when I drew a 'quota archery hunt' in the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge.

I'd parked at the end of a refuge forest lane, and ended up sneak hunting/scouting towards the Wakulla River along an old fence line heading east.

As dusk approached, I sensed I needed to head

back, as it was becoming very cloudy, and rainy looking. While hunting I'd wandered away from the fence a few times, and on this overcast day, unknown to me, had gotten completely turned around.

As I walked "back" along the fence I began to see objects, trees, etc. I didn't remember seeing. Was I going away from my truck rather than towards it? I pulled out my compass, and sure enough I was heading the wrong direction!

I got back to my truck JUST at dark, turned on the rig and before I could turn around it started to POUR-HARD.

Had I not trusted the compass, I would have gone deeper into the swamp, and got caught in an all night downpour while the temperature dropped from 65 into the 30s. I probably would have gotten pneumonia. Thank God for a compass! Always carry one in unfamiliar territory!

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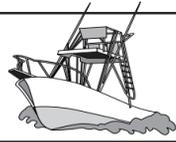
Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

I hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and are preparing for a very Happy New Year! With the new year approaching, it is critical that everyone who will be going out on the water be reminded of a few of the basic safety measures that can make a real difference without taking a lot of extra time. This is especially true with the unseasonable warm weather we have been getting.

This year has been an interesting one for Flotilla 12. We have added several new members and also said goodbye to others. We have been working hard with members from the St. George Island area to try and get a detachment back into the area after Flotilla 15 dissolved last year. With the loss of Flotilla 13, we have also added several members from Shell Point to Flotilla 12.

With all of this going on, we still had some impressive activity.

Within our Marine Dealer Visitation program, which provides safe boating literature to displays throughout the area, our seven qualified visitors conducted 312 visits in 2011.

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There were 91 free vessel safety checks conducted with a 78% pass rate. Those who passed had all the required safety materials on board. For those who did not pass, our vessel examiners discussed with them

what was needed to meet requirements.

With only 3 coxswain and 4 facilities, we had 22 safety patrols for a total of 85 hours out on the water.

It was a sign of the times that we did not successfully

meet our public education goal. This is a problem throughout the Auxiliary, so we know we are not alone in our struggles.

Despite our challenges, our membership managed to accumulate 8,682 reported hours performing Auxiliary related activities. This total does not include time spent at public affairs events or other missions we perform such as writing this column. Public Affairs events added a total of 670 hours! With other events added in, our total volunteer hours were 10,425. There are many who also do not report all their hours, so I can assure you this total is far short of what we actually did in 2011.

The Coast Guard has estimated that Auxiliarists' pay would be roughly \$20.50 an hour, so within our flotilla, we have saved the Coast Guard about \$213,715! It has been said, the Auxiliary is a force multiplier for the Coast Guard, and this goes to show how hard we all work to be the best at what we do to help our community.

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

I Live the Dream

When I was but a child, I too read the fantasy novel called "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" by Jules Vern. That people could walk, let alone swim un tethered from the surface or their submarine, was so thrilling to me that I jumped at any opportunity to swim underwater. I saw myself on those reefs in front of the Nautilus living the adventure. Early on I read or saw the movie on anything available from Cousteau's Adventures, Marine Life, Mike Nelson and of course SCUBA diving. Reality and fantasy often overlapped, leading to an abundance of day dreaming. By age 13 I was skin diving in the Bay of Siam, and by 17, a scuba instructor in Hawaii. In 1965 my first scuba class at my Freshman college (where I also taught) dragged me to see A World Without a Sun which was about the first habitats deployed by Cousteau. Here were real people living and investigating the underwater reefs, not returning to the surface to sleep or eat. Living underwater was no longer a fantasy. It became my ambition, my dream.

My focus at college was everything marine, something very easy when living in Hawaii. And my best employment was the study of artificial reefs under the Cooperative Fisheries. With a degree in Zoology with a marine emphasis, I turned to the mainland for my search of Diving Science. After a few non-starter jobs as employment in the early 70's was not good, I was invited to work at Harbor Branch Foundation Lab, home of the 4 person deep diving submarine, the Johnson Sea Link. And the dream began.

Two sit in the front, inside a glass ball with near 360 degree vision all around. Two sit in the aluminum back with almost no vision, but with lock out diving ability. The sub drops to deep depths and their rear occupants swim out to collect and study the reef while those in front instruct. The Nautilus reborn, the fantasy becomes a reality. Several years later I was invited to participate in the US Navy's Scientist-In-The-Sea Program where graduate students spend a summer diving USN technology appropriate for undersea research. And I lived in an underwater habitat, just like the 1965 Cousteau film. I soon after joined Florida State University to complete my graduate degree, then accept a faculty position, and go on to develop the very successful Academic Diving Program with like-minded dreamers, for future like-minded dreamers that lasted 3 decades.

There is nothing so special about my journey that any dreamer could not replicate with enough imagination to lay in a self-fulfilling path. I was reminded of this fact last Sunday when I drove down to Eagle's Nest next to Weeki-Wachee Springs and soon found myself with a student at 250 feet underwater, in clear warm water, not unlike Jules Vern's vision for his divers of a century earlier. Our pedestrian dive was as common place as what was presented by Captain Nemo of his crew's performance in support of the Nautilus. My next challenge is to decide on where to dream next!

Grouper limit increases to four fish, closures near

Special to The News

The recreational red grouper bag limit in Gulf of Mexico state waters (excluding Monroe County) will increase Dec. 30 from two to four fish, followed by the Jan. 1 season closure of shallow-water grouper in Atlantic state waters.

The red grouper bag limit increase is one of several fishery management changes made at the November Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) meeting in Key Largo.

Management changes

in 2012 will also affect gag grouper season, which is currently closed to fishing in Gulf of Mexico state waters (excluding Monroe County) and will continue to be closed through March 31, 2012.

This includes the regularly scheduled annual closure from Feb. 1 through March 31 in Gulf state waters.

Both measures will help the state achieve consistency with federal red and gag grouper management efforts.

Federal managers are working on a plan to further protect gag grouper, which

is overfished and undergoing overfishing in the Gulf.

The FWC will revisit state gag grouper management efforts in February 2012, once federal rules are solidified.

Season closures for red and gag grouper, as well as other shallow-water groupers, are also nearing.

In Atlantic state waters, including Monroe County, the season closes Jan. 1 and reopens May 1.

Shallow-water grouper season closes Feb. 1 in Gulf state waters and reopens April 1.

Shallow water groupers

in Gulf state waters include gag, red, black, yellowfin and yellowmouth groupers; scamp; and rock and red hind.

In Atlantic state waters, it also includes tiger grouper, coney and graysby.

To learn more, visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on "Saltwater Fishing," "Recreational Regulations" and "Grouper."

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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.

Date	High	Low	High	Low	High
Thu Dec 29, 11	2.9 ft.	0.2 ft.	2.8 ft.	0.7 ft.	
Fri Dec 30, 11	4:19 AM	10:57 AM	5:11 PM	11:13 PM	
Sat Dec 31, 11	5:09 AM	11:26 AM	5:40 PM		
Sun Jan 1, 12	0.7 ft.	2.2 ft.	0.9 ft.	2.7 ft.	
Mon Jan 2, 12	12:12 AM	6:12 AM	11:59 AM	6:13 PM	
Tue Jan 3, 12	0.7 ft.	1.9 ft.	1.2 ft.	2.6 ft.	
Wed Jan 4, 12	1:31 AM	7:45 AM	12:46 PM	7:06 PM	

Date	High	Low	High	Low	High
Thu Dec 29, 11	2.7 ft.	0.1 ft.	2.6 ft.		
Fri Dec 30, 11	4:55 AM	12:01 PM	5:47 PM		
Sat Dec 31, 11	0.7 ft.	2.3 ft.	0.5 ft.	2.5 ft.	
Sun Jan 1, 12	12:17 AM	5:45 AM	12:30 PM	6:16 PM	
Mon Jan 2, 12	0.6 ft.	2.0 ft.	0.8 ft.	2.5 ft.	
Tue Jan 3, 12	1:16 AM	6:48 AM	1:03 PM	6:49 PM	
Wed Jan 4, 12	0.6 ft.	1.8 ft.	1.1 ft.	2.4 ft.	

Date	High	Low	High	Low	High
Thu Dec 29, 11	2.9 ft.	0.2 ft.	2.9 ft.	0.8 ft.	
Fri Dec 30, 11	4:16 AM	10:54 AM	5:08 PM	11:10 PM	
Sat Dec 31, 11	5:06 AM	11:23 AM	5:37 PM		
Sun Jan 1, 12	0.8 ft.	2.2 ft.	1.0 ft.	2.7 ft.	
Mon Jan 2, 12	12:09 AM	6:09 AM	11:56 AM	6:10 PM	
Tue Jan 3, 12	0.8 ft.	1.9 ft.	1.3 ft.	2.7 ft.	
Wed Jan 4, 12	1:28 AM	7:42 AM	12:43 PM	7:03 PM	

Date	High	Low	High	Low	High
Thu Dec 29, 11	2.1 ft.	0.1 ft.	2.1 ft.	0.5 ft.	
Fri Dec 30, 11	4:11 AM	11:08 AM	5:03 PM	11:24 PM	
Sat Dec 31, 11	5:01 AM	11:37 AM	5:32 PM		
Sun Jan 1, 12	0.5 ft.	1.6 ft.	0.7 ft.	2.0 ft.	
Mon Jan 2, 12	11:37 AM	6:04 AM	12:10 PM	6:05 PM	
Tue Jan 3, 12	0.5 ft.	1.4 ft.	0.9 ft.	2.0 ft.	
Wed Jan 4, 12	1:42 AM	7:37 AM	12:57 PM	6:58 PM	

Date	High	Low	High	Low	High
Thu Dec 29, 11	2.2 ft.	0.2 ft.	2.2 ft.	0.7 ft.	
Fri Dec 30, 11	4:03 AM	10:36 AM	4:55 PM	10:52 PM	
Sat Dec 31, 11	2.0 ft.	0.5 ft.	2.1 ft.	0.7 ft.	
Sun Jan 1, 12	4:53 AM	11:05 AM	5:24 PM	11:51 PM	
Mon Jan 2, 12	1.7 ft.	0.9 ft.	2.1 ft.		
Tue Jan 3, 12	5:56 AM	11:38 AM	5:57 PM		
Wed Jan 4, 12	0.7 ft.	1.5 ft.	1.2 ft.	2.0 ft.	

Date	High	Low	High	Low	High
Thu Dec 29, 11	1.9 ft.	-0.1 ft.	2.0 ft.	0.6 ft.	
Fri Dec 30, 11	3:53 AM	10:21 AM	5:42 PM	11:04 PM	
Sat Dec 31, 11	4:57 AM	10:44 AM	6:03 PM		
Sun Jan 1, 12	0.4 ft.	1.4 ft.	1.3 ft.	0.5 ft.	2.2 ft.
Mon Jan 2, 12	12:13 AM	6:13 AM	11:05 AM	6:27 PM	
Tue Jan 3, 12	0.2 ft.	1.2 ft.	0.7 ft.	2.2 ft.	
Wed Jan 4, 12	1:28 AM	7:50 AM	11:41 AM	7:04 PM	

Law Enforcement and Courts reports

Sheriff's Report

On Dec. 18, Deputy Cole Wells, Sgt. Mike Helms and Deputy Sean Wheeler investigated a report of gunshots being fired on Highway 267.

Ryan Thomas Criswell, 27, of Tallahassee and Mack Thomas Braziel, 24, of Ponce De Leon were questioned about the incident. It was determined that Criswell struck Braziel after Braziel discharged a firearm out the window of the vehicle Criswell was driving. Braziel fired four times into a wooded area and was charged with improper exhibition of a firearm and discharging a firearm while intoxicated. Criswell was charged with battery.

On Dec. 15, Bailey Rusom of Crawfordville reported a fraud. The victim told investigators about receiving a monetary collections agency letter through the City of Tallahassee despite never opening an account with the City of Tallahassee or ever having lived in Tallahassee. The account was opened at a Tallahassee apartment in August. Deputy Clint Beam investigated.

On Dec. 15, James Estes of Crawfordville reported a traffic crash. The victim was driving on Highway 61 when he struck a deer with his vehicle. There were no injuries. Deputy Ben Steinle investigated.

On Dec. 15, Tina Joiner of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary. A forced entry was discovered and \$1,365 worth of electronics, computer equipment and a television were taken. Damage to the home was estimated at \$200. Deputy Nick Gray, Deputy Ian Dohme, Detective Nick Boutwell, Detective Rob Giddens and VSI Rae Eddens investigated.

On Dec. 16, Bobby Roach of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary to property owned by Susan Council. A forced entry was discovered and a stove, valued at \$150, was discovered missing. A second burglary was reported at another Council owned property and an air conditioning unit was stolen. It is valued at \$150. A third burglary was reported to another Council property and three air conditioning units, a gas stove, refrigerator and air conditioning/heating unit were taken. The property was

valued at \$1,250. Deputy Cole Wells investigated.

On Dec. 16, Mark Henry of Panama City reported a grand theft of a refrigerator and well pump from a Crawfordville property. The stolen property is valued at \$1,100 and a suspect has been identified. Deputy Scott Powell investigated.

On Dec. 16, Deputy Ward Kromer investigated an accident involving an aircraft at the Wakulla County Airport in Panacea. The pilot of a small aircraft, Kyriakos John Loumakis, 78, of Chamblee, Ga., reported striking a fence as he landed his aircraft. Terry John Loumakis, 65, of Cumming, Ga., was a passenger in the plane. The pilot was unable to stop the plane after landing and it struck a fence and the end of the landing strip. The right wing of the single engine, two seat aircraft was damaged along with the fence. Wakulla firefighters responded to the scene. There was no fire hazard and no injuries to the pilot or passenger. The Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Board were contacted. Deputy Ward Kromer investigated.

On Dec. 18, Lauren St. Hillier of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief. A suspect, who has been identified, struck the victim's vehicle with her own vehicle and created \$2,500 worth of damage. The suspect also got out of her vehicle and kicked and hit the victim's vehicle. A warrant for felony criminal mischief has been requested. Deputy Sean Wheeler investigated.

On Dec. 19, Corey Crum and Shawn Lawhon, both of Sopchoppy, reported a burglary at the Syfrett Creek bridge construction site. Tools were stolen out of a construction site trailer. A forced entry was discovered and \$2,175 worth of tools was stolen. Deputy Mike Zimba investigated.

On Dec. 19, Andrea Pounds of Tallahassee reported a residential burglary and criminal mischief in Crawfordville. The victim is building a house and her contractor discovered PVC pipes were cut and electrical lines were damaged. Damage is estimated at \$550. Deputy Clint Beam investigated.

On Dec. 19, John Hall of Crawfordville reported a theft of a car battery and copper wire owned by William Phinazee of Middleburg. The battery was taken from a vehicle, 200 pounds of copper wire was removed from a pole barn and two fish cookers were taken from the property. The stolen property is valued at \$180. Deputy Mike Crum investigated.

On Dec. 20, Deputy Mike Zimba observed a male subject in Panacea with outstanding warrants. The deputy conducted a traffic stop nearby, but the subject fled the scene. A Taser was deployed but the probes did not strike the subject. A warrant request was submitted for the 30-year-old Panacea man for resisting arrest without violence.

On Dec. 20, Noreen Britt of the Wakulla Recreation Department reported a burglary at the recreation park in Medart. Someone broke into a storage building and removed \$1,200 worth of football helmets. The building suffered \$100 worth of damages following a forced entry. Deputy Ben Steinle investigated.

On Dec. 21, Justin Lee Deringol, 27, at-large, was charged with retail theft for taking merchandise from Goodwill Industries in Crawfordville. Deringol walked out of Goodwill with a backpack and clothing and failed to pay for the items. The stolen merchandise was valued at \$23. Sgt. Ronald Mitchell observed the suspect walking north on U.S. Highway 319 and Deringol was in possession of the items when he was arrested.

On Dec. 21, John Hall of Crawfordville reported the theft of copper at a neighbor's property. Copper was cut out of a hot water heater and off of a power pole. The copper is valued at \$55. Lt. Danny Harrell investigated.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office received 738 calls for service during the past week including: 11 residential and business alarms; 61 citizen contacts 25 investigations; 10 loud music/noise complaints; 46 medical emergencies; 64 security checks; 19 special details; 16 suspicious people; 12 traffic crashes; 45 traffic stops 11 abandoned vehicles; 19 reckless vehicles; and 169 watch orders.



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Deputy Rachel Oliver is presented a commendation award for her actions in the line of duty by Undersheriff Maurice Langston.

Deputy Oliver is recognized for helping save a heart attack victim

Special to The News

On Dec. 22, Wakulla County Sheriff's Deputy Rachel Oliver received a Commendation Award from Interim Sheriff Donnie Crum.

Oliver was recognized for her professionalism, courage and swift action that saved the life of a male

heart attack victim on Friday, April 8 at the Goodwill store in Crawfordville.

The man was found unconscious in a storage room around 12:30 p.m.

The award stated, "Your quick thinking and fast action in getting the AED and administering electro shock while waiting for EMS to arrive saved a

heart attack victim's life. Paramedics on site complemented your first responder approach that resulted in the subject breathing again on his own."

The man was alert and conscious before being transported to the hospital, according to the sheriff's office.

Tips for staying safe during the holidays

Special to The News

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office asks motorists to be extra careful during the 2011 holiday season. December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. The holiday season between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day is one of the busiest and most dangerous times to drive.

There have been 52 traffic crashes so far during the month of December in Wakulla County. In December 2010, Wakulla deputies investigated 59 traffic crashes.

Here are some tips for a safe night out:

If you plan to drink, designate someone else to drive. Or, if you will be on your

own, plan for a taxi ride home, or arrange to stay the night.

If traveling in a group, choose the designated driver before heading out for the night. Make sure the driver understands their responsibility for staying sober.

Even if you are not driving, take it easy with the drinks. Make sure to eat plenty of food and drink non-alcoholic beverages as well.

If you are hosting a holiday party, consider these tips for keeping your guests safe:

Upon greeting all guests, find out what their plans are for the evening.

Don't let guests mix their own drinks. Assign a "bartender" who can keep track of the size and number of

drinks consumed. Serve plenty of food along with drinks.

Don't be afraid to say "no" to someone who has had way too much.

About 90 minutes before the party ends, close the "bar" and serve dessert and coffee. This will give guests some time to sober up. Coffee will not speed up sobriety. Only time can make a person sober.

Be especially careful driving at night during the season. Partygoers are more likely to be on the road at night and the later it gets, the more likely that drivers might be intoxicated. No matter what, everyone in the car should always wear a seatbelt. It's your best defense against impaired drivers.

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Wakulla County Senior Citizens Celebrate Life

Keep positive outlook for upcoming year



By RH CARTER
Executive Director

The Wakulla County Senior Center Board and staff wish all of you a wonderful 2012.

We always have an optimistic outlook on our future regardless of obstacles that we encounter.

We at the Senior Center are doing all we can to enhance the life of our older population.

The seniors have had a great 2011 and especially enjoyed the holiday season including Thanksgiving and Christmas. More than 600 enjoyed our free Countywide Thanksgiving Dinner. The Cowboy Country Church provided the financial support to fund this entire event.

Christmas gifts were too numerous to list. The churches of Wakulla County, the Christmas Connection, the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, Coalition for Youth, Be a Santa To a Senior, other clubs, businesses and local citizens opened their hearts and shared their financial resources to provide a wonderful Christmas for so many. Many needy children that are served by our transportation system found excitement, happiness and joy under their tree on Christmas morning.

Everyone who participates in these activities is so blessed to experience this pleasure.

It's easy to see these results of our Board of Directors. But there is much more that our Board does for senior services that you often don't see and is not reported.

During the last thirteen years, I have been so thankful for a Board that understands the difference between their job and the role of the executive director.

They come from different backgrounds and are open in sharing their ideas with me and other Board members. When they meet they are familiar with our operations. They freely share their financial resources to support our efforts. They are interested in the welfare of our organization.

These are extraordinary people doing extraordinary things under extraordinary

circumstances. These individuals are smart and dedicated caring people committed to working together. I'm grateful for every one of them.

The Board of Directors serves as volunteers and provides reassurance that our future senior services will continue through these hard times.

I have noticed that individuals and organizations are keeping our financial contributions at a stable level. We are receiving more and more small contributions from them. Our citizens know that we are not protected from hard times and we find that they are concerned and willing to help.

The Board of Directors consists of Peggy Mackin, chair; Susan Payne Turner, vice chair; Linda Boles, secretary/treasurer; Maurice Langston, chaplain; other board members include Ruby Allen, Beulah King, Larry Massa, Cheryl Olah, James Taylor, Queen Webster and Ruth Williams.

Recently I read a special report from the Community Action Partnership in Washington, D.C. Several letters were published that reported a common theme.

The Hee Haw show on television a few years back use to sing a song that described the common theme of the published letters, "Gloom, despair and agony on me, deep dark depression and excessive misery." They talked about the need to grow your own food supply and providing health services in your home including child delivery.

We, at the Senior Center are optimistic about our future. We do not share this "Stinking Thinking." We believe that you must be optimistic about tomorrow if you wish to enjoy today. The longer we live the more we recognize how brief our time is on earth. We therefore must strive to enjoy each day because we only have this opportunity once. We never get a second chance to enjoy a day.

During the holiday season we can all step back and ask ourselves have we let others know how much we appreciate them.

Contributions to the Senior Center improves the quality of life for a very special group of people. This support for senior citizens brings an extraordinary benefit to our entire community. Working here has increased my appreciation of life for all citizens.

I'm so grateful that I work for this cause. It is not always easy but it is always rewarding.

Autumn was full of fun activities for seniors

By TAMARA BYRNES and
DIANE LANTER
Senior Center

As many of the trees in Wakulla County changed to their glorious autumn colors, so did the Senior Center as we prepared for Thanksgiving.

Fall colors showed up in our table decorations and beautiful wreaths that the seniors made.

Our Volunteer of the Year, Don Allen, rode in an antique pickup truck at the Veterans Day Parade and the Queen of the Senior Center, Charlotte Miller, waved her greetings to all and just had fun in a sporty convertible.

The center had a wonderful turnout for our Annual County Wide Thanksgiving Dinner.

A delicious meal was enjoyed by all and the Pickin' n Grinnin' Band made the evening even more enjoyable.

A local balloon artist, Anklez the Clown, created outrageous balloons for the kids and adults. Several clowns from the Lions Club made their appearance also and it was hard to keep the grin off our faces.

Funds were raised for the center with sales of Chef Mary's Homemade Cranberry Sauce; if you haven't tasted it yet you should before sales end just before Christmas.

This celebration was a time of seeing old friends and making new ones. We look forward to this time every year, so that we can say "thank you" to the wonderful people of Wakulla County.

The Health Department provides a Diabetic Support Group on the first Tuesday of the month. The information that is provided is helpful to everyone and not just diabetics.

Senior Service Day was presented by the Area Agency on Aging. Seniors had all their questions answered regarding Medicare, prescription programs, energy assistance, amplified telephones, and food stamp assistance. Shine Counselors were available most of the day.

The Cooperative Extension Service also provides a nutrition class every month and the seniors enjoy the fun games and healthy news that Shelly Swenson brings to the class. Class partici-



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Those attending the community-wide Thanksgiving dinner were able to purchase Chef Mary's famous cranberry sauce.



The Senior Center Queen, above, waves to those in attendance at the Veterans Day Parade and several clowns, below, from the Lions Club visit the center.

pants went home with fresh greens from the Senior Center Community Garden.

A reminder that Senior Center activities include: Yoga on Mondays at 10:30 a.m., Craft Classes at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Brain Gym at 10:30 a.m. and Beading Class at 12:45 p.m. on Wednesdays, Computer class on Wednesdays at 1 p.m., Chair exercise on Thursdays at 11:15 a.m., Line Dancing on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

As for music, the Pickin' n Grinnin' Band plays on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon, and we have Gospel music the first Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m.



But, of course you can come and pick up your own calendar any day of the week and join in the fun! For more information call 926-7145.

Contract bridge lessons coming up at Senior Center

An eight session class of beginning bridge will be held at the Crawfordville Senior Center starting on Friday, Jan. 13 at 12:30 p.m.

Each session will be held weekly on Friday for one hour. Duplicate contract bridge with partners will be played until 4:30 p.m.

There is no charge for persons 60 and older, others will be asked for a \$2 donation to the Senior Center.

All lesson materials will be furnished and all you need is be ready to have some fun. Come with a partner or come alone.

Weekly discussion and

play will generally address the following:

1. Point count bidding and no-trump
2. Opening bids in suits
3. Responding to opening suit bids
4. Responding to opening no trump bids
5. Rebids by opener and

responders

6. Overcalls and interference
7. Duplicate system format
8. Play of the hands

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Bingo at La Cantina Grille from 6 to 9 p.m.	New Year's Eve	Happy New Year!	County Offices Closed
Thursday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday

Office Closures

Friday, December 30

- WAKULLA COUNTY offices and buildings will be closed for the holiday.
- ST. MARKS CITY hall will be closed for the holiday.

Monday, January 2

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- THE WAKULLA NEWS office will be closed.

Clubs, Groups, Regular Meetings

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.
- 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.

Friday, December 30

- 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)
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Saturday, December 31

- 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, January 1

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

Monday, January 2

- 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, January 3

- 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, January 4

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at Ochlockonee Bay UMC on Surf Road at noon.
- 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, January 5

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 7 p.m. at the Panacea Women's Club on Otter Lake Road, Panacea. For more information call 524-9103.
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Special Events

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. For those who cannot attend, you can watch the event on the Big Bend Hospice website www.big-bendhospice.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.

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.

Saturday, January 14

- TRAIN CLUB FOR SPECTRUM CHILDREN OF WAKULLA will meet from 10 to noon at 29 Sarah Court, Crawfordville. Children are to be accompanied by an adult at all times and are asked to bring their favorite snack and train. Children of all levels of autism and ages are invited to attend, as well as siblings. For more information or to RSVP, contact Carrie Stevens at 274-9474 or carriejstevens@comcast.net.

Thursday, January 19

- NINTH ANNUAL JOBS=PAYCHECKS NOW JOB FAIR AND EXPO will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Leon County Civic Center in Tallahassee. The event is hosted by Workforce plus. To learn more about opportunities at WORKFORCE plus call (866) WFP – JOB1 today or visit the website at www.wfplus.org.
- INSTALLATION DINNER FOR CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Wakulla Senior Center. RSVP to the Chamber office (850) 926-1848.

Friday, January 20

- NAMI WAKULLA'S SECOND ANNUAL NIGHT OF ALL-AMERICAN FUN will feature pianist and American music ambassador Bob Milne, who will perform ragtime music at 7 p.m. at the Wakulla Springs Lodge. Tickets are \$30 each and include dinner and the performance. To purchase tickets, call the NAMI Wakulla office at 926-1033.

Saturday, January 21

- GRANT PEEPLES, Americana/Roots, singer/songwriter, will perform at Posh Java in Sopchoppy at 8 p.m. For more information, call (850) 962-1010.

Tail Wagger...



By JO ANN PALMER
CHAT MEMBER

When I was around 5 years old, a friend of my father's brought a little brown and tan puppy to our house and gave it to me. The puppy was more round than tall and probably too young to be whined, but she was mine.

I named her Butterball and for the next seven or eight years, she was my constant companion, and aggressive guard dog. She lived outside, ran up and down the road, disappeared for days into the woods and terrorized people who rode bicycles or walked in front of our house. When you're a kid, you don't really realize where the food for your dog or cat comes from, except the store, nor do you realize that it's critical to maintain your pet's good health with regular visits to the veterinarian. Illness happens and that's where this story goes.

It never occurred to me that responsibility for her care meant monthly heartworm prevention, annual shots against rabies and distemper, and tick and flea prevention. As a child, my worries were when and where can I play and why can't I stay out after dark.

A lot has changed in the world of kids and pets.

Many pets live inside, only walk on leashes, get their hair and nails done and don't run freely in neighborhoods, which is a good thing.

Heartworms were something I heard about in the 70s. Heartworm prevention was something we gave our lab Rainey all of her 14 years, even while living in Southern California, where there was never a confirmed case of heartworms. I didn't want to take any chances.

When Rainey died in January 2009, we just could not bring ourselves to even think about another dog. Even writing this article and thinking about her makes me sad, because I miss her.

Dogs become such an easy part of our lives, they don't demand anything and they give so much. We really never wanted to face that kind of loss again.

Then enter stage left, a 4-year-old chocolate lab, heartworm positive and very sick.

Woody and I decided that we would take him home, foster him for CHAT and do all we could to help him survive. At least he would be given a chance.

So, home we went, big sick dog in tow, opening our hearts to a pair

of big, sad, sick, brown eyes. That was in June. Heartworm treatment is costly and comes with no guarantees. He underwent a series of three injections during which he had to remain quiet, calm and basically closed off from any change of excitement. The description of how the worms expand the heart, limiting the space for blood, thus oxygen flow, makes you hurt. The saying "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" never made more sense. Prevention is so much easier. If you own a dog or cat, please be sure to treat them monthly.

Now, thanks to all the treatments by Dr. Hughes and the staff of CHAT, he is 99 percent healthy. He has made a remarkable recovery, is heartworm negative and only waiting for his final procedure, which involves the removal of certain parts of the male anatomy.

As much as the face of our world has changed since I was a child, our world has changed just as much in the past 10 years. Unfortunately, economics played the only role in the inability of our foster dog's family to provide proper preventative care for him. He is not alone in that plight in America. Every day thousands of animals are voluntarily surrendered by loving, caring families across the nation. The fortunate ones are surrendered to shelters and taken in by organizations just like CHAT. Shelters that house, feed and work diligently to find new families for them. The choice to put food on the table for your children or food in your dog's dish is a difficult choice, one no one in America should have to make, but it happens. Fortunately in our community, CHAT is here.

Being a foster family has helped heal the hurt left by the loss of our sweet Rainey, and has given us a chance to enjoy the rewards of pet "ownership" again. Fostering a dog gives you a reason to get up, take a walk in this great climate and get some great puppy kisses, or kitty purrs.

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5070-1229 PUBLIC NOTICE ATTENTION COMCAST CUSTOMERS

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December 29, 2011

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

5071-0105 Vs. Trogdon, Richard S., 65-2011-CA-000019 Notice of Foreclosure Sale PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 65-2011-CA-000019 DIVISION

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff, vs. RICHARD S. TROGDON, et al, Defendant(s). NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated and entered in Case No. 65-2011-CA-000019 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 RICHARD S. TROGDON; KAREN E. TROGDON; CAPITAL CITY BANK; 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 1st day of March, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 13 OF PANACEA SHORES, UNIT 4, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 34 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 72 SUNRISE LANE UNIT 4, PANACEA, FL 32346

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 14, 2011.
Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of the Circuit Court (SEAL)

By: /s/ Desiree D. Willis, Deputy Clerk

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Notices to Creditors/ Administration

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5069-0119
Vs. Fields, Judith. 2010-CA-037 Re- Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: 2010-CA-037

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI TRUST SERIES 2007-MLMI,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JUDITH M. FIELDS F/K/A JUDITH M. TOOLE, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JUDITH M. FIELDS F/K/A JUDITH M. TOOLE, UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 AND #2, AND ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et al.
 Defendant(s).

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 28, 2010 and an Order Rescheduling the Foreclosure Sale dated December 14, 2011 entered in Civil Case No.: 2010-CA-037 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI TRUST SERIES 2007-MLMI, Plaintiff, and JUDITH M. FIELDS F/K/A JUDITH M. TOOLE, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JUDITH M. FIELDS F/K/A JUDITH M. TOOLE, are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the lobby of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32326 at 11:00 AM, on the 22nd day of March 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 6 AND 7, BLOCK 1, WAKULLA GARDENS, UNIT 2, A SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 42, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the court on December 14, 2011.
 BRENT X. THURMOND, CLERK OF THE COURT
 (COURT SEAL)

By: /s/ Desiree D. Willis, Deputy Clerk
 Attorney for the Plaintiff: Brian L. Rosciler, Esquire, Popkin & Rosciler, P.A., 1701 West Hillboro Boulevard, Suite 400, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442. Telephone (954)360-9030 Facsimile:(954)420-5187.

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5068-0105
Vs. Kilbourn, Samantha. 65-2010-CA-000246 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. 65-2010-CA-000246 DIVISION

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 SAMANTHA KILBOURN, et al,
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated December 14, 2011 and entered in Case No. 65-2010-CA-000246 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and SAMANTHA KILBOURN; GEORGE KILBOURN A/K/A GEORGE C. KILBOURN; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; WOODLAND HERITAGE HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; 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 19th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

TRACT 9, WOODLAND HERITAGE (UNRECORDED); COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 02 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 4, A DISTANCE OF 475.62 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF A 60.00 FOOT ROADWAY EASEMENT FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 19 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 670.04 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST 400.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST 670.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 4, THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH BOUNDARY 400.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SUBJECT TO A ROADWAY EASEMENT OVER AND ACROSS THE WESTERLY 30.00 FEET THEREOF.

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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 14, 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.

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5065-1229
Vs. Robbins, Stephen M. 2011-170-CA CA Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO., 2011-17-CA

GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, 225 Town Park Drive, Suite 325, Kennesaw, GA 30144-3710,
 Plaintiff

vs.
 STEPHEN M. ROBBINS A/K/A STEVE ROBBINS, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF STEPHEN M. ROBBINS A/K/A STEVE M. ROBBINS, ANGELA K. ROBBINS, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANGELA K. ROBBINS, CIT LOAN CORPORATION, successor in interest to the CIT Group/Consumer Finance, Inc., MONOGRAM CREDIT CARD BANK OF GEORGIA, a corporation, and HSBC BANK NEVADA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, successor in interest to Direct Merchants Credit Card Bank, National Association,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Plaintiff's Final Summary Judgment For Foreclosure entered in the above-captioned action, I will sell the property situated in Wakulla, Florida, described as follows, to wit:

LOT 17, KENMORE ESTATES, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 13 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA; TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1993 64 X 28 NOBILITY MOBILE HOME, SERI AL NUMBER N86032AB.

Commonly known as: 70 Roberts Williams Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327,

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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.
 Published on December 22 & 29, 2011 in The Wakulla News.

5062-1229
Vs. Mitchell, Joseph Emery 09-482-CA, Amended Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
 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 u/d/f, 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, H.S., a distance of 163.00 feet to the Southeastly 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 Southeastly 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, H.S., a distance of 163.00 feet to the Southeastly 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 South 72' 57' 37" West 863.46 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, accessions 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.

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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 situate in Wakulla County, Florida, described as:

Commence at the intersection of the Easterly right-of-way boundary of State Road No. 5-365 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' 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

Notices to Creditors/ Administration

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5075-0105
Vs. Clemons, George 11-366-CA Notice of Action
PUBLIC NOTICE
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
 CASE NO. 11-366-CA

WILLIAM C. SHERRILL, JR.,
 Plaintiff,

vs.
 GEORGE GWYNN CLEMONS, SR. and LILLIAN C. CLEMONS, husband and wife, the unknown heirs or beneficiaries of the Estate of GEORGE GWYNN CLEMONS, SR., if deceased, and any and all others claiming by and through GEORGE GWYNN CLEMONS, SR., the unknown heirs or beneficiaries of the Estate of LILLIAN C. CLEMONS, if deceased, and any and all others claiming by and through LILLIAN C. CLEMONS,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO DEFENDANTS, GEORGE GWYNN CLEMONS, SR. and LILLIAN C. CLEMONS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OR BENEFICIARIES OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE GWYNN CLEMONS, SR., IF DECEASED, AND ANY AND ALL OTHERS CLAIMING BY AND THROUGH GEORGE GWYNN CLEMONS, SR., THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OR BENEFICIARIES OF THE ESTATE OF LILLIAN C. CLEMONS, IF DECEASED, AND ANY AND ALL OTHERS CLAIMING BY AND THROUGH LILLIAN C. CLEMONS

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action pursuant to Chapters 65.081 and 95.16, Florida Statutes (2011), and Chapter 95.18, Florida Statutes (2004-2010), to quiet and confirm title of Plaintiff, WILLIAM C. SHERRILL, JR., in and to lands located in Wakulla County, Florida:

Lot 4 of the unrecorded Gray's subdivision, at Stuart Cove, located in Lot 115, Hartsfield Survey of Lands, Wakulla County, Florida. See Composite Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

(Parcel I.D. No. 00-00-115-000-11911-000)

has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Mary Ellen Davis, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 17 High Drive, Suite C, Post Office Box 1720, Crawfordville, Florida 32326, on or before January 30, 2012, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a Default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated on December 21, 2011
 Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of Court

(Seal) /s/ by Desiree D. Willis, As Deputy Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

Edwin G. Brown & Associates, Inc. Surveyors, Mappers, Engineers

May 5, 2004 WILLIAM C. SHERRILL, JR.
 .11 ACRES

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct representation of the following described property and that this description substantially meets the minimum technical standard for land surveying (Chapter6) G17, Florida Administrative Code).

Commence at an iron pipe on the North Shore Line of Stuart Cove just East of a small island in the mouth of Wilder Creek in Lot 115 of the Hartsfield Survey of Lands, Wakulla County, Florida; thence run North 1200 feet to the Northeast Corner of John Groys Land; thence run North 87 degrees 24 minutes 00 seconds West 1120.00 feet to a iron pipe lying on the Westerly right of way of Cove Drive; thence run Southeastly along said right of way South 24 degrees 29 minutes 00 seconds East 165.30 feet to a re-bar for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence from said POINT OF BEGINNING, continue along said right of way South 24 degrees 29 minutes 00 seconds East 55.19 feet to a rod and cap lying on an intersection of said right of way and the Northerly right of way of Palm Avenue; thence run along said right of way of Palm Avenue South 87 degrees 15 minutes 56 seconds East 99.23 feet to a rod and cap; thence leaving said right of way run North 24 degrees 08 minutes 32 seconds West 54.80 feet to an re-bar; thence North 87 degrees 12 minutes 07 seconds West 99.99 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 0.11 acres more or less.

The undersigned surveyor has not been provided a current title opinion or abstract of matters affecting title or boundary to the subject property. It is possible there are deeds of records, unrecorded deeds, easements or other instruments which could affect the boundaries.

WADE G BROWN
 Surveyor & Mapper Florida Certificate No. 5959(LB 6475) 03-484PSC:23253, 1:\legals\23253.4 wpd

December 29, 2011 and January 5, 2012

5073-0105
Estate of Hal Arlen Council, File No. 11-65-PR, Notice to Creditors
PUBLIC NOTICE
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
 File Number 11-65-PR

IN RE : ESTATE OF HAL ARLEN COUNCIL,
 Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of HAL ARLEN COUNCIL, deceased, File Number 11-65-PR, is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent, or liquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

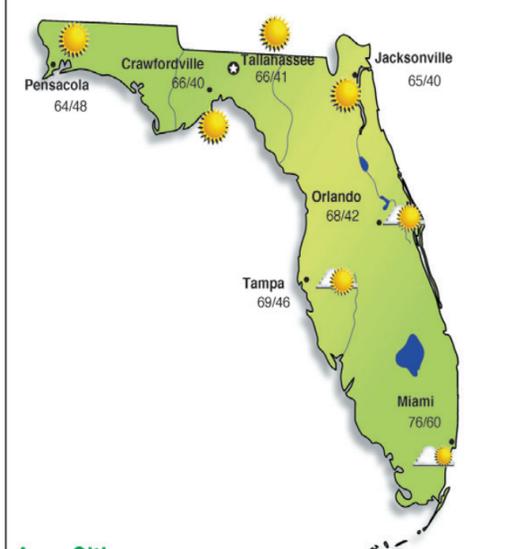
ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, AND CLAIM FILED TWO YEARS OR MORE AFTER DECEDENT'S DEATH IS BARRED.

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Florida At A Glance



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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Clearwater	67	46	mst sunny	Ocala	69	37	mst sunny
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Daytona Beach	67	41	mst sunny	Panama City	65	46	sunny
Fort Lauderdale	75	62	pt sunny	Pensacola	64	48	sunny
Fort Myers	74	46	mst sunny	Plant City	71	42	mst sunny
Gainesville	67	36	sunny	Pompano Beach	76	60	pt sunny
Hollywood	76	59	pt sunny	Port Charlotte	72	46	mst sunny
Jacksonville	65	40	sunny	Saint Augustine	64	40	mst sunny
Key West	73	66	pt sunny	Saint Petersburg	64	53	mst sunny
Lady Lake	67	36	mst sunny	Sarasota	70	48	mst sunny
Lake City	65	37	sunny	Tallahassee	66	41	sunny
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Chicago	44	34	cloudy	Phoenix	70	46	sunny
Dallas	65	42	sunny	San Francisco	60	51	cloudy

Notices to Creditors/ Administration

The date of the first publication of the Notice is December 29, 2011.

/s/ Sam Farkas
Personal Representative
1951 North Meridian Rd., #5,
Tallahassee, Florida 32312

/s/ Robert S. Hightower
Robert S. Hightower, Florida Bar No. 199801, P.O. Box 4165, Tallahassee, Florida 32315
Telephone: (850) 222-3363 Facsimile: (850) 222-0992

December 29, 2011 and January 5, 2012

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.

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Creech, Henry Nathaniel 11-66-PR Notice To Creditors
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- ACROSS**
1. 1983 Streisand film
 6. Flat floater
 10. Yawn inducer
 14. On the briny
 15. Controversial apple spray
 16. Scene of a temptation
 17. Poetic role for Humphrey Bogart?
 19. Critic Rex
 20. Trumpeter Armstrong
 21. "Ten-hut!" opposite
 23. Stiffly formal
 26. Provided with workers
 27. "I've ___ up to here!"
 28. ___-mo replay
 30. Prefix meaning "ear"
 31. "Is that so?"
 33. Makes angry
 35. Numbered rd.
 38. Inside-the-Beltway figures
 39. Put up for sale
 41. Knock senseless
 42. Choice: Abbr.
 43. Tiny opening
 44. Typewriter key
 46. "The Waste Land" monogram
 48. Genesis boat
 50. ___-Poo ("The Mikado" character)
 51. Place for butts
 54. Suitability
 56. Zebra marking
 57. Steer clear of
 58. Hammer end
 59. Statewide election winner's poetic prize?
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 66. Lavin or Ellerbee

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Solutions

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68. Jury member, theoretically
69. PC equivalent of 44-Across
12. Ebbets Field shortstop
13. Pulled the plug on
18. "So ___ me!"
22. New Mexico art center
23. Visits the mall
24. Western resort lake
25. Poetic words from a paper tiger?
26. Really steamed
29. Career soldier
32. ___-ha (commotion)
34. Screw up
36. Istanbul natives
37. Singer Skinnay
40. Wear at the edges
41. Pinch-hits
43. Offender, in cop lingo
45. Give a name to
- DOWN**
1. Mouth, slangily
 2. UFO pilots
 3. Code-breaking org.
 4. Act the perjurer
 5. Boxer Jake, "the Raging Bull"
 6. White water site
 7. "Woe is me!"
 8. Hula hoop or Davy Crockett hat
 9. End-of-October handout
 10. Deprived
 11. Was deep in the hole, poetically?
47. Scorpion attacks
49. Marge Simpson voice Julie
51. Anti-abuse org.
52. Howard of satellite radio
53. Man with morals
55. "The Purloined Letter" writer
57. Heche or Rice
60. Smelter supply
61. Suffix with insist or persist
62. Summer cooler
63. Road crew's supply

Michael Morgan take over as new fire chief

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He then became fire chief of the Spring Hill Fire Rescue.

He retired in 2002, but continued to volunteer becoming a volunteer fire chief and eventually a volunteer district fire chief.

"I went back as soon as I retired," Morgan says.

He then decided he wanted to go back to work and began looking for opportunities.

"I thought I was ready for retirement," Morgan says.

Morgan says a friend told him about the position in Wakulla County and both thought he would be a good fit because of his experience with volunteer departments.

He says he was impressed with WACUFFA and the way the county merged.

After applying for the position, Morgan and his wife,

Jane, visited Wakulla County, checking out the area and the fire stations.

"It's so pretty up here," Morgan says. "We said, 'yeah, we can live here.'"

Morgan interviewed with the committee and was chosen. He then gladly accepted the position.

While Morgan has a good deal of experience in the volunteer side of things, he also has plenty of experience in training.

He taught the first class for firefighter standards in Pasco County and continued to teach in fire academies, including fire officer classes.

He is a certified fire instructor level three and is an instructor at St. Petersburg College Fire Academy and an instructor for National Incident Management System, Environmental Response Team Florida State Fire College and National Fire Academy Course.

He says he wants to ensure all firefighters receive proper training. The departments set up training sessions before he got on board with the county and he says he wants to continue countywide training.

He would also like to utilize the training facility more.

He wants to move toward getting everyone certified and move to upper level training.

"I want to put an emphasis on training," Morgan says. "Firefighting doesn't occur on a daily basis, but it needs to be kept up."

He also received his associate degree in fire administration from St. Petersburg Junior College and eventually obtained his bachelor's degree in business from St. Leo University.

Morgan is also a member of the Incident Management Team for the Florida

Department of Emergency Management.

He received disaster relief training with Southern Baptist Disaster Relief and has helped in 11 major storm responses, including Hurricane Katrina.

Morgan says he was in New Orleans the day after Katrina hit. He was the operation section chief for emergency management for the city of New Orleans.

"I've seen the power of nature and water and what it can do to a community," Morgan says.

Morgan is also a member of the Florida Fire Chiefs Association and helped develop its Statewide Emergency Response Plan. He has also served as the FFCA liaison to state emergency operation centers for numerous occasions, as well as the 1998 wildfires.

He wants to work with Emergency Management Di-

rector Scott Nelson and make sure the county is prepared for a disaster.

Morgan says he is looking forward to his new challenge.

"I've got a purpose," Mor-

gan says. Morgan has been married to Jane for 41 years and they have two sons and three grandchildren.

Tallahassee man arrested for burglary



Eric Cardin

discovered and investigators from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission were contacted.

Detectives believe the original Crawfordville burglary occurred in September.

Undersheriff Maurice Langston added that Cardin was out on bond from another recent Wakulla County arrest when he was arrested for the burglary.

On Nov. 18, the U.S. Marshal's Florida Regional Task Force served a felony arrest warrant on Cardin at his Tallahassee home. During the arrest, Task Force members discovered Cardin with methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia in his pockets. He was charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia and transported to

the Leon County Jail.

On Nov. 29, Cardin was also arrested and charged with grand theft in connection with a burglary and theft of boat motors, copper wire

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Cardin remains in the Wakulla County Jail under a \$66,500 bond.

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"Cardin did not have permission to be there and was arrested without incident. We also worked with the Leon County Sheriff's Office to execute a search warrant at 21794 Hitching Post Road in Tallahassee and discovered more of the missing property."

A bear skin hide was also

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