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Manna rains down in Sopchoppy



Janet Culbertson, wearing a vest under the ivy, surrounded by volunteers with Manna Community Mission.

Manna Community Mission helps distribute food to those in need

By JENNIFER JENSEN
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For no other reason, but that they simply saw a need, Janet and Shawn Culbertson decided to create a food pantry in Sopchoppy to help those in their community who have been hit so hard by the downturn of the economy.

They started Manna Community Mission several months ago and during the month of December, more than 1,800 people waited in line and passed through the doors of the building in Sopchoppy covered in ivy and left with a bag full of food.

"There's no jobs," Janet Culbertson says. "The need is so great."

Culbertson runs the food pantry, while her husband oversees the mission.

The name came from the book of Exodus in the Bible, which describes Manna as the food that miraculously fell down from the heavens to the Israelites during their 40 years in the desert after leaving Egypt.

"We called it Manna be-

cause it would be a miracle of food to many people," Culbertson says.

The mission distributes at least half a week's worth of food to families in need every Thursday and every third Saturday of the month.

The Culbertsons first got the idea to start a food pantry several years ago, but at that time, the economy was in better shape and people were working.

"We weren't in a financial crisis," she says.

Then came the recession and Culbertson says many people in Sopchoppy lost their jobs and businesses started closing. The couple decided it was time to put their plan into action.

"We just felt like God wanted us to help the people in this community," Culbertson says.

They completed all their paperwork and turned it in to become a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, which Culbertson says took over a year.

Once that was completed, they were able to buy



The crowd outside Manna on a food distribution day.

food from Second Harvest. They buy food for 19 cents per pound, and receive the truck full of food every Thursday. The truck is full of pounds of frozen meats, canned vegetables and cases of desserts and breads.

"It's packed full of food," Culbertson says. "We just take what they give us."

It costs \$2,000 a month to purchase the food, which is paid for through donations, given by churches, individuals, groups and the city.

"They all see this need," Culbertson says. "They know what these folks are up against."

Culbertson says every-

one gives a little here and there and it works.

One of her granddaughters gave 30 cents out of her allowance and Culbertson told her that it would buy 2 pounds worth of food.

"No donation is too small," she says.

Originally, they planned to hand out food only on the third Saturday of every month. However, Second Harvest called and told Culbertson they had extra food and wanted to know if she wanted it. She says, she told them, "Yes, of course we'll take it."

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Superintendent of Schools David Miller surprises Teacher of the Year Megan Crombie in her classroom.

Megan Crombie is Teacher of the Year for 2012

Special to The News

Riversink Elementary School teacher Megan Crombie is the 2012 Teacher of the Year in Wakulla County.

Superintendent David Miller made the announcement on Monday, Jan. 30, surprising Crombie in her classroom. Crombie's fourth and fifth grade combination class of students excitedly clapped

and cheered as he told them, "Now she gets to go to Disney World!"

She will now go on to compete with the other district teachers of the year for Regional and then State Teacher of the Year.

In July, all school districts' Teachers of the Year will be honored at the Florida Department of Education-Macy's sponsored program in Orlando.

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FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

A profile of some local black-owned businesses

Story and photos by
HERB DONALDSON
Special to The News

There are numerous industries throughout the county in which Wakulla's black population has played a large role.

The local crabhouses have served as places to socialize and retrieve the lat-

est news - and often gossip - about all things Wakulla. The crabhouse has been a quick-cash method for the county's black households for generations.

Another once popular line of work was bait-picking, or worm gruntin'.

Picking peanuts or beans for the late Jack Crum and others throughout the county was hard work, but it provided sustenance for families.

Entrepreneurship has

always thrived among Wakulla's black population, but predominately in their own communities. Other than the juke-joints, there were stores, homebuilders, masons, housekeepers, mechanics, nurses-caregivers, or other creative means of production.

Today in Wakulla, the black business owner has begun to branch out in areas that are both traditional, and in some ways, very new.

JOSETTE BALKMAN AND JO'S DOLLAR WORLD

Josette Balkman, from Tallahassee, is owner and operator of Jo's Dollar World, located in the North Pointe Centre on Highway 319. All products in the store sell for \$1, including costume jewelry, hair accessories, children's toys, novelty items and more. The location opened July 1 of last year and, as is always the case with new businesses, getting the word out to the public is a key factor.

"It picked up for us during the Christmas holidays," says Balkman, "and hopefully we'll get more customers coming in."

Jo's Dollar World is a family owned business, something Balkman finds to be a great comfort. Her father owned a grocery store in Tallahassee for more than 50 years with great success.

"It wasn't until I'd grown up that I began to understand and become part of my father's business operation," she says. "Once I did, I was his assistant manager until the day he passed. He



Jerome Robinson at his Lindy's franchise.

raised me in the business, and I want to continue that spirit of entrepreneurship he instilled within me."

JEROME ROBINSON AND LINDY'S FRIED CHICKEN

When traveling further along Highway 319 into Crawfordville, there's the scent of something deliciously deep-fried in the air. This may be due to the work of Jerome Robin-

son, owner and manager of the franchise store, Lindy's Fried Chicken, across from Wal-Mart.

Robinson, also from Tallahassee, opened this Lindy's location around 18 years ago. After he bought out his original partner, Tracy Warner, Robinson and his wife and brother continued to work in partnership to manage the restaurant.

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Josette Balkman outside Jo's Dollar World.



WILLIAM SNOWDEN

Crombie in her classroom with her students after the announcement that she was chosen Teacher of the Year.

Megan Crombie is Teacher of the Year for 2012

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"Mrs. Crombie is a glowing example of the excellent teachers we have in Wakulla," said Miller. "Every time I visit her classroom I am amazed at the extent of learning taking place. Her focus is on student achievement and her love for her students is at the core of that desire to see them succeed."

"While Mrs. Crombie is academically very strong," said Riversink Principal Jackie High, "her true strength lies in the relationships she builds with her students, their families and her peers in the school. She makes learning exciting and fun."

Crombie holds a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, a masters degree in Gifted Education, has certification in Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum, is endorsed in English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and is a National Board certified teacher. This is her seventh year of teaching.

She also teaches three of the five college courses needed for the Gifted Endorsement to a cadre of elementary and middle school teachers after school hours. In addition, she has been the Riversink Yearbook sponsor since 2008 and has taken a leadership role in the Wakulla District Writing Committee.

"Student motivation and academic performance data are two sides of the same coin," said Crombie. "I believe analyzing one without understanding the other paints an incomplete picture

of my students' capabilities and needs."

Enthusiastic about building on her students' skills in science and math, in the summer of 2010 she participated in the six-week National High Magnetic Laboratory's Research Experience for Teachers in Tallahassee, plus was selected to attend the Phil Mickelson Exxon-Mobil Teachers Academy for Math and Science in New Jersey. "Both emphasized discovery-based learning in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects," she said. "Building on this premise, I used inquiry experiences in math all year."

Her students showed 100 percent proficiency in math compared to the state average of 74 percent math proficiency on the 2011 FCAT.

Eight candidates represented their schools as School Level Teachers of the Year. The other school-level Teachers of the Year are Holly Harden, Crawfordville Elementary; Angela Swain, Medart Elementary; Michelle Hunter, Shadeville Elementary; John Kane, Riversprings Middle School; Jeri Jump, Wakulla Middle School; Missy Rudd, Wakulla High School; and Shari Smith, Wakulla Pre-Kindergarten.

Crombie is married to Dave Crombie. Her parents, Tim and Beth O'Donnell, are both Wakulla School District educators.

These representatives and all Wakulla County teachers will be honored at a celebration on March 16 at Wakulla Middle School.

Briefs

Seniors to receive tax assistance

The Wakulla County Property Appraiser Donnie Sparkman and his staff will be assisting senior citizens with any exemptions they may be eligible for at the Senior Center on every Friday in February.

On Friday, Feb. 3, and Feb. 10, Feb. 17 and Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the staff will be at the Senior Center to educate the public about the exemptions and assist in filing these applications for them.

The information needed for any exemption will be a valid Florida Drivers License number (if applicable), Social Security number and proof of

income for some of the exemptions.

Seniors who plan to apply need to have this information if possible but the property appraiser's staff can still file the exemption paperwork and senior citizens have until June 1 to provide the Property Appraiser's office with the necessary documentation and proof of income. The proof of income is required by Department of Revenue on some exemptions.

If you have any questions, contact Debra Russell at the property appraiser's office at (850) 926-0500.

Fish fry for 10-year-old Destiny Lewis

Ashmore Masonic Lodge will hold a benefit fish fry on Sunday, Feb.

5, in front of their building at 25 Yellowjacket Road in Sopchoppy, at noon to benefit Destiny Lewis, a 10-year-old little girl struck and severely injured by a car last week.

All proceeds will go to the family to help with mounting medical expenses. Any contributions may be sent to her mother, Tina Sanders c/o Centennial Bank, P.O. Box 610 Crawfordville FL 32326 ATTN Tonya Carter.

For information, contact Walter at 591-2773.

Friends Fur Life food drive underway

The fifth annual community-wide pet food and supply drive aims to help Big Bend area senior citizens in need by providing pet supplies for their companion animals. Often, this kind of assistance

means a senior doesn't have to choose between feeding their pet, buying medicine or relinquishing their animal.

We will be accepting donations of pet food and supplies through March 14 at the FFL drop-off locations around the area, including Crawfordville Animal Hospital, 2807 Crawfordville Highway, and Ashley Feed & Hardware, 8056 Wakulla Springs Road.

Supplies will be delivered on March 17.

Blood drive at TMH Wakulla

TMH Wakulla will host a blood drive on Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. TMH Wakulla is located at 15 Council Moore Road in Crawfordville. Everyone who gives blood will receive a long sleeve T-shirt.

Manna rains down in Sopchoppy

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The first Thursday the mission handed out food, they weren't able to provide people with much notice. People made phone calls, posted on Facebook and simply spread the word around the county. People showed up and ever since, Manna Mission has been at the building next to Backwoods Bistro every Thursday handing out food to about 100 people.

"Within an hour or two, it's gone," Culbertson says.

What started out small has grown rapidly and Culbertson says it was a quick immersion.

"It's a learning process, with a steep curve," she says.

At one point, there were people from nearly every surrounding county coming to Sopchoppy in need of food. There were people from Wakulla, Liberty, Gadsden, Leon and Franklin counties.

"Once they hear about us, they'll get here," Culbertson says.

The amount of food a family receives is based on the number of people in their family. There is a chart

up letting people know if they qualify for food assistance. One person who makes \$273 or less a week will qualify. For each additional family member, \$96 is added. So a family of four would be eligible if they make \$551 a week.

One family who came for food had 15 members all living in one house. Culbertson says several had lost their jobs and had to move in with the grandparents.

Most of the people who seek assistance are unemployed, she says. There are also those who are disabled and unable to work, single mothers and the elderly. A woman came to the mission with her two children and told Culbertson she didn't care about herself, just wanted her children to be able to have some food.

"That keeps us going," Culbertson says. "It's overwhelming sometimes."

Culbertson says many of the people standing in line make some money, but not enough to make ends meet.

A comment heard often at the mission from those in need is that without the food pantry, they wouldn't be able to feed their fami-

lies.

"It's been an incredible blessing to help people you know who need help," Culbertson says.

Many people who come to the mission need more than just food and Culbertson says they try and help as much as they can.

A woman who was a battered spouse took her four children and left her husband. But, after she left, she didn't have anywhere to go. She came to the mission one day and Culbertson says they made sure she had enough food to feed her family. They also found out that she was living in a tent, so members of the community got together and gave her a camper. They also collected toys to give to her children at Christmas.

"Everyone came together to help," Culbertson says. "We saw how loving this group of people are."

There are numerous volunteers who help the mission. They unload the truck on Thursday, distribute the food, take down names of those who need food and help anywhere they are needed.

"The volunteers keep coming, every week," Cul-

bertson says.

Some of these volunteers are her daughter and grandchildren.

"I love helping," says granddaughter Bailey Dyer. "It's a big job."

Culbertson agrees and says all the people who volunteer are a tremendous help and they can always use more.

"We don't turn volunteers away," she says.

Culbertson hopes to eventually get a larger space to be able to hold more food and donated clothes, as well as establish a shelter.

"We're so new and small," Culbertson says. "We'll see as we go."

Those who wish to volunteer their time or donate to the mission, can call 962-5434. Those in need of emergency food assistance can also call the number listed. The mission is located at 110 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy. The food truck arrives every Thursday between 10 a.m. and noon. There is also food distributed every third Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

For more information, visit their Facebook page, Manna Mission.

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COUNTY COMMISSION

Septic tank rules may be amended

By JENNIFER JENSEN
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After it was announced that the Wakulla County Health Department would be enforcing a county policy requiring all septic systems that need to be modified or repaired to be upgraded to performance based treatment systems immediately, people were angry about the lack of notice.

However, according to officials with the county and the health department, this was a policy that was already in place, since 2009.

County Health Department Administrator Padraic Juarez said his office was not aware the policy had been amended in 2009 and were recently notified they were not enforcing the policy properly and had the county attorney legally interpret the policy and informed the county commissioners of the situation. The announcement was then made that the policy would be enforced the next day, because there wasn't a grace period or phase in of the policy.

Prior to this announcement, people applied for a modification permit which meant they did not have to upgrade their system. Now they will be required to apply for an upgrade.

Juarez said unless something changes, they are required to enforce the policy.

The process of changing

that policy began at the Jan. 24 commission meeting.

In the past, Commissioner Randy Merritt has expressed his opinion that he feels the policy needs to be modified. The septic tank regulations are included in the county's comprehensive plan.

Under the county's plan, any new septic system or one that needs to be repaired or modified must be a performance based treatment system, regardless of where the home is located. However, there is an exemption for will be those who prove a financial hardship and if the property owner is applying for an existing system permit.

"We threw the baby out with the bath water," Merritt said of the county modifying the septic regulations.

Merritt wants to work with the county health department to modify the policy, as well as incorporate a new study done on the nitrogen pollution of Wakulla Springs.

A biologist from Tallahassee said the data doesn't support the theory that homeowners created the problem, the data points to Tallahassee.

Several citizens spoke at the meeting, telling commissioners the enforcement of this policy will hurt a lot of homeowners financially. These type of performance based systems cost around \$6,000.

Resident Teresa Beidler was upset because there wasn't any warning.

"It's not our problem it was improperly interpreted," Beidler said.

Commissioner Mike Stewart was also frustrated that there wasn't any leeway.

Included at the end of the policy is, "as determined by the Department of Health."

Stewart said, "There's your loophole. It gives him leeway."

Stewart continued that the way he interprets that portion is that Juarez has the authority to do what he was

doing before.

County Attorney Heather Encinosa said there is a risk that the county could be sued for not being consistent with its comprehensive plan.

"We can be sued for anything," Stewart said.

Stewart was hoping something could be done to halt the enforcement.

The commission agreed not to do anything short term, but decided to move forward with amending the comprehensive plan and get it done as soon as possible.

Lawsuit against Harvey over 2009 wreck settled

The civil lawsuit against former Wakulla Sheriff David Harvey for a 2009 wreck in which he hit a woman's car and left the scene has been settled, according to court documents.

The terms of the settlement were not released.

On Feb. 20, 2009, Harvey was driving on Rehwinkel Road about 9 p.m. when he struck a car driven by Karla Wright. He drove off from the wreck and reportedly stopped at his driveway on the same road. He admitted he had been drinking before the wreck.

The lawsuit, filed in 2011, sought damages from Harvey, the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office

and Wright's insurance company, Progressive Select Insurance, for claims of bodily injury due to negligence.

Harvey pleaded in March 2009 to a misdemeanor charge of leaving the scene of an accident and was ordered to serve 90 days administrative probation.

Harvey stepped down as sheriff on Oct. 1 to accept a position with the Florida Sheriff's Self-Insurance Fund. Donnie Crum was appointed interim sheriff by Gov. Rick Scott to fill the remaining year in Harvey's term of office.

- WILLIAM SNOWDEN

Hobbs and Stokes get seat on commission

The deadline to run for a seat on the St. Marks City Commission was Jan. 31 and current Commissioner Allen Hobbs and resident Ray Stokes were the only residents to qualify.

Hobbs is seeking re-election to seat 3 and Stokes is running for seat 4, which is currently held by Commissioner Keith Ward. Ward did not seek re-election. Both seats are for a three-year term.

Since there are only two candidates, St. Marks will not be holding an election. Both candidates will be sworn in at the next meeting.

In other news:

• At its meeting on Jan. 12, the commission voted unanimously to amend the city's occupational fees. The one-day occupational fee has been increased to \$25.

- JENNIFER JENSEN

JOB OPPORTUNITY

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners is seeking qualified applicants for a full-time Administrative Coordinator located in the Public Information Office. This is a highly responsible professional position that will work directly for the Public Information Director to coordinate the agenda process for the County; schedule and coordinate Board meetings and workshops; manage all incoming public record requests and provide administrative support to appointed boards and committees.

Preference will be given to candidates with skills in effective written and verbal communication, knowledge of practices and procedures of Board agenda preparation, skills in data collection and analysis, ability to work with the public in a professional manner, ability to prepare and maintain reports and ability to prioritize workload, take on multiple tasks and meet set deadlines, and ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with Constitutional Officials, the departments under the County Administrator, and all county employees.

Minimum Qualifications: Qualified applicants must have the following qualifications: graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism, Communication, English, Business, Public Administration, or a related field and three (3) years of progressively responsible experience. A comparable amount of training, education or experience may be substituted for the above minimum qualifications. This position will require the ability to work evenings (average of 2-4 times a month). A working knowledge of SharePoint helpful but not required.

To apply, send a Wakulla County application to:

Human Resources, P.O. Box 1263, Crawfordville, FL 32326
or hand-deliver to the Board Administration Office.

Applications may be obtained by visiting our website at www.mywakulla.com or at the County Administrator's office at 850-926-9500.

Drug screening may be required. Salary will be based on qualifications and experience. Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2012. The minimum starting salary for this position is \$33,434.

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City of Sopchoppy

City of Sopchoppy, Florida NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

The City Commission of the City of Sopchoppy gives notice of its intent to consider the adoption of the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY AMENDING ORDINANCE 2002-1 PERTAINING TO DEPOSITS REQUIRED FOR WATER SERVICE BY PROVIDING FOR (i) APPLICATION OF DEPOSITS TO OUTSTANDING AMOUNTS WHEN AN ACCOUNT IS DISCONNECTED, (ii) RETURN OF DEPOSITS IN EXCESS OF OUTSTANDING AMOUNTS AND (iii) ESTABLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE FEES FOR ACCOUNTS WITH DEPOSIT BALANCES; REVISING THE AMOUNT OF THE DEPOSIT REQUIRED FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCOUNTS; REVISING THE FEE FOR RECONNECTION OF SERVICE TO ACCOUNTS INVOLUNTARILY DISCONNECTED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF AMOUNTS OWED; REVISING THE AMOUNT OF THE TURN ON FEE FOR NEWLY ACTIVATED ACCOUNTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

If adopted, the Ordinance would increase the deposit required from \$80.00 to \$100.00 for accounts opened by the owner of the property served and \$150.00 for accounts opened by anyone other than the owner of the property served and will impose a \$15.00 per month service charge on accounts with unclaimed deposits. The Ordinance also proposes to increase both the charge for reconnection of service to accounts involuntarily disconnected and for newly activated accounts from \$20.00 to \$50.00. It will also impose a convenience fee of \$5.00 per transaction for use of credit or debit cards for utility fee payment.

A public hearing on the proposal Ordinance will be held on Monday, February 13, 2012, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon as can be heard in the City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, FL. A copy of the Ordinance may be obtained and persons wishing to comment may do so in person at the public hearing or by writing to the City of Sopchoppy, P.O. Box 1219, Sopchoppy, Florida 32358.

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

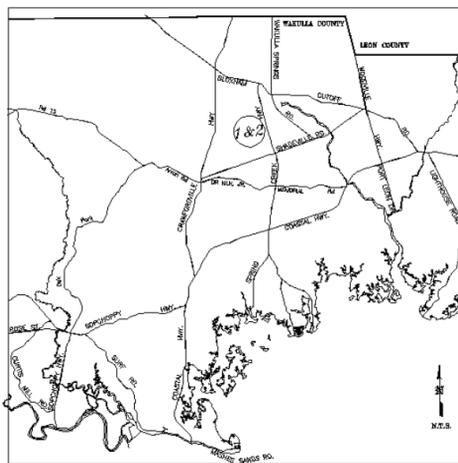
Colleen Skipper, Mayor
Attest: Jackie Lawhon, Municipal Clerk
Publication Date: February 2, 2012

FEBRUARY 2, 2012



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Wakulla County Planning Commission proposes to consider the following applications. A Public Hearing is scheduled regarding the following before the **Wakulla County Planning Commission on Monday, March 12, 2012, beginning at 7:00 PM, unless otherwise noted below or as time permits.** All public hearings are held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.



1. Application for Variance: V12-02

Applicant: Anne Boynton Investments, LLC
Agent: Ben Boynton
Proposal: variance to minimum lot width part of 00-00-039-000-09766-000
Tax ID Number: Rural 2 (FLUE Policy 1.2.4)
Existing Zoning: RR-5 (Section 5-26, LDC)
FEMA Flood Info: "C" zone on Panel 0250-B
Parcel Size: 26.32 +/- acres
Location: west side of Old Bethal Road, across from Windsong Subdivision
Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, March 12, 2012 @ 7:00 PM

2. Application for Preliminary Plat: PP11-02

Applicant: Anne Boynton Investments, LLC
Agent: Ben Boynton
Proposal: construct 5 lot residential subdivision part of 00-00-039-000-09766-000
Tax ID Number: Rural 2 (FLUE Policy 1.2.4)
Existing Zoning: RR-5 (Section 5-26, LDC)
FEMA Flood Info: "C" zone on Panel 0250-B
Parcel Size: 26.32 +/- acres
Location: west side of Old Bethal Road, across from Windsong Subdivision
Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, March 12, 2012 @ 7:00 PM

Copies of applications, draft ordinances, and any related public record files may be viewed at the County Planning Department located at 3095 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, 8 AM to 4:30 PM M/F; Phone (850) 926-3695. Any person desiring to appeal a decision of a County Board must ensure a verbatim transcript or copy is made of the testimony and exhibits presented at said hearings. Persons needing special access considerations should call the Board Office at least 48 hours before the date for scheduling purposes. The Board Office may be contacted at (850) 926-0919 or TDD 926-7962.

FEBRUARY 2, 2012

NOTICE

The City of St. Marks
Board of Commissioners Election
Wednesday, February 15, 2012
7:00 am - 7:00 pm

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

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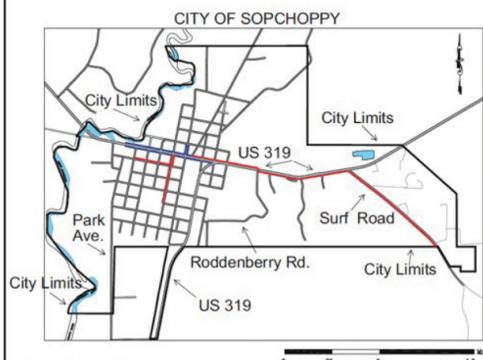
City of Sopchoppy

City of Sopchoppy, Florida NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE Amending the City of Sopchoppy Comprehensive Plan

The City Commission of the City of Sopchoppy gives notice of its intent to consider the adoption of the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY AMENDING THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 163.3184 AND 163.31.91, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

If adopted, the Ordinance will make several changes to the City's Comprehensive Plan in accordance with the City's previously adopted Evaluation and Appraisal Report. The proposed plan amendment addresses the land within the city limits of the City of Sopchoppy, as shown by the following map.



A public hearing on the proposal Ordinance will be held on Monday, February 13, 2012, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon as can be heard in the City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, FL. A copy of the Ordinance may be obtained and persons wishing to comment may do so in person at the public hearing or by writing to the City of Sopchoppy, P.O. Box 1219, Sopchoppy, Florida 32358.

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

Colleen Skipper, Mayor
Attest: Jackie Lawhon, Municipal Clerk
Publication Date: February 2, 2012

Comment & Opinion

readers speak out

Visit to Newseum is emotional



Jennifer Jensen
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There is a quote I read recently that said, "Journalism is the first rough draft of history."
The quote was said by the former publisher of The Washington Post, Philip Graham.
I read this quote while standing in the Newseum in Washington, D.C., last weekend. This place is like a candy store for journalists, or at least it was to me. I spent four hours there, dragging along my DC friend and my husband. I am thankful to them for humoring me.
The Newseum documents journalism from the very beginning up to now, including some of the greatest and most influential stories in history.
One gallery features a timeline that showcases the last 500 years, with original front pages of newspapers from around the country, as well as the world. Included among these newspapers is the Boston News Letter, the first successful newspaper in the British Colonies. In 1718, its front page consisted of the misdeeds of several pirates, including the famous pirate Blackbeard. This paper lasted for 75 years.
This paper was the first successful paper, but was not the first in North America. The first was Public Occurrences which was shut down by the Colonial Government in 1690 after producing only one edition.
It was shut down because the colonial journalists told bold stories that angered and provoked the British.
These journalists were the start in a long line of people trying to spread the truth and being punished for it.
This story speaks true to the quote, "The free press is the cornerstone of democracy."
Other news stories in the timeline gallery include the Revolutionary War beginning in 1775, and the Connecticut Gazette's publication, on July 12, 1776, of the Declaration of Independence.
The timeline continues with new stories documenting the Bill of Rights, the Boston Tea Party, Andrew Jackson's funeral, the

Union dissolving, the Civil War, and several presidents being shot and assassinated, the sinking of the Titanic, World War I, the rise of Hitler, World War II, the man on the moon, Nixon resigning, etc.
In this same room, it tells of the first female journalists, those who paved the way for other women, like myself. The first ones struggled to make it into what was a man's world, but did not waver. It tells the story of a female sports writer who was not allowed to go into the men's locker room after the game, while all the male writers were allowed. She sued and won and from then on, women writers and reporters had the same rights as men when it came to sports journalism.
I felt a sense of pride to be able to call myself a journalist and be a part of it, even if it is only a small part.
While thinking this, I moved on to another portion of the room which talks about small town journalism and how it is often lost in the discussion of big media – even though non-dailies are the fastest growing segment of the news industry.
To give a visual of exactly what they mean, there is a stack of daily newspapers next to non-dailies and the non-dailies are probably four or five times taller than the daily stack.
The display goes on to state that community newspapers may not have the same statewide or national clout as larger newspapers, but their readers depend on them and they are every bit as influential on the local level.
As a small town reporter, I know this firsthand. Many people feel you aren't as important as reporters with large newspapers. However, we are the ones who are here every day, covering all areas of the community.
What was interesting to see in this room was the number of newspapers in this country from year to year. In 1910, there were 2,600 newspapers. In 1990 that number was down to 1,611 and in 2000, the number of newspapers fell to 1,480.
On the ground level, there are eight sections of the original Berlin Wall. Surrounding the wall are newspaper articles and displays outlining the history of the wall, its creation as well as its destruction.
The wall is covered with drawings and graffiti, done by those in West Germany. The other side of the wall is blank and behind that portion stands a three-story

guard tower.
There are several stories of people attempting to escape over the wall, but who were gunned down by the East German Army.
Another powerful and moving exhibit was the one for Sept. 11. There is a World Trade Center antenna in the middle of the museum that rises two stories. Behind the antenna, the entire wall is covered with front pages of newspapers from around the country describing the horrific events. Even 10 years later, images of that day still give me goose bumps and bring me to tears.
As I stood there, staring up at the newspapers, a group of school kids came into the gallery. Most of them probably too young to remember that day and some of whom probably weren't even born. Depictions like this one are necessary, so that younger generations can know our history, even those events we wish never happened.
In another gallery, there is a display for each of the five freedoms guaranteed to every citizen: freedom of speech, press, religion, petition and assembly.
Behind these displays stands a map of the world. Countries on the map are in green, red or yellow, representing the degree of freedom of the press, whether the country is completely free, partly or not at all. We are lucky enough to live somewhere that is green, completely free.
The best nation for freedom of the press is Finland and the worst is North Korea.
Not only are there newspapers in the museum, there is also a huge collection of Pulitzer Prize photographs. Some of the pictures show children with smiles on their faces, while others show the horror of war and destruction, people being beaten, dying. The pictures are moving and almost too emotional to see all at once.
In the Newseum, there is a wall dedicated to those men and women journalists and photojournalists who died while doing their job. I have such respect for those journalists who feel compelled to go into danger to take photos or report news. These people are truly brave and know that, although what they are doing is dangerous, people have a right and a need to know what is happening.
And, we, as journalists, have a right to tell.

Jennifer Jensen is a reporter for The Wakulla News.

READERS WRITE:

Reception with vice president will be held

Editor, The News:
Wakulla Democratic Women's Club Communications Chair Dr. Rachel Pienta has been asked to serve on the North Florida Finance Team for the Obama Victory Fund 2012.
She was given an early heads up about a special event happening on Feb. 6 when the Obama Victory Fund will host a reception with Vice President Joe Biden.
This reception will be

held at the spacious Challenger Center on Kleman Plaza, just steps from the Capitol Building. Besides Biden, the event will include many Florida leaders and luminaries.
The event will take place at 2 p.m.
Please make plans to join us in Tallahassee as we show all of Florida and the Obama Campaign Team that Democratic Women in Florida are in it to win it in 2012!
Please RSVP to Pienta

at drpienta@gmail.com for ticket information and event updates.
Note: there is also a drawing for early ticket purchasers – you could be entered to win a dinner at a private home in Tallahassee with the vice president during his visit!
Thank you,

Joan Hendrix
Secretary
Wakulla Democratic Executive Committee

Enjoyed column on Atlanta Falcons

Editor, The News:
William,
I just read your commentary in the Jan. 12 issue of The Wakulla News regarding the Atlanta Falcons ("I hereby give up on the Atlanta Falcons.")
I enjoyed your brief recap of the Falcons' history of post-season performance and the Braves' history of post season performance.

Some of the details I did not remember.
Your writing so closely describes my feelings of disappointment and ultimately anticipation.
Nice work.
Thanks,

Eddie Sosebee
resjr1@gmail.com

Callaway Auto & Truck Repair helped us

Editor, The News:
The other day upon returning from the doctor's office, we were riding along Capital Circle. When we reached the traffic light at Woodville Highway, the car went dead.
We were going about 10 to 20 mph. Fortunately, no one was ahead of us.
My wife took a quick right turn and was able to

stop the car.
Within 30 minutes, Callaway Auto & Truck Repair was at our car with his tow truck to help us out.
Within a little while, his wife was behind our car and she took our wheelchair and walker in her car. She also drove us home to Panacea.
We will always be indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Callaway for their help. We will always use Callaway

Auto & Truck Repair when anything goes wrong with our car.
Sincerely,

Jack and Ali Burton
Panacea

P.S. – When we picked up our repaired car, a dog cookie had been left in the seat for our dog, Maggie.

Florida Wild Mammal needs funding

Editor, The News:
On Sunday, Jan. 29, around noon, I was driving to Crawfordville. As I passed the construction site at Michele's convenience store, I noticed a Great Blue Heron standing by the road near a driveway. I turned around and went back to "shoo" the heron away from the highway to keep him from getting hit by an automobile.
I realized the heron was sick or injured so, luckily, I managed to corner him and catch him. I put the heron in the camper shell and took him to Chris Beatty at Florida Wild Mammal Association.

How nice to be able to have a place so close to take injured wildlife. Chris and her staff are truly angels to take care of all these critters.
My point is that Florida Wild Mammal may have to close their doors due to lack of funding. Please, if there is anyway you folks out there can help these people, please help them and pass the word around.
What a shame if they have to close their doors.
Thank you,

Mike Kinsey
Crawfordville

FLAG is a non-partisan local group

Editor, The News:
This election year has many citizens concerned with the direction of our country. Many of us are frustrated and would like to feel more involved in the decisions being made. We are not alone!
FLAG (Freedom and Liberty Advocacy Group) is a new group that held its first meeting at Myra Jean's

Restaurant last week.
We are non-partisan, not affiliated with any political party, and focused on the national elections.
It was wonderful that about 25 people showed up, even with little notice. We spent about an hour getting to know each other and expressing our concerns.
The next meeting will be Sunday, Feb. 12 at 4 p.m. at Myra Jean's, when we will

start making plans for the future.
I feel so much better knowing that our community has others who care about our children's future and the liberty that we are so fortunate to have in our great nation.
Everyone is welcome to attend. Hope to see you!

Jeannie Beck
Panacea

Solutions can be found on diving issue

Editor, The News:
I am John Spicer of the Wakulla County Dive Club. We are deeply grateful to the Florida Parks Service for providing the opportunity for the many people to voice their opinion at last week's special hearing on the subject of recreational cave diving at Wakulla Springs State Park.
As citizens of Wakulla County, and many others for whom the park is a very special place, we appreciate and share many of the concerns expressed by those who spoke at the public hearing. We strongly believe, however, that these concerns can be resolved through proper management, mutual understanding and respect, cooperation and oversight of the diving communities – both those that are allowed to dive Wakulla Springs now, the Woodville Karst Plain Project (WKPP), and those who would like the opportunity in the near future.
We believe, if allowed to work together logical solutions can be found.
The Mission Statement of the Florida Parks Service reads: "to provide resource-based recreation while preserving, interpreting and restoring natural and cultural resources." There is not a single reference in this statement that both divers and other users of Wakulla Springs State Park cannot endorse, and nothing in the statement precludes conducting their activities in harmony with one another and the environment.
On the surface, our request to be allowed to dive Wakulla Springs might be consid-

ered very selfish and foolhardy by some. I want to dive there.
But think about it for a minute: Why do any of us want to walk or ride a bike down a forest trail, paddle a river or along the coast or watch for birds in the wild? Because we are part of God's creation and this is the very adventure of life for many.
Contemplating the wonder and beauty of what God has made, calls us all out of ourselves. We are reminded of our oneness with God and ability to experience and test our human skills with nature. There is also the very real possibility of bringing economic opportunities and more jobs to our country when it is desperately needed.
Although admittedly, cave diving is just one nature-based activity to draw people to Wakulla County, it is an emerging enterprise. But believe me it is here now. Or just ask the operator of the recently opened Wakulla Diving Center in Medart and the local hotels, restaurants and other businesses in Wakulla that increasingly cater to their many students and customers.
Again, the WCDC is fully committed to work with the Park Service, Friends and anyone else to make common cause and sense with the Park Service mission statement and for the good of the Springs and Wakulla County.
Take only pictures and memories. Leave only bubbles!
Thank you,

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 - Septic tank rule is misinterpreted
 - 10-year-old girl struck by car
 - Happy first birthday, Lily Dodson
 - Oliver to wed Wheeler
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 - Spears and Poppell to marry
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Wilfred Wayne Cooper Sr.

Wilfred W. "W.W." Cooper Sr. died on Jan. 16 in Tallahassee after a lengthy illness.

He was born on Nov. 23, 1928, in Quincy, and lived most of his life in the Tallahassee area, spending the last 40 years in Crawfordville. After graduating from high school, he joined the military and proudly served his country in both the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps.

A celebration of life memorial service was held, Sunday, Jan. 22, at Culley's MeadowWood Funeral Home Chapel on Timberlane Road in Tallahassee. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Wakulla Senior Citizens Center, 33 Michael Drive, Crawfordville FL 32327 or Second Harvest Food Bank, 110 Four Points Way, Tallahassee FL 32305.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Margaret; a son, Wayne Cooper of Sopchoppy; three daughters, Teresa Haskew (Ben) of Greenville, S.C., Lisa Cooper of Crawfordville and Denise Skipper of Crawfordville; and a brother, Jim Cooper (Sharon) of Havana; as well as seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his father, Charles Cooper; his mother, Louise Clark Cooper Chester; and two sisters, Betty Cooper Beam and Helen Cooper Cook.

Helen Carolyn Strain Patricia Ann Ostola

Helen Carolyn Strain, 71, died on Sunday, Jan. 29, in Crawfordville.

She was born in Bainbridge, Ga., and had lived in this area more than 25 years. She was a truck driver.

Survivors include two sons, Franklin Hutto of Bainbridge, Ga., and Fredrick Strain of Crawfordville; two daughters, Tammy Newberry of Crawfordville and Tina Heuring of Woodville; two brothers, Sonny Kelly and Frankie Kelly, both of Bainbridge; two sisters, Frances Hatton and Betty Martin, both of Bainbridge; as well as eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Richard Strain; a daughter, Deborah Lanier; and a brother, Lamar Kelly.

Patricia Ann Ostola, 85, of Crawfordville, died on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

She has lived in this area 15 years coming from Elkridge, Md. She was a CPA.

Memorial services were held Sunday, Jan. 22, at Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel in Crawfordville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee FL 32308.

Survivors include her husband of 40 years, Henry Ostola; a son, Dennis Seymour, Annapolis, Md.; and a niece, Susan Wilke, Oscoda, Mich.

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

Sylvia Ann Nichols

Sylvia Ann Nichols, 58, of Crawfordville, died on Saturday, Jan. 28.

She was a lifelong resident of Wakulla County. She was a Baptist and a homemaker.

Visitation was held Tuesday, Jan. 31, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel in Crawfordville. Services were held Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 2 p.m. at Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel, with burial at Panacea Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee FL 32308.

Survivors include her father, Herbert Brown of Sopchoppy; a daughter, Leslie Strickland of Tallahassee; two grandchildren, Phillip Lee Highsmith Jr. and Micheal Wren Highsmith; a brother, Terry Wayne Brown of Crawfordville; four sisters, Jane Hodge of Forrest, Miss., Cindy Green of Sopchoppy, Paula Annette Brown of Crawfordville and Patricia Michelle Johnson of Crawfordville; and aunt, Sherry Quigg of Crawfordville.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Nora Brown, in 2005.

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

Betty Lou Barkley

Betty Lou Barkley, 70, died on Thursday, Jan. 26, in Tallahassee.

She was born in Tyler, Texas, and had lived in this area for 10 years. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include a sister, Voncael Brackins of Sopchoppy; three nieces, Donna Davis, Jennifer Bradley, and Marie Rudd; as well as numerous great nieces and nephews.

Marjorie M. Hamilton

Marjorie Magadalyn Hamilton, 78, of Crawfordville died on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

She was born in Swain County, N.C. She had lived in Crawfordville for the past 25 years.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 4, at 1 p.m. at Lake Ellen Baptist Church in Crawfordville.

Survivors include six children, Rena Passani of Vero Beach, Clyde W. Hamilton Jr. of Crawfordville, James Hamilton of Crawfordville, Daniel Hamilton of Tallahassee, Timothy Hamilton of Crawfordville and Michael Hamilton of Crawfordville; a sister, Reona Cannaster of Tennessee; and 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband of 45 years, Clyde W. Hamilton Sr. in 1995; her parents, Joseph Arthur Russell and Ollie Freeman Russell; and eight brothers and sisters, Maxine, Edith, Gladys, Phillip, Bill, Fred, Joe and Buddy.

Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel, Crawfordville, is in charge of the arrangements.

Bertha Jean Porter

Bertha Jean Porter, 71, died on Friday, Jan. 27, after a long illness.

She was born March 26, 1940, in Havana. She lived in Wakulla County for 12 years.

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, Jan. 31, at Fellowship Cemetery in Wimauma.

Survivors include three daughters, Elaine Hernández of Ruskin, Debbie Hernández of Wimauma and Connie Gillean of Ona; two sisters, Betty Ann Mayfield and Mary Sue Smith, both of Crawfordville; and eight grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents, M.L. and Susie Jones; her daughter, Elizabeth Ann Logan; and her sister, Kathryn Burdette.

Church News

Revival at Odom Campground

A homecoming revival will be held at Odom Memorial Campground in Sopchoppy the week of Monday, Feb. 6 through Friday, Feb. 10. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Henry Thornton. For more information, please call (850) 984-5579.

Upcoming events at Wakulla UMC

Some upcoming events at Wakulla United Methodist Church, located at 1584 Old Woodville Highway in Wakulla Station:

- Thursday, Feb. 2, 10 a.m. - Quilting Group.
- Saturday, Feb. 4, 6 p.m. - Youth Group, middle school through high school, meets in the Alford Building.
- Sunday, Feb. 4, 4:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir practice.
- Tuesday, Feb. 7, 6 p.m. - Praise Team practice.
- Wednesday, Feb. 8, 6 a.m. - Men's Bible Study with Breakfast following at 8 a.m. in the Alford Building.
- On Saturday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m. - the church youth will host a Valentine's Dinner in the Alford Building. Please call (850) 421-5741 for reservations. Tickets are \$15 per person and \$25 per couple.

Buckhorn News

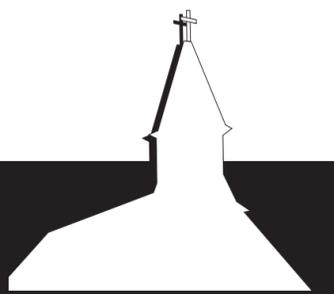
By ETHEL SKIPPER

There are many celebrations going on in our towns and city to remember those who have done great things in the world. But it is also a time to remember the one who made the world and all in it.

Every day in full of activity from sunrise to sunset and into the night. As you carry out the responsibilities of every day life, meditate on the example of Christ and the assistance of the spirit of God in prayer for all your needs. Set time aside to pull away and commune with the Lord God, your Father.

The 2012 Women's Conference held at Skipper Temple Church in Sopchoppy had more than 100 women attend. It was an icebreaker for some, and a blessing for all.

Let us pray for all our sick and shut-in, those in the hospitals and nursing homes, the prisons, and those who have lost loved ones, and let us pray for one another.



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 Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Pastor Mike Shockley 926-7209
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 Sunday Worship..... 11 a.m.
 Evening Worship..... 6 p.m.
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 & Youth Service..... 7 p.m.
 Royal Rangers..... 7 p.m.
 Missionettes..... 7 p.m.

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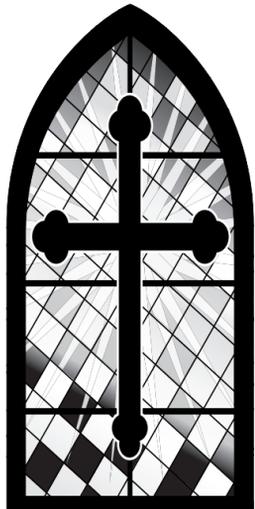
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 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
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Coastal

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

Wakulla Station

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



Sopchoppy

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

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 Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship..... 5 p.m.
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 Prayer 5:00pm
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 Wed Pioneer Club 6:30pm
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 Pastor Vicar Bert Matlock
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 9:30am Sunday School for Adults & Children
 10:30am Nursery Service
 Nursery available
 Thursday 10:30 am Adult Bible Study
 Wednesday 6:00 pm - Supper and Children, Youth and Adult Bible Classes
 The Rev. John Spicer, Rector
 850-745-8412
 3383 Coastal Highway

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
 Fr. Edward T. Jones, Pastor
 3609 Coastal Hwy. Crawfordville • 850 926-1797
 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
 Wednesday & Thursday Mass 7:00 pm
 Monday Mass 3:30 pm Eden Springs
 1st Saturday of every month:
 Confessions 10:30 - 11:30 and 3:00 - 4:00
 Adoration Mass 10:00 am
 Cemetery lots and Cremain spaces available. 850509-7630

Lake Ellen Baptist Church
 Hwy 319 Medart, Office 926-5265
 Early Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 AWANA 5:00 p.m.
 Youth Zone Time 4:30 p.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Services 7:00 p.m.

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Community

happenings

Choi marries Bacot



Lauren Bacot and Peter Choi

Peter Choi of Chicago, Ill., and Lauren Bacot of Crawfordville, were married on October 1, 2011.

The bride is the daughter of Chris Bacot and Rebecca Ferrell.

She graduated from Wakulla High School in 2001, University of Central Florida in 2005, and Southeastern Louisiana University in 2008 with a Master's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders. She is currently employed as a speech pathologist with a home health agency in Melbourne.

He graduated from Virginia Military Institute in 2003 with a degree in Electrical Engineering and earned a Master's degree from the Air Force Institute of Technology in Engineering Management. He is actively serving as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Officer in the United States Air Force.

The couple would like to thank all friends and relatives who were able to attend.

Happy first birthday, Ethan



Ethan W. Meister

Ethan William Meister celebrated his first birthday on Jan. 28.

He is the son of Jessica and Jacob Meister of Crawfordville.

His maternal grandparents are Cindy and Wendell Miller of Crawfordville.

His paternal grandparents are Judy and John Meister of Crawfordville.

His maternal great-grandmother is Martha Clenney of Tallahassee.



PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Habitat for Humanity holds half and half raffle.

Habitat for Humanity holds raffle and drawing for Christmas turkey

Special to The News

Throughout the year, Habitat for Humanity of Wakulla County had several free drawings and hot dog and coke days at the ReStore.

Alice Stokley won the Half and Half Raffle and Marilyn Swedberg won the Christmas Turkey presented

by the ReStore volunteer, Mary Appleton.

We are grateful for a prosperous year and thankful for the people of Wakulla County for your support. Your donations and support have been the reason for our success.

We are looking forward to 2012 as we will be starting our next house in February

or March. We thank you for your support in 2011 and continued support in 2012. Please watch our marquee for special events.

Please be sure to visit the Habitat ReStore located at 940 Shadeville Road, open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 926-4544.

NAMI offers family-to-family class

NAMI-Wakulla will be offering a free, 12-week course for families, friends and partners of individuals who have a mental illness.

The "Family-to-Family" class will meet Mondays,

beginning on Feb. 6 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. in Myra Jean's Restaurant conference room.

The course covers scientific findings about mental illness and teaches tech-

niques for handling mental illness within the family.

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education news

Coach Tomaini honored for accomplishments



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

School board members Jerry Evans, Greg Thomas, Coach Buddy Tomaini, School Board Chair Mike Scott, Superintendent David Miller and school board members Becky Cook and Ray Gray.

Special to The News

Denny "Buddy" Tomaini was honored at the Jan. 17, School Board Meeting for his lifetime career of making a difference in the lives of Wakulla County students as a teacher, coach, athletic director, and dean of students.

A Proclamation of Recognition noted his accomplishments and officially named the Wakulla High School wrestling facility "The Buddy Tomaini Wrestling Room."

"Buddy Tomaini is considered the catalyst for shaping wrestling programs in the entire Big Bend of Florida. His has positively influenced untold students and other coaches," stated Superintendent David Miller.

The Proclamation of Recognition cited such accomplishments as starting the first wrestling program at Wakulla High School in 1976. He went on to win four District Championships in seven years and to coach the first individual State Champion at Wakulla High School.

Coach Tomaini was also issued the "Lifetime Achievement Award for Athletic Directors" by the Florida High School Athletic Association.

Friends, former students, and family, including his wife Janice, attended to honor him at the School Board recognition.

WCS selling strawberries

Wakulla Christian School has begun its annual strawberry sale.

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Any questions, please contact the school office at 850-926-5583.

First graders gather donations for animal shelter



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

First grade students at Medart Elementary School donate money to help the animal shelter.

Special to The News

The first grade classes of Medart Elementary School donated \$200 to the Wakulla Animal Shelter.

They collected "Pennies for Puppies" in December, in lieu of exchange gifts.

ing gifts.

"We wanted our students to experience the joy of giving, and chose a worthy group for our efforts," said the first grade team.

The first graders then received a kind thank you note from Heide

Clifton, vice president of CHAT of Wakulla.

The students plan a "Doggie Dialogue" as they write letters to the pups in the shelter. They hope the letters and drawings will brighten the puppies' home as they await adoption.

Wakulla ranks highest in Big Bend on FCAT scores

Special to The News

The Florida Department of Education released an official ranking of state school districts on Monday, Jan. 23, and the Wakulla County School District ranked No. 11 and had the tenth highest scores in the state as two districts above Wakulla tied in total points.

The numerical ranking is based on each school's total points derived from FCAT (Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test) scores. The total is the sum of scores for students in grades 3 through 11 for reading, math, science and writing; learning gains in

reading and math; and scores for learning gains in reading and math among the lowest quartile of students in each school.

Stated Superintendent David Miller, "I am proud of Wakulla's high ranking in the state. The Wakulla schools thrive because of our dedicated teachers, staff, administrative leadership, involved parents, and of course our hard-working students. Even with more rigorous standards in reading and math, our students performed well on the new FCAT 2.0 last spring. We continue to look for ways to maintain and to improve on our high standards for

excellence in educating our children. They are our No. 1 priority."

Wakulla ranked higher than any of the surrounding counties and was the highest in the Big Bend. Superintendent Miller acknowledged that there are many other factors that make a school district successful, but noted, "There will always be accountability in education, so we try to embrace that as one way we can assess that we have faithfully taught the

state standards."

He went on to say, "I look to additional means beyond FCAT to validate the success of our school system, such as passing 5-year District Accreditation with flying colors this year; having an outstanding graduation rate; and seeing students' engagement with hands-on lessons in so many endeavors like Project Learning Tree."

This is Wakulla's sixth consecutive year as an "A" rated school district.

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Sports

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GIRLS SOCCER

Lady War Eagles fall

Staff report

The Lady War Eagles made a great run, but fell to Pensacola Catholic 2-0 in the regional semi-finals on Friday, Jan. 27, in Pensacola.

The Crusaders scored with 13:28 remaining in the first half, and again with 7:38 left in the game.

Wakulla's goalkeeper Alicia Porter had

16 saves.

Several days earlier, on Tuesday, Jan. 24, the Lady War Eagles had rallied back from being down 2-0 to defeat Panama City Bay by a score of 3-2 to win the quarterfinals.

Scoring for Wakulla were Madison Harris, who had the game-winning goal, and Bre Williams and Margaret Wiedeman.

The Lady War Eagles finished the season 19-8-2.

BOYS SOCCER

Boys make it to quarterfinal

Staff report

The War Eagles were scheduled to host Pensacola Catholic in the regional quarterfinals on Tuesday, Jan. 31.

The team beat Florida High in the district final on

Friday after a 1-1 tie came down to penalty shots.

The War Eagles got off to a 1-0 lead with a goal by Hunter Phillips in the 13th minute, but Florida High tied it eight minutes later.

The second half was scoreless, as were two over-

time periods.

In the penalty kicks, Wakulla's John Drake, Josh Vick and Jacob Martinez scored; while goalkeeper Brandon Trussell stopped three of the four shooters he faced to seal the district title.

GYMNASTICS

IGG opens state-of-the-art facility

Special to The News

After much anticipation, the International Gold Gymnastics world-class training center is finally open.

This Wakulla gymnasium will train top gymnasts, as well as provide the county with a fun place for children of all ages to safely learn gymnastics under the expert supervision of IGG's caring and supportive staff.

IGG has built a facility in Wakulla County that Tallahassee and the rest of the country envies. The new gym proudly displays mounds of first-rate equipment that has been certified by the USA Gymnastics

Federation.

International Gold Gymnastics offers a variety of recreational and competitive programs for students ages 12 months to adult with the mission to build the strength, flexibility, coordination, confidence, discipline, and self-esteem of each participant.

The new Wakulla facility also features before and after school programs, birthday parties and summer and winter camps.

IGG prides itself on quality coaching and technique with an excellent student/coach ratio and providing your child with the best gymnastics training available in the Big Bend area.

All IGG coaches are safe-

ty certified and trained. The gym is owned and operated by Alexander and Olga Babakhin, former Russian Olympic coaches.

IGG - Crawfordville has already had quite a few successes, including Wakulla County gymnasts working their way to be a top-six team in the entire state of Florida and have won many individual state titles.

If you have any questions or want to come try out a free trial class, IGG can be contacted by phone, at (850) 926-4431, or by email, at Go-IGG@hotmail.com. Visit the website, IG-Gymnastics.com, or stop by their location at 54 Feli Way in Crawfordville.



Young gymnasts at International Gold Gymnastics' new Crawfordville facility.

WRESTLING

War Eagles win championship

Special to The News

The War Eagle wrestling team cruised to a win at the Big Bend Championships held at Godby High School.

Wakulla placed first with a team score of 247.50, well ahead of Lincoln with a score of 201. Seven champions - Zack Malik (112), Bill Morgan (120), Kevon White (132), Travis Hinsey (138), James Douin (170), Luke Taylor (182) and Cole

Woofter (220) - lead the team to the first place finish. Rounding out the score was Chris Griffin (HW) in second, Drew DeLong (160), Dyjuan Carney (126) and Keith Goddard (195) placing third, and Joshua Douin (106) and Carl Atkinson (145) both placing fourth.

According to Coach William Pafford, many would have been shocked at that news at the start of the season. "We were the underdogs going into this

and now all of a sudden, at a regional tournament, everyone's scared of us."

Going into the next round, Coach Pafford simply looks to keep his team focused. "The biggest thing is not to overlook anyone. I think a couple of my guys did that today and just need to give it 110 percent every match."

The District tournament is Saturday, Feb. 4, at Florida High School at 10 a.m.

EQUESTRIAN

Ace High Stables is Southern Hunter-Jumper champions



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Award-winning riders from Ace High Stables.

Special to The News

Crossrails Beginning Rider Champion Victoria Stewart, a student at Riversprings Middle School, moved up a level in June to Short Stirrup Hunter & Equitation. She went on to win champion in both of those divisions, as well riding A.H. Confetti.

Stewart's personal horse, Just Rowdy, was champion in the Green Horse Crossrails division ridden by Bethany Haucke.

Tory Russell a part-time resident of Wakulla County had an outstanding season. She was champion in the Children's Pony Hunter division and the 11 and under Equitation riding A.H. Thief of Hearts. A.H. Thief of Hearts was also named the High Point Pony Hunter for 2011. Russell was also the recipient of one of four scholarships awarded by SHJA.

Bethany Haucke, who apprentices under Gay Allen at Ace High, was also a scholarship winner. As well as winning Champion in the Baby Green Hunter and Pleasure Pony Division on A.H. Rolling In Clover,

and Intermediate Hunter Champion on A.H. Sharp Dressed Man. Bethany also won the prestigious SHJA Mini-Medal and best of all the Lawson Mayfield Memorial Award for Sportsmanship.

Also receiving awards for 2011 were Destiny Stephens, Abby Jameson and Kai Wagner for Walk Trot, Tyler Vickers for Lead line and Chloe Wagner for Ground rails.

Other Wakulla County riders winning awards in Southern Hunter Jumper while riding at Ace High Stables were Katelyn Whitfield in Schooling and Low Hunter on A.H. Stonewashed, and Reserve Champion on Kay Cee's Fancy Switch in Children Hunter. Marissa Rossetti was Champion in Long Stirrup Hunter and Reserve in Equitation while riding A.H. Stonewashed. Kayla Rossetti won in Beginning Rider Crossrails. To top the evening off, A.H. Confetti was awarded the SHJA Horse of the year.

Wakulla County horses and riders were well represented in the Southern Hunter Jumper Association.

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Outdoors

outdoor sports and fishing reports

Operation Outdoor Freedom hosts wounded warriors at Lake Talquin

By TODD W. SCHROEDER
Florida Forest Service

Over the past weekend, the Florida Forest Service hosted wounded warriors on Lake Talquin State Forest as part of Operation Outdoor Freedom.

Through the program, four wounded veterans were treated to a special opportunity deer hunt on the Lines Tract at Lake Talquin State Forest. The hunters were provided a weekend full of outdoor adventure, from guided hunts to fishing - all of which was made possible through donations from businesses and families in Gadsden, Liberty, Leon, and Wakulla counties.

The Operation Outdoor Freedom hunting camp was based out of the Florida Forest Service's Bear Creek Educational facility, which is a fully capable ADA facility allowing veterans with limited mobility to participate in the event. Oversize shooting houses were constructed and placed in locations to allow for easy travel and accessibility for the hunters.

Operation Outdoor Freedom is a program of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services that allows the Florida Forest Service to designate special areas on Florida state forests for use by wounded



Wounded warriors camped at the Florida Forest Service Bear Creek Educational facility to enjoy a weekend of hunting with the Operation Outdoor Freedom program.

warriors of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam worked with Senator Alan Hays and Representative Greg Stuebe to pass the measure during the 2011 legislative session that established Operation Outdoor Freedom. This program builds on an existing partnership between the Florida Forest Service and the Wounded Warrior Proj-

ect, which has hosted hunts on Florida State Forests in recent years.

With the fall deer hunt completed, plans for the Operation Outdoor Freedom spring turkey hunt on Lake Talquin State Forest are underway. If you are interested in supporting this project, or need more information, contact Chris Worrell, Florida Forest Service, at (850) 627-6156 or

email chris.worrell@fresh-fromflorida.com.

For updated information about the Florida Forest Service, visit www.Florida-ForstService.com or follow the Service on Facebook or Twitter.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Capt. Jody Campbell's fishing column, From the Dock, is now published every other week.

'Shallow Seagrass' markers installed near Lanark Reef

Special to The News

outlook.

On Jan. 25, 10 "Shallow Seagrass" caution markers were installed delineating shallow seagrass beds from Carrabelle to the east end of Lanark Reef to protect seagrasses from being scarred by boaters unfamiliar with the area depths and habitats.

The caution markers will greatly help protect 900 acres of fragile seagrass beds along Lanark Reef.

Instrumental in the installation process were Apalachicola Riverkeeper and faculty, students and president of the board from AMikids Panama City Marine Institute and AMikids West Florida.

"The installation would not have been a success without AMikids Panama City Marine Institute and AMikids West Florida," said Dan Tonsmeire, Riverkeeper and Executive Director of Apalachicola Riverkeeper. "These groups were absolutely the best thing we could have had to do that installation. It went like clockwork."

AMikids started in 1969 doing environmental research and restoration projects with juvenile offenders and 43 years later, the kids still find that working in the outdoors and doing good for the environment helps them reset and start over fresh and with a new

Seagrasses are flowering plants that live underwater in shallow coastal areas. Seagrass habitats, which may take many decades to form, provide many benefits to the fish, wildlife and people of Florida. These seagrass beds provide foraging and nursery habitat for over 2 million juvenile grouper and other Gulf species that spend part of their life cycle in near shore waters and return to the Gulf when more fully grown.

According to the Department of Environmental Protection, 70 percent of Florida's marine recreational fish depend upon seagrass communities at some time in their lives.

Seagrass is fragile and can be inadvertently harmed by human activities in and around our coastal waters. Caution should be taken by boaters when motoring through seagrass beds. Not all shallow seagrass beds are marked so if in doubt, boaters should go slow and pole the boat through grasses if necessary to protect the seagrass beds.

The Apalachicola Riverkeeper is a non-profit organization that monitors the Apalachicola River.

For more information, visit www.apalachicolariverkeeper.org.

New planning rule seeks to restore forests through science

from U.S. Forest Service

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26. - U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today signaled the U.S. Department of Agriculture's intent to issue a new planning rule for America's 193-million acre National Forest System that seeks to deliver stronger protections for forests, water, and wildlife while supporting the economic vitality of our rural communities, by releasing online a Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the National Forest System Land Management Planning Rule.

Today's action honors

the commitment made by Secretary Vilsack in his 2009 speech on forest management, and by the President in the America's Great Outdoors Report.

USDA and the Forest Service carefully considered nearly 300,000 comments received on the proposed rule and draft environmental impact statement issued last February, to develop the agency's preferred course of action for finalizing the planning rule. This is included in the PEIS released today as USDA's preferred alternative.

"The most collaborative rulemaking effort in agency history has resulted in a strong framework to restore

and manage our forests and watersheds and help deliver countless benefits to the American people," said Secretary Vilsack. "Our preferred alternative will safeguard our natural resources and provide a roadmap for getting work done on the ground that will restore our forests while providing job opportunities for local communities."

The preferred alternative emphasizes collaboration and strengthens the role of public involvement and dialogue throughout the planning process. It also would require the use of the best available scientific information to inform decisions.

Highlights of the preferred alternative include:

- Plans must include components that seek to restore and maintain forests and grasslands.
- Plans would include requirements to maintain or restore watersheds, water resources, water quality including clean drinking water, and the ecological integrity of riparian areas.
- Plans would be required to provide habitat for plant and animal diversity and species conservation. These requirements are intended to keep common native species common, contribute to the recovery of threatened and endangered species, conserve proposed and candidate species, and protect species of conservation concern.
- Plans would provide

for multiple uses, including outdoor recreation, range, timber, watershed, wildlife and fish.

Plans would be required to provide opportunities for sustainable recreation, and to take into account opportunities to connect people with nature.

Opportunities for public involvement and collaboration would be required throughout all stages of the planning process. The preferred alternative would provide opportunities for Tribal consultation and coordination with state and local governments and other federal agencies, and includes requirements for outreach to traditionally underrepresented commu-

nities. Plans require the use of the best available scientific information to inform the planning process and documentation of how science was used in the plan.

The planning framework provides a more efficient and adaptive process for land management planning, allowing the Forest Service to respond to changing conditions.

"This approach requires plans to conserve and restore watersheds and habitats while strengthening community collaboration during the development and implementation of individual plans," said U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell.

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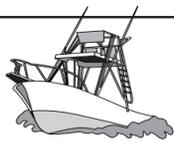
Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



Underwater Wakulla

By Travis Kersting

It is hard to think about boating with this latest cold spell we are having as I write this, but soon we will all be wondering where the winter has gone.

With one of the primary missions of the Coast Guard Auxiliary being that of public education (PE), our Flotilla staff Officer for PE has been hard at work preparing for an exciting year.

Last year, the Auxiliary struggled nationally to have a successful PE program. The down economy and everyone trying to save where they can, class enrollment was minimal.

However, we are part of the Coast Guard, and we cannot be deterred easily! We are Semper Paratus, always ready to meet the challenges put before us.

This year has started out with a goal to get our public education off the ground once again.

Mark Rosen sent in the following on Saturday:

The first Public Education class of the year presented by USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 12 was well attended at the offices of the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission offices in Tallahassee on Saturday, Jan. 28. Led by Public Education Officer Alex Gulde, the course covered subjects such as Emergencies on the Water, Boating Safely, The Legal Side of Florida Boating,

Boating Emergencies

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A safe boating class in Tallahassee with Coast Guard Auxiliary's Bob Asztalos.



Coast Guard Auxiliary's Tim Ashley instructing at the safe boating class in Tallahassee.

Sports and other related topics. The class was assisted by FWC part of the statistics!

Capt. Tom Shipp. The instructors were members of the flotilla: Bob Asztalos, Chuck Hickman, Larry Kolk, Duane Treadon, Tim Ashley and Mark Rosen. Vice Flotilla Commander Bill Wannall lent support.

Members of the public seeking information on future classes should call Alex Gulde at 980-1963 or contact him via email at fso-pe@uscgaux.net.

From what I have also heard from others assisting, the presentation by Capt. Shipp was a nice blend of the USCG materials as well as local rules and regulations. There was a great turnout with 15 students attending, including three teenagers.

All passed the class and are now better prepared to hit the water and enjoy all our area has to offer.

For many of us, joining the Auxiliary was due to our love of being out on the water and wanting to share our knowledge with others so that they can also enjoy the water and return home safely.

Until next week, remember safe boating is no accident.

It is our hope that we can help make sure no boaters in our area are

A vast selection of options is available to properly personalize your car today.

Most cars come with a standard package of conveniences including power locks, mirrors and windows while others such as GPS can be added if not already included. Safety features, like airbags, are now available on nearly every model, but just 15 years ago they were rare.

Diving is no different. Safety has come full circle and now a large portion of the kit you carry is there to function as your personal "airbag."

Did you learn to dive 40 or 50 years ago? If so, you may have learned to dive without a "buoyancy compensator" or BCD. Now it's uncommon to see a diver without one.

The modern BCD functions is much more than a buoyancy device. Most come with pockets, attachment points, even integrated breathing devices (an extra regulator).

The BCD is designed to work like a life vest on the surface and to help the diver remain neutrally buoyant while underwater. It should be thought of as little more than a bag which can have air added or removed from it and by doing so increase or decrease your buoyancy.

The BCD comes in a variety of configurations but there are three basic foundations. The most common is what divers call the "jacket" BCD. The bladder wraps around the diver's torso and promotes an upright position in the water, when fully inflated. This is of course a favorable thing when on the surface, especially in rough conditions. Most modern jacket style BCD systems have some way of adding lead to the diver to help keep them down (known as integrated weights), though the less expensive versions still require a weight belt. They usually have a few attachment points in the form of D-rings and they come in various sizes. If you should grow/shrink, a jacket BCD will not grow/shrink with you.

The second standard in BCD systems is the "back inflation" type. The system consists of a harness that is sewn to the buoyancy bladder which lies parallel to the diver's back torso. This allows the diver the advantage of a more horizontal profile while at depth which makes the diver more efficient. However, on the surface the diver can be forced face down in the water if they over-inflate the buoyancy bladder. This can be overcome with practice. These BCD's are usually available with integrated weights and accessory pockets but like their jacket cousin, they lack much for size adjustability.

The third option is a system consisting of nothing more than a buoyancy bladder, or "wing." This wing can be purchased in many sizes to suit various cylinder sizes or configurations or other requirements.

The diver must then also have a way to attach the wing to themselves. This comes in the form of a backplate and harness. Together we call this system a backplate and wing (BP/W). The system allows for lots of modularity and customization. The plate is available in several materials including a soft version, stainless steel or even fancy composites.

The plate allows the user to thread harness material through to make a harness to fit a diver of nearly any size. If you grow/shrink then you need only take in a bit of harness webbing or buy a longer piece and rethread it. Either way the cost is free to \$15 versus buying a whole new BCD system like with a jacket or back inflation system. This allows the user to adjust the harness for different suit thicknesses also.

Like the back-inflation BCD the BP/W has a risk of pushing the face down on the surface if over-inflated. If you want pockets or integrated weights they can be added but many times the plate can be made of a material which eliminates the need for lead. The ridged plate helps to stabilize heavy cylinders on the divers back and the whole system promotes better trim in the water.

Better trim equates to more efficiency, comfort, and lower air consumption which equates to longer bottom times.

The cost works out to be about the same, up front. If you wear out a component of a BP/W then you need only replace that component so the savings over time can be enormous.

If you upgrade to double cylinders, as with cave diving, you need only buy a larger wing but retain the rest of the system. If you grow your diving needs to cave or wreck penetration or rebreathers, a BP/W will grow with you.

Don't be afraid to try something new, it could change the way you experience the underwater world.

Wounded Nature - Working Veterans boat fundraiser

Special to The News

Marinas, yacht clubs, boat dealers, fishing clubs, marine equipment companies, and other companies in the maritime industry across America are sponsoring fund-raising parties to help launch the Wounded Nature - Working Veterans' Coast Guard boat.

Miami maritime attorney David Neblett wants each facility hosting a party to help finance an environmental cleanup vessel honoring the U.S. Coast Guard.

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As the smallest branch of the military, the USCG does not always have the same level of support for their causes as the other branches. Therefore, support for Coast Guard related projects need the support of the general public.

The fundraisers will provide an opportunity for the public to show support for our CG. Every participant in this national campaign will receive a "Team Coast Guard" sticker for their boat or car. Each individual

donating \$2,500 will receive a bronze appreciation plaque, for \$5,000 a gold level plaque, and \$10,000 for platinum level plaque.

Facilities raising a total donation of \$25,000 (ticket sales and member donations) will receive a bronze level plaque, for \$50,000 a gold level plaque, and platinum level plaque for raising \$100,000.

Members of the general public and companies who do not belong to a yacht club or marina also have an opportunity to participate online by making a direct donation at www.woundednature.org and entering "USCG" in the comments section.

All 2012 donations will be used to fund the house-

boat (Victory Vessel) honoring the Coast Guard. This boat will be used on the East Coast to clean beaches and educate the public about litter. It will be staffed by recently discharged veterans.

Wounded Nature - Working Veterans is an independent 501(c)3 non-profit that is not a component of the U.S. Coast Guard. This event is not sponsored by the USCG and is not utilizing tax payers dollars or active duty CG personnel to promote these events.

If any organization is interested in hosting a Coast Guard event, please contact Rudy Socha at rudy@woundednature.org or call (440) 452-1042.

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Brightness-- 63%		Tide charts by Zihua Software, LLC												Average+		
Friday		St. Marks River Entrance				City of St. Marks				Shell Point, Spring Creek				Friday		
Sun rise/set 7:26 am 6:15 pm	Moon rise/set 2:25 pm 3:53 am	Date		High	Low	Date		High	Low	Date		High	Low	Major Times 9:09 AM - 11:09 AM 9:35 PM - 11:35 PM	Minor Times 3:52 AM - 4:52 AM 2:24 PM - 3:24 PM	
Brightness-- 69%		Thu Feb 2, 12	0.1 ft.	2.1 ft.	1.7 ft.	2.5 ft.	Thu Feb 2, 12	0.1 ft.	2.0 ft.	1.5 ft.	2.3 ft.	Thu Feb 2, 12	0.1 ft.	2.2 ft.	1.8 ft.	2.5 ft.
Saturday		Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay				St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.				Dog Island West End				Saturday		
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Brightness-- 75%		Thu Feb 2, 12	4:41 AM	11:34 AM	3:36 PM	9:30 PM	Thu Feb 2, 12	5:45 AM	12:10 PM	4:40 PM	10:06 PM	Thu Feb 2, 12	4:38 AM	11:31 AM	3:33 PM	9:27 PM
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Brightness-- 82%		Thu Feb 2, 12	4:41 AM	11:34 AM	3:36 PM	9:30 PM	Thu Feb 2, 12	5:45 AM	12:10 PM	4:40 PM	10:06 PM	Thu Feb 2, 12	4:38 AM	11:31 AM	3:33 PM	9:27 PM
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Law Enforcement and Courts reports

Sheriff's Report

On Jan. 19, a concerned citizen picked up a pedestrian in Sopchoppy after the woman, who was struggling to maintain her balance, fell down near traffic on U.S. Highway 319. Deputy Cole Wells unsuccessfully attempted to find her a ride back to Franklin County after she attended a local funeral. But when nobody agreed to transport Marjorie Louise Boozer, 50, of Carrabelle she was charged with battery on a law officer. Boozer kicked and struck Deputy Wells while he attempted to transport her to Tallahassee. He transported her to jail instead.

In other activity reported this week:

- On Jan. 19, David Funderburke of Crawfordville reported a grand theft. The victim noted that \$2,100 worth of property, including firearms, tools, a knife and CDs, were missing. A person of interest was identified.

- On Jan. 19, Richard Murray of Eastpoint reported the theft of copper from Progress Energy in Sopchoppy. The wire is valued at \$160 and was taken from a substation.

- On Jan. 19, Deputy Ryan Muse and Detention Deputy Jeff Carroll investigated a report of a Wakulla County Jail inmate possessing a weapon. A toothbrush that had been fashioned into a shank was found in inmate Jared Joseph Millender's sock. The 31-year-old Carrabelle man was charged with possession of a weapon by a convicted felon and smuggling contraband into a jail.

Two days later, on Jan. 21, Millender was charged with making a threat against a public servant. Millender threatened a member of the WCSO medical unit over a dispute over medications. Millender threatened to make another shank and use it on the medical staff member.

- On Jan. 19, Lt. Sherrell Morrison served an arrest warrant for grand theft of a firearm on David Durrant Pelt, 40, of Crawfordville in connection with the theft of a firearm reported on Sept. 16. The firearm was recovered and returned to the victim.

On Jan. 20, a retail theft was reported at Wal-Mart when Robert Dale Campbell, 21, of Tallahassee, al-

legedly removed \$47 worth of sporting goods paying for them. The suspect was transported to the Wakulla County Jail without incident.

- On Jan. 22, Deputy Nick Gray responded to a reckless vehicle complaint on the Old Woodville Highway. Deputy Gray stopped David Loy Reynolds, 56, of Panacea and discovered the vehicle tag did not match the vehicle to which it was assigned. The driver did not have a driver license. He was arrested for DUI, attached tag not assigned and driving while license is suspended-habitual offender. Reynolds also refused to submit a breath sample.

- On Jan. 23, Robert Langford of Tallahassee reported a criminal mischief in Panacea. Windows were broken and doors and walls were kicked at his home. Liquid was poured on the floor and paper was thrown about the house. Damage was estimated at \$1,000.

- On Jan. 22, Jason Roberts of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief at Hydra Engineering. Somebody spray painted the business sign and mailbox. Damage is estimated at \$500. A speed limit sign and stop sign on Jasper Thomas Road were also defaced.

- On Jan. 22, Larry Brock of Crawfordville reported a vehicle fire. The victim was dragging a dirt road with chain link fence when his vehicle caught fire. The vehicle was a total loss. Neighbors helped the victim extinguish the flames.

- On Jan. 20, Kenneth Hills of Tallahassee reported a burglary in Sopchoppy. A forced entry was discovered at a building on the Mount Trial Primitive Baptist Church property. The building is used as a meeting area for a Masonic Lodge and a sword and Masonic compass were stolen. The stolen property is valued at \$100.

- On Jan. 20, Rudy Huling of Dollar General in Medart reported a forgery. A counterfeit bill was received by the business and sent to a bank in Crawfordville which discovered the fake money. The forgery was a \$20 bill.

- On Jan. 20, three traffic crashes were reported at the same location of 2173 Crawfordville Highway. None of the accidents involved inju-

ries. After the original crash at 7:18 a.m., a second crash occurred at 7:25 a.m. and the third crash occurred at 8:25 a.m. The drivers were looking at the original crash when they crashed into other motorists themselves. Deputy Vicki Mitchell investigated the first crash while Lt. Mike Kemp investigated the second and Sgt. Mike Helms investigated the third accident.

- On Jan. 24, a 17-year-old juvenile at the Sopchoppy Second Chance School was suspended from school pending a school board review after Deputy Joe Page observed a compound bow in plain view in his vehicle. The bow is classified as a weapon by the school board and the school district has a zero tolerance policy for weapons on school grounds. Unfired shotgun shells and unfired .22 caliber cartridges were also found in the vehicle.

- On Jan. 20, a 46-year-old Crawfordville victim reported receiving numerous harassing telephone calls and text messages. The victim counted approximately 90 contacts which included derogatory remarks and curses. Lt. Steve Ganey called the suspect and encountered the same vile language. The suspect was informed a warrant for his arrest would be pursued and the case was sent to the Criminal Investigations Division for further action.

- On Jan. 23, Edward Carlson of Havana reported an individual trespassing on his relative's property in Crawfordville. Surveillance video was taken of the suspect as he left the scene.

- On Jan. 23, Jack DeLauter of Panacea reported a criminal mischief at the restrooms at Woolley Park in Panacea. Stall doors were damaged along with a toilet seat. Damage is estimated at \$50.

- On Jan. 24, a retail theft was reported at Wal-Mart after Karla Reshae Wood, 33, of Panacea, was allegedly spotted trying to leave the store without paying for items. She was detained outside the store with \$266 worth of merchandise and charged with felony larceny-third or subsequent offense.

- On Jan. 25, Jeremy

Noble of Crawfordville reported an automotive burglary as someone stole a vehicle bumper from inside his vehicle. The missing automotive part is valued at \$350.

- On Jan. 25, Carldrek Herring of Crawfordville reported a grand theft of an air conditioner from his back yard. The unit is valued at \$300.

- On Jan. 25, Charles Pate of Tallahassee reported the theft of a firearm from Crawfordville. The rifle is valued at \$200.

- On Jan. 25, a Crawfordville man reported a fraud as someone stole his food assistance card. The victim checked with the Department of Children and Family Services and discovered that the card was activated and \$200 on the card was already used.

- On Jan. 25, John Collins of McKenzie Tank Lines in St. Marks reported a business burglary. The victim reported the theft of metal from the property. The stolen property is valued at \$2,000.

- On Jan. 25, Pamela Power of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary at Bridlewood Apartments. Someone entered a vacant apartment and sprayed fire extinguisher contents on the floors and walls. Damage was estimated at \$200.

- On Jan. 25, Frank Caretura of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief. Several windows were broken at a Neeley Road home. Nine windows were broken but the amount of the damage has not been determined. The owner of the home has also not been determined.

- On Jan. 25, Eunice Selewski of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary. Someone entered the residence through a broken window. Cigarettes were reported missing and evidence was collected at the scene.

- On Jan. 25, Byron K. Linton of Crawfordville reported the theft of a chain saw, valued at \$300. The property was taken from a trailer in a wooded area.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office received 852 calls for service during the past week.

Fraud case solved; prisoner transported from South Dakota

Special to The News

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office sent the husband and wife team of Sgt. Ronald and Deputy Vicki Mitchell to South Dakota on Sunday, Jan. 22 to bring a 40-year-old Crawfordville woman back to the county. The woman, Teresa Mae Ehrisman, faces charges of grand theft and exploitation of the elderly in connection with an 18-month investigation by law enforcement officials in Wakulla and Leon counties, according to Sheriff Donnie Crum.

Ehrisman left Florida during the investigation and law enforcement officials with the Hughes County Sheriff's Office in Pierre, S.D., arrested her on Jan. 5. She was held for WCSO deputies before waiving extradition which allowed her to be brought back to Florida to face the charges.

The Mitchells drove to South Dakota in the dead of winter, waited out a severe storm in the St. Louis, Mo., area on the way north and eventually arrived back in Wakulla County on Wednesday, Jan. 25.

Detective Matt Helms of the WCSO Financial Crimes Unit discovered that Ehrisman was appointed by the Florida court system to be a guardian for the 77-year-old victim in August 2007. The victim was living in Crawfordville at the time and has since moved to an assisted living facility



Teresa Mae Ehrisman

in Tallahassee.

The case was originally reported to the Leon County Sheriff's Office because the victim moved to Tallahassee. But LCSO detectives determined that the alleged crimes actually took place in Wakulla County.

Temporary guardians were appointed by the court to represent the victim from October 2009 until May 2010 when a new guardian was appointed by the courts. She began researching the victim's finances at that time.

During the time Ehrisman was guardian, checks were written to the suspect's company for the same amount as others approved by the court indicating that Ehrisman was double-paying herself. The total amount of missing money from the victim's bank account totaled nearly \$28,000.

Ehrisman is being held in the Wakulla County Jail on a \$10,000 bond.



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A profile of some local black-owned businesses

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"I started working for the original owner of Lindy's while in high school," Robinson says. "I've been with the company now for about 30-plus years."

What inspired him to open the business in Wakulla?

"I found that there were quite a few people I'd served in Tallahassee locations that lived down here who transported their meals over 20 miles before they could even eat it," he says. "So I thought: Why not put one in Wakulla?"

Though there have been a number of restaurants moving into the area, Lindy's appears to stand on its own when it comes to chicken, and the full menu of other items puts them in a fairly nice position.

Robinson and his family live in the area (his wife is from Wakulla originally) and he's grateful that he no longer has to break down the stores in Tallahassee and do the long drive to Wakulla at one in the morning.

However, his is one of the few more prominent black businesses in the area. What is it like being a black business owner when - on the surface - those numbers appear to be few?

"Before we opened," he says, "I was told by a good friend of mine, born and raised here, that as long as you put out a good product and good service, you won't have a problem. That's been true for me going on 18 years. And it's a blessing."

MARKLY CESAR AND GAMERZ PARADISE

Markly Cesar, owner of GamerZ Paradise, is from Haiti by way of New Jersey



Markly Cesar at GamerZ Paradise.

and New York. He and his family moved to Wakulla about six years ago.

GamerZ Paradise, located off Highway 319, across from Capital City Bank, is a console video gaming loft where one can play their favorite Xbox, Playstation 3 and Wii as well as online gaming.

There's a small pool table and soon foosball will be available. GamerZ charges \$3 an hour, or \$15 for a whole day.

"It's cheaper than baby-sitting," says Cesar. "It's a positive place where gamers of all ages can come play and interact with others, even online. It's the ultimate gaming experience in a positive atmosphere."

Before this endeavor, Cesar spent more than 24 years working in corporate

America, mostly in corporate management. After trying his hand at a few trial business endeavors, he decided on something different.

The idea was spur of the moment, and came from the least likely source. He talks about going to Wal-Mart one afternoon when his son mentioned that he wanted to take a look at the latest video games.

"I asked him if there was anything to do in Wakulla for children," says Cesar, "and he said 'no.' I told him then and there that we were going to open up a video game store. We discussed it on the way to Wal-Mart and back home. Later that night we exchanged a few ideas, and GamerZ Paradise was born."

Of course, nothing hap-

pens that quickly, but slowly he formulated the ideas, put them on paper, gathered a team of friends and family, and once in agreement, they all went for it.

Buses drop students off daily across the street from GamerZ. A safe location for kids has been a welcome addition for many parents, along with the development of the GamerZ afterschool program that not only ensures the kids are fed, but assists them with homework. The need for something like this in the community is reflected by the pick-up in GamerZ business.

"Gaming has taken on a form of its own. Mothers and daughters, fathers and sons - they all come out. I think it's awesome to see the interactions with families and the connections they make while here."

GREG JACKSON AND G SIGNS

There are people

throughout Wakulla County that are legends of an uncommon sort. Visual artist Greg Jackson is one. His drawings and paintings are known to a number of people in the community, a majority of them African-American.

Though he has always loved to draw - and can do wonders with a pencil - he started dabbling in color at the instruction of his first art teacher, Florence Head. Later, another arts instructor, Diane Carney, would become an influence as well. He would learn about ceramics, clay and much more.

"I guess I didn't realize my talent at the time," Jackson admits. "I just loved to draw and back then I gave all my pictures away because people seemed to liked them."

The type of work he does now is mainly through commission, or by request. This means that when the work is done, people want it right away. He currently does

portraits, signs for local companies, among other specialties. Though he does not have a large enough catalogue - he feels - to present an arts showcase at the location, he wants to use the space to encourage the work of other artists in the county. He's also a member of HAWC (Healing Arts of Wakulla County) for which he will be designing their official logo.

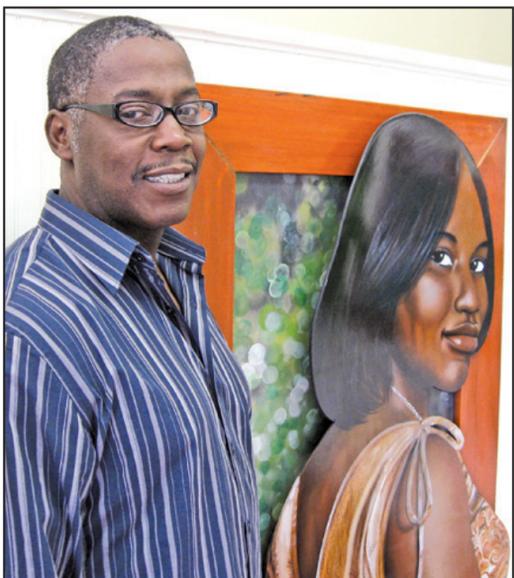
The notice in front of his new business, G Signs, is hard to miss. It appears almost rustic, yet vibrant in color at the same time. The G Signs building - located across the street from the main courthouse - is also a place of legend. It was the site of the county's first pharmacy, owned and operated by druggist, Harold Smith.

Jackson went to FAMU on an arts scholarship, and later into the military.

"My work didn't really gel until I was in the military," he says, "and later, in Germany. Once I was in the military and others learned I was an artist, I became the 'company artist,' and I learned a great deal from painting murals. But it was while in Germany that I learned the most about art. I like to say it was the art that was teaching me - showing me colors I could use as well as what I couldn't."

His goal is to work with other artists in the community to make the space, as he puts it, "the hottest place on the planet."

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Greg Jackson of G Signs with one of his artworks.

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President's Message

Looking forward to the year's challenges



By AMY GEIGER
Chamber President

I am very excited to be your 2012 Chamber President and look forward to a challenging and yet rewarding year.

My goals as your Chamber president are to follow in the footsteps of our past leaders and continue with our mission - to promote, improve and enhance the business community we serve.

During this year I will focus on the following:

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership revenue has decreased significantly and we are not unlike any other business in our county; we too are feeling the impact of this economy. Therefore we will continue to ensure value exceeds member investment.

To attract and retain members, we will concentrate on the following:

- Create a young professionals group to engage our future leaders.
- Focus on our disengaged members by developing an ambassador's

program to invite them to participate so they too can enjoy the many benefits we offer.

EDUCATION

A qualified workforce is one of the most essential components of a strong business community.

Wakulla County has the distinction of having an A-rated public school system. Through the Burt Poole Scholarship Program, we assist Chamber members and their employees by providing opportunities to enhance their skills through ongoing education.

In addition, Workforce Plus will continue to offer training seminars for the business community.

ADVOCATE FOR BUSINESS

I would appreciate hearing from you, our membership, any comments, concerns, needs, educational requests and suggestions on how we can make the Chamber an even more dynamic organization to assist you with making sure your business grows and thrives.

Our Chamber plays a vital role in ensuring our businesses are successful.

In closing, I would like to thank John Shuff, past president, for his leadership and endless commitment to our business community.



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Members of the Chamber's Board of Directors take the oath of office at the recent installation banquet.

Chamber's new board installed

By TAMMIE BARFIELD
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It's official. The Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce has a new slate of officers and directors for 2012. On Thursday night, Jan. 19, Wakulla Clerk of Courts Brent Thurmond led the swearing-in ceremony for the new board.

Opening remarks were delivered by R. H. Carter who did not disappoint by interjecting a little history and wit.

New Chamber President Amy Geiger introduced the evening's guest speaker, Kelly Robertson, who is with Bow-Stern Marketing in their Tallahassee office.

Robertson said her father always told her, "If you catch on fire with enthusiasm, people will come from miles to watch it burn." Her discussion centered around taking a look at the "fundamentals of why we do what we do," and explored "moving people beyond their comfort zone" in terms of motivation, writing business plans and advertising.

Outgoing Chamber President John Shuff extended appreciation to the "heavy hitters" for 2011 naming specifically Pam Albritton for her work on the Low Country Boil, Sharol Brown for "doing anything anytime," Paul Johnson for his contribution on legislative issues, Jo Ann Palmer for coordinating the Business Excellence Awards event, Chuck Robinson for his work on the chamber's website, Ralph Thomas for keeping the chamber informed from the Government and Commerce Committee, Kevin Vaughn for his work on the Economic Development Council, Mary Wallace for coordinating the monthly luncheons, Mary Ellen Davis for initiating the idea of the Business Excellence Awards and many other contributions during her time on the board, Tammie Barfield for her assistance with publicity, Kimberly Moore for bringing her organizational skills to the meetings, Amy Geiger for her work on the standing committees, Leonard Bembry for being on our side at the legislature, and Petra Shuff for being the "glue that holds us all together."

Geiger then enthusiastically introduced her goals for the upcoming year and expressed her excitement about the opportunity to work with each member of the board. She cautioned everyone to "fasten your seatbelts" and get ready for a challenging, but rewarding year for the chamber.



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Outgoing Chamber President John Shuff is presented with a gift by new President Amy Geiger.

New members

December new members:

- Rock Landing Marina – full service marina, wet slips, boat barn, boat shed, yard, ramp
- Capital Regional YMCA – Camp Indian Springs – Community Programs, Aquatics, Camps, Health & Fitness, Banquet facility rental

January new members:

- Critter Control – Brandon Lynch, specializing in Humane Wildlife Removal, Termite and Pest Control, Exclusion & Repairs
- First Bank – Senior Products Division, Michel J. Weltman, MBA, SRES, CSA – specializing in Reverse Mortgages, notary services
- El Jalisco – Maria Carranza, specializing in Mexican cuisine

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Week in Wakulla

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<p>Free AARP tax help at the library from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday</p>	<p>Chili Cook-Off at Crawfordville Elementary at 5:15 p.m.</p> <p>Friday</p>	<p>Wildlife Heritage and Outdoors Festival at the Refuge from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday</p>	<p>Fish Fry Fundraiser at Mason Lodge, Sopchoppy, at noon.</p> <p>Sunday</p>
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Government Meetings

Monday, February 6

• WAKULLA COUNTY COMMISSION will meet at 5 p.m. in the commission chambers.

Wednesday, February 8

• PUBLIC RECORDS COMMITTEE will meet at 2 p.m. in the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Conference Room, 3093 Crawfordville Highway. Call 926-0919 for more information.

Clubs, Groups, Regular Meetings

Thursday, February 2

• 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.

• FREE AARP TAX-AIDE for low to moderate income taxpayers will be offered at the library from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

• GENEALOGY GROUP will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the library.

Friday, February 3

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

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

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

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

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

• WAKULLA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 24 High Drive, Crawfordville.

• QUILTERS GUILD OF WAKULLA COUNTY will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the library. Join them for the fun of quilting. Quilters of all skill levels are invited to partake in community projects, personal work and informative workshops, as well as field trips. Contact Anne Lopez at 294-0832.

Saturday, February 4

• ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets 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.

• FREE AARP TAX-AIDE will be available for low and moderate income taxpayers at the library from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 5

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

Monday, February 6

• 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.

• YOGA 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, February 7

• 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.

• WAKULLA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY will meet at 7 p.m. at the Wakulla County Welcome Center, 1505 Coastal Highway in Panacea. Speakers will be Becky Sanders Finch, Cathryn Sanders Beaty and others who will share their memories and stories about growing up in Panacea.

• IRIS GARDEN CLUB will meet at 1 p.m. for its board meeting at the library. All interested members of the Iris Garden Club are invited to come and give input on upcoming events.

Wednesday, February 8

• 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.

• FREE AARP TAX-AIDE for low and moderate income taxpayers will be offered at the Senior Center from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, February 9

• 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

Friday, February 3

• ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF will be held at Crawfordville Elementary School starting at 5:15 p.m. There will be chili of all kinds to satisfy everyone's taste buds. The categories that will be judged are the following: traditional, non-traditional, spicy but pleasing and presentation. Set up will begin at 5:15 so that the judging can begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. and continue until 6:15 p.m. The event will officially begin at 6 p.m. with both Wakulla High School and Wakulla Middle School's jazz bands entertaining and delighting the crowd.

• EXEMPTION ASSISTANCE will be available to senior citizens from Property Appraiser Donnie Sparkman and his staff at the Senior Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Senior citizens need to bring a valid driver's license, Social Security number and proof of income. For more information, contact Debra Russell at 926-0500.

• FAMILY FUN DAY will be held at Wakulla Pre-K from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Wakulla Pre-K Education Center, located at 87 Andrew J. Hargrett Sr. Road in Crawfordville. The event will feature, food, games and entertainment. Autographed FSU footballs will be given away, as well. All proceeds will help fund the Wakulla Pre-K program. For more information, please call the Wakulla Pre-K at 850-926-8111.

Saturday, February 4

• SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION will be held from 8 a.m. to noon at Medart Park by the Wakulla County Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, visit www.WCPRD.com or call 926-7227.

• BOOK EXTRAVAGANZA FUNDRAISER will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the library. Thousands of books, audio, video and more will be given away. Monetary donations aren't required, but are appreciated. Proceeds benefit children's programs at the Library. Limit of five plastic bags per patron.

• WILDLIFE HERITAGE AND OUTDOORS FESTIVAL will be held at the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be outdoor activities from the past and present. A youth turkey calling contest will start at 1 p.m. Participants must sign up by 12:45 p.m. There will also be wild animal exhibits.

• AUSTRALIAN SINGER AND SONGWRITER, Audrey Auld, will perform at Posh Java in Sopchoppy at 8 p.m. Her debut EP, Audrey, was released in 1997. It offered 4 tracks of hillbilly, swing, torch and honky-tonk. Visit Audreyauld.com. Reservations requested for all shows. For tickets or more information, call 962-1010.

Sunday, February 5

• FIRST SUNDAY AT THE REFUGE PRESENTATION SERIES will offer Whoop-De-Doo! - Here Come The Cranes!, a presentation especially for families, at 2 p.m. at the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge's Nature's Classroom. Since 2001, Operation Migration has been teaching endangered Whooping Cranes a migration route using ultralight aircraft. The project helps re-establish this species and enables their reintroduction to the wild at places like St. Marks Nat'l Refuge. Presenters will be Christine Barnes

and Gordon Perkinson, Educators and Crane Handlers. Both children (ages 8 and up) and adults will enjoy this presentation. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required due to limited seating. Call the Refuge at 925-6121.

• FISH FRY fundraiser will be held by the Ashmore Masonic Lodge at 25 Yellowjacket Road in Sopchoppy at noon. The fundraiser will benefit Destiny Lewis, a 10-year-old struck and severely injured by a car last week. All proceeds will go to the family to help with mounting medical expenses. Any contributions may be sent to her mother, Tina Sanders c/o Centennial Bank P.O. Box 610 Crawfordville, FL 32326 attn Tonya Carter. For information, contact Walter at 591-2773.

Monday, February 6

• WAKULLA MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL will meet at 2:30 p.m. in room 130. For more information, contact Angie Gentry, Chairperson at angela.gentry@wcsb.us

Tuesday, February 7

• FEBRUARY FULL MOON CLIMB at the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. It will include light hors d'oeuvres and a sparkling cider toast. Cost is \$15 for the public and \$10 for members of the St. George Lighthouse Association. After sunset, people are invited to climb to the top of the lighthouse for a view of the full moon. Cost is \$10 for the general public and \$5 for SGLA members. Because space is limited, reservations are recommended. For reservations or more information, please contact the St. George Island Visitor Center at 927-7744 or toll free at 888-927-7744.

Thursday, February 9

• MEET AND GREET will be held at the library by the Wakulla Democratic Executive Committee and the Wakulla Democratic Women's Club for Democratic candidates for Congressional District 2. The event will begin at 7 p.m. with refreshments, followed by the 7:30 p.m. business meeting. For more information, contact Rachel Pienta at 321-3582 or drpienta@gmail.com.

• "EXPLORING IMPROVISATION: HARLEM IN THE JAZZ AGE," will be held at 9:30 a.m. at NFCC/Green Industries in Monticello. The class will use literature, music and the arts to examine the results of cultural contact zones in New York City during the Roaring Twenties. Participants will have a chance to create their own improvisations. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at FSU is offering these classes that may be of interest to residents over 50. The enrollment deadline is Feb. 2. For more information visit www.oll.fsu.edu or call 644-7947 or 644-3520 or e-mail taaronson@fsu.edu or dherman@fsu.edu.

Library News...



By **SCOTT JOYNER**
Interim Library Director

Book Extravaganza Fundraiser

Our first Book Extravaganza of the year will be on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 9 a.m. to noon.

As usual we have thousands of books, audio and video available for your browsing pleasure. While monetary donations are not required, all funds raised go directly to the Friends of WCPL.

The Friends pay for our Summer Reading programs, part of our collection, and just paid for the 12 brand new public computers in the library, along with much more! Over the past two years, the Friends have saved Wakulla taxpayers more than \$50,000 by assisting WCPL with needed expenses.

Please join us Saturday and help support this great organization.

New at WCPL

Among the great new items at WCPL are two new thrillers. "Taken" by Robert Crais and for fans of the FX Network show "Justified" (like myself), "Raylan" by Elmore Leonard.

In addition to these two we have: "To Hell on a Fast Horse," a double biography of Billy the Kid and Pat Garrett by Lee Gardner, "If You Ask Me" by Betty White, and 18 new (to us) Geronimo Stilton books and "Princess Smartypants Rules" by Babette Cole for the youngsters.

These are only a few of

the new things we have this week for our patrons so please come by and check them out (pun intended).

AARP Tax Prep at WCPL

Just a friendly reminder that the AARP will begin their free tax preparation service at WCPL on Thursday Feb. 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This service will continue each Thursday and Saturday at the same respective times throughout tax season. The free preparation is intended for low to middle income filers which an emphasis on senior citizens. It is also first come first served so come early.

Friday Book Club

As I'm typing this, the Friday afternoon Book Club is filling up all the seats around our conference room table.

We'd like to have even more join up! They're currently reading and discussing the Senator Edward Kennedy autobiography True Compass. WCPL provides the books for the book club members at cost and we have one copy of True Compass left, but would be more than happy to order more! Stop by at 3 p.m. on Fridays for all the fun.

Computer Classes

Both our classes this week are on Wednesday, Feb. 8.

At 9:30 a.m., we have Windows 7: Getting Started followed by Skype Getting Started at 1:30 p.m.

Both these classes are free but do require early registration so give us a call or stop by!

A schedule of classes through the end of February is on our website at www.wakullalibrary.org, our Facebook page, or at the front desk.

Spotlight on Business

Business News from



Name: Cook Insurance Agency, Inc.

Name of owner: Centennial Bank

Tell us about your business: Cook Insurance Agency was established in 1913 by John Henry Cook, and has been in continuous operation since, making us one of the oldest insurance agencies in Florida. Along with our office here in Crawfordville, we have a second location in Apalachicola.

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If anyone is interested in your products/services, how do they contact you? Call (850) 926-6612. Visit www.cookinsuranceagency.com. Mary Wallace, Managing Agent, 2932 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, inside Centennial Bank. Fax is (850) 926-6617.



What sets your business apart from the competition? We take great pride in our customer service, our experience and knowledge of products we offer.

What should the community/customer expect when they visit your business? To be treated as a person, and not as a policy count. We also like to build relationships with our clients.

networking opportunities, which have helped a great deal in getting to know other business owners.

What Chamber services have you taken advantage of and/or will take advantage of in the near future? We have participated in the Brown Bag Lunch & Learn Series, and attend networking events regularly.

What's your reason Wakulla residents should

Additional Comments: I am proud to be part of the Wakulla Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. This group of volunteers freely gives its time to address business concerns and educational needs, and to foster a positive relationship with local government.

I especially enjoy hosting our networking luncheons, giving our members yet another opportunity to network.



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Chamber members gather at El Jalisco for the January network luncheon.

Networking luncheon is held at El Jalisco

A crowd of 42 attended the networking luncheon held at El Jalisco Restaurant on Jan. 25, and staff handled the orders - anything off the luncheon menu - with ease and smiles on their faces. We continue to see different folks at these luncheons each time, which makes for great networking.

New members in attendance had the opportunity to introduce themselves and let guests know about their business. You have probably seen the yellow Critter Control signs all over Wakulla County - Critter Control is a national company, and recently opened a local franchise in Crawfordville. Brandon Lynch with Critter Control informed us about their humane wildlife removal (anything except bears and alligators). In addition, Critter Control offers termite and pest control, and exclusions and repairs.

Dick Woodrum, with Rock Landing Marina LLC., informed our guests about taking over the marina in Panacea, which offers slips and boat storage, repairs, fuel, bait and tackle and ice.

Dorothy Inman Johnson announced Capital Area Community Action Agency's biggest fundraiser of the year - Pigfest, to be held at the North Florida Fairgrounds in Tallahassee on Feb. 18-19. The barbecue cookoff offers \$8,500 in cash prizes, and the Battle of the Bands, offering \$2,500 in cash prizes, and promises to be very entertaining. There will also be arts and crafts vendors, a

custom car show and a Kid Zone.

A Chamber member, Costco Wholesale Club, gave out flyers to visit Costco over Jan. 28 and 29, and shop without being a club member. If you like the store, you can use the flyer to become a member. Receive a \$10 cash card for a new \$55 Gold star membership or a \$20 cash card for a new \$110 Executive membership. For more information, contact Ashley at (850) 219-2522 or w01026mkt01@costco.com

Jo Ann Palmer, wearing her "Rotary hat" today, let everyone know about the upcoming annual Valentine's Day parade and festivities. Raffle tickets are available from all Rotary members for \$1 donation.

Always an exciting part of the hour are the door prizes, and cash drawing. Today the \$42 cash was won by one of our new board members, Alan Wise with Preble-Rish. Alan immediately donated his winnings back to the Chamber.

We would like to thank the following for contributions to the prize drawing: Critter Control, Rainbow International, JoAnn Palmer, Susan Schatzman, Costco, Cook Insurance Agency, Marianne and Lionel Dazevedo, Petra Shuff and The Wakulla News.

Plan to join us for the next networking luncheon on Feb. 22 at the Wakulla Springs Lodge. RSVP's are strongly encouraged. For any questions, please contact Petra 926-1848, or Mary 926-6613.

Ed2Go online classes offered

Ed2Go - Online Learning offered January through June 2012 through the Burt Poole Scholarship Fund, established by the Chamber of Commerce. Enrollment is FREE to Chamber members and employees. Please email the Chamber office for registration form and enrollment instructions. All registrations have to be submitted to the Chamber office for member verification. Please contact the Chamber office for class requirements.

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5102-0223
PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF VIOLATION/ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT AND ORDER
NWFVMD VS JERRY LAMAR HIERS

Notice is hereby given to Mr. Jerry Hiers by the Northwest Florida Water Management District of the following violation of rules and regulations promulgated under Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, Chapter 40A-3 and Chapter 62-531. Mr. Hiers is not a licensed water well contractor in the state of Florida, but constructed water wells at 59 Stirling Trace, 10 Cardinal Court, and 14 Nuthatch Trail, Crawfordville. Engaging in the business of water well contracting without an active water well contractor license is a violation of Subsection 373.323 and Paragraph 373.33(4)(d) Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Rule 40A-3.037(2), Florida Administrative Code.

The District orders that within thirty (30) days of this public notification, Mr. Jerry Lamar Hiers will cease and desist from any activities that require a water well contractor license and pay to the District an administrative fine of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00). If a written request for hearing (Chapter 120, F.S.) is not made within 30 days after this four-week noticing period is complete, then this order shall be final.

February 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2012

5099-0216
PUBLIC NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID

DATE : January 27, 2012
TO : Trade Contractors as listed:

Bid Package 2-A	General Demolition & Disposal
Bid Package 2-B	Asbestos Abatement
Bid Package 6-A	General Trades
Bid Package 6-B	Millwork
Bid Package 9-B	Acoustical Ceilings
Bid Package 9-C	Painting
Bid Package 15-A	HVAC & BAS Controls
Bid Package 15-B	Plumbing
Bid Package 15-C	HVAC, BAS Controls & Plumbing Combo
Bid Package 15-E	Test & Balance
Bid Package 16-A	Electrical & Fire Alarm
Package 17-A	Telecommunications

FROM : Childers Construction Co.

PROJECT: Wakulla Middle School HVAC Renovations
Wakulla County Schools
Crawfordville, Florida

Childers Construction Company, The Construction Manager, state license number CGC4514, invites your firm to submit proposals for the above referenced project.

BID DOCUMENTS will be available electronically on Friday, January 27, 2012 at Childers Construction Company FTP site: <http://www.childers-construction.com:81/login.html>. Please contact Ms. Tawni O'Neill at (850) 222-2281 or to: tawni@childers-construction.com for user name and password for access.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 3:30 PM at the Wakulla County Middle School, 22 Jean Street, Crawfordville, FL. A maximum of 2 representatives per company.

SEALED BIDS will be received by the Construction Manager at the offices of Childers Construction Company, 3472 Weems Road, Unit 1, Tallahassee, FL 32317, as follows:
Bid Packages 2-9 - 2:00 PM Tuesday, February 28, 2012.
Bid Packages 15-17 - 3:00 PM Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Childers Construction Company reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and waive formalities in any bid.

Information on bid documents is available by contacting Childers Construction Company, Tawni O'Neill at (850) 222-2281.

February 2, 9 and 16, 2012

5090-0207
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR DECATUR COUNTY, FLORIDA
IN RE: (1) Green Utility Trailer, Serial #5K1B4222061005938
CASE NO. 11-1055C

CARL WAYNE COTNER
3166 SMITH CREEK RD
SOPCHOPPY, FL 32358
Plaintiff.

NOTICE OF ACTION
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for establishment of ownership of personal property described as : One Green Utility Trailer, Serial 5K1B4222061005938, has been filed and it is required that a copy of your written defenses, if any, be served on Plaintiff, Carl Wayne Cotner, whose address is : 3166 Smith Creek Rd., Sopchoppy, Wakulla County, Florida, on or before February 2, 2012, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court immediately thereafter; otherwise a Default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint..

DATED on January 5, 2012.

BRENT X. THURMOND, as Clerk of the Court
/s/ By Glenda Porter, As Deputy Clerk

January 12, 19, 26, 2012 and February 2, 2012

4062-0209
PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO SECTION 328.17 F.S.,
NON-JUDICIAL SALE OF VESSEL

Notice is hereby given that unless sooner paid or redeemed, Rock Landing Marina, LLC, Inc. intends a public sale of the following vessels by brief description and apparent owners:

- Vessel: 21 ft. Shamrock Cleveland Engine 351. SHAO 5290483. Reg. #5221DN
Owner: Estate of James E. Torgerson, II
Owner: Scott Synar
- Vessel: 27 ft. 1976 Columbia. Reg. #3499PA
Owner: Scott Synar
- Vessel: 25 ft. Hunter Marine Outboard. Reg. #9947CV
Owner: Josh Davis
- Vessel: 28 ft. 1971 John Allman. Reg. # VA3193AB
Owner: Jimmy Collins and Cecil Wilson

Said sale will take place February 24, 2012 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and shall be held at the location of Rock Landing Marina, 99 Rock Landing Road, Panama, Florida 32346. The mailing address and contact number of said Marina is P.O. Box 653, Panama, Florida 32346; telephone # (850) 984-5844.

Publication dates: February 2 & 9, 2012

5104-0209
PUBLIC NOTICE
Vs. Bay Springs Community Mortgage 2011-CA-000231 Notice of Foreclosure Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.:2011-CA-000231

CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to Gulf State Community Bank, a Florida Banking corporation, Plaintiff,
v. BAY SPRINGS COMMUNITY MORTGAGE, LLC, a Florida limited liability corporation, BOBBY RAY SMITH, and PATTIE F. SMITH, husband and wife, DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure and Reformation of Mortgage dated January 9, 2012, entered in Case No. 2011-CA-231 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to Gulf State Community Bank, a Florida banking corporation, is the Plaintiff, and BAY SPRINGS COMMUNITY MORTGAGE, LLC, BOBBY RAY SMITH, and PATTIE F. SMITH, are the Defendants, the undersigned will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the lobby of the Wakulla County Clerk of Court's Office, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida, at 11:00a.m. on February 23, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to-wit:

See Exhibit "A"

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 this 24th day of January, 2012.

Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of the Circuit Court
(SEAL) /s/ By Desiree D. Willis as Deputy Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

File Number :20060712a

Lot 2

Commence at the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section 18, T3S, R1W, as marked by a concrete monument #1254, and accepted by Certified Corner Record # 32915, and run South 89 degrees 56 minutes 25 seconds West along the Section line 653.09 feet to a concrete monument, thence run North 01 degrees 00 minutes 43 seconds West 874.57 feet to a iron pipe marking the Southeast corner of lands described in Official Records Book 119, page 984 of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida, run thence South 89 degrees 53 minutes 33 seconds West along said South boundary 377.09 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING continue South 89 degrees 53 minutes 33 seconds West along said Southerly boundary 201.89 feet, thence leaving said South boundary run North 00 degrees 59 minutes 21 seconds West 563.50, thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes 17 seconds East 253.30 feet, thence North 02 degrees 42 minutes 56 seconds East 387.20 feet, thence South 78 degrees 41 minutes 46 seconds East 288.09 feet, thence South 02 degrees 34 minutes 25 seconds West 321.59 feet, thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes 17 seconds West 275.92 feet, thence South 02 degrees 42 minutes 56 seconds West 20.02 feet, thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes 17 seconds West 60.76 feet, thence South 00 degrees 59 minutes 21 seconds East 552.44 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Together with and subject to the following roadway and utility easement:

Commence at the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section 18, T3S, R1W, as marked by a concrete monument #1254, and accepted by Certified Corner Record # 32915, and run South 89 degrees 56 minutes 25 seconds West along the Section line 653.09 feet to a concrete monument, thence run North 01 degrees 00 minutes 43 seconds West 874.57 feet to a iron pipe marking the Southeast corner of lands described in Official Records Book 119, Page 984 of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida, said point being the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING run thence South 89 degrees 53 minutes 33 seconds West along said South boundary 735.82 feet to the Easterly right of way boundary of Revadee Spears Road, thence North 04 degrees 03 minutes 35 seconds West 40.10 feet along said right of way, thence leaving said right of way boundary run North 89 degrees 53 minutes 33 seconds East 697.97 feet, thence North 00 degrees 59 minutes 21 seconds West 500.65 feet, thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes 17 seconds West 31.04 feet, thence North 02 degrees 34 minutes 25 seconds East 502.11 feet, thence South 87 degrees 25 minutes 35 seconds East 30.00 feet, thence South 02 degrees 34 minutes 25 seconds West 470.84 feet, thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes 17 seconds East 39.15 feet to a concrete monument marking the Easterly boundary of said lands described in Official Records Book 119, Page 984, thence South 00 degrees 59 minutes 21 seconds East along said Easterly boundary 570.45 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Subject to the following described conservation easement:

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ALSO:

Commence at the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section 18, T3S, R1W, as marked by a concrete monument #1254, and accepted by Certified Corner Record # 32915, and run North 00 degrees 14 minutes 57 seconds West along the Quarter Section line 1425.26 feet to the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter said point being the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING continue North 00 degrees 14 minutes 57 seconds West along said Quarter Section line 1068.95 feet, thence leaving said Quarter Section line run South 88 degrees 15 minutes 58 seconds West 466.25 feet to the Easterly boundary of lands described in Official Records Book 321, Page 96; thence along said Easterly boundary the following two courses: South 00 degrees 12 minutes 02 seconds West 74.40 feet to a concrete monument, thence South 12 degrees 22 minutes 31 seconds West

431.10 feet to the Southeast corner of said lands, thence leaving said Easterly boundary run North 77 degrees 02 minutes 35 seconds East 232.21 feet, thence South 00 degrees 14 minutes 57 seconds East 617.30 feet to the South boundary of said Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, thence run North 88 degrees 59 minutes 35 seconds East 334.41 feet along said Southerly boundary to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO the following two Roadway and Utility Easements:

30 Foot Roadway and Utility Easement

Commence at the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section 18, T3S, R1W, as marked by a concrete monument #1254, and accepted by Certified Corner Record # 32915, and run North 00 degrees 14 minutes 57 seconds West along the Quarter Section line 1389.83 feet, thence continue North 00 degrees 14 minutes 57 seconds West 35.43 feet to the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, thence continue North 00 degrees 14 minutes 57 seconds West along the Quarter Section line 959.35 feet to the North Boundary of Lands Described in Official Records Book 192, Page 427, continue North 00 degrees 14 minutes 57 seconds West along the Quarter Section line 109.60 feet to the North boundary of lands described in Official Records Book 64, Page 110, thence run South 88 degrees 15 minutes 58 seconds West along said North boundary 466.25 feet, thence run South 00 degrees 12 minutes 02 seconds West 74.40 feet to the Northeast corner of lands in Official Records Book 321, Page 96, thence run South 12 degrees 22 minutes 31 seconds West along the Easterly boundary of said lands 413.79 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING run thence North 47 degrees 40 minutes 10 seconds West 122.36 feet; thence North 57 degrees 25 minutes 47 seconds West 222.60 feet, thence North 82 degrees 37 minutes 06 seconds West 124.32 feet, thence South 80 degrees 10 minutes 54 seconds West 323.79 feet to the Easterly right of way boundary of Revadee Spears Road (50 foot right of way), thence run South 00 degrees 52 minutes 21 seconds West along said Easterly right of way 30.53 feet, thence leaving said Easterly right of way run North 80 degrees 10 minutes 54 seconds East 324.92 feet, thence South 82 degrees 37 minutes 06 seconds East 113.08 feet, thence South 57 degrees 25 minutes 47 seconds East 213.33 feet, thence South 47 degrees 40 minutes 10 seconds East 128.44 feet, thence North 42 degrees 19 minutes 50 seconds East 15.00 feet to the Southeast corner of lands described in Official Records Book 321, Page 96, thence run North 12 degrees 22 minutes 31 seconds East along said Easterly boundary 17.31 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, and having a width of 30 feet, and begin 15 feet North of, and 15 feet South of the Southerly boundary of lands described in Official Records Book 321, Page 96 of the public records of Wakulla County, Florida.

Roadway and Utility Easement

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February 2 & 9, 2012

5101-0209
PUBLIC NOTICE
Vs Unknown Heirs of Lillian T. Williams, Case No.:10000405CA, Notice of Action

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 10000405CA

FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,
vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LILLIAN T. WILLIAMS A/K/A LILLIAN TAMIKKA WILLIAMS, DECEASED, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LILLIAN T. WILLIAMS A/K/A LILLIAN TAMIKKA WILLIAMS, DECEASED; ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: N/A
Residence unknown and if living, including any unknown spouse of the Defendant, if remarried and if said Defendant is dead, his/her respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant; and the aforementioned named Defendant and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendant and such of the unknown name Defendant as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.

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LOT 4 (5.00 ACRES)
COMMENCE AT A ST. JOE PAPER COMPANY CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER 734.97 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST 797.41 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST 273.14 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST 797.34 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER 273.14 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 5.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH AN ACCESS EASEMENT OVER AND ACROSS THE EAST-ERLY 30.00 FEET THEREOF DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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- 25 Sawgrass Drive Live Oak Isl. 4BR/2BA House \$1,900 Mo. No Smoking or Pets
- 10 Hidden Springs Panama 2BR/2BA House on pilings \$850 Mo. No Smoking or Pets
- 51A & 49B Dispennette Drive 3BR/2BA Duplex \$750 Mo. Incl. Water/Swr No Smoking/ Pets ok
- 174 Beaty Taff Drive Shell Pt. Beach House – 2 BR/2 BA with separate 1 BR Efficiency. \$1,350 Mo. No Smoking or Pets
- 26C Guinevere Lane 3BR/2BA Townhouse \$800 Mo. No Smoking or Pets
- 8 Osprey 3BR/2BA 2,390sf House with fireplace \$1,200 Mo. No Smoking or Pets
- 52 Deer Run 1BR Cabin in Sopchoppy \$700 Mo. No Smoking or Pets
- 55 E.J. Stringer Road 3BR/2BA 1,200sf House with Screen Front Porch \$825 Mo. No Smoking/ Pets ok w/approval
- 455 Old Bethel Road 3BR/2BA House on 1 acre. \$900 mo. No Smoking or Pets
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SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Mike's Seafood Grille owner Mike Keller cuts the ribbon.

Mike's Seafood has ribbon cutting

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When we came up here I wanted to do some test marketing on what the people in the area wanted. The test marketing is over in about two weeks and our new menu will be here. Check the marquee for updates. There will be a lot more choices. We will

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Debbie, Lynn and I want to thank you for all the kindness you have shown since we moved here. I only wished we would have moved sooner.

CHAMBER MEMBER UPDATE:

R. Jai Gillum joins Big Brothers, Big Sisters as development director

Chamber News

We are delighted to welcome R. Jai Gillum to the Big Brothers Big Sisters family.

Her positive energy is infectious. Originally from Montgomery, Ala., R. Jai has lived in Tallahassee for more than 13 years. She received her undergraduate degree and Master of Public Health from Florida A&M University.

Gillum has previous non-profit development experience and has also worked for Citizens Property Insurance and the Florida Department of Health. She served as the staff director of the Florida Financial Literacy Council



R. Jai Gillum

and most recently served as the Director of Board Appointments for former Florida Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink.

Gillum is very active in the Tallahassee community and has served on the board of directors for

the United Way of the Big Bend, Friends of the Leon County Public Library, Brokaw-McDougall House, Junior League of Tallahassee, Tallahassee Community College Foundation and 211 Big Bend Inc.

Her other affiliations include Leadership Tallahassee and the Tallahassee Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Gillum will be managing fundraising efforts including agency events such as the BIG Deal, the BIG Catch, Bowl for Kids' Sake, and the BIG Bash.

To welcome her, please call (850) 386-6002 or email her at r.jai@bigbendmentoring.org.

Workforce Plus program makes job training available at no cost

Special to The News

TALLAHASSEE - Workforce Plus knows that a flawless resume, an eye-catching cover letter and enthusiastic references are important, but for job seekers in a challenging job market, sometimes more is needed.

"Training and certifications represent what most employers want but what not every job seeker has," said Kimberly A. Moore, CEO of Workforce Plus, whose non-profit secures no-cost trainings for hundreds of job seekers every month.

"Our 'Jobs = Paychecks Now' program bridges that divide by providing the credentialing that employment hopefuls need to get back to work."

"Jobs = Paychecks Now" is a \$1 million investment in the local economy that approaches workforce development from multiple angles. It reimburses up to \$1,250.00 to employers for training costs related to training new hires who were unemployed or involved in a layoff; it pairs eligible job seekers with a career counselor who will develop and help implement an individualized employment strategy; and it pays for the training, credentialing and certifications

that Gadsden, Leon and Wakulla job seekers need to secure employment.

Training, licensure and credentialing are available in healthcare, commercial driving, information systems/technology, program management, clerical, accounting and more through the "Jobs = Paychecks Now" program now until mid-March.

"This initiative both provides valuable resources to businesses as well as equips those out of work with the proof they need to communicate their value to employers," Moore said. "I would advise every employer and job seeker to take advantage of 'Jobs = Paychecks Now' and not to miss out on what can only lead to job creation and a well-prepared workforce."

Those interested should contact Workforce Plus at 1-866-WFP-JOB1 or email wfp@wfpplus.org.

Job seekers looking forward to taking advantage of "Jobs = Paychecks Now" should contact Workforce Plus to determine if they are eligible for enrollment in the program.

Employers are encouraged to use the same contact information to cultivate a talented team of eligible candidates through the "Jobs = Paychecks Now" program.

CHAMBER MEMBER UPDATE:

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Chamber News

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Valentine Celebration

Saturday, February 11
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BREAKFAST IN THE PARK
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SWEETHEART PARADE
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Sweetheart parade will begin at 10 a.m.

Celebration in The Park
Immediately following parade until 3 p.m.

Raffle drawing will be held at 3 p.m.
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