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Pine straw baskets

Barbara Rosen turns 'nature's discards' into art

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Barbara Rosen has been crafting and creating things with her hands since she was a little girl, but her current hobby has only been a love of hers for the last eight years and something she stumbled upon at a yard sale.

One day on her way back home to Alligator Point with her husband, David, they passed a yard sale while coming through Crawfordville. He asked her if she would like to stop and check it out.

"He has never stopped for a garage sale, ever," Rosen says of her husband.

But this day, he gave in to his wife's love of yard sales and she happened upon a book from the 1920s that had ideas about what to do with pine needles.

"I hated these pine needles," Rosen says. "I'm surrounded by pine needles." Rosen and her husband moved to Alligator Point in 1998.

A little ways down the road, she decided to get the book out. It had general directions about how to make pine needle baskets, so Rosen decided to try and figure it out.

Eventually, in 7 or 8 hours, she had created a small basket. "To me, it was just fabulous," she says.

"I've always been a crafter," Rosen says. She has done embroidery, knitting, crocheting, sewing, macrame, etc. "You name it, I did it."

After making her first pine needle basket, she got into her golf cart and went to show her project to the neighbors. One of her neighbors told Rosen that she needed to find long pine needles. One day, that neighbor showed up at Rosen's house with those long pine needles. She had found them.

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"Her arms were full of pine needles," Rosen says.

The long pine needles come from very old pine trees and can be found along the coast in this area and St. Theresa, she says.

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Focus on Ability celebrates with picnic at park

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October is Disability Awareness Month and to recognize this, the school district's exceptional student education office hosted a picnic in the park that focused on ability.

A member of Spirit Paws.

This is the second year for the event and it has already doubled in amount of students, teachers, staff and residents who participated, said Tanya English, ESE director.

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Commission candidates attend bi-partisan forum

PHOTO BY JENNIFER JENSEN

All eight candidates for the three seats on the county commission speak at Monday night's forum jointly held by the local Democratic and Republican parties.

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The first-ever joint forum held by the Wakulla Democratic and Republican executive committees took place on Monday, Oct. 8 at the Wakulla County Community Center and was for the three county commission races.

The forum was proposed by Democratic chair Rachel Pienta and Republican chair Jonathan Kilpatrick after they felt the previous forums that were held by other groups had not been fair to their candidates. They encouraged their candidates not to attend forums held by those groups and decided to hold their own forums instead.

About 40 people turned out for the bi-partisan forum and all eight county commissioner candidates were in attendance to answer submitted questions from the community ranging from how to address growth to views on the county's wetlands ordinance, thoughts about the RESTORE Act and opinion of the solid waste assessment.

Candidates were given only a minute to formulate a response to each question.

Those running for district 1 seat are incumbent Alan Brock, Jenny Brock and Ralph Thomas.

When asked what each candidate's vision for growth was, Alan Brock said growth has slowed and the commission needs to continue to focus on implementing the Crawfordville Town Plan, pass the one-cent sales tax again to pay for infrastructure improvements and use funds from the RESTORE Act to fund needed infrastructure improvements, as well as continue to support Tallahassee Community College's Environmental Institute.

Jenny Brock said she would like to see funds from the RESTORE Act used for wastewater upgrades along the coast, as well as the county improving its roads and ease the situation on U.S. Highway 319. She added that she would like to increase the outdoor recreation industry and help small businesses grow and prosper.

Thomas said the county needs to find a balance between preserving the natural resources and having responsible growth. The county also needs to focus on needs instead of wants and prioritize the infrastructure problems that the county has, such as overtaxed sewer system, unpaved roads, county facility issues, etc.

The same question was also asked to candidates in districts 3 and 5.

The candidates running in district 3 are incumbent Mike Stewart and Howard Kessler.

Kessler said continuing to tax citizens, such as the new 7-percent Public Services Tax, defeats the purpose of wanting people and businesses to come to the county. He added that with the possibility of more environmental jobs coming to the county, the commission needs to create an atmosphere to allow that to happen.

Stewart said the county needs a commission that agrees growth needs to happen and it also needs to help businesses move here and expand, such as the referendum on the November ballot that would allow the commission to give tax exemptions to new and existing businesses.

Candidates running in district 5 are John Shuff, Emily Smith and Richard Harden. Current Commissioner Lynn Artz chose not to seek re-election.

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COUNTY COMMISSION

County could receive millions from RESTORE Act

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Wakulla County is in line to receive a significant amount of money from the RESTORE Act, which holds those parties responsible for the 2010 Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill accountable and ensures that 80 percent of the fines received be invested back into the Gulf region. However, there have been recent reports about a negotiation between BP and the Department of Justice about a possible settlement that may direct some fines elsewhere.

Gulf County Commissioner Bill Williams spoke to the Wakulla County Commission at its Oct. 1 meeting and told them there is a possibility that a portion of the fines could be paid under the Natural Resources Damages Act, instead of the Clean Water Act.

"This is a bad thing," Williams said. Williams is helping counties within Florida set up the framework for the RESTORE Act.

If this happens, federal agencies would have more control of the money, instead of it being sent directly to the states and counties affected.

Rep. Steve Southerland, along with several other lawmakers sent a letter to the U.S. attorney general urging him to adhere to the RESTORE Act in collecting fines from BP.

"To withhold justice from the people who live along the Gulf Coast and endured the economic nightmare of this disaster would be a blatant violation of the role of government," Rep. Southerland said. "I believe that fine monies should be processed through the Clean Water Act as was approved by Congress and signed into law by the President."

Under the RESTORE Act, 80 percent of fines received would go to those areas affected by the oil spill and 35 percent of that would flow directly to the five states, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. In Florida, 75 percent of those funds would go to the most impacted counties, Wakulla included.

"If the settlement is for $15 billion dollars, Wakulla will receive over $25 million dollars from the local fund, and be competitive in two other funds for millions more," said County Commissioner Alan Brock.

The Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council will receive 30 percent and 30 percent will be disbursed among the five states based on miles of oiled shoreline, distance from disaster and population. The remaining 5 percent will be dedicated to the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration and Science, Observation, Monitoring and Technology Program administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and centers of excellence. These pots will be competitive and the county be competing against all the states.

Although there have been reports that there is some stalling on BP's end towards a settlement, the county is still moving forward with making preparation for those funds.

The county commission approved an interlocal agreement relating to the establishment of the Gulf Consortium and approved County Administrator David Edwards to serve as the county's representative.

This consortium will administer the funds that are disbursed to the five states based on several factors which do not go directly to the counties.

"This allows us to be an air traffic controller," Edwards said. "It allows us to participate."

Williams said there will be a lot of multi-county projects that are funded through this pot of money. "It's imperative that the counties stick together," he said.

The county commission also voted to schedule a public hearing to establish a Restore Act Advisory Committee that will help the county prioritize projects to be funded through the portion allocated directly to the county.

The proposed members include a county commissioner; someone selected by the cities of St. Marks and Sopchoppy, Panacea Waterfronts, Chamber, Economic Development Council, Tourist Development Council, School Board and TCC Wakulla Campus; someone representing Shell Point, Oyster Bay and Spring Creek communities; someone representing the fishing industry; someone in the natural resources industry; and a citizen at-large.

The county commission is accepting applications for the representatives of the communities, fishing and natural resources industries and citizen at-large. The county commission will then select those committee members.

Those interested should complete and submit an application to the county administration office no later than Oct. 26.

Brock said, "The RESTORE Act can serve as the catalyst to truly restore our region's economy and environment. Wakulla County, and the whole panhandle, will move forward with economic development and infrastructure improvements that will make our communities some of the best in the nation."

Focus on Ability celebrates with picnic at park

At left, a student plays a tossing game at the Focus on Ability picnic at Hudson Park on Friday, Oct. 5.

PHOTO BY JENNIFER JENSEN

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The day was all about celebrating the students who are a part of the ESE program, as well as teachers and staff.

"Everybody's got an ability," said Superintendent David Miller. "It's all about celebrating them."

Local businesses who employ students and people with disabilities were also recognized at the event.

The students in attendance were also entertained by students of Michelle Snow's music therapy class, the Medart Dancers and Wakulla Middle School Bell Dance team, as well as the Riversprings Middle School cheer team and their spirit paws squad, which are students who are in the ESE class at Riversprings.

The Pyramid Players from Tallahassee were also there to sing and perform several dances. They are a group of singers, actors and dancers with developmental disabilities.

There were also several agencies on hand to provide information to students and parents, including Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System who had a booth set up with games for the students to play. There were also representatives from Project 10 Transition Education Network, Refuge House, Special Olympics and others.

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Commission candidates attend bi-partisan forum

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Smith said the county needs to build up its ecotourism industry, and also take advantage of the universities that surround the county. But in order to do that, the county must have jobs to support the graduates. She added that the commission needs to continue to support the Crawfordville Town Plan and have more sensible, attractive and unique growth.

Shuff said the commission needs to support the TCC Environmental Institute, put more emphasis on the fishing community, fix the problem of U.S. Highway 319, support the Crawfordville Town Plan and focus on fixing the infrastructure problems in Wakulla Gardens.

Harden said the county needs to continue to support its major industries, such as the school district, government, St. Marks Powder and the prison, as well as back the fishermen 100 percent. The county also needs to focus on the county as a whole, not just on infrastructure improvements to Crawfordville.

Another question also focused on views of the county's wetlands ordinance.

DISTRICT 1

Jenny Brock said people need to understand how wetlands function so they realize how important it is to protect them. She said she was OK with granting a variance to accommodate those people who need to use the land for a home on case by case basis.

Thomas felt the commission needs to protect the wetlands, while also protecting property rights. He added that he wanted to keep the provisions that allow for a variance to build within the the 40-foot buffer zone.

Alan Brock said the variance proposal allows for people to access their property rights and he felt the wetlands ordinance protects property rights and wetlands. He added that he has learned that the variance process was extremely complicated and proposed the idea of allowing the county planning director to approve variances within the 40-foot buffer zone for lots that were platted before 1995.

DISTRICT 3

Kessler said continuing to destroy the county's wetlands is destroying the biggest asset it has. The county needs to protect its jewel and the reason people come to visit and stay in Wakulla County, he said.

Stewart pointed out that he was the swing vote on the wetlands ordinance and voted to keep it as stringent as it is currently. He added that he would continue to support protecting the wetlands.

DISTRICT 5

Smith felt the wetlands ordinance should be left alone. "Wetlands do so much for our county," she said. She added that the allowance for variances is OK, as long as it is reasonable.

Shuff felt like the wetlands ordinance infringed on some property rights. The state has toughened up its regulations and maybe the county needs to look at its ordinance again, and meet somewhere in the middle, he said. "I'm not saying go back to the state, but to look at it."

Harden said it is important to protect wetlands, but doesn't agree with people not being able to build on their own property because of wetlands. "They still have to pay property tax on the land they can't use." He added that the county needs to revisit the ordinance.

The candidates were also asked where the funds from the Restore Act should be used. The Restore Act ensures that fines owed by BP and the other parties responsible for the Gulf oil spill will be invested into the Gulf region.

DISTRICT 1

Jenny Brock, who is on the National Wildlife Federation Board of Directors and lobbied its passage in Washington, D.C., said the county should look at doing infrastructure that is allowable under the act, such as sewer along the coast, as well as real restoration for the Gulf Coast.

Thomas said the county is forming a citizen advisory committee to help figure out what the county's needs are, which he felt was important. He also felt the county needed to use the funds to help the county's overtaxed sewer system and also provide better access to its waterways.

Alan Brock, who represented the county and also lobbied for it, said the idea is to restore the environment, as well as the economy. Some ideas include improving the wastewater system, other economic investments and partnering with TCC's Environmental Institute. "It's such an amazing opportunity," he said.

DISTRICT 3

Kessler said the county needs to protect the environment, water and estuaries. He added that there needs to be accountability when spending those funds. "To really make it count, so all can benefit," Kessler said.

Stewart agreed that the money needed to be spent wisely. The No. 1 priority is sewer. "That goes back to the environment," he said.

DISTRICT 5

Shuff wanted to see the money used to help the oyster industry, improve the sewer system and help Wakulla Gardens.

Harden said the money can be a real game changer for the county and can be used on environmental and economic restoration, as well as infrastructure needs.

Smith felt the money should be spent on sewer, other infrastructure problems, beautification projects and helping Wakulla Gardens. She added that she didn't want to see the county do the bare minimum on projects. "Not just patch up," Smith said. She added that she wanted to see the county come up with innovative ideas.

A hot topic question for many residents that was asked focused on the candidates' views of the county's decision to contract with Waste Pro for garbage collection and charge a $196 assessment to all property owners.

DISTRICT 1

Jenny Brock said many people are upset about having no choice but to pay the assessment. She added that there is nothing to help those homeowners that inherited a home that they do not live in but are still required to pay the assessment. She also felt the 10-year contract was too much. "We have to live with that," she said.

Thomas said he didn't agree with it from the beginning because it is a government imposed monopoly. But since the county does have it, it needs to make sure it is done properly. "And make sure it's run efficiently," he added.

Alan Brock, who led the initiative for curbside pickup, said he was proud of taking the lead on this issue. The county was losing $500,000 a year, he said, and needed to do something. The commission looked at charging $112 to every resident, which did not include curbside pickup. "If we have to charge people money, we should try and provide a service," he said. He added that he felt it was a great program.

DISTRICT 3

Kessler felt the decision to impose solid waste assessment was rushed and done at the 11th hour. He added that people are having to pay far too many taxes. "We need to re-prioritize," he said.

Stewart felt the commission did the right thing, because citizens were going to be charged a fee regardless, but now they get a service. "This only makes good common sense," he said.

DISTRICT 5

Smith said she was uncomfortable that the small businesses were put out of business and that the garbage pickup is mandatory. She also wondered how the county got to that point to begin with and said there was a lack of vision and planning in dealing with the county's solid waste problem. She added that the county needs to re-evaluate the contract with Waste Pro at the end of the 10 years.

Shuff felt the program was a good one. "Everyone contributes to the county's waste," he said. He added that the contract had to be long term for Waste Pro to agree to take on the county's solid waste. However, he would have liked to see a sliding fee scale for disadvantaged citizens who have to pay the solid waste assessment.

Richard Harden said, "People lost their choice," which is the thing that upsets the people he has spoken with the most. He would have tried to find a way to allow the private companies to stay in business and also allow people to have access to the landfill.

The next forum hosted by the Democratic and Republic executive committees will be held on Oct. 22 for the superintendent of schools candidates and those running for state house district 7.

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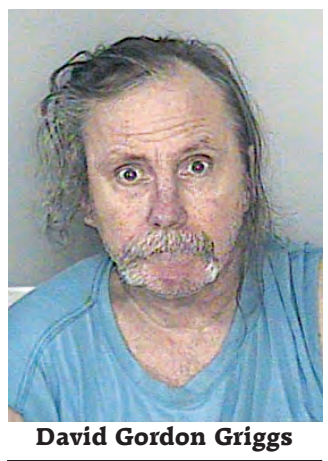

David Gordon Griggs

Wakulla County Sheriff's Office detectives investigated a Panacea shooting incident that occurred at 1:27 a.m. Friday, Oct. 5 at 151 Otter Lake Road, according to Sheriff Donnie Crum.

During the incident inside a bedroom, a .25 caliber handgun discharged and struck Michael Todd Henley, 48, of Panacea in the head. Henley was transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital where he died on Saturday, Oct. 6.

Detectives determined that David Gordon Griggs, 51, of Panacea, who occupied the 151 Otter Lake Road home with Henley, was a convicted felon who was in possession of a firearm. Griggs was charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and transported to the Wakulla County Jail without incident. The firearm recovered at the scene was reported stolen from Tallahassee in 1989 by the Tallahassee Police Department. In addition, four other firearms were recovered in the Griggs home.

The case investigation is continuing and additional charges are possible. Griggs posted a $10,000 bond on Oct. 5 and was released from the county jail.

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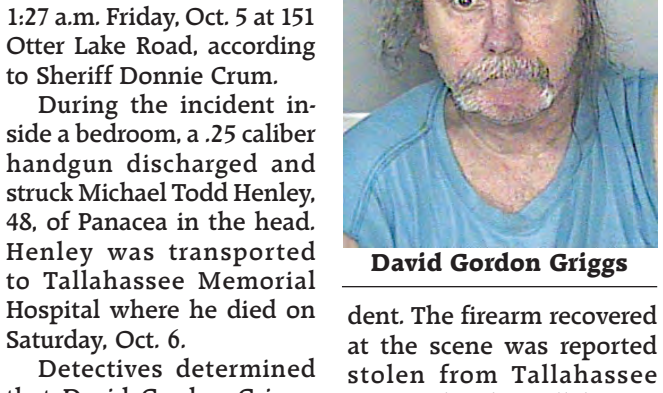

WILLIAM SNOWDEN

Drive time

The United Way kicked off its campaign with a party at La Parrillada on Sept. 27. Some of those at the party included Sarah Barnett Deeb, United Way vice president for resource development, Courtney Peacock of Capital City Bank, who is this year's Wakulla chairperson, Rene Millender of Capital City Bank, and Megan Picht, a campaign associate for United Way. Last year, the United Way distributed more than $130,000 to local Wakulla agencies.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on **November 5, 2012 at 5:00p.m.** in the Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Rd., Crawfordville, FL 32327 to Consider:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, CREATING THE WAKULLA COUNTY RESTORE ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE; ESTABLISHING THE PURPOSE OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY RESTORE ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE; SETTING FORTH THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY RESTORE ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS OF THE RESTORE ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING VOTING REQUIREMENTS; REQUIRING COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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The Opinion Page

readers speak out

COMMUNITY DEBATE

The issue: Medicare

This week The Wakulla News asked the local Democratic and Republican party chairs to respond to the question of what should be done with Medicare. Leading up to the Nov. 6 election, The News will submit a question each week for the local parties to answer. Do you have a question you'd like asked, or did the question prompt a response from you? Send it to editor@thewakullanews.net.

DEMOCRATIC RESPONSE:

By RACHEL PIENTA

The 2012 election cycle has been dominated by rumors and scare tactics that suggest senior citizens will lose their Medicare benefits if President Obama wins a second term. A review of the facts shows that the exact opposite is true.

Mitt Romney's plan would bankrupt Medicare by 2016, turn the program into a voucher system, and would increase costs for seniors by more than $6,000 a year.

The Republican Party and the Romney Campaign cite a real figure – $500 billion – that is part of the health reform debate. The GOP distorts and spins the figure as $500 billion in Medicare cuts, rather than as decreases in the rate of growth of future spending. And the GOP further piles on the incorrect talking point about "government-run health care. On the Truth-Meter, the claim rates as False." [Cleveland Plain Dealer, Politifact, www.politifact.com/ohio/statements/2011/jun/23/national-republican-senatorial-committee/nrsc-claims-sen-sherrod-brown-voted-cut-500-billion – 06/09/11]

New York Magazine writer Jonathan Chait commented on a speech made by President Obama during a campaign swing through Florida, noting that "President Obama talks Medicare in Florida and argues that Mitt Romney will 'end Medicare as we know it.' The claim is undeniably true" [Jonathan Chait, New York Magazine, http://nymag.com/daily/intel/2012/07/obama-romney-ends-medicare-as-we-know-it.html – 7/19/12].

Both Reuters and Bloomberg reported that "Ryan's Budget Bill Also Would End Traditional Medicare By Capping Spending And Offer Vouchers To Buy Private Insurance." [Bloomberg, http://go.bloomberg.com/political-capital/2012-08-13/medicare-truth-behind-the-cuts – 8/13/12; Reuters, http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/08/12/us-usa-campaign-idUSBRE87B0J820120812 – 8/12/12]. The proposed plan would shift more costs to seniors and increase out of pocket costs by more than $6,000 each year.

As early as 2011, the Romney Campaign released Medicare plan details that outlined the voucher concept, "Medicare Is Reformed As A Premium Support System, Meaning That Existing Spending Is Repackaged As A Fixed-Amount Benefit To Each Senior That He Or She Can Use To Purchase An Insurance Plan." [Romney Press Release, Spending Plan – "Cut The Spending," http://mittromney.com/blogs/mitts-view/2011/11/romney-presents-plan-turn-around-federal-government – 11/4/11]

Seniors cannot afford the Romney-Ryan Medicare plan.

Rachel Pienta is chair of the Wakulla Democratic Executive Committee.

REPUBLICAN RESPONSE:

By JONATHAN KILPATRICK

Medicare is a promise made to America's seniors and that promise must be kept. For current seniors and soon-to-be-seniors it is vital that the current Medicare program be maintained.

However, the Medicare trust fund is slipping into insolvency and must be corrected for future generations. Doing nothing about Medicare's financial position is not a viable option. Allowing future seniors to have a choice and a say in their own health insurance decision would be a solution that benefits both seniors and the taxpayer.

Americans lead lifestyles that are varied and "a one size fits all" program often does not fit the needs of each American. Premium supports would allow future seniors the choice of selecting the program that is best for their individual situation.

Future seniors could pick a traditional Medicare plan or through a premium support plan use the average annual amount spent per Medicare recipient to purchase private insurance. This idea is nothing new or radical and ironically was recommended by Sen. John Breaux in 1999 when he was the chairman of Bill Clinton's Medicare Reform Commission.

By utilizing the premium supports, each senior would be able to make an informed decision as to which plan would be best. This approach would add competition to the pricing structure and allow the private market to develop innovative improvements to lower cost and keep the coverage we now enjoy.

The current Medicare prescription drug plan is modeled on a premium support structure. Seniors have signed up for the program in greater numbers than expected and yet due to competition and innovation, the Congressional Budget Office now says the program's 10-year cost will be 43 percent lower than estimated in 2004.

The current administration's policy to cut $716 billion from Medicare at a time when the Social Security and Medicare Trust Fund Boards say that the hospital trust fund will be insolvent by 2024 is an approach that will lead to disaster.

The Obama administration would use that $716 billion to shore up his Obamacare scheme. Taking funds that were promised to seniors and funded by seniors to finance a governmental takeover of our healthcare system will expand government's reach into the lives of all Americans at the expense of our nation's current seniors who have paid into the Medicare system for their entire working lives.

Individual choice and personal freedom is always a good approach. Medicare is no different. By allowing seniors the choice of selecting the current Medicare plan or using the funds to purchase private insurance should be a decision left to each individual and not dictated to all Americans by a bureaucrat in Washington.

Jonathan Kilpatrick is the chair of the Wakulla Republican Executive Committee.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

A lot going on in county government

By DAVID EDWARDS

Happy fall, y'all.

We have started the 2012-13 Fiscal Year and hit the ground running.

A high priority for us is the RESTORE Act. On Oct. 1, the Board entered into an Interlocal Agreement for the formation of the Gulf Consortium. The purpose of the consortium is to ensure that funds within the competitive pots of money are evenly allocated between the 23 impacted Gulf Coast counties.

Wakulla County will be receiving a allocation of funds that will come directly to us. Also, we are seeking members to serve on the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee. A major responsibility will be to serve as a clearinghouse for the acceptance and tracking of all projects from Wakulla's public, private and nonprofit organizations as well as our citizens.

In its advisory role, the committee will review all projects received in accordance with criteria established by the RESTORE Act; and provide progress reports and recommendations to the Board on all projects received.

If you are a resident of Shell Point, Oyster Bay or Spring Creek communities; a citizen from the fishing industry; a citizen from the natural resources industry; or a Wakulla County citizen who has financial, accounting, and/or budgeting experience, I encourage you to visit our website (www.mywakulla.com) to obtain more information and an application.

Get out and vote. On the Nov. 6 General Election ballot you will see a referendum to vote for or against an economic development property tax exemption for new businesses and expansions of existing businesses. The purpose of this property tax exemption program is to encourage the establishment of new businesses in Wakulla and for our existing businesses to expand and create new jobs in the county.

Once established, the program authorizes the county to grant qualifying businesses an ad valorem tax exemption on real property improvements and tangible personal property of up to 100 percent for up to 10 years.

This program is subject to the approval of a majority vote at the Nov. 6 General Election. To better educate yourself of the program, visit our website (www.mywakulla.com).

One-cent sales tax – continuing to be put to use on capital infrastructure projects. We are in the process of planning for major improvements at Hudson and Azalea Park. Community involvement will play a big role in this project. Please stay tuned as we will be seeking your input in the near future.

If I can be of any assistance to you, please contact me. I think everyone knows that I have an open door policy, feel free to come see me, call me (926-0919 ext. 402), or send me an email at dedwards@mywakulla.com.

David Edwards is Wakulla County administrator.

READERS WRITE:

Thank you to our local quiet angels

Editor, The News:

Bravo Wakulla!

This town is so imbued with quiet angels that it astounds me. I wish the rest of the world had the opportunity to learn from the people and businesses in our community; this world would be a more genteel place.

I would like to draw attention to our local Wal-Mart store. I am a teacher at the high school, and for years Wal-Mart has been extremely helpful towards teachers when it comes to supplies, free "tools of the trade," giving us yearly grab bags and gift certificates.

I love seeing former students working in all departments, supporting themselves while attending TCC or Lively.

Bravo for helping them with their work vs. school schedules!

Recently one of our students was having trouble seeing in class – she needed eyeglasses. Although she was having difficulties at home, she was able to make it down to Wal-Mart's Optical Department.

Once learning about the child's eye problems, David set up an appointment with the optometrist. Immediately Dr. Gardner offered to examine her without charge and Mr. F. Picard of the optical department offered to supply her with a pair of glasses for free.

These people are truly quiet angels who aid in making our community an outstanding one.

They did not have to step forward and help a child, but they did.

She now has her new glasses and is finally able to see her work. She also looks good in them.

Thank you Wal-Mart Optical.

BRAVO!

F. Druda
Crawfordville

Support of Focus on Ability appreciated

Editor, The News:

The first two weeks of October are designated by Florida Statute for Disability History and Awareness Instruction. A part of this includes an understanding of the history of legislation providing access for persons with disabilities.

Many remember the implementation of the Education for of All Handicapped Children Act in the early 1970s, which was the precursor to current IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) which entitles all students to Free and Appropriate Public Education.

Also enacted during the same time period was the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) which requires equal access for persons with disabilities. Prior to this legislation, many children as well as adults with disabilities were institutionalized or kept at home.

Today, in all Wakulla County Schools we serve students with a wide range of exceptionalities such as autism, emotional/behavior disorders, specific learning disabilities, intellectual disabilities developmental delays, traumatic brain injuries and physical impairments. These children participate in educational, social and community activities along with their non-disabled peers, receiving accommodations as necessary. Students earning a Special Diploma are encouraged to remain in school until the semester in which they turn 22, to pursue a regular diploma and work on career skills.

On Oct. 5, the Wakulla County School Board Exceptional Student Education Office hosted the second annual Focus on Ability Picnic in the Park at Hudson Park in Crawfordville. The purpose was to celebrate Disability Awareness Month, and focus on the abilities of our students.

During the event, achievements of many students were spotlighted with a PowerPoint presentation of work experiences in the community and entertainment of song and dance and cheers.

Many thanks to the people who worked together to make this event a success. Vicki Strickland and Kathy Duncan coordinated the set up and serving with their students, in addition to creating a PowerPoint highlighting work experiences with Florida Wild Mammal Association, CHAT, Goodwill Industries and school lunchrooms. Brian English and Bill Versiga provided hot dogs and manned the grill; FDLRS (Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource Systems), Project 10 Transition and The Refuge House provided information stations; Michelle Snow, Linda Leckinger and Regina Strickland worked with their students to provide entertainment; Catherine Harris and the Riversprings Middle School cheerleaders introduced a new addition to their team, the Spirit Paws, who entertained with cheers and a dance routine. Special Olympic sponsor Patricia Bodiford provided a T-shirt giveaway; and Tallahassee Pyramid Players claimed the stage with song and dance routines to wrap up the day.

I also appreciate the parental and community support of our students. Your presence and participation made it a great day!

Tanya English
Executive Director of Exceptional Student Education/Student Services
Wakulla County Schools

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More Opinions

readers speak out

MORE READERS WRITE:

Negative campaigning is despicable

Editor, The News:

An open letter to citizens of Wakulla County:

There was an article in The Wakulla News last week ("Only Creel attends sheriff's forum," front page) where I again pledged that I had encouraged my supporters to run a clean campaign just as I have pledged. I even stated that I despise dirty politics and dirty campaigning. This is what has been going on in races for Wakulla County sheriff for years, fear and intimidation.

Then Wednesday night citizens began receiving phone calls from a polling agency outside of Wakulla County asking misleading and non-factual questions about my record as a law enforcement officer. Not only misleading and non-factual, but outright untruths!

I have been divorced, but the other questions were asked to imply that I had violated law enforcement policy, completely untrue. I invite anyone to look at my Florida Highway Patrol personnel file. It is exemplary.

I think that it is a shame that someone would use character assassinations to win an election.

I want to address a few things concerning the race for Wakulla County Sheriff of which I am a candidate. From the very beginning in this race and during the 2008 race against David Harvey, I vowed to run a clean campaign, no mud-slinging, no personal attacks and no negative campaigning. I was and am committed to sticking to the issues – who is the better candidate to lead Wakulla County Sheriff's Office.

On Sept. 24 my opponent, Maurice Langston, mailed me a letter that he had signed on Sept. 21, with a Clean Campaign Pledge. I saw no need to sign this pledge as I had already signed a Candidate's Oath with the Supervisor of Elections, a binding contract to adhere to run a clean campaign and abide by voting laws.

These tactics are low and despicable and I am sorry that the citizens of Wakulla County have been subjected to this type of negative campaigning.

Charlie Creel
Candidate for Sheriff of Wakulla County

Like Apple, Alan Brock 'thinks different'

Editor, The News:

Four years ago our county commission was polarized and county revenue was on the decline. The three incumbents who were up for election all decided to walk away. There weren't many people who were willing to even discuss running for office, let alone actually follow through and put their name on the ballot. Everyone was wondering who would be willing to wade into the mess that was facing our county and try to help our county out of it.

Alan Brock saw the problem and decided that he would run and help bring our community together. He saw that together we could move our county beyond the immediate problems and get us back on track to good growth and success.

Alan helped end the polarization, he took out the politics and started looking for ways to bring the community together.

I have known Alan for a long time, and have always been impressed with the way he puts people at ease, listens to them and finds solutions to problems. I think Wakulla is lucky to have Alan serving on our county commission. Alan is a good face for our community. He speaks and presents himself well and has a strong network of influence that he isn't afraid to lean on to help Wakulla.

Like Apple Computer's slogan, Alan "Thinks different" – coming up with solutions that other people never would.

Over the last couple of years I have read in The Wakulla News about the money our county was losing with the way we handled trash. I read how the state was preparing to come in and take over, increasing cost and decreasing services for every household. Alan managed to lead the county forward with an affordable alternative – curbside garbage and recycling service – and my family is actually saving over $100 a year! Who else could have come up with that solution – and then get it through our commission?

I am proud to call Alan Brock a friend and I am proud to have him as our county commission chair.

I can only hope that he gets re-elected and he can continue to serve us for another four years.

Thank you Alan for your service, my family is proud to cast our vote for you again.

Sincerely,

Molly Tucker Clore
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Bobby Pearce is open to new ideas

Editor, The News:

My son Gil attended Medart Elementary School from 2002 to 2007, Bobby Pearce was the school's principal during that time.

In 2002, when Gil began first grade, a group of parents including myself had an idea to start a Cub Scout program. With Principal Pearce's encouragement and support, we started Cub Scout Pack 33. When we had ideas to promote the program, Principal Pearce was always available for discussions and willing to help.

When we came up with the idea of an annual tree planting, that idea was met with support from Principal Pearce. Over a five-year period, the Cub Scouts and parents planted over 100 trees around Medart Elementary School.

Today, those trees are providing shade in the courtyards between class wings and can be seen lining the entrance drive. Largely as a result of Principal Pearce's supportive nature and can-do attitude, I was compelled to take over the job of Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) President.

During that period Principal Pearce, myself and other parents worked together and accomplished a number of improvements to the school. Flashing caution signals were finally installed along Highway 319 and Highway 98 entrances. Prior to these signals, cars flew by the school at 55 mph as buses and cars dropped kids off before and after school, it was a recipe for disaster.

Together, we implemented the Concerts for the Arts, a music concert to help the music and art programs that were struggling due to budget cuts. Local musicians including School Board member Jerry Evans came together to put on an amazing event.

Together, we revamped the annual Spring Carnival and bought new playground equipment.

The annual tree planting continued to grow in size. More trees were planted, irrigation was installed and even a butterfly garden was built.

All of these programs succeeded because of Bobby Pearce's supportive nature and willingness to try new ideas.

As PTO President and Cubmaster of Pack 33, I became a regular visitor to Bobby Pearce's office. Bobby was always available to listen and had an open door/open ear policy.

If Bobby Pearce is elected as Superintendent of Schools, I would expect new ideas to be thoughtfully weighed for merit and then carefully chosen, just as he did as Principal Pearce.

As for Principal Pearce and his genuine concern for kids, I watched Principal Pearce every morning greeting little kids with a smile or high five. He would ask how a particular class was going or if they were feeling better after being out sick. It seemed at times like he personally knew every student and what was going on in their lives and truly cared. If the halls were full of students, it sometimes took a very long time to get from point A to point B if you were walking with Bobby, the kids loved him!

As for the scouting programs, it was over 10 years ago a small group of determined parents and scouts, had the idea that a Scout program was needed in our area and received support and encouragement.

Today, Cub Scout Pack 33, now Pack 8, has grown to include Boy Scout Troop 8 as well as a Venture Crew 8.

As the parent of an Eagle Scout who went through these programs and as the Unit Commissioner working with all three Scout programs, I thank Principal Pearce for his support of scouting, as well as the many other ideas that have benefited our youth.

David Damon
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Endorsing Ralph Thomas for commission

Editor, The News:

I have known Ralph Thomas for nearly 20 years and I can personally tell you that he is an honorable and caring individual.

Ralph continuously strives to help others, be it through his work at his church or through his efforts in the community. Ralph can be depended on each and every day to help those around him. His fiscally conservative mindset and his "service before self" attitude will be great attributes to the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners.

Please join me in supporting Ralph Thomas for County Commissioner District 1 on Nov. 6.

Sincerely,

Valerie Russell, ARNP
Crawfordville

Sheriff is available for budget questions

Editor, The News:

As sheriff of Wakulla County I have observed some comments made to the public about the operation of the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office. Most of the things that have been said have been incorrect or misleading.

I would like to personally offer political candidate Charlie Creel and any other candidate an opportunity to stop by the sheriff's office and visit with me. I would enjoy giving Creel or others an opportunity to review the sheriff's office budget to get a better understanding of how things really work so that the public does not get erroneous information.

Most recently, comments were made in a newspaper advertisement about the Enhanced 911 budget which is approximately $165,000 annually. With two employees working in the division there was a comment made that the employees must be making $80,000 each. They do not.

The E-911 budget funds a very technologically advanced communications system that must also be maintained and updated on a regular basis to work properly. This is just one area where we can share more information with the candidate to make him more informed about what we do.

The door has always been open to anyone who has questions about how law enforcement funding is being spent. My staff has always been available and happy to discuss any portion of the WCSO budget and our divisions so nobody will have to speculate what is being done here and how money is being spent.

We just finished working on the 2012-13 annual WCSO budget that the new sheriff will have to work with until Sept. 30, 2013, and nobody from the community made any comments or asked questions about it.

Sincerely,

Donnie W. Crum
Sheriff, Wakulla County

NRA misfires in sheriff's endorsement

Editor, The News:

Like most Wakulla County "gunnies" and hunters, I have been proud of the NRA's past political aim and straight shooting. Today, we are a family of disenchanted NRA Life Members, because the NRA is way off target in our county sheriff's race. My husband and I are so passionate about our Second Amendment freedoms that we gave our children, in-laws and grandkids life memberships in the NRA and my husband has devoted much of his professional life to firearms training and promotion of our Second Amendment Rights.

We have known Maurice Langston, a brother NRA Life Member, for over 30 years and can attest to the fact that no one in Wakulla County Government has done more over the years to champion "gun rights and hunters' rights" than Maurice Langston!

Maurice has been the direct supervisor over the WCSO Shooting Range since he first arranged for jailed prisoners to provide free labor for construction of what was to become a model "publicly supported" shooting range. Maurice helped raise funds and in-kind donations to provide firearms training classrooms, out-buildings and ranges. Maurice grew up hunting quail and deer in the Smith Creek Community and strongly supported NRA's early efforts to pass concealed carry legislation in Florida. He has been an avid supporter of the recent Legislation by NRA/USF to further enhance and protect those important individual freedoms in Florida.

The NRA/USF firmly believes that, if Barack Obama is re-elected, he will issue Executive Orders and Policy that severely restrict our current firearms and hunting freedoms.

USF's Marion Hammer and the NRA keep close tabs on our National Government, but when it comes to knowing the candidates for sheriff in Wakulla County, Marion Hammer and the NRA completely missed the target by failing to do their homework and to research the facts.

The fact is that those people in Wakulla County who support President Obama are the same people who do not support Maurice Langston. It's true. Just look around as you drive through the County. If you see an Obama sign in a yard, you will likely see a sign for the other sheriff candidate. If the NRA had taken the time to research instead of blindly following the "Tallahassee mob," they could have put two and two together and would have realized that "birds of a feather flock together."

"Disappointed at Shell Point"

Kathleen Lamarche
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Howard Kessler understands taxation

Editor, The News:

It is my perception that it is time for a change at every level of government. This is especially true here in Wakulla County.

Because of the federal and state forests here in the county, the amount of taxable land is limited. This obviously places restraints on the property taxes that can be collected.

However, the current commission has shown great creativity in increasing taxes by adding fees (the "garbage fee" for the monopoly trash collector) and the taxes on power, water and phones. Budgets seem to be kind of out of control.

We are retired. We can't put our hands on "other people's money" such as the commission has done to allow us to spend. I believe the commission needs NEW people who understand that we the taxpayers and voters don't have an infinite supply of money.

I firmly believe that Howard Kessler is a man who understands this. He is very intelligent, hard working, and, I believe, has the best interests of the county at heart.

We need people like Howard back on the commission. Look at what the current commission has done – tax levels, "special" taxes, the mismanagement of the county dump over the many years that "forced" the commission to impose a collection fee and award a 10 year, monopolistic contract for management of the dump and trash collection, and on and on.

Let's elect Howard and some other new folks and get some people who understand taxation, governing, integrity and management and start to get the current mess cleaned up!

Ron Wigton, retired
Oyster Bay/Shell Point

The bi-partisan forum had its problems

Editor, The News:

I attended the bi-partisan forum on Monday night at the community center. As you may know, it was hastily arranged and I'm afraid it showed. The format was grossly unfair to certain candidates because they were forced to answer before their opponent(s) 7 out of 8 total questions. Being able to hear your opponent's reply to a question before you answer the same question is a huge advantage, and that's exactly what was allowed to happen. Yep, you heard that right. It's kind of like forcing a football team to kick off 7 out of 8 halves!

Although they rotated the first question among each candidate, they always went "down the line" with the same question and not randomly.

So in District 1, Jenny Brock had to answer 7 of 8 questions before Ralph Thomas and Ralph had to answer 7 out of 8 questions before Alan Brock. Therefore Alan answered only one time before Jenny and only one time before Ralph.

In District 3, Howard Kessler had to answer 7 out of 8 questions before Mike Stewart, so Stewart only answered first one time before Kessler.

In District 5, Emily Smith had to answer 7 out of 8 questions before John Shuff and Shuff had to answer 7 out of 8 before Richard Harden. That meant Richard had to answer only once before Emily and once before John.

It's ironic this forum was conceived because of claims that other forums were unfair. I don't think it was intentional, but very clearly the format was seriously flawed. Of course, each candidate was only doing what was instructed by the organizers.

Alternating answering first among opponents is the hallmark of a fair forum and is certainly customary. I think asking why alternating among opponents wasn't done here is a fair question.

Also, each candidate had only one minute to respond to questions, complex questions. I would have appreciated hearing more than just one minute from each candidate.

I would hope any future bi-partisan forums be modified to ensure fairness for all candidates.

Steve Fults
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Amendments are troubling

Editor, The News:

When you read the amendments on your ballot, be sure to read between the lines so you know what they really are saying. I was amazed (and disappointed) when I did that.

Marcia Bjerregaard
League of Women Voters member

Church

religious views and events

Skipper Temple celebrates

Buckhorn News

By ETHEL M. SKIPPER

Skipper Temple Church of Christ, 165 Surf Road in Sopchoppy, will be celebrating Pastor Ethel Skipper's 24 years of pastoring. The congregation was in Carrabelle for more than 18 years. In 2006, Pastor Skipper relocated the church to Sopchoppy. This week, members of the church and many others will come together with praise and worship.

Tawanna Moris from Tallahassee and Bethlehem True Holiness Pastor J. Blake of Woodville, and Blessed Hope Church Pastor Grady Harper of St. Marks appeared on Tuesday, Oct. 9.

On Wednesday, Oct. 10, Macedonia Church Pastor Alfred Nelson of Sopchoppy, and New Hope Pentecostal Church Pastor Fred Cromartie of Crawfordville appeared.

On Thursday, Oct. 11, St. John Primitive Baptist Church Pastor Raymond Sanders of Medart, and Zion Hill P.B. Church Pastor Ervin Donaldson of Sopchoppy.

On Friday night, Oct. 12, the Right Rev. Chris Burney of Greater St. Mark Church of Tallahassee and Shiloh Church of Christ, Quincy, Pastor Mary Holloman.

Sunday services will begin at 11 a.m. with True Holiness Church of Christ from Blountstown, Pastor Elder E. Brigham; Woodville Church of Christ Pastor Elder Andrew Morris. Dinner will be served after services.

We wish a happy belated birthday to Deacon A.B. Simmon, Mrs. Charlene Green, Oct. 6, Felicia Green, from your family and friends.

Local Prayer Walk continues for third week

By CYNTHIA WEBSTER

For the past two weeks I have been a part of the Footsteps for Faith and Freedom Prayer Walk for National Healing.

Each day my husband and I go to Azalea Park and join with dozens of others to walk and pray for a spiritual reawakening within our nation.

Always there is a member of the Wakulla County clergy walking with us and often two or three are present.

At Saturday's prayer walk we were blessed to have David Moss, a Wakulla High School Senior from the Sopchoppy United Methodist Church lead us in prayer. On arriving at the park we found that David had brought a giant wooden cross, made of 4x4 beams, which he placed against a tree.

Before prayer we heard several testimonies from walkers including one from a wonderful lady who spoke of a time when she was making her daily call to a friend. The friend had a niece who had lost a child within the previous six months. Somehow (we know how) when she dialed the seven digits of her friend's telephone number the connection was made into the home of the niece whose number she did not know. As a result, the caller, who also had experienced the loss of a child, was able to share an intimate and soul healing hour with a mother who was having a very difficult day. This could not have happened without God's intervention.

Another testimony was made by a woman claiming to have nearly eight decades behind her. She said that as a teen she had turned her life over to God. When she met a person she wanted to marry she questioned whether she could serve God and be a wife and mother. She did marry, had three children, lost her first husband, found work in the medical field helping others, raised her children and later married a man also in the medical field whose faith was as strong as hers. Together they traveled all over the world caring for the sick and bringing the word of God with them wherever they went.

And our prayer leader David testified that although only 17 he has witnessed the greatness of God. He explained how his faith has sustained him through severe family problems and times of serious illness for his mom.

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK THREE:

• Thursday, Oct. 11, 6:45 p.m., Lay Leader Byron L. Price, Seafarers Chapel.

• Friday, Oct. 12, 10 a.m., Pastor Glen Hamel of Promiseland Ministries.

• Saturday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m., Youth Leader, Derricke Gray, River of Life.

• Monday, Oct. 15, 6:45 p.m., Pastor Samuel Hayes, Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church #2.

• Tuesday, Oct. 16, 6:45 p.m., Assistant Pastor Rick Carter, Harvest Fellowship.

• Wednesday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m., Pastor Charles Barwick, Panacea Full Gospel Assembly.

All are welcome to join in the prayer walks. The morning walks are especially nice for moms with young children – there is a playground in the park.

Listen to Freedom interview on WAVE Radio, 94.1 each Thursday at 10:50 a.m.

Crawfordville UMC holds a Blessing of the Animals

Crawfordville United Methodist Church held a Blessing of the Animals last Saturday.

A procession of animals, more than 20 dogs, one cat and two stuffed animals were led up to the frront doors of the church where they received a hands-on blessing and prayer from Pastor Mike Shockley.

The rite was conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment.

Donations of pet food were accepted and will be presented to the animal shelter.

PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Mallory Dotson with her dog Zeus as he receives a blessing from Pastor Mike Shockley.

Church Briefs

• Octoberfest to be celebrated at Trinity Lutheran

Oktoberfest for Trinity Lutheran Church and Preschool will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13, beginning at 10 a.m.

Family fun including German food, silent auction, games for kids and big kids.

Bratwurst, Sauerkraut, hot dogs, and German potato salad will be served for $5 per person.

Trinity Lutheran Church and Preschool is located on Highway 98 across from Wakulla High School.

• Pumpkin Patch at Wakulla Springs Baptist

Wakulla Springs Baptist Church will have pumpkins for sale beginning Monday, Oct. 15, through Oct. 31.

The pumpkin patch will be open on weekdays from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. All proceeds go towards the garden ministry that supports local food pantries.

A Harvest of Hope Pumpkin Patch Festival will be held at the church on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. with fun, food and games.

The church is located at 1391 Crawfordville Highway. For more information, call 926-5152.

• Homecoming at Sopchoppy Southern Baptist

Sopchoppy Southern Baptist Church and Pastor Bill Jenkins invite all to their "Homecoming and Covered Dish Fellowship Dinner" on Sunday, Oct. 14, beginning at 10:45 a.m.

Please bring the whole family to this wonderful time of worship and fellowship.

• Quilt is being raffled by Christ Church Anglican

Christ Church Quilters are raffling a beautiful hand quilted queen-king size quilt. The pattern is Star-spangled Four Patch.

Raffle tickets are now available, 6 tickets for $5 or $1 each. The drawing will be held after noon on Dec. 9, at Christ Church Anglican, 3383 Coastal Highway. You may call the church at745-8412 or Mary Lou Martin 210-1203 for more information or for tickets.

The queen-size quilt to be raffled.

Wakulla Worship Centers

Crawfordville Area

Crawfordville United Methodist Church
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pastor Mike Shockley 926-7209
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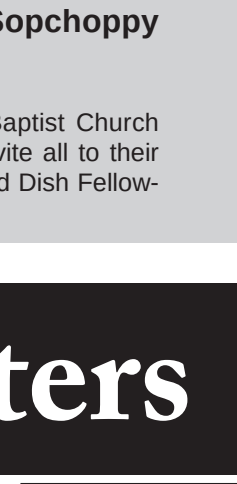

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Obituaries

John D. McCabe
Kathryn Nell Revell
Dr. Jolly Herschel Rogers
Michael Wayne Shepard
Lila Frances Strickland
Loey Dillard Tumbleson

John D. McCabe

John D. McCabe, 68, of Crawfordville, passed away on Monday, Oct. 1. He was predeceased by his wife, Peggy McCabe, in 1997.

He had been living in the area for the past 30 years and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Crawfordville. He served in the U.S. Air Force and loved motorcycles and fishing.

Survivors include five children, Michael McCabe (April) of Boise, Idaho, Bobby McCabe (Sophie) of Encinitas, Calif., Jennifer Rothgeb (Nicholas) of Virginia Beach, Va., Jessi Frost (William) of Crawfordville and Jon Campbell (Adrianna) of Homestead; two sisters; and six grandchildren.

The Funeral Service was held at 3 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 5, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Crawfordville. The committal service will conclude at Whiddon Lake Cemetery. The U.S. Air Force will provide military honors. Memorials may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee FL 32308.

Bevis Funeral Home in Crawfordville(www.bevisfh.com or 850/926.3333) was in charge of arrangements.

Kathryn Nell Revell

Kathryn Nell Revell, 65, of Crawfordville passed away Friday, Oct. 5.

She was born in Tallahassee and lived in Crawfordville for most of her adult life. She was retired from the U.S. District Court System where she served as a court room deputy. She was a member of Eastern Star where she held the office of Worthy Matron at Crawfordville Chapter 242 and Gainesville Rob Morris Chapter 310.

Visitation for family and friends was held Monday, Oct. 8, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel, in Crawfordville. Services followed the visitation at 2 p.m. at Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel. Burial will follow at Revell Cemetery in Sopchoppy.

Survivors include a son, Kenny Chaganis (Sandy) of Crawfordville; three brothers, Barney Calvin Revell (Marsha) of New Port Richey, James Revell (Patti) of Crawfordville and Ricky Revell and Rose of McIntosh; one sister, Frances Smith (Herman) of Tallahassee; three granddaughters, Ashley, Samantha and Cori Chaganis; and one great-granddaughter, Miranda Philman.

She was predeceased by beloved son, Murray Chaganis.

In lieu of flowers make donations in her name to the Wakulla County Historical Society, P.O. Box 151, Crawfordville FL 32326.

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

Dr. Jolly Herschel Rogers

Dr. Jolly Herschel Rogers died on Sept. 14.

He was a retired veterinarian and commercial fishing boat captain, University of Georgia graduate, born in Cuthbert, Ga. Owned veterinary practices in Tampa, Pinellas Park and Crawfordville. Over his lifetime, he enjoyed a variety of hobbies that included racing hydroplanes, go-kart racing, scuba diving, spear fishing, hunting, building and flying radio controlled airplanes.

He was recently widowed from his wife, June Rogers.

He was predeceased by his parents, Herschel Rogers and Dorothy Williams Rogers.

Survivors include his children, Pam Rogers Herring of Birmingham, Ala., Bill Rogers of Crawfordville, and Luke Rogers of Tallahassee; his stepchildren, Barbara Taylor of Laurel Hill, Debra Knotts of Birmingham, Ala., Kelly Dykes of Crawfordville and Karol Shepherd of Crawfordville; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, Oct. 14, at 1 p.m. in the Dogwood Room at Wakulla Springs State Park.

Michael Wayne Shepard

Michael Wayne Shepard, 53, of Crawfordville, died at his home on Sept. 26.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Bebe and Amos Moore of Crawfordville; his father and stepmother, Larry and Jorene Shepard of Austin, Texas; one brother, Greg Moore of Lima, Ohio; two sisters, Shelley Moore of Crawfordville and Kim Shepard of Houston, Texas; one nephew, Sage Moore and one niece, Belle Paul, both of Crawfordville; aunt, Dee Frye of Tallahassee.

He was predeceased by a half-brother, Shannon Shepard; and his paternal grandmother, Jewell Shepard.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, Oct. 13, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 18 Shepherdwood Drive in Crawfordille.

Lila Frances Strickland

Lila Frances Strickland, 65, of the Ivan community, died on Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2012. She was born on Oct. 26, 1947 to the late Ralph and Alma Green Strickland.

She was a former employee of The Wakulla News, and a military veteran.

Survivors include her daughter, Layla Strickland McMillan (Mike); grandsons, Justin, Brian and Jake; two brothers, Durwood Strickland (Betty) of Tallahassee and Larry Strickland (JoAnne) of Crawfordville; a sister, Imogene Whaley of Medart; and sister-in-law, Connie Strickland Cutchin, and brother-in-law, Richard Lynn. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

She was predeceased by a brother, Roderick Strickland; and sister, Phyllis Lynn.

It was her wish to be cremated and a celebration of her life will be held on Friday, Oct. 26, at 11 a.m. at 606 Whiddon Lake Road in Crawfordville. Casual dress is requested. Memorial donations can be made to the Veteran's Association.

She was always looking out for everyone else rather than being worried about her own well-being.

Loey Dillard Tumbleson

Loey Dillard Tumbleson, 78, died on Sept. 26 in Tallahassee.

He was born Jan. 12, 1934, in Keo, Ark., to Loey and Maudie Griffin Tumbleson. He owned and operated several businesses. He was a member of Pioneer Baptist Church.

Survivors include his sons, Gene Tumbleson, Rod Tumbleson and Bruce (Carla) Tumbleson; his grandchildren, Heather Tumbleson, Allan Tumbleson, Charity Tumbleson and Stonewall Bryant; and 10 siblings.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Euvona J. Tumbleson.

The funeral was held Oct. 1 at Abbey Funeral Home in Tallahassee, with interment at Tallahassee Memory Gardens. Donations may be made to Pioneer Baptist Church in Crawfordville.

Online condolences at www.abbeyfh.com.

OUT TO PASTOR

'Early to bed, early to rise' hasn't worked for me

REV. JAMES L. SNYDER

My father was not what you would call a literate person. Apart from the Bible, he did not read much of anything else on a regular basis.

I can remember as a young person him quoting a great American patriot, Benjamin Franklin. The only quote he knew of this man was, "Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise."

For a long time I thought he was making it up and then one day, I happened to run across a book in the library about Benjamin Franklin and, there it was. Benjamin actually did say that.

I had to give my father that one.

It seems that every time it got close to what my father termed as "my bedtime," he would remind me of this famous quote. It got so I hated when bedtime came.

At the time, I had my doubts about the validity of this quote because if my father followed this quote as he encouraged me to do, why was he not healthy, wealthy and wise?

At the time, I was in no position to question his wisdom. I was wise enough to know that the best part of wisdom was not to challenge the wisdom of my father. This has attributed to my length of life to date.

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To the people of Wakulla County,

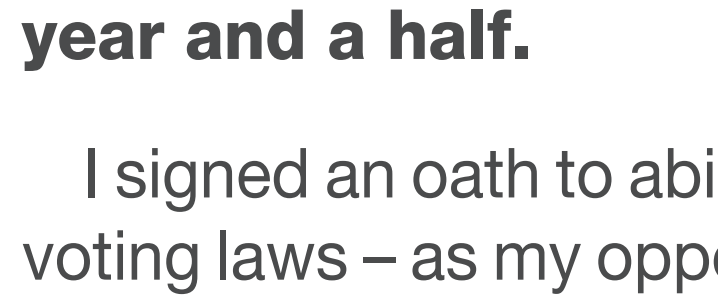
On the day the *Wakulla News* published a story about my opponent asking me to sign a pledge to carry on a clean campaign, ironically the people of Wakulla County started receiving mudslinging calls questioning the character and integrity of my experience in law-enforcement.

People who have received these negative calls disguised as a 'legitimate' poll have alerted me, so I want to ensure that the people of Wakulla County know that **the derogatory implications of these calls are untrue**.

I anticipate these types of campaign tactics will go on until Election Day, nevertheless **I will continue to carry on the clean campaign I have conducted for the past year and a half.**

I signed an oath to abide by voting laws – as my opponent did – when we qualified as candidates, and I have stayed true to it.

I ask for your vote Nov. 6, so Wakulla County will have a FRESH START in the sheriff's office.



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Community

happenings in our community

Sopchoppy Lions Club celebrates 60 years

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Members of the Sopchoppy Lions Club for 2013.

By MARJ LAW
Special to The News

In September, the Sopchoppy Lions Club celebrated the completion of 60 years of continuous service to Wakulla County and Lions Clubs internationally. Chartered in 1952, Sopchoppy Lions have helped our residents preserve sight and prevent blindness. Lions also participate in projects to improve our community.

Originally, the Club began with 18 charter members. Emory Green was the last surviving charter member. Now, Bernie Kemp, Warren Harden and Robert Roddenberry have served the longest: 53, 49, and 48 years respectively.

While sight preservation and conservation are the major focus of the club, their projects have been many and varied.

Back when there was the old Sopchoppy school, the Lions were instrumental in assisting the athletic department by helping to fund lights on the field so they could enjoy night games.

Lions acquired the first uniforms for the Wakulla High School band around 1967.

Lions helped erect mail boxes on rural routes.

Lions participate in Keep Wakulla County Beautiful's Adopt a Road program, picking up trash every 3 months from several miles of road.

Lions hold booths at festivals: they used to attend the Sopchoppy Fourth of July festival for many years; now they have a booth at the Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin festival.

In addition to the many service projects around Wakulla County, sight conservation and preservation are always in the forefront of our Lions' thinking. They purchase eyeglasses for many in need. Lions are involved in assisting with the cost of some eye surgeries. To be able to do this, they collect old eyeglasses which get minor repairs if needed and are sanitized. They are then slipped in plastic bags. Many go to foreign countries.

Those in need of glasses locally are sent to specific eye doctors who give the Lions Club a very generous rate. Then the Lions can help with the glasses themselves.

Lions support eye centers around the states. They also provide some funding in the Leader Dog Program. This program helps the hearing and sight impaired train for and obtain a leader dog.

Financial support comes from the Lions' local programs, such as their fish fry on Saturday, Nov. 3, their birthday calendars, raffles, brooms and donations.

60 years of Lions in Sopchoppy! This is real service to our community.

Christmas assistance available through Salvation Army

Special to The News

The Christmas Assistance Program for the Salvation Army is accepting applications for Wakulla, Leon and Gadsden county residents.

Applications for Christmas assistance will be taken at the Salvation Army's main office, located at 5016 W. Tennessee St. in Tallahassee.

Applications are being accepted on Oct. 10-12, 15-19 and 22-26 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Applicants must bring:

- A picture ID for all adults in the home.
- Birth certificates for all children in the home.
- Social security cards for everyone in the home.
- A lease agreement with name and address on it.
- Proof of all income for the home. This includes cash assistance, food stamps and child support.
- Proof of all expenses. Any bills that an applicant pays, such as utilities, phone, cable, insurance, daycare, etc.

A need for assistance must be proven and those who have received this assistance for the past 3 years will be ineligible this year.

Walker and Soderholm welcome a baby boy

Kristie Walker and Nicholas Soderholm of Carrabelle announce the birth of their son, Tyler Evan Soderholm, on Sept. 11 at 12:40 p.m. at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital.

He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20.75 inches.

He has an older sister, Kaylee, who is 23 months.

His maternal grandparents are Christine Silvey of Crawfordville and Ivan Walker of Carrabelle.

His paternal grandparent is Sharon Soderholm of Carrabelle.

His great-grandparents are Dennis Allen of Crawfordville and Judy Stevens of Panacea and Gail Browning of Bridge City, Texas, and Margaret Zuberbeuhler of Carrabelle.

Genealogy seminar on Oct. 20

Special to The News

The Wakulla County Historical Society is sponsoring a Genealogy Seminar on Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Wakulla County Extension Office, 84 Cedar Avenue, Crawfordville. Registration is at 8:15 a.m., and includes breakfast and lunch. Featured speakers are genealogy experts Jay Collins and Melody Porter.

Collins was born and raised in upstate New York. He and his wife have lived and worked in Tallahassee since 1978. He recently retired from the City of Tallahassee, where he worked as a Business Systems Analyst supporting the Document Imaging and Records Management System. While with the City he attained the credentials of Certified Document Imaging Architect and Certified Public Manager. He became involved in genealogy in the early 90s and is the owner of Bluejay Genealogy Research, tracing the genealogical connections to selected artifacts. He has served on the Board of the Tallahassee Genealogical Society since 2008, and is currently serving his third year as its president.

His discussion will include: "Your DNA Report—What do all those numbers mean," a brief introduction to the basics of DNA and genealogy; and "Applying DNA to your genealogy research," practical examples of how to use DNA results to resolve questions or conflicts.

Porter's background is in computer software as business analyst and project manager, but she has researched her genealogy for over 20 years. She specializes in Florida, Georgia and Native American research. She is a Native American and a voting member of the Western Cherokee Tribe in Oklahoma. She has attended The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Sanford and the Volunteer Genealogist Class at the headquarters for the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is a past secretary of the Florida State Genealogical Society (FSGS), former Pioneer Records Administrator and Reviewer for the FSGS Pioneer Certification Committee. She was presented the FSGS Distinguished Service Award in 2006. She was the first vice president for the International Society for Family History Writers and Editors and is a member of the Association for Professional Genealogists, the Genealogical Speakers Guild and the National Genealogical Society. She is a former treasurer and seminar chair for the Tallahassee Genealogical Society.

Porter's discussion will include: "CENSUS FIRST," where to start when looking for an ancestor and tracking an ancestor through history using the census gives a timeline that can help find additional materials; and "BEGINNING GENEALOGY," searching for an ancestor means looking for stories, but how do you know what to look for, where to look, how to make sense of all that documentation, and how to keep track of what you find.

The seminar is open to everyone. For more information contact the WCHS at 926-1110, 524-5334 or email 24research@gmail.com.

School

education news from local schools

RMS band boosters taking donations for yard sale

The Riversprings Middle School Band Boosters will be receiving donations Friday, Oct. 19 from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Band Room located at the back of Riversprings Middle School for its yard and bake sale.

They will not be taking clothes or linens.

The yard and bake sale will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20.

No early birds, please.

Contact Bear Booster President Dodi Sheffield at (850) 510-2293 or Tracy Douglas at (850)926-5457 for details on donations or questions.

Proceeds from the yard and bake sale will benefit all RMS Band Students for School Year 2012-2013.

Community pep rally will be held on Oct. 23 at WHS

Wakulla High School will be hosting a community event on Oct. 23, beginning at 6 p.m.

The Powder Puff Game between junior and senior girls will kickoff at 6 p.m. The Community Pep Rally will begin at 7 p.m. and is expected to last until 8 p.m. There will be refreshments and food for sale at the concession stand.

During the Pep Rally, the 2012 Homecoming Court will be announced and those in attendance will be able to familiarize themselves with the faces that are eligible to win the title of King and Queen for 2012.

They will accept a $1 donation entry fee at the gate. Come out to Wakulla High on Oct. 23 to show community spirit.

For questions, contact Briana Fordham at Wakulla High School.

Keiser University hosts open house

Keiser University (KU) will be hosting a Scare Fair Open House for prospective students, the general public and community partners to have an opportunity to learn more about KU and the programs offered.

The event takes place on Oct. 24 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. There will be faculty and staff available to meet with individuals who are seeking doctoral, master's, bachelors and associate degrees in over 70 programs.

KU prepares graduates for careers in business, criminal justice, health care, technology, hospitality, education, culinary arts and career-focused general studies. Students take one class at a time, for one month at a time, allowing them to better manage their personal time for parenting, work and study. Small class sizes ensure personalized attention, practical training and accessibility to instructors.

The Scare Fair Open House has food, games, prizes and community partner demonstrations along with representatives from the sheriff's office, various armed forces, gaming companies – all in attendance to make this a fun and informative event for all who attend.

Visit www.kuopenhouse.com for more information.

Solar electric systems installed at 2 local schools

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

A solar electric system is now installed at Riversink Elementary, above, and Crawfordville Elementary schools.

By KATRINA RODDENBERRY
Special to The News

Two of Wakulla County's elementary schools are now SunSmart E-Shelter schools. Riversink Elementary and Crawfordville Elementary are two of 90 schools in Florida that have been outfitted with a solar electric (photovoltaic) system that are directly connected to the utility grid.

Each school has a 10,000 watt system that will offset electricity costs to the school during normal operation. In addition, the system powers critical items in the school during a power outage, and the system is able to utilize the energy stored in batteries for 24-hour operation. The system also provides scientific data that can be analyzed by students. The installation of both systems was completed on Sept. 27.

Riversink Elementary and Crawfordville Elementary were selected to receive the systems through the Florida Solar Energy Center's E-Shelter program. The program provides free solar energy systems to public schools and colleges that have been designated by the state as enhanced hurricane protection area (EHPA) shelters. This program was funded by the State of Florida through a grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Each school was competitively selected based on their location, status as an emergency shelter and renewable energy education and outreach plans.

Teachers at Riversink Elementary, Julia Parker and Katrina Roddenberry, and teachers at Crawfordville Elementary, Kimberly Bartnick and Kirsten Brazier, attended a professional development workshop in Panama City provided by the Florida Solar Energy Center (FSEC) to learn more about the system and how to teach students about solar energy.

FSEC provided the teachers with training on a number of curriculum units that focus on a wide variety of topics including conservation, alternative energy technologies and understanding of natural systems. In addition, each school was provided a resource kit that included hands-on solar classroom laboratory materials for implementing the curriculum units.

The overall educational goal of this program is to increase the number of educators who teach the science and technology of renewable energy and increase the number of students who are exposed to these concepts. The program will allow students to gain a basic understanding of how solar thermal and photovoltaic systems work and understand the importance of renewable energy, energy efficiency and energy conservation to their futures.

Riversink Elementary has incorporated these ideas into their upcoming Project Learning Tree (PLT) Week. PLT is an award winning, interdisciplinary, environmental educational program designed to increase students' critical thinking in making informed decisions on environmental issues.

This year's week long program, which will begin on Nov. 9, has the theme of "Energy and Me" and will feature presenters from a variety of public and private organizations to engage students in various activities focused on environmental awareness, including a presentation of the school's new solar electric (photovoltaic) system.

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6th Annual Veterans Day Parade and Celebration to Support Our Troops and Honor Our Veterans

Saturday, November 10, 2012 at Hudson Park
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Parade Starts @ 10:00a.m.

A portion of the proceeds from this grand event will be donated to our local Veterans Services Office.

Your family or organization is invited to participate in this very special event dedicated to honoring all Veterans and active duty military. Please consider entering a float or vehicle decorated in honor of your loved ones'. For more information or to register your float, please contact the Wakulla County Veterans Day Committee via fax @ 850-926-5186 or email WCVDay@gmail.com

Wakulla Christian School is collecting public donations of items to send to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. The wish list items include individually wrapped beef jerky, Pringles, individually wrapped sunflower seeds, individually wrapped nuts, individually packaged mix of Propel Fitness Water and Gatorade, individually packaged hard candy and gummy bears, white tube socks, protein bars, granola bars, books, soap, razors, sunscreen, nail files, AA batteries and Ziploc bags.

For further information, please contact *Wakulla County Veterans Day Committee*

Drop off any items at one of the following supportive businesses in Wakulla county:

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Dying oyster beds are crippling a once thriving industry

By A.B. SIDIBE
Citrus County Chronicle

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Michael Roach utilizes long, wooden tongs to harvest what he can from the bottom of Rattlesnake Point off Cedar Key. The tongs are one of the standard tools incorporated by oystermen.

CEDAR KEY — It is written large on the faces of the hard-scrabble oystermen and women.

Their skins deeply browned and creased from years, days and hours of exposure to the unrelenting and lingering Florida sun.

The people, the multigenerational tradition of extracting a gnarly, irregular-shaped mollusk — oysters — from the sounds and bays that dot the state's Big Bend area.

From Waccasassa Bay on through the Suwannee Sound past the bend into Apalachicola Bay, their industry and way of life is besieged by the vagaries climate and what some describe as government inflexibility regarding rules.

So far, the 2012 oyster season, which began Sept. 1, is widely regarded as poor and perhaps the most extensive failure of the oyster reefs in generations.

Ten percent of the nation's oyster supplies and 90 percent of the state's supplies come from this region.

In an industry where a typical harvester can haul in an average of 15 bushels of oysters a day, this year the oystermen struggle to make two to four bushels.

"Oysters are dead. The oysters are dead," Danny Beckham shouted over the whir of his skiff's motor and as he plowed white foam in his wake heading recently to an estuary on the southern reaches of the Suwannee Sound.

"The question is, what are we going to do about it?" Beckham said.

He said the dying oyster beds, and what he considers restrictions placed on the oystermen like him, are conspiring to end a maritime heritage.

"My family has done this for four generations. I have done it for 55 years. My grandson comes out here after school to do it, too," Beckham said. "I feel like we are in the middle of the end for what we do."

LITTLE TO SHOW FOR LOTS OF WORK

Upon arrival at an estuary near the Gulf of Mexico, three other skiffs were anchored over the oyster reefs in estimated 6 feet deep water. Men wielded 10-foot long scissor-like rakes called tongs to dredge the bivalves from the bottom. The oysters are then heaved over the tiny skiff's gunwale and dumped on the bow for culling.

As his boat approached the others, Beckham heard a familiar sound: Oysters crack and rattle as they were being dumped on skiff bows.

"Did you hear that? They are dead. It sounds like broken glass because the shells are empty," Beckham said.

The men continued to plunge the rusty, iron-forged tongs into the shell-laden bottom and in a shallow arc dump more of it on to their boat bows. The sun hung high with some clouds in the distance as the ritual continued.

A lean woman sat donning sunglasses and a well-worn baseball hat and football jersey with a hammer-like culling iron ferreting the good from the bad.

Her hands, like the others, are rough hewn. In her holding hand she had on a Kevlar-type glove.

Mike Roach, who was working solo, had his bow piled high with oysters. After five hours of deliberate and muscle-fueled work, he had only two bushels.

"Hopefully, I can get another bushel from this," Roach said, pointing to his pile.

George Stevens had also been there for hours, but only had two bushels.

"That's like $50 from working all day," Stevens said.

"We used to make $150 to $200 a day," he added.

Ronald Fred Crum, head of the Wakulla Fishermen's Association, which also represents the oystermen, said he has been working overtime to find solutions for an industry in crisis.

Crum said the industry workers need help and soon.

"We can't and should not shut down the season as some are suggesting. We need some entitlements, help for these people. We should subsidize what they are making right now and allow the industry to recover in about two years," Crum said.

"Let's reward effort and hard work. These people have families and bills to pay. They need help and we need answers," Crum said.

Cedar Key oysterman Beckham has been supplementing his meager harvest with a smoked mullet and dip business, but he said sales from that business are hardly sufficient to offset the loss of revenue from the scant season.

Oysters typically take 15 to 18 months to recover, which means next year's season also could be affected. Oyster season run through May.

Gov. Rick Scott visited Franklin County on Wednesday and said up to 2,500 jobs are at risk in that county alone because of the poor harvest.

Scott has declared an emergency from Levy to Franklin counties. The emergency declaration means the counties involved will now be eligible for federal aid.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This story appeared in our sister newspaper, the Citrus County Chronicle, in its Sunday, Oct. 7 edition.

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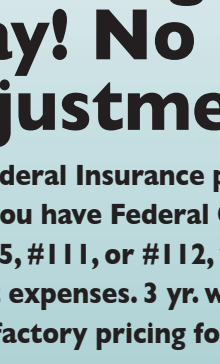

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Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water

Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon

This week's column was written by Duane Treadon, many thanks to him for putting this together.

Fall means many things and for the Auxiliary, and the election of leadership is one of those things.

Our Flotilla held elections for the positions of Flotilla Commander and vice flotilla commander during our October meeting. Elections of these two positions are held every year around this time so that newly elected leadership has the chance to attend a leadership training if they have not been before.

While a vice commander is not term limited, the Flotilla commander can only hold office for a maximum of two years. Current Flotilla Commander Bob Asztalos has served the past two years as Flotilla commander and now must step down.

Bob has been involved with the growth of our detachment in Carrabelle-St. George Island, the re-establishment our Communications trailer, and the expansion of our Area Of Responsibility (AOR) that tripled in size.

During our recent meeting the nominating committee reported that they received only two qualified nomination from the membership, Duane Treadon for Flotilla commander and Norma Hill for vice commander. With no other qualified members nominated, Treadon and Hill were chosen to serve as the Flotilla's elected leadership in 2013. Congratulations, we know you both will do a great job.

We were also excited to welcome a guest to our meeting – Jarrell Hale, a former Coast guardsman.

Jan. 26 may seem like a long time away, but it will be here sooner than you expect it. Why is this date important? It will be the first offering of the Coast Guard Auxiliary's Public Education course About Boating Safely by the Flotilla.

Classes tend to fill up as the date gets closer so we will be taking registrations early for the class. This eight-hour class will be held in Tallahassee at the Fish and Wildlife Commission's headquarters. Topics covered include navigation, first aid, trailering, emergencies on the water, Florida boating law, how to have fun and still be safe, and other safe boating topics.

To cover expenses, cost for the class is $30 per individual or $50 for a family up to four.

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For more information or to register email info@uscgaux.net or stop by our information booth at the St. Marks Stone Crab Festival on Oct. 20.

After the Flotilla meeting this past Saturday a few of our members participated in an area familiarization patrol.

Veteran members Tim Ashley and Duane Treadon along with transfer member Fran Keating and former active duty Coast Guard member Jarrell Hale conducted the mission from St. Marks to just before the U.S. Highway 98 bridge on the river then out the river to the St. Marks River channel buoy.

Though new to our Flotilla, Fran Keating is not new to the Auxiliary. Having joined the Auxiliary in 2003 and brings a wealth of knowledge to our Flotilla. Having boated on the waters of Detroit, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Mississippi, and what we call brown water bodies (lakes) Fran brings a great deal of knowledge on boating in varied conditions.

Jarrell Hale from Thomasville, Ga., served active duty Coast Guard mostly on small boats (25-50 feet). Both Fran and Jarrell commented on the extreme care that must be taken in navigating our many oyster beds. With a low tide that afternoon many of these just under the water with higher tides were exposed. A small miscalculation can cause a tremendous amount of damage to a boat and the people onboard.

Anyone who was out Saturday can confirm it was an excellent day for boating. We are so fortunate that our boating season can really last year round.

While many of our northern friends are starting to pull boats out and winterize before the cold season we are blessed with warm breezes and bright sun well into the so called cold season.

Next week, several members of Flotilla 12 will head over to Panama City to participate in the Division Meeting. This is a great time for learning, exchanging ideas, stories and lessons learned as well as fellowship. We get this opportunity three times a year and it is always a good time! Look for the highlights next week.

Enjoy these cooler but still enjoyable fall days.

And remember, as Sherrie says, safe boating is no accident.

Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

Symbiosis II

Animals live together, with intricate relationships, even in the marine environment. Recall animals that eat others are called predators, those that consume their host slowly without killing them are called parasites. But many that work together are called commensals. We see cooperation as either mutual or one sided. The egret that walks near a cow is watching for the cow to stir up bugs or other food, which it opportunistically takes. The Remora fish follows sharks, turtles and rays, even adhering to their host, to detach and feed off the scraps of a feeding frenzy. These are usually one sided relationships.

On the patch reefs I studied, I found a community of creatures that lived together. The algae-like anemone Lebrunea (and others), was the host for crabs, shrimps, star fish and small fish, some of which played a role in the health of the reef fish. Several species of shrimp called Periclimenes, are known to clean fish. During dawn and dusk, usually, fish attend these anemone cleaning stations, lining up to have their mouth, gills and body parts picked over by these shrimp. Scientists have argued that the fish just like to be ticked, and as such gain nothing from the relationship. The shrimp clearly get the food, flesh or parasites, they pick out of the teeth of the awaiting fish. Do the fish value this service?

First, I noticed that non-resident fish lined up to be cleaned by one shrimp species, and the resident fish lined up in front of cleaning stations of another shrimp species. So I set forth to document not only which fish species like which shrimp species, but how each fish partitions the reef. I first learned how to study territoriality by watch birds (specifically Mockingbirds) in a cemetery. The birds hop from headstone to headstone singing outwardly from their defended space. By drawing their path and encounters with others, I can define their territory. Periodically, they will fly back to a nest or feeding area. And periodically, they will fly up high and leave the area for water or other social options.

My resident fish did exactly the same thing, swimming from one prominence to another, not singing, per se, but interacting with others at their territorial boundary. Periodically they would swim high up over the reef and go to another part of the undefended reef and soon return. Within their territories, I often found a resident cleaning station, nest of eggs or feeding area. I once found an anemone without cleaners outside of any fish's territory. I placed a cleaner and within a few minutes, the adjourning defending fish included the station into its territory. Different species with overlapping territories each spent time at shared cleaning stations. A pecking order became apparent based upon fish size, the larger the more dominant.

One day well into the study, I saw a butterfly fish heading straight into a cleaning station in the heart of the reef. They eat anemones, and began tearing this station apart, shrimp and crabs jumping off, making quite the ruckus. Immediately, several small Bicolor Damsel fish jumped in adding to the ruckus and trying, unsuccessfully, to push the larger Butterfly fish away. Soon the Cooco Damsel fish joined in and began pushing the intruder away. The Three Spot Damsel was next, nipping at the now fleeing Butterfly fish. I thought the show was over when a foot-long Grasby Grouper rose up off the reef and took a bite that disabled the Butterfly fish. All were fish I had recorded attending the cleaning station and now defending it from predation.

Naturally, I next removed all the defending fish from a cleaning station and watched in amazement, the immediate destruction of the resident cleaning station. Within one hour, all the cleaners were gone. The anemone had either moved or been eaten by the next morning. Fascinating community structure! Can we learn from them?

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Oct. 11 - Oct. 17

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

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

St. Marks River Entrance

Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu Oct 11, 12		1.4 ft. 5:38 AM	3.3 ft. 11:44 AM	0.8 ft. 6:14 PM
Fri Oct 12, 12	3.4 ft. 12:33 AM	1.0 ft. 6:28 AM	3.6 ft. 12:40 PM	0.8 ft. 6:55 PM
Sat Oct 13, 12	3.6 ft. 1:05 AM	0.5 ft. 7:13 AM	3.8 ft. 1:30 PM	0.9 ft. 7:32 PM
Sun Oct 14, 12	3.8 ft. 1:35 AM	0.0 ft. 7:56 AM	4.0 ft. 2:18 PM	1.0 ft. 8:08 PM
Mon Oct 15, 12	3.9 ft. 2:04 AM	-0.3 ft. 8:39 AM	4.0 ft. 3:04 PM	1.1 ft. 8:42 PM
Tue Oct 16, 12	4.1 ft. 2:35 AM	-0.5 ft. 9:22 AM	4.0 ft. 3:50 PM	1.3 ft. 9:17 PM
Wed Oct 17, 12	4.2 ft. 3:07 AM	-0.6 ft. 10:08 AM	3.8 ft. 4:36 PM	1.5 ft. 9:52 PM

City of St. Marks

Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu Oct 11, 12	3.0 ft. 12:33 AM	1.3 ft. 6:42 AM	3.1 ft. 12:20 PM	0.7 ft. 7:18 PM
Fri Oct 12, 12	3.2 ft. 1:09 AM	0.9 ft. 7:32 AM	3.4 ft. 1:16 PM	0.7 ft. 7:59 PM
Sat Oct 13, 12	3.4 ft. 1:41 AM	0.4 ft. 8:17 AM	3.6 ft. 2:06 PM	0.8 ft. 8:36 PM
Sun Oct 14, 12	3.5 ft. 2:11 AM	0.0 ft. 9:00 AM	3.7 ft. 2:54 PM	0.9 ft. 9:12 PM
Mon Oct 15, 12	3.7 ft. 2:40 AM	-0.3 ft. 9:43 AM	3.8 ft. 3:40 PM	1.0 ft. 9:46 PM
Tue Oct 16, 12	3.8 ft. 3:11 AM	-0.5 ft. 10:26 AM	3.7 ft. 4:26 PM	1.2 ft. 10:21 PM
Wed Oct 17, 12	3.9 ft. 3:43 AM	-0.6 ft. 11:12 AM	3.5 ft. 5:12 PM	1.3 ft. 10:56 PM

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu Oct 11, 12		1.5 ft. 5:35 AM	3.4 ft. 11:41 AM	0.9 ft. 6:11 PM
Fri Oct 12, 12	3.5 ft. 12:30 AM	1.0 ft. 6:25 AM	3.7 ft. 12:37 PM	0.9 ft. 6:52 PM
Sat Oct 13, 12	3.7 ft. 1:02 AM	0.5 ft. 7:10 AM	3.9 ft. 1:27 PM	0.9 ft. 7:29 PM
Sun Oct 14, 12	3.9 ft. 1:32 AM	0.0 ft. 7:53 AM	4.1 ft. 2:15 PM	1.1 ft. 8:05 PM
Mon Oct 15, 12	4.0 ft. 2:01 AM	-0.3 ft. 8:36 AM	4.1 ft. 3:01 PM	1.2 ft. 8:39 PM
Tue Oct 16, 12	4.2 ft. 2:32 AM	-0.6 ft. 9:19 AM	4.1 ft. 3:47 PM	1.4 ft. 9:14 PM
Wed Oct 17, 12	4.3 ft. 3:04 AM	-0.7 ft. 10:05 AM	3.9 ft. 4:33 PM	1.6 ft. 9:49 PM

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu Oct 11, 12		1.0 ft. 5:49 AM	2.5 ft. 11:36 AM	0.6 ft. 6:25 PM
Fri Oct 12, 12	2.6 ft. 12:25 AM	0.7 ft. 6:39 AM	2.7 ft. 12:32 PM	0.6 ft. 7:06 PM
Sat Oct 13, 12	2.7 ft. 12:57 AM	0.4 ft. 7:24 AM	2.9 ft. 1:22 PM	0.6 ft. 7:43 PM
Sun Oct 14, 12	2.8 ft. 1:27 AM	0.0 ft. 8:07 AM	3.0 ft. 2:10 PM	0.7 ft. 8:19 PM
Mon Oct 15, 12	3.0 ft. 1:56 AM	-0.2 ft. 8:50 AM	3.0 ft. 2:56 PM	0.8 ft. 8:53 PM
Tue Oct 16, 12	3.1 ft. 2:27 AM	-0.4 ft. 9:33 AM	3.0 ft. 3:42 PM	0.9 ft. 9:28 PM
Wed Oct 17, 12	3.1 ft. 2:59 AM	-0.4 ft. 10:19 AM	2.8 ft. 4:28 PM	1.1 ft. 10:03 PM

St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu Oct 11, 12		1.4 ft. 5:17 AM	2.6 ft. 11:28 AM	0.8 ft. 5:53 PM
Fri Oct 12, 12	2.7 ft. 12:17 AM	0.9 ft. 6:07 AM	2.8 ft. 12:24 PM	0.8 ft. 6:34 PM
Sat Oct 13, 12	2.8 ft. 12:49 AM	0.5 ft. 6:52 AM	3.0 ft. 1:14 PM	0.8 ft. 7:11 PM
Sun Oct 14, 12	2.9 ft. 1:19 AM	0.0 ft. 7:35 AM	3.1 ft. 2:02 PM	1.0 ft. 7:47 PM
Mon Oct 15, 12	3.1 ft. 1:48 AM	-0.3 ft. 8:18 AM	3.2 ft. 2:48 PM	1.1 ft. 8:21 PM
Tue Oct 16, 12	3.2 ft. 2:19 AM	-0.5 ft. 9:01 AM	3.1 ft. 3:34 PM	1.3 ft. 8:56 PM
Wed Oct 17, 12	3.3 ft. 2:51 AM	-0.6 ft. 9:47 AM	2.9 ft. 4:20 PM	1.4 ft. 9:31 PM

Dog Island West End

Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu Oct 11, 12		1.4 ft. 5:07 AM	2.7 ft. 11:05 AM	0.8 ft. 5:30 PM
Fri Oct 12, 12	2.8 ft. 12:25 AM	1.1 ft. 5:54 AM	2.8 ft. 12:21 PM	1.0 ft. 6:12 PM
Sat Oct 13, 12	2.9 ft. 12:46 AM	0.8 ft. 6:36 AM	2.9 ft. 1:29 PM	1.1 ft. 6:51 PM
Sun Oct 14, 12	2.9 ft. 1:07 AM	0.5 ft. 7:16 AM	3.0 ft. 2:31 PM	1.4 ft. 7:27 PM
Mon Oct 15, 12	3.1 ft. 1:29 AM	0.2 ft. 7:57 AM	3.0 ft. 3:31 PM	1.6 ft. 8:00 PM
Tue Oct 16, 12	3.2 ft. 1:54 AM	0.0 ft. 8:41 AM	3.0 ft. 4:31 PM	1.8 ft. 8:33 PM
Wed Oct 17, 12	3.3 ft. 2:24 AM	-0.1 ft. 9:28 AM	2.9 ft. 5:33 PM	1.9 ft. 9:05 PM

Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	
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GREEN SCENE

The concern over food that's been genetically modified

GREEN LIVING

By SHELLEY SWENSON
Wakulla Extension Service

Genetically Modified Foods (GM) are making the news with legislators getting involved at our State Capitol recommending that everyone has a right to know what is in their foods and specifically if any food has been genetically modified. Perhaps you as a consumer would appreciate some insight into this issue.

Keith Schneider and Renee Goodrich Schneider are both from the Food Science and Human Nutrition Department at the University of Florida and offer this abbreviated summary.

What is a GM Food?

A GM food results when the genetic makeup of an organism is modified. This can be done through incorporating genes from other organisms or by rearranging genes already present. These changes can result in attributes that were not found in the original organism.

Some examples of traditional foods that have been genetically modified include tomatoes, squash, potatoes, cotton, and soybeans.

Why are foods modified?

GM is used to assist food manufacturers to improve the storage capacity and/or the nutritional value of foods. The first GM food was a particular tomato which was modified to allow it to remain firm even after extended shipping and storage.

Another example is hard cheeses, where the substance to make the rennet was originally derived from the stomachs of calves and is now commercially produced. Approximately 90 percent of the hard cheses are now made using this process.

What is the potential help to the consumer?

Industry has argued that GM foods reduce production costs by reducing the need for additional chemicals (pesticides and fertilizers) and mechanical inputs.

The nutrition implications are also cited as an obvious benefit for the consumer, since the bioengineering could create plants that could produce a more nutritious food.

What are the health concerns?

The potential for GM foods to cause allergic reactions is the most obvious health concern associated with these products. Specific protein in milk, eggs, wheat, fish, tree, nuts, peanuts, soybeans, and shellfish cause over 90% of food allergies. If a protein from one of these food types were to be incorporated into a food that normally would not have this protein, people who are allergic to these proteins could unknowingly consume such a food and suffer an allergic reaction.

The FDA has required that each producer of a GM food product presents scientific evidence that they have not incorporated any allergenic substances into their product. If this evidence cannot be produced, the FDA requires a label to be put on the product to alert consumer.

How is food safety monitored in all foods?

There is no one statute or federal agency devoted to the regulation of GM foods. You and I rely on the Food and Drug Administration for assurance that the foods we buy are safe and wholesome.

Under the Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act, the FDA has the authority to ensure the safety of most domestic and imported foods in the U.S. market (except meat and poultry, which is regulated by the USDA). Pesticides used in or on foods are regulated primarily by the Environmental Protection Agency.

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PHOTOGRAPH BY KEN FIELDS/SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

A view of the Alaskan wilderness in Denali National Park, part of the upcoming exhibit of photos by Ken Fields.

Photographer exhibits scenes of recent trip to Alaska

By KEN FIELDS

In 1999, after 15 years in law enforcement, I went to work for Merck and Co. in Albany, Ga. During the years at Merck I focused on building my photography business and started doing weddings, family, and nature shoots.

Soon I realized taking pictures could never be just a business, it was a lifelong passion. Over the years I still had my dream of taking pictures of Alaska and all its natural beauty.

On Aug. 24 my dream came true when I flew out of Tallahassee Regional Airport. Making the trip even better was that my mom would join me during my stopover in Atlanta and we would head off on our adventure.

From Atlanta we had a short layover in Salt Lake City before heading to Anchorage, Alaska. Our flight arrived at 12:57 a.m. on Saturday.

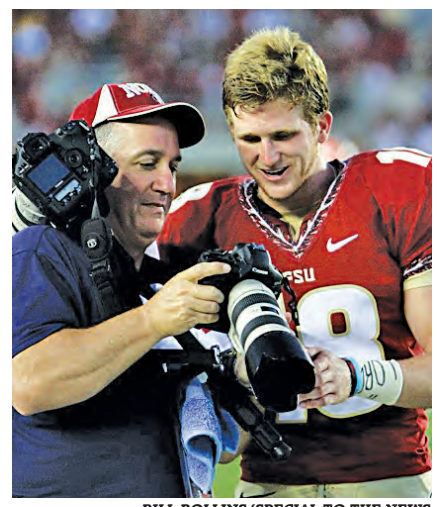
That morning we were up at 8 a.m. and walked from one end of Anchorage to the other, getting some great pictures. On weekends from May to September they have an outdoor market covering two city blocks and you can buy anything you need. What a day of sights, fun, and pleasure.

I found Stewart's Photo Shop and of course I had to look and look.

Sunday morning it was time to pick up our motorhome and supplies so we could head off to Denali National Park. The drive there should have taken three and a half hours, but we stopped often and took our time.

There were pictures to be taken around every curve. It's all so big and beautiful!

We were up early Monday morning ready for a tour of Denali National Park. It was raining and would continue for the rest of the day. Our plan to go to Wonder Lake would have to be postponed until Tuesday, the tour bus was full.



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Ken Fields, left, shows a photo to kicker Dustin Hopkins during a recent FSU game.

To Savage River we went, rain or shine, there were pictures waiting to be taken. The drive through Denali was breathtaking.

At every turn of the road I saw more beauty through my lens than I had ever imagined.

Tuesday 6 a.m. we headed to Wonder Lake, an 85-mile trip that would take 11 hours. Sable Pass was magnificent, the colors were brilliant. We had several stops along the way, one more spectacular than the other.

There was a sad moment when we reached the place where a photographer had been killed by a grizzly bear on Aug. 24. At this point we were 1,000 feet up the mountains. We saw a grizzly bear 300 yards away at our next stop, the driver told us to keep our distance. Beauty doesn't describe what I saw around me.

We arrived at the base of Mount McKinley which is part of the Alaskan range. The place made me feel so insignificant, the mountains are huge and you know only God could make something so amazingly beautiful. Soon we were at Wonder Lake and this is the closest point to Mount McKinley you may go without a climbing pass or plane.

On our return trip we saw a wolf and beautiful lynx.

As we saw the lynx walking down the river bed, it seemed he posed for the camera without concern that we were there. Another glorious day with images so amazing words can't express them. After 11 hours we were ready for food and sleep.

Wednesday morning we started our drive to Valdez. The panorama continued to be breathtaking. Our drive took much longer than expected. I took so many pictures of this magnificent place.

We finally arrived at Valdez about 10:15 p.m. and I got a picture of the moon rising on one side of the road, and the sun setting on the other.

Thursday we walked around Valdez. Through my lens I captured all the grandeur and magic of this old city.

The next morning as were leaving we passed by the fish hatchery. I couldn't believe the picture waiting for me: Tens of thousands of seagulls lined the bay, for the next two miles.

Next we drove through Thompson Pass. The closer we were to the end of our drive we found ourselves passing Worthington and Nelchina glaciers.

Upon arriving to Anchorage we have driven 1,119 miles and seen more than we ever dreamed of.

Saturday it was time to return home.

All are invited to an exhibit, "A Night as Seen Through My Lens," featuring photos from his "Majestic Alaska Shoot" on Oct. 13 from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Wakulla County Shriners Club.

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What are candidates positions on the environment?

Environmentalists have cheered several of President Obama's moves during his first term, but dismay his lack of follow-through on a 2008 campaign promise to label genetically modified foods. Mitt Romney doesn't have much of an environmental track record, but has been open minded to both regulatory and market-based policy ideas.

Dear EarthTalk:

Given that the presidential election is just around the corner, what can you tell me about each candidate's environmental track record and positions?

Jane Miller
Chicago

Just because the environment is getting short shrift this election season due to our nation's lingering economic woes doesn't mean that candidates Obama and Romney can ignore the issue.

Environmentalists have cheered several of President Obama's moves during his first term, including: passage of the Recovery Act and its funding for environmental and habitat restoration and water quality improvements; passage of the first comprehensive National Policy for the Stewardship of the Ocean, the Coasts and the Great Lakes; and the signing of the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009, which expanded land protections and water conservation across two million acres of federal wilderness.

Obama also formed the Partnership for Sustainable Communities to bring together federal agencies to help communities nationwide improve access to affordable housing and increase low cost transportation options while protecting the environment. He also established new rules to reduce the negative impacts of mountain-top removal coal mining, set historic standards limiting greenhouse gas emissions from cars and trucks, made substantial investments in clean energy, proposed the first-ever carbon pollution limits for new fossil-fuel-fired power plants, and reduced carbon emissions within the federal government.

On the downside, green leaders dismay Obama's lack of follow-through on a 2008 campaign promise to label genetically modified foods so that consumers know what they are getting when they buy corn, sugar or breakfast cereal. Also, a 2011 Obama decision to deregulate the planting of genetically modified alfalfa and sugar beets incensed organic farmers and environmental leaders.

Greens also worry about Obama's enthusiasm for an "all-of-the-above" energy policy that includes the practice of hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") to access natural gas in shale beds under wide swaths of the northeast and western U.S.

If re-elected, Obama would no doubt work to expand U.S. leadership on setting emissions limits in unison with other nations, and has pledged to continue to reduce our dependence on oil so as to lower greenhouse gas emissions. Conservationists are also hopeful that Obama will set aside threatened lands for protection from development as both Bill Clinton and George W. Bush did soon before leaving the White House.

While Mitt Romney doesn't have much of an environmental track record from his days as Massachusetts' governor, he did get kudos for being open minded to both regulatory and market-based policy ideas. He also supported a 2003 northeastern states agreement to reduce carbon emissions from power plants via a regional cap-and-trade emissions reduction plan. But in 2005 Romney abruptly pulled Massachusetts out of the plan, telling reporters that it didn't protect businesses and consumers from increased energy costs.

Romney is now pitching an energy plan that embraces all the options, including fossil fuels, nuclear energy and renewables.

But he recently told ScienceDebate.org that he opposes any kind of carbon tax or cap-and-trade system "that would handicap the American economy and drive manufacturing jobs away," adding that economic growth and technological innovation, "not economy-suppressing regulation," are key to protecting the environment in the long run.

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Zumba to support breast cancer research

By GENA DAVIS

October is the month to "think pink!"

Breast Cancer has finally gotten the attention it has deserved for so long. It is still, however, a devastating disease for the victims and families that face it each and every day.

Many patients find that exercise and eating right can help them maintain their strength during treatment, and helps them have a more positive outlook on their situation. There are many women at the gym who have dealt with, or are currently dealing with breast cancer. They have kept their workouts and exercise routines intact before, during and after their treatment program. They feel it helps them mentally and physically. So many cancer patients have as many mental ramifications as physical ones. Having some type of physical outlet such as weightlifting or an exercise class helps them cope and helps them stay healthy.

Body-Tek 24 Fitness Center and Zumba Wakulla are donating the proceeds from the Zumba classes to breast cancer Research, so girls and guys, come on out and get your Zumba on!

Swenson: Genetically modified foods

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The FDA monitors foods to enforce the tolerances for pesticides set by the EPA. Finally it is the USDA-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services that controls the field trials of any GM crop that falls under permitting requirements.

What does the future hold?

With all of the controversy surrounding GM foods, researchers have been searching for new methods to enhance crop production. One technique combines the selection of genes that control traits of interest, such as color, meat quality or disease resistance.

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Law Enforcement and Courts reports

Sheriff's Report

A 35-year-old Quincy manager reported an armed robbery at Hardee's. The victim stated that a suspect requested an undisclosed amount of cash from him after closing time. The masked suspect was brandishing a handgun while demanding the cash. Evidence was collected at the scene. In other activity reported by the sheriff's office:

SEPTEMBER 27

• Loss Prevention staff at Wal-Mart reported a retail theft after a 16-year-old male was reportedly observed taking headphones and concealing them on his person. The juvenile allegedly did not make any attempt to pay for the item before leaving the last point of sale. The item, valued at $31, was recovered. The juvenile did not qualify for transportation to the juvenile detention center. The suspect's mother is a jail inmate and she requested the juvenile be turned over to a friend who picked him up.

• Sarah Sanders of Panacea reported a fraud. The victim reported that someone cashed an insurance check intended for her family.

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• Ashley Bragg of Crawfordville reported a fraud. The victim reported losing her debit card and discovering three purchases on her account that she did not make. The victim had $16 worth of fast food purchases on her account from Tallahassee.

• Delano Taylor of Panacea reported finding a set of car keys through Panacea Post Office officials. The keys were originally found at Wal-Mart in Crawfordville. The keys were turned over to the Evidence Division.

• Rona Bowen of Crawfordville reported a traffic crash at her home. A vehicle ran into her mailbox and knocked it over. Witnesses at the scene assisted deputies in locating the suspect who admitting hitting a Waste Pro garbage bin, but did not realize she struck the mailbox as well. Marlyan Virginia Gray, 72, of Carrabelle was issued a traffic ticket for leaving the scene of an accident. Damage to the mailbox was estimated at $50.

• Ronald Price of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief at Maria Del Carmen Lane. The entrance sign to the development was damaged. Damage to balls and lights on the sign was estimated at $200.

• Richard Strickland of Crawfordville reported a grand theft. The victim reported that a suspect conducted a yard sale and some of the items sold belonged to him. The value of the stolen items is $670. Other items were burned by the suspect. Those items were valued at $34. The stolen items were recovered and Amanda Renee Glover, 32, of Panacea was arrested for grand theft and criminal mischief.

• Thomas Galvan of Tallahassee reported a grand theft in Crawfordville. An air conditioning unit, valued at $2,000, was reported missing from a foreclosed home in Crawfordville.

• Robert Blankenship of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary. Jewelry and a television, valued at $215, were reported missing. Individuals of interest have been identified.

• Sgt. Danny Harrell investigated an abandoned vehicle on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Road and Cajer Posey Road in Crawfordville. The vehicle had an Alabama tag and posed a traffic hazard. A wrecker was called to the scene after Sgt. Harrell was unable to locate any ownership information.

• Jimmy Young of Crawfordville reported the theft of a canine from his home. The Pekinese was valued at $400.

• Dianna Rosenbaum of Crawfordville reported a theft at her home. Jewelry, a television and miscellaneous items, valued at $360, were reported missing. A suspect has been identified.

• Deputy Gibby Gibson investigated a 10-speed bicycle that was recovered in the Wakulla Gardens area. A juvenile was observed riding the bicycle but when Deputy Gibson returned to check on the welfare of the juvenile he found the bike on a vacant lot. The bike was turned in to the Property Division as found property.

SEPTEMBER 29

• Verbon Scott of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief. The victim's mailbox and trash bin were disturbed. Damage to the mailbox was estimated at $25. Suspects were observed in the area.

SEPTEMBER 30

• Jessica Lanette Fruggiero, 28, of Crawfordville was charged with battery after getting into an altercation with another inmate at the Wakulla County Jail. Corrections staff determined that a verbal altercation escalated into a physical dispute.

• Timothy Stephens of Crawfordville reported a vehicle burglary. The victim noticed that his vehicle was tampered with overnight and $535 worth of property was stolen from inside. The items included sunglasses, a phone charger and an umbrella. The vehicle was not locked at the time of the theft.

• Amanda Glover of Crawfordville reported a grand theft. Clothing, movies, books, a table and string trimmer, valued at $700, were reported missing. A suspect has been identified.

• Penny Whitehead of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief. Damage was reported to the victim's vehicle. Damage was estimated at $150.

• Kimberly Sharkey of Tallahassee reported a structure fire in Crawfordville. Brandon Loudner of Crawfordville reported a grease fire on the stove. Wakulla firefighters responded and extinguished the fire. Loudner and two juveniles escaped from the home unharmed. Damage was reported to the stove area of the kitchen.

• Lorna Conner of Panacea reported a traffic crash at Coastal Highway and Walker Farm. The victim struck a deer and created $2,500 worth of damage to her vehicle.

OCTOBER 1

• Deputies Gibby Gibson and Vicki Mitchell were called out to investigate a disturbance when they discovered their suspect had fled the scene. Deputy Mitchell conducted a traffic stop in the Old Shell Point Road area.

Derrik Ray Stallings, 18, of Crawfordville was stopped and it was determined that the driver did not possess a valid driver license. Stallings was also arrested for DUI and operating a motor vehicle while license was suspended or revoked with knowledge.

Deputy Ward Kromer searched Stallings prior to transporting him to the Wakulla County Jail and discovered marijuana and drug paraphernalia on the suspect. He was charged with possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Stallings was also charged with aggravated battery, criminal mischief and burglary with assault or battery in connection with the disturbance case that led to the DUI arrest.

Damage to the victim's home and property was estimated at $1,220.

• James Travis of Crawfordville recovered property owned by a Tallahassee man at Azalea Park. Deputy Mike Crum contacted the owner and made arrangements for him to pick up the missing property.

• Earl Peckham of Crawfordville reported the theft of a handicapped permit from his vehicle. The vehicle was not locked and tissues were also removed from the vehicle.

• Wrenn Green of Panacea reported a traffic crash. A boat trailer driven by Coy Shiver of Eastpoint struck Green's vehicle with a trailer guide. The trailer guide damaged Green's window and vehicle door while also injuring his hand. Damage was estimated at $300.

• Howard Wynns Crabtree, 42, of St. Marks was charged with smuggling contraband into the Wakulla County Jail. Crabtree was observed concealing items in the front of his jail issued clothing while on trash detail at Newport Park. Two packs of cigarettes were recovered.

• Betty Money of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief. Someone spray painted the victim's vehicle. Damage to the vehicle is estimated at $500.

OCTOBER 2

• Marvin Libby Jr. of Premier Motor Cars reported a vehicle theft. A boat and trailer were taken from the lot. The boat is valued at $7,000 and it was entered in the FCIC/NCIC data base.

• Louise Fedorak of Panacea reported a vehicle theft from a Panacea residence. A Lincoln Continental, valued at $2,000, was removed from the yard. A suspect has been identified.

• Barbara Wallace of Crawfordville reported an animal incident where she lost her parrot. The parrot was in its cage outside the front door when the victim left home. But she returned to discover that the parrot was gone. A suspect cat was observed on the property, paw prints were observed inside the cage and loose feathers were discovered by Deputy Randy Phillips.

• Christen Odham of Crawfordville reported a vehicle burglary. The victim lost her purse from inside an unlocked vehicle at her home. The purse and contents were valued at $504. Evidence was collected at the scene and a suspect has been identified. Deputy Ian Dohme and Detective Nick Boutwell investigated.

OCTOBER 3

• Areyouna Brooks of Sopchoppy reported a grand theft. Shoes and purses, valued at $3,120, were removed from her vehicle. A suspect has been identified.

• Martin Causseaux of Crawfordville reported a grand theft. A suspect, who has been identified, stole $562 worth of business equipment from the victim's business vehicle. Detective Nick Boutwell interviewed Jeremy E. McCranie, 35, of Crawfordville who admitting taking the property and selling it. He was charged with grand theft and was transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

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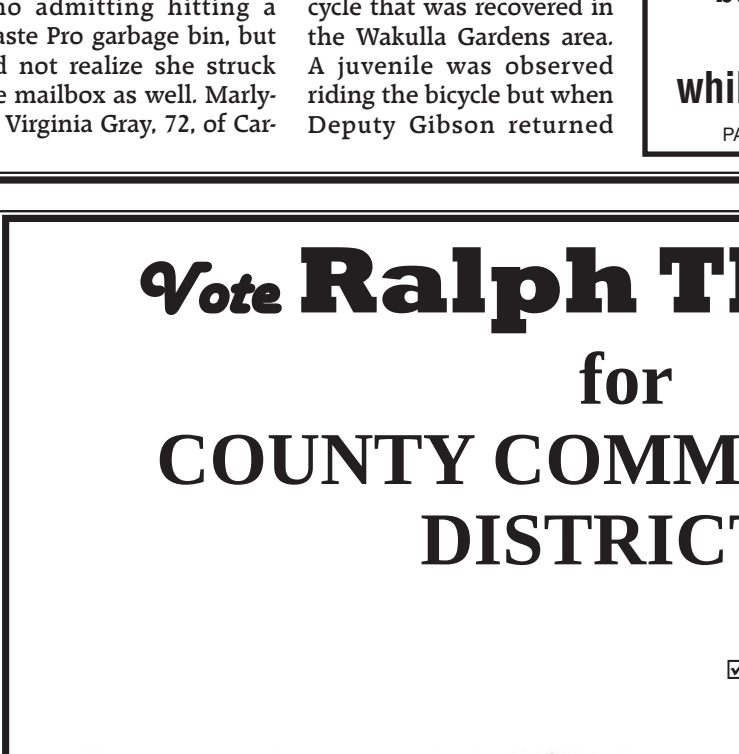

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Barbara Rosen turns 'nature's discards' into art

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Typically, she and her husband will get in the car and drive where the long pine needles are and spend all day racking them up. She then wraps them up and stores them.

After that first day, she fell in love and continued to try and make more baskets.

"When I first started, I had no idea what I was doing," Rosen says.

It has been a learning process through trial and error. She has never taken a class to make what she calls an "embryo basket." She says she doesn't want to be influenced by someone else's style. Instead, she continues to come up with new and creative ideas.

"It's like I'm challenging myself to see what I can come up with," Rosen says.

First, she boils the pine needles to soften them and then wraps a bunch of them in a dish towel. When she is ready to begin making a basket, she takes a small amount of needles and wraps a thread around the ends to secure them. She then starts one pine needle at a time. She uses a coiling method, as opposed to basket weaving.

Her basket making is constantly evolving and she is always trying new ideas. She incorporates sea grass, sweet grass and other grasses into her baskets. She also dyes the pine needles to give the baskets a different look.

At one time, she was using wooden pieces for the center of the baskets to speed up the process. The center part of the basket take the longest amount of time, around 4 hours. She had her son, Michael, cut out slices of wood from live oak, heart of pine and cedar tress to make the centers. She has also used coasters and other items. Anything that can have holes drilled in it can be used, she says.

JENNIFER JENSEN

Baskets Barbara Rosen made by coiling pine needles.

"I look at the world in a different way," Rosen says. "I see if it's something I can turn into a basket."

She also started making tops for the baskets, which she didn't do in the beginning. Other ideas have included breaking apart a wine box and using part of it as the base. She has also used gourds as the base and then adds the pine needles to the top of it. She has also traded with local artists and used their ceramic pieces for the center of the basket, combining the different forms of art.

"They are constantly evolving and I am constantly evolving," Rosen says.

When Rosen started making her baskets, she would bring them in to the office where she works in Tallahassee. One day, she was approached by one of the doctors who needed Christmas gifts for his family. He asked her for five baskets and from that moment she stared selling them.

"You're so honored," Rosen says when people are willing to pay for something she made.

She then went to the Blue Crab Festival in Panacea and sold seven of 14 baskets she brought.

From that point on, she started attending more festivals and shows to sell her baskets.

"I call myself an accidental artist," Rosen says.

She loves making baskets and says it is just a part of who she is now.

"I'm a happy basket maker," Rosen says.

The baskets are portable so she is able to take them with her where ever she goes. And she only works two days a week, so her lifestyle allows her to indulge in her passion for basket making.

Many people who visit her booth at festivals end up coming back several times to see the same basket. She believes those people are getting some sort of message from the basket.

"There's a mysterious connection between people and my baskets," Rosen says.

No two of her baskets are alike. She doesn't take pictures of her baskets because she doesn't want to have to try and recreate it. When she starts on a basket, she typically doesn't know how it will turn out.

"This was nature's discards," she says of the pine needles. But she is able to turn them into something people can enjoy.

"I like to see how it evolves," she says. And no matter what age someone is, they can start something new, she adds. "There's lots to do." She was 62 when she started making handcrafted baskets.

Rosen will be at the St. Marks Stone Crab Festival on Oct. 20 with her Basketry by Barbara.

Pastor: 'Early to bed, early to rise' hasn't worked for me

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Incidentally, I have carried this over into my married life.

According to my father, if I simply obeyed Franklin's advice I would have a life filled with health, wealth and wisdom. The three things absolutely needed in life to make a person happy. Or, so Franklin would lead us to believe.

After what seems to be a lifetime of living, and living in as much harmony of these two aspects of life, I must say that there is very little truth to be said concerning good old Franklin's saying.

No matter how early I go to bed or how early I get up, I do not seem to be any wealthier or healthier. Perhaps, and this is only a guess on my part because I am not as wise as old Benjamin Franklin, you had to do something when you got up that contributed or created your wealth. Just a suggestion from me.

That is the way it is with most sayings. They sound good, you sound wise in quoting them, but after every saying is quoted, nothing seems to change. They just do not cover the whole spectrum.

It is not that I have not given it the good old college try; it just does not work for me.

This past week I had an occasion to think about this quote. I have tried keeping the early to bed and early to rise objective in full focus throughout my life. I am not up partying until the wee hours of the morning. At my age, my party time is early afternoon.

I have made a concerted effort to get enough rest and just to make sure I have enough rest I indulge in an afternoon nap. I am not sure where this comes in Benjamin Franklin's quote.

Recently, I had cause to reflect upon the validity of Benjamin Franklin's sage advice.

My quarterly taxes were due, and you know what good old Uncle Sam thinks about being late on his payments. If confession is good for the soul (another famous quote), I need to confess that while I was writing this check to Uncle Sam I had some rather harsh thoughts about him in the process. There, I said it.

During the same week, some other bills were due and none of them would take no for an answer. Again, I must confess, while writing these checks I was sputtering to myself quite a bit. As I looked at my checkbook, I knew that the "wealthy" component of Benjamin Franklin's quote did not come in my direction. I was simply out of wealth.

Not only that, but I recently spent about four weeks sick with bronchitis and pneumonia and spent about three weeks in bed. Not only was I early to bed, but I was glued to my bed. How does that fit into Franklin's saying? The "healthy" aspect of that quote has not fallen in my direction either.

If you want to know about the wise element, simply query the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

Another old phrase says, three strikes and you're out. Well, according to the Franklin saying, I must concede that I am out. I am not wealthy, in many regards I'm not healthy and for sure, I'm not wise.

It is my opinion that there is a lot more to life than wise old sayings from some old man from the past. Benjamin Franklin, for example, no doubt practiced early to bed and early to rise but in the end, he died. That does not sound too healthy to me.

Of course, the best place for wisdom is the Bible. I like what the wisest man in the world said, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6 KJV).

I am not too sure about the healthy and the wealthy components, that is up for grabs, but I am convinced the wise part comes from the Lord. After all, the Bible teaches us that God is Omniscient. If God knows everything and I know God, I am in a good position.

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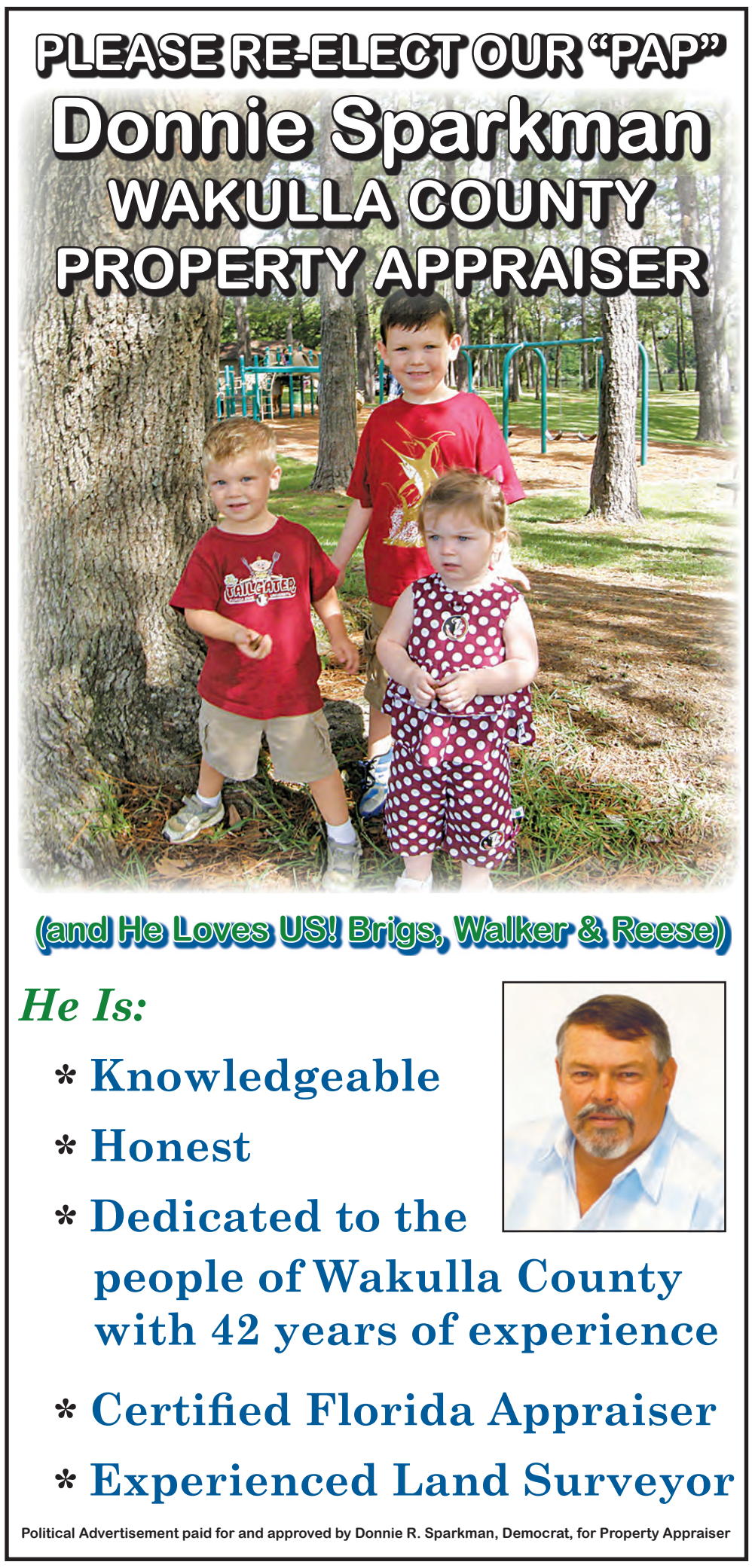

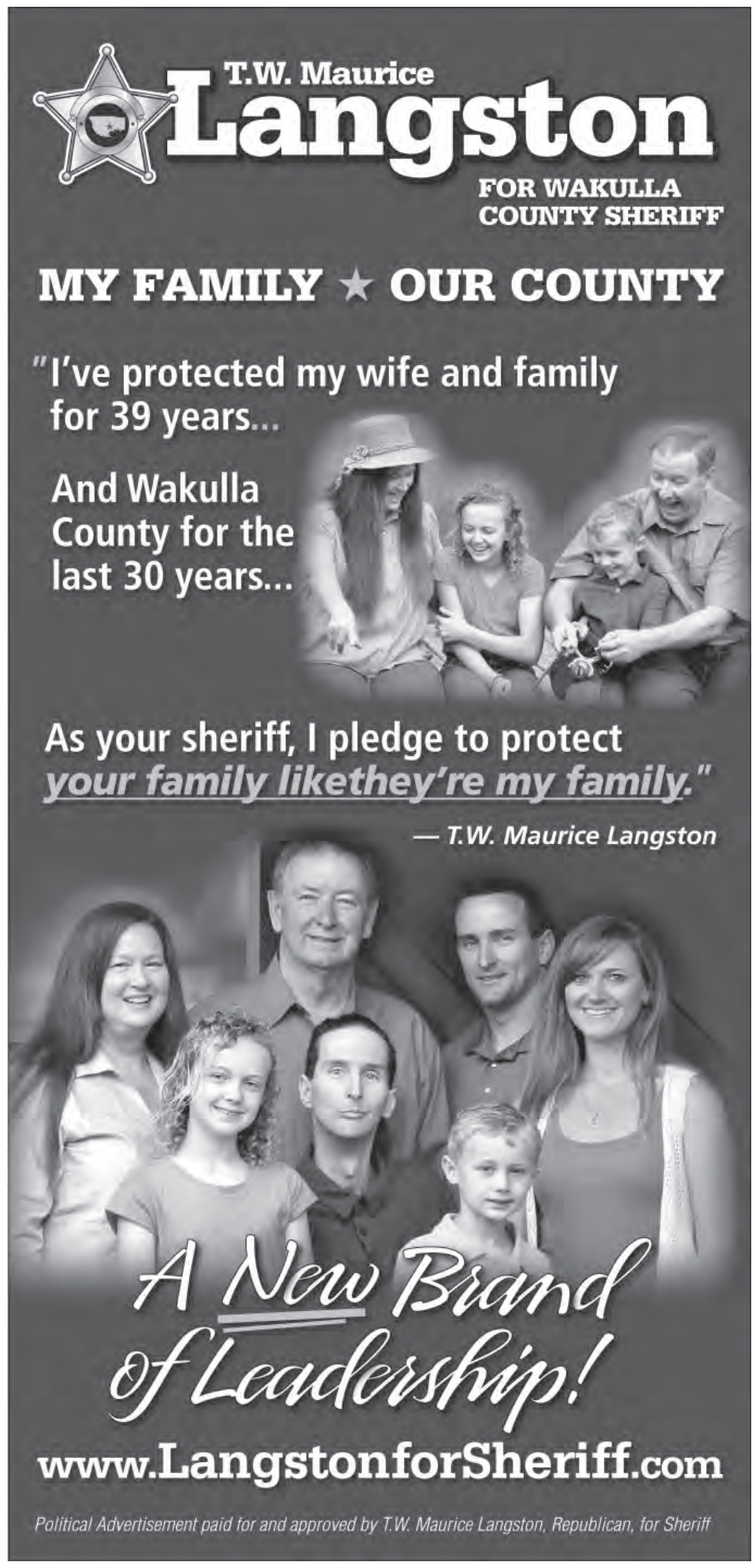

Wax myrtles are a hardy native species

By LES HARRISON

Walk into any retailer and the evidence is in plain sight.

Christmas is less than three months away.

Decorations, gifts, cards, and wrapping paper are prominently displayed for the buyer's convenience. Among the ubiquitous decorations are the red and green pillar candles with holiday fragrances. One, the Bayberry candle, has a distinctly North Florida connection.

The bayberry and wax myrtle trees are both member of the Myrica plant genus. The term Myrica is a Greek word for fragrance. A member of this plant is found in a majority of the inhabited world.

The bayberry, with its larger berries, is collected commercially to produce the popular candle scent.

Before the advent of mass-market candles, wax myrtles had the same use in many North Florida homes.

The wax myrtle is a native Florida plant. It is a small tree or large shrub which can be grown anywhere in the state.

Wax myrtle does well in a moist environment. It is excellent for use in poorly drained soils, but grows well in drier soils. This durable plant can serve many uses in the landscape.

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Wax myrtle berries have a thick, bluish wax useful in making candles.

Wax myrtles have male and female flowers produced on separate plants.

Female flowers grow in close bunches producing light green round fruits about an eighth of an inch in diameter. The fruits are coated with a thick, bluish wax useful in making candles.

Wax myrtles can reach a height of 25 feet. Their leaves are evergreen narrow at the base and broader toward the upper end of the leaves. About midway up the leaf toward the tip, coarse teeth appear on the leaf edges.

Wax myrtles produce suckers, small plants that sprout from the roots. The suckers grow into large clumps, or clusters, and eventually grow into a very large, dense plant.

Suckers can be removed from around the main trunk to produce an attractive, small tree. The trunk of the wax myrtle is grayish white in color similar to northern birch.

These trees are used extensively in patio planting and as landscape screens.

Wax myrtles can be grown from seeds, cuttings, and simple layering techniques. Seeds can be started in a mixture of equal parts sand and peat moss.

Another method for propagating wax myrtle is to dig established plants during the winter months. Cut the plants back to within a few inches of the ground. Dig out the root clumps and set them in containers.

In a few months, the plant will regrow. A small tree 10 to 12 feet in height will take a few years to grow using this method.

Being a native plant, wax myrtle is well suited to Wakulla County's soils and climate. The plant is cold hardy, salt tolerant, and relatively free of diseases and insects.

The only one serious pest of wax myrtle is a caterpillar which chews leaves and ties terminal leaves together.

To learn more about wax myrtles, contact your UF/IFAS Wakulla Extension Office at 850-926-3931 or http://wakulla.ifas.ufl.edu.

Les Harrison is the Wakulla County Extension Director. He can be reached by email at harrisog@ufl.edu or at (850) 926-3931.

Les Harrison to speak on wildflowers

Special to The News

The Sarracenia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society meets Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at Wakulla Public Library.

The feature in this season of raging wildflowers on the roadsides is "Road Rage: Wildflowers and Public Right-of-Ways," an illustrated presentation by Sarracenia's guest, IFAS Wakulla Extension Agent Les Harrison.

The public is cordially invited. Social time, with refreshments for all, will precede the 6:30 meeting.

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Sports

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War Eagles look great in win over Rickards

Wakulla offense shows speed in dominating first half over district foe; defense doesn't give up points

KEN FIELDS/SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Rickards defense was unable to solve Wakulla's offense in the first half as speedsters Demetrius Lindsey and Dillon Norman tore off runs for scores to put the War Eagles up 35-7 over the Raiders. Above, Lindsey breaks into the open field.

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By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
editor@thewakullanews.net

Wakulla looked unstoppable in the first half of last week's game against Rickards.

"We played our best half of the year," War Eagle Head Coach Scott Klees said after the game. "Everything was clicking, offensively and defensively."

Wakulla stayed undefeated, improving to 6-0, and basically guaranteed a spot in the district playoffs with the win.

"I'm proud of our guys for coming out with focus," Klees said.

Early in the game, the Rickards defense was obviously confused with Wakulla's offense. On the first two offensive series, running back Demetrius Lindsey broke long runs to set up Dillon Norman for scores.

The War Eagles were up 14-0 with not even half of the first quarter played.

Then came the only Wakulla error – special teams giving up a long return for a touchdown on the subsequent kickoff.

Wakulla kept the ball on the ground, with Lindsey tearing off more long runs and Norman scoring another rushing touchdown to go up 21-7 with just over a minute left in the first.

In the second quarter, Lindsey scored on a 14-yard run and the War Eagles tacked on the extra point to go up 28-7 with 8:55 remaining.

Just before halftime, Dillon Norman broke a long run to the Rickards 22-yard line and quarterback Caleb Stephens connected with receiver Mikal Cromartie on a 23-yard touchdown pass. With the extra point, it put Wakulla up 35-7 with a minute left in the half.

(Cromartie was named Defensive Player of the Week for his work on the other side of the ball, which included an interception, a fumble recover and five tackles.)

It was remarkable in that Wakulla threw the ball only three times in the whole game.

There would be no more scoring in the game.

The second half saw lots of replacements come in for the War Eagles, and a Rickards offense that struggled against Wakulla's defense.

Norman, who was named offensive player of the week, scored three touchdowns in the game, and Lindsey scored once.

Klees praised the offensive line: "They played extremely well," he said. And the defense "didn't budge the ball."

Of the few number of passes, Klees said: "I wanted to establish the run and be physical up front. You run to open up the passing game."

But, the coach said, the ground game was working so well, he didn't want to get away from it.

On defense, the only time Rickards seemed to get any offensive momentum and appear to be driving the ball was on Wakulla penalties.

Klees sighed when asked about it. "I guess we're just gonna be the most-penalized team."

Klees also praised the play of quarterback Caleb Stephens, who is somewhat hobbled with a knee injury and will have surgery after the season. "He played well. I'm pleased with his performance.

THIS WEEK: Open.
NEXT WEEK: The War Eagles travel to play Suwannee High School in Live Oak on Friday, Oct. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

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Week in Wakulla

Email your community events to jjensen@thewakullanews.net

Optimist Club Fashion Extravaganza at Wildwood at 6:30 p.m. — **Thursday**

Relay for Life kickoff party at 7 p.m. at Crawfordville United Methodist Church. — **Thursday**

Chinese auction for VFW Ladies Auxiliary at 475 Arran Road at 6 p.m. — **Saturday**

Wakulla Greenwing Day at Sheriff's Office Range from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. — **Saturday**

Political Events

Thursday, Oct. 18

• POLITICAL FORUM for the candidates for sheriff will be held at 7 p.m. at the library by the League of Women Voters of Wakulla County.

Saturday, Oct. 20

• MEET PETE WILLIAMS, candidate for State Attorney, from noon to 2:30 p.m. at Myra Jeans Restaurant, Crawfordville. This is a free event and lunch and drinks will be served.

Monday, Oct. 22

• POLITICAL FORUM for candidates in the state house district 7 and county school superintendent races will be held starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Wakulla County Community Center, 318 Shadeville Highway. The superintendent forum will follow at 7:45 p.m. This forum is held by the Wakulla Republican and Wakulla Democratic executive committees.

Government Meetings

Thursday, Oct. 11

• TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Wakulla Welcome Center in Panacea. The public is invited.

• WAKULLA COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold a public meeting at 6 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office.

• ST. MARKS CITY COMMISSION will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at city hall.

Monday, Oct. 15

• COUNTY COMMISSION will meet at 5 p.m. for its regular meeting in the commission chambers.

• SCHOOL BOARD will meet at 5:45 p.m. for its monthly meeting in the school administration building.

Clubs, Groups, Regular Meetings

Thursday, Oct. 11

• ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 6 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.

• 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.

• NAMI FAMILY TO FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP will meet at 6 p.m. at the NAMI Wakulla office, 2140-C Crawfordville Highway. This group is for family members and friends of people diagnosed with mental illnesses and is free of charge.

Friday, Oct. 12

• 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.

• 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 Wakulla County Extension Office. Join them for the fun of quilting. Quilters of all skill levels are invited. Contact Anne Lopez at 294-0832.

Saturday, Oct. 13

• 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 will meet at 3106 Shadeville Highway, across from the volunteer fire department, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 224-2321.

• SOPCHOPPY GROWERS MARKET will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of Posh Java, Organics & Gifts, on the corner of Rose St. and Winthrop Ave., in downtown Sopchoppy. The market features locally grown, organic and unsprayed produce, homemade bread, and other food items. To participate in the market, contact Posh Java at (850) 962-1010 or email poshjava@gmail.com for details.

• WAKULLA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. The museum is located at 24 High Drive, Crawfordville.

Sunday, Oct. 14

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

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Monday, Oct. 15

• ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 6 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.

• FREE 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 a loved one to be cared for. Lunch will be provided. 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, Oct. 16

• 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 6 p.m. at Myra Jean's Restaurant.

• SARRACENIA CHAPTER OF THE FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the library. The feature is "Road Rage: Wildflowers and Public Right-of-Ways," an illustrated presentation by Sarracenia's guest, Wakulla Extension Office Director Les Harrison. The public is invited. Social time, with refreshments, will precede the meeting.

Wednesday, Oct. 17

• 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 NAMI Wakulla, 2140-C Crawfordville Highway. Call 224-2321 for more information.

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

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

Thursday, Oct. 18

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Special Events

Thursday, Oct. 11

• ANNUAL FASHION EXTRAVAGANZA AND AUCTION will be held by the Wakulla Coastal Optimist Club at 6:30 p.m. at Wildwood Country Club. Money earned goes to fund the scholarships they give out to Wakulla High seniors. They will be modeling clothing for men and women. Entertainer of the Year, Kevin Story, will be the guest performer. For tickets, visit Centennial Bank, see Noah or Sherrie Posey Miller at Posey's Steam Room or at Dentistry By The Sea.

• CAPITAL AREA HEALTHY START COALITION will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library. Wakulla County providers, care coordinators, local professionals and consumers are invited to begin the CAHSC service delivery planning process. This is the organizational meeting for developing the 2015-2020 plan.

• RELAY FOR LIFE KICKOFF PARTY will be held at 7 p.m. at Crawfordville United Methodist Church for the Carnival of Hope. Register a team (please bring your first $100 of fundraising money), register as a survivor and learn about Relay. For more information or to RSVP email wakullarelay@gmail.com or call (850) 926-8854.

Saturday, Oct. 13

• WAKULLA GREENWING DAY will be held at the Sheriff's Office Range, located at 65 Qualify Lane, off Lawhon Mill Road. Registration is at 9 a.m. and the event is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is open to children 6 to 18 years old, parental supervision is required. Cost is $15 per child, which includes a T-shirt and Greenwing Magazine subscription. Lunch is provided. There will be educational stations targeting firearm safety, bench shooting, shotgun shooting, archery, turkey shoot for $2 per shot and a chicken shoot for $1 per shot. There will be giveaways and door prizes. For more information, call Holly Porter at 519-0416 or email WAKULLAGREENWING@EMBARQMAIL.COM.

• COUNCIL FAMILY REUNION will be held starting at 5 p.m. at the Council family reunion picnic grounds in Crawfordville with a fish fry. There will also be a covered dish lunch at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Descendants of John Cecil Council, an early pioneer of Wakulla County, are invited. For questions, call Beverly Council at 926-3759.

• CHINESE AUCTION will be held by the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post No. 4538 at 475 Arran Road. Doors open at 6 p.m. and auction starts at 7 p.m. Purchase a sheet of 25 tickets for $5. A drawing for each auction item will be held.

• OKTOBERFEST will be held at 10 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church and Preschool. There will be German food, silent auction, games for kids. There will be bratwurst, sauerkraut, hotdogs and German potato salad. Cost is $5 per person. The church is located on U.S. Highway 98 across from the high school.

Sunday, Oct. 14

• COUNCIL FAMILY REUNION will be held at 11 a.m. with a covered dish lunch at the Council family reunion picnic grounds in Crawfordville. For questions, call Beverly Council at 926-3759.

Wednesday, Oct. 17

• INFORMATION SERVICE DAY on pre-Medicare annual open enrollment will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the Wakulla County Senior Citizens Center, 33 Michael Drive. The Area Agency on Aging will be providing information on how to proceed in making changes to Medicare. There also will be a SHINE volunteer counselor available to assist with Medicare and Medicaid needs. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 926-7145.

Upcoming Events

Friday, Oct. 19

•FORE THE BUILD GOLF TOURNAMENT will be held to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Wakulla County at Wildwood Golf Course. This tournament will help fund the 2012 Habitat Home Build. Registration is at 7:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Cost is $50 per person or $200 per team. To enter, contact Doris Crosby at 545-7425.

Saturday, Oct. 20

• STONE CRAB FESTIVAL will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in downtown St. Marks. There will be food, music, parade, children's activities, educational displays and dozens of vendors. A parade will be held at 11 a.m. The theme is super hero. Dress up or decorate a golf cart or antique car. Call 925-6224 or email cityofst.marks@comcast.net for additional details on the parade.

• ANNUAL HORSE-O-WEEN will be held at noon the Wakulla County Equestrian Center, Lawhon Mill Road in Sopchoppy, by the Wakulla County Horseman's Association. There will be fun games with prizes for everyone.

• WATERS JOURNEY: Following the Water to Wakulla Springs will be held from 8 a.m. to noon. Springs expert, Jim Stevenson, will lead people on a tour by caravan. Advance registration is recommended. Tour departs from TCC in Tallahassee at 8 a.m. and ends at the tower overlooking the spring at noon. Cost is $18 and includes the entrance fee to Wakulla Springs State Park. For more information, call 926-3376.

• GENEALOGY SEMINAR will be held by the Wakulla County Historical Society at the Extension Office, 84 Cedar Avenue. Registration is at 8:15 a.m., and includes breakfast and lunch. Speakers are genealogy experts Jay Collins and Melody Porter. For more information, call 926-1110.

Library News...

By SCOTT JOYNER
Library Director

Just to keep everyone in the loop on our upcoming e-book checkout service, we have placed our first order and will be undergoing staff training in the next couple of weeks so that we can "go live" as quickly as possible.

A few things you should know about this service is that there will be a limit of two e-books that can be checked out at a time for two weeks at a time. We are only ordering e-books which are compatible with all of the major readers (Kindle, Nook, Ipad, etc) so that the greatest number of our patrons can have access. For those who don't have readers, there are apps which you can put on your mobile device or home computer which can give you access as well.

More details will be forthcoming along with our go live date and the dates for public workshops so that we can show you how the system will work. It is very user friendly but we will of course be available to answer any questions. Please contact us for any suggestions you'd like to see in our e-book collection as well.

Change in Grace Period

Due to a change in our new operating system we are currently unable to give our patrons a grace period on their checkouts. This means that overdue fines begin accruing the day after your items are due. This is only an issue if your items are returned late. If they are on time our patrons will never have to worry about this. We will announce when/if we will be able to provide a grace period again. Remember that if you need to renew items you can do so via our website or by giving us a call at 926-7415.

Book Extravaganza Another Success

Huge thanks to all who attended our Book Extravaganza last Saturday. Your generous donations raised more than $500 for the Friends of the Library. Combined with our Silent Auction in mid-September you have helped raise more than $3,500 for the library! Thank you once again for your generous support and keep an eye on us as we put this funding to good use.

Friday Night Movie

Our Friday night movie this week tells the story of a team of explorers who discover a clue to the origins of mankind on Earth, leading them on a journey to the darkest corners of the universe. There, they must fight a terrifying battle to save the future of the human race.

Though our Public Showing License doesn't allow me to name it here, I can say that the film is directed by Ridley Scott, and is hinted at being a prequel to his blockbuster Aliens saga. This critically acclaimed R-rated film (for sci-fi violence and brief language) stars Noomi Rapace, Michael Fassbender, Charlize Theron and Idris Elba, and is guaranteed to keep the audience guessing and on the edge of their seat.

Due to the rating all minors must be accompanied by an adult. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. for the 7 p.m. showing.

Sports

sports news and team views

War Eagles look great in win over Rickards

WILLIAM SNOWDEN

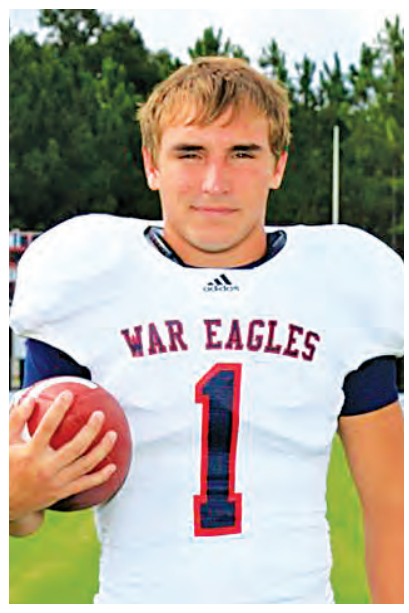
Cheerleaders and the War Eagle Marching Band keep the Wakulla fans revved up for the game.

WILLIAM SNOWDEN

Coach Scott Klees tells the play to quarterback Caleb Stephens.

Players of the Week

Offense



DILLON NORMAN
12 carries for 157 yards and 3 touchdowns

Defense

MIKAL CROMARTIE
1 interception, a fumble recovery, 5 tackles – plus offensive catch for TD

Special Teams

BRANDON NICHOLS
'Played great on Special Teams,' says Klees.

KEN FIELDS/SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Wakulla safety Mikal Cromartie picks off a pass and gets into the open field.

Community pep rally set Oct. 23

By BRIANA FORDHAM
Special to The News

Wakulla High School will be hosting a community event on Oct. 23, beginning at 6 p.m.

The Powder Puff Game between junior and senior girls will kickoff at 6 p.m.

The community pep rally will begin at 7 p.m. and is expected to last until 8 p.m.

There will be refreshments and food for sale at the concession stand.

During the pep rally, the 2012 Homecoming Court will be announced and you'll be able to familiarize yourself with the faces that are eligible to win the title of king and queen for 2012. We are accepting a $1 donation entry fee at the gate.

Please come out to the event and show your community spirit. If you have any questions, you may contact Briana Fordham at Wakulla High School.

More photos online at thewakullanews.com

WILLIAM SNOWDEN

Wakulla students celebrate the win after the game by singing the alma mater.

KEN FIELDS/SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

War Eagle linebacker Dequon Simmons sticks a hit on a Raiders running back.

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CROSS COUNTRY

War Eagles have good showing at FSU Invitational

By PAUL HOOVER
WHS Track Coach

On Saturday, Oct. 6, the local cross country teams joined 2,500 runners from more than 100 Florida High Schools as they competed in the huge FSU Invitational held on the Apalachee Regional Park cross country course.

The newly expanded and updated course is a joint venture between FSU, Gulf Winds Track Club and Leon County and is now truly a national class venue.

This invitational has always been a major meet, but this year it was even bigger because it will be the site of the 2012 State Finals Meet which made this meet the official Pre-State Meet.

Entries were limited to the first 100 teams to register, even though other teams were interested in attending. There were eight separate races held on Saturday, including Elite and Invitational sections.

Both of the WHS teams competed in the small school division.

Because of the way the meet was scheduled, the local team's races didn't start until after 10:30 a.m., which meant that the runners faced extremely warm and humid conditions which somewhat negatively affected their race times.

As expected, the races were extremely competitive and the runners had to fight for every place and every place was important in the final standings.

Twenty-five schools entered girls in this section and the WHS girls had another excellent outing, placing 4th out of the 19 schools that fielded complete teams.

The WHS varsity girls team consisted of **Marty Wiedeman, Raychel Gray, Kasey James, Lydia Wiedeman, Kayla Webbe, Lilianna Broadway** and **Connie Lewis**. Webbe was the 5th scoring runner for WHS team, running a new personal record (PR) time of 23:19 and also moving into the top 15 female runners of all time at the high school.

Lewis also set a new PR of 25:52, which was a 1:43 improvement for her. In the attendant JV race, **Emily Westmark** also ran a PR.

The WHS boys also had a good outing. Thirty schools entered runners in this section, with 21 schools fielding full teams. The local boys finished in 8th place.

The varsity boys team was composed of **Aaron Smith, Travis Parks, Lane Williams, Albert Smythe, Ryan Dodson, Mitchell Atkinson, Gabe Hutchins, Jimmy French** and **Justin Milhon**.

Smith, Smythe, Dodson, Milhon and French all recorded PRs in the race.

Smith's time of 18:18, was good enough to move him into 9th place on the All-Time Top 15 list at the high school.

WHS also had a number of runners in the boys JV race who ran good times and set new PRs. These runners included **Riley Carrier, Mark Veerapen, Tyler Westcott, Toby Jordon, Riley Welch** and **Evan Guarino**.

"Right after the races, I wasn't sure exactly how we had run," said Coach Paul Hoover. "Because of the conditions, the times for most of our top runners were a little slow, but after having a chance to analyze the results and looking at how we placed, it became clear that our kids, both the boys and girls, had really raced well.

"And in cross country, the real test is how you do in the head-to-head battle with the competition rather than the time you ran and we did about as well as I could have hoped for," Hoover said. "I'm pretty proud of our teams, especially the work ethic they've shown and how they work together and pull for each other."

The teams are back in action this Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Dolphin Dash, hosted by Mosley High School in Lynn Haven.

BILL ROLLINS/SPECIAL TO THE NEWS
Play at the net in a recent game between Wakulla and Florida High.

Lady War Eagles chalk up wins against Franklin, Suwannee

By ELIZABETH ANDREWS
Assistant Coach

The Wakulla Lady War Eagles played two games and a tournament last week, improving their record to 8-6 and 4-0 in districts.

The first game was against Franklin, at home on Wednesday, Oct. 3, and resulted in three straight match wins with scores of 25-16, 25-14 and 25-14.

Marina Petrandis served up eight aces and eight kills while **Breighly Bolton** added to the score with four aces and eight kills. **Shannan Wood** was the leader in kills with nine.

The second game was yet another win for the Lady War Eagles at Suwannee High on Thursday, Oct. 4.

The Eagles had three straight match wins with scores of 25-8, 25-12, and 25-16 thanks to **Haley Brown's** 15 kills, seven digs and three aces. **Chelsea Carroll** had an amazing game with five aces and 20 assists. Breighly Bolton contributed 11 kills and Shannan Wood added 10.

The tournament was held at Florida High School on Saturday, Oct. 6, and included three other teams, John Paul II, Florida High and North Florida Christian.

Wakulla placed third in the tournament, losing to John Paul II in three matches in the first game 25-21, 25-17 and 27-25.

Florida High was Wakulla's second loss and lasted four matches with scores of 16-25, 20-25, 25-22 and 23-25.

The day ended on a good note with Wakulla defeating NFC in three matches with scores of 25-12, 25-20 and 25-19.

Freshman setter **Caylee Cox** stepped in for Capt. Chelsea Carroll, who was not able to make the tournament and had 77 assists and six aces throughout the day. Haley Brown had 33 kills, Shannan Wood had 31, Marina Petrandis had 17, and Breighly Bolton had 12.

Defense was lead by **Jordan Pryor** with 37 digs and Haley Brown with 25.

The Lady War Eagles will play next week against John Paul II on Oct. 15 and on Oct. 18 against Maclay finishing up the season with districts on Oct. 25.

IGG's gymnastics team wins gold twice

Special to The News

The Crawfordville International Gold Gymnastics competitive level 3 team has won gold in back-to-back weekend competitions.

The first meet was held Sept. 29 at the U.S. Gold Gymnastics facility in Destin.

Last weekend, the gymnasts participated in the Canopy Roads Classic 2012 at the Trousdell Gymnastics Center in Tallahassee facing five other competitive teams.

The gymnasts were scored on their performance on beam, floor, vault and bars.

Level 3 gymnasts, ages 7 to 9, are coached by Yasmin Belhaj and Katie Bell.

International Gold Gymnastics will be hosting the next competition, 2012 Going for Gold Invite in Tallahassee on Oct. 20.

In the photo, from left to right are top: Annika Matlock; middle row: Hailey Quick, Hannah Francis, Lillie Steinle, Jewell Fondo and Coach Yasmin; bottom row: MaKenna Schissler, Aubree Bushee, Caroline Barwick and Riley Davis.

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Basketball practices and games will be held at the middle school.
Practices may start in November and continue into December. Games will begin in January after the winter holidays and run for approximately 5 weeks. Games will be held in the evenings on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, or Saturday mornings. Practices times are usually similar but are at the discretion of the coach of each individual team and the availability of the basketball facility.

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A weekly look at college football in the Sunshine State

FLORIDA STATE SEMINOLES

ACC now a must-win for FSU

Photo By TRAVIS REGISTER

Jimbo Fisher and EJ Manuel have a lot at stake over the second half of FSU's season.

By TIM LINAFELT

RALEIGH, N.C. – As Jimbo Fisher confessed painful truth after painful truth in the wake of Florida State's disappointing 17-16 loss at North Carolina State, he came across one point that wasn't quite accurate.

"We still control our own destiny in the ACC," Fisher said, holding on to a shred of optimism after yet another season of high hopes and high expectations fell by the wayside.

Fisher wasn't being dishonest. It just slipped his mind that if N.C. State wins out, it will be the Wolfpack – and not the Seminoles – making the trip to Charlotte to represent the Atlantic Division in the ACC Championship Game.

But forget that dashed optimism and hang on to this new silver lining: Florida State can still win its first Atlantic Coast Conference title since 2005.

Now before you go rolling your eyes, remember that this is still a talented and veteran-heavy team that, if it's as mature as it constantly said it was throughout the preseason and September, will be able to bounce back and refocus itself for the final six games of the regular season.

Also remember that the Wolfpack, which came into the FSU game having dropped contests to seemingly mediocre teams from Tennessee and Miami, still has dates with North Carolina and Clemson left on the schedule.

So, yes, the Seminoles are still very much in the hunt to win the conference and make their first BCS appearance since the 2006 Orange Bowl.

There won't be enough excuses in the world if this team, this coaching staff, fails to win the ACC in year three of the Fisher Era.

Stalwarts Virginia Tech have gone 0-for-The Big East, losing first to putrid Pittsburgh and then Cincinnati. The Hokies followed that up by getting run off the field by a UNC team with a new head coach and nothing to play for thanks to NCAA sanctions.

The Miami Hurricanes have been blown out by Kansas State and Notre Dame. Georgia Tech lost by three touchdowns to Middle Tennessee State and won just two of its first six.

Virginia, a program supposedly on the rise in coach Mike London's third season, was blushing after falling at home to Louisiana Tech and, instead of bouncing back, was routed at Duke.

Perhaps it's only fitting that, through six games, Maryland – picked to finish dead last – leads the Atlantic Division and the Blue Devils are only a half-game back of Miami in the Coastal.

This is not a sign of great parity within the league. It's a sign that the ACC might be as bad as it's ever been since expansion.

Which makes it that much more frustrating for FSU fans that the Seminoles have once again let a chance to get a stranglehold on the conference fall through their grips.

The Seminoles in 2013 will have to replace their veteran quarterback, star running back, most experienced receiver and do-everything fullback.

The defense will have questions, too. Everett Dawkins, Anthony McCloud and Cornellius Carradine will be gone and it's uncertain thatBrandon Jenkins or Bjoern Werner will return.

When they arrived in 2008 and 2009, it was hard to imagine that players like EJ Manuel, Chris Thompson, Rodney Smith and Lonnie Pryor could make it through their entire FSU careers without winning a single championship.

Competing for ACC titles ought to be the standard, not the goal. In any given year, FSU has enough talent to win the league, and that will be true in 2013. But next year won't present near the opportunity that 2012 did.

Which makes it imperative for the Seminoles to bounce back from yet another Carter-Finley nightmare – they've lost four of their last six in the 57,583-seat stadium – and win this conference.

Coming up short in 2010 and 2011 were tough enough pills to swallow. By December 1, 2012, FSU will have reached its expiration date.

In the meantime, the Seminoles will have to cross their fingers for another N.C. State loss – which is hardly an outlandish hope – and not stub theirs toes in any remaining contests. The upcoming visit to Miami and

THE WEEKEND SLATE

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The game can be seen on ESPNU.

Savannah State at Florida A&M at

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The game can be seen on famuathletics.com.

FLORIDA GATORS

LSU game big, not critical

GATOR BAIT / STEVE JOHNSON

Wide receiver Quinton Dunbar is slowly emerging as a threat in Florida's evolving passing attack.

By MARTY COHEN

We wait for events like this, the games that are the "reason you come to Florida." Even us sports writers, a cynical, critical bunch if there ever was one, get juiced for matchup of this magnitude. They used to be an annual occurrence around here, sometimes more than once in a season, but it's been a while since there was a "big-game feel" surrounding Florida football. Welcome back.

Saturday's contest with No. 4 LSU will deliver the season's "defining moment" for undefeated Florida.

It should be great theater on Saturday afternoon in The Swamp, which hopefully will become a full-throated factor like it was in the two decades before Muschamp arrived.

For a while this is a big game, it's simultaneously not a critical game for Florida – in fact, you could make a case (and I will) that the LSU showdown is the least important game Florida will play for the rest of the season, or at the very least, the conference season.

Now before your blood pressure starts spiking and you begin to wonder exactly what I was ingesting during the bye weekend, hear me out. Florida could lose this game on Saturday and not have a single goal it set for itself this season – including winning the national championship, however farfetched it once seemed – dashed in the process. Losing a game to a team from the SEC West is simply not a deterrent to winning an SEC or even a national championship. Florida's championship teams in 2006 and 2008 both lost close games to SEC West teams, and turned out OK.

Florida's next four games are more vital to Florida's chances to return to Atlanta after a two-year absence. The Gators' next home game against South Carolina on Oct. 20, is infinitely more critical than the LSU matchup.

Florida is undefeated, and has put itself in early position to have a special season and LSU is the next stone on the path.

A win would be great, a cause to celebrate, at least for a bit. But again, a loss would not cause irreparable damage to the season. Sure it is – any loss becomes magnified as the stakes continue to rise.

But Florida's far more important games will come on Oct. 20 and Oct. 27, the tough back-to-back South Carolina-Georgia doubleheader which will ultimately determine the course of the season. Lose one of those games, and Florida's dream of making it back to Atlanta takes a severe hit.

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

Hear ye, hear ye – the Supreme Court is now in session

By MICHAEL PELTIER
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, Oct. 5 – As the nation tuned in for the first of three presidential debates this week, Tallahassee's attention focused heavily on the state Supreme Court.

The court heard arguments in a range of controversial cases that included a parental-rights fight between former lesbian partners; an undocumented immigrant's attempt to become a lawyer; a long-running debate about nuclear-power costs; and a dispute about university tuition.

Meanwhile, three justices fought back in a political battle with Republican leaders and conservatives who want them replaced.

Outside the court, regulators approved new rates for Citizens Property Insurance Corp. customers for 2013, while business groups and the state's consumer advocate traded salvos about an effort to reduce the number of policies in the state-backed insurance pool.

JUDGES ON THE HOT SEAT

The Supreme Court typically hears oral arguments one week each month. And this week was a doozy.

The court heard arguments about whether the Florida Board of Governors has the power to determine tuition and fees for public universities, a power that if granted would take that authority away from the Legislature.

A skeptical court listened as an attorney for a group led by former U.S. Sen. Bob Graham argued that a 2002 constitutional amendment establishing the Board of Governors implicitly gave it the authority to set tuition and fees.

Justices also said they may be powerless to let an undocumented immigrant practice law in the state, despite recent federal moves to create a pathway to permanent status for immigrants brought to the country as children.

In a case that has drawn national attention, the Florida Board of Bar Examiners asked justices to weigh in on whether it should waive rules, set up in 2008, and allow Jose Godinez-Samperio to be accepted as a Bar member despite the fact he is currently illegally residing in the country.

In another case, the court raised doubts about a challenge to a 2006 law that has led to customers of two utilities paying for future nuclear reactors that might not be built.

The Southern Alliance for Clean Energy filed the legal challenge after the PSC late last year approved allowing Florida Power & Light and Progress Energy Florida to pass along about $282 million in nuclear-project costs to customers in 2012.

From nuclear power to nuclear family, the court also heard arguments in a legal battle that raises new questions about parental rights after the break-up of same-sex relationships.

A Brevard County case pits two women who were lesbian partners when they decided to have a child. It is unique because one of the women provided an egg that was fertilized and implanted in the other woman, who later gave birth. After the relationship ended, the woman who gave birth blocked her former partner from having parental rights.

Florida law gives egg or sperm donors limited rights, but some justices wondered if the laws were written with anonymous donors in mind and did not reflect other situations.

At one point, Justice Barbara Pariente raised the scenario of a man who impregnates a woman in a "one-night stand" and receives parental rights. She questioned whether two women who decide to raise a child should have lesser rights and said that could create issues of equal protection.

In most years, merit retention votes don't draw much attention, as sitting appellate judges and Supreme Court justices quietly return to office.

This year, some conservative groups and the Republican Party of Florida are attempting to unseat three veteran justices who have repeatedly come under fire from conservatives for rulings going back more than a decade.

On Friday, Justices R. Fred Lewis, Barbara Pariente and Peggy Quince attended a forum at the Florida State University College of Law to talk about merit retention as the trio tries to counter the push to send them packing.

Collectively, they have raised more than $1 million to keep their jobs.

Last month, the RPOF voted to officially oppose the justices for a series of rulings that have not gone Republicans' way. Among others joining the fight is Americans for Prosperity, a group funded by conservative billionaires Charles and David Koch.

The justices have been joined by a group, Defend Justice from Politics, which supports their retention efforts.

CITIZENS IN THE NEWS

The state-backed insurer was in the news this week as the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation approved rates for 2013 that will boost premiums by 10.8 percent for Citizens Property Insurance Corp. customers.

Following more than a month of review and multiple hearings by Citizens board members and the agency, OIR approved new rates that will affect most of the company's 1.4 million customers on policies renewed after Jan. 1.

State lawmakers and OIR officials have been trying to boost Citizens rates in recent years to make them more comparable to rates that would be charged by the private market in some of the riskiest areas of the state.

Lawmakers, however, limited annual increases to 10 percent, a cap that critics say has hindered efforts to depopulate the state-run pool that has become the largest property insurer in the state. The cap, however, does not include higher costs for hurricane catastrophe insurance, resulting in rates climbing higher than 10 percent.

The rate hikes come amid growing efforts by Citizens to reduce its ranks. This week, a plan to use $350 million in surplus to coax private companies into taking policies out of Citizens drew concern from Florida's insurance consumer advocate, who called on the insurer to provide much more data surrounding the proposed loan program.

In a letter to Citizens Chairman Carlos Lacasa, consumer advocate Robin Westcott put forth a lengthy list of questions surrounding a deal approved in September by Citizens' board of governors to provide 20-year, low interest loans to private carriers to partially offset the risks associated with Citizens policies.

Business groups, led by Associated Industries of Florida, jumped to Citizens' defense, saying the loan program is needed to help re-invigorate the state's private insurance market.

ELECTION UPDATE

Florida's effort to remove non-citizens from the ranks of voters took another step forward this week. A federal judge ruled that there's no time limit for the state to push for the removal of voters who were never supposed to be registered, and an effort to clean the rolls of non-citizens can continue until the November election.

Judge William Zloch ruled that Secretary of State Ken Detzner is within the law in seeking the removal of voters from the rolls who were never supposed to be there. Opponents contended federal law prevented such purges within 90 days of the election.

"Certainly, the "National Voter Registration Act" does not require the State to idle on the sidelines until a non-citizen violates the law before the State can act," Zloch wrote."

STORY OF THE WEEK: The Florida Supreme Court took up a series of high-profile cases, which dealt with issues such as university tuition, nuclear power costs and the admission of an undocumented immigrant to the Florida Bar.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "So if you have sex the good old-fashioned way ... it's constitutional, but anything else" doesn't get the same status? – Florida Supreme Court Justice Barbara Pariente during arguments in parental-rights case involving two women who were in a same-sex relationship.

Justices hit back at critics

By BRANDON LARRABEE
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, Oct. 5 – Three justices of the Florida Supreme Court used a forum Friday at Florida State University to hit back at their critics, while campaign filings showed the trio had raised more than $1 million for their electoral defense.

Speaking to an audience at the FSU College of Law comprised mostly of students, Justices R. Fred Lewis, Barbara Pariente and Peggy Quince pushed back against a campaign to push them off the bench that has spread from a conservative grass-roots uprising to a denouncing of the three by the Republican Party of Florida.

The justices said that the effort to throw them off the court in this November's merit retention elections, in which the justices don't face opposition but have to get the approval of a majority of voters, was a challenge to the state's judicial branch itself.

"We do not want and we should not want to go back to a system where judges are beholden to anyone – no political party, no group, no individual," Quince said.

Pariente stressed the same theme: That the bid by the group Restore Justice 2012 and other opponents to push the justices off the court would help to dismantle some of the reforms passed after a series of scandals shook the high court in the 1970s.

"What we see is that it is not about just the three of us, but it is about our system of a fair and impartial judiciary," she said.

Lewis, who at times choked back tears when talking about his respect for the court and his role as a judge, recalled working for then-Circuit Court Judge Shelby Highsmith's unsuccessful campaign for the Supreme Court. Lewis said he and Highsmith were shocked at the corruption in the race.

"Floridians deserve better," Lewis said. "We ought not allow it to go back to those days."

Opponents have sought to cast the three, who often serve as the backbone of the court's left-of-center majority, as activist judges who are out of touch with the state's voters. Supporters have insisted that the justices have simply followed the law and that the new effort is an attempt to mold a court less likely to thwart Gov. Rick Scott and the Republican-dominated Legislature.

Recently, the Republican Party of Florida's executive board got into the fight, upbraiding the justices for their votes in a 2003 appeal by Joe Nixon, who was convicted in the 1984 murder of Jeanne Bickner in Leon County. In that ruling, the court found that Nixon's lawyer erred in essentially conceding his guilt during the trial without getting a statement of approval from Nixon. The U.S. Supreme Court overturned that decision.

"These three justices voted to set aside the death penalty for a man convicted of tying a woman to a tree with jumper cables and setting her on fire," party spokeswoman Kristen McDonald said when the state GOP announced it was backing the effort to remove the justices.

But Lewis told reporters after the event that he ruled against one of Nixon's earlier appeals in 2000.

"So I guess I should take it that their attack is actually a compliment," he said.

Lewis did concur in the majority opinion in the 2003 appeal, but wrote in a separate concurring opinion that he felt bound by the court's earlier ruling even though he thought the result was "legally and logically incorrect."

Lewis criticized the RPOF for jumping into the fray.

"I'm disappointed," he said. "And I would have been disappointed if the Democratic Party had come out one way or another. I would have been disappointed if the Green Party [had gotten involved]. I'm disappointed that we are in an era where partisan politics, there's an attempt to inject that into nonpartisan matters."

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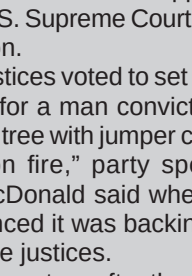

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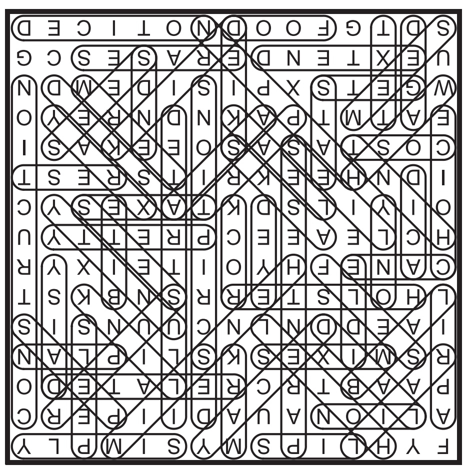

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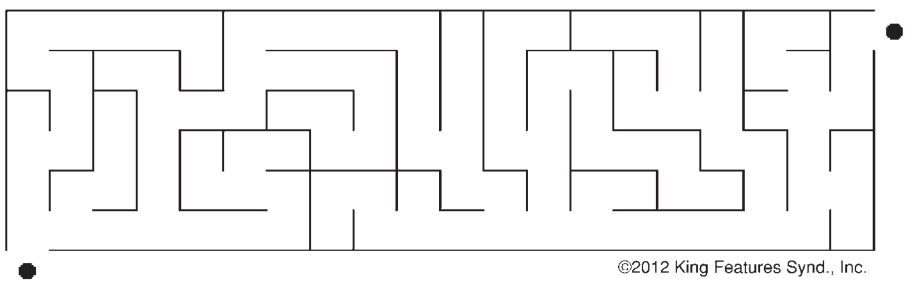

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by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH – COLLEGE LIFE

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **Why doesn't the sun need to go to college?**

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Riddle Answer: __ __ __ __ __ __ / __ __ __ __ __ __ __ / __ __ __ __ __ __ __.

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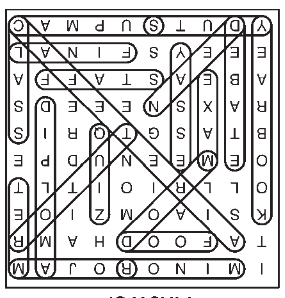
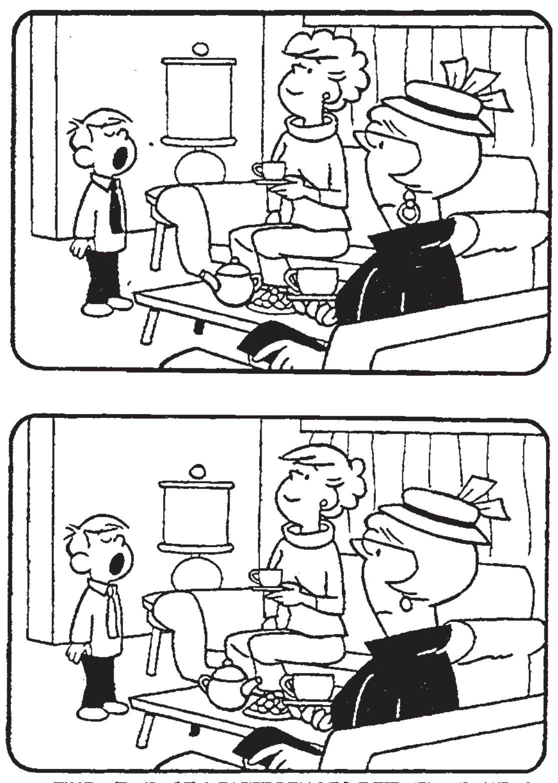
Riddle Answer:
It has a million degrees.



Puzzles4Kids Answer

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: 1. Tie is different. 2. Lamp shade is smaller. 3. Teapot is reversed. 4. Hair is different. 5. Earring is different. 6. Ribbon is missing.

UP A TREE! Our artist claims there are 16 faces among branches of this family tree. How many do you see?

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

1 IN _ _ _ _ _
2 _ IN _ _ _ _
3 _ _ IN _ _ _
4 _ _ _ IN _ _
5 _ _ _ _ IN _
6 _ _ _ _ _ IN

IN IT TO WIN IT CHALLENGE

YES, you have to be IN it to win it — or, in this case, to solve it. Six seven-letter words shown contain the word IN in progressive stages. You are asked to fill in these words in accord with the following definitions:

1. **Due to arrive, as a plane or train.**
2. **"A horse! A horse! My — for a horse."**
3. **Hanger-onner of sorts.**
4. **Gone but not forgotten, as the dinosaur, moa, etc.**
5. **Astonishingly hard to believe.**
6. **Bad guy hissed by old-time audiences.**

How quickly can you puzzle them out? Time: 2 minutes.

1. Inbound. 2. Kingdom. 3. Clinger. 4. Extinct. 5. Amazing. 6. Villain.

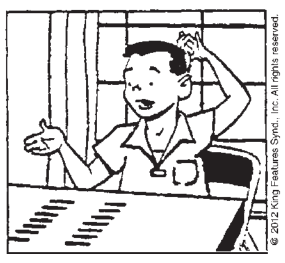
SPORTS CAST! Name a sport with which each of the following B-words is associated: 1. Bunt. 2. Bogey. 3. Butterfly. 4. Bootleg. 5. Blueline. 6. Blinders. Time limit: 1 minute.

1. Baseball. 2. Golf. 3. Swimming. 4. Football. 5. Hockey. 6. Horse racing.

QUICK PICK! Place 14 toothpicks on the table. In turn, you and an opponent are to pick up one, two or three. Object is to force opponent to pick up last toothpick.

Here's how: If you go first, you can't lose. On first turn, take one. On next turn, pick up fifth toothpick in removal order. On next turn, see that just five toothpicks remain.

If opponent goes first, try to proceed similarly, but this method may not always succeed.



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Meeting Notices

5403-1011 TWN
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EVENT: Regular School Board Meeting

DATE : Monday, October 15, 2012

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Meeting Notices

TIME: 5:45 p.m.
PLACE: School Board Room, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida
PURPOSE: Regular School Board Meeting

For further information please contact:
Superintendent's Office, Wakulla County Schools, P.O. Box 100, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, FL 32326 850-926-0065

October 11, 2012

Lien Notices

5401-1018 TWN
PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO SECTION 328.17 F.S., NON-JUDICAIL 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:

1. Vessel: 21 ft. Shamrock Cleveland Engine 351, VIN # SHA 015290483, Reg. # FL5221DN Owner: Estate of James E. Torgerson, II
2. Vessel: 27 ft. 1976 Columbia, VIN # 7043, Reg. # FL3499PA Owner: Scott Synar
3. Vessel: 25 ft. Hunter Marine Outboard, VIN # HUN51432 M79C25, Reg. # FL9947CV Owner Josh Davis

Said sale will take place October 27, 2012 beginning at 9:00 a.m. and shall be held at the location of Rock Landing Marina, 99 Rock Landing Road, Panacea, Florida 32346.
The mailing address and contact number of said Marina is P.O. Box 653, Panacea, Florida 32346; Telephone # (850) 984-5844
October 11 & 18, 2012

Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices

5405-1018 TWN
Estate of Bullock, Reginald File No. 12000374CPA Notice of Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA
FILE NO. 12000374CPA

IN RE: ESTATE OF REGINALD BULLOCK
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Reginald Bullock, deceased, whose date of death was August 19, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gadsden County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 10 E. Jefferson St. , Quincy, FL 32351. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this notice is October 11, 2012.

Personal Representative:
By:/s/ Nellie Ruth Shaw
1181 Joe Adams Road
Quincy, florida 32351

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Kimberly L. King, Attorney for Nellie Ruth Shaw
Florida Bar Number 0593011
KING & WOOD P.A., 1701 Hermitage Blvd.
Suite 104, Tallahassee, FL 323308
Telephone: (850)580-7711
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October 11 & 18, 2012

5400-1018 TWN
Vs. Fields, Judith. 2010-CA-037 Re- Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2010-CA-037

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

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 28, 2010 and an Order Rescheduling the Foreclosure Sale dated September 25, 2012, entered in Civil Case No.: 2010-CA-037 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI TRUST SERIES 2007-MLMI , Plaintiff, and JUDITH M. FIELDS F/K/A JUDITH M. TOOLE, is the Defendant.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash in the Front Lobby of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32326 at 11:00 AM, on the 29th day of November, 2012, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

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

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will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on September 26, 2012
BRENT X. THURMOND, CLERK OF THE COURT
(COURT SEAL)
By: /s/ Desiree D. Willis , Deputy Clerk

Attorney for the Plaintiff: Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire, Popkin & Rosaler, P.A., 1701 West Hillsboro Boulevard, Suite 400, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442. Telephone: (954)360-9030 Facsimile: (954)420-5187.
October 11 & 18, 2012

5397-1011 TWN
vs. Wheeler, Wanda *65-2010-CA-000344 Notice of Foreclosure Sale*
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 65-2010-CA-000344

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
WANDA WHEELER A/K/A ELWANDA WHEELER RODGERS, et. al.
Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 19, 2012, and entered in 65-2010-CA-000344 of the Circuit Court of the second Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein CITIMORTGAGE, INC., is the Plaintiff and ELWANDA WHEELER RODGERS A/K/A WANDA WHEELER; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) are the Defendants. Brent Thurmond as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., the Front Lobby, Wakulla County Courthouse, Crawfordville, FL 32327, at 11:00 a.m. on November 1, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, 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 19th day of September, 2012.
Brent Thurmond, As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Desiree D. Willis, As Deputy Clerk
(COURT SEAL)

IMPORTANT
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Susan Wilson, ADA Coordinator, 301 South Monroe Street, Tallahasse, FL 32301 , 850.577.4401, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

EXHIBIT "A"

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN EAST 1560.62'; THENCE SOUTH 09 DEGREES 58'29" EAST ALONG THE MAINTAINED RIGHT OF WAY OF FORESTRY ROAD #356 640.30' TO THE P.O.B. FROM SAID P.O.B. CONTINUE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY SOUTH 09 DEGREES 58' 29" EAST 210.00'; THENCE SOUTH 80 DEGREES 01'31" WEST 210.00'; THENCE NORTH 09 DEGREES 58'29" WEST 210.00'; THENCE NORTH 80 DEGREES 01'31" EAST 210.00' TO THE P.O.B. CONTAINING 1.01 ACRES MORE OR LESS.
October 4 & 11, 2012 11-07553

5396-1018 TWN
vs. Kirkland, Stacie Case No.: 65-2010-CA-000425 Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 65-2010-CA-000425

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
STACIE RENEE KIRKLAND A/K/A STACIE R. KIRKLAND; ANTROY LEMORE KIRKLAND A/K/A ANTROY L. KIRKLAND; DIANE DELORES ROBERTS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DIANE DELORES ROBERTS; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANTS(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWNHEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2,
Defendants.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, in accordance with the Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on JSeptember 19, 2012 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on November 1, 2012 at 11:00 A.M. (EST) at the Wakulla County Courthouse, located at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL the following described property:

From the southwest corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section 3, Township 3 South, Range 1 West, Wakulla County, Florida; run East 711.12 feet along the south boundary line of said Northeast Quarter to a concrete monument and the Point of Beginning; from said concrete monument, run due North 1,296.43 feet to a point on a traverse line in the approximate center of the Bethel to Wakulla public road; thence run North 87 degrees 05 minutes 20 seconds East along said traverse line 127.22 feet to an angle point; then run South 74 degrees 16 minutes East along said traverse line 98.32 feet; thence run due South 1,276.23 feet to the south boundary line of the Northeast quarter of said Section 3, Township 3 South, Range 1 West; thence run West along the south boundary line of said Northeast Quarter 221.78 feet to the Point of Beginning. Less the southerly part of the Bethel to Wakulla public road, lying and being in the South Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 3 South, Range 1 West, Wakulla County, Florida. Said land being otherwise described as lot No. 4 of an unrecorded plat of a survey of lands of the Estate of Stacey Roberts, deceased.

TOGETHER WITH that certain 2006 Nobility RMS Model 66' x 28' Manufactured Home, Serial No.'s N1-10006A and N1-10006B

Property address: 154 Robert Williams Drive, Crawfordville, FL 32327.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTERST 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 September 19, 2012

(seal)
Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk
Wakulla County Circuit Court
By: /s/ Desiree D. Willis, Deputy Clerk
October 11 & 18, 2012

5395-1018 TWN
vs. Lacher, Walter J., Case No. 652010CA000269 Foreclosure
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 65-2010-CA000269 DIVISION:

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
WALTER J. LACHER A/K/A WALTER LACHER , et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated September 19, 2012 and entered in Case No. 65-2010-CA-000269 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC. is the Plaintiff and WALTER J. LACHER A/K/A WALTER LACHER; TAMARA LACHER; AIS SERVICES, LLC AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO AMERITECH GOLD; WAKULLA BANK; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; STATE OF FLORIDA - DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; TENANT #1 N/K/A JACQUELYNE MCLENDON are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT LOBBY OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 1st day of November, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

COMMENCE AT AN OLD IRON PIPE MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES, 45 MINUTES, 46 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 14 AND ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY OF EMMETT WHALEY ROAD 760.70 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTINUE NORTH 88 DEGREES, 45 MINUTES, 46 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SECTION LINE AND ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY 300.00 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREE, 10 MINUTES, 58 SECONDS EAST 145.29 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES, 45, MINUTES, 46 SECONDS EAST 299.64 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREE, 02 MINUTES, 31 SECONDS WEST 145.29 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

A/K/A 188 EMMETT WHALEY ROAD, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on September 19, 2012.

Brent X. Thurmond

Clerk of the Circuit Court

(seal)

By:Desireee D. Willis:

Deputy Clerk
****See Americans with Disabilities Act**
Any persons with a disability requiring reasonable accommodations should call Clerk of Circuit Court at (850)926-0905.
October 11 & 18, 2012

5394-1011 TWN
Vs. Clardy, Ronald Case No. 65-2010-CA 000352 Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 65-2010-CA-000352

U.S. BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,
vs.
RONALD CLARDY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RONALD CLARDY; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS;
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on July 18, 2012, and the Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered on September 19, 2012, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Wakulla County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Wakulla County, Florida, described as:

LOTS 40 AND 41, BLOCK 1 OF WAKULLA GARDENS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDEDINN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 39, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
a/k/a 115 SIOUX TRAIL, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the front lobby of the Wakulla County Courthouse located at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida, at eleven o'clock a.m., on October 25, 2012.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated at Crawfordville, Florida, this 19th day of September, 2012.
Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of the Circuit Court
(SEAL)
By: /s/Desiree D. Willis, Deputy Clerk
October 4 & 11, 2012 665101223

5393-1011 TWN
vs. King, Beulah Case No. 652012CA000292 Notice of Action
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.65-2012-CA-000292
Division

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,
vs.
BEULAH V. KING, et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: BEULAH V. KING
CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS
111 SHAR MEL RE LN
CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327

You are notified that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Wakulla County, Florida:

LOTS NUMBERED ONE-HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR AND ONE-HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE (154 & 155), BLOCK "A" OF MAGNOLIA GARDENS, AS PER PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 37 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

commonly known as 84 TAFFLINGER RD, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Michael L. Tebbi of Kass Shuler, P.A., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 800, Tampa, Florida 33601, (813) 229-0900, on or before November 2, 2012, (or 30 days from the first date of publication, whichever is later) and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated: September 17, 2012.
CLERK OF THE COURT,
Honorable J. H. Thurmond
3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327
(COURT SEAL)
By: /s/ Desiree D. Willis, Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of Court Administration, Leon County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301: (850) 577-4401 within 7 working days of your receipt of this notice: if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.

October 4 & 11, 2012

5392-1011 TWN
Vs. Thomas, Tanesia Case No. 2010CA-000111 Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 2010CA-000111

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, f/k/a Farmers Home Administration, a/k/a Rural Housing Service,
Plaintiff,
vs.
TANESIA NICOLE THOMAS, a single woman,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on September 20, 2012 by the above entitled Court in the above styled cause, the undersigned Clerk of Court or any of his duly authorized deputies, will sell the property situated in WAKULLA County, Florida, described as:

A portion of Lots 4&5, Block 4, of Greiners Addition to Crawfordville and being more particularly described as follows:
Commence at a concrete monument (marked #2919) marking the Northeast corner of Lot 1, Block 4 of Greiner's Addition to Crawfordville, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1 of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida, said point also lying on the Southerly right-of-way boundary of Nelson Road, thence run South 72 degrees 15 minutes 37 seconds West along said Southerly right-of-way boundary 169.88 feet to an iron rod and cap (marked #6475) marking the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING run South 72 degrees 11 minutes 30 seconds West along said Southerly right-of-way boundary 60.01 feet to an iron rod and cap (marked #6475), thence leaving said Southerly right-of-way boundary run South 17 degrees 40 minutes 24 seconds East 99.95 feet to an iron rod and cap (marked #6475) thence run North 72 degrees 16 minutes 09 seconds East 60.01 feet to an iron rod and cap (marked #6475), thence run North 17 degrees 40 minutes 41 seconds West 100.03 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING containing 0.14 acres, more or less

at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash on November 15, 2012, in the lobby of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, beginning at 11:00 A.M. Central Time, subject to all ad valorem taxes and assessments for the real property described above.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, 301 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301, (850)577-4401, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

DATED on September 20, 2012
BRENT X. THURMOND
Clerk of Circuit Court
3056 Crawfordville Highway
Crawfordville, Florida 32327
(SEAL)
By: /s/ Desiree D. Willis, Deputy Clerk
October 4 & 11, 2012.

5391-1011 TWN
Vs.Davis, Joyce Case No. 2012-112-CA Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2012-112-CA

AMERIS BANK, a Georgia Bank
2628 Crawfordville Hwy
P.O. Box 1240
Crawfordville, Florida 32327
Plaintiff,
v.
JOYCE L. DAVIS, *et al.*
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

LOTS 64 AND 65 OF BLOCK 25, OF WAKULLA GARDENS, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 39 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash at the **Wakulla County Courthouse,**

MINUTES OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 1, 2012

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited with a prayer given by Mr. Thomas. Superintendent Miller, Becky Cook, Ray Gray, Mike Scott and Greg Thomas were in attendance. Jerry Evans was absent.

Moved by Mrs. Cook, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the agenda as amended.Voting for the motion: Mrs. Cook, Mr. Gray, Mr. Scott and Mr. Thomas.

Moved by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Gray to approve a Letter of Retirement on Martha A. Folsom/effective May 31, 2012.Voting for the motion: Mrs. Cook, Mr. Gray, Mr. Scott and Mr. Thomas.

Moved by Mrs. Cook, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the following Letters of Resignation:

1. Jerry Ducksworth/effective Oct. 1, 2012
2. Josh Cerwin/effective Sept. 13, 2012
3. Lisa Dunn/effective Sept. 25, 2012

Voting for the motion: Mrs. Cook, Mr. Gray, Mr. Scott and Mr. Thomas.

Moved by Mrs. Cook, seconded by Mr. Gray to approve an Employee Suspension. (See Supplemental File #22) Voting for the motion: Mrs. Cook, Mr. Gray, Mr. Scott and Mr. Thomas.

Moved by Mr. Gray, seconded by Mrs. Cook to approve Out of Field teachers. (See Supplemental File #22) Voting for the motion: Mrs. Cook, Mr. Gray, Mr. Scott and Mr. Thomas.

Moved by Mr. Gray, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the Pre-K Non-Certificated Personnel. (See Supplemental File #22) Voting for the motion: Mrs. Cook, Mr. Gray, Mr. Scott and Mr. Thomas.

Moved by Mrs. Cook, seconded by Mr. Gray to adjourn. Voting for the motion: Mrs. Cook, Mr. Gray, Mr. Scott and Mr. Thomas.

An Executive Session was held to discuss the release of V.A.M. scores and the impact on teacher evaluations and how it will affect our district. Staff in attendance: Superintendent Miller, Mrs. Cook, Mr. Gray, Mr. Scott, Mr. Thomas, Assistant Superintendents O'Donnell & Pearce, Randy Beach, CFO and Karen Wells, Executive Director of Human Resources.

OCTOBER 11, 2012

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2669 Surf Road - Ocholockonee Bay 2BR/1BA Bayfront home with fireplace, carport, large screened porch and utility room. No Smoking. No Pets. $750 per month.
50 Spokan Rd.- Wakulla Gardens 2BR/2BA house $750 per month. No smoking. No Pets.
1119 Aligator Dr. Beachfront home- Alligator Point 2BR/2BA Furnished, w/fireplace, deck on the Gulf of Mexico $1,300 per month. No smoking. No Pets.
6 River Cove - Bay view - 2BD/1BA Cottage near Ochlockonee Bay and boat ramp. $550.mo. No smoking. Pets with Deposit
109 Frances Avenue - Panacea. 3BD/2BA MH on a large 1 acre fenced lot. $625. mo. No smoking. No pets
109 Dickson Bay Rd. - Panacea. 2BD/1BA Covered front porch, open back deck. $575 mo. No smoking. No pets.
Commercial building - 4,300 square foot heated and cooled building on 1 acre of land - Rents out for $1,800.00. Building is in excellent condition.
63 Sunrise - Ochlockonee Bay 3BR/2BA $1,000 mo. No Smoking. No Pets

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- 66 Homan Point - 3BR/2BA with 2 Car Garagee. $97. mo., $975. Security.
- 26B old Courthouse Square - 2 BR/2BA Townhouse. Avalable 11/1, $750 mo. $750 Security.
- 31 Chehaw - Panacea, 3BR/2BA DWMH, $650/mo, %650 Security.
- 22 Coral Way - 3BR./2BA with 1 car garage and fenced in yard on 1/2 acre. Pets okay with $250. fee, $950.mo/$950 Deposit.
- 26 Manatee Lane - 3BR/2BA on Wakulla River. Short term lease available $1500/Mo. Nightly rates available, all utilities included.
- 43 Squaw - DWMH 3BR/2BA $750/Mo./$900 Deposit
- 49B Dispennette Drive - 3BR/2BA Duplex $750 Mo. Incl.Water/Swr No Smoking/ Pets ok
- 4379 Crawfordville Hwy - (Commercial Building) $3,000 Mo. 7,000sf., incl. 800sf of office space, fenced
- 82 Mimosa - 3BR/1.5BA $650Mo./$650 Deposit
- 118 Shar Mel Re - 3BR/2BA Available Sept. 1, $900Mo./$900 Deposit
- 14 Cutchin Ct. - 3BR/2BA $650 mo/$650 Deposit.
- 140 Duane St: 3BR/2BA $875 mo and $875 Security deposit. No smoking pets ok with owner approval and $250 pet fee. Available Oct. 1.

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Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices **Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices** **Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices**

3056 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, Florida 32327, at 11:00 AM (EST), on the 25th day of October, 2012.

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

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

Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Desiree D. Willis, Deputy Clerk
(seal)

Timothy D. Padgett, ESQ.,Timothy D. Padgett, P.A.
2878 Remington Green Circle, Tallahassee, Florida 32308
Counsel for Plaintiff
October 4 & 11, 2012

Notices to Creditors/ Administration **Notices to Creditors/ Administration** **Notices to Creditors/ Administration**

5405-1018 TWN
vs. Scott, Allen File No. 12-91-CP Notice to Creditors
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION, File No. 12-91-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF ALLEN JAMES SCOTT, a/k/a ALLEN J. SCOTT
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of **ALLEN JAMES SCOTT, a/k/a ALLEN J. SCOTT**, deceased, whose date of death was **JUNE 23, 2012** and whose **Social Security Number is 102-36-3329** is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court **WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.**

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court **WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.**

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this notice is October 11, 2012.

Personal Representative:
By: /s/ **PATRICIA P. STRICKLAND**
P.O. Box 125 ,Brooksville, FL 34605-0125

Attorney for Personal Representative:
R. SETH MANN, R. SETH MANN, P.A.
Florida Bar Number 0990434
38109 Pasco Avenue, Dade City, FL 33525
Telephone (352) 567-5010, Facsimile: (352) 567-1877
October 11, 2012

5404-1018 **TWN**
vs. Hill, Kathy File No. 2012-CP-84 Notice To Creditors
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION, File No. 2012-CP-84

IN RE: ESTATE OF KATHY DOWNING HILL
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Kathy Downing Hill., deceased, whose date of death was April 9, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for WAKULLA County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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Notices to Creditors/ Administration **Notices to Creditors/ Administration** **Notices to Creditors/ Administration**

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

The date of first publication of this notice is October 11, 2012.

Personal Representative:
Jessie A. Hill, Jr.
2671 Crawfordville Hwy., Box 6
Crawfordville, Florida 32327

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Deirdre A. Farrington, Attorney for Jessie a. Hill., Jr.
Florida Bar Number: 488690, PO Box 392, Crawfordville, FL 32326Telephone:
(850)926-2700, Fax: (850)926-2741 E-Mail: deirdre@farrington-law.com

Tax Deed Notices **Tax Deed Notices** **Tax Deed Notices**

5376-1018 TWN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 12-320-DR

Stacey Kimble Jefferson
Petitioner,
and
Benjamin Alexander Jefferson
Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: Benjamin Alexander Jefferson
l/k/a 75 Northwood Lane, Crawfordville, FL 32327

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on STACEY KIMBLE JEFFERSON whose address is 75 NORTHWOOD LANE, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327 on or before October 26, 2012 and file with the orignal with the clerk of the Court at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida, 32327 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

September 27 and October 4, 11, & 18, 2012

5389-1018 TWN
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2012 TXD 010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that PLYMOUTH PARK TAX SERVICES the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate # 1096 Year of Issuance 2010

Description of Property: Parcel # **08-6S-01W-283-04862-E01 MARINA VILLAGE OF PANACEA UNIT 2 BLK E LOT 1 & BOAT SLIP F OR 372 P 888 OR 496 P 637**

Name in which assessed H. CLAY HARRIS & LINDA W HARRIS said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 7th day of NOVEMBER, 2012, at 10:00 AM.

Dated this 14TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2012.

Signature: Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk
By:Donna Richardson, Deputy Clerk
Clerk of the Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida

September 27 and October 4, 11 & 18,2012

5388-1018TWN
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2012 TXD 009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that GENE OPHEIM the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate # 1613 Year of Issuance 2005

Tax Deed Notices **Tax Deed Notices** **Tax Deed Notices**

Description of Property: Parcel # **00-00-085-121-11580-012 CASORA ESTATES UI TRACT 12 OR 253 P 619 OR 253 P 624**

Name in which assessed RONALD D & TINA RENEE THOMAS said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 7th day of NOVEMBER, 2012, at 10:00 AM.

Dated this 14TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2012.

Signature: Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk
By:Donna Richardson, Deputy Clerk
Clerk of the Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida
September 27 and October 4, 11 & 18, 2012

5387-1018 TWN
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2012 TXD 008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that DONALD J SHEMWELL the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate # 1414 Year of Issuance 2010

Description of Property: Parcel # **00-00-024-000-06581-001 P-8-1-M-6 COMM AT THE NW COR OF THE E1/2 OF THE NW 1/4 OF LOT 24 RUN S 17%E 660 FT TO THE P.O.B OR 163 P 719**

Name in which assessed ERVIN A DONALDSON said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 7th day of NOVEMBER, 2012, at 10:00 AM.

Dated this 14TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2012.

Signature: Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk
By:Donna Richardson, Deputy Clerk
Clerk of the Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida
September 27 and October 4, 11 & 18, 2012

5386-1018 TWN
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2012 TXD 007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that DONALD J SHEMWELL the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate # 1687 Year of Issuance 2010

Description of Property: Parcel # **00-00-034-009-08538-000 WAKULLA GARDENS UNIT 2 BLOCK 8 LOT 26 OR 20 P 682 OR 634 P 327**

Name in which assessed KURT D & SAMUEL L ELLIOTT JR AS JTRS said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 7th day of NOVEMBER, 2012, at 10:00 AM.

Dated this 14TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2012.

Signature: Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk
By:Donna Richardson, Deputy Clerk
Clerk of the Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida
September 27 and October 4, 11, & 18, 2012

5385-1018 TWN
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2012 TXD 006

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that NU TAX 1 GP the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate # 2525 Year of Issuance 2010

Description of Property: Parcel # **00-00-121-351-11968-A05 THE RESORT ESTATES AT SHELL POINT UNIT 2 BLOCK A LOT 5 OR 752 P 576**

Name in which assessed JOHN BOCCHINO said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 7th day of NOVEMBER, 2012, at 10:00 AM.

Dated this 14TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2012.

Signature: Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk
By:Donna Richardson, Deputy Clerk
Clerk of the Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida
September 27 and October 4, 11 & 18, 2012

Brain Teaser

1	2		3	4		5	6	
	3		7				2	
	5		8			4		
	8			9			7	
		4				2		
	7			3			5	
		2			6		1	
	9				4		8	
	6	5		1	3		4	9

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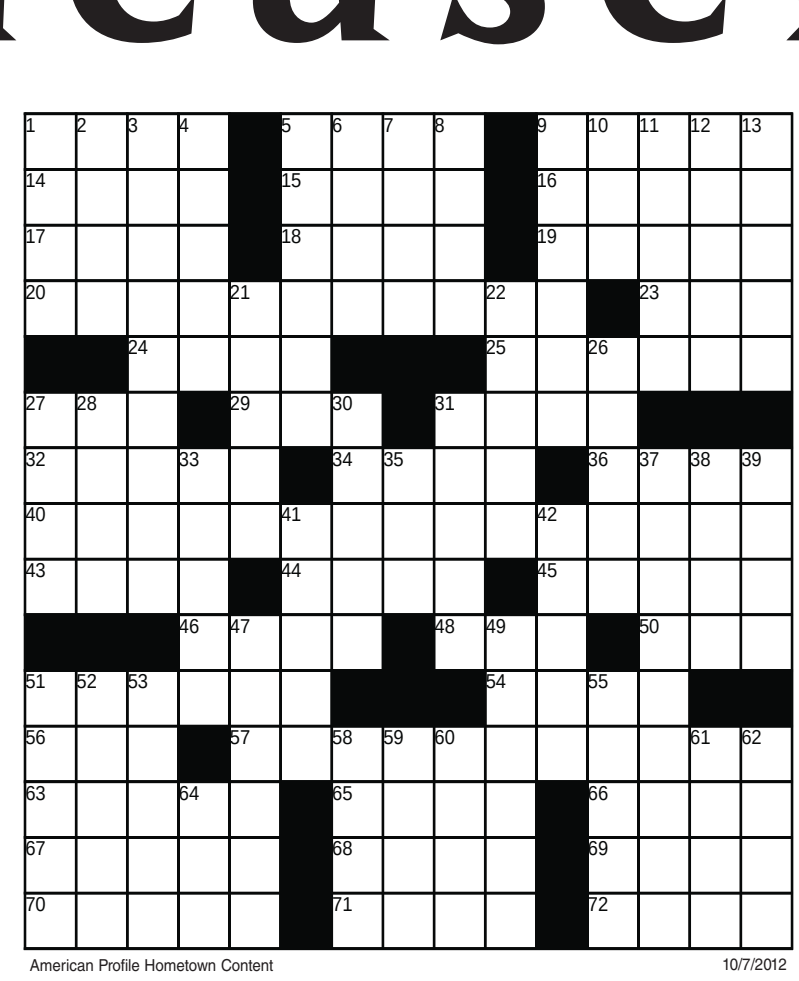
Each puzzle is divided into nine sections, and each section has nine blank squares. Fill in all 81 squares on the puzzle with numbers 1 to 9. You may not repeat any numbers in any one of the nine sections that you've already used elsewhere in that section. Also, you can use each number 1-9 only once in each horizontal line of nine squares, and in each vertical column of nine squares. The puzzle is completed when you correctly fill every square.



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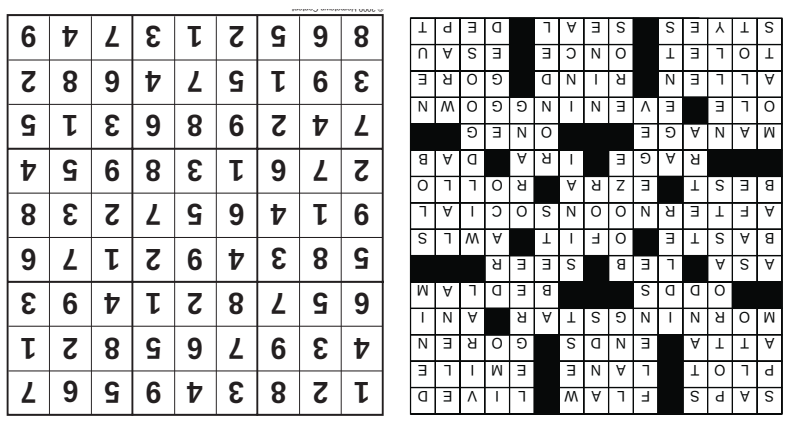
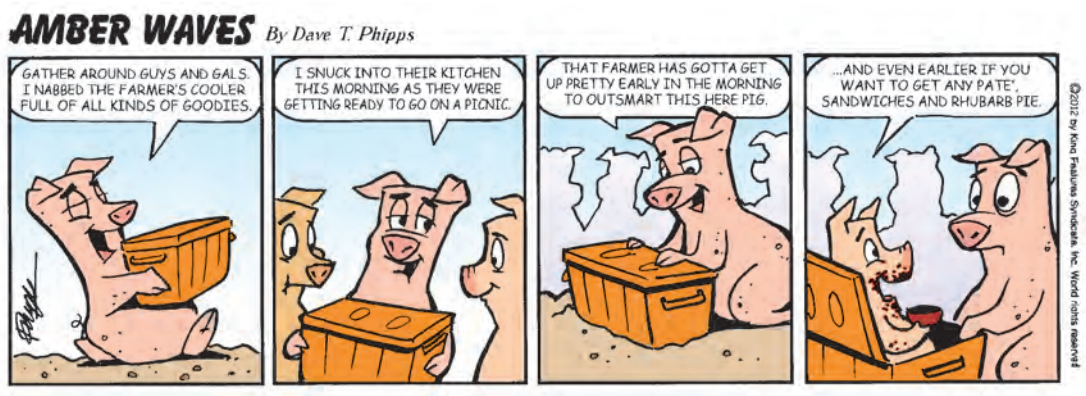
ACROSS
1. Easy marks
5. Diamond defect
9. Dwelt
14. It may thicken
15. Cohort of Kent and Olsen
16. Ring great Griffith
17. "__ boy!"
18. See 24-Across
19. Big name in bridge
20. Venus at sunrise, sometimes
23. Singer DiFranco
24. When paired with 18-Across, miscellany
25. Utter chaos
27. Thick __ brick
29. Beirut is its cap.
31. Crystal ball consultant
32. Tend to the turkey
34. "Just for the heck __ ..."
36. Leather piercers
40. Tea, e.g.
43. Top-shelf
44. Pound or Cornell
45. "Nancy" rich kid
46. Go ballistic
48. Lyrical Gershwin
50. Brylcreem amount
51. Lead from the dugout
54. Pull at the earth's surface, briefly
56. Corrida shout
57. Formal attire
63. "Zelig" director
65. Brie covering
66. Al, "inventor" of the Internet
67. Apartment sign
68. "The Raven" opener
69. Jacob's twin
70. Eyelid problems
71. Bewhiskered barker
72. HUD, for one: Abbr.

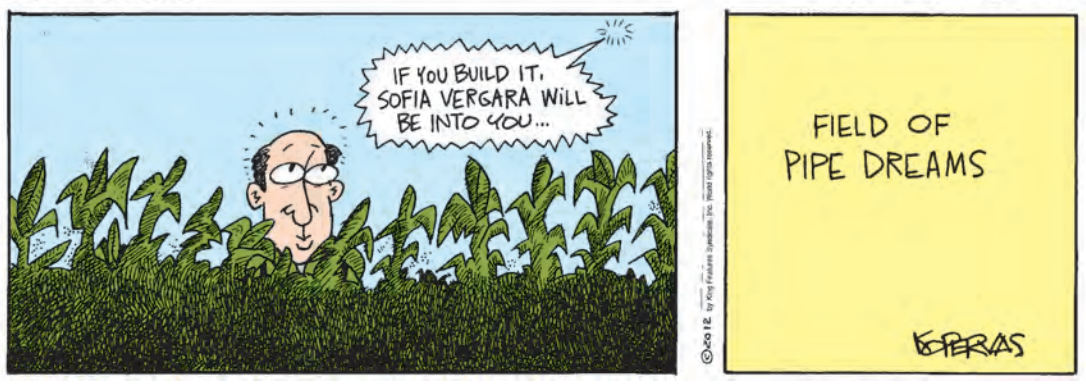
DOWN
1. Cyber-trash
2. Choir voice
3. Sauerbraten, et al.
4. Mike holder
5. Defat, whaler-style
6. Singer k.d.
7. Added stipulations
8. Shrine Game side
9. Ogrish Simon
10. "Editorially speaking," in chat-room shorthand
11. Like the flu
12. Actress Verdugo
13. Strauss material
21. Do-nothing
22. Assists, criminally
26. Harsh Athenian lawgiver
27. Quatrain scheme
28. Ahead of the tag
30. Flask filler
31. Commandments mount
33. Half of octa-
35. On behalf of
37. Part of a V-formation, perhaps
38. In __ land (spacy)
39. Grubby guy
41. Israeli desert region
42. Arboreal ape
47. Scully and Smart
49. Short poem on two rhymes
51. Zoo barriers
52. Dole out
53. Literature Nobelist Sachs
55. Urged, with "on"
58. Lustful god
59. Mudville complement
60. Andean of old
61. End of a shooting
62. Not masc. or fem.
64. Shoebox letters

Solutions

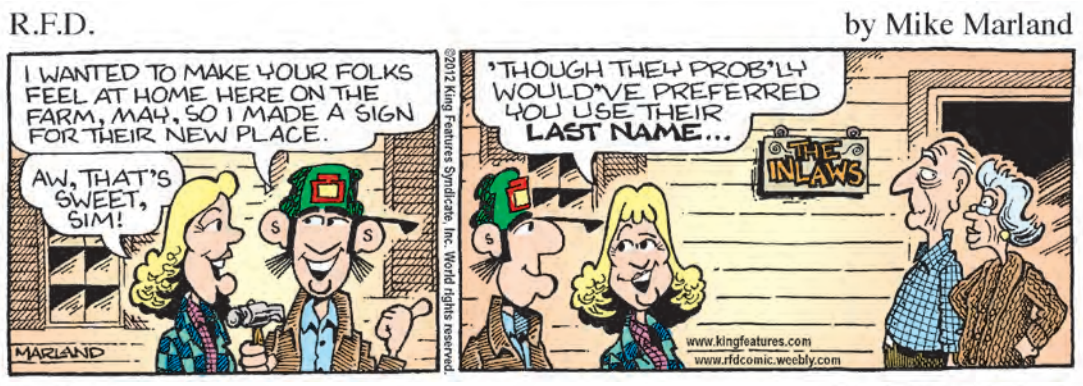




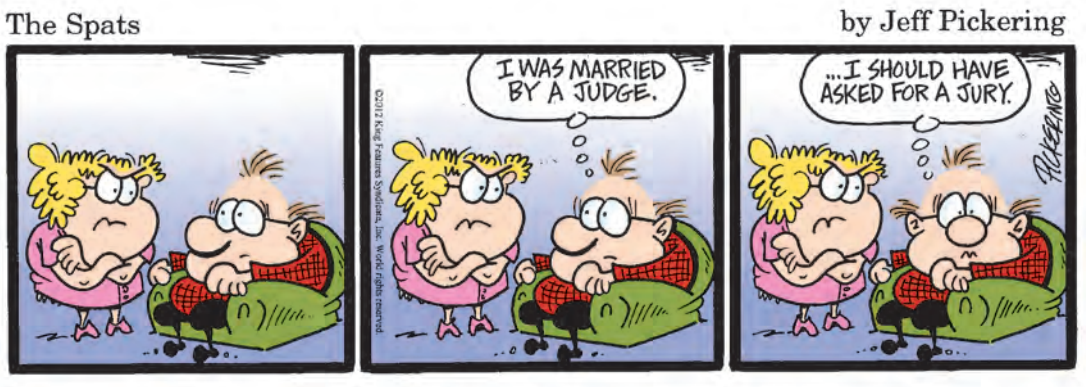
Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas



R.F.D. by Mike Marland

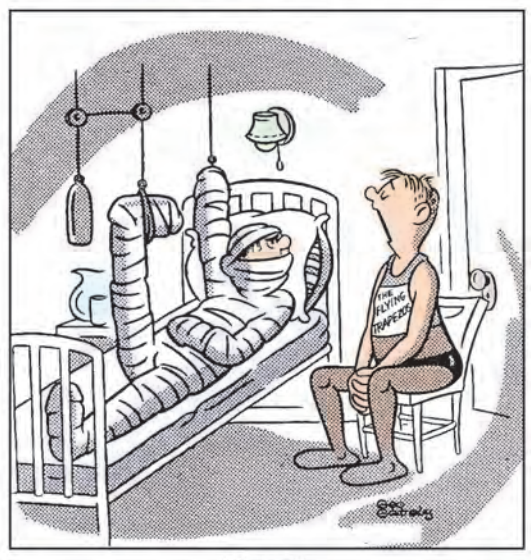


The Spats by Jeff Pickering



Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

LAFF-A-DAY



"Sorry."

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Coins	__ __ __ N __ __	Use a credit card	__ __ __ R __ __
2. Watch location	__ R __ __ __	Bridge-like card game	__ H __ __ __
3. Twirler's stick	__ __ T __ __	The B in BLT	__ __ C __ __
4. Mr. Belafonte	__ __ __ R __	Laurel's sidekick	__ __ __ D __
5. Paris locale	F __ __ __ __ __	Frolic	P __ __ __ __ __
6. Pious	__ __ __ __ __ T	Eat greedily	__ __ __ __ __ R
7. Army rank	__ __ J __ __	Estate	__ __ N __ __
8. Welcome	__ __ __ E __	____ Wall of China	__ __ __ A __
9. Snuggle	__ __ D __ __ __	Go sour	__ __ R __ __ __
10. Actress Day	D __ __ __ __	Actor Karloff	B __ __ __ __

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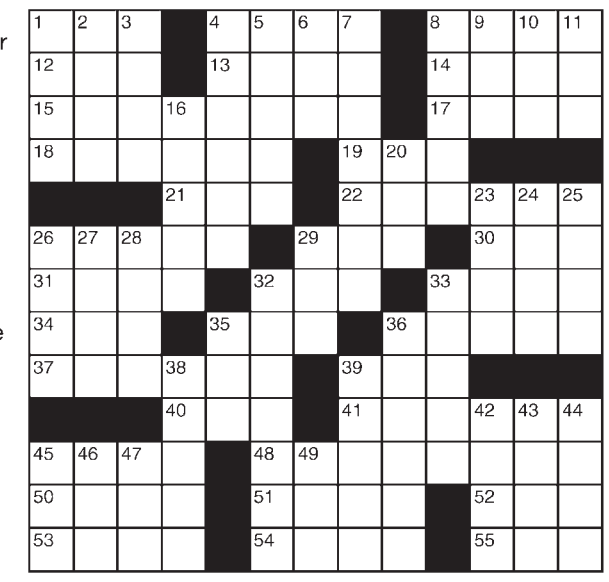
King Crossword



ACROSS
1 Cleo's slayer
4 Not many
8 Manufactured
12 Debtor's letters
13 Continental coin
14 Teen's skin woe
15 Tyrannize
17 "Let's Make a —"
18 Tooth coating
19 Spectra automaker
21 Faux —
22 Part of A.D.
26 Seethes
29 Prohibit
30 Moines lead-in
31 Bohemian
32 Festive
33 Dog bane
34 Born
35 Understood
36 Toboggans
37 "Blueberry Hill" singer
39 Whatever number
40 Pie ingredient?
41 Praying bug
45 "— and Circumstance"
48 "The Two Mrs. Grenvilles" author Dunne
50 Actress Falco
51 Kazakhstan's — Sea
52 Mainlander's memento
53 Healthy
54 Longings
55 Recipe meas.

DOWN
1 Helper
2 Any minute now
3 Cougar
4 Son of Aphrodite
5 Gas, oil, et al.
6 Before
7 9-to-5
8 Sir's counterpart
9 Expert
10 "CSI" evidence
11 Lamprey, for one
16 Suggest
20 Charged bit
23 Between jobs
24 Gotta have
25 "Handsome — ..."
26 Musical combo
27 Sandwich cookie
28 Particular
29 Cudgel
32 Farewell period, e.g.
33 Swashbuckling movie star address?
35 Wildebeest
36 Escargots
38 Urge on
39 Jordan's capital
42 Pinball no-no
43 Clinches
44 Omit
45 Church seating
46 Idolater's writing
47 Wire measure
49 Galena, for one

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

4				9			5	1
	9		7		4	3		
	8	5			6		4	
9		4	8			1		
		2	6		1			5
	5			7		4	6	
2			1				9	7
	1			8	7	2		
6		3		2				4

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ART: Where is the world-famous Prado museum located?
2. ANATOMY: Where are muscles known as triceps found in the body?
3. ADVERTISEMENTS: What breakfast cereal did Sonny the Cuckoo Bird promote?
4. NATURAL WORLD: Where would stalagmites be found in a natural cave formation?
5. GEOGRAPHY: Where was the ancient city of Persepolis located?
6. SCIENCE: What was the first elementary particle to be discovered?
7. MUSIC: What is the national anthem of Canada?
8. COMPUTERS: What does the acronym DOS stand for?
9. FAMOUS QUOTES: Who once said, "I worked my way up from nothing to a state of extreme poverty."
10. LANGUAGE: What is an atelier?

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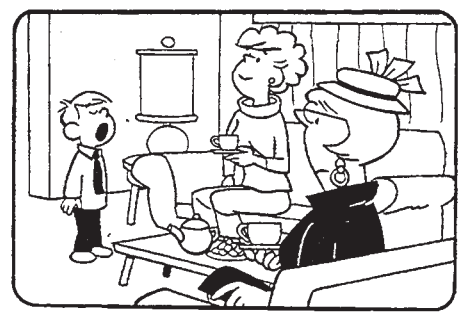
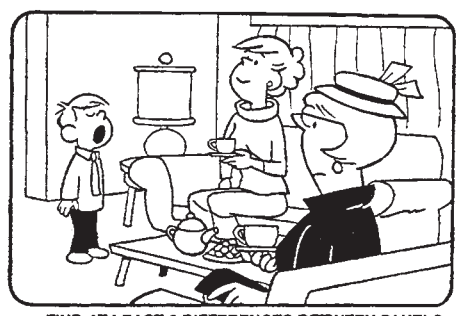
HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF





FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **P** equals **S**

QVH QTCOG JMHTMB QJMZ ZT

QJZIV J GCBO JP UZ TIICWP? U

RCBPP UZ'P GWJQUMR

JZZBMZUTM.

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Answer

watch a duel as it occurs? I guess it's drawing attention.

CryptoQuip

Why would anyone want to answer

— Weekly SUDOKU —

4	2	7	3	9	8	6	5	1
1	9	6	7	5	4	3	2	8
3	8	5	2	1	6	7	4	9
9	6	4	8	3	5	1	7	2
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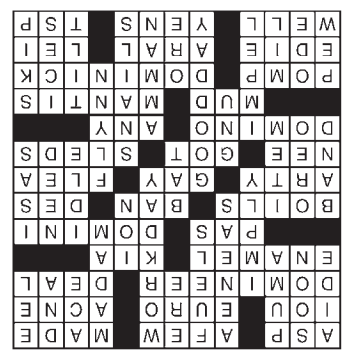
Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.



Answers
1. John Travolta
2. Philippines
3. 1890
4. "Taxi"
5. Thomas Merton
6. Hungarian
7. Minnesota
8. "Oliver!"
9. The Iek
10. John F. Kennedy

— Even Exchange —
answers

1. Change, Charge	6. Devout, Devour	2. Wrist, Whist	7. Major, Manor
3. Baton, Bacon	8. Greet, Great	4. Harry, Hardy	9. Cuddle, Curdle
5. France, Prance	10. Doris, Boris		

— CryptoQuip —

Differences: 1. Tie is different. 2. Lamp shade is smaller. 3. Teapot is reversed. 4. Hair is different. 5. Earring is different. 6. Ribbon is missing.

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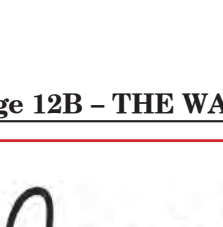
Just a Pinch

Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons

By Janet Tharpe

Change Up Chili with Smoky, Zesty Chipotles

"I wanted to create a totally different kind of chili than my family was used to..."



Sandi Sheppard

Hail to the chipotle chile pepper! Chipotles are smoked jalapenos and are commonly found in grocery stores, either as a powder in the spice aisle or in cans with aromatic adobo sauce in the ethnic foods aisle.

Home cook Sandi Sheppard adds flavor and flair to her pork chili recipe with these tantalizing chile peppers, along with fresh jalapenos and canned chipotle-spiked white corn. Fresh cilantro sprinkled on top cools it down.

See step-by-step photos of Sandi's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks around the country at:

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You'll also find a meal planner, coupons and chances to win! Enjoy and remember, use "just a pinch"...

-Janet

Chipotle Pork & Corn Chili Verde

What You Need

- 2 tbsp virgin olive oil
- 2 lb pork loin end roast, trim off fat
- 3 tbsp pork dry rub blend, divided
- 1 lg sweet yellow onion
- 1 lg jalapeno, diced
- 2 c chicken stock
- 12 oz Belgian white ale
- 30 oz can diced tomatoes & green chilies
- 11 oz can chipotle white corn, drained
- 15 oz can white kidney beans, drained
- 1 tbsp chipotle chile powder
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 3 tbsp raw blue agave nectar
- 1 c chopped cilantro, divided

Directions

- Cut pork into 1-in. cubes and place in medium bowl. Add 2 tbsp of pork rub and mix well to coat. Heat a large stock pot or Dutch oven over medium-high heat and add olive oil. When oil begins to shimmer, add pork and cook, stirring, for 5 min, or until nicely browned.
- Add onion and jalapeño and cook, stirring often for another 5 min. Add chicken stock, ale, tomatoes, corn, beans, chile powder, garlic powder, agave and 2/3 cup cilantro. Mix well, cover and cook for 3 hours.
- To serve, ladle into serving bowls and garnish with remaining cilantro. Add your favorite crackers, tortilla chips or crusty bread on the side. Enjoy!

Note: Makes about 4 quarts or approximately six 1-1/2 cup servings.

Submitted by: Sandi Sheppard, Norman, OK (pop. 110,925)

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WHITE'S WINES

Bubbles for any occasion

By DAVID WHITE

On Saturday morning, a friend called to seek my advice on that evening's dinner.

"My boyfriend and I are making poached salmon with truffles and shrimp in a cream sauce," she said. "What type of wine should we drink?"

I could see her conundrum. Salmon and shrimp suggest a dry, refreshing white. But a cream sauce could bludgeon a delicate wine. And anything red – even something soft and light, like a Pinot Noir – probably wouldn't complement the dish.

That's why the answer was simple.

"Just go with Champagne," I answered. "It'll work perfectly."

Later that evening, my friend confirmed that the wine was an ideal match.

"Plus," she said, "It was fun to drink Champagne with dinner, just like real wine."

Year after year, France's big Champagne houses spend millions trying to convince us that Champagne is best enjoyed when celebrating. That might be true – after all, wine shops see a huge spike in sales around New Year's and Valentine's Day, and it is fun to drink Champagne on a special occasion.

But Champagne and other sparkling wines deserve a spot at the dinner table all year long. Most sparklers are characterized by vibrant acidity and freshness, which help them cut through spicy meals, complement savory food, and elevate even the simplest of dishes.

Real Champagne is quite pricey, obviously. Under European Union trade laws, wine can only be sold as "Champagne" if it comes from the Champagne region of France and is made in accordance with a number of regulations. Most notably, Champagne must be made in the "traditional method" – an expensive, multi-step process – and produced, generally, from Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Pinot Meunier. Consequently, even "budget" options cost about $40 per bottle.

Fortunately, there are plenty of affordable sparkling wines from regions outside Champagne.

Within France, sparkling wines labeled as "Cremant" are produced using the traditional method and winemakers must follow a number of strict rules. Sparkling wines from Burgundy – called Cremant de Bourgogne – have long offered exceptional value. Because the region grows the same grape varieties as Champagne, top examples can often pass for the real thing. And they're typically just a fraction of the cost – many can be found for less than $20.

In the United States, wines labeled as "Methode Champenoise" are also produced in the traditional method using the same grape varieties as Champagne. For about $25, it's hard to beat the entry level bottlings from Domaine Carneros, Roederer Estate, and Argyle.

For less than $15, Cava – a sparkling wine from Spain that's produced like Champagne but using native Spanish grapes – is the best option.

Of course, nothing beats the real thing. And fortunately for American consumers, there's never been a better time to explore Champagne.

For years, the American market has been dominated by large producers like Moet & Chandon, Piper Heidsieck, and Veuve Clicquot. These companies purchase their grapes from growers across Champagne and blend their wines to deliver a consistent, high quality product year after year.

In recent years, however, wine enthusiasts have gone gaga over "Grower Champagne," or wines made by the farmers who grow the grapes.

Just as we understand why an apple grown in Virginia tastes different from an apple grown in Massachusetts, we understand why a Chardonnay produced in Sonoma tastes different from a Chardonnay produced in Napa. Champagne is no different. And Grower Champagne conveys a sense of place – something that large producers simply can't offer.

Today, Grower Champagne accounts for only about 4 percent of America's Champagne market. But that percentage has been rising quickly, thanks to a few key wine importers and America's growing obsession with knowing the source of our food. Indeed, wine enthusiasts call grower Champagne "farmers' fizz."

Grower Champagnes are still quite expensive. Basic offerings from some of my favorites – Chartogne-Taillet, Egly-Ouriet, Pierre Peters, and Vilmart – still cost upwards of $50.

So next time you feel like splurging, pick up a bottle of Grower Champagne. And next time you sit down for dinner – especially if you've prepared something with a cream sauce – go for something that sparkles.

David White, a wine writer, is the founder and editor of Terroirist.com. His columns are housed at Wines.com, the fastest growing wine portal on the Internet.

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