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PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

A firefighter tries to put out the blaze at a fire at a mobile home on Feb. 24.

FIRE IN MEDART

Mobile home is completely destroyed

Special to The News

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office investigated a doublewide mobile home fire on Sunday, Feb. 24 at 6:21 p.m., according to Sheriff Charlie Creel.

Wakulla County Fire Rescue, Wakulla Emergency Medical Services and Deputy Stephen Simmons responded to 3580 Coastal Highway in Medart and discovered the structure fully engulfed in flames.

Firefighters had difficulty reaching the mobile home due to a locked gate and overgrown property.

Volunteers from six stations responded to assist with firefighting and shuttling water to the scene.

Firefighters were able to



The home at 3580 Coastal Highway in Medart engulfed in flames.

bring the fire under control within 20 minutes but not before the residence was totally destroyed, according to Fire Chief Michael Morgan.

Water had to be trans-

ported to the scene by fire department tankers. Units from six different volunteer stations responded along with the on-duty career crew and Wakulla County EMS.

The structure was destroyed by the fire despite firefighters being able to control the blaze after a short while.

The mobile home was abandoned several years ago and is owned by Gregory Dorwood Heck of Speedwell, Tenn.

There was no power to the home and firefighters do not believe the blaze was caused by a lightning strike.

The exact cause of the fire is still unknown. The State Fire Marshal was called to the scene to investigate along with the WCSO Criminal Investigations Division (CID). Detective Lorne Whaley also investigated from CID. There were no injuries.

COUNTY COMMISSION

Fire and EMS may move to community center

The proposal might also include moving the community center to the extension office

By JENNIFER JENSEN
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An item at the Feb. 19 Wakulla County Commission meeting to discuss the construction of a new Wakulla County Fire Rescue and Emergency Medical Services facility took an unexpected turn. It quickly shifted to the community center and the possibility of transferring those departments there instead of building an entirely new facility.

"We've got a great building over there and we've got lots of land," said Commissioner Jerry Moore. Moore

brought forth a proposal several months ago that would have moved the community center to the extension office and county offices to the community center site, but it was shot down by the previous commission.

"Let's not build new stuff when we've got stuff there

Thomas suggested utilizing the \$500,000 to renovate one of the community center buildings to be used for fire and EMS.

Commissioner Randy Merritt said there will be repercussions with using the community center site for something other than a community center.

22-acre property that was previously home to New Life Church on May 24, 2010, with plans to turn it into a community center, but has yet to offer programs and services at the facility. A portion of the building is being used by the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Road Patrol and Criminal Investigation Divisions while their annex is being built and the other building, the former sanctuary, has served as meeting space for the county and other groups.

Fire Chief Michael Morgan said the fire and EMS departments are in serious need of new facilities.

The idea is to combine four different buildings into one, he said. The Crawfordville Volunteer Fire Department, Wakulla EMS Rescue Station No. 1 and Wakulla County Fire Rescue career crew, as well as the administration offices for fire and EMS.

The EMS Station No. 1 is an old house turned into a station. A garage was added to it, but this was done before new standards for ambulances were enacted so the ambulances do not fit completely inside the building, he said.

The Crawfordville Volunteer Fire Department station was built in the 70s and has been added on to numerous times.

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'Let's not build new stuff when we've got stuff there sitting,'

-County Commissioner Jerry Moore on the community center space

sitting," Moore said. A new commission has taken over since then and it seems that idea now seems to have support.

Commissioner Ralph Thomas suggested using the buildings at the community center to house the county's fire and EMS departments, instead of spending money to build a new structure.

The county planned to borrow \$1 million and use \$500,000 from the fire MSBU fund and one-cent sales tax fund to pay for the new building, according to County Administrator David Edwards.

Commissioner Howard Kessler said he did not want the county to be in any more debt at this time.

"We've been telling the community for many, many years that they're going to have a community center," Merritt said.

In response to that, Thomas suggested the commission reconsider Moore's recommendation of renovating the extension office to turn it into a community center, using the nearly \$400,000 grant the county received that must be spent on a community center.

The money must be spent by September and can only be used on a new building or renovations.

"We're going to have egg on our face if we don't have some kind of plan to utilize that money," Thomas said.

The county acquired the

Ashiera Preston wins governor's essay contest



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Contest winner, Ashiera Preston, receives her award from Gov. Rick Scott, First Lady Ann Scott and Lt. Gov. Jennifer Carroll.

Special to The News

On Feb. 18, Riversink Elementary School fifth grader Ashiera Preston received amazing news. She had won Gov. Rick Scott's 2013 Black History Month essay contest and in turn, received a four-year Florida College Plan scholarship.

She was the state winner for the elementary school category of this contest sponsored by the Florida Prepaid College Foundation. The contest asked students from all over Florida to submit a 500-word essay that focused on the theme, "Diversity in the United States."

In Preston's essay, she wrote about her family's heritage and encouraged others to learn about their roots. In addition, she had to submit a 200-250 word essay explaining why she deserved the scholarship.

Preston, along with the middle and high school essay contest winners, attended a reception held at the governor's mansion for Black History Month where she received her award.

"As an educator it makes me so proud to see students being rewarded for hard work," said Preston's fifth grade teacher Nicholas Weaver. "Ashiera is a wonderful writer, and it is amazing that she was able to compete with students from all over Florida. Now she will have the opportunity to make her dreams come true by receiving a scholarship to college."

Riversink Principal Jackie High noted that this is not only an honor for Preston, but also for the school.

"Our teachers work extremely hard to give our students the skills necessary to be successful writers," High said. "It is always exciting to see that hard work pay off."

Superintendent Bobby Pearce said, "What an outstanding accomplishment. Your hard work has brought recognition to you, to your family, to your school, and to the whole Wakulla public school district. We are so proud of you."

Her parents are Asha Preston and Eric Preston.

Along with the essay contest winner, this year's featured artist, Soloman Dixon, was honored at the reception, as well as the Excellence in Education award winners and the art contest winners.

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Wesley "Cole" Agner Jr.
Paul Alan Williams

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Preston wins governor's essay contest

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Scott said, "All across the country, Americans are celebrating the impact the African American community has had on our country. In Florida, we are happy to host this contest every year that gives our students a chance to learn about the significant contributions of our country's African American leaders. I want to recognize every student and educator who participated in the contest and took advantage of the chance to learn more about Florida's Black History."

First Lady Ann Scott said, "Tonight's reception at the Florida Governor's Mansion is the perfect opportunity to celebrate all of the achievements of the African American community. Helping students learn more about the rich diversity in Florida is the goal of our Black History Month celebration and contest. I am excited to host all of our contest winners and congratulate them on a job well done."

Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll said, "This year's Black History Month essay and art contest winners' masterpieces truly reflect the diversity in Florida. Each of them, their submissions as well as the schools they represent, has a story to tell about the richness in cultural history of Florida and America. All of our winners are now part of preserving and recognizing the many and significant contributions African Americans have made to Florida and the nation. I salute and congratulate all of our 2013 winners."

The Black History Month reception is supported by the Stanley G. Tate Florida Prepaid College Foundation, AT&T, Prudential, Florida Blue, Publix and the Florida Lottery. Other partners include Florida's



Ashiera Preston receives praise from teacher, Nicholas Weaver, and Superintendent Bobby Pearce, above, and with her family, below, at the governor's reception.



Foundation, the Florida Department of State, the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Governor's Mansion Foundation. Information about the contests and Florida's Black History Month is available on Florida's Black History Month website, www.FloridaBlackHistory.com.



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

A vehicle is broken into pieces after striking a tree.

Crash splits vehicle in two

Special to The News

Randall Gerard Meeks, 22, of Crawfordville was traveling south on Old Bethel Road south of Gavin Road on Monday, Feb. 25 when a deer ran out in front of his vehicle. He told the sheriff's office he attempted to avoid the deer and ended up crashing into a tree.

The vehicle struck the tree on the west side of roadway and broke into several pieces. The front end separated from the passenger compartment. The front end came to a rest up against the tree and the passenger compartment continued sliding with the driver still in the compartment. The driver was ejected from the compartment. The compartment was found about 30 feet from the front end.

Driver sustained possible broken bones and it was unknown if there were any internal injuries. Wakulla EMS transported the victim to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital for treatment.

The motor and transmission ended up in the roadway as a road obstruction.

Investigators believe the motorist was traveling too fast for the conditions, according to the sheriff's office. Lt. Mike Kemp and Deputy Clint Beam investigated.

Archaeology Society will meet on March 5

The monthly meeting of the Panhandle Archaeological Society will be held on Tuesday, March 5 at 7 p.m. at the Gov. Martin House, 1001 De Soto Park Dr., Tallahassee. Dr. William Lees will present "The Archaeology of the Civil War in Florida."

Dr. Lees has been executive director of Florida Public Archaeology Network since 2005. He is a Registered professional archaeologist and a member of the Florida Archaeological Council. Throughout his career he has focused on public archaeology with specialization in the Antebellum Period and the Civil War.

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The cast of "Left Hand Singing" included Mary Rith Bradford, Allyse Francis, Curtis Fornes, Elizabeth Edgeworth, Layne Davis, Louise Reid Ritchie, George King and Herb Donaldson.

Despite storm, reading of 'Left Hand Singing' was successful

By **HERB DONALDSON**
Special to The News

To say it was "a dark and stormy night" is putting it mildly for this past Saturday's one-night staged reading of Barbara Lebow's play, "The Left Hand Singing." However, theatergoers braved the weather and packed the house in honor of Black History Month.

The play, featuring Allyse Francis, Elizabeth Edgeworth, Curtis Fornes, Layne Davis, Louise Reid Ritchie, George King, and Mary Ruth Bradford, was directed by Herb Donaldson, and produced by Palaver Tree Theater and the Wakulla County Christian Coalition.

Taking place during the Freedom Summer of 1964, the story centered on three students from different cultures who decide to travel south in an effort to register Negroes to vote in Mississippi. When word gets out that the students are missing, their parents rush to the scene from New York, North Carolina, and Alabama to join in the search. From there begins a trail of setbacks, disappointment, and the heartbreak of knowing their child had been lying at the bottom of a river for almost four

years, with local authorities shrugging their shoulders in response.

Lebow wrote the play when recalling the day her mother took her to see Martin Luther King, Jr. speak at their local synagogue. But it was the true life disappearance of James Earl Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner, three civil rights workers whose disappearance in 1964 prompted an investigation that stunned the entire nation, that was the true centerpiece of the work.

This past weekend's performance was dedicated to the memory of those three young men and countless others who stood valiantly—not for the sake of color—but for the humanity of others. They weren't too young to realize that by protecting another's humanity, they were, in fact, protecting and claiming their own.

Looking back, the bravery of the young during the Freedom Summer of '64, is beyond imagination. Especially when recalling the brief life of George Calvin Bess Jr. Calvin, as he was called by those who knew him, was a young man who lived on Liberty Street in Tallahassee.

Not only was he socially active, but he'd won

a scholarship to Harvard University. In 1967, when there were no classes in which Calvin found interest during the Harvard summer term, so he decided to help register voters in Selma, Ala. Although his family wasn't keen on the idea, his father didn't think Selma was as bad a place as others.

Sometime later, Calvin called his parents and told them that he opted to go to Mississippi instead.

"You're in a no-man's land now, son," were among the last words Calvin's father ever spoke to him.

On the first Sunday of August 1967, when at the age of 22, Calvin's parents received the call that he and his friend were found dead in their car, in a Mississippi swamp.

Although Calvin's death was called a "drowning," the lack of water where their bodies were found, along with the excessive bruising on Calvin's body from a possible beating, remains under suspicion to this day.

It was truly a surreal moment when, after the reading, members of George Calvin Bess Jr.'s family were asked to stand in honor of yet another American life ended far too soon.

ST. MARKS

Gilman is sworn in for second term



Attorney Rhonda DiVagno Morris administers the oath of office to Gail Gilman as her son, Sean Franceschi, holds her Bible.

By **JENNIFER JENSEN**
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St. Marks City Commissioner Gail Gilman will serve another three-year term on the commission after running unopposed in this year's election.

Gilman was sworn into office on Feb. 21 for seat 5. Her son, Sean Franceschi, held her bible for her swearing in.

At the special called meeting, the commission also chose it mayor and treasurer, keeping Commissioner Chuck Shields as mayor and Commissioner Phil Cantner as treasurer.

They also voted to continue with Zoe Mansfield as city manager and the Mowrey Law Firm as its legal counsel.

In other news:

Commissioner Alan Hobbs brought forth an idea to allow recreational vehicles on undeveloped lots.

Currently, the city does not allow RVs to be on undeveloped lots, unless the property owner is planning to build a home. Then they are allowed to have an RV on the lot for six months while construction is taking place.

Hobbs said if the city made this allowance, it could put in place strict rules and regulations and dictate how old the models could be.

This will increase the value of the land and bring in money for the city, he said.

He added that the city could restrict this allowance to only a certain area.

Mansfield said the city would need to rezone the area they decide.

Hobbs said the city could take a certain part of town and see if it is successful.

The commissioners agreed that it was a good idea and planned to discuss it further at a future meeting.

During the meeting, the commission also discussed an historical error on a sign in the city.

Shields said the sign says St. Marks was discovered in 1527, but in looking in the state archives, he discovered the year is actually 1528.

Mansfield said she would look into getting it changed.

The next meeting will be held on March 14 at 7 p.m. at city hall.

Warrior and Quiet Waters event on Feb. 28

On Thursday, Feb. 28, there will be a showing of the documentary film "Not Yet Begun to Fight" at the Moon in Tallahassee at 6 p.m.

This powerful documentary tells the story of a group of severely injured soldiers and the efforts of the Bozeman Montana Chapter of Warriors and

Quiet Waters.

This special showing is presented by the Warriors and Quiet Waters Southern Chapter and made possible by the generosity of Scott Carswell and the Moon.

This presentation is to inform and inspire the public. There is no charge.

The mission of Warriors and Quiet Waters (WQW) is to provide severely injured U.S. servicemen and women from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan with a quality experience for restoring the body and

spirit; utilizing the therapeutic benefits of fishing on the Gulf of Mexico, and adjacent inland waters. The tranquil quiet waters of the Big Bend can help wash away the stress of war and the painful rehabilitative therapy suffered by these soldiers.

Their mission can only be accomplished with the volunteer and financial support of caring individuals and businesses in our area.

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Fire and EMS may move to community center

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There are major repairs that need to be made for it to be used as a fire station. Firefighters were moved out of this building to a classroom at the training center because of the major issues at this station, Morgan said.

The administration offices are currently housed in the Public Works Department building.

"We're looking at a practical facility," Morgan said of the proposed project.

Edwards said everything has been piece-mealed over the years.

"We can't keep operating the way we are," Edward said.

Merritt agreed and said, "We have our full-time guys running out of a pole barn and a trailer."

He added that the big thing is a need for a garage, so that the vehicles can be under proper shelter, which he wasn't sure would be possible at the community center.

Morgan said he is hoping to get the most efficient building and not be back 10 years from now asking for a new facility.

Moore agreed that there was a need for a better facility for fire and EMS. "What you are living in is trash," he

said. "But we don't need a Tallahassee Taj Mahal."

Thomas said the west building at the community center site could be kept as is and used as a meeting and event space. The other building would be renovated for the fire and EMS facilities. He added that they may not be able to get everything that they want, but they could try to get as much done as possible.

Edwards pointed out that he recently spoke with someone at the YMCA and received information on a final agreement. The county sent out a request for proposals a couple years ago for managing the community center. One proposal was received, from the YMCA. Since then, the county has been working with the YMCA to come up with an agreement for how the center will operate and what services will be provided.

Once a memorandum of understanding was signed, the county sent out a request for proposals for the renovation of the community center buildings. In the renovations, the sanctuary

would be utilized by the YMCA and included a free weight and cardio room, fitness class room, kid zone and restrooms and showers. The other building would remain as it is, with several offices. Also include was the addition of an open floor gymnasium.

However, when bids were finally received, they were all way out of the county's price range. It was determined the county only has enough funds to do either the renovation or the construction of the gymnasium.

Edwards reached out to the YMCA to see what they would need to manage the facility. After several weeks and a change in leadership with the YMCA, Edwards was finally able to get a hold of someone and was sent their proposal. He had planned to bring the item to the commission at the next meeting so they could discuss their options.

He agreed to bring back the proposal from the YMCA to the commission, as well

as proposals and costs for renovating the current site to serve as a fire and EMS station.

Merritt said which ever way the commission decides, it needs to make a decision.

"Are we going to have a community center or not?" Merritt said.

Former County Commissioner Lynn Artz, who has been a strong advocate for the community center, was disappointed with the direction the commission seemed to be headed in.

"What a loss it will be for our county's children if the community center property and future home to a playground, outdoor ball courts, swimming pool and more is used for purposes other than promised," Artz said.

The commission agreed to not proceed with the plans for the new fire and EMS facility and will discuss the future plan for the community center at its next commission meeting on March 4.

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The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on March 4, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Rd., Crawfordville, FL 32327 to Discuss:
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP) GRANT PROJECT FOR WALKING TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS AND TRAIL AMENITIES AT AZALEA PARK.
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The Opinion Page

readers speak out

READERS WRITE:

CHAT adopted 10 animals last weekend

Editor, The News:

Last weekend, Feb. 16 and 17, CHAT found forever homes for 10 animals at our adoption center.

Our adoption fees include pre-adoption exam, spay/neuter surgery, rabies vaccination, heartworm test, distemper, parvo and bordetella vaccinations, treatment for parasites, microchip with free registration, 30 days Shelter Care health insurance, flea treatment and a voucher

for a wellness exam with any one of our three local veterinarians.

If you are looking for a new pet, come visit Chat Adoption Center or call 926-0890.

Thank you to everyone, especially our volunteers, who made last weekend a success!

Anne Van Meter
CHAT

This is not the time to go deeper in debt

Editor, The News:

On Tuesday, Feb. 19, the agenda presented to the Board of County Commissioners included a request to begin construction of a new Fire and Ambulance station expected to cost \$1.5 million to build. The plan included borrowing \$1 million.

This project was included in the budget and Five Year Plan that was approved by the last board, prior to our most recent election. While I greatly appreciate the efforts of everyone who worked to put the plan together, I feel confident this is not the time for us to go deeper into debt.

As presented, the plan included a means of repaying the loan with funds from the Fire MSBU. I am not in favor of saddling our citizens with additional debt, even if we believe the debt is secured by a revenue source.

We have dealt with this before when money was borrowed to pave roads secured by One Cent Sales Tax funds. In recent years, decreased spending has reduced this revenue stream to the point that nearly every dollar collected from the road portion is now committed to debt service, with very little money remaining for new paving.

We need to prioritize our goals and develop solutions to achieve them without raising taxes, without going deeper into debt

and without depleting our emergency reserves.

How do we achieve this? We currently have \$500,000 in the One Cent Sales Tax Fund, dedicated to public facilities. We should use this money to retrofit one of the Community Center Buildings into a fire and ambulance station very similar to the proposed facility. This will instantly save tax payers \$1 million and eliminate the need to borrow money.

We should dedicate the other building for use by the public for community events. It is already conducive to cultural events such as art, music, dance, plays, etc.

That leaves us with the question of what to do about a Community Center. We are rapidly approaching a deadline to use a HUD grant in the amount of \$396,000. We are at risk of losing it if we do not quickly develop a plan consistent with the grant criteria.

The last board approved a plan to build a new building on the Community Center property. Plans were drawn and the proposal was released for competitive bid. The bids came back approximately \$400,000 above and beyond the available grant funds.

It would not be a sound financial decision for us to spend this money at this time. Additionally, we do not have a plan or resources to staff and oper-

ate the new building. I recommend that we revisit an idea raised by Commission Jerry Moore last year: Let's use the \$396,000 grant to build a new building at the extension office.

This would give us a beautiful new facility to be used for after-school and educational enrichment programs, including a complete kitchen for 4-H activities, culinary classes and public events.

While I am very much in favor of wholesome activities that encourage our children to develop into upstanding members of the community, I also recognize the need to make the most of the assets we currently have, without incurring additional debt that our children and grand children may have to repay for years to come.

I would like to see us focus on improving the facilities and services we currently have before depleting our limited resources on new facilities.

With the plan I outlined in this letter, and at the BOCC meeting last Tuesday, everyone can receive a "piece of the pie."

While it may not be the entire pie some were hoping for, it will be a great effort to improve upon what we already have, while allowing us to live within our means!

Ralph Thomas
County Commissioner
District 1

Stop stealing my business signs

Editor, The News:

Today I received a call informing me that my business sign had been stolen from a homeowner's yard.

Just over the weekend, someone called to let me know that the sign had been taken at a St. Teresa site's driveway, although others remained.

If you want a sign to advertise my company, please contact me and I will provide one for you - although I know this is not the case. You are not only a thief, but you are trespassing on private property. When will this stop?

You aren't hurting my word-of-mouth abilities throughout the surrounding

counties and right here in Wakulla, my hometown county. It's just that I am appalled that someone is so selfish. I am sure I am not the only person or business this happens to, but it disgusts me to know that someone does this.

It's a hardworking person vs. someone with idle time on their hands - the devil's work.

Remember to smile because you may be monitored by a camera.

As a septic tank installer for 18 years, I can stand behind my work and my prices quoted to an individual.

Gloria Sander
Sopchoppy

Most popular stories online:

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Community Center is needed

Editor, The News:

Much to the dismay of many caring Wakulla citizens, young and old, we are again faced with the possibility of our county commissioners doing away with plans for the Wakulla County Community Center.

Instead of proceeding with renovations so the 22-acre community center property can be used for the reason it was purchased, our county commission is considering an altogether different use for the property. This will deprive our youth of the community center programs that they need and have been promised. We also risk losing \$396,000 in grant funds.

Our county's youth greatly need a community center. The vast majority never compete in competitive sports. More than 90 percent of the children participating in the sport programs offered at our Recreation Park drop out of these programs after age 12. Fewer than 15 percent of our youth play sports in our schools. Many leave school in the afternoon and have no place to go. As a county, we leave them to their own to find ways to spend their time after school.

Some get involved in activities that lead to alcohol and drug use and other undesirable behaviors.

Former Sheriff David Harvey once told our commissioners to either build the Community Center or build new jails. Community center programs can attract our youth and help to keep them out of trouble.

The Community Center can house many different kinds of activities for Wakulla citizens including:

(1) Meeting places for citizen groups and assembly programs.

(2) Arts, music, and craft programs for all ages.

(3) Supervised developmental activities, games, sports, and fitness programs for all ages.

(4) Special programs for individuals of all ages with special needs.

(5) A home away from home for adolescents, teens and young adults - a place to go where they can socialize with their peers, play ping-pong, dance, shoot baskets - all under supervision.

(6) A public swimming pool.

Although some of these activities will take years to implement, many can be offered as soon as preliminary renovations are completed.

A community center is not just a place, it is more of an attitude, a feeling of belonging, where all citizens can look forward to having fun and participate in activities of their choosing. If our county commission uses the Community Center property for other purposes, it could be 20 or 30 years until our citizens have the Community Center they have repeatedly requested.

A sitting commissioner once told me that he "would do anything for our kids." This is the time to do that.

I will do everything in my ability to assist.

Jim Hilyer
Medart

Hands off property promised for our kids

Editor, The News:

No family or child will be denied access.

Our new County Commission is poised to rob our children of the 22-acre property in Crawfordville that was purchased for them. This was to be the site of a large playground, walking/biking trails, indoor and outdoor ball courts, and eventually swimming and wading pools. This was to be the site for after school programs and summer camps. This was to be the site for theatrical performances, dances, high school graduations during rain, frisbee golf, billiards, health and fitness programs, art classes, an electronic branch library, community gardens, and much more.

For taxpayers concerned about what a Community Center will cost them, fear not. This is a long-range project to be financed mainly through grants and private fundraising.

County staff has explored creative collaborations with organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club. The YMCA stands ready to offer recreational programs on the site at no charge to the county - and, down the road, to raise funds to build and operate a swimming pool. The YMCA will finance these offerings through small fees for those who can afford them and scholarships for those who cannot.

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Initial construction and renovation is to be funded through a \$396,000 legislative appropriation (in the form of a HUD grant) that Wakulla County received in 2006 for a community center. Unfortunately, these funds still have not been used - and the county is in danger of losing the money.

At the last commission meeting, when plans were presented for a new Fire and EMS headquarters with stations across the street from the Community Center (that would replace four dilapidated buildings), one commissioner made a motion (quickly seconded) to build the Fire and EMS facility on the Community Center site and use the buildings there so as to reduce construction costs. (This same proposal was shot down last year after strong citizen protest.) Fortunately, the vote was put off until March 4.

While our Fire and EMS employees desperately need new buildings (and cost-cutting efforts may be admirable), we should NOT steal resources from our kids.

Hands off the property promised to our kids!

Fifty years ago when Wakulla County was sparsely populated and mostly forests and farms, Jewel Hudson set aside land for what we now call Hudson and Azalea parks in Crawfordville. What incredible vision and foresight!

Preserving the 22-acre property at Shadeville and Trice Lane for a Community Center complex for our youth is the equivalent for today's commissioners.

Lynn Artz
Former commissioner

Prayers for Heather Suzanne Walker

Editor, The News:

I am the boyfriend of Heather Suzanne Walker. Around 10:30 p.m., Heather was struck by a car while she was out walking. She has been in the hospital in a very bad condition. I am just asking that whoever reads this will pray for my girl in whatever way you deem fit. I believed that she was my soulmate. We were engaged to be married. Every day my heart breaks, every day I miss her. It wasn't the driver's fault from what I know. But this tragedy eats at my soul.

I have never counted on my family and my community as much as I have

in this last week.

She is the most important thing in my life and she was my best friend.

Everyone at Tallahassee Memorial has been awesome throughout this and I would like to thank all of them. I want to thank God most of all. If it wasn't for Him, Heather would not still be alive. She is fighting so hard, but it will be a long road.

I want to thank the deputies and paramedics who responded to the scene that night. They were there before I found her. They were awesome.

Lyle Allbritton
lyleallbritton@gmail.com

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Church

religious views and events

Active prayer is powerful

By **ETHEL SKIPPER**

How is your prayer life? Is it just when you want something from God or want him to do some things for you? In order to be productive in our prayer lives, we must realize that prayer is an offensive weapon.

For too long, Christians and church people have taken on prayer as spiritual discipline to be checked off each day. They have used it as a way to make their lives more comfortable, asking God to give them those things they want. Prayer is a weapon with which we fight against principalities and darkness. There is nothing more powerful

or more useful in our lives than active prayer. Prayer is an offensive and defensive weapon for winning spiritual victories. We should all spend time in prayer. Few things in life can provide the kind of encouragement and strength found in times of corporate prayer.

Matthew 8:19: "Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on Earth as touching as anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my father who is in Heaven."

There will be a Macedonia fundraiser on Saturday, March 9 at 6 p.m. at Wildwood Resort, 3896 Coastal Highway. The speaker is Sheriff Charlie Creel. The

theme is "Bridging the gap. Where do we go from here?" The donation is \$40 per person or \$70 for a couple. A table of six is \$210. Contact Elder Delores Nelson at 408-7857.

Our prayers and concern goes out to all the sick and shut-in, those in hospitals, nursing homes, the homeless, those in prison, the unsaved and all in need of prayer everywhere.

On Saturday, March 2 at noon in Blountstown at True Holiness Church will be the installation service for the presiding elder of the Tallahassee District Church of Christ Written in Heaven. Elder E. Brigham. Speaker Bishop Walter Williams.

HEAVENS TO BETSY

The ministry is more than just a job



By **BETSY GOEHRIG**

Many ministers have had a powerful impact on my life.

The first was Dr. John Chenault, the senior minister of my home church, First Christian Church in Frankfort, Ky. Now in his late 90s, has faithfully lived a long life of Christian servanthood. He dedicated me as a baby, baptized me as a young girl, and participated in my ordination.

One of my fond memories of him while I was growing up was hearing him sing as he walked through the hallways of the church. He could've been an opera singer, but he chose to use his gifts for ministry instead.

It impressed me as a little girl that my minister spoke to me by name and

knew me amidst the hundreds of church members who attended.

There were also several other ministers and youth ministers from my church and church camp who helped shape my formative years.

When I was 15, I was called into ministry, while attending church camp. The preparation ahead of me seemed like a lifetime – I had two more years of high school, four years of college, and then three years of seminary – nine more years to begin my calling. Then I had the incredible blessing of being ordained in 1981.

Ministry is not an easy job – it's certainly not the "hour a week" role that some perceive. It's not even a 9-to-5 kind of work. Ministry often reaches, even exceeds, 60 hours a week, not to mention being on call around the clock 24/7 for the needs of one's church, pastoral emergencies of its members and their loved ones, and in service to the community and beyond!

I encourage you to prayerfully consider if God might be calling you or someone you know into

ministry or into some area of ministry as a lay person.

And I encourage you to support future ministers as they seek to live out this calling. There are many seminarians who leave the ministry in the first five to 10 years after graduating and being ordained – usually because of he way some are treated by members of the church. Some are left disillusioned, even spiritually and emotionally damaged.

Yes, ministry is difficult, but then, God doesn't always call us to that which is easy.

Beginning in March, twice a month we will highlight the life and ministry of local clergy and their churches or organizations through which they serve. Watch for the first one next week. If you would like to suggest your pastor for a story, please contact me through The Wakulla News.

Blessings,
Betsy

Rev. Dr. Betsy Goehrig is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

OUT TO PASTOR

As I was just saying to myself...

By **JAMES L. SNYDER**

Along about Friday of this past week I noticed a strange phenomenon stalking the parsonage.

Actually, it is not that strange to notice something strange at our parsonage. The first thing I do every morning when I go into the bathroom and look into the mirror I see something really strange.

I suppose strange has a wide range of categories and levels and whatnot. That being said, I am not quite sure which level of strangeness this phenomena that I discovered this past week belongs.

This past week I was on my own. My wife had left me. Actually, I bought her a ticket to send her to upstate New York, which turned out to be the coldest week in New York. Not to mention the snow. And please, don't mention the snow.

I am not accustomed to being on my own. The notorious trinity – me, myself and I – can get into a lot of trouble.

I drove my wife to the airport, returned and spent my first night alone. I celebrated by eating in bed. Oh, the crumbs, the blessed crumbs were all around. Nothing says home more than crumbs in your bed. Normally, potato chips are not permitted in the bedroom but then, this is not normally.

I got up the next morning, sniffed the air and noticed something strange. Usually every morning I get up and smell coffee brewing. Where in the world is the coffee? I asked myself. I went into the kitchen and no coffee was brewing.

Then it dawned on me. I'm in charge. Ha. Ha.

I grinned a big grin as I brewed my morning coffee, and the day was set. I left the house for my office as I usually do. All day long, I labored at my laboring, and then it was

time to go home.

I went home and sat in my chair to watch some evening news. I began to realize something was wrong.

I said to myself, "Where is supper?"

Then it dawned on me. I'm in charge. Ha.

I did not smile as much as I shuffled into the kitchen to look for something resembling supper. I raided the refrigerator of all the foodstuff I could find. Then I put my supper together and gravitated to the table to enjoy my supper.

After the first bite of what I called my "supper," I said to myself, "Yuck, this certainly is not the fare I'm used to." I crunched it all and washed it down with three gallons of lukewarm coffee. I am a lousy cook.

As I thought about this, I begin to evaluate the situation. It is not my fault I am a bad cook. The fault must lie with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. She does all the cooking around here and her cooking is so marvelous that anything I might set on the table is "yuck-fare" in comparison. Through the years, she has adequately trained me to appreciate fine dining.

Then on Friday, I ran out of underwear. This is something new for me because it has never happened before. I searched through my dresser drawers and could not find any underwear. They have always been in my dresser drawers for as long as I can remember. Now, they are nowhere to be found.

I cast a wistful eye in the direction of the washer and dryer and noticed a huge pile of dirty underwear. I can never remember this happening before. I said to myself, "Why has nobody done the laundry?"

Then it dawned on me. I'm in charge.

Not really knowing how to do laundry, I tried to

work out a plan of recycling my underwear. After all, my wife is an expert at recycling. She recycles everything.

It was late Friday morning when I noticed this afore mentioned strange phenomenon. For the whole week, I have been talking to myself. That was not the strange thing.

The strange thing was, I noticed late Friday morning, not only was I talking to myself, but I was answering myself and many times arguing with myself. Now the problem is, who is really winning the argument?

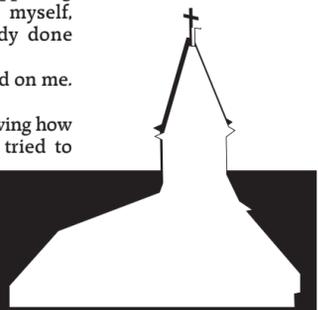
I then remembered what the Bible says, "And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him" (Genesis 2:18 KJV).

Even God knows that the man He created needs a companion or "help meet" to fulfill his life.

Sometimes we are apt to forget the provisions God has made for us. However, if a person comes to the Bible with an open mind and an open heart, he or she will discover that God has our best interest in mind for the longest period of time.

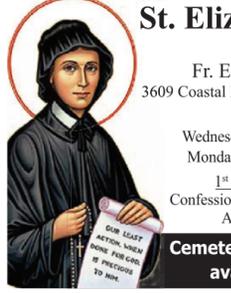
Instead of talking to myself, I spent a little time talking to God and thanking Him for the wonderful provisions He has made for my life both now and eternally.

Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship in Ocala. Call him at 1-866-552-2543 or e-mail jamesnsnyder2@att.net. His web site is www.jamesnsnyderministries.com.



Wakulla Worship Centers

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<h3>Coastal</h3> <p>Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Church Sunday Worship 9 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Pastor Kevin Hall (850) 984-0127</p>	<h3>Sopchoppy</h3> <p>Sopchoppy United Methodist Church Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Pastor Kevin Hall 850-962-2511</p>	<p>Christ Church Anglican Sunday 8:30am Service 9:30am Sunday School for Adults 10:30am Worship Service Childrens Sunday School – Nursery available – Wednesday 6:00 pm - Supper and Children, Youth and Adult Bible Classes Thursday 10:00 am Adult Bible Study</p> <p>The Rev. John Spicer, Rector 850-745-8412 3383 Coastal Highway</p>	<p>Lake Ellen Baptist Church Hwy 319 Medart, Office 926-5265</p> <p>Early Worship 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. AWANA 5:00 p.m. Youth Zone Time 4:30 p.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Services 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Our Mission is: Loving God and Loving Others through Worship, Ministry and Service. Operating like a family; strong in the Word of God, warm and inviting. Powerful ministries for strengthening our families. Reaching Children, Youth, Adults and Seniors for Jesus. We will look forward to seeing you this Lord's Day.</p> <p>www.lakeellenbaptistchurch.org</p>
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"I'm not afraid to be the pale girl in the bathing suit. It doesn't bother me anymore."

"I have friends who use tanning beds or lie out in the sun. I tell them about Jaime."

Jaime was in her early 20s when she was diagnosed with melanoma, and she died right before she turned 30.

One person dies from melanoma every hour.

After Jaime's death, I completely walked away from tanning.

People think it's safe. But I know it's not. You could die - just like Jaime did."

-Amanda Aspin

Obituaries

Wesley "Cole" Agner Jr.
Paul Alan Williams

Paul Alan Williams

Paul Alan Williams, 53, passed away suddenly on Feb. 13, 2013, at his home in Crawfordville.

He was born and raised in Lakeland, and had lived in Wakulla County since 2003. He was a member of Wakulla Springs Baptist Church.

He served three years in the U.S. Coast Guard in Mobile, Ala. He was a licensed Entomologist and pest control operator and served in this industry for many years in Central Florida. He was an avid fireworks hobbyist, gun collector, NRA member, a University of South Florida alumni and enjoyed traveling and college football.

A celebration memorial was held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21, 2013, at

Wakulla Springs Baptist Church, Crawfordville.

He is survived by his wife, Mona Williams; and his parents, John and Maxine Williams, all of Crawfordville. He is also survived by his brother, Mark Williams of Maryland, his two step-children, Heath Strickland of Crawfordville and Heather Berg (Ashley) of Tallahassee; two beloved granddaughters, Claire Elise and Vivian Ashley Berg; a niece, Amy Gray (Seth); a nephew, John Michael Williams; two great nieces, Bailey and Summer Gray; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

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

Wesley "Cole" Agner Jr.

Wesley "Cole" Agner, Jr. 57, of Madison and Wakulla Station, passed away Feb. 18, 2013, at his home in Madison.

He was born on June 19, 1955, in Madison, to Wesley Cole Agner Sr. and Mary Alice Sawyer Agner, both of whom preceded him in death.

He was the owner and operator of Cole Agner Trucking. His greatest joys in life were spoiling his granddaughters, Harley and Eva, sitting on his front porch in Madison watching the deer walk across the fields and pastures during the daytime and watching airplanes fly overhead at night. He enjoyed farming, raising cows and collecting John Deere memorabilia.



Funeral services were at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21, 2013, at Beggs Funeral Home Madison Chapel with burial at Barbara Memorial Cemetery. Visitation was on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2013, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

He is survived by Shirley Rigdon of Wakulla Station; two sons, Wesley (Opie) Agner and Cheryl, Josh Agner and Misty and their children Ashlyn and Blake, all of Lake butler; one brother, Rocky Agner

and Tina of Madison; four sisters, Elaine Ponder and Gene of Piedmont, Ala., Pam Cherry and Keith of Jacksonville, Priscilla Newbern and Mike of Auburndale, and Yvonne Plain and Mike of Lee. He is also survived by granddaughters, Harley and Eva Rigdon and their parents, Justin and Dawn Rigdon of Crawfordville; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews; and devoted friends, Phyllis and Ken Hobbs of Wakulla Station.

He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by his family and friends; never to be forgotten.

Donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd. Tallahassee, FL, 32308.

Beggs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements: (850)973-2258.

Church Briefs

Macedonia to hold fundraiser banquet

Macedonia Church of Christ Written in Heaven will hold a Fundraiser Banquet on Saturday, March 9, at 6 p.m. at the Wildwood Resort in Medart.

Sheriff Charlie Creel will be the speaker and the theme is "Bridg-

ing the Gap: Where do we go from here?"

Contact Elder Delores Nelson at (850) 408-7857 for tickets, which are \$40 per person, \$70 for a couple and \$210 for a table of six.

Rocky Mount to celebrate church anniversary

Rocky Mount Church of Christ will be celebrating its annual Church Anniversary on Sunday, March 3, at 11 a.m.

Elder Benjamin Washington and East Spring Primitive Baptist Church

of Christ in Tallahassee will render service. Dinner will be served after service. Everyone is invited to attend.

Rocky Mount is located at 58 Dogwood Drive in Crawfordville.



The modular building that was donated to Sopcchopy Southern Baptist Church as a place to hold Sunday School classes.

Sopcchopy Southern Baptist has new Sunday School building

By JEFF TILLEY
Special to The News

There's been a lot of noise lately in Sopcchopy where Sopcchopy Southern Baptist Church has just dedicated its new Sunday School building.

Sopcchopy Southern Baptist is a church on the move and is blessed by God to be able to expand its facilities just in time to meet the needs of its growing congregation.

Throughout 2012, church leadership had been stuffing Sunday School classes into nearly every nook and cranny of their 14-year-old facility on Curtis Mill Road on the outskirts of Sopcchopy.

The ever-expanding Sunday School departments had taken over bridal rooms, staff offices and corners inside the church fellowship hall. One class even meets off campus in the middle of downtown Sopcchopy!

Now, with the addition of the new building, more than 2,700 square feet of space has been added for classrooms and assembly. The new facility brings added excitement to the work at SSBC, where the congregation is already sponsoring a host of programs for children, youth, adults and seniors.

Sopcchopy Southern Baptist was chartered in 1998 by former members of First Baptist Church of Sopcchopy. Its conservative leadership, under the ministry of Dr. Bill Jenkins, has seen the church grow and reach out to people from all over the area.

Bible teaching and preaching are hallmarks of Dr. Jenkins' ministry, and the ministry staff consisting of David Allen associate pastor and minister of students, Randy Anderson, music director, and George Briesacker, senior adult minister.

Sopcchopy Southern Baptist Sunday School attendance is up, on average, more than 25 percent during the last 12 months.

Until the existence of this building came to the attention of Dr. Jenkins, SSB Sunday School directors were discussing the possibility of seeking additional space for classes in the nearby homes of church members, or possibly negotiating for the use of civic buildings in the central area of the town of Sopcchopy.

When the new modular building was offered at no cost to the church, except for the cost of moving and set up, it was a true answer to prayer. Local contractors updated the electrical and

HVAC systems. New carpet was installed, porches, stairs and handicap ramps were added with volunteer labor, and in a matter of a few months, the new building was ready for use.

The leadership and congregation of Sopcchopy Southern Baptist Church invite you and your family to visit and join in our fellowship. Sunday School classes start at 9:45 on Sunday morning and worship services start at 11 a.m.

Sunday evening offers a full slate of programs for children and adults with Awana starting at 5 p.m. and evening worship services starting at 6 p.m. On Wednesday nights, supper in the church fellowship hall starts at 6 p.m. with youth and children programs directly thereafter.

Also on Wednesday at 7 p.m., prayer meeting is held in the church sanctuary with a mid-week message from Dr. Jenkins.

Come out to Sopcchopy and see what all that noise is about! The church office contact number is 962-7822. On the web, <http://www.sopcchopysouthernbaptist.com>.

The church address is 117 Curtis Mill Road in Sopcchopy.

National Hook-Up of Black Women to honor Ethel Skipper

On March 9, the Tallahassee Chapter of the National Hook-Up of Black Women will honor Pastor Ethel Skipper at its 21st Annual Gold Star Awards Program.

The program will be held at Bethel AME Church, located at 501 W. Orange Ave. in Tallahassee beginning at 2 p.m.

Gold Star recipients are distinguished female leaders whose accomplishments are recognized for work in churches, educational institutions, and social-civic projects.



Ethel Skipper

The other recipients are Linda Dilworth, Clenteria Drayton, Mildred Hall, Taretha Harrison, Dr. Celeste Brickler-Hart and

Jane Marks.

The proceeds from the program are used to fund scholarships for deserving women from the Tallahassee area, to support the group's Literacy Corner, donate meals at the Ronald McDonald House, provide services for an adopted family, support the Sickle Cell Run and Hope Center, and other activities that promote the well-being of citizens in the area, including Wakulla County, especially in the black community.

Dunlap family appreciates support

The family of Lester Dunlap would like to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, visits, flowers and food during their recent loss.

Also, they wish to thank the Sopc-

chopy United Methodist Church for the use of their facilities.

The David Lester Dunlap family

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happenings in our community

Capital City Bank donates to KWCB



President of Capital City Bank Amy Geiger presents a check for \$500 to Keep Wakulla County Beautiful Executive Director Jo An Palmer, President-elect Nancy Paul, Treasurer Durene Gilbert, President Bruce Ashley, Past president Don Henderson and Board Members Marc Dickieson and Erica Morse.

Special to The News
Amy Geiger, president of Capital City Bank of Wakulla, recently presented a donation to Keep Wakulla

County Beautiful.
Capital City Bank is a long time sponsor of KWCB and employees are frequent volunteers at all their local

events.
Thanks to the support of all their sponsors, KWCB is able to provide educational materials to students and

the community, provide information on sustainability and support the area with major cleanup and beautification events.

Sanders celebrate 50 years



Clarence Jr. and Ruth Sanders

Clarence Jr. and Ruth Sanders will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on March 2. The couple was married in Cairo, Ga., on March 2, 1963. They have lived in Otter Creek since 1973. There will be an anniversary party on March 2 at 3 p.m. at Panacea Full Gospel Assembly. There will be food and refreshments. They have four children, Billy Joe, Deborah, Mike and Mary Beth, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

It's a boy for the Morgans

Justin and Courtney Morgan of Crawfordville announce the birth of their son, Judge Joseph Morgan, on Jan. 31. He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20.5 inches in length.

He is the first grandchild to both sets of grandparents. His maternal grandparents are Bobby and Lisa Danzey of Crawfordville. His paternal grandparents are Joseph E. and Karen Morgan of Crawfordville. His maternal great-grandparents are Bobby Sr. and Cecil Danzey of Crawfordville and Donald and Evelyn Vaughn of Dothan, Ala. His paternal great-grandparents are Earl Morgan of Crawfordville and Wallace and Kathy Bailey of Crawfordville.

2 Crawfordville residents are named DEP stars

Special to The News
Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas staff members Erik Lovstrand and Pamela King Phillips, both of Crawfordville, have been named Florida Department of Environmental Protection Star employees for 2012. The award, given this year for the first time to

125 of the Department's highest performers around the state, recognizes staff members that have shown exemplary work and dedication to the agency's mission of environmental stewardship. Lovstrand and Phillips were honored in a reception at the R. A. Gray Building in Tallahassee on Thursday, Feb. 21.

Lovstrand is an environmental manager with an emphasis on education at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve in Eastpoint. Phillips works in Tallahassee as a member of the Senior Management Team on the statewide operations of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas is responsible for oversight of the State's 41 Aquatic Preserves, three National Estuarine Research Reserves, the Florida Coral Reef Conservation Program, and the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

Children of Confederacy is starting in Wakulla County

Special to The News
The Children of the Confederacy is forming a chapter in this area. The Children of the Confederacy is an organization of young people, from birth to 18, who are descendants of men or women who served the Confederate

States of America in the Army, Navy or Civil capacity. They offer many leadership and scholarship opportunities for children. Members

will attend various events and reenactments across the Florida Panhandle. For more information, email rdonmcleodudc@gmail.com or visit <http://www.hqudc.org/cofc/>.

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Shadeville holds Brain Brawl



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Fifth graders from Shadeville Elementary participate in this year's brain brawl.

Special to The News
Shadeville Elementary held its annual Fifth Grade Brain Brawl competition on Friday, Feb. 15. The Brain Brawl is sponsored by The Coastal Optimist Club in an effort to support and encourage youth to stretch their minds and to provide an opportunity for students to shine academically. Under the direction of Shadeville's fifth grade team of teachers, Linda Davis (chairman), Kerry Adams, Suzie McCord, Sholi Roberts and Debbie Marsh, the students first battled it out in the classrooms to earn a seat on one of the

two teams. Team A members included Madison Howard (captain), Daniel Wiedeman, Ian Walker and Chase Roberts. Team B members included Luke Broome (captain), Cassie Brookshire, Jordan Bolden, and Cheyenne Bissonnette. Also competing in the alternate positions were: Rebecca Graves and Shelby DelValle. When all was said and done, the last questions answered and points awarded the members of Team A had won. Madison Howard was awarded the medal for high scorer on Team A and Luke Broome was

awarded the medal for high scorer on Team B. Broome also earned the coveted medallion held by a red, white and blue ribbon for providing the most correct answers throughout the contest. These students answered questions in reading, math, science, social studies, geography and current events. "We are proud of each of the members of this year's Brain Brawl Team and will look for them to excel in the future as they continue with their educations and careers," said Principal Susan Brazier.



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Members of the Wakulla Middle School band.

WMS band members excel at festival

Special to The News

Sixteen band students from Wakulla Middle school performed solos at the Florida Bandmaster's Solo and Ensemble Festival on Feb. 16. All sixteen students received the rating of "Superior" which is the highest rating awarded for performance at the Festival. Band Director Laura Hudson said the students had been practicing for several months and were very well prepared. "This is not a required event for students but for those who wish to go above and beyond their regular classroom music," Hudson said. "The judges were very complimentary of our students and I was



Band member Rafel Fortier at the Florida Music Educators State Convention in Tampa.

very proud of them. They are certainly a credit to our school and to their families." Students performing solos were: Madison Council, Allyson Davis and Shelby Weeks on flute; Yulia Moody, Miracle Potter, Danna Rich-

ardson, Rebecca Smith and Kayla Taff on clarinet; Amanda Darnell on alto saxophone; Ebone Davis, Russell Fleming and Taryn Pfister on trumpet; Bobbi Sanders on french horn; Zac Boone and Andi Hutto on tuba; and Rafel Fortier on snare drum. Several of these students have also represented Wakulla Middle school in other important events. Rafel Fortier was selected and performed in the All-State Honor Band at the Florida Music Educators State Convention in Tampa on Jan. 12. Kayla Taff, Zac Boone and Sam Picard were selected by audition and performed in the District Honor Band at Chiles High School on Jan. 26.

Wakulla High receives plaque for support of International Student Exchange Organization

Special to The News

This year, Wakulla high school has enrolled five international exchange students through the International Student Exchange Organization (ISE), a non-profit dedicated to expanding the worldview of its participants.

The school was recognized during the Wakulla School Board meeting on Feb. 11. Principal Michael Crouch was present to receive a plaque for the school's supporting the most international students in the state of Florida through ISE. "Foreign exchange students enrich our school with

a deeper understanding of other cultures and they bring a tangible reality to experiences that our students may only know through the media or the internet. Wakulla High School is always a better school when

foreign exchange students attend our school," Crouch said. During their stay in America, exchange students stay in the home of American host families who welcome them for an academic year.

"Our exchange student experience from Bangkok, Thailand, to Sopchoppy speaks for itself. Our student will return home with an American experience he will always remember and with a new connection to a

family and community," said Phyllis Dunaway, first time host mother. To learn more visit www.iseusa.com or contact Area Advisor, Ellyn Scanlan ellynscanlan@aol.com or (850) 553-4325.

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Man overboard!

A real-life drama on the open water



Red Clay Footprints

By John Roberts

Many of those who read this account who reside in Wakulla County and make their living out on the open sea know how treacherous it can sometimes be, and how it must always be respected.

So often, when challenged and not taken seriously, the sea will take your life in an instant.

I will tell you now how it nearly took my father's life so many years ago.

As a young boy about 12 years old, I joined Boy Scout Troop 103, which was sponsored by the University Heights Baptist Church, which was then located out on west Tennessee Street in Tallahassee. Our Scout Master was Mr. Fred Womble. He was a very good Scout Master and took us out on camping trips and other adventures very often.

It has been so long ago, about 1953, I think, that I do not recall how it came about that he and my father, E.W. Roberts, discussed taking Troop 103 out deep sea fishing.

I do know that my father would have volunteered to do that at no charge to the Boy Scouts since he was that kind of man. So the "big day" was set and as can be imagined, all the boys, some of whom had never been deep sea fishing, were excited and looking forward to the trip.

A large and very old, majestic cypress tree was located at the boat dock in St. Marks where the deep sea fishing boats tied up back in those days. We referred to that tree as the "weather tree" since it was adorned with long strands

of Spanish moss, and at a glance we could discern the direction and strength of the wind.

As luck would have it, as the large group of boys gathered down at the dock, the wind was blowing hard out of the south. I recall my father telling Mr. Womble that it was too rough offshore to go out that day, and even if we did try to get out to the fishing grounds, the boys would probably be miserable. My dad had prepared his largest and best boat, the Osprey, to take us out. It was 60 feet long and could manage the weather, and since the boys were there and anxious to give it a try, against his better judgment, my dad relented and agreed to take us out fishing.

The run from the dock at St. Marks to the off shore fishing grounds, under normal conditions, took about three hours. But because of the heavy weather, the run out there took somewhat longer.

As my dad predicted, it was a mighty miserable run too. As best I recall, there were probably 20 boys aboard, along with Mr. Womble and a couple of chaperones, one of whom would later play a key role, Mr. Singletary, father of scout Don Singletary.

By the time we got out there, fully half of the boys were already sea sick.

After about an hour of difficult fishing, we managed to catch a few fish, and as you can imagine, all the sick boys were begging to call it off and return to the dock. Even those who were not sick were



The 60-foot Osprey, owned by E.W. Roberts.

AUTHOR'S COLLECTION

not having that much fun, and dad and Mr. Womble agreed that enough was enough, and about noon the Osprey started for home.

Because of the strong winds, the seas were running very high and the waves often broke over the bow of the boat and against the windshield in front of the helmsman. It is difficult for me to recall, but I believe the helmsman who was helping my dad and was at the helm, was a Mr. Lindsey.

Because of the sea water on the windshield, the helmsman was unable to see out very well, so it was decided to crack open the windshield in front of the helmsman with a small portion of broom stick. After maybe a half hour underway, a large wave broke over the bow and hit the windshield with such force that it broke the glass. My dad decided to go up and around the forward starboard (right) side of the boat so that he could pick out the broken glass from the windshield

frame. This decision nearly cost him his life.

Back in those days, fishermen found the coral, or as they called it, "rock" bottom by throwing a sounding lead tied to a line. The bottom of the lead was hollowed out and a sticky soap, Octagon soap, was put in there so that when the lead was brought up, the man could "read" the soap and tell if the boat was over sand or rock. My father apparently stepped on a small amount of that soap residue as he was going around the side of the boat.

I heard a splash and the helmsman shout, "Man overboard!" Never will I forget the scene. I saw the "boil" of water where my father went in and his hat floating above it.

The men immediately directed all the boys to sit down on the seats on the boat, out of the way. The helmsman immediately began to bring the boat around to pick my dad up, but because of the heavy seas and the size of the Osprey, it took a long

time to come back around. Then, the helmsman, although skilled at his job, had to battle the high seas and wind in an attempt to bring the boat close enough that we could rescue my dad while being careful that the Osprey did not run over him.

My dad was not a strong swimmer and I knew could not last very long. Only occasionally would I see him as he crested the gigantic waves.

The men threw life jackets as we passed by him, but the strong winds just blew them straight behind the boat. On the second pass, I heard my dad shout to the helmsman, "I don't think I can make it if you don't get me on the next pass."

On the third pass, the helmsman did bring the boat a little closer to my dad and Mr. Singletary threw a life jacket very hard up into the wind. The wind caught it and dropped it right into my dad's arms.

I'll never forget that. Dad was so tired, he could

only lie on top of the life jacket as the waves tossed him up and down. The men were able to then get a line to him and pull him next to the boat. They leaned way over, got hold of his clothes, and pulled him up onto the deck where he vomited up sea water. They carried him below and put him in a bunk. I went down and stayed with him the rest of the way back to St. Marks.

I'll forever be grateful to Mr. Singletary. Dad later told me he was so weak he'd never have been able to hold out for the Osprey to make another turn and come back for him.

He told me his thoughts were of his family and he wondered if they'd find his body. My dad died of a stroke in January 1958, but Mr. Singletary and the good Lord gave me those extra years with the finest man I've ever known.

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FOOTBALL

Keith Gavin named Freshman All-American

By JOEY JACOBS
Special to The News

Former Riversprings Middle School and current Wakulla High School standout wide receiver Keith Gavin was named to Maxpreps Freshman All-American football team.

Gavin was an instant impact player on Wakulla's 2012 district championship team. The 2012 campaign saw Gavin haul in 20 catches for 385 yards and four touchdowns for the War Eagles in their first undefeated regular season in 29 years, and only the second in the history of the Wakulla football program.

According to Maxpreps national football editor Steve Spiewak, "The Freshman All-American Team is chosen based on a combination of production and potential."

Since the players considered for the team are young, potential plays a large role in deciding what players are selected by Maxpreps.

Wakulla football head Coach Scott Klees said, "As a ninth grader there's only been two players to come through the WHS football program with that kind of potential: Nigel Bradham and Keith Gavin. Nigel continually developed both as a player and a person while here at Wakulla, and if Keith approaches it with the same dedication and commitment



Keith Gavin

that Nigel did, he could very well wind up where Nigel did."

If Gavin keeps pace with the tempo he has set, beginning as a sixth grader at RMS growing by leaps and bounds to the exceptional freshman season he turned in at WHS, there is little doubt to the football fans that Gavin will soar.

When he discovered that he had been chosen to the team, Gavin said, "It's nice, real nice. It means a lot to be recognized at that level."

Maxpreps' Spiewak added, "We believe that Keith's size, athleticism and production as a ninth grader indicate he has a very bright future ahead of him."



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SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Zach Robison, Coach Joey Vernon, Walker Creech and Brandon Walker.

WRESTLING

Three WMS grapplers compete in tourney

Three Wakulla Middle School wrestlers traveled to Fleming Island to compete at the North Florida Championships in wrestling. Fourteen teams were represented at the tournament, which consisted of the best middle school wrestlers in north Florida, and WMS finished ninth overall.

Brandon Walker and Zach Robison both took silver medals for finishing in second place, while Walker Creech took first place becoming the North Florida Champion. Walker Creech was also voted the Most Outstanding Light-weight at the tournament by the coaches whose teams were represented at the tournament.



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

The Riversprings Middle School wrestling team.

Riversprings finishes season undefeated

The Riversprings Middle School Wrestling Bears completed an outstanding undefeated season. The Bears competed in four tournaments this season: The Falcon Invitational-Lake City, The JR Syrupmaker Classic-Cairo, The Bearclaw Classic-Wakulla, and The North Florida Championship-Jacksonville. The Bears captured first place at all four tournaments.

The Bears capped off the season in Jacksonville at the North Florida Championships. The Bears closest opponent was more than 20 points behind them in the middle school championships.

The Bears also performed well in the classroom. RMS implemented a reading incentive for all athletes this year, which requires them to read a certain number of books to be eligible to compete. The Bears Wrestling team read 18,678,871 words this season.

Congratulations on an undefeated season.

Tips for enrolling children in sports

Special to The News

The spring season heralds several things, including the start of many youth-based sporting activities. Little Leagues and Pee-Wee teams all across the country begin anew with eager anticipation from many children.

Participation in a youth league has many advantages for children, primarily in the area of personal health. Playing a team sport is a fun way to introduce regular exercise to a child, which can help battle obesity and promote overall physical health.

The Centers for Disease Control and Preven-

tion report that obesity has tripled in recent years among the nation's youth. The prevalence of obesity among children aged 6 to 11 years increased from 6.5 percent in 1980 to 19.6 percent in 2008. The prevalence of obesity among adolescents aged 12 to 19 years increased from 5 percent to 18.1 percent.

Another advantage to team sports is that they promote social interaction and can help a shy kid break out of his or her shell. Sports teams can boost self-esteem and help children relate to other children.

Here are some tips for enrolling children in a

sports activity

- Talk to your child and find out what activities he or she is most interested in.

- Find out which team activities are available in your area. Consult with other parents to find out what sports their children play and how to sign up.

- Visit the leagues in action and see how the teams play, their equipment and the condition of the fields before signing up.

- Consider the cost and time factor.

- Be sure that a team sport fits with the lifestyle of the family and is something that the child really wants to do.

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TRACK

Girls set new school record at Rickards Relays

By PAUL HOOVER
WHS Track Coach

On Tuesday, Feb. 19, the track teams from Wakulla High School traveled to Rickards High School in Tallahassee for the annual Rickards Relays.

This early season relay meet attracted nine teams from around the Big Bend.

The WHS girls 4x800 meter relay team had an outstanding night, winning the event and setting a new school record in the process.

Early in the meet the WHS middle distance girls gave notice that they had come to run. The girl's 4 x 1600 relay team kicked off the competition with a solid second place finish to perennial powerhouse Leon High School.

Then came the 4x800 meter relay, again with the main challenge coming from Leon High. Lydia Wiedeman led off for the local team and gave her teammates about a two second lead. Savanna Harris and Savanna Strickland both ran solid legs,

but lost some ground to the Leon runners.

When anchor Madison Harris – one of the best 800 meter runners in the state – got the baton she was fully 10 seconds behind the Leon anchor. One of Harris' greatest strengths as a runner and competitor is that, no matter how far behind she may be, she believes she can catch whoever is ahead of her, and she generally does!

After her first 400 meters, she had closed the gap to five seconds.

She kept pressing and caught the lead runner with about 75 meters to go and pulled away to anchor the win by three seconds, running a great final leg of 2:17.

The final relay time of 10:29 set a new school record by approximately three seconds.

The girls 4x400 meter relay team ran to a strong third place finish and the team of Raychel Gray, Breighly Bolton, Connie Lewis and Kayla Webbe won the Distance Medley to give the middle distance runners another win.

In the individual events, thrower Shelby Alsop had a good night, placing fifth in the discus and seventh in the shot put, 100 meter hurdlers, Taylor Vaughan and Amber Stewart placed fifth and seventh respectively and Latehsia Curry placed fifth in the long jump.

The local boys also had a good showing at the meet. The 4x1600 meter relay team led off with a solid fourth place finish and the 4x100 meter team also finished in fourth place.

Additionally, the 4x200 meter team placed fifth, the 4x200 meter team nabbed fifth, the 4x400 meter team placed ninth and the 4x800 meter team placed fifth.

In the Distance Medley, the team of Travis Parks, Joseph Kramer, Alan Pearson and Albert Smythe, ran to a first place finish.

Individually, John Sanders placed eighth in the long jump.

The teams will compete next on Saturday, March 2, at the Jesse Forbes Meet held at Godby High School in Tallahassee.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL

Season gets underway

RMS: The Riversprings Middle school Bears baseball team is off to a good start. The bears started the season off by defeating Hosford 10-2. The Bears turned around two days later and defeated Maclay, 10-2. The Bears then went on the road to defeat Hosford, 12-0.

The Bears were led by the pitching of RJ Kinard, Jacob Estes and Bailey Fagan. Offensively the Bears were led by Kody Zanco, Peyton Bennett, Matt Briggs, RJ Kinard, and Zach Norman.

Good job Bears.

WMS: The Wakulla Middle School baseball team started the 2013 baseball season 2-0 with victories over Florida High and Madison County.

The Wildcats defeated Florida High 10-2 on Tuesday with pitching from Hunter Greene and Austin Hogan. They

were lead offensively by Dylan Atkins and Kaleb Langston who both went 2 for 3, Jaren Lawhon, Austin Geiger and Thomas Anderson all went 1 for 1 and Bradley Lord went 1 for 2.

They traveled to Madison County on Thursday, and defeated the Broncos 14-6. The Wildcats scored 12 runs in the first inning with strong hitting from Kaleb Langston who went 2 for 2, Will Barwick who went 2 for 3, Dylan Atkins and Eli Sheats were both 1 for 2, while Gabe Barwick, Austin Geiger and Jaren Lawhon all finished the night 2 for 4. Kaleb Langston had a good night on the mound and pitched a complete game for the victory.

The WMS coaches were extremely excited about the attitude and effort the Wildcats displayed in their first two games.

Upcoming baseball and softball games:

RMS:
• Tuesday, March 5: Team A baseball and softball at home vs. Taylor at 4 p.m.
• Thursday, March 7, Team B baseball and softball at Quincy at 4 p.m.

WMS:
• Thursday, Feb. 28:

Team A baseball at NFC at 4 p.m.
• Friday, March 1: Team A baseball vs. Trinity at John Paul III at 4 p.m.
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Scott announces \$3M for water projects

Special to The News
On Feb. 25, Gov. Rick Scott was joined by Sen. Bill Montford and Rep. Halsey Beshears to announce that the Florida Families First Budget invested \$3 million in water projects for Apalachicola to enhance the community's infrastructure while improving water quality in the bay.

The governor also highlighted current activities to assess and improve the area's fisheries, and efforts to improve the economic conditions of the region.

"When one community hurts in Florida, we all come together to help - and that's why the Florida Families First Budget makes important investments in this community," Gov. Scott said. "Our budget provides a targeted investment of \$3 million for Apalachicola water quality improvement projects, which will provide this area with cleaner water to create healthier fisheries."

The Northwest Florida Water Management District will prioritize critical projects that address storm water needs, which

will enhance area infrastructure and improve the quality of water that enters the bay. The district will have the flexibility needed to retrofit storm water infrastructure to keep storm water from impacting the local fisheries.

These initiatives will be crucial for the long-term restoration and sustainability of water resources in Apalachicola Bay, and will work to clean this ecosystem so it provides quality water for oysters.

Included in the \$3 million is up to \$500,000, to help fund an analysis of the river flows necessary to maintain estuarine resources.

Sen. Montford said, "We're working hard to get this community back up on its feet, and I applaud the Governor for making critical investments in the area to improve the fisheries and infrastructure. We'll continue to find ways to protect the generations of families who rely on this bay and the rivers for their livelihoods."

"Governor Scott recognizes the critical importance of Apalachicola Bay and River as an ecological

treasure, an economic driver and a way of life not just for Franklin County residents but for the entire state of Florida," said DEP Secretary Herschel T. Vinyard, Jr. "The Governor's Florida Families First budget illustrates his commitment to improving water quality to restore this vital ecosystem."

Current Activities in Franklin County

Currently, the regional workforce board, Franklin County, the Department of Agriculture and FWC are working together to move oysters from poor growing areas to other sites, where the oysters can grow to a good size for oystermen to harvest.

In a process known as "relaying," oysters that are developing in poor condition areas are moved to areas with better water quality. From these areas, healthy oysters can develop into something that oystermen can sell.

Department of Economic Opportunity is coordinating with Franklin County in depositing processed oyster shells on depleted oyster reefs and bay bottom areas to pro-

vide a base for oyster larvae to attach and grow.

This partnership will employ individuals to deposit the oyster shells, providing job opportunities to area families.

The FWC has been working with the University of Florida to monitor the Big Bend area outside of Apalachicola, which may provide scientists with greater opportunities to better understand the potential of the oyster fisheries. Also, the University of Florida Oyster Recovery Team is studying the decline of oysters in Apalachicola Bay to create short-term and long-term strategies for restoring oyster populations - and their first strategy report is expected this spring.

Scott said, "Let me be clear, our number one goal is to restore these fisheries so that generations of families who have relied on the waters of Apalachicola can continue to do so. The Department of Economic Opportunity is working with Franklin County to complement and enhance the local economy, so families have access to good jobs."



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Freshwater fishing season is here

Special to The News

Bass season has come early this year. At Renfro Lake, the Riversprings Middle School Fishing Club, including Michael Ray, Dustin Colvin and Jacob Estes, has proven so. On Feb. 18, these anglers decided to give it a try. They arrived at the lake around 10 a.m. and departed at 2 p.m. On this beautiful sunny day they caught many largemouth bass weighing 2 to 3 pounds, and several that exceeded 5 pounds.

As bait, they used hollow bodied frogs and weighted soft plastics including Zoom Trick Worms and creature baits the color of bull frog. The larger bass were bedding on the shore line and the smaller ones were located out in the middle.

These anglers proved fishing season has arrived once again.



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Gag grouper season set for Gulf state waters

FWC NEWS

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) set the 2013 recreational gag grouper season for Gulf of Mexico state waters at its meeting Feb. 13 in Orlando.

The season in most state waters is slated to start July 1 and end Dec. 3.

State waters off the coast of Taylor, Jefferson, Wakulla and Franklin counties, including waters of the Steinhatchee River, Apalachicola Bay and Indian Pass, will have a gag grouper open season of April 1 through June 30. This four-county

region will not be open during the July 1 through Dec. 3 season.

The Commission selected the April to June season for the four-county region to allow fishing opportunities for private recreational anglers in this area when gag grouper are closer to shore and can be safely accessed by smaller boats. Because it is the least densely populated region of Florida's Gulf Coast, fishing effort for gag grouper is relatively low in these counties.

By replacing the July 1 through Dec. 3 season with a shorter but more desirable season in the Big Bend, the Commission hopes to bal-

ance the economic and social needs of this region with the conservation needs of gag grouper.

Monroe County is excluded from the Gulf of Mexico season because it is included in the Atlantic season for gag grouper.

The selected seasons will offer Florida anglers the most number of gag grouper fishing days while still contributing to the current rebuilding plan. The federal season has not yet been finalized but is expected to start July 1 and end sometime in late November or early December.

Learn more about gag grouper by visiting MyFWC.com/Fishing.

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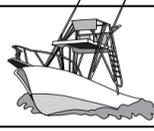
Local writers share their experiences

a peek into life on and under the water



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



So many people have been down and out with colds and other ailments in the last few weeks.

It does not take much with the weather yo-yo that has been happening. Now, everything is beginning to get covered in the yellow pollen dust.

Thankfully there are many things that can help us all feel better and ready to enjoy the beautiful weather this spring season promises to bring.

As you get ready to venture out on the water once again, it is critical that you make sure your boat is in good working condition.

Sitting on dry dock throughout the winter months can lead to some unforeseen problems that can cause a good day on the water to sour quickly.

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sure they do not become clogged. A good rule is to run an outboard at least 30 minutes every month.

Water can get into the fuel system and lead to a loss of power. Oil can become thick and clog lines leading to an engine overheating.

Drain lines can also become clogged by debris and may need to be blown out. A bilge pump that does not work can lead to a very severe problem quickly.

It is also good practice

to make sure all your safety gear is up to date and in good working order.

Salt water is corrosive and can lead fabric to deteriorate. Life jackets are only beneficial if they are intact!

Electronic connections can also become corroded. It is a good idea to double check all your connections and clean them as needed.

There are several products available to protect the connections from the effects of salt water.

If you are not more mechanically inclined, it is also advisable to get an annual tune up to ensure that all parts are in good working order.

And as Sherrie says, safe boating is no accident. You can help make a good day on the water great by ensuring that your boat is up to the challenge!

If you are interested in becoming involved in the Auxiliary, check out our website at www.uscgaux.net for membership information or contact our Flotilla Staff Officer for Human Resources Fran Keating at fso-hr@uscgaux.net.

Our next meeting will be on March 9 at 9:15 a.m. at the Naval Reserve Training Center. If you are interested in attending, please contact Fran Keating to make arrangements.

New mobile app available Florida for state parks

Special to The News

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Florida Park Service has developed a new, free smartphone app, available for download.

This interactive guide gives users on-the-go access to Florida's 171 state parks, trails and historic sites, complete with detailed information about campgrounds, amenities, facility maps, directions and so much more.

Gov. Rick Scott said, "This app is a great tool for families to enjoy Florida's state parks, which provide incredible recreation opportunities to visitors worldwide. Also, this app is great for anyone that's

looking for an easy-to-use guide for enjoying Florida's great outdoors."

One of DEP Secretary Herschel T. Vinyard Jr.'s priorities for the department is increasing access to state parks and trails for Floridians and visitors.

The app allows visitors to plan that perfect outdoor trip by searching for a park by GPS location or activity to find nearby locations to enjoy hiking, camping, boating, birding and more. Once there, advanced GPS and GIS mapping technology allows visitors to track and record trails, mark waypoints and locate friends within the park. There is even an option to cache GPS maps in advance to ensure that

navigation remains possible in the event of lost mobile reception.

"This is an exciting new feature that will increase public access to DEP's award-winning park system," said Vinyard. "Being able to plan your trip to one of our parks, trails or historic sites from your phone makes experiencing Florida's natural, cultural and historical resources easier."

The apps provide plenty of other features to maximize visitors' outdoor adventure:

Educational information, amenities, maps & directions. Real-time calendar of events. News, advisories, and weather alerts. Social networking and photo sharing. Potentially life-saving alert feature. Advanced GPS mapping features. Record trail distance and time elapsed. Recall, post or share saved

data. Friend Finder. Built-in compass.

"With the new Florida State Parks Pocket Ranger mobile app, essential state park information will be in the palm of our visitors' hands, allowing them to further enjoy the natural and cultural resources our state has to offer," said Donald Forgiore, DEP's Florida Park Service Director.

New features such as GeoChallenge games and a photo share option will be added in the coming months. Follow FLStateParks on Facebook and Twitter for the latest updates.

The Florida State Parks Pocket Ranger app is available now on iTunes and Android Market by searching "Official Florida State Parks" and is identified under ParksByNature Network.

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Sun rise/set 7:03 am 6:35 pm	Moon rise/set 9:42 pm 8:30 am	First March 19	Full March 26	Last March 4	New March 11	Carrabelle	28 Min.	25 Min.	Major Times	Minor Times
Brightness--83%						Apalachicola	1 Hr., 53 Min.	2 Hrs., 38 Min.	2:38 AM-4:38 AM	8:29 AM-9:29 AM
Friday						Cat Point	1 Hr., 13 Min.	2 Hrs., 31 Min.	3:03 PM-5:03 PM	9:41 PM-10:41 PM
Sun rise/set 7:02 am 6:36 pm	Moon rise/set 10:45 pm 9:11 am					Lower Anchorage	1 Hr., 36 Min.	2 Hrs., 3 Min.	Good	
Brightness--76%						West Pass	1 Hr., 26 Min.	2 Hrs., 39 Min.	Major Times	Minor Times
Saturday									3:29 AM-5:29 AM	9:10 AM-10:10 AM
Sun rise/set 7:01 am 6:37 pm	Moon rise/set 11:48 pm 9:55 am								3:55 PM-5:55 PM	10:44 PM-11:44 PM
Brightness--69%									Average	
Sunday									Major Times	Minor Times
Sun rise/set 7:00 am 6:37 pm	Moon rise/set --:-- 10:44 am								4:22 AM-6:22 AM	9:54 AM-10:54 AM
Brightness--62%									4:49 PM-6:49 PM	11:48 PM-12:48 AM
Monday									Average	
Sun rise/set 6:59 am 6:38 pm	Moon rise/set 12:51 am 11:37 am								Major Times	Minor Times
Brightness--55%									6:44 PM-8:44 PM	11:36 AM-12:36 PM
Tuesday									Average	
Sun rise/set 6:58 am 6:39 pm	Moon rise/set 1:52 am 12:36 pm								Major Times	Minor Times
Brightness--47%									7:13 AM-9:13 AM	1:51 AM-2:51 AM
Wednesday									7:43 PM-9:43 PM	12:34 PM-1:34 PM
Sun rise/set 6:57 am 6:39 pm	Moon rise/set 2:48 am 1:38 pm								Average	
Brightness--40%									Major Times	Minor Times
									8:12 AM-10:12 AM	2:47 AM-3:47 AM
									8:41 PM-10:41 PM	1:37 PM-2:37 PM
									Average	

Law Enforcement and Courts reports

Sheriff's Report

On Feb. 14, a 52-year-old Crawfordville resident reported that he was walking trail roads on the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge near Wakulla Beach Road when he became separated from his friend, a 50-year-old Perry man who became lost.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office set up a command post and entered trails in a patrol truck along with a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission truck.

The Perry man did not have a cell phone but had extra clothing, a light and water. The search began at 7:16 p.m. and at 8:08 p.m. using the trucks and thermal imaging equipment, the Perry man was located safe and uninjured. Lt. Sherrell Morrison, Deputy Stephen Simmons and Randy Phillips and FWC Officer Blake Hoelscher investigated.

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

FEBRUARY 14

- Joel Chatham of St. Marks reported discovering a marijuana plant growing on his property. The plant was seized by Deputy Will Hudson for destruction.

- Bonnie Messimer of Crawfordville reported the theft of a vehicle tag decal. The victim was stopped by Deputy Clint Beam when he observed an expired decal. The victim was able to prove that she had a valid tag. It appeared that someone attempted to tear the decal off the tag. Deputy Nick Gray investigated.

- James Godwin of Panacea reported fire damage to a shed in Crawfordville. The complainant provides lawn maintenance for a bank that owns the Crawfordville property. Burned items and damage was observed in the shed. Household items, paint and clothing was observed inside the shed. Damage to the shed was estimated at \$1,500. Deputy Nick Gray investigated.

FEBRUARY 15

- Deputy Ward Kromer responded to a reckless vehicle complaint on Chinook Trail. Evidence at the intersection of Chinook Trail and Arapaho Trail indicated that a vehicle traveled through the area in an aggressive and reckless manner. Damage was observed to a stop sign, a parked vehicle and telephone box.

A witness reportedly observed Alfredo Rodolfo Del Castillo, 43, of Lake City at the scene and deputies discovered Del Castillo in a ditch near Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Road and Jasper Thomas Road. The Del Castillo vehicle

damage was consistent with the information received from Chinook Trail. Del Castillo was arrested for leaving the scene of a traffic crash with property damage over \$50. He was also charged with DUI after failing field sobriety exercises and resisting arrest without violence for failing to follow the commands of the detention deputies. Lt. Sherrell Morrison, Lt. Cliff Carroll, Deputies Stephen Simmons, Richard Moon and Scott DelBeato investigated.

- Henry H. Schreiber, 83, of Crawfordville was involved in a one vehicle traffic crash at Trice Lane and U.S. Highway 319. The driver was attempting to turn onto Trice Lane from the highway but hit the gas pedal instead of the brakes. The motorist ran off the roadway and struck a tree. There were no injuries. Deputy Sean Wheeler investigated.

- Wal-Mart Asset Protection staff observed Daniel Alexander Faircloth, 19, of Crawfordville stealing ink cartridges. The suspect was observed putting the cartridges in his clothing and leaving the store without paying.

The items are valued at \$42. Faircloth was charged with retail theft and transported to the Wakulla County Jail. Deputy Sean Wheeler investigated.

- Lynn Gene Love of Crawfordville reported a fraud. The victim was unable to locate his bank card and contacted his bank to determine if it had been used by someone. The card was used in an attempt to acquire \$300 through an ATM. Persons of interest were identified. Deputy Brad Taylor investigated.

FEBRUARY 16

- Herman Jones III, 26, of Tallahassee was arrested for driving while license is suspended or revoked following a traffic stop near Springhill Road and New Light Church Road. Deputy Mike Zimba observed the motorist crossing the fog line on the road multiple times. Jones' driver license was determined to be suspended as a habitual traffic offender. The suspect was arrested without incident.

- James Arthur Farmer Jr., 42, of Crawfordville was arrested for possession of cocaine with intent to sell, possession of cocaine and possession of narcotics equipment. Deputies discovered Farmer sleeping in a vehicle that was running on Dogwood Drive.

A search of the vehicle allegedly turned up \$1,993 in U.S. currency, one gram of crack cocaine and 7.5 grams of powder cocaine along with plastic baggies and a scale. The narcotics

tested positive as cocaine once tested at the WCSO. Farmer was transported to the Wakulla County Jail where he remains with no bond. The cocaine was valued at approximately \$900. Deputies Gibby Gibson, Clint Beam, and Sean Wheeler and Sgt. Danny Harrell investigated.

- Jessie Davis of Crawfordville reported a grand theft. A four wheeler was removed from the victim's back yard. The vehicle is valued at \$7,000 and was entered into the FCIC/NCIC data base. Deputy Clint Beam investigated.

- Vito Knowles of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief. Someone broke a window in the victim's truck camper shell in his yard. Damage was estimated at \$150. Deputy Sean Wheeler investigated.

- David Fletcher of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief. A motorist struck and damaged his privacy fence and mailbox and left the scene. Damage to the fence and mailbox is estimated at \$25. Some individuals of interest were identified. Deputy Gibby Gibson investigated.

FEBRUARY 17

- Jason Strickland of Sopchoppy reported a fraud. Someone acquired the account number of his bank card and used it in Hollywood, Fla. The charges totaled \$231; however a \$212 charge was declined. Deputy Gibby Gibson investigated.

- Anthony Robinson of Crawfordville reported a credit card offense. The victim's bank card was used fraudulently overseas. A total fraud amount of \$213 was reported in Italy. Deputy Vicki Mitchell investigated.

- Woody Morgan of Crawfordville reported a structure fire on Harbour Point Drive. The deck/balcony of the structure suffered fire damage that was extinguished by Wakulla Firefighters. The cause of the fire has not been determined but was not suspicious in nature. The state Fire Marshal was contacted to investigate. Damage was estimated at \$5,000. The property is owned by Bernard Pavlovich of Ridgedale, Mo. Deputy Marshall Taylor investigated.

FEBRUARY 18

- Kokina Rosier of Crawfordville reported a structure fire. The victim suffered a fire in her kitchen that was deemed cooking related and an accident. Fire engulfed the kitchen and filled the home with smoke. The cause of the fire was hot oil on the stove. Damage was estimated at \$3,500. Wakulla

Firefighters put out the blaze and Wakulla EMS treated the family on the scene. Deputy Elisee Colin investigated.

- Connie Green of Crawfordville reported the theft of medications from his home. A person of interest was identified. Deputy Cole Wells investigated.

- Brooks Van Camerik of Tallahassee and Bryan Honhart of Tallahassee were involved in a minor traffic crash at the intersection of U.S. Highway 319 and U.S. Highway 98 near Wakulla High School. There were no injuries. Deputy Nick Gray investigated.

- Monica Spears of Crawfordville reported a fraud. Someone used the victim's Social Security number to file a tax return. Deputy Cole Wells investigated.

- Gerald Middleton of Panacea reported nearly being struck by a vehicle while he rode his bicycle in Panacea. The victim was riding along U.S. Highway 98. The victim fell into a ditch after avoiding contact with the speeding vehicle. Deputy Stephen Simmons investigated.

- Kathryn Bridges of Tallahassee and Wyomi Creel of Crawfordville reported a minor traffic crash at Walgreens in Crawfordville. There were no injuries. Lt. Jimmy Sessor investigated.

FEBRUARY 19

- Lucy Johnson of Crawfordville reported a vehicle theft. The vehicle was loaned to someone known by the victim but never returned. Deputy Ward Kromer learned that the missing vehicle was parked at a pizza establishment in Crawfordville. The victim made arrangements to collect the vehicle and a grand theft warrant was requested for the suspect.

- Paul J. Pelletier of Canada and Cheryl Lee Cipponeri of Lanark Village were involved in a traffic crash at the intersection of Highway 267 and Highway 363. The injuries and damage was minor. Deputy Cole Wells investigated.

- Deputy Stephen Simmons responded to a traffic crash at Anytime Fitness where a 16-year-old reported his vehicle being struck by another motorist. The victim went outside the establishment and attempted to make contact with the driver of the other vehicle. The suspect refused to exchange insurance information with the victim and drove away from the scene.

A witness observed a woman strike the victim's truck, exit her vehicle to examine the damage and get back into her vehicle and attempt to leave. Evi-

dence was collected at the scene and the suspect has been identified. Damage to the victim's vehicle is estimated at \$500 and damage to the suspect's vehicle was estimated at \$1,000. The case was sent to the WCSO Criminal Investigations Division.

- Deputy Ward Kromer was investigating a motor vehicle theft case when he was asked to investigate a related neglect case involving the same suspect and a 10-year-old juvenile. The suspect dropped the child at a friend's home and failed to return. The suspect did not provide the friend with clothing or provisions to take care of the child. The Department of Children and Families was notified along with the juvenile's father. The suspect could not be located and a warrant for child neglect was requested.

FEBRUARY 20

- Patricia Tyner of Crawfordville reported the theft of medication from her residence. The medication is valued at \$200. Deputy Gibby Gibson investigated.

- Siefie Joseph Awad, 62, of Crawfordville was arrested for criminal mischief and resisting an officer without violence after the suspect was observed destroying a bank drive thru money tube.

Ameris Bank reported that the suspect became angry about not being able to cash a check without a fingerprint. Awad allegedly threw down the tube and destroyed it. Bank officials asked Awad to pay for the tube container and he declined. Deputy Clint Beam and Deputy Gibby Gibson discovered their suspect at a Crawfordville business hiding in a bathroom.

- Kenneth W. Glover of Crawfordville reported a traffic crash. He struck a deer with his truck on Steve Moore Road and U.S. Highway 319. The victim suffered minor damage to his vehicle. Deputy Gibby Gibson investigated.

- Jeanine Gray Dalton, 61, of Panacea was issued a notice to appear in court and a trespass warning for the Panacea Dollar General store after allegedly being observed removing food from the store without

paying for it. The suspect paid for some of the items at the checkout but not several food items that are valued at \$8.50. The food items were returned to the store by another individual. Deputy Vicki Mitchell investigated.

- Calvin Nelson of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief to his home. A suspect, who has been identified, damaged the victim's door and the area around the door. Damage was estimated at \$250. Deputy Vicki Mitchell and Deputy Ian Dohme investigated.

- Edward Evans of Crawfordville reported being the victim of a telephone scam. A caller informed the victim that he was calling from the Guatemala City Jail and that one of his relatives was incarcerated inside the jail. The caller asked the victim for \$1,000 to help the alleged relative in jail. After receiving the wired money, the caller requested an additional \$900 for attorney fees, but the victim refused. The victim learned his relative is actually in Georgia. Deputy Billy Metcalf investigated.

FEBRUARY 21

- Sharilyn Ryals of Crawfordville reported a credit card offense. The victim discovered four unauthorized charges on her bank account. A total of \$680 worth of charges was created in Lake Worth at a Dollar General store. Deputy Sean Wheeler investigated.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office received 1,004 calls for service during the past week including 20 residential and business alarms; 11 assists to other agencies; 46 citizen contacts; 21 E-911 abandoned cell calls; six regular E-911 abandoned calls; 14 regular E-911 calls; 48 investigations; 55 medical emergencies; 25 school security checks; 183 security checks; 165 business and residential security checks; 15 special details; 34 subpoena services; 11 suspicious vehicles; 10 traffic crashes; 46 traffic enforcements; 112 traffic stops; and 15 reckless vehicles.

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

Gov. Scott pulls off a stunner

By JIM SAUNDERS
THE NEWS SERVICE OF
FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, Feb. 22 – Nobody could have seen this coming when Rick Scott ran for governor in 2010.

But there he was Wednesday, standing before the microphones in the Governor's Mansion and announcing he would support a massive expansion of the Medicaid program.

Sometimes, to borrow a well-worn cliché, you just can't make this stuff up.

Scott, who launched his political career by railing against President Obama's plans to overhaul health care, said he would support a Medicaid expansion that is part of the federal Affordable Care Act, aka Obamacare. He added the caveat that the expansion should be re-evaluated after three years.

Democrats and groups like Planned Parenthood praised Scott for his stance – almost certainly one of the few times they have praised the Republican during the past three years.

Meanwhile, tea party activists and groups such as Americans for Prosperity – the conservative types heavily responsible for electing Scott in the first place – were aghast.

Scott, who is preparing for a re-election campaign in 2014, described his stance as a "compassionate, common-sense step forward."

If lawmakers go along with Scott, hundreds of thousands of Floridians will become eligible for Medicaid coverage, with the federal government paying 100 percent of the expansion costs during the first three years and at least 90 percent of the costs later.

"We have a choice – and it's not an easy choice – but my job is to worry about every Florida family," Scott said during the news conference at the mansion.

Scott also described the Affordable Care Act as the "law of the land," after it was cemented by Obama's re-election in November and a landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling last year.

But one critical piece of that ruling – in a lawsuit spearheaded by Florida – was that states can't be forced to go along with the Medicaid expansion.

So while the Affordable Care Act will remain the law of the land, Medicaid expansion boils down to a policy choice.

Scott's announcement also came less than two months after he got pilloried for using what critics said were inflated estimates about the Medicaid expansion's future costs for the state.

Those estimates were widely viewed as an attempt to raise doubts about going forward with the expansion.

Regardless, Scott's new-found support is a political gamble. Ultimately, he will need the

Legislature to agree to the expansion, which at least at this point appears far from certain.

Some key Senate Republicans indicated this week they might be willing to go along, and Scott could count on support from House and Senate Democrats.

But House Republicans are another story, with Speaker Will Weatherford, R-Wesley Chapel, repeatedly saying he is "skeptical" about the expansion.

"Governor Scott has made his decision, and I certainly respect his thoughts," Weatherford said in a statement emailed to reporters a few minutes before Scott made the announcement. "However, the Florida Legislature will make the ultimate decision. I am personally skeptical that this inflexible law will improve the quality of health care in our state and ensure our long-term financial stability."

MEANWHILE, MORE MEDICAID

Just hours before Scott's announcement, he and other Republicans got news they have sought for nearly two years: The federal government is poised to approve a proposal to enroll almost all Medicaid beneficiaries in managed-care plans.

Scott and the GOP-dominated Legislature approved the proposal in 2011, arguing it would help hold down costs and better coordinate

care for Medicaid beneficiaries.

It has been controversial, however, because Democrats and other critics contend that HMOs could squeeze the care provided to beneficiaries.

State and federal officials still have to work out the final details, but Florida received notice from Washington of an "agreement in principle." Scott described the decision as a win for the state.

"Improving the coordination of care in Medicaid means we will be able to better manage chronic conditions and give more preventative treatments to help keep Florida families healthy," he said.

Hundreds of thousands of Medicaid beneficiaries already get services through managed-care plans, but the changes would make enrollment mandatory.

Federal officials recently approved a related proposal for Medicaid-eligible seniors who need long-term care; this week's announcement applies to the broader Medicaid population, such as low-income women and children.

The timing of the notice and Scott's announcement of supporting the Medicaid expansion created speculation that the issues could be linked. Bottom line, Florida leaders wanted statewide managed-care, while the Obama administration wants Medicaid expansion.

But Scott and Senate

President Don Gaetz, R-Niceville, denied any connection, or quid pro quo, between the issues.

"I don't think there's any linkage," Gaetz said. "There's certainly no linkage in my mind."

BILLS ARE MOVING (OR DYING)

Whatever their differences on the Medicaid expansion, Republican lawmakers showed this week that they remain in firm control as the legislative session gets ready to start March 5.

As an example, a House panel Wednesday approved a bill that would give the governor more power over the make-up of judicial nominating commissions. While those commissions might sound obscure and wonky, they play an important role in the process of choosing new judges.

Republicans said the changes would make judges more attuned to the wishes of the people, with Rep. Charlie Stone, R-Ocala, adding that the governor is an "elected official held accountable to the voting public."

But Democrats, who lost a party-line vote on the bill, argued that the measure would make it easier for the Republican governor to stack the courts.

"The governor not only gets to pick who the judges are, he gets to pick who gives him the list," said Rep. Cynthia Stafford, D-Miami. "I think that upsets the

balance of power here. I think we need to keep an independent judiciary."

Another example of Republicans flexing their muscles came as Sen. Eleanor Sobel, D-Hollywood, had to pull back a bill (SB 196) aimed at allowing civil unions, which would grant legal relationship rights to people who aren't married.

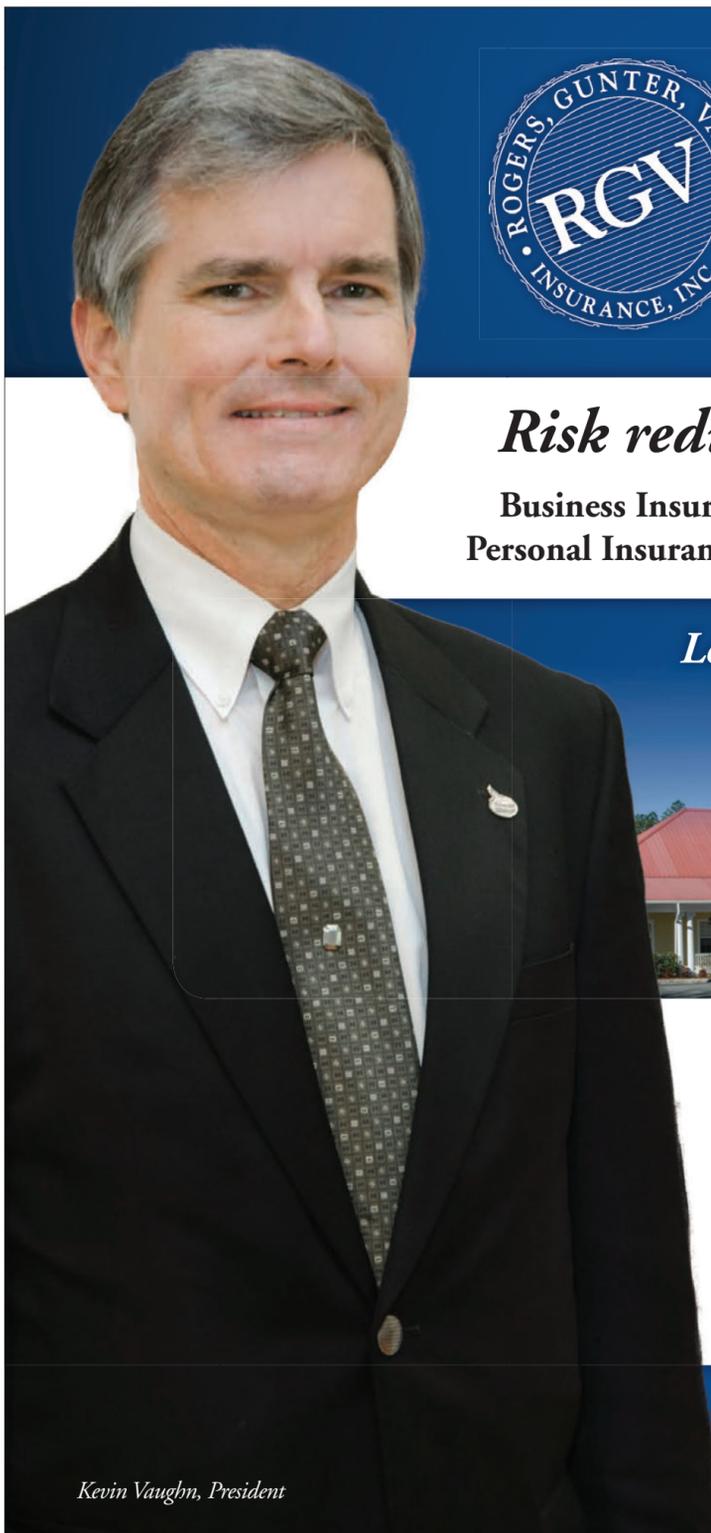
Sobel is chairwoman of the Senate Children, Families and Elder Affairs Committee, but she decided against bringing up the measure for a vote, because it likely would have failed. Republicans make up a majority of the panel.

"I can count," Sobel said.

Conservative opponents of the bill claimed victory. "Just hours ago, defeated SB 196, the stealth gay marriage bill," tweeted John Stemberger, president of the Florida Family Policy Council, after the measure was postponed.

STORY OF THE WEEK: Gov. Rick Scott, a longtime critic of the federal Affordable Care Act, announced that he would support an expansion of the Medicaid program.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Will Medicaid expansion cover me for the knife (Scott) just buried in my back?" Henry Kelley, a tea party leader in Florida, said in a Twitter message after Scott's announcement.



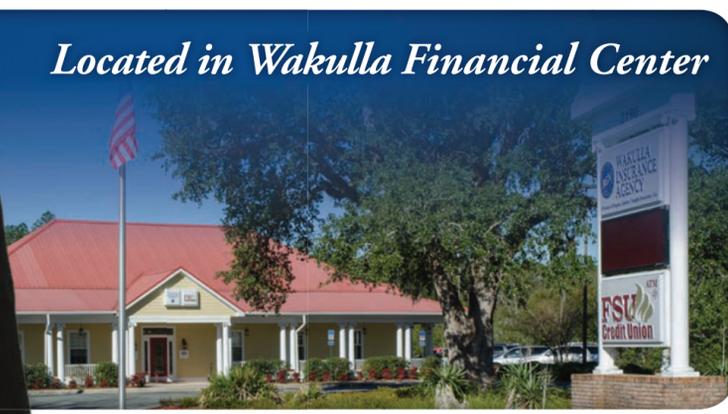


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Pollen is a curse to some, a blessing to others



Natural Wakulla

By Les Harrison

It is a bane and curse to hay-fever sufferers without regard to their station in life. The agony plagues the victims night and day, at work and at rest, awake or asleep.

The sensation created is reminiscent of a sadistic medieval torture inflicted by leather hooded brutes. An invisible vise slowly and deliberately squeezes the heads of the ill-fated to a near eye-popping level of intensity.

It is all caused by a nearly invisible compound which occurs to excess in spring. Pollen, a sure sign spring is here, is a curse to some and a blessing to others.

Pollen is the plant-produced powder containing the male half of the genes during the reproductive process. The grains have a hard coat which protects the cells during the process.

Pollen travels from the

stamens to the pistil of flowering plants. In coniferous plants it moves from the male cone to the female cone. The delivery is accomplished on the wind, or by insects or animals which brush against the stamens.

The earliest historic records of pollen date back to the Devonian epoch about 400 million years ago. Pollen's rugged outer sheath provided the necessary resistance to the rigors of the fossilization.

Pollen was produced in huge quantities and left an extensive fossil record. Many of the pollen grains were separated from their parent plant creating many mysteries yet to be resolved.

Pollen found at archeological sites and lodged on ancient textiles has assisted in identifying plant and trees which existed at specific times and locations. It provided hard evi-



PHOTO BY LES HARRISON/SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Pollen-covered worker bees return to their hive.

dence of plants and trees throughout history.

Pollens which initiate allergies are those from plants and trees that the pollen is dispersed by air currents. Not surprisingly, these plants produce large quantities of lightweight pollen which is easily dispersed on the breezes.

Pine trees are the most likely Wakulla County culprits during early spring, but there are other contributors. Pollen grains of pines have a winged shape which improves its aerodynamic potential.

The fine airborne gran-

ules are easily inhaled. They subsequently come into contact with the sensitive respiratory passages.

As the season progresses, many other trees and plants will contribute the nasal overload. The pollen volume peaks again in the autumn with mainly weeds supplying the aggravating dust.

The insect world, primarily European Honeybees, view the springtime pollen explosion quite differently than people. They collect and store pollen for use as a future

food source.

Pollen is a major protein source for honeybees. They produce "bee bread" with the pollen which is used to carry their hives through lean times.

Worker bees collect the pollen under their wings. They return to their hive when they have a full load, then repeat the process until the pollen source is exhausted.

Some native Wakulla County spiders use pollen as a supplement to their diet of insects, including unlucky honeybees.

There are some who

claim that consuming locally produced honey, which contains pollen, will alleviate many hay fever symptoms. Clinically this has not been proven.

To learn more about pollen sources in Wakulla County, contact your UF/IFAS Wakulla Extension Office at 850-926-3931 or at <http://wakulla.ifas.ufl.edu>.

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Zodie has been in the restaurant

business for over 30 years and has taken this opportunity of opening a second location very seriously and looks forward to continued service to the community. Although she stays in Perry and manages the Perry location, she is very much involved in the restaurant here.

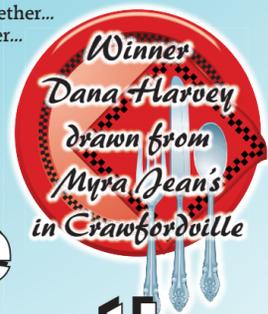
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Wakulla County Senior Citizens Celebrate Life

It's not quantity of life, but quality



By MAURICE LANGSTON
Senior Center Director

Time is not important; it's what you do with time!

The worst thing about getting old is getting old sedentarily. You don't stop laughing because you're getting older; you get older when you stop laughing. I enjoy down in my soul to walk in the sitting area of the center each day and hear spontaneous laughter erupting like a volcano from the staff and seniors.

There was a senior who said, "I've lost my hearing, my eyesight is not what it should be, I'm on about 25 different medications that make me winded or short of breath, they slow my reflexes down and cause me to visit the bathroom several times a day. My eyes are sensitive to the light of day; my vision is impaired greatly at night as I can't seem to judge distance anymore. My hips and lower back cause me to walk nearly bent over and with the assistance of a cane. I guess I'm getting old."

While quantity is still important, quality of life is emphasized by all of our staff.

Simply stated, we want the best for those who have given this county their very best.

Quantity of life assesses how long one has lived, while quality of life considers the type of life the person has lived.

I believe that quality is more important because a long life can be miserable. We work hard at the center to make their lives merry and meaningful.

Most cases show that quantity of life depends on the quality of the life. Some of our seniors at the center know what it was like to recover from the Great Depression, while others lived off the land in Wakulla County, they worked their land and their land worked them and some of their health issues are related to their years of labor, some of which was back-breaking, fingers-to-the-bone work.

While some grew up financially constrained, they grew up in a loving family and it was the close-knit family that made them rich. So, in the end, it's difficult to place either quantity or quality over the other because both are important.

So when do we really start aging? I heard someone say the moment you are born you begin to age and physically speaking that is correct.

Scientifically, aging begins at puberty. An infant at birth is very close to mortality and moves further away from mortality until age 10-12, then once again begins moving ever closer to it. Therefore to measure aging, it's when you are least likely to die that aging begins. To truly measure aging one must take into account the mortality risk factors and ages.

There is the "shock of gray" that causes people in their senior years to think of everything except living, and if they are thinking on issues other than living then they are most likely focusing on fears.

Fear is one of the strongest and most powerful emotions in mankind. Fear stalls the mind from creating, imagining, and prevents the body from living to its fullest capacity and its finest quality. Quite frankly and quite possibly fear kills the body and mind slowly each time fear is confronted and not faced courageously.

So what do we do with fear? We allow it like an X-ray to face us head-on and to pass through us for a short burst, and then move past us, and then proceed to calmly laugh at it as we trace fears empty path behind us. Perhaps like an X-ray, the fear has been revealing and even curative for the good of the person it passed through.

I think it our responsibility at the senior center to help relieve fears and to help our seniors to focus on life. After all, everyone dies but not everyone takes the time at any stage of life to really live.

Someone once said, "Live life every day as if it were your last." I agree with that but it is also the reason I don't have clean laundry today because who wants to do laundry on the last day of your life.

I encourage our seniors to savor life, not because they might die, but because they might live and live longer!

We have seniors at the Wakulla County Senior Center that are involved in "active aging" programs. Tamara, Michelle and the Pickin' 'n' Grinnin' band keep them busy in arts and crafts, music, and exercise programs and occasionally some hit the dance floor doing the Charleston or the shimmy as well as other rapid moving dance routines of their early time.

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SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Virginia Davis, Pat Allen and Maurice Langston on Farmers Day.

Seniors enjoy Farmers Day and other activities at the center

By MICHELLE HUNTER
of the Senior Center

In January even though the calendar said it was winter, spring was still trying to give us a sneak preview. There were a few days of frost on the windshields, but there were also some sunny days with temperatures near 80 degrees.

We found ourselves wearing winter hats one day and sandals and short sleeve shirts the next.

According to the trees and flowers, "Mother Nature is confused." Many of the locals are predicting an early spring.

We celebrated Farmers Day in mid-January. The seniors and staff brought in many old farm tools and items reminiscent of the life of a farm family.

There were bales of hay donated by Ace Hardware of Crawfordville, scarecrows, rusty wagon wheels and many tools that were identified only after several inquiries of "do you know what this is or what it was used for?"

Many dressed for the occasion in overalls, flannel shirts, straw

hats and ladies in farm dresses with aprons and boots. A beautiful tribute to the farmer was read by Tamara Byrnes. Many seniors spoke of remembering life on the farm.

Chef Wendy cooked a farmer's lunch of fried chicken, collard greens, lima beans, stewed tomatoes and biscuits. Maurice Langston made a citizen's arrest on Virginia Davis for allegedly smoking an unidentified substance in her corn cob pipe. She denied the charges and took her corn cob pipe home with her.

Our Volunteer of the year for 2013 is Dick Bickford of the Pickin' 'n' Grinnin' Band. He volunteers his time serving meals at the various banquets held at the center, and has painted many of the walls in the building. He also coordinates efforts for the band and the queen to participate in the local parades. He was recognized at a luncheon in Tallahassee given by the Area Agency on Aging.

Agatha Williams was crowned our Queen for 2013, by last year's queen Diane Hamilton. She is very

excited to participate in all of the local parades and the many events where the senior center is represented. Agatha has been coming to the center for three years and can be found here just about every day playing cards and enjoying all the activities.

The last Tuesday of the month is gardening day, near the pergola on the side of the center. There are raised beds with vegetables, flowering shrubs, roses, herbs, fruit trees and blueberry bushes. Tamara Byrnes, members of the Iris Garden Club and some of the seniors were out in the very warm weather to manicure the grounds around the flowers, trees and vegetable garden. Sun hats, garden gloves and a pair of "designer gardening boots" were worn for fun and protection from the sun. Some folks just sat under the pergola in the shade and enjoyed the gorgeous warm weather.

Marilyn Firehammer crocheted and donated several hats and slippers this month to give to those in need.

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Agatha Williams and Diane Hamilton.

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Week in Wakulla

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Apalachee Paddling Trail Symposium at St. Marks Refuge at 1 p.m.

Thursday

String Music Jam from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at Sopchoppy City Park.

Friday

Benefit Cookout and Yard Sale at Hudson Park from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday

First Sunday at the Refuge program on Whooping Cranes at 2 p.m.

Sunday

Government Meetings

Thursday, Feb. 28

- WAKULLA COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD will hold a public meeting at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office, 84 Cedar Ave, Crawfordville.

Monday, March 4

- COUNTY COMMISSION will hold a workshop from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the commission chambers on Section 6-18 of the Land Development Code relating to signs.
- COUNTY COMMISSION will hold its regular meeting at 5 p.m. in the commission chambers. Items of interest include board direction relating to the community center.

Monday, March 11

- SCHOOL BOARD OF WAKULLA COUNTY will hold its regular meeting at 5:45 p.m. in the School Board Room, 69 Arran Road.

Clubs, Groups, Regular Meetings

Thursday, Feb. 28

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 6 p.m. at the 26 Walker Street, 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.
- FREE TAX PREPARATION will be available from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the library. AARP Tax Aide provides free tax preparation for low-and moderate-income individuals, with special attention to those 60 and older.

Friday, March 1

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 8 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. Call (850) 545-1853 for more information.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at noon at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. Call (850) 545-1853 for more information.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 8 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadeville Highway. Call (850) 544-0719 for more information.
- BOOK CLUB meets at the public library from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS meets at St. Teresa's Episcopal Church in Medart from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- PICKIN' 'N' GRINNIN' JAM SESSION will be held at the senior center from 10 a.m. to noon. (Also on Tuesdays)
- WAKULLA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 24 High Drive, Crawfordville.
- QUILTERS GUILD OF WAKULLA COUNTY will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the library. Join them for the fun of quilting. Quilters of all skill levels are invited. Contact Anne Lopez at 294-0832.

Saturday, March 2

- 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.
- FREE TAX PREPARATION will be available from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the library. AARP Tax Aide provides free tax preparation for low-and moderate-income individuals, with special attention to those 60 and older.
- NORTH FLORIDA BUTTON CLUB, a member of National Button Society, will meet at 11 a.m. at the Sunset Coastal Grill in Port St. Joe. For more information, call Sherrie Alverson at 926-7812 or Don (president) or Barbara Lanier at 729-7594, or email bardon56@aol.com.

Sunday, March 3

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 6 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. For more information, call
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 6 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadeville Highway. Call (850) 544-0719 for more information.
- SUSTAINABILITY STARS of the Wakulla County 4H will meet from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Extension Office. The focus will be on recycled arts and crafts and sustainability. Contact 4-H Agent Sherri Kraeft at (850) 926-3931 for more information.

Monday, March 4

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 6 p.m. at the 26 Walker Street, 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.
- 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.
- 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. There is no cost. The church is located at 4495 Crawfordville Highway. Call Pat Ashley for more information at (850) 984-5277.
- CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP will be held at 1 p.m. at Lake Ellen Baptist Church. The church is located at 4495 Crawfordville Highway. Call Pat Ashley for more information at (850) 984-5277.

Tuesday, March 5

- 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, a support group for people diagnosed with a mental illness, will meet from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the NAMI Wakulla office.
- CRAWFORDVILLE LION'S CLUB will meet at 6 p.m. at Myra Jean's Restaurant.
- CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP will be held at 9 a.m. at Myra Jean's Restaurant in Crawfordville. Call Pat Ashley for more information at (850) 984-5277.
- NAMI CONNECTION, a support group for people diagnosed with a mental illness, will meet at 10:30 a.m. at the library.

Wednesday, March 6

- 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.
- FREE TAX PREPARATION will be available from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the senior center AARP Tax Aide provides free tax preparation for low-and moderate-income individuals, with special attention to those 60 and older.
- WAKULLA COUNTY COALITION FOR YOUTH will meet from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the TCC Wakulla Center. Bring a non-perishables item to the meeting for the local food pantries.

Thursday, March 7

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 6 p.m. at the 26 Walker Street, 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.
- FREE TAX PREPARATION will be available from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the library. AARP Tax Aide provides free tax preparation for low-and moderate-income individuals, with special attention to those 60 and older.

Special Events

Thursday, Feb. 28

- APALACHEE BAY PADDLING TRAIL SYMPOSIUM will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge in their new Nature's Classroom Conference Center. A steering committee of local experts and advocates have outlined 10 distinct half-day paddling trails on Apalachee Bay. The public is invited to review the information and discuss: Logistics of Each Trail Segment, Cultural, Historical & Natural Significance, Interpretive Elements of Each Trail, and Promotional and Sponsorship Opportunities. Contact Diane Delaney, project consultant, at 984-0663 for more details.

Friday, March 1

- FOR THE LOVE OF MUSIC STRING MUSIC JAM will be held at Sopchoppy City Park from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. There will be all types of music. All acoustic

musicians are welcome, as well as music fans. There is no charge for the event. For camping or more information, call Frank Deweese at (270) 999-1364 or email fraankb@embarqmail.com.

Saturday, March 2

- BENEFIT COOKOUT AND YARD SALE will be held at Hudson Park. The yard sale is 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cookout is from 1 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$8 for mullet dinners, \$12 for oyster dinners, combination plate for \$15, and each come with a choice of two sides. All proceeds will go towards funeral expenses for the late Robert Keith Sr.
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Sunday, March 3

- FIRST SUNDAY AT THE REFUGE PROGRAM will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. at the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge and will feature Operation Migration pilot Brooke Pennypacker who will talk about how young whooping cranes are trained to follow the ultralite aircraft from Wisconsin to Florida. This program is held in the The Education Building adjacent to the Visitor Center at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge. For more information, call 925-6121.

Monday, March 4

- WAKULLA MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL will meet at 2:30 p.m. in room 130. Anyone interested can attend. Contact Angie Gentry, SAC chairperson, at angela.gentry@wcsb.us for more information.

Tuesday, March 5

- 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB will hold its first meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Wakulla County Extension Office. The focus will be starting with Air Rifles and moving to Shotgun and Archery, as well as including Hunter Safety and range shooting. All interested shooters from 8—18 are invited to come and check it out. Contact 4-H Agent Sherri Kraeft at (850) 926-3931 for more information.

Saturday, March 9

- ANNUAL JESUS FESTIVAL will be held at Myron B. Hodges City Park in Sopchoppy from noon until dark. The outdoor music event will host a list of talented Christian musicians, speakers, dancers and performers appealing to all ages and a variety of music styles. Those attending the festival will be served complimentary grilled burgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks. Booth spaces for local charities, churches and ministries will be available. Special ministries for children will take place throughout the day. Attendees are encouraged to bring canned goods for the local food bank. Donations are welcomed but not mandatory. For more information visit www.Jesusriverfest.com.
- 47TH ANNUAL YOUTH FAIR SWINE SHOW will be held at 9 a.m. at the Lifestock Pavilion, 84 Cedar Avenue Crawfordville. There will be entertainment, vendor booths and the first barbecue cooking contest. People can still register to compete in the cooking contest or to have a booth. Contact PJ Piland at ppiland@comcast.net or 509-3263 for more information.

Saturday, March 16

- ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL AND PARADE will be held at Hudson Park. Parade will line up at 9:30 a.m. and start promptly at 10 a.m.

Saturday, March 23

- SOPCHOPPY TOUGH LITTLE MUDDER will be held at 10 a.m. at Sopchoppy City Park. This is a series of obstacles stretched over a 1-mile trail that challenges individuals and promotes teamwork. All proceeds go to the Warriors and Quiet Waters foundation (Southern Chapter) and FSU Autism Institute. It open to ages 5-18 under 10 must be accompanied by teammate who is 16 years or older. The minimum Team Pledge is \$100, individual is \$40. For information contact Joey at (850) 566-2634.

KWCB News...



By JO ANN PALMER
KWCB Director

In collaboration with the USDA Forest Service, Keep Wakulla County Beautiful (KWCB) will be hosting a forest cleanup in the Apalachicola National Forest in Wakulla County, Saturday, March 2 from 8 a.m. until noon.

This event will begin with a mandatory safety briefing and conclude with lunch provided by KWCB.

The safety briefing is to inform the volunteers of the cleanup areas and points of caution to be aware of while on forestland.

We need volunteers! If you are interested in

volunteering for this important event, please contact KWCB at (850) 745-7111 or by email at helpkwcb@gmail.com. Pre-registration is requested, but not required.

The staging area will be at FH 13, approximately 4.25 miles west of the Wakulla County Courthouse in Crawfordville on Arran Road and will be identified with signage. Please arrive with your personal protective gear, such as boots, closed-toed shoes, gloves, long sleeves and long pants. Limited supplies may be available onsite. Forest Service personnel will be on site to support the cleaning effort.

A complimentary pizza lunch for volunteers will be served immediately following the event from noon until 1:30 p.m. at Hickory Park, 26 Hickory Avenue, Crawfordville. The park is located behind the Sonic off of U.S. Highway 319. We hope to see you Saturday.

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Fictitious Name Notices

555-0228 TWN PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Name NOTICE

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5556-0228 TWN NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Vehicle will be sold for towing and storage. Charges pursuant to F.S. 713.78 Date of Sale 3/22/2013

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5554-0228 TWN City of Sopchoppy FIRST PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Sopchoppy is considering applying to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for one or more Small Cities Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for the 2013 Federal Fiscal Year. Each grant is expected to not exceed \$600,000. CDBG funds may be used for one of the following purposes: 1. To benefit low and moderate income persons; 2. To aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or 3. To meet other community development needs of recent origin having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs. The categories of activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of housing, neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization, or economic development and include such improvement activities as acquisition of real property, loans to create-for-profit business, purchase of machinery and equipment, construction of infrastructure, planning/design, rehabilitation of houses and commercial buildings, and energy conservation. Additional information regarding the range of activities that may be undertaken will be provided at the public hearing. For each activity that is proposed, at least 51% of the funds must benefit low and moderate income persons. In developing an application for submission to DEO, the City of Sopchoppy must plan to minimize displacement of persons as a result of planned CDBG activities. In addition, the City is required to develop a plan to assist displaced persons. A public hearing to receive citizen views concerning the community's economic and community development needs will be held on **Monday, March 11, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as may be heard at the City of Sopchoppy City Hall which is located at 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, FL 32358. For more information concerning the

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A FAIR HOUSING/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/HANDICAP ACCESS JURISDICTION
February 28, 2013

5553-0228 TWN
City of Sopchoppy
FAIR HOUSING PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING NOTICE
The City of Sopchoppy will conduct a Fair Housing Public Information Meeting at the City of Sopchoppy City Hall located at 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, FL 32358 on **Monday, March 11, 2013 at 6:30 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as may be heard. The meeting is intended to provide the public and elected officials with information concerning fair housing requirements. Anyone interested in understanding the importance of fair housing should attend. For more information concerning the public hearing contact Ms. Jackie Lawhon, City Clerk at 850-962-4611. Also, persons seeking additional information about fair housing issues may contact the following toll free hotlines: 1-800-342-8170 (Florida Commission of Human Relations) or 1-800-669-9777 (HUD-Washington, D.C.)

A FAIR HOUSING/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/HANDICAP ACCESS JURISDICTION
February 28, 2013

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5552-0307 TWN
Vs. West, Clinton Case No: 652012CA000349CAXXXX Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 652012CA000349CAXXXX
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
vs.
CLINTON R. WEST; MICHELLE R. WEST; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II; CAMELOT TOWNHOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
UNKNOWN TENANT I
11 D GUINEVERE LANE, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327
UNKNOWN TENANT II
11 D GUINEVERE LANE, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE

UNKNOWN
And any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under the above-named Defendant(s), if deceased or whose last known addresses are unknown.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 37, OF CAMELOT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 122, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Latasha Moore-Robinson, Butler & Hosch, P.A., 3185 South Conway Road, Suite E, Orlando, Florida 32812 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 13th day of February, 2013.
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: 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: Susan Wilson, ADA Coordinator; 301 South Monroe Street; Tallahassee, FL 32301; 850.577.4401; at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Desiree D. Willis, Deputy Clerk
February 28 and March 7, 2013

5551-0307 TWN
Vs. Cesar, Markly 65-2009-CA-000427CA 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. 65-2009-CA-000427CA
HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
MARKLY CESAR AND HAYDEE CESAR, et al.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 24, 2012, and entered in 65-2009-CA-000427CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES INC. is the Plaintiff and HAYDEE CESAR, MARKLY J. CESAR, THE FARM HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., UNKNOWN TENANT(S) are the Defendant(s). Brent Thurmond as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., the front lobby, Wakulla County Courthouse, Crawfordville, FL 32327, at 11:00 AM on March 21, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 30, BLOCK F OF THE FARM PHASE I, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE(S) 93-98, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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 6th day of February, 2013.
Brent Thurmond, As Clerk of the Court
(seal)

By: /s/ Desiree D Willis, as Deputy Clerk.
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, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Susan Wilson, ADA Coordinator, 301 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301 850-577-4401, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
February 28 and March 7, 2013 12-01747

5550-0307 TWN
Vs. Scott, Amber Case No: 12-CA-000343 Notice of Action
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO: 12-CA-000343
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
vs.
AMBER V. SCOTT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF AMBER V. SCOTT; THOMAS M. DUDLEY, JR., CATHERINE SHERRILL BLANKENSHIP; UNKNOWN TEANANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
THOMAS M. DUDLEY, JR.

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5546-0228 TWN
Vs. Green, Kenneth 2012-CA-000439 Notice of Action
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 2012-CA-000439 UCN: 522012CA000439XXCICI
GREEN TREE SERVICING, LLC, A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA
Plaintiff,
vs.
KENNETH O. GREEN; WANDA F. GROOVER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KENNETH O. GREEN; JOHN DOE
Defendant(s).

137 SHAR MEL REE LANE, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327
OR: 141 OLD SHELL POINT ROAD, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327
OR: 2310 CHERRY RIDGE LANE, BRANDON, FL 33511
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE

UNKNOWN
And any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under the above-name Defendant(s), if deceased or whose last known addresses are unknown.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 38, Block "O", MAGNOLIA GARDENS, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 37 of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Latasha Moore-Robinson, Butler & Hosch, P.A., 3185 South Conway Road, Suite E, Orlando, Florida 32812 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 12th day of February, 2013
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: 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: Susan Wilson, ADA Coordinator; 301 South Monroe Street; Tallahassee, FL 32301; 850.577.4401; at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Desiree D. Willis, Deputy Clerk
February 28 and March 7, 2013 B&H #293738

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Plaintiff,
vs.
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Defendant(s).

111 MASON PARK DR - DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32117
KENNETH O. GREEN
5001 LAKE FRONT DR APT A11 - TALLAHASSEE, FL 32303
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Tampa, FL 33606

UNKNOWN
And any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under the above-named Defendant(s), if deceased or whose last known addresses are unknown.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit:

SEE ATTACHED LEGAL DESCRIPTION ON EXHIBIT "X"
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on the attorney for the Plaintiff:
VESCHIO LAW GROUP, LLC
2001 W. KENNEDY BLVD.
Tampa, FL 33606

NOTICE OF ACTION
By: /s/ Desiree D. Willis, Deputy Clerk
3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HWY, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, WAKULLA COUNTY
February 28 and March 7, 2013

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: Danny Davis, Court Technology Office, Court Administration, 301 S Monroe St, Rm 225, Tallahassee, FL 32303, 850.577.4401 AT LEAST SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION IF THE TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE IS LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711.

EXHIBIT "X" (Legal Description:
Commence at the Southeast Corner of Section 35, Township 2 South, Range 1 West, Wakulla County, Florida; thence run South 89 degrees 35 minutes 21 seconds West 1563.54 feet to a concrete monument; thence North 00 degrees 22 minutes 55 seconds East 1465.07 feet to a rod and cap for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence from said POINT OF BEGINNING run South 89 degrees 35 minutes 31 seconds West 1072.46 feet to a rod and cap; thence North 00 degrees 42 minutes 30 seconds West 351.82 feet to a rod and cap; thence North 89 degrees 43 minutes 38 seconds East 1079.12 feet to a rod and cap; thence South 00 degrees 22 minutes 55 seconds West 349.30 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 8.46 acres more or less.
Subject to a 15 foot wide ingress/egress and utility easement lying over and across the Westerly 15 feet described hereof.
February 21 & 28, 2013

5543-0228 TWN
Vs. Porter, Sue Lynn Case No.2012-CA-000476 Notice of Action
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, CASE NO. 2012-CA-000476
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
SUE LYNN PORTER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SUE LYNN PORTER; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II; BENEFICIAL FLORIDA, INC., and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
SUE LYNN PORTER
35 NELSON ROAD
CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327

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NOTICE OF ACTION
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CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit:

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

A portion of Lots 3 and 4, block "4" of GRIENERS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CRAWFORDVILLE, being more particularly described as follows: commence at a concrete monument marking the Northeast corner of Lot 1, Block "4" of GRIENERS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CRAWFORDVILLE, a subdivision as per map or Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, of the Official Records of Wakulla County, Florida, said point also lying on the Southerly right of way of Nelson Road; thence run along said right of way South 72 degrees 15 minutes 41 seconds West 109.97 feet to a rod and cap for the point of beginning; thence from said point of beginning continue along said right of way South 72 degrees 11 minutes 30 seconds West 59.99 feet to a rod and cap; thence South 17 degrees 43 minutes 52 seconds East 100.03 feet to a rod and cap; thence North 72 degrees 13 minutes 05 seconds East 59.95 feet to a rod and cap; thence North 17 degrees 42 minutes 19 seconds West 100.05 feet to the point of beginning.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Latasha Moore-Robinson, Butler & Hosch, P.A., 3185 South Conway Road, Suite E, Orlando, Florida 32812 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, on or before March 22, 2013, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 5th day of February, 2013.
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: 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: Susan Wilson, ADA Coordinator; 301 South Monroe Street; Tallahassee, FL 32301; 850.577.4401; at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Desiree D. Willis, Deputy Clerk
February 21, 2013

5544-0228 TWN
Vs. Harper, George 65 2012 CA 000214 Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION, CASE NO. 65-2012-CA-000214
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
GEORGE LEWIS HARPER III, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 10, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 65-2012-CA-000214 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Crawfordville, Florida. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front lobby of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 21st day of March, 2013 the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 59, EAGLES RIDGE, PHASE II, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 60, PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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 21st day of January, 2013.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, As Clerk of the Court
(SEAL) By: /s/ Desiree D. Willis, Deputy Clerk
February 21 & 28, 2013 1018873 10-00251-1

5542-0228 TWN
Vs. Delbeato, Scott Case No. 09000286CA Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL DIVISION, CASE NO. 09000286CA
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.
Plaintiff,
vs.
SCOTT DELBEATO a/k/a SCOTT ANGELO DELBEATO; DEANNE DELBAEATO a/k/a DEANNE BAILEY DELBEATO a/k/a DEANNE KAY BAILEY and; UNKNOWN TENANT(S);
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 17, 2013 and entered in Case No. 09000286CA, of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA County, Florida. BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and SCOTT DELBEATO a/k/a SCOTT ANGELO DELBEATO; DEANNE DELBAEATO a/k/a DEANNE BAILEY DELBEATO a/k/a DEANNE KAY BAILEY and; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front lobby of the Courthouse, at 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HIGHWAY, CRAWFORDVILLE IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, at 11:00 a.m., on the 21st day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 5, OF BLOCK 2, OF WAKULLA GARDENS AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 39 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

A 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 17th day of January, 2013.
BRENT X. THURMOND, As Clerk of said Court
(seal) By: /s/ Desiree D. Willis, As Deputy Clerk

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No.2.065.
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, 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 provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, Phone No. (850)926-1201 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

Kahane & Associates, P.A., 8201 Peters Road, Ste.3000, Plantation, FL 33324
Telephone: (954) 382-3486, Telefacsimile: (954) 382-5380
Designated Service Email: notice@kahaneandassociates.com
February 21 & 28, 2013 10-10401 BOA

Notices to Creditors/Administration Notices to Creditors/Administration Notices to Creditors/Administration

5549-02258 TWN
Estate of Kennedy, Linward 13-7-CP Notice To Creditors
Public Notice
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO. 13-7-CP
IN RE: ESTATE OF LINWARD WALDO KENNEDY,
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Linward Waldo Kennedy, deceased, Case Number 13-7-CP 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 ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's Estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's Estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER

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AVAILABLE RENTALS

- 11 Goldfinch- 3BR/2BA \$1150 month, \$1150 Security Deposit, pets ok with proper approval and \$250 pet fee. Contact Susan
- 145 Rochelsee- 2BR/1BA \$700 month, \$700 security deposit.
- 52 Cruse- 3BR/2BA MH, \$775mo./ \$775 Security Deposit. No Pets.
- 11 Feather- 3BR/2BA House w/fenced yard \$850mo./ \$850 Security Deposit. Small Pets OK w/ prior approval & \$250 Pet Fee.
- 178 Fisher Creek- 3BR/2BA on 5 Acres \$950mo./ \$950 Security Deposit. Available March 1.
- 57 Cloer Lane- 3 BR/2BA on double lot w/ 1 car garage. Available 3/1, \$850mo./ \$850 Security Deposit. Pets O.K. with prior approval and \$250 fee.
- 217 Horseshoe- 4 BR/ 3 BA MH on 3 acres. \$950 mo./ \$950 Security Deposit. No Pets.
- 107 Wildwood- 3BR/2BA with Den on one acre. No smoking, pets ok w/prior approval & \$250 pet fee. \$1100/mo \$1100 security.
- 29C Old Courthouse Square- 2 Bedroom and 2 1/2 bath town home. (Two master suites upstairs) \$800 per month with \$800 deposit. No Smoking. Pets ok with \$250 fee. Call Cristy 519-9039.
- 51A Dispenette- 3BR/2BA \$750 mo/\$750 Security. Pets ok with \$250 fee.
- 5 Susquehanna- 2BR/1BA \$750. mo./\$750 Security Deposit. Pets O.K. with prior approval and \$250 fee. No Smoking.
- 26 Manatee Lane- 3BR/2BA home on Wakulla River. \$1,500 mo, includes all utilities

Thu 2/28	Fri 3/1	Sat 3/2	Sun 3/3	Mon 3/4
64/39	60/38	57/35	56/32	64/44
Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 30s.	A few clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 40s.

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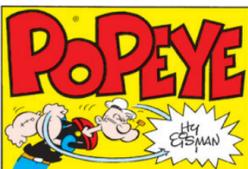
R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF-A-DAY



SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Emerge

TROUPS

Grand

SILVAH

Blank

TEMPY

Close

EARN

TODAY'S WORD

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW
One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

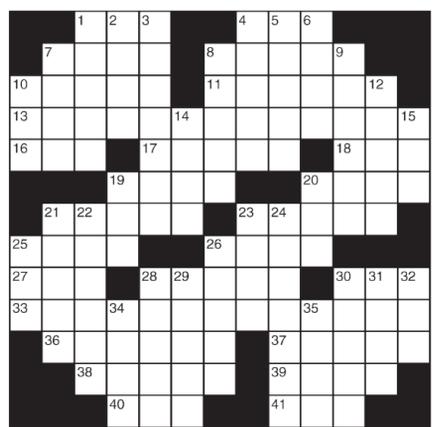
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JVLJHWVN BAMWV.
- AJGYAB KJXYKK

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Suitable
- 4 Young boxer?
- 7 Litigious sort
- 8 Middle Eastern dish
- 10 Bethlehem's region
- 11 Ball game segment
- 13 New Orleans neighborhood
- 16 Barbie's companion
- 17 Hosiery shade
- 18 Shaft of light
- 19 "An Inconvenient Truth" narrator
- 20 Enticement
- 21 Chris of tennis lore
- 23 19th President
- 25 Leave out
- 26 Cartoonist Goldberg
- 27 Help
- 28 Inscribed pillar
- 30 "Suburgatory"



- 5 Arm bones
- 6 Twosome
- 7 Confident
- 8 Sharp irritation
- 9 False
- 10 NYC airport
- 12 Toothed wheels
- 14 Rodgers partner
- 15 "Catcher in the -"
- 19 Obtain
- 20 Caustic solution
- 21 Eastern potentates
- 22 "America's Funniest Home -"
- 23 Island dance
- 24 Desert
- 25 LummoX
- 26 Carouse
- 28 Discard
- 29 Alternative to "his/her"
- 30 Texas Hold 'em declaration
- 31 United nations
- 32 Automobile
- 34 1492 vessel
- 35 Tittle

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

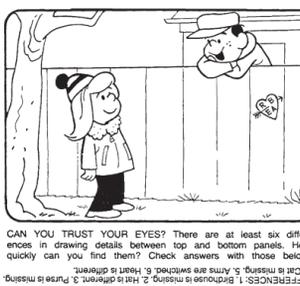
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: **
 * Moderate ** Challenging
 *** HOO BOY!
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



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: T equals O
 MANJ CWKZND-FGJ TD LAN
 RDNNJ BGLJNDJ RTNC LT G
 ZNBK, ZTNC AN FQJOA TJ G
 CQWND ANDT CGJZMKOA?
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UNHAPPY

Today's Word:
 3: Empty; 4: Near
 1: Sprout; 2: Lavisish
 solution

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What was the name of the estate in the gothic soap opera "Dark Shadows"?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many eyes does a bee have?
- ENTERTAINMENT: Which actress was married to Mickey Rooney, Artie Shaw and Frank Sinatra?
- INVENTIONS: When was the first coin-operated pinball machine invented?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to be born an American citizen?
- QUOTATIONS: Who said, "It's not that I'm afraid to die. I just don't want to be there when it happens."
- STATES: What does the name of Hawaii's capital, Honolulu, mean?
- LITERATURE: Which one of Shakespeare's plays contains the line, "The course of true love never did run smooth."
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the name of cowboy actor Roy Rogers' dog?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is a gherkin?

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- Collinwood
 - Five — two compound eyes and three simple eyes
 - Ava Gardner
 - 1931
 - Martin Van Buren
 - Woody Allen
 - Sheltered bay
 - "A Midsummer Night's Dream"
 - Buller
 - A type of pickled cucumber

Answers

A	P	T	P	P	L	A	N	G	
S	U	E	R	E	R	I	E	R	
S	O	S	I	E	R	E	R		
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Solution time: 25 mins.

King Crossword

5	6	7	6	2	4	8	3	1
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7	5	1	2	4	6	3	9	8
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2	3	5	8	1	4	7	6	

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer
 When Spider-Man or the Green Lantern goes to a super hero sandwich? deli, does he munch on a answer
 Cryptoquip
 - Robert Lowell
 oncoming train,
 it is the light of an
 the end of the tunnel,
 If we see a light at
 answer
 Cryptoquote





Marilyn Firehammer and Linda Tanner.

Seniors enjoy Farmers Day and other activities at the center

From Page 1B

We had a free raffle on a Friday just before a weekend with below freezing temperatures. We gave away 10 hats and a pair of slippers.

Marilyn also gave several to the in home workers from the center to take to their home-bound clients. I had the privilege of meeting with one of those clients in her home who had received a hat and pair of slippers, and she was so grateful to have them.

The hardest part of January coming to an end was the retirement of Executive Director R. H. Carter.

The dining room was decorated with balloons and filled with many seniors, board members, friends and staff to say farewell. As some chose to say a few words it was difficult to hold back tears for many oth-



Elaine Webb and friend.

ers. Laughter broke out as Carter was presented with a framed picture of his favorite girl, Marilyn Monroe, which we understand adorns one of the walls in his home.

A beautiful wooden bench handcrafted by John Anderson of Wakulla Woodworks was presented to Carter by his staff. We all miss you, R.H.!

Activities coming up in February will be income tax preparation by AARP volunteers every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

FSU Nursing Students will be here to check blood pressures on the second and third Wednesday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Our jewelry beading group meets on Wednesdays at 12:45 p.m. We are trying to increase our attendance for this class, so please come and join us

If you have any questions about any activities at the center please call 926-7145, or stop by and pick up a calendar, at 33 Michael Drive.

Senior Center: Let us do the driving

By SHERYL MATTISON
Senior Center Staff

Wakulla County Transportation provides a variety of services to all residents of Wakulla County, including daily and weekly fixed-route services between Wakulla and Leon counties.

Wakulla Transportation transports passengers who are ambulatory, non-ambulatory and on stretchers. Wakulla Transportation is a service of last resort. Friends and family should be contacted first.

Persons who because of physical or mental disability, income status, or age are unable to transport themselves or purchase transportation and are therefore dependent upon others to obtain access to health care, employment, education, shopping, social activities, or other life-sustaining activities or children who are disabled, high-risk, or at risk. Agency-sponsored riders must meet the sponsoring agency's requirements.

When scheduling your trip, you will need to schedule the following information: Your name, address, date of birth and your scheduled appointment time or the time you wish to reach your destination.

Also, notify us if you have special needs, such as a wheelchair lift, stretcher vehicle, a seeing-eye dog, oxygen or an escort.

Reservation: Door-to-door service requires 48 hour advance notice. Pick up and drop off points may vary.

Subscription: Door-to-door service for those with routes and schedules pre-arranged. Passengers are picked up at the same location and time, taken to the same destination and



returned to the origin in the same manner.

Door-to-door service is available to users who provide less than 24 hours advance notice.

Demand trips are not cost-effective and are not encouraged. Passengers must provide written statements from their physician stating the reason the appointment cannot wait until advance reservations can be made. Demand trips are honored based on the driver and vehicle availability.

After hour and weekend trips are provided as requested on a reservation basis. Telephone voice mail is turned on after hours. Group trips are considered as 10 or more people going to the same destination.

Passengers requesting transportation services may call or come by the office to make arrange-

ments at least 48 hours in advance.

Passengers must inform the intake personnel of their point of origin, destination, appointment time and date, sponsoring agency, their disability (if any), if they require an escort, and the reason for their transportation.

Intake personnel will make a courtesy call to inform each rider of their scheduled pick up window.

Riders who are not at home to receive their courtesy call and riders who do not have a telephone are responsible for contacting the office to receive their pick up time. All passengers must call 926-5921 or 926-7145 ext. 2 to schedule services. The office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekdays.

Some services require a modest fare.



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The hiring of a lawyer is an important decision that should not be based solely on an advertisement. Before you decide, ask me to send you free written information about my qualifications and experience.

Langston: It's not quantity of life, but quality

From Page 1B

It's been proven in a book entitled "Musicophilia: Tale of Music and the Brain" by Oliver Sacks that music has the power "to reconfigure brain activity, and bring calm and focus to people." Music is one of the, if not the most powerful medications around the center right now.

Music boosts self-esteem, makes people feel creative and helps focus their minds. Music lifts us up from depression, dependency and doldrums and moves us from tears of sadness to tears of gladness. Music is a medication that doesn't come in tablet or liquid form but comes in the form of gratification of the soul. Music is as sure a soul satisfying tonic for what ails you as was Hadacol (the 12 percent alcohol-based elixir that sponsored the Hank Williams Show) in the 1940s.

While the benefits to staying active are myriad, older Americans either do not want to be active or cannot be active due to medical issues. The Centers for Disease Control reports that only one-fifth of the population over sixty-five stays active on a regular basis. We like our seniors active, attentive and animated. For others whose mobility is impaired we keep them mentally active. I can't wait to set up a drum circle outside during the spring months and feed them bar-b-q and let them enjoy some of the sun's natural Vitamin D.

The winter months are most difficult on seniors because of a condition known as SAD or Seasonal Affective Disorder, aka winter depression. Victims

of SAD are likely to feel its effects in the throes of winter when the days grow shortest. However, any senior can experience this effect if they failed to go outside enough. The seniors then come to the center to enjoy the activities and also the sunlight from the trips to St. Marks provided by Nell Rozar and the transportation department drivers. While visiting the refuge they enjoy the butterflies and Mother Nature and fight off SAD and they benefit from Vitamin D - not to mention the familiar beauty of our bay, estuaries and abundant wildlife and the ever vigilant historic lighthouse.

How can you not look at the lighthouse and not feel uplifted and young?

I'd love to see our seniors live to 100 years or more! Aunt Minnie Berry was 102 and it was her birthday. I and a few other men from Smith Creek were called and a request was made by Aunt Minnie for us to come to her home and sing to her as a birthday gift. She was excited when we walked in and started singing for her. The hugs were plentiful, the music appreciated, but the most interesting moment came when Reddick Langston asked her, "Aunt Minnie what do you credit your long life too?"

She thought a moment and responded, "Well, sugar, I think God forgot me."

I suppose she was 104 when God finally did called her home. He hadn't forgotten her at all, she just had more to do for him!

So, is it possible even probable that our seniors quantity and quality of life can be enhanced and

extended here at the center and at their home? I think so because here are some facts you may wish to consider regarding the past and the present centenarians:

- Centenarians alive worldwide in the year 2000: 180,000.
- Number of centenarians alive in 2010: 450,000.
- Expected number in the year 2050: 3.2 million.

The Board of Directors, the Staff and I invite you to come by the center and see what services we have to offer you or your loved one; yoga, beading, line dancing, blood pressure checks, diabetes support or legal services!

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