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FILE PHOTO

A wading bird fishes in the shallows at Wakulla Springs.

Talking water

Wakulla Springs hosts a roundtable on water resources

By **JANICE MCFARLAND**
Special to The News

Think tanks, roundtables, consortiums, meetings, seminars. Call them what you will - they exist to serve a purpose to discuss, present, and exchange ideas.

The Sustainable Water Resources Roundtable is one such forum, to share ideas that serve to bring about effective change.

The Florida meeting, hosted by the Friends of Wakulla Springs last week at Wakulla Springs State Park, had as a theme "Putting Sustainable Water Management to the Test," and featured group panels and breakout session speakers on a variety of supporting topics - discussing climate change and sea level rise, degradation of Florida springs, over-pumping of the aquifer, as well as nutrient contamination.

The meeting opened with Ron Piasecki, president of Friends of Wakulla Springs, moderating a panel on regional Florida water issues.

Dr. Todd Kincaid of the

Wakulla Springs Alliance, spoke on water quality issues. Jim Stevenson with Florida Springs Stewardship and formerly with the Department of Environmental Protection, and Whitney Gray with the Florida Sea Grant and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, spoke on springs in Florida.

Lunch at the Lodge included a talk by Greg Munson, deputy secretary water policy and eco-

restoration at DEP.

His background in environmental law combined with knowledge from paddling the local rivers enabled him to

advise and contribute to water policy issues, a main focus of the department.

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Land purchased to protect Wakulla Springs

From DEP News

TALLAHASSEE - To enhance water quality protection and restoration efforts for Wakulla Springs, Governor Rick Scott and the Florida Cabinet last week approved a \$1,525,000 acquisition of 678.67 acres within the Wakulla Springs Protection Zone Florida Forever project.

Wakulla Springs is one of the largest and deepest artesian springs in the world. This parcel will help to close the conservation lands gap between the Apalachicola National Forest and the Wakulla State Forest and will also provide valuable aquifer recharge and surface water quality protection.

"The Department continues to focus on acquisitions that address water quality and quantity needs and this land purchase will help to buffer and protect Wakulla Springs," said DEP Secretary Herschel T. Vinyard Jr. "This is another piece necessary for protecting our state's springs, which DEP staff has been so committed to doing under the leadership of Governor Scott."

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Greg Munson, deputy secretary at DEP.

Sopchoppy to honor Bill Stephens

T-shirts of Stephens, known as 'Mr. Sopchoppy,' as Uncle Sam

By **JENNY ODOM**
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This year's Sopchoppy Fourth of July Celebration will honor Bill Stephens for his longtime dedication to the community.

Stephens, known as

"Mr. Sopchoppy" for his enthusiastic boosterism of the city, died in September.

Stephens was the Public Water Systems Operator for many years in Sopchoppy and was an instrumental part of the community.

T-shirts have been printed with an image of Stephens as Uncle Sam on the front and a tribute to him on the back. The shirts will be available for purchase during the Independence Day celebration.

The town's annual Fourth of July celebration features a parade, arts and crafts and fireworks. The three-day celebration - July 4 is on Thursday this year - will continue with music in the park on Friday and Saturday with local musicians gathering for some "pickin' and grinnin'" in honor of Stephens.

In other matters:

• Alfred Nelson, senior pastor at Macedonia Church of Christ, made a request for a group of volunteers traveling with a Picked Methodist Outreach



Uncle Bill Wants You!
WAKULLA NEWS ARCHIVES
Bill Stephens as Uncle Sam is an old advertisement for the Fourth of July Celebration.

Mission, known as NO-MADS, to stay in campers at Sopchoppy Park. They plan to arrive in October, reside at the park for two months, and help build the new church.

• Nathan Lewis spoke on behalf of the Jesus River Festival, hosted by Wakulla One, proclaiming it was a success with over

500 people coming out to enjoy the one day multi-denominational event.

• Andy Easton conducted two Public Hearings during the March meeting. He provided an overview of the Community Development Block Grant and presented training materials for the Fair Housing Policy.

• After a brief explanation, city commissioners voted to allow Mike Standley, an engineer working on the stormwater project, install posts called bollards instead of using a guardrail along Park Avenue.

• Dale Rushton accepted the role of Volunteer Fire Chief, and he has been in training for this position.

• City commissioners discussed that Backwoods Bistro, the popular restaurant in town, has been closed while the business looks for a chef.

City commissioners expressed concern that the restaurant will not reopen, further diminishing Sopchoppy's downtown.

Woman arrested after threats at Wal-Mart

Special to The News

Mary Frances Alday, 61, of Crawfordville was arrested for four counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and one count of battery following an altercation at Wal-Mart that included four store employees.

On Friday, March 1, Alday reportedly became verbally abusive toward a 48-year-old female employee when the employee told Alday she could not use an Internet coupon.

Alday allegedly struck the assistant manager with a shopping cart and was escorted out of the store.



Mary Frances Alday

Alday went to her vehicle and reportedly retrieved a firearm in a holster. She allegedly removed the firearm from the holster and began waving it at the victim and three other store employees who were there.

Alday was arrested during a traffic stop at East Ivan Road and Wakulla Arran Road. During the arrest, Alday allegedly refused to follow the commands of Sgt. Danny Harrell and he Tasered her after she refused to get out of her vehicle.

During the arrest process, Sgt. Harrell was allegedly struck several times by Alday and she was also charged with battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting arrest with violence.

COUNTY COMMISSION

Board sets new time for second meeting of month

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Over the strong objections of a number of citizens, county commissioners voted 3-2 to hold its second meeting of the month at 2 p.m.

The county commission meets the first and third Mondays of the month, and will continue to hold the first meeting at 5 p.m.

Commission Chairman Randy Merritt suggested moving the meeting time as a means to save staff time. The meetings typically last several hours, and many staff members attend the meetings.

Several citizens were adamant that the change was motivated by an effort to keep citizens from being heard at the meeting.

Citizen David Damon said as much in his comments to the board, and Merritt answered quickly: "That is clearly not the intent, sir."

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Commission Chairman Randy Merritt

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Paul Spitzer migrates to study the Common Loon

By JENNY ODOM
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There is childlike excitement in the voice of Dr. Paul Spitzer as he speaks about his longtime passion, the Common Loon.

Spitzer is a Maryland ornithologist who, like the birds, migrates to find his habitat of wonder. He calls this time of year in the Big Bend the “spring awakening,” when everything is coming alive around us.

Live Oak Island is Spitzer’s home base for a few months as he collects data and observes the patterns of the loons as they begin their migration north.

Each morning for the next three weeks he rises at about 5 a.m. to drive to the St. Marks Lighthouse before the sun rises.

His destination for the best morning view of the loons is at the observation platform at the lighthouse. He says this view is perfect for spotting and counting the large migratory birds.

Like an amphibious aircraft, the Common Loon needs a lot of water to take off and land. Because of this, the large body of water where the St. Marks River flows into the Gulf of Mexico attracts the loons – and those who observe it.

Even though he has



Dr. Paul Spitzer, above, awaits the dawn loon migration. A loon, below, runs to take off in flight.

been studying the Common Loon for 25 years, Dr. Spitzer says that this is a pilot study of the Common Loon migration from the Florida peninsula.

“I started this research as a blank slate, not knowing what I would find,” says Spitzer. “I had to design the methodology for collecting the data.”

Spitzer received his Ph.D. from Cornell University in 1980 and focused his studies mainly on the insecticide DDT and



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its effect on the osprey population.

Spitzer describes himself as an independent

scientist and is not affiliated with any one institution, leaving him free to migrate, like the birds he

studies.

Summering in Vermont for the last 30 years, he conducts observation and

collects data to share with other like-minded ornithologists.

“For me open collegiality is the bread of life, and I am keen to share my findings with the public. As a self-employed Ph.D., I run a lean, one-man, low-overhead, accountable program. I achieve scientific results directly applicable to conservation biology,” Spitzer says.

One of the surprises he found during the observation last year is that there are so-called “aborted missions.”

Some birds take off with the intent to leave, but turn back and return for one reason or another within about an hour of takeoff. He determined that smoke, fog and storm clouds will turn them around with certainty.

However, there are returns on perfectly clear days as well, and one summation is that the birds are just not physically strong enough yet. They have not flown in weeks, due to the molting process, and their muscles are still gaining strength for the long flight.

“Good science is about what we don’t know,” says Spitzer.

He is still looking for a few more volunteers to help count birds during the morning take off time which only lasts for about an hour, beginning just before sunrise.

To volunteer to assist with the counting process of the loons from March 19 through April 7, send an email to Dr. Paul Spitzer at spitzer_paul@hotmail.com.

Dr. Paul Spitzer will conduct a talk titled “The Uncommon Loon” at the NWR education center, Sun. March 17 at 2 p.m. The presentation is free, but there is a \$5 per car fee at the entrance to the park.

A description of loons, their migration and an invitation to watch

By DR. PAUL SPITZER
Special to The News

Loons are goose-sized waterbirds that dive for fish. They cannot walk on land, but are masters of water, with ability to dive deep over the Gulf’s continental shelf. Many of them winter far out on the Gulf. They are northern breeders, adapted to function in cool or cold weather and water.

Spring brings ice-out to loons’ northern nesting lakes, and they fly north across the continent be-

fore the Gulf heats up. Their wings are fairly slender, beating three times per second in flight, and this return migration is an energy-intensive marathon for them. It must be undertaken with great care, because they need a watery landing strip that is long enough to taxi back into flight after a stopover for rest and food.

Thus the deep indentation of Apalachee Bay at Florida’s Big Bend concentrates loons’ spring migration depar-

ture into a dawn flyway visible from the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge: They are staying over water as long as possible.

To avoid overheating, they leave in the first hour of day. They are careful to select clear, stable conditions for their big gambit. Fog, dense smoke from forest burns, or stormy weather will prevent or reduce a departure; so anyone who wants to witness this natural event must watch the evening weather forecast

very closely, and check pre-dawn weather.

Some migrants decide not to commit that day. They “abort the mission” and return south to coastal waters during that first hour.

The loons have been flightless for 6 to 8 weeks of late winter during the replacement molt of all their wing feathers. Thus some “aborted missions” probably result when flying loons realize they have not regained enough fitness to venture across the continent.

Loons don’t initiate breeding until they are 5 to 10 years old, and fledge only one or two young during a successful breeding season. Many loons are in their teens, and some live into their 20s.

Their reproductive rate is only somewhat better than the endangered Whooping Crane, but in contrast they are a very successful species, with thousands wintering on the Gulf.

The success of this very specialized animal,

with its complicated life-history and need for critical decisions, suggests “loon intelligence” well beyond instinctive behavior.

The reader is invited to watch this migration event at the St. Marks NWR lighthouse. You must be there as the sun breaks the eastern horizon. Daylight saving time will help a bit with your pre-dawn start. Peak flight days are from March 19 through April 7. Typically, 50 to 200 loons are counted in an hour.

Talking water: Wakulla Springs hosts roundtable on water resources

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Munson said the water policy priorities of Gov. Rick Scott are to improve water quality in the Everglades; resolve the dispute with Georgia and Alabama over water flow into Apalachicola Bay; and coastal and aquatic issues, including the marine sanctuary in the Florida Keys.

Munson’s department oversees budgeting, land

programs at each of the five water management districts, and an increasing focus on springs, their minimum flows and levels. He went into detail on budgeting, funding and costs, and on the land programs in each water management district. He covered the process for accruing additional land for preservation programs, water supply protection, and flood control, along

with processes and procedures for each.

The increasing focus on springs in Florida has opened up a dialogue in seeking data that accurately provides the science to determine facts that affect water policy direction. The question is of how much impact there is to Florida’s springs based on differing factors, such as how much is based on long-term cyclic changes in Florida, how much is a rainfall-drought issue, how much impact in pumping vs. short-term and long-term drought, etc.

Munson went over the five different water management districts, the springs within each, and each location’s issues, and budgeting costs associated with them.

The DEP has a budget amount of \$2.4 million this year for springs restoration, and \$10.4 million has been spent in the last two years concerning water quality and the springs. Basic Management Action Plans as a process are developed in setting prevention and protection strategies. Daily maximum load values are monitored for chemicals in the springs, mainly nitrates. In the Everglades, phosphorus is an issue that is being remediated through their preventive and restorative efforts in south Florida’s water management district.

Munson said that, 18

months ago, the department began collecting stakeholder input in each water management district, in the continuing process of ensuring water quality and water quantity for everyone. Of the consumptive use permits in each district, 80 percent allocate less than 5 percent of the total water supply, according to Munson.

The next phase will include effective ways to save water for utility companies, and working on drought-proofing the water supply.

Other areas in this phase include The Tampa Bay area’s challenges – such as its desalination plant has cost/effectiveness issues. The growing Jacksonville area and its increasing water needs are another concern.

Several breakout sessions were held in the afternoon, including a panel by the Florida Earth Foun-

dation on the highlights of their Water Choices meetings, moderated by Stan Bronson, executive director. Andy Flajole of Florida Power and Light, Ernie Cox, as chairman with Florida Earth Foundation, and Denver Stutler, former Chief of Staff for Gov. Jeb Bush and former secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation, held a discussion on land use in Florida, water choices and policy, stewardship, science, and partnerships.

A panel on the Current Management of the Everglades was led by Ernie Barnett, Director of Everglades Policy, for the South Florida Water Management District. Eric Bush, Chief of Planning, USACE Jacksonville District spoke on water sup-

ply, and James Charles, Attorney for the Seminole Nation, spoke.

The next day, a panel on government policy and practice, moderated by Rodney DeHan, had water management agencies from local, state, and interstate to talk about issues.

Angela Chellette of North West Florida Water Management District, and Patti Anderson, Chief, Bureau of Water Programs, Florida Department of Health, spoke on issues such as climate change, budget, and sustainable practices.



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An aninga dries its wings on a cypress knee at Wakulla Springs.

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COUNTY COMMISSION

County looks at possibility of loss of ICE prisoners

The potential loss of \$1.7 million in jail revenues translates to a mill and a half in county taxes

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One bit of local fallout of the federal budget sequestration that took place on March 1 has been a reduction in the number of federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement prisoners at the Wakulla County Jail.

At a budget hearing on Thursday, March 7, Wakulla County commissioners heard that they have as much as a \$1.7 exposure in potential lost revenues if the number of ICE prisoners drop below 40 at the jail.

County Administrator

David Edwards told commissioners that there were 52 prisoners in the jail on March 7.

There has typically been a population of over 100 ICE prisoners at the jail, and the county has made a tidy sum over the years offering the service.

The money from housing the prisoners has subsidized the county's budget, and losing that revenue would require one and a half mills in property taxes to replace it.

A mill is \$1 tax per \$1,000 in property value. In Wakulla County, a mill brings in roughly \$1 million.

Chairman Randy Merritt indicated he felt if there was a revenue shortfall from the ICE prisoners, the sheriff's office would have to cover it - cutting their budget \$1.7 million.

Edwards said there was no way - short of shutting down county government - that Wakulla County could take that cut.

It was noted that of the 8.5 mills in taxes levied by the county, 7.4 mills of that goes to the sheriff's office.

It was in keeping with the tone of the meeting, Edwards warning the board to be wary in the approaching budget year:

it appears expenses will be going up but revenues may be going down.

Property Appraiser Donnie Sparkman couldn't offer an official assessment - he's still several months away from finishing his appraisal of this year's property values. But he told the board that he anticipated values may decrease for another year.

"I thought we had hit bottom," Sparkman said of last year's decreased values.

On a brighter note, Sparkman did point out that South Florida property values appear to be rising - and noted that

"We are typically a couple of years behind them."

Edwards warned of other approaching expenses in the coming year, including a \$780,000 cleanup required by the state under the board's meeting room. The building was formerly the jail, and a fuel farm was operated there. A plume of contamination is in the ground under the building and moving southward towards the City of Sopchoppy's well and tower located near the old Courthouse, where the Chamber offices are located.

Edwards stressed the spill does not pose a

health hazard, and if it did make it to the water supply it would add a smell to the water that could be easily filtered.

Edwards urged commissioners to consider a pay raise for county employees, saying past budgets had been balanced on the backs of employees.

During the meeting, Deputy Clerk Greg James took the board through the current year's spending and showed how the budget is tracked.

SCHOOL BOARD

High school will get new LED sign

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
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The Wakulla County School Board approved spending \$28,000 for a new LED sign at Wakulla High School.

The school board approved the spending at their meeting on Monday, March 11.

The sign will be used to promote activities at the school. It was also noted by school board members that the sign can be used during emergencies - such as for directing the community to open shelters during a storm.

The sign will have the capacity to show pictures and video.

The district's facilities engineer, Randy Bristol, also suggested they had a vandal cover to prevent damage to the LED display.

The sign will be more than 12 feet tall and eight feet wide.

In other matters before the school board:



Illustration of the planned LED sign.

- The calendar for the 2013-14 school year was approved with teachers returning on Aug. 9 and the first day of school for students on Aug. 15.

As an academically high performing district, Wakulla schools are exempt from the state law prohibiting school starting two

weeks before Labor Day.

The last day of school is June 4 with graduation on June 6.

The calendar includes a full week off for Thanksgiving.

Christmas holidays are Dec. 23 through Jan. 8.

Spring break is March 17-21.

- Missie Rudd, head of the Wakulla Classroom Teachers Association, repeated the district has the "full support" of the teachers union for the May 14 referendum on a half-mill school tax.

Rudd expressed concern about the effects of the federal budget sequestration on the district, warning that she had heard of possible 5 percent across the board cuts in education spending.

- District food service director Gail Mathers reported to the school board on the summer feeding program.

The summer feeding program will be held at Wakulla High School, Medart Elementary and Wakulla Pre-K.

The district will feed breakfast and lunch to any child who walks in the door of the facility, Mathers said. They don't have to say where they live or who they are - they just have to be 18 or younger.



Bobby Pearce at the Chamber meeting.

Pearce pitches school tax to Chamber

Superintendent of Schools Bobby Pearce reportedly got a commitment of support from the Chamber of Commerce after appearing the Chamber board's meeting on Tuesday, March 12, to make the case that the money is needed for local schools. He reportedly received a call of support after the meeting.

Board sets new time for second meeting of month

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Damon rephrased. "The unintended consequence of this will be -"

"Much better word," Merritt interjected.

"- to keep citizens from being heard," Damon finished.

Merritt assured citizens that the earlier meeting would take up non-controversial items. Issues that are of major interest would be set on the first meeting of the month, Merritt said.

That would include planning items, he noted.

Chuck Robinson, representing the Chamber of Commerce, was sharply critical of the proposal to move meeting time, saying many business owners would be unable to make it to an early afternoon meeting.

Robinson said the idea reflected an attitude of "Government for the convenience of itself."

Chuck Hess of Con-

cerned Citizens of Wakulla said the idea would not save any real money because staff use comp or flex time to make up for the extra hours worked at meetings.

Commissioner Richard Harden commented that he believed the board should keep its meeting times unchanged.

"I'm the only member who's not retired or self-employed," Harden noted. "So I have to take time off."

Harden is a corrections officer for the state Department of Corrections and works at the Franklin Correctional Institute.

Harden and Commissioner Howard Kessler voted against the change.

Merritt voted for the change and was joined by commissioners Jerry Moore and Ralph Thomas.

The change would go into effect in April, for the April 15 meeting.

Land purchased to protect Wakulla Springs

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Wakulla Springs is protected by Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park and Wakulla State Forest.

However, enormous caverns that feed the spring spread far to the north and west of the park. The land will be managed by the Florida Forest Service as an addition to the state forest.

The site is also designated within the "primary range" for movement and

reproduction of the state-threatened Florida black bear and will provide a travel corridor from the Big Bend to St. Marks.

"This acquisition represents an important next step in the protection of Wakulla Springs, one of northwest Florida's most treasured water resources," said Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board Member Jon Costello. "As the Governing Board member representing the St.

Marks River Basin, I look forward to seeing the District continue to work with state and local agencies to improve water quality in Wakulla Springs."

The property is located within the Upper Wakulla River Basin, and this area exceeds the total maximum daily load for nitrate, adopted in 2012. The Basin Management Action Plan, or restoration plan for the basin, is being developed, and acquisition of this property will help protect

the spring and lead to its restoration.

The total Wakulla Springs Protection Zone Florida Forever project contains 7,438 acres, of which 4,158 acres have been acquired or are under agreement to be acquired. Upon today's approval of this agreement, 3,280 acres, or 44 percent of the project, will remain to be acquired.

Blood drive is set

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office will host another blood drive featuring the Southeastern Community Blood Center on Thursday, March 14 from 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

All blood donors will receive a free movie ticket. Donors may register with Lt. Bruce Ashley at 745-7162

or at bashley@wcso.org. Walk-ins are also welcome. Blood donors must have a photographic identification and meet minimum weight requirements.

The bloodmobile will be located on the south end of the WCSO parking lot.



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Any handicapped, visually or hearing impaired person or any non-English speaking person needing special assistance should contact the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners' Office at (850) 926-0919 or TDD (850) 926-1201.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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The Opinion Page

readers speak out

The wearing of the green on St. Patrick's Day



Nurse Judy's Nook

Judy Conlin

St Patrick's Day is on its way, and I have decorated our home appropriately, despite the best efforts of my cat Bee Bee to tear down everything I put up.

The glittery shamrocks that make up the major portion of the dining room table centerpiece can be found scattered around the house every morning.

That cat is forbidden to get on the table and he fastidiously follows this rule every day.

Apparently different rules apply at night, which is when he makes his midnight shamrock raids.

Since I am sleeping when

this takes place and since I was taught that discipline is only effective if done at the moment of the violation, there is little I can do about this.

There are two little green leprechauns sitting in the wheelbarrow with a planter of shamrocks on my screened in porch. Bee Bee believes these to be kitty toys and he carries them all over.

Finding where they have been deposited each day is as much fun as following the antics of the elf on the shelf. Still, I persevere with my green flags, Irish mugs and green pastries.

I even set out green bowls with green apples and grapes for any person stopping by who wishes to celebrate the holiday.

My mother, who had red hair and green eyes, celebrated this holiday with gusto, even coloring our oleo green back in the day when you bought it white and then worked a color

capsule into it. Of course, the color capsule turned the white blob yellow, but mother tossed that and used green food coloring instead.

But I digress.

Despite all my efforts to make my mother proud by celebrating her favorite holiday with enthusiasm, Nurse Judy, my spoiled alter ego, is unimpressed. She could care less about all my decorating. The only style of decorating that interests her is her dress style.

She bugs me all the time about the wearing of the green.

"What am I going to wear for St. Patrick's Day?" she whines.

"It is only one day," I say. "Just put on a green scarf or wear a green pin. It's no big deal."

She frowns at me.

"One should wear green the whole month," she says. "That would be the proper way to honor the holiday and your

mother." (She sure knows how to pull my chain.)

"Go ahead," I say, "and wear something green every day. I don't care."

Now the whine becomes a wail.

"But I don't have anything green to wear – no green dress, no green shoes, no green jacket. What am I to do?"

"I bought you green shoes to wear with a Christmas outfit and you have a green skirt," I say.

"Those shoes hurt my feet," she says, "and that skirt is dark green, not emerald green like it should be. We need to go shopping."

"I refuse to buy an entire ensemble for a one day event," I say.

"What if I can prove it's economical?" she queries.

"How?" I ask skeptically.

She gives me a knowing smile.

"First, you can always wear it during the Christmas season,

which lasts forever as you know. Green shoes would go well with my dress covered with spring flowers for Easter. You could get lots of mileage out of a new green outfit."

"I know you," I say. "Come Easter or Christmas and you will be howling for new clothes again."

"You interrupted me," she says. "I wasn't finished. I will share my new outfit with you. How much more economical can it be? You buy one outfit that will serve for three holidays for two people. I applaud myself for such a great idea."

I am flabbergasted. Her reasoning is so crazy. Still, it does sound good. I haven't had a new outfit in ages.

"It can't have sequins on it," I say as we head for the car. More later.

Judy Conlin is a nurse in Wakulla and Gadsden counties. Her website is at www.nursejudyinfo.com.

Don't get scammed



By MAURICE LANGSTON
Senior Center Director

Senior citizens in the Sunshine State are the latest to be falling victim to a costly scam that has surfaced in states from Maine to Florida.

Seniors are being swindled out of huge sums of money by Jamaica-based con artist who make aggressive and sometimes even threatening phone calls to unsuspecting consumers after promising them huge foreign lottery winnings.

One Florida senior in South Florida has already lost more than \$370,000 (her life's savings) to the Jamaican scam artists.

Typically, the same begins when Jamaican fraudsters place phone calls to unsuspecting individuals telling them they've won a foreign lottery. The con-artist then tells his victims to make an advance pay-

ment to cover taxes and fees needed to release the lottery winnings.

Over time, the scammers lead their victims along, offering reasons why their winnings have been delayed, while continuing to ask for more money.

Once an individual catches on to the scam and stops making payments, the con-artist has been known to impersonate law enforcement seeking to help the victim recoup their lost money. They sometimes even threaten to harm the victims or their family members.

Scammers using Jamaica's 876 area code are also calling elderly residents in other states besides Florida and telling them they have won the lottery or a new car – and that they need to send a small fee to get their prize.

There have been reports of this type of fraud in at least 21 states. It's very difficult once the phone call is answered to resist being drawn in and scammed.

The problem is so widespread that it's now on the radar screen of major media figures, U.S. senators and the nation's biggest senior advocacy group AARP. Sen. Bill Nelson of Florida is the

Chairman on the Special Committee on Aging.

Sen. Nelson's contact information for his Tallahassee office information is as follows:

U.S. Court House
111 North Adams St.
Tallahassee FL 32301
Telephone: (850) 942-8415
Fax: 850-942-8450

Here are some things people can do to protect their savings from lottery fraudsters:

- If you get such a call hang up immediately.
- If you get such an e-mail, delete it.
- If you get regular mailings promoting a foreign lottery, rip them up.
- Report continued contacts to law enforcement.

This foreign lottery scam is an ever growing problem of big-time criminal operators in places like Jamaica and Nigeria preying on our elderly and lonely people with telemarketing and lottery fraud.

If the board, director or staff at the Wakulla Senior Citizens Council can be of service, please call us at 926-7145.

Maurice Langston is the director of the Wakulla Senior Citizens Center.

READERS WRITE:

Letter on Rep. Southerland was off-base

Editor, The News:

Folks, I feel compelled to respond to the attack on Rep. Steve Southerland's vote on the Violence Against Women Act, or VAWA ("Rep. Southerland doesn't get our needs," March 7 letter on Opinion Page).

First, the CDC figures for domestic violence, states that 40 percent of all domestic violence are perpetrated against men, the numbers are 1.3 million reports of violence against women, and over 800,000 against men.

Even the ACLU has some serious questions with the constitutionality of this bill, giving more rights to one group of

people over another.

There are no protections for men in this piece of legislation, unless you are in a homosexual relationship.

This is just a power grab by politicians who benefit from the perceived "war on women," when in reality it's a war on men.

Plus, the cost to the taxpayers will be \$539 million over the next five years.

We have existing laws that treat everyone equal, let's enforce them. I suggest people study the ramifications of this bill, and make a decision for yourself.

Jimmie Smith
Spring Creek

Extension office programs are wonderful

Editor, The News:

Recently, I participated in several programs sponsored by the Wakulla County Extension Office; water bath canning and the cooking school conducted by the Family and Consumer Sciences extension agent, Shelley Swenson.

In water bath canning, we made and canned strawberry jam. I have never made jellies or jams, thinking that it was more efficient to purchase the commercial

product.

I am now a convert to home canning of jellies and jams. The finished jam is much tastier and considerably cheaper to make than the commercial product. I will be making fruit jams often.

In our soup cooking class, we made three different soups. I learned a number of principles which I have used repeatedly since then.

The nutritious and inexpensive lentil soup we made was a hit with my family and we have

enjoyed it several times.

These programs have added to our family's quality of life and I strongly recommend them to all.

The extension office is a great resource to Wakulla County families. I urge everyone to take advantage of their programs, and I am grateful to our county commission for making their services available to us.

Sincerely,

Andrea F. Carter
Crawfordville

HOME COUNTRY

Spring is time to have fun



By SLIM RANGLES

Do you feel that itch coming on? It's time, you know.

See the kids out flying kites? That's a sign. See little green bladelets in the lawn. That's a sign too.

It's almost full spring, and that itch tells us it's time to do something.

This is when we need to forget almost all our sensible resolutions about self-improvement and just concentrate on fun.

List your favorite things and then take it

one ridiculous step further and there you have it, a renewal of hope and fun and insanity to celebrate the return of the sun.

You enjoy fly fishing? Okay, build your own pirogue to fish from.

Racing cars is your hobby? Go race them across a mountain range. Are you a seamstress or a seamster? Sew a flag the size of a circus tent and hang it from a giant sequoia.

Spring is the trampoline of the entire year. Our thoughts and plans are now unfettered by trying to stay warm and we can emerge from our caves, scratch ourselves, and grunt something like, "Public teevee good! Tell me go library. Study individual applications of medieval chemical experiments."

Buy some oil paints and some brushes and try to make a blank piece of canvas look pretty.

Buy some house paint and try to make the house look pretty.

Buy some makeup and try to make the dog look pretty. This last is just for 4-year-olds, and if you tell your mom I suggested it, I'll swear I don't know you.

The transition from winter to spring can almost be summed up by calling it a change from "Why bother?" to "Why not?!"

Spring is the reward we get for having cut all that firewood.

Brought to you by Home Country (the book). See it at <http://nmsantos.com/Books/Home/Home.html>.

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Miss Wakulla winners crowned

By TARA KIESER
Special to The News

Tylher Tillman was crowned the 2013 Miss Wakulla County on Saturday, March 9, at the Wakulla High School Auditorium.

She competed against 10 other young ladies in the areas of scholastic and community achievement, personal interview, personal style, on-stage question, evening gown and finalist question.

Shannan Wood was first runner-up, Arien Hart was second runner-up, Carson Strickland was third runner-up, and Savannah Hamilton was fourth runner-up.

The winners of the special awards were Scholastic and Community Achievement Award - Savannah Hamilton, Best Interview - Shannan Wood, Most Photogenic - Arien Hart, and Bobbi Broome was voted by the other contestants as Miss Congeniality.

The other contestants included Brianna Gubala, Logan Kelley, Ashlyne Sandberg, Joy Howell and Rami McIver.

Haley Carlton was crowned the 2013 Jr. Miss Wakulla. Morgan Gray was first runner-up, Brianna Harvey was second runner-up, Hannah Dudley was third runner-up, and Anna Golden was fourth runner-up.

The remaining contestants included Morgan Dickens, Amber Peters, Stephanie Ball, Abigail Linton, Holly Ridner, Miriam Hoskins, Jazmine Fields, Danna Richardson, Maci Vernon, Carmen Zachry, Morgan Fagan, Caroline Johnson.

Ashley Marin was crowned the 2013 Young Miss Wakulla. Caroline Barwick was first runner-



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Miss Wakulla Tyler Tillman, center; Haley Carlton Junior Miss Wakulla, lower right; Ashley Marin Young Miss Wakulla, upper right; Cortlynd Fruggiero Little Miss Wakulla, lower left; and Emma Hallaian Tiny Miss Wakulla.

up, Natalie Whaley was second runner-up, Cameron Nichols was third runner-up, and Caitlynn Linville was fourth runner-up.

The remaining contestants included Grace Allen, Lilliana Bloodworth, Hannah Bryan, Sandra Carter, Mackenzie Crockett, Selina Crosby, Camryn Grimes, Alyssa Hay, Gabriella Jacobs, Kayla Lee, Nevaeh Louise, Mikayla Porter, Jayla Sickles and Sara Wallace.

Cortlynd Fruggiero was crowned the 2013 Little Miss Wakulla. Hailey Sandberg was first runner-up, Britton Nichols was second runner-up, Trista Mock was third runner-up, and Reese Harvey was fourth runner-up.

The remaining contestants included AnnaMarie Carnival, Sheyenne Finch, Lydia Harper, Andrius Hoskins, Mariah Logan, Shaylee Percy, Victoria Rhinehart and Hailey Risoldi.

Emma Hallaian was

crowned the 2013 Tiny Miss Wakulla. Whitlee Harvey was first runner-up, Olivia Green was second runner-up, Amya Herring was third runner-up, and Allison Wilsey was fourth runner-up.

The remaining contestants included Olivia Crosby, Vanessa Elderkin, Taylor Fringer, Ayden-Anabell Gallagher, Sophia Jacobs, Rowan Laxton, Kaylee Turner, Dionna Williamson and Mariah Wireman.

Karolyn Lewis and Lewis Pollard did an excellent job as the mistress and master of ceremonies.

Taylor and Hailea Clark wowed us with their vocal talent, Sloan Barwick played a beautiful piano piece, and Kori Pigott from The Dance Project showed us Diamonds are a Girls Best Friend.

WEC's Blessings in a Backpack Team provided the concessions this year.

Blessings in a Backpack is a unique program that is designed to feed students

who are at risk of having little or no food on the weekends. Eighty dollars sends one child home with a backpack full of food each weekend for an entire 38 week school year. The pageant committee appreciates the opportunity to work with such a program.

Special thanks to our sponsors as well as in-kind donations from the following businesses: Corbett's Media, Nicole's 31 Gifts, Synovus Mortgage, and Whaley Photography.

Committee Members include co-chairs Michelle Davis and Tara Kieser, Brooke Brown, Suzanne Camp, Molly Clore, Pamela Davis, Candace Hicks, Amber McIver, Nicole Singleton, and Vickie Whaley.

We enjoyed working with this great group of young ladies and seeing what the future of Wakulla County holds. We would like to thank our families and Wakulla County for their support in making the pageant a success.

St. Patrick's Festival is Saturday



FILE PHOTO

At last year's St. Patrick's Festival.

Staff report

The Crawfordville Lions Club will hold its eighth annual St. Patrick's Day Festival and Parade Saturday, March 16, at Crawfordville's Hudson Park.

The festivities will begin at 8 a.m. with Breakfast in the Park and the first event being the invocation, raising of our National Flag and the singing of our National Anthem at 9 a.m.

The parade starts at 10 a.m. and will have over 40 units in it.

The festival in Hudson Park follows and there will be more than 30 vendors including food vendors, arts and crafts, community action groups, and activities for the kids.

The Crawfordville Lions Club will also be selling raffle tickets with drawings throughout the day until the grand prize of \$250 cash is drawn at 3 p.m.

There will also be entertainment on the stage in the pavilion starting at 11 a.m. and continuing until approximately 3 p.m. featuring local cloggers, musicians and entertainers:

11 a.m. - Ms. Denise Dance Group.

11:45 a.m. - Senior Line Dancers.

12:30p.m. - Rick Tittle and John Smith with special guests The Smith Creek Band.

2:15 - 3 p.m. - Trafton Harvey.

Food vendors will be serving seafood, hamburgers, hotdogs, barbecue, funnel cakes, and more.

Tickets for individual events may be purchased on the day of the festival from any Crawfordville Lions Club member. Just look for the distinctive yellow vests.

Actors needed for play about Wakulla

Special to The News

Palaver Tree Theater Company is presenting "The Wakulla Volcano" as part of the annual Wild About Wakulla Week.

Visit www.palaver-treetheater.org for a syn-

opsis of the play.

Performance dates are Friday, April 19 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 20 at 3 p.m.

Rehearsals begin Saturday, March 16, at the Wakulla County Public Library. Rehearsal times

are TBA.

Roles needing to be filled are Rodney (white male, age 40 to 60), Larry (white male, age 40 to 60), Judge White, Young Brave, Spanish Explorer, Emmett Baird.

A stipend for transpor-

tation will be offered to participants living outside of the Wakulla area.

For more information, contact Herb Donaldson at (718) 682-3870 or email at palavertreetheater@gmail.com.



FILE PHOTO

Two girls with green-painted hair march in last year's St. Patrick's Parade.



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Church

religious views and events

Macedonia holds banquet

By HERB DONALDSON
Special to The News

"Still standing" is a more than apt phrase to describe the spirit of the historic Macedonia Church of Christ Written in Heaven.

Having undergone a series of setbacks to their house of worship during Tropical Storm Debby, the true heart of the church - the people and their willingness to serve - has remained fully intact. That was made evident this past Saturday evening when the church held its fundraising banquet, "Bridging the Gap: Where do we go from here?"

Undersheriff Trey Mor-



Sheriff Charlie Creel with wife Cheryl.

ison gave an introduction of the evening's guest speaker, Sheriff Charlie Creel, who touched on the issues of building trust be-

tween the community and the sheriff's office by making sure all were treated equally under the law.

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HEAVENS TO BETSY

Becoming faithfully fit



By BETSY GOEHRIG

Many of us remember exercise guru Jack LaLanne, who passed away in January 2011.

I read how he would rise at 5 a.m. everyday, head to the gym and log in a vigorous two hour workout.

At the young age of 95, he spent an hour and a half in the weight room and a half-hour swimming.

When he began promoting the virtues of sound nutrition and regular exercise in the 1930s and 40s, people thought of him as a nut and many people made fun of him publicly. But his big break came in television when the "Jack LaLanne Show" began in the 1950s, and the world started to hear about the importance of

fitness.

He said, "You get out of the bed in the morning tired and with aches and pains, but this body works for me. It's my slave. I take care of it. Many older people complain that they are too old to exercise or they really like to eat. They have so many excuses. They are thinking about the good old days. The good old days are today."

In Luke 10:27, Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." To love the Lord your God with all your strength, puts the focus on our bodies, our physical beings.

Ask yourself, am I loving God with all my strength? With all of my body? What can I do to become stronger, that I might love God more, in this area of my life? What do I need to do to become faithfully fit?

No matter how old we are, or how young we are, it's never too soon or too

late to start some kind of fitness plan to strengthen our bodies. Regardless of age, how you take care of your body makes a difference.

I want to challenge our community - as well as myself - to become more faithfully fit. In one year, we can make a remarkable difference in this aspect of our lives, as well as in our community and our nation! (I have dropped 25 pounds in the past year. I'm working on a repeat performance this year. So this preacher is preaching to herself, as well as to others!)

We know the benefits of physical exercise and nutrition, but maybe we hadn't thought about them as an important part of our spiritual lives.

If you had to rate your physical fitness, where would it be, on a scale of 1 to 10, with one being of poor physical health and fitness, poor eating habits and no exercise, up to 10, with being in great physical shape and fitness, eating healthy and exercising regularly?

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OUT TO PASTOR

Excuse me, but I just gotta be me

By JAMES L. SNYDER

I refuse to answer for anybody else because it is a fulltime job trying to answer for myself.

I must confess, though, I sometimes cannot give a good answer for myself. I can give an answer, but not a good one, and when it comes to answers, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage demands good ones.

How do you explain yourself to someone when you cannot even explain yourself to yourself? I do not pretend to be a man of mystery, but many things about Yours Truly I certainly do not understand.

For one, I am not an actor. I want to make that very plain to all and sundry. Within the confines of my presence, are absolutely no acting skills.

I have some friends who are always acting like a fool. I am assuming they are acting and give them the benefit of the doubt. Another friend of mine at certain times acts dumb. I have known him for a very long time and I can usually tell when he is acting. By the way, he is a very good actor. Many of my friends are excellent actors and if they ever were competing for some Oscar or Emmy award, they would come pretty close to winning.

I am another story. It is very difficult for me in the area of acting. With me, what you see is what you get. I suppose when you boil it all down, I am just not smart enough to be a good actor. I am not even smart enough to be a bad actor.

Putting all of this in context, I must confess that my wife believes I am a great actor. I have tried to dissuade her from this opinion, but up to this point, I have not been successful. When she thinks of me she always says, "And the Emmy goes to..."

How she came to this point, I'm not quite sure.

No matter what I do, she still holds to this personal opinion of me. I keep telling her that I am not that good of an actor, which she keeps smiling and nodding her head in my direction.

Some examples need to be given here to show my point.

Just the other night we were at a restaurant with some friends, having a good time, or so I thought. I must say when I'm on a roll, I'm on a roll. But all during my "roll," I kept feeling somebody under the table kicking me. I ignored it thinking perhaps our friends did not quite know what they were doing. Never once did I suspicion my companion with this action. I kept rolling on.

Finally, both of them excused themselves to take a break and when they were out of listening distance, my wife said to me, "Will you stop acting so foolish?"

I looked at her, not quite knowing what she was referring to, and said quite innocently, "But, my Precious, I'm not acting."

She gave me one of "those looks" and said, "Stop acting foolish."

This is what I admire about my wife. She has the highest opinion of my abilities particularly in the area of the thespian arts. Our friends were coming to the table when I was about to tell her I was not acting foolish, it just came natural.

Another example comes to mind.

I remember she was trying to explain something to me one time. I do not know what it was now. It was something to do with something in the garage, a place I have not been for years, and I was not connecting the dots, as they say. She was going into a long dissertation on what needed to be done and I was just standing there staring at her. I was trying

to understand what she was saying, but nothing was clicking upstairs, if you know what I mean.

In the middle of her dissertation she stopped, looked at me intensely, placed both hands on her hips and said, "Don't act so dumb."

Smiling broadly I whispered, "My Precious, I'm not acting."

With a glare that could have intimidated good old Goliath, she quipped, "I'm coming to believe you're right. You are not acting. You're just naturally dumb."

Somebody once sang a song called, "I gotta be me" which has become my theme song. What you see is what you get, when you are dealing with me. I am not smart enough to act and I am too old to play. Therefore, it all boils down to this one thing, I am what I am, like it or lump it.

I do not like it when people pretend to be something they are not. I want people to be real with me. This is doubly true with my relationship with God. He is honest with me and I want to be absolutely honest with him.

"If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?" (1 John 4:20 KJV).

Many people say they love God and yet it is all an act. It is easy to love somebody you cannot see but hard to love a brother right in front of you.

Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship in Ocala. Call him at (866) 552-2543 or e-mail jamesnsnyder2@att.net.

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Obituaries

Linda Loretta Clemmons Coxwell
Jerry Paul Minton
Ofellon 'Sue' Shead

Jerry Paul Minton

Jerry Paul Minton, 79, peacefully left this earthly home to enjoy a heavenly reunion on Sunday, March 3, 2013 at his home in Sopchoppy.

He was born in Atlanta on Jan. 2, 1934. He was proud to be a veteran having served as a paratrooper with the 82nd and 101st Airborne Unit. Upon retirement from Marta Transit in Atlanta in 1986, he and his wife Shirley retired to Sopchoppy where he enjoyed fishing. He also served as a bailiff for Wakulla County.

Jerry took great delight

in sponsoring young ladies at the Lighthouse Children's Home, enjoying their singing as well as the gospel music performed there. He was a faithful member of the Panacea Full Gospel Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley, his parents, and two brothers. Survivors include a son, Rick (Carmen), a daughter, Robin, and sister, Jean (Franklin) Roberts, six step children and several grand children. He leaves behind close friends and neighbors Buster (Elmira) Mathis, Barney (Diane) Harrell, Paul Tryee, brother-in-law, who called him every

other Sunday morning, and Edna Reynolds. Jerry will be remembered for his quick wit and bright smile. His willingness to help others will be greatly missed.

Services were held at the Panacea Full Gospel Church on Thursday, March 7, 2013 with burial at the Sopchoppy Cemetery, where he was presented with an honor guard by the Wakulla County Sheriff's Department.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Panacea Full Gospel Church, Panacea FL 32346 or the Lighthouse Children's Home, 7771 Mahan Dr., Tallahassee FL 32311.

Linda Loretta Clemmons Coxwell

Linda Loretta Clemmons Coxwell, 82, died on Tuesday, March 5, 2013.

She was born in Altha, on June 20, 1930 to Dewey Lee and Ruby Barber Clemmons. She lived in Blountstown until moving to Crawfordville and then to Thomasville, Ga. After retiring, she, her husband, a Southern Baptist minister, and their son, Sammy, returned to Crawfordville.

Survivors include her son, Ashley (Melissa) of Callahan; her daughters, Dr. Deborah Coxwell-Teague (Everett) of Tallahassee and Alicia Crittenden (Bill) of Acworth, Ga.; her sister, Juanita Clem-

mons Temple of Callahan; her brother, Dewey Lee Clemmons Jr. (Talitha) of Williamsburg, Va.; and 14 grandchildren, two great-grandsons, a niece, and several nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband of 62 years, the Rev. Samuel Ancil Cowell; their son, Samuel Ancil Coxwell Jr.; her parents; and her sister, Hilda Clemmons Alford.

A graveside service was held at Crawfordville Cemetery in Crawfordville at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 11, 2013.

Adams Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. Phone (850) 674-5449. Online condolences may be made at adamsfh.com.

Ofellon 'Sue' Shead

Ofellon "Sue" Shead, 81, died on Monday, March 11, 2013, at her home in Whigham, Ga.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

She was born May 7, 1931, in Cook County, Ga., to Robert Stephens and Martha Pritchard Stephens. She was married to Frank Shead, who preceded her in death. She worked as a loving wife and caregiver. She was of the Pentecostal faith.

Survivors include her daughter, Janice Pinion Clark of Whigham, Ga.; grandchildren, Teresa Pinion of Crawfordville, Connie Trevino (Ricky) of Whigham, Kristina Pinion of Vidor, Texas, and Renea Whitmire (Mitchell) of Whigham; 11 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Sue was predeceased by her parents; her husband; a son, Gary Pinion; a grandson, Lil Kenny Whitmire; and a great-grandson, Austin Whitmire.

On-line condolences may be sent at www.coxfuneral.net.

Gospel group, revival set at Christian Worship Center

The Christian Worship Center will host a Homecoming Dinner at 4 p.m., on Saturday, March 16, immediately followed at 6 p.m. by the Drummond Family in Concert.

On Sunday, March 17, the Drummonds will perform again at 11 a.m.

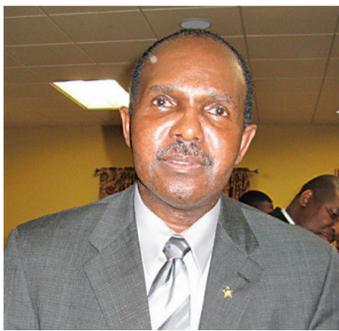
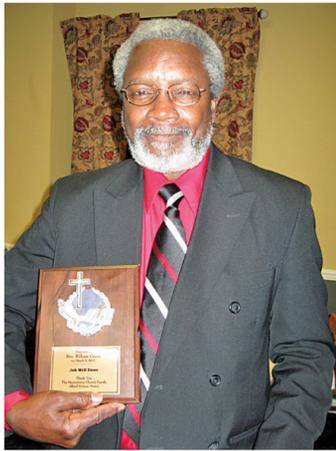
The week of March 18 through March 22 is the Homecoming Revival at 7 p.m.

nightly with Pastor Dennis Hanvey and his wife Sherry from Florence, Ala.

Both events will take place at the Christian Worship Center at 3922 Coastal Hwy. (Hwy 98) in Medart.

Everyone is invited to join us. For more information, call pastor Steve Taylor at (850) 509-6031.

Macedonia holds banquet



PHOTOS BY HERB DONALDSON

William Green, left, with an award for volunteerism. Capt. Jackie Martin, above, of the sheriff's office.

From Page 6A

Creel also stressed the need for diversity within the department so that it reflected the community. He was sure to note that those in the department were not hired because of color, but because of their proven ability to get the job done right.

He then introduced Capt. Jackie Martin, who was recently promoted in rank at Wakulla's detention facility.

Capt. Martin, a vibrant and energetic man, spoke

briefly about working with the youth in the community, and how the work of the Sheriff's department is merely a byproduct of the work that should be done in our homes. He chose not to glorify the negative, but highlight the positive aspects of our youth, and how it was the responsibility of every adult to get involved in the public meetings and issues pertaining to the young people of the county.

Elder Gwendolyn Thomas presided as Mistress of Ceremonies for the affair.

Poetry, guest singers, and praise dancing were on the program.

Pastor Alfred Nelson Sr., offered final remarks for the evening, giving special thanks to those on the event committee that helped bring them one step closer to rebuilding their church.

Goehrig: Becoming faithfully fit

From Page 6A

If we're not where we want to be, there is no better time than right now to make some changes to that.

For some, that may mean eating healthier, exercising more, drinking more water, developing stress relief techniques, taking vitamins/supplements, or getting more sleep.

For others, it might mean giving up something unhealthy - junk food, cigarettes, alcohol, other substances, or sexual promiscuity.

For different people, loving God with all your strength, with all your body, being as physically strong as possible, will mean different things.

This challenge is not about judgment or condemnation. It's about liberation!

God wants to help us and give us strength. With God's help, we can be set free and overcome anything. The most successful programs are those that are faith based, because in our greatest weakness we can find our greatest strength from leaning upon the One

who not only saves us eternally but who saves us when we need it most on this earth.

Each day God gives us is a fresh opportunity to renew our bodies which are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Almost all of us need to take better care of ourselves, in some way. The most important change you can make is in your perspective, by treating your body as a TEMPLE which houses God's Holy Spirit.

Most of the time we don't internalize this truth, we don't focus on it, we don't live it. Our bodies are living temples of the Holy Spirit. And this gives our bodies great value. Our bodies are something special, because God is living inside!

Realizing that can help motivate us to take better care of our physical being.

There are a lot of ways we can grow in this aspect, so that we may love the Lord our God with all our strength. And yet, in spite of all that we do, the truth is, physical health may still decline. No matter how much we

exercise, no matter how many vitamins we take, no matter how well we eat, no matter how clean we live, sometimes our bodies still grow weak.

But we can still love God powerfully with all our strength, even in our greatest weakness.

May we be committed to take the very best care we can of the bodies we have been given. Let us be faithfully fit so our bodies may represent Christ's body, as we serve in Christ's name, becoming his hands, his feet, his lips, through our very own.

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



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happenings in our community



Susan Schatzman, Peggy Mackin and Lynette Coleman at Habitat for Humanity Store

Habitat donation

Habitat for Humanity of Wakulla County was awarded a \$500 contribution from Corporation Service Company, through fundraising efforts. The funds will assist with the next home build. Corporation Service Company will also be providing volunteers to work on the next home build.

Corporation Service Company (CSC), a privately held business and legal services organization that provides matter management, corporate compliance, and trustee services for companies and law firms worldwide. To learn more about CSC, visit www.csglobal.com.

If you are interested in finding out how you can be involved in Habitat for Humanity of Wakulla County please stop by the Habitat ReStore at 940 Shadeville Road or call 926-4544.

4-H'ers go bananas at counselor training

SPECIAL FOR THE NEWS

What do you get when young people, ice cream and leadership are combined?

The answer is Wakulla County's record setting banana split, 20 feet long, produced by 4-H'ers during leadership training for the upcoming 2013 4-H summer camp season.

"It was fun and we learned how to be good 4-H camp counselors" said TJ Parramore. He was one of 14 teens who worked together to plan and construct the dessert masterpiece, and then proceeded to consume it all.

Chris Paris, a four year veteran of the 4-H Camp Cherry Lake camping program said "I think the new counselors will do well and I'm really looking forward to camp this summer."

Counselor-in-Training Hannah McKenzie said, "I learned a lot and had fun while doing it."

This summer will be Hannah's rookie year as a 4-H Camp Counselor at 4-H Camp Cherry Lake in north Madison County.

Camp Cherry Lake is a week-long residential camping experience. The 4-H'ers participate in classes, learn crafts, engage in team sports, and swim in Cherry Lake.

Counselors are older 4-H'ers who help the volunteers and camp staff as part of developing the necessary life skills the 4-H'ers will need in the coming years.

"We are helping train the responsible adults of tomorrow, today," said Sherri Kraeft, UF/IFAS Wakulla County 4-H Agent.

All Wakulla County 4-H programs are designed to give young people the opportunity to develop life skills and form positive relationships with both their peers and caring adults.

If you would like further information regard-



Travis Harvey-Henderson and Bryson Nichols, look pretty serious about building the giant sundae.

ing camps, community clubs or ways that you can be involved with the Wakulla County 4-H program as a volunteer, please contact the Wakulla County Extension Office at 850-926-3931 or Sherri Kraeft at sjkraeft@ufl.edu.



Travis with Little Bug and Heartbreaker, show the blue ribbons they won at the Texas Two Step Racing Trials.

Dogs win big in Texas

SPECIAL FOR THE NEWS

Local dog racing team, Jacks "B" Quick Race Team, went to Navasota, Texas, to compete, at the Texas Two Step Racing Trials.

Travis Hallman took his "old girl" Heartbreaker, entering her in the regular adult class, along with his new pup Lil' Bug, racing pups under a year of age.

Lil Bug placed first in both flats and hurdles and then raced in the puppy championship, and won.

"I have a feeling we'll be reading articles about her blue ribbon sessions on the racing track in the future," said

Hallman.

Heartbreaker placed first in the flats and the hurdles and in the end was crowned the adult champion at the Texas Two Step.

Hallman said, "This was one of the best race days, ever."

Hallman and his dogs brought home eight blue ribbons and four championships.

Jacks "B" Quick would like to express our appreciation to Dr. Griggs and the staff at Shepherd Spring Animal Hospital, Luther and Betty Watford of B & L Auto Parts, and PMI Exclusive Dog Food.

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Homecoming Revival



with Pastor Dennis Hanvey and his wife Sherry, of Florence, Alabama. Both have been pastoring for 25 years and will share with us the gospel of Jesus Christ from March 18th through the 22nd at 7pm nightly.

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School

education news from local schools

Three applauded as outstanding teachers

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Superintendent Bobby Pearce and the Wakulla County School Board applaud the service these individuals give to the children of Wakulla County, their commitment to the schools and communities they serve.

LOU ANN HAMES

Lou Ann Hames, March Teacher of the Month, has been working as an ESE teacher at Crawfordville Elementary since September 2005. Prior to starting her career as a teacher she served as an ESE paraprofessional. Originally from Indiana, Pennsylvania she graduated from Indiana

University of Pennsylvania where she received her BS degree in health and physical education.

"I teach because I love working with kids and making a difference in their lives. I love seeing their eyes light up when they finally understand a difficult concept. Students are the most unpredictable creatures on the planet. They can be goofy, silly, annoying and frustrating as well as amazingly kind, generous, thoughtful and creative. As a teacher I learned to take the sugar with the salt."

Mrs. Hames contributes to the school as a whole as a member of the PLT committee, math committee and parent involvement

committee. Crawfordville Principal Angie Walker adds, "Together with her co-teacher, Mrs. Harvey, they have developed an inclusion based classroom that runs like a perfectly pitched baseball game – close-accurate and no free walks."

AMANDA BUTLER

Amanda Butler, a Riversprings Middle School sixth grade teacher since 2005, was also selected as a March Teacher of the Month.

Butler attended Tallahassee Community College on a softball scholarship. She then attended and graduated from Flagler College. While teaching



Lou Ann Hames, Amanda Butler and Dana Carpenter are recognized as the March Teachers of the Month for Wakulla County.

at Riversprings, Butler has also coached volleyball, softball, girls' basketball and girls' soccer. She is a mentor teacher and a member of the LCD reading grant team.

"I enjoy working with the middle school age student. It is very rewarding when former students come back to let me know how things are going for them and allow me to celebrate their accomplishments with them," says Butler.

RMS Principal Dod Walker notes, "Mrs. Butler came to RMS hoping to be a PE coach but has proven to be an outstanding 6th grade classroom teacher. She is a pleasure to work with and I am proud to call her a Bear."

DANA CARPENTER

Wakulla Pre-K has selected Dana Carpenter as March Employee of the Month.

She moved in Wakulla

County in May 2007. Carpenter has been a song leader at the Pioneer Baptist Church for five years. Originally from Ocala, Florida, she graduated high school from the Ocala Christian Academy.

Carpenter shares, "I love working with children. They make me laugh on a daily basis. I love watching children learn and grow. I am not from Wakulla County, so it has been nice making new friends while working."

Martin gives speech, thanks Governor Scott



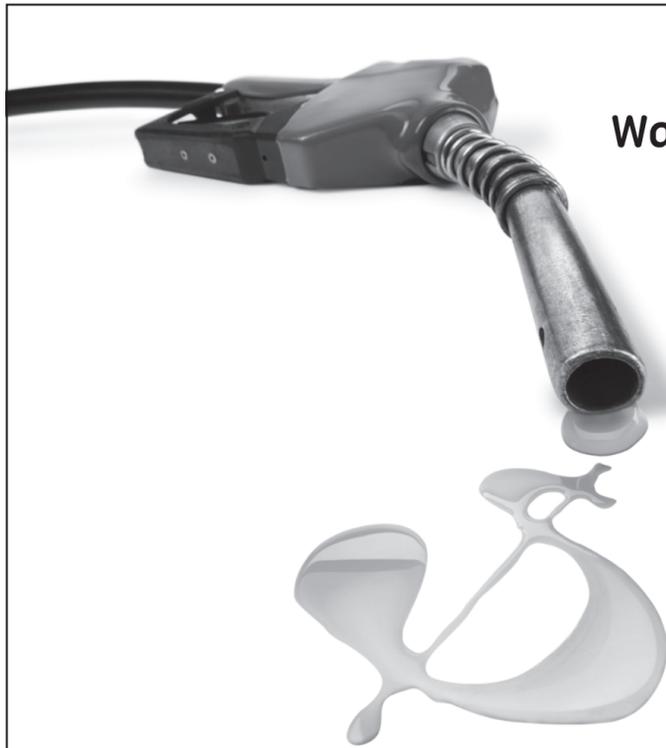
Assistant Superintendent Beth O'Donnell, Superintendent Bobby Pearce, Teacher of the Year Jodie Martin, Medart Principal Sharon Kemp, and Assistant Principal Belinda McElroy.

Speech By Jodie Martin

"On behalf of the other "Teachers of the Year" and all of the hard working and dedicated teachers in the state of Florida, I would like to thank Governor Scott and the cabinet for this special recognition. I would also like to say that I am very appreciative of the Governor's interest in education. The Governor's "Families First Budget" is very generous to education and I am hopeful that the legislators have the same spirit and also support all of the devoted teachers of Florida.

Teachers do not choose to teach for the yearly salary. Teachers are professionals that make a commitment to work long hours to better the future of our youth. Florida's teachers have been working hard to make big steps in preparing Florida's youth to be Florida's future. Florida is now seeing national success and all of our hard work is paying off. Teachers do not teach subjects, excellent teachers teach students. That means

taking every student's situation into consideration when planning lessons. That cannot be done in an eight hour work day or a five day work week. Personally working in an area hit hard by the current economy, I can say the children are suffering from the situation. I have students who come to school hungry and in need of clothing. Teachers spend their own money to provide food, clothing, school supplies and even Christmas presents. I have never minded packing an extra sandwich or granola bar each day. That is just what teachers do! However, teachers must also make a wage that supports their own families to be able to provide this type of support to others. The Governor understands this and his budget to increase the funds to education is essential to maintaining Florida's level of excellence. "Families First" is just that, it is supportive of families. "Thank you again Governor Scott, your support is appreciated."



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Sports

sports news and team views

SOFTBALL

Lady War Eagles place 4th at North Florida Classic

By AMY LEE
Special to The News

The War Eagles held off a late push by Pensacola Tate to hold for a 3-2 win.

Pensacola Tate wasn't able to come back from the big hole it dug itself into against the War Eagles, and Pensacola Tate lost 3-2 after falling behind by two runs in the sixth inning.

Pensacola Tate scored one run in the seventh on an RBI double.

Michael Cooper was a workhorse in the circle while bagging the win for the War Eagles. Cooper pitched seven innings and allowed two earned runs, three hits and two walks while striking out three.

The War Eagles pushed one run across in the fourth inning to start the scoring. The War Eagles scored on an RBI single by Kenzie Lee.

The game was never in doubt after the fifth, as the War Eagles scored one run on an RBI single by Courtney Flowers and another one run on an RBI single by Ambler Winkler.

LADY WAR EAGLES TAKE OUT SICKLES WITH HELP FROM HARRELL, 6-1

The War Eagles beat Sickles 6-1 in seven innings on Friday at Messer behind Shelby Harrell who went 2-2.

She doubled in the third inning and singled in the fifth inning. Michael Cooper was a strong in the circle while bagging the win for the War Eagles. Cooper allowed one earned run, five hits and two walks while striking out five over seven innings of work.

In the fourth inning, Sickles pushed across its only run of the day on an RBI double. The lead stayed with the War Eagles after the fifth, when they scored three runs on a three-run double by Kayla Hussey.

The War Eagles piled on three more runs in the bottom of the sixth. Cooper homered, scoring Kelbi Davis to start the inning and Sickles was unable to answer.

The War Eagles lose to Countryside High despite huge last inning at bat for Amber Bryant, 2-3

The War Eagles were unable to keep the winning streak alive on Saturday despite big at bats by Chris Romanus, Meghan Sarvis and Amber Bryant. Wakulla never held the lead but in the last inning Amber Bryant crushed one to left-center which scored two runs - but she was tagged out after rounding second to end the game.

WAR EAGLES FALL 6-0 TO NICEVILLE DESPITE SARVIS' EFFORT

The War Eagles wound up on the wrong side of a 6-0 score on Saturday afternoon at Messer, tasting defeat at the hands of Niceville.

Meghan Sarvis was solid at the plate for the War Eagles. Sarvis went 1-2. She singled in the third inning.

Niceville's pitcher pitched seven shut-out innings. Struck out three, walked one and gave up two hits. Niceville's three top players led the team. They combined for six hits and three RBIs. Niceville tacked on another four runs in the fifth.

Wakulla managed only two hits the entire game, one from Kayla Hussey and the other from Meghan Sarvis.

The War Eagles play Madison and Leon this week. Friday night's game will be bring District challenger Suwannee High School to our home field.

JV will play at 5 p.m. and varsity plays at 7 p.m.

BASEBALL

War Eagles on 5-game win streak

By CONNOR HARRISON
Special to The News

The Wakulla High School War Eagles baseball team has started the season off strong with seven wins in their first 10 games.

After a 2-3 start, the War Eagles have had a five game win streak.

On March 8, the War Eagles went up to Tallahassee to play the Rickards Raiders for their first district game. Wakulla came out swinging and drove in four runs in just the first inning. The Raiders' lone run came in the fourth inning, right before the War Eagles batted five runs in

the next inning, making the score 11-1 in favor of Wakulla where it remained for the rest of the game.

Wakulla's season batting average is .279 so far with Brandon Nichols having a batting average of .424, leading the team.

Nichols has also hit a pair of home-runs this season and leads the team in RBIs with 12.

Jake Walker has faced the most batters while on the pitchers mound with 89 batters faced. Out of these 89 batters Walker has struck out 19 of them. The batting average of the opposing batters when Walker is pitching is .205. He has two wins and no

losses.

When it comes to fielding the ball, as a team the War Eagles have a fielding percentage of .847. There are six players with at least 10 total chances to make a play on the ball with James Estes having the most at 33.

There are a couple of players who are perfect on stolen bases with four attempts and each one being successful. Nichols is one of the players and the other one being Jeff Barnes. The entire team is 18 of 21 on stolen bases.



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TRACK

Teams have two meets

By PAUL HOOVER
WHS Track Coach

The Wakulla High School track team had a busy schedule last week as they attended two local meets.

The WHS girls team, who captured the first four places in the 1600 meter run, were led by Madison Harris. Marty Wiedeman, Kayla Webbe and Liliana Broadway.

Raychel Gray won the 3200 meter run, with Kayla Webbe finishing a close second. In the 800 meters, Lydia Wiedeman finished in second place, with Breighly Bolton placing fourth and Raychel Gray nabbing fifth.

Additionally, the 4x800 and 4x400 relay teams ran well to place first. In the 300 meter hurdles, Amber Stewart had her best effort of the year, capturing first place.

Thrower Shelby Alsup also had another good meet, finishing second in the discus and sixth in the shot. Sprinter Da'zaha Jackson ran a solid 200 meter dash to finish in fourth place.

The boys were led by first year track athlete Corion Knight, who won both the 200 meters and high jump. In the high jump, he cleared the State Elite height of 6'2", easily out-jumping his closest competitor who cleared 5'8".

Junior Aaron Smith had another good meet, placing first in the 1600 meters and stepping down for a rare appearance in the 800 meters, where he placed second. Mitchell Atkinson also logged his first high school win in the 3200 meters. J.P. Piotrowski also had a good meet, logging a fast leg on the 4x800 meter relay, as well as placing second in the 1600 meters.

In the sprints, John Sanders ran to a strong third place finish in the 100 meters, with Malik Thomas finishing in fourth place. The local runners dominated the 200 meters. Knight led

7 Wakulla athletes ranked

The first statewide rankings of the current season were released last week and WHS had seven athletes ranked in the top 50 in 2A in their respective events.

They included Keith Gavin, 2nd in high jump; Corion Knight, tied for 3rd, high jump; Madison Harris, 3rd, 800 meters; Lydia Wiedeman, 26th, 800 meters; Aaron Smith, 37th, 3200 meters; Margaret Wiedeman, 43rd, 3200 meters; and J.P. Piotrowski, 50th, 800 meters.

Riversprings Middle School middle distance ace Bryce Cole is also ranked statewide - 6th in the 1600 and 7th in the 800 meters.

- Paul Hoover

the way with Dontavious White close behind in third and Monterious Loggins in fifth and Antonio Morris in sixth.

In the relays, the boys placed second in the 4x100 meters, the 4x400 meters and third in the 4x800 meters. In the long jump, Vonte Ervin jumped just over 18 feet, to place a solid sixth.

On Thursday, it was the youngsters time to shine when the teams attended the First Annual Rickards Freshman/Sophomore Meet at Rickards High School in Tallahassee.

The meet kicked off with the field events and high jumper Keith Gavin set the tone for the WHS boys. Gavin turned in another superb effort with a winning jump of 6'4" which is a National Elite "B" Standard height. He followed that up with a fourth place finish in the 100 meters and another win in the 200 meters.

Nathan Jackson also performed well, placing second in the discus and sixth in the shot put. Then it was the middle distance runners time to perform and they did. The boys 4x800 meter team ran an excellent race, winning in a season best time of 8:55, only four seconds off the school record. J.P. Piotrowski ran the fastest leg, but Alan Pearson ran a superb leg and closed 6 seconds in the last 400 meters on the lead runner from Rickards. Piotrowski also in the turned in a winning performance in the 1600 meters and 800 meters! Pearson also followed

up with a win in the 300 meter hurdles.

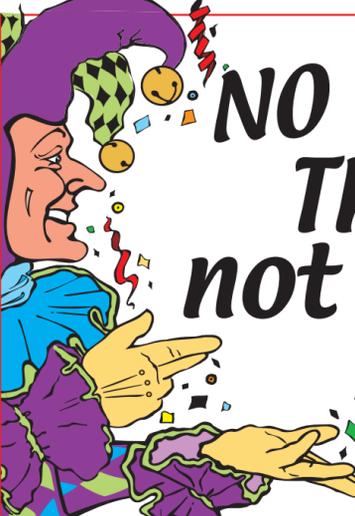
In the 3200 meters, Albert Smythe ran a good race to finish second and he was followed by Travis Parks (3rd), Mitchell Atkinson (4th) and Riley Welch (5th).

The girls were once again led the middle distance runners and thrower, Shelby Alsup, who opened the meet with a second place finish in both the discus and shotput.

Lydia Wiedeman, Savannah Strickland and Holli Capps place first, third and fourth in the 800 meters. Lilliana Broadway had a good night, running a leg on the winning 4x800 relay, winning the 3200 meter run and placing second in the 1600 meters.

The team of Wiedeman, Strickland, Broadway and Connie Lewis won the 4x800 meter relay. The girls 4x400 meter relay team included two runners, Da'Zaha Jackson and Khadzia Stokley, who had never run on the relay before, but they both turned in really solid performances and helped ensure the win for the WHS squad. Interestingly, the girls relay team almost beat the Madison boys team, fighting them the whole way and finishing only two seconds back.

The next competition for the WHS teams will be another Freshman/Sophomore Meet at Chiles High School on Thursday and a limited number of athletes are scheduled compete at the huge Bob Hays Meet in Jacksonville on Saturday, March 16.



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An African safari turns up few lions

I've just returned from a 24 day visit to wild Africa in Kenya and Tanzania. Though we traveled through a few towns and cities (another whole article) our main objective was to view the immense diversity of African mammals and birds.

We observed over 40 different species of mammals and by our visit's end I had seen and become somewhat familiar with 340 birds – many spectacular.

Normally in four weeks of "game drives" (where a driver-guide drives one around looking for various critters in the national parks and game reserves) one would see from 6 to 26 cheetahs – we saw 14 – and if one is lucky, a couple of leopards – we saw 5 or 6.

But the big show has always been to find many lions, sometimes at a "kill" or more commonly at rest.

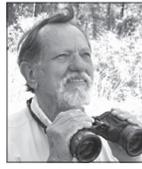
Perhaps in the past one would see a total of 100 lions, and take lots of photos. When my long time friend (and now partner) Patti first visited Kenya and Tanzania in 1971 she saw, as an example, roughly 120 lions.

Things now have changed, so the recent trip she and I took to Kenya (12 days) and Tanzania (12 days) we only saw a total of 12 lions, which included one adult and one immature male.

Patti has been to Africa many times and reads about its problems, and like me and many others is saddened by the decline in many species. And so I

Wandering Weymouth

BY GEORGE WEYMOUTH



will let her continue on this subject.

George called me from Florida and said, "I have written an article on our safari to Kenya and Tanzania, and I want you to finish it, writing about the lion situation."

"Are you sure?" I responded.

Anyway, let us look at the king of beasts, lions.

Who does not love these magnificent charismatic big cats? I fell in love with lions when I was very young, but not the living mammal. My introduction to lions came through a favorite story I read repeatedly, the Aesop's fable, "Androcles and the Lion."

For years I dreamed of seeing lions in Africa, not just at a zoo setting. And the thrill of seeing my first luxuriously maned lion with his majestic and proud demeanor resting in the famed Serengeti overwhelmed my senses.

In 1971 and during the next couple of decades lions were common predators in many Kenyan and Tanzanian parks and reserves.

Then a rapid decline ensued. Numbers dropped and sightings became fewer.

On the safari George and I took, I had wanted

him to witness lions in action, hunting successfully and their interactions as they enjoyed the spoils of the catch. But that did not happen.

Prey on the hoof – over a million wildebeest and three quarters of a million common zebras walked the plains, but the absence of predators surprised me greatly. In the midst of the great migration we saw only a single lioness.

Watching a hunt and the drama afterwards unfold is truly a magical experience – that is if a little gore does not bother you. Hyenas come to the kill and grab what they can, while diminutive jackals wait on the sidelines to snatch any loose scraps.

After mammals feast, the sky and surrounding vegetation fills with the scavengers – the various vulture species. The great birds fight and squabble among themselves as a melee unfolds. It is a sight that is the epitome of the African wilds.

Now, however, numerous problems have dimmed the show. Depending on whose figure you listen to, the sub-Saharan lion population declined from around 200,000 to less than 20,000 in the last 20 years.

Kenya lions have gone

from 30,000 to 2,000 in the last 10 years. Causes range from habitat loss to human predator conflicts over livestock – lions that attack domestic herds are killed – to diseases and poisonings.

Due to the increase in human population the parks today are surrounded with people living next to protected areas' borders, and herders illegally bring their livestock of cattle, goats and sheep into these areas. This closeness is the cause of disease transmission. Lions have caught canine distemper from domestic dogs, and Bovine Tuberculosis from cattle.

Many lions have an immune suppressed condition similar to human AIDS. And then a horrible poison, Furadan, has been in use to kill nuisance predators, especially lions. Furadan is not selective. All who eat a poisoned dead animal die.

Furadan has also decimated the vulture population – nature's important clean up crew. In Kenya the vulture population in down 60 per cent from a few years ago. Many eagles finding these poisoned kills have fed and died, even the aristocratic Crowned Eagle.

What a terrible loss.

Africa is still a wonder to visit and I don't want to discourage anyone from witnessing the grandeur that still exists.

Over a million wildebeest hooves pounding the earth and females dropping babies show a sign of renewal.

Brag Book:



Molly Jones and her first turkey.

Molly Jones bags a gobbler

Youth turkey season opened Saturday, March 9, and Molly Jones, 9, bagged her first gobbler on opening morning of the youth turkey hunt with her dad, Kyle Jones, in Smith Creek.

Artifact ring busted

A two-year undercover operation has recently busted what officials said was an extensive, state-wide ring of individuals trading in illegal historical artifacts, largely from Native American sites.

Thirteen people from two states were charged with a total of more than 400 felony counts, including 216 alone against Jacky Fuller of Fortson, Ga., accused of violating historical resources, dealing in stolen property and dealing stolen property over the Internet. Fullerton was one of two Georgians arrested.

The 11 Floridians snared by state officials lived everywhere from the north Florida community of Havana to Big Pine Key.

"The message I think we're trying to get out of here today is that this isn't just stealing of artifacts," said Robert Bendus, director of the Division of Historical Resources. "This is stealing the history of this state. ... And when you loot, you're irrevocably destroying the history of this state."

Bendus said stealing artifacts rips them out of the context of archaeological sites and can damage efforts to document what happened there.

Officials say more than \$2 million of artifacts might have been recovered in "Operation Timucua," including arrowheads and pottery.

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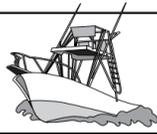
Local writers share their experiences

a peek into life on and under the water



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



Members of Flotilla 12 met once again at the Naval Reserve Training Center in Tallahassee as our regular meeting location is still under renovations. We had 10 members and one guest present.

Several of our other members were attending the Fort Gordon Johnston activities in Apalachicola.

During our meeting, several upcoming activities were discussed including the St. Patrick's Day parade in Crawfordville this weekend, Springtime Tallahassee and the Antique Boat Show in Apalachicola.

As a flotilla, we enjoy being an active part of events in our area and supporting those who support us. If you have an event and would like to request our participation, please contact Chuck Hickman, our flotilla staff officer for Public Affairs at FSO-PA@uscgaux.net, or Duane Treadon, our Flotilla Commander at FC@uscgaux.net.

Also upcoming from the flotilla are three scheduled vessel inspection ramp days. Our vessel examiners set up at the Fort in St. Marks as well as visiting other local marinas.

We will be doing free vessel exams on Memorial Day weekend, July 4th weekend and Labor Day weekend. Exact dates and times will be published, as each day gets closer!

Our next scheduled Safe Boating Class will be held on April 20 in

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SPECIAL TO THE NEWS
Norma Hill and Duane Treadon.

Tallahassee. If you are interested in attending or know someone who is, please contact Alex Gulde, our flotilla staff officer for public education at FSO-PE@uscgaux.net.

As our business meeting concluded, Phil Hill, our operations staff officer, presented our required operations workshop.

As a part of the Coast Guard, we are required to maintain annual trainings to ensure that we have the skills we need to do our job. Several points Phil made during our workshop are good for every boater to know.

One of the most impor-

tant points made was to be knowledgeable of your boat. We perform a pre-underway check off every time we go out, even if we are all seasoned crew on a facility. Something might have changed.

Additionally, all members need to "adapt, not adopt" to situations.

Meaning, as things change throughout the day (rain, tides, injury) everyone has to adapt to the changes rather than trying to adopt normal responses.

While it may seem elementary, it was stressed that when at the helm, the operator of the boat should not be on a cell

phone. Many recent laws have demonstrated that use of a cell phone while operating a car limit your response time and can increase risk for accidents.

The final part of the workshop stressed how we as auxiliaries are to help boaters in distress.

The ultimate rule is that we offer assistance within our abilities and capabilities - we do not want to become part of a larger problem.

Everyone should be familiar with the Good Samaritan Law that offers legal protection to individuals who provide reasonable assistance to those who are injured, ill, in imminent danger, or incapacitated.

This law is an effort to reduce bystander's hesitation to assist for fear of being sued.

Even if a bystander is unable themselves to offer the assistance, they are required to call for help and remain with the individual if at all possible.

We have seen this in our area several times. Most often, when we offer to assist, the Good Samaritan is more than willing to remain a part of the process.

We live in a great area with great people.

As Sherrie says, safe boating is no accident, but if you see someone in distress, it is your duty to offer as much assistance as you are able.



Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

Merritt's Mill Pond.

The Merritt's Mill Pond in Marianna, Jackson County, was once off limits to cave diving.

Built at the turn of the last century to drive a mill stone, the pond is a flooded valley that once had many springs. For years only a special few could dive their inundated caves, especially those of the Mill Pond known as Jackson Blue, Twin Cave and Hole-In-The-Wall.

During the mid-1980s, Parker Turner took me to the fish camp mid-pond and rented a small aluminum jonboat, which, after hours, we paddled across to the opposite side, to a land cave on the bank.

Folks called it Hole-In-the-Wall because there was a hole above an underwater cave. At that time, a small landing nailed between two trees made water entry with our heavy kit less likely to sink the boat.

The entrance was a narrow restriction at 20 feet after which a vertical shaft took us to horizontal passages going upstream or downstream. We would tie our safety reel to either one and explore huge clear passages that extended for thousands of feet.

Back then we mostly used open circuit air. Nitrox was just introduced and took a lot of time to blend.

Fortunately these sites usually did not go deeper than 100 feet so narcosis was manageable. At the end of the dive, we would slowly surface and scan the Mill Pond with our lights.

Our activity back then did attract the attention of the toothed kind, evidenced by twin reflected eyes staring back at our light beams. We would slowly move over to the platform and quickly climb out.

Several years later, the Jackson County Commission decided to open the headwaters or JB as it had become known to divers, to cave diving. They had already created a public park at this beautiful site complete with picnic tables, lawns, a beach and a diving board right over the cave entrance. For a fee, cave divers were permitted to dive only during the winter, when the park was closed to the public or after hours during the summer.

We had to drive to the far end of Marianna to the sheriff's office, file a waiver, cave diver card and pay a fee, sign in and secure a key to the gate. When we finished the dive, we had to drive back to the sheriff's office and let them know we were safely out.

Edd Sorenson was introduced to the area almost two decades ago, fell in love with cave diving and purchased a house with docks mid-pond. Typical to most cave support enthusiasts, he was soon filling cave cylinders from his garage and running pontoon boats to caves along the pond.

With support available and caves to dive, cave divers came! And they brought their money as well. Edd became the gatekeeper of the pond, cooperating with local authorities to keep diving safe in the area.

Then someone let an unauthorized person into the park who became entangled in a tight passage and drowned. The sheriff threatened to shut down cave diving in the county. But the National Speleological Society and the National Association of Cave Divers visited the county commission with data demonstrating that, since the park had opened to cave divers, these folks provided the bulk of their income. To the surprise of everyone, the commission not only kept the caves open, but also extended the diving opportunity year around, built cave diver-dedicated parking and buildings, and made check in/out easier by moving it to Edd's place mid-pond.

Today, cave diving is recognized as the second largest income generation activity in Marianna and an internationally recognized dive destination. We like it. Every one of our students completes at least one day of training in Marianna.

During the summer we spend a lot of time explaining what we do underwater to the multitude of enthusiastic children with whom we share the park.



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Thursday		Moon rise/set		Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac				Dog Island Listings:		Thursday			
Sun rise/set	6:47 am	Moon rise/set	8:17 am	March 14 - March 20				High Tide	Low Tide	Major Times	Minor Times		
Brightness	17%	First	March 19	Tide charts by Zihua Software, LLC				Carrabelle	28 Min.	25 Min.	3:34 AM - 5:34 AM	9:16 AM - 10:16 AM	
Friday		Full	March 26	St. Marks River Entrance		City of St. Marks		Apalachicola	1 Hr., 53 Min.	2 Hrs., 38 Min.	3:58 PM - 5:58 PM	10:42 PM - 11:42 PM	
Sun rise/set	6:46 am	Moon rise/set	8:56 am	Alligator Point, Ochlocknee Bay		St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.		Cat Point	1 Hr., 13 Min.	2 Hrs., 31 Min.	Good		
Brightness	23%	Sun	Mar 16, 13	Dog Island West End		Dog Island West End		Lower Anchorage	1 Hr., 36 Min.	2 Hrs., 3 Min.	Average		
Saturday		Sat	Mar 16, 13	Dog Island West End		Dog Island West End		West Pass	1 Hr., 26 Min.	2 Hrs., 39 Min.	Major Times	Minor Times	
Sun rise/set	6:45 am	Moon rise/set	9:37 am	Dog Island West End		Dog Island West End				4:22 AM - 6:22 AM		9:55 AM - 10:55 AM	
Brightness	29%	Sun	Mar 17, 13	Dog Island West End		Dog Island West End				4:45 PM - 6:45 PM		11:38 PM - 12:38 AM	
Sunday		Mon	Mar 18, 13	Dog Island West End		Dog Island West End				Average		Average	
Sun rise/set	6:44 am	Moon rise/set	10:20 am	Dog Island West End		Dog Island West End				Major Times		Minor Times	
Brightness	35%	Tue	Mar 19, 13	Dog Island West End		Dog Island West End				5:09 AM - 7:09 AM		10:35 AM - 11:35 AM	
Monday		Wed	Mar 20, 13	Dog Island West End		Dog Island West End				Average		Average	
Sun rise/set	6:43 am	Moon rise/set	11:06 am	Dog Island West End		Dog Island West End				Major Times		Minor Times	
Brightness	41%	Thu	Mar 14, 13	Dog Island West End		Dog Island West End				5:33 PM - 7:33 PM		10:35 AM - 11:35 AM	
Tuesday		Fri	Mar 15, 13	Dog Island West End		Dog Island West End				Average		Average	
Sun rise/set	6:41 am	Moon rise/set	11:55 am	Dog Island West End		Dog Island West End				Major Times		Minor Times	
Brightness	47%	Sat	Mar 16, 13	Dog Island West End		Dog Island West End				7:33 AM - 9:33 AM		2:10 AM - 3:10 AM	
Wednesday		Sun	Mar 17, 13	Dog Island West End		Dog Island West End				Average		Average	
Sun rise/set	6:40 am	Moon rise/set	12:46 pm	Dog Island West End		Dog Island West End				Major Times		Minor Times	
Brightness	53%	Mon	Mar 18, 13	Dog Island West End		Dog Island West End				7:57 PM - 9:57 PM		12:54 PM - 1:54 PM	
Thursday		Tue	Mar 19, 13	Dog Island West End		Dog Island West End				Average		Average	
Sun rise/set	6:48 pm	Moon rise/set	1:12 am	Dog Island West End		Dog Island West End				Major Times		Minor Times	
Brightness	53%	Wed	Mar 20, 13	Dog Island West End		Dog Island West End				8:21 AM - 10:21 AM		2:56 AM - 3:56 AM	
Friday		Thu	Mar 21, 13	Dog Island West End		Dog Island West End				Average		Average	
Sun rise/set	6:48 pm	Moon rise/set	1:57 am	Dog Island West End		Dog Island West End				Major Times		Minor Times	
Brightness	53%	Fri	Mar 22, 13	Dog Island West End		Dog Island West End				8:45 PM - 10:45 PM		1:45 PM - 2:45 PM	

SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Special Olympics were held on Friday, March 8 at Wakulla High School. The athletes participated in track and field events and enjoyed games at the "Olympic Village." The Area Olympic Games will be held in Leon County on April 6. The Florida Special Olympics will be held May 17 to May 19 in Orlando.

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2013 SWINE SHOW



THE WAKULLA NEWS



The 47th Annual Youth Fair and Swine Show was held at the Livestock Pavilion in Crawfordville on Saturday, March 9.

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2013 Swine Show Awards

President's Excellence Award
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Spirit Award
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Grand Champion
(sponsored by Walmart)
Gracie Lawhon

Reserve Champion
(sponsored by Vause Mechanical)
Gabriel Gowdy

Class winners
Jonah Lawhon, Gracie Lawhon, Kristen Chew, Caitlyn Linville, Jaren Lawhon, Cole Gowdy

Showmanship Winners
Branden Piland, Lincoln Porter, Oliver Green, Gracie Lawhon, Parker Lawhon

5 years consecutive showing
Cole Gowdy, Lincoln Porter, Hunter Lawhon, Landon Turner

10 years consecutive showing
Johnny and Branden Piland

Highest Ticket Sellers
Johnny and Branden Piland

Projects
7 year olds
First place, Mason Jarmon
Second place, Chase Linville
Third place, Anna Green

10 year olds
First place, Sarah Beth Williams
Second place, Oliver Green

11 year old
First place, Caitlyn Linville

15 years and older
First place, Kristen Chew
Second place, Branden and Johnny Piland

Judging Individuals
Junior (6-10)
First place, Gracie Lawhon
Second place, Chase Roberts
Third place, Kanoa and Kane Tucker

Intermediate (11-13)
First place, Landon Turner
Second place, Oliver Green
Third place, Lincoln Porter 3rd

Senior (14-18)
First place, Alex Porter and Kristen Chew
Second place, Johnny Piland
Third place, Branden Piland

Law Enforcement and Courts reports

Sheriff's Report

On March 1, Brandon Eugene Taff, 28, of Tallahassee was arrested for driving while license suspended or revoked third or subsequent conviction and possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana following a traffic stop.

Lt. Jimmy Sessor was running radar at Shadewille Highway and Trice Lane and observed Taff traveling 55 mph in a 35 mph zone. The motorist's driver license was suspended.

During the vehicle inventory, a small amount of marijuana was discovered in the vehicle and remains of three marijuana cigarettes were also discovered. The marijuana weighed 1.8 grams.

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

FEBRUARY 28

- Bonnie Brinson of Crawfordville reported a grand theft. A firearm and coins were stolen from the victim's home. The stolen property is valued at \$625. A suspect has been identified. Deputy Cole Wells investigated.

- Wal-Mart Asset Protection staff reported a retail theft after Whitley Nicole Todd, 18, of Crawfordville was allegedly observed removing tags from clothing and leaving the store without paying for the merchandise. The clothing is valued at \$40. Todd was charged with larceny and transported to the Wakulla County Jail. Deputy Cole Wells investigated.

MARCH 1

- David Ray Gray, 68, of Crawfordville, a registered sex offender, failed to register his address in February as required by Florida Statute. Gray told Detective Rachel Wheeler that he forgot and he was arrested and charged with failing to register. Criminal Investigations Analyst Angie Gardner also investigated.

- Ashley Watford of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief and arson where a 32-year-old male suspect burned the victim's clothing. The victim was next door at a friend's home when she saw the fire. The suspect was reportedly observed fleeing the scene. Damage was estimated at \$190. Deputy Ward Kromer investigated.

- William Dickman of ABC Storage in Crawfordville reported a burglary. The security fence was cut and three boats were burglarized. Two motors and a boat cover were taken. The boat cover is valued at \$850 and is owned by Travis Brock of Tallahassee. A boat motor owned

by Steve Latham of Tallahassee was stolen. It is valued at \$12,000 and was entered into the FCIC/NCIC data base. Gerald Wheeler of Tallahassee reported a boat motor theft. The value of the motor is \$10,000. Deputy Clint Beam, CSI Rae Eddens, Deputy Sean Wheeler and Detective Matt Helms investigated.

- Stacy Holley of Crawfordville reported a fraud. The victim attempted to file her taxes and someone had already used her Social Security number. Deputy Sean Wheeler investigated.

- On March 1, Torey Nunn of Crawfordville reported a fraud. The victim attempted to file her taxes and was informed that her Social Security number and other personal information were already being used. Deputy Clint Beam investigated.

- Diane Tallent of Crawfordville reported a fraud. Someone filed taxes using the victim's personal information. Deputy Vicki Mitchell investigated.

- A 14-year-old juvenile wrecked his four-wheeler on Otter Lake Road in Panacea. The victim received a laceration to his head and was transported to a Tallahassee hospital for treatment. The subject's injuries were not life threatening. Deputy Ian Dohme investigated.

- Randall Garrett Phillips, 20, of Crawfordville was issued a notice to appear in court for possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of narcotics equipment after Deputy Mike Zimba investigated a complaint at a Crawfordville apartment complex. Deputy Ian Dohme joined the investigation and discovered the drug paraphernalia in plain view. The marijuana weighed five grams.

- Deborah Manning of Tallahassee struck Scott Howell of Crawfordville with her vehicle on Crawfordville Highway. The motorist heard something strike her vehicle mirror and observed the victim in the ditch. Howell was riding a bicycle when he was struck by the mirror but was not seriously injured. EMS staff cleared Howell on the scene. The vehicle mirror was damaged. Deputy Bill Metcalf investigated.

MARCH 2

- Brandi L Knight and Lakisha L. Jefferson were involved in a two-vehicle traffic crash in the parking lot of Gulf Breeze Credit Union. There were no injuries and damage was deemed minor. Deputy Clint Beam investigated.

- Marion A. Allen of

Fort Valley, Ga., reported a boat burglary where tools were stolen in Panacea. The tools are valued at \$1,160. Suspects have been identified. Deputy Gibby Gibson and Sgt. Danny Harrell investigated.

- Jerry Raker of Attapulgus, Ga. reported a grand theft in Crawfordville. A well and well pump were removed from one of the victim's parcels of land and a well pump, tank, cattle gates, air conditioning units and fence posts, valued at a total of \$5,100, were reported missing on a second parcel. A person of interest has been identified. Deputy Clint Beam investigated.

- Orlando Hero of Crawfordville was arrested for introduction of contraband into the jail facility. Hero was working with the litter control unit and when he returned to jail to be searched, he was in possession of two cigars in his shoe. Deputy Steven Parfitt and Deputy Sean Wheeler investigated.

- John Taylor of Panacea reported a grand theft. Someone removed a pitching machine and tri-pod stand from the victim's property. The property is valued at \$2,100. The stand was recovered nearby by Lt. Brent Sanders. Deputy Gibby Gibson investigated.

MARCH 3

- Lisa Varnum of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief. Someone broke a vehicle window and rummaged through her vehicle. Damage was estimated at \$100. Deputy Sean Wheeler investigated.

- Wal-Mart Asset Protection staff reported a retail theft after Robert Lloyd Crawford, 26, of Crawfordville, was allegedly observed taking Magic Cards, valued at \$43, and leaving the store without paying for them. Crawford was arrested for retail theft and transported to the Wakulla County Jail. Deputy Mike Zimba investigated.

MARCH 4

- Carol Roach of the Wakulla Parks and Recreation Department reported finding a bicycle in a wooded area in Sopchoppy. The bike is valued at \$50 and was placed in the WCSO impound yard until the owner can be located. Deputy Will Hudson investigated.

- Tim Williams of Panacea reported the theft of household goods and appliances, valued at \$2,990. The property was stolen from a rental property and suspects have been identified. Deputy Will Hudson investigated.

- Deputy Cole Wells investigated an animal bite reported by Nancy Campbell of Crawfordville. EMS staff treated the victim at the Crawfordville scene. A dog attacked the victim's dog on her property. During the altercation, the victim suffered multiple puncture wounds. Animal Control Director Ivanhoe Carroll was called to investigate. The owner of the attacking dog has been identified.

MARCH 5

- Traci Lingel Chipman, 48, of Tallahassee was arrested for driving while license is suspended or revoked and possession of Schedule II narcotics after she was discovered unresponsive in a vehicle in the road inside the Songbird subdivision. Deputy Will Hudson allegedly discovered a variety of pills in a container after conducting a search. Chipman was unable to provide a prescription for some of the narcotics and was driving without a valid license with knowledge. Deputy Alan Middlebrooks also investigated.

- Deputy Ryan Muse discovered a possible stolen credit card while a search warrant was executed in St. Marks. Deputy Muse is attempting to determine if the card was stolen due to the suspect who possessed the card being wanted for stolen credit cards out of

New Jersey. The card was turned into the Evidence Division and contact was made with the credit card company.

- Michael Carter of Panacea reported a fraud. The victim discovered that someone opened a cell phone account in his name which had an outstanding balance of \$900. The account was opened several months prior to the victim discovering it. Deputy Alan Middlebrooks investigated.

- Elizabeth Gray of Panacea reported the theft of a postal package. A phone case, valued at \$60, was removed from the victim's mailbox. A suspect has been identified. Deputy Cole Wells investigated.

- Kendrick Adams of Crawfordville reported a vehicle theft. A van was stolen from the victim's residence. Evidence at the scene determined that the van was removed with towing apparatus. The van was entered into the FCIC/NCIC data base. Deputy Elisee Colin investigated.

- Dennis E. Whiddon and John R. Moore, both of Crawfordville, were involved in a minor traffic crash at the intersection of U.S. Highway 319 and Casora Drive. There were no injuries. Deputy Cole Wells investigated.

- Sheryl M. Smythe of Carrabelle and Diane B. Marquis of Crawfordville were involved in a traffic crash on Wakulla Arran Road. Smythe allegedly failed to yield exiting a parking lot driveway and struck the Marquis vehicle. There were no injuries. Deputy Randy Phillips investigated.

- Jose J. Morales of Crawfordville reported a fraud. Someone used the victim's personal information to open an account and purchase \$700 worth of merchandise in South Florida. Suspect information has been obtained. Deputy Richard Moon investigated.

- Justin Putnam of Crawfordville reported a traffic crash on Wakulla Springs Road. The victim struck a deer. There were

no injuries to the driver or passengers, but the vehicle had to be towed from the scene. Deputy Randy Phillips investigated.

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- Garland Landers of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief. Someone broke the windshield on his relative's vehicle. A person of interest has been identified and damage is estimated at \$200. Deputy Clint Beam investigated.

- Terry Pafford of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary. The victim reported the theft of \$2,200 worth of jewelry and coins. Deputy Gibby Gibson investigated.

- Jessica Taylor of Panacea reported a residential burglary. A forced entry was discovered and \$335 worth of household goods and electronics were taken. Deputy Clint Beam investigated.

- Deborah O'Connor of Crawfordville reported a fraud. A \$47 transaction was observed on the victim's bank account from Kansas. Deputy Gibby Gibson investigated.

- Alicia Williams of the Crawfordville Shell Station reported a retail theft. Someone pumped \$133 worth of diesel fuel and drove off without paying for it. Video evidence is being reviewed in an attempt to identify a suspect. Deputy Ian Dohme investigated.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office received 1,038 calls for service during the past week including 26 business and residential alarms; 79 citizen contacts; 20 E-911 abandoned cell calls; 10 E-911 abandoned calls; 19 regular E-911 calls; 49 investigations; 42 medical emergencies; 15 school security checks; 335 business and residential security checks; 22 special details; 33 subpoena services; 26 traffic enforcements; 100 traffic stops; 10 disabled vehicles; 14 reckless vehicles; and 20 wanted people.



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Life is a balancing act

In modern day life, most of us strive to achieve everything in balance. We aim to create enough time and energy for our work, friends, family, hobbies, social life, rest and play.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could provide an equal amount of our dedication to each of these aspects of life?

Things aren't always that easy, but there are steps we can take to help balance out the distribution of our devotion.

When we are imbalanced, we suffer both mentally and physically.

Yoga aims to bring body, mind and spirit into balance and rectify any imbalances we may be experiencing. Yoga literally translated means "union" (of body, mind, spirit, breath) and it helps to bring harmony and balance to all our elements.

So, let's talk about the breath.

Regarding balance, the breath can help keep us in balance but it is also important for the breath to be in balance.

Our emotions affect the strength of our inhale and exhale. Fear can stop the breathing, anxiety may quicken the breath, as with many aspects of our physical practice and our pranayama practice (breathing), they can influence and affect our everyday lives through the force of our emotions.

So having breath balance is having life balance.

During asana or posture work, we can sometimes notice ourselves being out of balance physically. If you find yourself unable to stop the incessant wobbling during tree pose, or may-



YOGA FOR LIFE
By DOLLY MOODY

be you're a little unsteady on your feet in Warrior 1, don't worry, it happens to the best of us.

Interestingly, when we are off-kilter emotionally, we often find physical balances difficult. This is because physical strength, stability and balance rely on our focus, concentration and lack of distractions.

If you fall out of tree pose, take a moment to consider – were you really there, present in the moment, focusing on the pose, or is there something on your mind, are you feeling stressed or anxious about something that could be affecting your balance both physically and emotionally?

If we are feeling a lack of stability in strength or balance poses, we can use something called the bandhas. Bandha literally translates as "energy lock" and there are two primary ones which can help you.

The first bandha is named Mula Bandha and is located at the perineum or pelvic floor (don't know where that is? Imagine you really have to go to the bathroom. Now imagine there's no bathroom for miles around. Hold it in by clenching that muscle.) This will engage the mula bandha, and help keep strength in the lower body.

The other bandha is named the uddiyana bandha and it is located

at the navel, engaging this just means drawing your navel up and back towards the spine so that your abdomen strengthens. This will help to keep stability in your upper body.

Using these bandhas can help you create a practice which is strong, stable and balanced, therefore emotionally you will start to see a stronger, more stable and more balanced personal Try it!

We often hear the words "balanced diet" referring to something we should do, or something we should aspire to. What it should really be called is a "balancing diet."

The food and drink we consume, both for survival and for pleasure all hold various uses and are utilised in different ways.

The idea is not to make the diet balanced, but to create a diet that balances you.

We can use the same theory for our yoga practice. It should not be about balancing our practice, but about finding a practice that balances us.

Dolly Moody is a professional Kripalu Yoga teacher at Studio 88 in Crawfordville. She can be reached at (228) 380-0140.

Wakulla competitors win at Xtreme Amateur Championship

The fourth Xtreme Amateur Championship (XAC) was hosted by World Triumph Martial Arts and the event was held at the Florida National Guard Armory in Tallahassee.

This event hosted athletes from all over Florida in boxing, kickboxing, and Mixed Martial Arts.

The XAC is becoming one of the fastest and largest amateur leagues in the nation. During competition there were over 30 athletes competing ages from 8 to 47 years old in all three divisions.

Among these athletes, there were several competitors from Wakulla County – Jonathan Daily won the 185lb MMA title and is currently 4-0.

One of our favorites, Martin Valencia Moreno won in his second boxing match and is now 2-0 in his amateur career.

Louis Vargas and Billy Barwick both competed for their first boxing match. Both received a split decision loss, they both displayed skill, technique and heart in the ring and will continue to challenge and train for their next competition.

All the Wakulla competitors are trained by the head trainer-coach Shane Weinischke, owner of World Triumph Martial Arts in Tallahassee.

"These athletes showed true class in the ring whether win or defeat and will working with these and help them gain experience in order to succeed



GET FIT
By PAMELA CHICHESTER



Louis Vargas and Martin Valencia Moreno.

amateur and pro-competitions," said Weinischke.

If anyone is interested in learning one of these combat sports, please contact WTMA Tallahassee at www.WTMA.info or (850) 508-1132.

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Swamps serve a purpose to filter water



Natural
Wakulla
By Les Harrison

Recent rains have water standing on some Wakulla County real estate that had been dry for several years.

Ponds, natural and dug, are brimming with water reflecting the generous outpouring from the slow and wet weather system which passed listlessly over the county.

The rainwater excess is also filling the natural low points known as swamps or wetlands.

A swamp is defined as a forested wetland. Some occur along the flood plain of rivers, where they are dependent upon surplus flow from upstream and from local runoff.

Other swamps appear adjacent to ponds in shallow depressions which fill during wet periods. Their landscape is covered by aquatic vegetation or trees and plants which tolerates periodical inundation.

Historically, swamps

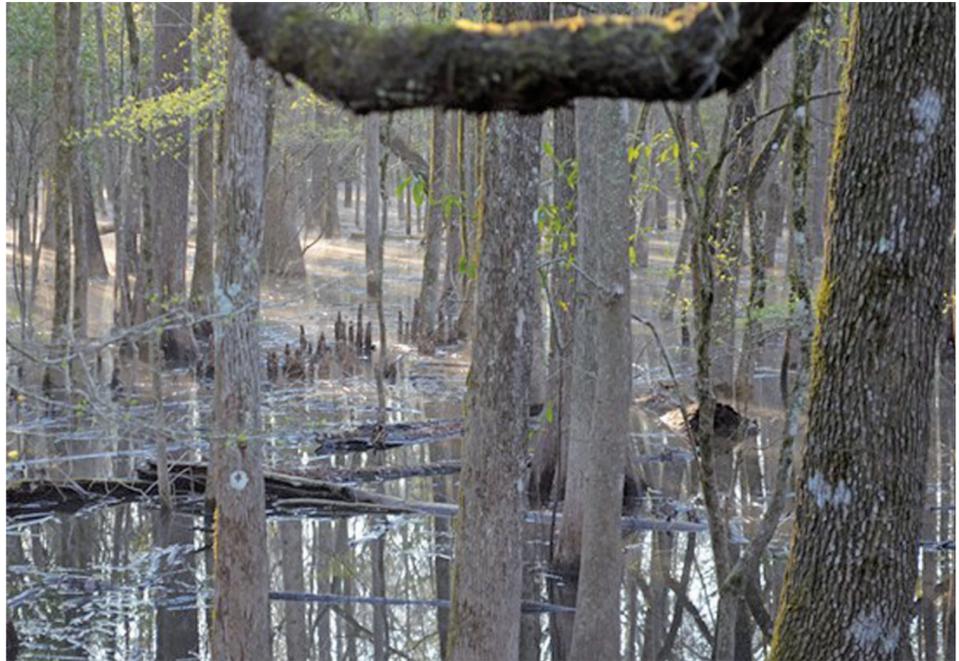
have an image problem. Legend has all sorts of unsavory creatures, degenerates, and ghosts inhabiting the locale waiting for the unsuspecting traveler.

Even the proper British used the term as a pejorative to describe Francis Marion during the American Revolution. The Swamp Fox engaged in guerilla warfare against the conventional forces and hid in the swamps to avoid capture.

Economically, these watery regions have had very low values. Their only significance was as site for trapping, hunting or for logging in dry years.

Medically, swamps were seen as a quick and painful way to the grave. There were all those creatures which could inflict pain - leeches, snakes, gators and the like.

Then there was dis-



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A Wakulla County swamp, filled after recent rains.

ease. As an example, the term malaria originated from the swamps of southern Europe where it meant bad air in medieval Italian.

The mosquito connection was unknown until the early 20th Century.

Hollywood piled on the problem with a series of swamp monster movies. One, "The Creature from the Black Lagoon" was partially filmed at Wakulla Springs.

Reality, as is often the case, is quite different than the initial perception. Even the term swamp has fallen out of favor in some circles, being replaced with wetlands.

Swamps or wetlands serve a variety of functions in Wakulla County. Possibly the most critical is as a filtration system for the water table.

Excess rain is held in these shallow depressions and allowed to percolate

or filter slowly through the soil. The screening effect of the soil and subsoil layers along with the slow progression cleanses the water of numerous impurities from the surface.

Without the holding capacity of local swamps most rain water would end up in streams and rivers. In addition to being a loss for the water table, the excess water would cloud waterways with a glut of surface debris and nutrients.

It is true mosquitoes favor the still swamp waters, but so do many birds, fish and animals. Swamp rookeries are the nesting home for many wading birds. Mosquito larvae are an important link in the food chain which supports much of the life in the swamp, and beyond.

Even some of the swamp's most ostracized residents, snakes, have an important part to play in



Dark swamp water.



A brown water snake.

the overall environmental balance. These reptiles control the population of many destructive insects and rodents.

To learn more about the importance of Wakulla County's swamps and wetland, contact your UF/IFAS Wakulla Extension Office

at 850-926-3931 or <http://wakulla.ifas.ufl.edu>.

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GREEN SCENE

Do yourself a flavor at herb workshop



GREEN LIVING

By SHELLEY SWENSON
Wakulla Extension Service

For the last of our cooking school series, an Herb Workshop will be offered on April 11 at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Trevor Hylton, Wakulla-Leon FAMU Horticulture Agent will lead the workshop section that will involve information on how to successfully grow herbs in containers or areas outside. I will offer a sample buffet featuring dishes which depend on added herbs for their outstanding flavor.

The workshop will be hands-on so there is limited enrollment. You will leave the workshop with a variety of potted herbs.

Call the Wakulla County Extension office today to ensure that you have a place reserved. There is a \$15 registration fee to attend.

Speaking of Herbs, the use of herbs in cooking dates back thousands of years. During that time, it was thought that herbs and spices had properties that were beneficial to human health, but it was not until recent years that scientists established just how good herbs are for you.

Early settlers brought herbs to the new world to use as remedies for illnesses, to store with linsens, and to mask the bland flavors or spoiling of food.

Colonists introduced each other to the herb gardening style known as "kitchen gardens," which involved growing herbs in gardens just outside the kitchen door for convenience and safety.

Herbs are the leaves of temperate climate plants. Temperate climates have summers and winters of similar length.

Examples of herbs include basil, thyme, sage, rosemary, and oregano.

Today, herbs often are used in cooking to enhance the flavor of food without the addition of extra fat, sugar and sodium. This should be especially important to those who are trying to curb their need for salt as a flavoring agent.

Salt has been proven to be linked to high blood

pressure, stroke, and heart attack for many.

Flavor is an important component of the enjoyment of any food. A famous gourmet once said, "Flavor is the soul of food: and herb, seasonings and spices are the soul of flavor."

Remember you can substitute different forms of herbs in recipes. When substituting fresh herbs, 3 teaspoons (1 tablespoon) is equal to 1 teaspoon dried crushed herbs.

One teaspoon of a dried, crushed herb is equal to ¼ teaspoon powdered herbs.

The flavor of powdered spices and herbs is released immediately, so they can be added about 15 minutes before the end of the cooking period. Timing is especially important in long-cooking foods so that flavor will not be changed by prolonged heating.

Whole spices are best in long-cooking dishes. Add at the beginning of the cooking period so that long simmering can extract the full taste and aroma. Tie the whole spices in a cheesecloth bag for easy removal.

Perhaps you would like to follow up by securing the UF/IFAS EDIS Publication entitled, "Cooking with Fresh Herbs", FCS8932. It is filled with great information that I believe you will find helpful. I do hope that you will consider attending the Herb Workshop. Call today to enroll

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Some of the varieties of carrots being grown at the demonstration garden at the extension office.

PHOTO BY LES HARRISON SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

In the garden now – carrots

By LES HARRISON and SHELLEY SWENSON

March 2013 is extending the winter growing season for Wakulla County's gardeners. Frosty mornings and night temperatures in the low 30s keep the cool season vegetables going strong.

Carrots are a tasty case-in-point of a popular cool season root vegetable which grows well in Florida's Big Bend region. This native of Asia Minor handles the mild days and occasionally frosty nights with few problems.

Carrots are in the same plant family with well-known herbs parsley, fennel, dill, and cumin. Originally, the leaves were eaten and the root discarded.

This dietary staple has been cultivated and selectively bred for over 2,000 years. The wild carrot, Daicis carota, was likely first used in Iran or Afghanistan where they are still commonly found.

Over the centuries carrot seeds have been traded widely and travelled to almost all points on the globe. There are now eastern carrots and western carrots, each with its own distinctive characteristics.

Eastern carrots tend to be purple or yellow and have multiple roots. Western carrots are commonly

orange with a single root. There are also red, white and multicolored carrots.

The orange color of many western carrots was selected as a political statement to gain favor with the Dutch House of Orange in the 17th Century. As it turned out, they were popular for their taste and numerous orange carrot varieties are still grown and marketed today.

Even today carrots are an economical, nutritious choice filled with vitamin A, and low in calories.

Some preparation ideas:

• **Carrot Casserole.** Combine shredded carrots, low-fat shredded cheese and a small amount of margarine. Top with crumbled whole wheat crackers. Bake at 350°F for 30-45 minutes.

• **Power Smoothie.** Blend carrots, pineapple juice, low-fat yogurt and honey into a bright or-

ange concoction. Just add the quantities and proportions to the desired taste or have on hand.

• **Homemade Asian Take-out.** Combine sliced carrots, brown rice, one egg, and other favorite vegetables with a small amount of low-sodium soy sauce in a wok. Stir-fry and then enjoy a simple Asian-flavored main dish.

• **Add a Sweet Glaze.** Combine 100 percent orange juice, a small amount of brown sugar and butter in a frying pan. Sauté until combined. Roll cooked carrots in mixture, let cool and enjoy.

• **Sweet and Spicy.** Combine sweet carrots with stimulating spices to get an irresistible, tasty surprise.

Propagating this plant is relatively simple, inexpensive and will reward the grower with an ample supply of tasty and nutritious roots. Insect prob-

lems are few this time of year, but moles and voles can damage the roots.

The most common mistake gardeners make is sowing the seed too thick. If this happens, thinning the plants is necessary.

The four varieties (purple, white, yellow and orange) being grown in the UF/IFAS Wakulla Extension Demonstration Garden are offered by Bejo Seed Company. They were planted in early December 2013.

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

Les Harrison, is Wakulla County Extension Director and Shelley Swenson is UF/IFAS Wakulla County Family and Consumer Sciences Agent.

St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival

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Saturday, March 16, 2013

Parade begins at 10 a.m.

Free entertainment beginning at 11:00 a.m. will feature many local cloggers, musicians and entertainers, including but not limited to:

11:00 a.m.Entertainment

11:45 a.m.Senior line Dancers

12:30 p.m.Recording artists Rick Tittle, and John Smith with special guests The Smith Creek Band

2:15-3:00 p.m.Recording artist Trafton Harvey

A wide variety of activities for the young and young at heart will be on hand. Artisans will be demonstrating their crafts and marketing their wares. Food vendors will be serving seafood, hamburgers, hotdogs, barbecue, funnel cakes, and more.

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- The Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival on Saturday, April 13
 - Wakulla Springs Wild Life Festival Saturday, April 20
- Special Events are still being Scheduled in each Community
- Panacea / Ochlockonee Bay - Friday April 12
 - St. Marks - Sunday April 14
 - Sopchoppy - Monday April 15
 - Crawfordville - Friday April 19

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Week in Wakulla

Email your community events to jjensen@thewakullanews.net

Quilters Guild meets at Public Library at 9:30 a.m.

St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival at 10 a.m.

Migrating loons at St. Marks NWR Education Center at 2 p.m.

Native Plant Society meets at Public Library at 6:30 p.m.

Friday

Saturday

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Tuesday

Government Meetings

Thursday, March 14

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

Monday, March 18

- WAKULLA COUNTY COMMISSION will hold a workshop to discuss the sale and distribution of flavored tobacco products at 3:30 p.m.
- WAKULLA COUNTY COMMISSION will hold its regular meeting at 5 p.m. at Commission chambers.

Clubs, Groups, Regular Meetings

Thursday, March 14

- 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.
- BIG BEND SIERRA CLUB will hold its next meeting from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Amtrak Station in Tallahassee. Dave Cullen, the Florida Sierra Club Chapter lobbyist, will discuss top environmental issues for 2013 legislative session.

Friday, March 15

- 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.
- 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 16

- 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.
- SOPCHOPPY GROWERS MARKET will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of Posh Java, Organics & Gifts, on the corner of Rose St. and Winthrop Ave., in downtown Sopchoppy. The market features locally grown, organic and unsprayed produce, homemade bread, and other food items. To participate in the market, contact Posh Java at (850) 962-1010 or email poshjava@gmail.com for details.
- WAKULLA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. The museum is located at 24 High Drive, Crawfordville.

Sunday, March 17

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 6 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. For more information, call
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Monday, March 18

- 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.

Tuesday, March 19

- 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 20

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at Ochlockonee Bay UMC on Surf Road at noon.
- 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.
- BEADING CLASSES with Tamara will be held at 12:45 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Choose from glass and stone beads to create your masterpiece. There is a \$3 to \$5 fee for the materials.
- KNITTING CLUB will meet at 4 p.m. at the public library. Anyone interested in the art of knitting are encouraged to attend.

Thursday, March 21

- 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

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.

Sunday, March 17

- ST. MARKS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE welcomes Dr. Paul Spitzer, a visiting ornithologist who will be collecting data during the next three weeks at the lighthouse. He will conduct a talk, titled "The Uncommon Loon," at the education center this Sunday, March 17 at 2 p.m. The presentation is free, but there is a \$5 per car fee at the entrance to the park.

Tuesday, March 19

- THE SARRACENIA CHAPTER OF THE FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY meets Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Wakulla Public Library. Sarracenia's guest, Miranda Bjorklund, will have a presentation on the Florida Water and Land Legacy Amendment (2014) and opportunities for citizen involvement in the campaign. The public is cordially invited.

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 or bonefishjoe@hotmail.com.
- SEVENTH ANNUAL LIFEWALK by the Wakulla Pregnancy Center will be held at Wakulla Station Historic Railroad Trailhead Park. Registration begins at: 9 a.m. and the walk starts at 9:30 a.m. There will be a bake sale, a silent auction and fellowship. Pastor Bill Jenkins from Sopchoppy Southern Baptist will lead an inspirational prayer. For more information, call (850) 210-1276.
- EASTER EGG HUNT, Saturday, March 23, 2013 at Hudson Park. Registration at the Hudson Park Pavilion from 9:30 to 10:30 am. The Egg Hunt starts at 11:00am. Age groups: 0-3 years old, 4-6 years old and 7-10 years old. A drawing from each age group will win an Easter Basket. Sponsored by Wakulla County Parks & Recreation and Co-sponsored by Walmart of Crawfordville. For more information call 850-926-7227 or email www.wcprd.com.

Tuesday, March 26

- International Green Drinks – Hosted by Keep Wakulla County Beautiful, Free, 6:30 p.m. at Wakulla Springs Lodge. KWCB Board member, Cynthia Paulson will update us on the new activities that are planned for the Wild About Wakulla Week. For more information please contact helpkwcb@gmail.com or call 745-7111.
- WAKULLA COUNTY RESTORE ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE These public meetings are intended to provide citizens with information on the RESTORE Act, the activities of the Wakulla County RESTORE Act Committee, and a question and answer session. The meetings will be held March 26, 6 p.m. at the Wakulla Welcome Center in Panacea;

Wednesday, March 27

- WAKULLA CHAMBER will hold its monthly Networking Luncheon from noon – 1:15 p.m. at Barwick's Seafood, 1349 - B Coastal Highway, Panacea. Cost is \$12 per person (checks and cash only.) Agenda includes introduction of new chamber members, network with other business owners, and member spotlight. Please bring promotional materials, coupons and/or a gift for drawing – a Chance to Win 1/8 page Ad from

The Wakulla News. Please RSVP to Chamber office no later than Monday, March 25th.

Thursday, March 28

- RIVERS AND ROADS 4-H CLUB will hold its first meeting from 3 to 5 p.m. at Riversprings Middle School in Mrs. Broome's room. All interested youth ages 10–18 are invited to attend. Those who like to kayak, canoe, bike, hike and be outdoors will enjoy this club. For further information, contact Sherri Kraeft, 4-H agent, at sjkraeft@ufl.edu or 926-3931.

Friday, March 29

- WAKULLASTORY Heritage Play will be presented at 7 p.m. at the Wakulla County Courthouse. It is presented by the Wakulla County Historical Society and Palaver Tree Theater. The play will be a courtroom drama on the Forbes Purchase. A performance will also be held on Saturday at 2 pm.

Saturday, March 30

- WAKULLASTORY Play will be presented at 2 p.m. at the Wakulla County Courthouse. It is presented by the Wakulla County Historical Society and Palaver Tree Theater. The play will be a courtroom drama on the Forbes Purchase.

Monday, April 1

SIXTH ANNUAL WAKULLA NJROTC Unit Golf Tournament starts at 8 a.m. at Wildwood Country Club, and will be a Select-a-Shot format. A delicious lunch is included and cash prizes will be awarded. \$1,000 donation will get 2-teams, be identified as Tournament Sponsors; \$800 will be tax-deductible; \$300 donation is the entry fee for a four man team, \$200 of that will be tax-deductible; \$100 donation to sponsor a hole, of which \$100 will be tax-deductible; \$75 donation for the individual golfer who just wants to play golf; \$50 will be tax-deductible. To register please make your check payable to: "Wakulla NJROTC." Send to: 3237 Coastal Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. For more information call (850) 926-1944 .

Saturday, April 6

- THIRD ANNUAL LOW COUNTRY BOIL will be held at 3Y Ranch. Enjoy great food and live music by Locomotive. To sponsor, purchase tickets, or reserve a table, call the Chamber office (850) 926.1848. Individual tickets are on sale for \$35, table \$350, seats eight.

Library News...



By **SCOTT JOYNER**
Library Director

We'd like to remind everyone that we're constantly adding to our e-book collection along with building what we hope is the most diverse, educational, and entertaining physical collection in the area. We're adding new materials to both collections weekly for readers of all ages and interests so please stop by or go online and check out all we have (pun intended). If you need help getting started with e-books at WCPL please come by or give us a call. We're always willing to help! As always, we take patron suggestions under advisement when building our collection so tell us what you'd like to see at your library!

Friday Night Movie

We're happy to present this Friday, an Academy Award nominated animated film from Walt Disney Animation Studios. Starring the vocal talents of John C. Reilly, Sarah Silverman, and many more, this PG (for some rude humor & mild action/violence) tells the tale of a villain in a videogame who decides he wants to be a hero. His plans wreak havoc on the arcade his game is in. Although our Public Viewing License doesn't allow me to name the film here, I can tell you that while featuring characters from many classic games, this family friendly tale will bring back fun memories from children of the 80's (like myself) along with

laughs and fun for the young at heart. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. for the 7 p.m. showing.

Come see us at the Parade!

For the second year in a row, WCPL will have a float in the St. Patrick's Day parade this Saturday. Like last year the float will be designed by the children who come to our enrichment programs throughout the week and those kids will be riding on the float. In addition, the Friends of the Library will have a tent on hand at the park with plenty of information on the library, events, and some books to giveaway. Come out for all the fun!

Computer classes through Mid April

We have a new schedule of computer classes up on our website with offerings through mid April. Learn about Pinterest on March 20 at 5 p.m. Other classes will be offered through mid April with additional classes being added soon. Check out our website www.wakullalibrary.org, stop by, or give us a call to sign up. Seating is limited and all classes require early registration.

Drop off caps for C.H.A.T.

Bring by your bottle caps from Pepsi products to the library to raise money for C.H.A.T. of Wakulla. The Citizens for Humane Animal Treatment have been serving Wakulla County since 2001 by assisting in the health and adoption of domesticated animals. Each cap raises a nickel for C.H.A.T. We have a can at the front desk so please donate today! For more information about C.H.A.T. or this program please call 926-0890.

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Meeting Notices

5566-0314 TWN PUBLIC NOTICE

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

69 Arran Road Crawfordville, Florida 32327

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

A Business-Community (ABC) School Program, Wakulla County RFP# 13/14 - 01

The School Board of Wakulla County requests interested parties to submit formal sealed bids/proposals for the above referenced bid.

Meeting Notices

SCOPE OF WORK: The School District of Wakulla County, Florida is seeking proposals from qualified businesses with operations in Wakulla County, Florida interested in partnering with the District in a Business-Community (ABC) School Program. The proposal is for the Business to provide the facility, including the associated operating and upkeep expenses, in which the Wakulla County School District (WCSD) will provide an educational program for the children of the business' employees for 6.5 hours per day or as consistent with the Wakulla County School Board (WCSB) approved elementary school hours and calendar. A Business-Community (ABC) School is defined as a public school offering instruction to students from kindergarten through third grade in a facility owned or leased and operated by a business. The Department of Education 2013-2014 average class size requirement is eighteen students. Eighteen is also the minimum average class size to achieve the effective, efficient use of the taxpayer's educational and fiscal resources. Proposals that commit to meeting the maximum and minimum class size criteria and that provide for reimbursement to the Wakulla County School District for any loss in FTE educational funding revenues resulting from the failure of the business to achieve the minimum enrollment will receive the highest consideration. Students in need of or enrolled in special programs or that require special services can best be served at the Wakulla County Schools that offer those programs and services identified in the students' individual educational plan. Parents shall be responsible for providing all transportation to and from school or to other WCSD facilities during, before and after school for the students enrolled in a Business-Community (ABC) School. Florida Business-Community (ABC) Schools shall comply with the constitutional class size requirements. Facilities to house a Florida Business-Community (ABC) School must comply with the State Uniform Building Code for Educational Building Construction adopted pursuant to section 1013.37, Florida Statutes, and must meet state and local health, environmental, and safety laws and codes.

ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS: This package can be requested by mail at Wakulla County School Board, Post Office Box 100, Crawfordville, Florida 32326 or by calling 850-926-0065.

DOCUMENT COST: \$1.50

BID BOND: None

PRE-BID PROPOSAL CONFERENCE: Pre-Proposal Conference Wednesday, March 27, 2013, 10:00 A.M. Wakulla County School Board Administrative Offices Conference Room 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327

DUE DATE/TIME: April 10, 2013 @ 2:00 P.M. Eastern

The School Board of Wakulla County, Florida must receive bids no later than said date and time. Bids received after such time will be returned unopened.

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IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: Alice Mansell
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for establishment of ownership of personal property described as: 1997 DODGE VAN VIN #184G45R0V8329864 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Plaintiff, JOE R. PERRY, whose address is: 60 NORTHWOOD CT., CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327, on or before April 9, 2013, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court immediately thereafter; otherwise a Default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
 DATED on March 11, 2013.
 BRENT X. THURMOND, As Clerk of Court
 (SEAL)
 By: /s/ Michelle Christensen, Deputy Clerk
 March 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 2013

5578-0321 TWN
 vs. Poore, James, II Case No. 652012CA000087CAXXXX Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION, CASE NO.: 652012CA000087CAXXXX
 CITIMORTGAGE, INC SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JAMES M. POORE, II, et al
 Defendants.
RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 RE-NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Reschedule Foreclosure Sale filed February 26, 2013, and entered in Case No. 652012CA000087CAXXXX of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA COUNTY, Florida, wherein CITIMORTGAGE, INC SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC, is Plaintiff, and JAMES M. POORE, II, et al are Defendants, the clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 AM of the courthouse lobby, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 04 day of April, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Lis Pendens, to wit:
Lot 16, Block 'D', Songbird Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 88, of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida. Parcel Identification Number: 00-00-074-272-10223-D16
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 Dated at Crawfordville, WAKULLA COUNTY, Florida, this 7th day of March, 2013.
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 By: /s/ Sim J. Singh, Esq., Florida Bar No. 98122
 Attorney for Plaintiff
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 c/o Phelan Hallinan, PLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff
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 March 14 & 21, 2013

5575-0321 TWN
 Vs. West, Phyllis Case No. 12-10-FC Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 12-10-FC, UCN: 652012CA000010XXXXXX
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 PHYLLIS H. WEST, et al.,
 Defendants.
RE-NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated March 4, 2013 and entered in Case No. 12-10-FC, UCN: 652012CA000010XXXXXX of the Circuit Court in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is Plaintiff and PHYLLIS H. WEST, DOROTHY M. GORDON, L. STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, WAKULLA COUNTY CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1, UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2, and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at in the Front Foyer of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327 County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 18th day of April, 2013 the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:
LOT 99 OF THE REFUGE AT PANACEA, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 18-22, OF THE PUBLIC 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 AT Crawfordville, Florida, on March 4, 2013
 BRENT X THURMOND, As Clerk, Circuit Court
 (SEAL)
 By: /s/ Desiree D. Willis, As Deputy Clerk
 SHD Legal Group P.A.
 Attorneys for Plaintiff, PO BOX 11438
 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339 1438
 Telephone: (954) 564 0071 Service Email: answers@shdlegalgroup.com
 March 14 & 21, 2013

5573-0321 TWN
 vs. Bromley, Lori Case No. 65-2010-CA-000145 Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION, CASE NO.: 65-2010-CA-000145
 CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 LORI L. BROMLEY A/K/A LORI BROMLEY, et al,
 Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated February 20, 2013 and entered in Case No. 65-2010-CA-000145 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA County, Florida wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC, is the Plaintiff and LORI L. BROMLEY A/K/A LORI BROMLEY, are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT FOYER OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00 AM, on the 4th day of April, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:
LOT 8, BLOCK 10, WAKULLA GARDENS, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 39 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 40 FEATHER TRAIL, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.
 WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on February 20, 2013.
 Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of the Circuit Court
 (SEAL)
 Ronald R. Wolfe & Associates, P.L.
 P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
 F10022209 CHASE DIRECT-CONV - TEAM 3
 *Plaintiff name has been changed pursuant to order previously entered.
 March 14 & 21, 2013

5572-0321 TWN
 vs. Paiano, Robert M. Case No. 65-2010-CA-000327 Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION, CASE NO.: 65-2010-CA-000327
 WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC.,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 ROBERT M. PAIANO et al,
 Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated February 20, 2013 and entered in Case No. 65-2010-CA-000327 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC, is the Plaintiff and ROBERT M. PAIANO, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT FOYER OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 4th day of April, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:
LOT 9, ELLENWOOD, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 10 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A 1994 CHAD DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME ID NO. GAFLR05A22269CW AND GAFLR05B22269CW, TITLE NO. 68381477 AND 68361478 A/K/A 211 EMMETT WHALEY ROAD, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.
 WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on February 20, 2013.
 Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of the Circuit Court
 (SEAL)
 Ronald R. Wolfe & Associates, P.L.
 P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
 *See Americans with Disabilities Act
 Any persons with a disability requiring reasonable accommodations should call Clerk of Circuit Court at (850) 926-0905.
 March 14 & 21, 2013 F10062331

5571-0321 TWN
 vs. Stephens, Sarah Case No. 65-2011-CA-000379 Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION Case No. 65-2011-CA-000379, Division
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOMELOANS SERVICING LP
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 SARAH E. STEPHENS AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS,
 Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on February 20, 2013, in the Circuit Court of Wakulla County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Wakulla County, Florida described as:
LOT 7, BLOCK "K", HUDSON HEIGHTS, UNIT NO. 3, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 26, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
 and commonly known as: **33 DOGWOOD DR. CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327;** including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash. **Sales are held in front foyer at the Wakulla County Courthouse, on April 4, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.**
 Any persons 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 20th day of February, 2013.
 Clerk of the Circuit Court, B. X. Thurmond
 (COURT SEAL)
 By: /s/ Desiree D. Willis, Deputy Clerk
 March 14 & 21, 2013 286750/0913637B/rph

5567-0314 TWN
 vs. Wagner, Seth No. 65-2010-CA-000180 Notice of Foreclosure
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION, CASE NO.: 65-2010-CA-000180
 WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 SETH WAGNER, et al,
 Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated February 20, 2013 and entered in Case No. 65-2010-CA-000180 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and SETH WAGNER, KATHY WAGNER, DEER TRAIL ACRES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT FOYER OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 6th day of June, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:
LOT 5 OF DEER TRAIL ACRES PHASE II, AS PER MAP OR PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 117, PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 281 ACORN TRAIL, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.
 WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on February 20, 2013.
 Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of the Circuit Court
 (SEAL)
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 **See Americans with Disabilities Act
 Any persons with a disability requiring reasonable accommodations should call Clerk of Circuit Court at (850) 926-0905.
 March 7 & 14, 2013

5563-0314 TWN
 Vs. Dozier, William Case No. 2011-000305-CA Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.:2011-000305-CA
 SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.
 Plaintiff,
 v.
 WILLIAM C. DOZIER; DIANE DOZIER; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVEISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; SONGBIRD SUBDIVISION PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
 Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 19, 2013, in this cause, I will sell the property situated in WAKULLA County, Florida, described as:
LOT 12, BLOCK "G", SONGBIRD SUBDIVISION, PHASE II, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 113, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.
a/k/a 43 NUTHATCH TRAIL, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327
 at public sale on March 28, 2013, at eleven o'clock a.m., in the front lobby of the Wakulla County Courthouse located at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, to the highest bidder for cash, except as prescribed in paragraph 4, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 Dated at Crawfordville, Florida, this 15th day of February, 2013.
 Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of the Circuit Court

5564-0314 TWN
 vs. Hoffman, Kimberly Case No. 2012-CA-000275 Notice of Action
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, CASE NO. 2010-CA-000275
 JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 KIMBERLY J. HOFFMAN, MICHAEL T. HOFFMAN, II; UNKNOWN TENANT 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
KIMBERLY J. HOFFMAN
 100 MELODY LANE
 CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327
MICHAEL T. HOFFMAN, II
 100 MELODY LANE
 CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327
UNKNOWN TENANT I
 100 MELODY LANE
 CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327
UNKNOWN TENANT II
 100 MELODY 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 5, Block N, 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 Mark W. Hernandez, 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 19th day of February, 2013.
 In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration at 3056 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, Florida 32328, telephone (904) 926-0905, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 (COURT SEAL)
 By: /s/ Desiree D. Willis, Deputy Clerk

5563-0314 TWN
 Vs. Dozier, William Case No. 2011-000305-CA Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.:2011-000305-CA
 SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.
 Plaintiff,
 v.
 WILLIAM C. DOZIER; DIANE DOZIER; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVEISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; SONGBIRD SUBDIVISION PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
 Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 19, 2013, in this cause, I will sell the property situated in WAKULLA County, Florida, described as:
LOT 12, BLOCK "G", SONGBIRD SUBDIVISION, PHASE II, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 113, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.
a/k/a 43 NUTHATCH TRAIL, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327
 at public sale on March 28, 2013, at eleven o'clock a.m., in the front lobby of the Wakulla County Courthouse located at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, to the highest bidder for cash, except as prescribed in paragraph 4, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 Dated at Crawfordville, Florida, this 15th day of February, 2013.
 Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of the Circuit Court

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St. Petersburg, FL 33716
(727) 536-4911 phone / (727) 539-1094 fax
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 LETHA WELLS, (850) 926-0905 EXT 222, WITHIN 2 WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS TEMPORARY INJUNCTION. IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL TDD 1-800-955-8771.
March 7 & 14, 2013 617111461

5562-0314 TWN
Vs. Loomis, Robert Case No. 65-2011-CA 000214 Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 65-2011-CA-000214
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,

v. ROBERT W. LOOMIS; JULIE A. LOOMIS; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE; WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 19, 2013, in this cause, I will sell the property situated in WAKULLA County, Florida, described as:

LOTS 193 AND 194, BLOCK 37 (A/K/A ALL OF BLOCK 37) OF TOWN OF SOPCHOPPY EAST ADDITIONS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, a/k/a 37 DUSTY LN., SOPCHOPPY, FL 32358

at public sale on March 28, 2013, at eleven o'clock a.m., in the front lobby of the Wakulla County Courthouse located at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, to the highest bidder for cash, except as prescribed in paragraph 4, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated at Crawfordville, Florida, this 19th day of February, 2013.

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

DOUGLAS C. ZAHM, P.A.
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St. Petersburg, FL 33716
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March 7 & 14, 2013 665112331

5561-0314 TWN
Vs. Hill, Adrienne Case No. 65-2009-CA 000118 Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 65-2009-CA-000118
U.S. BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,

v. ADRIENNE N. HILL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ADRIENNE N. HILL; JOHN DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION; JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE; WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 19, 2013, in this cause, I will sell the property situated in WAKULLA County, Florida, described as:

LOT 22 AND THE WESTERLY HALF OF LOT 23, BLOCK "56", WAKULLA GARDENS, UNIT V, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 56 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, a/k/a 67 SUMMER BROOKE LANE, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327

at public sale on March 28th, 2013, at eleven o'clock a.m., in the front lobby of the Wakulla County Courthouse located at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, to the highest bidder for cash, except as prescribed in paragraph 4, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated at Crawfordville, Florida, this 19th day of February, 2013.

Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of the Circuit Court
(Seal) By:/s/ Tamika Peterson, Deputy Clerk

DOUGLAS C. ZAHM, P.A.
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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 LETHA WELLS, (850) 926-0905 EXT 222, WITHIN 2 WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS TEMPORARY INJUNCTION. IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL TDD 1-800-955-8771.
March 7 & 14, 2013 665102578

5560-0314 TWN
vs. Sardinas, Otoniel M. Case No. 65-2010-CA-000191 Notice of Foreclosure
PUBLIC NOTICE

Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION, CASE NO.: 65-2010-CA-000191
CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC
Plaintiff,

v. OTONIEL M. SARDINAS, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated February 18, 2013 and entered in Case No. 65-2010-CA-000191 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT in and for WAKULLA County, Florida wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC1, is the Plaintiff and OTONIEL M. SARDINAS; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF OTONIEL M. SARDINAS N/K/A MIREDDITH SARDINAS; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT Foyer OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 28th day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment: LOT 31, BLOCK 50, WAKULLA GARDENS, UNIT 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 56, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA A/K/A 95 E. STRINGER ROAD, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on February 18, 2013.

Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of the Circuit Court
(Seal) By:/s/ Becky Whaley, Deputy Clerk

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
F10027834 CHASEDIRECT-FHA—Team 3
**See Americans with Disabilities Act
Any persons with a disability requiring reasonable accommodations should call Clerk of Circuit Court at (850) 926-0905.
March 7 & 14, 2013 F10027834

5558-0314 TWN
Vs. Hicks, Thomas Case #2012-CA-274 Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE#2012-CA-274
CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to Wakulla Bank
Plaintiff,

v. THOMAS GERALD HICKS, et al,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment on Foreclosure as to Count II dated February 6, 2013, entered in Case No. 12-CA274 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein CENTENNIAL BANK is the Plaintiff, and THOMAS GERALD HICKS, SR., a/k/a TOMMY HICKS; BRENDA SUE HICKS; CALVARY PORTFOLIO SERVICES, LLC; UNKNOWN TENANTS #1 and UNKNOWN TENANTS #2 are the Defendants, the undersigned will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Lobby of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on March 28, 2013 the following described property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment on Foreclosure to-wit:

SEE EXHIBIT A
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days of the sale. DATED this 7th day of February, 2013.

BRENT X THURMOND, Clerk of Circuit Court
(Seal) By:/s/ Desiree D. Willis, As Deputy Clerk

EXHIBIT A
Commence at a concrete monument being used as the Southeast corner of the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 25, Township 3 South, Range 2 West, Wakulla County, Florida and thence run North along the East boundary of said Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter (as monumented) a distance of 992.43 feet, thence run North 89 degrees 47 minutes 18 seconds West 332.00 feet to a re-rod (marked #4261) lying on the West boundary of the East half of said Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter, thence run North 00 degrees 19 minutes 45 seconds East along said West boundary (as monumented) 369.78 feet to a concrete monument lying on the North boundary of said Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter, thence run South 89 degrees 47 minutes 18 seconds East along said North boundary (as monumented) 338.03 feet to a re-rod (marked #4261), thence run South 382.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
Begin at the Northeast corner of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 25, Township 3 South, Range 2 West, and run South along the East boundary of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 25, the distance of 118 feet to a point on the North boundary of the Arroyo to Wakulla Public Road, thence Westerly along the North boundary of said road 30 feet, thence run North parallel with the East boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter 120 feet, thence East 10 feet to a point 20 feet from the Southeast corner of property deeded to Joseph D. Olah and Harriet Gwaltney Olah at Official Records Book 45, Page 01, of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida, thence run North 610 feet more or less, along the West boundary of an easement reserved in said deed recorded at Official Records Book 45, Page 01, said easement runs parallel to and 20 feet from the east boundary of property described in said deed at Officials Records Book 45, Page 01, thence run West 312.00 feet along the South boundary of property described in deed to V.J. Love and Lidamay Love, his wife and recorded Official Records Book 40, Page 81 of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida to the Southwest corner of said Section 25 (as monumented), thence run North 5 feet to the Southeast corner of property deeded to Leonard P. Hicks and Jewell L. Hicks, his wife in Official Records Book 42, Page 826 of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida, thence run North 377 feet more or less along the East boundary of property described in said deed to the South boundary of subject property described in this deed, thence run East 15 feet along the South boundary of subject property to the West boundary of property described in deed to V.J. Love and Lidamay Love, his wife and recorded in Official Records Book 40, page 81 of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida, thence run South 357 feet more or less to a point 15 feet from the South boundary of said property described in Official Records Book 40, Page 81, thence run East 332 feet more or less to the East boundary of said Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of said Section 25 (as monumented), thence run South 630.00 feet more or less along East boundary of said Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter to the Southeast corner of the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 25, Township 3 South, Range 2 West, Wakulla County, Florida and the POINT

Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices

OF BEGINNING.
Together with that certain mobile Home a 1987 Destiny Omni ID # OM10461 and Title #44597497.
March 7 & 14, 2013

5557-0314 TWN
Vs. Hicks, Thomas Case #2012-CA-274 Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE #2012-CA-274
CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to Wakulla Bank
Plaintiff,

v. THOMAS GERALD HICKS, et al,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
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LOT 6, WHIDDEN LAKE ROAD ESTATES, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 99 AND 100 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 of the sale. DATED this 7th day of February, 2013.

BRENT X. THURMOND, Clerk of Court
(Seal) By:/s/ Desiree D. Willis, Deputy Clerk

Self Storage Notices

5579-0321 TWN
Public Notice
Seminole Self Storage
LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN PURSUANT TO FLORIDA SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT, CHAPTER 83, PART IV THAT SEMINOLE SELF STORAGE WILL HOLD A SALE BY SEALED BID ON MARCH 29, 2013 at

11:00a.m AT 2314 CRAWFORDVILLE HWY, CRAWFORDVILLE, FLORIDA 32327, OF THE CONTENTS OF MINI-WAREHOUSE CONTAINING THE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF: KENNETH REDDING CASEY LARSON ROSS LANGFORD
Before the sale date of

MARCH 29, 2013

Self Storage Notices

5577-0321 TWN
Public Notice
Stow Away Center-Crawfordville
LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "Florida Self Storage Facility Act Florida Statutes", Chapter 83, part IV that the Stow Away Center will hold a sale by sealed bid on Friday, March 29, 2013 at 12:00 pm at the junction of Highway 98 and Spring Creek Hwy for the contents of a Self Storage Unit containing household items of:

Christopher Montgomery Heather Simmons

Before the sale date of March 29, 2013, the owners may redeem their property by payment of the outstanding balance and costs by paying in person at the Stow Away Center, 2669 Spring Creek Hwy, Crawfordville, FL 32327

March 14 & 21, 2013

Self Storage Notices

MARCH 29, 2013 The Owners may redeem their property by payment of the Outstanding Balance and cost by mailing it to 2314 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, Florida, 32327 or Paying in person at the warehouse location.
March 14 & 21, 2013

Notices to Creditors/Administration

5570-0321 TWN
Public Notice
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. 2013-13-CP
ALETHIA P. DICKSON,
IN RE: ESTATE OF Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of ALETHIA P. DICKSON, deceased, whose date of death was February 11, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTIONS 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is March 14, 2013
Personal Representative: WALTER B. DICKSON

79 North Lake Ellen Lane, Crawfordville, FL 32327
Attorney for Personal Representative: MARION D. LAMB
217 Pinewood Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32303
(850) 385-0501, Florida Bar No.: 0500951
March 14 & 21, 2013

Brain Teaser

9x9 grid puzzle with numbers 1-9 in some cells. Each puzzle is divided into nine sections, and each section has nine blank squares. Fill in all 81 squares on the puzzle with numbers 1 to 9. You may not repeat any numbers in any one of the nine sections that you've already used elsewhere in that section. Also, you can use each number 1-9 only once in each horizontal line of nine squares, and in each vertical column of nine squares. The puzzle is completed when you correctly fill every square.

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ACROSS

- 1. Takes a siesta
6. Pays to play
11. Horace's "Poetica"
14. Imam's deity
15. "My fault!"
16. Asian holiday
17. Fashion designer's favorite actor?
19. "Fore" site
20. Maximilian and Charlemagne
21. Angelou's "Still ___"
23. Ride the ump
24. Took the lead
26. Frequent striker
30. Defat, whaler-style
31. Attu dweller
32. Many mail rats
33. Unaffiliated pol: Abbr.
36. Verbal assault
37. Positioned
38. Mold-ripened cheese
39. Kramden laugh syllable
40. "... I ___ my way"
41. Go on and on and on ...
42. Kicked off the show
44. Conked with a fastball
45. Like old movies
47. Dallas NBAer
48. "Chinatown" screenwriter Robert
49. Stuffs to the gills
54. Suffix with bull or bear
55. Narrow escape for a fashion designer?
58. Bull Run victor
59. Tucker of country

13x13 crossword grid with numbers 1-63 indicating starting points for clues.

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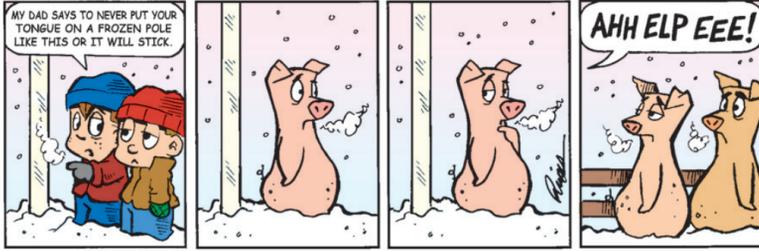
- 60. Beethoven dedicatee
61. Bard's nightfall
62. Mill output
63. Held sway
18. The Koh-i-___ diamond
22. \$200 Monopoly props.
24. Winter fall
25. Work the bar
26. Big do
27. Southwestern stew
28. Fashion designer's favorite Dion and the Belmonts tune?
29. Abner's radio partner
30. Stinking to high heaven
32. ___ over (helped through difficulty)
34. Mudville complement
35. Scout's doing
37. Trig function

DOWN

- 1. Steak order
2. Jack of old oaters
3. Take a spill
4. Easy to manage
5. Cool treat
6. Houston pro
7. Loaded Londoners
8. Play about Capote
9. Drop an easy one
10. Aleppo residents
11. Fashion designer's automotive tool?
12. Ebbets Field great
13. Knight's ride

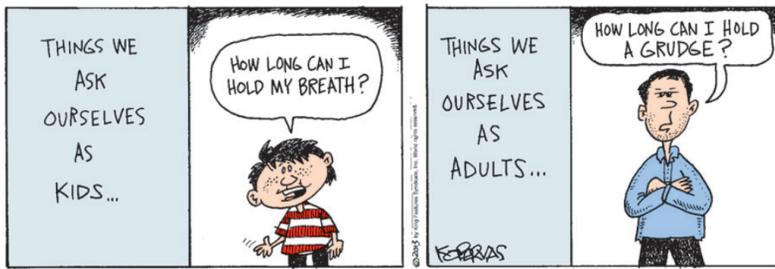
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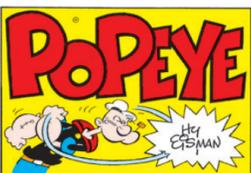
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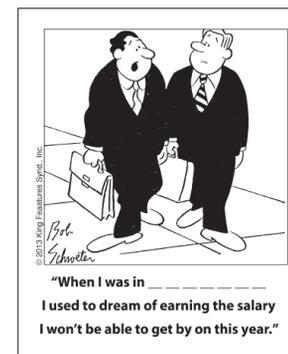


Just Like Cats & Dogs

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!

Guess
DECIPT _____
 Grant
WALLO _____
 Invade
GREACH _____
 Coil
RECLIC _____

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.

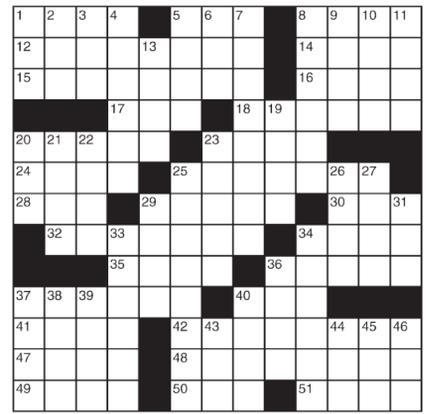
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 KQH HQ TRDD RADMMG QK
 R GVFDL GDRHTQOS RKB
 WM VAVRDDN LDRGA EK
 HWM OEIWH GDRLMA.
 - SROIROMH HWRHLWMO

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Bakery buys
- 5 Youngster
- 8 Treaty
- 12 Australian city
- 14 Reverberate
- 15 Like spread sheets, e.g.
- 16 Slender
- 17 Scepter
- 18 Each
- 20 Hybrid eating utensil
- 23 Entanglement
- 24 Bohemian
- 25 Refrigerator decorations
- 28 Humor
- 29 Gave a darn
- 30 Regret
- 32 Grieved
- 34 Intentions
- 35 Primary
- 36 Sag
- 37 " - & Louise"
- 40 To and -
- 41 Emanation
- 42 Ivy League university
- 47 List of options
- 48 Catholic prayer
- 49 "Hey, you!"
- 50 Remiss



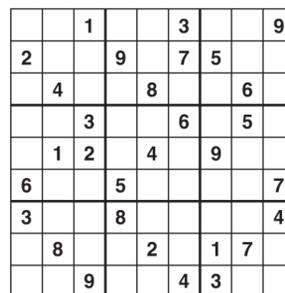
DOWN

- 1 Atl. counterpart
- 2 Altar affirmative
- 3 Conger or moray
- 4 Wet cement mixture
- 5 Sort
- 6 Mrs. McKinley
- 7 Mad
- 8 Small
- 9 Liniment target
- 10 Stylish
- 11 Color quality
- 13 Beyond control
- 19 Frogs' hangout
- 20 Witnessed
- 21 Proper partner?
- 22 "Beetle Bailey" dog
- 23 Carpenter or Black
- 25 Crazed
- 26 Threesome
- 27 Japanese wrestling
- 29 Study all night
- 31 Kreskin's claim
- 33 Diacritical mark
- 34 Scents
- 36 Snare or tom-tom
- 37 Pack down tightly
- 38 Shades
- 39 Sea eagles
- 40 Show off your muscles
- 43 Eggs
- 44 Lingerie item
- 45 Midafternoon, on a sundial
- 46 Some small batteries

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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.

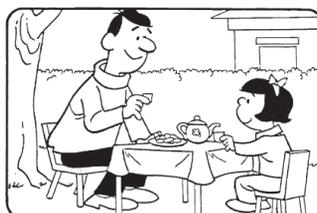
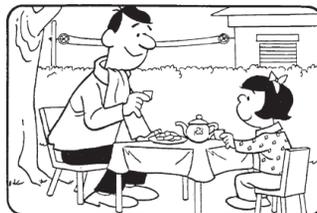
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: *

* Moderate ** Challenging *** HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

DIFFERENCES: 1. Cornishia is missing; 2. Chair is lower; 3. Man's trousers; 4. Table is round; 5. Table is round; 6. Table is round; 7. Table is round; 8. Table is round; 9. Table is round.

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: E equals A

YBC ZSOFYJ ENYTO E DEJSBA
 PLTA QMY'Z EX TXJEOFMHC RGY
 EO BEXCFERSXL: "DEOMHG
 JYQZ NHZO."

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COLLEGE

Today's Word:

1. Predict; 2. Allow;

3. Charge; 4. Circle

solution

SCRAMBLERS

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: In which country is Mount Ararat located?
2. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "The Color Purple"?
3. DANCE: Who wrote the score for the American ballet "Rodeo"?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president served as a congressman in the House of Representatives after finishing his presidential term?
5. HISTORY: What was the year of the first Thanksgiving feast in the New World?
6. MEASUREMENTS: How many inches are in a hand?
7. MEDICAL: What is a common name for the medical condition alopecia?
8. TELEVISION: What was the theme song to "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"?
9. ART: In what U.S. city is the National Gallery of Art located?
10. MOVIES: What was the name of the 2004 movie with the tagline, "A True Underdog Story"?

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1. Turkey
2. Alice Walker
3. Aaron Copland
4. John Quincy Adams
5. 1621
6. Four inches
7. Baldness
8. "Love Is All Around"
9. Washington, D.C.
10. "Dodgeball"

ANSWERS



Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



Answer

weary sundry

Mows Best.

at landescaping: "Father

guy who's an unmatched pro

Old sitcom about a family

answer

Cryptoquip

answer

I can trust my husband

not to fall asleep on

a public platform and

he usually clips in

the right places.

- Margaret Thatcher

Leave Nothing
 But Your Footprints

Keep Wakulla
 County Beautiful

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

Taking care of business

By JIM SAUNDERS
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, March 8 – As Gov. Rick Scott helped launch the legislative session Tuesday, his message boiled down to this: "It's working."

That likely will be a common refrain through the 2014 gubernatorial election, as Scott touts the addition of jobs, jobs, jobs and casts himself as leading the state out of the economic desert of the Charlie Crist era.

"Two years ago, Florida was losing jobs and many Florida families were losing their dreams. ... The short-sighted policies of borrowing on our future had led to disaster," said Scott, who, not coincidentally, could find himself running for re-election against the Republican-turned-Democrat Crist.

But Scott's State of the State address Tuesday spurred the Florida Democratic Party to describe the governor as being in a "state of denial."

"Today, with a carefully crafted and poll-tested message, Gov. Rick Scott delivered his State of the State and tried to remake himself," Democratic Chairwoman Allison Tant wrote in a fundraising email. "But Scott is in a State of Denial if he thinks he can run from his record."

By now, everyone knows that Scott – who

got elected in 2010 on a "Let's Get to Work" theme – will use public appearances to focus on job creation. And Tuesday's address was no different, with Scott, for example, singling out Northrop Grumman, which had announced it would add 1,000 jobs in the state.

Similarly, Scott used the address to pitch his plan to eliminate the sales tax on manufacturing equipment, a move he says would help the state compete for jobs.

Scott, however, also set aside a good chunk of the address to call for giving \$2,500 raises to teachers. That idea has faced skepticism from some Republican legislative leaders, who question the wisdom of giving across-the-board raises.

But Scott said he sees paying teachers more as an investment in the state's future.

"We don't want a war on teachers," Scott said. "We want a war on failure."

MEDICAID MORASS

While not a major part of the address, Scott reiterated his controversial stance that the state should expand Medicaid under the federal Affordable Care Act. That stance involves going ahead with the expansion for three years – a period in which Washington is supposed

to pay all of the tab – and then revisiting the issue.

"I concluded that for the three years the federal government is committed to paying 100 percent of the cost of new people in Medicaid, I cannot, in good conscience, deny the uninsured access to care," Scott said.

That stance drew heavy applause from Democrats gathered in the House chamber. But it also came shortly after House Speaker Will Weatherford, R-Wesley Chapel, made clear he wants nothing to do with the expansion, describing the federal approach as destined for failure.

"I believe it forces Florida to expand a broken (Medicaid) system that we have been battling Washington to fix, and I believe it will ultimately drive up the cost of health care," Weatherford said. "This inflexible plan, thrust upon us by the federal government, is not aimed at strengthening the safety net. It pushes a social ideology at the expense of our future."

With Weatherford and other House Republicans digging in against the expansion, Senate President Don Gaetz, R-Niceville, said it appeared the House had "shut the lights off" on the issue. But House and Senate Republican leaders also said they were looking for ways to provide a health-care safety

net, which could mean that the Medicaid issue will lurk throughout the session.

While House and Senate Democrats are ready to move forward with adding hundreds of thousands of people to Medicaid, Senate Republicans have not publicly tipped their hands about the issue.

Meanwhile, the hospital industry and advocates for Medicaid beneficiaries are continuing to push for the expansion. Hospitals contend, in part, that extending Medicaid coverage to more people would reduce the amounts of uncompensated care they have to provide.

"Governor Scott and the Legislature face very difficult public-policy choices on how to proceed with implementation of the federal Affordable Care Act," Tony Carvalho, president of the Safety Net Hospital Alliance of Florida, said in a prepared statement Tuesday. "We believe that Governor Scott reached a logical conclusion that extends vital health coverage to nearly a million Floridians and assures our citizens get a return on some of the federal tax dollars that they are sending to Washington."

A Senate select committee is scheduled to meet Monday to discuss the Medicaid expansion, which might give a sign about how the Senate will move forward with

the issue.

The committee likely will hear about new estimates that the Affordable Care Act would cost Florida about \$5.2 billion over the next decade, with about \$3.5 billion stemming from Florida having to pick up part of the Medicaid expansion costs after the first three years.

PRIORITIES, PRIORITIES

The Medicaid issue might be a huge question mark, but House and Senate leaders made clear on the first day of the session that they want to pass changes to improve ethics and fix problems in the elections system.

The Senate unanimously voted for an ethics package that includes steps such as trying to slow the revolving door between the Legislature and the lobbying industry and trying to prevent lawmakers from using fund-raising vehicles known as "committees of continuous existence" to pay personal expenses.

"A lot of this wouldn't be necessary if we all conducted ourselves, if everyone that was elected to office in the state of Florida conducted their lives and themselves in office, by just using a little common sense," said Senate Ethics and Elections Chairman, Jack Latvala, R-Clearwater.

A little later Tuesday,

the House voted 118-1 to pass a bill that would address some of the controversial voting issues from the 2012 elections. For example, the bill would allow elections supervisors to hold up to 14 days of early voting – an increase from the current eight – and would add to the number of sites that could serve as early-voting locations.

"I think the Legislature has some responsibility for some of the challenges we had in 2012," Weatherford said. "I readily admit that, and that's why we passed it on the first day."

The House and Senate still need to reach agreement on the final details of the ethics and elections bills.

STORY OF THE WEEK:

Gov. Rick Scott gave his State of the State address Tuesday to start the 2013 legislative session, pushing for raises for teachers and elimination of the sales tax on manufacturing equipment.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"This is now the third time I have had the opportunity to address you to report on the state of the great state of Florida. And after two years of hard work, this update can be summed up in two words: It's working." – Scott during Tuesday's address.



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