

New superintendent faces challenges



Superintendent of Schools Bobby Pearce at his office.

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Four months into his job as superintendent of Wakulla schools, Bobby Pearce reflects on what he's learned

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Bobby Pearce took over the post of superintendent of schools from the man who had served the longest term in the job.

In reflecting on his more than four months in office, Pearce said it had really become apparent to him while going through superintendent certification training how generous former Superintendent David Miller had been with him and other district staff - including principals - keeping them up-to-date on issues facing the district.

"Every day, I'm thankful for the experience," Pearce said. "His (Miller's) style of leadership really gave me a leg up."

One of his own biggest challenges came a few weeks after he took office with the Newtown

shootings that drew wide public concern about the safety of schools.

"It was a major impact right away," Pearce said.

It's prompted the Florida Legislature to weigh spending \$11 million to \$14 million for school safety funding. One aspect of that being considered for Wakulla is a buzz-in, buzz-out entrance and exit at schools, plus fencing to funnel people to a central location.

The Legislature is also looking at \$480 million state-wide for teacher raises.

But Pearce is concerned that the current budget language specifies which teachers would get the pay raise.

And then there's the local issue that other district employees - the support personnel from cafeteria workers and maintenance people

to bus drivers - have usually been given a raise when teachers get a raise.

Pearce said it's been viewed as a matter of fairness.

But if the state only funds teacher raises, what is the local district to do?

One initiative he's been pursuing is a shift back to expanding vocational opportunities.

Years ago, he said, the move was to get away from vocational programs and move students to college-bound. Now it's clear that's not for everybody, he said.

He is working with Lively Vo-Tech in Tallahassee to set up a satellite center in Wakulla that would, the first year, offer automotive repair - and then add other offerings, such as HVAC.

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Anita Townsend, longtime county nurse, dies at 93

By JENNY ODOM
Special to The News

Anita Saunders Townsend, who was public health nurse in Wakulla County for 40 years and cared deeply about the people she served, died peacefully on Saturday, April 6, at her home in Crawfordville surrounded by her family.

She was born in 1919 in Brunswick, Ga., and graduated Sopchoppy High School in 1937.



Anita Townsend

Townsend was inspired greatly by Eleanor Woolley, a nurse who was married to Dr. Woolley, for whom Woolley Park is named. Anita's mother, Maddie Trice Sanders, was close friends with Eleanor Woolley and Townsend was drawn to nursing by Woolley's passion for it. The friendship proved to be beneficial in Townsend's quest to enter nursing school at Chatahochee State Hospital, where nurses were trained at the time. Dr. Woolley pulled some strings, and Townsend was accepted into the nursing school.

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James Taylor, founder of local VFW, is dead

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James Taylor, who served Wakulla County as an elected official and who helped found the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post, died on Saturday, April 6, after a lengthy illness.

Taylor, who was 93, served terms on the both the Wakulla County School Board and the Wakulla County Commission, and R.H. Carter said he was the first person to serve as chairman of both those boards.

At his funeral service on Monday, April 8, at the Revels-Nichols Cemetery in Otter Creek, he was remembered as a man who did what he felt was best for Wakulla County.

It is his role as a founder of the local VFW post that was his lasting legacy. He was remembered for being in the kitchen on Veterans Day every year, cooking up pancakes and sausage for the post's annual free breakfast, and urging those who were there to eat.

Taylor joined the U.S. Army in 1940. He fought at the Battle of the Bulge in 1944. He rarely spoke of his military experiences, although one story, shared with his sons on one occasion while shucking oysters, was of being baited into a boxing match with his commanding officer. Taylor didn't want to fight the man, but the officer kept insisting.

When the officer got up from being knocked out, he treated Taylor with new respect.



James Taylor

Youth coalition holds town meeting

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The Wakulla Coalition for Youth held its annual town meeting last week at the Legacy Cafe and heard several speakers talk about the problems, and successes of Wakulla's youth.

The theme of this year's meeting, held on Wednesday, April 3, was "Changing the conversation."

Bruce Ashley, president of the coalition, noted that the group's success has become a model for other organizations around the

state. He attributed the success to the "buy-in from the community" - and noted that those in attendance at the luncheon included County Judge Jill Walker, Sheriff Charlie Creel, Superintendent of Schools Bobby Pearce, County Commissioner Jerry Moore and County Administrator David Edwards - and dozens of other people concerned about or working with local youth.

Coalition Director Gail Campbell noted that the organization started Operation Santa two years ago to help with the needs of the community around Christmastime. That effort grew this year - unfortunately,

as Campbell put it, since the need also grew.

The coalition was also active the Empty Bowls fundraiser. The coalition gets involved, Campbell said, because of concern when "things aren't right at home."

Tonya Hobby, tobacco program specialist for the county health department, and Molly Clore of Students Working Against Tobacco introduced Erin Erin, a Wakulla High School junior and president of SWAT chapter, who talked about student involvement in the candy-flavored tobacco issue.

A video made by SWAT youth was shown as well.

One of the most moving presentations came from two students in the high school's Advancement Via Independent Determination, or AVID, program.

One student told her story of having a baby as a freshman and then working double-shifts to make money for her child while attending school. She credited lessons learned from AVID with keeping her in school and doing her best.

In the fall she will attend Bethune-Cookman University where she plans to study to become a nurse.

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Attendees at the coalition town meeting listen to a presentation by Assistant Superintendent Beth O'Donnell and two Wakulla High School students.

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The two SUVs after the passengers were removed.

Four injured in wreck

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Wakulla County Fire Rescue and Wakulla EMS responded to a very serious accident on Wednesday, April 3, involving two SUVs that entrapped both drivers and injured four people in Crawfordville around 3:55 p.m.

The two SUVs collided in what appeared to be a near head-on crash. A southbound Ford Expedition occupied by two adults was struck by a Jeep Cherokee occupied by a male driver and his young child. The child was properly fastened in a child safety seat in the back seat which apparently prevented serious injury to him.

Wakulla Fire Rescue and EMS had to

use hydraulic rescue tools to free both drivers of the vehicles. Both drivers were freed within 20 minutes. Two engines, one squad and two EMS units were used at the scene.

Due to the severity of the injuries, the Florida Highway Patrol kept the southbound lane of Crawfordville Highway closed for more than two hours, rerouting traffic on East Ivan Road. Northbound traffic was able to continue past the accident.

There was light rain at the time of the accident.

All four occupants of the two vehicles were transported by EMS to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital.



New superintendent

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Additionally, the district has been expanding other "pathway" programs – the Medical Academy has been a success, where students come out of the program as a Certified Nursing Assistant, and STEM Engineering is in the works.

Pearce is also looking at expanding dual enrollment with Tallahassee Community College so that high school students can take college classes – with no tuition or book costs.

In some cases, students could graduate from high school at the same time as they earn their Associate of Arts degree.

"I have to commend Beth O'Donnell on that," Pearce said, referring to the district's assistant superintendent for instruction. "She and (Wakulla High Assistant Principal) Sunny Chaney are really working hard to make that happen."

For Pearce, these expanded programs reflect his thinking about equity for students – that the district should provide "the same opportunities for different students for them to be successful in life."

CHALLENGES

From a personal

standpoint, Pearce said the biggest challenge is that "The day is a lot more intense than my days as a principal."

As principal at Medart Elementary, he was responsible for one school, he said.

"As superintendent, you're responsible for all school centers rather than just one," he said.

"Even though Wakulla County has a new superintendent, we have a veteran school board that knows what we're trying to accomplish," he said, adding: "And we have a seasoned staff at the district and school level."

Overall, Pearce said the challenge he's trying to communicate to his staff is that, while the district does a great job with student testing, he wants to put "more emphasis on the whole child."

He offers the example of student who may need to see a counselor about things going on in life.

"I want to pull all that together to do even more on providing services to our kids," he said.

It all comes down to creating a well-rounded child who grows up to find a job they are really fulfilled in, he said. "That's what our goal should be."

And everyone has

heard for years that families moved to Wakulla for the schools.

The measure he looks for, to tell that he's been successful, is when he hears people are moving here because they want their child to graduate from Wakulla High School.

It means the whole system is running smoothly.

DOWNTURN

Wakulla is facing a loss of students as part of the ongoing economic downturn, Pearce said.

The community was hard-hit in the mid-1990s with the passage of the net ban. It drove fishers out of the water, but they found work in the booming construction industry – until that went bust in 2008.

Now families are leaving Wakulla, Pearce said. The numbers show more than 100 students have left the school system over the past year.

Still, he said, even with these challenges, being superintendent is "a great job working with great people."

He said he has appreciated the reaction from the public since the election, and wants the public to know that he is accessible and asks people to call him if they need him.

Correction

Because of incorrect information supplied to The News from Tallahassee Community College, a front-page story last week reported that Kevin and Kerry Gaby sold four parcels of land to TCC as the site of the proposed Wakulla Environmental

Institute.

Actually, Kevin and Kerry Gaby do not own the parcels that were sold to TCC.

The college issued a correction stating: In TCC's original news release, we stated that the college purchased the

land for the new Wakulla Environmental Institute from Kevin and Kerry Gaby. It has come to our attention that it is more accurate to say that TCC purchased the land from the Gaby family.

We regret the error.

Special Olympics Torch Run



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Participants in the Special Olympics Torch Run outside the courthouse.

Special to The News

Wakulla County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) and Wakulla Correctional Institution (WCI) staff took part in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run to support Wakulla Special Olympics Tuesday, April 9.

The Wakulla Torch Run began at the sheriff's office and concluded with a ceremony at the Wakulla County Courthouse. The Special Olympians were treated to a lunch by Sonic in Hickory Park after the event concluded.

More than 3,000 Florida law enforcement agencies participate in the statewide Torch Run which includes a 1,500 mile relay through nearly all of the counties in Florida. The Torch Run began in March and will culminate with the Opening Ceremonies of the Florida Special Olympic Games in Orlando on May 18.

Law enforcement officials will bring the "Flame of Hope" into the stadium to signify the opening of the state games. More than 20,000 athletes will compete in Orlando including a group from Wakulla County. Sharon Scherbarth and Patricia Bodiford are the school district program coordinators.

Anita Townsend, longtime county nurse, dies at 93

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At 18, a recent Sopchoppy High School graduate, and not long after being accepted into the nursing program at Chatahochee State Hospital, she met C.L. Townsend. A graduate of University of Florida and 10 years at her senior, they met at a peanut boil. At that time he was a vocational agriculture teacher at Sopchoppy and Wakulla High Schools.

"He had a car then, so that summer he would go around and pick up all the kids to go out to parties and social gatherings. And as time went on, it was always mom who would be dropped off last," says C.L. Townsend, her oldest son.

She attended nursing school in Chatahochee, and in 1939 the two were secretly married.

Juanita Rodenberry, of Sopchoppy, Townsend's sister, stood as a witness and kept the vows quiet, along with the couple, for years.

"They had to keep it a secret because at that

time if you were married, you couldn't attend nursing school," says Jack Townsend, her youngest son.

So it wasn't until after graduating in 1941, when she was pregnant, that they made their marriage public. (They renewed their vows in 1979 at their 40th wedding anniversary during a family celebration at their house.)

For about 10 years the couple bounced around, living in Marianna, Chipley, Bethlehem and Holmes County, but always seemed to come back to Wakulla County with each move away.

"Dad had a University of Florida professor who told him, 'Go west young man, go west,'" Jack explains. "And so he did take this advice. He went all the way to Sopchoppy, where he went to a peanut boil and met his wife."

Then, around 1951, the couple finally settled in Wakulla County and she started working as a public health nurse, first at the Leon County Public

Health Department, later transferring to Wakulla County Public Health Department, where she would work until she retired.

She was the only full-time public health employee in the county for more than 10 years, and it wasn't until 1968 that a second fulltime nurse was hired.

Until her retirement, she was the county's main health official.

Among many accomplishments she implemented hearing and eye screenings for kids entering school, gave immunizations.

"When I was a student, she gave me my shots at Crawfordville Elementary School," says Leonard Tartt of Sopchoppy.

As well, she conducted the mandatory exams for marriage licenses. She created the maternity program to guide young mothers and started a midwife program, training three women to help birth babies throughout the county.

"I knew Anita Townsend first as a nurse.

In those days, you had to get a physical before you got married, and she was the one who gave me mine," says Betty Green of Crawfordville, a long-time friend.

As well, every baby born in the county at that time had to be visited by a County Health Nurse within 24 hours of birth, by Florida law. So, in essence, she saw every baby born in the county and met every new mother.

"She really built the health department into where it is today. She kept a lot of records, and those records are extremely valuable to our local historians," Green adds.

Described as a walking book of knowledge in regards to the sensitive health issues of each family, her sons feel that her integrity was one her greatest gifts. When it came to sensitive issues and privacy, she was unbending in her loyalty to the families she served.

A softer voice emerges as Jack reflects on her sensitivity to knowing

so much about people she served and having such an intimate relation with so many residents, "she carried a lot of professionalism into that moment."

Because of this intimacy, the Townsend brothers consider themselves to have a lot of "other brothers" and "other sisters."

At her funeral, scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, her eight grandsons will act as pallbearers. As well, 14 "other brothers" will be honorary pallbearers.

"I didn't know her so much in a professional manner, but I always loved Miss Anita and her care of and concern for people in the county. Wakulla County is so much the better because of the work she did. I am so thankful she was born and lived here, and I will miss her greatly," says Jackie Lawhon of Sopchoppy, a close friend.

On another side, Townsend was also a dedicated football fan, and was not shy to exclaim her passion for the

team.

"Miss Anita was an avid Gator fan and my son, Jim, was an offensive lineman for the Gators from 2004-2008. He sent Miss Anita a signed photograph and displayed it in her house. She was very proud that a local player had gone on to play for the Gators, and was part of two National Championship teams," says Tartt.

Fifteen years apart, her sons were more like only children. It was a wish of hers that they work on their relationship as brothers, and remain close. So today, C.L. Townsend, 70, of Plant City and his brother Jack, 55, of Temple Terrace have lunch every Friday.

They explain that she had three wants in her life and she verbalized these wants often.

"She told us, I want to take care of the people of Wakulla County, I want to take care of my boys, and I want to die in my own house," says Jack. "We couldn't control the first two, but we made sure of the last one."

School

education news from local schools

Wakulla field experience enriches at RMS

Special to The News
Riversprings Middle School science students have partnered with the Department of Environmental Protection to participate in field experiences throughout Wakulla County in the Learning In Florida's Environment (LIFE) program. Researchers from D.E.P. led the sixth, seventh and eighth grade students through labs that fit the curriculum being studied by each grade level, and allowed students to have a hands on experience that reinforced what was taught in the classroom. Each grade level attends different sites and partici-

pates in labs that are set up specifically for the area being studied. Carol Broome and Louis Hernandez took the sixth grade students to Wakulla Springs for a field experience. The sixth graders went on a jungle cruise, a Cyprus dome survey and a micro-invertebrate lab. The jungle cruise allowed students to see animals and plants that are unchanged by humans. The Cyprus dome allowed students to test the acidity of the stagnant water and to walk out into the water and scoop up organisms for counting. The macro-invertebrate lab gave students the oppor-

tunity to test the acidity of the water and to classify and count the macro-invertebrate organisms in the water samples taken from the Wakulla River. Students then compared the types, and numbers, of organisms in each type of environment. This showed students where the cleaner water is located and help lead them to a better understanding of how the water is cleaned and replaced in the ecosystem. "Students really enjoyed the opportunity to get into the science and learn. This really brings home a lot that has been done in the classroom" says Broome.



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Shadeville Elementary's Special Olympics Star

JESSICA BRATTAIN
Special to The News
The Special Olympics Area Games took place Saturday, April 6th at Lincoln High School in Tallahassee. It began with a parade of athletes walking the track from the surrounding counties. The athletes then competed in track and field events including the running long jump, soccer, relays, softball throw, and tennis ball throw. Izabel Hernandez, of

Shadeville, competed in the softball throw and the 50 meter run events. Izabel has been competing for several years and loves to spend time practicing with her family and friends. She took home 1st Place in the Softball Throw and 4th Place in the 50 Meter Run. Izabel says her favorite part about competing in the Special Olympics is trying her best and earning ribbons. The Special Olympics State Games will be held on May 17 in Orlando, FL.



Izabel Hernandez shows off her 1st and 4th place ribbons.

"Bone Chiller" comes to WHS

Special to The News
It's a dark, cold stormy night when a strange group of people gather for a reading of "The Last Will & Testament" of the late Josiah Travers. Thirteen characters, some related and others complete strangers wonder what old Josiah was up to when they discover that he left his Will in the form of a picture puzzle or what is know as a "Rebus". Figuring out the meaning of the Will is only part of the mystery as strange and deadly events begin to take place in the rather odd, eccentric old house of the late Mr. Travers. Monk Ferris's "Bone Chiller" is a thrilling comedic mystery that will surprise everyone with its many plot twists and turns. Make plans to see the talented students of Wakulla High School as they try to unravel this bazaar mystery and find the unknown killer. It



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Wakulla High School drama students, pictured above, present "Bone Chiller," a who dunnit, this weekend at the high school.

will also be the last play for seniors Chelsea Austin, Hannah Lanier, Alexander Lewis, Caitlyn Wagner and Hunter Wheatcraft. Bone Chiller opens on Friday, April 19th beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20th at 7:30 p.m. and

a matinee on Sunday the 21st at 2:30 p.m. Doors open thirty minutes prior to curtain where tickets can be purchased. The cost for students is \$4, seniors \$5 and general public \$6. Refreshments will be sold at intermission.

Special needs Spring Prom this Saturday

Special to The News
As we welcome the season of new blooms we wait in anticipation and excitement for what to expect at this year's upcoming proms. One prom in particular fills the hearts of not only the special participants but also those who are part of the production. Blessed by these students

and the joy they bring to so many, we desire to present an exciting evening of dinner and dancing for students with special needs within our community. Promising to be 'An Evening of Elegance' specifically for these special young people along with a guest, their family, teachers and volunteers. Announcing the 5th

annual Special Needs Spring Prom, Saturday, April 20th, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. It is being held at Wakulla Springs Baptist Church, 1391 Crawfordville Hwy. Make reservations by Wednesday, April 17th. For more information contact the church office at 926-5152 or the event coordinator, Sandi DeRoss at 545-8262 or sdeross@comcast.net

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Chamber's Low Country Boil draws record crowd



By JO ANN PALMER

The place to be this past Saturday night was the third annual Low Country Boil hosted by the Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce at 3Y Ranch.

This event began as an idea from past president John Shuff as a way to raise funds for improvements and maintenance to the historic courthouse and fund scholarships for our youth. The funds this

year will support scholarships to the TCC Green Guide program.

The band Locomotive was rocking the arena as the guests began to arrive. NJROTC cadets were directing cars into parking in the field.

The cooks began planning months ago, thinking for ways to improve on last year and ways to tweak their special recipe. We appreciate all the extraordinary chefs who worked so hard: Paul Nichols, Ray Teague, Larry Strickland, John Shuff, Chris Anderson, and Niraj Patel were the shrimp boil cooks, while Glenn Williams and business partner Andy donated and prepared fresh crawfish.

David Moody prepared an outstanding no-shrimp version to satisfy the palate of those who pre-

ferred no shellfish. Sue and John Anderson spent a couple of evenings filling cocktail sauce in individual serving containers.

Angelo and Thomas Petrandis helped us obtain and purchase the fresh seafood from our local waters, and Nick Gray helped us secure the sausage and promised to be back next year to help with cooking.

By the end of the evening, the cooks had fed 367 people, prepared 280 pounds of shrimp, 160 pounds of sausage, 120 pounds of new potatoes, 720 niblets of corn, 10 pounds of mushrooms, 8 pounds of carrots, 70 pounds of onions, 30 pounds of garlic, 20 stalks of celery, and several bags of lemons and limes.

The dinner was topped off by 350 homemade cupcakes donated by

Charlean Lanier of Kingdom Harvest Fellowship Church and the Kast Net restaurant.

Our premier sponsors were Capital City Bank, Tallahassee Community College, The Wakulla News, and Waste Pro.

Our corporate sponsors were Centennial Bank, Wakulla Insurance of Roger, Gunther, Vaughn Insurance Inc., Wal-Mart, Refreshment Services Pepsi, Lamar Advertising, Royal Restaurants, and Skip Young – 3Y Ranch.

Our table sponsors were BayLeaf Market, Francie Casey Lowe, ESG Operations, Boomerang Restoration, Crawfordville Auto, Wakulla County Democratic Executive Committee, Ed Gardner O.D., Inspired Technologies, Progress Energy, Revell Electric, A New

Look Painting, Stow Away Marine and More Inc., and Jared Miller for The White Elephant.

Our Ambassador sponsors were Best Western Plus Wakulla Inn & Suites, Preble-Rish Inc., Shields Marina & Shields Dry Storage, St. Marks Powder, Wakulla LP Gas and Wave 94.

Our Supporters were Ameris Bank, Amerifirst Mortgage, Chris Russell, Larry and JoAnne Strickland, AMS Marine, Brick Launcher, Brooks Concrete, Cook Insurance, Costco, Hydra Engineering, Commissioner Jerry Moore, Rascal Auto Sales, Simply Done Marketing and Talquin Electric.

A big thanks to our Special Events Committee; Sharol Brown, Zoe Mansfield, Ethel Jefferson, Larry Strickland, John Shuff, Charlean La-

nier, Janice Eakin, Rachel Pienta, Tara Kieser, Mary Wallace and especially Petra Shuff and Jo Ann Palmer.

We know many people called at the last minute looking for tickets to the event. Don't miss out next year, mark your calendar: the 4th Annual Low Country Boil will be held April 5, 2014.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Chamber, and joining our quest to "preserve our past while building our future" contact Petra Shuff at (850) 926-1848 or via email at wakulla-chamber@embarqmail.com.

Jo Ann Palmer is Director of Keep Wakulla County Beautiful and helped organize the boil for the Chamber.

Early meetings will hurt public

Editor, The News:

I have been following the new 2 p.m. board meeting policy change with interest. I read the letters by Chuck Hickman and James Parham, and was not going to comment until I read Parham's letter of last week.

His quote, "I agree with your (Commissioner Merritt) position: County employees have to stay overtime for our convenience one meeting a month; we can come to a meeting at the convenience of county employees for the other meeting," just surprised me so. Why would anyone congratulate any commissioner for limiting citizen input? And make no mistake, that's what they're doing.

I cannot think of anything less citizen friendly or employee friendly than the 2 p.m. meetings, and agree with Hickman – the meetings should be later. Parham forgets something: all county commissioners and employees work for us, they knew the hours required when they were hired or ran for office. The system was not broken and the "fix" to that situation was part of a long, shady slide to limit citizen participation, circle the wagons, keep the public as much in the dark as possible.

Just my opinion, of course, but every excuse beyond that is just that – an excuse.

I have a number of objections to this new 2 p.m. policy.

Thus:

Almost since being elected, Merritt has tried to curtail or eliminate public participation.

What's the easiest way to do that? A 2 p.m. meeting. He tried to limit speaking on "Citizens to be Heard" and was stopped, so the next step to the shade was this 2 p.m. meeting business.

The whole government thing's backwards. We don't work for them, they work for us. Remember the board trying to eliminate PowerPoints by citizens? We paid for equipment they didn't want us to use at meetings?

Additionally, Parham's comment, "If something is important enough, we (the public) will find a way to get to the afternoon meeting," gets it backwards. They work for us. County employees and commissioners both knew the meeting times when hired.

We have to remember that we live in a commuting county. Getting to a 2pm meeting will be tough for many so what's the real reason?

The "overtime" issue can be solved simply. Salaried employees can do the job of hourly staff or comp time can be given.

If any commissioner had 2pm meetings in their platform, would they have been elected?

Why was this vote necessary? Seniors? Driving? If they really felt something for seniors they wouldn't be taxing them

to death, would change the "extremely low income" exemption for the MSBUs for seniors.

The subjective nature of the "non-controversial" agenda items only at the 2 p.m. meeting. Let's remember that the proposed changes to the usage at the community center were "non-controversial." Until a lot of citizens showed up to challenge them. Who is going to decide?

This irresponsible action by the board is just another attempt to limit citizens participating or watching the meetings. Given the background and history of constant attempts at limiting citizen participation I will never be convinced that the 2pm meeting was done for the "benefit" of citizens.

Taxpayers all across the county, tired of government by fiat, have rebelled in various ways and we do have the power.

I'd like to suggest that if the 2 p.m. and capricious actions of the board continue that the voters of the county, in 2014, vote against the 1-cent sales tax renewal and all other taxes til the board comes to its senses on open government.

I say no more money, no more taxes of any kind, which includes the sales tax we will be voting on.

Hugh Taylor
Crawfordville

READERS WRITE:

First Responders are life-savers

Editor, The News:

The number of dedicated volunteer organizations in Wakulla County is indeed a blessing. That the number has steadily grown over the years makes it even nicer.

My husband and I moved to Florida in 1971 and in a very short time we were invited to attend a Coast Guard Auxiliary meeting. After completing the required courses we became Auxiliaries.

Then we became members of the Apalachee Bay Volunteer Fire Department at Shell Point. More training and then First Responders! We

attended the first class taught by Fran Council in the upstairs of the old courthouse. Wonderful woman and a wonderful course.

The years rolled on and I became involved with other volunteer organizations. I have enjoyed them all, but there is a special warm spot for First Responders.

This past week a house guest collapsed. He is a severe diabetic and has undergone numerous operations due to a work-related fall.

I had a moment of panic and then calmly picked up the telephone and dialed Debbie Murphy. She is a certified

first responder who lives here in Shell Point.

If I didn't know better, I would swear she jumped on a pogo stick and made one humongous leap – she was here that quickly.

In a matter of minutes she had assessed the situation, called 911 and by the time the ambulance arrived she had obtained all the information needed by-the EMT.

On behalf of my house guest and myself – Debbie Murphy, thank you, for being a truly dedicated volunteer.

Sherrie Alverson
Shell Point

Fashionology fundraiser is set

Editor, The News:

Model and sponsorship applications are available for "Fashionology - Wakulla On the Runway."

This upcoming charity event will benefit the 4-H Education Enrichment Council, the American Cancer Society Relay For Life, and scholarships for the AVID Scholars Program. The fashion show will have teenagers and adults modeling trendy clothing on a budget.

Models can be male or female, ages 12 and up, and organizers particularly want to invite local cancer survivors to participate in the event.

"We are planning an event that supports great causes, promotes body acceptance, and shares

budget-friendly wardrobe choices," said Andrew Bracci, 4-H Education Enrichment Council President.

Models are able to choose which charity will receive their entry fees.

For only \$10, models can choose one of the following categories to participate in, and a second category is only \$5 more. Categories include Purple Passion, Country Chic, Project Runway, Everyday Wear and Business Casual, Fashion Remix, Professional, and Formal Attire. Model forms are available on the Wakulla High School, Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce, and 4-H websites and are due by April 12. A rehearsal is scheduled for April 25.

The Fashionology

event is scheduled for Friday, April 26, at 6:30 p.m., in the WHS Auditorium.

Additional entertainment will be provided by the RMS cheerleaders and Spirit Paws, Wakulla Dance Academy, and Studio 88.

Sponsors include Anytime Fitness, Talquin Electric Cooperative, Gamerz Paradise, Thirty-One, The Thread Tree, and Tiger-Rock Martial Arts.

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Church

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Church Briefs

• Revival at Shady Sea

Shady Sea Baptist Church is having revival April 17 through April 19 at 7 p.m. nightly. Featured pastors are B.B. Barwick, Glenn Hamel, and Micheal Hall.

Come out and see what the Lord is doing in the little church by the water with the big heart for God!

• Macedonia to hold barbecue, yard sale and bake sale

Macedonia Church of Christ Written in Heaven will hold a barbecue, yard sale and bake sale on Saturday, April

13, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the vacant lot between 1831 and 1992 Sopchoppy Highway in Sopchoppy.

For more information Delores Nelson 408-7857 or Bobbery Rosier 519-0071.

• Spring revival at Mount Trial

We welcome you to come out and witness a man of God, Bishop C.W. Maddox of Bridging the Gaps International Minister, will render spring revival at Mount Trial Primitive Baptist Church, 1418 Sopchoppy Highway.

Come looking for a blessing, and also being revived.

HEAVENS TO BETSY

A better church begins with you



By BETSY GOEHRIG

One of the ways we can have a stronger community is to have stronger churches.

We all want a great church – a bigger, better, growing, exciting church.

Most want the ministers to do that somehow, but it takes all of us together, working to build up the Body of Christ.

Together, we have the power to create a better church, in partnership with God.

Here are a few simple tips, which begin with what YOU can do to help create a better church!

• **GO TO IT** – One of the greatest gifts you can give your church is to go to it – to show up – show up for worship services regularly, show up for Sunday School and Bible study, show up for fellowship activities, show up to

help and to serve!

Your regular participation creates an atmosphere of dedication and commitment!

• **LOVE IT** – Give your church unconditional love – whether it's your preference in one thing or another or not!

Love your church wholeheartedly and you will find others will follow your example and love it, too!

Reclaim your love, your passion, for following Jesus Christ. Share that excitement and enthusiasm.

You'll be surprised at just how infectious that can be and what a difference that can make!

• **SUPPORT IT** – You can create a better church by supporting it, first and foremost through your prayers – pray daily for your congregation, for your leaders, for your ministers and staff, and for the fulfillment of the mission and vision of what God is calling us to be and do.

Support the ministries of your church through the resources of your tithe of time and money and through your service both in your church and in the community.

• **LEAVE IT** – Yes, that's right, I'm telling you to leave the church.

Get out of the church. Every week.

Because Christ told his disciples to GO, to share the good news.

He didn't say SIT and let the people come to you.

We are commissioned to be a people of mission. Every day we are to bear witness to what God is doing in our lives, that we might reach others with the love and compassion of our Lord.

As we seek to create better churches, let us embrace the call to reach and make a difference in the lives of others.

With that in mind, truly A BETTER CHURCH BEGINS WITH ME (meaning YOU)!

And a better community begins with US... through the help of THEE!

Blessings, Betsy.

Rev. Dr. Betsy Goehrig is pastor and New Church Planter with the Disciples of Christ Church.

OUT TO PASTOR

We didn't need armed guards, we had Mrs. Ammon

By JAMES L. SNYDER

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were watching a television news report and I simply broke out into laughter.

"What are you laughing at?" my wife asked.

"I'm just thinking of Mrs. Ammon. When I went to school we didn't need any armed guards, we had Mrs. Ammon and nobody crossed her."

The news report went on to say how they were trying to put armed guards at every school in our country. I suppose that is a good idea, I do not know all the ins and outs of the politicalness of that report. Everything these days seems to have some kind of a political angle to it. Now that political angle is intruding itself into the public school system.

This is all an attempt to protect our school children. I am all for that.

I was thinking, however, that when I was a youngster we did not need that sort of thing. We had Mrs. Ammon and her infamous hickory stick. Very few people remember a time when a teacher had, as one of her tools for education, a hickory stick and knew how to wield it.

Somebody may ask how I know about that. Very simply. I am the product of a teacher wielding the hickory stick. It is hard now to remember the occasion that called for the application of that hickory stick. Actually, there was more than one occasion calling for such teacher and student interaction.

The old saying was that our teacher would apply the "Board of Education" to the "Seat of Learning." Believe me when I say, I earned a degree in that.

Somebody will say, "Things have changed."

I will agree that things have changed, but most things have not changed for the better. Back in "the day" when I was a member

of the public education system, the teachers were in charge. A basic rule in our house prevailed, "If you get a paddling in school, you get a paddling at home."

At that time, teachers were too busy to put up with any kind of fooling around in a classroom. Do not get me wrong, my teacher made it fun most of the time.

For the ones who, like me, took it too far, she knew how to stop it dead in its tracks.

"Mr. Snyder," the teacher would say in a very stern tone of voice. "Is that you making all that noise?" I knew what was to follow.

"Mr. Snyder, please go to the principal's office and I will join you shortly."

Oh boy. Those familiar words bring back haunting memories of my visit to the principal's office.

You can be sure that Mrs. Ammon would not come into the principal's office, spank you and then go back to her class. On some occasions, I would have preferred her to spank me and get it over with.

The first thing she had to do was explain to me why what I did was wrong and disruptive to the class. Then she had to explain to me how this paddling I was going to hurt her more than it did me.

For the life of me, I could never figure out where it hurt her more than it did me. I knew exactly where it hurt me and for the rest of the day it would be quite difficult for me to sit down in my chair.

Not only did my posterior glow in pain, but the snickers of my fellow students were even worse.

At the time of the application of the hickory stick, I really did not like Mrs. Ammon. Looking back, I have a different perspective. I now know that she really had an interest in me as a person. She was

trying to discipline me in ways in which I needed discipline from someone like her.

Years later, I went back and visited my old teacher, Mrs. Ammon. I took to her some books I had written and published.

She said she remembered me, I really do not know if she did or not. I had to do one thing and that was to thank her.

"I want to thank you, Mrs. Ammon, for teaching me to read and to write." Then I handed her my books. She seemed to be so very happy, but not as happy as I was.

This teacher made a difference in my life that I did not realize until I was older.

One thing Mrs. Ammon taught me was that I should not get away with anything.

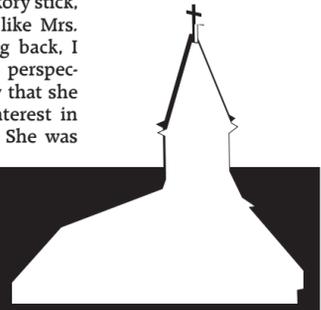
There is a moment of accountability everybody must face. Mrs. Ammon was making sure that I was facing up to the realities of life before I did too much damage to my life.

It is sad that the politics have taken over our education system today. It is sad that we do not have any Mrs. Ammons with their hickory sticks.

When I think of Mrs. Ammon I think of what Solomon writes, "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes" (Proverbs 13:24 KJV).

It is my opinion that we need more Mrs. Ammons in our school classrooms and less, a lot less, politics.

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"I'm not afraid to be the pale girl in the bathing suit. It doesn't bother me anymore."

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

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

One person dies from melanoma every hour.

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

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

- Amanda Applein



Obituaries

**Roberta Colter Martin
Marilyn D. Shepherd
James Gilbert Taylor
Anita Saunders Townsend**

Roberta Colter Martin

Roberta Colter Martin, 42, of Tallahassee, passed away on April 3, 2013 in Tallahassee.

A daughter of the late Edward Jackson Colter and Shirley Revell Colter, who survives, she was born Aug. 22, 1970, in Sarasota. She was a Functional Class Coordinator with the Florida Department of Transportation for 23 years.

In addition to her mother, Shirley Revell Colter of Conway, S.C., she is survived by her husband of 17 years, Toby Martin of Tallahassee; a son, Nicholas Wayne Colter of Tallahassee; two stepsons, Blake McDowell and Joshua War-

ren, both of Conway, S.C.; a sister, Ruth Ekker, Raeford of North Carolina; three half-sisters, Brenda Kelley of Clermont, Donna Downing of Charleston, S.C., and Margie Hatfield of Lecanto; special aunts, Carrie Davis and Audrey Hiers, both of Sopchoppy. She is survived by two special pets, Georgie and Chloe.

She was predeceased by her father and brother, Eddie Colter.

The funeral was held on Friday, April 5, 2013, at Abbey Funeral Home, with interment at Tallahassee Memory Gardens. The family received friends before the funeral.

Online condolences may be made at www.abbeyfh.com.



Marilyn D. Shepherd

Marilyn D. Shepherd, 81, of Crawfordville, passed away on Tuesday, April 2, 2013.

A former resident of Palm Harbor, she had lived in Crawfordville for the past 12 years. She was a member of Panacea Moose Lodge

#2510 and loved playing bingo, sewing and cooking. She loved spending time with her family and friends.

Survivors include her daughters, Valerie Nazworth and Patricia Robison both of Crawfordville; a niece, Pamela (Chuck) Roost of Michigan; seven grandchildren, Raynee, Kristie (Chris), Christopher, Victoria, Corey (Stephanie), Kristine, and Sara; three great-grandchildren, Brittney, Emily, and Lindsey; and a great-great-grandson, Brylan.

She was predeceased by her parents, Russell

and Doris DeLong; a sister, Carolyn Willis; and granddaughter, Patty Robison.

The family gathered for a memorial service on Thursday, April 4, 2013 at Christian Worship Center in Medart with the Rev. Chuck Roost officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Big Bend Hospice.

Arrangements were under the care and direction of Forbes Funeral Home, (850) 559-3380. Please sign the online guestbook at <http://www.forbesfuneralhome.net>.



Anita Saunders Townsend

Anita Saunders Townsend died on Saturday, April 6, 2013, at home, in Crawfordville.

She was predeceased by her husband, C.L. Townsend Sr.; two infant sons; her parents, Bill and Mattie Sanders of Sopchoppy; and brothers, W.T. Sanders and J.D. Saunders.

She was born on Sept. 4, 1919, in Brunswick, Ga. She graduated from Sopchoppy High School in 1937 and took her nursing training at Chattahoochee State Hospital, becoming an RN in 1941. She had a varied and successful nursing career. Her greatest accomplishment was being the Public Health Nurse for Wakulla County from 1951 until 1989.

Under her guidance,

many improvements and programs were implemented for the citizens of Wakulla County. Her leadership in professional, church and community activities was recognized and appreciated by many in Wakulla County and the surrounding area. She loved Wakulla County and it loved her.

Survivors include her sister, Juanita S. Roddenberry of Sopchoppy; two sons, C.L. Townsend Jr. of Plant City, and Jack Light Townsend Sr. of Temple Terrace, their wives, Ione and Helen; eight grandsons and four great-grandsons; and a multitude of nieces, nephews and "adopted daughters and sons."

Pallbearers for Anita were her grandsons, Jack Light Townsend Jr., James Austin "Jake" Townsend, Barrett McCoy "Bear" Townsend, Nathan Leroy Townsend, Aaron Leroy Townsend, David Leroy Townsend, Heath Harlan Campbell and Jarrod Allen Campbell.

Honorary pallbearers are Thurman Roddenberry, Billy Roddenberry, Lagran Saunders, Jack Henderson, Dennis Tucker, Johnny

Daniels, Ken "Stoney" Burke, Don Davis, Jayson Kirk, John Townsend, Dale Townsend, Ralph Coleman, Doug Townsend and Lyn Townsend.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to either The Anita Townsend Nursing Scholarship at Wakulla Academic Boosters, 3042 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville FL 32327; or Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee FL 32308; or Benevolence Fund, First Baptist Church, 3086 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville FL 32327.

The family received friends on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Crawfordville. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Crawfordville. Graveside services will follow at West Sopchoppy Cemetery Sopchoppy.

Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel in Crawfordville is assisting the family with arrangements (850-926-3333 or www.bevisfh.com).

James Gilbert Taylor

James Gilbert Taylor of Panacea passed away Saturday, April 6, 2013, at home with his family gathered around him.

James was born July 31, 1919, in McIntyre. He served in the U.S. Army from 1940 to 1945 and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. After returning home from the Army, James became an active member of his community. He was a founding member of VFW Post 4538 in Wakulla County where he served as Post Commander, District Commander and even earned the position of All American District Post Commander 1967-68. He spearheaded many fundraising events through the VFW, helping to raise large sums of money, some of which went to help citizens of the county. Every Nov. 11, James could be seen in the VFW kitchen serving up free breakfasts of pancakes and sausage, smiling, talking and encouraging all those of who came in to eat plenty.

He was the first board member of the Senior Citizens Council and stayed active at the Senior Center until his health prevented him from being able to go. He was a former member of the Florida Highway Patrol and served on the Wakulla County School Board and Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners for many terms. He also played a part in starting the first ambulance service in Wakulla County. He was a current member of

the Masons.

His contributions and involvement in local and statement government and the impact they had on the county played a large part in helping Wakulla County to grow while maintaining its beauty. Although his greatest passion was the VFW, his wish would be to be remembered for the good he has done for everyone he came in contact with.

Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Ruby; his sons, James Jr. "Buddy" (Heidi), Merritt (Jessie) and Delano; daughters, Lillian Clemons (Robert), Peggy Stribbling (Charles) and Donna Taylor. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren, all of whom he treasured dearly. He is survived by one brother, Hardy; and one sister, Sarah Roe; and nieces and nephews too numerous to name.

Services were held Monday, April 8, at 11 a.m. at the Revels-Nichols Cemetery in Otter Creek. Visitation was held at Bevis Funeral Home in Crawfordville from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 7. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Big Bend Hospice.

The family would like to express their thanks to Lynn Vickers, Danielle Vaughn, Deana Murphy and niece Carolyn Wright for their care during his illness and passing.

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

Youth coalition holds town meeting

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The student's best friend, also an AVID student, shared her story of being raised by single mother who lost her job and now faces the challenges of poverty.

Money she thought would be available for college tuition and books are now being spent for groceries, transportation and necessities, she said.

In the face of that, the student said she was very dependent on her AVID family.

TCC ENVIRONMENTAL INSTITUTE

Bob Ballard, director of Tallahassee Community College's planned Wakulla Environmental Institute, discussed progress with the project - land for the site has been closed on, plans are developing, and the groundbreaking ceremony is set for Monday, April 15.

Ballard anticipated the institute will open in July 2014.

Among the facilities to be built are an ecododge, a training center which could be used as a convention-type center, as well as classrooms on campus.

Ballard also noted that students at the high school can dual-enroll to attend classes at the institute.

HEALTH INDICATORS

Pad Juarez, director of the Wakulla County Health Department, offered a glimpse at some local statistics on youth - noting that the rate of births to young mothers is down, and that the number of repeat births to young mothers is leveling down.

The rate of sexually

transmitted diseases for youth is on an upswing, but has been in decline for the past four years. He noted as well that neighboring Leon and Gadsden counties have the highest rate of chlamydia in the state.

Wakulla's graduation rate of 89 percent in the top 25 percent in the state - a rate that, in the Panhandle, only Okaloosa can match.

But the absentee rate for students missing 21 or more days of school is higher than the state average - and represents health problems among students, especially asthma.

The percentage of children in the county with a high body mass index - 16 percent - is higher than the state average, Juarez noted. Students at the high school are actually lower in BMI, and the high rate is middle school kids, Juarez noted.

COMMUNITY POLICING

Ashley, who is with the sheriff's office, also talked about Community Oriented Policing, or COPS, and the department's commitment to youth and com-

munity services.

Ashley was joined by Sgt. Billy Jones and Detective Rob Giddens.

Those in attendance were asked to answer three questions posed by the coalition:

- What concerns you most about Wakulla youth?
- What outcomes aimed at youth are you most proud to report?
- What program, project, service or goal is your goal? and who do you need (partnership) to make it happen?



Exceptional students who staff Legacy Cafe served lunch at the coalition's town meeting.

PHOTOS BY WILLIAM SNOWDEN



Bob Ballard shows, with a hand from Bruce Ashley, of TCC's planned Wakulla Environmental Institute.



Tonya Hobby, Molly Clore and Erin Hart talk about SWAT.

Community

happenings in our community



Engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Maltese of LaGrange, GA are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Ann Maltese, to Marc Antonio Eskew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Eskew of Kansas City, MO.

The couple will be married on May 4 at the First Presbyterian Church in LaGrange at 4:30 p.m.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Newberry of Crawfordville and Mrs. Anthony (Claire) Maltese of Lakeland, FL. She is a 2007 graduate of Callaway High School and a 2011 graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology with a degree in Environmental Engineering.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Mrs. James (Marguerite) Eskew of Kansas City, MO. He is a 2004 graduate of Rockhurst High School in Kansas City, MO and a 2008 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point with a degree in Systems Engineering. He currently holds the rank of Captain in the United States Army and has recently been assigned to the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell. He has served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

McMillan family visits Confederate museum

BY MICHELLE MCMILLAN KIRBY
Special to the Wakulla News

On April 22nd Florida will commemorate Confederate Memorial Day. A good place to learn about the Confederacy's role in the War Between the States is at the Confederate Museum in the heart of Charleston.

Descendants of several Confederate veterans, Finley and Jean Booth McMillan of Ochlockonee Bay recently took a trip with family and friends to the Museum and other special sites and events

Jean was born in Charleston and lived there in the 1930's and early 1940's during a time when ladies wore hats to church and gentlemen bowed to a lady passing by on Meeting Street.

The family enjoyed a private tour of the Confederate Museum by its director, Mrs. June Wells, and Benita Kinlaw, current President of the Charleston 4 Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Mrs. Wells is a former President General of the United Daughters of the



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Front row, Marilyn Long, Benita Kinlaw, President, Charleston 4 Chapter, UDC; back row, Finley McMillan, Michelle McMillan Kirby, Jean McMillan, June Wells, Stalena McMillan Teague

Confederacy and an expert in Confederate history. She remembers times of mingling with over 30 real daughters and one widow of a Confederate veteran. Mrs. Wells recalls driving many of these ladies to meetings, lacing up their corsets and knows each precious item in the Museum. One of the family's museum favorites included the first cannon fired in the War Between the States. Mrs. Wells explained the veterans fired the cannon each

year after the War in a memorial service, shaving eight inches off the barrel each year until it was retired and donated to the Museum.

The museum site was the place where many local men reported for duty to serve the Confederacy. That same site is where soldiers returned and donated their personal artifacts after the War. Some say the floor boards creak when no one is walking around.

The Confederate Museum has been man-

aged by the Charleston 4 Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy since it opened in 1894.

Jean, Michelle and Stalena are members of R. Don McLeod Chapter 2469 UDC in Crawfordville. The ladies of both cities share a very special connection in UDC but also due to Jean's Aunt Irene Zidlick who was an officer for many years of Charleston 4 and was instrumental in her membership in UDC.



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Wakulla dancers perform at Globetrotter event

Special to the Wakulla News

Wakulla Dance Academy's Competition Team took the floor at halftime to perform for the Harlem Globetrotters on March 11 at the Leon County Civic Center. The dancers performed their high-energy, disco-themed jazz routine. Competition Team members range in age from 7-15. The routine is choreographed by Hayley Mahaffey, Kristin Weaver and Emily Pack.

Over 150 Wakulla Dance Academy supporters attended the event. Dancers who performed at the event are Cadence Brainard, Caylie Bussey, Sara Chambers, Tanasha Cooksey, Emma Dykes, Shawna Gray, Georgia Gumphrey, Mathilda Jensen, Lauren Oglesby, Alex Porter, Madison Salas, Riley Sandberg, Lilly Simons, Annabelle Slayton, Raegan Stewart, Mandalyn Thomas, Tatum Tucker, Remie Vause, Jordan Webster and Danielle Whiting.

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Fair Housing Coloring Contest

Special to The Wakulla News

The Wakulla County Housing Authority is celebrating the 45th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act of 1968. The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, familial status and disability.

In celebration of the Fair Housing Act and in an effort to create awareness about the importance of Fair Housing, Wakulla County is conducting a coloring contest throughout the Wakulla County Elementary and Middle Schools, which includes any public, private, or home schools. The contest is only for students in K-6th grade and they must be resi-

dents of Wakulla County. Participating students must submit an entry form with a drawing to represent what "Fair Housing" means.

Prizes will be presented to the top three most creative drawings during the April 15th Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners meeting. All entries are due no later than Monday, April 1st and should be mailed to the Wakulla County Housing Authority, Attn: Coloring Contest, P.O. Box 13408, Tallahassee, FL, 32317.

To obtain the Fair Housing Coloring Contest entry form, please visit the County website www.mywakulla.com or contact Wallisa Cobb at 850-877-1908.



FHP Officer Mike Simmons was on hand to supervise children during their Trike-A-Thon, which raised over \$700 for St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Happy Time Trike-A-Thon raises money for charity

Children at Happy Time Instructional Child Care in Crawfordville raised money for the St. Jude Children's Hospital on Thursday, March 28th by taking part in a Trike-A-Thon.

Happy Time Director Linda Wicker said the fundraiser collected more than \$700 dollars. The bike event is an annual fundraiser for the children.

Florida Highway Patrolman Mike

Simmons supervised the children riding laps to raise money and spoke to the group about general bicycle safety and the importance of wearing a helmet and obeying safety signs.

During the week, the children learned about children with illnesses such as cancer through the story of Bikewell Bear.



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Optimist sponsor Sally Gandy with Riversprings Middle School Team Elijah Mullens, Jason Paris, Logan Hicks, Adrian Peacock, Maclellan Hicks, Lucas Briggs, Noah Mullens and Jo Ann Daniels, sponsor.

Optimist Club holds Middle School Brain Brawl

Special to The Wakulla News

Riversprings Middle School came out on top again at this year's academic brain brawl which was held on Friday, March 29th.

Riversprings took home the first place ribbons and the trophy for the sixth year in a row. Wakulla Middle School took second place and Coast Charter School took third. The overall highest scorer for the event was Adrian Peacock. Adrian also received the highest scorer ribbon for the RMS team.

The highest scorer ribbon for the WMS team went to Mitch Parker. Coast Charter School team highest scorer ribbons went to Troy Farnsworth and Eric Levingston, who tied. Congratulations and thanks also go to the coaches - Bill Taylor at RMS, Priscilla Tucker at WMS, and Arianna Morgan

at Coast Charter School. **Students Win Oratorical Contest**

The Coastal Optimist Club held their annual Oratorical Contest on Thursday, April 4th at Posey's SteamRoom. Students from Coast Charter School, Riversprings Middle School, Wakulla Middle School and Wakulla High School who previously won their school level speech contest competed against each other. The first place ribbon in the girls' competition went to Kaylee Meyers from Riversprings Middle School. Second place went to Audrey Dutrow from Wakulla Middle School. The runner-up was Makayla Payne from Wakulla High. The first place ribbon in the boys' competition went to Andrew Walker from Wakulla Middle. In second place was Matthew Jackson representing Riv-

ersprings Middle and the runner-up ribbon went to Camden Smith of Wakulla High. The topic for the speech was "Why My Voice Is Important." The judges were Lucy Carter of WCTV, Dee Woodbury and John Woodberry, Esquire.

Kaylee Meyers and Andrew Walker received checks for \$100. Audrey Dutrow and Matthew Jackson received \$75 each. All the students received certificates which were presented by contest sponsors Steve Pigott and Jo Ann Daniels and by club president Bill Versiga. Meyers, Dutrow, Walker and Jackson will now compete at the North Florida Optimist Regional Competition on May 4th in Marianna. Makayla Payne and Camden Smith will be the alternates. The winner of the Regional competition will compete at the District level to vie for a \$2,500 scholarship.

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Sports

sports news and team views

SOFTBALL

Lady War Eagles beat Florida High, 8-6

By AMY LEE
Special to The News

The Wakulla Lady War Eagles held off Florida High's late push and held on to win, 8-6.

Florida High wasn't able to come back from the big hole it dug after falling behind by five runs in the seventh inning of the game on Tuesday, April 2.

Kayla Hussey did her best to jumpstart the offense for the War Eagles, reaching base four times. She singled in the first, sixth, and seventh innings.

Even though Meghan Sarvis allowed six runs over seven innings she still recorded the victory. Sarvis struck out two, walked three and gave up 10 hits.

The War Eagles never surrendered the lead after the first inning, scoring two runs on a passed ball and an RBI single by Kenzie Lee.

The War Eagles piled on two more runs in the top of the second. Courtney Flowers' double got things going, bringing home Amber Bryant.

Florida High scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth to cut its deficit to two. A two-run double gave them life. The War Eagles stopped the rally after Sarvis got the next batter to ground out.

The War Eagles increased their lead with three runs in the seventh. The inning got off to a hot start when Bryant singled, scoring Chris Romanus.

Florida High scored three runs in the seventh on a two-run home run and a sacrifice fly. Despite its efforts, Florida High couldn't finish the comeback.

WAR EAGLES PLACE 4TH IN DOC4LIFE TOURNAMENT

The weekend for Wakulla did not get a great start with the Lady War Eagles losing to Bishop Kenny High school 7-1. The offense could not get

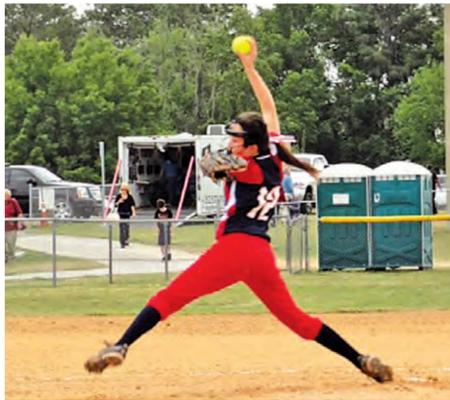


PHOTO BY AMY LEE/SPECIAL TO THE NEWS
Meghan Sarvis on the mound for Wakulla.

Senior night is Friday

This Friday night, April 12, the Lady War Eagles will host their final regular season game of the year against the Chiles Timberwolves at 7 p.m.

It will be a very special night as we celebrate our two seniors, Kelbi Davis and Courtney Flowers.

Festivities will start at 6:15 p.m. and concessions will be serving barbecue plates for \$6 to raise funds for the team. Please make plans to come join us.

- Amy Lee

the bats going with only 2 hits the entire game. Kenzie Lee was 1-1 with 2 walks and Kayla Hussey was 1-3. Kelbi Davis got on base due to error and Kayla Hussey was able to score the team's only run of the game.

The War Eagles woke up for their next game vs. Vanguard High School winning 8-5. Kelbi Davis was 2-3 with 2 RBIs. Kayla Hussey was 3-4 with 2 RBIs and a home run. Shelby Harrell was 1-3 with 2 RBIs, and Kenzie Lee was 2-4 with 2 RBIs and a home run.

The next morning, the ladies started off well taking down West Port High School 15-2. Once again the bats were hot for Wakulla.

Kayla Hussey and Shelby Harrell were 3-5, with Hussey bringing in 3 runs. Kelbi Davis was 2-4 with 1 RBI. Kenzie Lee was 2-4 with 3 RBIs and Chris Romanus was 1-3 with 2 RBIs and a home run. Defense was perfect with no errors.

The last game of the day was against Fleming Island High School. A win would place the

Eagles in third place for the tournament but it was not meant to be. Kayla Hussey was 3-4, Shelby Harrell, 3-4 with 2 RBIs, Courtney Flowers 1-3 with 2 RBs and Ashley Laird was 2-4.

The War Eagles were behind 8-2 in the bottom of the seventh and came back 8-7 with a runner in scoring position at third with 2 outs but were unable to put the ball in play.

This tournament was pitched by our freshman pitcher Meghan Sarvis, who did a great job pitching in all four games. She was helped out by Shelby Harrell on the mound.

It was a great weekend and great practice leading up to districts which will be played in Suwannee County next week.

TRACK

War Eagles compete at Florida Relays

By PAUL HOOVER
WHS Track Coach

Five members of the WHS track team traveled to Gainesville on Thursday, April 4, to compete in arguably the largest and most competitive track meet in the state.

Although the weather forecasters were predicting heavy rain, wind and thunder showers, the athletes took a chance and made the trip anyway, and were greeted with partly cloudy skies and no rain. The excellent conditions and depth of competition led to some superlative performances.

The local contingent was once again led by Madison Harris in the 800 meters. She was seeded in section one, the fastest heat, and ran an excellent

time of 2:16.26, to finish in fifth place out of a total of 70 competitors.

The list of competitors included the winner, Dasha Rogers, from Plantation's American Heritage School, who is not only the leading 800 meter runner in the state, but is also ranked 7th in the nation in the event.

Rogers took the race out at an incredible pace. She went through the first 400 meters in 61 seconds and strung everyone else out behind her. Harris ran a more conservative first 400 and was toward the back of the pack at the halfway point, but she ran an excellent second half and worked her way up to fifth place and was closing fast, as the race ended.

From the results, it appears that Harris was the

highest placing runner from the Big Bend Area at this prestigious meet.

Sophomore Lydia Wiedeman also competed in the girls 800 meters and ran to a new personal record of 2:27.

Three WHS athletes competed in the 1600 meter run and all ran well. Senior Raychel Gray and junior Margaret Wiedeman both ran new personal records of 6:05 and 5:39 respectively.

Sophomore J.P. Piotrowski also had a good run, finishing in 4:55 just three seconds off his all time PR.

The local team enters post-season competition this Friday, April 12, with the District Meet at Florida High School in Tallahassee.

Wakulla's Robbie Coles making a name at FSU

Former Wakulla standout Robbie Coles is generating a lot of buzz as a closer for Florida State. Coles went to Chipola Junior College before transferring to FSU. Here he's on the mound warming up against Florida Gulf Coast University.



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Special to The News

FOOTBALL

Gridiron Booster Club seeks support

Special to The News

The Wakulla Gridiron Football Booster Club is gearing up for the 2013 football season!

We are all very excited about this upcoming season, and what we can accomplish for our team

this year.

The booster club provides support to players and coaches at Wakulla High by working to raise money to purchase much needed supplies, equipment, uniforms, and/or items beyond what the school's athletic budget

can provide.

The main sources of funding for the boosters are the sale of gridiron seats, sale of program ads, quarter sponsors at home games, meal events, and the sale of custom T-shirts, hats, and other items.

We have several different advertising packages available this year which include the End Zone Sponsor and Quarter Sponsor. These can be seen on our website wakullagridironclub.com or by contacting Kathi Douin at 850-519-6531.

Spring football kicks off May 1, and finishes with the annual Blue and White Game on May 18 and a spring game on May 23 in Ocala. The players will be walking in the Blue Crab

Parade on Saturday, May 4, and will be selling tickets to a chicken and rice dinner to go along with the Blue and White Game.

Gridiron members will also have a booth outside the festival where you can come and renew your seats for the year.

Please note that last year's season ticket holders must renew for the 2013 season no later than May 24 in order to keep their same seats. We are also now able to accept credit card payments.

The next booster club meeting will be held on Tuesday April 16 at 6 p.m. in the Wakulla High School Football Field House.

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Taking six warriors out fishing later this month

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On April 28, six warriors from Ft. Benning will be coming to Wakulla County for the week to fish and relax.

They will stay at the Wakulla Lodge and will be fishing three days with Capt. Mike McNamara with St. Marks Outfitters and myself, and I will have Capt. David Fife in boat with me.

I will take three one day and another three the next. There will be another boat following with medical personnel in case there are any emergencies that arise.

All of this is made possible with donations from members and business in the community and in order to bring more of our brave men and women here two fundraisers are coming up.

On April 19 at Southwood Golf and Country

Club the first Warrior Golf Classic will be held. The price is \$100 per player, which will include range balls, green fees, cart, lunch, barbecue dinner and admission to the concert that night to hear Tobacco Road.

I was given one of their CDs and I believe that before too long you will be hearing them on your favorite country radio station.

Tickets for the just the barbecue dinner and concert will be available also.

For more information you can contact Chris at (850) 284-7326 or clundstrom75@gmail.com.

For those of you who don't play golf, the first annual Warrior Bass Fishing Classic will be held the following day, April 20, at Ingrams Marina with weigh-in being pro-



From The Dock

BY CAPT. JODY CAMPBELL



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If you don't play golf and you don't fish but would like to make a donation to this great cause or be a sponsor of one of the holes at the golf course you can call Bill Russell at (850) 933-6500. Warriors and Quiet Waters is a 501(c)3 so your donations are tax deductible.

To finish out the weekend you can put up that bass boat and get in your

saltwater flats boat and fish in the Forgotten Coast Inshore Challenge on April 20 at Rock Landing Marina in Panama.

This is an inshore tournament with proceeds to benefit the Tallahassee Professional Firefighters including the North Florida Children's Burn Camp.

Local heroes competing in the State Police and Fire Olympics will also benefit. For more information call Lee Rutledge at (850) 251-2536.

On April 27 and 28 the fifth annual Rock

the Dock Fishing Tournament will be held at Rock Landing Maria in Panama. This is an inshore and offshore tournament with a recreational, kayak and youth category. There will be a captain's meeting on Friday, April 26 at the Gazebo next to Rock Landing Marina. Music will be provided by Tom and the Cats.

This tournament is drawing more and more interest each year and this promises to be the largest turnout yet. To register or for more information on tickets for raffles you can call Laurie at (850) 528-7610.

Now it's time to take the kids fishing. On May 18 the Wakulla Children's Fishing Tournament will be held. This tournament is free to all children and they hope to see all kids leave with a T-shirt and

door prize.

Last year all the kids left with a free rod and reel.

For a \$100 donation you can have your name or your company name printed on the back of the T-shirts to be given out.

All donations are welcome and you can send your check to Wakulla Children's Fishing Tournament, PO Box 349, Panama FL 32346 or call Ann Cooper at (850) 984-5501 or Peggy Bennett at (850) 926-7227 and they will arrange to have your donation picked up.

This is a non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible.

Captains are also needed to take some of the kids fishing.

Tight lines and good fishing!

Sharing with Patti the wonders of Wakulla

Last year my Patti came down to visit me in March, and left in early April and missed the blooming red bud and dogwood. She was too late.

This year, upon arriving April 5, she saw a few late blooming red bud and caught our dogwood perhaps just after it has peaked in blooming, yet still very much in show.

Fully a month later! The cherry blossom festivals up in the Washington, D.C. area are a month later too, and so when we drove yesterday down to Highway 67 north of Carrabelle to observe a spectacle we witnessed last year in early April, we were deprived of the show. In my opinion, this year we were too early!

Patti is a professional nature photographer, and was delighted last spring to find near the junction of Rock Landing Road (part of Tate's Hell State Forest) and Highway 67,

along the shoulder of 67 covered with blooming thistles, and "nectaring" on the thistle blossoms were hundreds of butterflies, often two or three butterflies per blossom!

And most were the lovely tiger swallowtail, or the every bit as big Palamedes swallowtail, a basically black butterfly.

The true smaller black swallowtail were all but lacking, while there were perhaps a couple of hundred Palamedes along about a mile of Highway 67.

This last Saturday we joined our local Florida Native Plant Society, Sarracena Chapter ("sarracena" being the generic name for the pitcher plants) on a field trip to the Sumatra area in extreme northwest Franklin County (west of our Wakulla County) along Highway 65 to observe some of these pitcher plants.

Last year (about now)

Wakulla Wildlife



BY GEORGE WEYMOUTH

the carnivorous yellow pitcher plants had already bloomed and lost their petals, and the most of tube-like leaves that trap insects were fully grown.

This year the leaves were just starting to develop, while the earlier blooms still had their petals, to Patti's delight.

They and the rose pitcher plants were producing spectacular blooms. So we lucked out there.

But we could have been unlucky, as a few of the 13 in our group came up on a cottonmouth moccasin, but spotted it before it struck. Cottonmouths and the little pygmy or ground rattlers, are always to be

concerned about, as well as diamondback rattlesnakes when walking in the pitcher plant bogs.

We found a small diamondback killed on the road latter that day.

Monday, on our way back to our home in the Smith Creek area, while still on Highway 67 about three miles from Forest Road 13, I saw and pointed out to Patti my first completely all-black Florida fox squirrel. I was excited!

I'd seen striped skunks in that part of the national forest, which are rare enough, and other color variations of fox squirrels, but never an all-black one.

What a beauty!

About four years ago, not a mile from home, I saw an all-black coyote, and that was neat enough - one never knows what you might see IF you're looking keenly.

Our home is in the national forest, and pretty much surrounded by pines. When Patti called me yesterday to look out our kitchen window at our bird feeders, I was surprised to see the first two indigo buntings I've ever seen on our property, as they prefer more open habitat.

They were in vivid blue plumage.

Which reminds me to remind you that in the next two or three weeks the neo-tropics - the songbirds that have been wintering in Central, and South America, and other points south - will be migrating (like the indigo buntings) across the Gulf, and through our area.

But, if a cold front

sweeps through, to avoid flying north into a headwind, many will "fall out" of the sky while migrating, and stop and feed until the north wind abates.

This coming Friday a cold front along with rain is predicted to pass through this area, and if you would enjoy identifying a variety of migrants, try to go to any coastal area where oaks are blooming like Bald Point State Park, the lighthouse by the coast in the St. Marks National Refuge, or the Youth Camp in the state park on St. George Island.

In a "fall out" you might see dozens of hummingbirds, perhaps half-dozen scarlet tanagers, rose-breasted grosbeaks, and yellow-billed cuckoos in one tree at once, as well as many species of warblers and other song birds passing through to nest in northern states and Canada.

This is Fire Awareness Week

Commissioner of Agriculture Adam H. Putnam and the Florida Forest Service are reminding Floridians to be extremely careful with fires outdoors as

the state's wildfire danger continues to increase.

This week is Wildfire Awareness Week, which recognizes wildfires that raged across Florida in

1998, burning more than 500,000 acres and damaging or destroying 337 homes and structures.

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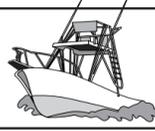
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Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



Thank you to Duane Treadon for submitting the following article this week.

This past Saturday several members of Flotilla 12 participated in one of our biggest Public Affairs events of the year, Springtime Tallahassee.

Work started early in the morning with set up beginning at 6:30 a.m. While the team was setting up our displays and preparing for the crowds, several interested people, coming early for get a good seat at the parade, stopped by.

Along with passing out safe boating information members discussed our upcoming About Boating Safely course being offered April 20 in Tallahassee. Several individuals and families expressed interest and took registration information.

There are still seats available for the class. Anyone interested can

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contact our Flotilla Staff Officer for Public Education by email at fso-pe@uscgaux.net or register online through our website www.uscgaux.net.

Being close to Monroe Street on Park Avenue was beneficial with many people coming by after the parade ended.

Kids were treated to a nautical arm stamp, stickers and coloring books.

There was even some time in the afternoon for kids and grownups alike to try their hand at tossing a heaving line.

By the end of the day

our members were tired but thankful for the many interested people who took the time to stop by and learn a tip or two on how to be a better and safer boater.

Throughout the day, members Tim Ashley, Raye Crews, David Guttman, Mike Harrison, Chuck Hickman, Larry Kolk, Dave Rabon and Duane Treadon all participated.

Fellow members Norma and Phil Hill also stopped by to offer support. The Hills were participating in another venue.

This weekend is equally busy: on Saturday, April 13, members will meet for our monthly meeting at the Naval Reserve Training Center in Tallahassee beginning at 9 a.m.

Also on Saturday several members will present a safe boating class to the Boy Scouts.

Details from both next week!

As Sherrie says, safe boating is no accident! Be prepared and be safe!

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

Please contact us for more information on a safe boating class at fso-pe@uscgaux.net.

Our next scheduled class is April 20.

Auxiliary at Springtime Tallahassee:



Chuck Hickman demonstrates the heaving line at the Auxiliary booth at Springtime Tallahassee.



David Guttman and Tim Ashley at Springtime Tallahassee.

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Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

Rain!

We hope the spring rains are over! While most terrestrial folks have seen yards and ditches fill with an abundance of water, the story is entirely different underwater.

Yes, we love the rain, but when the swamps overflow as they most certainly have done recently, the discharge finds its way into sinkholes that deliver these tannins and other organics into our caves.

Mind you, the residents of these caves are only too happy for the replenishment to their limited diet. Local caves are teeming with blind crayfish and amphipods foraging on the ceilings, walls and floors.

The Suwannee River rose so high that Peacock Springs State Park went underwater several weeks ago, backflushing their springs and caves. And nearly all the caves along the Suwannee are inundated.

Little River, a favorite county park was closed when river water covered most of the two stories of steps leading down to the waterfront. I met some desperate British cave divers who swam with a line tied to the flooded steps out into the park in search of the cave opening, which they did find. It was clear but with a low flow.

Manatee Springs, east of Tallahassee in Madison County, is also flooded. There are just too few sites left right now.

With the usual Spring Break diving tourists (many from Europe) arriving in the middle of our deluge, they found slim pickings at the usual dive sites.

In Wakulla County, the conduit running from Tallahassee to the Gulf of Mexico was very dark and flowing fast. I visited Emerald Sink and Whiskey Still Sink to witness these conditions myself.

Our visitors also inquired at Indian Springs, now under new ownership and management, to find conditions there deteriorated. So we sent them to Marianna and Jackson Blue Springs. All of the Merritt's Mill Pond dive sites are clear and busy for all divers (within their respective diving qualifications) this time of the year.

I have never been so busy with classes on cave and rebreathers during these flooding times. We trained continuously for six weeks either at Jackson Blue, Ginnie Springs east of us over by High Springs, Blue Grotto near Williston and Eagle's Nest north of Tampa.

We even made a dark dive in Squirrel Swamp near our facility.

One class stood out above all the rest. I trained four diving scientists from Bogota, Colombia on rebreathers.

They are marine biologists like myself, so we could relate to the many joys a rebreather will bring to their research. In spite of the long drives and challenging visibility, they mastered the skills and challenges required to continue their coral reef studies. They were not cold-acclimatized, we had a cold spring weather, and even our year around constant water temperature was a big strain on them.

We bundled them up as best as possible and they endured.

I have been advised to NOT bring a dry suit when, in September, I am to travel to Cartagena and join them on a coral spawn investigation.

Imagine a toasty south Caribbean ocean dive for four hours chasing coral gametes! Nothing could be finer.

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Law Enforcement and Courts reports

Sheriff's Report

On March 29, Sgt. Jeremy Johnston and deputies Cole Wells and Will Hudson investigated a 3:26 a.m. disturbance in Crawfordville. Several individuals were fighting and cursing and waking up the neighborhood. Richard Anthony Chadwell, 26, of Crawfordville pounded on the front door of one of the houses after being instructed to keep the peace by law enforcement. Chadwell refused to cooperate with law enforcement and was taken to the ground where he was restrained. He was arrested for disorderly intoxication and resisting arrest without violence. Alicia Lonnie Williams, 26, of Panama was arrested and charged with battery, battery on an officer, resisting an officer without violence and disorderly intoxication. Sgt. Jeremy Johnston was forced to use force to handcuff Williams. Williams had been in an altercation with another female at the time law enforcement arrived on scene.

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

MARCH 28

- Henry Macolly of Marietta, Ga. reported the theft of a vehicle tag. The tag was lost or stolen off a trailer. It was recovered in Crawfordville in a front yard near a roadway. Deputy Ward Kromer and Deputy Richard Moon investigated.

- Albert Ponder of Crawfordville and Susan Toole of Carrabelle were involved in a traffic crash in the parking lot of McDonald's. There were no injuries and minor damage was reported to each vehicle. Lt. Sherrell Morrison investigated.

- A 16-year-old female student at Wakulla High School was involved in a traffic crash with Nichole Williams of Crawfordville. The juvenile struck Williams' vehicle as she was attempting to leave the student parking area. There were no injuries and both vehicles were operable once released from the scene by Deputy Scott Rojas.

- Carl Roach of Crawfordville reported a fraud. IRS contacted the victim to let him know that his Social Security number was used to fraudulently file a tax return. The fraud may have originated in the Miami area. Deputy Cole Wells investigated.

- Blake Ross Nolin, 26, of Crawfordville was arrested for introduction of contraband into a correctional facility. Nolin was a trustee working on the road crew. When he was searched, tobacco was

located in his sock and a lighter was discovered in his cell. Deputy Cole Wells and Deputy Lisa Hummel investigated.

- Julia Crosby of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief. The victim's vehicle was damaged by a BB gun. Marks were observed on the side of the vehicle and a window was damaged. Deputy Cole Wells investigated.

MARCH 29

- Thomas Dustin Welch of Crawfordville and James Tyler Griner of Crawfordville were involved in a traffic crash on Shell Point Road. Neither driver reported any injuries. Deputy Nick Gray investigated.

- On March 29, Deputy Scott Powell investigated the death of an inmate at the Wakulla County Jail recreation yard. Jason Scott Harrell, 39, of Crawfordville was observed playing football before returning to a picnic table prior to collapsing. Jail medical staff responded to the scene along with Wakulla EMS who performed CPR. Harrell was transported to Capital Regional Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased. The inmate had a previous medical condition and the death was not suspicious. Detective Josh Langston, Sgt. Lorne Whaley and Detention Deputy David Lord also investigated.

- Gomez Carmelo Cruz of Kissimmee reported a brush fire at Bobo J Road and J&K Lane in Crawfordville. Cruz was burning logs and yard debris when the fire grew out of control. Wakulla County Firefighters and state forestry officials were called to the scene. Approximately four to five acres burned as a result of the fire. The victim's sewer line was damaged in the fire. Damage was estimated at \$300. The case was turned over to state forestry officials. Deputy Mike Zimba investigated.

- Vernie S. Hodges of Sopchoppy and Martin J. Harrington of Crawfordville were involved in a traffic crash at 4056 Crawfordville Highway. There were no injuries and minor damage to both vehicles. Deputy Gibby Gibson investigated.

- Deputy Vicki Mitchell worked a traffic crash at 28 Brown Blvd. in Crawfordville involving Peggy H. Harland of Crawfordville and Jeffrey R. Elkins of Crawfordville. There were no injuries.

MARCH 30

- Marjorie Larkin of Wakulla Springs State Park reported a structure

fire. Smoke was reported in the kitchen area. The fire originated from an electric skillet which had rags on it. Damage was estimated at \$2,000 and a fire sprinkler sprayed water over the entire room. The fire was ruled an accident. Deputy Gibby Gibson investigated.

- Wayne Rowlett of Bonifay reported a residential burglary in Panama. A forced entry was observed. A freezer was removed from the porch. Furniture, a television, ceiling fan and a sewing machine were missing from inside the home. Two toilets were stolen from the bathrooms and the stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer were also missing. The air conditioning unit was removed from outside the house. Tools were stolen from a shed following a forced entry. The value of the missing items was \$10,000. Deputy Stephen Simmons investigated.

- Michael Joseph Butler, 54, of Crawfordville was arrested for operating a motorcycle with a suspended license. Deputy Mike Zimba observed Butler stopped at a traffic light and knew Butler's license was suspended as a habitual offender. The motorcycle was turned over to a relative.

- Dr. Joseph Abal of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief. Someone shot the victim's mailbox with a shotgun. Damage was estimated at \$75. Deputy Vicki Mitchell investigated.

- Kenneth Adams of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief. A suspect, who was identified, damaged or removed four aluminum creations from the victim's property. The aluminum creations were valued at \$135. Deputy Gibby Gibson investigated.

MARCH 31

- Clifton Willard Smith, 51, of Crawfordville was arrested for knowingly operating a motor vehicle while license suspended or revoked. Smith was allegedly observed by Deputy Vicki Mitchell traveling at 53 miles per hour in a 35 mile per hour zone on U.S. Highway 319. It was determined that the driver's license was suspended for failure to pay a traffic fine in Leon County. He was issued a ticket for the speed infraction as well as the driver license charge.

- Jimmy Gibson of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary. An entry point was observed at the home, but the victim could not determine if anything was stolen from his home. A sus-

pect has been identified. Deputy Gibby Gibson investigated.

APRIL 1

- James Holland of Tallahassee reported a residential burglary in Sopchoppy. A forced entry was discovered at the home. The victim noted the loss of \$2,955 worth of property including musical instruments, tools, fishing equipment, household appliances and consumables. Damage to the home was estimated at \$220 and a suspect has been identified. Deputy Ian Dohme investigated.

- A 13-year-old male at Riversprings Middle School was found to be in possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana. A second 13-year-old male student accepted marijuana from the first 13-year-old and both students were issued civil citations with 32 hours of community service for possession of marijuana. Sgt. Ray Johnson investigated.

- Micah Glover of Tallahassee reported a credit card offense. The victim discovered unauthorized charges on his bank account. The charges were created at a Target in Mt. Kisco, N.Y. The charges totaled \$461. Deputy Ward Kromer investigated.

- Michael Crosby of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary. A forced entry was discovered and jewelry valued at \$300 was reported stolen. Deputy Ian Dohme investigated.

- Deputy Nick Gray was investigating a disturbance call when he observed individuals of interest pass him on the road. A traffic stop was conducted. Jimmie Ervin Gavin, 65, of Crawfordville failed to stop for the deputy when he first put his lights and siren on. Gavin didn't have a valid driver license and was arrested for driving while license suspended or revoked, habitual offender. A passenger in the vehicle had narcotics warrants out of Albany, Ga., but the arresting agency denied extradition.

- Tony Lay of Crawfordville and the Wakulla County Recreation Department reported a burglary at the recreation park. A concession stand was broken into and candy and soda were stolen. In addition, a restroom was also vandalized. The value of the stolen items was estimated at \$300. Deputy Elisee Colin investigated.

APRIL 2

- Danny Colvin of Crawfordville reported a fire involving a boat. A controlled burn was be-

ing conducted near the Crawfordville location where the boat was being stored but there was no evidence to suggest that the boat fire originated as a result of the controlled burn. There were no signs of foul play or arson. The property owner declined to report any property loss due to the condition of the boat. Deputy Ward Kromer investigated.

- Sally Hugo of Crawfordville reported a fraud. Someone used the victim's Social Security number to file a tax return. Deputy Nick Gray investigated.

APRIL 3

- Deputy Sean Wheeler observed a motorist driving erratically on Highway 267 as he nearly crashed into another motorist. The deputy conducted a traffic stop and determined that an 87-year-old motorist from New Port Richey was unable to determine where he was or where he was going. The motorist believed he was only a few blocks from his home. Deputy Wheeler called in EMS personnel to assist the driver to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital for medical care. The New Port Richey man's driver license was found to be invalid. His vehicle was stored at the WCSO until a family member could be located.

- Elaine Feehan of Eastpoint was involved in a single vehicle traffic crash at U.S. Highway 319 and U.S. Highway 98, also known as the Lower Y.

The driver damaged her vehicle and a yield sign. There were no injuries. Deputy Richard Moon investigated.

- Pamela Oliver of Crawfordville reported a fraud. Someone used the victim's Social Security number to file taxes. Deputy Scott Powell investigated.

- Martha Walter of Tallahassee and Belinda Morton of Fayetteville, Ga., were involved in a two vehicle traffic crash at New Light Church Road and U.S. Highway 319. Both vehicles received minor damage and there were no injuries. Deputy Gibby Gibson investigated.

- Catrina Haddock of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief. The victim was passing a school bus traveling in the opposite direction on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Road when an object struck her windshield causing it to break. Video evidence will be reviewed to determine if the object was thrown from the school bus. Damage was estimated at \$320. Sgt. Danny Harrell investigated.

- James Gatchell of Crawfordville reported shots being fired at a pet turkey near his home. The turkey is valued at \$100 and spent shotgun shell casings were recovered. Deputy Billy Metcalf investigated.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office received 1,119 calls for service during the past week.

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How to spot a green cleaner



GREEN LIVING

By SHELLEY SWENSON
Wakulla Extension Service

Knowing when a claim of being green is actually true and not an advertising ploy can be difficult if you are not armed with the knowledge of how to spot a green cleaner.

There are a few approaches to finding one, including using a third-party certification as a guide, reviewing the ingredients and product label and/or researching the company.

There are many different third-party certifications or ecolabels. Each certifier has a different set of standards to which they adhere. In the next few months, I will provide an overview of some of the popular labels to further your decision-making power.

The first to be discussed is the Design for the Environment label.

When you see the DfE logo on a product it means that DfE scientists have screened the product for both potential human health and environmental effects. Approximately 2,800 products have been labeled through this program. Based on currently available information, EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) experts consider that DfE-labeled

products:

- Are formulated from the safest possible ingredients. Through this program, they have increased the use of safer chemicals by hundreds of millions of pounds.

- Include the consideration of solvents, wetting agents and other surfactant ingredients.

- Are free from masked problematic chemicals including those that result from negative combinations of product components.

- Are screened for fragrances and dyes that may present health effects and recommends safer substitutes for problematic chemicals.

The DfE label is an easy way to know you are choosing products that is as safe as possible for both people and the environment.

For more information request the UF/IFAS EDIS Publication FCSS OH 2010 Cleaning and Sanitizing the Kitchen: Using Inexpensive Household Food-Safe Products.

Shelley Swenson is Wakulla County Family and Consumer Sciences Agent.



GREEN SCENE

In the garden now



Onions

Bunching onions produce tasty bulbs and greens which may be served cooked or in salads.

By LES HARRISON
and SHELLEY SWENSON

April 2013 has seen the arrival of the spring growing season for Wakulla County's gardeners. Cool evening temperatures and sufficient rain is keeping the remainder of the cool season vegetables going strong and offering the opportunity to plant for summer.

Onions are a common cool season root vegetable which grows well in local sandy soils. This native of central Asia handles north Florida's winters with scarcely a challenge to its hardy heritage.

Archaeologists estimate the onion has been cultivated for between 5,000 to 7,000 years. Its residue has been documented at bronze-age settlements.

The easy portability and long shelf-life have made onions a staple across the annals of many cultures through history. Their long ago uses extended beyond being a mere culinary choice.

The ancient Egyptians believed onions were a divinely inspired artifact symbolizing eternal life.

Pharaohs' tombs were supplied with a stock for the afterlife. Athletes in Greece and Rome used onions as a means of improving their competitiveness.

Medicinal attributes have long been attributed to onions. Baldness cures, headache relief, snakebite remedies and much more have included onions as part of the concoction.

While it is true that 21st century onions are found in the garden and pantry not the pharmacy, there is research evidence indicating some of the compounds they contain have a very positive effect on humans.

Onions are used in a variety of contemporary dishes. The bulb and the greens are used, and may be served cooked or uncooked.

Green onions have a short life for peak quality. They need to be refrigerated in a plastic bag for use as soon as possible.

Bulb onions can be stored at room temperature in legs of clean, sheer pantyhose or laid with space between for adequate air circulation. If stored in the hose, tie a knot between each and cut above the knot

when ready to use.

Onions can be preserved in a number of ways. Bulb onion can be frozen either whole or chopped, but they will not be crisp when defrosted. Onion rings can be prepared and frozen quickly on a tray before packaging.

Onions with a 1-inch diameter or less can be canned. They are considered a low-acid vegetable, so preserving under pressure is necessary. Onions are also considered very suitable for dehydrating.

There are currently two onion varieties in the UF/IFAS Wakulla County Extension demonstration garden. The first is Bejo Seed Company's Parade bunching onion, and there are open pollination red bulb onions.

To learn more about growing and using onions 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 Wakulla County Family and Consumer Sciences Agent.

Hardly clumsy, Bumblebees are natural pollinators



Natural wakulla

By Les Harrison

Bumble is an adjective which, at the very least, indicates a person or creature is not nimble. Bumble usually modifies an insult to compound its effect, such as bumbling fool, bumbling idiot, and so on.

Actors and actresses have made a career in the entertainment industry bumbling to the pleasure and amusement of their respective audiences. W.C. Fields, Don Knotts (Barney Fife) and even Sandra Bullock are just a few of the theatrical bumblebees.

Nature, however, does not tolerate bumbling. Clumsiness is a quick route to extinction.

It is a curious footnote that one of the most efficient native pollinators has been hung with the common name bumblebee. Florida has six different member of the Bombus family, three of which likely live in Wakulla County.

The name bumblebee may come from the corrupted Middle English term, "Humblebee."

It may be just as likely the name is a comment on the aerodynamic profile of the creature which moves in an ungainly fashion from flower to flower collecting nectar and pollen.

Bumblebees live in colonies which are commonly smaller in population than those of European honeybees. A mature bumblebee

nests will ordinarily hold fewer than 50 individuals.

Bumblebees differ from European honeybees in other traits too. The bumblebee queen emerges in the spring and begins collecting pollen and nectar from flowers.

She locates a suitable nest site which offers protection for her eggs and food stores in or near the ground. The initial nest construction is the responsibility of the single female.

When the eggs hatch, the larva feed on the reserves of nectar and pollen. They progress through four phases, getting larger with each molting. At the end of the fourth molt, the larvae spin silk cocoons under the wax covering the brood cells forming a pupa cells.

An adult bumblebee will emerge from the cocoon. The process from egg to adult bumblebee may take about five weeks.

Once enough worker bumblebees hatch, the queen focuses on egg production.

Unlike European honeybees, the worker bumblebees, can lay eggs which produce only male bees. The queen produces female worker bees and replacement queens.

At the end of the season, the new queens find a place to overwinter and are ready to start the pro-



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Aided by bristly hairs covering their bodies, bumblebees are prolific pollinators.

cess again in the spring. The colony will survive for only a single season leaving little evidence it ever existed.

Bumblebees are prolific pollinators, aided by their bristly hairs covering their bodies. While collecting pollen and nectar for their hive, they move pollen on their bodies to countless blooms.

Recent scientific re-

search has determined their incessant buzzing stimulates a reaction in some plants which promotes release of pollen and successful pollination.

Because of their buzz pollination capability and they have a one season life cycle which requires little human input, bumblebee swarms are frequently used in greenhouse veg-

etable production operations.

Sometimes bumblebees are confused with carpenter bees. While they look similar, they are a different genus.

Carpenter bees nest in wood and can be quite destructive to siding and structural lumber. They can be effective pollinators also.

To learn more about

bumblebees and other native pollinators in Wakulla County, contact your UF/IFAS Wakulla Extension Office at 850-926-3931 or <http://wakulla.ifas.ufl.edu>.

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April 11-18

Special Events

Thursday, April 11

• A HOME FOOD STORAGE SEMINAR will be held at 7 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Crawfordville. Topics to be covered are long term storage, pressure canning, vacuum sealed containers and cooking in solar ovens. Special guest is Lorraine Rosborough of Marianna. For more information contact 524-0784.

• BIG BEND GROUP OF THE SIERRA CLUB will hold a discussion on ecosystem recovery in our community and region with John David Tobe, PhD, Director of Conservation and Restoration for Ecological Resource Consultants, Inc. Light dinner and meet and greet 6:30 p.m., lecture begins at 7 pm. Amtrak Building Community Room, 918 Railroad Ave, Tallahassee.

• Wakulla County United Way Campaign Awards Breakfast will be held from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. at Capital City Bank, 2592 Crawfordville Hwy.

• UF/IFAS Extension Office presents a workshop teaching the basics of growing herbs. It will include site selection, irrigation, pest control, harvesting and storage. To register call 926.3931.

Saturday, April 13

• WORM GRUNTER'S 5K RUN is being held as part of the 13th Annual Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival which will be held in downtown Sopchoppy. Pre-race registration will begin at 7:30am, and the 5K race will start at 8:30am.

• 13TH ANNUAL WORM GRUNTING Festival will be held in downtown Sopchoppy. There will be live music and other entertainment, games for children and adults, the Worm Gruntin' Contest, the Wakulla County Horseshoe Championship, a Hula Hoop Contest and much more. The event begins at 9 a.m.

Monday, April 15

• A BLOOD DRIVE will be held at Walgreens in Crawfordville from 2 p.m. to 6:00 pm. All donors will receive a \$10 gift card

for donating from Walgreens.

Tuesday, April 16

• THE SARRACENIA CHAPTER of the Florida Native Plant Society meets Tuesday, Apr. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at Wakulla Public Library. Miranda Stuart of the National Park Service, will present "Managing Fire; Managing With Fire." The topic deals with many aspects of application of fire on the land for preservation of ecosystems. The public is invited.

Saturday, April 20

• TRADITIONS DINNER DANCE welcomes the Tallahassee Swing Band to the Wakulla Lodge. There will be two seatings for dinner. Reservations are recommended through the Wildlife Festival web site wakullawildlife festival.org. Tickets are \$39 per person.

• ST. MARK'S YACHT CLUB hosts national film expert, Professor Frank Patterson, Dean of the FSU College of Motion Picture Arts, at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Betty Ann Korzeny will conduct an interview with him during the Close and Personal Spotlight Event at the Yacht Club.

• WAKULLA WILDLIFE FESTIVAL, a celebration of outdoor activities and area heritage, will be held at Wakulla Spring Lodge from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Local artists will offer creations showcasing the wildlife and heritage of the Big Bend Region. Live music begins in the Lodge at noon featuring folk music, Appalachian Clogging, and Bluegrass.

• THE FSU COASTAL & MARINE Laboratory's Spring Open House will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will include tours of the new 65-ft. research vessel, the RV APALACHEE, interactive displays by scientists, silent auction and food by Seineyard.

• HEIDE'S 17TH ANNUAL ROSE Sale will be held Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 382 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville. Proceeds to go the CHAT Adoption Center to provide food, medicines, vaccinations, and vet expenses for animals at the adoption center. Three gallon containers will be sold for \$8 each or three for \$21.

Tuesday, April 23

• WAKULLA COUNTY RESTORE ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE will conduct a public meeting at 6 p.m. at the Apalachee Bay Volunteer Fire Department at Shell Point.

• THE WAKULLA COUNTY DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE TASK FORCE AND REFUGE HOUSE, INC present guest speaker, Alesia Adams, Services Coordinator Against Human and Sexual Trafficking, at the First Baptist Church of Crawfordville at noon. Call 926-9005 for more information.

Saturday, April 27

• NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS presents Third Annual Triple Crown Derby Fundraiser starting at 5 p.m. Sponsor a Wakulla County celebrity and watch the races at Camp Indian Springs



FILE PHOTO

Worm grunting contestants work hard at last years event. The 13th Annual Worm Grunting Festival will be held in downtown Sopchoppy Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m.

Equestrian Center on Bloxham Cutoff Road. BBQ dinner to follow. \$20 for adults, \$7 for children ages 7 • 15, children 6 and under free. Sponsorship does not include tickets to the event.

• VOLUNTEER WAKULLA presents the Sixth Annual Make A Difference Day from 9 a.m. – noon, Learn how to create your own hurricane disaster kit at the livestock pavillion.

• VAUSE REUNION, Ancestors of Ephraim Vause and Margaret Revell Vause will hold a reunion at the Pee Wee Vause Farm in Crawfordville. The event begins with registration at 10:30 a.m. and lunch at noon. Please bring a covered dish to share. For more information contact Claxton Vause at 962-2371.

Tuesday, May 7

WAKULLA COUNTY RESTORE ACT

ADVISORY COMMITTEE will conduct a public meeting at 6 p.m. at Sopchoppy City Hall. This meeting is 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.

Saturday, May 18

FRIENDS OF WAKULLA SPRINGS STATE PARK will host the annual Wakulla Springs 5K run through "the sanctuary," a wilderness area of the state park not open to the general public. Registration begins at 7 a.m., One mile fun run begins at 8 a.m., 5K begins at 8:30 a.m. Find early registration information at www.wakullasprings.org/projects.html. Wakulla Springs State Park, 465 Wakulla Park Drive (15 miles south of Tallahassee on SR 267.)

Week in Wakulla

Learn about herbs at the UF/IFAS Extension Office, starts at 6 p.m.

Thursday

Worm Grunter's 5K Run starts at 8:30 a.m, registration starts at 7:30 a.m.

Saturday

Florida Native Plant Society hosts talk by Miranda Stuart at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Mah Jongg Club meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Precinct 7 voting house.

Tuesday

Weekly meetings

Government Meetings

Thursday, April 11

- ST. MARKS CITY COMMISSION will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. at city hall.
- TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL will hold its regular meeting at 8 a.m. at Wakulla Welcome Center.

Monday, April 15

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

Monday, May 16

- WAKULLA COUNTY COMMISSION will hold its regular meeting at 5 p.m. at commission chambers.

Clubs, Groups, Regular Meetings

Thursday, April 11

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 6 p.m. at the 26 Walker Street, Panama. For more information call 524-9103.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 8 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadenville Highway. Call 544-0719 for more information.
- WAKULLA COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets in the Education Center of the Crawfordville United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. The group meeting is for men and women, regardless of the type of cancer. For more information, call 926-6050.
- COASTAL OPTIMIST CLUB will meet at noon at Posey's Steam Room in Panama.
- FAMILY TO FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP will meet at 6 p.m. at the NAMI Wakulla office.
- ROTARY CLUB meets at the senior center at noon.
- WAKULLA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 24 High Drive, Crawfordville.
- NAMI FAMILY TO FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP will meet at 6 p.m. at the NAMI Wakulla office, 2140-C Crawfordville Highway. This group is for family members and friends of people diagnosed with mental illnesses and is free of charge.

Friday, April 12

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 8 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. Call 545-1853 for

more information.

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

Saturday, April 13

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 5:30 p.m. at Mission by the Sea Church on Alligator Drive in Alligator Point. Call 545-1853 for more information.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 8 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadenville Highway. Call 544-0719 for more information.
- NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 3106 Shadenville Highway, across from the volunteer fire department, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 224-2321.
- SOPCHOPPY GROWERS MARKET will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of Posh Java, Organics & Gifts, on the corner of Rose St. and Winthrop Ave., in downtown Sopchoppy. The market features locally grown organic produce and other food items. To participate in the market, contact Posh Java at 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, April 14

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 6 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. For more information, call
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Monday, April 15

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- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS FOR WOMEN will meet at 6 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. For more information call 545-1853.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 6 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadenville Highway. Call 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.
- 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 984-5277.

Tuesday, April 16

- ALANON meets at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville at noon.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 6 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadenville Highway. Call 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 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, April 17

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at Ochlockonee Bay UMC on Surf Road at noon.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 8 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadenville Highway. Call 544-0719 for more information.
- BOOK BABIES, storytime with activities for toddlers, will be held at the public library at 10:30 a.m.
- BRAIN GYM CLASS will be held at the senior center at 10:30 a.m.
- KNITTING GROUP meets at the public library from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For information, call 491-1684.
- LINE DANCING will be held at the senior center at 2 p.m.
- NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 6:30 p.m. at 8:30 p.m. at the NAMI Wakulla, 2140-C Crawfordville Highway. Call

- 224-2321 for more information.
- BEADING CLASSES with Tamara will be held at 12:45 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Choose from glass and stone beads to create your masterpiece. There is a \$3 to \$5 fee for the materials.
- KNITTING CLUB will meet at 4 p.m. at the public library. Anyone interested in the art of knitting are encouraged to attend.
- Mah Jongg Club meets every Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Precinct 7 voting house on Whiddon Lake Road. Newcomers are welcome; you do not need to know how to play.

Thursday, April 18

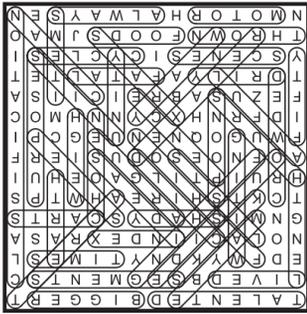
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Monday, April 22

- NAMI of Wakulla presents Jennifer Barr with Apalachee Task Force, discussing the topic of Suicide at 6:30 p.m. Open to the public at no cost. Crawfordville Women's Club. For more info call 926-1033.

Thinking OUTSIDE the Book

- Acres
- Always
- Argue
- Awful
- Bigger
- Carts
- Child
- Chosen
- Classifica-
- tion
- Clean
- Crest
- Crowded
- Cycles
- Drily
- Earth
- Fashion
- Fatal
- Fifty
- Fishing
- Foods
- Hours
- Ideas
- Index
- Items
- Kicks
- Length
- Segments
- Shady
- Sheep
- Spoons
- Talented
- Thrown
- Times
- Lists
- Lived
- Maybe
- Motor
- Outside
- Pence
- Purposes
- Relaxed
- Scenes
- Units
- Unity
- Waiting
- Weary
- Weigh
- X-rays



Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS - BOYS' NICKNAMES

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

3 Letters

ALF
JOE
MAL
TOM
ZAK

4 Letters

CHAZ
CLEM
EDDY
LINC
LUKE
NATE
THEO
WALT

5 Letters

ERNE
MIKEY
NICKY
OZZIE
TERRY

6 Letters

WILLIE

7 Letters

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GEORGIE
JOHNNIE

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Even Exchange

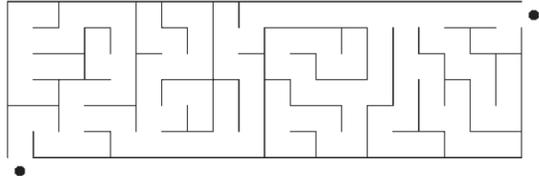
by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Bed linen	___ H ___	Sugary	___ W ___
2. Stiletto	___ G ___	Peril	___ N ___
3. Dish	___ T ___	Location	___ C ___
4. Kit or Johnny	C ___	Cleric	P ___
5. Flag	___ N ___	Teasing	___ T ___
6. Popular parrot name	P ___	Happy like St. Nick	J ___
7. Graph	___ T ___	Good-luck token	___ M ___
8. Agile	___ I ___	Walk heavily	___ U ___
9. Point of view	___ G ___	Leg joint	___ K ___
10. Restaurant bills of fare	___ U ___	Repairs	___ D ___

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Kids' Maze



Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

DAY LIGHT! Ask a friend to pick a day of the week at random by number (Sun. is 1, Mon. is 2, Tues. is 3, etc.). Then ask the person to perform the following arithmetic: Multiply the selected number by 3, add 1, multiply by 3 again, and add the original number. Upon learning the result, you will be able to tell the day selected. It will always be indicated by the left-hand digit of the resulting total. Give it a try.

GARDEN SPOT! Find the name of a flower among letters of these statements: 1. Hilda is your best prospect. 2. Li yawned several times. 3. Igor chided his friend. Time limit: 1 minute each.

PENCIL-DOODLE SIDE SHOW

WELL, what do you know, there's a circus in town, and you can arrange for a star performer to be seen. How so? Simply draw lines to comply with these number and letter coordinates: Start at I-5, draw to H-4, to H-5, to I-6, to K-6, to K-7, to L-7. Begin anew at K-7, draw to J-7, to J-11. Add J-7 to G-7. Draw from H-7 to G-8, to D-9, to F-11, to D-11, B-9. Draw from D-11, to A-9, to A-7, to B-5, to F-1, to H-1 to I-4. Finish by drawing from H-2 to E-4, to F-2. Use a sharp pencil. Add colors if you choose.

FIND TWINS! Two of the racing figures above look enough alike to be twins. Which two? That's for you to decide.

MAY, HEY!

Say hey, it's May! Let's have an old-fashioned Maypole dance. Color code: 1—Red. 2—Lt. blue. 3—Yellow. 4—Lt. brown. 5—Flesh tones. 6—Lt. green. 7—Dk. brown. 8—Purple.

SPELLBINDER

SCORE 10 points for using all the letters in the word below to form two complete words:

CLEANSER

THEN score 2 points each for all words of four letters or more found among the letters.

Try to score at least 50 points.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF

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. Lamp is missing. 2. Hat is smaller. 3. Briefcase wheel is different. 4. Mailbox is missing. 5. Mail is missing. 6. Bill dip is missing.

Kids' Maze Solution

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Sun 14th 12pm-3pm
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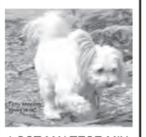
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Relay For Life Garage Sale

April 13, 68 Lamar Ct. 8:00-noon.
Multi-Family. Household items, toys, movies, clothes, and much more.

Pets



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Crawfordville, FL 32327
850-926-7698
April 11, 2013

Self Storage Notices

5621-0418 TWN Sale-Crawfordville Self Storage 4/27/13
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is given pursuant to Florida Self-Storage Facility Act, Florida Statutes, Chapter 83, Part IV that Crawfordville Self Storage will hold a sale by sealed bid on Saturday, April 27, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at 3291 Crawfordville Hwy. of the contents of Mini-Warehouse containing personal property of: **Leslie Carnes Emily Nipper**
Before the sale date of Saturday, April 27, 2013, the owners may redeem their property by a payment of the outstanding balance and cost by paying in person at 3291 Crawfordville Hwy. April 11 & 18, 2013

Self Storage Notices

5622-0418 TWN PUBLIC NOTICE
Seminole Self Storage LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN PURSUANT TO FLORIDA SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT, FLORIDA STATUTES, CHAPTER 83, PART IV THAT SEMINOLE SELF STORAGE WILL HOLD A SALE BY SEALED BID ON **APRIL 26, 2013 at 11:00am** AT 2314 CRAWFORDVILLE HWY, CRAWFORDVILLE, FLORIDA 32327. OF THE CONTENTS OF MINI-WAREHOUSE CONTAINING THE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF: **CARRY MILLER REBA MCKENZIE LES BROWN**
Before the sale date of APRIL 26, 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. APRIL 11 & 18, 2013

Self Storage Notices

5619-0411 TWN PUBLIC NOTICE
REGISTRATION AND NOTICE TO SHOW CAUSE
Pursuant to Section 98.075(2), Florida statutes, notice is given to the following person(s) to show cause why they should not be disqualified as a registered voter.
William A.V. Clark
Last known address of: 1327 Spring Creek Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327
Michael J. Butler
Last known address of: 463 Quail Run, Crawfordville, FL 32327

Misc. Notices

5619-0411 TWN PUBLIC NOTICE
REGISTRATION AND NOTICE TO SHOW CAUSE
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Henry F. Wells, Wakulla County Supervisor of Elections
P. O. Box 305 Crawfordville, Florida, 32326
April 11, 2013

Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices

5612-0411 TWN
vs. *Bailey, Charles* Case No. 65-2011-CA-000009 Notice of Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 65-2011-CA-000009
CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,
v. CHARLES T. BAILEY; PAMELA J. BAILEY; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; AND TENANT 1 N/K/A KENT MARLOW, Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 25, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 65-2011-CA-000009 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 16th day of May, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at the front door of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT 29 CASORA ESTATES UNIT NO. 1 (UNRECORDED); COMMENCE AT A 6 INCH ROUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (WITH BRASS CAP) MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 90, (ALSO BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 85) OF THE HARTSFIELD SURVEY OF LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN NORTH 72 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 48 SECONDS EAST 274.40 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE RUN NORTH 16 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 755.26 FEET TO A 4 INCH BY 4 INCH CONCRETE MONUMENT LYING ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY OF RUTLAND ROAD FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING AND LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY RUN SOUTH 72 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST 428.94 FEET TO A ONE INCH IRON PIPE, THENCE RUN NORTH 17 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST 243.32 FEET TO A 4 INCH BY 4 INCH CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #679), THENCE RUN NORTH 72 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST 429.99 FEET TO A 4 INCH BY 4 INCH CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #679) LYING ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF RUTLAND ROAD, THENCE RUN SOUTH 16 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 243.98 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2.40 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, TOGETHER WITH A 1995 FLEETWOOD MOBILE HOME, ID GAFLR75A61585WE, FLORIDA TITLE NO. 47119525.
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.
ATTENTION: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Danny Davis, Court Technology Office
301 S. Monroe Street, Room 225, Tallahassee, FL 32303 Phone: (850) 577-4401
DATED AT CRAWFORDVILLE, FLORIDA THIS 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 2013
BRENT X. THURMOND, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
(SEAL)
April 4 & 11, 2013 FL-97004559-10 By: /s/ Desiree D. Willis.

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5607-0411 TWN
 Vs. Crowe, Kasie Case No. 09-444 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. 09-444 FC, UCN: 652009CA00044XXXXXX
 BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 KASIE D. CROWE; LEANDRA J. CROWE; 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 in the Front Foyer of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327 Court, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 16th day of May, 2013 the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated March 21, 2013 and entered in Case No. 09-444 FC, UCN: 652009CA00044XXXXXX of the Circuit Court in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP is Plaintiff and KASIE D. CROWE, LEANDRA J. CROWE, 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 in the Front Foyer of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327 Court, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 16th day of May, 2013 the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:
 Defendants.

LOT 18, BLOCK "F" OF SONGBIRD, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 88-92 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
 DATED AT Crawfordville, Florida, on March 21, 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
 April 4 & 11, 2013

5614-0418 TWN
 Vs. Coulliette, Steven Case #12-351-CA Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 12-351-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, a foreign banking corporation,
 Plaintiff,
 v.
 STEVEN EDWIN COULLIETTE, et al.
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 20, 2013 entered in Case No. 12-351-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein CENTENNIAL BANK is the Plaintiff, and STEVEN EDWIN COULLIETTE and MICHELE COULLIETTE, husband and wife, AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS 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 o'clock a.m. on May 16, 2013 the following described property as set forth in said Partial 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 20th day of March, 2013.
 BRENT X THURMOND, Clerk of Circuit Court

(seal) By:/s/ Tamika Peterson As Deputy Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"
 Begin of the Southwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Lot 35 of the Hartsfield Survey of Lands of Wakulla County, Florida and from said point run North 71 degrees 15 minutes 30 seconds East 905.2 feet to an iron pin on the Westerly right-of-way of State Road No. 365 and thence North 08 degrees 02 minutes 30 seconds East 252.59 feet to a point which is the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING run South 70 degrees 35 minutes West 166.69 feet to a point, thence North 19 degrees 25 minutes West 140.0 feet to a point, thence North 70 degrees 35 minutes East 239.44 feet to a point on the Westerly right-of-way of State Road No. 365, thence South 08 degrees 02 minutes 50 seconds East (spelled as written) should read 08 degrees 02 minutes 50 seconds East 157.77 feet) along said right-of-way to a point which is the POINT OF BEGINNING. Otherwise described as Lot Number 12, Block "D" of an unrecorded Plat of the above described land.
 April 11 & 18, 2013

5609-0411 TWN
 V. McReynolds, Deborah Case No. 65-2011-CA-000302 Notice of Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 65-2011-CA-000302

CITIMORTGAGE, INC. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC.,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 DEBORRAH M. MCREYNOLDS A/K/A DEBORRAH MCREYNOLDS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DEBORRAH M. MCREYNOLDS A/K/A DEBORRAH MCREYNOLDS; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S); IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); CACH, LLC; GE MONEY BANK; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTOR, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;
 Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Wakulla County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Wakulla County, Florida, described as:

Beginning at a stob or stake two (2) chains and 89 links North of house on the East side of public road leading from Sopchoppy to Ashmore, and thence running in an Easterly direction the distance of ten (10) chains to a stake; thence South the distance of ten (10) chains; thence West to the public road a distance of approximately ten (10) chains; thence North along public road above referred to a distance of ten (10) chains and/or to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said land lying and being in the Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 5 South, Range 3 West and in the East Half of Southwest Quarter of Section 6, Township 5 South, Range 2 West, in Wakulla County, Florida.

To include a:
 1969 CRMD VIN 02SFK12W0E1821G 0003589949
 1972 FERN VIN 48121794F 0005562884
 A/K/A 367 Pullback Rd, Sopchoppy, FL 32358

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Lobby of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327 at 11:00 o'clock, A.M., on May 16, 2013.

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.
 Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 21st day of March, 2013.
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By:/s/ Desiree D. Willis, Deputy Clerk

(SEAL)
 THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY:
 Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra
 9204 King Palm Drive, Tampa, FL 33619-1328
 Attorneys for Plaintiff

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 April 4 & 11, 2013

5613-0411 TWN
 vs. Teuton, John Case No. 65-2012-CA-000469 Notice of Action
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 65-2012-CA-000469

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST JOHN M. TEUTON A/K/A JOHN MCQUAIG TEUTON A/K/A JOHN Q. TEUTON, DECEASED , et al.,
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST JOHN M. TEUTON A/K/A JOHN MCQUAIG TEUTON A/K/A JOHN Q. TEUTON, DECEASED
 LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
 CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS
 LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
 CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in WAKULLA County, Florida:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, (SAID POINT BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LANDS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 267, PAGE 297 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA) AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST 190.06 FEET ALONG SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST 111.74 FEET, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 92, PAGE 590 OF SAID PUBLIC RECORDS, A DISTANCE OF 268.78 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST 110.88 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID PROPERTY RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 267, PAGE 297 OF SAID PUBLIC RECORDS; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST 268.97 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND BEING SUBJECT TO THAT PORTION LYING WITHIN THE MAINTAINED RIGHT OF WAY OF RICHARDSON ROAD.
 TOGETHER WITH A 2005 DEIST MOBILE HOME ID NO.S DISH00856A AND DISH00856B, TITLE NO. 92579957 AND 92579634.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 4919 Memorial Highway, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.
 This notice shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in The Wakulla News.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 25th day of March, 2013.
 Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of the Court
 (SEAL)

By:/s/ Desiree D. Willis, As Deputy Clerk
 Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.
 P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
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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.
 April 4 & 11, 2013

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

5603-0411 TWN
 vs. Sullivan, Roger Case No. 652012CA000117 Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 65-2012-CA-000117
 THE BANK OF AMERICA, N.A
 Plaintiff
 v.
 ROGER BRIAN SULLIVAN; HEBBA ALI SULLIVAN ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS,
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order on Plaintiff's Motion to Reschedule foreclosure Sale dated March 19, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 65-2012-CA-000117 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 9th day of May, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at the front door of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 34, OF THE REFUGE AT PANCEA, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 18-22 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

ATTENTION: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Susan Wilson, ADA Coordinator, 301 S Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301 (850) 577-4401; at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

DATED AT CRAWFORDVILLE, FLORIDA THIS 19TH DAY OF MARCH, 2013.
 BRENT X. THURMOND
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

(SEAL) By:/s/ Desiree D. Willis, Deputy Clerk

April 4 & 11, 2013 FL-97011069-11

5602-0411 TWN
 Vs. Tucker, Angela Case No. 65-2011-CA-000022 Notice of Resched Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO: 65-2011-CA-000022

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 ANGELA TUCKER F/K/A ANGELA NICOLE ROBERSON A/K/A ANGELA N. ROBERSON, et al.,
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY PURSUANT to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated March 19 2013, and entered in Case No. 65-2011-CA-000022 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida in which Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., is the Plaintiff and Angela Tucker f/k/a Angela Nicole Roberson a/k/a Angela N. Roberson, Timothy L. Tucker, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Capital One Home Loans, Inc., Tenant 1 n/k/a Terry Curtis, Tenant 2 n/k/a Nina Curtis, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the front lobby of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, Wakulla County, Florida at 11:00AM EST on the 9th day of May, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 15 AND THE SOUTH ONE-HALF OF LOT 14, BLOCK 58, WAKULLA GARDENS UNIT FOUR, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 46, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA A/K/A 60 PROVO PLACE, 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 60 days after the sale.
 Dated in Wakulla County, Florida this 19th day of March, 2013.

Clerk of the Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida
 (SEAL) By:/s/ Desiree D. Willis, Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law, Attorney for Plaintiff
 P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623
 (813) 221-4743

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding at the Office of the Wakulla County Clerk of Court, 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327; Telephone: (850) 926-0905; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), via Florida Relay Service. To file response please contact Wakulla County Clerk of Court, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327; Tel: (850) 926-0905; Fax: (850) 926-0901.
 April 4 & 11, 2013 10-66647

5615-0418 TWN
 Vs. Phillips, James Case No. 65-2010-CA-000252 Notice of Resched Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, CASE NO: 65-2010-CA-000252

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST 2006-HE2, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-HE2,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JAMES W. PHILLIPS, et al.,
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY PURSUANT to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated March 13, 2013, and entered in Case No. 65-2010-CA-000252 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida in which U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Trust 2006-HE2, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-HE2, is the Plaintiff and James W. Phillips, Rebekah Taylor, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Cnniti Mortgage Solutions, Inc., a California Corporation, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the front lobby of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, Wakulla County, Florida at 11:00AM EST on the 2nd day of May, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOTS 15 & 16, BLOCK 18, 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 161 RENEGADE 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 60 days after the sale.
 Dated in Wakulla County, Florida this 13th day of March, 2013.

Clerk of the Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida
 (SEAL) By:/s/ Desiree D. Willis, Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law, Attorney for Plaintiff
 P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623
 (813) 221-4743

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding at the Office of the Wakulla County Clerk of Court, 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327; Telephone: (850) 926-0905; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), via Florida Relay Service. To file response please contact Wakulla County Clerk of Court, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327; Tel: (850) 926-0905; Fax: (850) 926-0901.
 April 11 & 18, 2013 10-39092

5616-0418 TWN
 vs. Seale, Deborah Case No. 65-2009-CA-000259 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.: 65-2009-CA-000259

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 DEBORAH SEALE, et al.,
 Defendant(s).

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated March 24, 2010 and entered in Case No. 65-2009-CA-000259 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and DEBORAH SEALE, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the

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LOT 9, BLOCK D OF SPRINGWOOD PHASE I, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 74-75, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 2004 CLAYTON MFG HOME SERIAL NUMBER WHC013875GA
 A/K/A 38 AUTUMN WOODS WAY, 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 March 11, 2013.
 Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of the Circuit Court
 (SEAL)

By:/s/ Tamika Peterson, Deputy Clerk
 Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.
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 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
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 April 11 & 18, 2013 F09067274

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

5608-0411 TWN
 vs. Levering, Francis Case No. 2009-CA-000512 Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION, CASE NO. 2009-CA-000512
 Citimortgage, Inc.,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 Francis L. Levering; Myrna Y. Miranda-Levering a/k/a Myrna Levering; Old Courthouse Square Homeowners' Association, Inc.; Escambia County Housing Finance Authority
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 21, 2013 entered in Case No. 2009-CA-000512 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein Citimortgage, Inc. is the Plaintiff and Francis L. Levering; Myrna Y. Miranda-Levering a/k/a Myrna Levering; Old Courthouse Square Homeowners' Association, Inc.; Escambia County Housing Finance Authority are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, beginning at 11:00 AM on the 6th day of June, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 23, OLD COURTHOUSE SQUARE REPLAT, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 102, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Dated this 21st day of March, 2013.
 Brent Thurmond, As Clerk of the Court
 (SEAL)

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

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 April 4 & 11, 2013

5604-0411 TWN
 vs. Love, Laurie Case No. 65 2011 CA 000099 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-000099

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,
 Plaintiff,
 v.
 LAURIE TEMES LOVE; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS,
 Defendant(s).

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 NOTICE IS HEREBY PURSUANT to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 20, 2013 entered in Case No. 2009-CA-000099 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein Citimortgage, Inc. is the Plaintiff and Francis L. Levering; Myrna Y. Miranda-Levering a/k/a Myrna Levering; Old Courthouse Square Homeowners' Association, Inc.; Escambia County Housing Finance Authority are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, beginning at 11:00 AM on the 6th day of June, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 25, EDGEWOOD SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 83, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property Address: 138 EDGEWOOD DRIVE, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327

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Dated in Wakulla County, Florida this 19th day of March, 2013.
 Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida
 (SEAL) By:/s/ Desiree D. Willis, Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law, Attorney for Plaintiff
 P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623
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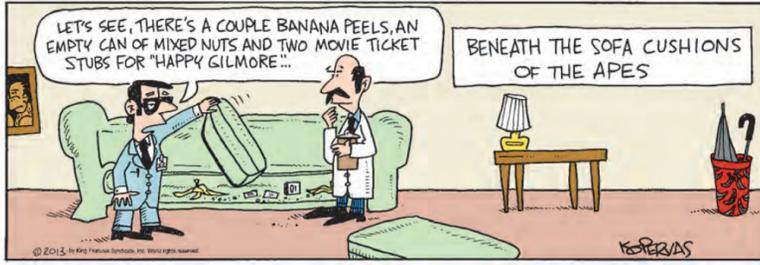
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AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



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by Gary Kopervas



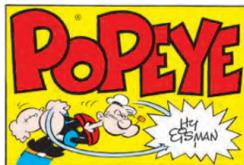
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SCRAMBLERS

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!

Peek

CLANGE

Stab

RECIPE

Control

SHALE

Correct

REPPOR

"We've got to stop seeing each other like this, Debra—I hate _____"

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.

NU HQBMP ANU MJAUL
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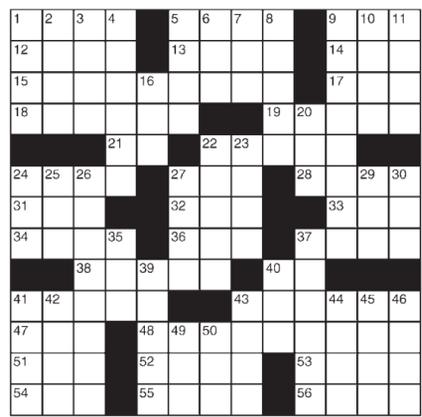


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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Employer
- 5 Tulip, at first
- 9 Pair
- 12 Pulitzer winner
- 13 Sandwich treat
- 14 Disencumber
- 15 Ornamentations
- 17 Fuss
- 18 Soap opera, e.g.
- 19 Bank job, e.g.
- 21 Lumberjack's need
- 22 India's first prime minister
- 24 Picnic invaders
- 27 "30 Rock" star
- 28 Recognize
- 31 Round Table address
- 32 Director Spike —
- 33 Dead heat
- 34 Thick chunk
- 36 Toss in
- 37 Snatched
- 38 High heels, often
- 40 Battery size
- 41 Void
- 43 Big step
- 47 Evening hour, in a



- 29 OPEC export
- 30 Tie the knot
- 35 However
- 37 Burroughs hero
- 39 Legends
- 40 Noshed
- 41 Satanic
- 42 Calf-length
- 43 Name for a Dalmatian
- 44 New Rochelle school
- 45 "My Heart Will Go On" singer
- 46 Writer Ferber
- 49 — Speedwagon
- 50 Remark from 43-Down

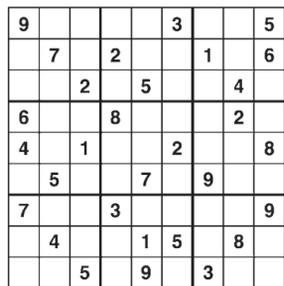
DOWN

- 1 Crazy
- 2 Shrek, e.g.
- 3 Burn some
- 4 Brownish photo hues
- 5 Reach 212 degrees F.
- 6 Grecian

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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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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LANGUAGE: In English slang what are plimsolls?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capita of India?
3. HISTORY: In what year were East Germany and West Germany unified?
4. MUSIC: Who composed the oper "The Barber of Seville"?
5. ANATOMY: What is a synapse?
6. ART: What are putti?
7. QUOTES: Who said, "Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel."
8. NATURAL WORLD: What kind of creature is a merganser?
9. CELEBRITIES: What was Bot Hope's real first name?
10. LITERATURE: Who wrote "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



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. Lamp is missing. 2. Hat is missing. 3. Release word is missing. 4. Hatbox is missing. 5. Hat is missing. 6. Hat tip is missing.

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: A equals P

RVTK ATGAYT SGFFIKNSMPT DNM
JNZK YMKZIMZT, N RGIYU JME
PVTE'OT OTSTNDNKZ JNZKMYJ
UNZNPMYYE.

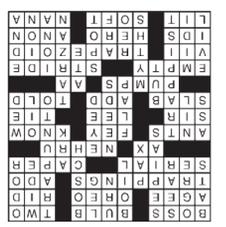
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SHOPPING

Today's Word:
3. Leash; 4. Proper;

SCRAMBLERS

1. Glance; 2. Pierce;



Solution time: 25 mins.

King Crossword

Answers

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

Weekly SUDOKU

Answers

CryptoQuip

When people communicate via sign language, I would say they're receiving signals digitally.

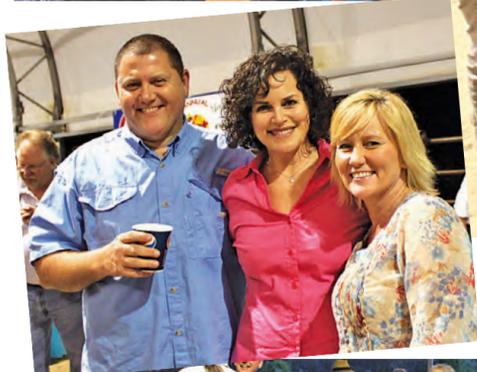
CryptoQuote

He knows the water best who has waded through it. - Danish Adage

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Wild about WAKULLA WEEK

kicks off on April 13 with the Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival

By **BILL LOWRIE**
Special to the News

The 13th Annual Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival is Saturday, April 13.

Every year, organizers of the Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival face some major decisions, but the biggest is perhaps picking out our new T-shirt design, which is always unique.

In fact, they have become a collector's item for some who have all 12 previous ones. We are particularly proud of this year's beautiful new shirt.

But just as important is the nominating of a Festival King and/or Queen. Some years there is only a King or only a Queen and other years we have both.

We give careful consideration to this choice. We consider folks who have earned the respect of the community and have had some involvement with the practice of worm grunting in their lives.

Worm grunting is simply a way to get bait worms to jump out of the ground for your personal fishing needs or to sell to a bait shop.

On our committee are folks who were born and raised in the Sopchoppy area and others who have lived here for many years so they know a lot of the history and people so always have interesting proposals.

Once we decide on the candidate, though, there remains the problem as to whether they would be willing to accept. We struggled with the selection again this year until someone said, "You know who would have been a perfect choice if he was still with us? Myron B. Hodge!"

Then someone else responded, "If his family is comfortable with that, I'm certain Myron would not have minded."

And so we had a nominee and, shortly after, the consent of his family.

There are many, many stories about Myron, who

passed away in 1976. He had a series of businesses in Sopchoppy including a bait shop to which many locals brought their worm harvest to sell.

It is said that Myron would do anything to promote the City of Sopchoppy and one of his major accomplishments was to secure funding from the state to purchase the property for the city park, which is named for him.

And, to top it off, Myron's grandfather, John, founded the community of Sopchoppy in 1894.

This year's festival will have the same format as those in the past. It kicks off at 8:30 a.m. with the 5K race which starts downtown and goes out across the river and back into town. We expect 150 or so participants. You can register on the day of the race at the corner of Rose and Municipal in front of From the Heart Recording Studios at 7:30 a.m.

Over 100 vendors of food and crafts open for business at 9 a.m. and the main program begins at 10 a.m. There will be live music all afternoon and continues until 10 p.m. with the Worm Grunter's Ball.

Throughout the day there will be games and contests for children and adults featuring the frenetic worm gruntin' contest in the morning, the Wakulla County Horse-shoe Championship, bait casting, and, finally, the colorful hula hoop contest in the afternoon.

Sopchoppy and The Worm Gruntin' Festival have received a lot of commentary and notoriety over the years, including coverage by the Associated Press, United Press International, The St. Petersburg Times, The Miami Herald, The Palm Beach Post and local outlets such as The Wakulla News and Tallahassee Democrat.

There has also been extensive exposure on TV including CBS's "On the Road" with Charles Kuralt, "Assignment America" with Steve Hartman, the



The design for this year's Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival T-shirt.

show "Dirty Jobs," and on the Canadian Broadcast Corporation.

Our valued local resource, Robert Seidler of Seidler Productions, created and posted a YouTube video of worm grunting that has been widely viewed.

We have also been mentioned on scienceblogs.com and HowToDoFlorida.com. It is our hope that all of this publicity brings tourists to Wakulla to help our struggling economy.

For more information on this year's festival, check out our ad elsewhere in this issue and visit our website, wormgruntinfestival.com.

It's all free and open to the public in downtown Sopchoppy on Saturday, April 13.

Bill Lowrie is president of the Sopchoppy Preservation and Improvement Association (SPIA).



A couple of youngsters try their hands at Worm Gruntin' at last year's festival.

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Wild about WAKULLA WEEK



What Wild About Wakulla is all about

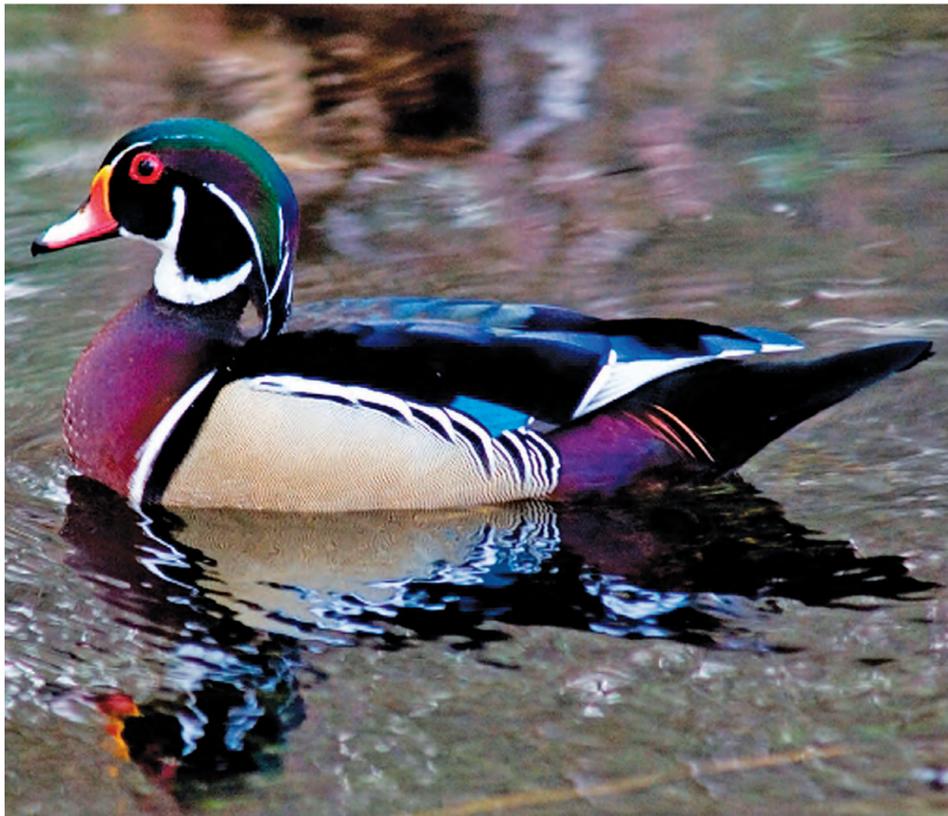
By MADELEINE H. CARR

What began as an event to celebrate migrating songbirds a dozen or so years ago, culminates a week of tours and special events on Earthday, appropriately at Wakulla Springs State park.

This Wild About Wakulla Week begins with a bunch of tickled people grunting for worms in Sopchoppy, once a destination for visitors who wanted to continue overland to the mineral springs healing qualities at Panacea. The little train station is restored, and Sopchoppy is proud of its worms that catch the biggest fish.

Talking about fish, Capt. Jody Campbell, also a certified Green Guide, in Shell Point has just the day for a first experience fishing from a boat. If you haven't done this, don't worry. He'll bait your hook, and you might get a small shark. Again, don't worry, he deals with these little harmless sharks all the time. It is a thrill, for sure, as is the tour he gives to view birds on Pine Island.

Prefer to paddle your way around our county but you are a bit intimidated by the large selection of where to do this? Salt water? Fresh water? River, bay or marsh creeks?



A colorful wood duck. Wakulla County has a wide array of natural resources.

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relatives to spend the week to see why we all just love our 100 percent natural environment.

Wild About Wakulla week is a tourism show-

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Thanks to Madeleine Carr, Herb Donaldson, Bill Lowrie and Jeff Hugo.

case of all that is best in our county. It is held the third week of April each year and new ideas and suggestions for other showcases are always welcome.

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On Sunday, April 14 Visit St. Marks

By MADELEINE H. CARR

There is no telling how many hundreds of thousands of visitors claim to know St. Marks.

Annually, it is true; about 300,000 people go to the expansive St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge. Its iconic lighthouse, the trails to see wildflowers, salt works, and birds galore are what attracts those day visitors.

There is another St. Marks away from the refuge. Thousands arrive at one of Florida's oldest small port communities on a bicycle, or a Harley Davidson. Others park their vehicle and get on-board some kind of boat (kayaks, small fishing boats, pontoons can be rented).

It is a fair bet that sightseers at both locations are in for a big surprise when they discover that the lighthouse isn't at the St. Marks riverfront, and that the Spanish fort ruins are not at the lighthouse.

Wild About Wakulla week is about both locations. The week highlights communities such as the Town of St. Marks in our far-flung county. Sopchoppy, Crawfordville and Panacea have their special days (see separate articles) during this annual, third-week in April celebration.

Showcasing St. Marks' ties to boating, the Waterfront Florida committee opens all the stops on Sunday, April 14 starting at 10 in the morning.

This community – incorporated on four different occasions because its population at times fell below a certain threshold – has a legitimate reason



Bo Lynn's Grocery is an iconic symbol of St. Marks. Stop in and meet Miss Joy.

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to call itself a Viva Florida 500 location.

Here, at the confluence of the Wakulla and St. Marks rivers, the last Outpost of Empire protects so much history it would take a week to explore just that corner of St. Marks.

Instead, savor the day at the first Marine Flea Market, Boat Show and Fish Fry.

Have something to sell? Anyone can bring unused nautical items and turn them into cash. This event starts at 10 a.m., ends at 6 p.m.

Individuals can set up a table at no cost; busi-

nesses, \$50.

All that strolling gets the gastric juices flowing and the St. Marks Waterfront Florida and businesses serve the freshest fish at a Wild About Wakulla fish fry that begins at noon. Part of these proceeds will be used for a children's fishing rodeo the following Saturday, April 20.

Of course, other opportunities for food are available along the waterfront, and at the charming Sweet Magnolia Bed and Breakfast Inn. Again, history is so over the top you won't believe what this

sturdy building has been through. It has served as a church, a brothel and City Hall. It was even used to unload bottles of whiskey during prohibition. The Sweet Magnolia Inn opens its historic doors at noon. Then, at 2 p.m., listen to jazz on the front porch, sip homemade Sangria and reflect on the Spanish connections all around you.

Even non-boaters can appreciate the view from Shields Marina's balcony. Step inside, and ask about the artifacts on display.

There is no reason to

continue to confuse "the lighthouse" with the Town of St. Marks. Old-timers, including the Shields family at the marina, and two other iconoclastic remnants of Old Florida, Bo Lynn's Grocery and the Shell Island Fish Camp, gladly brag about the fishing, the old town that's been flooded so many times it is a wonder it's still hanging on, and the huge barges that ply upriver occasionally, competing with stone crabbers.

Sadly, those floods killed one of the best-

known destinations, Posey's Oyster Bar.

To the town's credit, recent beautification efforts include sidewalks, vegetation, streetlights, historic signs and a spirit of the people in St. Marks to make all visitors want to return often.

So get a taste on April 14 and plan to spend a day of wonder and realization that Wakulla County's first Spanish conquistador, Panfilo de Narvaez, built the first boats right in this area in 1528.



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On Thursday, April 18 and Friday, April 19 'Conquistadores in the Fabled Land of the Apalache'

By MADELEINE H. CARR

By now it is apparent to many that Florida, for hundreds of years, was a Spanish province.

The Apalache natives even learned to write the Spanish language until the British invaded and everything changed, yet again, for the Indians whose ancestors had lived here for tens of thousands of years.

But nobody spoke English. During the short 20-year British interval, some 16,000 folks were subjects of the British Crown, but they too were forced out along with their language.

And so languages reverted to Spanish, and variations of the Muskogee linguistic group, including those spoken by the Lower Creek, and Scottish and French. Spanish laws prevailed, protected at a Spanish garrison at the confluence of the Wakulla and St. Marks rivers.

During Wild About Wakulla Week, on April 18 and 19, at San Marcos de Apalache Historic State Park in St. Marks I will, probably for the last time, offer tours called Conquistadors in the Fabled Land of the Apalache.

The fun part of interpreting the area right at those two rivers is that visitors can also see the old fort walls from the river. The Conquistadors experience extends to the history of the area that lies in today's national wildlife refuge.

Reservations for both



FILE PHOTOS

- the land and the water portions - should be made in advance as these are popular tours that begin at 10 a.m.

Planning your immersion into Wakulla's natural and heritage tours couldn't be easier - palmettoexpeditions.com is the one-stop planning site for all events during this annual Wild About Wakulla event.

For the Conquistadors land portion, please wear comfortable walking shoes and sunscreen. Park admission is included in your tour cost.

San Marcos de Apalache Historic State Park in St. Marks, above, and historian Madeleine Carr, right, talks about the history of the area on a recent tour as she stands at the confluence of the St. Marks and Wakulla rivers.



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SCHEDULE

Morning

- 7:30 5K Worm Grunters' Race Registration
- 8:30 5K Worm Grunters' Race
- 9:00 Vendors Open
- 9:30 Music by SayOn
- 10:00 Opening Ceremonies & 5K Race Results
- 10:15 Worm Gruntin' Demonstration by Gary Revell, Professional Bait Harvester
- 10:30 Worm Gruntin' Contest (Cash Prizes) Ages 12 and under
- NOON Crowning of the Worm Grunters' KING

Afternoon

- 12:30 Music by Hot Tamale
- 1:00 Registration for Horseshoe Championship
- 1:30 Music by Frank Lindamood
- 2:00 Worm Grunters' Horseshoe Championship (Cash Prizes)
- 2:30 Music by The Kudzu Kats
- 2:30 Bait Casting Contest
- 3:30 Hula Hoop Contest
- 5:00 Music by Brett Wellman & The Stone Cold Blues Band

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The crowd at last year's Worm Gruntin' Festival in Sopchoppy.

Friday, April 12

**Sunrise at 7:08 a.m.,
sunset at 8:06 p.m.**

Panacea Ochlockonee Bay Panacea Mineral Springs

Panacea, a historic waterfront village long recognized for its commercial seafood industry, is located along Dickerson Bay nestled between the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge and Apalachicola National Forest. In the early 1900s, Panacea was a popular destination known for the healing attributes of its mineral springs. The area boomed with hotels, restaurants, health spas, baths, boardwalks, piers and pavilions, until it was hit by the 1920s Depression and a major hurricane in 1928. Panacea now lures visitors with the promise of fresh seafood, excellent fishing, and an abundance of opportunities for wildlife observation. Home to the Blue Crab Festival held the first Saturday of May, Panacea is proud of its maritime history and expanse of undisturbed natural areas. The Wakulla Welcome Center and the Big Bend Maritime Center are located here.

Please plan to stop by our HOSPITALITY HUB at the Wakulla Welcome Center in Panacea from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Welcome Center hosts will be on hand to welcome you, provide area maps, attractions, restaurant & tour information, and to answer your questions.

Saturday, April 13

**Sunrise at 7:12 a.m.,
sunset at 8:04 p.m.**

Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival

It's a blast from the past in the historic streets of downtown Sopchoppy.

Join us for our 13th Annual Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival, a one-day outdoor event in the streets of historic downtown Sopchoppy, Florida. This annual event is held each April from 8:00AM when the booths open for business, with the fun continuing until 11:00PM when the dance ends. Throughout the day there will be a wide assortment of live music and other entertainment including games for children and the Wakulla County Horse-shoe Championship. We will also crown our Worm Monarch! (It might be a King and/or a Queen this year.) In the evening, celebrants of all ages and points of view will dance under the stars at the Worm Grunter's Ball with one (or both) hands waving free while their pets scramble about wondering what in the world is going on. Free Admittance.

Tots on Trails

Join this ranger-led walk at the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday morning from 11 a.m. until noon. The walk, which introduces children to enjoying nature safely, will begin at Nature's Classroom (the refuge education building). Reservations are required and can be arranged by calling 850-925-6121.

Sunday, April 14

**Sunrise at 7:07 a.m.,
sunset at 8:06 p.m.**

St. Marks Community Showcase

Fifteen years after Ponce de Leon in 1513 named the peninsula he "discovered" La Florida, another Spanish expedition landed near Tampa Bay. Conquistador Panfilo de Narvaez traipsed north in 1528 ending in the Nation of Apalach. Located between the Aucilla and Ochlockonee rivers, this hapless explorer sought to escape from the fearless Apalachee and ended up on the coast near today's port city of St. Marks. This small port at the confluence of the St. Marks and Wakulla rivers brims with history. It's an easy 30 to 40-minute jaunt south of Tallahassee. That is if you arrive by car.

Hundreds of bicyclists also arrive at St. Marks on the state's first rail-trail that follows the historic railroad bed.

Either way, the CR 363 dead-ends at St. Marks.

So what is there to do in this historic place other than discovering good food, camaraderie and Spanish ruins?

Awesome history, awesome fishing, stunning sunsets, friendly people, and splendid food await you in the oldest existing river town in North America.

Special Activities

**• 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Marine Flea Market/
Boat Show/Fish Fry**

**All Day - Visit Shell
Island Fish Camp**

**All Day - Meet Mrs.
Joy at Bo Lynn's Gro-
cery**

**All Day - Visit Shields
Marina**

**2 p.m. to 8 p.m. - Sun-
day Afternoon Jazz at
Sweet Magnolia Inn**

**7:30 p.m. - St. Marks
National Wildlife Refuge
Sunset Lighthouse Tour**

**Marine Flea Market
Boat Show
Fish Fry**

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

If you love the sea or have a love for things nautical, come on down to St. Marks for the Marine Flea Market, Boat Show and Fish Fry. Anyone can bring their unused nautical items and turn them into cash. Individuals can set up a table at no cost, businesses are asked to remit \$50. The fish fry will begin

at noon and continue until 6 p.m.

Proceeds will go to St. Marks Waterfronts Florida Partnership, a 501 (c)(3) corporation, to fund activities in St. Marks. Part of the funds will be used to pay for the expenses of a children's fishing rodeo on April 20, 2013.

Co-sponsored by St. Marks Waterfronts Florida and the businesses of St. Mark's.

Visit

**Shell Island Fish Camp
All Day**

Of course, you could wish for a perfect fishing experience on a Wild about Wakulla day. St. Marks has plenty of opportunity. The famed Shell Island Fish Camp is one of the last of the coastal fish camps. No experience or equipment needed.

The Shell Island Fish Camp is a family owned and operated piece of old Florida located in the quaint fishing village of St. Marks. The camp overlooks the pristine Wakulla River, which features a well-marked, easy to run channel.

Just 18 miles south of Tallahassee on State Road 363, Shell Island Fish Camp has been in the Hobbs family since 1962. Visit the camp and check out the cabins or soak in some free fishing tips.

Meet Miss Joy at

**Bo Lynn's Grocery
All Day**

Step back in time at Bo Lynn's Grocery. Rambling down the streets, you can't miss it. This landmark grocery store has been in operation since 1936. Miss Joy, who has owned the store for the past 45 years, will pull out some old pictures and tell you some stories about St. Marks. Come on by to meet Miss Joy and have a Coke in the 6 ounce bottle.

**Sunday Afternoon Jazz
at Sweet Magnolia Inn
2 p.m.**

This charming bed & breakfast inn has a very colorful past in the pages of St. Marks history, 803 Port Leon Drive.

In older days, it was marked as the strongest building in St. Marks and was used for a storm shelter. It has served as a church, a brothel and City Hall. It was even used to unload bottles of whiskey during prohibition. The Sweet Magnolia Inn will open its historic doors at noon. Stop by and say hello!

Live jazz begins at 2 p.m. Set a spell on the front porch as you take in the smooth sounds echoing from this charming bed and breakfast. Stroll the picturesque gardens, delight in the koi pond, and have a homemade sangria with a light snack.

The music will play on until 8 p.m. Call (850) 925-7670 for details. Reservations suggested.

San Marcos de Apalache Historic State Park

So where's the "real" history?

Much of it is in the water (hurricanes). Some of it has been carted off as foundations for a hospital. And that is where you'll find the state's San Marcos de Apalache Historic State Park. See artifacts, exhibits and an award-winning video inside the museum built atop the old foundation of a marine hospital that dates back to before the civil war (1861-1865). Then take a relaxing walk with archaeologist Phil Gerrell. Trace the old Spanish Fuerte San Marcos' walls, stop atop those walls for a glorious view across the two rivers, Wakulla and St. Marks. Climb the stairs up the Confederated bomb proof. \$2 admission.

**Visit Shields Marina
All Day**

Come visit us at Shields Marina - sit on our veranda and enjoy "river watching." We have a wide selection of drinks and snacks, an extensive display of artifacts, plus some great specials on new and used boats. We also rent bikes, pontoon boats, float boats and kayaks. Visit our web site at www.shields-marina.com.

**St. Marks National
Wildlife Refuge
Sunset Lighthouse Tour
7:30 p.m.**

St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge (west on U.S. 98 across the St. Marks River) is offering a rare opportunity to visit the St. Marks Lighthouse in the evening. Hear what Lighthouse keepers and their families experienced in the 19th century at the St. Marks Lighthouse. Also learn about some of the great storms and heroes of the Lighthouse Service.

Free tour, \$5 vehicle entrance fee applies. Space is limited, so please call (850) 925-6121 for reservations, or visit St. Marks Lighthouse, Lantern Tour for details.

Monday, April 15

TCC Groundbreaking Ceremony

Official public groundbreaking ceremony for Tallahassee Community College's Wakulla Environmental Institute will be held at 5 p.m., south on S.R. 319, follow signs on left of road. Live entertainment with Hot Tamale.

Spring Creek Shell Point Community Showcase

Your options are potentially limitless!

**Wednesday, April 17
Sunrise at 7:10 a.m.,
Sunset at 8:05 p.m.**

St. Marks National Refuge History Trail

We suggest you discover the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge History Trail. You can begin this self-guided driving and hiking tour at the Refuge Visitor Center where you will find full information and details about the trail. Allow at least two hours minimum, but you can certainly spend all day.

Pack a picnic lunch or immerse yourself in a local authentic culture at Ouzt's Too Oyster Bar and Grill on the banks of the St. Marks River at Newport serving lunch and dinner daily Wednesday through Sunday.

Home to abundant and rare wildlife and providing many recreational opportunities, the St. Marks NWR also encompasses and manages significant cultural resources. The mission of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats. This includes protecting, conserving, and interpreting many important natural resources.

Did you know that St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge contains a rich history that dates to Paleo Indians and includes seineyards, salt works, Spanish explorers, powerful storms, three lighthouses, and even a ghost town? The St. Marks Wildlife Association has completed the installation of six history and culture kiosks. In addition to viewing the images and text, brochures are available at each kiosk. The history trails begins at Wakulla Beach and end at the Goose Creek Seineyard and ends at the Aucilla River.

Many of the sites are along the seven-mile road that leads to the historic St. Marks Lighthouse. There are interesting side hiking trails including the Plum Orchard Trail and the Mounds Interpretative Trail.

For more information, location of signs, brochures, and a history time line, visit the new History Page on the St. Marks Refuge Association's website <http://www.stmarksrefuge.org>.

The refuge is open year round during daylight hours. The Visitor Center is open weekdays from 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed most federal holidays. A \$5 per car entrance fee is collected at the St. Marks Unit of the National Wildlife Refuge.

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Wild About Wakulla returns

By CYNTHIA PAULSON

Spring, indeed would not be spring in North Florida without showcasing nature during the annual Wild About Wakulla celebrations.

For 10 days in April special events highlight Wakulla County's cultural and natural heritage.

Wild About Wakulla begins with the annual renowned Sopchoppy Worm Grunting Festival (wormgruntingfestival.com) on April 12 and ends at Wakulla Springs State Park with the celebrated Wildlife Festival on April 20 (wakullawildlifefestival.org).

Birds are part of the attraction and certified Green Guides are on hand to spot them for you. The guides will also spot fish if you prefer, or take you on a canoe or kayak down one of the county's four rivers. Who knows? The manatees might still be here for a special treat.

The talents of the green guides are put to the test as they arrange, each year, another aspect that might bring the county's resources into focus.

In addition, music and art play a major part of Wild About Wakulla week. The legend of the Wakulla Volcano deserves a dramatic interpretation. The Palaver Tree Theater Company production is scheduled at the historic Sopchoppy auditorium on April 19 and 20.

Florida's 500th anniversary of discovery gets a special treatment both at the ruins of the Spanish fort at San Marcos de Apalache Historic State Park at St. Marks, and at Wakulla Springs State Park.

To commemorate Viva Florida 500, the presence of Spanish conquistadors is the focus of two special guided tours both on land and on water at the fort; and a nod to Spanish musical culture is planned at the Wakulla Springs lodge with the guitar duo of Carlos and Carlos.

Many of the tours are very popular and annually sell out early. For a full listing of the week-long visit wildaboutwakulla.com, palmettoexpeditions.com or wakullawildlifefestival.org where reservations for the various events can also be made online.

926-1110 and leave a message to reserve a spot or email 24research@gmail.com.

The festival celebrates Viva Florida 500 with the acoustic guitar ensemble of Carlos and Carlos in the late afternoon.

The festival finishes with the Traditions Dinner Dance (extra fees apply) in the Wakulla Springs Lodge.

It features a sumptuous buffet followed by the electrifying sound of the Tallahassee Swing Band. Be carried back in time as you feast and dance at this classic Wakulla Springs event.

A \$6 per vehicle donation to The Friends of Wakulla Springs supports the festival shows and programs.

Palaver Tree Theater Presents The Wakulla Volcano

Enjoy the tale of a young man, working on a pirate ship, sailing the Gulf from Key West to Mexico, in search of other ships to rob. From here, his tale is one of murder, greed, and a 50-year-old secret about a treasure map where gold can be found 'on an island, up a river, near a volcano. The Wakulla Volcano.'

This original play brings the legend of the Wakulla Volcano to the historic Sopchoppy Auditorium beginning at 7 p.m.

Herb Donaldson, the founder of Palaver Tree Theater Company wrote and directed the play specifically for Wild About Wakulla Week activities.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 Sunrise at 7:04 a.m., sunset at 8:08 p.m.

Wakulla Wildlife Festival at Wakulla Springs

The annual Wakulla Wildlife Festival will be held Saturday, April 20, at Wakulla Springs State Park.

The festival is a celebration of outdoor activities and area heritage. Local musicians, artists, and experts offer festival participants one-of-a-kind experiences, helpful advice, and personal enrichment in a neighborhood family atmosphere.

The festival continues to include the ever-popular premium guided tours, living history demonstrators and children's activities.

Special Bird of Prey and Reptile Shows presented by the Center for Wildlife Education of Georgia Southern University are always crowd pleasers.

Exhibitors on the main festival grounds will introduce guests to a wide assortment of outdoor activities and provide close encounters with area wildlife. Bluegrass music will also enliven events on the main festival grounds.

The beautiful and historic Wakulla Springs Lodge will host music, art and fine food.

Beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing until 6 p.m., local artists will offer creations showcasing the wildlife and heritage of the Big Bend Region.

Live music begins in the Lodge at noon. Folk music, Appalachian Clogging, and Bluegrass fill the early afternoon.

Florida Lighthouse Day

Celebrate Florida Lighthouse Day with a visit to a Wakulla County landmark – the St. Marks Lighthouse. From 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., enter the ground floor level of the lighthouse and peer up at its winding staircase (for safety reasons the tower cannot be climbed). Step into the adjacent Lighthouse Keeper's Residence and imagine what living in this outpost was like. Interpretive exhibits will open your family's eyes to a vastly different way of life.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Ochlockonee River State Park

The Ochlockonee River State Park is a jewel of a park and a great place to get away for a weekend or a weeklong vacation. Spend a lazy afternoon picnicking or swimming at the scenic point where the Ochlockonee and Dead rivers intersect. You may even spy one of the white squirrels for which the park is well known.

Ochlockonee means "yellow waters." Here the river waters are a mix of brackish, tidal surge, and fresh water. Trails allow visitors to explore the park and see the diverse wildlife, including the red-cockaded woodpecker, and natural communities such as pine flatwoods and oak thickets.

A boat ramp provides easy access to the river. Both freshwater and saltwater fish inhabit the waters around the park, including largemouth bass, bream, catfish and speckled perch. For overnight visitors, there are full-facility campsites with access to restrooms and showers. Youth group camping is also available.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 Sunrise at 7:06 a.m., sunset at 8:07 p.m.

Sopchoppy Showcase Day

The town of Sopchoppy actually began on the west side of the Sopchoppy River, but moved to its present location when the CT&G Railroad Company (later reincorporated as GF&A) laid out the town, beside their newly constructed tracks on their own property.

The depot was built in 1893 and Sopchoppy became a bustling railroad town. The restored depot is the only one remaining between Tallahassee and the south end of the line terminating at the coast.

La Florida, arrived in 1528. His expedition is a harrowing tale of encounters with the Apalachee and a failed escape.

Hourly, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., climb aboard with Certified Green Guide Master Capt. Joey Tillman. Get set to be thoroughly entertained during an amusing, historic account of contact between the Apalachee and Spaniards on this entertaining 45 minute cruise. \$10 per person.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., remains of this 17th-century Spanish fort are seen on a walking tour through the historic fortification ruins and grounds.

Join local historians as they walk you through 500 years! \$10 per person. Palmetto Expeditions.

Viva Florida 500

"Conquistadors in the Fabled Land of the Apalachee"

What is Viva Florida 500? In 2013, Florida reaches a significant milestone, the 500th anniversary of Juan Ponce de León's arrival on Florida's east coast.

What makes this anniversary so unique is that Ponce de León's convoy of explorers was the first group of Europeans to document such a landing and give a name to Florida – "La Florida."

They were also the first recorded Europeans to explore any part of what's now the continental U.S.

Florida's documented material history dates back more than 15,000 years to American Indians, who were the original pioneers. But Spain's claim in 1513 began a new era in human history that saw many nationalities come together as the foundation that eventually formed the United States of America. The legacy of Spanish Florida started with Ponce de León.

At St. Marks, Panfilo de Narvaez, the second conquistador to explore

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Crawfordville Showcase Day

Crawfordville, county seat of Wakulla County, had its earliest beginnings in the riverside town of Port Leon, located on the eastern side of the St. Marks River not far from the present day town of St. Marks.

In 1843, a devastating hurricane and tidal surge destroyed Port Leon. Subsequently, the county seat along with the surviving townspeople moved upriver to the new town aptly named New Port Leon.

After the Civil War in 1865, Senator John L. Crawford donated land in the Shell Point District, the courthouse was picked up and moved in 1892, and Crawfordville is the county seat today.

This Historic Courthouse was completed in 1894. It is solidly constructed of heart pine with a cupola graced by a unique cypress weather vane, hand carved in the shape of a mullet, a commercial fish important to the history of Wakulla.

The Old Wakulla Court-



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Blacksmithing at the Wakulla Wildlife Festival at Wakulla Springs.

house is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, one of the only three existing wooden courthouses in the state.

Across the street stands the Old County Jail. Built in 1947-48, the jail operated there until 1972. The building was saved from proposed demolition to make way for a courthouse parking lot. It now houses the Wakulla County Archives and Museum operated by the Wakulla County Historical Society. Inside the fully functional museum are historic displays, a museum shop, and a genealogy room for research.

Festivities

Wakulla County Historical Society is excited to announce a partnership with the Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce. Join local historian Betty Green as she leads a guided tour of the historic Wakulla County Courthouse in Crawfordville on Friday, April 19 at 10 and 11 a.m. The tour is free. You can just show up, call the museum at (850) 926-1110 to reserve a spot on the tour

(leave a message), or email 24research@gmail.com.

Be sure to stop in across the street and visit The Old Jail Museum, open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Besides the many curiosities of the museum itself, be certain to investigate the gift shop for mementos, books, and art unavailable anywhere else.

You can also join the ever-intriguing historic Wakulla County cemetery tour. What better way to get to know a community than by visiting those residing in its cemeteries?

Join Wakulla County Historical Society President Cal Jamison on a journey that breathes life into the place names and last names of county ancestors. Delve into the contributions and mysteries of the area's forebears to understand who we are and where we are going. Meet the van at the Old Jail Museum at 1 p.m. The tour ends where it started at 4 p.m.

A \$5 donation to the Historical Society is requested and can be permitted at the start of the tour.

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On Friday, April 19 and Sunday, April 21 'The Wakulla Volcano'

By HERB DONALDSON

Early last year I was asked to speak at a Wakulla Rotary Club meeting. I did so and in the process met the wonderful people involved with the group.

A few months later they invited me to come back and hear a different speaker whose subject was the Wakulla Volcano.

I'd heard about this local phenomenon only a few times and knew absolutely nothing about it. It quickly became, in my mind, another mystery of the county that found its place along the shadowy backdrop of history, lingering and - most likely, perishing - with the other legends.

My mother and I attended the Rotary meeting held at the Senior Center in early afternoon. Upon entering, we saw two long tables bearing an assortment of papers, maps, printed photos and other material that added to the mystery of an actual volcano - or, at the very least - an unexplained, spark-filled, fiery eruption in, or close to, the Wakulla area.

Being the natural skeptic, my eyebrow (the left one to be exact) went upward in a severe, pointed arc. My mother on the other hand, a Wakulla woman to the core, was overtaken by an almost childlike conviction fit complete with "oohs" and "aahs."

Between the two tables a podium had been prepared where, presently, stood a tall man whose hair and matching mustache were a shock of



Actors at a rehearsal for 'The Wakulla Volcano.'

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

snow and silver: Rodney R. Letchworth.

Rodney is a fifth generation native of Leon County, a graduate of Leon High School, and FSU. He has a postgraduate degree from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., and George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 21 years, retiring as a lieutenant colonel.

As a naval aviator he flew 289 combat missions in Vietnam. He currently lives in Tallahassee with his wife, Martha.

Energetic and robust, Rodney began to unravel for those in attendance for the story of his Uncle Mike, who passed away in 1986. And how later, Rodney's brother, Larry, told Rod about their Uncle Mike's fishing trips. It appears that Uncle Mike wasn't really fishing at all.

Uncle Mike was in search of buried pirate treasure said to be "on an island, up a river, near a volcano." These were the words written on a map that existed in the mid-1800s, and belonging to a man (a former pirate), who drew it so as not to forget where he and a friend buried a wealth of stolen gold coins.

After more than 50 years of keeping this buried secret, the two old pirates returned to the treasure place to retrieve another year's worth of gold to live on. It was on this trip that their ship was destroyed, the friend died, and the lone pirate was left to wander the Florida swamplands for almost three days.

He happened upon the homestead of a quiet and simple family. Weary and near death, the pirate told them his story, gave them a bag of coins - along with the map - and promptly

died at sun-up.

Their descendant, a grandchild from this humble and newly stunned family, would years later become close friends with (you guessed it) Uncle Mike, Rodney's uncle.

Rodney and his brother pick up the search where their uncle left off. But along the way, details are uncovered about this so-called "volcano," and whether or not it was ever located in Wakulla at all, that open wider the door to more mysterious speculations.

From as far back as the 1500s explorers were said to have seen a "pillar of fire," that served as a virtual lighthouse toward, or around, the St. Marks area. There are stories of people walking up to the top of the old capitol building in Tallahassee, and looking towards Wakulla to view the "fireworks."

The legend spread as far north as New York.

"THE WAKULLA VOLCANO"

Based on an essay by RODNEY LETCHWORTH. Adapted for the stage by HERB DONALDSON.

FEATURING: Debra Dix Bishop, Andrew Bracci, Constance Clineman, Ken Cline-man, William P. Hill, Drew Hudson, Doug Jones, Scott Joyner, Desmond Maxwell, Helen McLaughlin, Murray McLaughlin, and Taryn Pfister.

PRE-RECORDED MUSIC: Sammy Tedder and Frank Lindamood. LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCES: Ernest & Sarah Toole.

LIGHTS & SOUND: Mike Shurlock. STAGE MANAGER: Tawanna Williams.

WHEN: Friday, April 19, at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 21, matinee at 3 p.m.

TICKETS: \$10 (Regular), \$7 (Seniors & Students). Call (718) 682-3870 or visit the Wakulla County Public Library and ask for Scott Joyner.

WHERE: The Old Sopchoppy High School, 164 Yellowjacket Ave., in Sopchoppy.

Rewards were issued for anyone who could locate the volcano's exact location - with proof - as well as the source of its fire and smoke. Some attempted to find it, but either gave up their search, or never returned from the swampy depths.

to be a presentation that brought this story to life on the stage.

But first, it was important to understand what others in the county knew about this folkloric footnote.

As host of the Wakulla Sunday Radio Program, I've interviewed a number of people on a range of subjects.

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WILD ABOUT WAKULLA

Music will be featured at the Wakulla Wildlife Festival

By MADELEINE H. CARR

Sometimes I wonder if we humans are the only ones whose body reacts to music. It can't be. Music to our ears is surely also music to other animals.

Is there any wonder that the Wakulla Wildlife Festival offers such a wonderful variety of music from 10 in the morning almost until 10 in the evening? What better way to celebrate Earth Day than to share our joy at the natural world in which we live than through music?

We celebrate with music. At the park, the main spring is venerated through music.

On Saturday, April 20 the wild side comes alive to rhythms from the Americas. The guitar duo Carlos and Carlos bring this salute to our Latin rhythmic heritage, playing in the lobby in the afternoon.

Wrapping up the day's events, this duo reminds us of Florida's close ties to a Spanish heritage.

The Tallahassee-based duo will become a favorite (returning May 4 for a Springs Serenade). But for now, between 4 and 6 p.m., all ears will be tuned to an array of traditional and contemporary Latin American styles, borrowed from Mexican, Brazilian, Afro-Peruvian, Andean, and Afro-Caribbean traditions among others.

This year, the festival music begins at 10 a.m.



The guitar duo Carlos and Carlos will perform at the festival.

outside on the green.

Anyone preferring a traditional inside event

will be pleased that the Tallahassee Swing Band's reprise of big band swing

returns to the lodge for a dinner dance starting at 6 p.m.

Tallahassee Swing Band will host a dinner dance

When the lodge at Wakulla Springs State Park stopped the New Year's Eve celebrations with a big band many wished this tradition would continue.

Well, it is not New Year's Eve. But that wish is a reality as the Traditions Dinner Dance welcomes the Tallahassee Swing Band to the lodge on Saturday, April 20.

The lodge staff is preparing a special buffet for the occasion as well and I heard the food is just part of this exciting evening. As a courtesy to customers, there will be two seatings and reservations are recommended through the Wildlife Festival web sites.

Just click on tours/events at wakullawildlifefestival.org and the dinner dance pops up for you to choose either 6 p.m. or 7 p.m. seating. It's easy to pay the \$39 per person ticket charge right there as well.

So while the ticket ordering isn't traditional, the music certainly will be.

— Madeleine Carr

'The Wakulla Volcano'

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After hearing Rodney's speech, I began to tie up my interviews with the question: 'Have you ever heard of the Wakulla volcano?'

The responses were usually no. But there were a few who knew of it, or had been in search of it themselves as a pet project of sorts. I noticed that the more mature people of the area were quick to say it was on this or that side of town, or other places that, had I gone looking, would have taken me, possibly, on an unwanted trip to the Keys.

One man, Michael, whose last name I hesitate to give because he seems to be something of a recluse, built an entire website dedicated to the volcano, complete with documents, photos and scanned images of news articles from the 1800s depicting the mystery.

Also listed were books from the period where the volcano makes a guest appearance or two. Unfortunately, Michael's site is no longer available for online viewing, but I hope he starts it up again. Its much too fascinating of a subject to let go.

The younger generation, I learned, becomes highly excited upon learning that a volcano of any sort may have existed in the area. Some, including our videographer, Brett, who is 20, attempted to gather a small tribe of their own for an expedition.

The interest was most

definitely there.

And, like most mysteries, everyone wanted to solve the puzzle.

The more my mind floated around the idea, I began to see the future possibilities of such an endeavor. For example, the local schools could hold a countywide science contest around who can build - and set off - the best volcano.

In Wal-Mart, I can imagine people drifting past me along the aisles wearing "Seek ye first the Wakulla Volcano" T-shirts. Or, maybe, a Smokin' Wakulla Volcano festival where hikers, tired and worn from their search-and-find mission tour (sponsored by the Florida Green Guides), would return to Hudson Park for hot lava cocktails. Or smoothies. The letters 'WV' smeared across their foreheads in ash.

But until then, we'll settle for a fun and informative little play based on Rodney's essay.

"The Wakulla Volcano" will be performed on Friday, April 19, with a Sunday, April 21, matinee, at the Old Sopchoppy High School as part of the annual Wild About Wakulla Week.

Musicians Sammy Tedder and Frank Lindamood have offered a few of their pre-recorded selections for the play, while Ernest and Sarah Poole will perform live.

So get your tickets now, before they all go up in pillar of fire and smoke.

Community support grows for events at Wakulla Springs

Special to The News

The largest spring event at Wakulla Springs State Park is getting attention from area corporations.

Since its beginning four years ago, the Wakulla Wildlife Festival, a Friends of Wakulla Springs-sponsored event in collaboration with park staff, has seen a steady increase in corporate sponsorship.

"There are two stellar events at the park from which the Friends of Wakulla Springs State Park receives project funding. The April 20 Wildlife Festival is a day-long family affair," said Friends President Ron Piasecki. The other is a co-sponsored 5K run May 18 with Gulfwinds Track Club.

Supporting the projects for which funds are used

are more than 22 business partners. "These organizations have either offered cash or in-kind services of more than \$500. We want to thank our growing number of business partners for standing behind protecting our most valuable resource, our water," Piasecki added.

The public is encouraged to select from the many events scheduled during the Wildlife Festival and

pre-register online at wakullawildlifefestival.org. A full listing of all sponsors is available at that address, as is a breakdown of free and moderately priced premium tours.

The Wakulla Wildlife Festival begins at 10 a.m. and continues throughout the day with some evening tours and musical performances scheduled later in the day.

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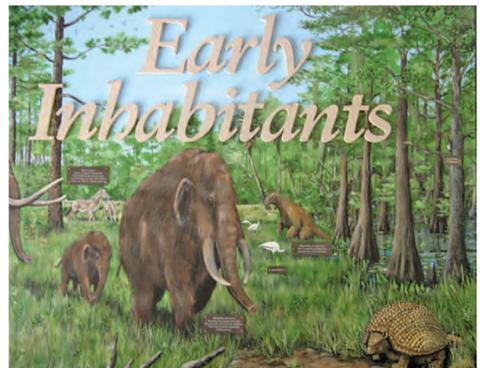
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Wakulla Springs State Park hosts annual festival

By JEFF HUGO

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Wakulla Springs State Park will host the Wakulla Wildlife Festival on Saturday, April 20.

The event showcases the rich heritage and outdoor opportunities that envelop the Wakulla Springs Watershed.

Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park will be the hub of activities designed to educate, inspire and empower people by connecting them with their natural and cultural resources.

The Wakulla Wildlife Festival caters to the diversity of its participants by offering fine art, living history demonstrations, exceptional music, activities for children and families, and environmental experiences both rare and compelling.

All will enjoy viewing the wildlife and heritage of the region through the eyes of gifted artists at the festival Art Show held on the terrace of the Wakulla Springs Lodge.

There will be fine pottery that creates the essence of past cultures. The photography, paintings and drawings will hold in suspended animation the magical moments of the region. And artisans will offer fine hand-crafted jewelry.

The silent auction is a favorite way to support the Wakulla Wildlife Festival. It is also a great way to view samples of the artist's work and acquire fine art at a consumer determined value. Bidding begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 6 p.m. Winners are welcome to claim their prizes at the end of bidding.

A visit to the Lodge on Saturday is not only a must for the fine art, but also for an opportunity to revel in the music provided by local talent. Beginning at noon, the folk music of Ernest Toole will illuminate the colorful history of the Big Bend.

The fancy footwork of The Hot Pepper Steppers and their band Rockertoe will get guests hearts a pumpin' during mid-afternoon.

The traditional and contemporary styles of Latin American music are embodied in the technical precision of the acoustic guitar ensemble of Carlos and Carlos. They will be a 'must-listen' from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The evening's signature event will be the Traditions Dinner Dance. Festivities begin with a sumptuous buffet dinner provided by the Wakulla Springs Lodge. There will be two seatings for dinner – one at 6 p.m. and another at 7 p.m.

The music for the evening begins at 8 p.m. and will be provided by the Tallahassee Swing Band.

Be prepared. You may feel like you've been whisked back to the World War II era for which the lodge is legendary.

Tickets for the Traditions Dinner Dance are limited and are available on line at www.WakullaWildlifeFestival.org or by calling (850) 561-7286.

Premium Guided Tours (additional fees apply) offer nature lovers an opportunity to hone their wildlife-watching skills and senses.

Visitors might seek the unexpected on a night cruise down the Wakulla River as the ruby-red eyes of alligators glow in the reflected light of a flashlight. Others may prefer to quietly celebrate a serene sunrise with morning light dancing through the silvery strands of Spanish moss dangling from ancient cypress limbs.

Still others would choose to be escorted to the seldom seen "windows" into a submerged underground cave system. Others are vivified as they join a group of photographers to utilize that new camera for capturing moments of outdoor splendor.

Children squeal with delight as they play a game, create a craft or get their faces painted under the Children's Activities tent.

The children's activities are part of the many exhibitors who introduce visitors to magnificent wildlife, area nature centers and museums, and recreational opportunities.

Living history demonstrators will present a proud heritage of ingenuity and hard work. There will be the brutal power of the blacksmith as he bends iron to his whim and the gentle grace of the spinner as she creates thread from various fibers.

All the while, bluegrass music will quicken the pulse and set toes to tapping on "The Green" of the festival grounds.



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A foggy morning on the Wakulla River.

Excited festival guests return year after year to enjoy the phenomenal Bird of Prey and Reptile shows presented by the Center for Wildlife Education, Georgia Southern University. Guests are mesmerized as they discover the mysterious yet vital role snakes and lizards play in our world.

Eagles, hawks and owls swoop overhead while their handlers present predator/prey relations and raptors as indicators of environmental health. The shows are interactive with considerable audience participation.

It is easy to become part of the celebration. Simply visit www.WakullaWildlifeFestival.org for a complete listing of activities on April 20.

Please register online early for the premium tours and your place for the Traditions Dinner Dance.

Make the Wakulla Wildlife Festival a time to get outdoors and make memories with family and friends!

Out-of-town guests can discover true Southern hospitality during a stay at the Wakulla Springs Lodge (www.wakullaspringslodge.com), the Inn at Wildwood (www.InnatWildwood.com) or the Best Western Wakulla Inn and Suites (www.bestwestern.com/wakullainn).

Visitors can also enjoy the taste of locally fresh caught seafood at many area restaurants.



A photo tour on a river cruise at Wakulla Springs.

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