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The girls 4x800 team qualifies for state as did high jumpers Keith Gavin, Corion Knight

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County fights for its oil spill money

Fearing state trying to grab Wakulla's expected millions, commissioners travel to Capitol

By AMANDA MAYOR
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An air of heavy concern had been growing over the weekend as the millions in BP settlement money that Wakulla County stood to gain from the RESTORE Act seemed up for a power grab by the state.

As emails flew from inbox to inbox, on Monday local officials would prepare for a fight.

An amendment to a bill filed in the state legislature on Friday, April 19, began with the words "delete everything" and appeared to redirect funds from local to state expenditure.

It created a quasi-public corporation, The Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., which would be responsible for 75 percent of the funds. Under the direction of Triumph Gulf Coast, projects were to be geared toward economic issues like tax relief rather than the originally planned environmental issues.

Concerned that the state was trying to raid Wakulla's BP settlement money - which has been estimated to total between \$20 million and \$40 million - county commissioners Jerry Moore and



A bird in the marsh on the Wakulla coast with boom deployed during the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in 2010.

Ralph Thomas traveled to the Capitol to speak before the Senate Appropriations Committee on Tuesday, April 23, where

they expressed their objections to the amendment.

The Appropriations Committee

amended the amendment to redirect the Triumph Gulf Coast organization towards the \$5.4 billion lawsuit filed by Attorney General Pam Bondi this week - and exempting RESTORE Act counties.

For the eight coastal counties most affected by the spill, including Wakulla, an amendment to the original amendment was introduced in which verbiage would be altered, taking the RESTORE Act fund recipients out of the mix entirely.

Sen. Bill Montford stressed the idea that this will not affect those who stand to gain from the RESTORE Act.

"So we can all stop talking about it," he said at the hearing.

Commissioners Moore and Thomas were relieved with the outcome.

"The battle is probably not over, but I think we got a good victory," said Thomas. "The money is back under local control."

"We just really don't need any more government," said County Commissioner Jerry Moore. "I think at the end of the day, it'll pretty much stay the same."

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SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Relay for Life is this weekend

By AMANDA MAYOR
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Kristin Dow, the Wakulla County Relay for Life Event Chair, would like to invite everyone to the 12th Annual Wakulla County Relay for Life taking place Saturday, April 27 from 2 p.m. to 8 a.m. Sunday morning at the Wakulla High School Track.

This year's event is called "the Carnival of Hope" - and for good reason.

For 18 hours, more than 20 teams, formed by local groups such as banks, schools, friends, etc. will consistently have at least one team member walking around the track at all times to show their support of the ongoing battle against cancer.

These teams fundraise all year long then set up campsites at the event to continue overnight.

Why 18 hours?

"Because cancer never

sleeps," Dow explains. Participants walk all throughout the night, representing the battle of cancer in its darkest hours, not stopping until morning light - a symbol of the hope for a

Proceeds earned throughout the night will benefit the American Cancer Society.

Opening ceremonies will begin at 2 p.m. during which the first lap of the

those currently fighting their battle with cancer, as well as the memories of those who ran out of time before a cure was found, will be honored.

When asked who is impacted the most by Relay for Life Dow had a simple answer. "Anyone who attends and stays the whole night is undoubtedly changed."

Relay began in 1985 when Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon in Tacoma, Wash., ran and walked around a track for 24 hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Since then, Relay has grown from a single man's passion to fight cancer into the world's largest movement to end the disease.

Each year, more than 3.5 million people in 5,000 communities in the U.S. and 20 other countries, take part to raise money and awareness of cancer.

Also this weekend:

- Rock the Dock fishing tournament in Panacea
- NAMI Derby fundraiser
- Volunteer Wakulla's Make a Difference Day
- Jam 4 Camp at Hudson Park

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cure that patients, families and friends cling to.

New to the event this year will be a kid's activity tent sponsored by Busy Bees Daycare until 10 p.m.

At the center and around the track there will be all manner of entertainment including food, games, local musicians, bounce houses, and more.

relay will be walked by cancer survivors.

During the second lap they will be joined by their caregivers. A survivors dinner will take place at 6:30 p.m. Anyone who would like to attend should RSVP to either 926-8854 or wakullarelay@gmail.com.

At 9 p.m. a luminaria ceremony will take place in which candles honoring



T-n-T buys Wilderess Way

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
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The owners of T-n-T Hideaway, the canoe rental shop on the Wakulla River, recently bought out the Wilderess Way kayak shop in Wakulla Station.

Jacki Youngstrand, daughter of T-n-T Hideaway founder Gretchen Evans, said the deal closed on March 20.

She said the two shops will continue to focus on rentals at T-n-T and kayak sales at Wilderess Way.

"The only thing new is we're going to be adding angler kayaks and accessories," she said.

Her son, Robert Baker, is



WILLIAM SNOWDEN

FAMILY BUSINESS: Jacki Youngstrand, Hunter Hyatt, Elizabeth Hyatt-Deason, Fisher Deason, Jenni McClain, and Robert Baker.

a noted local fishing guide who offers guided kayak fishing through Reel-Fin-Addict.

He said they will con-

tinue the tours offered by Wilderess Way - such as the manatee viewing and full moon tours.

Unemployment down to 7.5 percent in state

By DAVID ROYSE
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, April 19 - Florida's unemployment rate dropped to 7.5 percent in March, the lowest it has been since fall of 2008, continuing a recovery from joblessness that reached 12 percent at its peak in late 2010.

The March rate was down from a revised 7.8 percent in February and down from 8.9 percent a year ago.

Florida also remained below the most recent figure for national employment, a key benchmark that shows Florida's recovery may finally be speeding up after months of lagging behind the nation as a whole.

In addition to being good news for job seekers, the latest data allow Gov. Rick Scott to claim his effort to put the state back to work - the primary thing he pledged to do when running for governor in 2010 - is working.

"In a little over two years since I've taken office, we've created more than 320,000 private sector jobs - and we are now closing in on the halfway point to our goal of creating 700,000 jobs in seven years," Scott said in a release.

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Locally:

5.7 Wakulla's jobless rate in February, down from 6.0 percent in February.

5.8 Leon's jobless rate in February, down from 6.2 percent in February.

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NAMI Wakulla looks at suicide

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
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NAMI Wakulla hosted a program looking at suicide on Monday, April 22, in which Jennifer Barr of the Apalachee Center shared information that included risk factors and warning signs and myths.

Barr indicated that Wakulla County has, per capita, a higher than average rate of suicides.

According to information compiled by Barr, Wakulla had eight reported suicides in 2011, two murders, and two deaths by HIV. In 2010, there were five suicides, no murders, and no deaths by HIV. In 2009, there were seven suicides, one murder and one HIV death.

In comparison to the Big Bend region, Bay County had the highest number of suicides in 2011 with 33. Leon County had 29 suicides. Washington County had nine, Wakulla had eight, and Jackson County had seven.

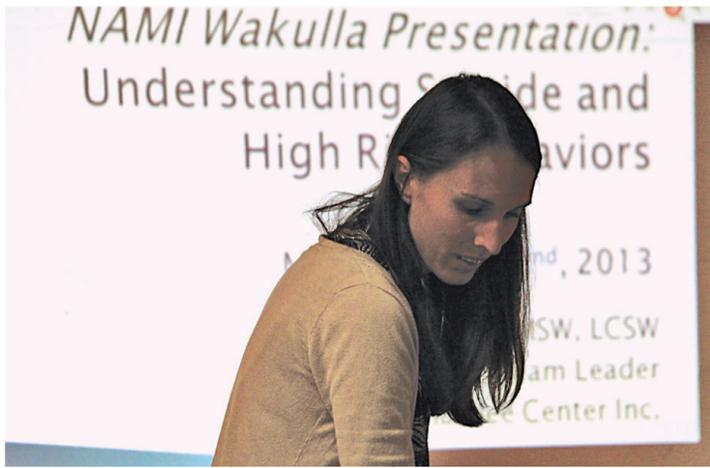
Barr noted that an FSU psychologist had boiled down the basic risk factors for suicide to three:

- Witnessing or experiencing repeated acts of abuse or violence;
- Feelings of burden-someness;
- Feelings of thwarted belonging.

Barr noted the socio-demographic profile of the most at-risk individual is a white male over 65, alone either by separation, divorce or a widower, unemployed or retired, and in an occupation that had high levels of violence.

Other at-risk populations include those with substance abuse, mental illness, domestic violence, incarcerated, elderly, law enforcement, youth, and veterans.

Some social and cultural factors for suicide include:



Social worker Jennifer Barr speaking at NAMI Wakulla's program on suicide.

- A lack of social support and sense of isolation;
 - Stigma associated with help-seeking behavior;
 - Barriers to accessing health care, especially for mental health and substance abuse.
- Some warning signs cited by Barr were:
- Threatening to hurt self;
 - Looking for ways to kill self – such as a firearm or pills;
 - Talking or writing about suicide;
 - Increased substance abuse;
 - Verbalizing thoughts of no reason for living;
 - Change in sleeping or eating habits;
 - Reckless or risky behavior;
 - Dramatic mood changes;
 - Giving away belongings;
 - Sudden improvement or behaviors indicating that "everything is OK now."

Barr said that one myth about suicide is that people who talk about it just want attention.

Instead, she said, their threats should be taken

seriously.

Speaking to some of the clinicians in the audience, she advised asking questions about how far along the person's thought process was about committing the act – is it just a vague feeling of wishing they could just disappear, or is it more of a plan that's been researched and thought out – as a means of assessing whether there is a high or low risk of suicide.

One myth she discussed is that talking about suicide will only encourage them. The fact is, she said, that talking about it can help them get through their problem.

Another myth is that more women commit suicide than men. The fact is, she said, that women attempt suicide more often, but men have a higher rate of completion because of more lethal means – especially firearms.

Overall, in Florida, suicide is the ninth leading cause of death.

It's the fourth leading cause of death for children age 5 to 14, and the second leading cause of death for the age group 25 to 34.

Barr also shared a list

of resources for those seeking help, including the Apalachee Center, Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, and 2-1-1 Big Bend.

Unemployment down to 7.5 percent in state

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"These numbers prove that it's working in Florida and our families have opportunities to live their version of the American Dream in the Sunshine State. In Florida, our economy is turning around because we focus every day on creating new jobs for our families."

Wakulla saw a decrease over the month of .3 percent, from 6.0 to 5.7 percent, with a significant decrease over the year of 2.0 percent, down from 7.7 percent.

Leon County also saw a decrease as well moving from 6.2 to 5.8 percent over the month and a 1.2

percent decrease over the year from 7.0 percent.

The Tallahassee MSA had the fourth lowest unemployment in the state at 5.9 percent behind the Crestview/Ft. Walton MSA (4.8 percent), Gainesville MSA (5.2 percent) and Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MSA (5.7 percent).

The unemployment rate in the nation as a whole in March was 7.6 percent.

Monroe County, which includes the Florida Keys, continued to have the lowest jobless rate in the state at 3.8 percent, while Hendry County remained at 10 percent unemployment, worst in the state.

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Wakulla, and seven other counties - Franklin, Gulf, Okaloosa, Walton, Santa Rosa, Bay and Escambia - are designated as "disproportionately affected" and are slated to receive 75 percent of the funding from fines paid out in expected damages as a result of the 2010 BP oil spill.

RESTORE stands for Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast states.

"It will not pre-empt federal law or change how the

RESTORE Act works," Sen. Nancy Detert, chairman of the Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee, who originally filed the bill. "It creates fairness between the eight affected counties who stand to benefit."

Detert said that she supports being fair and transparent in the eyes of the public, and her bill does not change that.

Triumph Gulf Coast would hold a five-person board of directors in which one appointment each would be given to the Governor, Attorney General, Chief Financial Officer, the Speaker and the President.

The bill states that these appointments must include a CPA, an economist and a lawyer and the board will determine the projects to be funded with RESTORE Act money rather than the local elected officials.

As it stands now, the RESTORE Act Committee will remain in charge of the drafting and submission of projects to be funded by that BP settlement money, where they will then submit them to the Board of County Commissioners for approval and presentation to the public.

Only after hearing the

concerns of the people will decisions be made.

Had the amendment not been revised and the RESTORE Act funds been included in the bill, there would have been a "complete layer of bureaucracy and a duplication of efforts," said Commissioner Thomas.

The legislation would have required the tacking on of a process in which the board of commissioners would need to present project proposals to the state whereby they would have to justify their efforts and views for consideration before again opening it up to the public.



City of Sopchoppy CITY ELECTION NOTICE

The City of Sopchoppy will be holding elections for three seats on the Sopchoppy City Council. These seats are currently held by Colleen Skipper-Mitchell, Anginita Rosier, and one vacant seat. Any city resident who is a registered voter may qualify as a candidate. Qualifying forms may be obtained at the City of Sopchoppy Clerk's Office located at 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, Florida, Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and on Friday's 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Qualifying begins Monday, May 6, 2013. **The last day for qualifying will be Monday, May 20, 2013 at NOON.** Elections will be held at City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 11, 2013.

For more information, contact City Clerk, Jackie Lawhon or Deputy Clerk Linda Langston at City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, FL or phone 962-4611.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on **May 6, 2013** at 5:00p.m. in the Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Rd., Crawfordville, FL 32327 to Consider:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, REGULATING THE UNAUTHORIZED SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS; RESTRICTING THE PLACEMENT OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT, INTENT AND DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A copy of this ordinance shall be available for inspection by the public at 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327. Interested parties may appear at the Public Hearing or submit comments and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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

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The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners

is Seeking Interested Members to Serve on the Historic Preservation Committee

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners is seeking seven (7) interested members to serve on the Wakulla County Historic Preservation Committee. This Committee was established to review and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on matters related to the designation, regulation and administration of historical, cultural and architectural resources in Wakulla County.

The BOCC is seeking seven (7) members who must be residents of Wakulla County from the disciplines of architecture, history, architectural history, planning, prehistoric and history archaeology, folklore, cultural anthropology, curation, conservation, landscape architecture or related disciplines; or who can demonstrate special interest, experience, or knowledge in history, architecture, or related discipline.

Interested persons should submit a cover letter explaining their interest in serving on the Historic Preservation Committee and provide a resume or other detailed information related to professional experience, education, background, knowledge, etc., which shall also include the person's name, address, telephone number, and email address **no later than Friday, May 10, 2013.** Please e-mail your information to Jessica Welch, Communications & Public Services Director at jwelch@mywakulla.com or by fax to 926-0940.

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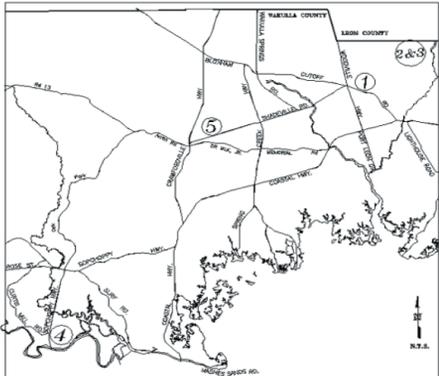
PUBLIC NOTICES

For our readers' convenience, The Wakulla News will provide this Public Notice Section in our A-section for all Public Notices not published in the Legal Notice section of the newspaper.



Notice of Public Hearings Regarding a Request for Final Plat, Variance and Conditional Use

The Wakulla County Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners proposes to consider the following applications. Public Hearings are scheduled regarding the following before the **Planning Commission on Monday, May 13, 2013, beginning at 7:00PM and before the Board of County Commissioners on Monday, June 3, 2013, beginning at 5:00 PM, unless otherwise noted below or as time permits.** All public hearings are held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.



- 1. Application for Final Plat:** FP13-02
 Applicant: Sherrill F. & Sharon M. Camp
 Agent: Edwin Brown & Associates
 Proposal: replat lots 3 & 4 of Block B, Turkey Run Farms
 Tax ID Number: 14-3s-01e-357-05170-B03 and 14-3s-01e-357-05170-B04
 Existing FLU Map: Agriculture (FLUE Policy 1.2.2)
 Existing Zoning: AG (Section 5-25, LDC)
 FEMA Flood Info: "C" zone on Panel 0275-B
 Parcel Size: 93.48 +/- acres
 Location: north of Bloxham Cut off Road, east side of Danley Grade
Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, May 13, 2013 @ 7:00PM
Board of County Commissioners: Monday, June 3, 2013 @ 5:00PM
- 2. Application for Final Plat:** FP13-01
 Applicant: Elliot W. & Donna K. Varnum
 Agent: Edwin Brown & Associates
 Proposal: replat lots 2, 388 of Plank-Hill Farms
 Tax ID Number: 36-2s-01e-360-05001-002, 36-2s-01e-360-05001-003 & 36-2s-01e-360-05001-008
 Existing FLU Map: Rural 1 (FLUE Policy 1.2.3)
 Existing Zoning: AG (Section 5-25, LDC)
 FEMA Flood Info: "X" and "A" zones on Panel 0125-B **Per LOMR Case No. 10-04-813P
 Parcel Size: 71.24 +/- acres
 Location: west side of Old Plank Road, immediately south of the County line
Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, May 13, 2013 @ 7:00PM
Board of County Commissioners: Monday, June 3, 2013 @ 5:00PM
- 3. Application for Final Plat:** FP13-03
 Applicant: Turkey Ridge, LLC
 Agent: Edwin Brown & Associates
 Proposal: replat lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14 of Plank-Hill Farms
 Tax ID Number: 36-2s-01e-360-05001-009, 36-2s-01e-360-05001-010, 36-2s-01e-360-05001-011, 36-2s-01e-360-05001-012, 36-2s-01e-360-05001-013 & 36-2s-01e-360-05001-014
 Existing FLU Map: Rural 1 (FLUE Policy 1.2.3)
 Existing Zoning: AG (Section 5-25, LDC)
 FEMA Flood Info: "X", "A" and "AE" zones on Panel 0125-B **Per LOMR Case No. 10-04-813P
 Parcel Size: 160.48 +/- acres
 Location: west side of Old Plank Road, immediately south of the County line
Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, May 13, 2013 @ 7:00PM
Board of County Commissioners: Monday, June 3, 2013 @ 5:00PM
- 4. Application for Variance:** V13-03
 Applicant: TITF/DEP Recs & Parks Ochlocknee River State Park
 Agent: George & Associates
 Proposal: flood variance for ADA compliant restroom construction
 Tax ID Number: 36-5s-03w-000-01295-000 & 31-5s-02w-000-03556-000
 Existing FLU Map: Conservation (FLUE Policy 1.2.1)
 Existing Zoning: AG (Section 5-25, LDC)
 FEMA Flood Info: "A15" zone on Panel 0365-B
 Parcel Size: 394.97 +/- acres
 Location: State Park Road, Ochlocknee State Park
Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, May 13, 2013 @ 7:00PM
Board of County Commissioners: Monday, June 3, 2013 @ 5:00PM
- 5. Application for Conditional Use:** CU12-03
 Applicant: Wakulla County
 Agent: Alan Wise, Preble-Rish
 Proposal: Community Center
 Tax ID Number: 00-00-072-000-10150-000
 Existing FLU Map: Urban 1 and Urban 2 (FLUE Policies 1.2.5 and 1.2.6)
 Existing Zoning: RR-5 (Section 5-26, LDC)
 FEMA Flood Info: "C" zone on Panel 0250-B
 Parcel Size: 22.31 +/- acres
 Location: 318 Shadaville Road
Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, May 13, 2013 @ 7:00PM

Copies of applications, draft ordinances, and any related public record files may be viewed at the County Planning Department located at 11 Bream Fountain Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327, 8 AM to 4:30 PM M/F; Phone (850) 926-3695. Any person desiring to appeal a decision of a County Board must ensure a verbatim transcript or copy is made of the testimony and exhibits presented at said hearings. Persons needing special access considerations should call the Board Office at least 48 hours before the date for scheduling purposes. The Board Office may be contacted at (850) 926-0919 or TDD 926-7962.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wakulla County Planning Commission and Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners proposes to consider the following applications and/or adopt the following by ordinance and has scheduled Public Hearings before the Wakulla County Planning Commission on Monday, May 15, 2013, beginning at 7:00 P.M. and before the **Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners on Monday, June 3, 2013, beginning at 5:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard.** All public hearings will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.

AN ORDINANCE OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO FAMILY HOMESTEADS; AMENDING SECTION 5-1 OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, RELATING TO DENSITY; AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; AMENDING SECTION 7-7 OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE CONCERNING DEFINITIONS AND ADDING DEFINITION FOR FAMILY HOMESTEAD AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER; CREATING SECTION 7-29 TO PROVIDE FOR A FAMILY HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION TO DENSITY STANDARDS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION AND APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR LIMITATIONS ON TRANSFERABILITY AND FOR RECORDING; PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS FOR STREET PAVING AND FRONTAGE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- 1. Application for Text Amendment:** TA13-03
 Applicant: Wakulla County
 Proposal: Amend Sections 5-1 and 7-7, and create Section 7-29 of the Wakulla County Land Development Code pertaining to family homestead exemptions to the density standards of the Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan
Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, May 13, 2013 @ 7:00 PM
Board of County Commissioners: Monday, June 3, 2013 @ 5:00 PM

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The Opinion Page

readers speak out

‘Wakulla Volcano’ was real community theatre



By WILLIAM SNOWDEN

It was a pleasant Sunday afternoon spent in the Sopchoppy auditorium watching the Palaver Tree Theater's matinee production of "The Wakulla Volcano."

Playwright Herb Donaldson, author of "The Wakulla Volcano" and the previous "Wakulla-Story" heritage plays,

continues to create dramas that are important to the Wakulla community.

And what was happening on Sunday was real community theatre.

It was meaningful and important to the people involved and shared a significant message with the audience.

There were the occasional glitches that are part of any live performance, but the story was good.

Donaldson based the play on an essay written by Rodney Letchworth, who presented it to the Rotary Club of Wakulla last year.

It was a fascinating story of a family secret

about pirate treasure buried on an island in a river near the Wakulla Volcano.

Letchworth, who is from Madison County, was skeptical of stories about a local volcano – until he uncovered articles from the 1800s about the mysterious smoke east of the St. Marks lighthouse that had been smoldering for centuries.

The native Americans in the region had stories about it. The Spanish used it almost as a lighthouse.

People in Tallahassee would look southward from the courthouse and see the glow of the fire.

There were several ill-

fated expeditions to try to hack into the jungle to find the source of the fire – but none ever succeeded.

An earthquake in the 1880s put out the smoke.

Not mentioned in the play, but radio personality Sonny Branch, aka "The Roundman," once tried to mount an expedition into the woods there and see what he could find. I believe his best explanation was that it was likely a swamp fire, fed by peat and gigantic cypress trees.

I even got a phone message from Branch, asking how they were going to stage this play without it mentioning him.

Retired county librarian Doug Jones, who was an actor in the play, told me he has been given some limestone rocks with scorch marks on them that allegedly came from the site of the volcano.

Donaldson's play puts forth a theory that perhaps the volcano was fueled by the huge natural gas field that is now known to be located under this part of the Gulf of Mexico.

Of course, the real drama of the play isn't about the volcano – but the pirate treasure.

The best part of Letchworth's whole yarn is where he figures out, based on where the vol-

cano is, and figures out the pirate's island was in the Pinhook River, not up the Aucilla on Ward Island where his uncle had fruitlessly searched.

He and his brother and their sons visit the spot and find the hole in the ground where the treasure had been buried.

The story ends with a tale that some men from Gainesville returned from a hunting trip years ago claiming to have met up with an old pirate who showed them where his treasure was buried.

It's a great story and an entertaining play.

William Snowden is the editor of The Wakulla News.

How fair is waiving fines?

Editor, The News:

As reported in last issue of The Wakulla News, the majority of our Wakulla County Commissioners present at our April 15 meeting voted to forgive \$20,000 in code violation fines that had accumulated over a three-year period.

This action was posed as "one of fairness."

I was the lone dissenter on this vote because I believe this decision was most unfair to the citizens, taxpayers and employees of our county. Commissioner Ralph Thomas was not present and did not vote.

After almost three years of levying fines on a property whose owner refused to bring his property into compliance, and approximately months after the original owner died, the Code Enforcement Board reduced the fine by the amount that accrued when the property passed to the estate (by \$2,175, which I don't have issue with). The executor of the estate did not wish to pay any of the fines and this issue came to the county commission.

It was brought out at the meeting that the estate paid \$150 in administrative charges. This does not come close to covering the cost to the county for the salaries and overhead of the staff time spent on the case, which, without doubt, must be in the thousands of dollars. This will have to be paid by you, the "in-compliance" county taxpayers.

If we set a precedent of not following through on Code Enforcement Board actions, our Code Enforcement Board will eventually be viewed as a

toothless tiger. This will encourage others to ask and demand forgiveness for fines which, if granted, you, the "in-compliance" county taxpayers, will end up paying.

As I understand it, the county is seeking to add an additional and needed Code Enforcement Officer to the staff, so it is not as if the county Code Enforcement staff was sitting around looking for something to do.

Obviously, our county does not have a policy for forgiveness of assessed fines. Forgiveness should not be granted on a willy-nilly basis. This will lead to inconsistencies and possible abuses.

If our county is going to forgive fines, I propose that our county commission set a policy for forgiveness so that everyone will be treated equally and you, the "in-compliance" taxpayers, will know how your money is being spent.

The very next item on the commission agenda, after the forgiveness of the \$20,000 fine, dealt with another property owner who refused to correct the code violations and asked the county to take the property. Since the commission said OK, this will result in the expenditure of dollars that you, the "in-compliance" taxpayers, will pay since the county did not collect the assessed fines on the previous agenda item.

The taxpayers who keep their property in compliance are footing the bills for those who don't.

How fair is that?

Howard Kessler, M.D.
Crawfordville

Clarification

In a front page story in last week's News, "Board votes to forgive \$20,000 in fines," included the case of a property owner who offered to voluntarily give up rights to his property rather than pay more than \$47,000 in code enforcement fines that were a lien on the land.

The property, located on Pam

Drive in Crawfordville, has an estimated value of \$7,500.

The county commission voted to accept the transfer of the property.

While the story did not state otherwise, the land owner voluntarily offered to transfer the land to the county as an alternative to paying the lien.

Most popular stories online:

• St. Marks' Jim, Lem and Railroad

• Sheriff's Report for April 18, 2013

• Sheriff's Report for April 11, 2013

• Sheriff's office gets 'Potted'

• County commission: Board votes to forgive \$20,000 in fines

• There are other, less recognized pollinators – butterflies, wasps, flies and ants

• Weekly Roundup: It's show time in Tallahassee

• Pennies for Pets raises money for local charity CHAT

thewakullanews.com

READERS WRITE:

NAMI Wakulla Derby is Saturday

Editor, The News:

NAMI Wakulla (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is having an important fundraiser this coming Saturday, April 27th. It is our third annual 'Triple Crown Derby' held at 5pm at Camp Indian Springs on Bloxham Cutoff. You can enjoy horse racing with your favorite local riders and experience quality time with your youngsters by sharing a seat on bleachers and cheering loudly for your favorites. This is followed by an old fashioned pork and chicken BBQ with all the trimmings.

Why is this event important? It is because

mental illness affects one in four in the United States. Here in Wakulla, there is no exception to this statistic. We need your financial support in order to be able to continue our programs which are offered free to all citizens. We, the members of NAMI, feel a passionate need to step up to the plate. We not only want our doors at 2140-C Crawfordville Hwy. to remain open, we recognize the need to expand into our prison system, into our school system to help troubled children, and into the community in general to stamp out the stigma. Mental problems are caused by an imbalance in the brain. It is an

illness and needs to be recognized as such.

We, as most 501c-3 organizations, are financially struggling. We remain determined. We ask you, our friends and citizens, to also step up to the plate. There are many ways in which you can help. You can look into the programs we offer, you can become a member, make a donation and show up to support our fundraisers. For tickets, call the NAMI office at 926-1033 between the hours of 9:00 and 1:00. We hope to see you this Saturday!

Gail Hickman
Crawfordville

Welcome warriors coming to Wakulla

Editor, The News:

The Warriors and Quiet Waters Foundation has one goal and that is to honor and thank soldiers that have put it all on the line for their country.

We have been raising funds and making plans for months and now we are ready for our first Warriors. We are getting our first six soldiers from Martin Army Hospital, Ft. Benning, Ga., and they are coming Sunday April 28.

We are planning on the soldiers arriving at Wakulla Springs at 2 p.m. We planned the arrival time to make it convenient for as many people as possible to welcome them.

We would like for people to come to the entry

road to Wakulla Springs and wave a hand or wave a flag at the soldiers as they arrive.

The soldiers will arrive at the Lodge and spend just a little time before they will depart for Panacea. Hopefully these soldiers will feel comfortable being introduced to the crowd at the Rock the Dock Fishing Tournament. After the tournament the Warriors will go to Crum's Mini Mall where they will be outfitted with rods, reels and tackle compliments of the Crum family.

After the trip to Panacea the soldiers will go back to Wakulla Springs for a quiet dinner and rest up for the days ahead.

The next few days will be filled with good times for the soldiers – Capt.

Jody Campbell and Capt. Mike McNamara are taking these soldiers to all of their secret fishing holes for great fun.

The soldiers' evenings will be just as good as the days. There is one night that Wakulla Springs Baptist Church will be treating them to good home cooking, one night Posey's Up the Creek is treating them to great seafood and a Tallahassee family is treating them to a barbecue another night.

If you can please come out to the Springs entry road Sunday, April 28, around 2 p.m. to welcome these soldiers to our community.

Bill Russell
Warriors and Quiet Waters

Victim of theft seeks help

Editor, The News:

We have been the victim of a theft. My gold jewelry was stolen. One of the pieces was an oval locket that contained my deceased son's ashes. Anyone who may have information, please contact the Wakulla County Sheriff's office. If the information leads to the return of the locket, there will be a reward.

The locket has a green stone on the front, with starburst design in the gold and is engraved on the back. "Always in our Hearts."

Dawn Smith
dawn.smith@csgi.com



Letters to the Editor

The Wakulla News welcomes your letters. You can email it to editor@thewakullanews.net, mail it to P.O. Box 307, Crawfordville FL 32326 or drop it off at The News office, 3119-A Crawfordville Highway.

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More Opinions

READERS WRITE:

Living within the spectrum

Editor, The News:

Coping with a child with Aspergers.

We're different. You can't compare us to other people, or judge us the same way you would with other people.

Because Autism spectrum disorders are neurological, we might look totally normal on the outside, but we actually think and behave very differently than "normal" people.

We're not disabled. Sure, there are things that make it more difficult for us to function on a day to day basis, but that doesn't mean we're not capable of living our own lives.

We don't always react appropriately. Usually people with Autism Spectrum disorders have a difficult time understanding and processing societal norms, especially in terms of social interaction. It doesn't mean we are immature or don't care, we just don't know how we're "supposed" to act or respond sometimes.

We don't usually understand emotion. Often times we won't react appropriately simply because we don't understand the emotion in the given situation. It doesn't mean we don't care; it's just hard for us to know how to react.

We're not broken. We don't need fixing, we don't need solutions, and we don't need a "cure." We need people to love and accept us, and we need them to understand that this is who we are.

How to care for someone on the Autism Spec-

trum:

Be patient. Sometimes it can take us a lot longer to answer questions or do tasks because we're thinking in more detail about it than most people normally would.

Most of the time when we're communicating with other people, it's almost as if we're speaking a second language. We need a certain level of grace so that when we make mistakes (which we do) we don't have to be afraid that you will get upset.

Listen. Most often, we say exactly what we mean to say. We need people to listen to what we are really trying to say, and not assume that we might be implying something other than what we are saying.

Try to avoid unexpected change. Sudden change can make us very anxious and nervous. We won't know what to do, because we haven't mentally prepared for what's happening.

Ask detailed questions. Asking questions about things we're interested in can help us feel comfortable when talking to you because we know what to say. For example, if someone really loves airplanes, you could ask them "what is the most expensive airplane ever built?"

Don't get frustrated if we won't look at you or make eye contact. We most likely are giving you our full attention. We just tend to not look at people while talking because it makes it easier to concentrate on what we're

saying/hearing.

And lastly: Always remember that if you meet a person with an Autism spectrum disorder, then you've met one person with an Autism spectrum disorder.

Autism spectrum disorders are very diverse and they affect people in many different ways.

For example, one child might absolutely love surprises while another could be completely terrified of them.

The beginning of this year my son was diagnosed with a SPECTRUM DISORDER. I have become indifferent to the word ASPERGERS and Autism for many reasons.

People tune in when you say SPECTRUM, and tune out when they hear AUTISM. They just do not know how to respond. I myself at first had to come to terms with the labeling process.

It's just a label. Every child within the spectrum are all unique and different in their own way.

My son Peyton is amazing. He tested very close to genius in a few areas of the test, and of course failed on the socialization end of it.

I have researched and read every article I can get my hands on to.

This is Autism awareness month

Public understanding supercedes all other avenues I feel I could possibly take to help all children struggling with this disorder.

Linda Terranova
Crawfordville

Keep Wakulla Beautiful got a grant

Editor, The News:

Keep Wakulla County Beautiful was named as one of 11 Florida affiliates awarded a grant from Keep American Beautiful for Cigarette Litter Prevention Program.

The grant in the amount of \$2,000 will be used to purchase and install permanent cigarette butt receptacles in several public parks and other designated high traffic areas Wakulla County.

It is estimated that several trillion cigarette butts are littered worldwide every year. That's billions of cigarettes flicked, one at a time, on our sidewalks, beaches, nature trails, gardens, and other public places every single day.

In fact, cigarettes are the most lit-

tered item in America and the world.

Cigarette filters are made of cellulose acetate, not cotton, and they can take decades to degrade.

Not only does cigarette litter ruin even the most picturesque setting, the toxic residue in cigarette filters is damaging to the environment, and littered butts cause numerous forest fires, are mistaken for food by birds and wildlife and in our area, end up in our sensitive waterways.

For more information on Keep Wakulla County Beautiful, visit our website at www.kwcb.org or contact us at helpkwcb@gmail.com.

Jo Ann Palmer
Director
Keep Wakulla County Beautiful

HOME COUNTRY

Think of a shovelful of manure



By SLIM RANGLES

"I don't know about all this, honey," Dewey said. "It sounds pretty complicated. The way it is now, I go shovel manure into my pickup, drive to someone's garden, and ... safely ... use the dump bed of the truck to put it on the ground. I get paid by the feed lot to clean their corrals and get paid by the gardeners too."

Emily reached across the table at the booth in the Mule Barn coffee shop and squeezed his hand. "Dewey, dear, it's not that difficult. I just thought you could ... well, capitalize on these good things a bit more and expand your ho-

rizons. You really do have a good thing going here."

"I have branched out a bit into compost in the worm bins, too," he said.

"The worm department is working just fine, too, but only on a local level," Emily Stickles said. Emily is the "county lady" responsible for bringing help to those who don't realize they need it yet, and making sure no one steps rudely on the county codes.

"Remember the old saying," she said. "Don't hide your worms under a bushel."

"That's the old saying?"

"If not, it should be. So anyway, why not let me help you with a bit of publicity for your company? I'd love to do it, Hon."

"Company? I have a shovel and a pickup ..."

"Exactly!" she said. "But this is America, Dewey darling. America! Where

the sky's the limit! Where humble beginnings can lead to the summit of corporate success! Just look at what Alexander Graham Bell did with a single telephone!"

"I always wondered who he called once he got that first telephone built," Dewey pondered.

"That's the spirit!" Emily said to her sweetheart, "you just have to learn to think bigger than the next shovelful of manure, Dewey. That's all. Just think what can be done with a shovelful of manure ..."

They thought about what could be done with a shovelful of manure while Loretta topped off their coffee.

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Church

religious views and events

BUCKHORN NEWS

Revival set at Skipper Temple on April 28



By **ETHEL SKIPPER**

Skipper Temple Church of Christ, 165 Surf Road, will have a one-night revival on Sunday, April

28, at 7 p.m. The preacher will be Bishop Jeffrey Gibb from Bethel Temple Pentecostal Assembly Church of Christ Written in Heaven in Philadelphia. Everyone is invited to come out and receive a blessing.

On Sunday, May 5, will be Women's and Men's Day Service. The speaker for Women's Day will be Evangelist Glenda Simmons at 11 a.m. At 2:30 p.m., the speaker for Men's Day will be Elder Greg Rosier.

Happy birthday to the

following people in April: Jeremy Williams, Travis Williams, Faye Williams, William Johnson, and Evangelist Sonia Nelson.

The Macedonia Church will have their annual Mary E. Green Day Celebration on Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

Our prayers go out to the nation, to all in need for the help that can only come from the Lord through his son Jesus Christ.

Let us pray for each other.

OUT TO PASTOR

No known cure for the yakety-yak syndrome

By **JAMES L. SNYDER**

A few months back I was so sick I had to go see the doctor. That alone indicates the condition was rather serious. I do not like going to the doctor because you have to sit in the waiting room with sick people. I never know what contagious diseases are lurking in the shadows of that doctor's waiting room.

My condition progressed to the point where the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage told me to go to the doctor or else. I never want to deal with her "or else." I have lived as long as I have lived and have enjoyed the health that I do have because I have not found out her "or else."

Since I do not have health insurance, every time I go to the doctor it comes out of my own pocket. Recently my pockets have not been very deep. Regardless of how shallow my pockets may be, doctors know how to penetrate to the very depths of my pockets with their special scalpel.

The result of my visit to the doctors was that I had double pneumonia and bronchitis. Simply put, I was sick. He gave me a prescription to fill and then said I should spend at least the next two weeks in bed resting.

I was in such a state of mind that it sounded like a good idea to me. Of course, I made him write it out as a prescription so I could show it to my wife so she would believe me that I'm in bed because I'm sick not because I'm trying to avoid my chores.

The first couple of days I spent in bed hardly conscious of anything around me. I am not sure if I ate during those days are not. I have no recollection of anything conscious during those days.

By the beginning of the second week, I was strong

enough to get out of bed, put on my bathrobe and get back in bed and rest. It was not long before I could actually put on the bathrobe, go out into the living room, sit down in my easy chair and watch TV.

I have never watched as much TV as I did during those several weeks of recuperation. I am not saying there is anything wrong with TV, just that there is not that much right with TV anymore. I did not know how bad TV was until I watched it for about two weeks. During this time I was too sick to read and so settled down to watching TV, that is between naps.

I would set a program and leaned back and within two winks of my left eye I was sound asleep. When I say sound asleep, I mean my sleeping was very sound, I did not know what was going on around me. Occasionally I would pierce the world of consciousness and see what was on TV. Then I would fall back into the delightful world of unconsciousness.

After a few days of this, I was able to stay in the conscious world a little bit longer and consequently I was watching TV a little bit longer. The thing I found about TV is that TV is dominated by chat-boxes.

My ears were beginning to have their fill of chatter. I do not believe my ears were created to handle such a steady stream of incoherent verbiage. All day long, my ears were bombarded by noise coming from the mouths of people who had no idea what they were saying.

The TV world has been taken over by a hostile terrorist group known as talk shows. Does everybody in the world have a talk show? I have never seen or heard so much talking all of my life. After all, there are only 26 letters in the alphabet, how can people

come up with so many words?

The airwaves are filled with news talk shows, celebrity talk shows, cooking talk shows, sports talk shows, religious talk shows, talk shows of every variety you could think of and some you would not even think of. When I say variety, I am referring to the title of the talk show. Once you get beyond the title, everything is the same.

The only skill one needs to have for a talk show is, open your mouth and let verbiage flow uncontrollably and the more incoherent the better.

Between sneezing and blowing my nose and coughing uncontrollably, I watched some of these shows. Who in the world is watching these shows? Somebody must be. The only reason I was watching them was that I was so sick I could not do anything else. Maybe that is their audience.

When I got to the place that I could read without my eyes watering too much, I read what the Bible has to say on the subject. "And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you" (1 Thessalonians 4:11 KJV).

I have come to a somber conclusion; more people talk than listen, which is why the world is in the state it is in. I call it the Yakety-Yak syndrome of which there is no known cure.

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

Church Briefs

• Family and Friends Day at Zion Hill

Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church will be celebrating its annual Family and Friends Day on April 28 at 3 p.m. Pastor Derrick Nelson and Rocky Mount Church of Christ is in charge of the service. You are invited to come enjoy Jesus with us. Elder Ervin Donaldson Jr. is the pastor. For information, contact Mother Dora Rosier at (850) 962-4651.

• Joshua Aaron will perform at Tikvat Ami synagogue

On Saturday, April 27, Tikvat Ami Messianic Synagogue (Heritage Academy & Gingerbread Day School), 3324 N. Monroe St. in Tallahassee will have Messianic recording artist Joshua Aaron in concert. Services begin at 11 a.m. with a liturgical time of worship followed by the concert.

• National Day of Prayer will be observed May 2

The National Day of Prayer will take place on Thursday, May 2, at Sopchoppy City Hall from noon to 1 p.m. Several Sopchoppy area pastors, along with members from their congregations will be leading prayer for our area and for the nation. For more information, contact John Dunning of Spirit Life Church at 524-1998.

• Macedonia Church to hold bake sale

Macedonia Church of Christ Written in Heaven is taking orders for Homemade Pound Cake Sales to benefit the Macedonia Building Fund Project. Call in your order at 519-7678 or 519-5022. They will deliver your homemade pound cake.

Your \$25 donation will also enter your name in the May 10 drawing with a chance to win free dessert for one full year!

• Pastor anniversary at Greater Mount Trial

Greater Mount Trial Primitive Baptist Church will kick off the pastor's anniversary on Sunday, April 28, at 11 a.m. Guest speaker, Pastor Peterman and his congregation from St. Petersburg will be in charge of the service.

The church is located at 1421 Sopchoppy Highway. For more information, contact Mother Zora Franklin at 962-3501.

• Clothing giveaway at Grace Baptist on Saturday

A free clothing giveaway will be held at Grace Baptist Church on Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to noon. Clothing for baby, toddler, children, teens and adult – boys and girls.

The church is located at 803 Crawfordville Highway, just north of Bloxham. Call 926-3217 for information.

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Obituaries

Donald Barry Brim
Marie Anderson Cooper
Elsie Lorene Hale
Linda L. Hollis
Viola Whitlow Ingram
Janet Kay Paulk

Donald Barry Brim

Donald Barry Brim, 74, of Panacea, passed away on April 10, 2013 in Panacea.

He had been a resident of Panacea since about 1986 coming from Atlanta, where he had lived since 1968. He graduated from Georgia Tech with a B.S. in math in 1960. He helped start and was part owner of Consultec Inc., a computer consulting company. He served six months active duty and eight years in the U.S. Army Reserve.

A memorial gathering will be held Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bevis Funeral Home Harvey Young Chapel in Crawfordville (850-926-3333 or bevisfh.com).

Survivors include a son, David Barry Brim; and three sons-in-law, Scott Walker, Peter Carnell and Denny Lamoureux; three daughters, Patricia Brim Walker, Nancy Hilliard Brim and Barrie Lytle O'Brien; a daughter-in-law, Catherine Small Brim; a brother, Roderick McLain Brim Jr.; and eight grandchildren.

Elsie Lorene Hale

Elsie Lorene Hale, 79, of Crawfordville, formerly of Thomaston, Ga., died April 18, 2013, at her residence.

She was born on Oct. 29, 1933 in Randolph County, Ala., to Alfred and Estelle Griffin Truitt. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her daughter, Vickie Hale.

Survivors include her longtime companion, Robert Seber; two daughters, Janice Lorene (Bub)

Allen of Crawfordville, and Louise Hale (Larry) Hindmon of Leesburg, Ga.; three sons, Dannie (Pam) Hale of Crawfordville, Tony Hale of Crawfordville, Barry (Sheila) Hale of Manchester, Ga.; two brothers, Bobby (Nancy) Truitt of Williamson, Ga., and Elmer (Sue) Truitt of Folson, La.; two sisters, Ruth (Thomas) Creamer of Manchester, Ga., and Bonnie (James) Hutto of Thomaston, Ga.; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, April 21, 2013 at 4 p.m. from the Chapel of Coggins Funeral Home in Thomaston, Ga., with a burial followed at Smyrna Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends on Saturday April 20, 2013 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. A memorial service was held on April 25, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at Friendship Primitive Baptist Church in Medart.

Janet Kay Parker Paulk

Janet Kay Parker Paulk, 69, of Charlotte, Tenn., died Wednesday April 17, 2013 at Horizon Medical Center in Dickson, Tenn.

She was a native of Houston. She and her husband, Lloyd Paulk, had a home in Wakulla County for a time.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 20, 2013 at 2 p.m. in the chapel of the Taylor Funeral Home in Charlotte, Tenn., with burial in the Fall

Creek Branch Cemetery.

Besides her husband, survivors include a son, Parrish Paulk of Charlotte, Tenn.; three brothers, Clifford Parker of Charlotte, Mike Parker and Mark Parker, both of Conroe, Texas; one sister, June Medley of Roswell, Ga.; a grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents, Ace Parker and Betty Jean Sharrai Parker; and a daughter, Darby Saunders.

Big Bend Hospice offers resources after national, personal tragedies

Special to The News

In the wake of tragedies, such as the Boston Marathon Bombing, and the Newtown shootings, our national focus is drawn to painful encounters with death, trauma, grief, and a heart wrenching emotional struggle to understand. We struggle to make sense of acts like these in within our own value systems – how can such terrible things happen to innocent people, including children?

What we may not focus on as often, are our own citizens right here in Wakulla County who have been touched by personal losses and tragedies. They too struggle each and every day, although we may not always notice. They might be our family members, colleagues, classmates of our children, friends, and neighbors.

We are fortunate to have not only Big Bend Hospice but other local agencies and providers

who are here to help. Call 2-1-1 Big Bend for a current listing of providers.

For your convenience we have listed those services provided free of charge by Big Bend Hospice, regardless of whether their loved one utilized hospice medical services.

Call Pam at 878-5310 x 799 or pam@bigbendhospice.org for more information or to register.

FOR YOUTH

- Monthly Children's Nights: fourth Tuesdays of the month (concurrent parent/guardian support meeting). For children ages 5-12 who have experienced the death of a loved one.

- Monthly Teen Nights: second Tuesdays of the month. For teens who have experienced the death of a loved one.

- Resources and referral: provide free materials and information for children and those that

support them.

- Trauma, Grief, and Loss Coalition for Youth: List serve for professionals and lay helpers that provide support to youth touched by trauma, grief, loss, bereavement and suicide. Quarterly meetings.

- Camp and Teen Woe-Be-Gone: Two annual bereavement camps hosted by Big Bend Hospice.

FOR ADULTS

- Six Week Support Groups: Next one runs May 16-June 27. Thursday evenings at 6 p.m.

- Grief Series: Educational sessions on different topics. Next session is May 6 and topic is "Grief 101" at 6 p.m.

- Suicide Loss Support Group: Meets third Tuesdays of each month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

- Annual Remembrance Services including Mother's and Father's Day, Veteran's Day, Feasts of Remembrance and Hope for Holidays.

Marie Anderson Cooper

"Aunt" Marie Anderson Cooper was born on June 24, 1918 and raised on a cattle farm in Waterbury in Manatee County. She left this world April 19, 2013 with her trademark smile on her face. She was perhaps the happiest person to ever grace this land and she left many friends, former students, nephews and nieces with smiles on their faces, remembering her lightness of being and the happy times in her presence.

She graduated from Manatee High School and Florida State College for Women in the 1930s. She taught school in Florida

and North Carolina for over 50 years. She taught her nieces and nephews how to ride horses, churn butter, read classic children's books, skinny dip, how to make clothes from chicken feed sacks and how to laugh and cry (mostly laugh). She was prepared to move on, but she will be forever missed by many.

She was predeceased by her parents Ray Eugene Anderson and Sara Maude Lemmon Anderson; her husband, Leo Cooper; her siblings, Betty Johnson, Max Anderson, Myrna Jordan, Carol Banks, Doyle Anderson and Juanita Manley.

She spent her most recent years in Wakulla County being loved and

cared for in the home of her niece and nephew, Cheryl and Justin Coddington, and great-niece, Macy Coddington, and great-nephew Bradley Davis of Crawfordville; and she will never be forgotten by her nephew Tim Jordan (Bonnie Holub) of Panacea. She leaves a legacy of loving friends and family throughout the Southeast.

The graveside service will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at Skyway Memorial Cemetery in Palmetto. The time is yet to be determined. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Big Bend Hospice.

Linda L. Hollis

Linda L. Hollis (Lady Lock), 68, of Panacea, died on March 11, 2013 at Hospice House in Tallahassee.

She was born on Jan. 25, 1945 in Ypsilanti, Mich.

Survivors include brothers, Ronald P. Hollis of Middleburg, James L. Hollis of Tallahassee; Debbie Jo Purvines Tallahassee Fl.

She was predeceased by her parents,

James P. and Lorraine Hollis; her sister, Nancy Jo French; and nephew, Todd H. Purvines.

There will be a memorial service held at Angelo's Restaurant in Panacea at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 4, 2013. Instead of flowers, the family has asked that memorial donations be made to Hospice House of Tallahassee.

Abbey's Funeral Home of Tallahassee is in charge of arrangements.

Viola Whitlow Ingram

Viola "Vickie" Whitlow Ingram, 92, of Tallahassee, died on Wednesday, April 17, 2013.

She was born in Bassett, Va., on Feb. 7, 1921.

The family received friends on Monday, April 22, 2013 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of Woodville. Funeral Services were held at 3 p.m. at the church. Burial followed at the White Church Cemetery in Woodville. In lieu of

flowers, donations may be made to the First Baptist Church of Woodville, 9500 Woodville Highway, Tallahassee FL 32305 or Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd, Tallahassee FL 32308.

Survivors include a son, Walter Ingram (Shirley); a granddaughter; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Dot Davis (Larry); and two brothers, Junior Whitlow (Peggy) and Wesley Whitlow (Lois); brother-in-law: Oliver Ingram (Eunice); and numerous nieces, neph-

ews and close friends.

She was predeceased by her father, Posey Whitlow, and mother, Nannie Shelton Whitlow; her husband, Wayne Ingram; a brother, Ebb Whitlow; two sisters, Beatrice Bryant (Harden) and Doris Herndon.

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

Revival set at Charlotte Faith

Charlotte's Faith & Deliverance Temple will hold a spring revival on Wednesday, April 24, through Friday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. with the theme "Surrender All."

The church is located at 164 Brown Donaldson Road. All are welcome.

For more information, contact Pastor Alice Williams at 926-7322.

Also, on Sunday, April 28, at 5 p.m., Pastor Williams will be ordained a bishop in the church.

HEAVENS TO BETSY

Will next generation have faith?



By DR. BETSY GOEHRIG

Will our children have faith? Will the next generation know what it is like to have faith in God and a relationship with God?

That depends in large part on how important that is to their parents.

First, children will have faith when their parents VALUE THE IMPORTANCE OF FAITH IN THEIR LIVES and spend time taking them to church, Sunday School, and youth programs.

As I contemplate what a difference faith in Christ has made in my life, as a pastor, I realize that faith has been my life!

I had wonderful parents who gave me the precious gift of faith by their own faithfulness in bringing me to church and Sunday School throughout my childhood and youth.

At the ripe old age of 5, I announced to them that I was bored and didn't want to go anymore. They listened to what I was feeling, but let me know that it wasn't an option to drop out, informed me that we would still be going to church and Sunday School, and encouraged me to find ways to get more interested.

I thank God that my

parents didn't just quit taking me because I got bored one day. Just think how different my life would have been had they done just that!

Many parents say they don't want to force religion on their kids. So when they indicate they are bored or uninterested, the parents quit taking them.

However, if their children got up one morning and indicated they were bored or disinterested in school, what would the parents' reaction be? "Oh, honey, that's okay, you don't have to go to school anymore. I don't want you to feel forced to be there."

Of course not! They would make them go to school, because they value the child getting an education. If parents truly value their children growing up with faith, then going to church and other faith-building activities are not made an option but an expectation.

Children will grow in faith in environments where their parents nurture and do not damage the spirits of their children, by their own attitudes, words, and deeds. Children learn by what they see and hear.

How important is faith in the home, as well as at church and Sunday School? What do we model for our children, by what they hear and see on a daily basis, ethically, as well as spiritually?

How do we treat others? Do we nurture our children's spirits? Do we ever read the Bible at home? Do we pray with

our children?

One of the most valuable times I've ever spent with my children has been with their bedtime prayers and hearing things they would say to God that they had not yet shared with me.

Just as importantly as what we do to help promote faith development in our children is to recognize and avoid what we do that damages or tears down their faith development. If we talk negatively about the church or pastor or leaders as we drive home or at the dinner table, then it works to tear down what they've just been taught in the church by the pastor, leaders, and teachers.

Be mindful of what you say and attitudes you carry that tear down rather than build up their faith.

Children will grow in faith where faith becomes action. Children and youth will grow in faith, where faith is stretched into serving and ministering.

Children and youth who have opportunity to minister to others grow in compassion for others and in spiritual leadership.

And truly the world becomes a better place when that happens. So providing opportunities for your children to help others will help them grow and develop as men and women of faith.

Teaching them to be a blessing for others will become one of their own greatest blessings in life.

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

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happenings in our community

Wakulla High School alum graduates basic training



Airman Jay B. Lamb

Special to The News

Air Force Airman Jay B. Lamb graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Lamb is the son of Stephanie Anderson of Creekside Cove.

He is a 2012 graduate of Wakulla High School.

Housing Authority announces winners of coloring contest

Special to The News

In celebration of the 45th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act and in an effort to create awareness about the importance of Fair Housing, Wakulla County conducted a coloring contest throughout the Wakulla County Elementary and Middle Schools, public, private, and home schools.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, familial status and disability.

The participating students had to submit a drawing to represent what their vision of "Fair Housing" means and were judged based on age category.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Ages 7-9

1st Place: Erin Fortier, Home School

2nd Place: Hannah Pichard, Crawfordville Elementary

3rd Place: De'Ana Albert, Shadeville Elementary

Ages 10-12

1st Place: Adriana Fortier, Home School

2nd Place: Makenna Roddenberry, Riversink Elementary

3rd Place: Derisha Jones, Riversink Elementary

The winners will also be recognized and provided prizes at the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Meeting on Monday, May 6 at 5 p.m.

For more information relating to this story, please contact Meridian Community Services Group, Wallisa Cobb at (850) 877-1908.

LIBRARY NEWS

Young adult area being added



By SCOTT JOYNER

A project that has been way too long in coming is finally getting off the ground, the making of our empty storage space in the south end of the building into a Young Adult Area for the teens of Wakulla County.

A first draft of plans has been developed and will be discussed at this week's Friends of the Library meeting, Thursday night at 6 p.m.

The initial plans call for two small study rooms for groups of four, our Young Adult section being moved into the area and perhaps expanded, contemporary "teen-centric" furniture and design, charging stations for laptops, tablets, etc, all making up an area, like in many other libraries, that the Young Adults of the area can call their

own.

We encourage anyone who'd like to give input to come to the Friends meeting or feel free to contact me with any questions.

Funding for the project will be provided by existing Impact Fee funds specifically designated for WCPL, support from the Friends of the Library, as well as a portion of our State Aid funds.

We're extremely excited about this project and hope that this will create an area for the teens of Wakulla County to call their own for years to come.

FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE

This week our Friday Night Movie will be an Academy Award nominated film based on the true story of one family's fight for survival after the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.

Rated PG-13 for intense realistic disaster sequences, including disturbing injury images and brief nudity, this film stars Naomi Watts (in a Best Actress Oscar nominated role), Ewan McGregor, in a film (that while it's of course always the parents' decision) may be a little too graphic for young viewers.

The film does tell an

inspiring story as you'll continue to be amazed by the tenacity of the human spirit. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

WIN A \$50 GIFT CARD

As part of the Friends of the Library's annual membership drive this year, the Friends are giving away a \$50 Visa gift card to a lucky person who joins up with the Friends.

For as little as \$10 you can join this great organization that has raised money for and supported the Library for over 30 years!

The Friends are looking for those with new ideas for improving the library, promoting all that the library does, or joining us at great local events.

You can be as active as you'd like so please join up today and help this great organization who over the past four years has saved the taxpayers of Wakulla County over \$80,000 by funding programs and expenses outside of county or state tax dollars.

Anybody who joins by May 15 will be eligible.

Scott Joyner is director of the Wakulla County Public Library.

National Drug Take Back Day is Saturday

Special to The News

On Saturday, April 27, the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office will take part in National Drug Take Back Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at three locations around the county.

A deputy sheriff will be accepting old, unwanted prescription drugs from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Wakulla County Health Department at 48 Oak Street in Crawfordville; Crum's Mini Mall at 1321 Coastal

Highway in Panama; and at the Kangaroo Express Station #3908, 9160 Woodville Highway in Wakulla Station.

The unwanted medication will be collected for disposal with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). For those citizens who cannot make it to the collection sites on April 27, the WCSO maintains a secure drug collection bin in the lobby of the sheriff's office. The collection bin is available 24 hours per day, seven days a week.

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School

education news from local schools

School Board names teachers, employee of the month

Special to The News

April Teachers of the Month are Riversink Elementary School's Ginni Brown and the ESE Department's Nicole Klees along with employee of the month Robin Oaks from the Transportation Department.

Superintendent Bobby Pearce and the Wakulla County School Board applaud the energetic service each of these individuals give to the children of Wakulla County and the commitment they display on behalf of the students, schools, the profession of education and communities they serve.

Virginia "Ginni" Brown, April Teacher of the Month, started her career as a kindergarten teacher with the school district in 2009 at Riversink Elementary School.

Prior to working at Riversink she served as a Pre-K teacher at Aucilla Christian Academy.

Brown grew up in Jefferson County, attended and graduated from Aucilla Christian Academy in Monticello. She earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education at



Ginni Brown

Flagler College in Tallahassee.

Being in the presence of little people when they grow and learn gives Brown great pleasure. She notes, "When they leave kindergarten writing two or three sentence paragraphs and reading small readers, the experience is priceless."

Riversink Principal Jackie High cites Brown's wonderful sense of humor and obvious love for her students as strengths.

She shared, "Ginni Brown is a true asset to the Otter Team."

Nicole Klees serves as the speech-language pathologist for the district's



Nicole Klees

secondary schools and is also our April Teacher of the Month.

Klees claims the outstanding reputation of the school district and the people of Wakulla County were the driving forces that led her to work with students.

Originally from Mount Pleasant, Klees earned her bachelor and master's degree from FSU in communication sciences and disorders. Her family relocated to Wakulla County when her husband, Coach Scott Klees, was hired at Wakulla High School.

Klees cites working with a variety of professionals as student needs



Robin Oaks

are addressed as one of the most enjoyable parts of her job.

"I've worked alongside Physical and Occupational Therapist, Vocational and Assistive Technology Specialists as well as Hearing and Vision Specialist, all in an effort to improve student achievement for our students," she says.

Klees is a member of the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association, the Florida Association of Speech-Language Pathologists, the American Football Coaches Wives Association and the Sopchoppy Southern Baptist Church.

She has a Professional Educator's Certificate with

coverage in Speech-Language Disorders issued by the Florida Department of Education and a state license issued by the Department of Health to practice speech-language pathology.

Executive Director of ESE Tanya English notes, "This honor is well deserved. Her creativity and willingness to go above and beyond the scope of routine to serve students is outstanding. She is the first to volunteer to work with parents to help them understand ESE procedures, and to think outside the box when discussing service delivery. She is an asset to the middle and high schools and our entire ESE team."

Wakulla School District Transportation Department has selected Robin Oaks as the March Employee of the Month.

Oaks has been a full-time school bus driver for more than 12 years. Prior to that, she served the students of our county as a pre-k teacher assistant and substitute teacher.

Oaks began her education in Tallahassee but

moved to Wakulla County "as soon as she could" and graduated from Wakulla High School.

Ms. Annie Ruth Perryman originally hired Oaks to work in the pre-K baby house in 1985.

Oaks shares, "There is never a dull day in the life of a bus driver. The kids say the darndest things and tell all about their home life and what mama and daddy say and do. I know most of the parents of the students I transport and they know that I will take care of their precious cargo each and every day."

Transportation Coordinator Pat Jones adds, "Mrs. Oaks is the most energetic, loving and talkative bus driver in the Transportation Department. There is never a dull moment when she is around. Her greatest attribute is the love she has for her students and their safety. She is always willing to help where needed and often acts as roving bus driver. Mrs. Oaks is a great asset to the Transportation Department and she is always willing to lend a helping hand to new drivers."

Debate over teacher pay continues, challenging Gov. Scott

By BRANDON LARRABEE
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, April 22 - Gov. Rick Scott and legislative leaders have dug in their heels on teacher pay raises in recent days, with GOP lawmakers making it clear they intend to push forward with proposals divvying up raises based on performance even as Scott continues to push for an across-the-board salary boost.

The fight is shaping up as a test of how much Scott, a political neophyte before winning the governor's office in 2010, can influence his Republican colleagues with little more than a year left before he faces voters again.

Having identified two proposals as his chief priorities in the 2013 session - the other being a proposed elimination of the sales tax on manufacturing equipment that has also seen uneven progress

- Scott now faces the prospect of a session where he gets half or less of what he wants.

House and Senate negotiators have agreed to spend \$480 million for education pay increases in the budget year beginning July 1, matching the amount Scott asked for in his proposed spending blueprint. But the two sides intend to use the money for all instructional personnel, instead of just classroom teachers, and have repeatedly insisted that at least some of the raises be decided based on performance.

"We've been consistent in our position: We think merit pay is going to be a component of any increase in pay for our teachers," said House Speaker Will Weatherford, R-Wesley Chapel, on Monday. "We think that's what the citizens of Florida expect."

Rather than proclaim a partial victory and move

on, Scott has doubled down, even after the Sunday conference meeting that produced the tentative House-Senate agreement on pay increases.

"We need to do an across-the-board, \$2,500 pay raise for each and every one of our classroom teachers," he told reporters Monday, after signing a sweeping education bill.

Scott and his office have noted in recent days that he and the Legislature both have priorities whose fates could be decided in the final days. But the governor has stopped short of directly threatening lawmakers' pet projects and has avoided questions on whether he might use his veto on some or all of the budget if the pay raises aren't to his liking.

In the course of his fight, Scott has drawn the support of unlikely allies in the state's educational establishment. Teachers

unions and superintendents have rallied to his position in recent days, even if they do so without mentioning him.

Florida Education Association President Andy Ford issued a fiery statement Monday excoriating lawmakers for relying on a merit-pay system already being challenged in court to decided raises.

"Pay raises for other state workers like law enforcement officers and firefighters aren't tied to a ridiculous evaluation system," Ford said. "Why is the teaching profession? Is it because the profession is dominated by women?"

Superintendents have raised other concerns, saying that the tests meant to assess some teachers when a full performance pay system kicks off in 2014 aren't done yet, and that any contracts would have to be negotiated with unions.

"We believe it would be difficult, at best, to get pay for performance set up and tests designed for all of our teachers in a single bound and a year earlier," said Orange County Superintendent Barbara Jenkins.

But Republican lawmakers have been just as unyielding. After another negotiating session on Monday, Sen. Bill Galvano,

the Bradenton Republican steering the talks for his chamber, reiterated lawmakers' support for an increase for all education workers based on merit.

"And whether or not that turns out to be a \$2,500 raise per teacher - that's unlikely," Galvano said. "But it should, for the most part, accomplish what [Scott] wants to accomplish."

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BASEBALL

War Eagles defeat Leon, 9-2

By AMANDA MAYOR
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In an effort to finish their season off right, the Wakulla War Eagles succeeded Thursday, April 18 against Leon.

The action began at the bottom of the fourth inning when Brandon Geiger hit a hard shot to shortstop and Leon's first baseman couldn't come up with the ball, allowing Geiger to reach first.

The next batter, Brandon Nichols, hit a line drive to the outfield for a double and an RBI, scoring Geiger.

On a passed ball, Nichols moved from second to third before Kaleb Atkins chopped one over the third baseman, bringing Nichols home and safely getting on first.

Jeff Barnes then bunted Atkins to second base, earning the first out of the inning.

Two walks would follow, loading the bases and prompting a pitching change. Before ending the inning, Dalton Dugger drew a walk, scoring Atkins.

With the War Eagles up 3-0 at the top of the fifth, things remained fairly quiet until a six-run scoring spree broke out at the bottom of the sixth. It began with a single by Bryan Nichols, who then stole second base. With an out on the board, Micah Gray hit a line drive to second base, reaching first on a defensive error that allowed Nichols to score.

After getting hit by a pitch, Dalton Dugger landed on first, followed James Estes who walked.

Brandon Geiger then popped up to the pitcher who could not come up with the ball, allowing two runs to score. More defensive mishaps would allow the score to reach 9-0 before the end of the sixth.

Leon's effort to rally at the top of the seventh came up short.

After a double, a single and two runs batted in, closing pitcher Brandon Geiger put Leon's offense to sleep.

The final score was 9-2, ending their regular season with an overall record of 17-5 and a conference standing of 3-1.



PHOTOS BY AMANDA MAYOR

War Eagle seniors are recognized in a ceremony with their parents before the start of the Leon game.

Dalton Dugger named Regional Player of the Year

Prior to the start of the Leon game, senior Dalton Dugger was named the Big Bend Regional Player of the Year, voted on by coaches from Liberty to Madison counties.

Dugger will attend the All-Star game at Sebring, and is only the third Wakulla player to be invited.

Coach Mike Gauger



Dalton Dugger

praised Dugger for his off-season work recovering from an injury that kept Dugger out last year.

"He became a phenomenal player," Gauger said.

Other War Eagle seniors include Raleigh Strickland, RJ Montgomery, Dalton Norman, Garrett Woolfer, Jeff Barnes, Brandon Nichols, Dillon Norman, Hunter DeRoss, Jacob Walker, DeQuan Simmons and Jake Walker.



GIRLS TENNIS

Girls team wins district title

Two Wakulla singles players and doubles team win district championships; Wakulla to host regionals

By NOREEN BRITT
WHS Tennis Coach

The Wakulla High School Girls Tennis team went to the district play-offs at Tom Brown Park on April 1 and 2. The girls had a great season with a record of 11-3.

The district is tough with Godby, Florida High, Suwannee, Rickards, Taylor and Madison.

The first day went well with Wakulla ending the day with 9 points, Godby had 8, and Florida High had 7.

Chelsea Carroll, a senior and the No. 1 player with a season record of 8-3, won both her single matches and made it to the finals to be held on Tuesday but against the undefeated girl from Godby.

Logan Kelley, a junior and the No. 2 player with a season record of 9-2, won

both her singles and was facing a girl from Florida High.

Rachel Dix-Kessler, a senior and the No. 3 player, won her first singles match but then lost in the semi-finals.

Christina Evans, a sophomore and the No. 4 player won her first match, then lost her second match.

Taylor Dunn, a senior and the No. 5 player, did the same - won her first but lost her second.

Marlee Kelley a junior was our alternate player.

Then the No. 1 doubles of Carroll and Dix-Kessler won the first match against Suwannee.

Kelley and Evans the No. 2 doubles won their first match Madison.

Tuesday the district title could have gone many ways.

The day started with doubles, the No. 1 doubles



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

The Wakulla High School girls tennis team.

of Carroll and Dix-Kessler split sets against Florida High but then lost the third set.

The No. 2 doubles of Kelley and Evans won their match against Florida

High and would play for the championship against Suwannee.

Then we played the No. 1 singles pitting Chelsea Carroll against the undefeated Godby player.

Chelsea won in two sets. This win automatically qualifies her to compete in the State Finals.

Then the No. 2 Logan Kelley defeated Florida High in two sets as well.

The No. 2 doubles played for the championship against Suwannee and won.

We walked away with three district championships and the district title.

No. 1 Chelsea Carroll, No. 2 Logan Kelley and No. 2 Doubles of Logan Kelley and Christina Evans. The team is coached by Noreen Britt.

Wakulla will host in the first round of the regional playoffs.

Florida High and Godby were tied for second and it was up to the No. 1 doubles to break the tie, Florida High won in a tough match against Godby.

The points were still close Wakulla winning with 13, then Fl High with 10, Godby with 9 and Suwannee with 7.

BOYS TENNIS

Team finishes season in 4th place at district tournament

Special to The News

The Wakulla War Eagle boys' tennis team finished its 2013 season earning a 4th place at the District tournament on April 1st and 2nd.

The boys have an extremely competitive and talented tennis district.

Schools competing for the district title against Wakulla include Rickards, Florida High, Taylor, Suwannee, Madison and Godby.

Rickards won the district title and Wakulla fell just short of a 2nd place finish behind Taylor and Florida High.

In individual play several players excelled.

Wyatt Harvey, the number one seed came in district runner-up.

Jack Battle, the number four seed came in district runner-up and was undefeated in regular season play.

Chad Peltier the number three seed and Gil Damon the number five seed had impeccable records with only two regular season losses.

The number one doubles team of Wyatt Harvey and Daniel McCullers and number 2 doubles team of Chad Peltier and Jack Battle

also did well during the regular season with only four losses.

Members of the boys tennis team include number one seed and number one doubles player, senior Wyatt Harvey, number two seed and number one doubles player, junior Daniel McCullers, number three seed and number two doubles player, senior Chad Peltier, number four seed and number two doubles player, senior Jack Battle, number five seed junior Gil Damon and number six seed junior Alex Ross.

The team is coached by Joanna Colvin.

SOFTBALL

Lady War Eagles fall to Suwannee in district championship game

The Suwannee County Bulldogs softball team scored nine runs and limited the Wakulla War Eagles to two in the District Championship game last Thursday in Live Oak.

The War Eagles were undefeated in regular sea-

son District games but were unable to get the bats going this past Thursday night.

Kelbi Davis and Kayla Hussey were both 2-4 and Michael Cooper was 1-3 with a home run.

With the loss the War

Eagles will now have to take it on the road to Rutherford High School in Panama City and will need a win in order to move onto the Regional Semifinals next week.

- Amy Lee

FOOTBALL

Gridiron club, cheerleaders selling stadium signs to support programs

Wakulla High School is getting ready for the 2013 War Eagle football season. The Gridiron Club and the cheerleaders have begun selling football stadium signs to support their programs.

The signs are 4x8 feet and will be displayed around the stadium and along Highway 98 from late summer through the entire season. The price of the signs

is \$250. Gridiron signs will be displayed on the visitors side, and cheerleader signs will be displayed along Highway 98 and the remainder of the stadium. Look for a cheerleader or a gridiron member to contact you soon. The War Eagles want to thank the community for all the wonderful support provided to help build these successful programs. Go War Eagles!

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TRACK

School records fall for Wakulla athletes at regionals

Three runners, relay team and high jumpers advance to state meet – largest number of Wakulla track athletes to qualify

By PAUL HOOVER
WHS Track Coach

Bolles School in Jacksonville hosted the 2A-Region-1 track and field finals on Thursday, April 18.

Fourteen members of the WHS teams participated in the meet and definitely made their presence known.

The first event of the day was the girls 4x800 meter relay. The week before, at Districts, the local team did not run its fastest team, focusing primarily on just moving on to the Regional Meet.

The strategy worked, but the WHS team ended up being placed in the slow heat at Regionals, which made it much harder to place high enough, in the top four, to advance to the State Meet.

On paper, there seemed to be an outside chance that WHS team could do that. This time around, two sets of sisters and the team's four best 800 meter runners stepped onto the track and never lost sight of what they had to do.

Savanna Harris ran an all-time personal record of 2:37 on the first leg and had the team in fourth place before handing the baton to Lydia Wiedeman who ran excellent leg of 2:30 and had the local team in first place by the time she handed the baton to her sister, Margaret Wiedeman.

Margaret also ran her leg in a new PR of 2:33 and opened a huge gap on the field.

Madison Harris, the other half of the Harris' sister team, blasted the final leg in a sizzling 2:17 and expanded on the lead.

At the time, the school record in this event, set earlier this season, was 10:27. When Harris crossed the finish line, the clock showed 9:57.63!

Unbelievably, the local team had not only destroyed the school record, but had broken the 10:00 minute barrier!

Now, they had to wait and watch the second, and, on paper, fastest heat to see if they what they had run was fast enough.

The four top ranked teams in the Region; Bolles, Bishop Kenney, West Florida Tech and Raines, were all in this



The girls 4x800 team that qualified for states: Savanna Harris, Madison Harris, Lydia Wiedeman and Margaret Wiedeman. Keith Gavin, below, clearing the bar at 6'8" and winning the high jump and also advancing to the state meet.

heat and all running really well. Bolles, BK and West Florida separated a little from Raines and the splits for Raines, the fourth place team, indicated that they were just about equal with the WHS team through the first three legs of the relay.

When the Raines anchor runner took the baton, they were only couple of seconds ahead of the local girls, which meant their final runner had to equal Madison Harris' split and the local girls started to believe that they were going to realize their dream.

Harris is one of the top 800 meter runners, not only in the state, but is also nationally ranked in the event, and it seemed unlikely her split time would be equaled and it wasn't. When 9:57 showed on the track clock, the Raines runner still had roughly 50 meters to go and the WHS girls knew they were headed to the State Meet!



They not only set a new school record, but also became the first WHS relay team to ever qualify for the State Meet.

The boys 4x800 meter team of Travis Parks, J.P. Piotrowski, Albert Smythe and Alan Pearson also ran a solid race and turned in

the second fastest time of the season, 8:50.25, to place 12th.

HIGH JUMP

Next up for the local tracksters was the boys high jump and another chance for the two lo-

cal qualifiers to re-write school history.

WHS's Keith Gavin and Corion Knight entered the meet as two of the top ranked jumpers, not only in the region, but in the state and they lived up to their billing. Both cleared 6'4" and only two other

jumpers remained in the competition.

Knight and the jumper from Walton High School both failed to clear 6'6", leaving only Gavin and a Rutherford High jumper still in the competition.

Both cleared 6'6" and the bar was raised to 6'8", a height Gavin had not cleared all season. The Rutherford jumper missed his first two attempts at the new height, but on his second attempt, Gavin sailed over the bar, setting a new PR and new school record.

The Rutherford athlete missed on his third attempt and Gavin earned the Regional Championship. Knight, based on fewer misses, placed third and also advances to the State Meet.

Later in the evening, Madison Harris re-asserted her dominance in the 800 meters by winning her third straight Regional crown in 2:20.36.

Lydia Wiedeman continued her string of top flight performances in the 800 with a sixth place finish and a new PR of 2:27.41.

For the boys, J.P. Piotrowski ran an excellent race, setting a new PR to 2:05.42 and lowering his school record by .04 of a second.

In the 1600 meters, Margaret Wiedeman ran a solid 5:47 and placed ninth.

WHS had three runners in the 3200 meter runs, two girls and one boy, and all ran very well and recorded new PRs. Kayla Webbe ran 13:01, Raychel Gray ran 13:09 and freshman, Albert Smythe continued to improve, finishing in ninth place in the time of 10:43.

The girls 4x400 meter relay team of Savanna Harris, Savanna Strickland, Breighly Bolton and Lydia Wiedeman also ran a good race, finishing in 4:31.

The Regional Meet turned out to be a great success for the local athletes, with three individuals and the 4x800 meter relay team qualifying for this week's State Meet which will be held on April 27, at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville.

That's the largest number of WHS track athletes to ever qualify for the State Meet.

RUNNING

List of winners of Worm Gruntin' 5K

Worm Gruntin' 5K Race Awards
Saturday, April 13, – Sopchoppy, Florida
www.wormgruntinfestival.com

OVERALL -MALES

1st Place: Stanley Linton 15:56 17
2nd Place: Chris Bach 17:05 25
3rd Place: Anthony Kuchera 17:28 26

OVERALL -FEMALES

1st Place: Emily Smith 21:46 28
2nd Place: Michelle Perry 22:09 28
3rd Place: Connie Lewis 22:43 14

GRAND MASTER AWARDS – OVER 50 Years Old

Male: Karl Hempel 18:57 61
Female: Laurie Gregory 24:03 53

AWARDS BY AGE CATEGORY 8 AND UNDER

1st Place: Madden Metcalf 47:50 7 M
2nd Place: Brady Crum 55:39 8 M

AGE 9 – 13

1st Place: Fisher Lawhon
2nd Place: Ty Gallon
3rd Place: Jacob Crum

AGE 14 – 19

1st Place: Travis Parks

2nd Place: Jimmy French
3rd Place: Connie Lewis

AGE 20 – 29

1st Place: Emily Smith
2nd Place: Michell Perry
3rd Place: Steven Orosz

AGE 30-39

1st Place: Clinton Beam
2nd Place: Brian Blackwell
3rd Place: Jeremy Gray

AGE 40-49

1st Place: Duane Evans
2nd Place: David Savery
3rd Place: David Kaminsky

AGE 50-59

1st Place: Jeff Kuperberg
2nd Place: Laurie Gregory
3rd Place: Larry Pesek

AGE 60-69

1st Place: Kark Hempel
2nd Place: Butch Higley
3rd Place: Mike Bardin / Al Cooksey

AGE 70 AND UP

1st Place: Alexander Reithinger
2nd Place: Fred Heindenreich

Thank you from race director

Thanks to the Worm Gruntin' 5K runners, volunteers, sponsors and donors, we had a great race this year with 148 runners!

Our sponsors made our race both possible and a success, and we would like to acknowledge each sponsor for their support.

This year's sponsors included Capital Health Plan, Centennial Bank, Brooks Concrete, Backwoods Bistro, City of Sopchoppy, BodyTek, and Bad Bob's of Sopchoppy.

In addition to our sponsors, we had donations of fruit, water and Gatorade for our runners from the following: Winn-Dixie, Wal-Mart, Walgreens and Dollar General.

We also want to thank the following race volunteers for their invaluable help with the race: Cindy Jones, Pollie Lawhon, Gigi Cavallaro, Kristin Craze, Tina Fleming, Lynn Sapp, and Robert Strickland. We also want to thank the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office for leading off our race and helping with traffic! Thank you for your time and efforts!

We need to offer sincere apologies to runner Clinton Bean for our race calculation error prior to the awards ceremony. In the rush to tally results, Bean's time was missed. He was the first place runner in the age 30-39 age category. Congratulations, Clinton Bean!

And lastly, thank you to each one of our 148 runners! We had a great race and we hope to see you again next year – with a friend! Our race is always the second Saturday in April so mark the date on your calendar and keep training!

Susan Brooks Shearer
5K Race Director
Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin Festival

Outdoors

outdoor sports and fishing reports

Rock the Dock is this weekend

Big Bend Kayak Classic is May 3 and 4; children's tournament coming up

I'm not writing a fishing report but when you can catch 8 limits of trout in two days with wind blowing 20 to 25 knots, I would say fishing is hot.

And the tides weren't that good.

This weekend is the Rock the Dock Tournament at Rock Landing Marina in Panama. Still not too late to register. Call Laurie at Mike Marine at 984-5637.

This is an inshore and offshore tournament with a recreation offshore, recreation inshore, Kayak and Youth division.

In the youth division, if you register and weigh in you will be eligible to wind a 12-foot G3 Jon boat, 4-hp Yamaha and galvanized trailer valued at \$3,295.

If you weigh-in a fish you must stick around, because you must be present to win.

In the kayak division a 12-foot angler kayak will be given away. Lady



From The Dock

BY CAPT. JODY CAMPBELL

anglers and Sea Tow members are also eligible to win \$1,000 in cash. There will be 250 tickets sold at \$100 each and the lucky winner will walk away or drive away in a Skeeter Bay boat valued at \$35,000.

On May 3 and 4 will be the Big Bend Kayak Classic.

There is a freshwater, youth and saltwater division. You can fish within 50 miles of Wakulla County. You can call (850) 926-7145 or go to their web page at www.wakulaseniorcitizens.com for more information on registering.

This is a very worthy

cause and proceeds benefit Meals on Wheels and other senior services.

They are still looking for sponsor and boat captains for the Wakulla Children's Fishing Tournament on Saturday, May 18.

You can have your name or the name of your business put on the back of over 200 T-shirts to be handed out for a donation of \$100 or more.

Smaller donations are also taken and you can send your check to Wakulla Children's Fishing Tournament, P.O. Box 349, Panama FL 32346 or call Ann Cooper at 984-5501 or Peggy Bennett at 926-7226 and they will arrange

to have your donation picked up.

If you get a kid hooked on fishing they won't have time to get involved in the bad stuff.

On Sunday, April 28, six Warriors from Iraq and Afghanistan will be coming to Wakulla County for a week of fishing and good eating. They will get to the Rock the Dock weigh-in on Sunday afternoon, then over to Crum's to get outfitted with tackle and rods and reels for fishing the next three days.

Capt. David Fife and I will take three each day and Capt. Mike McNamara with St. Marks Outfitters will take three each day.

These guys are the reason we can go fishing and not have a worry in the world and this is the least we can do for them.

Let's pray for good weather so they will have a fishing trip like they won't soon forget.

Tight lines and good fishing!

FWC Law Enforcement operations

From FWC News

This report represents some events the FWC handled over the week of April 12-18, but it does not include all law enforcement activities of the agency.

OKALOOSA COUNTY: Officer Heath Nichols observed a subject roll a marijuana cigarette in the day use area of Rocky Bayou State Park. Nichols approached the subject after he exited his vehicle and started smoking the cigarette. The subject quickly discarded the cigarette in the water when he observed the officer after he was directed not to do so. The cigarette was retrieved and its contents tested positive for marijuana. The subject was issued a notice to appear for possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis.

Plainclothes Officer James Rockwell was working the east jetties in Destin when he observed a subject catching Spanish mackerel and not measuring them. Rockwell began counting the fish as the subject caught them and placed them in a bucket. He observed the subject catch 23 Spanish mackerel and move them from the bucket to a backpack. When the officer made contact with the subject, the man opened the backpack and dumped all the fish into the water. Rockwell issued him a misdemeanor citation for interference with an FWC Officer by failing to permit an inspection.

BAY COUNTY: Officer Steve Wicker responded to a vessel accident on Econfina Creek in which a jon boat ran under a tree limb, striking a passenger. The passenger was unconscious and having seizures, and was transported to Bay Medical Hospital by ambulance. Wicker found the operator of the vessel to be impaired and arrested him for boating under the influence. The operator refused the breath-test stating he was "over the limit."

Beau's Kids taken fishing by Major Alan Lamarche

On Saturday, April 13, local Gulf fishing captains donated their boats, time and expertise to take Beau's Kids on their first Gag Grouper trip in state waters with tremendous success.

These photos were taken aboard the boat of Major Alan Lamarche of Shell Point showing the kids with their first Gag Grouper.

KENDRICK ROBINSON, 16, proudly shows off his first Gag Grouper. In his letter to the Commissioners, Kendrick said, "I had an absolutely amazing day deep sea fishing for the first time and will NOT make it my last."

GARY WEAVER, 14, wrote to Commissioners, "I really enjoyed this experience a lot. I caught an 11 pound and a 7 pound Gag Grouper. I want to thank you for opening up the season so we can enjoy catching."



JAKE LONG, 15, wrote

to FWC Commissioners, "I went on my first deep sea fishing trip. I caught Grouper. It was a very memorable experience and one which I will cherish and share. This fantastic fish is

most available in State Waters in the Fall. It makes sense to open a Season in the Fall, giving kids an opportunity to bond together and experience the outdoors."

JACOB WHITTINGTON, 14, with a double header Gag Grouper & Key West Grunt, wrote, "Dear Commissioners, I had the greatest time of my life. It was my first off shore salt

water fishing trip. Even though I only caught a few Gag Grouper, it was an amazing experience."

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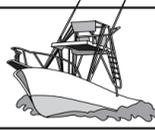
Local writers share their experiences

a peek into life on and under the water



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



This was a busy week-end for Flotilla 12.

We not only had a safe boating class, but members also participated in the Apalachicola Antique Boat Show.

Thank you to Norma Hill and Mark Rosen who provided information about the class.

Members Alexander Gulde, Norma and Phil Hill and Mark Rosen greeted nine students Saturday morning at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission building in Tallahassee.

Attendees were treated to the instructors' knowledge on safe boating as well as information on local concerns including rules and regulations by Lieutenant Seth Wagner from FWC.

Several of the students had learned about the class while chatting with flotilla members at the USCGA booth during the Springtime Tallahassee Festival on April 6.

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Coast Guard Station	
Yankeetown	(352) 447-6900
Coast Guard Auxiliary	
St. Marks (Flotilla 12)	(850) 942-7500
or	(850) 284-1166

One family traveled from Georgia on Friday evening and spent the night in Tallahassee so that they would be ready for the class when it started at 8:30 a.m.

All students reported feeling that the class was worthwhile. They all are now qualified for a Florida Safe Boating card and will hopefully be more confident and safer boaters.

While some flotilla members were in a classroom in Tallahassee talking about boats, others were at Apalachicola looking at boats.

Members who attended the Apalachicola Antique Boat Show were Chuck Hickman, David Rabon, Mike Harrison, Larry Kolk, and Raye Crews.

Larry Kolk has entered his hand-built wooden vessel for several years. The Georgiana invokes the style of the classic life boats used by the Coast Guard in its early years. As one of our long-time members, Larry always goes above and beyond to showcase our efforts as well as his beautiful vessel.

Larry's wooden boat was selected as Best in

Show. Bravo Zulu Larry!

The Flotilla will hold our next meeting Saturday, May 4, at the Crawfordville Fire station starting at 9:30 a.m. Interested in coming by and learning about the Auxiliary please contact Flotilla Commander Duane Treadon at fc@uscgaux.net or Vice Commander Norma Hill at vfc@uscgaux.net

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.

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

If you would like to talk to us about scheduling a class, please contact Alexander Gulde, our Flotilla Staff Officer for Public Education at fso-pe@uscgaux.net



Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton



LES HARRISON/SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Swamps.

I train many divers in the art of diving caverns, the daylight entrances to caves, that penetrate our karst aquifer.

In past columns I have described these entrances found in Wakulla County as springs, and siphons, with interconnecting swales or slough, sinkholes, sumps and the occasional offshore blue hole.

But I neglected a most impressive Karst feature integral to the story of our water's journey from Tallahassee to the Gulf of Mexico: the swamp.

Swamps are defined as wetlands that are forested, usually defined by their vegetation, and often lining rivers or lakes.

In our county, swamps are often the result of collapsed features. Our local topography was once flat, the result of an ancient sea floor. Once elevated above the water table, subsurface cave formation followed water's journey to the sea, opening ever larger tunnels that became underground rivers. As these passages outgrew their ability to hold the overburden of the earth above them, they collapsed forming the classic Karst features I listed above.

But the most common feature is just a collapsed feature, a dry sinkhole, often many in a line, commonly seen around the county as depressions in the landscape.

Many are dry as their surfaces don't quite subside below the water table. Many cycle from dry in our dry season, to standing water during the wet season when the water table loads up with rain water.

Many have permanent water, while others cyclically fill and drain.

We can describe our swamps driven by two forces: rain and tidal. Of course in our county most every swamp is affected by both forces, but usually dominated by one.

The closer we are to the Gulf, the more tidal influences prevail. Recall the tide gauge at Wakulla Springs records sea tides at 185 feet depth near its opening. The surface waters of Harvey's Hole near the Coastal Highway rise and fall with the tides.

If it is true that our swamps are defined by their foliage, then look at a satellite map of Wakulla County and, following our water's journey, also see associated collapsed features along the same route. Swamps typically host cypress trees that show up on satellite pictures as a different, lighter color.

Sinkholes also support a different foliage, creating a halo effect around this water feature.

One day many of the underground rivers of Wakulla will be plotted on land maps. And many will coincide with our county's swamps.



Alexander Gulde instructing the Safe Boating class.



Mark Rosen teaching safe boating.



Students in the Safe Boating class included a family from Georgia who came down the night before.

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Law Enforcement and Courts reports

Sheriff's Report

On April 12, Reba McKenzie of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief. Several items belonging to the victim were either removed or destroyed at her home.

A gaming system was destroyed by coffee being poured on it, seat covers were cut, a television was missing along with a DVD player, and several glass items were destroyed and some clothing was set on fire.

The value of the damaged and missing items was \$2,560. A suspect was identified and contact was made with the suspect's relative asking him to turn himself in to face a felony charge. Deputy Gibby Gibson investigated.

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

APRIL 11

• Sgt. Ray Johnson issued 32 hours of community service through civil citations to a 12-year-old Riversprings Middle School student and a 14-year-old RMS student. The students were in possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana at school. One of the students was also in possession of drug paraphernalia at RMS. The parents of the students were notified.

• Ashley Bowen of Crawfordville was involved

in a single vehicle traffic crash at 6451 Coastal Highway. The victim crashed her vehicle into a guardrail. There were no injuries to the driver or passenger. Larry Toliver of St. Marks. The driver was cited for careless driving. Deputy Ian Dohme investigated.

• Eric Webb of Crawfordville reported that he parked his vehicle at 360 Shadeville Road to pick up a child and discovered that someone crashed into his vehicle while he was gone. There were no injuries. A suspect has been identified. Deputy Mike Crum investigated.

APRIL 12

• A 16-year-old Wakulla High School female was found to be in possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana at school. The student was issued a civil citation for community service for possessing 1.5 grams. Deputy Scott Rojas investigated.

• Robert McGrew of Crawfordville reported a trespass at a Panacea commercial property. McGrew observed a male subject with a Georgia license tag at his property. The suspect left the scene and the victim did not discover any missing property. Sgt. Danny Harrell investigated.

• Karen Busen of Crawfordville reported a fraud.

The victim observed 40 unauthorized withdrawals to her bank account. The withdrawals are valued at \$477. Deputy Billy Metcalf investigated.

• George James Wilkinson, 18, of Crawfordville was arrested for battery after spitting on a 27-year-old victim in Wal-Mart. The teenager attempted to flee the scene on foot but was apprehended. Deputy Scott Powell investigated.

APRIL 13

• Cornelius Eugene Stevens, 30, of Fort Pierce was stopped for speeding on U.S. Highway 319 in Crawfordville when Deputy Scott Powell observed the motorist driving 55 miles per hour in a 35 mile per hour zone. It was determined that the driver had a suspended license. Stevens was arrested for driving while license is suspended or revoked third or subsequent conviction. Deputy David Pienta also investigated.

On April 13 and April 14, WCSO investigators were dispatched to four death investigations with three of them being back-to-back-to-back investigations. The deaths involved a female, two males and a juvenile male during a difficult shift. None of the deaths were suspicious. Deputy Mike Zimba, Sgt. Lorne Whaley, Detective

Derek Lawhon, Deputy Vicki Mitchell, Deputy Gibby Gibson and Sgt. Danny Harrell investigated.

APRIL 14

• Haley Harris of Crawfordville reported a theft of property at Wakulla Springs State Park. The victim's wallet was missing \$100. Deputy Vicki Mitchell investigated.

APRIL 15

• Kristen Thomas-Pedler of Crawfordville reported a fraud. The victim was attempting to sell jewelry through an Internet listing site when she discovered that the cashier's check used to pay for her purchased property was fraudulent. The victim has not been compensated for her jewelry and is owed \$1,007. Deputy Ward Kromer investigated.

• Gloria Marie Cash, 53, of Tallahassee was issued a notice to appear in court following a traffic stop. The driver was found to have a suspended driver license and a seize order for her tag for failure to have vehicle insurance. Sgt. Ryan Muse investigated.

• William Haynie of Crawfordville reported a grand theft. A generator and gas can, valued at \$310, were stolen from the victim's home. Persons of

interest have been identified. Deputy Ian Dohme investigated.

APRIL 16

• Joshua Weeks of Crawfordville reported a fraud. The victim reported three unauthorized bank charges from a Wal-Mart and a convenience store in Altamonte Springs and Longwood. The charges totaled \$797. Deputy Nick Gray investigated.

• Thomas Linton of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary. An air compressor was stolen from the victim's property. The lost property is valued at \$100 and a suspect has been identified. Deputy Elisee Colin investigated.

• Abrianna Caple of Crawfordville reported a fraud. The victim's Social Security number was used to file taxes. Deputy Nick Gray investigated.

• Sgt. Ryan Muse investigated a suspicious activity complaint on Emmett Whaley Road. A juvenile was observed pulling a rolling suitcase with a shotgun sticking out of it. The subject had a 10 inch knife in a sheath on his belt.

Sgt. Muse searched the teen for his safety and a total of four knives were found on him. The shotgun was also loaded.

Sgt. Muse determined where the juvenile lived and he was transported back to his home by Deputies Alan Middlebrooks

and Ward Kromer.

The weapons and property were turned over to his parents. Lt. Sherrell Morrison also investigated.

APRIL 17

• Talisa Glover of Crawfordville reported a fraud. The victim observed an unauthorized withdrawal on her bank account for \$20. Deputy Billy Metcalf investigated.

• A 21-year-old Crawfordville woman reported someone posting a video on Facebook that depicted an adult male having sex with a young female. The case was reported to law enforcement in Albany, Ga. where the individual posted the video. Sgt. Lorne Whaley, Lt. Brent Sanders and Deputy Mike Zimba investigated.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office received 1,064 calls for service during the past week including 14 commercial and residential alarms; 81 citizen contacts; 15 disturbances; 28 E-911 abandoned cell calls; six E-911 abandoned calls; 14 regular E-911 calls; 49 investigations; 14 juvenile citizen contacts; 39 medical emergencies; 366 business and residential security checks; 30 special details; 11 suspicious people; 12 suspicious vehicles; 37 traffic enforcement; 122 traffic stops; 12 reckless vehicles; and 12 wanted people.

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Ms. Johnson completed her contract in Texas and returned to our offices on March 25, 2013. This office is excited for her return and hope for wonderful and fruitful future. Ms. Johnson has always been a valuable member of our team and will continue to help us provide the outstanding services we have always offered to our clientele.

Our office staff now consists of Dr. Jerry Burghout, Michael Nash, Joanna Johnson and Nikki Tang. We hope you will help us to welcome her back our practice and community.

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Sassafras has a flavorful history



Natural Wakulla

By Les Harrison

Newspapers, television, magazines, and other media are inundated with soft drink advertisements. Some ads state or imply the consumers of these concoctions are adventurous, sophisticated, or just happy.

Soft drinks, as opposed to hard drinks which contain alcohol, are big business in contemporary societies around the world.

It is truly amazing what can be accomplished with some carbonated water, sweetener, and flavoring.

Sassafras albidum is a deciduous native with a long history of multiple uses. Leaves of this tree have turned up in the fossil record from eons ago.

Sassafras has many unusual and unique features, its leaf variation being one example. Each plant may have leaves of three widely different shapes.

Some leaves can be oval, others with one lobe, and still others with three lobes. This variation may occur from branch to branch or several shapes on a single branch.

The sassafras tree has the potential to reach 60 feet, but most are much shorter. Trunk diameter maximum is 12 inches. Sassafras wood has

served in a number of ways over the centuries. While relatively weak and brittle, it has been used for fence rails and post and ox yokes. Its durability and light weight make it ideal for boat building.

Sassafras lumber and roots were the motivation in 1603 expedition from Bristol, England in which two ships returned to their home port with their hulls partially laden with the desired commodity. During the early 17th century sassafras along with tobacco were major America exports to the British Empire.

Despite the uses for sassafras lumber, the roots proved to have the most impact commercially. Numerous tribes had used the sassafras root for the basis of medicinal treatments long before being discovered by European explorers.

First exported to Great Britain by Sir Francis Drake in 1602, demand for sassafras root grew quickly.

It was marketed as a treatment for scurvy, skin sores, kidney problems, toothaches, rheumatism, swelling, bronchitis, hypertension, dysentery, fever and other disorders of the day.



Sassafras root was used for years to flavor root beer. There are a variety of leaf shapes.

Home brewers of the day on both sides of the Atlantic began experimenting with the root as an addition to their favorite libation. There were alcoholic and non-alcoholic versions of this increasingly popular beverage.

Pharmacist Charles Hires introduced a commercial version of root beer

at the 1876 Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition. The success was quickly evident and distribution was nationwide within a few decades.

Locating, harvesting and processing sassafras roots became a small industry. Prohibition served only to accelerate the demand for dark brown flavoring agent.

Sassafras oil, the key flavoring ingredient in root beer, was determined to have carcinogenic properties in 1960. Its use was promptly banned by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

The flavor was so popular with consumers everywhere that companies developed artificial flavors to replace the forbidden ingredient. Demand for natural sassafras evaporated and the tree became a footnote in the cola wars.

Today sassafras trees have returned to the wild in Wakulla County. Some consider this native a nuisance weed to be removed, while a few others are cultivated as landscape specimens.

To learn more about sassafras trees in Wakulla County contact the UF/IFAS Wakulla County Extension Office at (850) 926-3931 or <http://wakulla.ifas.ufl.edu>.

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

Family Coastal Restaurant of Wakulla

Family Coastal is announcing their GRAND OPENING on April 27, 2013. They first opened their doors eight years ago in Sumatra by previous owners Diane and Robert Tucker. With a wide array of seafood and more. Current owners Roger and Kim McKenzie kept the tradition going as they purchased the restaurant in January 2010. Nestled in the middle of the forest of Sumatra, travelers from all areas take the destination drive to dine there for the offer of an all-you-can-eat seafood menu, plus fresh hand-cut ribeyes, chicken, pork chops, also a 27 item fresh salad bar and much, much more.

With all that being said Roger and Kim have returned to their hometown of Sopchoppy to open their second location (Family Coastal of Wakulla) with their son, Zach McKenzie, as kitchen manager to offer the same great food

at very affordable prices. They offer daily specials, and all-you-can-eat snow crab on Friday nights and a huge seafood buffet on Sundays that also offer the salad bar along with it. Not only do they have all the great seafood choices but they also have burgers, sandwiches and some of the best appetizers in town.

There is something for everyone, so come on in and let us give you a great dining experience. Our GRAND OPENING in Sopchoppy is on the last Saturday in April. We will be offering an all you can eat shrimp for \$9.99 as well as 99-cent appetizers (one per person), plus one kid 10-and-under will eat FREE for every adult purchase. There will also be free ice cream cones, door prizes and many give aways.

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Wakulla County Senior Citizens Celebrate Life



Celebrating St. Patrick's Day at the Senior Center.

PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

In March, Seniors celebrated St. Patrick's Day, Easter

By **MICHELLE HUNTER**
of the Senior Center

With two holidays in one month, the center was filled with many fun activities.

The color green filled the dining room for the first half of the month in preparation for our St. Patrick's Day celebration. Dressing up in fun attire of the day makes it so much more festive, and everyone looks forward to participating.

Seniors wore fun T-shirts, green beads, quirky hats, and shamrock glasses. The Pickin' 'n' Grinnin' Band played a repertoire of Irish songs to bring music to the day.

Wendy made the typical lunch of corned beef and cabbage, carrots, potatoes, and green Jell-o.

Everyone received a special St. Patrick's Day card, and the 'Luck of the Irish' came to some in the form of a gift card inside. This year several of our seniors rode on their first float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We would like to thank Courtney Parker and Elaine Webb for helping decorate the float, and Dick and Lorraine Bickford for pulling the float

and helping everyone to get on and off it safely.

The Wild Wakulla Wiggles performed twice last month. For St. Patrick's Day they performed to a medley of Irish songs. Many joined in singing and clapping to the music of the songs they remembered.

They also performed later in the month all dressed up in pastel colors and Easter bonnets, getting us ready for the next holiday of the month; Easter. If you are interested in learning how to line dance with the Wiggles; there is a beginning line dance class on Monday at 1:30 p.m. at the center. Stop by and check it out.

As Easter approached; the pastel colors of spring came out. Large paper flowers made by Tamara Byrnes decorated the front wall in the dining room. They say "Spring" in a big way.

Tamara also held a craft class where all the participants decorated hats to wear for Easter bonnets. When it comes to an event that the seniors can dress up, they do it in style.

This year we had and Easter egg hunt.

There were eggs hidden throughout the center. Several prizes were awarded to those that found the eggs with a special number in it.

On Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. you can get your blood pressure checked by Mary Tollefsen RN.

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Recognize the caregivers



By **MAURICE LANGSTON**

Caregivers are caregivers!

Noun: A family member, friend, or neighbor who takes care of a frail or disabled older person.

YOU ARE A CAREGIVER IF YOU:

- Bring dad a few groceries.
- Take your wife to the doctor.
- Remind mom to take her pills.

START CALLING YOURSELF A CAREGIVER.

Family members and friends who provide care to a loved one often think of themselves as daughters, husbands, partners, and friends -

not caregivers.

Identifying as a caregiver is the first, and often most important step, a person who is playing this important role can take.

WHY IDENTIFY?

Family members and friends who understand they are caregivers:

- Gain confidence as they gain access to education and support
- Become part of a community of caregivers, while maintaining their role as wives, sons, partners and friends
- Provide the quality care they want for their loved ones while staying healthy and active themselves

Now that we have the definitions and preliminary instructions out of the way, let me get to the meat of the matter: it costs money and lost wages to care for someone, and family caregivers often spend themselves into poverty to do so.

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NAMI WAKULLA'S TRIPLE CROWN DERBY FUNDRAISER



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April 25

- May 1
Special Events

Thursday, April 25

• TALLAHASSEE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY hosts "Horizons 2013," a four-month spring speaker series. Archeologist Dr. Maria Jacobsen will present "The H.L. Hunley: Surprising Facts About the Confederacy's Secret Weapon" at the IMAX Theater within the Challenger Learning Center on Kleman Plaza, Tallahassee. Tickets are \$6 each for members, \$12 for non-members, and can be purchased at the door or online from the Tallahassee Scientific Society's web site at www.tallysci.org or by calling 850-877-0224.

Friday, April 26

• FASHIONOLOGY – Wakulla on the Runway Charity event will be taking place at the Wakulla High School auditorium at 6:30 p.m. \$5 tickets include a night of entertainment from Wakulla Dance Academy, Studio 88, the Riversprings Middle School cheerleaders, and the RMS Spirit Paws.

Saturday, April 27

• JAM FOR CAMP scholarship fundraiser will be held at Hudson Park from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. and will feature food, fun, children's games and live music from the band Free Wheelin'. Come out and meet your Camp Cherry Lake cousins and enjoy a few songs while the kids play games!

• 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 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.

• RELAY FOR LIFE will hold its 12th



Luminaria line the track at last year's Relay for Life.

FILE PHOTO



A young angler with a redfish at last year's Rock the Dock.

FILE PHOTO

annual fundraiser at the Wakulla High School track from 2 p.m. to 8 a.m. on Saturday. Come out and support the American Cancer Society's effort to raise funds for the fight against cancer.

• ROCK THE DOCK annual fishing tournament will be taking place at Rock Landing Marina in Panacea. The tournament spans April 27-28. Official weigh in hours are 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday and 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For more information visit www.panacearockthedock.com

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• 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.

Saturday, May 4

• WAKULLA SPRINGS STATE PARK celebrates Sinkhole di Mayo from 5 to 8 p.m. Advance tickets include admission to the park, food, a boat ride and a couple of interesting talks about sinkholes and the Spanish. Organized by the Friends of Wakulla Springs State Park, advance tickets are available online at wakulasprings.org at \$25 for adults and \$15 for children under 12. For more information contact Elinor Elfner at 524-1026.

Week in Wakulla

Fashionology – Wakulla on the Runway
WHS Auditorium
6 p.m

Friday

NAMI Triple Crown Derby at the Indian Springs Equestrian Center
5 p.m.

Saturday

Volunteer Wakulla Make a Difference Day

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Saturday

Relay for Life taking place at the WHS track

2 p.m. - 8 a.m.

Saturday

Weekly meetings

Government Meetings

Monday, May 6

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

Monday, May 20

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Clubs, Groups, Regular Meetings

Thursday, April 25

• ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 6 p.m. at the 26 Walker Street, Panacea. For more information call 524-9103.
• ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 8 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadeville Highway. Call 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 Panacea.
• FAMILY TO FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP will meet at 6 p.m. at the NAMI Wakulla office.
• ROTARY CLUB meets at the senior center at noon.
• WAKULLA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 24 High Drive, Crawfordville.
• NAMI FAMILY TO FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP will meet at 6 p.m. at the NAMI Wakulla office, 2140-C Crawfordville Highway. This group is for family members and friends of people diagnosed with mental illnesses and is free of charge.
Friday, April 26
• ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 8 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. Call 545-1853 for more information.
• ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS holds open discussion at noon at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. Call 545-1853 for more information.
• ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 8 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadeville 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 27

• 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 Shadeville Highway. Call 544-0719 for more information.
• NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 3106 Shadeville Highway, across from the volunteer fire department, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 224-2321.
• SOPCHOPPY GROWERS MARKET will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of Posh Java, Organics & Gifts, on the corner of Rose St. and Winthrop Ave., in downtown Sopchoppy. The market features locally grown organic 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 28

• ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS holds open discussion at 6 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. For more information, call
• ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 6 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadeville Highway. Call 544-0719 for more information.

Monday, April 29

• ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 6 p.m. at the 26 Walker Street, Panacea.
• ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 6 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadeville Highway. Call 544-0719 for more information.

• LINE DANCING will be held at the senior center at 1:30 p.m.
• ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS FOR WOMEN will meet at 6 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. For more information call 545-1853.
• 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.
• 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 30

• ALANON meets at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville at 6:30 p.m.
• ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 6 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadeville Highway. Call 544-0719 for more information.
• ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS holds open discussion at 6 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. For more information, call 545-1853.
• 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.
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Wednesday, May 1

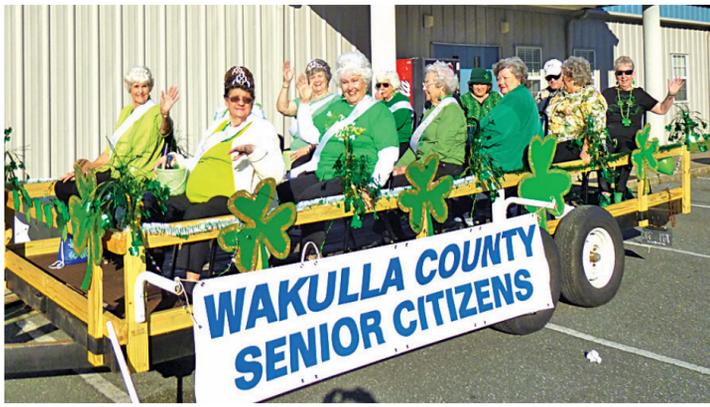
• ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS welcomes newcomers at 6:30 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. For more information, call 545-1853.
• ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS holds open discussion at 8 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. For more information, call 545-1853.
• ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at Ochlockonee Bay UMC on Surf Road at noon.
• ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 8 p.m.

at the Station House, 3106 Shadeville Highway. Call 544-0719 for more information.

• BOOK BABIES, storytime with activities for toddlers, will be held at the public library at 10:30 a.m.
• BRAIN GYM CLASS will be held at the senior center at 10:30 a.m.
• KNITTING GROUP meets at the public library from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For information, call 491-1684.
• LINE DANCING will be held at the senior center at 2 p.m.
• NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 6:30 p.m. at NAMI Wakulla, 2140-C Crawfordville Highway. Call 224-2321 for more information.
• BEADING CLASSES with Tamara will be held at 12:45 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Choose from glass and stone beads to create your masterpiece. There is a \$3 to \$5 fee for the materials.
• KNITTING CLUB will meet at 4 p.m. at the public library. Anyone interested in the art of knitting are encouraged to attend.
• 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, May 2

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The St. Patrick's Day float.

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She also has mentored the FSU Nursing Students here at the center, on checking blood pressure and weighing clients.

The last Tuesday of the month is Gardening Day. The flower and vegetable gardens just outside the center are planted and maintained by seniors, staff and volunteers. The seniors plant spring and fall gardens.

A small flower garden was planted in honor of Diane Lanter, who retired recently after many years of service at the center.

The bulbs that were planted came from her yard and will be enjoyed by everyone visiting the garden. Thank you, Diane, for everything you have done for all of us.

If anyone would like to help maintain the garden area, please contact the center at 926-7145 for information.

Les Harrison from the Wakulla County Extension office helped the seniors plant a container vegetable garden. Seniors learned about the quality of soil, the importance of keeping their gardens organic and pesticide free. The seniors loved Les' great sense of humor!

If you have any questions about daily activities or upcoming events at the center, please call 926-7145 or stop by the center and pick up a calendar of events.

Also you can follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wakullaseniorencenter.com.

The Tallahassee Swing Band will perform here at the center on Saturday, April 27, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

There will be dancing, hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, chocolate fountain, and raffle prizes. Tickets are \$15 per person, and can be purchased at the center.



Extension Agent Les Harrison talks about gardening.



The Wakulla Wigglers in their Easter hats and pastels.

Senior Center offers emergency energy assistance for elderly

By DEBBIE VANHORN

Wakulla Senior Citizens Center offers an Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly Program (EHEAP).

We service Wakulla County and Carabelle, and Lanark Village in Franklin County. It is a program that is available to all low income seniors with an age requirement of 60 years old, and an income requirement.

We have just finished with the winter season where we paid for propane and electric bills that were ready to be cut off. We are now entering the cooling season, so if you get an electric bill and you receive a cut off notice call me so we can get to work trying to resolve the problem and get the bill paid.

You will need to call and make an appointment.

Please contact Debbie VanHorn at 926-7145 ext. 222 to set up your ap-

pointment. The following items must be brought in with you the day you come in

1. The electric bill with the cut off notice.
2. The proof of income for everyone living in the home example Social Security, SSL, child support, retirement.
3. Social Security cards for everyone living in the home.
4. If you receive SNAP (Food Stamps) we need verification of how much you receive.

After the application is filled out it will be sent to Area Agency on Aging and they approve or deny it

We will know within 48 hours as long as the requirements are met and money is still available. They will call me with approval at which time I will contact the vendor and the bill will be paid. Again, I am more than happy to assist you.

GOOD NEWS ABOUT AGING

Subscribe to happiness!

By MARK UNDERWOOD

With each generation, medical breakthroughs have helped people live longer.

But quality of life is one of the most important issues most people face today.

That's partially due to unhealthy lifestyles that many people don't know how to change. Americans work more hours and sleep less than most other countries in the world.

If you want to live a healthier, longer life that is packed with quality, there are several things – easy things, you can do – starting today.

DO YOU NEED AN "OIL CHANGE?"

Have you ever noticed that we often do a better job taking care of the machines around us than we do taking care of ourselves.

Just as our car requires attention, we need to keep a positive outlook and continually renew our subscription to happiness.

One way to improve well-being is by alleviating stress. Bottling up your emotions when dealing with stress is like allowing it to ferment and turn into a potent problem.

You can also improve your physical and mental health by stimulating key areas of the brain used for memory and concentration by staying active.

We now understand how important sleep is to our overall mental and physical health.

Many variables contribute to poor quality of sleep but we do know that in older adults, sleep may help repair some of the damage from aging brain cells. This damage may contribute to memory problems, concentration and other important mental tasks.

STEPS TO A HAPPIER LIFESTYLE

What can you do to keep your healthy and happy lifestyle on track? Use these tips to get started.

- Go wild. Take a break in nature and go for a walk in a park or a public green space. Being out and about can do wonders for your state of mind.

- Book yourself. That's right – put YOU on your schedule to do things that make you happy. Many people find that if they put their name on the daily calendar – like Susan – break time – 2-3

p.m., crossword puzzles, walk around the block – will accomplish tasks more often than not.

- Let in natural light. Research reported in a Lancet study (2009) said that older people who lived near natural beauty might be able to reduce stress and their blood pressure. The study showed that this group had longer telemones, that's the part of the DNA string that shortens as someone ages.

In other words many people who were able to enjoy pleasant scenery every day not only felt younger, their DNA reflected this.

- Sign up for Tai Chi. Research has shown that this age old exercise that embraces the mind, body and spirit, can help physical ailments like arthritis in creaky knees.

- Ramp up your social life. In a recent study The British Medical Journal found that people over 75 who have a moderately active social network could expect to add 5.4 years to their life.

KEEP UP YOUR HAPPINESS SUBSCRIPTION

Remember, your quality of life goes hand in hand with feeling rested and happy. Incorporate these ideas and you'll be well on your way to improving your life.

Take time out for you.

Maintain a positive attitude. Stay focused on the good things going on in your life. Reflect on your successes instead of things that are out of your control.

Write down your worries. Journaling what worries you may help pinpoint the real core of some problem so you can work on them more objectively.

Take one day at a time. Focus on making the most of the present moment.

George Bernard Shaw wrote in his play *Misalliance*: "The secret of being miserable is to have leisure to bother about whether you are happy or not. The cure for it is occupation, because occupation means pre-occupation; and the pre-occupied person is neither happy nor unhappy, but simply alive and active. That is why it is necessary to happiness that one should be tired."

Mark Underwood is a neuroscience researcher, president and co-founder of Quincy Bioscience, a biotech company located in Madison, Wis.

Langston: Recognize the caregivers

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In many homes a seat was set aside at a holiday meal, reserved for a professional caregiver. The caregiver relieved the family burden and help mediate between generations.

Without them, the table would be missing some of its guests, or maybe even its host, the oldest person in the room. Strangely, the caregivers are not family, but the family needs them, and, besides, when the occasion demands, family and caregivers alike say they are "just like family."

When a caregiver takes a break from the chores, they may head to the den or living room where Dish network carries a soap opera, or maybe an Internet connection let her chat or keep in touch with her children or just surf her favorite websites.

When she re-emerges and takes a seat next to the wheelchair of her

charge, out comes a box with the evening's doses of medicine which looks like a portable pharmacy in a plastic box, and then the tactful suggestion that it is time for a trip to the bathroom for personal care.

While the caregiver may be regarded as "just like family," she has her own family to support too. That can put her at odds with the family at the table.

It's a dance that keeps the caregiver close to the family she serves and the family that's hers.

Nurses, nurse's aides, and untrained caregivers now comprise the developed world's most rapidly growing movement, and in an aging world, health care agencies are turning to low-wage, hardworking caregivers who fill nursing homes, hospital hall, and the private residences of people who need constant care.

In 2015 caregivers will be in great demand –

that's when the baby boomers hit age 65 in big numbers, and their parents will be in their high 80s in big numbers too.

Health care agencies and providers will thrive while the baby boomers try to survive and help their parents to survive. I call the year 2015 "The Bane for the Boomer Babies."

However, boomers will continue to work another decade, some will work another two decades to provide healthcare for family and certainly to maintain insurance. It's the aging workforce meets the age of forced work!

Boomers are more into active aging than their parents.

They are still paying gym dues, active in health clubs that promote active aging.

You might be a boomer if you're 60 years old and don't feel markedly different physically from the 50 year olds. However, your joints pop and crack

when you get up in the morning.

You walk by the mirror and think you need a good ironing. Your complaints of movement begin to increase. Glucosamine is now a bottle on your medical shelf.

You might be a boomer if you work with a bunch of 30 and 40 year olds and

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you have to kick-it-up-a-notch to stay with them, the same bunch you use to work circles around.

You might be a boomer if your boss has talked to you about the retirement plan and buy-out programs available for a few years now!

Any of this information sound familiar to

you? Well welcome to the shock of gray.

We at the senior center are preparing for the boomer seniors now as they are just assured heading this way as is the greatest generation of seniors are here now.

DID YOU KNOW?

Long term care insurance is an economical way to help you protect yourself and your family against the potentially high costs of long term care.

There's a lot to consider, and long term care insurance is not for everyone. Your age, assets, health, and family situation should all be taken into account before making a purchase decision.

The decision about whether to purchase long term care insurance is also directly related to your future plans, so thinking about and discussing future care wishes and desires with family mem-

bers is a big part of the purchasing decision.

Because long term care insurance is complex, you might find it helpful to discuss your options with a licensed agent.

Agents can explain coverage and address your specific questions and concerns, as well as help you find a solution that's best for you.

I hope I've caused you to think or rethink some issues in this article. Hopefully you will start planning for your senior years if not already there.

Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "A plan is nothing; planning is everything!"

However, if you are a boomer and your plan is to just take your senior years as a "new adventure" consider it bad planning.

T. W. Maurice Langston is executive director of the Wakulla Senior Citizens Council Inc.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Yoga helps develop awareness

When people ask me what I do for a living I hesitate before answering, simply because responding with “I teach yoga” doesn’t do my job, or the practice, justice.

If I could answer truthfully, with unlimited time and attention span from my inquisitor, I would explain that I was a specialized guide.

I would tell of all the expeditions that lead to the many nooks and crannies that make up one’s being.

But most importantly, I’d proudly state, that for a living I welcome people back to their bodies.

There are many reasons to teach yoga, and even more reasons to practice it, but currently this homecoming is my dance and song.

This concept is beautifully described in Tara Brach’s novel, “Radical Acceptance.” She points out that “we experience our lives through our bodies whether we are aware of it or not. Yet we are usually so mesmerized by our ideas about the world that we miss out on much of our direct sensory experience.”

Yoga reintroduces you to your body and all of its parts, while strengthening inner knowing and body clairvoyance.

“In fact, the Buddha called physical sensations the first foundation of mindfulness because they are intrinsic to feelings and thoughts and are the base of the very process of consciousness,” writes Brach.

This reunion might be tedious at first, as we’ve accumulated many burnt-



YOGA FOR LIFE By DOLLY MOODY

out light bulbs that need replacing. When a muscle is first used at a very early age, the brain recognizes that the muscle will be in use frequently, so it labels it as an “unconscious muscle” to conserve energy.

These once unconscious muscles are brought back to awareness through yoga, as performing asana places new demands on the body and brain.

I believe that’s why you can feel so full after practice. You leave glowing and feeling energized because the dots are being connected again and your body parts are being married as one. It’s no coincidence that yoga translates to mean “to yoke” or “to unite.”

As we age, we can unfortunately lose this sense of union if we don’t continue to stay physically active. One of the number one causes of death among seniors results from falling, because one’s proprioception gradually becomes impaired.

Proprioception is defined as “the sense of the relative position of neighboring parts of... the body.” For example, touching your nose with your index fingers while closing your eyes, tests your ability to be proprioceptive. It is what allows us to walk in complete darkness without losing

balance.

When we’re driving, it’s what allows us to keep our eyes on the road and not on our feet while we break and accelerate.

The mind has memorized where certain body parts are so that you often don’t need the eyes to find them.

Yet, for some seniors finding their nose with their index finger can be a challenging task. I began to reflect on this with great admiration and respect for the work yogis do, and not just physically. I’ve never actualized how many miracles occur on the mat.

For example, let’s say my students are in a twisted lunge to the left, their eyes are gazing skyward. I ask them to bring their left hip bone back, while drawing their right sit bone away from their sacrum – they then adjust accordingly.

The fact that they can access a very deep portion of their pelvis, without looking, is pretty incredible; it’s a gift and a skill we take for granted.

Proven here, as body awareness develops, so does your relationship with each individual body part, becoming mindful of exactly where they exist in space.

Even 2,000 years ago the depths of this work

was cherished and eventually expressed in the ancient Yoga Sutras of Patanjali.

Sutra II.46 states: “This discipline and attention must be applied to the practice of each asana, to penetrate to its very depths in the remotest parts of the body. Even the meditational asana has to be cultivated by the fibres, cells, joints and muscles in cooperation with the mind.”

Sensing the depth of ourselves to this extent can be hard to experience these days. We live so much in our heads that our bodies can feel miles away.

Thankfully every time we hit our yoga mats, we begin to embody our homebody again.

Our proprioception is developed and fine tuned, and we establish trust in our bodies, growing comfortable in our own skin.

This snowballs into us trusting our hearts and hearing our intuition with confidence and efficiency.

I believe this can morph even more into us being present with everything that surrounds us. We become like animals, noticing everyone’s whereabouts, everyone’s moods, reading everyone’s body language, etc.

Nothing goes unnoticed and even relationships deepen – from the bone in our left thigh, to our neighbour down the hall.

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Bacon – the next health craze?

And 4 more unlikely good-for-you foods

Special to The News

Bacon has always been popular, but now it’s the standard by which many express affection with the ubiquitous online meme: I love you more than bacon.

It’s considered by many to be the ultimate food indulgence, but according to Dr. John Salerno, a protégé of “Atkins Diet” creator Dr. Robert Atkins, bacon is one of the healthiest foods you can eat.

“Many think of bacon as one of the guiltiest pleasures possible, but it has also been shown to alleviate the effects of diabetes, heart disease and strokes,” says Dr. Salerno, author of “The Silver Cloud Diet.” (www.thesilverclouddiet.com).

“Nitrate-free bacon is an excellent source of high protein, low-carbohydrate energy that helps to reset the metabolism, and it’s filled with amino acids delivered without the risk of dangerous levels of mercury, which can be found in many fish,” says Salerno.

Need more reasons to love bacon?

- It has a 4:1 ratio of protein to fat;
- It contains choline, which boosts memory and healthy brain function;

- It’s composed of monounsaturated fats, the kind that contains lots of healthy fat-soluble vitamins and minerals

- It’s a potent source of oleic acid and saturated fats, which help reduce levels of low density lipoprotein (LDL), lower triglycerides, and raise HDL – commonly referred to as the good form of cholesterol.

Dr. Salerno says there are other indulgent-yet-healthy foods out there, including:

- **Butter** – which contains the highest amount of butyric acid found in a natural food source.

Butyric acid is recognized for its roles in cellular health, antioxidant protection and metabolic properties; it also increases energy and may prevent cancer.

Butter derived from

natural, grass-fed animals is recommended.

- **Barbecue** – Add sauces and condiments and this American favorite will have more starch and sugar than Salerno recommends. But the main ingredient – meat – speaks to the heart of a low-carb, high-protein diet.

Grass-fed hamburger meat and organic, hormone-free chicken provides the nutrients your body needs. Stay away from the buns, sugary condiments, sauces and marinades, and you can enjoy a healthy barbecue.

- **Omelets** – Eggs contain lots of cholesterol and saturated fats, which have been demonized throughout the latter half of the 20th century. Fortunately, we know there is such a thing as good cholesterol and fat.

Packed with vitamins, minerals and one of the best-absorbed proteins we can feed our body, any negatives associated with eggs are far outweighed by the benefits. Natural, unprocessed cheeses and cream add to the nutritional value of an omelet.

- **Chocolate ice cream** – Ice cream made with organic egg yolks, heavy cream and a small amount of stevia herb for taste, instead of sugar, is actually a healthy dessert. Fats are fine, with the exception of trans fats, so long as dieters control their carbohydrate intake.

Humankind did not evolve with the vast amount of foods today that contain complex carbs and hidden sugar.

Our bodies are used to high amounts of natural fat and a limited amount of unprocessed carbs.

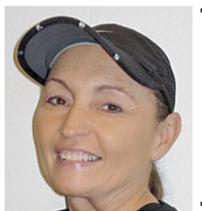
A board-certified family physician, Dr. John Salerno has been pioneering complementary medicine for more than 20 years. His publications and professional studies have made him a popular expert on the physiology and assessment of many complex medical conditions.

You can make healthy changes

In January, I was approached by a mother who was concerned about her preteen. The girl was approximately 25 pounds overweight, with high cholesterol, pre-diabetes and other issues.

We started working out in January, and she has seen tremendous results. As of this month, she has lost 20-plus pounds, her sugar level is almost normal, her cholesterol was within normal limits, as was everything else. She was amazed at what she had done.

All these changes came from simply making better choices at meals, exercising more and being conscious of everything that



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went into her body.

Was it easy? No. Possibly? Definitely!

She could not have gotten where she is now, however, without a lot of encouragement and a lot of push. It was a choice she alone could make.

The desire to change had to come from within herself. A desire to change alone, though, wasn’t enough. She had to want

to change enough to do what it required to make that change.

Eating healthy when her friends didn’t. Working out when she would rather be watching TV. Allowing me to push her beyond the limits she thought she had. Asking more of herself than she had ever asked before.

But as she allowed her boundaries to be stretched,

she found that she was more confident in herself, and felt better about herself as she got healthier.

Would you like to see results like these? You can – you have it in you to make these changes happen in your own life.

You may need some encouragement from family, friends or a fitness professional – or even a push in the right direction. Find those people and enlist their help and get started on your own amazing journey!

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

Hitting the home stretch

By DAVID ROYSE
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, April 19 – In a head-spinning week for news around the country, starting with the Boston Marathon bombing on Monday and ending with that city being locked down for a man-hunt on Friday, one could be forgiven for being a bit ambivalent about another week of legislating in Florida.

But from what appears likely to be one of the easiest budget deals in recent memory (lots of money will do that), to talk of compromise on expanding health care, to the lowest unemployment rate in more than four years, there was a lot of good news here this week to take the mind off the latest violence in Boston, a horrific industrial explosion in Texas and, depending on where you stand, a surprising gun vote in Washington.

And the Legislature, sometimes accused of spending lots of time doing very little of import, actually voted on a couple items this week that could have a major impact on lots of people's lives.

Lawmakers sent to Gov. Rick Scott an overhaul of the alimony system that will affect, alas, nearly half of married people. And the Senate passed a bill that affects seemingly every young person with a driver's license in voting to make it illegal to text and drive, something that is probably even more common than divorce.

There was one other bill before lawmakers this week that would have broad impact - but the Senate didn't appear to have to the votes to pass it and so put it on the back burner for now. That piece of legislation would

force the premiums for Citizens Property Insurance, which covers the property of more than 1 million Florida customers, to go up in an effort to reduce the burden on the rest of Florida residents should Citizens not have enough to pay claims in a big storm.

That bill should return to the full Senate next week if backers have the votes. But as happened in the mid-2000s after the two big hurricane years, lawmakers in coastal areas are getting jitters about how much Citizens rates might go up if the bill passes, and whether they'll get blamed.

ALIMONY

The alimony bill passed Thursday night by the House and sent to Scott is aimed at modernizing the system, which backers said was designed back during a Mad Men era when more women needed help after getting dumped because they didn't work.

The measure's most obvious change: eliminating permanent alimony in favor of a new standard based on the length of a marriage. For short marriages, those that lasted less than 11 years, the presumption would be that there'd be no alimony, though someone would have the chance to make a case for it. In contrast, a marriage that ends after 20 years would have a presumption that alimony would be awarded.

Some women in the House - though not all of them - said the bill favored men. Rep. Barbara Watson, D-Miami Gardens, said she feared for women who put their own career on hold for the benefit of their husband. "When their hip size changed from 36 to 46, (the man)

could change their spouse."

Other women, though, said the old law was patronizing to women, who now can go out and make their own way.

Scott hasn't said whether he'll sign it.

DN'T TXT N DRV

The deaths of three young people from a terrorist's bomb may have dominated our thinking this week - but 11 teenagers die every day across the country because of texting while driving, by one estimate.

The Senate on Tuesday passed the texting while driving ban, which has exceptions for when the car is stopped - so texting could still be legal at stoplights, for example. The bill goes next to the House.

A few other high profile bills passed this week, though arguably they wouldn't affect as many people.

A bill that limits police use of drones - unmanned aircraft - to monitor people passed the House and went to Scott, who said he will sign it. The bill was important to civil libertarians, but also included compromises that could allow police to still use the technology in some circumstances, such as to combat a legitimate terrorism threat, which is in fact an extremely rare event, but maybe didn't feel like it this week.

HEALTH CARE

And if it is broad impact you're looking for, the health care debate in Tallahassee may interest you. There's more than 3 million uninsured adults in Florida - nearly 1-in-3. Since the federal health care law will eventually re-

quire them to be covered, Florida lawmakers this week intensified their discussions of how the state might expand the number of people with access to health coverage.

Pretty different plans have emerged from each side of the Capitol, with one being pushed by Sen. Joe Negron seeking to use about \$50 billion in federal money over the next decade to extend coverage to more people while another Senate plan and a House plan would reject any federal money for smaller-reach programs.

The House next week could take up a plan approved Friday in the Appropriations Committee that would reject federal help and provide \$2,000 state subsidies to help targeted groups of low-income people buy health coverage and services.

Negron, a Stuart Republican and the Senate's budget chairman, said this week he'd like to see a compromise, essentially approve both plans and let the uninsured choose which they'd like to take advantage of, a small subsidy through private companies, or a plan that Negron envisions being offered through Florida Healthy Kids, which runs the state's existing subsidized KidCare program.

That led one lawmaker to say the Legislature should choose one, likening doing both to taking two dates to the prom.

Observers are waiting to see if Scott pushes one plan over another, and predicting there could be a special session.

GOOD NEWS FOR JOB SEEKERS (AND GOV. SCOTT)

Hard to argue against Gov. Rick Scott's boast that "it's working."

One might quibble about why it's working, but something clearly is. The jobless rate in Florida dropped in March to 7.5 percent. While if recent history is a guide that is likely to be revised upward next month, it's still an enormous improvement over where things were a couple years ago.

It was October of 2008 the last time the jobless rate was this low in the state, and Florida quite clearly is continuing a recovery from a recession in which the jobless rate peaked at 12 percent in late 2010 (or 11.4 percent if you use the most recent adjustment) - just after Scott got elected.

Scott is overtly blaming his predecessor, then-Gov. Charlie Crist, for the recession, though most economists would point out that the economy went into the tank nationally at the same time. For as much as they can't stand him, it's unlikely even many Florida Republicans would pin the global economic collapse on Crist. Well, maybe a few would, but not most.

And while Scott will get some credit for the decrease in the unemployment rate, economists would also likely point out that unemployment has been dropping in most places - it went down in 26 states in March - and 39 states have a jobless rate below where it was a year ago.

Still, just as he made "Let's Get to Work" a ubiquitous political phrase in the state three years ago, Scott is beginning to try to do the same for his claim that "it's working" as he prepares for his reelection bid.

And this week, he continued to get ammunition to be able to rightly claim that it - or at least some-

thing - is.

BUDGET

Meanwhile, all those people who have gotten to work are paying taxes, and all those taxes coming in the door means that as lawmakers start the real work of negotiating a final state budget, there's a lot of people - to borrow a phrase from Senate President Don Gaetz - wanting to hold hands in the warm spring rain that was falling in Tallahassee on Friday.

It's been years (at least five) since lawmakers had such a relaxed attitude as they began the process of conference negotiations over the two competing budget plans.

Leaders were quick to pat themselves on the back. "We can show the people of Florida that we can be adults and we can do this the right way and be proud of the end result," said a smiling House Speaker Will Weatherford, R-Wesley Chapel, as the two chambers prepared to start conference committees this week.

They may be more adult than previous leaders, but it doesn't hurt that they have some cash to hand out.

STORY OF THE WEEK:

In a week marred by terrorism scares in the northeast, lawmakers in Florida plodded toward a budget and health care endgame.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"It's like trying to take two dates to the prom. Where I come from, you don't do that - even though you might try." Sen. Bill Montford, D-Tallahassee, on giving people a choice of health care coverage expansion plans.

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By Janet Tharpe

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Nutty Buddy Bundt Cakes



-Janet

What You Need

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2 tbsp baking powder
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3/4 c mashed bananas
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1/4 c toffee bits
Glaze
2 tbsp butter, melted
2 c powdered sugar
2-3 tbsp water
1/4 c walnuts, chopped

Directions

• Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour 6 mini bundt pans or one regular bundt pan.
• For cake: In a large bowl, whisk together cake mix and pudding mix, 2 tbsp of flour, 2 tbsp of baking powder, 1/2 c of sugar. Add slightly beaten eggs to dry mixture, then add water, oil, vanilla; Blend well.
• Add mashed bananas, chopped nuts, and toffee bits. Beat 4-5 minutes on medium speed. Scrape down sides.
• Pour batter into prepared pans, filling each cup 3/4 full. Bake 17-20 minutes

or until cake is lightly brown. Test cakes with toothpick for doneness.
• For glaze: In a small bowl, melt butter. Add powdered sugar and stir. Gradually add spoons of water to make desired consistency for glaze. Add nuts and whisk until glaze is smooth and reaches a drizzle consistency. Add water if necessary.
• Once cakes cool, drizzle icing over cake in a circular motion until icing and nuts are evenly distributed on each mini bundt.

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WHITE WINES

The rise of American rosé

By DAVID WHITE

For the past three decades, wine enthusiasts have shuddered when presented with American rosé.

The reason?

Domestic rosé has long been associated with the cheap, sweet "blush" wines that became popular in the 1980s, like Sutter Home's White Zinfandel.

While these wines will always have fans, they're quite different from the dry, refreshing Old World rosés that oenophiles crave when the weather warms.

In recent years, however, American vintners have started to produce rosés that can easily rival the Old World's best offerings.

With summer just around the corner, these wines are worth exploring - and stocking up on.

Rosé is made in one of two ways.

In the first method, the winemaker crushes red wine grapes and leaves the juice in contact with the skin for a brief period, typically one or two days. She then discards the skins, allowing the juice to finish fermentation on its own.

Thanks to the short period of skin contact, the wine retains some color.

In the second method, rosé is a byproduct of red wine fermentation.

Red wine obtains color, tannin, structure, and flavors from grape skins.

If a winemaker wants to increase the skin-to-juice ratio during fermentation, she can simply remove some juice at an early stage.

This pink juice can be fermented separately to create rosé. This method is known as saignée.

Since rosé is the only goal with the first method, some oenophiles call such wine "true" rosé.

These wines typically have more texture and higher acid than saignées, so can easily pair with a variety of foods.

True rosé has been a part of life in Europe for centuries.

In Provence, France, residents and visitors alike have long recognized the brilliance of pairing rosé with warm

weather and coastal cuisine.

The Old World remains the source of countless fantastic rosés.

But many domestic producers are now making wines that are just as delicious.

One of my favorites comes from Arnot-Roberts, a small producer in California.

Made from Touriga Nacional, a Portuguese variety best known for its large role in Port, the Arnot-Roberts rosé is delicate, crisp, and structured, and packed with complexity.

Elsewhere in California, other favorites come from Copain, Peay, and Radio-Coteau's County Line, three producers that utilize Pinot Noir to make bright, brilliantly seductive wines.

Another comes from Matthiasson, a Napa Valley producer that uses Syrah to produce a wine that's stony, refreshing, and bursting with ripe, citrus flavors.

All four are worth seeking out.

California isn't the only source of top-notch domestic rosé.

In Oregon's Willamette Valley, Ponzi Vineyards makes one that's consistently delightful.

In New York, Channing Daughters on Long Island has gained a cult following for its offerings - this year, the winery produced seven different rosés!

Many wineries in New York's Finger Lakes are also gaining recognition for their bottlings.

The list goes on.

Of course, America remains awash in cloyingly sweet pink wine.

And it's still too easy to accidentally wind up with a bottle that tastes more like Kool-Aid than wine.

But more and more producers are taking rosé seriously, so it's easier than ever before to find a crisp, refreshing summertime quaffer that's worth stocking up on.

David White, a wine writer, is the founder and editor of *Terroirist.com*. His columns are housed at *Palate Press: The Online Wine Magazine* (PalatePress.com).



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5632-0502 TWN
 vs. Unger, Patricia Case No. 65-2010-CA-00080CA Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 65-2010-CA-00080CA
 SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 PATRICIA A. UNGER; ROY F. UNGER, DECEASED; VILLAS AT COVINGTON PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED AS NOMINEE FOR SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 20, 2013, and entered in Case No. 65-2010-CA-00080CA, of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA County, Florida. SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. is Plaintiff and PATRICIA A. UNGER; ROY F. UNGER, DECEASED; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); VILLAS AT COVINGTON PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED AS NOMINEE FOR SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE, AT 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HIGHWAY, CRAWFORDVILLE IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA 32327, at 11:00 A.M., on the 9th day of May, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT 54, VILLAS AT COVINGTON PARK, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS DESCRIBED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 13 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY FLORIDA.
 A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 Dated this 20th day of March, 2013.
 BRENT X. THURMOND, As Clerk of said Court
 By:/s/Desiree D. Willis, As Deputy Clerk

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices
5632-0502 TWN
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 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 PATRICIA A. UNGER; ROY F. UNGER, DECEASED; VILLAS AT COVINGTON PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED AS NOMINEE FOR SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 20, 2013, and entered in Case No. 65-2010-CA-00080CA, of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA County, Florida. SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. is Plaintiff and PATRICIA A. UNGER; ROY F. UNGER, DECEASED; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); VILLAS AT COVINGTON PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED AS NOMINEE FOR SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE, AT 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HIGHWAY, CRAWFORDVILLE IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA 32327, at 11:00 A.M., on the 9th day of May, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT 54, VILLAS AT COVINGTON PARK, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS DESCRIBED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 13 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY FLORIDA.
 A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 Dated this 20th day of March, 2013.
 BRENT X. THURMOND, As Clerk of said Court
 By:/s/Desiree D. Willis, As Deputy Clerk

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices
5631-0425 TWN
 vs. Carter, Jennifer Case No. 65-2013-CA-000065 Notice of Action
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 65-2013-CA-000065
 WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JENNIFER AMISON CARTER, et al.
 Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: JENNIFER AMISON CARTER
 LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 428 PALMETTO STREET, BOWLING GREEN, FL 33834-4510
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 LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in WAKULLA County, Florida:
LOTS NUMBER 26 AND 27 IN BLOCK TEN OF WAKULLA GARDENS, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION OF RECORD ON PAGE 39 OF PLAT BOOK NO. ONE OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.L.C., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 4919 Memorial Highway, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded

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5630-0425 TWN
 vs. LeVaughn, Tamara Case No. 65-2009-CA-000285 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-000285
 WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 TAMARA L. LEVAUGHN, et al.,
 Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated April 8, 2013 and entered in Case No. 65-2009-CA-000285 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and TAMARA L. LEVAUGHN, are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT FOYER OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 23rd day of May, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:
LOT 43 AND 44, BLOCK 4, OF LAKE ELLEN ESTATES UNIT ONE, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 44 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA. AKIA 37 MONTGOMERY DRIVE, 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 April 9, 2013.
 Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of the Circuit Court (SEAL)
 By:/s/ Desiree D. Willis, Deputy Clerk

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices
5628-0425 TWN
 vs. Brackenchase Builders, Inc. Case No. 12-CA-1337 Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 12-CA-1337
 BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant
 vs.
 BRACKENCHASE BUILDERS, INC., ET AL., Defendants/Counter-Plaintiffs.
CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45
 NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 3, 2013 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, by public sale, at 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the sale may proceed, on May 15, 2013 at the North Rotunda, Plaza Level, Ste. 100, of the Leon County Courthouse, Tallahassee, Florida, the following described property:
Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block A; Lots 1 and 22, Block B; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, Block C of Villages at Pine Forest, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 18, Page(s) 69-73, of the Public Records of Leon County, Florida, and
Lots 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 50, 51, 52, 54, 55, 57, 58, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 79, 95, 96, 97, 100, 102, 103, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130 and 131 of THE PARK, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page(s) 24 - 28, 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: April 5, 2013.
 Bob Inzer, Clerk of Court
 By:/s/ J. Randy L. Bartley, Deputy Clerk
 Wakulla County
 April 18 & 25, 2013

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices
5625-0425 TWN
 Vs. Shaw, Michael Case #12-CA-252 Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE #12-CA-252
 CENTENNIAL BANK, a foreign banking corporation,
 Plaintiff,
 v.
 MICHAEL L. SHAW, et al.,
 Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 9, 2013, entered in Case No. 12-CA-252 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein CENTENNIAL BANK is the Plaintiff, and MICHAEL L. SHAW; BRILL PROPERTIES, LLC; TUSCANY TRACE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., 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, GRANTEES 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, 32327 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on May 23, 2013 the following described property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure to-wit:
LOT 23, TUSCANY TRACE, a subdivision as per map thereof recorded in plat book 4, page 76, Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
DATED this 9th day of April, 2013
 BRENT X. THURMOND, Clerk of Court
 (seal)
 By:/s/ Tiffany Deschner, Deputy Clerk
 April 18 & 25, 2013

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices
5623-0425 TWN
 vs. Trusik, Brian Case No. 65-2012-CA-000458 Notice of Sale
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MINUTES OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING HELD ON APRIL 15, 2013

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Robin Oaks was recognized as Employee of the Month. Nicole Klees and Ginni Brown were recognized as Teachers of the Month. All were congratulated and presented with a plaque by Chairman Gray.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited with a prayer given by Mr. Evans.

Moved by Mrs. Cook, seconded by Mr. Evans to approve the agenda.

Voting for the motion: Mrs. Cook, Mr. Evans, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Thomas.

Moved by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Cook to approve the following consent items:

1. Approved Minutes of the Meeting held on March 11, 2013.
2. Approved the following Employment of Personnel: Other Personnel (including temporary, PT & current employees hired to a second position).

Name Program/Center Position
Term of Service
Davis, Lara WMS Time Limited Reading Teacher 04/05/13-05/31/13
DeProsaro, Christina RES A/S Remediation Teacher 02/26/13-04/11/13

3. Approved the following Letters of Retirement: Sharon Simmons/effective June 4, 2013
John Madden/effective June 1, 2013 and enter DROP
Solomon Allen/effective June 4, 2013
Edith Roberts/effective May 31, 2013
4. Approved a resignation on Tonya Rueth/effective March 27, 2013.
5. Approved Budget Amendments #12/13 - 6 & 7.
6. Approved illness in the Line of Duty/FMLA.
7. Approved the March financial statement.
8. Approved Warrants for payment.

Voting for the motion: Mrs. Cook, Mr. Evans, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Thomas.

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Cook to approve the Student Registration Package Forms.

Voting for the motion: Mrs. Cook, Mr. Evans, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Thomas.

Moved by Mrs. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the 2012-13 Data Management Agreement with Medicaid Administrative Claiming System.

Voting for the motion: Mrs. Cook, Mr. Evans, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Thomas.

Moved by Mrs. Cook, seconded by Mr. Evans to approve Wakulla Senior Citizens to use a bus and driver for their summer program.

Voting for the motion: Mrs. Cook, Mr. Evans, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Thomas.

Moved by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Taylor to approve the Wakulla 21st Century Community Learning Center hiring bus and driver for Fridays in the summer.

Voting for the motion: Mrs. Cook, Mr. Evans, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Thomas.

Moved by Mrs. Cook, seconded by Mr. Evans to approve the Auditor General's Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.

Voting for the motion: Mrs. Cook, Mr. Evans, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Thomas.

Moved by Mrs. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Cook to approve the 2013 Summer Payroll Reporting Periods.

Voting for the motion: Mrs. Cook, Mr. Evans, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Thomas.

Moved by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Evans to approve the 2013-14 Payroll Reporting Periods.

Voting for the motion: Mrs. Cook, Mr. Evans, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Thomas.

Moved by Mrs. Cook, seconded by Mr. Evans to adjourn.

Voting for the motion: Mrs. Cook, Mr. Evans, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Thomas.

An executive session was held immediately after the board meeting to discuss the upcoming Master Teacher Contract. Staff in attendance: Superintendent Pearce, Mrs. Cook, Mr. Evans, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Thomas and Karen Wells, HR Director.

APRIL 25, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 65-2012-CA-000458
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

v. BRIAN J. TRUSIK; 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, GRANTEE, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BRIAN J. TRUSIK NKA ALEENNA TRUSIK; THE REFUGEE AT PANACEA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 1, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 65-2012-CA-000458 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 23rd day of May, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at the front lobby 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 71 OF THE REFUGEE AT PANACEA, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 18-22 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
Commonly known as: XXX FROGS BECKON COURT, PANACEA, FL 32346

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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: Susan Wilson, ADA Coordinator; 301 S Monroe St, Tallahassee, FL 32301 Phone: (850) 577-4401 At least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

DATED AT CRAWFORDVILLE, FLORIDA THIS 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 2013.
BRENT THURMOND, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

(SEAL) April 18 & 25, 2013 By:/s/ Tiffany Deschner, Deputy Clerk

5629-0502 TWN

vs. Orzo, Thomas Case No. 2012-CA-000370CA0000 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.2012-CA-000370CA
Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs. Thomas J. Orzo; Pamela Orzo; Tide Creek Landing Homeowners Association, Inc., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 9, 2013 entered in Case No. 2012-CA-000370CA0000 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein Bank of America, N.A. is the Plaintiff and Thomas J. Orzo; Pamela Orzo; Tide Creek Landing Homeowners Association, Inc. 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 30th day of May, 2013, the following described property as set forth

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 5 OF TIDE CREEK LANDING A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 107, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Dated this 9th day of April, 2013. Brent Thurmond, As Clerk of the Court (SEAL)

By:/s/ Tiffany Deschner As Deputy Clerk

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Notices to Creditors/Administration

5633-0502 TWN
Estate of Hudson, Bert File No. 13-26-CP Notice to Creditors
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. 13-26CP
IN RE: ESTATE OF BERT WILSON HUDSON
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of BERT WILSON HUDSON deceased, whose date of death was March 24, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, File Number 13-26CP the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is April 25, 2013.
Personal Representative
MARK HUDSON
11 Calvery Court, Crawfordville, Florida 32327

Attorney for Personal Representative:
AARON R. HOLLOWAY, Florida Bar No: 0096426
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- 47 Andrew Hargrett Sr. Rd. 3BR/2BA on cleared 12 acres. Fenced w/ large horse barn. Pets okay w/ prior approval & \$250 fee. \$1350. mo., \$1350 Security Deposit. Available May 1.
- 29C Old Courthouse Sq. 2 BR/2.5 BA Town Home. 2 Masters upstairs, \$700 mo., \$700 Security Deposit. No Smoking, Pets okay w/ \$250 fee.
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Each puzzle is divided into nine sections, and each section has nine blank squares. Fill in all 81 squares on the puzzle with numbers 1 to 9. You may not repeat any numbers in any one of the nine sections that you've already used elsewhere in that section. Also, you can use each number 1-9 only once in each horizontal line of nine squares, and in each vertical column of nine squares. The puzzle is completed when you correctly fill every square.

8	9	5	2	6	3	7	1	4
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Solutions

- ACROSS
1. Muffin choice
 5. Casts off
 10. "Pygmalion" dramatist
 14. Theater section
 15. Secret languages
 16. Fish story
 17. NYSE counterpart
 18. Peter of synonyms
 19. Steam up
 20. Fans of politico Gary?
 22. Youngest 500-homer man, familiarly
 23. Be an omen of
 24. ___-eyed (close to tears)
 25. Theater guide
 28. Unchecked
 32. Goes after
 34. Imitation
 35. Stick up
 38. "___ we forget ..."
 39. Air freshener targets
 41. Drone's home
 42. Fireplace remnant
 43. Cookie since 1912
 44. Visibly upset
 46. Robert Blake series
 49. Upturned, as a crate
 50. Jell-O formers
 52. Social misfit
 54. Shirt brand
 55. Wrestling champ?
 61. A whole lot
 62. Really go for
 63. "This can't be!"
 64. Within: Prefix
 65. Cubist Fernand
 66. Vaudeville's Seven Little ___
 67. Espied
 68. On-ed niece

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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17				18					19			
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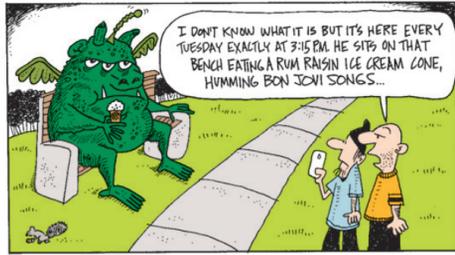
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- DOWN
1. Dull as dishwasher
 2. Actress Downey
 3. Golden ___ (senior)
 4. Second in preference
 5. New England catch
 6. Depression-era president
 7. Slight lead
 8. Salt lick visitor
 9. Fliers from De Gaulle, on De
 10. Muscle problem
 11. Salon workers' walkout?
 12. Mette out
 21. Tribal history
 24. Upper limit, informally
 25. Pac-12 team
 26. The Beatles' "___ Leaving Home"
 27. Marilyn Monroe working at a beanery?
 29. Under way
 30. Scratch up
 31. Face, slangily
 33. Needing liniment
 36. Microwave or Dutch
 37. Make concessions
 40. NYPD fig.
 41. "Don't touch!"
 43. Surgery spots, for short
 47. Builds a new room, say
 48. Singer Bocelli
 50. Tiny arachnids
 51. Makeup of a layer with a "hole"
 53. Abrasive stuff
 55. Fit as a fiddle
 56. Pindaric works
 57. Snorers saw them
 58. God with a hammer
 59. "Watermark" New Ager
 60. Optimistic

AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas



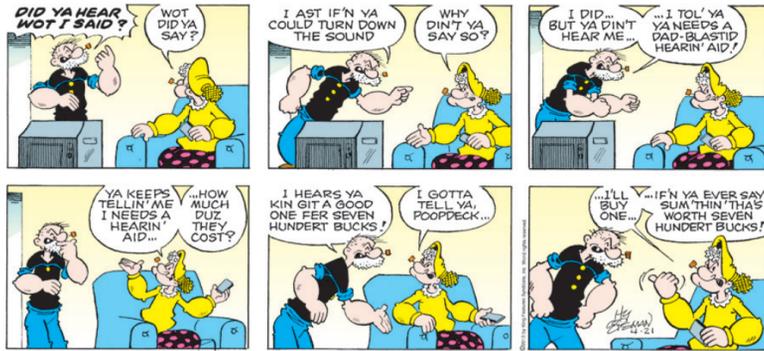
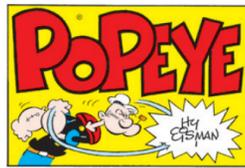
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The Spats

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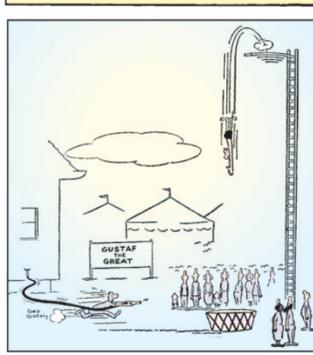


Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF-A-DAY



SCRAMBLERS

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

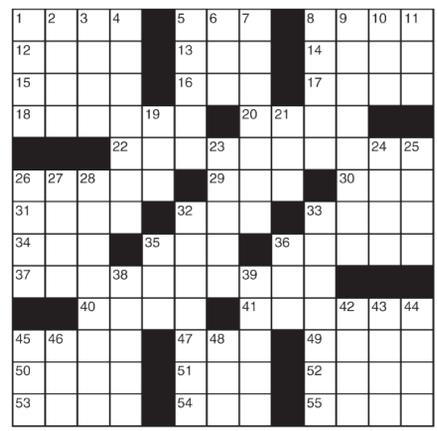
- Curve: REVEWS
- Brainy: MARTS
- Fieri: TRIDOR
- Basic: PANIL

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Volcanic spillage
- 5 Solo of "Star Wars"
- 8 Bang the door loudly
- 12 Troop group
- 13 Inseparable
- 14 Caffeine-rich nut
- 15 Swag
- 16 Twitch
- 17 Terrible guy?
- 18 Loosen a sneaker
- 20 Dandling locale
- 22 One way to quit
- 26 Ungainly
- 29 Cage piece
- 30 Born
- 31 Raw minerals
- 32 "See ya"
- 33 TV chef Cat
- 34 Have a bug
- 35 "Ulalume" writer
- 36 Croc's cousin
- 37 Speak frankly
- 40 Transaction
- 41 Nerve tissue cell
- 45 Pic you can click
- 47 Conk out



- 49 Unaccompanied
- 50 Beach matter
- 51 Geological period
- 52 Right angles
- 53 Sandwich cookie
- 54 Roulette bet
- 55 Do in
- 6 Singer
- 7 Cravat
- 8 Lindsey Vonn, for one
- 9 Entwined symbol of affection
- 10 - carte
- 11 Fellow
- 19 Demure
- 23 Laundromat machine
- 24 Architect
- 25 Calendar
- 26 Capricorn
- 27 Met melody
- 28 "Bravo!"
- 32 Colorado city
- 33 Range horses
- 35 Sch. org.
- 36 "Gosh!"
- 38 Japanese fencing
- 39 Work dough
- 42 Roster
- 43 - podrida
- 44 Inquisitive
- 45 Equal (Pref.)
- 46 Automobile
- 48 Rage

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

- ★ Moderate
- ★★ Challenging
- ★★★ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



DIFFERENCES: 1. Dot is missing; 2. Bow is smaller; 3. Swing seat is smaller; 4. Pole is missing; 5. Neckline is different; 6. Tree step is moved.

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: Q equals O

DE M VQRYFG QE UGSMFZQITGIX
SDGK SWG TPQS, D XRYQXG M
ZGFKDPL IGVGYSQP UDLWS
EQFFQZ.

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MOVIE

Today's Words:
1. Sverre; 2. Smart; 3. Torrid; 4. Plain

SCRAMBLERS

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- HISTORY: In what century did the Industrial Revolution begin?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of bird is a harrier?
- MYTHOLOGY: In Greek mythology, what gift was given to Cassandra by the god Apollo?
- ENTERTAINERS: Who is actress Shirley MacLaine's equally famous younger brother?
- TELEVISION: What is the name (and nickname) of the dad on the 1990s sitcom "Home Improvement"?
- NATURAL WORLD: What color is the mineral malachite?
- INVENTIONS: When was the modern zipper invented?
- U.S. STATES: What state is home to Moosehead Lake?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where would one find the Queen Elizabeth Islands?
- HIGHER EDUCATION: What is Georgia Tech's official mascot of the student body?

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- Answers
- 18th century
 - A hawk
 - Trochocy
 - Actor Warren Beatty
 - Tim "The Tool Man" Taylor
 - Green
 - 1913
 - Maine
 - Northern Canada
 - The Rambler
 - Model A Sport Coupe

L	A	V	A	H	A	N	S	L	A	M
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Solution time: 25 mins.

King Crossword

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Answers
welding reception might follow.

If a couple of metalworkers tied the knot, I suppose a answer

CryptoQuip

The sum of all that answer

makes a man happy consists in the well choosing of his wife.

- Massinger

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.

VDU LPR CB QYY VDQV

RQSUL Q RQA DQTTG

FCALWLVL WA VDU JUYY

FDCCLWAZ CB DWL JWBU.

- RQLLWAZUN

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Leave Nothing But Your Footprints



Keep Wakulla County Beautiful

A visit to Istanbul is a delight for the senses



By LINDA CARTER

Of all the places you'll visit, Turkey will have the most pleasurable impact on your senses.

Historic Istanbul, is located between Europe and Asia and divided by the Bosphorus Strait.

Discover a riot of colors, sounds, and smells awaiting you around every corner.

Exotic and foreign, Istanbul is a feast for the eyes.

Imagine: fairytale towers jutting up in to the sky, lit up and majestic at night, colorful merchandise spilling out on to

the street, trollies lumbering past so close you can touch them, and giant slabs of meat spinning in restaurant windows.

The Hagia Sophia, a museum, began in 537 as a church, then a mosque. Glittering mosaics, uncovered during restoration, are reminder of it's Christian past.

Nearby, six minarets pierce the sky at the Blue Mosque, built in 1617 to outshine the Hagia Sophia.

Marvel at the kaleidoscopic patterned tiles that cover the walls, and colored glass windows of Topkapi Palace.

Take a cruise on the Bosphorus Strait and watch boat traffic drift by as it has for centuries.

Listen and you will hear a call to prayer, five times a day. This call, broadcast across the city on loudspeakers, is woven in to the daily life.

The Muslim religion plays an important part in the city of 13 million. Men hurry to the mosque for



The Bosphorus, above, and the Hagia Sophia at night, below.

prayer, and then resume their busy day.

The voices around you, are a jumble of sound, languages from many different countries, thankfully English is widely spoken.

With butter soft texture, the beautiful Persian rugs are almost too nice to walk on.

But, whether you want one or not, a helpful stranger will seemingly offer his assistance, then try to escort you to his friend's carpet shop. That's his job.

Be prepared to haggle, these folks are pros.

If you think you might buy a rug, research price and quality before you leave home.

Wander among the booths at the Grand Bazaar where there are 3,000 shops on over 60 covered streets.

Whole sections are devoted to one specialty. Test your skills as a negotiator, and hopefully score a bargain.

Explore the Spice Market where hundreds of dif-



ferent smells compete for your attention: pungent spices, exotic teas, chewy Turkish delight, and so much more.

Time stands still here. You can still find someone selling leeches to cure disease, right next to someone selling garden seeds.

Everywhere the smell of roasting chestnuts, and

grilling meats fills the air.

Savor the flaky, sweet, nut covered delight we know as Baklava. It comes in limitless variations.

Sample the kebabs: spicy grilled lamb, roasted to perfections, served on warm lavash, a flatbread, smothered in onions, tomatoes and yogurt sauce.

Finally, return to the

Sultanahmet Square and sit listening to the fountain's tinkling melody.

The sensory overload that is Istanbul, may entice you to stay.

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The spice market in Istanbul.

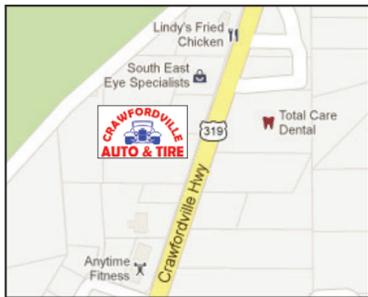
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