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Volunteer Dick Bickford is congratulated by Senior Center Director Maurice Langston and R.H. Carter.

Dick Bickford is Volunteer of Year

By **AMANDA MAYOR**
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The senior center was packed Wednesday, April 24, with a group of extraordinary people and their admirers as a luncheon was held to honor volunteers and recognize the volunteer of the year.

Salads and glasses of iced tea sat untouched before attendees as every ear was turned intently to catch the words of each speaker with interest and respect.

The senior center's executive director, Maurice Langston, began the event by introducing the keynote speaker, former Senior Center Director R.H. Carter.

"There are so many needs being met here that some never really see and never really hear about - but it's an ongoing process," Carter said. "What you all do here cannot be measured."

Carter expressed the genuine gratitude he felt for those in the room by telling stories about some of the volunteers.

As Carter spoke, smiles crept across the faces of the audience.

Afterwards, Tax Collector Cheryl Olah, who is on the Board of Directors of the Senior Center had the task of recognizing the long list of volunteers by name and area of service. Most names were heard more than once - speaking volumes as to

just how selfless those in the room were.

Finally, the man of the hour, Dick Bickford, was introduced.

Langston gave an account of Bickford's life - from his marriage to his high school sweetheart, Lorraine (also an honored volunteer) on up to the present.

The humble Bickford accepted a plaque presented by both past and current directors and immediately sought to share his reward.

"I may be the one standing up here today," Bickford said, "but it could have just as easily been any one of you in this room. Thank you."

Alesia Adams takes on human trafficking



AMANDA MAYOR

Alesia Adams helped bust 12 child pimps in Georgia in 2001.

By **AMANDA MAYOR**
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Alesia Adams visited Crawfordville to speak on human and sexual trafficking, a overwhelmingly emotional topic that had the audience alternating between interest and horror.

Adams has been the Territorial Social Services Coordinator Against Human and Sexual Trafficking since 2007 and is the founder and developer of the Center to End Adolescent Sexual Exploitation (CEASE).

Among many other achievements, she was instrumental in the 2001 arrest, prosecution and conviction of 12 of Georgia's most notorious child pimps under the federal Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Organization (RICO) Act and worked closely with the victims who testified against their abusers.

On Tuesday, April 23, the Refuge House hosted a luncheon at First Baptist Church in Crawfordville, at which Adams gave a presentation entitled "Stolen Childhoods."

"Get up and take a walk if you need to - go outside and make a phone call," Adams said at the beginning of her talk. "This stuff is tough to hear. People do and say things to a prostituted person that they wouldn't do or say to an animal."

For the next hour a full audience sat on the edge of their seats, some interacting with Adams as she asked questions while others sat in disbelief at the horrors she revealed as truth and reality.

Adams explained that the trafficking of not just people, but very young people, is far more prevalent in this country than we realize and that we have definitely been "asleep at the wheel" as a society.

"This is a multi-billion dollar industry with 100,000 to 300,000 children who are victims or at risk of becoming victims," she says. "The average age is 13 years old and some are as young as 9."

According to Adams, 30 percent of victims are exploited by their own family members and are usually the reason children who end up trafficked are caught outside of their homes and on the streets in the first place.

She told of a cycle in which children run away from home to escape the abuse, only to be caught up in it on the streets.

After about 48 hours they're tired, hungry and vulnerable - easy targets for traffickers, she said.

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Welcome, warriors

A group of six soldiers from Fort Benning, Ga., came into Wakulla on Sunday, April 28, as part of a Warriors and Quiet Waters fishing expedition this week, and got an escort of state troopers, sheriff's deputies, motorcycles, and were greeted by citizens on the roadside at the entrance to Wakulla Springs.

PHOTO BY WILLIAM SNOWDEN

Blue Crab Festival is Saturday

By **AMANDA MAYOR**
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Event Chair Sherrie



Posey Miller would like to invite everyone to come out this Saturday for the 39th Annual Panacea Blue Crab Festival.

The event will begin at 10 a.m. with a parade down U.S. 98, after which the gates to Woolley Park will open and opening ceremonies will commence.

During the event there

will be live music, arts and crafts on display, the crab pickin' contest, mullet toss, historic demonstrations and dance performances by cloggers - just to name a few.

The music lineup will include performers such as Master Chief Ralph Pelletier, the CB Project, Coon Bottom Creek and Lindsay

Sparkman with the Rick Ott Band.

Of course, be sure to bring your appetite as there will be boiled crabs, hush puppies, fried shrimp and other savory treats to enjoy while you're there.

There will be plenty for the kids to do: a bungee jump, pony rides, a rock wall and more.



FILE PHOTO

Crab pickin' contest at the Blue Crab Festival.

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COAST expands with three new classrooms

Charter School in St. Marks continues to see growth, says Principal Alyssa Higgins



COAST students in a new classroom use the new electronics.

By **AMANDA MAYOR**
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COAST Charter School has recently finished a three-classroom expansion to accommodate for growing numbers.

The new rooms are equipped with touch-screen interactive overheads and students are able to gain experience with and enjoy the convenience and technology of laptop computers.

COAST Principal Alyssa Higgins, who is in her second year as principal, is excited about the addition and the growth of her school.

Enrollment is up to 170 filling VPK-4 to the eighth grade.

Two years ago, enrollment was 130 students.

"We have such great support from the community and parents as well," Higgins said. "I think that has really contributed to our success."

COAST stands for Wakulla's Charter School for the Arts, Sciences and Technology and came to be when the Wakulla County School Board approved the application in 1999.

COAST was founded by Judy Brown.

Vann Haddock, Winky Jenkins-Rice, Debbie Reich and Anne Thurmond, who wanted to provide an alternate choice for parents and students, with a strong focus on the arts, while maintaining a small school environment.

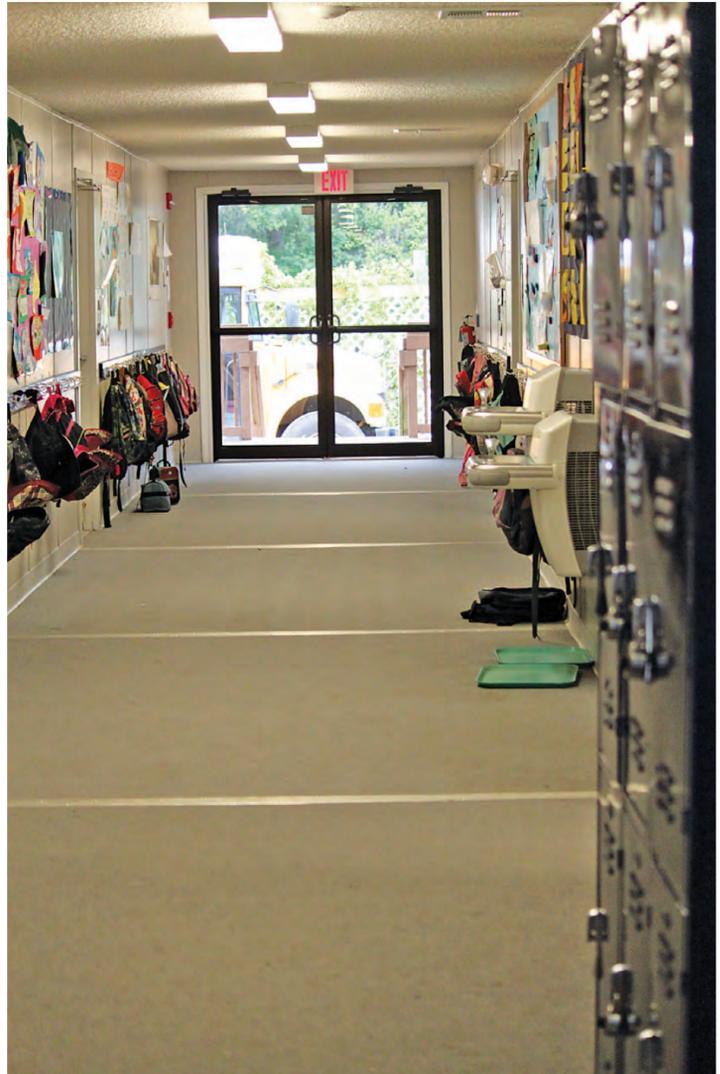
A charter school is different from other public schools in that it receives funding from the state for each child that is enrolled and is governed by an independent Board of Directors.

Another unique aspect is that COAST is a parent-choice school, which allows parents, community leaders and others to flexibly innovate and provide students with increased options within the public school system.

COAST is housed in the St. Marks Community Center, which was built in 1938. Previously the building had been used for the St. Marks School for grades 1-8 until 1968. From 1975-1989 it served as a preschool and adult education center.

Those wishing to attend COAST must turn in an application and then have an interview with the school.

For more information about the school or to schedule a tour, call 925-6344.



A view of the hallway at COAST Charter School.

PHOTOS BY AMANDA MAYOR



COAST is in the old St. Marks School building.



A garden planted by COAST students.

High court could decide online travel tax fight

Wakulla is one of a number of counties challenging online travel companies refusal to pay local bed tax

By **JIM SAUNDERS**
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE – After years of debate in court-houses and the Capitol, a high-stakes tax battle between counties and online-travel companies could wind up in the Florida Supreme Court.

The 1st District Court of Appeal recently asked the Florida Supreme Court to resolve a dispute about whether companies such as Expedia and Orbitz are paying the proper amounts of tourist-development taxes to counties.

The move, known as a certifying a question of "great public importance" to the Supreme Court, came after a three-judge panel of the appeals court ruled 2-1 in favor of the online-travel companies in February.

A request for a hearing before the full 1st District Court of Appeal was denied.

Seventeen counties are parties in the case, which centers on whether online-travel companies have to pay tourist-development taxes on all of the money they collect from custom-

ers. The companies serve as sorts of middlemen between travelers and hotels, charging customers for room rentals and fees related to providing the service.

The lawsuit – and others like it in Florida and elsewhere in the country – centers on whether the online-travel companies should pay tourist-development taxes on the full amounts they collect from customers, or only on the portions that go to room rentals.

The companies contend the portions that do not pay for room rentals are service charges, which are not subject to the hotel bed tax.

Counties, however, argue that the online-travel firms should have to pay the taxes on the full amounts, which would lead to millions of dollars in additional revenues.

The debate has flared repeatedly in the Legislature in recent years, though lawmakers have not resolved it.

The counties that have been involved in the case are Alachua, Charlotte,

Escambia, Flagler, Hillsborough, Lee, Leon, Manatee, Nassau, Okaloosa, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, St. Johns, Seminole, Wakulla and Walton.

Also, a similar case is pending at the 1st District Court of Appeal that has been spearheaded by Broward County.

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Concern about community center's impact on business

Gym owner expresses worry about competition

By AMANDA MAYOR
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A local gym owner has expressed concern that the county's planned community center presents a challenge to his business.

County Administrator David Edwards reported to the Community Center Advisory Council at their meeting on Wednesday, April 24, that the owner of Body Tek feared losing business to the YMCA if that group is brought in to manage the center.

Body Tek owner Robert Walsh met some months ago with The Wakulla News to express his concern that the YMCA is basically receiving government subsidy to compete with his business.

Body Tek is one of two private gyms in Crawfordville. Anytime Fitness is the other.

Advisory board members Tim Devlin, Dr. James Hilyer and Brian Speigner were quick to point out that the intended audience for the community center would differ greatly from those people who typi-

cally have a gym membership with Body Tek. The community center is intended to create a place of wellness aimed more at youth and families, rather than the typical gym members, the council said.

"It is so important for the YMCA to get this contract," Hilyer said. "Having a YMCA provides that 'check in the box' that makes an economic difference for the community."

He added that it will get more people in the county because having a YMCA adds incentive for those looking to move to the area – especially those with kids.

Edwards seemed to agree and encouraged the council to contact the board of commissioners to relay their thoughts one-on-one as soon as possible.

Other topics of discussion for the advisory board were proposed bylaws, which were approved, and it was confirmed that construction started on the enclosed gym space in the area behind the center. The crews had not yet begun pouring concrete for the slab.

The next meeting of the advisory board is scheduled for 3 p.m. on May 17.



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Unusual hummingbird?

Reader Carole Harper of Crawfordville sent us this photo, explaining: "It's a Buff-bellied Hummingbird that has taken up residency in our yard. It is rare to this area, but we are lucky and fortunate to witness this beautiful hummingbird living on our property. These pictures were taken Saturday, April 20. But they have been with us for about two weeks, before we realized he was not our typical and usual Hummingbird visitors. How we were able to identify this as a Buff-Bellied Hummingbird, is by the black tip on the end of his red/orange beak."

Alesia Adams takes on trafficking

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She went on to warn against one of the easiest ways for predators to find a victim and be invited into their home – through the internet.

Websites such as Craigslist and Eros make it easy to find and manipulate young, vulnerable targets, and that their age and naivety are exactly why such

young ages are so prevalently being trafficked and abused.

"These children are not running to something," explains Adams. "They're almost always running from something and they end up in the wrong hands."

Adams closed by answering questions and giving information about the Magdalene program and Thistle Farms, which

is the social enterprise run by the women of Magdalene.

ADD GRAF ON PROGRAM

For more information visit www.thistlefarms.org.

"She lives for the hurting," said Capt. Julio Da Silva of the Salvation Army as he introduced Adams at the luncheon. "That is her calling."

Mosquito spraying gets underway

Special to The News

The Wakulla County Health Department is gearing up to start a new year with the Mosquito Control Program approximately in May, weather depending.

There are two ways to request mosquito spraying. One is to call the mosquito telephone line at (850) 926-0410.

The other is to visit our website at WakullaHealth.com and click on the mosquito request icon. You will be asked to enter your property information. An address can be sprayed up to two times

a year (except in declared disasters).

Larvacide is a more effective and long-term method of mosquito control, therefore larvacide only requests will be honored even after the two spray limit is expended.

Residents who do NOT want to be sprayed will need to request DO NOT SPRAY by phone or via the website. The county only sprays homes request spraying. DO NOT SPRAY residents are provided with a sign to display on their property from the health department to prevent mistakes.



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.

City of Sopchoppy

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The City of Sopchoppy Depot Committee will be holding meetings on **Thursday, May 9** and **Thursday May 23 at 6:00 p.m.** The meetings will be held at the Depot located at 34 Railroad Avenue, Sopchoppy.

Purpose of the Meeting: Development of plans to operate the Depot as a museum.

Any handicapped, visually or hearing impaired person or any non-English speaking person needing special assistance should contact the City of Sopchoppy Clerk's Office at (850) 962-4611.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wakulla County Code Enforcement Board will hold a **Public Hearing on May 8, 2013, at 5:30pm** in the Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Rd., Crawfordville, FL 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and participate.

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

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

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners

is Seeking a Member to Serve on the Industrial Development Authority

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners is seeking one (1) member to serve on the Industrial Development Authority (IDA). The IDA was established for the purpose of financing and refinancing of industry or projects in Wakulla County, and for the purpose of encouraging economic development.

The BOCC is seeking one (1) member who must be a resident of Wakulla County and who must be a developer or officer of a development company of industrial sites, or a commercial contractor or officer of a commercial building company.

Interested persons should submit a cover letter explaining their interest in serving on the IDA along with a resume or other statement of relevant experience which includes the person's name, address, telephone number, and email address **no later than Monday, May 13, 2013.** Please e-mail your information to jwelch@mywakulla.com or by fax to 926-0940.

Advertisement Detail

WAKULLA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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ITB NUMBER 2013-17

Advertisement Begins: **Friday, April 26, 2013 @ 8:00 a.m.**
 Board Decisions will be available at:
 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327.

Sealed bids for ITB 2013-17, WAKULLA COUNTY ROAD PREP MATERIAL will be received until 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 20, 2013. Bids should be addressed to the Wakulla County Purchasing Office, at 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, at which time all bids will be publicly opened. Bids received after the time and date specified will not be accepted and shall be returned unopened to the Bidder.

Please direct all questions to:

ADMINISTRATIVE: Deborah DuBose Wakulla County BOCC Phone: 850.926.9500 x 707 FAX: 850.926.0940 E-Mail: ddbuse@mywakulla.com	TECHNICAL: Brent Pell ESG Operations, Inc. 340 Trice Lane Crawfordville, FL 32327 Office: 850.926.7616 E-mail: bpell@esginc.net
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Bid documents will be available at www.mywakulla.com or can be picked up at Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administrative Office at 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327 after 8:00 a.m. on Friday, April 26, 2013.

The owner reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids.

Wakulla County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Any person with a qualified disability requiring special accommodations at the bid opening shall contact purchasing at the phone number listed above at least 5 business days prior to the event. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact this office by using the Florida Relay Services which can be reached at 1.800.955.8771 (TDD).

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids or accept minor irregularities in the best interest of Wakulla County.

Randy Merritt, Chairman
 Deborah DuBose, Director, Employee Support Svcs.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE #13-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES 68-16, 83-3, and 92-6, AS AMENDED; CODIFIED AS SECTIONS 74-60, 74-65, 74-66, 74-68, and 74-107 IN THE ST. MARKS CODE; DELETING FEES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES, AND PROVIDING THAT FEES AND CHARGES ARE SET BY RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

First Reading Date: April 11, 2013 at 7 pm
Second Reading Date: May 9, 2013 at 7 pm
Location:
788 Port Leon Drive, St. Marks FL 32355

The City of St. Marks is located at 788 Port Leon Drive, 9 AM to 4:30 PM M/F; Phone (850) 925-6224. Interested parties may inspect ordinance at 788 Port Leon Drive and be heard at the meeting. Persons needing special access considerations should call the City Office at least 24 hours before the date for scheduling purposes. The Board Office may be contacted at (850) 925-6224.

Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. - P.O. Box 1679, Quincy, Florida 32353

Oyster Bay WWTP Forcemain Sewer Swap

FDEP has received Notice, File No. 650180285003EG, received on March 28, 2013, of Intent to use the Noticed General Permit only for the construction of 5.1 miles of 6" diameter forcemain, pursuant to Rule 62346, and 62330.453, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The project is within an existing rightofway starting at Oyster Bay WWTP (TEC) along cutoff road, then proceeding North along Shell Point Road then continuing North along Springcreek Highway, then crossing over US 98 and proceeding West to an existing Wakulla County owned lift station in Wakulla County.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection has confirmed that this proposed project qualifies for the Noticed General Permit identified herein, but does not constitute the Department's determination of the wetland boundary depicted in the attached drawings of the property.

Authorization to use sovereignty submerged lands -- Not required. The activity does not appear to be located on sovereignty submerged lands, and does not require further authorization under Chapter 253 of the Florida Statutes, or Chapter 1821 of the Florida Administrative Code.

Be advised that your neighbors and other parties who may be substantially affected by the proposed activity allowed under this determination of approval of the Noticed General Permit have a right to request an administrative hearing on the Department's decision that the proposed activity qualifies for this general permit. Under Rule 28-106.111 of the Florida Administrative Code, a request for such an administrative hearing must be filed with the Department's Clerk in the Office of General Counsel within 21 days of publication of notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the activity is to take place.

Use of the Noticed General Permit authorized by Rule 62330.453 is hereby granted. This determination is final and effective on the date filed with the Clerk of the Department unless a petition for an administrative hearing is timely filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., before the deadline for filing a petition. On the filing of a timely and sufficient petition, this action will not be final and effective until

further order of the Department. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Department's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this determination.

Petition for Administrative Hearing A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. Pursuant to Rule 28106.201, F.A.C., a petition for an administrative hearing must contain the following information: (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests are or will be affected by the agency determination; (c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

The petition must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of Gen-

eral Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399 3000. Also, a copy of the petition shall be mailed to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing.

Time Period for Filing a Petition

In accordance with Subsection 62110.106(3), F.A.C., petitions for an administrative hearing by the applicant must be filed within 21 days of receipt of this written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S. must be filed within 21 days of publication of the notice or within 21 days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within 21 days of receipt of such notice, regardless of the date of publication. The failure to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28106.205, F.A.C.

Extension of Time

Under Subsection 62110.106(4), F.A.C., a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time.

Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399 3000, before the applicable deadline for filing a petition for an administrative hearing. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon.

The Opinion Page

readers speak out

Reflecting on three weeks in Wakulla



By AMANDA MAYOR

Almost three weeks have gone by since my start at The Wakulla News.

Three weeks, 10 stories, countless photos, two columns and two baseball games to be (almost) exact – and I thought I might take a moment to reflect.

I come from a small, coastal county much

like this one so, in some ways, Wakulla has felt like home.

I went to the Wakulla Wildlife Festival held at Wakulla Springs and felt like I was back in Citrus County visiting the Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park.

These past few weeks I have been consistently pushed to step out of my comfort zone – but not as I have had the privilege to attend and report on some recent War Eagle baseball games.

I have felt more in my element than ever traveling to the field and stepping foot inside the complex.

The only strange feeling comes from planting

myself in the stands, rather than on the field at third base or in the number two spot in the lineup.

But I felt the excitement as I witnessed their senior night victory and my own district disappointments came flooding back with their loss to Suwannee the other night.

At my old little league fields there is a small-scale billboard announcing my little league softball team's state victory in 2004. I was 14 then, but it still sits proudly for every athlete, family member and visitor to see.

I wish every player could experience that

feeling of victory, accomplishment and hard work paid off.

Down in Citrus we proudly boast of our wildlife and scenic views and our small town sports – for us they're small victories in a fast-paced world, but the way we see it the rest of the world is missing out, not the other way around. I get the feeling that is how it is here as well.

I have one more aspect worth mentioning.

After spending four years at a public university three hours away from home, you begin – if you are lucky – to notice the little things.

It has been refreshing to be in a place that isn't

afraid to offer a public prayer, let alone acknowledge the existence of God.

In a society so constantly concerned with being politically correct, it has been nice to attend luncheons and meetings where something so seemingly small and simple as giving thanks before a meal or asking for guidance before endeavoring to make decisions is placed on the priority list at all. I am grateful for the little reminders that I see every day of how life is supposed to be lived in fellowship and selflessness.

These are all things that I have experienced

here in Wakulla and its always a great feeling to be reminded of a place that you love, but I think one of the best parts about working here has been the people that I have come in contact with. You all have made being here so exciting and easy. I feel as if I have a constant smile on my face as I go to this event or that meeting and listen to this speech and that joke.

I can't help but feel like I'm here for a reason. Wakulla has a lot going for it, and I'm grateful to be a part of it.

Amanda Mayor is the reporter for The Wakulla News.

READERS WRITE:

Thanks for support of Worm Gruntin'

Editor, The News:

Thanks to beautiful weather, the support from the community, visitors from far and wide, and the incredible efforts of our volunteers, the 2013 Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival may have been the best one of the 13 we have offered to the public.

The day kicked off early with over 150 participants in the 5K Race and continued through the day with the many contests and games, terrific music, over 90 vendors of arts, crafts, a wide variety of food, children's games, and very interesting and informative public interest exhibits.

All of this didn't happen by accident, of course. Special thanks to our core group of volunteers who began meeting in January to design the program, set the budget, decide on the design for this year's shirt, and begin discussing candidates to be the festival King and/or Queen.

This team has been committed to this popular festival for years. Our organization is the Sopchoppy Preservation and Improvement Association or SPIA. The officers include Vice President Cindy Melzer, Treasurer Susan Brooks Shearer, and Secretary Nelson Martin.

But at these meetings you can't distinguish the officers from the rest of the team who are Amanda Daughtry, James Fleming, Danny Flynn, Nelle McCall, and Rick Ott. They continue to put up with me as president since I am the only one without a fulltime job.

In addition to planning, these folks take on the huge job of executing the plan.

Cindy is our lead person on merchandise design, acquisition and sales for which she has recruited a large and loyal team.

Susan is the Race Director, which not only means conducting the race, but also signing up an impressive number of sponsors.

Nelson makes sure the festival grounds, stage, electricity, and water are all functioning, getting out our signs and anything else that falls through the cracks but, his most visible responsibility, is weighing in the

worms the kids collect during the Worm Gruntin' Contest.

Amanda is our liaison to the state legislature and a key member of the merchandise sales team.

James, plus his son, Russell, helps the vendors get settled into their locations and conducts the Bait Casting contest.

Danny Flynn prepares the pits and runs our horseshoe contest with the help of his team of volunteers.

Nelle works on publicity, particularly the design of our fabulous flyer.

Finally, Rick, a popular musician and sound engineer, lines up the bands and individual performers for the day. There were about 25 musicians this year and the music was perhaps the best ever.

We also want to thank some other special people and organizations. Maurice Langston is our wonderful Master of Ceremonies. He has even been known to compose special songs for the day and this year he did a terrific job interacting with the audience, especially the kids.

And Gary Revell, our chief worm wrangler, puts on an authentic and entertaining worm gruntin' demonstration preceding the contest.

And thanks to the always-ready-to-serve Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, which provided traffic control support for the 5K Race.

Final thanks go to the City of Sopchoppy for their support, the residents of the city for tolerating the disruption, and the property owners, Dr. Dave Pierce, George Ed Strickland, and the Church of Christ on whose properties we set up vendors and displays, and thanks to WastePro for the Dumpster.

Finally, thank you to our sponsors and many other volunteers at the festival who helped with the 5K Race, sales, and contests. All of these will soon be listed on our website, wormgruntinfestival.com thanks to the support of Jay Westmark.

Bill Lowrie
President
Worm Gruntin' Festival

Great job at this weekend's regatta

Editor, The News:

Both Wakulla County Parks and Recreation and the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office deserve kudos for their work at the Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta this past weekend.

Workers from Wakulla County Parks and Recreation worked hard to keep the beach park clean by picking up trash and emptying trash containers.

Plus, during the 25 years of participating in this event, I have never seen the restrooms cleaned as thoroughly as they were at this event...and what a difference in experience a clean restroom

will make.

Deputies from the sheriff's department were out in force monitoring activity of non-regatta participants while supporting a safe, festive environment for registered regatta participants.

Kudos for finding the perfect balance between safety and festivity.

Regatta participants were once again able to race and party safely in a clean and well enforced atmosphere at Shell Point Beach.

Thank you P&R and WCSO.

Perry Morris
Shell Point

Optimists support school referendum

Editor, The News:

Pass the Wakulla County School System referendum! Money toward education lifts all boats (RAND Corp. 1977). There

is no better way to help our youth than by providing a quality education. A quality education costs money. The Optimist Club's motto is "Friend to Youth."

Be a friend. Vote yes for the school referendum.

Bill Versiga
President
Coastal Optimist Club

Wakulla officials have done well

Editor, The News:

Approval for politicians is at an all time low across the board, but should it be?

Definitely not, at least when it comes to our own Wakulla County Commissioners. In fact, the citizens of this county might want to give them a "high five" for the work they have been doing behind the scenes with little or no acknowledgement.

Last week my husband and I attended the Wakulla County RESTORE Act Town Hall Meeting that was held in our neighborhood.

These town halls have been held all over the county to inform the citizenry of the history and status of the BP oil spill monies.

What an eye opener this meeting was on several levels! Although nearly everyone has heard of the RESTORE Act, the bits and pieces of information that we have either read or heard have confused many. In addition, the myths floating around have led to even greater confusion.

The Town Hall meeting clarified misinformation, gave us facts, added perspective and provided a structure for the process.

But perhaps the greatest benefit of attending the meeting was learning how fortunate

we have been to have county commissioners, a U.S. Congressman and a U.S. Senator fighting extremely hard for Florida and Wakulla County.

Originally Wakulla County was not to be included as one of the primary beneficiaries of the restoration/restitution money. Through hard work by our commissioners Wakulla County is now scheduled to share with seven other North Florida coastal counties (from Escambia to Franklin) in an as yet undetermined amount of money, that will be three times greater than the amount awarded to the 15 coastal counties south of Wakulla County.

But the hard work for our local officials did not end when they succeeded in having Wakulla designated as one of the most affected counties. There was yet another hurdle to overcome. The only state from Texas to Florida that specifically stated settlement money would go directly to the counties is Florida. Last week the State of Florida made an attempt to undo this.

The counties bonded together and, with the help of U.S. Congressman Steve Southerland and U.S. Senator Bill Nelson, the state's proposal was squelched. Commissioners Jerry Moore, Howard Kessler and Ralph Thomas all were at the

Capitol representing our community.

And finally, Amber Davis of Statecraft LLC, Port St. Joe, who was the primary presenter at the town hall meeting, made it clear that Wakulla County and our commissioners have been at the forefront of clearly and efficiently working through the legalities, the minutiae, information dispersal and project planning of what ultimately will affect the future of Wakulla's environmental preservation programs, infrastructure projects and economic development.

So much of this was done without self-aggrandizing or even much fanfare on the part of our commissioners.

We are either a very fortunate or a very wise voting populace to have managed to nominate and elect such attentive and dedicated stewards of what may well become the most important decisions in Wakulla history.

Note: Those at the meeting also acknowledged that Wakulla County has one of the better websites for restore act information: Wakullarestoreact.org. It has been designed and is maintained voluntarily by a Wakulla County resident Jay Westmark.

Cyndi Webster
Crawfordville

Most popular stories online:

- Sheriff's Report for April 25, 2013
 - Relay for Life is this weekend
 - Sheriff's Report for April 18, 2013
 - T-n-T buys Wilderness Way
 - Yoga helps develop awareness
 - Sassafra has a flavorful history
 - County fights for its oil spill money
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MORE READERS WRITE:

Thanks to Wakulla Springs State Park

Editor, The News:

We would like to give a big Spirit Paw thanks to Wakulla Springs State Park. They waived all fees for our class to attend the park and ride the jungle

boat cruise. My students enjoyed it immensely and will be talking about it for months.

**Mrs. Thurmond's Class
at Riversprings Middle School**



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Membership applications for Friends are available at the library.

Join Friends of the Library

Editor, The News:

My name is Sue Belford and I am the president of the Friends of the Library.

We are beginning our annual membership drive and are hoping you would consider putting this in your newspaper to help

us get the word out.

You can pick up a membership application at the library or email Sue Belford and request one at friendswakullalibrary@gmail.com.

Anyone becoming a new or renewing member before May 15th will be entered in a drawing for

a \$50 VISA gift card. The drawing will be held May 23 and no one needs to be present to win.

We value all supporting or active members!! Thank you.

Sue Bedford
Friends of the Library

DVD available to help with stuttering

Editor, The News:

Parents eagerly anticipate the moment when their child first begins to talk. But for some parents, it is a time of anxiety because their child struggles to get words out.

As many as five percent of preschool children nationwide have repetitions and prolongations of sounds severe enough to be of concern to their parents.

The DVD in English and Spanish, "Stuttering and Your Child: Help for Parents," helps parents detect stuttering and take action toward helping their child and is available at the Wakulla County Public Library.

Produced by the nonprofit Stuttering Foundation, the film describes what kinds of stuttering young children may exhibit, how parents can

help at home, and the role of a speech pathologist in evaluating and treating children who stutter.

Strategies parents can use to help reduce stuttering are given throughout the DVD and include reducing the number of questions they ask the child, focusing on taking turns during conversations, and making time to read or talk with the child in a relaxed manner.

Books and DVDs produced by the 66-year-old nonprofit Stuttering Foundation are available free to any public library. A library that will shelve them can contact the Foundation at 1-800-992-9392, e-mail info@stutteringhelp.org, or visit www.stutteringhelp.org or www.tartarmudez.org.

**7 TIPS FOR TALKING
WITH YOUR CHILD**

1. Speak with your child in an unhurried way, pausing frequently.

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3. Use your facial expressions and other body language to convey to your child that you are listening to the content of her message and not to how she's talking.

4. Set aside a few minutes at a regular time each day when you can give your undivided attention to your child.

5. Help all members of the family learn to take turns talking and listening.

6. Observe the way you interact with your child.

7. Above all, convey that you accept your child as he is. Thank you P&R and WCSO.

Jane Fraser
info@stutteringhelp.org

Burke Family expresses appreciation

Editor, The News:

In memory of John Burke, thank you so very much, these words nor any others can convey our gratitude to those of you who reached out to our family during this difficult time. Your prayers, cards, food, flowers and visits meant a lot to us.

We have never met a man that was more honorable, compassionate and loving. His passing is a deep loss, but we know that he is in heaven looking down on us and we will see him again. Again thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The John Burke Family

Goldilocks found guilty

Employees at the courthouse put on a play for kids on 'Take your child to work day'

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
editor@thewakullanews.net

The employees at the courthouse put a little different spin on "Take your child to work day" last Thursday, they staged a play in which Goldilocks was charged with bad manners for going inside the Bear home, eating porridge, breaking a chair, and sleeping in beds.

After hearing all the evidence, the 21 kids were divided into two juries and went out to deliberate on a verdict – which came back guilty of bad manners by the elementary-age jury and a single holdout on the middle school-aged jury resulted in a hung jury there.

Assistant Public Defender Matt Ream sat as the judge in the case.

Assistant State Attorney Alex Williams was the attorney for the Bears: Mom A. Bear was played by Deputy Clerk Glenda Porter, Pop A. Bear was investigator Chris Lee of the state attorney's office, Babe E. Bear was county Probation Officer Nakeshia Oliver.

Christie Butera, victim advocate for

the state attorney's office, played Goldilocks and was represented by Conflict Attorney Brian Higgins. Michelle Crum, a legal assistant in the state attorney's office, played Goldilock's mother, Curl E. Locks.

The play lasted about an hour and afterwards the kids were treated to pizza.

Earlier in the morning, Deputy Clerk Tempe Sailors gave the children a lesson on the history of the Wakulla County Courthouses. For simplicity's sake, she skipped over the first one, built in the original county seat of Port Leon in 1843, which was destroyed by a hurricane. New Port Leon, now Newport, was the next county seat and served in that capacity until after the Civil War, when the Posey family donated land in Crawfordville and the Newport courthouse was moved.

That courthouse was set afire in the 1890s over a dispute about a cow eating a garden, and another courthouse was built in 1892. That courthouse, known as the Old Courthouse, was moved to its current site after World War II to make room for the new courthouse, completed in 1947.



Pop A. Bear, played by investigator Chris Lee, testifies that when he came back from his walk, he found his bowl of porridge empty.



Christie Butera, as Goldilocks, tells the jury that the door to the Bear home was open and she smelled the porridge and she ate it because she was so hungry. Babe E. Bear's chair was already broken, she added.



Babe E. Bear, played by Nakeshia Oliver, is questioned by the Bears attorney, Assistant State Attorney Alex Williams, on whether her porridge had been eaten when she returned from a walk. "I don't blame the little girl from eating my porridge because my mom makes the best porridge," Babe E. Bear testifies. "I'm just upset that she broke my chair." She said she later found Goldilocks asleep in her bed but the girl ran away after being awakened.



Assistant Public Defender Matt Ream as the judge in the case, looks over the courtroom.

PHOTOS BY WILLIAM SNOWDEN

Church

religious views and events

Sopchoppy UMC will hear from speakers

Special to The News

The Sopchoppy United Methodist Church has begun a new Community Outreach Program. Every few weeks SUMC will invite an organization to visit the church and speak on an issue of public interest.

The meetings are free and open to ALL interested members of the community.

The speaker for May 2 will be Bobby Pearce, superintendent of Wakulla schools. He will be speaking on the upcoming referendum scheduled for

May 14. The ballot question is: "Shall Wakulla County School District levy an ad valorem millage of one half mill beginning July 1, 2013, and ending no more than four (4) fiscal years later on June 30, 2017, for school operational purposes."

The presentation will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Sopchoppy United Methodist Church, 10 Faith Ave. in Sopchoppy, beginning at 7 p.m.

Future speakers include

- May 16, Pam Allbritton of Big Bend Hospice on hospice's purpose "to

provide the highest quality of care to people facing a life-limiting illness regardless of the ability to pay."

• May 30, Wakulla County Commissioner Richard Harden.

The speakers were invited based on community and civic relevance and should be of interest to all residents of Wakulla County. This is not a "church event" per se, but an opportunity for the church to give something back to our community by opening our door and making space available for the general good.

Church Briefs

• 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.

• Pioneer Baptist to observe National Day of Prayer

Pioneer Baptist Church of Crawfordville will host its annual community wide National Day of Prayer this Thursday, May 2, at 7 p.m. This year's theme is "Pray for America." The public is invited to worship together.

Pioneer Baptist Church is located at 486 Beechwood Drive in Crawfordville. Call 878-5224 for more information.

• 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!

• 'Woman, Thou Art Loosed' conference is set

Women of Courage Ministries Presents the "Woman, Thou Art Loosed" conference at Harvest Fellowship Church, 824 Shadeville Highway, Pastor Fred Lanier.

On May 17, at 7 p.m. the speaker will be Evangelist Tonia Williams of Hallowed Be Thou Name Church in Hyde Park.

On May 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., speakers will be First Lady Charlean Lanier, Harvest Fellowship Church in Crawfordville and Co-Pastor Stefanie Williams, Holy Trinity Church in Tallahassee.

For more information please contact Evangelist Gwen Williams at (850) 817-0056 or Evangelist Vera Hayes at (850) 339-6800.

• Pioneer Baptist to hold indoor garage sale

Pioneer Baptist Church will have an indoor garage sale in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 4, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bargains include clothing, electronics, and many items of different categories, as well as baked goods and hot dogs.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit our youth summer camp expenses.

Pioneer Baptist Church is located at 486 Beechwood Drive in Crawfordville.

OUT TO PASTOR

Why can't we just have fun?

By JAMES L. SNYDER

The great pastime of America throughout the years has been sports. Americans have been ingenious in turning something simple into a sport for everyone to enjoy. I must say I have enjoyed my share of sports.

When younger, I was a baseball fan. I went to as many games as possible. The stadium in Baltimore was just a few minutes from my house so I could visit it often, and I often did. I did not really care who won the game as long as it was a good game played, not to mention the hotdogs.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage accused me of going to ball games just to eat hotdogs. Whenever I would return from a ballgame the first question would be, not who won the game but, "How many hotdogs did you eat?"

If the truth was known, and you will not get it from me, many a hotdog sacrificed itself at a ballgame. After all, when you are watching a ballgame, who has time to keep track of how many hotdogs you are eating?

I did have a moment of anxiety once when my wife threatened to weigh me before the game and then weigh me after the game to see if I had eaten too many hotdogs. When she first mentioned it I laughed, but I noticed she was not laughing, which caused me some deep concern.

Fortunately, for me it never got to that but came perilously close.

Nothing is more relaxing on a Saturday afternoon than sitting in a ballpark watching a ballgame in progress. Somehow, all the cares of the world seem to flutter away while watching the game.

It all ended for me one summer.

I had come into the house from some chore and my wife greeted me by saying, "Do you know your

ball team is on strike?"

I looked at her, laughed and said, "I know. They get three strikes and then they're out. That's the way they play the game." I winked at her and laughed good-naturedly. "Finally," I said to her, "you're coming to understand what the game is all about."

"No, you don't understand. Your team is on strike."

"I get you, and this Saturday I'm going to go and watch them strike again."

It took me a while but finally my wife got through the thickness of my skull and got me to understand the strike she was talking about was not the strike I was talking about. It is always nice when people are on the same page.

In a marriage situation, the biggest challenge a couple has is staying on the same page. Even though the husband and wife might be reading the same book, for some reason wives have the ability to read three or four chapters ahead. When a husband tries to correct her she impatiently says, "We were on that page last week. Try to keep up."

Try as we might, it is a rare husband who can keep up. But we try.

When I got up to the same page as my wife about the baseball team on strike, I was feeling rather low. "What do you think about your baseball game now," she taunted.

As it turned out, the baseball team was actually out on strike and if I remember correctly, we missed the whole season that year. They were on strike for, you will never guess, more money.

Up to that point, I thought the players played because they loved the game. Boy was I on the wrong page with that. I went to games because I love the game and it did not matter to me who won or lost as long as it was a good game.

Now, to find out that my heroes, if you can call

them such, were primarily interested in money was disheartening. I have never been able to watch a game since with the same excitement I did before.

Why can't we just have fun? Why does life have to be such a battle? Why can't we have a baseball game just for the fun of it?

Recently, I attended a baseball game at the local high school. I thought I would just go and enjoy the game. I did not know any of the players; I just wanted to enjoy the game.

Then I met an unfamiliar phenomenon of high school baseball. Parents of baseball players!

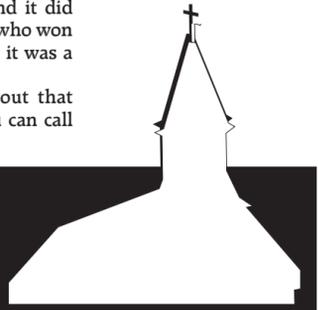
The game started as normal but soon the air exploded with shouting and yelling in the stands. I did not quite understand what all the noise was about at the time. Two women, imagine that, got in a fistfight over the ballgame! They were mothers of two of the players on opposite teams.

That was just the beginning of the shouting and the yelling that afternoon. As I walked away, I sadly shook my head and said to myself, "Why can't we just have fun?"

I believe the Preacher in the book of Ecclesiastes explains it well. "I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit" (Ecclesiastes 1:14 KJV).

Some are so caught up in the vanity and vexations of life that they never know what it is like to just enjoy life. Why can't we just have a little bit of fun?

Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship in Ocala. Call him at (866) 552-2543 or e-mail jamesnyder2@att.net.



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-Amanda Asplin

Obituaries

Leta Fern Kell Keister
 Matrid Dees Langston
 Ida Jean Metcalf
 Jackie Lee Paynter
 Harold H. 'Junior' Strickland

Matrid Dees Langston

Matrid Dees Langston, 84, died on April 20, 2013.

She was born June 27, 1928, in Day to Lewis Dennis Dees and Golie Pauline Lynch Dees. After moving to Tallahassee she worked as a key-punch operator for the Florida Industrial Commission.

Visitation was held Thursday, April 25, 2013 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Beggs Funeral Home, 3322 Apalachee Parkway, in Tallahassee. Funeral service was held Friday, April 26, 2013 at 10 a.m. at East Hill Baptist Church in Tallahassee. Graveside service followed at the Dees Cemetery in Day. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to East Hill Baptist Church, 912 Miccosukee Road, Tallahassee FL 32308; the Mus-

cular Dystrophy Association, 1574-B, Village Square Blvd., Tallahassee FL 32309; the American Cancer Society, 2619 Centennial Blvd. suite 101, Tallahassee FL 32308; and Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308.

Survivors include her husband of 63 years, William Warren Langston; two daughters, Lisa (Mark) Stewart and Laurie Langston; four grandchildren, Will (Amy) Stewart, Sam Stewart, Ben Stewart and Jessica Krause; one great grandchild, Chason Stewart; one sister, Inez Guy; and one sister-in-law, Arlene Dees; and numerous of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Iris Buchanan; and two brothers, Craft Dees and Kenneth Dees.

Ida Jean Metcalf

Ida Jean Metcalf, of Panacea, passed away on Wednesday, April 24, 2013.

She was born in Wakulla County and had lived here all of her life. She was of the Holiness Faith.

Graveside services were held Saturday, April 27, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at Panacea Cemetery. Visitation

will be 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. prior to the service.

Survivors include her husband, Jesse Metcalf of Panacea; her mother, Frances Smith of Panacea; two sons, Dwayne Metcalf and Joe Metcalf of Crawfordville; two sisters, Naomi Coughlin of Tallahassee and Gretchen Harvey of Woodville; a brother, Les Smith of Panacea; seven grandchildren

and one great grandchild.

She is predeceased by her father, Joe Mack Smith.

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

Jackie Lee Paynter

Jackie Lee Paynter, 79, passed away Tuesday, April 23, 2013.

A graveside service was held Friday, April 26, 2013, at 3 p.m. at Oakfield Cemetery in Monticello. Family received friends Thursday, April 25, 2013, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Beggs Funeral Home, 3322 Apalachee Parkway, in Tallahassee.

He was born June 26, 1933, at home in Mallory, Logan County, W.Va., and is survived by his wife of 58 years, Glenna F.

Paynter, and three sons, Ivan L. Robert and Kenneth Paynter, and one daughter Helena Hendry, all from the Tallahassee and Wakulla area; a sister, Mary Madeline "Madge" Lusk from Hamlin, W.Va.; 16 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren, three daughters-in-law, Betty Paynter, Kimberly Paynter and Dorinda Paynter, and a son-in-law, Richard Hendry.

He was predeceased by his parents, Otis Carter and Mary Margaret Paynter; and a son, Randy D. Paynter.

Leta Fern Kell Keister

Leta Fern Kell Keister passed away quietly in her sleep on Sunday, April 21, 2013, at the age of 96.

She was born Aug. 29, 1916, in Centuria, Ill., to Cecil Edward Kell and Verna Ruth Copple Kell and was one of five children. She studied Court Reporting and worked in a finance office before marrying Joe Tivis Keister on December 29, 1941. The family moved to Thomasville, Ga., in 1957 where she was a member of the First Methodist Church and later joined Morningside Methodist Church. She was a volunteer Pink Lady at Archbold Hospital for 19 years and was a member of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed traveling, working in her yard and taking care of her family, which included her cats.

A memorial service will be held

Sunday, May 5, 2013, at Morningside Methodist Church in Thomasville, Ga. The regular church service is at 11 a.m. with the first Sunday lunch to follow at 12:30 p.m. and the memorial will follow the luncheon at 2 p.m. Family and friends are invited to join us in the celebration of her life for the service, the luncheon or just the memorial if you would like.

Survivors include her brother, Jim Kell of Springfield, Ill.; her six children, Carol Salisbury, Joyce Early, Margaret Ann Keister, Ruth Keister Pfaff, Tom Keister and Beverly Keister; five grandchildren, Lee Salisbury and wife Therese, Donna Salisbury Bernard and husband Harry, Jon Early, Jason Early and wife Stacey and Sara Keister; nine great-grandchildren, Leslie, Chloe and James Salisbury, Allyson Goodiel, Ben and Alex Early, and Cooper, Cole and Clay Early.



Harold H. 'Junior' Strickland

Harold H. "Junior" Strickland, age 86 of St. Marks, passed away Thursday, April 25, 2013 at home, surrounded by his loving family. Mr. Strickland was a commercial fisherman and a retired Tenneco Oil Company tugboat captain. A lifelong resident of Wakulla County, he was a member of the Saint Marks First Baptist Church. He was also a

member of the Fisherman's Association and the Cattleman's Association. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, riding horses and raising livestock. He loved spending time with his family and friends.

Graveside funeral services will be held at noon, Saturday, May 4, 2013 at H.H. Strickland Jr. Cemetery, 133 H.H. Strickland Road, in Crawfordville, with Pastor Jonathan Kilpatrick and the Rev. David Carraway officiating. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, May 3, 2013 at the St. Marks First Baptist Church, 14 Shell Island Road, in St. Marks. Family requests contributions be made to Big Bend Hospice, the Epilepsy Foundation, or St. Marks First Baptist Church.

Survivors include

his devoted wife of 69 years, Nettie Kirkland Strickland; sons, Harold "Hoppy" (Julia) Strickland III, Jerry Gordon Strickland, and Skip Floyd all of St. Marks; grandchildren, Dana (Thomas) Wilson, Jimmie (Cristy) Padgett, Shane Strickland, and Charles Strickland all of St. Marks; and 14 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and other family members. He was predeceased by his brother, Gilbert Strickland; his son, Doug Strickland; and daughter, Verdie Padgett.

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

HEAVENS TO BETSY

A time for every matter



By DR. BETSY GOEHRIG

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. God has made everything suitable for its time." (Excerpts from Ecclesiastes 3)

In this season, as the end of a school year is rapidly approaching and summer looms ahead, one can't help but think about time - about how quickly it passes. About how time goes faster and faster, the more time that's passed through one's life.

And about how much time means - or how meaningless time sometimes seems.

We're already scheduling for the rest of this year and beyond, making time for the important and filling time with the mundane.

School activities are planned for the coming year, our businesses have their important dates and responsibilities planned, and in our personal lives, we're figuring out where to squeeze some vacation time before summer gets away from us and summer hasn't even begun!

The more time-saving devices we as a society own, the more we are expected to do with that time for work and for others. A friend recently warned me not to

send emails signed as coming from my phone, because then people will always expect an instant answer to their every email.

The greater the technology that was supposed to free our time and enhance our lives, the more we fill it, until we feel there is little time left to simply "be."

Wouldn't you love to just slow down time a bit? This season is a great time to vow to do just that - to pause for life.

As we move into a new season, on the cusp of summer, a new "time," wouldn't it be great to make the most of the time we have? To intentionally fill our time less and enjoy our time more?

One of the things people love about worship is that it's time to stop, to experience the moment, and that is possibly one of the few moments we have all week where we can "be still and know that God is God."

Every day can have its sanctuary moments, set apart from the tsunami of busy-ness that can sweep us away.

Even our calendars can become places of sanctuary, as we schedule time for that which is most important - time alone with God, time with our beloved families who often get the left-over crumbs of time (I realize I'm preaching to the preachers, including myself), and time to just enjoy the life God has given us.

So, blessings for a time of recreation and re-creation on this earth...until time means nothing in a land overflowing with forever!

AN OPEN INVITATION

You are invited to the commissioning service for Blessings, Disciples of Christ in Tallahassee, on Sunday, May 5, at 4 p.m. at YMCA at SouthWood, 3196 Merchants Row Blvd. Suite 200, in Tallahassee.

Please join the community, other congregations/clergy, the Florida Disciples Regional Minister Rev. Juan Rodriguez, and prospec-

tive members to share in celebration and prayerful support of this new church start. Communion will be served and love gifts will be received.

After a season of growing spiritually and building relationships, the new Blessings church will begin Sunday worship and programming in the fall of 2013.

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

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Community

happenings in our community

Volunteers honored at public library

Special to The News

The Wakulla County Public Library held their annual Volunteer Appreciation Event on Friday, April 19.

Throughout the year the library has over 30 volunteers. They range from middle-school age, to high-schoolers needing volunteer hours for a Bright Futures Scholarship, to retirees wanting to keep active and involved in the community.

These library volunteers were honored with an evening of food and fun.

Jeri Bush, director of Volunteer Leon, and Mary Register, volunteer services consultant for Volunteer Florida, were the keynote speakers. They spoke about the importance and



Commissioner Richard Harden presents Sean McCool with the Volunteer of the Year award.

value of volunteers.

The Gloria Hatton Volunteer of the Year Award for 2013 was presented to Sean McCool by County Commissioner Richard Harden.

Sean has been volunteering at the library since 2008. During that time, he

has gone every weekday to help shelve books.

Volunteers are the heart of our community. The library volunteers performed over 2,200 hours of service in 2012. Without their help with shelving books, filing, book processing and book repair,

the staff would not be available to provide the level of customer service that patrons deserve.

According to the Corporation for Volunteer Community Service, volunteer hours are valued at \$18.85 per hour.

This means that these library volunteers have contributed over \$41,000 worth of service to the community.

The library would like to thank BW's Grill, El Jalisco's, Subway North and Talk O' the Town Deli for their delicious food donations.

Also greatly appreciated were the door prize donations from Ace Hardware, Fresh Market, Bay Leaf Market, Gulf Coast Lumber, Myra Jean's and Palaver Tree Theater.



Faircloth Wedding

The newly wed Mr. and Mrs. Joey Faircloth with their parents - Ed and Sharilyn Ryals of Crawfordville and Allen and Cathy Hattaway of Tallahassee - would like to thank everyone that was able to attend their April 13 wedding on St.

George Island.

The bride, Ashlee Faircloth works for the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office. The groom is owner and operator of Faircloth Automotive in Crawfordville. Preacher Maurice Langston officiated the ceremony.



Silas Texal McKenzie turns 1 on May 3.

McKenzie birthday

Siras Texal McKenzie will celebrate his first birthday on Friday, May 3.

He is the son of Shane and Treva McKenzie of Crawfordville.

Maternal grandparents are Rex and Suzie Shiver and paternal grandparents are Joe and Pam McKenzie, all of Sopchoppy.

Fish fry fundraiser will benefit Senior Center

Special to The News

The staff of Bevis Funeral Home Harvey-Young Chapel is hosting a fundraiser for the Wakulla County Senior Citizens' Council's Food for Life Club.

The event will take place on the grounds of historical Harvey-Young Chapel on Saturday, May 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Start your Mother's Day weekend off right - dine with us or take a delicious meal home. Tickets are \$5 each and tax deductible. All pro-

ceeds benefit the Food for Life Club.

Owner Rocky Bevis, is donating all of the food and beverages while David Conn and the staff members of Harvey Young Chapel will be cooking and serving a down home fish fry meal of fried mullet, cheese grits, coleslaw and hush puppies.

Desserts will be furnished by the Wakulla Senior Citizens' Council.

Please join us in celebrating the lives of our Wakulla seniors with fun, food and fellowship.

Wakulla graduate is Miss Wakulla County USA

Special to The News

Miss Florida USA crowned our very own Miss Brooke Brown as 2014 Miss Wakulla County USA on Sunday, April 7.

The Miss Florida USA pageant has recognized Wakulla County as a leader in young women who represent the very best in personal and professional achievements.

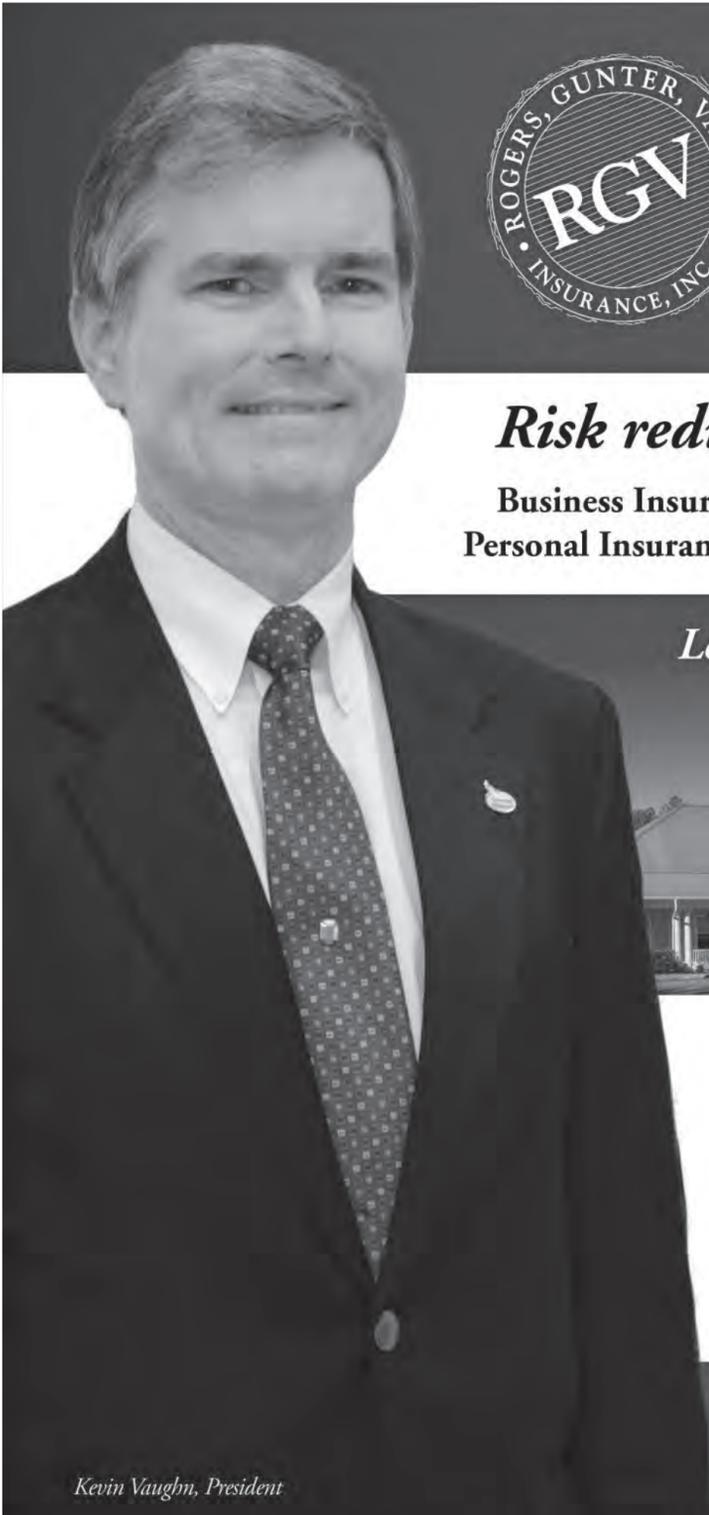
Brown was a 2007 graduate of Wakulla High. She was also named the Miss Wakulla County in 2007. She is now a first grade teacher at Shadeville Elementary School.

Brooke will go on to



Brooke Brown

represent Wakulla County at the Miss Florida USA pageant this July in Hollywood, Florida and hopes to have the support of the entire county.

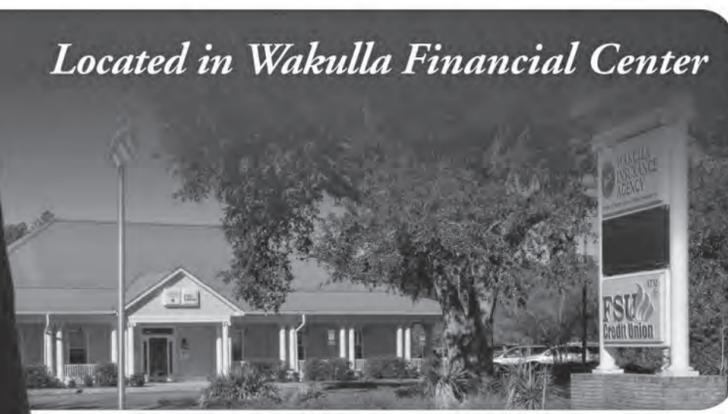




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NAMI WAKULLA DERBY



WINNERS CIRCLE: "Owner" Vicki Tillman with third place rider Jessica Shierling; "owner" Dr. Faith Hughes with second place rider Alicia Porter; "owner" Zoe Mansfield with winner Michelle Churchard.



Rayna Hamel, 21 months, looks through a cut-out of a jockey.



Dustin Vick stands in the saddle while popping a whip. His horse showed great discipline, standing calmly while the whip snapped all around.



Rider Todd Porter, after going around the barrel, in the home stretch.



THE DERBY CROWD: The stands were filled with horse racing fans.

NAMI Wakulla held its annual Triple Crown Derby fundraiser on Saturday, April 27, and Camp Indian Springs. Modeled on the Kentucky Derby, but with barrel racing instead, the afternoon featured ladies in hats, mint juleps (non-alcoholic), and was followed by a barbecue dinner.

PHOTOS BY WILLIAM SNOWDEN

LADIES HAT CONTEST: The ladies in their fine straw hats – and one fella – submit to judging, below. The contest was won by Dalynda Vause, right.



SMITH MEMORIAL REGATTA



Dave Denmak did an outstanding job as the MC running the auction and encouraging increased bidding on items

Hundreds of beachgoers and sailors enjoyed a beautiful day at the Stephen C. Smith Awards and Auction, held at Shell Point Beach as part of the annual regatta. The money raised goes to the American Cancer Society for cancer research.

PHOTOS BY SUE DAMON
Special to The News



Tiki Mon is the last item auctioned off each year and it is a treasured prize for any sailor who can win the bid. Donated by Native Tiki's.



Shell Point resident Perry Morris won the Gallant Sailor Award. This trophy is awarded to the sailor who enjoys the after party more than anyone else.



RACE AND BEACH PHOTOS
BY DENISE FOLH



ROCK THE DOCK

The annual fishing tournament was held this weekend in Panacea. The Wakulla News will have the results in next week's paper.

PHOTOS BY AMANDA MAYOR



RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay for Life was held at Wakulla High School on Saturday and Sunday, as teams of walkers walked through the night to raise money for the battle against cancer. This year's campaign raised roughly \$14,000.

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The first lap - the survivor lap - at Relay for Life.



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TALLAHASSEE SWING BAND



PHOTOS BY WILLIAM SNOWDEN

The Tallahassee Swing Band performing.

The Tallahassee Swing Band performed familiar songs from the era of the Big Bands on Saturday, April 27, at the Senior Center.

While the band played the old standards, dancers took to the floor.

In the lobby, there were refreshments and hors d'oeuvres, and even a chocolate fountain with strawberries.

The event was a fundraiser for the Senior Center.



Dancers out for a spin on the dance floor to the tune of "Misty."

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School

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Wakulla Educational Leadership Academy graduates 18

Special to The News

The Wakulla County School District effectively facilitated the inaugural Wakulla Educational Leadership Academy. Eighteen teacher leaders participated from Jan 7 and graduated May 1. The teacher leaders invested more than 65 hours of hands-on interactive leadership activities. Over the course of the academy, they experienced many different areas of work required to keep a school district functioning. "Their attendance at this Academy indicates



their willingness to be involved with our ongoing efforts to improve

the Wakulla School District on behalf of our students," says Superinten-

dent Bobby Pearce. "We believe that our success in educating children is

dependent on a strong relationship and partnership with our employees. Working together, there are no limits to what we can accomplish."

In four short months, the Academy participants participated in job shadowing, seminars, demonstrations, literature reviews, ongoing evaluations and feedback, and actively engaged in school and site activities, including but not limited to: Title I Parent Night, Food Service, Special Olympics, Crawfordville Festival, Transportation, Public Relations, School Board Meetings the Cel-

bration of the Arts.

Even though the average years of experience in education is six, most of the participants have completed, or are close to completing, their Master's degree with State certification in Educational Leadership. Their enthusiasm, energy and encouraging approach to the challenges offered has made a positive difference and has bridged relationships with all employee groups across the district.

Providence Christian Takes Top Awards

Special to The News

Providence Christian Academy students participate in various competitions each year at the week-long Deep South Regional Convention in Valdosta, Georgia. Conventions challenge students ages 13 and older to develop their ministry skills by competing in more than 140 events.

Students compete in eight different performance events and may also choose up to six non-performance events.

During the week of April 1, Academy students competed with 15 other Christian Schools from Florida, Georgia and Alabama. Of the eleven students who participated, all placed in four or more categories.

The most exciting award went to Miss Tiffany Bass who earned the 1st place award for being the Best Overall Regional Convention Participant.

Medal winners and their respective categories are:

Timothy Babcock: 3rd in Running Long Jump, 5th in Spelling, 7th in Sketching, and 8th in Bible Bowl.

Charith Barfield: 2nd in Girls Unlimited Free Style, 3rd in Crochet, 3rd in Girls Bare Compound Bow, 5th in Pen & Ink Drawing, 6th in Checkers, 7th in Short Story Writing, 8th in Female Duet, 9th in Monochromatic Photography (Plants & Animals), and 11th in Color Photography (Character Trait)

Andy Bass: 1st in Discus, 2nd in PACE Bowl, 2nd in Mixed Quartet, 2nd in Puppets, and 6th in Bible Bowl.

Tiffany Bass: 1st in Scrapbooking, 1st in Mixed Duet, 2nd in Short Story Writing, 2nd in Mixed Quartet, 2nd in Poetry Recitation, 3rd in Bible Memory, 3rd in Color Photography (Plants), 3rd in Puppets, 5th in Color Photography (Animals), 5th in Female Trio, and 8th in Bible Bowl.

Rebecca Durrance: 2nd in Mixed Quartet, 3rd in Puppets, 4th in Bible Memory, 4th in Spelling, 5th in Female Trio, 6th in Bible Bowl.

Amber Mispel: 5th in Female Trio, 6th in Bible Bowl, and 13th in Spelling.

Darius Sapp: 1st in Mixed duet, 2nd in PACE Bowl, 2nd in Mixed Quartet, 2nd in Puppets, 5th in Dramatic Dialogue, 6th in Bible Bowl, and 6th in Male Solo.

Jake Taylor: 1st in Soccer Kick, 2nd in PACE Bowl, 2nd in Boys Tennis, Singles; 3rd in Boys 100 Meter Dash, 4th in Puppets, 6th in Bible Bowl, and 7th in Spelling.

Ashley Turnbow: 6th in Bible Memory, 8th in Bible Bowl, 8th in Female Duet, 10th in Spelling, and 12th in Colored Pencils.

Haley Turnbow: 2nd in Spelling, 2nd in Monochromatic Photo (Plants & Animals) 5th in Dramatic Dialogue, 6th in Scrapbooking, and 11th in Color Photography (Animals).

Students that place in the top six places of each category are qualified to enter the International Student Convention.



"I'm thrilled at the many medals our students brought back from Convention, but I'm even more thrilled that they honored the Lord Jesus Christ as they did. Their diligence and hard work

paid off," said Stephen Folsom, pastor of Central Baptist Church and principal of Providence Christian Academy.

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Brandon Geiger gets a good turn on the ball, but confusion over whether a baserunner had tagged second led to a double play and the end of the game.

BASEBALL

War Eagles fall, 13-10, to Suwannee

Wakulla travels to Panama City on Thursday, May 2, to face Rutherford

By AMANDA MAYOR
amayor@thewakullanews.net

The War Eagles suffered a heartbreaking defeat Thursday, April 25, against Suwannee High School.

As the visiting team on their home field, the Eagles came out swinging at the top of the first and quickly put two runs on the board.

Jay Estes got things rolling with two outs as he got on base on an error on Suwannee's third baseman, who was unable to cleanly field the hit. A hard shot from Brandon Nichols added a base runner before Brandon Geiger drove Estes and Nichols in with a hard hit double.

Jacob Walker opened the bottom of the first on the mound but Suwannee had brought their bats as well. A single followed by a bunt would put a runner on third with two outs and before they could shut them down, an RBI would make the score 2-1 by the end of the first.

More action came in the third when a base hit from Brandon Nichols earned the Eagles a baserunner with one out. Geiger then got on base with a walk before Bryan Nichols cleared the bases, landing on second.

With two outs and two strikes Bailey Metcalf's bat brought in Nichols before the top of the third ended, making the score 5-1.

Again, though, Suwannee threatened the Eagles' lead in the bottom of the third. With two outs, bases loaded and an error on the books, the Suwannee batter hit a line drive up the middle, scoring two runs and making the score 5-3 by the fourth.

At the top of the fifth the give-and-take continued. With runners on first and third base, Dalton Dugger cleared the bases, putting the score at 8-3.

The bottom of the fifth would see a couple of pitching changes by Wakulla as one-by-one Suwannee answered with runs, driving the score to 8-7.

In the top of the sixth Geiger roped a single and an error by Suwannee put him in scoring position. Metcalf then doubled, earning an RBI.

The bottom of the sixth began with the Eagles leading 9-7, but by the end they would lose their lead for the first time. The inning's first three batters got on base with walks and with the bases loaded and no outs, two runs would score from

more walking.

A Suwannee batter would then hit a double out to deep centerfield, driving in two runs. The Eagles were still looking for three outs when another hit earned the leading run, although quick thinking by the defense led to a tag-out at home.

However, one more run would score before the end of the inning, the scoreboard now reading 13-9.

With one last at bat for the Eagles and the top of the order up, it appeared as if they might muster up a rally.

Micah Gray got things started with a base hit to right field and scored on a drive from Dugger.

Then, with one out, Geiger sent a shot to the outfield, but confusion as to whether or not the defense had caught the ball led to a double play as the Eagles' base-runner was caught at second base without tagging up.

With that the game was over with a final score of 13-10.

The Eagles now face possible elimination as they travel to Panama City to face Rutherford on Thursday, May 2. The game is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.



Wakulla pitcher Jacob Walker on the mound early in the game.

Coles makes mid-season stopper watch-list

Junior right-hander has eight saves and 1.14 ERA in 20 appearances



BILL PEARCE/FSU ATHLETICS

FSU pitcher Robby Coles on the mound.

By JASON LETURMY
FSU Sports Information

Florida State's Robby Coles was one of 51 players named to the mid-season watch list for the ninth annual National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Stopper of the Year Award, presented to the top relief pitcher in NCAA Division I baseball.

Coles has been outstanding out of the bullpen for the Seminoles in 2013 as the junior right hander is a perfect 8-for-8 in save situations with

a 2-1 record and a 1.14 ERA.

The Crawfordville native, who graduated from Wakulla High and attended Chipola Junior College before transferring to FSU, ranks second on the team and tied for sixth in the ACC with 20 appearances. He also sits third in the league in saves.

Coles has given up just three earned runs in 23.2 innings allowing 14 hits and nine walks while striking out 29. He is holding opponents to a .161 average as only two of the 14 hits allowed have gone

for extra bases.

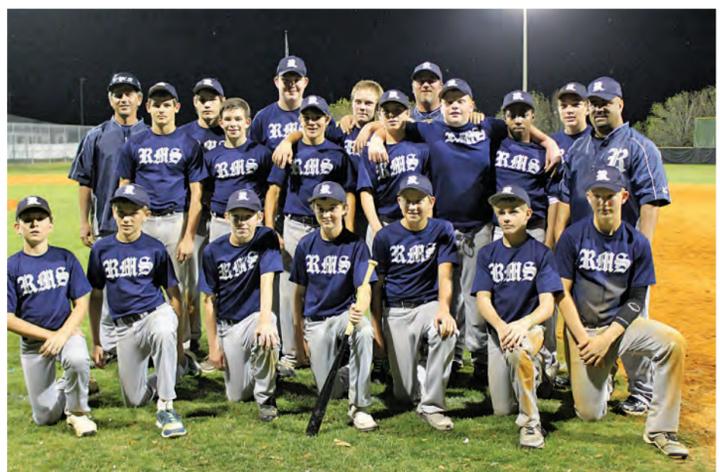
Coles has recorded at least one strikeout in 16 of his 20 appearances while posting a career-high five strikeouts twice in 2013.

At the conclusion of the regular season, the Division I national saves leader and four other relief pitching standouts will be selected as finalists and released Wednesday, June 5, prior to start of NCAA Super Regional tournament competition.

The NCBWA's All-America Committee will select the winner, with this year's recipient to be announced during the 2013 College World Series.

Coles becomes the second straight Seminole to be named to Stopper of the Year Award watch list as Robert Benincasa was a finalist for the award in 2012.

Last year, Benincasa emerged as one of college baseball's top closers finishing the season with a 4-2 record, 16 saves and a 1.32 ERA in 32 appearances.



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Riversprings sweeps county championship

Special to The News

The Riversprings Baseball Team completed their best season to date. The Bears ended with an overall record of 11 wins 1 loss and 1 tie.

The Bears were crowned county champs once again after making a clean sweep of the Wakulla Middle Wildcats. The Bears defeated WMS 16-2, 6-2 and 5-2.

This year's team was led offensively by Kody Zanco, Caleb Carter, Peyton Bennett and Jacob Estes.

On the mound Jacob Estes lead the

charge and was supported strongly by Caleb Carter, RJ Kinard and Bailey Fagan.

The Bears outscored their opponents 100-27.

The Bears had a team batting average of .390.

This year's team consisted of: Jacob Estes, Peyton Bennett, Zach Norman, Lucas Briggs, RJ Kinard, Jake McCarl, Adrian Morris, Dylan Bryant, Chase Bryan, Kody Zanco, Caleb Carter, Bailey Fagan, Landon Turner, Morgan Stalvey, Chase Grubbs, Bailey Chandler, Jared Weber, Hunter Causseaux, Beau Williams, Cameron Bennett, Hayden Lenk, and O'Neill Ward.

Sports

sports news and team views

TRACK

Wakulla athletes reach the podium at state meet

By PAUL HOOVER
WHS Track Coach

The University of North Florida, in Jacksonville, hosted the 2013 FHSAA State Track and Field Finals Meet on Saturday, April 27 and by the time the meet was over, the three WHS athletes who had qualified as individuals, had left their mark on the meet and earned a spot on the awards podium.

To qualify for the meet, an individual or relay team had to finish in the top four in their event at one of the four Regional Meets held throughout the State, so the level of competition was extremely high.

To reach the awards podium at this meet required placing in the top eight in an event. Overall, WHS qualified three individuals and one relay team for the meet.

Competition for the day opened with the girls 4x800 meter relay and the field included the WHS team of Savanna Harris, Marty Wiedeman, Savanna Strickland and Lydia Wiedeman. The local girls ran extremely well, but were without the services of their top anchor, Madison Harris, who was held out to allow her to concentrate on the open 800 meters.

The WHS girls still ran the second fastest time in school history, with all of the girls running right around their individual personal records, except for Savanna Strickland, who lowered her PR by seven seconds.

Next up for the WHS contingent was the boys high jump. WHS went in with two of the best jumpers in the state, and they lived up to their billing.

There was an issue with the jumping surface that caused all of the jumpers real problems with their plant foot and the heights cleared were well below what was anticipated. Our jumpers were similarly affected, but still jumped exceptionally well, with freshman Keith Gavin grabbing state runner-up honors (second) with a jump of 6'2" and junior Corion Knight nailed down fifth place, jumping 6'0".



JEFF BRYAN/RIVERLAND NEWS

Corion Knight jumps 6 feet to take fifth place in the state meet.

The winning jump this year was only 6'04". This was the first year that either of the WHS guys had ever competed in the high jump and they both had unbelievably successful seasons. They are already looking ahead to next year and the chance to come back to the state meet and improve on their finishing places.

The last event for the local contingent was the girls 800 meters and it promised to be another battle between two American Heritage runners, Daesha Rogers and Rachell Alexander, and our own, Madison Harris.

Rogers was the prohibitive favorite and defending state champion and her teammate, Alexander, came in ranked second. Harris had run against the pair twice this season and had finished behind them in both meets.

At last year's state meet, Alexander came back on Harris in the last few meters of the race and snatched second place from Harris' grasp, so a battle was definitely on tap.

Rogers' tactic is always to go out fast, running the first 400 meters around 61 seconds, with Alexander in tow. Normally, that strings the rest of the field



JANIE HARRIS/SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Madison Harris leans forward to take second in the 800 meters.



JANIE HARRIS/SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Keith Gavin clears 6'2" to take second place.



JANIE HARRIS/SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

The 4x800 relay team and Madison Harris.

out and opens a gap that no one can close.

This time, however, Harris was just behind them, blasting through the half-way mark in 63 seconds. On the final back stretch, another girl moved up on Harris and actually passed her going into the final turn. Harris just tucked in behind her and then made her move just after entering the home stretch.

Harris once again showed that she is one of the best closers in the state and re-passed that girl and then set her sights on Alexander and Rogers. She was narrowing the gap with every stride, but it looked like she might run out of track before catching Alexander. However, with a final lunge and critical lean, Harris edged Alexander out in the last step, capturing the runner-up title by .04 of a second and reversing the order of finish from last year. Rogers maintained her position and again won the state title, but this year only by three seconds.

Harris ran the 800 meters in the elite time of 2:15.36 to Alexander's 2:15.41. Rogers and Harris should both be back next year and another epic battle appears to be on the horizon.

Consistency in any sport is a real virtue, and over the last three years, Harris has placed sixth, third and second in the 800 meters at the state meet.

This meet wrapped up a very successful season for the local harriers and, because the WHS squad is so young, there is already a lot of anticipation about what next year will bring.

HORSES

Wakulla Horseman results for April 20

Special to The News

Monthly Wakulla County Horseman's Association Show Results for Saturday, April 20, at the arena at Lawhon Mill Road in Medart.

POLES

Small Fry (up to 5): 1st KatieLynn Wright.

Pee Wee (6-9): 1st Jordan Chunn

Youth (10-13): 1st Alyssa Chunn

Junior: 1st Emma Donaldson, 2nd Todd Porter, 3rd Sam Dunaway, 4th Laurie Lambert.

Adult: 1st Alicia Porter, 2nd Erika Wilson, 3rd Michelle Churchard

CONES

Small Fry: 1st KatieLynn Wright

Pee Wee: 1st Jordan Chunn

Youth: 1st Alyssa Chunn

Junior: 1st Sam Dunaway, 2nd Todd Porter, 3rd Laurie Lambert

Adult: 1st Alicia Porter, 2nd Bailey Russom

TEXAS BARRELS

Small Fry: 1st KatieLynn Wright, 2nd Callee Sims

Pee Wee: 1st Jordan Chunn, 2nd Chace Sims

Youth: 1st Alyssa Chunn

Junior: 1st Todd Porter, 2nd Emma Donaldson, 3rd Sam Dunaway, 4th Laurie Lambert

Adult: 1st Erika Wilson, 2nd Bailey Russom, 3rd Alicia Porter

CLOVERLEAF BARRELS

Small Fry: 1st KatieLynn Wright, 2nd Callee Sims

Pee Wee: 1st Jordan Chunn, 2nd Chace Sims

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Adult: 1st Michelle Churchard, 2nd Alicia Porter, 3rd Bailey Russom

ARENA

Small Fry: 1st Callee

Sims, 2nd KatieLynn Wright

Pee Wee: 1st Jordan Chunn, 2nd Chace Sims

Youth: 1st Alyssa Chunn

Junior: 1st Todd Porter, 2nd Emma Donaldson, 3rd Sam Dunaway, 4th Laurie Lambert

Adult: 1st Bailey Russom, 2nd Alicia Porter, 3rd Erika Wilson

JACKPOT RESULTS

We had 34 entries with a total payout of \$644!

1D: 1st Place Crystal Mander, 2nd Place Wendy Yarbrough, 3rd Place Brandi Benson, 4th Place Pat Kirton.

2D: 1st Place Alicia Radtke, 2nd Place Alicia Porter, 3rd Place Vickie Boland, 4th Place Michelle Churchard.

3D: 1st Place Jessica Van Den Boegart, 2nd Place Sherri Dean, 3rd Place Alicia Porter, 4th Place Sara Beth Boyer.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Tighter controls for FHSAA

By JIM TURNER
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, April 24 - The nearly century-old organization that oversees high school athletics in Florida may be entering its final years of eligibility.

The House approved a measure (HB 1279) on Wednesday, in a bi-partisan 89-26 vote, that gives student-athletes more flexibility as to where they play and requires the Florida High School Athletic Association to more closely follow the wishes of the Legislature or be replaced.

The Senate must still take up the measure, either taking up the House bill on the floor or take up a nearly similar proposal (SB 1164) offered by Sen. Kelli Stargel, R-

Lakeland.

Backers of the changes say the overhaul is needed as the FHSAA has used its authority in an arbitrary manner that has overreached when investigating student eligibility and claim the measure could help prevent some students from dropping out by expanding athletic opportunities.

"One hundred years of being an organization doesn't make you right, it does make you powerful," said Rep. Elizabeth Porter, R-Lake City.

Opponents contend the matter is a "playground fight" that has been elevated to the Capitol chambers by Lakeland-area lawmakers due to fines imposed against Lakeland High School after students

were ruled ineligible to play for infractions ranging from falsifying addresses to receiving impermissible benefits that included free rent.

The opponents say the legislation will also invite frequent transfers, and force administrators and teachers to continually readjust academic plans for students who jump campus to campus.

"This is an awful, awful bill," said Rep. Kevin Rader, D-Delray Beach. "It's important we have a good athletic association. To turn it upside down and make it a free agency is something that is disgusting."

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Outdoors

outdoor sports and fishing reports

Despite the wind, fishing has been pretty spectacular

It ain't gonna get any better than this.

Everything that is coming to the flats is here except tarpon and I haven't heard of any cobia but I'm sure some have either been caught or seen.

There is already an abundance of ladyfish around and plenty of Spanish to cut a line or two.

The kings are here and plenty of legal grouper are being caught in state waters.

If you want some big amberjack give the Oaks brothers a call. They caught some to 40 pounds over the weekend.

Despite the awful windy conditions we have been having, fishing is pretty spectacular.

The Kevin's Red Trout Shootout was weekend before last and Blind Hog placed first with a 7.5-pound red and 6.8 pound trout. Hough/Griggs placed second with a 7.3-pound trout and 6.4-pound red. They needed a red a

few inches longer or one that had eaten a little more. Third place went to Findmeonthe flats.com with a 6.5-pound trout and a 6.4-pound trout. Now those are some darn big trout and I feel sure most of them came from East of the Econfina.

The Rock the Dock tournament was this weekend and I will have the results next week. This is something that can't wait till next week. They sold 250 tickets for \$100 for a chance at winning a \$35,000 Skeeter Bay Boat. Frank Frink was out of the country and he asked of his friends to buy him one ticket. You got it. He was the winner.

Well, Frank wasn't in Hawaii on vacation or down in the Bahamas soaking up the sun. He was in Afghanistan protecting his country. That boat could not have gone to a more deserving person and when his name was announced as the



From The Dock

BY CAPT. JODY CAMPBELL

winner there were a lot of unhappy folks but when they were told where he was the crowd went wild.

Congratulations, Frank - and get home safely so you can start stinking that boat up with trout and reds. They are out there waiting for you.

I will have to say that Mike Falk Jr.'s 5-year-old son Carson took first place in the youth division with the biggest flounder. Mike said while they were fishing he also caught a 32-inch red. He said he was using a Cajun Thunder and white Gulp. Mike's buddy told him to throw it up near that oyster bar



and hang on. Mike said when it hit it took off and Carson was holding on to his rod for dear life. He looked over at his dad and said I think I'm gonna need some help with this one.

Fishing is great everywhere but fishing down East of the Econfina is absolutely unbelievable. Lot of oversize reds and it's hard to catch a trout under 20 inches.

Last Thursday and Friday I fished with Bill Griffin, his wife Mary-Louise and his friend Joe Plant. We caught plenty of trout and he said more reds than they caught in Louisiana the week before.

On Saturday I fished with the Walsh party from Macon and Capt. Randy Peart took some of them down to the Econfina for a banner day. They limited on trout, had three nice reds and Spanish. These guys have been fishing with me for 15 years and always bet on which boat is gonna catch the most.

We came in with six reds, 12 trout and two Spanish and supper was on the other guys.

Yesterday I fished with some high school buddies and we came in with six reds and 12 trout. We lost a trout that probably would have weighed about 6 pounds right up at the boat. Everything we caught was on Gulp.

Today, Tuesday and Wednesday, me and Capt. David Fife and Capt. Mike McNamara with St. Marks Outfitters are fishing with six soldiers brought to our area by Warriors and Quiet Waters. The wind howled all day but the

fish didn't care. Both boats did extremely well for conditions and I will tell you who we fished with and what we caught next week. There were also countless volunteers who are making sure these deserving guys have a good time. I think somebody from up above has also had a lot to do with it.

Wakulla Children's Fishing Tournament May 18. Call Ann at 984-5501 or Peggy at 926-7227 to make a donation or answer any questions. This tournament benefits the youth of Wakulla County. Let's don't let them down.

This Saturday is the 1st Annual Big Bend Classic. Proceeds benefit Meals on Wheels and other senior services in Wakulla County. Call 926-7145 for more information.

Don't forget to leave that float plan and take those kids fishing.

Good luck and good fishing!

HOME ON THE RANGE

Shoot Like a Girl group tries out suppressors



By MARJ LAW

On Wednesday mornings, the Shoot Like a Girl group congregates at the Wakulla County Sheriff's Range in Sopchoppy. We shoot our guns, and often try out other guns from our fellow shooters. This teaches us range safety, improves our hand-eye coordination and helps

us to feel secure handling firearms.

Last Wednesday, we had the opportunity to try out suppressors too.

A volunteer speaker brought his .22 and .45 caliber handguns with suppressors for each.

His .22 was a Sig Mosquito. For this gun, the suppressor, a Yankee Hill, screwed right into the barrel. His Sig P220 Extreme .45 required an adapter for a different Yankee Hill suppressor. Different guns may require different suppressors. You need to know this if you purchase one.

In order to purchase a suppressor, you have to plunk down a \$200 fee for a Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms permit. It takes

about 6 months after you do the paperwork to get your permit. And, by the way, should you purchase more than one suppressor, the fee is \$200 each. And you don't get to bring it home until your permit comes through.

Each of us tried out both handguns. The suppressors are surprisingly lightweight, although they are about 6 inches long. Shooting with one is distracting at first, because we tended to ignore the sights and look at the suppressor barrel instead. But after being told a few times to ignore it and to concentrate on the sights, most of us hit the target.

And, one of us, I won't say who that was, hit the bull's eye with her first shot. Nope. Wasn't me.

When we shot the .22, the noise amounted to slapping your hand flat on an unpainted board. The stronger .45 had a noise that sounded like a sharp handclap. According to our volunteer speaker, you get about 20 shots before you begin to lose the sound deadening properties. Then you clean out the suppressor's baffles and put high-end synthetic transmission fluid in them.

I wondered why anyone really want or need a suppressor on their gun.

Well, naturally, suppressors are used in covert situations to deaden the sound and to hide where the sound is coming from. That's not likely a need for our girl group.

Another use can be

for people who have a sensitivity to the noise of gunfire, but who want to improve their shooting accuracy. Well, frankly, I don't see the need for that, either. Using two different ear protections at the same time like the stuff-it-in-your-ear squishy pads in combination with earmuffs is pretty adequate protection against noise.

The most logical reason I've heard for a civilian use of the suppressor is when varmints, such as prairie dogs have burrowed holes into an area where someone raises horses or cattle. Animals can step into these holes and suffer broken legs.

Hunters use suppressors so that the sound of a bullet shot does not startle the rest of the var-

mint colony, and so they are able to thin out the colony and reduce the number of holes endangering their cattle.

Suppressors can be used for protecting crops too. Small animals choose our gardens as their private buffets. Sometimes fences are just not enough.

Actually, I think that none of us in the Shoot Like a Girl group will be purchasing a suppressor any time soon. However, it's all the more interesting to have the chance to try out something we've heard about, but will never buy.

Marj Law is the former director of Keep Wakulla County Beautiful who has become an avid shooter in retirement.

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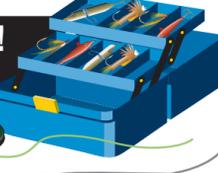
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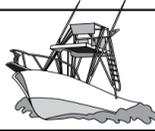
Local writers share their experiences

a peek into life on and under the water



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



Many things in life happen and we all have the choice to look at them and find the silver lining or see the lightning strike.

Thank you to David Guttman who sent in the following about a very shiny silver lining!

Cross one off my bucket list:

Two weeks ago, I planned to go fishing on the flats, to run some gas through the motor, shake the cobwebs out of the boat and my brain and put an end to the recurrent spousal question, "Are you ever going to use that boat, it just sits there on our lawn, maybe we should sell it?"

I even had a fishing buddy lined up who actually knew where to go, which made the pain even worse when I had to call it off because there were thunderstorms all day (normally lightning does not bother me as long as I am not the tallest person in the boat, but I was at least 4 inches taller than my friend).

Since my heart was set on fishing, I did the next best thing. I power-washed the boat, charged the batteries, removed all

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the out-of-date flares, replaced the bow and stern lines, checked the fire extinguisher and bought an extra, check the horn, checked the radio, GPS system and even took the boat registration which normally sits in the glove compartment of my tow vehicle and put it in a dry zip lock in the water proof box in the boat. I was ready!

Yesterday I was finally fishing and the most wonderful thing happened; we were coming in and were stopped by Florida Marine Patrol, two officers and a drug dog, which actually had his own badge.

They asked about our catch and then "suggested" they do a safety check.

Since we were tied to their vessel anyway,

noting we were both WEARING our life jackets, in rapid sequence I produced flares, throw cushions, horns, and the cleanest, driest registration they had probably ever seen.

Then the bucket list moment came, as I offered some identification and handed them, not my driver's license, Sam's Club or AARP cards, not my Medicare Advantage or my Leon County Library card, but my United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Card!

The officer looked at me and smiled like he had just been set up, and started asking about patrols, area of responsibility, etc., like we had just been accepted in the club!

Cross one off my bucket list.

If you would like to talk to us about scheduling a free vessel safety check, please contact Steve Hults, our Flotilla Staff Officer for vessel exams at fso-ve@uscgaux.net.

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.

The Flotilla will hold our next meeting this 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!

Spot a sick or distressed manatee? Call immediately for help

Save the Manatee Club

Manatees continue to suffer from the catastrophic effects of red tide in southwest Florida and also on the east coast in Brevard County where a large number of manatees have died, possibly from a different toxin.

Red tide acts as a neurotoxin in manatees, giving them seizures that can result in drowning without human intervention.

Manatees may exhibit muscle twitches, lack of coordination, labored breathing, and an inability to maintain body orientation.

If rescued in time, most manatees can recover, so report a sick manatee immediately to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Hotline at 1-888-404-3922, #FWC or *FWC on your cellular phone, or use VHF Channel 16 on your marine radio.

"It's crucial that manatees exposed to red tide are moved out of the affected area by trained biologists and stabilized at a critical care facility, where prognosis is very good," says Dr. Katie Tripp, Director of Science and Conservation for Save the Manatee Club. "Extraordinary efforts from individuals calling for help have already saved manatee lives."

In one particular instance a manatee that was reported as dead turned out to be barely alive, and through the valiant efforts of a dedicated rescue volunteer the manatee is

now fully recovered.

Callers who report a sighting should be prepared to answer the following questions:

- What is the exact location of the animal?
- Is the manatee alive or dead? Look closely as the manatee may appear dead but still be alive!
- How long have you been observing the manatee?
- What is the approximate size of the manatee?
- Can you provide a contact number where you can be reached for further information?

After calling the FWC hotline, citizens will be connected to FWC biologists or law enforcement officers who will advise what to do to assist the manatee until trained

help arrives.

Closely follow their expert instruction and be prepared to stay on scene to assist the manatee to help ensure a positive outcome.

To learn more about red tide, visit Save the Manatee Club's website at www.savethemanatee.org.

Also, visit the FWC website at http://research.myfwc.com/features/category_sub.asp?id=4434, for current red tide status across the state.

Get tips from citizens who have assisted in the rescue of a red-tide-affected manatee on the club's website at www.savethemanatee.org/news_pr_red_tide_4-13_2.html.



Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

Future Generations.

I was honored to spend Monday at Shadeville Elementary School talking about our water's journey in Wakulla County to the entire fifth grade.

It took all day, what with 100 attentive students and five teachers all with excellent questions.

I challenged them all to tell me on one page, where water came from and where did it go in Wakulla County. The assignment is due in a week and will be graded by each teacher for spelling, grammar and content. The best of each class will be given a mask, snorkel and fin set from my shop as a reward.

I spoke to a generation that will help solve many of our next water management problems. I discussed the water cycle, what it was like to live underwater and underground - similar abodes, both of which I have some experience.

Each student tried breathing from a sanitized scuba regulator to feel the flow of gas and hear the noise from a life support technology, in an attempt to empathize with the divers of the upcoming film. Cave formation and water flow then served as a segueway to the film "Water's Journey" by the late Wes Skyles.

For those not familiar with this film, Skyles creates a project to track a pair of divers down a long underground river in North Florida. Footage of both the surface trackers and those below are used to tell the story of our underground rivers, their pollution and proposed solutions.

Running parallel to this adventure is a discussion about agricultural pressures such as fertilization and animal waste have on the Floridan Aquifer and how every day families can make a difference.

Clearly, everyone today found the diving part a lot more exciting. But the lessons of the film were not lost in the details presented. When I had to stop the film early because of time constraints, every class was upset, even though I stopped it during a non-diving segment!

The film's effect was stunning.

After the film, student comments were very revealing. Some described recovering bottles from a swamp, others finding dumped trash next to the Wakulla River. Several said they had sinkholes, some clear and some not, on their family property.

Many good questions were asked. Most agreed we have a problem that needs attention. But what can they do?

Some suggested reporting polluters, others suggested clean ups like the Coastal Cleanup only for sinkholes and rivers. One teacher reminded her class that they were empowered to make a change.

I pointed out that their future included a college education and a career to find answers to many of these pressing issues.

Mind you, very few of these young adults are old enough to be certified to dive, let alone drive a car to a dive site, yet they are embracing their future responsibly.

I was impressed! And I look forward to reading their papers next week.

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May 2 - May 8

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

Location	Date	High	Low	High	Low	High
St. Marks River Entrance	Thu May 2, 13	0.3 ft.	2.7 ft.	1.8 ft.	2.9 ft.	8:00 PM
	Fri May 3, 13	0.6 ft.	2.8 ft.	1.6 ft.	2.7 ft.	8:09 PM
	Sat May 4, 13	0.8 ft.	3.1 ft.	1.1 ft.	2.8 ft.	8:39 PM
	Sun May 5, 13	1.0 ft.	3.3 ft.	0.7 ft.	3.3 ft.	9:09 PM
	Mon May 6, 13	1.1 ft.	3.5 ft.	0.3 ft.	3.7 ft.	9:39 PM
	Tue May 7, 13	1.2 ft.	3.7 ft.	-0.0 ft.	4.0 ft.	10:09 PM
	Wed May 8, 13	1.2 ft.	3.8 ft.	-0.2 ft.	4.3 ft.	10:39 PM
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Shell Point, Spring Creek	Thu May 2, 13	0.3 ft.	2.8 ft.	1.9 ft.	3.0 ft.	7:57 PM
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	Tue May 7, 13	1.3 ft.	3.7 ft.	-0.0 ft.	4.1 ft.	10:27 PM
	Wed May 8, 13	1.3 ft.	3.9 ft.	-0.2 ft.	4.4 ft.	10:57 PM
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St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.	Thu May 2, 13	0.3 ft.	2.1 ft.	1.7 ft.	2.3 ft.	7:44 PM
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	Mon May 6, 13	1.1 ft.	2.7 ft.	0.3 ft.	2.4 ft.	9:44 PM
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Law Enforcement and Courts reports

Sheriff's Report

On April 21, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission investigated a hunting accident that occurred in Wakulla County. Stephen Porter of Sopchoppy was mistaken for a turkey by fellow hunter James Harrell. Harrell shot Porter in the head and neck area. Porter was reported in stable condition at a Tallahassee hospital and the FWC investigation continues.

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

APRIL 18

- Danny Colvin of Crawfordville reported a grand theft. The victim reported the theft of scrap metal, valued at \$500. The metal was in the form of washing machines, a drill press and wood stove. Deputy Scott Powell investigated.

- Robin Fogt of Rockmart, Ga. reported a residential burglary. The victim's Panacea vacation home was ransacked following a forced entry. Marine oriented devices were reported missing that were valued at \$3,500. Several of the stolen items were entered into the NCIC/FCIC data base. Deputy Stephen Simmons investigated.

- Dawn Smith of Crawfordville reported a grand theft. The victim reported the theft of jewelry from her home. The value of the stolen property is \$700 and a suspect has been identified. Deputy Mike Zimba investigated.

APRIL 19

- Calbert Lesley of Crawfordville and Patsy Calhoun of Crawfordville were involved in a minor traffic crash on Bear Lane in Crawfordville. There were no injuries. Deputy Marshall Taylor investigated.

- Felicia Thornton of Panacea reported a residential burglary. A computer

tablet was stolen from the victim's home. The tablet and charger were valued at \$400. Deputy Elisee Colin investigated.

- Michael Ivester of Panacea and Murphy Oil reported a counterfeit \$10 bill. Deputy Will Hudson confirmed that the money was a fake and seized the bill.

APRIL 20

- Garland Stanwick Landers Jr., 29, of Crawfordville was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon after Deputy Marshall Taylor investigated shots being fired in the area. Landers revealed that he had a weapon under his clothing during the investigation with Deputy Taylor and he was arrested.

- WCSO and the Florida Highway Patrol investigated two overturned vehicles, one on Jack Crum Road and another on U.S. Highway 319 near Hill Green Road. FHP conducted a DUI investigation on the driver on Jack Crum Road.

On U.S. Highway 319, Joseph Loncosky of Beverly Hills over-corrected at a curve and hit a tree causing the vehicle to overturn. He sustained minor injuries which were treated at the scene.

- Stacy Hutton of Crawfordville reported finding drugs on Coastal Highway. She said she discovered a bag with marijuana in her business parking lot. The marijuana weighed 11.8 grams. The marijuana was submitted into evidence for disposal. Deputy Elisee Colin investigated.

- The U.S. Coast Guard contacted the WCSO regarding a distress call from a boater. Sgt. Dale Evans and Lt. Jimmy Sessor launched the WCSO Marine Unit and began a search of the Ochlockonee River and Sopchoppy River but there were no signs of boaters in distress. The information was passed along to the USCG and the

search concluded.

APRIL 21

- O'Neil Payton, 53, of Tallahassee was involved in a traffic stop for traveling 46 miles per hour in a 35 mile per hour zone. Payton volunteered to give up a misdemeanor amount of marijuana after being stopped and he was issued a notice to appear in court for possession of a controlled substance less than 20 grams. Deputy Ward Kromer weighed the marijuana at one gram.

- Ashley Charmaine Timmons, 23, of Crawfordville was arrested for resisting an officer without violence and disturbing the peace following an attempted traffic stop by Sgt. Ryan Muse. Timmons initially refused to provide law enforcement with identification and then began screaming and disturbing the neighborhood. During the investigation it was determined that Timmons was not the driver of the suspect vehicle. Sgt. Muse observed the vehicle at a high rate of speed on Rehwinkel Road. The driver of the vehicle, Calvin Bernard Williams, came outside the house and admitted to driving the vehicle without a driver license. He was issued a notice to appear in court for driving without a license. Deputy Mike Zimba and Lt. Sherrill Morrison also investigated.

- Victoria Dorise Armstrong, 18, of Crawfordville was arrested for possession of alcoholic beverages by a person under age 21. Deputy Mike Crum investigated the case at a Crawfordville fast food restaurant. Alcoholic beverages were discovered in a cooler in a vehicle belonging to the teenager. She became belligerent when Deputy David Penta told her the alcohol would be disposed of. Her vehicle was turned over to a friend on scene.

- Linda Killingsworth of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief. A forced entry was attempted at the home. The home was not entered. Deputy Marshall Taylor investigated.

- Opel Hartsfield of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary. Someone entered the victim's home and stole medications and a tea set. The stolen property is valued at \$46. Deputy Marshall Taylor investigated.

- Brittany Lauren Stofel, 18, of Tallahassee was arrested for driving without a driver license following a traffic stop for not having headlights on. Deputy Alan Middlebrooks investigated.

APRIL 22

- Roosevelt Hall of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary. A lock box was stolen from the victim's home. The box contained personal items. The box and contents are valued at \$250. Sgt. Danny Harrell investigated.

- Harvey Richard Carraway of Panacea reported a fraud. The victim observed five unauthorized withdrawals on his bank statement. The fraud, valued at \$479, was committed at two gasoline stations in Sebastian, Fla. Deputy Billy Metcalf investigated.

- A 16-year-old Wakulla High School female was found to be in possession of marijuana at school. Marijuana was found in the student's book bag and drug paraphernalia was found inside her vehicle. The marijuana weighed .4 grams and due to the student previously receiving a civil citation for possession of marijuana, she was placed under arrest for possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana. Deputy Scott Rojas investigated.

- Deputy Gibby Gibson investigated a parking lot traffic crash at Wakulla High School involving a 17-year-old female and Brent L. Kocher, 19, of Crawfordville. There were no injuries and damage was minor.

- Wal-Mart Asset Protection staff reported a retail theft. Tariem Larry Eleby, 30, of Crawfordville was allegedly observed removing two DVDs from their cases and placing them in his clothing. The suspect reportedly failed

to pay for the items and was approached by asset protection. When he threatened store staff the staff collected suspect information for law enforcement. Deputy Scott Powell went to Eleby's home and questioned the suspect. Based on witness statements and video surveillance, Eleby was charged with retail theft. The DVDs are valued at \$27.

APRIL 23

- A concerned Crawfordville mail carrier contacted law enforcement through channels about mail not being collected from one of her customers on her route. The carrier contacted a relative of her postal customer who requested a welfare check by the WCSO. Deputies discovered that the relative had passed away several days prior. There were no signs of foul play. Sgt. Lorne Whaley, Detective Nick Boutwell, Capt. Randall Taylor, Lt. Brent Sanders and Deputy Mike Zimba investigated.

- Shelia Holder of Crawfordville reported a grand theft. The victim had a firearm and \$25 stolen from her home. The stolen property is valued at \$325. A suspect has been identified. Deputy Gibby Gibson investigated.

- Reed Brown of Crawfordville reported the theft of a flower pot from his property. The pot was taken from the victim's yard and is valued at \$80. Deputy Richard Moon investigated.

- Jamie Johnson of Crawfordville reported a grand theft. Bicycles, tile, baseball bats, a water hose, chain link fence, a lawn chair, baseball glove and other miscellaneous items were reported missing. The property is valued at \$800. Deputy Richard Moon investigated.

- A traffic crash was reported at Council Moore Road and U.S. Highway 319. One of the two vehicles involved was a total loss, but there were no injuries. A second crash was reported at Evalinda Street and Coastal Highway 98. The crash was not serious.

APRIL 24

- Leandrea Marie Jones, 30, of Tallahassee was charged with introduction of contraband into a detention facility. The jail inmate was observed in possession of two cigarettes rolled in tissue paper in the day room of the female dormitory. The contraband was disposed of by law enforcement. Deputy Richard Moon and Detention Deputy Bronson Sweatt investigated.

- Marion W. Reynolds of Crawfordville reported the theft of a vehicle tag. The tag came off of the victim's boat trailer. Deputy Marshall Taylor investigated.

- Jeanetta Nichols of Panacea reported the theft of household items from her home. The stolen items are valued at \$250. A suspect has been identified. Deputy Mike Crum investigated.

APRIL 25

- Margaret Cheatham of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief. The victim observed graffiti on her driveway and stepping stones. Deputy Marshall Taylor investigated.

- Deputy Elisee Colin observed Siefie Joseph Awad, 62, of Panacea operating a motor vehicle on U.S. Highway 98. Deputy Colin had previous knowledge that the suspect did not possess a valid driver license. A traffic stop was conducted and Awad was arrested for driving while license was suspended or revoked second or subsequent conviction.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office received 1,119 calls for service during the past week including 21 business and residential alarms; 10 assists to other agencies; 13 regular E-911 calls; 56 investigations; 38 medical emergencies; 10 suspicious vehicles; 10 thefts; 38 traffic enforcements; 153 traffic stops; 16 reckless vehicles; 12 wanted people; and 13 watch orders.

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Two down, a bunch to go

By JIM SAUNDERS and BRANDON LARRABEE
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, April 26 - As Senate President Don Gaetz and House Speaker Will Weatherford met in the middle of the Capitol's fourth floor Wednesday, they celebrated a tidy ending to two potentially messy issues.

A short time earlier, the House and Senate gave final approval to ethics and campaign-finance bills, crossing those issues off a list of legislative priorities for this year's session.

That left the fate of the bills up to Gov. Rick Scott, amid rumblings that he could play hardball if lawmakers don't approve his priorities such as giving \$2,500 across-the-board pay raises to teachers.

Gaetz and Weatherford, however, expressed confidence that Scott would not veto measures such as the ethics-reform bill.

"I think the need to raise the standard of public conduct in this state stands on its own as a moral imperative," said Gaetz, R-Niceville. "And we're confident that the governor shares the same sense of urgency that the people of Florida share as Speaker Weatherford and I have listened to people all over this state tell us that they want this bill passed, they want this bill signed and they want this bill to be the law."

But Scott's willingness to veto bills is one of many unresolved questions still lingering as the next-to-last week of the session ended Friday.

Perhaps the noisiest questions centered on whether the House and Senate will be able to agree on a plan to expand health coverage for low-

income Floridians.

ALL ABOUT ETHICS AND ELECTIONS

Gaetz and Weatherford have pushed all session for changes in the state's ethics and campaign-finance laws.

But those types of issues can be tricky for lawmakers, who have first-hand experience in complying with ethics laws and need to raise buckets of campaign cash to get elected.

A deal on the issues emerged quickly Wednesday, after being negotiated in private.

The ethics bill (SB 2), at least in part, would bar elected officials from taking advantage of their positions to get taxpayer-funded jobs and block lawmakers from lobbying state agencies for two years after they leave office.

The campaign finance measure (HB 569), meanwhile, would eliminate a type of political funding vehicle known as "committees of continuous existence," or CCEs.

Contributions to the committees have been difficult to track, and critics also say CCEs have become a way for some lawmakers to subsidize their lifestyles.

The bill also would increase limits on individual contributions to candidates.

Contributions are currently limited to \$500, but that amount would go to \$3,000 for statewide and Supreme Court campaigns and \$1,000 for other candidates.

Scott, however, has already raised objections to the increased limits on contributions, though it remains unclear whether



Protestors push the House to accept federal funds to pay for health care for low-income Floridians.

that uneasiness will lead to a veto.

"No one's shown me a rationale for raising these limits," Scott said. "So I don't know why we'd be doing it."

The Senate this week also approved a bill (HB 7013) aimed at fixing voting problems that again made Florida the butt of jokes after the 2012 elections.

The bill, which must go back to the House, includes steps such as giving county elections supervisors the option of offering as many as 14 days of early voting and allowing more flexibility in choosing early-voting sites.

While Republicans touted the bill as addressing the elections system's problems, Democrats said it didn't go far enough.

A HEALTHY DEBATE - WELL, SORT OF

whether they can resolve the differences.

And each day, the leaders give non-committal answers.

But after about five hours of floor debate this week, House Republicans have shown no signs of moving off their position.

They say their plan, dubbed the "Florida Health Choices Plus" program, would be a free-market approach to providing health care and also warn that the state shouldn't rely on federal Medicaid money that eventually could be reduced.

"What happens when we are forced to pick up a tab that we cannot afford?" asked Rep. Jason Brodeur, R-Sanford, during a debate Thursday.

The majority's stance, however, faced heavy criticism from House Democrats and one Republican, Rep. Mike Fasano of New Port Richey.

Democrats repeatedly said House Republicans were ideologically driven and that hundreds of thousands of low-income Floridians could suffer.

BUDGET INCHES ALONG

Lawmakers can talk all they want about the other bills, but really, truly, the only bill they have to pass before going home next Friday is a budget.

But negotiations between Senate Appropriations Chairman Joe Negron, R-Stuart, and House Appropriations Chairman Seth McKeel, R-Lakeland, were relatively slow-going this week.

The budget chiefs took over the talks from conference committees Tuesday evening and met again Wednesday to swap deals

on some relatively minor points - and then didn't plan to meet again publicly until Friday night.

Throughout, the sticking points remained largely the same: The two sides have to come to an agreement about how to divide \$480 million in pay raises for education personnel; the House wants higher university tuition rates, while the Senate wants frozen tuition and more student aid; both sides have their own ideas on how to overhaul Medicaid reimbursement rates for hospitals.

And there are a raft of smaller items, including some member projects - the very things Scott seemed to warn about Thursday when he talked about the spending plan.

"As you know, in this budget, I've started to see a lot of special member projects," Scott said. "This is the first time since 2006 we have a surplus. I want to make sure that we spend the money well. ... I'm responsible for all 19.2 million Floridians, and I want to make sure we get a good return on investment."

Lawmakers seemed to be readying for weekend negotiating sessions for the second straight week in hopes that a final deal could be reached by Tuesday.

STORY OF THE WEEK:

Lawmakers approved ethics and campaign-finance reform bills that have been priorities of House and Senate leaders.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"I like being married." - Gov. Rick Scott, when asked about a bill that would revamp the state's alimony laws.

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Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons

By Janet Tharpe

Treat Mom to Cheesy Baked Egg Dish

"This is the easiest recipe but everyone says 'wow' when they see it!"

Warm, creamy and positively delicious, this impressive baked egg dish has a secret - it's easy-as-pie to prepare!

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Puddin' Place Eggs

What You Need	Directions
4 slices bacon, cooked and cut in pieces	• Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Lightly butter four ramekins. Put bacon in a circle around edges and add mozzarella on top of bacon. Gently add egg to center without breaking yolks, then gently
4 slices fresh mozzarella, cut in pieces	
4 eggs	• Bake in oven about 10 min. Center should "shake" when done but not "swim!"
1 c heavy cream paprika, salt & pepper, to taste (optional)	

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WHITE'S WINES

Blue crab, Natty Boh, and world-class wine

By DAVID WHITE

"Wine is just too fancy for Maryland," explained Rob Deford, the owner of Boordy Vineyards in Baltimore County, as he discussed the local wine industry's challenges. "We eat crabs here; we drink beer."

The audience at this year's Drink Local Wine conference chuckled in agreement. Blue crabs and Natty Boh are iconic in the Old Line State, but few think of premium wines.

Rob Deford and a handful of other vintners are trying to change that, working to raise the profile of the local wine industry - and increase wine's popularity among consumers - by raising the quality of Maryland's wines. They're quickly gaining traction.

While the state had just 11 wineries in 2001, it's now home to 62. And an increasing number of vintners are moving away from the fruit wines and non-European grape varieties that have long plagued the East Coast to produce wines that can compete on the world stage.

Just one hour west of Boordy Vineyards, Ed Boyce and Sarah O'Herron have gained a reputation for producing stunning wines at Black Ankle Vineyards. The husband-and-wife team purchased the 145-acre farm in 2002 and promptly turned the property into an estate winery, selecting grapes well suited to the property's soil and climate. In 2011, Black Ankle ranked fifth on Wine Business Monthly's annual list of the nation's "most exciting" wine brands.

Just a few miles north from Black Ankle, Old Westminster Winery is about to release its inaugural vintage. Led by three siblings - Drew, Lisa, and Ashli, who manage the vineyard, wine-making, and marketing, respectively - the wines are already generating quite a buzz.

The list of exciting producers goes on.

This year's Drink Local Wine conference was held in Maryland, and over two days, I tasted dozens of local wines. The wines from Black Ankle and Old Westminster lived up to the hype, and the offerings from Boordy, Knob Hall, Slack, and Big Cork were also quite impressive.

Optimism is clearly in the air. As Drew Baker of Old Westminster Winery explained to Frank Morgan, a popular wine blogger, "Maryland has great potential and I believe that the quality bar is rising quickly. Soon, poorly made wines will be the exception in an otherwise great region."

Baker's promotion of Maryland wine - rather than just his own offerings - isn't unique. Even though Maryland's wine industry traces its roots to 1648, the state's winemakers see themselves as part of something new.

During the two-day conference, it was a struggle to get vintners to talk about their own projects. Every winemaker I chatted with seemed more interested in promoting the industry as a whole than talking about herself.

Here, Maryland is taking a page from California's playbook.

Today, no one doubts the Golden State's ability to produce world-class wines. But until 1976, few wine critics took California seriously. That year, a British wine merchant named Steven Spurrier organized a wine competition in Paris, where he pitted California's best Chardonnays and Cabernet Sauvignons against the best wines that France had to offer. Everyone assumed that France would win, as the nation had been making wine for thousands of years and was widely regarded as the world's top wine region. But with both the whites and the reds, California won.

That competition - now known as "The Judgment of Paris" - transformed California's wine industry. It helped accelerate Robert Mondavi's efforts to tout California's wines as being on par with Europe's best offerings. California winemakers continue to credit Mondavi for putting the state's fledgling industry on the global wine map - and one can find California wine at restaurants and retailers across the world.

Maryland's wine industry still faces a number of challenges. Maryland has a wide range of climates and a number of different soil types, so vinticulturalists are still figuring out which grapes work best, where. But without question, the future is bright for Maryland wine.

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).

Turkey buzzards serve a valuable function



Natural Wakulla

By Les Harrison

A few scatological details notwithstanding, life must be reasonably good when a majority of the day is spent riding the thermal uplifts and doing lazy eights above the tree tops.

Alone or with a few friends or family members, the cares of the world are hundreds of feet below.

It is true the public's perception of turkey buzzards is somewhere between loathsome and disgusting.

It is likely no one has ever deemed it complement to be called an old buzzard, or a young one for that matter.

Turkey buzzards are classified as New World Vultures residing in and above Wakulla County. Their genetic cousins are other North and South American vultures, and California and Andean Condors.

Fossils from the Pleistocene epoch in Florida indicate the turkey buzzard had ancestors in residence during that active period of glacial encroachment.

No doubt they were cleaning up sabre-tooth tiger leftovers.

Curiously there is not a close genetic relationship

with vultures occupying Europe and Asia. These Old World Vultures are thought to have developed separately, but with similar traits which are employed for the same purposes and results.

Turkey buzzards are scavengers, but on rare occasions will attack small or helpless animals when their dining opportunities are limited. Most close encounters with these birds is roadside when they are enjoying the misfortune of some unlucky deer, armadillo or other road-kill.

Unlike many inhabitants of the avian world, buzzards do not have the vocal organ to chirp, crow, or trill. They can emit only a primeval grunt or raucous hisses which compound their image problem as crude savages.

Adding to their brutish image are their nesting skills. Turkey buzzard eggs are laid in protected areas with little to no nest construction.

In contrast to their harsh appearance and practices and as egalitarians, both the turkey buzzard male and female incubate the eggs.

The young hatch in 30 to 40 days, and their



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Turkey buzzards roost high in trees, above, grouped in family units to maintain a safe distance from potential predators. Buzzards are most commonly noticed roadside, below, when cleaning up after a wildlife traffic fatality.



flight training begins at 10 weeks of age.

Turkey buzzards use their excellent sight and efficient sense of smell to locate meals.

This redundant system

for finding fine dining is the envy of Old World Vultures which have to depend strictly on sharp eyesight.

The turkey buzzard's superior sense of smell

has been employed by natural gas companies for years.

Natural Gas is odorless and undetectable when pumped to the surface.

A blend of chemicals

are added to natural gas as part of an odorant blend/safety effort.

Gas pipeline leak detection is easier in remote areas because buzzards will confuse the added odor for carrion and circle above the source.

As leisurely graceful as turkey buzzards are in the air, their terra firma appearance is cartoonish. A featherless head, a tufted collar and a hopping gait make it an ideal candidate for mockery and disdain.

Personal foibles and shortcomings aside, the turkey buzzard population tirelessly serves the citizens of Wakulla County as a seven-day-a-week clean-up crew.

While no empirical research been conducted, their no-cost removal of roadside dead animal likely saves taxpayers thousands of dollars in disposal cost.

Additionally, there is evidence their tidying labors minimizes the spread of some diseases which would occur in decaying flesh.

To learn more about turkey buzzards and their value to 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 harrison@ufl.edu or at (850) 926-3931.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Low Country Boil was fun event

Chamber supports half-mill assessment for schools on May 14



By TAMMIE BARFIELD
Chamber President

Huge thanks to the chamber's Low Country Boil Committee for putting on another fun, flavorful event.

Every year the boil just keeps getting better and better with great food, live music, and enthusiastic attendance that keeps growing.

The committee was headed up by Jo Ann Palmer who deserves much appreciation for the planning of this event. There is a lot that goes into organizing an event for 250-plus people who want to eat, drink and be merry.

John Shuff organized the acquisition and preparation of the food and the fantastic cooks, some of whom were not Chamber members and we thank them for their delicious contribution.

Then after the planning is the clean-up. These same people work tirelessly volunteering their time cleaning up all the equipment and trash and tables and chairs and we cannot thank them enough for giving their time to the event and to the Chamber.

All for worthy causes. The proceeds from the boil provide funding for maintenance for, improvements to, and beautification of the old Wakulla County Courthouse where the Chamber office is located, as well as providing at least one scholarship each year.

The chamber's education committee has established an application and selection process for recipients of the scholarships and through that process has awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from last year's boil proceeds.

Congratulations to Raychel Gray. Raychel is graduating from Wakulla High School this month and we wish her all the best in her education pursuits.

CHAMBER SUPPORTS MAY 14 REFERENDUM

The Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce supports and encourages the public's support for the special election coming up May 14 to get citizen approval for a half-mill tax for the school system.

Our school system is facing budget cuts of more than \$4 million over the past five years and a declining student enrollment due to the

last few years of economic challenges.

The school system's current .25-mill special assessment is set to expire in June. According to Superintendent of Schools Bobby Pearce, if the half-mill assessment is approved, it would serve well to overcome current economic challenges.

The average home owner would pay approximately \$2 per month more in taxes than they pay now.

Wakulla County's public school system is an economic engine in itself through its own 693 employees who patronize our Wakulla County businesses and who educate our children to prepare them for entering into business and employment, and by providing job opportunities when expansions, repairs, and improvements are made to existing facilities.

Our school system brings residents to Wakulla County who might otherwise live in surrounding counties.

We have had the benefit of being designated an "A" school district by the Florida Department of Education since 2006. Wakulla's school district has one of the highest percentages of nationally board certified teachers and administrators in Florida and continues to rank in the top 10 districts in FCAT math, reading, writing and science scores.

That's impressive. Access to a good education through our county's school system is the foundation of what secures Wakulla's future and the future of its livelihood.

Protecting our public education and the quality of education for our students will continue to move our county forward.

Please get out and vote. The students and teachers of our school system need our vote on May 14.

Tammie Barfield is co-owner of Bay Leaf Market in Crawfordville and president of the Chamber of Commerce.



PHOTOS BY WILLIAM SNOWDEN

Chamber members settle in for lunch at Deal's Famous Oyster House in St. Marks.

Deal's Oyster House hosts Chamber luncheon

By PETRA SHUFF
Of the Chamber

Regular business hours for Deal's Famous Oyster House are Thursday through Sunday, so we really appreciate Martha Swindle's hospitality and welcoming our 50 members and friends for our monthly networking luncheon on a "closed" day.

The menu included choice of shrimp and crab bites, ponga dinner, shrimp, oysters, or chicken strips, with choice of fries, baked potato, grits or cheese grits, baked beans or green beans, salad or slaw and drink, or salad and soup bar.

Mary Wallace went straight into the program, thanking everyone for joining us in St. Marks, and also thanked sponsors and attendees of our annual low country boil, the best one yet from what we have been told. Mary pointed out that the Chamber sets aside funds for a scholarship from the proceeds each year, and our education committee will attend the award ceremony at the High School May 17, presenting a \$1,000 check to Raychel Gray, this year's chamber recipient.

Our April members were announced as Bill's Signs and Service, Callaway Auto & Truck Repair, and Root 319 Cuts & Color. Alicia and Missy with Root 319 shared that the salon is a full service hair and nail salon, offering Redken and OPI products, and also specialize in airbrush make-up. By the way, Alicia is a new stylist at the salon, and the Chamber

has 20 percent off coupons for any service with Alicia as a new client (excluding specials).

Jeff Johnson was introduced as the new Comcast representative for Wakulla County.

Mary then announced the Rock the Dock captain's meeting featuring a seafood dinner for \$10 per plate, and Tom and the Cats as live entertainment this Friday.

Doug Gove introduced his guest Matt Miley, with PayOutUSA, a Tallahassee based company specializing in payroll services.

Brian English and Bill Versiga were drawn to do our spotlight this month. Brian and Bill were excited to open their Crawfordville branch for North Florida Financial last year. The new office is right next door to The Wakulla News. Uncertainty growing from our aging demographics and national debt brings personal responsibility to the forefront. Retirement plan trends are shifting more and more responsibility from the employer to the employee. All the increasing economic pressures on each of us require that we take a much deeper look at our retirement plans. Give Brian and Bill a call for a free review of your insurance and investments. Brian and Bill would love to help you plan for the best possible retirement you can have. They can be reached at 926-7487. Brian drew our



Lorra Phillips of Shepard Accounting announces that her daughter, Jessica Revell, has passed the CPA exam and will become her partner in the firm.

next spotlight, June Vause with Centennial Bank.

Other announcements: Andrea Parker introduced herself as the new Business Consultant handling Wakulla County and reminded employers that Workforce Plus has many services for employers that are available at no cost, giving a few examples. One of the main services Andrea pointed out was posting open positions on their job board free of charge, effectively attracting job seekers.

Fred Beckham is the new Local Veterans Employment Specialist at Workforce Plus.

Katelyn with Simply Done Marketing announced that if you are considering advertising on Google, and you place your advertising with Simply

Done Marketing as a first time customer, with your first \$25 Google adwords purchase you will receive \$100 in free Google advertising.

Lorra Phillips was proud to announce that her daughter, Jessica Revell, who has been working with her for seven years now, officially has her CPA license and is now a partner with Shepard Accounting & Tax Service. Additionally, Shepard Accounting has purchased the needed software and can file BP claims for individuals and companies. Lorra made everyone aware that individuals working for a company that received BP funds, are eligible to file a personal claim also.

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May 2 - May 9 Special Events

Thursday, May 2

• GRANT PEEPLES is hosting a poetry reading at Bay Leaf Market from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, May 3

• BIG BEND KAYAK CLASSIC will begin on Friday at the 3Y Ranch. Fishing divisions will be broken up into freshwater, youth and saltwater division. Registration fee is \$75. To register please call 926-7145 or visit bigbendkayakclassic.com.

Saturday, May 4

• BIG BEND KAYAK CLASSIC continues at the 3Y Ranch. Fishing divisions will be broken up into freshwater, youth and saltwater division. Registration fee is \$75. To register please call 926-7145 or visit bigbendkayakclassic.com.

• ANNUAL BLUE CRAB FESTIVAL takes place at Woolley Park in Panacea. The festival will begin with a parade down U.S. 98 at 10 a.m. after which park gates will open. Admission is \$3 per person and children under 12 get in free.

• FRIENDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY will start holding their book giveaways on the first Saturday of every month rather than every other month. The Book Extravaganza is free from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the library meeting room, but donations are accepted.

• NORTH FLORIDA BUTTON CLUB, members of National Button Society will meet at 11 a.m. at the Sunset Coastal Grill in Port St. Joe. For more information, call Sherrie Alverson at 926-7812 or Don or Barbara Lanier at 729-7594, or email bardon56@aol.com.

• 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 wakullasprings.org at \$25 for adults and \$15 for children under 12. For more information contact Elinor Elfner at 524-1026.

Tuesday, May 7

• FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH is hosting a parent workshop featuring award winning speaker, author and Emmy nominee, Julie Marie Carrier. The Workshop will take place at the Medart Assembly of God at 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 9

• THE WAKULLA DEMOCRATS will be meeting at 7 p.m. in the Wakulla Library. Wakulla County School District Superintendent, Bobby Pearce, will be speaking on the upcoming referendum for school funding. Come learn why it is vitally important to vote on Saturday, May 11, or on May 14, Special Election Day.



Julie Marie Carrier will be speaking at a parent workshop Tuesday, May 7.



Fish kisses for luck at last year's Blue Crab Festival before the mullet toss.



Grant Peeples poetry reading at Bay Leaf Market

6 p.m.

Thursday

Blue Crab Festival at Woolley Park in Panacea

\$3 admission

Saturday

Sinkhole di Mayo at Wakulla Springs State Park

\$25 adults, \$15 kids 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday

Florida Dept of Health parent workshop at Medart Assembly of God

7 p.m.

Tuesday

Weekly meetings

Government Meetings

Monday, May 6

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

Tuesday, May 7

• WAKULLA RESTORE ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold a public meeting at 6 p.m. at Sopchoppy City Hall.

Wednesday, May 8

• WAKULLA COUNTY CODE ENFORCEMENT will hold a public hearing at 5:30pm in the commission chambers.

• WAKULLA COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL will hold a seafood marketing committee public meeting at 8:30 a.m. at the Wakulla Welcome Center in Panacea.

Thursday, May 9

• WAKULLA COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL will hold a public meeting at 8:30 a.m. at the Welcome Center in Panacea.

• CITY OF SOPCHOPPY DEPOT COMMITTEE will hold a meeting at 6 p.m.

Monday, May 13

• WILDERNESS COAST PUBLIC LIBRARIES' governing board will hold a public meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Friday, May 17

• COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY GROUP will hold a public meeting in the commissioners conference room at 3 p.m.

Monday, May 20

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

Clubs, Groups, Regular Meetings

Thursday, May 2

• 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, May 3

• 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, May 4

• 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, May 5

• 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, May 6

• 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, May 7

• 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.

• NAMI CONNECTION, a support group for people diagnosed with a mental illness, will meet at 10:30 a.m. at the library.

Wednesday, May 8

• 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.

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Ribbon Cuttings:



JENNY ODOM

Friends of Wakulla Springs

The Chamber held a ribbon cutting for Friends of Wakulla Springs State Park to celebrate New Friends – New Boat on April 10.

In 1996, Friends of Wakulla Springs State Park incorporated as a Citizens Support Organization for the Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park. The issue at the time was whether or not the county could allow a gas station to be built over what turned out to be the largest cave that feeds right into Wakulla Spring.

The state added the land at the intersection of 61 and 267 (Bloxham Cutoff).

When the classic tour boats that date to the 1960s needed a hand, Friends decided to refurbish and upgrade to electric motors, and to solar panels. The latest boat called Wood Duck was re-entered into service in April with state-of-the-art

solar and battery capacities.

Friends of Wakulla Springs is a membership organization (wakullasprings.org) and holds several events to raise money for the ongoing projects at the 6,000-acre park.

Tour boats were retrofitted to be ADA accessible, with TREX seating replacing the former wooden benches. All-in-all, encountering nature on the Wakulla River is now a fume- and noise-free experience. Total Friends funds raised for the refurbishing of four boats to date is \$129,000.

Support of two May events (a Springs Serenade called Sinkhole di Mayo on May 4, and the 5K run through the Sanctuary on May 18), and joining the Friends is a great way to have fun.



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Stowaway Marine & More

Gerard and Sherri Merkle, owners of Stow Away Marine & More Inc., are pleased to announce the addition of all new inventory items! We now carry a full line of motor parts, Mercury oils, fishing gear and tackle, snorkels and masks, sunglasses and skin protectants and more!

Our outboard specialist is on duty and ready to repair or service your boat Tuesday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. (with or without an appointment in some cases). We can diagnose your engine problems, change your oil, rebuild your carburetor, detail your boat, bottom paint, upholstery repair or whatever you need to get you back in the water!

Give us a call at 850-926-BOAT. Stow Away Marine opened originally in 2008 at 4815 Coastal Highway, just east of Spring Creek Highway, and started in

boats sales only. Last year we expanded our facility to include a repair and maintenance shop and retail store. We carry an abundance of new and used marine supplies, EZ Loader trailers, Interstate batteries, Amsoil oils, prop service center, Big Rock Sports dealer, Stryker Tops dealer and much more!

Stow Away Center, located behind the marine store on Spring Creek Highway has storage for your treasures! Self-storage units ranging in size from 5x10 to 20x20 for commercial or residential use, a controlled access boat/RV lot with both open and covered storage, moving and packing supplies sold, office services such as copy, Fax and notary service available.

Visit us at www.stowawaymarine.net to check out our boats for sale and please "Shop Local" Wakulla – we do!



WILLIAM SNOWDEN

Wilderness Way

In April 1976, a mother and son team opened T-n-T Hide-a-way, a canoe rental on the Wakulla River. In 2005, a mother and son team took over the operation as second and third generation Gretchen Evans family. In March 2013 the family expanded to include the purchase of The Wilderness Way and add another third generation in the equation.

Jacki Evans Youngstrand, Robert Baker and Elizabeth Hyatt-Deason are proud to announce their acquisition of the Big Bend Outfitter – The Wilderness Way Inc., previously owned by Georgia Ackerman. It will be a perfect blend of the two businesses, and all will stay pretty close to the same as before including the great staff we acquired, Jesse Frank and Dawn Pepper. We will be moving our retail brand from TnT to TWW which will be Native Watercraft

and Jackson Kayaks to add to the Hobie, and Wilderness System already there. We will be adding more fishing accessories and kayaks for the kayak anglers.

Robert Baker will be operating his Kayak Fishing tours "Reel-Fin-Addict" from TWW. Our tours for TnT and TWW will continue, along with our rental of canoes and kayaks – TnT for short term paddling on the Wakulla River and TWW for self-shuttling to other rivers and we have added a few more bikes for rental. Please visit our new location at 3152 Shadeville Road, just west of Wakulla Station, (850) 877-7200 and if you have never visited T-n-T Hideaway, we are located at the Wakulla River on Highway 98, (850) 925-6412. We still uphold the foundation we inherited and are dedicated to your enjoyment and service.

Chamber Spotlight

Ed Gardner, O.D.

Name of business: Ed Gardner, O.D. located in the Wal-Mart Vision Center

Tell us about your business: Ed Gardner, O.D. has been a licensed optometrist in Florida since 1983. He started at the Crawfordville Wal-Mart Vision Center in January 2010. Mali joined the practice in November 2012, after working in the Wal-Mart Vision center for a year.

What services, products do you offer? We offer comprehensive eye exams for glasses and contacts, medical services, diabetic exams, allergy exams and cataract evaluations. Please call for other services.

What sets your business apart from the competition? We are conveniently located inside the Wal-Mart Vision Center, offer competitive prices, flexible same day scheduling and friendly staff.

What should the community/customer expect when they visit your business? Quality eye care that is personalized for each patient.

How long have you been a Chamber member? Since 2010.

Why did you join the Chamber? We saw the Chamber as an opportunity to reach out to the community, and support other local businesses.

What's your reason Wakulla residents should Shop Local? To support local businesses and keep jobs in the county.

How to contact you? Call Mali at (850) 926-6206, email us at edgardneroptical@yahoo.com, or just stop in at the Crawfordville Wal-Mart Vision Center.

Community involvement: We partner with the school system to provide Wakulla County school vision screenings to students. Dr. Gardner helps provide eye exams for Special Olympics participants, and is a grade school volunteer. He is a member of the Lions Club providing eye exams and glasses to needy Wakulla county residents. In 2012, Dr. Gardner received an award from Wal-Mart for going beyond the call of duty to help an associate.

Address 35 Mike Stewart Drive, Crawfordville FL (in the Wal-Mart Vision Center). Phone number is (850) 926-6206.



Bay Leaf Market

Bay Leaf Market celebrated its ribbon cutting on Earth Day, April 22.

Bay Leaf offers Wakulla County direct access to natural and organic foods, organic coffee, tea and fresh juices, freshly prepared grab-and-go foods, and used books. The store opened March 18.

Owners-operators Tammie Barfield and Mary Katherine Westmark wanted to bring to Crawfordville a "third place" for gathering, eating and drinking, and shopping for food, food for the body and the mind. The idea to open the store developed from Westmark's desire to own a coffee shop and book store and Barfield's dream of owning a health food store.

The grocery store stocks a steadily growing inventory of fresh, refrigerated, frozen, packaged, and bulk natural and organic foods. The coffee shop creates the buzz of the place offering organic fair trade dark and medium roast coffee, espresso, cappuccino, lattes, a variety of organic teas all to be enjoyed with delicious fresh baked pastries. The book store is

comfortably mellow, housing a wide variety of reasonably priced books.

Bay Leaf is family-owned and operated by the Westmark and Barfield-Harrington families. Emily Westmark has mastered the coffee drinks as well as any good barista would, and Jason Westmark and Shea Harrington have already mastered the point of sale system in the check out line. Jay Westmark (Mary Katherine's husband) is Bay Leaf's IT/everything computer guy while Tom Harrington (Tammie's husband) pours over the bookkeeping.

Westmark and Barfield have also been fortunate to have peaked the interest of three talented women to help them; Audrey Alessi and Theresa Johanningson of Crawfordville, and Debbie Dix (formerly of Posh Java) of Sopchoppy.

Bay Leaf Market is located at 19 Shadeville Road in Crawfordville. The store can be reached at (850) 926-WELL (9355), or at [Facebook.com/Bay Leaf Market](https://www.facebook.com/BayLeafMarket).

Chamber Chatter

New members:

- Bill's Signs and Service Inc. – specializing in surveys, logo design, Sign design, construction, permitting, installation, maintenance.

- Callaway Auto & Truck Repair Inc. - specializing in automotive repair.

- Root 319 Cuts & Color – specializing in full service hair & nail care, Redken and OPI products, airbrush make-up.

Next Chamber luncheon:

Noon to 1 p.m., Wednesday, May 22, Outz's Too, 7968 Coastal Highway, Newport.

Upcoming ribbon cuttings:

- Arte Mexico, Thursday, May 9, 4 p.m. at Tallahassee Regional Airport.

- Root 319 Cuts & Color, Thursday, May 16, 10 a.m. at 2809 Crawfordville Highway.

Deal's hosts Chamber luncheon

From Page 1B

Mary thanked Martha Swindle, manager of Deal's Famous Oyster House for hosting our luncheon. Martha shared that she is happy to be in St. Marks, and new business hours are Thursday through Sunday. Martha was very pleased to incorporate her gift shop into the restaurant, which she agreed to manage as a favor to her best friend, the owner of

Deal's in Perry.

As always, the drawings at our luncheons are popular. Deidre Farrington was the proud winner the \$50 cash pot.

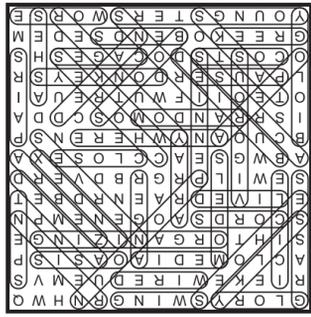
We would like to thank the following for contributing gifts to the drawing: Cook Insurance – Hummingbird feeder, Petra Shuff – etched martini glasses, Deana Walker/Krave Salon – Gift certificate for a free styling, Kim Campbell

– earrings, Marianne and Lionell Dazevedo – decorative fish, Ed Gardner O.D. – gift bag with sun glasses and accessories, Susan Schatzman – homemade pepper jelly, Jessica Revell – trio of succulent plants, Lorra Sheppard – plant, The Wakulla News – free 1/8 page ad, Deal's – gift certificate.

Our next luncheon will be held at Outz's Too on Wednesday, May 22.

Thinking OUTSIDE the Book

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| Across | Buried | Grasses | Nerves |
| Aimed | Cages | Greek | Oasis |
| Anger | Chores | Icicle | Opera |
| Anywhere | Close | Index | Organizing |
| Array | Cords | Irons | Pairs |
| Ashes | Costs | Lived | Pause |
| Bends | Donkeys | Media | Pennies |
| Biology | Echoes | Models | Pronoun |
| Boots | Glory | Naked | Random |
| | | Reign | Wired |
| | | Silky | Worse |
| | | Spent | Younger |
| | | Swing | Youngsters |
| | | Tasks | Zebra |
| | | Vigorous | |



Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

ABCDEF GHIJKL MNOPQR STUVWXYZ

X I Z J T B U I F S N P N F U F S U I F N P T U

FEVDBUFE POF JO B TDJFODF MBC?

CFDBVTF JU IBT TP NBOZ EFHSFFT.

For more puzzle fun, go to www.brainzles.com

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

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

1. Glue	___ _ _ _ _ E	Noodles	___ _ _ _ _ A
2. Subsequent	___ F ___ _ _	Fall bloom	___ S ___ _ _
3. Coat	J ___ _ _ _ _	Small container	P ___ _ _ _ _
4. ___ Mae, Abner's wife	___ _ _ S _ _	Every 24 hours	___ _ _ L _ _
5. Factory	___ _ _ _ _ T	Hook's boardwalk	___ _ _ _ _ K
6. Vigorous and robust	___ _ _ _ _ Y	Fireside	___ _ _ _ _ H
7. Confess one's sins	___ _ P ___ _ _	Up to date	___ _ C ___ _ _
8. Of the ear	___ _ _ _ _ O	Financial review	___ _ _ _ _ T
9. Gaped	___ T ___ _ _ _	Afraid	___ C ___ _ _ _
10. Semi or pick-up	___ _ U ___ _ _	Pathway	___ _ A ___ _ _

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Kids' Maze

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Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

RACK 'EM! Challenge: Balls numbered 1 to 15 are to be racked in the triangular frame at right so that each side of the outer triangle is to total 36. Corner balls 6, 9 and 10 are already in place. And balls 7, 14 and 15 — totaling 36 — are positioned at center. You are asked to insert the remaining nine balls. Remember, a total of 36 is required on each outer side. Can you meet the challenge?

NAME GAME! Among state abbreviations authorized by the U.S. Postal Service are a number of two-letter words. ME for Maine, for instance. See if you can name at least five more.

NOTABLES, NOT STEP-DOWN

OBJECTS of this step-down test is to proceed from the word NOTABLES (see above), to the word NOT, subtracting one letter and rearranging the rest to form a new word in each step. Definitions:

1. NOTABLES (shown).
2. Julius Caesar in the words of Shakespeare: "...—Roman of them all."
3. Purloined.
4. Georgia landmark near Atlanta: — Mountain.
5. Color value.
6. NOT (shown). Remember, words become shorter as you proceed.

Time limit: 2 minutes.

BO-PEEP SHOW! Well, look who's back — welcome home! To complete this happy scene, draw lines from dot to dot.

Color by Numbers

LIST PRICE! Hey, Dad, what about your paint-it, fix-it and do-it list? Add these colors: 1—Red, 2—Lt. blue, 3—Yellow, 4—Lt. brown, 5—Flesh tones, 6—Lt. green, 7—Purple.

SPELLBINDER

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

BEGINNER

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

Try to score at least 50 points.

Possible two-some: (Grip, Ben).

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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

DIFFERENCES: 1. Letter is missing, 2. Baseball bat is shorter, 3. Stacks are shorter, 4. Fence is shorter, 5. Cap is smaller, 6. Glove is different.

Answers

Even Exchange

1. Paste, Pasta
2. After, Aster
3. Jacket, Packet
4. Daisy, Daily
5. Plant, Plank
6. Hearty, Hearth
7. Repent, Recent
8. Audio, Audit
9. Stared, Scared
10. Truck, Track

Because it has so many degrees, Why is a thermometer the most educated one in a science lab?

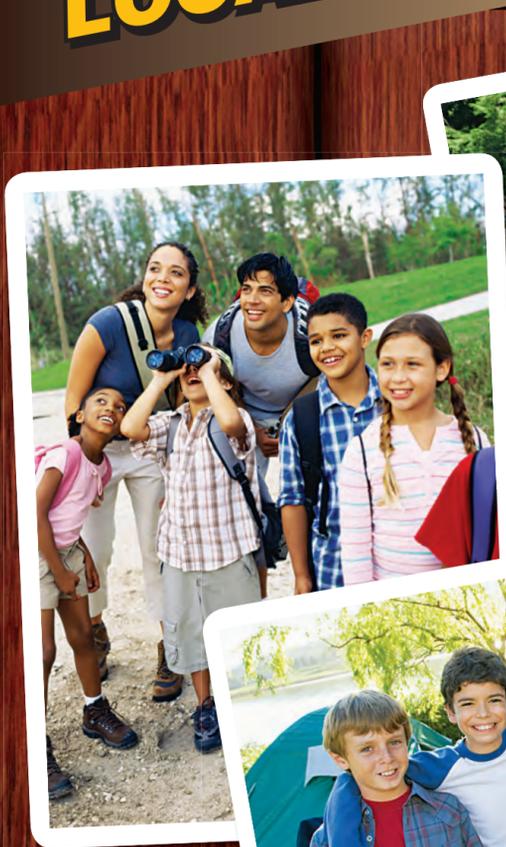
Answer

Kids' Maze Solution

ATTENTION ALL CAMPERS



YOUR SUMMER GUIDE TO LOCAL CAMPS AND ACTIVITIES



SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

It's time to relax and have some needed downtime. The Wakulla County Coalition for Youth is proud to sponsor this Summer OPPS section. Recognizing that young people seek to find their place in the wider world through many ways and means, the community hopes the following Summer OPPS hit the intended mark with many Wakulla youth.

Positive youth development refers to activities and programs that nurture young people and help them build on their strengths. Positive youth development is not about fixing kids' problems. Rather, it helps young people find positive things to say yes to. Positive youth development happens anytime an individual or a program teaches young people skills, connects adults and young people in a meaningful way, involves young people in the life of the community, and gives them a sense of belonging and accomplishment. In Wakulla there are many places that young people can find this kind of nurturing. Wakulla has its own unique network of people, groups, churches, clubs, teachers, businesses, and agencies that help young people grow into competent adults. The nurturers might be piano teachers, soccer coaches, neighbors, Big Brother and Sisters, YMCA, church youth group leaders or grandparents... this section of the paper is intended to help you decide how to spend a bit of your time this summer.

All Summer Long

Some programs are offered at no cost, some have a fee, and Scholarships are noted where available.

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926-5226, Crawfordville Highway North.

Registration for the Wakulla County Public Library "FUN DAYS Reading Programs" offered throughout the summer are
Thursday, June 6 - 6-8 p.m. and Friday, June 7 10a.m. to 2 p.m.
Ages Pre-K to Middle School.
Book Babies, Book Bunch, Book Nook, Book Blast and more.
Wakulla County Public Library
Scott Joyner, Library Director
850-926-7415
See Monthly schedule below for other Library happenings for all ages -
Cinematics, Summer Performers, "Magic Workshop" for teens, Storytelling, Make Believe Theater, Talent Show. Teen Film Festivals
and so much more.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES: Arts, crafts, field trips, "Gulf World", swimming, movies, bowling, skating, and so much more!
AGES: Pre-K - 5th grade
June 3 - August 9
Monday - Friday 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

May

May 11
SCOUTING
Ages 1st grade to age 20
Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Venturing
Learn What it Takes to be a Scout
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Hudson Park, Crawfordville
Entertainment, local scouting groups, hands on crafts, food, vendors, silent auction, cake walk.
Learn more about scouting for our area
Contact: Marcus Floyd
cubmaster@wpack5.com
or David Damon, BSA Unit Commissioner
850-251-4166

May 18
Wakulla Health Care Task Force
FREE SPORTS & CAMP PHYSICALS
Physical exams for students to participate in FHSAA Sports
Also exams for Campers, Scouts, NJROTC, and Special Olympians
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Middle and High School students including rising 6th graders
9 a.m. for WMS Students
10 a.m. for RMS Students
11 a.m. for WHS students
Tallahassee Memorial Health Care
15 Council Moore Rd.
Contact: Tanya English 850-926-0065 x 253
Tanya.english@wcsb.us
or Lynn Artz 850-320-2158
lynn_artz@hotmail.com

May 18
FREE CHILDREN'S FISHING TOURNAMENT
Wakulla County Sheriff's Department
Open Boys and Girls
Ages: 3 - 15
Fish out of Panacea Harbor Marina
Fleet boats
7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
Weigh - in 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Woolley Park, Panacea
Lunch provided to participants 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Games, rides and exhibits all at Woolley Park
Children fishing from family or friends boats should register at Woolley Park from 10 a.m. to Children may fish at Mashes Sands Pier, Otter Lake,
Woolley Park or any other legal fishing site.
Contact the Wakulla County Sheriff's Department for all tournament guidelines.
Wakulla County Sheriff's Department
Wakulla County Parks and Recreation
850-926-7227
Contact: Lt. Bruce Ashley 850-745-7162



Wakulla County Coalition for Youth

June

June 3 - June 7
CHEYENNE COUNTRY
Camp Cheyenne Country
HORSEBACK RIDING summer camp for children ages 7-14.
They will learn and improve riding skills, grooming techniques, safety and more. They also get hands on activities and live demonstrations!
Dates and Times: All camps are a week long from 9 am to 5 pm.
More dates may be added.
Cost: \$300 per camper /wk
Ages: 7-14
Location: 151 Triplett Rd., Crawfordville
Contact: Stephanie Hattaway 850-509-9149

June 6 & June 7
Wakulla County Public Library
"FUN DAYS"
REGISTRATION for Reading camps
Thursday 6/6 at 6:00-8:00, Friday 6/7 10:00-2:00
Starting
Tuesday 6/11 (each Tuesday except 7/2)
Book Bunch (preschool) 10:30-11:30
Book Blast (K-2) 10:30-11:30
Starting
Wednesday 6/12 (each Wed. except 7/3)
Book Babies (0-3 yrs) 10:30-11:30
Book Nook (3rd-5th grades) 10:30-11:30
Cinematics (Middle School) 12:00-1:30
Contact: Scott Joyner
Library Director
Location: Wakulla County Public Library
850-926-7415

Beginning **June 9 - August 15**
CAMP INDIAN SPRINGS
Traditional Overnight Summer Camp
Ages 7-16
\$500. week
Location: Camp Indian Springs
2387 Bloxham Cutoff Rd.
Crawfordville, Fl. 32327
Contact Derek Hart 850-926-3361
info@campindiansprings.com

June 10 -14
Wakulla County 4-H
CAMP CHERRY LAKE
Traditional rustic cabin camping experience at 4-H Camp Cherry Lake in Madison Florida
4-H It's Out of this World
Leave Monday 8 a.m. and return Friday 12 p.m. noon
Ages: 8-13
Cost \$230.
Partial Scholarships available
Location: 4-H Camp Cherry Lake, Madison, Florida
Contact: Sherri Kraeft 850-926-3931
sjkraeft@ufl.edu
SUMMER PERFORMERS

June 13
Wakulla County Public Library
Tutuola Dance Company 7:00
Contact: Scott Joyner
Library Director
Location: Wakulla County Public Library
850-926-7415

June 17th-21st
CHEYENNE COUNTRY
Camp Cheyenne Country
HORSEBACK RIDING summer camp for children ages 7-14.
They will learn and improve riding skills, grooming techniques, safety and more. They also get hands on activities and live demonstrations!
Dates and Times: All camps are a week long from 9 am to 5 pm.
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Don't let fees stop you. If tuition assistance is needed, call 926 3526 for an application which will be reviewed by a select few Coalition leaders to determine eligibility.

JUNE 18
SAVARY ACADEMY
SUMMER CLASSES
Need to make up a class, recover credits, or make up the algebra EOC?
Algebra Boot camp Date: TBA
Do not need to be enrolled at Savary during regular school year to take advantage of summer program.
Classes are Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Grades: 7 - 12
Contact: Donna Savary 850-926-9977
Location: 70-A Feli Way, Crawfordville
www.savaryacademy.com

JUNE 19
SUMMER PERFORMERS
Wakulla County Public Library
Atlantic Coast Theatre for Youth Presents
Sherlock Holmes and the Opera Mystery 7:00
Contact: Scott Joyner
Library Director
Location: Wakulla County Public Library
850-926-7415

June 24 - 27
Wakulla County 4-H
BEEZ ARE THE BUZZ
The focus is on Honeybees, honey production and pollination in our area.
Cost is \$90.
Partial scholarships are available
Wakulla County Extension Office
Contact: Sheri Kraeft 850-926-3931
sjkraeft@ufl.edu

June 27
Wakulla County Public Library
Bits & Pieces PUPPET THEATRES "The Selfish Giant" 7:00
Contact: Scott Joyner
Library Director
Location: Wakulla County Public Library
850-926-7415

INTERNATIONAL GOLD GYMNASTICS IGG
A fun-filled themed week full of gymnastics, field trips, crafts, movies, games, indoor and outdoor play.
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Age: 5 - 12
Hours : 7am-6pm, Carol McAliley or Stephanie Burton at 926-4431
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Contact: Lt. Bruce Ashley
850-745-7162

July

Each Week from June 9 - August 15
CAMP INDIAN SPRINGS
 Traditional Overnight Summer Camp
 Ages 7-16
 \$500. week
 Location: Camp Indian Springs
 2387 Bloxham Cutoff Rd.
 Crawfordville, Fl. 32327
 Contact Derek Hart 850-926-3361
 info@campindiansprings.com

July 1-5
CHEYENNE COUNTRY
 Camp Cheyenne Country
HORSEBACK RIDING summer camp for children ages 7-14.

They will learn and improve riding skills, grooming techniques, safety and more. They also get hands on activities and live demonstrations!

Dates and Times: All camps are a week long from 9 am to 5 pm.

More dates may be added.

Cost: \$300 per camper /wk

Ages: 7-14

Location: 151 Triplett Rd., Crawfordville

Contact: Stephanie Hattaway 850-509-9149

July 7-10
 Florida Federation of Garden Clubs & Iris Garden Club of Wakulla

SEEK CONFERENCE

Environmental conference for teens from across Florida, includes field trips and outdoor fun in groups.

Cost is \$225.

Ages of entering grades 10-12

Full Scholarships available

Location: Wakulla Spring State Park & Lodge

Contact Dorothy Pate, pate26888@embarqmail.com

or Lynn Artz 850-320-2158, Lynn_artz@hotmail.com

August

August 1
 Wakulla County Public Library
 Katie Adams' MAKE BELIEVE THEATER"
 "Pirate Tales" 7:00
 Contact: Scott Joyner, Library Director
 Location: Wakulla County Public Library
 850-926-7415

August 5th-9th
CHEYENNE COUNTRY
 Camp Cheyenne Country
HORSEBACK RIDING summer camp for children ages 7-14.

They will learn and improve riding skills, grooming techniques, safety and more. They also get hands on activities and live demonstrations!

Dates and Times: All camps are a week long from 9 am to 5 pm.

More dates may be added.

Cost: \$300 per camper /wk

Ages: 7-14

Location: 151 Triplett Rd., Crawfordville

Contact: Stephanie Hattaway 850-509-9149

August 8
 2nd Annual WCPL Children's TALENT SHOW
 7: p.m.
 Contact: Scott Joyner, Library Director
 Location: Wakulla County Public Library
 850-926-7415

August 9
 1st Annual TEEN FILM FESTIVAL
 7: p.m.

Swimming Lesson's

Instructor:
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- Day or Evening Classes
- Starts End of May Sessions through Summer
- Sessions are 2 weeks
- \$50 per Person
- Private Pool All Ages

Private Pool
All Ages

July 11
 Wakulla County Public Library
 Tommy Johns Underground "MAJIC WORKSHOP" (for teens) 4:30-5:30 followed by Dig a Little Deeper Magic Show for everyone at 7:00
 July 18
 Mama Koku's Storytelling 7:00
 Contact: Scott Joyner
 Library Director
 Location: Wakulla County Public Library
 850-926-7415

July 15-18
 Wakulla County 4-H
SO FUN TO SEW
 Basic sewing skills including fun projects for clothing and home items.
 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 Ages: 10-18
 Fee: \$60.
 Partial Scholarships available
 Location: Wakulla County Extension Office
 Contact: Sherri Kraeft 850-926-3931
 sjkraeft@ufl.edu

July 21 -24
 Florida Federation of Garden Clubs & Iris Garden Club of Wakulla
SEEK CONFERENCE
 Environmental conference for teens from across Florida, includes field trips and outdoor fun in groups.
 Cost is \$225.
 Ages of entering grades 10-12
 Full Scholarships available
 Location: Wakulla Spring State Park & Lodge
 Contact Dorothy Pate, pate26888@embarqmail.com or Lynn Artz 850-320-2158, Lynn_artz@hotmail.com

July 22 - 25
 Wakulla County 4-H
ADVANCE QUILTING
 Learning all about the art and science of quilting and

Contact: Scott Joyner, Library Director
 Location: Wakulla County Public Library
 850-926-7415

June 9 - August 15
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 Traditional Overnight Summer Camp
 Ages 7-16
 \$500. week
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 Crawfordville, Fl. 32327
 Contact Derek Hart 850-926-3361
 info@campindiansprings.com

fabric arts.
 Must pass a basic sewing skills competency exercise to participate
 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Age: 10-18
 \$60.
 Partial Scholarships available
 Location: Wakulla County Extension Office
 Contact: Sherri Kraeft 850-926-3931
 sjkraeft@ufl.edu

July 25
 Wakulla County Public Library
 Sean Driscoll's Storyship's "Diggery Digger's "ROCK AND ROAR DINO SHOW:"
 7:00 p.m.
 Contact: Scott Joyner, Library Director
 Location: Wakulla County Public Library
 850-926-7415



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School location-
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How to keep kids entertained all summer

Special to The News

Summer vacation often starts with high expectations.

Children are excited about the prospect of fun days outdoors playing with friends, while parents anxiously await relaxing months without the responsibilities of school and extracurricular clubs.

But once summer vacation arrives and the first few days have passed, parents often find that the litany of cheers and giggles transform into a chorus of "I'm bored."

Many parents pore over ideas that will keep their children busy throughout the summer.

Many activities that come to mind tend to be expensive, so if cutting costs is a priority, parents might need to think outside the box to come up with entertaining ideas that won't break the bank.

CAMP

Summer camp is a popular way for kids to spend their summers, but many camps are expensive.

The American Camp Association has found that overnight camps can cost anywhere from \$325 to \$780 a week.

Day camp fees may be \$100 to \$275 per week. Parents who send their children to camp for an entire season might pay anywhere from \$3,000 to \$9,000 for the seven- to nine-week program.

Parents looking for an alternative to costly camps should consider local programs that offer summer activities. Libraries, schools and childcare centers may have programs that run the length of summer and are considerably less expensive



When school lets out for the summer, many parents are left searching for ways to keep children entertained in the ensuing months.

than more formal camps.

A YMCA or even a swim club may also put together activities. Parents whose children attend afterschool sporting classes, such as karate or soccer, may find that the organizations offer a camp or summer program.

DAY TRIPS

If a parent is off for the summer, then day trips may be a possibility. Schedule a few day trips to different locations that the kids are excited to see.

Newspapers routinely print "Go See It" or "Just Go" listings that highlight local events.

The family can gather around the table and decide which outings would be interesting and then mark them on the calendar.

Some parents purchase season passes to amusement parks and take the kids several times over the summer.

In either case, bring snacks

and lunch from home when possible to keep costs in check.

KID SWAP

Chances are many of your neighbors are also facing the same difficulties as they try to find ways for kids to spend their summer afternoons.

Parents can get together and set up a schedule for entertaining the kids.

For example, one parent is responsible for the whole lot one day, while the next day another parent takes a turn. This gives parents the opportunity to take a break from parental responsibilities and enjoy some quiet time.

And for the children, time spent in a pool, watching movies, playing video games, or riding bikes is often more enjoyable with friends in tow.

FUN PROJECTS

Children often want to feel useful, and may enjoy the responsibility of some easy tasks in and around the house – so long as the tasks are fun.

Washing the car with a hose and a bucket of sudsy water is a fun way to cool off during the hot summer days and get a chore done.

While parents should not expect a perfect job, they can rest assured that the kids will have at least an hour of fun in the sun and water.

Set aside a patch of the yard that children can turn into their own personal gardens. Encourage digging in this area and provide seeds or seedling plants as well as kid-sized gardening tools. Each day the kids can check on the progress of their gardens.

Summer vacations are soon to arrive, and parents can be armed with a list of enjoyable – yet inexpensive – ways to keep kids busy.

Enjoy some green recreation

Special to The News

Here are ways to enjoy some downtime and protect the planet simultaneously.

• **Camping:** Camping is a good activity for enjoying the outdoors, but many people do not take the outdoors into consideration when camping. Overcrowding, especially during the summer and fall seasons, can lead to infringement on wildlife and off-limits areas.

Remember to carry out what you've carried in so you don't litter. Be conscious of campfires you have started so they can be properly extinguished.

• **Beachside excursions:** A trip to the water's edge is a relaxing and rejuvenating recreational activity. If you are visiting the beach, be mindful of your litter, including cigarette butts, plastic bottles, foil, baggies, etc.

• **Boating:** If you will be traveling the nation's waterways, consider doing so in a sailboat, canoe, kayak, and the like that are emission-free ways to navigate the water. If you must use an engine, investigate ones with an eco-friendly generator that puts the boat on auto-pilot, helping to cut back on fuel consumption and pollution.

• **Fishing:** Reeling in your catch and cooking it for dinner is an environmentally responsible recreational activity. But fishing green can be foiled if you don't learn about the species for which you are angling.

Find out the appropriate size, habitat and feeding preferences of your chosen fish. Also, you want to toss back fish that are not of adequate size so that you ensure populations of species can continue to breed.

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WAKULLA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
EMMETT WHALEY WIDENING & RESURFACING
Request for Proposal No. ITB 2013-20
Advertisement Begin Date/Time: April 24, 2013 @ 8:00 a.m.
Board Decisions will be available at: 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327.

Please direct all questions to:
ADMINISTRATIVE
Deborah DuBose, Wakulla County BOCC
Phone: 850.926.9500 x 707 FAX: 850.926.0940
E-Mail: ddubose@mywakulla.com
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Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

5632-0502 TWN
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PUBLIC NOTICE
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Bank of America, N.A.,
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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

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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.

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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
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11 Calvery Court, Crawfordville, Florida 32327
Attorney for Personal Representative:
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 9, 2013 entered in Case No. 2012-CA-000370CAXXXX 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 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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Each puzzle is divided into nine sections, and each section has nine blank squares. Fill in all 81 squares on the puzzle with numbers 1 to 9. You may not repeat any numbers in any one of the nine sections that you've already used elsewhere in that section. Also, you can use each number 1-9 only once in each horizontal line of nine squares, and in each vertical column of nine squares. The puzzle is completed when you correctly fill every square.

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Solutions

ACROSS

- "That's a laugh!"
- Former press secretary Fleischer
- Invited
- Oxeye window shape
- Emit coherent light
- Drummer who replaced Best
- One, for one
- Sweet fruit of Washington and Oregon
- Bloodhound's clue
- Retort to 7-Down
- Diana or Betsy
- Sidi __, Morocco
- PC pic
- Miss Frances's kiddie show
- Cornhusker State city
- Elevator name
- Apollo vehicle
- Attempted to score
- Wall and 42nd: Abbr.
- Stat for a goalie
- Tool man Allen
- Italian bubbly
- More rational
- Indoor racket
- Looking down on
- Road reversals, slangily
- Be a blowhard
- Moves like sludge
- Run __ (go crazy)
- 1963 Johnny Cash hit
- Mindy of "The Facts of Life"
- Create cuffs on, perhaps
- Snow construction
- Role for Welles
- Trombone feature

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American Profile Hometown Content

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- Teachers' org.
- Tuck away
- Strep throat bacteria
- Pharmaceutical-approving org.
- Surprised cries
- Verb with "thou"
- "Got it, dude!"
- Judd or Watts
- Gained access
- Chan portrayer Warner __
- Destroy completely
- A __ child
- Pay a brief visit
- Pathetic sorts
- Actor's rep: Abbr.
- Mad Magazine specialty
- "You don't __!"
- Acted shrewish
- Nom de __
- Coin of Toledo, once
- Victoria's Secret buys
- Small brook
- Prefix with knock or lock
- Utah national park
- Castle's trench
- "That's not good!"
- Was familiar with
- It needs refining

DOWN

- Nonpaying train rider
- Driven by greed
- Christmas pageant prop
- "I'm game"
- Lacking melanin
- Cookie or bread morsel
- "That's not true!"
- Cigarette tip
- Buffet table heater
- Corn syrup brand
- Boots the ball
- Prohibition backers
- "Me" types

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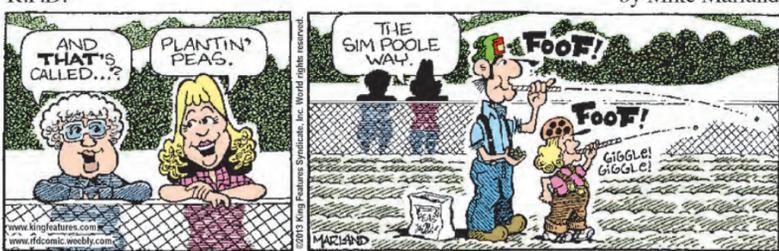
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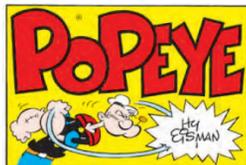
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"I was just looking at the grass - next time you go take the lawn mower."

SCRAMBLERS

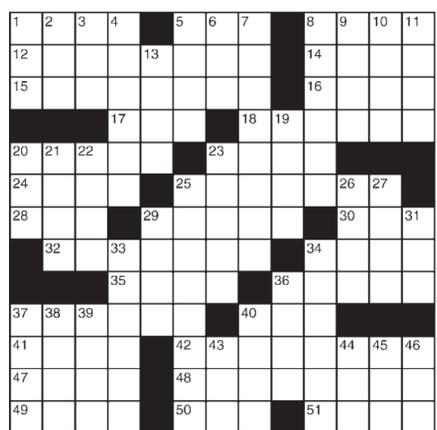
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

- Shake: LEGJIG
- Boost: MEGANUT
- Alarm: MIDAYS
- Grace: OPIES

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Largest continent
 - 5 Humpty Dumpty
 - 8 Carpet style
 - 12 Like a superintendent's apartment, often
 - 14 Couturier Chanel
 - 15 Food closets
 - 16 Top-notch
 - 17 Years on end
 - 18 Disposition
 - 20 Tine
 - 23 Belch
 - 24 Contained
 - 25 Lingers
 - 28 Hammarskjöld of the U.N.
 - 29 Incites
 - 30 Cistern
 - 32 Weds
 - 34 - E. Coyote
 - 35 Carry a load
 - 36 Mediterranean island
 - 37 Jellied incendiary
 - 40 Listener
 - 41 First person
 - 42 Bakery offerings
 - 47 Zilch
 - 48 North



- home
- 13 Kermit is one
- 19 Blunders
- 20 Third deg.
- 21 Paper quantity
- 22 Gymnast Korbut
- 23 Holder for cream cheese and lox
- 25 Victories
- 26 Wicked
- 27 Sodium chloride
- 29 Caspian feeder
- 31 Afternoon gathering
- 33 Actor Ving
- 34 President Harding
- 36 Damon or Dillon
- 37 "Peter Pan" pooch
- 38 Work like -
- 39 Sheet of glass
- 40 Renaissance family name
- 43 Junior Olympics org.
- 44 Savings-plan acronym
- 45 Water (Fr.)
- 46 Former fast flier

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

5				6				8
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: Who won the Best Actor Academy Award for his role in "Forrest Gump"?
- TELEVISION: On what show did the Coneheads get their start?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is a cauliflower's origin?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What type of creature is a bandicoot?
- GEOGRAPHY: On which continent is the country of Gabon located?
- ENTERTAINERS: Which entertainer's real name was Muzyard Yak-hoob?
- GEOLOGY: What is the chief ore in aluminum?
- TECHNOLOGY: What does a baud measure?
- MEDICINE: Who discovered that yellow fever was carried by mosquitoes?
- FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: What comedian once said, "You can't trust water. Even a straight stick turns crooked in it"?

- Answers
- 18th century
 - A hawk
 - Tropey
 - Actor Warren Beatty
 - Tim "The Tool Man" Taylor
 - Green
 - 1913
 - Maine
 - Northern Canada
 - The Rambler
 - Model A Sport Coupe



Solution time: 21 mins.

King Crossword

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answers

Standing in such a dizzying array of cornfields, I feel as though I'm lost in a maze.

CryptoQuip

My riches consist not in the extent of my possessions but in the fewness of my wants.

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word: solution

1. Jiggle; 2. Augment; 3. Dismay; 4. Poise

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.

- LR JFOEVK ONTKFKC TNC
- FT CEV VZCVTC NH LR
- WNKKVKKFNTK YDC FT CEV
- HVUTVKK NH LR UGTCK.
- YJNCEVJCNT

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Keep Wakulla County Beautiful

St. Petersburg, Russia, is a beautiful surprise



By LINDA CARTER

What comes to mind when you think of Russia? Is it cold war, drab green soldiers, and blocky uninspired Soviet era architecture?

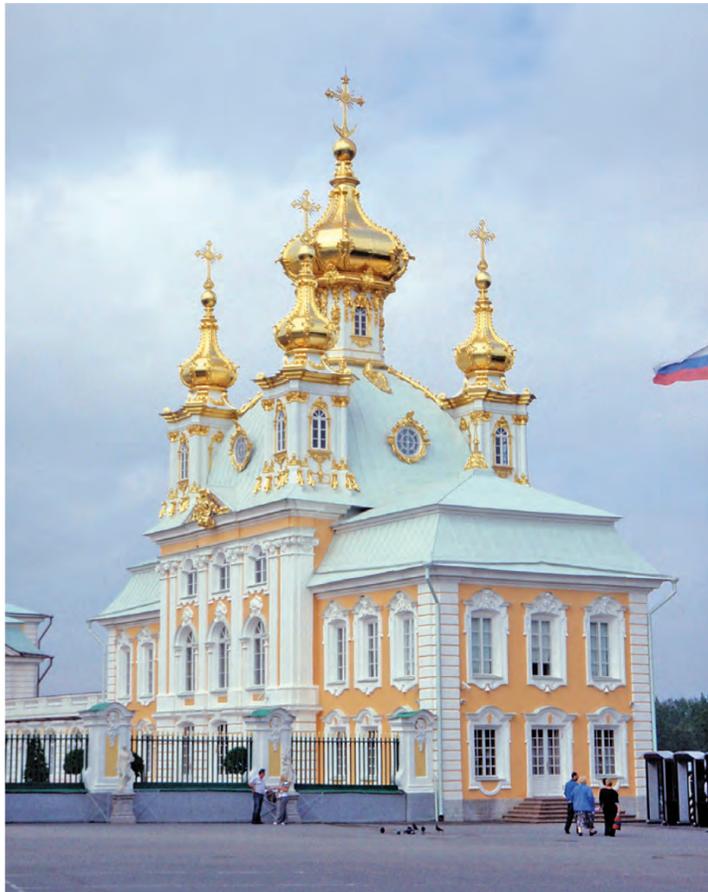
Not so, in St Petersburg. Immerse yourself in St Petersburg's surprising European beauty and splendor.

Love exploring Europe's great museums? Tour the Hermitage Museum, containing over 15 miles of galleries and nearly 3 million works of art. Considered by many to contain some of the finest European art, not because of the size of the collection, but because of the body of art. Arrive early and allow lots of time.

Enchanted by France's architecture? Inspired by Versailles, Peterof Palace is a UNESCO world heritage site. A hydrofoil is the fastest and the most comfortable way to arrive. Alight, after your scenic cruise on the Neva River, and marvel at the gilded statues and fountains stretching toward the palace.

Inside Peterof Palace, take in the gilded walls, intricate inlaid wood floors, and sparkling chandeliers. Visit Catherine's Summer Palace, enchanting periwinkle blue and peach walls, topped by gilded domes give the palace a fairy tale quality. Inspired by the French, but definitely Russian, these palaces deliver stunning design.

Visit the Church of the Spilled Blood. An eclectic



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Peterof Palace in St. Petersburg.

mix of brick, tile, cornices and pilasters and topped by enameled domes with swirled ice cream shapes. Inside a jumble of arches and domes, with gold glittering everywhere. Intricate mosaic scenes covering every surface of the walls were nearly destroyed during the Soviet era when the cathedral was used to store potatoes.

The Romanovs are buried at the Peter and Paul Fortress. More like a palace, huge crystal chandeliers sparkle above you, and gilt-framed paintings adorn the mint green walls. Elaborate tombs

carved of precious stones mark the final resting place of the Russian kings

and queens. Finally, St Isaacs Cathedral, crowned by a 333-foot



St. Petersburg metro stations rival art galleries.

gilded dome, rises above the city's skyline. Inside walls are embellished with semiprecious stones, paintings, frescoes and gilding. Ceilings covered in frescoes rise to dizzying heights. Traveled on Europe's metros? Alight on a fast moving escalator and whoosh 344 feet below the ground. Marvel at sparkling crystal chandeliers, iconic Italian marble statues, marble covered walls, and a complete absence of litter or graffiti.

Reminiscent of a museum, St Petersburg's metro is a delight. Fast, efficient and beautiful, it is what every metro should be.

Love Venice's canals? Try sipping champagne on a barge while you glide by historic buildings. Much larger than Venice, and designed to accommodate cars using 342 bridges, canals are still a great transportation option.

Cosmopolitan St Petersburg, all of the same things you love about Europe in one surprising location

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