



Repeal of wetlands ordinance

Citing rights of property owners, county commissioners vote 4-1 to begin process to kill the controversial ordinance

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County commissioners voted 4-1 on Monday, July 15, to repeal the county's wetlands ordinance.

County Commissioner Richard Harden brought up the issue with a recommendation that staff schedule a public hearing to repeal the ordinance and to defer to state requirements of wetlands protection.

At the previous commission meeting on June 17, Chairman Randy Merritt had brought forward a proposal to allow variances within the ordinance's 75-foot buffer zone - if, and only if, that was the only option available for landowners to use their property.

In that case, Merritt had said, he wanted

to set up a procedure that would allow for a variance. It sparked much heated conversation from those on both sides - for or against Merritt's proposal.

This time, however, it was Harden who brought the wetlands back to the table, and with the intention to lessen restrictions even more. He opened the discussion with an explanation for his proposal.

"At the last meeting we talked about making revisions to the wetlands ordinance. But, I got to reading about it and found that there are many laws already on the books to govern the wetlands in our county."

Harden had attached five documents, which spanned over 70 pages as evidence to support



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Richard Harden explains his motion for repealing the ordinance.

his claim.

"What I'm proposing is that we revert back to what we were going before we adopted the ordinance in 2010," he

said. "It's really a property rights issue for me as well."

The repeal would require changes to two county documents: Revi-

sion would have to be made to both the comprehensive plan and the actual ordinance.

"I'd like for us to repeal both of those,"

Harden said, and with that, he made his motion and Commissioner Jerry Moore offered a second.

Merritt asked for clarification as to whether one had to be done before the other or if they both could be done simultaneously.

County Attorney Heather Encinosa said that the two can "travel concurrently." She added that, because the comp plan requires more public hearings, it would have to be pushed ahead slightly.

"However, if the board voted to go forward, the final amendment of the comp plan to remove the 75-foot buffer requirement could be heard at the same meeting as the public hearing to repeal the ordinance."

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Senior Center named for R.H. Carter



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Senior Center Director Maurice Langston, along with Shelly Homan, present R.H. Carter with a gift at 'R.H. Carter Day' at the Senior Center last week.

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Former director of the Senior Center R.H. Carter was honored with a naming ceremony in which the senior citizens building was named the R.H. Carter Senior Citizens Complex.

As executive director of the senior center for 15 years, Carter oversaw the fundraising and construction of the center as well as the construction of next-door senior apartments.

At the ceremony on Friday, July 12, said that the biggest dangers facing seniors are loneliness and isolation. The senior center, he said, is "place where seniors can have a party every day."

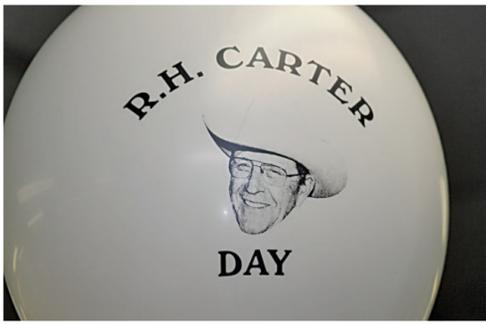


Signage on the building shows the new official name of the Senior Center.

Current senior center director Maurice Langston called Carter a great man.

"R.H. Carter is a great man because he has a vision of a better life for seniors in Wakulla County," he said. Looking around the building, Langston added: "We're standing here in his vision."

"I feel like I'm the luckiest guy in the world to have served here 15 years," Carter said.



A balloon at the celebration.



Lassie Williams speaks about the impact R.H. Carter has had on her life.

Ouzts' Too mentioned in Cooking Light

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Word of mouth can be a powerful thing. As far as she knows, it is what Dorothy White speculates prompted a phone call all the way from New York, from a magazine called Cooking Light wanting to know if they could set up a time to come down to Florida to visit White's restaurant, Ouzts' Too.

The page in this month's issue of the magazine features a specific dish, consisting of Cajun rice and grilled shrimp and is just one of the many completely homemade dishes on the restaurant's menu.

"We pride ourselves on our food," White says. "Everything from the chips that we serve, to the salsa, to the hushpuppies and even all the sauces are made from scratch." She explains that you won't find any jarred oysters on the premises, as the crew at Ouzts' Too doesn't shuck any of the oysters - which come to the restaurant via refrigerated truck straight from Apalachicola - until they are ordered by a customer.

The restaurant's diverse menu includes everything from mullet dip to fried oreos, poppers, fish and steaks - and it's always changing.

"If somebody suggests something that I think will go over well, then we'll try it," says White. "If it's received well then I'll put it on the menu."

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Dorothy White of Ouzts' Too with a clipping of the magazine article.

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Crowd turns out for workshop on airport

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The Wakulla Welcome Center in Panacea was packed with standing room only for a workshop on alternatives for the airport.

The workshop, held Thursday, July 11, discussed numerous options – including realigning the runway slightly, and paving what is currently a grass strip.

Jon Sewell, consultant with Kimley Horn and Associates, said there were four choices for the county airport: 1. Do nothing; 2. return the airstrip to Tarpine; 3. go forward with improvements; or 4. relocate the airport.

Sewell noted that relocating the airport appears to be unlikely as there are few sites in the county that would meet requirements and, additionally, it would take many years to go through the permitting process to locate an airport.

There is one site that would appear to be feasible as far as siting, and that's the property in the northeast part of the county, south of Woodville, near the state prison. But Sewell noted the drawback is that it is so close to Leon County.

One of the main things



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Consultant Jon Sewell of Kimley-Horn, back to camera, explains the alternatives being looked at for improvements to the county airport, left. Airport manager Steve Fufts, above, with a rendering showing the relocated runway, which could be paved, and other possible improvements.

being discussed is putting down asphalt on the runway – which Sewell noted would get airplanes off the ground quicker and would, therefore, improve the safety of the airport.

Other options being discussed are adding T-hangars, a fuel farm, a helicopter pad for Life-Flight, and turning the old Hamknockers restaurant at the end of the runway into a satellite office for the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office. Sewell said Sheriff Charlie Creel was excited about the idea of a satellite office and that it would improve law enforcement on that side of the county.

There would be pur-

chase of some property on the Ochlockonee Bay-side of the airport, and putting the land in a conservation easement to allay fears of residents around the airport that operations would expand into that area.

Sewell stressed that plans do not call for acquisition of property on Surf Road.

There was considerable controversy last year after trees were cut on a parcel of land off Surf Road and a sign went up saying it was part of an airport expansion.

Residents in the area expressed concern not only about the unsightliness of the cut area, but

the increased noise from airplane operations.

There is some stalwart opposition to any public money being spent on the airport, with many seeing it as taxpayers supporting a rich man's hobby.

Others have questioned the real value that

the small airport gives to the county, and whether Wakulla needs an airport at all.

Supporters contend that the airport is important in bringing visitors to the area.

The airport, which is little more than a grass

field, was originally sited in 1963. In the 1980s, the Tarpine fly-in subdivision was developed.

One estimate of airport operations put the number – which represents take-offs, landings, fly-overs and other – at around 3,600 per year.





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The dog, Zeke, recovering from his wounds.

\$600 reward offered for information in shooting of 'Zeke'

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The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office is offering a \$600 cash reward for information that leads to the arrest of the subject who shot Zeke the German shepherd mix that was found badly injured along Shadeville Highway in June.

A passing motorist called Wakulla County Animal Control on June 3 and reported the injured animal. Zeke was shot in both back legs and left to die.

Anyone with information about the dog shooting is asked to contact the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office at 745-7100 and request a detective from the Criminal Investigations Division to investigate.

Two concerned citizens have contributed a total of \$600 that will be given to anyone who comes forward and provides the information that leads to the arrest of the dog shooter.

Wakulla Animal Control Officer Bonnie Brinson has been caring for the animal during his recovery period which has included emergency surgery. Since that time, Zeke has attended a Florida Cabinet meeting, met Attorney General Pam Bondi and has continued to gain weight. One of his back legs has begun to recover while the other was too damaged to repair. Amputation remains a possibility.

Zeke is estimated to be seven months old and Wakulla Animal Control hopes to eventually adopt him out. He is scheduled for some orthopedic surgery with Dr. Norm Griggs at Shepherd Spring Animal Hospital in Crawfordville.

"He is getting better, but he was in bad shape," said Wakulla Animal Control Director Ivanhoe Carroll. "He loves his toys."

"I can't believe someone would leave this animal along the side of the road to die," said Brinson. "He loves to play with the other dogs. Surely there is someone out there who has the information the sheriff's office needs to bring justice and the compassion to know that you have brought closure to this animal cruelty case."

Volunteers discuss community sustainability

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On Thursday, July 11 at the Wakulla County Extension Office, Mary Register of Volunteer Florida, together with Joe Taylor of Franklin's Promise Coalition, led discussion aimed towards bettering communities.

About 30 community leaders showed up for the meeting, most of whom are associated with the county's youth coalition. Register told of Dr. John McKnight, a professor at Northwestern University and what he and his team had come up with in terms of community development.

Register explained that McKnight began to study volunteering in America and that, after a while, he began to notice a negative trend.

She explained that volunteers – those people who have every intention to help – end up doing something that she called 'parachuting,' which means that the volunteers go in to an area, help clean up a neighborhood, plant flowers or paint a building, pick up trash, deliver Christmas presents or food, etc. – and then they leave.

"Dr. McKnight noticed that over time, in doing this, people in those communities that were receiving help, came to believe that they were not capable of fixing anything themselves," said Register. "They began to believe that help almost always had to come from the outside, and it had to have a boat load of money come with it."

According to Register, McKnight's opinion was that it is not supposed to be that way. "He calls those communities incompetent neighborhoods," says Register.

On the flip side of the coin, she said, McKnight looked at the effect that had on those volunteers. McKnight's theory is that they lose hope because they go back to that community the following year and the flowers they planted are dead, more Christmas presents are still needed, people are still hungry, etc. "That gets a little hard," according to Register, "because at some point you have to feel as if you're making



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About 30 community volunteers showed up to discuss bettering communities at the extension office on Thursday, July 11.

a difference."

After realizing this, McKnight began to build a platform for substantive community growth based on neighboring – or Asset Based Community Development (ABCD).

Register explained that ABCD is a strategy for sustainable community driven development with a "help up, not a hand out" mentality when it comes to improving the places in which we live and work. The strategy works to build on the assets that are already found in the community and mobilizes individuals, associations and institutions to come together to build on their assets rather than just concentrate on their needs.

ABCD seeks to revert back to times when those in need would refer to their neighbors rather than feel as if they are forced to go to professionals. According to McKnight, the tendency for people today is to believe that their neighbor does not have the skills to help them; therefore they must seek (and pay) a professional to do so.

Attendees of the meeting were encouraged to share their individual strengths – what they were good at, where they were successful in the community, coupled with their interests – what they would do to better the community even if money were no object. They shared strengths and interests that included empowerment, nutrition, jobs, community

collaboration, housing, youth and family activities and animal care.

From there, Joe Taylor explained that, on one hand, there was a diverse amount of strengths and interests present, and on the other hand, that in each person there were valuable resources that might be available for another – resources that could help them further their goals and projects.

Together, Taylor and Register explained the idea that realizing others' unique niches while building relationships with those in the community, would help to build sustainability. They iterated that help wasn't needed from others "parachuting" in from outside, but rather, that a healthier approach taken from within a neighborhood, town or a county could benefit both sides of the coin – volunteers as well as those seeking (or not seeking, just needing) help.

After the discussion, coalition members got together to talk about community events such Empty Bowls and Operation Santa – with aims to reach consensus about whether or not either would be possible this year. Both are schedule to move forward as volunteers committed their time and efforts and the \$500 budget needed for the purchasing of bisque bowls and paints for Empty Bowls was given the go-ahead, while \$500 was also approved for the furthering of Operation Santa.

Harden's financial information online

Staff Report

Commissioner Richard Harden's Form 6 was received by the Commission on Ethics on June 28, well before the July 1 deadline, and is now viewable on the COE's website.

(Harden's financial information was not available last week when The

News ran a front page story.)

Harden's disclosure reveals a net worth of \$79,266. The commissioner lists the value of his Sopchoppy home and three city lots as about \$44,000 along with a 13.5 acre chunk of land valued at \$67,500 and a state deferred compensation

of \$7,800 under the asset designation. Harden's liabilities include his \$37,500 home mortgage and three personal loans totaling about \$13,000.

His primary source of income is listed as \$34,785 from the Florida Department of Corrections and his secondary comes from Wakulla County in the

amount of \$31,500.

Harden was the third county commissioner to file – the first was Commissioner Jerry Moore who filed on June 12 followed by Commissioner Howard Kessler on June 16.

Commissioners Ralph Thomas and Randy Merritt both filed on July 1.

Two juveniles help locate missing man

Special to The News

Two Crawfordville juveniles assisted the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office locate a missing 89-year-old man Sunday, July 14, after the man's wife contacted law enforcement that her husband had disappeared, according to Sheriff Charlie Creel.

The 70-year-old wife contacted law enforcement and reported that her 89-year-old husband disappeared from their

home while she was sleeping.

Deputies began to search an area of Cayuse Drive off Spring Creek Highway and discovered Trevor Mathis, 9, and his friend, Robert Hancock, 8, in the area. The two boys told law enforcement that an elderly man was walking without his shirt on and went to an unoccupied home.

Lt. Sherrell Morrison and Sgt. Ryan Muse dis-

covered the missing man disoriented and leaning up against a railing behind the home.

The man told law enforcement that he was at home but could not get inside.

Lt. Morrison gave the man a bottle of water and brought him back to a family member for transport to his home and wife where Wakulla EMS checked his welfare.

Lt. Morrison explained

to the wife that the man could be fitted for a Project Lifesaver wrist band that would make it easier for law enforcement to track him in the event that he walked away from home in the future.

Trevor and Robert were commended by Lt. Morrison for their helpful information and being aware of their surroundings.

Deputies Ward Kromer and David Pienta also assisted.

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City of Sopchoppy BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING

The City of Sopchoppy will be holding a Budget Workshop for the 2013-14 fiscal year, Monday, July 22, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, FL.

Any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the city at least 48 hours before the meeting by calling 850-962-4611.

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The Opinion Page

readers speak out

R.H. Carter deserves honor of Senior Center naming



By WILLIAM SNOWDEN

There are few individuals who have had the impact on Wakulla County that R.H. Carter has.

Every day in Wakulla County, scores of senior citizens eat and overcome loneliness and isolation because of R.H. Carter.

The former director of the Wakulla County Senior Center, who retired after 15 years in the post, is the first to point out that he didn't do it alone – he will credit the board of directors and others for achievements.

But there are few, if any, people who have the vision, planning, and fund-raising abilities of Carter.

A decade and half ago, he took over a too-small center with tenuous finances and oversaw the construction of the current facility, plus the senior apartments on the adjoining property.

He had a vision for an adult day care center, and

is dedicated to seeing that come about.

Current senior center director Maurice Langston calls Carter "a great man" and attributes that to Carter's vision of a better life for Wakulla's senior citizens.

Carter, at the ceremony last week, commented that "It's not the building that's important – it's the people, the faces in this room."

R.H. Carter deserves the honor of what he built being named for him.

William Snowden is editor of The Wakulla News.



R.H. Carter poses with family members at Friday's naming ceremony.

READERS WRITE:

Questions on 'improvements' to airport

Editor, The News:

We live on Surf Rd. about one-half mile from the Tarpine landing strip.

When we bought our home 20 years ago, we knew the strip was used by privately owned small aircraft. We are entertained watching the different aircraft – both fixed wing and experimental – that fly over Ochlockonee Bay. Most pilots take off and land with little noticeable effect. However this may be ending.

I have some questions for our commissioner as they move forward with "improving" the "county airport."

1. The entire airport area is in a floodplain, meaning FEMA has deemed this property susceptible to flooding. According to the "Airports Desk Reference" chapter 12, "To meet Executive Order 11988, Floodplains, and the U.S. Department of Transportation Order 5650.2, Floodplain Management and Protection, all airport development actions must avoid the floodplain, if a practicable alternative exists. If no practicable alternative exists, actions in a floodplain must be designed to minimize adverse impact to the floodplain's natural and beneficial values. The design must also minimize the potential risks for flood-related property loss and impacts on human safety, health, and welfare." Further information can be read on the website, http://www.faa.gov/airports/environmental/environmental_desk_ref/media/desk_ref_chap12.pdf.

2. Between 2006 and 2013, the county has spent more than \$119,000 on the

airstrip. That cost comes from the county's budget and breaks down into three fund areas: \$65,000 from a general fund; \$38,000 from airport grants; \$16,000 from other funding. Is THIS the best use of public monies?

3. No concrete data has been collected regarding the planes and people using the existing landing strip. How many planes land and take off? How many users are Tarpine residents? How many users are Wakulla County residents? How many users reside outside Wakulla County? The answer I get when I inquire is that "there is not funding to hire someone to gather this data." How can you justify more public money being spent without knowing who benefits?

4. User fees are not being collected. In a spreadsheet laid out by the county administration, October 2012 to December 2012, ZERO fees were collected; \$120 was collected in January; February to April 2013 ZERO fees were collected. Why would you think anything is going to change?

5. According to Wakulla County officials, state DOT said it would fund the removal of trees in the landing strip's guide path. When the trees were removed, DOT said there was a misunderstanding and the \$16,435 was the responsibility of the county. Tourist Development Council funds were used to cut the offending trees. How many additional tourists will arrive in Wakulla because of these "improvements?"

6. Once the airstrip is finished, it will be the responsibility of Wakulla County to pay for the

upkeep. Talk to Franklin County and find out how successful THAT has been! Every year, more and more public funds are required to maintain their facilities. What is the great draw that folks will want to flock to the Tarpine landing strip?

7. Just how many pilots will want to hangar their airplanes on a coastal airport? Anyone who lives in the area knows just how bad it gets when we have heavy rains like TS Debby or the recent spate of rain. Oh, that's right – it is going to be paved so that everyone in the area will experience more flooding!

At the airport meeting, Jon Sewell specifically said, "The airport layout plan omits environmental issues." Surely this needs to be addressed.

I was disappointed that at this meeting, Mr. Sewell allowed no questions from the group. He purports to want input – i.e., the "survey" conducted online which had no real value since it was not scientifically collected and there was no standard deviation.

Let's work together to preserve the Ochlockonee Bay estuary for fishers, crabbers, oystermen and women and even those pilots that enjoy buzzing my roof top. If the residents of Wakulla County want and need an airport, put together a team of interested citizens to explore the options – options that are not in wetlands or floodplains and provide a facility which MIGHT be fiscally self-sufficient and not a burden on Florida taxpayers.

Val LaHart
Ochlockonee Bay

Harden explains reasoning for vote

Editor, The News:

In recent weeks there have been some letters submitted to the editor concerning the contrast between protecting the wetlands environment and protecting the individual property rights of property owners within Wakulla County.

Although I believe it is important to protect and preserve the environment I am firmly on the side of protecting property rights and am submitting this letter to inform citizens of my views concerning our local Wetlands Ordinance and why I believe we need to repeal our local ordinance and revert back to the state management requirements we were following prior to the revision of the ordinance in 2010.

Within our county is 736 square miles of land which equates to approximately 471,040 acres. The Apalachicola National Forest has 171,000 acres within our county borders. The St. Marks Wildlife Refuge has a total acreage of 70,000 acres covering three counties with an estimated 40,000 acres within our county borders. Wakulla Springs State park encompasses approximately 6,000 acres. The Ochlockonee River State Park has 392 acres.

This totals 217,392 acres of woodlands and wetlands within our county that is owned by the government and protected for future generations in a perpetual conservation easement that cannot be infringed upon by anyone regardless of local ordinances.

This does not include the many thousands of acres that are owned by the St. Joe Company. This also doesn't include the Wakulla Springs Protection Zone in the northern portion of county that has additional development density restrictions that protect the groundwater of the springs.

The remaining land within our county is all the area we have left to provide places to live, work, and drive the economy of our county.

The local wetlands ordinance that has been in effect since 2010 has extensive environmental restrictions that have prevented property owners from having full use of their property. Specifically it lists a buffer zone of 75 feet along any river, creek, pond, canal, body of water, or even dry land within a certain low elevation from being impacted or utilized in anyway.

This means that if you have a 100 foot lot along a canal you are restricted from building within 75 feet of the canal even if there is an existing home already built on adjacent lots.

It also applies throughout the county that, according to our Wetlands Ordinance, 75 feet of all property that is along a body of water is restricted from being impacted by building or removing vegetation. Also the current wetlands ordinance does not have a grandfather clause for those who own property along a body of water and maintain that vegetation to the water property line – as many people do. That is a violation of the county ordinance as it is written.

Another example is concerning what is referred as "isolated wetlands." If you have a large tract of land not near an open body of water but a portion of your land is low elevation that holds water for a period of time after rain then

that area of your property is considered an isolated wetland according to the ordinance and you are restricted from using it or even using within 75 feet of it according to the ordinance.

Recently The U.S. Supreme court in a landmark property rights decision overturned the Florida Supreme Court and sided with the Florida property owner in a similar wetlands dispute between the property owner and Water Management District.

To date Wakulla County has lost every legal challenge to our Wetlands Ordinance to the extent of over \$600,000 in paid settlements. We are one of only two counties in the state with a local wetlands ordinance which results in the county being sued instead of the state and water management district.

The reason our county has lost each legal challenge is because state law requires the regulating agency to have a soil scientist on staff to delineate and determine what the wetlands are. We do not have the qualified staff at the county level to do this and to defend our county ordinance.

The Wetlands Ordinance that we have was not written according to environmental science and best management practices. It was originated by a very small group of citizens within a local environmental activist organization and written according to the personal preference of the same very small group of citizens who became a part of the committee process that drafted the ordinance.

Ever since then the 75-foot buffer zone regulation has been used as an indirect way to create a conservation easement on citizens private property without their consent. As a result of this ordinance citizens who own property along any body of water or "isolated wetland" have been denied the use of 75 foot or more of their property.

In several cases around the county this has caused some property owners with small lots to have no use at all of their property even though they are still paying taxes and in some cases a mortgage. In other cases when the owner attempted to sell the property they couldn't find a buyer due to the 75 foot buffer zone setback requirement.

I believe the wetlands in our county that are the most sensitive have already been identified and purchased by the state and federal government and are sufficiently protected. What I have proposed to fellow county commissioners is to repeal the local Wetlands Ordinance and to defer back to state management requirements for protection of wetlands in Wakulla County.

This is what the county was doing prior to the ordinance and is consistent with what 65 other counties are doing. This will sufficiently protect our wetlands and remove liability of the county from future legal challenges and will above all restore the use of the land within the 75 foot buffer zone to the property owner who is paying the taxes for the property.

I ask for the support of the citizens of our county and hope to restore the property rights of citizens who have been adversely effected by this ordinance.

Richard Harden
County Commissioner District 5

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Random, man-on-the-street interviews with Wakulla Countians. This week's question:

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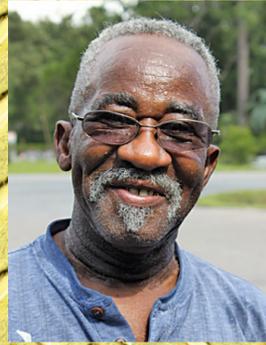
GEORGE GREEN
Retired

"1964 Plymouth Valiant. Paid \$360 for it!"



GEORGE JOHNSTON
Johnston Enterprises

"A '53 Nash Rambler two-door with Continental tire on back. Red top and black bottom. Paid \$225."



HERBERT DONALDSON SR.
Retired

"1951 Chevrolet Bel-Air. Green and white. Paid \$125 for it in 1969."



RANDY MERRITT
County commissioner

"'72 Chevy Stepsider. I had helped my dad all summer long in North Dakota with bees and he gave me the truck."



SANDI FARRELL
Office administrator

"The Love Bug with all the groovy flowers! 1968, it was yellow and I paid \$300."

- Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Repeal of wetlands ordinance

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Harden then wanted to make it clear as to whether or not, if his motion passed, that the county would be deferring back to state requirements and that the state's Department of Environmental Protection as well as the Northwest Florida Water Management District would be in charge of Wakulla's permitting process as it refers to wetlands.

Harden also added the fact that the governor passed legislation last year that stated the preference for streamlining so that all of the management districts had the same permitting process.

"In that legislation the governor also wanted all of the state's counties to follow the same permitting process as the water management districts. I just think we should follow that," said Harden.

Citizen comments were split fairly evenly among those for and against repeal.

Those for the repeal of the ordinance seemed united under two main ideas: one, that doing away with it would save a large amount of taxpayer dollars that go towards settling lawsuits filed by

landowners unable to use their property and, secondly, that it would lead to an increase in employment and an overall progress for the county.

Those against repeal spoke of the preservation of the county as it is, as well as wildlife conservation, tourism, fisheries, rare species and water control and quality.

Tim Jordan was the first to speak in favor of Harden's motion. "In addition to it being a property rights issue," Jordan began, "it's prudent and responsible to not have all of these hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of lawsuits that we can't afford."

Robert Roddenberry urged to the board to consider doing away with the wetlands ordinance for two primary reasons. "One is that it is repetitive, you're doing the same thing the state's already doing," he said. "You're just adding another layer of bureaucracy on the citizens and I think we have enough regulations already. The other reason is the liability. I think the state requirements are just as restrictive as the county requirements."

Emily Smith was against the idea of any wetlands changes. She claimed that



WILLIAM SNOWDEN

Howard Kessler gives his objections to the repeal.

the county would fall even more vulnerable to lawsuits if changes were to happen and claimed that the reasons stated by others in reference to lawsuits and added bureaucracy seemed like "unnecessary or fabricated reasons to do away with our ordinance when really there is no lack of compliance or redundancy."

Smith also touched on water quality. "There was a recent radio piece about how with all the rain that the state's been having has caused unsafe levels of human waste bacteria in the water. However, Wakulla County was not on the list but most of the rest of the state was. I don't understand why we're necessarily racing to be like everyone else

when theirs is a lower standard."

Bill Anderson also thought that repeal was a mistake and pleaded with the board that they develop a plan for the future of Wakulla. "You should exercise some vision of where this county is going and what is going to bring people here. The TDC's vision says: 'where nature is our theme park,'" said Anderson. "But you want to destroy that going forward. Once you destroy it you can't bring it back."

Chuck Hess got up to speak for the protection of the county's rare species among other things. "You live in one of the most important regions in the country. Wetlands are vitally important for

our wildlife, fisheries and water control. You want to go back to the state protections, but those protections have failed across Florida."

To the issue of state officials using their staff's expertise, Ron Piasecki presented a letter written by the water management district that said they would be doing something about the flow levels, however that they did not have the expertise on staff to address such issues and that they would have to contract outside help.

Piasecki's point was that board was going to put the county in a position to rely on the expertise of the state and water management districts, but such evidence suggests that they don't have adequate knowledge that would make it safe to put Wakulla's resources in their hands.

"As critical as these wetlands are to us, I hear from you all that 'they have all the expertise in the world, let them handle our wetlands,' but they can't even handle the minimum flow levels," he said. "Until they can prove that they can do things, please don't kill this."

Last to speak was Marsha Tucker who said that prior to 2010 she thought

DEP was doing a pretty good job. "I hate to see the taxpayers have to pay more money for lawsuits," she said.

Harden added that there is a significant amount of property under conservation. "What this ordinance does is take 75 feet of someone's property along the rivers and creeks and ponds and adds it to that conservation," he said.

Commissioner Howard Kessler had prepared a long statement in opposition to the repeal. "We in Wakulla County need to include plans that manage our water and land resources in such a manner that the health and the welfare of our citizens are given priority," he said. "Any proposal to eliminate or weaken our wetlands ordinance is shortsighted and a complete disregard for future generations. I urge this board not to go down that path."

Audience members applauded Kessler but shortly thereafter, the board put the matter to vote, and it passed 4-1 with Kessler casting the lone dissenting vote.

Commissioner Ralph Thomas voted along with Harden, Moore and Merritt for repeal.

Ouzts' Too mentioned in Cooking Light magazine

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The story of how she acquired the establishment, which sits nestled up against the Newport bridge, goes all the way back to 1932. White says that, back then, her family came from Gainesville looking for work. At that time, she says, Newport was the fifth largest town in the state.

"My daddy rode the woods on a horse as a woods rider," she explains, before her parents later moved on to Tallahassee and opened a grocery store.

White had cousins in St. Marks who she and her family visited often. She remained in Tallahassee for many years, working as an accountant for the state. About eight years

ago, her cousin had come to her letting her know that Ouzts' Too was going out of business. "He said, 'Well, why don't you buy it?'"

So she did. "I bought it to keep it open," says White, adding that back then it was an old biker bar, but that she had plans to build it up as a family place. "And that's what I've done so far," she says.

Upon selling her the restaurant, the previous owners had asked that she not change the interior. But she says they didn't even have to ask, because she didn't want to. Aside from some repairs and maintenance requirements, the restaurant has remained the same throughout the years.

According to White, trav-

elers seem to be appreciating the back roads more. In a fast paced world, some people seem to prefer the sleepy country roads to the high-speed interstates and highways - which is good for businesses like hers and counties like Wakulla, she says.

A passion for Wakulla County and its history drives White to be involved in the community. She is a member of the Chamber of Commerce as well as the Historical Society and Keep Wakulla County Beautiful.

"That's something I'm really interested in," she says. "I want to build this area up. I just love it here."

Sitting down at a table, the first thing a customer might notice is that the walls are covered with one

dollar bills, which White says she doesn't know how it got started. "People will come in here, sign a dollar and put it up and then come back weeks or months or years later and look for it. It's kind of a cool tradition."

There are many other decorations up in the restaurant - the walls and ceiling sport flags and pictures - which isn't all that different from many other restaurants, except for the fact that most of them were put there by visitors.

"If anyone has something they want to put up in here, we'll tack it up,"

she says. "We try to get the customers involved in things that go on."

Wednesday nights are bike nights at Ouzts' Too. On those nights, White cooks a big homemade meal and only charges patrons a flat \$4. She started doing it three years ago and thought of it during a time when the economy was first going south.

"I wanted to provide a place where people could come and have a hearty home-cooked meal for cheap," she says. "And if they drink beer, we offer them an ice cold draft beer for \$1. We try to help people out down here."

If she could make sure the public knew just one thing about her restaurant, White says, "I would want them to know that this is a family place. We have good food and it's a place that you can bring your family, relax and enjoy the atmosphere."

She credits her staff for providing friendly, family-like service. "They really have done a good job," she says.

For more information, specials or events held at Ouzts' Too, you can visit their website at www.ouztstoo.com or call 925-6448.

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Church

religious views and events

Church Briefs

• Holy Ghost Revival set at Charlotte Temple next week

Charlotte Faith and Deliverance Temple will be having a revival starting Wednesday, July 17, through Friday, July 19, beginning at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

The Holy Ghost Revival will feature Brother Michael Barwick and his team presiding.

Charlotte is located at 155 Brown-Donaldson Road. For more information, call 408-0167.

• Primitive Baptist churches plan an eight-day revival

Mount Beasor Primitive Baptist Church, 29 Winthrop Avenue, Sopchoppy and Friendship Primitive Baptist Church, 165 Friendship Church Road, Crawfordville, have announced that a special eight-day revival meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 21 through Sunday, July 28.

Evangelist Lindon Frost, a dynamic speaker and teacher of Jasper, Ala. will minister nightly. Starting times for the eight-day event are 6 p.m. on July 21 and 7 p.m. nightly on July 22-24 at Friendship P.B. Church.

Services start at Mount Beasor on July 25-27 at 7 p.m. nightly and 11 a.m., Sunday, July 28 for homecoming celebration (160 years). There will be special singing every night and a fellowship luncheon following the Sunday morning worship service on July 28 at Mt Beasor.

Elder Bruce Taylor, Pastor of Mount Beasor, and Pastor Michael Hall of Friendship extend a cordial invitation to all for this special time of spiritual enrichment and fellowship. For more information, transportation and/or directions, call 926-1513 or 509-5760.

• Crawfordville Love Center to hold men's program

The Crawfordville Love Center will host an energizing, encouraging and powerful men's program titled "Men of Endurance" on Sunday, July 21, at 6 p.m. The guest speaker will be Bishop Robert Davis with Minister James Stanley ministering in dance.

The Crawfordville Love Center is located at 18 Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Road in Crawfordville, Francella Wilson, Pastor.

OUT TO PASTOR

Apple fritter: The fruit of my choice

By JAMES L. SNYDER

Our country, so it seems, runs on choice. The more choices we have the better we like it.

Most people in America pride themselves on the ability to make their own choices.

"Freedom of Choice," is the cry you hear all around our country these days. Yet, most people do not have the freedom of choice they think they have. Somebody is influencing the choices they make without them realizing they are being influenced.

That is called marketing.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were watching a favorite TV program the other night. Finally, from an end of the room that was not my end, came an exasperated sigh. I tried to ignore it, but you know how that works.

The exasperation seemed to accelerate and I knew that if I did not acknowledge it in some way, well, I think you know what would happen.

It was in the middle of some commercials and so I turned to her and said, "What's got you in such pain tonight?" At her age I did not know if there was some medical something or other going on.

"These commercials," she moaned so painfully, "I can't stand all these commercials!"

I must say I was a little bummed out about all the commercials myself. I think every one-hour program is devoted to 30 minutes of commercials. Most of those commercials are for things I have no interest in. Or, they are played at a very inappropriate time.

I responded as cheerfully as I could, "Well, my dear, somebody has to pay for our television viewing privilege."

I felt a cold yet burning stare in my direction.

"Can't they run those lousy commercials when I'm not watching TV?"

Someone once said that silence is Golden and right then I cultivated a golden moment.

Commercials are a way in which manufacturing companies influence our choices. Every product has 100 different companies marketing the same product. I have not done too much research but the little I have done I discovered that the same company makes the same product but sells it under a different name.

There are two categories of products. There is the name brand, which cost a fortune. Then there is the generic brand, which is only a fraction of what the name brand cost. It is the same product, made by the same company, but advertised by difference venues.

This is where choice comes in.

Some people choose the high-priced product because they think it is better.

Some of us choose the low-price product because we know better.

One night as we were watching television, it seemed most of the commercials had to do with dieting of some kind. There were high calorie diets, low-carb diets and diet that really did not make sense to me.

Watching all of those dieting commercials, I did not see one that I would die for.

Every one of those commercials assumes everybody watching wants to lose 297 pounds. Personally, I have lost the same 5 pounds for over 30 years. I lose 5 pounds and then by golly, three weeks later I find those 5 pounds, at least they recognize me.

Anybody can lose weight; it is all a matter of choice. Personally, I do not plan to lose any sleep because I cannot lose weight. I think it is going to be rather funny if when we go to heaven everybody is fat. Wouldn't that be

something? We plummet ourselves almost to death trying to lose weight and get to heaven and everybody is fat.

It all boils down to choice. It all boils down to the fact that most people think they are making their own choices.

Those of us who are on the husband side of the marital equation know we do not make our own choices. Our choices are made for us by our "better half." Why do you think we get married?

My wife is a great one for fruit and vegetables. Every day of our life is fruit and vegetables. To mix things up a little bit one day it will be vegetables and fruit.

She prepares the fruit and then invites me to make a choice.

She is also concerned about my diet. Much more than I am. I do not think my diet is so important that both of us should be concerned about it. If she chooses to be concerned about my diet, that is her choice.

I choose to be a little more cavalier when it comes to dieting.

Actually, and do not tell her I said this, but my fruit of choice is the humble Apple fritter. It has everything my heart desires and a few things my body desires, too.

I like with David said, "Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart" (Psalms 37:4 KJV).

It is all a matter of choice, that is, making the right choice.

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

Latter Day Saints welcome new mission president and wife

Special to The News

Bradley J. Smith and his wife, Dana Donaldson Smith, have been assigned to preside over the Florida-Tallahassee mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, effective July 2.

They are the parents of five children and are natives of Salt Lake City, Utah. He takes a leave of absence from his position of Vice-President for Doug Smith Autoplex of Salt Lake City.

President and Sister Smith will supervise the activities of approximately 200 full time missionaries ages 18-21, as well as a few senior men and women. These male

and female missionaries populate the mission geography which combines the North Florida panhandle, Tallahassee to Pensacola, Dothan, Ala., and Mobile, Ala.

The Smiths will serve three years as uncompensated volunteers. They will operate from the mission home owned by the church and located in The Ravines subdivision, as well as a suite of offices located on Killearn Center Boulevard in Tallahassee.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints does not have a full time, paid clergy. They operate the church utilizing volunteers in their various

divisions.

These volunteers support themselves in various occupations and volunteer time and energy to the building up of the church.

Men serve in the various priesthood offices and women serve and provide leadership in the Relief Society, the largest women's organization in the world.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is comprised of 14.4 million members who meet in 28,660 congregations in 185 countries and territories world wide.

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Schedule of Services

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Worship 11:00am
Prayer 6:00pm

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

One person dies from melanoma every hour.

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

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

- Amanda Aglin

Obituaries

Christopher Kyle McCormick

Christopher Kyle McCormick

Christopher Kyle McCormick, 39, of Crawfordville, passed away Sunday, July 14, 2013 in Tallahassee.

He had lived in this

area most of his life. Survivors include his mother, Carol McCormick Cooper of Crawfordville; two daughters, Allison Renee McCormick of Crawfordville and Geneva Lairsey of Texas; grandmother,

Carolyn Griner of Crawfordville; brother, Carl Russell Cooper of Crawfordville; one grandchild; and companion, Jackie Lairsey of Texas. Services will be held at a later date.



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Music therapist Emily plays the harp for a hospice patient.

July is music therapy month at Big Bend Hospice

Special to The News

July is Music Therapy month! But what is Music Therapy?

According to the American Music Therapy Association, "Music Therapy is the clinical and evidence-based use of music interventions to accomplish individualized goals within a therapeutic relationship by a credentialed professional who has completed an approved music therapy program."

Research in music therapy supports its effectiveness in a wide variety of healthcare and educational settings.

Big Bend Hospice is among a very small group of hospices nationwide that offer music therapy to all of their patients.

Licensed therapists utilize Music Therapy to manage stress, alleviate pain, express feelings, improve communication and promote physical wellness.

For a hospice patient, dealing with a terminal diagnosis can be overwhelming, especially without adequate support.

The live music interventions that Music Therapists (MT-BC) provide can be a great source of support and comfort. Music Therapy for Big Bend Hospice patients usually occurs one on one, though it may occur as part of a group or include the patient's family if this is the patient's preference.

Music Therapists (MT) almost always use live, patient preferred music.

Often MTs use guitars or keyboards, but are able to use other instruments as needed. Music therapy may appear entertaining, but each music therapy session is intended to meet specific therapeutic goals.

Since 2001, Big Bend Hospice's Music Therapy program has been unique. The program has hosted international researchers and delegates and regularly hosts music therapy trainings. They have written the music that Big Bend Hospice uses with



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Big Bend Hospice's music therapists and interns.

various Remembrance Services, Dedications, at Camp Woe-Be-gone and Hope for the Holidays.

In August 2008, as part of BBH's 25th Anniversary, their Music Therapists were able to record these special songs on a CD and have it professionally mastered and recorded.

In May 2009, Big Bend Hospice celebrated the release of the CD, "In the Shelter of Our Tree: The Songs of Big Bend Hospice."

BBH Music Therapists worked with Winterstone Productions to produce a professional recording of special songs to distribute to patients and families.

Big Bend Hospice employs three full-time board-certified music therapists, three part-time music therapist and four interns.

MTs often co-treat with nurses, family support counselors, volunteers, chaplains, and/or fellow music therapists for the benefit of patients.

"I have been privileged to be a part of the BBH MT team for almost six years," says Susan Droessler, MT-BC, Music Therapy Department Manager & Internship Director. "During that time, I have witnessed countless end of life journeys made easier through the provision of skilled Music Therapy care. Our staff is highly trained and skilled and is among the best in the nation at providing this important service. Big Bend Hospice is grateful to the community for their support of this program,"

Board Certified Mu-

sic Therapists have completed a degree in music therapy, a full time six month internship, and passed the music therapy board certification exam.

Music Therapists are trained in musical techniques, psychology, biology/anatomy, counseling skills, and other areas.

Hospices are not required by Medicare or Medicaid to provide Music Therapy services, however through donations and community support Big Bend Hospice continues to provide quality, licensed Music Therapy care to hospice patients and their families, especially in the rural areas.

Funds such as these provide live, research based music therapy care at the bedside to those who need it most.

Big Bend Hospice has been serving this community since 1983 with compassionate end of life care along with grief and loss counselors available to provide information and support to anyone in Leon, Jefferson, Taylor, Madison, Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin or Wakulla counties.

For more information about services, please call (850) 878-5310 or visit www.bigbendhospice.org.

BUCKHORN NEWS

There is help for the family



By ETHEL SKIPPER

If there has ever been a time to help the family, it is now.

The family unit as we have known it in the past is quickly devolving into chaotic, disordered, and many times fatherless homes.

This is clearly and tragically evident in our society today, and the long term effects may well prove disastrous to society in multiple areas.

In a wonderful con-

trast of this, God has a clear plan for the family structure.

God designed marriage to be a lifelong relationship between a husband and wife in which they are to love one another and be fruitful and multiply.

Christian families are to honor God in their homes.

People ask, how does a Christian family differ from others?

It is important to notice that scripture makes it very clear that the one flesh union between husband and wives is a picture of the union between Christ and the Church.

God can help families deal with the challenges they face. Through wisdom of God, a family is led to understanding the way God planned it to be.

The National Youth Convension of the Church of Christ Written in Heaven will be held in Lake

Mary at the Orlando Marriott from July 17-21. Bishop Willie Jones, National Youth Bishop.

We are praying everyone has a safe trip.

On Aug. 3 at noon, will be a fellowship service with Bishop Joseph Rosier Sr. and his family from Greenville, S.C., and Georgia. He extends a welcome to all his family and friends in the area to meet at Skipper Temple Church, 165 Surf Road in Sopchoppy.

Happy birthday greetings to Elizabeth Clary on July 18 from your children and family - so much love.

Our prayers go out to everyone for the mind, soul and body, the sick, shut-in, those in the hospital, the nursing home, prison, homeless - all in need of a blessing from Jesus Christ.

Program honors veterans for service

Special to The News

It may surprise many people to learn that 25 percent of those who die every year in the U.S. are veterans.

To help provide care and support that reflect the important contributions made by these men and women, Big Bend Hospice has become a national partner of We Honor Veterans, a pioneering campaign developed by National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

As a We Honor Veterans Partner, Big Bend Hospice will implement ongoing veteran-centered education for their staff and volunteers to help improve the care they provide to the veterans they proudly serve. The nation is seeing many of the veterans who served in World War II and Korea pass away - and the number of deaths of Vietnam veterans is rising.

The We Honor Veterans campaign provides tiered recognition to organizations that demonstrate a systematic commitment to improving care for veterans. "Partners" can assess their ability to serve veterans and, using resources provided as part of the campaign, integrate best practices for providing end-of-life care to veterans into their organization.

By recognizing the unique needs of our nation's veterans who are facing a life-limiting illness, Big Bend Hospice is better able to accompany and guide veterans and their families toward a more peaceful ending. And in cases where there might be some specific needs related to the veteran's military service, combat experience or other traumatic events, Big Bend Hospice will find tools to help support those they are caring for.

"All hospices are serv-

ing veterans but often aren't aware of that person's service in the armed forces," said J. Donald Schumacher, NHPCO president and CEO. "Through We Honor Veterans we are taking a giant step forward in helping hospice and palliative care providers understand and serve veterans at the end of life and work more effectively with VA medical facilities in their communities."

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Community

happenings in our community

Sopchoppy Lions Club installs new officers for 2013-2014



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New officers from left to right: Mitchell Thompson, Board of Directors member; Randy Anderson, Tail twister; Dan Corley, Membership chair; Marshall Cato, Lion Tamer, Larry Sapp, Treasurer; Arlene Vause, Secretary; Elaine Herndon, President

By MARSHALL CATOE
Sopchoppy Lion

Sopchoppy Lions Club installed new officers and presented awards at the annual installation dinner meeting. Family Coastal Restaurant of Sopchoppy provided a seafood buffet for the club members and guests.

New officers are President Elaine Herndon, First Vice President Robert Roddenberry, Second Vice President Bobby Vause, Secretary, Arlene Vause, and Treasurer Larry Sapp.

First Year Directors are Marjorie Law, Franklin Roberts, and Dan Strickland. Second Year Directors are Steve Ingram and Mitchell Thompson. Tail Twister is Randy Anderson, and Lion Tamer is Marshall Catoe.

The highlights of the year include spending \$1,000.00 on purchasing glasses for local residents in need, giving \$1,000.00 to help ten families in the community at Christmas, and donating money for other sight projects. The Sopchoppy Club also sponsored the

Peace Poster Contest at Wakulla Middle School and it raised funds for future projects by recycling printer cartridges and holding a mullet luncheon.

Service awards include:

- a 50 year pin to Lion Bernie Kemp.
- 45 year pin to Lion Robert Roddenberry,
- 35 year pin to Warren Harden, ,
- 25 year pin to Lion Randy Anderson, 25 year pin,
- 20 year pin to Franklin Roberts,
- 15 year pin to Jim

Gerus,

- 15 year pin, Sal Martocci,
- 10 year pins to Lions Marshall Catoe, Richard Harden, Maxie Lawhon, Larry Sapp, and Dan Strickland.

Lions winning Perfect Attendance Pins are: Randy Anderson, Marshall Catoe, Warren Harding, Elaine Herndon, Steve Ingram, Sal Martocci, Jesse Quigg, Franklin Roberts, Larry Sapp, Dan Strickland, James Thompson, Michell Thompson, and Arlene Vause.

Householder earns degree, commissioned as second lieutenant

Special to The News

In ceremonies held May 10-11 at the University of North Georgia, graduating cadets were awarded commissions as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army or Georgia National Guard.

Kevin M. Householder earned a bachelor's degree and commissioned into the field artillery.

He is the son of Thomas Householder of Key Largo, Fla., And Karen Thomas of Crawfordville, Fla., and graduated from Lanier County High School in

Lakeland, Ga., in 2007.

UNG is one of only six senior military colleges in the nation. Participation in the Corps of Cadets, also known as the Boar's Head Brigade, offers the opportunity to acquire a degree in a chosen field of study while simultaneously earning an officer's commission in the U.S. Army, either active-duty, Guard or Reserve. The residential ROTC program consistently ranks among the best in the country.

UNG, with more than 130 years of experience educating future leaders,

is a University System of Georgia leadership institution and is The Military College of Georgia. With about 15,000 students, UNG is the state's seventh-largest public university. The regional, multi-campus university offers more than 100 programs of study ranging from certificate and associate's degrees to professional and doctoral programs.

For more information about the university's Corps of Cadets, visit <http://ung.edu/military-college-admissions/index.php>.

ABVFD yard sale will be July 27

The Apalachee Bay Volunteer Fire Department will be holding a yard sale fundraiser on Saturday, July 27 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The event will double as a bake sale and will be located at 1557 Shell Point Road.

If you have items that you would like to donate, please contact Byron at 509-2667 to arrange for pick up.

WCSO blood drive is slated for July 24

Special to The News

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office will host a blood drive on Wednesday, July 24 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the WCSO parking lot.

All donors will receive a T-shirt, a \$5 coupon off two entrees from Outback Steakhouse and a wellness checkup including cholesterol screening.

Donors can make an appointment through WCSO PIO Keith Blackmar by calling 745-7110 or sending an e-mail to kblackmar@wco.org. But no appointment is required and walk-ons are welcome.

OneBlood has partnered with Outback Steakhouse to provide a free steak dinner to any-

one who donates blood twice between June 1 and September 30. All donors will be entered to win "Outback for a Year" of free vouchers for Outback steaks.

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WMS student wins Lions Club contest



Special to The News

The National Lions Clubs, including the United States and the Bahamas, offers a peace poster contest each year. This year's title is "Imagine Peace".

Lion Marshall Catoe, of the sponsoring Sopchoppy Lions Club, chaired the project with Wakulla County Middle School art teacher Carol Balancsik and her students.

This year, Shelby Weeks won the \$50 first

prize from the Sopchoppy Club and went on to win for our entire District 35L that encompasses every Lions Club in northern Florida.

The photo shows Lion Marshall and Shelby with her \$200 winning check from District 35L. Shelby's poster features a central dove and a child blowing bubbles containing peace symbols.

"To me, peace is love and happiness," said Shelby. "It is just having fun with friends and family."

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School

education news from local schools

Voucher program growing rapidly, report shows

By BRANDON LARRABEE
THE NEWS SERVICE OF
FLORIDA

The state's voucher-like system that allows students to attend private schools experienced record enrollment growth in the 2012-13 school year, according to a state report, and a spokesman said the program expects to add even more students for the upcoming year.

According to the annual report on the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship

Program by the state Department of Education, the number of students using the program grew by 10,827 in 2012-13, to 51,075, or almost 27 percent.

Jon East, spokesman for Step Up for Students, the administrator of the program, said the growth is primarily due to a bill approved by the Legislature in 2012 that increased the budget for the program to \$229 million. That was nearly \$10.3 million more than the credit would have

otherwise increased under an automatic funding formula.

Under the program, corporations are allowed to take tax credits for money that they contribute to Step Up for Students, which then uses those funds to essentially provide private-school vouchers.

Demand for the program has continued to grow, East said in an email.

"Even after serving 51,075 students this past year, there was a waiting

list of about 10,000 students," East said.

East said the cap for the coming school year is \$286.2 million, which has already been contributed, and the program has given out about 60,000 vouchers for 2013-14.

Mark Pudlow, a spokesman for the Florida Education Association, pointed out that almost 2.7 million students attend public school in Florida. He didn't dispute the idea that state leaders have pushed to increase the use of vouchers.

"The state has certainly encouraged the growth of the corporate voucher program, despite the fact that these schools are largely unregulated and the state doesn't gauge their effectiveness compared to public schools," he said.

The report does give some insight into the demographics of the program and how it's used. While about 26.8 percent of the schools that participate in the program are secular, only 17.5 percent of the students enrolled

attend those schools. The rest go to religious institutions.

And the majority of students who use the program are minorities. Almost 34.7 percent of the students receiving vouchers are Latinos, while 33.1 percent are African American and just shy of 25 percent are white. A little more than 7 percent are either members of other racial or ethnic groups or their race and ethnicity were not reported.

Bennett recommends changes to grading system

By BRANDON LARRABEE
THE NEWS SERVICE OF
FLORIDA

Education Commissioner Tony Bennett will ask the State Board of Education next week to prevent schools from dropping by more than one letter grade on the state report card in an effort to counter what superintendents say could be an alarming drop in grades.

Bennett's recommendations, to be taken up at a specially called meeting Tuesday, are seen as an effort to avoid another botched rollout of the school grades after last year's release became a public-relations headache for the Department of Education.

Bennett's predecessor, Gerard Robinson, resigned a short time later, though Robinson said he was leaving to spend more time with his family.

The limit on any drop in school grades was one of the key recommendations that local superintendents offered Bennett during discussions last week. It would continue a policy started last year during the grades controversy. The superintendents say that some of the data they're getting back as they do the initial calculations for the report cards this year seem to be off -- but they don't know why.

Part of the problem, they say, is that the state has implemented 13

changes this year alone to the accountability system for schools -- making it harder to meet the standards and harder to figure out what's going wrong. Concerns about that complexity also hover over the state's efforts to put in place the "Common Core State Standards," which are based on national guidelines.

In a letter to state board members explaining his thinking, Bennett took pains to distance the school-grades proposal from any idea that it would water down the state's accountability system.

"To be clear, my recommendations, outlined below, are made not to soften the blow of higher

standards or to reduce the number of failing schools, but rather to advance the best policy for Florida's students and position our state for a successful transition to full implementation of the CCSS (Common Core State Standards) in the 2014-2015 school year and beyond," he wrote.

Bennett also recommended not including the scores of students at so-called "ESE centers," which teach students with disabilities, in the grades of the schools they might otherwise attend. Currently, those students' scores would count for the "home school" if the ESE center chooses to receive an alternative rating instead of a school grade.

But because grades are

set to be released soon, Bennett said any changes to this year's grades under that recommendation should be handled retroactively through an appeals process.

Sen. Bill Montford, D-Tallahassee, said he saw the changes recommended by Bennett as a "good, reasonable response." Montford, who also serves as the CEO of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents, took part in last week's discussions.

"Clearly, I think this is a fair approach to it," Montford said.

Montford said he was encouraged that Bennett was keeping the common core system in mind as he considered the changes.

Miami-Dade County Superintendent Alberto Carvalho, who helped spearhead the drive for tweaking this year's grades, was measured in his praise of the recommendations.

"We support the commissioner's recommendations, especially the continuation of the temporary safety net that prevents schools from dropping more than one grade letter in a given year," Carvalho said. "It is our hope, however, that the Florida Board of Education will consider polling districts for the ESE Center choice (rating or grading) prior to the release of school grades; otherwise, they will be branded as failing, and have to appeal."



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FOOTBALL

RMS begins summer conditioning

Special to The News

On July 22, Riversprings will hold summer conditioning, which will run on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday of that week, ending on the 25th. Summer conditioning will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Fall practice will begin on Monday, Aug. 5, and will run from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. until school begins, at which time practice will run from after school until 5 p.m.

STUDENTS MUST HAVE A RIDE and MUST BE PICKED UP BY 5 p.m. Please, make sure that your child has dependable transportation arranged.

GOLF

March of Dimes tournament features 11 'pregnant' men

On Thursday, July 18, Foundation Homes and Southwood Golf Club will be having a golf tournament open to the community that 11 pregnant men will be participating in. In an effort to raise money for healthier babies, several area businessmen will endure a 12-week "pregnancy" for the March of Dimes Men in Labor campaign.

Each man has agreed to help create awareness about the important role of the father before, during and after pregnancy. During the 12-week fundraising campaign, the "men in labor" will also raise much needed funds for March of Dimes research and education efforts in the Big Bend area.

The community is invited to support or join their favorite "pregnant father" at the Men in Labor Golf Tournament sponsored by Foundation Homes on Thursday, July 18 at Southwood Golf Club at 3750 Grove Park Drive.

The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., registration opens at 8 a.m. The men will be introduced to the community at the golf tournament wearing their "empathy bellies" and prepared to collect donations in order to reach their individual fundraising goal of \$1,000.

Among the brave participants are Commissioner Scott Maddox, Beau Davis, Marlon Newbon, Robert Moore, Joshua Ratcliff, Shane Kemp, Johnny Lee, Dr. Patrick Smith, JP Swope, Clint Weber and Greg Millz.

Teams of four will pay a \$400 registration fee which will include 18 holes of golf, cart rental, range balls, breakfast, a goodie bag, drink cart tickets, door prizes and a post golf buffet. All proceeds will directly benefit March of Dimes. This tournament is possible due to the help of Gil Chason and Steve Byrd, of Foundation Homes, as well as many other generous sponsors including GTwo Property Services LLC, Marks Insurance Agency, Earl Bacon Agency and Brian's Septic Service.

The delivery date for the men will take place on Sept. 5 at Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare. If the expectant father delivers a healthy \$1,000 donation to the March of Dimes, then they will endure an easy labor with a hearty lunch, massages and video games.

The community can support the March of Dimes and contribute to their favorite man "in labor" online by visiting www.marchforbabies.org/team/talymeninlabor.

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FSU Seminoles in summer leagues

By **SCOTT MORIAK**
FSU Sports Information

In leagues from Alaska to Florida and areas in between, many Seminoles are using this summer to sharpen their skills in order to return to Tallahassee ready to make a run at a CWS title in 2014.

Brandon Johnson is pitching well for the Alexandria Blue Anchors in the Northwoods League with a 1-0 record, one save and a 0.71 ERA in 10 appearances. He has given up one run all season and opponents are hitting only .191 against him. In his last appearance, he registered one strikeout as he faced the minimum in 1.2 innings of relief against Mankato on July 14.

Brandon Leibrandt had an impressive outing on July 9 for the Brewster Whitecaps of the Cape Cod League. The lefty pitched 7.0 solid innings, scattering four hits and a walk without giving

up a run while striking out three. After allowing his only walk of the game Leibrandt promptly picked off the runner at first, showcasing again his amazing pickoff move that gunned down 13 runners in 2013 for Florida State.

Kenny Burkhead was named to the North All-Star team for Florida Collegiate League. The freshman right hander struck out two in 1.0 innings during the FCL All-Star Game on July 9. Overall, he is 2-3 with a 3.64 ERA on the season for the Sanford River Rats. Burkhead also got a chance to hit and went 2-for-2 from the plate against Hope 4 Heroes on July 6.

John Nogowski has continued to hit the ball well as a member of the Amsterdam Mohawks. He is third overall in the Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League with a .380 average and also has scored 20 runs and knocked in 15 RBI this season.

Here is a look at how the Seminoles are performing this summer:

Alaska Baseball League
Billy Strode, Peninsula Oilers - 4 GS, 1-2, 1.03 ERA, 17.1 IP, 15 H, 2 ER, 2 BB, 11 SO

Dylan Silva, Peninsula Oilers - 6 G, 1 GS, 0-1, 9.44 ERA, 6.2 IP, 11 H, 7 ER, 3 BB, 9 SO

Cape Cod League
Jose Brizuela, Brewster Whitecaps - 20 G, .328 (20-61), 10 R, 10 RBI, 1 2B, 2 3B, 8 BB, 11 SO

Brandon Leibrandt, Brewster Whitecaps - 3 G, 2 GS, 1-0, 2.25 ERA, 12.0 IP, 14 H, 3 ER, 2 BB, 5 SO

Bryant Holtmann, Hyannis Harbor Hawks - 5 G, 0-0, 11.57 ERA, 7.0 IP, 12 H, 9 ER, 4 BB, 6 SO

DJ Stewart, Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox - 18 G, .284 (19-67), 11 R, 15 RBI, 8 2B, 3 HR, 6 BB, 15 SO, 2 SB

Coastal Plain League

Lee Howard, Columbia Blowfish - 6 G, .200 (3-15), 1 R, 2 RBI, 1 BB, 6 SO

Florida Collegiate League

Kenny Burkhead, Sanford River Rats - 6 G, 5 GS, 1 CG, 2-3, 3.64 ERA, 29.2 IP, 27 H, 12 ER, 7 BB, 12 SO

Northwoods League

Brandon Johnson, Alexandria Blue Anchors - 10 G, 1-0, 1 SV, 0.71 ERA, 12.2 IP, 9 H, 1 ER, 4 BB, 7 SO

Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League

John Nogowski, Amsterdam Mohawks - 29 G, .380 (38-100), 20 R, 15 RBI, 7 2B, 1 3B, 3 HR, 19 BB, 7 SO, 3 SB

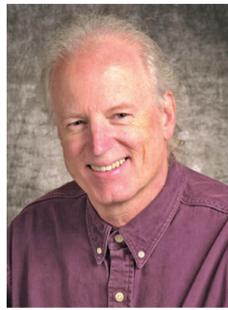
John Sansone, Amsterdam Mohawks - 23 G, .333 (27-81), 12 R, 13 RBI, 7 2B, 1 HR, 5 BB, 18 SO, 3 SB

Team USA

Luke Weaver - 4 GS, 0-0, 3.00 ERA, 15.0 IP, 15 H, 5 ER, 4 BB, 12 SO

THE COOL DOWN LAP

Vickers wins caution marred New Hampshire race, Dixon dominates Toronto Indy



By **ALAN ROSS**

Part-time Michael Waltrip Racing driver Brian Vickers came through an attrition-marred race at New Hampshire Sunday to take the checkered flag for only the third time in his Cup career and first win in 75 races.

Vickers, whose trials are well documented, beginning with a medical condition that forced him from racing in 2010, was somewhat of a surprise challenger near the race's end.

But the Waltrip stable, of which Vickers is a part, is showing a surprising strength in Cup competition this year.

Vickers' win comes on the heels of a fifth-place finish for team owner Michael Waltrip last week in Daytona and follows a victory from one of the team's other drivers, Martin Truex Jr., last month in Sonoma.

Pole-sitter Brad Keselowski quickly abdicated the lead spot to Kyle Busch shortly after the drop of the green flag.

Busch paced the field in the early going before yielding to older brother Kurt, who took the race by the neck and seemed to be the strength of the

field.

But on Lap 225 of the 301-lap tour of New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Busch met his demise on the low side of a three-way dive for Turn 1, perhaps slightly aided by Matt Kenseth's front bumper.

Busch slid up into Ryan Newman, taking both out. In quick fashion, the pace-setting driver of the 78 car was done for the day.

Tony Stewart seemed to benefit most from the misfortune that stalked the field through 11 cautions over the first 258 laps, the No. 14 car going out of sequence and off strategy to move through the field from his 16th-place start.

Tensions increased as the laps decreased, with the number of yellows indicative of the wrecks, spinouts, and delays throughout the cast.

Kyle Busch, told by his crew chief that the race would come back to him when the late afternoon cloud cover returned, was suddenly right behind Stewart with 25 laps to go.

Latecomer Vickers, though, passed the No. 18 of Busch with 19 laps remaining, and soon trailed Stewart by less than a second.

No one knew what fuel Stewart had left, as Vickers pulled up behind the No. 14, eventually passing him with 14 laps remaining.

There was closing drama, however.

With five laps to go, the race's 12th caution came out for a questionable piece of debris. It was the last thing Stew-

art - on fumes - wanted to see.

True to his deepest fears, Stewart slowed just before the white-flag lap and Vickers chugged home with his well-earned victory.

Jimmie Johnson, with a sixth-place finish at New Hampshire, stretches his championship points lead over Clint Bowyer to 56.

The Sprint Cup field takes a breather next week before heading to The Brickyard for one of the sport's four crown jewels.

ROADSIDE RANT: I'm never sure NASCAR knows when to leave well enough alone.

With intermittent driver Brian Vickers leading the Camping World RV Sales 301 with five laps to go, the 12th caution - yes, a dozen yellow flags flew Sunday - came out for debris on the track, in this case a smallish piece of what looked like hard rubber.

It in no way looked threatening to any of the 3,500-pound vehicles mashing the track, but one wonders what constitutes a dangerous piece of debris.

At the same time, on-lookers were wondering if Stewart would last the race with enough gas and if Vickers could beat the big guys.

Earlier, a questionable piece of rubber debris that was high on the track but off line brought out the caution.

By contrast, in Sunday's IndyCar race at Toronto, a section of some car's front wing assembly rested just off

the racing line at about the same placement as the miniscule debris found early on in the NASCAR race.

Difference was, they raced on at the IndyCar race.

TORONTO INDY: IndyCar's second "double-header" of the season - the first weekend double was successfully run at Detroit last month - proved to be a treasure trove for Team Target Ganassi Racing's Scott Dixon, who swept the back-to-back weekend series to add to his victory at Pocono last week: three series victories in eight days.

Can you say hot streak?

Dixon was indomitable. Not only did he overtake a hot-running Sebastian Bourdais Saturday for the first victory, but so total was his rule on Sunday that, with 24 laps left in what had been a caution-free race to that point, Dixon had built a jaw-dropping 15-second lead. Though the race couldn't escape carnage, Dixon never was challenged. As a result of his prodigious three-race run, the New Zealander moves up to second place in the points championship behind Helio Castroneves.

Read Alan Ross' article on the Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2013 in *Lindy's Sports 2013 Pro Football Preview at newsstands everywhere. E-mail: alanross_sports@yahoo.com.*

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What's the best gun to own, part 2



By MARJ LAW

The very best handgun to own is the Ruger 22.

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It doesn't "kick" much, so you don't begin the bad habit of jerking the gun and losing your aim on the target (your sight picture).

Out of curiosity, you start looking around. You think about a higher caliber gun and what is important for you and your safe and accurate shooting.

Personally, I prefer a heavy gun, so its mass absorbs the recoil. Since composite guns are lighter, I want it to be mostly metal.

Preferably stainless. And one that holds a lot of bullets, so I don't have to change the magazine often when practicing.

ing. I like a smooth and not too long trigger pull. I like a long barrel. The grip has to fit my small hand, and the angle of the grip has to feel comfortable.

After that Ruger 22, I found an Armalite 9mm that fit the bill. It is heavy and too big for me to conceal, but it's a fine target and bedside gun.

Truly, the Armalite is the very best gun to own.

Of course, knowing I have the very best handgun doesn't stop a friend from offering me a Springfield XDM40 at a fantastic price.

A .40 caliber gun? Who needs it?

Would anyone purchase a gun just because it's a good deal?

I had absolutely no plans to do so.

Nope. None.

However, only for comparison's sake, Joe and I visit an indoor range in Wilmington, N.C. We rent a Glock 23 and a Ruger SR 40C.

The Ruger's grip is a bit wide for my hand. The trigger pull is somewhat long and a medium hard. The barrel length is 4.14 inches and the sights are adjustable.

It holds a double stacked 15 bullets. The gun feels nicely "tight" and weighs 27.25 ounces. It is accurate, and I like



Armalite AR-24.



Ruger 22.



Springfield XDM.

it. Priced around \$407. Not so much as my Armalite, though.

The Glock is lighter at 21.16 ounces. The barrel length is good at 4.02 inches.

This particular Glock holds 13 bullets and is also double stacked. The grip is a bit wide for me. Sights are not adjustable.

Glocks are the most widely used handgun by law enforcement in the United States. This particular one runs around \$513.

I think it has a fairly hard pull and too much kick.

A woman at the counter says she really likes the Glock because it is "snappy."

That's not a compliment. If the gun "snaps" in your hand, it changes position and therefore you've lost your sight picture.

Now, your next shot will be off. So I'm not happy with the Glock.

Finally, I borrow my friend's Springfield XDM and go to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Range.

The XDM is a hunky gun with a long 4.5 inch barrel.

The fat white dot sights are easy to see. The magazine holds 16 bullets. I like the feel of the grip. It doesn't feel too wide, although it is double stacked. The XDM should run around \$687.

I pull the trigger. Not too long, not too short. Wah-hoo! The bullet hits right outside the x-ring.

Beginner's luck? I shoot again. The second bullet hits next to the first. So does the third.

What a smooth and tight gun!

Now, I'm not planning to actually buy a .40.

But what a cool gun! It feels just right.

Nope. Not buying.

But the XDM might, just might, be the better gun for me than the 9mm Armalite.

Wait! Wait, wait!

All the good guys on TV have not one, but two guns. They have backup guns.

You know what? I really need a backup gun. Those XDMs are pricey, but my friend is offering such a deal. I mean, you can't afford not to get it at this price.

Which is the very best gun to own?

Well, both of these are great.

However, I'm going to a gun show this weekend.

And I'm beginning to have a sneaking feeling that the next very best gun might be right there.

Marj Law is the former director of Keep Wakulla County Beautiful and an avid shooter in her retirement.

Blue crab trap closure starts July 20

From FWC News

Recreational and commercial blue crab traps in state waters from the Pasco-Hernando county line to the Wakulla-Franklin county line, including all waters of the Ochlockonee River and Bay, must be removed from the water before July 20, the first day of a 10-day trap closure.

This closure will give groups authorized by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission the opportunity to identify and retrieve lost and abandoned blue crab traps from the water.

Traps can be placed back in the water in this area starting July 30.

Until then, blue crabs may be harvested with other gear, such as dip nets and fold-up traps.

Blue crab harvesters may also use standard blue crab traps during the closure if the traps are attached to a dock or other private property.

Lost and abandoned blue crab traps are a problem in the blue crab fishery

because they can continue to trap crabs and fish when left in the water. They can also be unsightly in the marine environment, damage sensitive habitats and pose navigational hazards to boaters on the water.

The closure is one of three regional, 10-day blue crab trap closures that occur in 2013 on the Gulf coast of Florida. There are six regional closures total: three in even-numbered years on the east coast and three in odd-numbered years on the west coast.

While state waters extend to 9 nautical miles offshore in the Gulf, the blue crab trap closures include only state waters extending to 3 nautical miles offshore.

More information regarding the FWC's trap-retrieval program, blue crab trap closure dates, regulations and cleanup events is available online at MyFWC.com/Fishing (click on "Saltwater Fishing" then "Trap Retrieval/Debris Removal"). For more information, contact Kyle Miller, at 850-487-0554.

FWC officers rescue 5 boaters in Taylor County on July 4

3 found in water, 2 on stranded boat at mouth of Econfina River

From FWC News

Three Georgia men were rescued by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officers July 4 at the mouth of the Econfina River and the Gulf of Mexico.

Another FWC officer rescued two people who had attempted to assist the men in the water but whose own boat ceased running and was filling with water.

Ryan J. Hall (DOB 09/03/90) from Pavo, Ga.; Blake E. Bynum (DOB 10/16/86) of Moultrie, Ga.; and Daniel E. Powers (DOB 09/21/85), Thomasville, Ga., were in the water after their boat capsized in rough weather.

The Taylor County Sheriff's Office asked for assistance with the three men in the wa-

ter and FWC officers Chad Albritton, Randy McDonald and Jerry "Lee" Yates, under the leadership of Lt. Scott Lee, responded.

Albritton was on water patrol in an 18-foot, open-patrol vessel in the Keaton Beach area, approximately 25 miles away.

McDonald and Yates were en route to water patrol with a 22-foot boat.

Lee, the Taylor County supervisor, was preparing for both a holiday weekend on the water and managing boating safety enforcement efforts for the opening week of scallop season.

Albritton headed to the Econfina River through rough 2- to 3-foot seas in his small, open boat.

McDonald and Yates launched their vessel at

the Econfina River boat ramp in search of the three men.

Lee coordinated communication efforts with the men from the capsized vessel and the officers involved in the rescue.

McDonald and Yates arrived first in the area and began searching the rough seas.

They quickly located Hall in the water, clinging to a marker, and Bynum and Powers with the capsized vessel.

The three were rescued with minor injuries.

Another vessel had attempted to rescue the Georgia men, but it also ran into trouble.

Alan Ray Hendricks (DOB 04/03/62) from Crawfordville, and his passenger aboard a 15-foot open boat, began taking on water when their engine broke

down. Albritton located Hendricks' vessel near the other capsized boat, and these two boaters were also rescued and towed back to the boat ramp.

"Due to the quick action and teamwork of Lt. Lee and officers Albritton, McDonald and Yates, I firmly believe that three lives were saved that day," said FWC Capt. Marty Redmond.

"By exceptional ability, personal initiative and total dedication to duty, these four FWC law enforcement officers reflect great credit upon themselves and the FWC's Division of Law Enforcement."

Redmond has nominated the three officers for the FWC lifesaving award.

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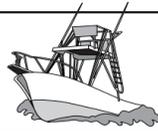
Local writers share their experiences

a peek into life on and under the water



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



Saturday members of Flotilla 12 came together for our monthly meeting. In attendance were 13 members and four visitors.

We were joined by the Division Vice Commander Eric DeVuyt, Lynn Mott, TJ Del Bello and Anne Del Bello. Lynn, TJ and Anne are all division staff officers.

During the meeting, David Rabon was presented with his crew qualification certificate.

Raye Crews also received an award for completing the Operational Auxiliary Specialty Program (AUXOP). The AUXOP program consists of core, leadership, and elective credit elements in order to give variety to Auxiliarists, increase practical AUXOP relevance to Coast Guard missions, and better assist the Coast Guard to fulfill needed skill sets.

This is a prestigious award and is only achieved by a small fraction of Auxiliarists. Congratulations, Raye!

After our business meeting, Eric presented training for any member interested on plotting and navigation.

This is part of an effort Division-wide to streamline our training so that there is more uniformity in how things are done. We have guidelines from the Coast Guard as well as the Auxiliary, but every Flotilla does things a little differently.

Throughout the

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training, participants reviewed and practiced calculating deviation and variation as well as set and drift.

Determining distance, rate of speed and time were calculated.

Finally, search patterns were reviewed.

One of the great aspects of training is reviewing what you know and learning new things.

At the end of our training we were all presented with information on a missing person and worked in groups to determine where the person was last seen, how long it would take to reach their location, how far they may have moved since the call was received and lay out a search pattern for locating them.

We hope to never need to use these skills in the real world, but if we get a call about a missing boater or other emergency, we now have refined skills to do our job to the best of our abilities.

A special thanks to Phil Hill for taking pictures!

When disaster strikes, often it is said

it can be avoided. This past week, an interesting article resurfaced about the dangers of digging holes in the sand. The article was a blog entry and can be found here: <http://earthchicknits.wordpress.com/2007/07/16/the-worst-five-minutes-of-my-life>.

It details a mother's story of her young son disappearing on a beach. In the time it took the father to turn away and back again, the child was gone.

Several good Samaritans came to assist and one noticed an indentation in the sand. After a little digging, the found the child alive.

In a follow up article, the blogger discussed a few good tips to prevent this from happening. This is a preventable crisis on almost all cases.

1. Don't dig holes deeper than waist-height of the shortest person around. The hole my son fell into was not terribly deep. But it was deep enough to swallow him up when it caved in.

2. If you (or your children) do dig holes, fill them up

when you're done. That alone would've prevented our near-tragedy.

3. When you arrive at the beach, scout out the area you will be setting up in, checking for holes. Teach your children to come tell you if they find holes other have dug, and to not play in or near them.

4. Keep as sharp an eye on your children on the sand as you would in the water.

A quick search on the internet led to another interesting article related to the same topic: http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/06/21/like_surf_sand_can_kill_says_doctor.

Just this month alone, two children died in California and a child in the Chicago area remains in the hospital after a sand dune collapsed on him.

We have great beaches and many of us enjoy them on a regular basis. Please remember that safety is important everywhere, on the sand as well as in the water.

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. Safety first, it makes a huge difference!



Class practice exercise.



Raye Crews receiving AUXOP.

Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

The Underwater Working Person

I am a Diving Professional, which I began when I was 16.

Back then I had few places to go to get training. I became a Diving Scientist, a Diving Educator and an Underwater Investigator by the time I retired.

I also now own and operate a dive center, but that did not require being underwater, only the business of diving!

Most of our diving activity is recreational, that is, performed for sheer pleasure and little else.

OK, spearfishing can be intense, but the thrill is in the hunt, not the dive.

And recreational divers are often defined by depth and duration. Technical diving (greater depth and duration) is still recreational but is more challenging, requiring more detailed skills and commitment.

Most cave divers attracted to North Florida fall into this technical category. They tell me they enjoy our underwater sculpture, the thrill of discovery of new passage and the glory of their conquest. Without this glory, many would visit elsewhere.

But there are people, men and women, who work underwater. These folks are defined by their mission, usually make their living underwater, and are called professional.

To them diving is a vehicle to get to their place of employment. Safety, reliability and creature comforts are important to them just as a safe, reliable and comfortable car is to the professional who drives to work.

There is seldom any thrill in the dive, conditions are often marginal (cold, poor visibility and challenged), but the pay can be good.

People at my center are professionals who dive. Some dive recreationally as well. The dive instructor (Discipline: Education) who taught you to dive is a professional, his or her mission is to teach you how to safely use scuba equipment and enjoy the aquatic environment.

To get to this professional level, (s)he had to start at the basics and dive recreationally, then learn the technology (dive technology), then learn to teach by assisting in a few classes (Assistant Instructor), then learn to manage the risk of divers (Dive Rescue & Dive Master), and finally mentor under an Instructor Trainer to eventually take his or her professional board exams (under a Course Director).

This may take our professional years to complete.

There are, of course, several professions that work underwater. They include Diving Scientists, Underwater Investigators, Marine Engineers and Technologists (Ocean Engineering), Underwater Photographers, Aquaculturists, commercial fishermen, and even construction to name just a few.

Each of these requires a discipline, say Anthropology, engineering or photography attached to the techniques and technology of diving to succeed underwater. Not surprising, these professionals go to universities for their education.

Universities however, are often focused more on education and less on skill training. A common option was to take courses from an academic diving program, like the one I set up at Florida State University in 1976.

But those programs nationally have lost their support in recent years. What has shown promise is the renewed quest for jobs by the community college system. By offering professional diving training, which can be coupled to any number of professional disciplines, the Diving Professional is again possible.

At 18, with my love of marine biology, I would have started at a community college dive program, had I had the opportunity.

Enjoy the journey.

WE'VE MOVED!

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Thursday		Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac				Thursday		
Sun rise/set 6:47 am 8:38 pm	Moon rise/set 4:36 pm 2:33 am	July 18 - July 24				Major Times 3:55 AM - 5:53 AM 4:15 PM - 6:15 PM	Minor Times 9:44 AM - 10:44 AM 10:39 PM - 11:39 PM	
Brightness--65%		Tide charts by Zihua Software, LLC				Average		
Friday		St. Marks River Entrance				Friday		
Sun rise/set 6:48 am 8:38 pm	Moon rise/set 5:40 pm 3:27 am	Date	High	Low	High	Low	Major Times 4:37 AM - 6:37 AM 4:59 PM - 6:59 PM	Minor Times 10:38 AM - 11:38 AM 11:14 PM - 12:14 AM
Brightness--73%		Thu Jul 18, 13		1.8 ft. 3:49 AM	3.6 ft. 10:10 AM	0.1 ft. 5:50 PM	Average	
Saturday		City of St. Marks				Saturday		
Sun rise/set 6:49 am 8:37 pm	Moon rise/set 6:41 pm 4:27 am	Date	High	Low	High	Low	Major Times 5:22 AM - 7:22 AM 5:44 PM - 7:44 PM	Minor Times 11:33 AM - 12:33 PM 11:48 PM - 12:48 AM
Brightness--81%		Fri Jul 19, 13	3.0 ft. 12:26 AM	1.9 ft. 5:07 AM	3.8 ft. 11:24 AM	-0.2 ft. 6:54 PM	Average	
Sunday		Shell Point, Spring Creek				Sunday		
Sun rise/set 6:49 am 8:37 pm	Moon rise/set 7:38 pm 5:33 am	Date	High	Low	High	Low	Major Times 6:07 AM - 8:07 AM 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Minor Times ----- 12:29 PM - 1:29 PM
Brightness--88%		Sat Jul 20, 13	1:28 AM	6:18 AM	12:30 PM	7:49 PM	Average	
Monday		Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay				Monday		
Sun rise/set 6:50 am 8:36 pm	Moon rise/set 8:29 pm 6:41 am	Date	High	Low	High	Low	Major Times 6:54 AM - 8:54 AM 7:18 PM - 9:18 PM	Minor Times 1:23 AM - 1:23 AM 1:28 PM - 2:28 PM
Brightness--96%		Sun Jul 21, 13	2:18 AM	7:19 AM	1:28 PM	8:38 PM	Average	
Tuesday		St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.				Tuesday		
Sun rise/set 6:50 am 8:36 pm	Moon rise/set 9:16 pm 7:50 am	Date	High	Low	High	Low	Major Times 7:43 AM - 9:43 AM 8:09 PM - 10:09 PM	Minor Times 1:02 AM - 2:02 AM 2:28 PM - 3:28 PM
Brightness--96%		Mon Jul 22, 13	3.0 ft. 12:23 AM	1.9 ft. 5:07 AM	3.8 ft. 11:24 AM	-0.5 ft. 7:49 PM	Average	
Wednesday		Dog Island West End				Wednesday		
Sun rise/set 6:51 am 8:35 pm	Moon rise/set 9:58 pm 8:57 am	Date	High	Low	High	Low	Major Times 8:36 AM - 10:36 AM 9:04 PM - 11:04 PM	Minor Times 1:44 AM - 2:44 AM 3:31 PM - 4:31 PM
Brightness--88%		Tue Jul 23, 13	3.4 ft. 12:23 AM	1.5 ft. 5:07 AM	4.0 ft. 11:24 AM	-0.6 ft. 8:53 PM	Average	

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

Drawing lines and writing books in Tallahassee

By **BRANDON LARRABEE**
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, July 12 – When most residents of the country thought about Florida this week, the first thing that came to their minds was likely not a Supreme Court case. Or the net worths of state officials. Or the pending book by former Gov. Charlie Crist.

Instead, their eyes were on state prosecutors' case against George Zimmerman, who is charged with second-degree murder in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin, a black teenager, during a confrontation between the two in Sanford. Zimmerman says he was acting in self-defense.

With fears that racial tension could boil over if Zimmerman is acquitted by the jury, which began deliberations Friday, state officials were sure to stress that they were prepared for unrest.

"We've got great sheriffs, police chiefs, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, I've been in contact with them, they're ready for whatever happens," Scott said during a Thursday morning appearance on WPEC TV in West Palm Beach. "But hopefully the right thing happens here, and we'll have a verdict that everybody understands."

But elsewhere in the state, there were less intense but still weighty issues.

HOW BINDING IS 'BINDING'?

It didn't have the drama of the Zimmerman case, but there was still plenty of finger-pointing and a helping of angry words at the Florida Supreme Court in a case over redistricting.

But this was over an arcane if significant legal principle – whether state legislative districts can be challenged in lower courts once the Supreme Court has signed off on them.

According to a 5-2 majority – the kind of majority that court-watchers have grown used to

– the answer is yes, as long as those claims are based on the kind of evidence that justices don't consider when they do constitutionally mandated reviews of the maps as part of the once-a-decade redistricting process.

The Florida Constitution says decisions from those Supreme Court reviews "shall be binding upon all the citizens of the state."

But writing for the majority, Justice Barbara Pariente said Thursday that didn't apply to more fact-intensive lawsuits than the automatic reviews, especially now that the constitution also includes the anti-gerrymandering "Fair Districts" amendments.

"Simply put, the framers and voters clearly desired more judicial scrutiny of the legislative apportionment plan, not less," Pariente wrote.

But in a pointed dissent, Justice Charles Canady wrote that the opinion would deaden the intent of the "binding" provision, known as section 16(d).

"With this decision, we confront the prospect of unending litigation concerning legislative redistricting – a prospect that section 16(d), by its plain terms, undeniably was designed to preclude," he wrote.

A coalition of voting-rights organizations that are challenging the Senate map cheered the decision. Republican lawmakers were less enthusiastic – or "understandably disappointed," in the words of a spokeswoman for Senate President Don Gaetz, R-Niceville.

"The president stands by the maps as well as the Legislature's redistricting process," spokeswoman Katie Betta said in an email.

"The 2012 redistricting process was the most open and transparent in Florida's history and produced maps which are compliant with Florida's constitution, facts which the president believes will ultimately be affirmed."

THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE TV AD?

Republicans are also likely to be "understandably disappointed," or perhaps downright livid, when they get a chance to read the pending memoir from former Gov. Charlie Crist. Crist and Dutton, a publisher, said the Republican-turned-independent-turned-Democrat would pen a book called "THE PARTY'S OVER: How the Extreme Right Hijacked the GOP and I Became a Democrat."

The publicity for the book suggests it's part revenge for Crist being pushed out of the Republican Party in 2010 and part manifesto as he gears up for a bid for his former job, this time as a Democrat.

"I'll share my very strong feelings about what's happened to the Republicans, how the party I grew up in has been hijacked by extremists, losing its compassion and common sense," Crist said in a press release issued by Dutton. "I'll describe exactly what I saw and what it made me realize."

It will no doubt be required reading for observers of state politics, but Republican Party of Florida Chairman Lenny Curry was already laughing off the idea of a bestseller from the man his party used to promote.

"We didn't know that Charlie Crist was launching a new career as a fiction writer," Curry said in a statement. "But we do want to thank him for the hundreds of pages of rhetorical ammunition he will be giving to us and his primary opponents."

HOW MUCH DO YOU MAKE? HOW MUCH DID YOU RAISE?

With disclosures of state officials' public wealth now being posted online, and the fund-raising statements of candidates also being published this week, there was plenty of gossip to be had about money.

One takeaway: Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam is doing rather well in both departments.

Putnam, whose wealth is tied to the family-owned Putnam Groves, led the three Cabinet officers with a net worth of \$7.2 million, an increase from \$6.49 million in 2011. His net worth had dipped from \$6.8 million in 2010, when he was elected commissioner.

One thing he might not have to spend much of that money on is his re-election campaign. The Republican commissioner, often mentioned as a future candidate for governor, raked in \$591,011 in contributions between April 1 and June 30, far more than other statewide candidates – and almost 60 percent of the \$966,788 raised by the Florida Democratic Party over the same time frame.

"Big thanks to everyone who helped kick off my reelection (with) such momentum!" Putnam said in a message on Twitter. "Nearly 2000 donors have invested in our vision for Florida!"

Also doing well: Rep. Matt Gaetz, a Fort Walton Beach Republican gearing up to run for his father's Senate seat, reported raising \$252,360 for that 2016 contest.

Speaking of the elder Gaetz: The co-founder of VITAS Healthcare Corp. and former Okaloosa County schools superintendent is worth \$26.2 million – tops among more than a third of senators who have publicly declared themselves to be millionaires. And with some forms not yet ready for public release, the group of millionaires could grow.

REMAKING THE GRADE

Current county school superintendents – who might not be worth as much as Gaetz – were more concerned with what Education Commissioner Tony Bennett will recommend to the State Board of Education next week in an effort to counter what the superintendents say could be an alarming drop in school grades on the state report card.

In a letter to the state board, Bennett recommended con-

tinuing a year-old policy that prevents schools from dropping by more than one letter grade on those report cards, though he pre-emptively pushed back on any suggestion that such a policy watered down the state's accountability system.

"To be clear, my recommendations, outlined below, are made not to soften the blow of higher standards or to reduce the number of failing schools, but rather to advance the best policy for Florida's students and position our state for a successful transition to full implementation of the CCSS (Common Core State Standards) in the 2014-2015 school year and beyond," he wrote.

Bennett also recommended tweaking how students at so-called "ESE centers," which teach students with disabilities, are accounted for.

Sen. Bill Montford, D-Tallahassee, said he saw the changes recommended by Bennett as a "good, reasonable response."

Montford, who also serves as the CEO of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents, took part in discussions between Bennett and the superintendents about the grades.

"Clearly, I think this is a fair approach to it," Montford said.

STORY OF THE WEEK: The Florida Supreme Court ruled that a case challenging the Senate's redistricting plan can go forward despite an earlier ruling by the court that there was nothing on the surface that indicated the map violated the anti-gerrymandering "Fair Districts" standards.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "It is reminiscent of divorce court, where the louder each one screams, the more interesting it becomes to the audience." – Susan MacManus, a political science professor at the University of South Florida, on the war of words between Crist and the state GOP.

Just a Pinch

Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons

By Janet Tharpe

Spice Up your BBQ with Bold Tastin' Grilled Steak

"Love the bold flavors this marinade brings out!"



Ashley Muller
Chandler, AZ
(pop. 236,123)

Want to liven up an ordinary steak at your next summer barbecue? Home cook Ashley Muller's Bold Tastin' Grilled Steak should be on the menu! The seasonings on this steak are great and the taste of this amazing marinade will have your guests asking for seconds (maybe thirds!)

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-Janet

Bold Tastin' Grilled Steak

What You Need

Beau Monde Seasoning

1 tsp ground cloves
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1 tsp ground allspice
1 tsp ground nutmeg
1 tsp ground black pepper
1 tsp ground white pepper
1 tsp ground bay leaves
1 tsp salt
1 1/2 tsp celery seed

Steak Marinade

1 c soy sauce
2 large onions, coarsely chopped
2 clove garlic, halved
1/4 c Kitchen Bouquet bottled gravy coloring

2 tsp Beau Monde seasoning
Steak (your choice)

Directions

• Mix together all 9 Beau Monde seasoning spices and place in a small jar or sealable bag. (If you can't find ground bay leaves use a blender to grind up 2 bay leaves.)
• Combine soy sauce, onion and garlic in an electric blender. Cover and process at high speed for about 1 min or until mixture is very smooth. Stir in gravy coloring and Beau

Monde seasoning.

• Arrange meat in a shallow baking dish (I prefer to use gallon sealable bags). Pour 1/2 cup marinade over each piece of meat.
• Allow to stand at room temperature for 2 hours or cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate up to 24 hours. Bring meat back to room temperature before cooking.
• Slightly oil your favorite grill, then place meat on top and cook to your desired preference.

Submitted by: Ashley Muller, Chandler, AZ (pop. 236,123)
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HOME COUNTRY

Give me some of those Old Fool pills



By SLIM RANGLES

Bert was mumbling to himself as he adjusted cracker packets around his morning coffee at the Mule Barn.

"Something wrong, Bert?"

"Not if you have some Old Fool pills for me, Doc."

"Uh-oh. What happened?"

"Well, I'd been telling the Johnson kid some stories of the old days when I was guiding hunters, and I happened to mention I could sight in a rifle with only two shots."

"You can do that?"

"Yes. So can anyone, if they have a cardboard box. So anyway, here I was giving the kid my spiel about sighting in a

rifle with two shots and he said he'd like to see a demonstration."

"Sounds fair enough."

"Well, yeah, and I didn't mind. I figure we owe it to the next generation ..."

"Come on, Bert," Dud said, "what happened?"

"Well, you know you get a solid bench rest and aim at the target and fire one shot, right? So then you get a cardboard box and notch it and use rocks or sand to anchor it solidly so you can immobilize your rifle and you set it up so the rifle can't move and it is showing the exact same sight picture you used for the first shot."

"I didn't know about this," Doc said.

"Simple, really. So you're looking at the bulls-eye the way you did on the first shot, and without moving the rifle itself, you adjust the sights until they're pointed at the bullet hole in the target. That's

it. You then remove the cardboard box, sight at the bulls-eye and shoot again. It should be dead on."

"That makes sense," Dud said. "So what went wrong?"

Bert said, "Well, we loaded up everything we needed: chair, table, box, bread wrappers full of sand, target, everything. Then we drove out to the gravel pit and set it all up, just right. Took quite a while. Finally we were ready, so I went over and unzipped my rifle case and pulled out my shotgun."

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Law Enforcement and Courts reports

Sheriff's Report

On July 6, Sgt. Lorne Whaley responded to Shell Point Beach after numerous families complained about a woman harassing and touching their children. Sgt. Whaley made contact with the female and she began to loudly curse him. The woman refused to identify herself and began to spit at Sgt. Whaley.

Paula Beatrice Kilgore, 46, of Crawfordville was identified at the Wakulla County Jail. She was charged with disorderly intoxication and battery on a law enforcement officer. She was also issued a trespass warning for all Wakulla County Parks and Recreation property.

In other activity reported by the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office this week:

FRIDAY, JULY 5

- Wanda Kemp of Crawfordville reported excessive noise at 4 a.m. The music being played by a neighbor was rattling her windows at her home. The WCSO will attempt to make contact with the neighbor in an attempt to resolve the issue. Deputy Stephen Simmons investigated.

- Emory Collier of Tallahassee reported the theft of appliances from a home he is helping manage. A dishwasher and refrigerator were stolen from a Crawfordville home. The property is valued at \$300. The victim is Altisource Management Company. Deputy Scott Powell investigated.

- Wal-Mart Asset Protection staff reported a grand theft. A female suspect left the store without paying for \$544 worth of merchandise. The suspect attempted to pay for the items with a bad check. The suspect left the store with the 29 items and drove away near the Murphy Oil gas station. Deputy Scott Powell investigated.

- Kennecia Kelly and Harry Milligan, both of Crawfordville, were involved in a minor traffic crash at the Winn-Dixie parking lot. There were no injuries. Deputy Scott Powell investigated.

SATURDAY, JULY 6

- A structure fire was reported at Shell Island Fish Camp. A gas water heater caught fire and created damage to 16 rental units in a structure owned by James Bevis of St. Marks. Wakulla County firefighters were called to the scene to put out the fire. The building was evacuated and guests were given other options for lodging. The state Fire Marshal was called to investigate. Damage was estimated at \$75,000. Deputy Sean Wheeler, Deputy Roy Gunnarsson, Detective Josh Langston and Deputy Gibby Gibson investigated.

- Charles Smith of Sopchoppy reported an illegal dumping. Someone dumped an old camper shell full of items on his property. The weight of the camper shell and debris was estimated between 500 and 700 pounds. Deputy Mike Zimba investigated.

- Deputy Stephen Simmons was conducting stationary radar on U.S. Highway 98 near Newport when he observed a motorist operating a vehicle very closely behind a motorcycle. The vehicle was clocked at 45 mph in a 35 mph zone. The motorcycle left the road as Deputy Simmons followed the suspect and the motorist sped up to more than 60 mph. A traffic stop was conducted and Dewey Ralph Smith, 43, of Clarksville, was suspected of driving under the influence. Smith's driver license was also suspended. Smith failed field sobriety exercises and was charged with DUI. He was also charged with driving while license is suspended or revoked and refusal to submit to a breath test. Traffic citations for following too closely and failure to maintain a lane were also issued. Lt. Brent Sanders assisted at the scene.

- Deputy Mike Zimba observed Jeffrey Allyn Saba, 25, of Crawfordville operating a vehicle in Crawfordville. Deputy Zimba had previous knowledge that Saba did not have a valid driver license as well as having an active warrant for vehicle theft. Deputy Zimba conducted a traffic stop with assistance from Deputy Stephen Simmons.

Saba was charged with driving while license is suspended or revoked, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia.

A passenger in the vehicle, Kyla Ann Nettles, 22, of Tallahassee, was charged with six counts of possession of a controlled substance. Deputies discovered three grams of marijuana as well as prescription pills and narcotic smoking pipes. The vehicle, owned by Nettles, was impounded and transported to the WCSO Evidence Yard. Deputy Scott Powell and Deputy Richard Moon also investigated.

- Deputy Scott Powell was dispatched to Spring Creek Highway and Jack Crum Road to investigate a report of two male juveniles playing unattended in a ditch near the highway. The WCSO was contacted by a concerned citizen who stayed with the children until law enforcement arrived. Deputy Powell could not determine how long the boys, ages 3 and 4, were left unattended by a relative. The mother was contacted to pick up the children. The Florida Department of Children and Families was contacted. The boys were uninjured.

- Patrick Arnez Harvey, 43, of Sopchoppy was involved in a traffic stop on the Sopchoppy Highway. The motorist was observed driving on the wrong side of the road. Harvey was arrested for driving while license is suspended or revoked as a habitual offender. Sgt. Ryan Muse investigated.

SUNDAY, JULY 7

- Edmond Baker of Crawfordville reported

a residential burglary. A forced entry was discovered at the home and \$2,200 worth of jewelry, coins, firearms, firearm related items, books and other items were stolen. Damage to the home was estimated at \$200. Evidence was collected at the scene. Detective Josh Langston and Deputy Gibby Gibson investigated.

- Deputy Sean Wheeler arrested two juveniles, a 17-year-old male and a 16-year-old male, in connection with a felony narcotics case. Deputy Wheeler was investigating a noise complaint at a party. Two individuals were observed inside a vehicle outside the home. The juveniles were observed crushing Xanax pills in the vehicle. The juveniles were arrested for possession of a Schedule III or IV narcotic. The juveniles were transported to the Wakulla County Jail by Deputy Wheeler and Lt. Mike Kemp and were later released to their parents.

- Elise Barwick of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary at a relative's home. Someone entered the home and used the shower while the owner was away. Jewelry and cleaning supplies were reported missing and are valued at \$7,550. A suspect has been identified. Lt. Mike Kemp and Deputy Billy Metcalf investigated.

MONDAY, JULY 8

- A 22-year-old Crawfordville man reported being the victim of a strong arm robbery. The victim picked up three male subjects along the road in Crawfordville.

The subjects asked for a ride but when they arrived at the specified location they struck the victim in the face and stole the victim's wallet and cell phone.

Some individuals of interest were identified as the case was turned over to the Criminal Investigations Division. The stolen items are valued at \$130. The victim was treated by Wakulla EMS. Deputy Gibby Gibson and Detective Josh Lawhon investigated.

- Heath Blackburn of Tallahassee reported a credit card offense. The victim lost his wallet at a Wakulla County convenience store and his bank card was compromised.

The wallet and contents are valued at \$51. Four fraudulent charges were discovered in Crawfordville, Jasper and Lake City and were valued at \$524. Detective Matt Helms investigated.

- Steven Everett Cmeheil, 34, of Panacea was observed in Panacea with cannabis in his pocket. Due to the cooperative nature of the discussion with Detective Nick Boutwell, Cmeheil was issued a notice to appear in court for misdemeanor possession of marijuana. The cannabis weighed 5.3 grams.

- Kevin Marie Matthews of Crawfordville reported a grand theft. The victim reported the theft of jewelry from her residence. The total loss of property was \$3,650. Investigation de-

termined that the jewelry was pawned at a Tallahassee shop by a suspect who has been identified. Additional charges are expected in Leon County. Deputy Marshall Taylor and Detective Josh Langston investigated.

- Krystle Zanco of Dollar General in Panacea reported a retail theft. The store manager reported observing a female subject taking items without paying for them.

Deputy Elisee Colin was investigating the crime when he observed the suspect come back into the store. The suspect, Cawanna M. Messer, 30, of Panacea was taken into custody.

Messer was in possession of prescription pills without a prescription when she was detained. Messer removed \$31 worth of merchandise from the store without paying for it the first time and \$71 worth of merchandise the second time. She was arrested for two counts of retail theft and one count of possession of a controlled substance. The suspect had an active warrant out of Franklin County for possession of amphetamines with intent to sell. Lt. Mike Kemp also investigated.

- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Officer Charles Malloy reported discovering vehicle keys at the St. Marks Boat Ramp.

A citizen left the keys on his patrol vehicle with a note that they were found in the restroom. The keys were placed in the WCSO Property and Evidence Division until the owner can be found. Deputy Anthony Paul investigated.

TUESDAY, JULY 9

- Brad Harvey of the Wakulla County Property Appraiser's Office reported the theft of a toolbox from a county owned vehicle. The box and tools inside are valued at \$300. Pry marks were discovered on the vehicle. Deputy Evelyn Brown investigated.

- A Bay Pine Drive resident in Crawfordville reported a trespassing on her back porch. The victim caught a 13-year-old juvenile ransacking items on the porch. Once contact was made with the juvenile, he ran back to his home. Deputy Elisee Colin spoke to the juvenile and issued a trespass warning for the victim's home. The juvenile's mother was contacted. Deputy Marshall Taylor also investigated.

- Deputies investigated a report of a stolen four wheeler and intoxicated operator at Wal-Mart. Christopher Lee Rodgers, 27, of Crawfordville became hostile and aggressive toward deputies as they questioned him. Rodgers eventually ran from deputies into traffic on U.S. Highway 319 forcing vehicles to stop to keep from striking him. Rodgers continued to resist deputies when they caught up to him and he was charged with disorderly intoxication. The owner of the four-wheeler declined to press charges.

Deputy Elisee Colin, Deputy Vicki Mitchell and Deputy Marshall Taylor investigated.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

On July 10, Deputy Scott Rojas investigated a complaint of a juvenile in possession of marijuana. A 14-year-old Crawfordville male juvenile was in possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana at his home. The juvenile received a verbal warning about receiving a civil citation for community service if he is caught with marijuana again. The marijuana weighed 1.5 grams and was placed into evidence along with the smoking pipe.

- Lamar Anthony Dukes, 27, of Tallahassee was arrested for knowingly operating a motor vehicle while license is suspended or revoked. Deputy Gibby Gibson conducted a traffic stop after observing the motorist passing in a turn lane. It was determined that Dukes received a no-

notice to appear in court in Leon County last month for not possessing a valid driver license. He was transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

- Deputy Billy Metcalf and Deputy Sean Wheeler responded to the Lighthouse Motel in reference to subjects inside smoking marijuana. The deputies entered the room and observed marijuana, drug paraphernalia and pills in plain view. Colby Sheldon Damon, 21, of Panacea was arrested for two counts of possession of a Schedule IV narcotic without a prescription, one count of possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia. The marijuana weighed 2.8 grams. A 16-year-old juvenile in the room was not charged.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office received 806 calls for service during the past week.



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Sheriff Charlie Creel, Lassie Williams, Lt. Bruce Ashley at the event.

Operation SAFE presented to seniors

Special to The News

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office and Florida Department of Financial Services hosted Operation SAFE (Stop Adult Financial Exploitation) Thursday, July 11 at the Wakulla County Senior Citizens Center. The program was designed to provide seniors, their families and caregivers with information to prevent fraud and to "Be Scam Smart."

The Be Scam Smart workshops are being held all over Florida and address seniors and their connections to fraud, common scams and identity theft.

Tasha Carter of the Department of Financial Services told seniors to remember the three P's: Protect, Prevent and Police your personal information.

Wakulla Sheriff Charlie Creel reminded the audience never to give away personal information to anyone who calls over the telephone.

Some startling statistics from the workshop: Senior citizens control 70 percent of the nation's wealth making them a logical target for criminals; many crimes against senior citizens go unreported; \$2.9 billion in losses reported each year by senior citizens as a result of financial fraud; one out of every five senior citizens has been a victim of a financial crime; 79 percent are scammed by family members, 49 percent are scammed by a caregiver and 47 percent are scammed by a trusted friend or neighbor.

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The annual Wakulla County Chamber Business Excellence Awards Banquet will be held on September 19 at the Senior Center. Winners of the Wakulla Area Business Excellence as well as the Wakulla Chamber Business of the Year, Environmental Stewardship Award, Start-Up Business of the Year, Non-Profit Organization of the Year and Chamber Member of the Year will be announced.

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Passionate about passion flowers



Natural Wakulla

By Les Harrison

Passion is a curious concept. It combines intensity and desire, in its purest sense, to create an obsessive need.

There is, figuratively and literally, a fine and not always obvious line between passion and irrationality.

Poets throughout history have waxed ad nauseum about one passion or another.

The century, the geographic location and the poet's fatalism usually combined to focus on an object or concept of passion.

Today's passions run the gamut from politics, to sports, romance novels and horticulture. If it is out there and has a following, then some group is passionate about it.

Luckily, contemporary Wakulla County residents can enjoy a native horticulture passion with all the fixating beauty but none of the absurd obsessiveness.

Passiflora incarnata is a fast growing perennial vine and commonly known as passion flower with a fruit called a maypop.

The vine is found in sunny areas, but will not grow in heavy shade. Untended fence rows, ditches and fallow fields are sites where this vine is frequently encountered.

The large bloom is complex and hypnotic with a multitude of shapes and angles within the structure. These blooms are attached to the climbing or trailing stems, but are found on the ground when there is nothing on

which to climb.

The flower's color ranges from purple to near flesh color.

The term *incarnata*, in the scientific name of this local wildflower, means flesh colored in Latin.

This dazzling regional native has been appreciated by many cultures. The Cherokee term for this bloom is *Ocoee*. This identifier lives on in Tennessee where the *Ocoee River* and the *Ocoee Valley* are still associated with this plant.

The passion flower vine produce fruit in mid-summer called a maypop. The maypop is green and approximately the size of a large lime, but turns yellow as it matures.

The interior of the fruit is white with abundant white seeds about the same size and shape of watermelon seed.

Historically, colonial settlers and the indigenous natives before them have eaten the raw maypops and used them in a variety of culinary applications.

Additionally, the maypops have been used in an assortment of folk medicine formulas.

While there has been some basic research into its medicinal properties, the most soothing use is to enjoy the blooms.

The passion flower vine plays a very important role with some of Wakulla County's insect residents. It, and other less common passion flower varieties, is the exclusive host plant for the Gulf Fritillary butterfly's caterpillar and a



Passion flowers, above, which is the exclusive host plant for the Gulf Fritillary butterfly's caterpillar and a major food source for the Variegated Fritillary's caterpillar. A Gulf Fritillary butterfly, below.

major food source for the Variegated Fritillary's caterpillar.

The Gulf Fritillary caterpillar is bright orange and covered with rows of medium length black spines. The spines are soft to the touch and do not sting, but if eaten the larva is toxic.

Gulf Fritillary butterflies are a muted orange with a large silver spot on the underside of each wing. They noted for their ability to traverse the Gulf of Mexico and travel as far as Argentina.

Gulf Fritillary butterflies

have been able to expand their range because of the cultivation of passion flower varieties. Luckily, Wakulla County has plenty occurring naturally.

To learn more about passion flowers and maypops contact the UF/IFAS Wakulla County Extension Office at 850-926-3931 or <http://wakulla.ifas.ufl.edu/>.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Scene In Wakulla was a success

By HERB DONALDSON
Special to The News

As the Scene in Wakulla Playwright/Filmmaker Festival came to a close, I wanted to take a moment to put down a few notes regarding it.

Our "Welcome to Wakulla" meet-and-greet was originally scheduled to take place at our sponsor's location, Best Western Plus/Wakulla Inns & Suites.

Upon learning that the Tourism Development Council, Wakulla Chamber of Commerce, among others, was to hold an unveiling at the same exact time in Panacea, Palaver Tree felt it best to combine both efforts instead of creating unnecessary competition.

It couldn't have turned out any better.

Actor John D'Aquino and filmmaker Ka'ramuu Kush were both on-hand, as were a group of approximately 30 folks involved with SCENE/Palaver Tree.

As a Wakulla resident, it was somewhat fascinating to see those involved with film and art, meeting with our county commissioners, members of the Chamber, and others involved in the sustaining of our environmental resources, and the smart-growth of our county.

One of the more compelling conversations came between former county judge Mike Carter and writer Agnes Furey.

Furey's play version of her book, "Wildflowers in the Median," centered on the murder of both her daughter and grandson by Leonard Scovens, the man her daughter was trying to help better his life. Furey and Scovens wrote the book together through letters they sent back and forth from her home to his prison cell.

As the two spoke, it came to light that Carter had suffered something of a horrific loss in his family as well. He explained a bit more in detail and from there a brief dialogue began that can only occur between those who've lost loved ones far too soon, and are left with the question - why?

I had a slight insight of what Scene in Wakulla was really about, and was, on a much larger scale, meant to do because of this conversation.

Friday began our series of workshops. The On-Camera Workshop, taught by D'Aquino, and the Directing for Film taught by Kush, took place at



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Participants in Scene in Wakulla, above. The popular acting workshop, left.



separate locations.

It would seem, from the number of participants who attended, that people are more prone to want to be in film (or onstage) as opposed to being the true mastermind behind the film, or project itself.

A large group assembled for D'Aquino's class for a chance to develop their craft in front of the camera. All were given scenes to perform, discuss, and to discover the fundamental do's and don'ts when being filmed for commercials, movies, etc.

It was over much too quickly.

Kush's group was smaller, more intimate. It also brought in a few young filmmakers from the county (teens and those in middle school).

To see the vision these young people have, especially in an age where almost anyone can pick up a camera and film their cat doing pet tricks, was inspiring to behold.

They brought in their own film-work for discussion and critique.

Some, obviously, were still finding their way. But there were others who possessed a subtle genius about their work. They took an amount of pride in their artistry that made me proud to say they came from our corner of

the globe.

These students are now linked to Kush in California, who has agreed to become a type of mentor to them. If they have questions about a film, or need advice on the development of a script, they need only reach out to him. This generosity, in turn, may open doors for these future directors.

The panel discussion later that night, went bust. The only ones in attendance were those directly involved in Scene - approximately 15 people. As fate would have it, we all sat around and talked about why we became involved in the arts to begin with. What was the larger purpose? Crowds? Or the broader vision of changing and enhancing lives one by one.

We walked away from the discussion that night with a better idea of who each artist involved was, along with their level of commitment. I could not have known, then, how this one exchange of thoughts and ideas would impact the next day's events.

Saturday began with the workshops. That afternoon the readings began with a piece I wrote years ago, in anger, called "A Matter of Seconds." I've known people through the years who were HIV positive. Some of them

are living with it, while others, such as one of my family members, died from related complications, or full-blown AIDS.

I say that I wrote "in anger" because that's what I was at the time, unrepentantly angry. I'd lost friends to a deadly disease that no one wanted to really talk about, or deal with. When I came into the knowledge that a beloved family member was infected, all the things I bottled up about American apathy, family, traditions, God, His judgment, and those who use God as a weapon to harm the mental and emotional well-being of others, came out in a flood.

"Seconds" was the reading that set-up Agnes Furey's "Wildflowers in the Median" play, which was read immediately afterwards.

Those in attendance seemed to be on something of a height at this point, and by the end of Agnes' reading we were ready - as a group - to come clean about a great many things.

"Wildflowers" was a story of murder, loss, and forgiveness. It was a true story. I was asked to develop the former version of the play for this reading, and the cast was excellent. The response even better.

paign across the state, told his own story of facing 60 years in prison.

If not for the intervention of a judge who took mercy on him and gave him a chance, he would be studying the ways of revenge and destruction, instead of practicing law, as he now does.

Someone in the room asked the audience to come closer, for people were spread throughout. Once they did, things became a bit more intimate, and honest.

Stories were revealed, including one from a young lady about a family member who - as a juvenile - was convicted of murdering his younger sister.

Now that he is out of prison, his family struggles to not only love him, but to forgive him.

Or the story of the woman, asked by a friend to be a part of our reading, and having never been involved in arts or performance before, revealed that for years she was for the death penalty because her teenage daughter had been raped by three men, and she wanted them to die. She'd even figured out a way to kill them herself.

Like cancer or AIDS, the disease of violence had somehow infected every single person that sat in the room. It was apparent that many of them - of us! - had never spoken of these things in public before.

This is what Scene was meant to do.

And it did so with great impact.

Finally, after more than an hour of confessions, tears, and comfort, we gathered in a circle and said one thing about the experience that just happened among us.

A lady, possibly in her mid-50s, whom I've never seen before, said that she had been a practicing Catholic who attended church services all of her life.

When her turn came to comment, she said:

"I've never seen God move like this. This is what church should be." Amen, sister.

There was a panel discussion with the cast and Agnes afterwards, in which she spoke eloquently about the loss of her daughter and grandson, and how it feels to survive that which seems "out of order" from the natural progression of life. As a mother, her children, nor grandchildren, should have had to leave this world before she did.

She spoke of the anger and pain that consumed her, and how her reaching out to Leonard Scovens to find out why led her to consider all the events in one man's life that made him who he was, and caused him to do what he did.

Kurt Wadsworth Jr. was also in the discussion. He is currently walking 2,000 miles across Florida to end the death penalty in the state, and was on the local evening news recently, along with Agnes and others from our Scene events, in front of the Capitol building in Tallahassee.

Kurt spoke about his brother, in and out of treatment, arrested numerous times, and eventually dead before he was 30.

He was left to wonder what his life would have been like if there had been someone there to reach him - to touch his spirit in a way that none of them, although they tried, could not.

Kurt's father, supporting his son in his cam-

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July 18 – July 25 Special Events

Thursday, July 18

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Friday, July 19

• **GIRLS UNITY DAY** will be held at the TCC Wakulla Center from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Girl Scouts of the Florida Panhandle invites girls entering grades 1-5 to a fun filled day. Bring your friends to learn how Girl Scouting helps girls to discover, connect, and take action to make the world a better place. The event is free. For more information contact Lynda Contreras-Thomas at lcontreras@gscfp.org or 386-2131.

Saturday, July 20

• **WHS CLASS OF 1993** is holding their 20 year reunion on July 20. There will be a family fun day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wakulla Springs. Lunch and games for the kids will be provided. Dinner and socializing will take place that evening at Wildwood Resort, 3896 Coastal Hwy. Cost is \$45 per person for the evening. For additional information please visit The Wakulla High School class of 1993 Facebook page, email langstonsjen@gmail.com, or call (850) 508-8623.

Wednesday, July 24

• **SENIOR CENTER CHRISTMAS IN JULY** luncheon will be held beginning with a silent auction at 11:30 a.m. while lunch will be served at noon. Proceeds will help meet the needs of the senior's food program. Any and all donations are appreciated. Please call the Wakulla Senior Citizens Office for ticket information. 926-7145 ext. 229 will get you Teri Harless, or ext. 221 for Shelly Homan.

• **WAKULLA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE** will be holding a blood drive from 2:30 p.m. until 4:15 p.m. All donors will receive a free T-shirt, a \$5 coupon off two entrees from Outback Steakhouse and a wellness checkup including cholesterol screening. Please sign up with Keith Blackmar at 745-7110 or kblackmar@wcco.org. No appointment required. If you donate two times between June 1 and September 30 you will receive a free

steak dinner courtesy of Outback.

• **WAKULLA FAMILY MEDICINE** will be holding a blood drive from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. All donors will receive a free T-shirt, a \$5 coupon off two entrees from Outback Steakhouse and a wellness checkup including cholesterol screening. Please sign up with Lori Strickland at 431-8720. No appointment necessary. If you donate two times between June 1 and September 30 you will receive a free steak dinner courtesy of Outback.

Upcoming Events

Friday, July 26

• **WAL-MART** will be holding a blood drive from 1:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. All donors will receive a \$10 Wal-Mart gift card, a \$5 coupon off two entrees from Outback Steakhouse and a wellness checkup including cholesterol screening. Make an appointment online at www.fbsdonor.org and use account #G1915. If you donate two times between June 1 and September 30 you will receive a free steak dinner courtesy of Outback.

Saturday, July 27

• **APALACHEE BAY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT** is having a yard and bake sale fundraiser from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at 1557 Shell Point Rd.

• **SOPCHOPPY OPRY** will present its 13th annual show at 7 p.m. in the historic Sopchoppy High School auditorium. Come early and enjoy seafood catered by the Family Coastal Restaurant. This year's lineup includes Lon and Elizabeth Williamson, Michele Miligan and Bobby Kennedy as well as Rick Kuncicky. Dress code is casual and tickets are \$10. For more information and tickets visit sopchoppyopry.com or call 962-3711.

Tuesday, July 30

• **GETTING READY FOR YOUR FALL GARDEN** workshop will be held at the Extension office. Cost is \$5. For more information visit wakulla.ifas.ufl.edu or call 926-3931.

Friday, August 9

• **WHS CLASSES OF '66-'80** will be holding their collective reunion on Friday and Saturday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Shriner's Club in Medart. Friday night's theme is Urban Cowboy and Saturday night's theme is Saturday Night Fever. \$35.00 per person for all events. Please contact Brent Thurmond at forgump60@gmail.com or Pollie Lawhon at pollielawhon@hotmail.com or 591-2358.

Saturday, August 10

• **BIG HEARTED ANGELS** will sponsor its 7th annual back to school shopping event for disadvantaged children. The goal of BHA is to take 150 children on our annual Back to School shopping spree, whose families are in need of assistance. Sponsorship for one child is \$50. Donations of any amount will be greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. Sponsorships or donations may be made at AMERIS Bank. Please make checks payable to "Big Hearted Angels Inc." www.bigheartedangels.org

Library News...



By **SCOTT JOYNER**
Library Director

SEAN DRISCOLL RETURNS TO WCPL

On Thursday, July 25 Sean Driscoll brings his new show "Diggery Digger's Dino Show" to WCPL. While Paleontologist Diggery Diggers is showing his fossils to a live audience, he discovers a "top secret" box the museum accidentally packed.

Curious, Diggery opens the box and unleashes the DinoSaurusScope 3000 or DINA taking the audience back into time to interact with dinosaurs.

All is well until they use DINA on a large dinosaur egg.

The egg hatches and a terrible thing happens. The dinosaurs in museums around the world start to come alive!

The only way to stop this dinosaur regeneration is to return the baby dinosaur back to its mother. Come along for a rocking dino adventure with Diggery and save the human race.

The show has incredible props including large interactive animated characters, dinosaur bones, a giant dinosaur egg and beautiful puppets. Combined with intriguing magic and rocking music, this is the Story Ship's most memorable adventure.

Audience members constantly interact by digging up fossils, scanning with the DINA, helping solve puzzles and singing songs. All the fun starts at 7 p.m. on July 25.

J.K ROWLING AS ROBERT GALBRAITH?!

It came out this past weekend that J.K Rowling, the international bestselling author of the Harry Potter series, published a crime novel a few weeks back under the pseudonym, Robert Galbraith.

Once this news broke, sales for the book (titled The Cuckoo's Calling) jumped 570,000% (no that's not a typo) on Amazon.com.

Other vendors and bookstores have also sold out of their copies as well. We have placed orders for the book and will have it available for checkout as soon as we get it in. We expect a high demand for this new book so your patience is greatly appreciated.

SUMMER READING BOOKS UPDATE

We're now more than halfway into July, and with the first day of school being the 15th of August, we strongly recommend that if your child hasn't at least put themselves on the waiting list for their grade's summer reading that they do so as soon as they can.

While we have purchased multiple copies of each summer reading book, due to increasing longer wait lists, we are rapidly approaching a date where we can't guarantee that your child will be able to get the book before school begins.

If you or your child has an account with us we're more than happy to add you to any waiting list over the phone.

We also have copies available of some of the books via e-book for those who have a reader.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if we can help you in any way.



GIRLS UNITY DAY

TCC Wakulla Center
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Senior Center
11:30 a.m.

Wednesday

WCSO BLOOD DRIVE

2:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Wednesday

WAKULLA FAMILY MEDICINE BLOOD DRIVE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Wednesday

Weekly meetings

Government Meetings

Monday, July 22

• **COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD** meeting will be held at 5:45 p.m. in the school board room. For information call 926-0065.

• **CITY OF SOPCHOPPY** will be holding a Budget Workshop for the 2013-14 fiscal year.

Monday, August 5

• **WAKULLA COUNTY COMMISSION** will hold its regular board meeting at 6 p.m. in the commission chambers.

Thursday, August 8

• **BUDGET DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP** for fiscal year 2013/2014 will take place in the commission chambers at 5 p.m.

Monday, August 12

• **PLANNING COMMISSION** meeting will take place in the commission chambers at 7 p.m.

Monday, August 19

• **WAKULLA COUNTY COMMISSION** will hold its regular board meeting at 6 p.m. in the commission chambers.

Clubs, Groups, Regular Meetings

Thursday, July 18

• **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** meets at 6 p.m. at the 26 Walker Street, Panama. For more information call 524-9103.

• **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** will meet at 8 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadeville Highway. Call 544-0719 for more information.

• **COASTAL OPTIMIST CLUB** will meet at noon

at Posey's Steam Room in Panama.

• **FAMILY TO FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP** will meet at 6 p.m. at the NAMI Wakulla office.

• **ROTARY CLUB** meets at the senior center at noon.

• **WAKULLA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM** will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 24 High Drive, Crawfordville.

• **NAMI FAMILY TO FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP** will meet at 6 p.m. at the NAMI Wakulla office, 2140-C Crawfordville Highway. This group is for family members and friends of people diagnosed with mental illnesses and is free of charge.

Friday, July 19

• **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, July 20

• **LUPUS SUPPORT NETWORK** meets every second Saturday from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the B.L. Perry Library located at 2817 South Adams in Tallahassee. This group provides information, education and mutual support for people with lupus and related autoimmune diseases.

• **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, July 21

• **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, July 22

• **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** meets at 6 p.m. at the 26 Walker Street, Panama.

• **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.

• **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.

• **RESPIRE 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, July 23

• **VFW LADIES AUXILIARY BINGO** is starting up its weekly occurrence. Bingo will be held at the VFW Post on Arran Road from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. 18 years and up only please.

• **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 6:30 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, July 24

• **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.

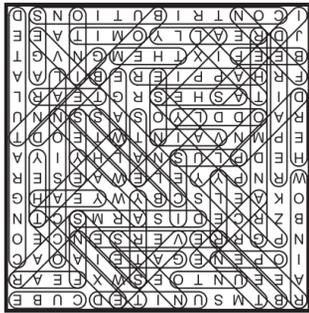
• **BEADING CLASSES** with Tamara will be held at 12:45 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Choose from glass and stone beads to create your masterpiece. There is a \$3 to \$5 fee for the materials.

• **KNITTING CLUB** will meet at 4 p.m. at the public library. Anyone interested in the art of knitting are encouraged to attend.

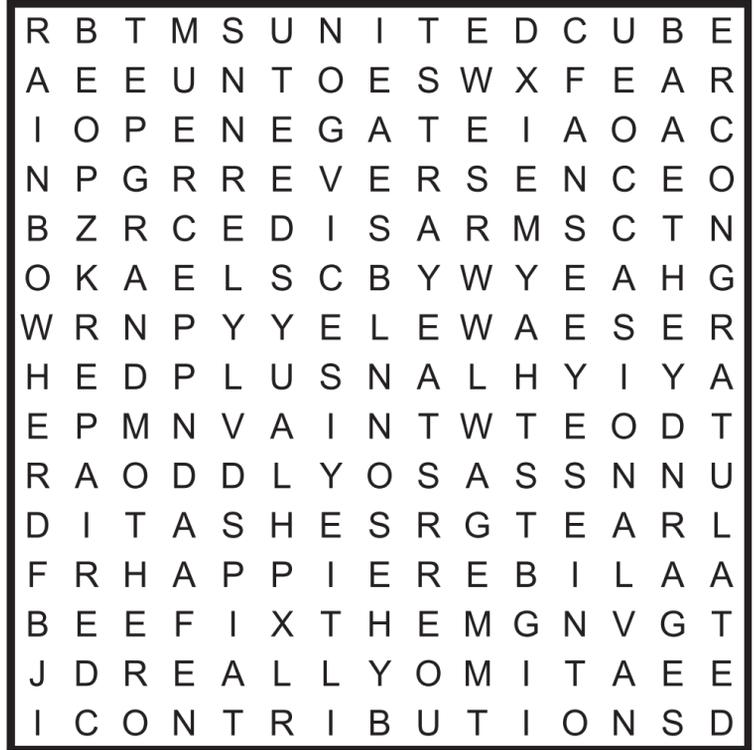
• **Mah Jongg Club** meets every Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Precinct 7 voting house on Whiddon Lake Road. Newcomers are welcome; you do not need to know how to play.

Thinking OUTSIDE the Book

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Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - MORNING MEAL

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **What do comedians like to eat for breakfast?**

BACON	T S M O O T H I E S
BAGEL	C E R E A L H M A H
BISCUIT	E K A S E L F F A W
BUTTER	B A C O N Y L R I J
CEREAL	I C S K C E M U U S
EGGS	S N H G T O B I R E
FRUIT	C A D S G A C T L D
HAM	U P A E G E D T L K
HOT COCOA	I O R E T T U B O W
JAM	T E L E M O I T R H
JUICE	
MILK	
OMELET	
PANCAKES	
ROLL	
SMOOTHIES	
TOAST	
WAFFLES	

Riddle answer: _____

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

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.

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| 1. Ordinary | ___ _ _ _ N | Checked pattern | ___ _ _ _ D |
| 2. Financial investor | ___ A ___ _ _ | Foxhole | ___ U ___ _ _ |
| 3. Bryce or Grand | ___ _ _ Y _ _ | Large field gun | ___ _ _ N ___ |
| 4. Runway participant | ___ _ _ _ L | Data processing unit | ___ _ _ M ___ |
| 5. Eatery | ___ N ___ _ | Pearl retriever | ___ V ___ _ |
| 6. Pasta segment | N ___ _ _ _ | Curly-haired canine | P ___ _ _ _ |
| 7. Radio or newspaper | ___ _ _ _ A | Military doctor | ___ _ _ C ___ |
| 8. Latin-American dance | T ___ _ _ _ | Oblong fruit | M ___ _ _ _ |
| 9. Indemnify | ___ S ___ _ | Harm | ___ J ___ _ |
| 10. Postage sticker | ___ T ___ _ _ | Lady and Tramp's son | ___ C ___ _ _ |

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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

Differences: 1. Bow is concealed. 2. Hand is crossed. 3. Heads are missing. 4. Sign is smaller. 5. Tail is replaced by paw. 6. Glasses are missing. 7. Media, Medic. 8. Canyon, Cannon. 9. Insure, Injure. 10. Stamp, Scamp.



- Kids' Maze Solution**
1. Plain, Plaid
 2. Banker, Bunker
 3. Canyon, Cannon
 4. Model, Modern
 5. Diner, Diver
 6. Noodle, Pooodle
 7. Media, Medic
 8. Canyon, Cannon
 9. Insure, Injure
 10. Stamp, Scamp

Even Exchange answers

Junior Whirl by Hal Kaufman

HOLE IN ONE! There is a way to see through an object or person without the use of a high-tech machine. Simply roll up a sheet of paper, hold it alongside your target, and peer through the roll with both eyes open.

Alakazam, your target — in this instance, someone's arm (see right) — will appear to have a hole through it. This illusory effect is created by a diversion of the line of sight of one eye.

WHERE TO! Unscramble names of U.S. city travel destinations: 1. TEST ALE, 2. HIRE GAL, 3. SHOUT ON, 4. TIRE DOT, 5. SEA DOING. Time limit: 1 min, each.

GRID-LOCKED RODEO STAR

RIDE EM, cowboy, if you can! There's a rodeo in town, and a crowd-pleasing performer is kicking up his heels. Care to see the show? Simply use a sharp pencil to draw lines indicated by letter and number coordinates below.

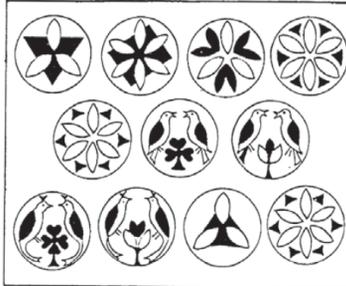
Start at J-8, draw to H-8, to J-11, I-11, G-9, G-7.

Start a new line at G-8, draw to E-8, C-5, B-5, A-4, A-3, B-4, C-3, D-3, I-8, J-6, L-7, L-6, J-6.

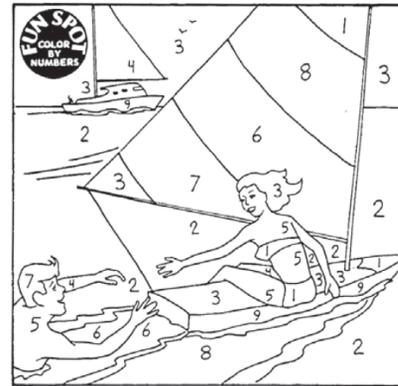
Be sure to draw lines in strict accord with coordinates, using a ruler where necessary.

Try your hand at coloring the figure later.

What figure is shown?



DOUBLE HEX! Two of 11 hex signs above are twins. How quickly can you find them? Be sure to study all details.



NEAR MISS! "I'm on my way," says she. "Hey, wait for me," says he. Code: 1—Red, 2—Lt. blue, 3—Yellow, 4—Lt. brown, 5—Flesh tones, 6—Lt. green, 7—Dk. brown, 8—Dk. blue, 9—Purple.

SPELLBINDER

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

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

Try to score at least 50 points.

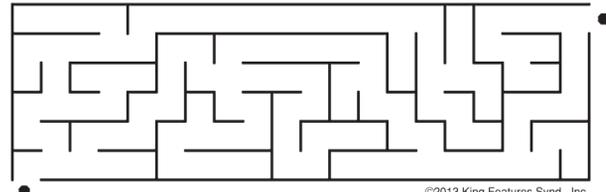
Possible two-word answers: Dune, seat.

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Riddle Answer: They like shredded wit.

Answer

Kids' Maze



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Fictitious Name Notices

5774-0725 TWN Invitation to Bid Inmate Commissary PUBLIC NOTICE
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 July 18 & 25, 2013

Bid Notices

5769-0718 TWN PUBLIC NOTICE
 THE SCHOOL BOARD OF WAKULLA COUNTY ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING:
 EVENT: Regular School Board Meeting
 DATE: Monday, July 22, 2013
 TIME: School Board Meeting - 5:45 p.m.
 PLACE: School Board Room, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida
 PURPOSE: Regular School Board Meeting
 For further information please contact: Superintendent's Office, Wakulla County School, P.O. Box 100, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, FL 32326, 850-926-0065
 July 18, 2013

Meeting Notices

5769-0718 TWN PUBLIC NOTICE
 REGISTRATION AND NOTICE TO SHOW CAUSE
 Pursuant to Section 98.075(2), Florida state, notice is given to the following person(s) to show cause why they should not be disqualified as a registered voter:
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Misc. Notices

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Misc. Notices

TO: Michael K. Smith,
 A Notice of Suspension to suspend your license and eligibility for licensure has been filed against you. You have the right to request a hearing pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, by making a request for same to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Licensing, Post Office Box 3168, Tallahassee, Florida 32315-3168. If a request for hearing is not received by 21 days from the date of the last publication, the right to hearing in this matter will be waived and the Department will dispose of this cause in accordance with law.
 July 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2013

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

5748-0725 TWN PUBLIC NOTICE
 NOTICE OF SUSPENSION
 Case No: 201301598

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

5773-0725 TWN
 Vs. Estate of Leaston Spears Case No. 13-2-C-A
 Public Notice
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 13-2-C, CIVIL DIVISION
 CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to WAKULLA BANK, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 ESTATE OF LEASTON LAMR SPEARS, deceased, et al.
 Defendants.
 NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 6, 2013, and the Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Cancel and Reschedule Foreclosure Sale, entered July 8, 2013, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Lobby of the Clerk's Office, of the Wakulla County Courthouse in Crawfordville, Florida, on August 6, 2013 at 11:00 a.m., the following described property:
 See EXHIBIT "A," attached
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner(s) as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.
 DATED on July 11, 2013.
 Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of Court
 (SEAL) By: /s/Tiffany Deschner As Deputy Clerk

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

Parcel # 1 - Woodville Hwy
 Commence at a St. Joe Paper Company permanent reference monument marking the Northeast corner of Section 9 (also being the Southeast corner of Section 4), Township 3 South, Range 1 East, Wakulla County, Florida and thence run South 00 degrees 47 minutes 54 seconds West along a fence line 500.71 feet to a St. Joe Paper Company permanent reference monument, thence run South 89 degrees 51 minutes 39 seconds West 1422.85 feet to the Westerly boundary of the 100 foot right-of-way of State Road No. 363, thence run North 10 degrees 42 minutes 50 seconds West along said right-of-way boundary 910.77 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING thence run South 83 degrees 18 minutes 45 seconds West 551.82 feet to a concrete monument on the Easterly right-of-way boundary of the Old Woodville Road, thence run North 10 degrees 51 minutes 36 seconds West along said right-of-way boundary 50.50 feet to a concrete monument, thence run South 89 degrees 19 minutes 36 seconds East 260.00 feet to a concrete monument, thence run North 10 degrees 51 minutes 36 seconds West 341.98 feet to a concrete monument, thence run South 89 degrees 19 minutes 36 seconds East 302.53 feet to the Westerly right-of-way boundary of said State Road No. 363, thence run South 10 degrees 42 minutes 50 seconds East along said right-of-way boundary 320.16 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

Parcel # 2 - Bream Fountain
 Begin at the Northwest corner of that certain tract of land conveyed to Rufus Tucker by A.N. Revell and Viola Revell, his wife, by deed dated December 24, 1949 and recorded on page 367 of Deed Book No. 36 of the public records of Wakulla County, Florida, and run East along the North boundary line of said tract of land the distance of one hundred (100) feet, thence run South thirty-eight (38) feet, thence run West one hundred (100) feet to the West-ern boundary line of the above mentioned tract of land, thence run North along the West boundary line of said tract of land the distance of thirty-eight (38) feet to the point of beginning, less a five-foot (5) wide strip of land across the West end thereof, which is reserved for a passageway. Said land lying and being in the North half of the Southwest Quarter (N 1/2 of SW 1/4) of lot 77 of Hartsfield Survey of lands in Wakulla County, Florida
 AND
 The East one hundred (100) feet of that certain tract of land conveyed to Rufus Tucker and Minnie Tucker by A.N. Revell and Viola Revell, his wife, by deed dated December 24, 1949 and recorded on page 367 of deed book 36 of the public records of Wakulla County, Florida. Said land being in the N1/2 of SW 1/4 of Lot 77 of Hartsfield Survey of lands in Wakulla County, Florida.
 AND
 All of that certain tract or parcel of land in the North half of the Southwest Quarter (N 1/2 of SW 1/4) of lot 77 of Hartsfield Survey of lands in Wakulla County described by metes and bounds as follows: Commencing at a point on the East side of Tallahassee Street, south of and adjoining the surveyed lots of the Town of Crawfordville, Florida, and thence run East 198 feet, thence run South 105 feet to the North side of the Crawfordville and Spring Creek public Road, which said point is the point of beginning of the tract of land hereby conveyed. From said point of beginning run East along the North side of Spring Creek and Crawfordville public road the distance of 210 feet, thence run North 105 feet, thence run West 210 feet, thence run South 105 feet to the point of beginning. Less and except from the above described tract of land a strip of land 15 feet wide across the West end thereof which is hereby reserved as a passage way, and except from the above described that sold by the above parties of the first part to L.F. Cabler and Mary Eleanor Cabler, his wife as recorded in deed book 43 page 30, and except from the above that portion sold to Rufus Tucker, Jr. and Hazel Tucker his wife as recorded in deed book 47 on page 43 of the public records of Wakulla County, Florida.
 Being More Particularly described by recent Survey dated May 13, 2003 Job #89-483, By Edwin Brown & Associates, Inc.
 Commence at a re-rod marking the Northeast corner of Lot 26, Block "B" of the Town of Crawfordville, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Deed Book "C&D", Page 572, of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida, and thence run South 01 degrees 05 minutes 11 seconds East 148.46 feet to a rod and cap, thence run South 01 degrees 00 minutes 11 seconds East 164.04 feet to a rod and cap, thence run South 89 degrees 03 minutes 23 seconds East 15.01 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING continue South 89 degrees 03 minutes 23 seconds East 245.44 feet to a rod and cap, thence run South 03 degrees 20 minutes 59 seconds East 100.10 feet to a re-rod on the Northerly right-of-way boundary of Bream Fountain Road, thence run South 88 degrees 41 minutes 34 seconds West along said right-of-way boundary 249.21 feet, thence run North 01 degrees 06 minutes 13 seconds West 109.68 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.
 July 18 & 25, 2013

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

5772-0725 TWN
 Vs. Williams, Lillian Case No.: 10000405CA Notice of Sale
 PUBLIC NOTICE
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 10000405CA
 FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff,

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

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Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices

vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LILLIAN T. WILLIAMS A/K/A LILLIAN TAMIKKA WILLIAMS, DECEASED, et al.
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure or Order dated June 17, 2013, entered in Civil Case Number 10000405CA in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY is the Plaintiff, and UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LILLIAN T. WILLIAMS A/K/A LILLIAN TAMIKKA WILLIAMS, et al., are the Defendants, I will sell the property situated in Wakulla County, Florida, described as:

LOT 4 (5.00 ACRES) COMMENCE AT A ST. JOE PAPER COMPANY CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER 734.97 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST 797.41 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST 273.14 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST 797.34 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER 273.14 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 5.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH AN ACCESS EASEMENT OVER AND ACROSS THE EASTERLY 30.00 FEET THEREOF DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT ST. JOE PAPER COMPANY CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER 431.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST 398.93 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST 30.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST 368.90 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 1655.69 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF LUKE SMITH ROAD, THENCE NORTH 67 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 32.52 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER 1698.22 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 3056 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, FL 32327 at 11:00 AM, on the 8th day of August, 2013. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS IN NEED OF A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHALL, WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS PRIOR TO ANY PROCEEDING, CONTACT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURT, WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HIGHWAY, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327, TELEPHONE (850) 926-0905, TDD 1 800 955 8771 or 1 800 955 8770 via Florida Relay Service.

Dated: June 17, 2013.

WAKULLA COUNTY CLERK OF COURT
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

(SEAL) *By:/s/ Tiffany Deschner, Deputy Clerk*
FLORIDA FORECLOSURE ATTORNEYS, PLLC
4855 Technology Way, Suite 500
Boca Raton, FL 33431 (727) 446-4826
July 18 & 25, 2013

5768-0725 TWN
Vs. Show, Dorothy Case No. 65-2010-CA-000135 *Notice of Sale*
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO: 65-2010-CA-000358
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,
vs.
DOROTHY J. SHOW, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 12, 2013, and entered in Case No. 65-2010-CA-000135 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida in which JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., is the Plaintiff and DOROTHY J. SHOW AND THOMAS STEPHEN SHOW, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the front lobby of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, Wakulla County, Florida at 11:00AM EST on the 8th day of August, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 7, BLOCK B, WOODVILLE SOUTH, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 31, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 207 BOB MILLER ROAD, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327

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

Dated this 12th day of June, 2013.

Clerk of the Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida

(SEAL) *By:/s/ Tiffany Deschner, Deputy Clerk*
Albertelli Law, Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623
(813) 221-4743 (813) 221-9171 facsimile
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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS NEEDING A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE ADA COORDINATOR NOT LATER THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS PRIOR TO THE PROCEEDING AT THE OFFICE OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY CLERK OF COURT, 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HWY., CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327; TELEPHONE: (850) 926-0905; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), via Florida Relay Service. To file response please contact Wakulla County Clerk of Court, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, Tel: (850) 926-0905; Fax: (850) 926-0901.
July 18 & 25, 2013 WB-10-94805

5760-0718 TWN
Vs. Yomes, Gregory Case No. 13-28-CA *Notice of Sale*
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA. CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.13-28-CA UCN: 652013CA00028XXXXXX
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE HSI ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION TRUST 2007 HE2, Plaintiff,
vs.
GREGORY G. YOMES, et al., Defendants,

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated June 11, 2013, and entered in Case No. 13 28 CA 652013CA00028XXXXXX of the Circuit Court in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee on behalf of the certificateholders of the HSI Asset Securitization Corporation Trust 2007 HE2 is Plaintiff and GREGORY G. YOMES; CYNTHIA DENISE RICHTER YOMES; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Front Foyer of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327 County, Florida, 11:00 a.m. on the 1st day of August, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 36, EDGEWOOD, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 83, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

DATED at Crawfordville, Florida, on June 11, 2013.

BRENT X THURMOND, As Clerk, Circuit Court (SEAL)
By:/s/ Tiffany Deschner, As Deputy Clerk

SHD Legal Group P.A., Attorneys for Plaintiff
PO BOX 11438, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339 1438
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5756-0718 TWN
vs. Bromley, Lori L. Case No. 65-2010-CA-000145 *Notice of Foreclosure Sale*
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 2010-CA-000145
CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
LORI L. BROMLEY A/K/A LORI BROMLEY, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated June 11, 2013 and entered in Case No. 65-2010-CA-000145 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT in and for WAKULLA County, Florida wherein JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, successor by merger to Chase Home Finance LLC1, is the Plaintiff and LORI L. BROMLEY A/K/A LORI BROMLEY, are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT FOYER OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 1st day of August, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices

LOT 8, BLOCK 10, WAKULLA GARDENS, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 39 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 40 FEATHER TRAIL, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on June 11, 2013.

(SEAL)
Brent X. Thurmond
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By:/s/ Tiffany Deschner, Deputy Clerk Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
**See Americans with Disabilities Act
Any persons with a disability requiring reasonable accommodations should call Clerk of Circuit Court at (850) 926-0905, July 11 & 18, 2013 F10022209

5755-0718 TWN
vs. Celebrate Coastal Development, Case No. 12-352-CA NOS Pursuant to Chapter 45
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 12-352-CA

CADC/RADC VENTURE 2011-1, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
Plaintiff,
v.
CELEBRATE COASTAL DEVELOPMENT, LLC, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on this 11th day of June 2013 in Case No. 12-352-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein CADC/RADC Venture 2011-1, LLC is Plaintiff, and Celebrate Coastal Development, LLC and Lakes at Shell Point Homeowner's Association, Inc. are Defendants the Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the courthouse located at Room 136 of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida at 11 am on the 1st day of August, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 24 AND 25 OF THE LAKES AT SHELL POINT, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 8, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

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July 11 & 18, 2013

5754-00718 TWN
vs. Chrisco, Chad, Case No. 652009CA000391CAXXXX *Re-Notice Foreclosure Sale*
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION. CASE NO.: 652009CA000391CAXXXX
CITIMORTGAGE, INC SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC Plaintiff,
vs.
CHAD CONROY CHRISCO A/K/A CHAD CHRISCO, et al Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

RE-NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Reschedule Foreclosure Sale filed April 30, 2013 and entered in Case No. 652009CA000391CAXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA County, Florida, wherein CITIMORTGAGE, INC. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC., is Plaintiff, and CHAD CONROY CHRISCO A/K/A CHAD CHRISCO, et al are Defendants, the clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 AM at the WAKULLA County Courthouse, the FRONT LOBBY of the Courthouse, at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 1st day of August, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Lis Pendens, to wit:

North Half of Lot 50 of Rainbow Acres, as per the map or plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Book Page 84 of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:
Commence at an iron pipe marking the Southwest corner of Lot 50 of Rainbow Acres, as per the map or plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 66A of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida, and proceed North 00 degrees 12 minutes 35 seconds East along the West boundary of said Lot 50 a distance of 316.93 feet to the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning thence continue North 00 degrees 12 minutes 35 seconds East 316.93 feet to an iron pipe marking the North West corner of said Lot 50, thence run South 89 degrees 54 minutes 50 seconds East 330.47 feet to an iron pipe marking the Northeast corner of said Lot 50, thence run South 00 degrees 15 minutes 33 seconds West along the East boundary of said Lot 50 a distance of 317.07 feet, thence run North 89 degrees 53 minutes 23 seconds West 330.20 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Together with an Easement for ingress and egress over and across the West 30.00 feet of the South one-half of Lot 50 of Rainbow Acres, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 66A of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Phelan Hallinan, PLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff
2727 West Cypress Creek Road, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309
Tel: 954-462-7000 Fax: 954-462-7001
Service by email: FL.Service@phelanhallinan.com
By: /s/ Sim Singh, Phelan Hallinan, PLC
Sim Singh, Esq., Florida Bar No. 98122
Emilio R. Lenz, Esq., Florida Bar No. 0668273

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Danny Davis, Court Technology Office, Office of Court Administration, 301 S Monroe St, Rm 225, Tallahassee, FL 32303 850.577.4401 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
July 11 & 18, 2013

5753-0711 TWN
Vs. Nichols, Elizabeth Case No. 12-364-CA *Notice of Sale*
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 12-364-CA
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., AS TRUSTEE GREENPOINT MANUFACTURED HOUSING CONTRACT TRUST, PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATE, SERIES 1999-3, acting by and through GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, in its capacity as Servicer
7360 S. Kyrene Road, Tempe, AZ 85283, Plaintiff,
v.
ELIZABETH A. NICHOLS, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Plaintiff's Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-captioned action, I will sell the property situated in Wakulla County, Florida, described as follows, to wit:

LOT 4, OF SHADEVILLE SOUTH, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 19 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA; TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1999 GENERAL MANUFACTURED D6648, 24 x 52 MOBILE HOME SERIAL NUMBER: GMHGA4109923361A/B. Commonly known as: 76 SOUTHERN DRIVE, CRAWFORDVILLE, FLORIDA 32327.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash in and online sale at the **Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, Florida 32327, at 11:00 AM (ET), on the 1st day of August, 2013.**

If you are a subordinate lien holder claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the Clerk of Court no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim, you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.

Notice to Persons With Disabilities: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator's office not later than seven days prior to the proceeding.
BRENT X. THURMOND, CLERK OF COURT (SEAL)
By:/s/ Tiffany Deschner, Deputy Clerk
Attorney for Plaintiff: Timothy D. Padgett, P.A.
6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312
Tel: (850) 422-2520 Fax: (850) 422-2567
attorney@padgettlaw.net
July 11 & 18, 2013

Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices

5751-0711 TWN
Vs. Bassin, Donna Case No. 12-438-CA *Notice of Sale*
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 12-438-CA
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF ACE SECURITY CORP. MANUFACTURED HOUSING TRUST, SERIES 2003 MH1, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, acting by and through GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, as Servicing Agent
7360 S. Kyrene Road, Tempe, AZ 85283, Plaintiff,
v.
DONNA J. BASSIN A/K/A DONNA CHAMBERS BASSIN, SANTANA M. BASSIN, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SANTANA M. BASSIN, JOHN T. GAY, and
THE UNKNOWN PARTY IN POSSESSION OF 1347 DR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR MEMORIAL ROAD, formerly known as 1347 LOWER BRIDGE ROAD, CRAWFORDVILLE, FLORIDA 32327, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
DONNA J. BASSIN A/K/A DONNA CHAMBERS BASSIN, SANTANA M. BASSIN, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SANTANA M. BASSIN, JOHN T. GAY, and THE UNKNOWN PARTY IN POSSESSION OF 1347 DR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR MEMORIAL ROAD, formerly known as 1347 LOWER BRIDGE ROAD, CRAWFORDVILLE, FLORIDA 32327, YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a civil action has been filed against you in the Court, County of Wakulla, State of Florida, to foreclose certain real property described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner of Lot 1, Block "29" of Wakulla Gardens, Unit 3, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 43 of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida and thence run North 71 degrees 18 minutes 30 seconds East 212.56 feet to a 1 inch iron pipe marking the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING continue North 71 degrees 18 minutes 30 seconds East 147.45 feet to a concrete monument (marked #2919), thence run North 18 degrees 53 minutes 17 seconds West 262.72 feet to a concrete monument (marked #2919) lying on the Southerly right-of-way boundary of County Road #S-368, thence run South 86 degrees 53 minutes 32 seconds West along said right-of-way boundary 20.80 feet to a re-rod (marked #6475), thence leaving said right-of-way boundary run South 18 degrees 54 minutes 22 seconds East 145.92 feet to a re-rod (marked #6475), thence run South 71 degrees 18 minutes 03 seconds West 127.51 feet to a re-rod (marked #6475), thence run South 18 degrees 54 minutes 01 seconds East 122.37 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

The above described parcel being a portion of those lands as described in Official Records Book 22, page 196, Official Records Book 22, page 197, Official Records Book 37, page 477 and Official Records Book 22, page 764 of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida, with that certain 2001, 28 x 65, Cavalier Homes, 32815, Serial Number: ALCA0599560S32865A, ALCA0599560S32865B.

You are required to file a written response with the Court and serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Timothy D. Padgett, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, Florida 32312, at least thirty (30) days from the date of first publication, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated this ___ day of _____, 2013.
(SEAL) BRENT X. THURMOND, CLERK OF COURT

By:/s/ Tiffany Deschner, Deputy Clerk
Attorney for Plaintiff: Timothy D. Padgett, P.A.
6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312
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July 11 & 18, 2013

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

5771-0725 TWN
In Estate of: Gail Patricia Steels Case No: 2013000036CP *Notice to Creditors*
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO: 2013000036CP
IN RE: The Estate of GAIL PATRICIA STEELS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of GAIL PATRICIA STEELS, deceased, whose date of death was February 6, 2013 is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

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

All claims NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is July 18, 2013.
Personal Representative: /s/Kent L. Steels
c/o 810 Thomasville Road, Suite B, Tallahassee, Florida 32303

/s/Scott A. Snavelly, Esq., Fla. Bar No. 0009733
SCOTT A. SNAVELLY, P.A.
810 Thomasville Road, Suite B, Tallahassee, Florida 32303
(850) 425-1770 FAX: (850) 222-6721
Attorney for Personal Representative
July 18 & 25, 2013

5752-0718 SCT
Estate of Brim, Donald, File No. 13-42-CP, NTC
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION,
FILE NO.: 13-42-CP
IN RE: ESTATE OF DONALD BARRY BRIM, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Donald Barry Brim, deceased, whose date of death was April 10, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court of Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, Florida 32327. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the 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 DATE 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 July 11, 2013.

Personal Representative: Patricia Brim Walker
425 Tennyson Knl Grayson, Georgia 30017
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Susan L. St. John, FL Bar No: 0640808
St. John Law Firm, P.L., 113 South Monroe St., First Floor
Tallahassee, FL 32301 850-201-7250
July 11 & 18, 2013

Self Storage Notices **Self Storage Notices** **Self Storage Notices**

5762-0718 TWN
PUBLIC NOTICE
Seminole Self Storage
LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN PURSUANT TO FLORIDA SELF-STORAGE FACILITY ACT, FLORIDA STATUTES, CHAPTER 83, PART IV THAT SEMINOLE SELF STORAGE WILL HOLD A SALE BY SEALED BID ON **JULY 26, 2013 at 11:00am**

AT 2314 CRAWFORDVILLE HWY, CRAWFORDVILLE, FLORIDA 32327. OF THE CONTENTS OF MINI-WAREHOUSE CONTAINING THE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF: CARY MILLER, ROSS LANGFORD, JR, REBA MCKENZIE, ALFONSO GUERRA, KENNETH REDDING, DANIEL PRYOR

TED CASH
Before the sale date of **JULY 26, 2013** The Owners may redeem their property by payment of the Outstanding Balance and cost by mailing it to 2314 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, Florida, 32327 or Paying in person at the warehouse location.
July 11 & 18, 2013

5766-0725
Slow Wally Center-Crawfordville
PUBLIC NOTICE



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RENTALS

- **47B Dispennette** – 3 BR/2BA, \$750 mo., \$750 security dep. No smoking, only outdoor pets with approval and \$250.00 pet fee.
- **14 Windy Court** – 3 BR/2BA, \$850 mo., \$850 Dep. No smoking, no pets. Available August 1.
- **260 Magnolia Ridge** – 3 BR/2BA, above ground pool, hot tub, \$1,200 mo. \$1,200 dep.. Available end of July.
- **52 Deer Run** – 1BR/1BA on the Sopchoppy River. \$700 mo. \$700 dep. Available August 1st.

Tallahassee Rentals:

- **1309 Larette** – 2 BR/2.5 BA \$725 per mo., \$725 dep.
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Possible record-setting fresh water catch from 1954



Red Clay Footprints

By John Roberts

I'm writing this to make a claim that my Daddy and I just might have caught the biggest fish ever caught up the St. Marks River in Wakulla County.

Or maybe the biggest fish caught up any river in that county or a bunch of other counties.

Now what I'm talking about is up a fresh water river. I don't make a claim like that if it's saltwater because we all know there are some monster fish in saltwater.

No sir, I'm talking fresh water. Lots of big bass and bream in fresh water rivers, but not many fish like this one.

It's been a very long time ago, and I sure don't want the memory of it to fade and then be lost.

Even now, it's been so long ago that I'm going to put in here the names of people, good friends of mine, who were around and might very well remember that great big fish.

Those fellows who may remember me and my daddy's fish, especially when they see the picture of it that I'm going to include with this article are: Alan Boykin, Billy Moore, William Mock, Glen Roberts (no kin), and Eugene Cutchins.

Now, here are the details: It all happened on my daddy's dock at St. Marks sometime in the summer of about 1954.

The deep sea fishing boats had all left the dock with their parties on board, and it was nice and quiet, about mid-morning, maybe around 9:30. I can see it as if it was yesterday. My daddy, E.W. Roberts, was in his office on the dock and I was walking along where the fishing boats tie up, just enjoying the day.

As I approached one of the party boats that had remained in port, the "O.P.," about a 40-footer, named for Mr. O.P. Shields, something caught my eye. The O.P. was backed into its berth with the bow out into the river. What caught my eye as I approached the O.P. was the tail of a very large fish which I could see clearly in the water beneath the bow of the boat.

That was all I could see of the fish as he was facing up river, slowly moving his tail back and forth to hold him steady facing up river. The tide was falling and he had to do that to hold his position facing upstream.

Hardly believing my eyes, I ran to the dock office to tell daddy what I had seen. He took one look and correctly identified the fish as a Jewfish.

Our politically correct society has since changed the name of the fish, fearing that maybe the Jewish folks would be offended because if you look at one of those fish, you have to admit its face isn't that pretty.

They are now called Goliath grouper. You surely can't blame Jewish folks to be offended by that face, but I've done some research and found that the Oxford English Dictionary quotes a 1697 source, an explorer who reported the naming of the fish. The explorer's report: "The Jewfish is a very good fish and I judge so called by the English because it hath scales and fins, therefore a clean fish according to the Levitical Laws."

My daddy rigged up a strong leader wire, attached to it a very large fish hook and since it was

handy, used the strong nylon anchor cable of the O.P. for his line. To the hook he affixed an entire mullet. Daddy then eased the bait down from the bow of the O.P. and left it suspended there about where that big Jewfish's mouth would be.

The remainder of the anchor line was left coiled on the bow, the end tied to a cleat.

The Jewfish had left while we were doing all that and my dad went back to his work, telling me to keep an eye on that anchor line. He said if the fish came back it would likely take the bait, swallow it, and hook himself.

Sure enough, about two hours later, movement caught my eye and I saw the anchor line rapidly uncoiling off the bow of the O.P. as the fish made a fast run downriver. I shouted for my dad and the battle was on!

It took nearly an hour for my daddy and I to get that fish to tire enough that we could haul it up next to the boat. We got a man to bring a small boat around to see if it was possible to haul the fish into it, but that big fish



AUTHOR'S COLLECTION

Goliath grouper weighing 372 pounds caught in the St. Marks River by John Roberts and his father E.W. Roberts. The man in the photo is a spearfisherman who asked to pose with the fish after sticking a spear in it.

had too much fight left in him, and even if the man was able to bring it aboard, the fish would likely tear up the boat and/or injure the man.

This would never do on one of those sportsman fishing television shows, but this was before TV, and a man on a nearby boat owned a pistol and it was used to kill the fish with one shot behind the gills. The fish was then towed around to a small boat basin where a wench was located. The wench was there for hauling out the small boats for cleaning and upkeep.

The Jewfish was hauled out of the water using that wench and photographed there.

A man whose name I cannot recall, who was an avid spear fisherman, was there on his boat and asked if he could pose with the fish. He stuck a spear in the fish and the photograph was taken.

Other photographs were taken, but that one, included here, is the only one which has survived.

The fish weighed in at 372 pounds. The state record in Florida for a Jewfish/Goliath Grouper is 680 pounds.

So they do get much larger, but unless one of our readers can claim a larger one caught in fresh water comes forward, I'm claiming this record catch for my daddy and me!

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