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Internet cafe sues

The owner of Two Palms Cyber Cafe seeks declaratory judgment on law

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The owner of a Crawfordville internet cafe filed a lawsuit last week seeking a judge's determination on whether the cafe was operating legally.

The lawsuit was filed in Wakulla Circuit Court on behalf of Sharlyne Miller of Two Palms Cyber Cafe and names State Attorney Willie Meggs as defendant.

The lawsuit was filed by Crawfordville attorney Steve Glazer.

The two-page complaint indicates that the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office and Meggs "through friendly persuasion suggested that she close the doors of her business."

The lawsuit states she was given until Friday, Jan. 24, at 5 p.m. to "shut down" the Café. The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office quite fairly and reasonably explained to (Miller) that she could be charged with various criminal acts including but not limited to operating a gambling house, illegally holding a sweepstakes, possession of slot machines among other possible criminal acts."

The state legislature took up the issue of internet cafes last year and most were outlawed as gambling houses under language regulating sweepstakes.

At one point, there were a handful of internet cafes in Wakulla



The Two Palms Cafe, south of Crawfordville, closed in January and a lawsuit was filed to get a court determination if the cafe's software is legal. A sign in the window, right.

County, but they all closed, including Two Palms, in April 2013.

In a phone conversation, Glazer indicated that Two Palms had reopened after obtaining a different software that was legal. Two Palms reopened in November 2013.

Glazer said the lawsuit was filed to get a legal determination on whether the software is indeed legal.

Meggs was named as a respondent because it would be his office that would prosecute for violating



the gambling statute. Meggs said that, if the case goes forward, it's likely that the Office of Attorney General Pam Bondi would assist his office because of the statewide ramifications.

Glazer said his client had no choice but to file the suit.

"So it's either a civil suit and find out if it's legal or go to jail," Glazer said.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Parallel Lives: Florida in the 1940s

By ELINOR A. ELFNER
Special to The News



Elinor Elfner with a picture of her father, the Rev. Don F. Pielstick.

ored boy in that era to grow up without the fear of being lynched."

This is how Isabel Wilkerson tells the story of George and others in "The Warmth of Other Suns: An Epic Story of America's Great Migration."

According to Wilkerson, George had been picking citrus, selling insurance and ferrying people in his old car, putting all those nickels, quarters and half-dollars in a Mason jar - saving to return to Florida Agricultural & Mechanical College (now Florida A&M University) in Tallahassee and to send his wife, Inez, to Angelo Beauty College in Tampa.

He heard about good-paying jobs up north. He left his wife and with two friends traveled by bus to Detroit. There he worked in a factory making B-29 cargo planes.

The tension was high because the manager thought any worker might be a communist who might make intentional mistakes in the production line to cause trouble

with the planes. The work was very exacting.

The white man was my father, the Rev. Don F. Pielstick.

For three years he taught in two-week Rural Institutes for Negro ministers at various black colleges in the south, including Florida A&M.

Dad never met George Starling although George attended FAMC about the same time Dad was there.

That is, George attended until his father received so much social pressure in Eustis that he stopped supporting his son's college education.

What Dad learned of the "strange social culture" of the South he learned from reading lots of books and from his own experiences traveling in the South by bus and train and by living and teaching on the black campuses.

These institutes were intended to train rural black ministers in preparation and delivery of sermons, counseling and caring for parishioners.

etc. They also gave my Dad a chance to learn a great deal by just living in a very different society.

The 1940s were difficult years for many Americans. The country was at war with Germany and Japan.

Gas, sugar, fruit and many other products were rationed. Young able-bodied men were drafted in the military and then sent to training stations across the country. Industries were converted to production for the war effort, with "defense communities" growing up overnight nearby. Buses and trains were crowded and schedules unpredictable.

From Tallahassee, Dad wrote about the institutes:

"The men are fine spirited and seem to wish to learn so it is encouraging to work with them... I am very interested in the singing here. They sing without accompaniment and the tendency is to emphasize the beat rather than keep the time."

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County faces \$600,000 budget shortfall

By JENNY ODOM
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Wakulla County faces a projected shortfall of \$600,000 because of continuing decreases in the county's jail-bed revenues, which come from renting bed space in the Wakulla County Jail to federal agencies.

The issue was raised by Commissioner Howard Kessler at Monday's county commission meeting, when he asked for a first quarter financial review.

Even though the jail-bed revenue is still positive, it is not performing at the level anticipated in the budget. A workshop was set for March 3 at 2 p.m. to discuss the issue.

"This is a coming crisis," Commissioner Randy Merritt said at the meeting, agreeing with Kessler's request for a workshop. "The budgeted numbers are not happening, not even close."

Merritt noted that projected revenues were about \$500,000 a month, but actual revenues are closer to \$200,000. County Administrator David Edwards added that the real number is now closer to \$150,000.

Edwards brought the issue to the board's attention last year during budget negotiations.

"The elephant in the room is that there will have to be cuts," Kessler said after the meeting, "and they have to come from somewhere."

By law, the county must have a balanced budget, therefore there is no choice but to find a solution to the discrepancy. Currently, the sheriff's office receives the largest portion of the county budget.

Winter weather hits

A winter storm hit Wakulla County last week, and schools were closed Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 29 and Jan. 30.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office reported no road closures throughout the night and no traffic accidents.

Wakulla Public Works placed sand on the Lost Creek Bridge on U.S. 319 south of Crawfordville which required the bridge to be closed for less than an hour during the night. Message boards were placed on both sides of the bridge to warn motorists about potential ice.

The U.S. 319 Sopchoppy River Bridge was sanded to protect against icing after a patch was found. The Walker Bridge in Ochlockonee Bay began to ice on the shoulders. The bridge received sand from DOT contractor Transfield Services. FHP monitored the conditions on the bridge. There was minor icing on the lower Wakulla River Bridge on U.S. 98.

"This is an awesome county," said Emergency Management Director Scott Nelson. "Our folks are working well together. They are all very much appreciated."



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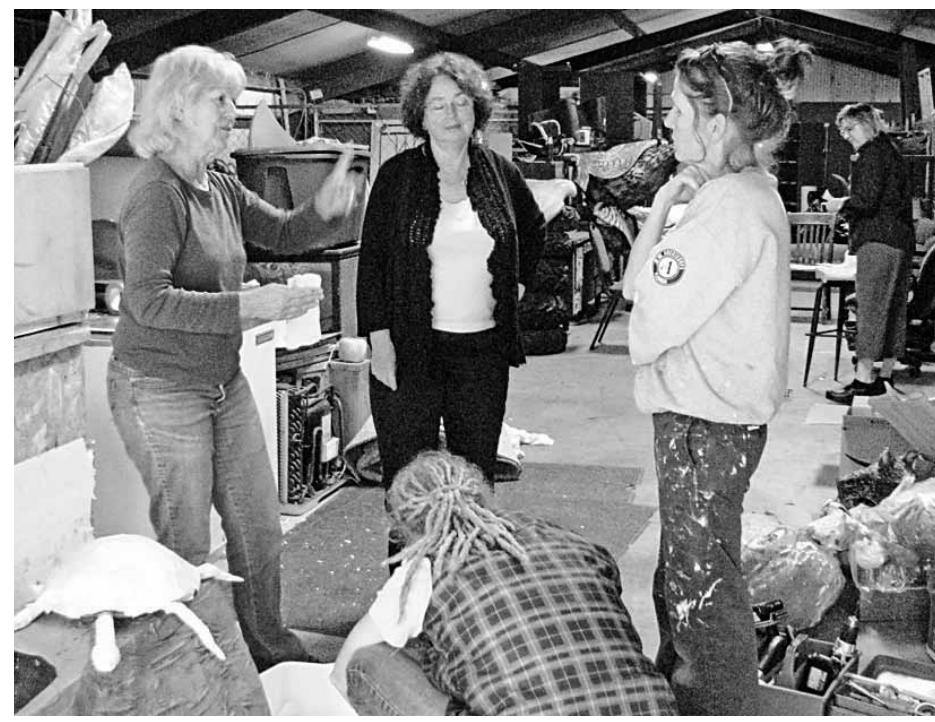
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PHOTOS BY JENNY ODOM

Volunteers discuss giant puppet making techniques at a warehouse located at Wakulla Springs.

Friends of Wakulla Springs work on creating puppets

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Friends of Wakulla Springs have partnered with Keep Wakulla County Beautiful this year and have gathered artists and volunteers to create a series of over-sized pup-

pets for the March 29 Springtime Tallahassee Parade.

Madeline Carr, incoming and past president of Friends of Wakulla Springs, contacted Tallahassee artist and longtime park volunteer Linda Hall to lead

the group. Additionally, David Moynahan, local nature photographer, is acting as a mentor on the project.

Hall once worked at Wakulla Springs as an Americorps volunteer and created the original puppets that have been

used during the Wakulla Wildlife Festival for the past five years.

When the idea came up to make new wildlife puppets to be used in the 2014 parade, Hall was sought out for her expertise in the process.

Ambitiously, new

animals being created for the parade are an Anhinga, a bobcat, a deer, large and small turtles, and three manatees. Some of the older puppets created by Hall years ago are also being refurbished.

Other artists involved

in the project are Kathryn Gibson, Heidi Haire, Julie Argue and Joan Matey.

In addition to the puppets making their debut at the Springtime Tallahassee Parade, they will be at the Wakulla Wildlife Festival in April.

Parallel Lives: Florida in the 1940s

From Front Page

One afternoon the staff of an institute was having a discussion about fears and racial tension when Dad let go a bombshell. He wrote home in May 1943: "I protested the segregation for eating. I said that I came here to get acquainted with these pastors and that I could only get to talk with them when we ate... I did not pretend to speak for the others but only for myself. I wanted to eat with the men. Rev. Stidham, who is white, went with me and we ate in the main dining hall tonight. The two government men ate by themselves. Now tell me who is leading the church or the state?"

At the end of the 1943 Institute, he wrote, "I think I have made some real friends on this trip and hope I have been able to lend a little Christian influence on the race question."

Activities in the Institutes included more than lectures. In 1945, the participants and leaders had dinner at the president's house ("All very tasty and lots of fun") and the leaders encouraged the men to play.

In Dad's words, "Some of the ministers down here feel that any play is a sin. Only one would play softball with us yesterday. But today we hooked most of them in. We got them to playing hand-wrestling.

You stand face-to-face with feet braced and one arm behind your back. You then clasp hands and try to make the other man move off balance so he will have to move his feet. Most of them played that and they laughed and cut up like boys. It was really good for them."

In June of that year, the Detroit race riots broke out. Wilkerson elegantly described this as the "first major riot in which blacks fought back as earnestly as the whites and in which black residents... began attacking and looting perceived symbols of exploitation... So many people (were) injured that the municipal hospital was admitting riot victims at a rate of one a minute."

George would have no part in the looting. The rioting he saw on the bus ride to work on Monday disgusted him. Then he discovered that several of his co-workers had been shot.

He quit.

He had to sit and wait for his pay, but the next day he went back to Eustis.

In Florida, George and his friends noticed that there were only a few strong pickers left, fruit was rationed but still prized and grove owners need to get the produce to market. George and his friends started negotiating for more pay. They insisted that the other workers stay on the truck

until negotiations were complete.

The foreman would say they were paying 15 cents a box, but George would talk until the agreed pay was 22 cents a box. This continued for many days, only occasionally did the whole crew not work because the pay was too low.

Throughout Florida grove owners and farmers desperately needed laborers. Authorities were arresting colored men if they were caught not working, charging them with vagrancy, and then sending them to the fields to earn money to pay their fines.

And George was acting like a union organizer. Then one day, a friend overheard the grove owners talking about the trouble George and his friends were causing.

George realized then that he had to leave Eustis if he wanted to live. It was April 1945. He sent a letter to aunts in New York City and quietly left Florida, promising to send for his wife as soon as he got settled.

At the same time, back in Tallahassee, Pielstick wrote home, "I arrived in Tallahassee at 2:10 a.m. and taking a taxi I directed the driver to the Negro college. Twice he turned and looked hard at me. I don't know whether he was trying to decide if I were colored or if I were crazy. But he brought me out. Sometimes they refuse."

Staying in a dorm on campus, Dad explained in a letter, "The students are always very interested to see if I am going to enter

into campus life, live here, eat here, play with them, attend their plays and movies and school programs. You see all of these are against the tradition of segregation. Yesterday I borrowed some clothes and played some tennis. All of these things mean so much to those who have experienced nothing but the Southern pattern.

Just after I dressed for tennis and while walking to the courts, I passed a girls dormitory. I heard a girl say in an excited tone of voice, 'Oh looky, there's a white man going to play some tennis.' It makes you feel conspicuous to say the least."

When Pielstick spoke in chapel at FAMC, April 25, 1945, he spoke from the heart about rural life.

His text was Hosea 4:1, "The Lord has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land." He believed the city could not provide for its citizens and were always having to draw upon the rural population.

He described his points as showing how we were killing ourselves off by moving to the city.

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My Dad spoke of destruction of the soil, not eating the right diet when we know what we need for health and our not respecting the underlying principles in the social order.

Today, I wonder what principles in the social order he meant. I'm sure he was not referring to the Jim Crow society that caused George to move to NYC.

In a 1944 letter describing his warm welcome by Negro friends at Morehouse, he reminded Mom of the Jim Crow laws and wrote, "So you see, I am constantly violating the law. You may have to bail me out and pay my fine most anytime."

He wasn't worried for his own safety, but recognized that many whites would not understand his friendship with long-time Negro friends from seminary days.

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"So it is when one goes into a strange social culture." I hope we can seek to understand and respect different social cultures, and still treat each other with dignity.

The very different, parallel lives of George Swanson Starling and my Dad, in the Florida of the 1940s should remind us how easy it is to live our own lives, isolated and

unaware of the lives of our fellow humans.

Now, each year at the beginning of Black History Month I consider what I might do to further understanding between peoples of different backgrounds.

Last year, I made a commitment to explore the social and legal aspects of our present criminal justice system - a system which seems to marginalize people of color.

With another member of my church, I lead a discussion based on "The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness" by Michelle Alexander, a book recommended by Leonard Pitts.

Now in 2014, through the leadership of people

from the Unitarian Universalist and the First Presbyterian Churches, there are sessions on Monday nights based on the same book but with community speakers stimulating the discussion at each session.

You can call either church to get more information on this effort to reduce the "Jim Crowism" remaining in our area of Florida.

And, for myself, I have read and am willing to discuss a very recent book by Herb Donaldson of Wakulla County entitled "Southern Shock Americana", a true story of the life of his uncle, also an African American, who spent 14 years on death row and was executed in 1996.

Someday, perhaps, we can all treat everyone with dignity. Black History month is a good time to renew our commitments for justice for all humanity.

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Possible realignment of 319 and 98 draws concern

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The possible realignment of U.S. Highways 319 and 98 in Medart was brought up as a possible conflict of interest for a commissioner over his ownership of property at the intersection.

Proposed plans to change the intersection, which is currently a Y south of Wakulla High School in Medart, to a T-intersection with a stoplight in front of the high school was discussed – including concerns about the possible hazards to teen drivers at the school.

"Mama, hang on to your teenager because they are going to get killed today," citizen Dana Peck told the board about the proposed realignment and her concerns about safety.

Peck also blasted the unwieldy wording of the item on the agenda, saying it masked an important issue. If written in plain English, she said, citizens could better understand the issues being raised, and voted upon, before the board meeting.

Peck noted that Commissioner Jerry Moore



The Y intersection of U.S. Highways 319 and 98 in Medart is being proposed for a realignment that would create a T-intersection with a stoplight in front of Wakulla High School.

owns property at the intersection, which he plans to develop. She claimed it was conflict of interest for Moore as a commissioner.

Moore did not respond at the meeting to Peck's claims.

Commissioner Randy Merritt noted the possible realignment of the intersection is a state road issue – not a county issue.

"It might not be a county issue, but it's still

our taxpayer dollars," Kessler said.

The item being discussed was a comprehensive plan text amendment to move and/or repair five major intersections in the county.

The other intersections are U.S. Highway 319 at Bloxham Cutoff, U.S. Highway 319 at Wakulla Arran Road, U.S. Highway 319 at Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Boulevard, and U.S. Highway 319 at Ivan Church Road.

These intersections are part of an infrastructure plan that the county adopted on Oct. 15, 2012.

Commissioner Kessler revisited the comprehensive plan and stated that "these issues are not going away, so as a board we need to discuss this situation."

A motion passed that would change the wording on the application slightly, but there was no more discussion at this time on specific projects

regarding intersection improvements, nor was there any date set to further discuss the plan.

The board unanimously approved the wording change, which dealt with the county's imposition of impact fees, from "shall" to "may."

The county currently has impact fees on the books but has reduced the levies to zero in the current economic climate.

In other business:

• BOCC voted on a request for approval for two bids for drainage improvement projects – one for Bostic Pelt Road, and the other for Surf Road.

Kessler raised concerns about the disparity of the four bids received for the projects. The lowest bid was more than \$100,000 lower than the next highest bid.

Additionally, the two highest bids were well above the lowest bid, leading the commissioner to question the integrity of the bids received.

Merritt explained that a performance bond must be secured by the company awarded the contract to ensure the completion of the project.

Commissioners voted unanimously to award the project to the company with the lowest bid, Gulf Group, Inc.

• The Wakulla County Marine Advisory committee was selected by a ranking process. Appointed to the committee were Cypress Rudloe for waterfront business, Steve Cushman for recreation angler/diver, John Gunter for marine biologist, Capt. Jody Campbell for fishing guide and Chuck Shields as marina operator.

Tourist Development Council planning a visitors guide

By AMANDA MAYER
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The county's Tourist Development Council met recently with a company called Media Design, based in Jacksonville, to discuss plans pertaining to the county's Visitor's Guide, which is currently in the works.

The company had submitted a response to an RFP put out by the council and had been chosen to help develop content for the new upcoming destination management system, as well as content for the guide. These efforts are all funded by the BP oil spill grant money

that the TDC received, which must be spent and reported on by July this year.

The group modeled plans and ideas from other guides published for surrounding areas like Franklin County and discussed what the guide's layout, in terms of sections and information, would include.

One aspect that the guide will definitely have, will be separate sections featuring the different communities in the county – Crawfordville, Sopchoppy, Ochlockonee Bay and St. Marks for example.

Specific information

that the council plans to include, are things like accommodations, information about the area, county history and maps containing pertinent landmarks, roadways and emergency information.

Suggestions were made to designate full pages in the guide to popular community attractions such as Gulf Specimen Aquarium, Wakulla Springs Park and the lighthouse.

There will be no paid advertisements in the guide and the content will collected, in part, from prior publications put out by the TDC. For new and nonexistent information, the council has

hired two travel feature writers.

Members also acknowledged the fact that easily accessible information about "things to do," either by community or simply by category, would be beneficial. The council plans to include the full spectrum of what Wakulla has to offer – fishing, boating, trails for kayaking, biking, hiking and paddling, birding, hunting and much more.

The council also expressed the importance of including the fresh from Wakulla seafood markets and their information. According to discussion, that information

will span about two pages and will cover all of the marketplaces. Restaurants will be listed toward the back.

The plan is for the guide to go to print by June 1, if not sooner.

With a \$35,000 contract with Media Design, the TDC is hoping to print 10,000 guides, though more may be possible depending on the size and number of pages that is decided on.

Currently, the plan is for the guide to contain about 60-80 pages worth of material.

Once that information is finalized, the TDC will look at how it will

distribute – based on postage and other factors. The guides will, for sure, be made available at the Chamber of Commerce and Welcome Center for easy access to visitors.

Another aspect of the TDC's contract with Media Design lends itself to the company consolidating the council's logo into one updated version, made available in different resolutions and formats to be disbursed and easy to use.

The TDC will hold its next meeting on Feb. 13 at 8:30 a.m. at the Welcome Center in Panacea. Meetings are open to the public.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wakulla County Code Enforcement Board will hold a Public Hearing on February 12, 2014, at 5:30pm in the Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Rd., Crawfordville, FL 32327.

Interested parties are invited to attend and participate.

Persons with a disability needing a special accommodation should contact the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Office at least two (2) days prior to the meeting at (850) 926-0919; Hearing & Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771; or email at ADARequest@mywakulla.com.

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

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WAKULLA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD PREQUALIFICATION NOTICE

BID #13/14-07

The School Board of Wakulla County is requesting Proposals for Pre-Qualifying for General Contractors for Wakulla Middle School Renovating.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The scope of work includes the renovation of the main building and gym. The work shall include but not limited to replacement of locks, doors, hardware, door frames, gym floor, rekey lockers, floor finishes, flag pole, main water line in building, stage curtains, plumbing fixtures, windows, folding walls, painting interior and exterior, and tack boards.

Pre-Qualification packets are available at the School Board Office.

WAKULLA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
69 Arran Road
Crawfordville, Florida 32327
Telephone Number: 850-926-0065

Interested parties may pick up packets between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Completed packets and a Public Entity Crime Statement must be returned to the office of Robert Pearce, Superintendent, Wakulla County Schools, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327, Attention: William R. Bristol by 2:00 p.m. February 20, 2014.

There will be a pre-qualification meeting at 2:00 p.m. on February 13, 2014 in the Wakulla County School Boardroom.

JANUARY 16, FEBRUARY 6, 2014

NOTICE

The City of St. Marks Board of Commissioners Election

Wednesday, February 19, 2014

7:00 am – 7:00 pm

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

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NOTICE OF WAKULLA COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT SURPLUS AUCTION

The Wakulla County Public Works Department will conduct a silent auction between the hours of 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19th 2014.

Surplus items will be on display from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm at the Lower Bridge Landfill located at 156 County Landfill Road, Crawfordville, Florida.

Interested parties may also request a list of items to be auctioned with the accompanying bid sheet from the Public Works Department at 340 Trice Lane, Crawfordville, Florida, or by calling (850)926-7616.

A list of items and bid sheet are also available at www.mywakulla.com.

Sealed bids should be delivered to the Public Works Department from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on February 19th.

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The Opinion Page

readers speak out

Thanks, youth coalition and schools for NIE support



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I want to thank the members of the Wakulla County Youth Coalition and Superintendent of Schools Bobby Pearce for supporting our Newspapers in Education program.

Both agreed to help underwrite our program that gets more than 200 papers into the schools. "Our Thinking Outside the Book" page is created for use by teachers in the classroom.

Upper level teachers can use the news stories in the paper to teach students about where they live, their government, and more.

Right now, Crawfordville Elementary gets 36 papers a week, Riversink gets 20, Shaderville gets 40, Medart 50, Wakulla High School 50, the Sopchoppy Educational Center gets 20, and COAST Charter School gets 10.

It's costly to send out all those papers – and I really appreciate the support of those groups so that we can keep it going forward.

In another matter, I'd like to welcome back, Jenny Odom to The News.

About a year ago, when our reporter left, Jenny came aboard to help out with some light reporting and laying out some pages.

Less than a year later,

greener pastures called to the replacement reporter, and Jenny again agreed to step into the fray and help out.

Of course, Jenny has been with us all along – she's been writing the artist profiles for the Arts & Entertainment page every month. She's also been the face of The News at local festivals.

An artist herself, Jenny was both reporting on and participating in the Friends of Wakulla Springs parade puppets project. (See the story on Page 2A.)

Jenny has also agreed to pick up some heavier reporting duties – see the county commission stories on the Front Page and 3A.

Welcome back, Jenny.

William Snowden is editor of The Wakulla News.

Net laws are 'a legal absurdity'

Editor, The News:

"A legal absurdity." That is how the Honorable Judge Jackie Fulford described the mullet net fishing rules created by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

She said the laws "contradict each other" and their application by the FWC appears to be "fundamentally unfair."

Then she asked, "Could it be that FWC is only enforcing these laws against mullet fishermen, as the fishermen suggest?"

She continued, "The laws, as they now exist, are simply unfair...it appears the commercial mullet fishermen are being singled out for prosecution."

She concluded, "An absolute mess has been created."

I, as well as others, have been working to rectify this unfair bias against mullet fishermen since 1996. Our work actually began in 1994 when we went to court to oppose certain shrimp net rules. That final ruling came rather quickly, handed down by the Florida Supreme Court in less than two years.

Then we took up the cause of the mullet fishermen, and that has turned out to be quite another matter.

For the shrimpers, the state allowed the construction of the net to be the same, with the overall size being shrunk from 100,000 square feet to 500 square feet.

For the mullet fishermen, however, not only was the overall net size shrunk to 500 square feet, but the actual construction of the net was changed to create a smaller mesh size.

At the time Florida voters passed the "Net Limitation" food fish seine net rules required 95 percent large mesh with 5 percent small mesh and studies showed it had a 3 to 5 percent bycatch.

A major problem with the smaller mesh size is that 98 percent of the fish that it catches are small and not what the mullet fishermen are trying to catch. We call that a 98 percent "bycatch," which means that 98 percent of the fish are not taken to market, but end up back in the water, where many do not survive.

A larger mesh size would solve this problem, yet the FWC simply will not change the rule, even though the current rule causes massive problems for the fishermen, for the fish, and for the ecology of our Florida waters.

The FWC was supposed to gather ample data about the impact of this rule before passing it. They did not. How would this rule impact the economy, the marine environment, and the citizens?

The FWC did not answer these legally required questions before passing the net rules for mullet fishermen. They simply created the rules, and in the process created what Judge Fulford called "an absolute mess."

When will there be justice for the mullet fishermen? Perhaps within the next month or so, when the First DCA will consider Judge Fulford's recent order to stop the unfair prosecution of commercial mullet fishermen until the legal confusion is corrected.

Until then, the coastal economy is hampered, fishermen are not allowed to fish as they should, 98 percent of the fish they catch are caught for no good reason, and the FWC continues to prosecute and persecute Florida citizens who are just trying to continue their family tradition of making a living from our beautiful, God-given Florida waters.

Ronald F. Crum
President

Wakulla Fishermen's Association

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Thank you, Big Bend Hospice

Editor, The News:

We would like to thank Big Bend Hospice for all they did for my sister Mary and my family.

We had to go to Lakeland to bring my sister back. We got back at 2 in the morning and they already had oxygen out to our house for her. They were here the next day with her bed.

Big Bend Hospice is a wonderful thing. They were here right to the end.

All the ladies that helped were loving, kind, and gentle. They came out late at night when I called and stayed as long as I needed.

Thank you to everyone at Big Bend Hospice. YOU ARE A TRUE BLESSING FROM GOD.

We also want to thank our special friends Mark and Sherry Callaway for all they did for us, the phone calls, helping us get everything set up.

The very good food they made. And Kim, thank you thank you for the nights you sat up with me. That is what friends are about.

Mickie, thank you for all the things you did also.

Howard and Linda Hobby
Crawfordville

Deputies helped when car broke down

Editor, The News:

- made sure I was off the road to a safe place, got my car going, helped me get it to a place to be fixed, and they even wanted to take me home.

They were NOT going to leave me alone.

Deputy Gibson stayed with me until my daughter could get to me. I know they are supposed to help the citizens, but these

three went way beyond that and for that I am very grateful.

So a BIG thank you guys for making sure this very upset lady got to safety and got the help she needed.

Thanks for being there.

Phyllis Smith
Crawfordville

Closing schools was the right thing

Editor, The News:

schools overnight. They stopped laughing....

When my northern friends heard we were closing schools down here "due to possible ice pellets" they rolled their eyes and chuckled.

Then, the disasters in the Atlanta area occurred with many students stranded in

Kudos to Superintendent Pearce and his team for prioritizing the welfare of our students!

Paul Young
Crawfordville

Support appreciated after loss

Editor, The News:

ture of love and support shown, following our loss of Fred Oliver Jr.

We especially thank Bevis Funeral Home and also Big Bend Hospice for

their professional and caring manner.

Family of Fred Oliver Jr.

Support appreciated after loss

Editor, The News:

dum only allows the people to vote for or against what someone else has decided it should say. The ordinance that is being pushed by the Wakulla Wetlands Alliance may be flawed, may be damaging to property owners, may be expensive for the county but this does not seem to matter to the petition gatherers. Once they obtain a referendum on the ballot there can be no discussion, no debate, no modification, no intensive study of the ordinance – there can only be a "yes" or "no" vote. The truth is: A referendum limits the voice of the people.

I too have noticed that what started out as a petition drive by a group of environmentalists has turned into what looks like an intentional demonization of good citizens and elected personnel who do not believe that a referendum is in either the best interest of the county or even of the wetlands.

The argument now seems to be about voting rights. I have witnessed this and I have heard this from friends. The people who were originally seeking a ballot referendum are now telling the citizens of Wakulla County that the commissioners are trying to take away their right to vote.

Nothing could be farther from the truth.

Yet they persist with this dishonest attempt to change the focus from the wetlands ordinance to a right-to-vote issue.

Hasn't there been enough deception in the country without bringing it to our county?

To set the record straight:

1. A referendum does not give people a voice. Yes, it allows them to vote, BUT ON WHAT? A referendum

decrease in the property tax. The majority would be at the mercy of one naysayer. That is not the way American Government works. But, in the case of the Wakulla wetlands ordinance, that is the way it would work. One commissioner could keep change from becoming law. Is that fair; is that right; is that democracy?

3. Or, the alternative method for changing the ordinance is another referendum. And that raises the question of who authors that ordinance and that referendum? The answer is probably not you, the citizen. It would be the people who are most involved with the issue. Special interest groups write laws from their perspective and not the community at large. We all have seen the terrible results of special interests dictating what the rest of us should have.

For the majority of Wakullans the future of the wetlands is important. Special interests however should not dictate that future. Our current Board of County Commissioners is trying to preserve your rights as a free American to not only have a vote but to, as Ms. Black said, have a voice. This will never happen in a government by referendum. The voice of the people needs to be in the hands of the voting majority not in the hands of the special interests

James Grey
Crawfordville

Letters to the Editor

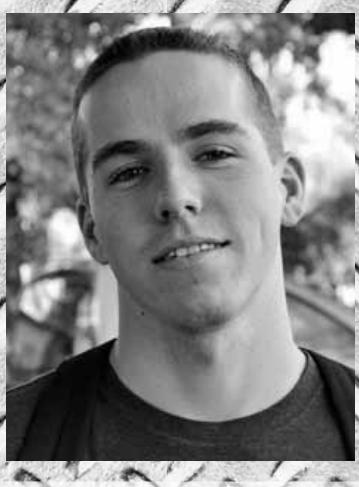
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< STREET BEAT >

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

Do you plan to watch the Super Bowl?BRENDA CLENNEY
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Realtor/Property ManagementJUSTIN HARVELL
ConstructionMEGHAN RUDOLPH
Stay-at-home momTOM RICHARDSON
Retired

"Yep. I enjoy watching it with the whole family and friends. I enjoy the excitement and hype of it all. I will have to make guacamole dip for everyone."

"Nope! The T.V. will be on and my husband will be watching it, I'll be on the computer working."

"Of course - without a doubt. This year it is the best defense vs. the best offense."

"Of course. I am rooting for the Broncos, they are my team."

"Yes. Denver Broncos all the way. Manning all the way."

*Compiled by Lynda Kinsey***Two men arrested for church break-in**

Special to The News

Two Crawfordville men were caught in the act of committing a burglary at a Medart church Sunday, Feb. 2 at 4 a.m., according to Wakulla County Sheriff Charlie Creel.

Tyler Dylan Trice, 20, and Dewin Jeamel Velez-Alvarez, 21, were each charged with two counts of burglary, possession of burglary tools, vehicle theft, two counts of criminal mischief and two counts of larceny in the case.

The two men are accused of entering Medart Assembly of God on Feb. 2 and removing items from the church.

WCSO detectives also connected Trice and Velez-Alvarez to a second burglary on Jan. 30 that involved the Promised Land Ministry Thrift store in Crawfordville.

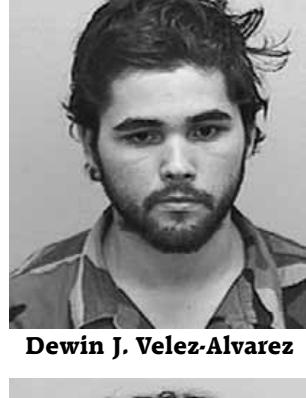
A concerned citizen contacted the WCSO about a potential burglary occurring at Medart Assembly of God. Deputy Mike Zimba responded and observed two men dressed in military camouflage hiding in the bushes at the nearby Lake Ellen Baptist Church.

Deputy Zimba took the subjects into custody and observed a long screwdriver which was seized as evidence as well as guitar strings, microphones and chocolate candy, property suspected to be owned by the Medart Assembly of God.

The two men also possessed two-way radios when they were arrested. Two bicycles used to transport the men from one church to the other were also discovered on the scene.

Deputy Gibby Gibson and Deputy Zimba responded to Medart Assembly of God and discovered a forced entry into the church and a church van that had windows open and was left unsecured.

Missing items from the church included speakers, an amplifier, computer equipment, camcorder,



Dewin J. Velez-Alvarez



Tyler Dylan Trice

electronic games, two guitars and chocolate candies.

Both subjects allegedly admitted taking the items from the church and using the church van to transport the items to a vacant home on Emmett Whaley Road in Medart where the items were being stored.

All of the stolen items from the church were recovered from the location and returned to the church.

The stolen items are valued at \$1,800. Damage to the church doors and locks is estimated at \$1,200.

During the interview process with Detective Derek Lawhon, the two subjects also allegedly confessed to an unrelated burglary of the Promise Land Ministries Thrift Shop which occurred on Thursday, Jan. 30.

A safe with a small amount of cash, a watch and two bicycles were taken from the thrift store at the time.

The two men were charged with burglary, grand theft and criminal mischief in connection with the thrift shop case.

They two men are being held in the Wakulla County Jail with no bond.

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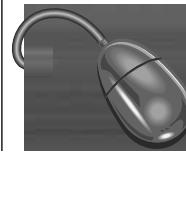
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BUCKHORN NEWS

John and Charlotte Rosier Celebration is this week



By ETHEL SKIPPER

The annual John and Charlotte Rosier Celebration of their children, family and friends will come together this week to do what they enjoy best.

On Friday, Feb. 7, at 7

p.m., will be fun, chew and chat talent show, T-shirt contest and much, much more.

The youth will have a chance to showcase their talent and give tributes or stories about Mom Charlotte and Daddy John.

On Saturday, Feb. 8, at noon, will be church service conducted by Bishop Joseph E. Rosier from Greenville, S.C., Deacon Merddie Rosier, Deaconess Alberta Hines, Pastor Ethel M. Skipper of Sopchoppy, Pastor Ruth Easter of Seattle, Sister Callie Gavin of Tallahassee, Brother John Rosier Jr. Dinner will be served.

The activities will all be held at Skipper Temple Church, 165 Surf Road, in Sopchoppy.

For more information, call (850) 962-7838.

Tallahassee Church of Christ Written in Heaven will have a three-night revival held at Tallahassee No. 1 Church. Elder E. Morgan is host pastor.

Our prayer and concern goes out to all the sick and shut-in, those in the hospital, nursing homes, homeless, the prisons, and all in need of prayer everywhere.

OUT TO PASTOR

At least it's not snowing!

By JAMES L. SNYDER

If somebody gave out an award for grouchiness and downright cantankerousness, I am sure I would take top honors.

Of course, according to the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, there is no honor in being grouchy or cantankerous nor is there room for it in our humble abode.

For the past week I have been grouchy and cantankerous and any other adjective you might want to throw into that pot of naughtiness. By the time the week ended that pot was boiling hot and about to explode.

It is always beneficial to look back over an incident and figure out where you made your mistake. I often don't do it, but in this case, the mistake I made was so obvious it could not be overlooked.

Most faults can be remedied if you know what to do about it. Then, there are those mistakes that no matter what you do, it still ends up being a mistake. My mistake was I exhibited my downright grouchiness and cantankerous spirit in front of my wife.

I know the marriage manual says there should be no secrets between husband and wife. Down through the years I have tried to maintain that part of the marital relationship, and I have done a good job thus far. What the manual does not say is, there are special times when a husband should not speak his mind in front of his wife. My wife constantly reminds me that God gave men two ears and one mouth for a particular purpose, open our ears and shut our mouth.

I do not think I got that far in the instructions, but I will take my wife's word on that one, you can be sure.

In my defense, however, this past week I was colder than I have ever been in all my life, at least that I can remember. Now, it is one

thing to be cold, but quite a different thing to tell somebody, especially your wife, that you are cold.

I made that mistake once and told my wife I was cold. She felt my forehead, got out my bathrobe, fussed over me all evening and made me hot tea with honey to drink. I wanted to tell her that I was cold; I did not have a cold.

It was so cold the little gray cells were shivering so much they were not functioning 100 percent. According to some people's opinion, it is a rare occasion when they do function 100 percent.

As I remember it, I was looking out our back patio window, watching it drizzle and shivering in the cold. If I need any defense on my side, I did not realize that in the same room was the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

Enveloped in this aroma of sheer ignorance, I said out loud something to the effect, "I hate this cold weather!" Following that pointed observation, as I now reflect, I also growled my downright grouchiness and cantankerous spirit in front of my wife.

It was then I heard a noise explode behind me.

"Well, at least it is not snowing! You should be grateful for that."

I swung around as quickly as possible, and there standing in all her glory with both hands firmly planted on her hips was my wife staring in my direction. The tone of her voice and her demeanor revealed I was in for one of her infamous lectures.

All week long, we had been noticing some of our family up north experiencing some very severe snow conditions. Some even missed school for several days because of the snow drifting. One family member way up north was without electricity for nearly a week. In some of these areas, the temperature has been in the minus degree for at least a week.

"Don't you know how lucky you are to live in a place where it doesn't

snow and the temperature doesn't get below zero? Instead of complaining, you should be grateful for what you really have. Think of members of our family up north suffering in that freezing weather! Would you like to change places with them right now?"

I have often said this and I am sure I will continue saying it until the day I die, when my wife is right she is right. No argument from me here.

Then she made a statement I am still mulling over. "Be thankful for what you don't have."

I must say she had a great point there. Sometimes it is quite hard to be thankful for what you do not have when you are so caught up in the problems right in front of you.

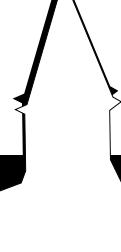
Thinking about that, my grouchiness and cantankerousness began evaporating. I suppose they have their place, and I am ashamed to admit they are in my place more often than I should allow them.

In many ways, it is easy to be thankful for what you have in your hand at the time. The apostle Paul pointed this out in one of his letters. "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful" (Colossians 3:15).

For most of us, being thankful does not come naturally. It is something we have to work at on a daily basis. It has to go a step further.

Be thankful for what you do not have and you will be all that more thankful for what you do have.

The Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship in Ocala. Call him at (866) 552-2543 or e-mail jamessnyder2@att.net.



Church Briefs

• First Pentecostal Church to host special speaker

The First Pentecostal Church of Crawfordville would like to invite you to visit our service with special speaker the Rev. David Forrest of Ocala on Sunday, Feb. 9 at 2:30 p.m.

The church is located at 3055 Crawfordville Highway, directly across from the Courthouse.

For more details, contact Pastor

Joseph Abraham at (850) 728-9070.

• Camp meeting to be held in Sopchoppy

An old-fashioned camp meeting with Brother T.R. Williams is set for Feb. 17-21 at 7:30 p.m. nightly at the Odom Memorial Campground, 198 Pull Back Road in Sopchoppy.

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Obituaries

Ruth Eleanor Balchuck
 Jonathon Michael Dunlap
 William McCoy Sanders
 Barrett 'Bear' McCoy Townsend
 Robert Kennley Turney Jr.

Jonathon Michael Dunlap

Jonathon "Johnny" Michael Dunlap, 25, of Tallahassee, died on Thursday, Jan. 30, 2014.

Survivors include his girlfriend, Della Mercer of Hosford; stepson, Chase; infant son, Bentley Michael Dunlap; father, Tommy Dunlap (Liz Stoudinger) of Crawfordville; his brothers and sisters, William "W.T."

Dunlap (Beth), Josh Stoudinger (Dee), Brandi Vining, Kelli Stoudinger (Josh Hicks) all of Crawfordville, and Christina Comerford (Phillip) of Sneads; his paternal grandparents, Thomas Grady Dunlap (Patricia) of Tallahassee; his maternal grandmother, Elli Clemons of Tallahassee; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased

by his mother, Mary Virginia Clemons; and his maternal grandfather, Donald Clemon.

The Celebration of Life is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 6, 2014, at 10 a.m. at Culley's on Timberlane Road. Family will receive friends immediately following the service in the reception hall. Pastor Dennis Young is officiating.

Culley's will be handling the arrangements.

William McCoy Sanders

William McCoy Sanders, 62, of Sopchoppy, died on Thursday, Jan. 30, 2014.

He was a lifelong Wakulla County resident.

Survivors include his wife, Matilda Sanders of Sopchoppy; son, John (Rachel) Sanders of Sopchoppy; daughters, Laura (Donald) Bodiford and Mary Ann Sanders (James Trowell), both of Sopchoppy; sisters, Viola Henderson, Pearlie Revell, and Dorothy (David)

Kelly, all of Sopchoppy, and Peggy Porter of Tallahassee; and seven grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his parents, Walter McCoy and Lois Victoria Bradey Sanders; and brothers, Fred Sanders, Clyde Sanders, and James Sanders.

A celebration of his life took place at his home, 97 Syfrette Creek Road in Sopchoppy, on Sunday, Feb. 2, 2014 at noon.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Forbes Funeral Home, Macclenny, Florida 850-559-3380.

Robert Kennley Turney Jr.

Robert Kennley Turney Jr., 70, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2014 in Tallahassee. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Diane Turney, of Crawfordville.

He was born in Ft. Wayne, Ind., coming from Ft. Lauderdale, and had lived in this area 13 years. He was a contractor. He was a war vet who served in the United States Marine

Corps during the Vietnam War.

Services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests you make a donation to the Wounded Warriors Project, Inc., 4899 Belfort Road Suite 300, Jacksonville FL 32256.

In addition to his wife, survivors include his mother, Esther Turney Voirol; four children, Jean Gibbons, Bobbie Jo Gearhart, Eric Guzef,

and Wendy Guzef; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; sisters, Joy Luginbill and Connie Cochran; and brother, Keith Turney.

He was predeceased by his father, Robert K. Turney Sr.; a sister, Diana Turney; and daughter, Veronica Turney.

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

Ruth Eleanor Balchuck

Ruth Eleanor Balchuck, 88, of Crawfordville, died Feb. 1, 2014 in Crawfordville.

She was born in Cambridge, Mass.

Survivors include her three sons: Stephen Laverne Balchuck, Kenneth

Paul Balchuck, and Paul Edward Balchuck, all of Crawfordville.

Feb. 8, 2014, at 11 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 3609 Coastal Hwy., in Mardart.

Bevis Harvey-Young Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements (850-926-3333).

A memorial service will be held Saturday,



Barrett 'Bear' McCoy Townsend

Barrett "Bear" McCoy Townsend, 22, of Temple Terrace, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 23, 2014.

He was born on Feb. 15, 1991 in Tampa to his parents, Jack L. Townsend Sr. and Helen Cox Townsend. Bear was the youngest of three children. He was a 2009 graduate of Jesuit High School and attended Auburn University where he was studying Computer Software Engineering. Bear was a yoga instructor for the Auburn Student Activities Center. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity - Alabama Alpha Chapter, Cupola Engineering Ambassadors, the Honors College at Auburn University, the Jesuit High School Alumni Association and Temple Terrace Presbyterian Church.

He enjoyed life immensely: dancing, singing, playing guitar,

yoga, parkour, traveling, sailing, playing canasta, painting, drawing, mountain climbing and spending time with family and his many, many friends. Bear never met a stranger and enjoyed everyone's life story.

The final chapter of his story will be written by his friends and family each day as they remember his joy, his happiness, his smile and his laughter.

Bear will be remembered by his loving parents, Jack and Helen Townsend; and his brothers, Light and Jake. He is also survived by grandmother, Margaret Cox; and many loving aunts, uncles and cousins. Bear was predeceased by grandparents, LeRoy and Anita Townsend and George Cox.

A visitation for Bear was held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2014 at St. Anthony's Chapel at Jesuit High School, 4701 N. Himes Avenue, Tampa FL 33614, followed by a funeral service that began at 3 p.m. with an on-campus reception thereafter.

We are so grateful for the outpouring of love and prayers.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Bear's honor may be directed to Jesuit High School, 4701 N Himes Avenue, Tampa FL 33614 or Auburn University Foundation, c/o Kurt Sasser, Director of Development, 255 Heisman Dr., Ste. 3248, Auburn AL 36849, please include "in memory of Bear Townsend" on your check's memo line. Words of comfort may be expressed at blountcurryterraceoaks.com.

BEREAVEMENT COLUMN

Embalming is a scientific process

By TRACY RENEE LEE

Embalming is a scientific process that serves one purpose over its many others.

That purpose is to prolong a decedent's presentational integrity.

As a funeral practitioner, I am often asked about embalming. Some clients want to know what it entails scientifically; some are spiritually concerned, while others have a morbid interest in the details.

"Except in certain special cases, embalming is not required by law..." (Federal Trade Commission, Funeral Rule, Disclosure No. 2).

This statement begs the question, "What are the certain special cases and do they apply to my loved one?"

Embalming is not required if a loved one is going to be cremated or buried without services, as in Direct Cremation or Immediate Burial. Services include viewings, visitations, funerals and graveside services where the body will be available for others to see.

Without embalming, the body may not be present at any type of service

where the public may be exposed to it. In some cases, a family may choose to have a visitation with a closed casket or a funeral with a closed casket, and in these cases, embalming may not be required.

Generally, without embalming, the service must take place within 24 hours of death.

There are extenuating circumstances, however. If your loved one were brutally murdered and sent for autopsy, the funeral home would not have your loved one for a number of days.

Quite often, brutal murders negate the opportunity for viewing due to extensive damage to the deceased, rendering the body unembalnable.

The family may still have a visitation and funeral with the body present with the added services of refrigeration and Mylar encasement.

Viewing, however will not be lawful or possible.

Embalming does not extend the decedent's presentational integrity indefinitely. Although decomposition has been chemically impeded, it has not been stopped; it merely continues to decompose on a slower schedule.

How long the decedent's presentational integrity is preserved is dependent on a multitude of factors. The condition of the body at death, the illnesses suffered by the deceased and the span of time between death and embalming.

In most cases, if the body is in good condition before embalming and if embalming takes place within a few hours of death, the decedent's presentational integrity is extended for three to five days.

If additional time is required and your embalmer is proactively working on the body daily, eight days may be possible. In rare cases, if the embalmer is diligently exercising restorative measures, one might be able to press an additional day or two more.

Funeral Practitioners are trained in the arts of restoration, however, if a deceased individual was brutally murdered, even restoration may not be what the family wants to see. If you ever suffer such a tragic experience, discuss it as openly as possible with your funeral practitioner, they will be honest about the esthetic

possibilities of the restorative work.

Embalming is required with any funeral that includes services where the casket may be opened.

Other situations requiring embalming are those that require transportation of the body. In some states and counties across America, a body may not be transported across county or state borders without embalming. Air travel and dangerous or contagious diseases also require embalming.

Tracy Renee Lee is a funeral director, author, and freelance writer. It is my life's work to comfort the bereaved and help them live on.

Please follow my blog at <http://pushnup-daisies.blogspot.com/> and Twitter account @PushnUpDaisies, visit my website www.QueenCityFuneralHome.com or read my book "Pushin' Up Daisies" for additional encouragement and information.

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Community

happenings in our community



DeCoeur chosen for Future Medical Leaders Congress

Special to the News

David DeCoeur, a Sophomore at Wakulla High School of Crawfordville has been nominated to attend the Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Washington, DC February 14-16, 2014.

The Congress is an honors-only program for high school students who want to become physicians or go into medical research fields. The purpose of this event is to honor, inspire, motivate and direct the top students in the country who aspire to be physicians or medical scientists, to stay true to their dream and, after the event, to provide a path, plan and resources to help them reach their goal.

David DeCoeur was nominated by Dr. Connie Mariano, the Medical Director of the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists to represent Florida based on his academic achievement, leadership potential and determination to serve humanity in the field of medicine.

"This is a crucial time in America when we need more doctors and medical scientists who are even better prepared for a future that is changing exponentially," said Richard Rossi, Executive Director, National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists. "Focused, bright and determined students like David DeCoeur are our future and he deserves all the mentoring and guidance we can give him."

The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists was founded on the belief that we must identify prospective medical talent at the earliest possible age and help these students acquire the necessary experience and skills to take them to the doorstep of this vital career.



Happy First Birthday

Happy birthday to Camdyn Lawhon, who turned one year old on Feb. 6.

Her parents, Amanda and Derek Lawhon, reside in Crawfordville; Maternal grandparents, Sandra and Bill Moody, also reside in Crawfordville; Paternal grandparents, Jeannie and Mick Lawhon, reside in Tallahassee.

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Finger-style guitarist to perform at From The Heart

Special to the news

Christie Lenee, Philadelphia based singer-songwriter, brings her unique style of finger-style and two-handed, guitar tapping to Wakulla County for the first time.

Lenee plays a Veilette Soprano 12 string guitar called "The Gryphon" and uses a drumstick for playing it called "The Engle." The instruments she uses create a sound that is reminiscent of a mandolin mixed with a 12 string guitar, or a chorus of dulcimers.

She is currently touring the U.S. after producing an all instrumental album called "Chasing Infinity." On the album, Tim Reynolds, of The Dave Mathews Band, joins Lenee for two improvised duets. "Christie Lenee is a wonderful



spirit making beautiful music on the guitar. She has epic compositions that take one on a journey through time," says Reynolds.

From The Heart Recording Studio hosts the house concert

on Saturday, February 8, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 and seating is limited. To reserve tickets call 850-962-5282, or email fromtheheartrecordingstudio@gmail.com.

Full moon climb at St. George Lighthouse

The February Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island will be held on Friday, February 14, 2014. The Sunset/Full Moon Climb will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and will include light hors d'oeuvres and a sparkling cider toast to the full moon. Cost is \$15.00 for the general public and \$10.00 for members of the St. George Lighthouse Association.

The sun will set at 6:28 p.m. and the moon will rise at 6:27 p.m. on February 14.

After sunset, people are invited to climb to the top of the lighthouse for a breathtaking view of the full moon, as space and time permit. Cost is \$10.00 for the general public and \$5.00 for SGLA members.

Reservations are recommended. For reservations or more information, please contact the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 850-927-7745.



Maritime Center announces boat building camps

The Wakulla News

Big Bend Maritime Center and the Larry Tucker Watercraft Center announce that they are looking for a family or group to build a small sailboat this spring break, April 18 through 26. The opportunity to build a handmade, wooden boat is being sponsored by Bateau Boats, who will pay for the plywood, fiberglass and epoxy — over \$800 worth of materials. This includes everything but the boom, sail, and mast and the varnish/paint you want to use for the finish.

Also, this summer BBMC will hold three weeklong camps. The first and third weeks are for beginning boat builders who will build a wooden skiff. They begin by building a wooden tool box to practice woodworking skills and learn to

use tools for boat building. The campers use all local woods including recovered cypress and pine from local rivers that is centuries old.

The second week is designed for youth who attended boat building camp last year. Seasoned campers will build a gheeno, a half skiff, half canoe. Hunters use them a lot and you can put a small motor on them. This would include using some wood stripping, various woods joined cove and bead.

This year BBMC has created some low benches and added wood vices that will help the younger campers saw and hammer.

If you are interested in attending either the family camp or any of the summer camps, please contact rpinholtster@gmail.com or call (850) 728-2121.

Champion Race Team Has Grown

Special to the News

Jacks B Quick has once again hit the road with eagerness and excitement.

Travis loaded up the doggie wagon and headed to Enigma, GA for the annual Yule Tide Dog Trial held Dec 7 and 8.

Travis said this was perfect timing for he had two new additions to the Jacks B Quick race team. The first and most important was his young grandson Jackson Hartsfield. Travis says even at such a young age he has already become part of the dogs lives. Jackson helps with

feeding and is learning the responsibilities of owning a pet.

Travis says all this has come about because of the second addition Jacks B Quick Long Shot, Smacky,

a six month old puppy that Jackson has grown to love. Jackson has been a part of Smacky's training from day one. Travis and Jackson have been taking Smacky on her long work out runs for months. Now that Smacky has turned six months it was time to see if all the teaching and hard work has paid off - time to put her on the track.

It was a rainy Saturday morning everything was wet and Travis was a bundle of nerves. Would she get behind and give up?

The time had arrived, Smacky to the start box. Boom, the gate flew open, out Smacky comes down the track she goes.

Smacky placed first in flats, and first in hurdles, and she was in the Championship race. As the rest of the Jacks B Quick team was trying their legs out on the track, Smacky was getting ready for the big race. She had to race a male that was a week shy of a year old.

The time had come for the biggest race of her young life. Smacky was out of the box like a shot.

but wait the older male pulls ahead. That's when Travis says it got good, as the male came by Smacky she showed all the heart and no-quit attitude. By half track Smacky pulled ahead and never looked back.

She did it, she won her first puppy championship. All the hard work and constant love paid off.

Wow what a weekend. Jacks B Quick came home with seven first place finishes, five second place and four championships.

All of us at Jacks B Quick would like to throw a huge thanks out to Wakulla for the continued support.

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School

Geography Bee winners announced

On January 17th, Mr. and Mrs. Marsh's after school Geography Club held its annual competition – The Shaderville Geography Bee.

Twenty nine students competed, showing their knowledge of the States and the Continents. This year the first place trophy was earned by Samantha Piotrowski and runner up was Elizabeth Thaxton. What a wonderful event to highlight our commitment to student learning. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Marsh.



Special to the News

FCAT testing to begin this month

Special to the News

Wakulla High School will begin spring testing with FCAT Writing, Wakulla Writes, followed closely by the FCAT 2.0, the End of Course (EOC) exams, and Advanced Placement (AP) testing.

Wakulla Writes is administered to the 9th grade while the FCAT Writes is given to the tenth grade. All ninth and tenth grade students are required to take the FCAT 2.0, but for ninth grade students, the FCAT scores are used to place students in the appropriate classes for the following year and the tenth grade students must pass it with a level 3 or higher for graduation.

End of Course exams (EOC's) are required in four courses: Algebra I, Biology, Geometry, and US History. Students currently enrolled in these courses are required to take these exams. The Algebra I EOC is the only EOC that a student must pass for graduation and it still counts as 30% of the yearly grade.

Students taken Advance Placement (AP) classes are required to

take the exam but if they do not pass the test they cannot receive college credit for the class. A score of 3 or higher is required to pass.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Sunny Chancy in the Student Services Department at WHS.

The schedule for testing follows :

Test name	Grade	Date	Time
Wakulla Writes	9	February 25	8 am
FCAT Writing	10	February 25	8 am
FCAT 2.0 retakes	11 & 12	April 8 & 9	8 am
FCAT 2.0	9	April 15 & 16	8 am
FCAT 2.0	10	April 22 & 23	8 am
EOC US History	11	April 28-30	8 am
EOC Biology	10	May 1-5	8 am
AP Enviro Science	any	May 5	8 am
AP Psychology	any	May 5	12 pm
AP Comp Science	any	May 6	8 am
AP Art	any	May 6	12 pm
AP Calculus	any	May 7	8 am
EOC Algebra I	8 & 9	May 7-9	8 am
AP English Lang	any	May 9	8 am
AP Statistics	any	May 9	12 pm
AP US Gov	any	May 13	8 am
AP US History	any	May 14	8 am
AP Macro	any	May 15	8 am
AP World History	any	May 15	12 pm
EOC Geometry	9 & 10	May 20-22	8 am

Parents urged to begin school search promptly

Special to the News

TALLAHASSEE - If Florida parents want to choose new schools for their children for the upcoming (2014-2015) school year, they need to start researching the schooling options available to their children right away. That's the message from organizers of National School Choice Week, which this week featured 860 events across the Sunshine State and a history-making 5,500 events nationwide.

"It's important that parents visit the schools that their children might possibly attend, and ask as many questions as necessary of teachers, principals, and other parents," Campanella said. "Selecting a school for your child is a very personal decision. Every child is unique and different, and there is no 'one-size-fits-all' approach to educating children."

National School Choice Week raises awareness of the need for effective education options for parents, including traditional public schools, public charter schools, magnet schools, online academies, private schools, and homeschooling.

The goal of the effort is to inform and educate parents about the school choice options available to them, while providing a platform for families to demand even greater opportunities.

For a list of the specific types of school choice programs and policies in Florida, visit www.schoolchoiceweek.com/states

Campanella said that parents should start the school selection process

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Sports

sports news and team views

WRESTLING

War Eagles win districts

By ROBERT DOUIN
Special to The News

The Wakulla War Eagles traveled to Godby High School for wrestling districts this past weekend where they advanced all 13 of the wrestlers to regionals this upcoming weekend held at Bishop Snyder high school in Jacksonville.

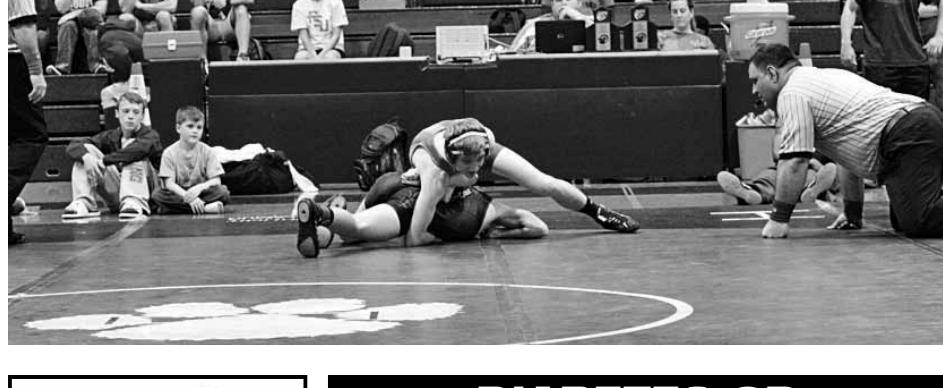
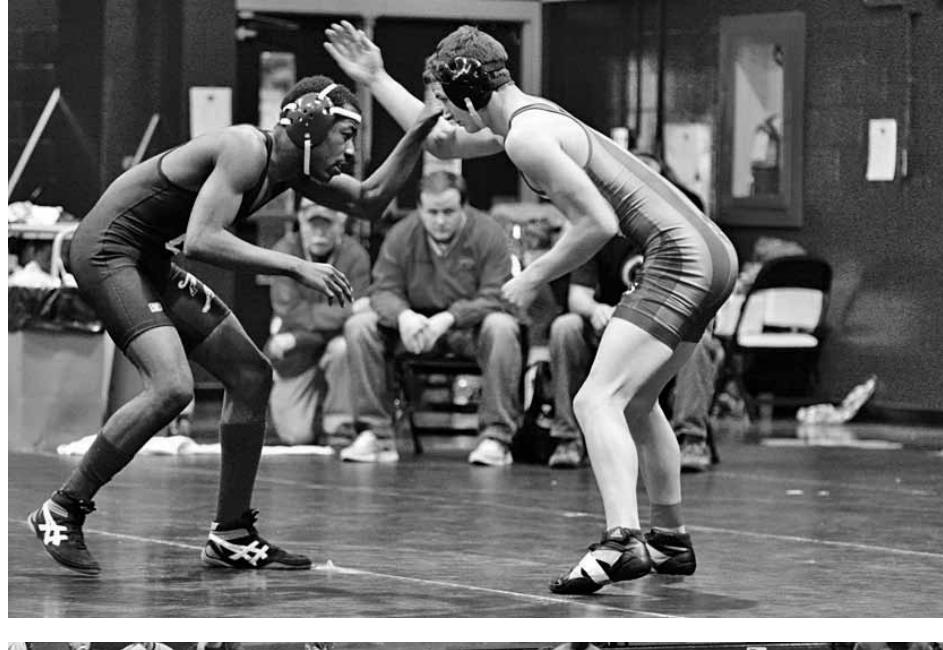
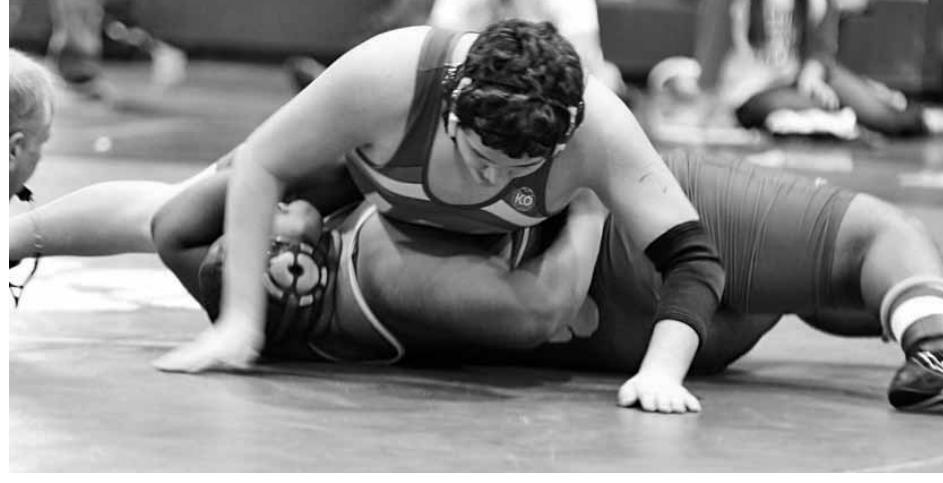
Wakulla finished first with 214 points, Suwannee was second with 172, Florida High was third with 118, Godby was fourth with 75. Richards was fifth with 39 points. Wrestlers who advanced weight and place was 106 second place Johnathan Hunter, 113 1st place Larry Smith, 120 1st place DyJuan Carney, 126

1st place Hunter Royce, 138 3rd place Joshua Douin, 145 1st place Cody Davis, 152 3rd place Jacob Austin, 160 2nd place Joshua Strickland, 170 2nd place Cody Ochat, 182 1st place Nathan Tyre, 195 1st place James Douin, 220 1st place Keith Godden, 285 2nd place Jacob Marin.



The Wakulla War Eagle wrestling team after districts.

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LADY WAR EAGLE TEAM: Rachel Woofter, Micahlyn Jeziorski, Coach Tom Graham, Kenzie Lee, and Alyssa Stokely.

GIRLS GOLF

Coach Tom Graham named All-Big Bend Coach of Year, Kenzie Lee named to All-Big Bend Team

Staff Report

The Tallahassee Democrat recently named Wakulla Girls Golf Coach Tom Graham as its All-Big Bend Girls Golf Coach of the Year.

Golfing stand-out Kenzie Lee was named to the All-Big Bend Girls team as well.

The Democrat noted Graham, who is also the school's softball coach and in his last year after a 16-year career at the school, "was named the girls' Coach of the Year for his work with much im-

proved first-team player Kenzie Lee and the War Eagles steady competitiveness in each match they played despite their home course at Wildwood Golf Course being torn up and closed most of the year.

"Whenever you're recognized by your peers, it just makes you feel really good," Graham told the Democrat. "It makes you feel like you've really been doing something right and I really do appreciate the time I've put in at Wakulla and enjoyed all the kids that came through."

GIRLS WEIGHTLIFTING

Five girls place in top 3 at regionals

Special to The News

Wakulla High School Girls Weightlifting team had five girls place in the top three at the Regional Finals in Panama City to advance to the State Finals.

Leah Kennedy, Ashley Stevens, and Brandi Stevens all took first place, while Lateisha Curry placed second, and Christen Brown placed third.

The girls will be competing at the Kissimmee Civic Center on Saturday Feb. 8.



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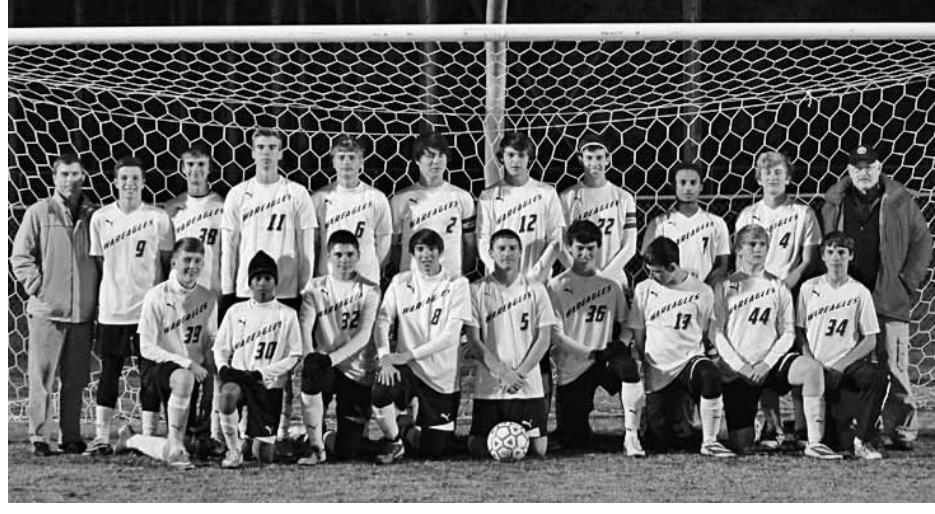
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Sports



AMANDA MAYOR

The War Eagles Boys Soccer Team.

BOYS SOCCER

War Eagles win regional quarterfinal

By DON GREGG
Assistant Coach

The District 2-2 A Boys Soccer Championship game was played on Friday, Jan. 24, at Wakulla High School. The War Eagles defeated a stubborn Florida High team by a 4-2 score. The game was very intense and competitive.

Goal scorers for the home team were Josh Vick (senior), assisted by Tarique Humes (freshman); Tyler Bennett (senior) with one score on an assist by Vick and one unassisted; and Ej Yeboah (senior) unassisted.

Jordan Vaughan (junior) was in goal and he had five saves. Jordan played well as the goal keeper and anchored a determined defense.

The defense thwarted several opportunities by the Seminoles to preserve the victory. The score was 4-1 at half-time in the home team's favor. Wakulla advances to the Region One quarter-finals after being eliminated by Florida in the 2012-13 season.

In the Region 1 Class 2A quarter-finals: Pensacola Catholic (District 1 Winner, 17-6-0) defeated Florida High (District 2 Runner-up, 10-10-1) on Friday, Jan. 31 in Pensacola by a 3-0 score. Wakulla (District 2 Winner, 16-4-1) defeated Freeport (D1 Runner up, 14-7-4 on Saturday, Feb. 1 by a 7-1 score.

BASEBALL

Houston Taff Memorial Alumni Game is Feb. 15

The Wakulla High School Baseball Team will be hosting the Sixth Annual Houston Taff Memorial Alumni Game on Saturday, Feb. 15, at Wakulla High School's Houston Taff Field.

The fundraiser includes a seven inning game, Alumni vs. Alumni, and a Homerun Derby Competition.

The Homerun Derby will begin at 11 a.m. and the Alumni Game will begin at noon.

The 2014 WHS Baseball team will be selling barbecue pork dinner tickets for \$10 to help support the needs of the team. All proceeds will benefit

the Wakulla High School Baseball Team.

Thursday, Feb. 13 kicks off the first home game for our 2014 Wakulla High School Baseball Team. They will be taking on the talented and competitive Godby High School team at 6 p.m.

Coach Mike Gauger and Coach Keith Anderson have been working with the players both mentally and physically over the past few weeks strengthening their skills and techniques in preparation for the upcoming pre-season tournament.

The 2014 WHS Baseball Team is:

• **Seniors:** Kaleb Atkens, Jay Estes, Jordan Franks, Micah Gray, Bryan Nichols;

• **Juniors:** Keifer Beaty, Devin Caldwell, Chance Carter, Brian Edge, Brandon Geiger, Bailey Metcalf, Jacob Plouffe, Reid Strickland, Jake Webb;

• **Sophomores:** Jake Bryan, Shane Davis, Chase Forester, Feleipe Franks, Aaron Ginn, Nick Lentz, Bucky McGlamry, Greyson Rudd, Jordan Vaughan, John Weber;

• **Freshmen:** Payton Bennett, Jacob Estes, Austin Hogan, Kaleb Langston, and Zach Norman.

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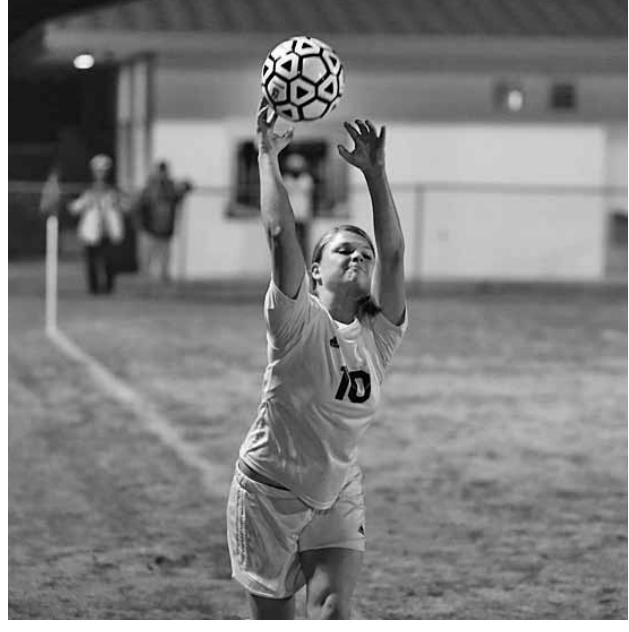
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GIRLS SOCCER

Lady War Eagles fall to Bolles

The Wakulla High School Lady War Eagles fell to Jacksonville Bolles on Friday, Jan. 31, in the regional finals. The girls had made it to the Elite Eight in the state playoffs.



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Outdoors

outdoor sports and fishing reports

It's cold and foggy, and not much fishing going on

This time of the year it gets pretty tough to write a fishing report.

It gets even tougher finding somebody that's been fishing.

This past weekend was extremely foggy at Shell Point on Sunday morning, cleared a little in the afternoon, and then about 4 p.m. the fog rolled back in.

It's Tuesday morning and the fog hasn't lifted since Sunday.

Just got off the phone with JR and he said you couldn't see the bridge from his store it was so foggy. He talked with several people who fished yesterday and they said you couldn't see across the river at any time during the day.

They also said they didn't catch but two trout.

JR said the water has gotten so cold, the fish

just aren't biting. He said he thinks fishing up in the creeks will get fairly good this weekend due to the rising temperatures.

Reports from the Keaton Beach area say trout are still being caught in two to three feet of water using mostly Mirrolures and other hardbaits.

Some trout and reds, mostly small, are being caught in the St. Marks River. I talked to one person who fished up the Wakulla and caught a nice bunch of sheepshead. The deep holes in the river and the pilings at the Yacht Club usually produce some nice sheepshead this time of the year.

Fishing up the Ochlockonee River has been hit or miss. Go there one day and catch nice reds and go back the



From The Dock

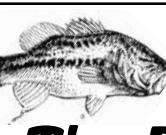
BY CAPT. JODY CAMPBELL

next and nothing.

There are plenty of small sheepshead and reds that will eat all the shrimp you care to feed them.

Dr. Julian Hurt finally got some time off and fished the Oyster Bay and Spring Creek area. He said on Saturday they caught several nice trout but that wasn't the same for Sunday.

Capt. David Fife continues to catch his limit out around Spring Creek and Oyster Bay. Last Friday he took Richard Gardner from Shell Point and they were back home by 10:30 with their limit.



From The Dock

BY CAPT. JODY CAMPBELL

On Saturday Dwayne Broadway and I fished the Spring Creek area and caught at least 50 trout, but all but three were very small. I went back on Sunday and caught and released about 30 and seven of those would have been legal.

All hit a white Gulp fished very, very slow.

One of David Fife's good friends and fishing buddies, Charlie Thomas, took his grandkids fishing on Saturday and caught three nice reds, quite a few sheepshead and three black drum over 15 pounds.

I asked David where

they caught 'em and he said most were caught in the mouth though they did snag one of the sheepshead in the tail.

Curt Daniels with Wakulla Carpet Brokers was telling me of an unbelievable freshwater fishing trip he and his son from Atlanta, Jeremy, had around Thanksgiving. They fished out of Fort McCoy on Rodman Reservoir with Sean Rush. They caught about 16 bass and were back at the landing by 11:30. You say that's not unbelievable. Ten of those bass were over 8 pounds and the largest weighed 10½ pounds. That's unbelievable. All of the fish were caught on live shiners.

Sean told Curt his largest fish to date was 17 pounds 1 ounce and the week before they were down they caught one over 13 pounds. I believe

his website is Florida Trophy Bass if you want to check him out.

A few articles back I said this a good time to make sure your motor was running well before you took it out for that first trip. Especially if it had been sitting. One of the folks at Shell Point went to the Econofina, put the boat in and went about a half mile before his engine quit.

Four hours later it was in the shop for a tune up. Don't let this happen to you.

I don't know if the groundhog saw his shadow or not but understand we have quite a bit of winter weather left.

Oh well, there's nothing we can do.

Remember to know your limits and be careful out there.

Good luck and good fishing!

HOME ON THE RANGE

Safety dictates rules about 'hot' and 'cold' on the range



By MARJ LAW

One of the most basic rules of the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range, and of every range I've visited, is the rule of hot and cold.

When the range is "cold," you can go down range and put up your target.

A handy red line by the firing line shows that you stand behind it when the range is cold. This way, you don't touch your

guns or your ammunition when someone is down-range putting up targets.

The cold rule is a tool to keep people safe from accidental shooting.

A "hot" range allows people to stand in front of the red line in the shooting area.

When the range is hot, you can shoot your firearm. You must wear eye and ear protection and keep your gun pointed in a safe, down-range direction.

We ladies who shoot on Wednesday mornings watch out for each other's safety and for the safety of all shooters.

Since our first and most basic tenet of safety is to conform to the practices of the hot and cold range, we pay special attention to this rule.

And, just in case someone forgets about hot and cold, we jump to remind

her.

"Range is cold! You're over the line, Sally!" you'll hear someone call.

"Oops! Senior moment," explains Sally ruefully. She hops back into the safe area behind the red line.

Even if very few gals are at the pistol range, we still abide by hot and cold.

"Cold range!" someone reminds.

"I was just cleaning the wet off the table!" justifies the gal.

"Doesn't matter. Range is cold!"

So "I was" just puts her cloth down and moves behind the line.

Sigh. She knows she should have waited.

"Cold range!"

"I was just setting my guns down..." is the explanation.

"Doesn't matter! Cold range! We're behind the

line!"

"Cold range!"

"I was just looking at Tanya's new 9mm Springfield!"

"Doesn't matter! Cold range!"

Everybody who comes to the WCSO range signs a paper saying that he/she understands what to do during a hot or cold range.

And I'll bet each one of the Wednesday morning gals have forgotten at least once. Since we're a friendly group, we pick on each other a little bit. We're quick to remind each other of range rules, and just as quick to comply (although we feel a little silly those few times we've gotten caught).

Since one of the Wednesday morning group's major decisions is always where we'll go for lunch, I was standing with my back to the range, facing the gals who were sitting on the bench.

"So, where're we going today?" I ask.

"You're going to step back over the red line. Range is cold!" they sing out gleefully.

I look down at my feet. Sure enough, my heels are over that line.

"I was just talking lunch!" I say, knowing it's no defense.

"Cold range! Cold range!"

They got me.

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



One of the Shoot Like a Girl Club members firing on the 'hot' range.

In 2013, there were fewer panther deaths

From FWC News

In the world of the endangered Florida panther, 2013 brought less mortality, a female panther successfully released back into the wild, and significant public participation in reporting panther sightings.

Twenty panther deaths were documented by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in the past year, compared with 27 panthers that died in 2012. Vehicle strikes continue to be the primary cause of mortality, with 15 panthers dying last year because they were hit while crossing highways compared with 18 in 2012. The birth of 21 panther kittens also was documented in 2013.

A brother-and-sister pair of panthers, rescued as kittens in 2011 and raised at the White Oak Conservation Center in Yulee, was returned to the wild in 2013. The female, released in January in Picayune Strand State Forest in Collier County, was documented last June to have given birth to a kitten. However the male, released last April in the Rotenberger Wildlife Management Area in Palm Beach County, died Jan. 4 due to unknown causes after being located a day earlier in a very lethargic state and then taken to a veterinary clinic. That was the second panther death recorded in 2014, after another panther was killed Jan. 2 due to a vehicle collision.

Additionally, more than 1,100 panther sightings have been reported statewide since the FWC launched an online site in August 2012 enabling the public to report when and where they have seen a Florida panther or its tracks and upload photos: MyFWC.com/PantherSightings.

Though only 5 percent of the sightings were verified as panthers, the FWC's panther team considers public reports of panther sightings vital to the management of this species brought back from the brink of extinction.

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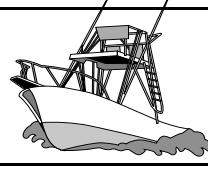
Local writers share their experiences



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon

a peek into life on and under the water



It was a busy weekend for several members of Flotilla 12.

On Saturday, members Tim Ashley, Phil Hill and Dave Rabon headed down to St. Marks for the annual Wildlife Heritage festival. The three had a foggy beginning, but it turned out to be a nice sunny day.

Tim Ashley wrote: Under early morning overcast and misting skies the day started but ended with the sun shining through the clouds to a beautiful blue sky afternoon. The Wildlife Heritage Festival's exhibitors were located at the entrance to the Refuge and out at the Lighthouse.

This year's attendees had an opportunity to experience something new about the rich history of this region here in North Florida. The USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 1-2 represented the historical presence of the U.S. Coast Guard serving as an integral component in the

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Apalachee Bay Community having had small boat stations in Apalachicola, Shell Point, and at the St. Marks Lighthouse.

Having a chance to meet fellow boating enthusiasts, kayakers, former Coasters and discuss the Auxiliary's programs/activities made for a great day.

Throughout the day, the members handed out coloring books to the children and stamped a compass rose on several children's hands.

Later that evening, members came together for the February business meeting. With so many things going on this weekend,

it was a smaller than usual group.

We were happy to also have two prospective members attend!

Those present worked to strategize about upcoming opportunities for fulfilling our mission to promote boating safety.

We have plans to participate in several other festivals and activities as well as expand our options for public education classes.

One such expansion includes providing boating safety classes to groups like the boy scouts.

Chuck Hickman sent in the following:
This past weekend

Mark Rosen, Phil Hill and Chuck Hickman of Apalachee Bay Flotilla 1-2 taught an ABS class of Boy Scout Troop 5 sponsored by the Crawfordville United Methodist Church.

Eight boys and two adult Scouters participated in two consecutive Sunday afternoon training sessions along with a new flotilla member to pass the requirements for the FWC Safe Boating Card, required by all boaters born after Jan. 1, 1988.

This accomplishment will accelerate the boys toward earning several boating merit badges, such as Rowing, Motor Boating and Canoeing.

Topics of the course included types of boats, required safety equipment and rules of the road on the water. All students passed the written, closed-book test.

Thank you to Tim Ashley and Phil Hill for their photos of both events!

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 at fso-hr@uscgaux.net or Flotilla Commander Duane Treadon at FC@uscgaux.net.

As Sherrie says, safe boating is no accident - being prepared is your best defense!



Participants in the Boy Scout boating class, above. Tim Ashley and Dave Rabon staffing the Auxiliary's booth at the Wildlife Heritage Festival, left.

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6:19 pm	1:35 am

Brightness- 53%

Saturday

Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
7:22 am	1:20 pm
6:20 pm	2:29 am

Brightness- 59%

Sunday

Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
7:22 am	2:08 pm
6:21 pm	3:19 am

Brightness- 66%

Monday

Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
7:21 am	2:57 pm
6:21 pm	4:07 am

Brightness- 72%

Tuesday

Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
7:20 am	3:48 pm
6:22 pm	4:51 am

Brightness- 78%

Wednesday

Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
7:19 am	4:40 pm
6:23 pm	5:33 am

Brightness- 84%

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Feb. 6

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Sheriff's Report

On Tuesday, Jan. 21, Deputy Scott Rojas investigated a complaint from a 15-year-old male juvenile regarding an incident that occurred while the juvenile was hunting squirrel with relatives.

The juvenile separated from his party and was approached by a man in Sopchoppy who berated the juvenile with a profanity laced tirade. The man was armed with a firearm while shouting at the juvenile. The deputy is working to identify the aggressive subject. The victim was not injured.

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

THURSDAY, JAN. 23

- A 16-year-old juvenile reported the theft of her wallet. The victim went to a cheerleading competition in Orlando. The victim's wallet was stolen from her duffle bag at a hotel. The wallet and contents were valued at \$20. Sgt. Ray Johnson investigated.

- Siefe Awad of Panacea reported a theft at Wal-Mart. The victim left several bags of goods next to a relative's vehicle. He returned inside the store for a period of time and came back out to find the bags missing. Deputy Gibby Gibson investigated.

- Willie Lindsey of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary and criminal mischief. The victim reported that someone damaged two vehicles on his property and entered his home.

The damage to the vehicles included broken windows as well as damage to the interior and exterior. A forced entry was observed at the home.

One vehicle suffered \$500 worth of damage and the other vehicle suffered \$7,000 worth of damage. Damage to the residence was estimated at \$200. Deputy Scott Powell and Detective Matt Helms investigated.

- Gerald Richards Sr. of Crawfordville reported a credit card offense. Five unauthorized charges were observed on the victim's bank card. The transactions totaled \$570 at an unknown Starbucks location. Deputy Scott Powell investigated.

FRIDAY, JAN. 24

- Henry Skipper of

Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief. Three vehicles were damaged on the victim's property. Tires were punctured. The tires are valued at \$460. Deputy Ashley McAlister investigated.

- Christopher Alward of Crawfordville reported the theft of a mailbox and post at a Crawfordville rental property. A second post was damaged after the victim replaced the original post. Damage was estimated at \$35. Deputy Vicki Mitchell investigated.

- Kasi Waltermor of Crawfordville reported a vehicle theft. A suspect was identified in the vehicle theft and the vehicle was entered into the NCIC/FCIC data base. The vehicle was recovered at a later time. Deputies Richard Moon, Adam Pendris and Ashley McAlister investigated.

SATURDAY, JAN. 25

- Deputy Alan Middlebrooks conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle with a non-functioning brake light. The vehicle had also been called in as reckless to WCSO dispatch.

During the traffic stop Deputy Middlebrooks detected a strong odor of alcohol. Charles Bradley Vaughn, 25, of Apalachicola allegedly failed field sobriety exercises and open beer bottles were observed inside the vehicle.

During the investigation marijuana was allegedly discovered inside the vehicle and David Ellis Barber, 31, of Eastpoint was arrested for possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana. The marijuana weighed 8.7 grams. Vaughn was given a verbal warning about the brake light. Lt. Sherrell Morrison and Deputy Matthew Hedges also investigated.

- Jim Furey of Panacea reported a residential burglary. The victim reported the theft of six fishing rods and reels from the residence. The fishing equipment is valued at \$1,650. Deputy Vicki Mitchell and Deputy Alan Middlebrooks investigated.

- A 16-year-old male from Crawfordville allegedly struck his 51-year-old father in the head with a steel pot. The juvenile struck the victim in the head approximately 10 times following an argument.

Wakulla EMS treated the victim at the scene and he refused hospital transportation. The victim suffered a laceration from the cooking pot.

The juvenile was arrested for aggravated battery and was transported to juvenile detention in Leon County. Deputies Vicki Mitchell and Alan Middlebrooks investigated.

- Raney Beson of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief. Someone attempted to break-in to her home.

The door frame suffered \$150 worth of damage. Deputy Vicki Mitchell investigated.

SUNDAY, JAN. 26

- Deputy Richard Moon observed an expired vehicle tag on U.S. Highway 319. Prior to executing a traffic stop, Deputy Moon reportedly observed the motorist drive partially off the roadway onto the shoulder and cross the centerline.

Detective Clint Beam joined the investigation as the deputies smelled the strong odor of alcohol. The driver, Toby Lee Sheats, 43, of Lanark Village, allegedly failed field sobriety exercises and open beer bottles were observed inside the vehicle.

Sheats was arrested for DUI and knowingly operating a motor vehicle while license suspended or revoked. The vehicle tag was seized. FHP Trooper Stone also assisted with the investigation.

- Lyle Punausua of Crawfordville reported a vehicle theft. The victim loaned his vehicle to a friend and the vehicle was not returned. The vehicle was entered in the NCIC/FCIC data base.

Later, Deputy Adam Pendris received information on the location of the vehicle in Crawfordville. He observed the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop.

Lori Susanne Strickland, 40, of Crawfordville was charged with motor vehicle theft and transported to the Wakulla County Jail. Deputy Vicki Mitchell and Deputy Alan Middlebrooks investigated.

- A 22-year-old Crawfordville victim reported that a male suspect, who has been identified, posted suggestive photographs of her on social media. The photographs also contained vulgar language about the victim. The victim said the photographs were taken while she was a juvenile. The investigation has been turned over to the

Criminal Investigations Division. Deputy Vicki Mitchell investigated.

- Julie Tanner of Sopchoppy reported a grand theft. Firewood was stolen from the victim's property. The wood was valued at \$500. Deputy Richard Moon investigated.

- Deputy Alan Middlebrooks conducted a traffic stop on a suspicious vehicle in the Park subdivision. The vehicle and two occupants pulled into a residential driveway but did not get out of the vehicle in an apparent attempt to elude the deputy.

Joey Eugene Guinn, 19, of Crawfordville and Jayvontae Deshay Schwartz, 20, of Evansville, Ind., were arrested for trespassing. Guinn had an outstanding warrant for possession of paraphernalia which was also served at the time of arrest. The vehicle was towed from the scene. Lt. Sherrell Morrison, and deputies Richard Moon and Adam Pendris also investigated.

MONDAY, JAN. 27

- Brenda Thomas of Coastal Corner in Ochlockonee Bay reported the theft of gasoline.

An elderly couple failed to pay for their gasoline. The cost of the stolen gas was \$23.41. Evidence was collected at the scene. Deputy Gibby Gibson investigated.

- Frances Cook of Crawfordville reported the theft of medications from her home. A suspect has been identified. A trespass warning was issued against the suspect. Deputy Gibby Gibson investigated.

Jessica Herron of Crawfordville reported a fraud. The victim answered an employment advertisement on Craig's List. A male subject sent a check to the victim for \$2,300 with instructions to deposit the check in her personal bank account. The subject requested the victim send back a money order for \$2,130. The victim mailed the money order to the Philippines as instructed, but her bank advised her that his check was not valid. Deputy Scott Powell investigated.

- On Jan. 28, Jan. 29 and Jan. 30, deputies kept an eye on Wakulla County roads and bridges for potential freezing conditions and ice. Sand was spread on several bridges as ice began to build up. No traffic crashes were reported. Road patrol, county public works, firefighters and Emergency Management continued monitoring as the winter storm moved through the area.

Hill Road and Sopchoppy Highway. The driver lost control of his vehicle and totaled his Volkswagen. The driver did not report any injuries. Deputy Gibson investigated.

- Irena Nichols of Sopchoppy reported the theft of seafood products.

The victim reported purchasing oysters from two suspects who have been identified.

Karlyn Langford of Panacea reported a credit card offense. The victim observed an unauthorized charge on her bank account.

The charge was created through a telephone company in California in the amount of \$75. Sgt. Ray Johnson investigated.

- Emily Winston of the Inn at Wildwood reported a theft as a guest failed to pay for a night's lodging. The credit card machine was not operating at the time the suspect, who has been identified, checked in.

Later, when the victim attempted to charge the subject for the room, the subject's credit card was declined. The subject said she would pay the balance at check-out but left the facility without paying. Deputy Will Hudson investigated.

- Manuellena Smith of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief. The victim's mailbox was shot 10 times with a firearm. The holes were created over a three day period. The mailbox is valued at \$60. Sgt. Ryan Muse investigated.

- Janice Weldy of Elkhart, Ind., reported the theft of a wallet during or around the time she was at Wal-Mart.

The license could not be found in Crawfordville.

Sgt. Ray Johnson investigated.

- Clara Bottorf of Crawfordville reported a burglary to his shed. A forced entry was observed and fishing equipment was stolen from inside. The stolen property is valued at \$240 and damage to the shed is estimated at \$150. Detective Derek Lawhon and Detective Clint Beam investigated.

- Theodore Hoehn of Tallahassee reported a residential burglary in St. Marks. A forced entry was observed at the victim's sheds. Two saws and a ladder were reported stolen. The value of the stolen property is \$500. Detectives Clint Beam and Derek Lawhon investigated along with Deputy Vicki Mitchell.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office received 1,036 calls for service during the past week including 15 residential and business alarms; 10 assists to other agencies; 79 citizen contacts; 16 disturbances; 3 E-911 abandoned cell calls; 3 E-911 abandoned calls; 18 E-911 calls; 55 investigations; 47 medical emergencies; 14 school security checks; 389 business and residential security checks; 40 special details; 10 suspicious vehicles; 44 traffic enforcements; 99 traffic stops; 10 wanted people; and 22 watch orders.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29

- Niranjan Patel of Best Western reported a possible fraud. A subject contacted motel guests in an attempt to acquire financial and personal information.

The subject claimed to be a bookkeeper for the franchise. It has not been determined if any of the guests revealed any personal information in the scam.

One of the guests was offered a bogus free hotel stay if she would reveal her personal information. Deputy Anthony



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Wood storks are social birds



Natural Wakulla

By Les Harrison

Having family close by can be a mixed blessing. Under the best of circumstances they will be supportive and helpful in trying times.

The relatives will know all the challenges faced given their immediacy.

If threats materialize, aid and assistance from the family is promptly assured.

The down side is these close kin likely compete for many of the same resources which are close by and easily identifiable.

Such is the case with the Wood Stork, Mycteria Americana, a native Wakulla County wading bird with a distinct appearance.

These storks are a social bird and may have up to 25 nests in one tree. The nests are usually found in swamps and wetland where tall cypress trees offer ideal nesting sites.

The adults have few problems with predators, but the eggs and young are quite susceptible to marauding birds and animals. Raccoons, skunks, grackles (black birds), and buzzards are all waiting for the opportunity to dine on the young occupants of a stork's nest.

Only watery moats containing alligators and large water moccasons which surround the nesting trees deter raccoons and skunks from pillaging the nesting sites.

During dry years when the water recedes, the land-bound predators

have a much easier time acquiring a stork dinner.

From the stork's perspective the swamps and wetlands deliver more than security. Fish, insects, frogs, snakes and small mammals all live in or near these water sources and each are popular meal selections for storks and their young.

Storks produce one clutch of eggs annually, usually with three to five eggs.

The incubation period takes about a month, and then a completely helpless two-ounce chick breaks through the egg shell.

The tiny chicks arrive with a super-sized appetite which challenges their parent's ability to keep the groceries flowing.

Within a week each chick is consuming 15 meals daily and gaining weight.

At two weeks the chick will have increased its bulk tenfold and at a month will have reached over four pounds.

Full grown adults weigh four and a half to 10 pounds, depending on the bird's sex.

At this point both parents are busily seeking any food source the young will eat. It takes almost a quarter-ton of rations to feed the family while raising the young.

In normal to wet years, the nourishment for flock is readily available in the surrounding woods and waters.

Drought years are a



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These wood storks might be close neighbors, but when it comes to food there is no sharing.

problem for wood stork chicks, especially the late hatching ones.

When food sources are short, competition for this resource becomes increasingly severe and antagonistic.

In extreme cases only the older chicks are fed, leaving the younger ones to starve.

Unlike many wading

birds which wait for a fish to swim within plucking range, wood storks actively pursue their quarry. They submerge their open bills until they encounter a fish, and then snap it shut on the unlucky swimmer.

One of the wood storks unique qualities is it has no vocal call. This bird is mute and without the

required organ necessary for uttering a sound.

Their large and resonant bill is used for communication.

A series of clattering and clicking sounds are used for communication, likely another reason to keep the wood stork family close.

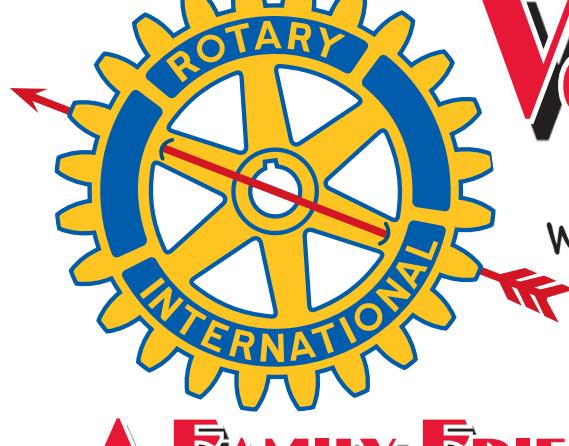
To learn more about Wakulla County's wood

storks, visit the UF/IFAS Wakulla County website at <http://wakulla.ifas.ufl.edu> or call (850) 926-3931.

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

16th Annual

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SATURDAY, FEB. 8, 2014

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A FAMILY FRIENDLY DAY PACKED FULL OF FUN AND LIVE ENTERTAINMENT!

- 7:00 a.m. Cupid Dash check-in and registration
TCC Complex (Sponsored by Walgreens)
- 7:30 a.m. Fun Walk begins
- 8:00 a.m. 5K Cupid Dash
- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast in the Park
(Sponsored by Best Western Plus Wakulla Inn & Suites)
- 9:00 a.m. Parade entries line-up
- 10:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, food, games and rides
- 10:00 a.m. Sweetheart Parade- Raising of the Flag by the Boy Scouts of America Troop #5
- 11:00 a.m. Presentation of Parade awards:
1st Place \$100 • 2nd Place \$75 • 3rd Place \$50
\$150 Prize for best use of recyclable materials
- 3:00 p.m. Drawing for \$1000 cash prize

Entertainment - Featuring:

- 11am - 11:30am Vocals - Kristine & Angel
- 11:30am - 12pm Tiger Rock Martial Arts
- 12pm - 12: 30pm Vocals from Brianna Harvey
- 12:30pm - 1pm Arabian Flair Belly Dancing
- 1pm - 1:30pm Pickin & Grinning Band w/ vocals by Angel Carter
- 1:30pm - 2pm Gospel Music by Charles & Joan Smith
- 2pm - 2:30pm Studio 88
- 2:30pm - 3pm Sharon Fox & The Singing Saxes

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Keep Wakulla
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My Valentine

Section B

Taking Care of Business



PHOTOS BY WILLIAM SNOWDEN

Chamber members listen to the program during the lunchtime event.

Networking event held at TCC, catered by Kast Net

By PETRA SHUFF
Of the Chamber

Our networking luncheons were off to a good start with Kast Net catering the January event.

Ms. Tu's cooking is not something you want to miss, and it showed in the number of reservations. The menu included her famous egg rolls, salad, pasta salad, pulled pork and grilled chicken, green beans almandine, and as always, the desserts topped off a wonderful meal.

We thank TCC Wakulla Center for making their facility available to us.

Ms. Tu's husband Fred shared that Kast Net will again hold their annual Valentine Extravaganza, offering three seating times. There are only a few spots open, and you can call 421-1255 to make your reservation.

In addition, Kast Net Catering truck is now set up at Mack's Meats Wednesday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. offering breakfast and lunch.

Mary announced TDC's upcoming Spring Travel Show campaign visiting three military bases in South Georgia during mid-March to share the Wonders of Wakulla and Fresh from Wakulla encouraging active military personnel, their families, retirees, and civilian staffs to visit us.

TDC invites local businesses and organizations to participate by supplying brochures, booklets, special offers, coupons etc. for inclusion in the Wakulla TDC information kits.

Your contributions are needed by March 1. You



Mary Wallace holds up the winning card drawn by TCC Wakulla's Bonnie Holub, right.

may deliver items to the Welcome Center in Panacea or, for more information, contact Tourist Development Council Director Sam Martin by email (S.Martin@MyWakulla.com) or phone (850) 984-3966.

Coupons for a free cup of coffee, supplied by Bay Leaf Market, were given out, and Mary encouraged everyone to not just get a free cup of coffee but, also support Bay Leaf Market and other local small businesses that are vital to our local economy.

Mary stated how she loves the fact that she does not have to go to Tallahassee all the time for items and how wonderful it is for our community to be small but to be able to offer as much as it does. It's important that we support our local businesses.

New members for December and January were announced: Trading Post Rentals, Sundance, Florida Big Bend Realty, R. H. Carter, Angelo and Son Restaurant, and Family Coastal Restaurant.

We notice when we

have new faces, so introductions of first timers were made: Julie Sythe - new Wakulla representative for Costo, Karen Richardson - Southern Flooring, Megan Ward - Wakulla Realty, Cheryl Campbell - new office manager for growing business Shepard Accounting, James Hodges - My Office Products, Dustin Grubbs - Chamber VP, Tonya Hobby - Florida Dept. of Health, Molly Core - St. Marks Yacht Club, and Curtis Benton - Sperry & Associates.

Mary Jones, with Tallahassee Lenders Consortium was our spotlighted business. The Tallahassee Lenders Consortium Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to make the dream of homeownership a reality by improving people's ability to obtain and retain safe, decent and affordable housing through creating housing options, providing homebuyer education, and providing access to affordable financing.

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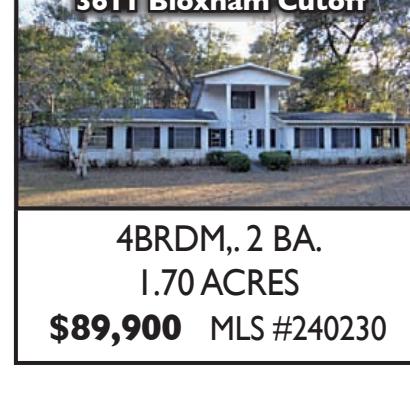


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Near Beach -Panacea Shores

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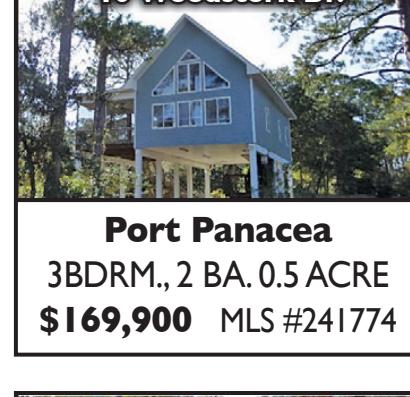


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10 Woodstork Dr.

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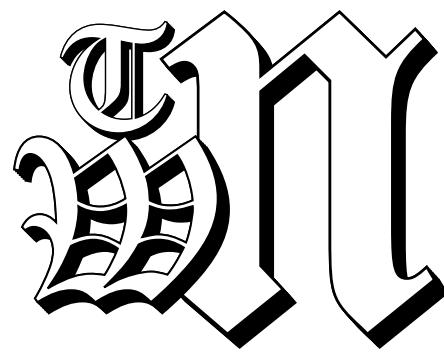
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Feb 6 –
Feb 13

Special Events

Friday, Feb. 7

- SENIOR EXEMPTION ASSISTANCE will be available at the senior center every Friday in February from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Wakulla County Property Appraiser Donnie Sparkman's staff will be there to educate and assist with senior exemption and any other exemptions which they may qualify for.

Saturday, Feb. 8

- VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION, hosted by the Rotary Club of Wakulla begins with the 2nd Annual 5K Cupid Dash & 1 Mile Fit for Love Walk. The parade begins at 10 a.m. Entertainment begins at 11 a.m. and a drawing for a cash prize of \$1000 is at 3 p.m. There is still space for vendors and parade participants – applications can be obtained by contacting wakullavalentine@gmail.com. For more information on registering for the 5K or to become a sponsor contact Jo Ann Palmer at 728-2072.

- FROM THE HEART Recording Studio in Sopchopy welcomes musician Christie Lenee for a house concert, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Lenee is a folk singer/songwriter from Philadelphia. Learn more about her music at www.christielenee.com. Tickets are \$15. To reserve seating contact From The Heart at 850-962-5282, or send an email to fromtheheartrecordingstudio@gmail.com. From The Heart is located at 55 Rose Street, Sopchopy, 32358.

Sunday, Feb. 9

- SAFEGUARDING THE SPRINGS is a special presentation at 12:30 p.m. and precedes the Friends of Wakulla Springs State Park's annual meeting. Talking about Safeguarding Wakulla Spring will be Sean McGlynn, PhD, and Bob Thompson, former park ranger and photographer. This special presentation will conclude in time for hors d'oeuvres and the annual election of directors in the lodge.

Tuesday, Feb. 11

• BETTY GREEN WILL CHAIR THE WCHS program "Looking back at the Wakulla Community." We look forward to sharing pictures and stories of the once busy little community that produced several leaders in Wakulla County as well as the state. As we have found from past meetings pertaining to particular communities, we always come up with interesting stories and facts about Wakulla County's past. The public is encouraged to join us at the Wakulla County Public Library on at 7 p.m. for another session of "Looking Back."

Wednesday, Feb. 12

- WCSO BLOOD DRIVE will be held with Oneblood from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the WCSO parking area. All donors will receive a free T-shirt and a wellness check-up including blood pressure, iron count and cholesterol screening. Participants may register in advance by contacting WCSO PIO Keith Blackmar at (850) 745-7110 or kblackmar@wesco.org. Appointments are not required and walks-ins are welcome.

Thursday, Feb. 13

- WINE & CHOCOLATE TASTING at Bay Leaf Market. Learn how to appreciate the subtlety and complexity of flavors that both wine and chocolate have, as well as being able to pair them well. The tasting will be held from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 15

- SPRINGS SWEETHEART SERENADE hosted by the Friends of Wakulla Springs State Park will kick off with the first of three events at the Wakulla Springs Lodge beginning at 5:30 p.m. The event will include a romantic boat cruise, dinner and entertainment with the Dorian Q Jazz Quartet. Cost is \$25 per person. Because the event is limited to 125 people, advance ticket purchases are strongly advised at wakullasprings.org.

- WHS BASEBALL TEAM will be hosting the Sixth Annual Houston Taff Memorial Alumni Game at Wakulla High School's Houston Taff Field. The fundraiser includes a seven inning game, Alumni vs. Alumni, and a Homerun Derby Competition. The Homerun Derby will begin at 11 a.m. and the Alumni Game will begin at noon. The 2014 WHS Baseball team will be selling BBQ Pork Dinner tickets for \$10. All proceeds will benefit the Wakulla High School Baseball Team.

Sunday, Feb. 16

- THE WAKULLA CHRISTIAN COALITION will celebrate Black History Month with a "Read-In" from 3 - 5 p.m. The event will be held at the Wakulla Public Library.

Monday, Feb. 17

- DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB will be holding their next meeting starting at 6 p.m. at Beef O'Brady's in Crawfordville. The club will be finalizing plans for the upcoming Girls Nite Out Health Fair to benefit Wakulla Relay for Life. All Democrats are welcome to attend. Any questions, please contact Diane Wilson, President Wakulla DWC at 984-4768 or by emailing dwilson.1947@gmail.com.

COASTAL OPTIMIST CLUB

VALENTINE'S DAY PARADE

Posey's Steam Room
noon

Thursday

WCSO BLOOD DRIVE

WCSO parking lot
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Saturday

ALUMNI GAME & BBQ DINNER

WHS Baseball field
11 a.m.

Wednesday

Next Saturday



Government Meetings

Monday, Feb. 10

- PLANNING COMMISSION will hold a public meeting beginning at 7 p.m. in the commission chambers.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

- CODE ENFORCEMENT will hold a public meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the commission chambers.

Monday, Feb. 10

- TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL will hold the public meeting beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Wakulla Welcome Center.

- SOPCHOPPY PARK COMMITTEE is holding a Public Meeting at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at City Hall.

Thursday, Feb. 13

- SOPCHOPPY DEPOT COMMITTEE is holding a Public Meeting on at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Sopchopy Depot.

Clubs, Groups, Regular Meetings

Thursday, Feb. 6

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 6 p.m. at the 26 Walker Street, Panacea. For more information call 524-9103.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 8 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadelake Highway. Call 544-0719 for more information.
- COASTAL OPTIMIST CLUB will meet at noon at Posey's Steam Room in Panacea.
- 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 each second Thursday of the month at 7 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, Feb. 7

- 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 Shadelake Highway. Call 544-0719 for more information.

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- 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. Call 926-1437 with any questions.

Saturday, Feb. 8

- 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.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 Shadelake Highway. Call 544-0719 for more information.

- SOPCHOPPY GROWERS MARKET will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of Posh Java, Organics & Gifts, on the corner of Rose St. and Winthrop Ave., in downtown Sopchopy. 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, Feb. 9

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS holds open discussion at 6 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville.

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 6 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadelake Highway. Call 544-0719 for more information.

- 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.

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 6 p.m. at the 26 Walker Street, Panacea.

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 6 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadelake 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.

- BEAD WORK will be held at the senior center at 10:30 a.m. 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.

Monday, Feb. 10

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 6 p.m. at the 26 Walker Street, Panacea.

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 6 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadelake 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.

- 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 Whidden Lake Road. Newcomers are welcome; you do not need to know how to play.

- SHOOT LIKE A GIRL meets every Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon. Join in learning safety with handguns and enjoy companionship of women of all ages at the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Range located on 319 to Sopchopy.

Library News...



By SCOTT JOYNER
Library Director

gas. Doors open at 6:45 for the 7:00 showing and we ask that all children be accompanied by an adult.

St Valentine's Festival

Swing by the Library's tent at the Valentine's Festival sponsored by Rotary of Wakulla. We'll have books to give away, info on library programs, the Friends of the Library, and you can even sign up for a library card! Please stop by and say hi and show us your continued support of WCPL and the Friends of the Library!

AARP Tax Prep

We'd like to thank all who came out to our Book Extravaganza fundraiser last Saturday. With your generous help we raised over \$450 for the Library. All funds raised go directly to the Friends of the Library to help support our Summer Programs, book & materials budget, and help fund our planned teen room expansion. Thank you for your ongoing support and please come by as we put that money to work!

Friday Night Movie

This week's film is a comedy starring Academy Award Winners, Robert De Niro, Michael Douglas, Morgan Freeman, and Kevin Kline. This PG-13 (language & sexual content) film tells the story of Billy (Michael Douglas), Paddy (Robert De Niro), Archie (Morgan Freeman) and Sam (Kevin Kline) who have been best friends since childhood. So when Billy, the group's sworn bachelor, finally proposes to his thirty-something (of course) girlfriend,

the four head to Las Vegas with a plan to stop acting their age and relive their glory days.

However, upon arriving, the four quickly realize that the decades have transformed Sin City and tested their friendship in ways they never imagined. The Rat Pack may have once played the Sands and Cirque du Soleil may now rule the Strip, but it's these four who are taking over Ve-

Schedule Change on Library programs at the Community Center

Beginning Thursday, Feb. 6, we will be holding our K-2 programs at the One Stop Community Center the 1st Thursday of the month at 4 p.m. 3rd-5th grade programs will be on the second Thursday, and the middle school program will be the 3rd Thursday, all at 4 p.m. We encourage all to not only come to our programs but come see all that the community center has to offer the citizens of Wakulla County. It needs your help and participation to grow into the active community center that this county deserves!

Email your community events to reporter@thewakullanews.net

WCSO BLOOD DRIVE

WCSO parking lot
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Saturday

ALUMNI GAME & BBQ DINNER

WHS Baseball field
11 a.m.

Wednesday

Next Saturday

Taking Care of Business

Business News from



President's Message

This year brings new opportunities for the Chamber



By KEVIN VAUGHN

It is a great honor to be given the opportunity to serve as your new Chamber president.

We are excited about 2014 and the tremendous possibilities the New Year brings. As we continue our journey together as a Chamber, we look forward to discovering new ways to serve our membership.

I would love to hear from you any ideas you may have as we continue to focus on ways to enhance member benefits and grow our membership. We have a great board lined up so please contact anyone on the board including me with your ideas.

Speaking of a great board, I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate our latest Immediate Past President Tammie Barfield on a successful year as President. Not only did she enjoy a busy year as Chamber President, she decided to start one of our newest local treasures, Bay Leaf Market, in the same year!

We appreciate you sharing your time and talents with us and look forward to your continued service on our board this year.

One of our initiatives for 2014 will be focus on growing our membership base. This will include welcoming new businesses, retaining our existing members and reaching out to our peers that have not yet chosen to join.

We need your help in actively recruiting new Chamber members and showing our appreciation to our fellow members who faithfully renew

each year.

Our goal for 2014 is to grow our membership by a net of 10 percent which results in 30 net new members. Achieving our goal will result in growing our membership to over 300 strong!

We have a number of educational and networking opportunities planned for this year which we hope you will take advantage of.

Our monthly luncheon provides an opportunity to enjoy great food, provided by one of our local restaurants, and to visit with local area businesses. Our numbers continue to rise at this event with 70 to 80 folks each month. You may even win an opportunity to be featured as our Member Spotlight for the month.

We are sponsoring an educational event on Feb. 25, designed to provide answers to your questions regarding the Affordable Care Act. We will host a panel of experts that will offer information in a health academy format.

Our goal is to provide businesses and individuals with the most accurate, up to date and unbiased information to make informed health care decisions as ACA implementation continues to phase in.

ACA will impact the way businesses and individuals purchase and manage health insurance protection and everyone is invited to participate in this important discussion.

In our business, and I'm sure your organization is no different, we always strive to do a little bit better each year making each year our best year ever.

Your Chamber has a busy 2014 planned and I look forward to working with our board and all of you in making this our best year ever!

Kevin Vaughn is president of the Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce.

Business: Sopchoppy Pizza Company

Owners/partners: Dale Scott, Cathy Sheats, Cody Solburg and wife Jillian

Tell us about your business: We are located in the unique town of Sopchoppy in the historical downtown area.

If you take a right on Municipal Avenue you will find the 1912 historic red-brick building that Sopchoppy Pizza Company calls home. This building used to be a Drug Company & Pharmacy back in the early 1900s complete with a soda fountain, later a doctor's office in the 1940s and, before it closed down, a dress shop, Corine Hodge's Ready-To-Wear in the 1950s.

The building was condemned and ready to be bulldozed into oblivion until a trio of dedicated men - Nelson Martin, Robert Seidler and Dave Pierce - purchased, restored and renovated the dilapidated building in the late 1990s. They replaced the roof, rebuilt crumbling walls, added bathrooms, installed a Vermont-made Blodgett pizza oven, built the now famous tiled Alligator Counter and found the infamous Gorilla that greets guests outside when they arrive.

First known as Backwoods Pizza, it then became The Backwoods Bistro and is now called Sopchoppy Pizza Company.

What services, products do you offer? Our menu offers many different and amazing specialty pizzas to choose from or you can build your own. Besides the famous pizzas there are appetizers, burgers, salads, desserts and a variety of custom brews and wine to choose from. Dining in at our comfy 75-seat establishment is a wonderful experience or you can call ahead for a hot & fresh take-out order. The restaurant is also available for small parties and receptions if you'd like. We also provide full service catering for delivery to your location.

What sets your business apart from the competition? We provide exquisite food and drinks in a fun and exciting, family-like atmosphere. The food and drinks we offer meet the highest standards of quality and freshness. The menu is fun and fantastic with weekend specials to tempt your palate. The pizzas are custom made with a signature tupelo honey thin crust that melts in your mouth. We use local tupelo honey and when available, we use locally grown produce.

What should the community/customer expect when they visit your business? Our goal is to provide our customers with an exquisite dining experience while we demonstrate efficiency, professionalism and integrity in our work. We want everyone to feel the love that we feel for Sopchoppy Pizza Company and the opportunity to provide a service to our community. We would like for every customer to leave thoroughly impressed and excited to bring their family and friends back!

How long have you been a Chamber member? We joined the Chamber in November of 2013.

Why did you join the Chamber? We decided to join the Chamber for a couple of reasons. Not just to promote our business and get our name out there, but also to build relationships with other business owners in our community.

What Chamber services have you taken advantage of and/or will take advantage of in the near future? We are still relatively new to the Chamber and haven't taken full advantage of all that being a member offers, but we plan to join in on the networking mixers and monthly luncheons this year.

What's your reason Wakulla residents should Shop Local? Shopping local is good for everyone involved. When shopping locally, you simultaneously create jobs, fund more local services through sales tax and promote community development.

If anyone is interested in your products/services, how do they contact you? Call us at (850) 962-1155 or check out our website at www.sopchoppypizzacompany.com or you can "like" our Facebook page for specials and weekly updates.

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Free workshop set on QuickBooks made easy

Topic: Business Accounting and Budget

Wednesday, March 19, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce office in Crawfordville.

The course is intended

as a foundation for using

QuickBooks as a cash

flow building tool.

We want you to be

able to have accurate fi-

nancial information that

can be used to manage a business better.

We will cover accounts payable, accounts receivable, banking, writing checks and various reports that will help manage your business.

This course is de-

signed for business own-

ers, spouses and book-

keepers who know they

can get more out of the

program, first time users

and seasoned users with tough questions.

We will not leave until every question is an-

solved.

You will receive a

workbook covering the

areas that are discussed

in the course.

Speaker: Dennis Scar-

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Seating is limited,

please reserve your spot

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Visit our website

homepage <http://wakullachamber.com> to

register online.

Location - Chamber

office, 23 High Dr. Craw-

fordville.

Networking event held at TCC, catered by Kast Net

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The consortium provides information and education regarding credit counseling and the process of purchasing a home to low income and very low income families.

In addition, the consortium administers the City of Tallahassee's Down Payment Assistance Programs and assists local lenders in making affordable loans by processing, underwriting and packaging these loans.

The Tallahassee Lenders Consortium provides down payment assistance from the City of Tallahassee to first-time home buyers buying within

its City Limits. For others needing assistance, the consortium provides homebuyers education certificates that may be used to qualify for funds from Florida Housing Finance Corporation and Escambia Bond Funds.

The consortium also offers assistance to persons experiencing a mortgage default. Through our mortgage default prevention counseling, we assist clients to understand their rights and options available through their lender to resolve the delinquency and retain their home.

The Florida Hardest Hit Program, Principal Reduction Program, HARP, HAMP and other programs are available to be

Next networking luncheon - Wednesday, Feb. 26, noon to 1:15 p.m. at TCC Wakulla Center, catered by Hamaknockers.

discussed with the client as options.

The consortium offers post-home ownership education and counseling to each of our buyers after closing. The organization offers counseling locally at the public library by appointment. Ms. Jones drew our next business spotlight, Don Henderson with Coldwell Banker Hartung and Noblin Inc.

Jo Ann Palmer reminded everyone of the upcoming Rotary Valentines Celebration, including the 5K Cupid Dash, and lots of people bought tickets for the \$1,000

cash drawing. Jo Ann, as director of Keep Wakulla County Beautiful, also made everyone aware of the KWCB Green Drinks event Tuesday, Jan. 28th. Guest speaker Rick Peters, division manager with Waste Pro USA Inc., will be discussing the waste management program in Wakulla County, recycling guidelines and interest in business/commercial recycling programs. The event is held quarterly at Wakulla Springs Lodge, and is free and open to the public.

Petra Myrick with Shell Point Realty won the \$66 cash drawing.

New members:

- Angelo & Son -specializing in seafood, and catering.

- East Coast Judicial Monitoring, LLC - specializing in drug testing and pre-employment drug screening, 17 High Drive, Crawfordville (850) 926-8378

- Family Coastal Restaurant - specializing in Southern cuisine, seafood and catering

Mary likes to do something special for our January luncheon guests, and as in previous years, Mary Wallace, Cook Insurance and her marketing rep for Olympus Insurance, Amy Banning, continued their annual ritual, the giveaway of a bottle of beach berry wine to celebrate a prosperous 2013 and to thank all for supporting our local

community.

We also thank Florida Big Bend Realty, Hamaknockers, Ed Gardner, O.D., Lionel & Marianne Dazevedo, the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, The Wakulla News, Petra Shuff, Opus Broadcasting, and Costco for their contributions to our drawing.

Chamber Installation Banquet



The Chamber Officers and Board of Directors after being sworn-in by Wakulla County Judge Jill Walker.



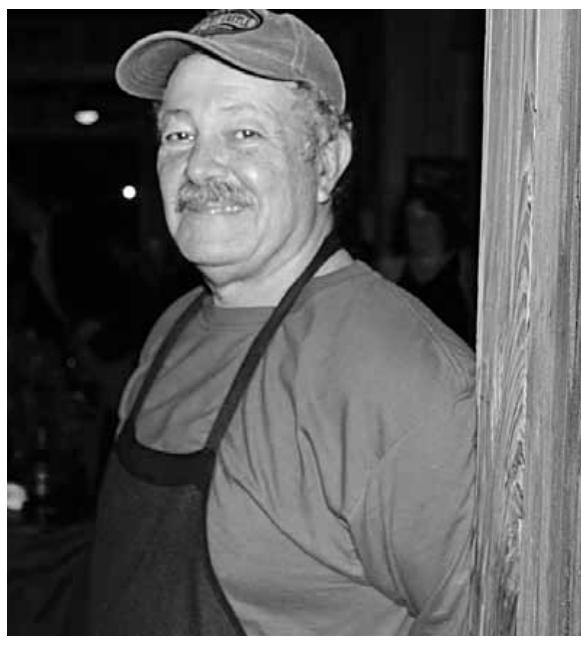
New Chamber President Kevin Vaughn presents Past President Tammie Barfield with a gift for her service - an etching of the Old Courthouse.



Tina Johnson listens to TCC Wakulla Director Bob Ballard and his wife,



Property Appraiser Donnie Sparkman, his wife Rita, and Supervisor of Elections Henry 'Buddy' Wells,



Angelo Petrandis, who hosted the Chamber banquet at his restaurant, Angelo's.



Chamber members Dorothy White of Ouzts Too, Charlean Lanier, and St. Marks City Manager Zoe Mansfield.

Don't fall for Valentine's Day scams



By JASON ALDERMAN

On Valentine's Day, people's emotions run all over the map – some are head-over-heels and want to shower their loved one with gifts, while others are despondent because currently they have no one special in their life.

Whatever your love status, one thing everyone needs to guard against at this time of year is scams.

someone sent you an e-card, never click on links or follow instructions to download software to open the message. Chances are you'll load a virus or malware onto your computer, dooming you to receive endless spam or even endangering your personal and financial information.

Valentine's Day is the busiest day of the year for florists. Since many people now order flowers online, these purchases are a common target for fraud. A few tips when choosing a florist:

- Make sure the physical location, contact information and fees for the florist who's actually fulfilling your order are fully disclosed.
- Pay by credit card so if there's a problem you can dispute it with your card issuer.

I'm not saying don't pursue love online at legitimate dating sites. Just watch out for these warning signs:

- They want to move your conversations off the dating site immediately and use personal email or instant messaging – the better to avoid policing by the site's Webmaster.
- Their online profile sounds too good to be true. That's because they've probably shaped it to reflect your stated preferences. Or, conversely, their profile may be suspiciously sketchy on details or their photos don't seem genuine.

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Valentine's Day brings out the best – and worst – in human behavior. Our impulse is to be generous and search for the ideal gift. Internet thieves know this and coolly set traps for unsuspecting shoppers. And, not surprisingly, dating websites experience greater activity, along with a corresponding increase in relationship scammers.

Here are some of the more common Valentine's Day scams to avoid:

Electronic greeting cards are popular year-round, especially near holidays. Scammers count on you not paying attention when you receive an email with an innocuous subject line like, "Someone you know just sent you an e-card."

Unless you're certain

• If you receive an email saying there's a problem with your order, call the florist to make sure it's legitimate; don't click on any links – they could be malware.

• Beware of emails and social media ads touting great deals on other Valentine's themed gifts like chocolates, jewelry or lingerie. Unless you've previously done business with a company that legitimately has your email address, be skeptical. Watch out for minor typos in the web address – www.macys.com instead of www.macy's.com, for example.

It's no coincidence that dating websites are busier during the winter holidays and leading up to Valentine's Day. Lonely people's defenses are lowered, making them vulnerable to

• They profess love very quickly, even before you've spoken or met.

• They claim to be a U.S. citizen working overseas – often in the military.

• They make plans to visit, but are suddenly prevented by a traumatic family or business event – one which your money can overcome.

Bottom line: Don't let your emotions get the better of your common sense when it comes to matters of the heart.

For more tips on spotting and reporting online scams, visit the Federal Trade Commission's website (www.ftc.gov).

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To Follow Jason Alderman on Twitter: www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney

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"There is a clear long-term global warming trend, while each individual year does not always show a temperature increase relative to the previous year, and some years show greater changes than others," reports the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

It's tempting to think that the cold air and snow outside augur the end of global warming, but don't rejoice yet.

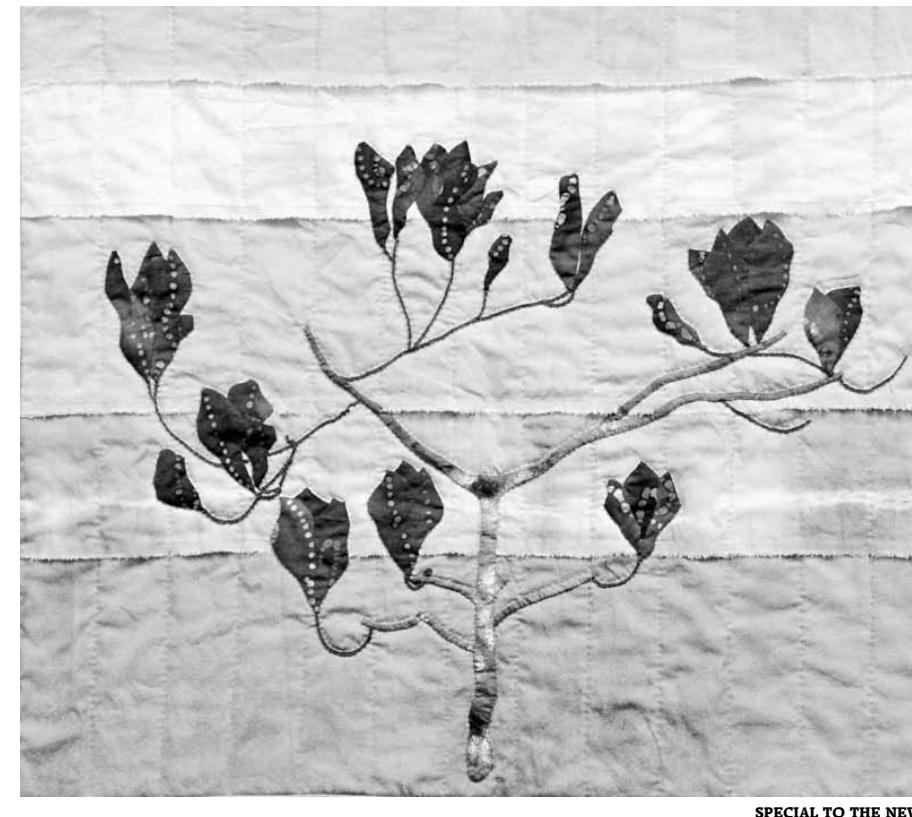
According to the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), weather and climate are two very different beasts: "Weather is what's happening outside the door right now; today a snowstorm or a thunderstorm is approaching. Climate, on the other hand, is the pattern of weather measured over decades."

Isolated weather events and even seasonal trends are not an indication of global warming's existence one way or another, and most climatologists agree that the carbon pollution we have been spewing into the atmosphere for the

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Hallelujah by Charlotte Williams is at the Artport Gallery.

Leaves, Limbs and Lichens: Artworks by Charlotte Williams

The exhibit at the Tallahassee Airport's Artport Gallery will hang through March 3

From the Council on Culture & Arts

In her 84th year, artist Charlotte Williams is well aware of the progression of time.

Her new collection of artwork deals with transience, change and the cycles of nature. She shares her own handcrafted quilts, wearable needlework and drawings created especially for this exhibition. Inspired by and produced with elements found in our local landscape, these artworks depict and mimic bark, moss, lichen, and leaves at various points in their lifecycle, revealing the honest beauty of aging and decline.

Using natural materials that might be considered detritus or past their prime, she hand-dyed fabric creating unexpected depths of color. Rich umbers and moody greys are produced from the outer husks of black walnuts found moldering on the ground. Soft corals are coaxed from fallen wild cherry and red bud leaves. These fabrics are then lovingly stitched together, reminding us that things in decline show a great sense of grace.

Williams' drawings of sloughed bark and weathered limbs, artfully cracked over time, are reminiscent of the lines on a person's face. Those lines show how much one has worried, laughed, grimaced, and carefully considered in their lifetime.

These drawings are embellished by lacy renderings of lichen and moss which also served as inspiration for a crochet technique that Williams developed for this show.

Mimicking nature's undulating frills, this needlework trim has been incorporated into wearable art also on display.

The signatures of nature can be so subtle that it takes an insightful mind and a cultivated eye to discern them. This exhibition finds beauty in imperfection and profundity in accepting the natural cycle of growth and decline. It celebrates the cracks and crevices and all the other marks that time, weather, and loving leave behind. Let us embrace the wrinkles, spots and rough edges, and the march of time they represent.

The exhibit continues through March 3.

This exhibition is presented by the Council on Culture & Arts as part of the Art in Public Places program sponsored by the City of Tallahassee.

The gallery itself is located in the Tallahassee Regional Airport, 3300 Capital Circle SW, and is open daily from 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

For more information about this exciting exhibition, upcoming exhibitions or the Art in Public Places program, contact Amanda Karioth Thompson at (850) 224-2500 or amanda@cocanet.org.

What does this cold weather mean about global warming?

Dear EarthTalk:

Does the fact that we've had such a cold and snowy winter mean that global warming might not be such a big problem after all?

Lacey L.
Lynchburg, Va.

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seen as much as a 67 percent increase in the amount of rain or snow falling in the heaviest storms."

And Oskin points out that while we may be bundling up and shoveling out in the U.S., it's turned into another scorcher of a summer in the Southern Hemisphere: 2013 was Australia's hottest year on record, and 2014 has started off even hotter, with temperatures soaring to 125°F and severe fire warnings issued in at least two states there. Apparently global warming is still on.

CONTACTS: UCS, www.ucsusa.org; NOAA, www.noaa.gov; LiveScience.com, www.livescience.com.

Send questions to: earthtalk@emagazine.com.

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EARTH TALK Questions & Answers About Our Environment

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heat gradually escapes in autumn, it changes the pattern of an atmospheric wind called the polar vortex, streaming frigid Arctic air into board of the U.S. And what about all that snow? "Hotter air around the globe causes more moisture to be held in the air than in prior seasons," reports UCS. "When storms occur, this added moisture can fuel heavier precipitation in the form of more intense rain or snow."

The U.S. is already enduring more intense rain and snowstorms, says the group: "The amount of rain or snow falling in the heaviest one percent of storms has risen nearly 20 percent, averaged nationally – almost three times the rate of increase in total precipitation between 1958 and 2007."

And some regions of the country "have

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

Gearing up for session, campaigns

By BRANDON LARRABEE
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, Jan. 31 - The beginning of February brings with it a month that promises several things, from Valentine's Day to the beginning of spring training. And, for all intents and purposes, the start of the legislative session.

Like pitchers and catchers who report and start spring training by knocking off the proverbial rust, lawmakers won't go into full sprint mode over the following month, instead holding committee meetings ahead of the official March 4 opening of the session. But also like the players who will soon show up at camp locations across Florida (and Arizona), they will lay the critical groundwork for what happens in the months ahead.

So Gov. Rick Scott, House Speaker Will Weatherford and Senate President Don Gaetz spent part of Wednesday detailing their plans for the 2014 session to reporters and editors gathered for the Associated Press' annual legislative planning meeting in Tallahassee. Scott and his prime opponent, former Gov. Charlie Crist, also traded political shots at the event.

Meanwhile, the Florida Supreme Court declined to snuff out a medical marijuana initiative that could change all of their calculations.

BUDGETS AND BALLOTS

Officially, Scott's remarks at the AP meeting were to introduce his new, nearly \$74.2 billion budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1. Most of the highlights were already known: The plan would boost spending for education and child welfare, slash taxes and fees by more than \$500 million and fund an array of other politically popular programs in an election year.

There were a couple of new details - \$21.6 million in tax breaks by raising the exemption on the corporate income tax from \$50,000 to \$75,000, and setting aside up to \$70 million for Florida Forever, a major land conserva-

tion program.

But the governor tried to keep the focus on the tax cuts in the package, including rolling back a motor-vehicle registration fee increase approved in 2009.

"My message to the people of Florida is this: It's your money," Scott said. "We want you to keep it in your pockets. Invest in your hopes, invest in your dreams."

Democrats were unimpressed, noting that the "historic" education budget increase would largely come from rising local property tax revenues, which would account for \$374.7 million of the \$542 million boost for schools.

"Historic disappointment - that's what's historic about this governor's budget," sneered House Minority Leader Perry Thurston, D-Fort Lauderdale.

Scott, though, didn't focus solely on budgetary business. He used the growth in state revenues and the general improvement in the economy to take some swipes at Crist, a former Republican governor now running as a Democrat for his old job.

"Florida shed more than 800,000 jobs in the four years before I took office," he said, without needing to point out who was governor then. "Taxes increased, debt increased and the unemployment rate rose to 11.4 percent, all while hundreds of thousands of jobs were lost. Florida was in a hole and for four years, there was just more digging."

Crist pointed out that Scott had a history of his own, including the incumbent's time as CEO of hospital giant Columbia/HCA. After Scott left the firm, it paid a record \$1.7 billion in fines, fees and damages in a settlement for Medicare and Medicaid fraud. The fraud occurred while Scott was CEO but he left the firm days after the feds raided company offices.

"Floridians need to be reminded who I'm running against," Crist said. "This is a guy who headed a company that ended up having to pay the largest fine for fraud in the history of the United States of America at the time. To me that is stunning ...

and unconscionable. I'm going to talk about it every day."

Crist's primary opponent, former Senate Minority Leader Nan Rich, tried to tie both men together - using Crist's former time in the GOP as a cudgel.

"I stand on my record," she said. "I think he has rewritten his."

So far, the last couple of months of campaigning appear to have made no real difference. A Quinnipiac University poll released the day after the AP event showed Crist leading Scott, 46 percent to 38 percent - about the same as a November survey by the university's polling arm. Scott would beat Rich by 4 points, 41 percent to 37 percent, though with a huge chunk of voters undecided.

LET'S GET TO WORK PLAN

Less political, at least on the surface, was a presentation by Weatherford, R-Wesley Chapel, and Gaetz, R-Niceville, on their shared agenda for 2014. It marks the second straight year that Gaetz and Weatherford, seeking to distance themselves from the rancor between the House and Senate under their predecessors, have done the two-man show.

Especially for an election year, when the tendency is for lawmakers to do their work as quickly as possible and get out of the town, the agenda was ambitious. The two leaders want to cut the "differential tuition" increases that universities can request, expand the state's tax-credit voucher program, pass a "Florida GI Bill," turn Florida into "scorched earth" for sexual predators, hit Scott's tax-cut target and overhaul the state's pension system.

"We're doubling down with our legislative agenda in 2014," Weatherford said. "What we're doing here today is creating a framework that I believe our legislators and the members of our committees in the House and Senate can work on to refine and improve upon."

Thurston said he backs the proposals to roll back motor-vehicle registration fees and limit tuition hikes, and the intent

of the Republican leadership's military-friendly "GI Bill." But he said further details on the GOP agenda are needed.

"Some of the stuff on the list we've been advocating for years and years and years," Thurston said. "So if they're moving towards that, I'd support that. But I'd like to see the details of how they intend to do that."

Gaetz said the intent of the GI Bill is to make Florida "the number one military friendly state." It would include out-of-state tuition waivers for all veterans, free tuition for members of the Florida National Guard and waiver of licensing fees for returning service personnel who move to Florida.

Weatherford and Gaetz's plans for higher education would include lowering the cap on annual increases under differential tuition from 15 percent to 6 percent.

The House speaker said the purpose of the proposal is to rein in the costs of prepaid tuition plans, which allow parents to lock in tuition and fees for their children to attend state colleges and universities. Because of the differential tuition law, approved in 2009, the plans have to assume that tuition rates will increase 15 percent every year.

The proposal "will dramatically reduce the cost of what is now an unaffordable and out-of-reach Florida prepaid plan for our citizens and for the middle class," Weatherford said.

But it's not clear if universities, many of which have chafed under Scott's efforts to rein in tuition in recent years, will fight the proposal.

FLORIDA: RED STATE, BLUE STATE, OR GREEN STATE?

Meanwhile, after weeding through the minutiae of the English language, a narrowly divided Supreme Court ruled that it was high time voters got to decide whether medical marijuana would be allowed in Florida.

By a 4-3 margin, the court ruled that the summary of a constitutional amendment that voters will see at the polls isn't

deceptive, swatting away arguments from Attorney General Pam Bondi and legislative leaders that the proposal is actually far broader than the summary lets on.

"We conclude that the ballot title and summary fairly inform voters of the chief purpose of the amendment and will not mislead voters, who will be able to cast an intelligent and informed ballot as to whether they want a provision in the state constitution authorizing the medical use of marijuana, as determined by a licensed Florida physician, under Florida law," the majority wrote in a joint opinion.

In a dissent, Chief Justice Ricky Polston said the ruling "will result in Floridians voting on a constitutional amendment in disguise." He said the amendment would allow a far wider use of pot than the ballot suggests.

"For example, despite what the title and summary convey to voters, minor aches and pains, stress, insomnia, or fear of an upcoming flight could qualify for the medical use of marijuana under the text of the amendment," Polston wrote. "This is seriously misleading."

The ruling means that the marijuana proposal will appear on the November ballot as Amendment No. 2. But it could also complicate efforts to pass a legislative measure to legalize a marijuana extract known as "Charlotte's Web."

STORY OF THE WEEK: Gov. Rick Scott unveils the final pieces of his nearly \$74.2 billion budget ahead of this year's legislative session.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"There's this perception that there's going to be unlimited money. It's not like it's going to be only a Rick Scott negative campaign against Charlie Crist and Charlie Crist is just going to have his name on the ballot. It's going to be a conversation. It's not going to be like Pepsi and Tab or Ford and the Malaysian Proton." - Steve Schale, an adviser to Charlie Crist, on the 2014 governor's race.

Just a Pinch



Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons

By Janet Tharpe

Baked Sea Scallops—Perfect for a Special Occasion

"This recipe is surprisingly easy to put together!"



Valentine's Day is almost here. Are you looking for an easy, yet elegant dinner to serve that someone special? Andy Anderson's Baked Sea Scallops are the perfect dish. There's very little prep time for this recipe and the cooking method is super easy. You'll be out of the kitchen in no time and able to spend some extra moments with the ones you love.

See step-by-step photos of Andy's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks nationwide at: www.justapinch.com/scallops

You'll also find a meal planner, coupons and chances to win! Enjoy and remember, use "just a pinch" ...

Andy Anderson
Wichita, KS
(Pop. 382,368)

Baked Sea Scallops

What You Need

4 tbsp sweet butter, unsalted
1 1/2 lb fresh or frozen sea scallops
1 tsp onion powder
1 tsp paprika, sweet mild
1 tsp oregano, dried
2 clove garlic, minced
1/4 c Parmesan cheese, freshly grated
1/4 c Panko bread crumbs

Directions

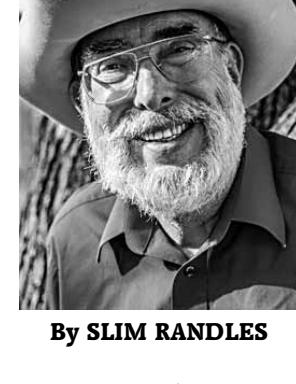
- Preheat oven to 400 degrees F and place the rack in the middle position.
- Melt the butter.
- Pour melted butter into a casserole dish; around two quarts is perfect.
- Place the scallops in the dish, and evenly distribute them in rows and columns over the butter.
- Take the breadcrumbs, onion powder, paprika, oregano, minced garlic and parmesan cheese, and combine in a small mixing bowl.
- Sprinkle the mixture evenly over the scallops.
- Bake until scallops are firm; or until an instant-read thermometer reads 146F. This will take about twenty minutes.

Submitted by: Andy Anderson, Wichita, KS (Pop. 382,368)
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HOME COUNTRY

Five truths about opera singing



By SLIM RANDLES

T.C. just to help him out.
1. Take off your hat. You can keep jujubes in it if you want.

2. If you like a particular aria, you can yell Bravo! if it's a man, Braval if it's a woman, or Bravissimo! if it's an isimo. It's considered poor form to yell "Eeeee-HAAA!" or "You get 'em, Hon!"

3. One of the strangest operatic devices is called recitative - pronounced rest-a-TEEF - (don't ask), and is a combination of singing and speaking that is used when the composer wants to hurry through a song because he wasn't too fond of it in the first place but it was in the contract and he wants it out of the way quickly.

Apparently, singing La Donna Mobile might be more effective than "You don't know what lonesome is 'til you start herding co-o-o-ows" - especially if she doesn't speak European.

I thought I'd jot down a few opera truths for ol'

Feel free to mention recitative to a woman at half time. Operas have two half times.

The speaking part of the recitative is done like a machine gun, and then you break into song when you get tired of that, and

it can happen in the same sentence. For example:

"Don't make me come down there, don't make me come down there, don't make me come down there and k-i-i-l-l-i-i-k-i-i-c your bu-u-u-u-u-tt."

4. That bit of music they play before the curtain goes up is called the overture, and not foreplay.

It's to give you a hint of what's to come, in case you decide to leave early.

You might listen to the overture and say, "That allegro tickles my fancy, but if that tenor duet goes on for more than two minutes, I'll get the scours."

This makes a guy a connoisseur, you see. Connoisseur is European for smart aleck.

And finally, 5. Don't forget to clean your boots.

A free hearing test will ease the grief if you can't hear the recitative. Beltone 1-866-867-8700.



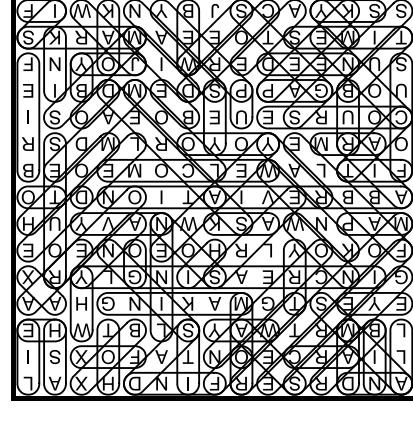
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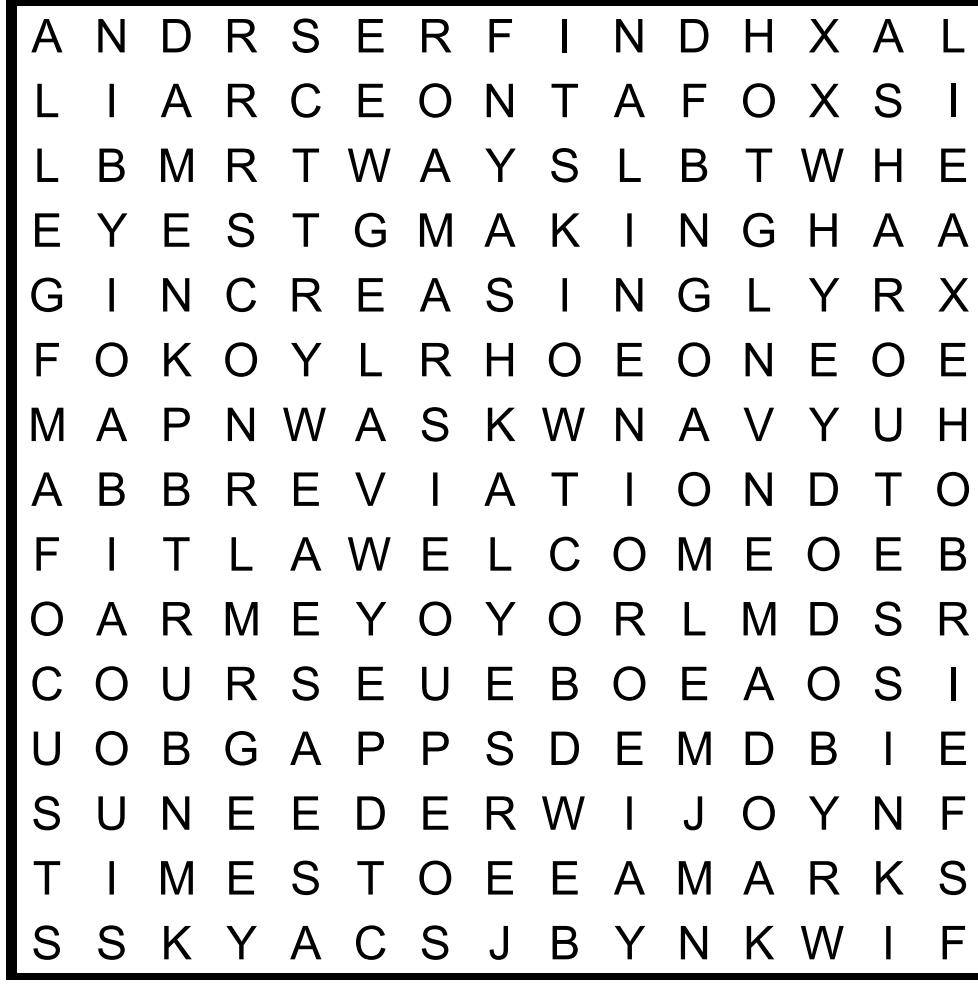


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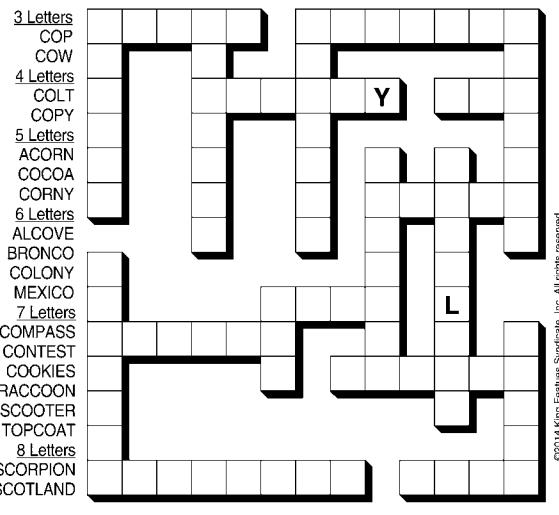


Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

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



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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

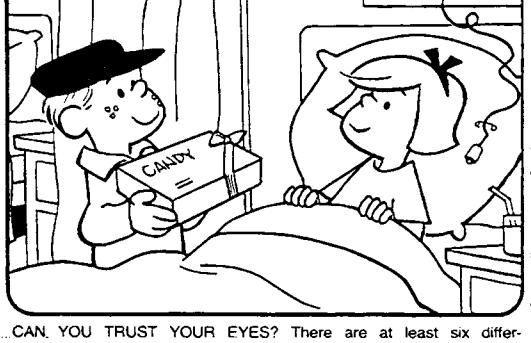
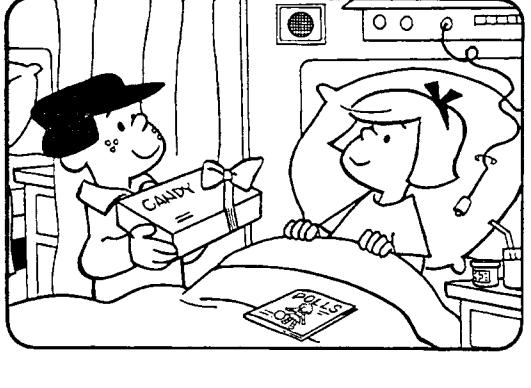
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTMANOFF



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.

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CASE NO. 12000354CA

CITIMORTGAGE, INC. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.

LARRY SAPP; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LARRY SAPP; SAMUEL SAPP; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAMUEL SAPP; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNORS, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;

Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

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

Lot 7, Block 6, WAKULLA GARDENS, a subdivision, according to the plot thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 39, of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida.

A/K/A 40 Navajo Trail, Crawfordville, FL 32327

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Lobby of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327 at 11:00 o'clock, A.M., on March 6, 2014.

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

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 4 day of November, 2013.
Brent X. Thurmond, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
(SEAL)

By: /s/ Tiffany Deschner, Deputy Clerk

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

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 Director of Courts, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327, (850) 926-0315 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

February 6 & 13, 2014. 133134/edc

5024-0213 TWN
vs. Lischalk, Alan B. 652010CA000340CAXXXX. Notice of Rescheduled Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA. CIVIL ACTION CASE NO: 652010CA000340CAXXXX DIVISION

PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.

ALAN B. LISCHALK, et al.,
Defendant(s).**NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated January 9th, 2014, and entered in Case No. 652010CA000340CAXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida in which PHH Mortgage Corporation, is the Plaintiff and Alan B. Lischalk, Bunting Neighborhood Property Owners Association, Inc. Estelle F. Lischalk, Songbird Subdivision Property Owners Association, Inc., are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the front lobby of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, Wakulla County, Florida at 11:00 AM EST on the 6th day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 17, BLOCK B OF SONGBIRD PHASE 1, A SUBDIVISION, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3 PAGE 88 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 7 BUNTING DR, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327

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

Dated in Wakulla County, Florida this 9th day of January, 2014.
Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of the Circuit Court
Wakulla County, Florida
(SEAL)

By: /s/ Chris Helms, Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law, Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623
(813) 221-4743 (813) 221-9171 facsimile eService: servelaw@albertellilaw.com

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator for not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding at the Office of the Wakulla County Clerk of Court, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, 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.

February 6 & 13, 2014. 11-92083

5023-0213 TWN
vs. Barbee, Cecil 652012CA000279CAXXXX. Re-Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA. CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO: 652012CA000279CAXXXX

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A..
Plaintiff,

vs.

CECIL BARBEE; et al.,
Defendants.**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 26th day of December, 2013, and entered in Case No. 652012CA000279CAXXXX, of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. is the Plaintiff and CECIL BARBEE PATRICIA BARBEE; and UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash of the FRONT LOBBY OF WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HIGHWAY, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327, 11:00 AM on the 27 day of February, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 210.00 FEET; THENCE WEST 423.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE WEST 105.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 204.00 FEET; THENCE EAST 105.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 204.00 FEET TO THE BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH A 30.00 FOOT EASEMENT, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1998 LEGE DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME WITH VIN # THL2354AL and THL2354BL.

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.

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

Dated this 24th day of December, 2013.
BRENT X. THURMOND, Clerk Of The Circuit Court
(Court Seal)

By: /s/ Chris Helms, Deputy Clerk

Submitted by: Choice Legal Group, P.A.
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By: /s/ Chris Helms, Deputy Clerk
MCCALLA RAYMER, LLC, ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
110 SE 6TH STREET, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301, (407) 674-1850

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 the Office of Court Administration at (850) 577-4401, or at the Leon County Courthouse, Room 225, 301 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301 within 2 working days of receipt of a notice compelling you to appear at a court proceeding; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

The ADA Coordinator for the county is Leon County Doug Smith. He may be reached at (850) 577-4444 or through the Florida Relay Service, TDD at 1-800-955-8771. The address for the Office of Court Administration is: Leon County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe Street, Room 225, Tallahassee, FL 32301. In all other counties in the circuit please contact the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office and ask for the ADA Coordinator. The Clerk's number is included on each county page.

January 30 and February 6, 2014. 11-03742-5

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January 30 and February 6, 2014. /s/ Tiffany Deschner, Deputy Clerk

FL- 97007499-10-FLS

5014-0206 TWN
vs. Houck, Timothy E. 12-324-CA Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION Case No. 12-324-CA Division

RBS FINANCIAL PRODUCTS INC Plaintiff,
vs.
TIMOTHY E. HOUCK A/K/A TIMOTHY ELLIS HOUCK AND REBECCA C. HOUCK A/K/A REBECCA COTTONGIM HOUCK AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on November 21, 2013, in the Circuit Court of Wakulla County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Wakulla County, Florida described as:

LOT 3, LAKE ELLEN SHORE, PHASE 1, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLATHEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 8 BEING A CORRECTED PLAT OR REPLAT OF PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 57 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1990 "FUND" DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE ID# FLFK32A1821GH, TITLE #61424729 AND ID# FLFK32B1821GH, TITLE #61436683 TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1990 FLW DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME, TITLE #61424729 AND TITLE #61436683 MOBILE HOME, VINS FLFK32A1821GH, AND FLFK32B1821GH.

and commonly known as: **10 LAKE ELLEN SHORES DR., CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327**, including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash. **Sales are held in front foyer of the Wakulla County Courthouse**, on February 20, 2014 at 11am.

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

Dated this 18 day of December, 2013.
(SEAL) Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of the Circuit Court
By:/s/ Tiffany Deschner, Deputy Clerk

Tony A. Perez, (813) 229-0900 x1346 Kass Shuler, P.A.
P.O. Box 800, Tampa, FL 33601-0800 ForeclosureService@kasslaw.com

January 30 & February 6, 2014. 327878/1337592/1dh

5015-0220 TWN
vs. Boothco Coastal, LLC 4:12-cv-00404-MW-CAS Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TALLAHASSEE DIVISION Case No.: 4:12-cv-00404-MW-CAS

HANCOCK BANK, a Mississippi banking corporation, Plaintiff,
v.
BOOTHCO COASTAL, LLC, a dissolved Florida limited liability company; HURLEY H. BOOTH, JR., an individual; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF 2273 SURF ROAD, PANACEA, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, an individual; and WAKULLA COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida. Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Michael Rayboun, Special Master appointed by the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida in the above-styled action, on the 18th day of February, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at the 1st floor, the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327, will, in accordance with the practice and procedure of the State of Florida as provided in Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida as follows:

Lot 50 of TARPON SHORES, UNIT 1, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page(s) 45, of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida.

also described as:

BEGIN AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 50 OF TARPON SHORES, UNIT 1, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 45, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PLAT ALSO RECORDING THE SOUTHERN RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY, SURF ROAD (STATE ROAD NO. 372), THENCE LEAVING SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY RUN SOUTH 09 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST 196.76 FEET TO THE WATER'S EDGE OF OCHLOCKONEE BAY, THENCE RUN SOUTHWESTERLY AND NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID WATER'S EDGE THE FOLLOWING THIRTEEN (13) COURSES: SOUTH 60 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST 7.76 FEET, SOUTH 68 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 06 SECONDS WEST 21.70 FEET, NORTH 83 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST 31.10 FEET, NORTH 79 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST 21.42 FEET, NORTH 88 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST 58.35 FEET, NORTH 83 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST 36.76 FEET, NORTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST 67.39 FEET, SOUTH 76 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 32 SECONDS WEST 58.70 FEET, NORTH 88 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST 49.54 FEET, NORTH 67 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST 46.27 FEET, NORTH 64 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST 33.59 FEET, NORTH 83 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST 43 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST 31 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST 46.27 FEET, NORTH 83 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST 13.35 FEET 02 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST 218.14 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY, THENCE RUN SOUTH 80 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 490.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Pursuant to the final judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is listed above. 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.

Persons with a disability who need special accommodations must notice the individual signed below not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding which is the subject of this notice to insure that reasonable accommodations are available.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this ____ day of January 2014.
/s/ Michael Rayboun as Special Master

January 30, February 6, 13 and 20, 2014. JAX\1825901_1

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5013-0206 TWN

Williams, Zelma 13-115 CP Notice to Creditors
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION CASE No., 13-115 CP PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ZELMA WILLIAMS Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Zelma Williams, deceased, File 13-115 CP is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney is set forth below:

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, 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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ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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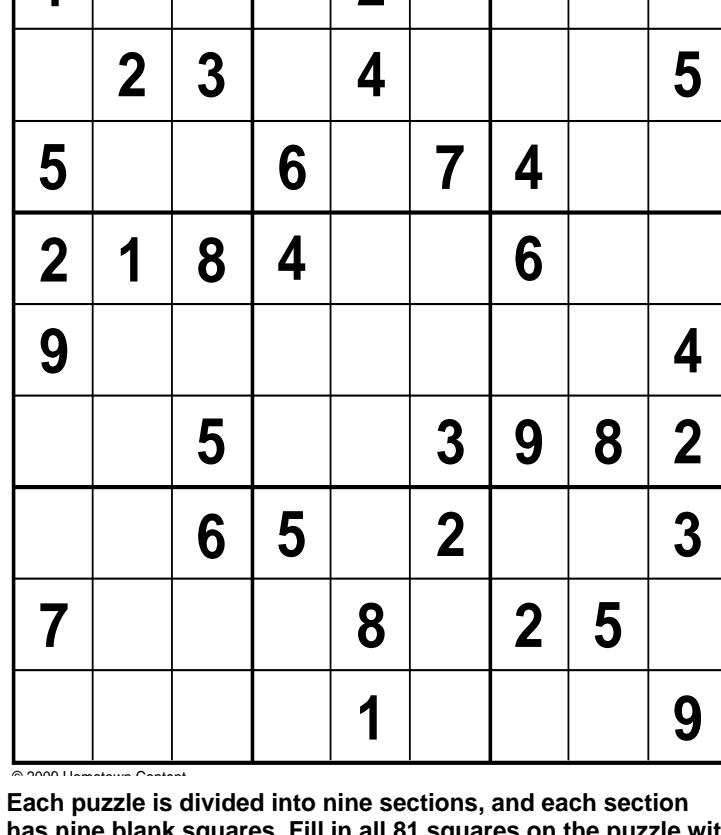
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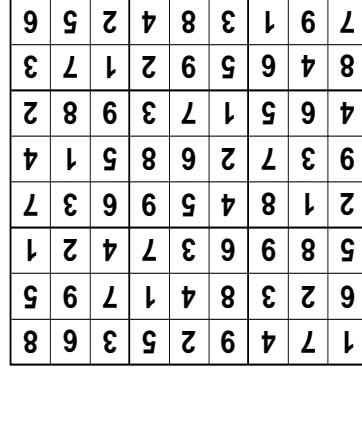
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January 30 & February 6, 2014.

Brain Teaser



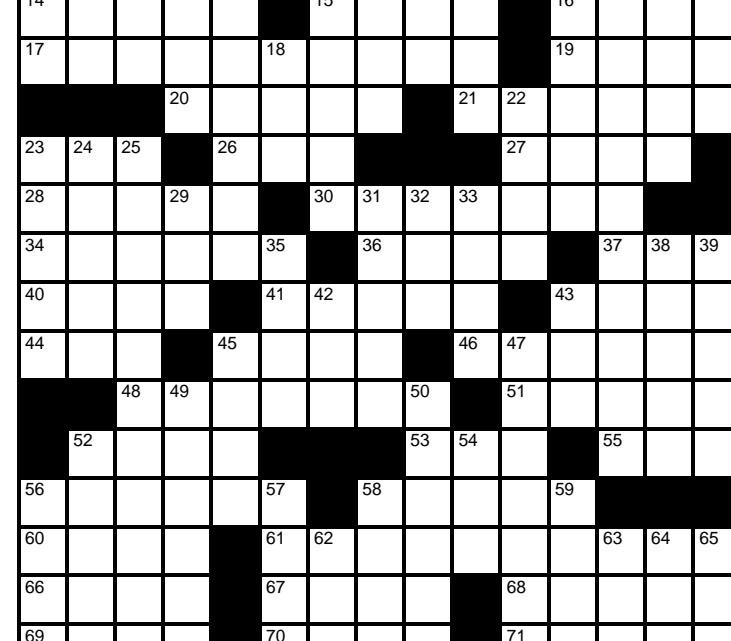
Each puzzle is divided into nine sections, and each section has nine blank squares. Fill in all 81 squares on the puzzle with numbers 1 to 9. You may not repeat any numbers in any one of the nine sections that you've already used elsewhere in that section. Also, you can use each number 1-9 only once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



Solutions



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Across:
1. First money towards a home
2. Zodiac ram
3. Word on a public restroom door
4. Tool with teeth
5. Gets the pool table ready for the next game
6. Modern message
7. You might see it in front of your dream house
8. Company with brown trucks
9. Bid
10. "Sprechend Deutsch?"
11. Makes a mistake
12. Golf pegs
13. Neat
14. "Son gun!"
15. Amazed
16. 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, for the White House
17. Comes up in conversation
18. Not in a loud voice
19. grudge (wouldn't forgive)
20. "Abner"
21. Surfing hazard
22. It is, in Spain
23. "He's again!"
24. Give off
25. Body part associated with Van Gogh
26. Before
27. England Patriots
28. Scores for 64-Down: abbr.

Down:
1. Finalize the deal on your house
2. TV show set on an island
3. Eve's guy in Eden
4. How some household cleaners smell
5. One of the Great Lakes
6. Ripped
7. Houses on the market, e.g.
8. Bed size
9. Exam for future 48-Acrosses
10. Embarrassing public disputes
11. Penalty caller, in football
12. Have a mortgage
13. Snakes of Egypt
14. Love, to the French
15. The Stone (famed archaeological find)
16. It goes wall-to-wall in some homes
17. Christmas trees, often
18. "Uh-huh!"
19. They cool you off in summer
20. Smooch
21. Make a logical assumption
22. Actor Sharif
23. Org. that kidnapped Patty Hearst
24. "Zip-Doo-Dah"
25. "I think it's say..."
26. Attorneys
27. Copenhagen residents
28. Not there
29. Ancient
30. Three, in Italy
31. Have a home
32. Blazing
33. Manning and Wallach
34. Final meeting in the house-buying process
35. Advantage
36. Fib
37. whim
38. Be a vendor
39. Unpleasant thing to look at, like a pile of garbage
40. Alpha, zeta, or sigma
41. my father used to say..."
42. Follow closely
43. Was the father to
44. Cool you off in summer
45. Highfalutin'
46. Gumbo and goulash
47. Actor Sharif
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70. Advantage
71. Cool you off in summer

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Process

MOTCHED

Blend

LEMING

Duo

CUPELO

Dainty

RENTED



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

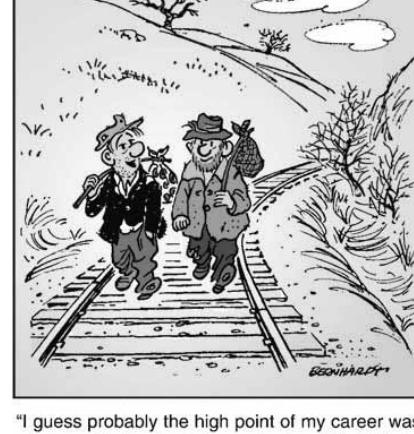


Just Like Cats & Dogs

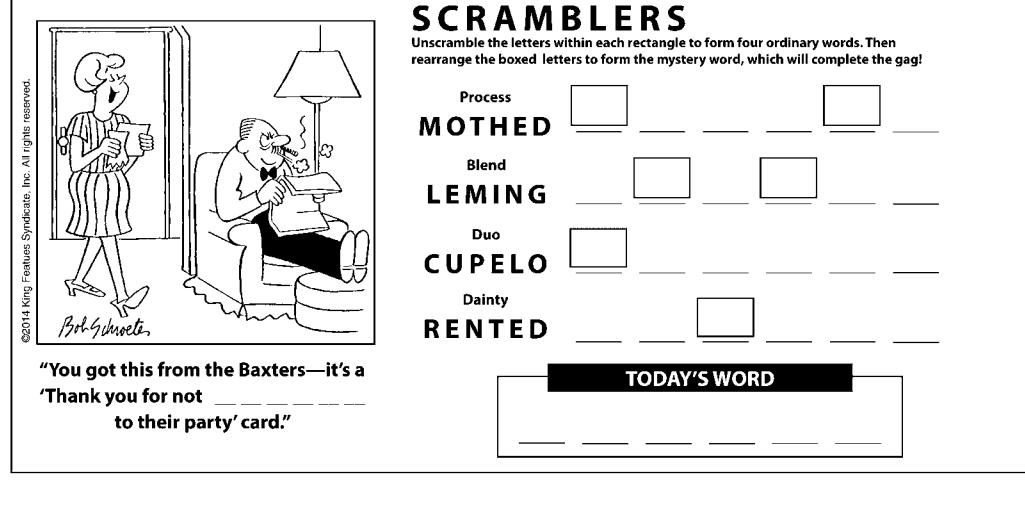
by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF-A-DAY



"I guess probably the high point of my career was when my high school class voted me 'Most Likely To Succeed.'"



"You got this from the Baxters—it's a
Thank you for not _____
to their party' card."

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

MDU AEKQ YZQ MA LUM

TWN AS

TUVXAEVWIWKWMWUV WV MA

NWVHDZTLU MDUB.

— YZKMUT V. TAIUTMVAE

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King Crossword

ACROSS

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51				52	53							
54				55				56				
57				58				59				

DOWN

55	Gorilla	6	Eye,	32	"Nothing
56	Ms.	7	poetically		but perception," said
57	Brockovich	8	Frock		Plato
58	Church	9	Long		Ripens
59	section	10	recliners		That woman
		11	"Get rid of		McNally
		12	junk" event		partner
		13	Sheltered		Transfer
		14	Approach		"Crouching
		15	Got up		—, Hidden
		16	Faux —		Dragon"
		17	Slight touch		Antitoxins
		18	Foreman foe		Drop heavily
		19	Ganges		protections
		20	garment		Poi base
		21	Twenty-one,		Send forth
		22	for one		Lairs
		23	Doo		iPhone
		24	follower		download
		25	Conclusion		
		26	Conked out		
		27	Tit for —		
		28	Ball		
		29	Verve		
		30	Twenty-one,		
		31	for one		
		32	Campus		
		33	mil. grp.		
		34	Workout site		
		35	— gin fizz		
		36	Canoe		
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

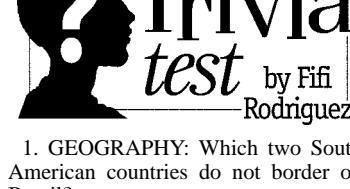
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

★★★ HOO BOY!

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Trivia
test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Which two South American countries do not border on Brazil?
2. LANGUAGE: What does the word "Volkswagen" mean in German?
3. LITERATURE: What is believed to be Shakespeare's first play, chronologically speaking?
4. TELEVISION: What city was the setting in the TV comedy "Eight is Enough"?
5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many presidents were born as British subjects?
6. FAMOUS QUOTES: Who said, "The only way to have a friend is to be one"?
7. PSYCHOLOGY: What is venustrophobia?
8. MOVIES: What was the name of the caretaker's cat in the "Harry Potter" movies?
9. AD SLOGANS: What product's advertising slogan is: "Betcha can't eat just one!"?
10. BIBLE: How long did Methuselah live, according to the Bible?

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L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T			

Visit Singapore, the jewel of the Pacific



By LINDA CARTER
Special to The News

A donation is requested of visitors.

Sample the food. Every tourist book extols the virtues of eating at an authentic hawker center.

These open-air food courts feature dozens of locally owned establishments, often selling the same meals. Take your meal to communal picnic tables and enjoy.

Alternatively, you can sample gourmet cuisine, or local specialties at the "Food Opera" located in the basement of the ION Orchard Road Shopping Mall. This thriving complex features not only multiple levels of high end shopping paradise, but a food smorgasbord conveniently located right on the metro station.

With too many restaurants to count, serving both the familiar food and the unknown. Sample spicy Asian noodles, delicate crispy fish, succulent duck, assorted unidentifiable food on a stick, the choices are overwhelming.

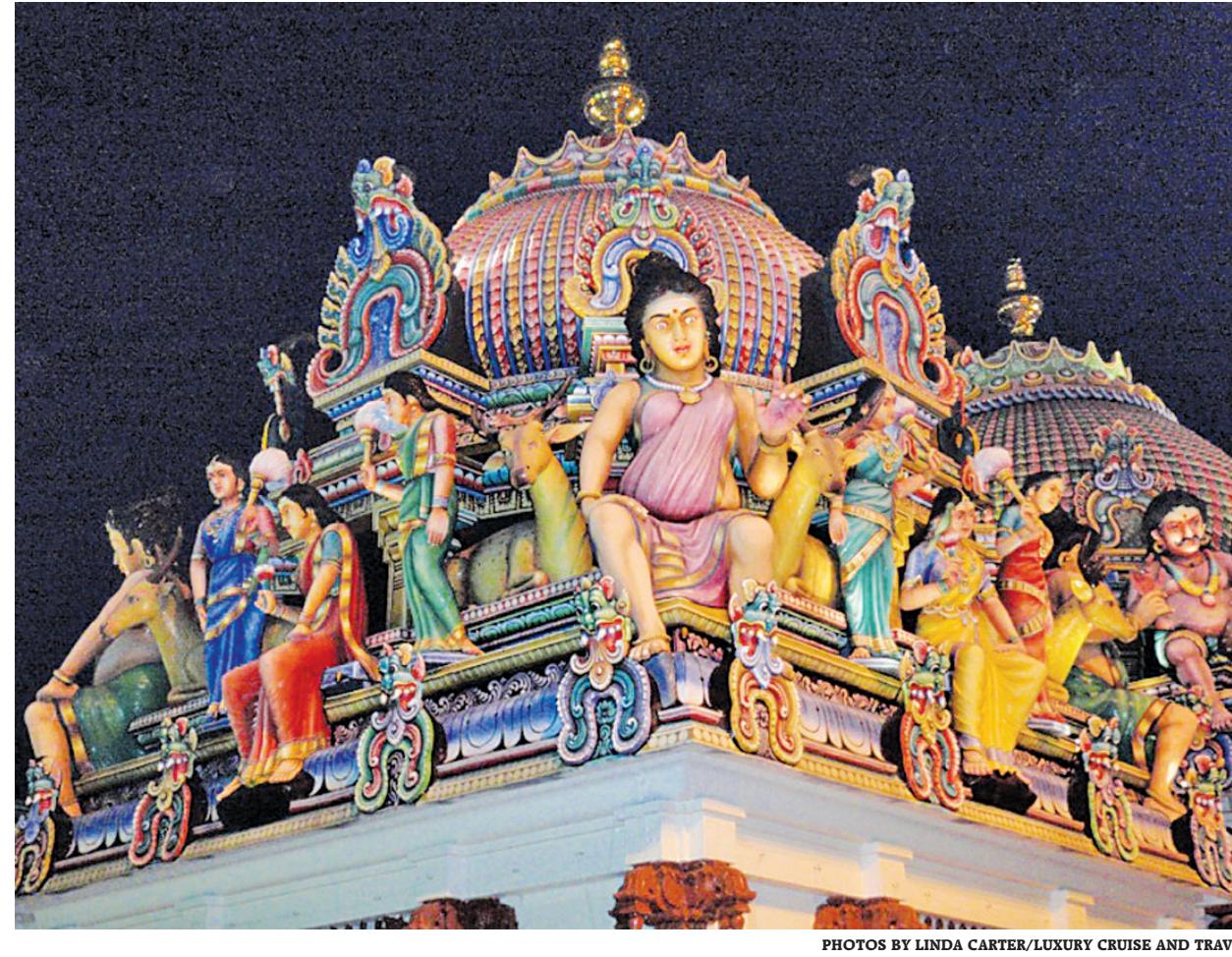
Most important fact, know how to eat with chopsticks before you arrive, many restaurants don't have forks.

Now that you've done the outdoor activities, enjoy shopping in air-conditioned comfort.

Malls here are on a scale never dreamed of. With over 800,000 square foot, or a total of 18 acres, the Marina Bay Sands Shopping Center is one of the largest.

Religious culture is unlike anything you've ever seen. You can visit a Buddhist Temple. Then there's the magical Sri Mariamman Temple, looking more like a cross between an amusement park exhibit and a childhood fantasy.

This oldest part of the temple, dates back to 1843. Open from 7 a.m. to noon and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.



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A colorful temple in Singapore.

You can travel the mall in style aboard a Sampan, a handcrafted Chinese boat, gliding along the indoor canals for only \$10 per person.

Then stay to watch the hourly cascade of 22,000 liters of water from an artists sculpture 2 stories above you, or just browse the huge selection of stores.

Be sure to pick up a map, as even the hardiest shopper, is hard pressed

to explore it in a day. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

At dusk, discover the magic of Chinatown. Streets are festooned with red lanterns, glittering lights, and tiny shops whose merchandise spills out onto the streets.

Cheap, touristy trinkets, sold amid tons of atmosphere, invite you to browse. Located in a quaint area, here the turn of the century build-

ings still remain, not yet replaced by glittering mammoth high-rises.

When night falls return to the mall. Exit at the harbor front, and enjoy the twice-daily 15-minute long fireworks show.

Exploding against the Singapore skyline, rockets burst skyward, and glitter, all against a background of neon edged skyscrapers.

Accompanied by a live

orchestra, this nightcap is a great way to end the day.

More than just a convenient connection on your next flight, Singapore is an exciting city.

Take the time and discover its wonders.

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