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## Board repeals wetlands buffer

Commissioners vote 4-1 to repeal setback in comp plan

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County commissioners voted 4-1 last week to remove the 75-foot wetlands buffer from the comp plan in favor of state protections.

Some citizens at the meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 18, pleaded for the commissioners to wait until the citizens voted on the issue in November.

But commissioners voting for the repeal of the wetlands setback said that it simply gives the county the ability to grant a variance.

"Nobody is suggesting that we fill-in wetlands," said commissioner Randy Merritt. "If we don't do this, we don't have any way to get a variance."

The four commissioners voting for repeal were Merritt, Richard Harden, Jerry Moore and Ralph Thomas, with Commissioner Howard Kessler casting the lone dissenting vote.

At one point during the meeting, Merritt directed questions to Luis Serna, planning director.

"Is anybody suggesting we fill in wetlands?" Merritt asked Serna.

"No," said Serna. "Have we violated any state or federal laws?" asked Merritt. "No," said Serna.

At one point, Commissioner Thomas got into an exchange with Ron Piasecki, resident of Shell Point and president of the Wakulla Wetlands Alliance, the group collecting petitions to put the wetlands issue before voters on the November ballot.

"They call us communists, socialists," said Piasecki. "And they call us hypocrites. He said, 'They don't want you to have what they have.'"

"That's correct," Thomas answered. "No, I called you a socialist - no, I'm sorry, a collectivist," Thomas said.

Responding to the claim that the petition drive had turned in more than 5,720 signatures for verification by the supervisor of elections - more than the 5,550 required to get the issue on the ballot, should they be approved, Thomas said:

"I hear tonight that the pe-

tion count has been met, but there seems like there's no joy in that, people want to come in and sling mud. I never impugned the integrity of Shell Point."

"We have voted to restore property rights so people can decide," Thomas said. "All I'm asking for is fair and equal treatment for everybody."

"I have this on my blog, and on everything I have ever put out there, 'Remember that freedom belongs to the people and should not be infringed upon by the government,'" said Thomas.

Commission Chairman Harden contended that "Many citizens that have signed that petition have not been fully informed."

After a citizen comment that no one would destroy a wetland, Commissioner Kessler responded, "We all know of the destruction of wetlands. I don't think there's a commissioner sitting on this board who doesn't know about the destruction of wetlands."

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Micah Benjamin sits in a new 2014 Toyota Matrix she won on Friday.

## Crawfordville hair stylist wins new car

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Regis stylist Micah Benjamin was surprised to learn on Friday morning that she was the lucky winner of a 2014 Toyota Matrix.

Benjamin has worked for Regis for 14 years. Four district managers, wearing red boas and sunglasses, showed up at the salon dancing and waving their hands.

They escorted Benjamin and her co-workers to the auto repair area of the Wal-Mart where they announced that one of them had won a new car. They usually do the giveaways outside, but on this rainy morning they opted for an interior space.

One of the managers, Robyn Lynem, paraded around the auto repair shop with her boa, teasing the employees. She eventually landed on Benjamin and placed the boa around her neck and yelled, "You're the winner."

Benjamin's co-workers looked on and cheered for her as she choked back tears.

"For real?" she asked in disbelief.

The contest was held by the salon, a nationwide chain with a location in the Crawfordville Wal-Mart, in conjunction with Matrix hair products.

Six new cars were given away to professionals, and six new cars to customers as part of the promotion.

The professionals names were put into the drawing for each \$100 of Matrix products they sold. Benjamin sold over \$700 worth of products, so she had seven entries.

The other winners were from Michigan, Nevada, Missouri, Minnesota and New York.



Micah Benjamin and her Regis salon co-workers with her new car.

## Bald Eagle and prey



Local photographer Mike Carlton shared with us this recent shot of a Bald Eagle and a fish it has caught.

## Animal lovers show support

County is working to re-open pet adoption center soon

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The county commission chambers were filled with a sea of red shirts and pet lovers wearing purple ribbons

who voiced their support for the Wakulla County animal shelter, and those who run it.

At issue during the animal control workshop, held Tuesday, Feb. 18, was whether or not a policy change was needed to protect the county from liability and where to go from here. Citizens for Humane Animal Treatment (CHAT), the group that ran the adoption center, moved out of their building next door to the shelter last November when they could not come to terms with the county to operate the adoption center.

Commissioner Howard Kessler called the workshop and stated at the beginning he was concerned that changes had taken place over the past years that have resulted in a change of policy of the commission's oversight of animal control.



Animal Control Director Ivanhoe Carroll.

Kessler asked the commissioners to consider the issues:

- Economic impact to the county's budget
- Liability exposure
- Health and condition of animals for which the county is responsible
- Compliance with Florida statutes and other areas relating to animal control in the county.

"It would be good for all and less confusing if

we were all under one roof," said Ivanhoe Carroll, animal control officer who runs the shelter.

She expressed that she was very pleased with the show of support from rescue groups and a majority of the board gave her and her employees a pat on the back.

"We do a lot, with very little," she said. "But we couldn't do it without our volunteers."

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# Childcare roundtable held

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The Early Learning Coalition, along with the Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a roundtable discussion with the purpose of engaging small business child care owners with members of the chamber and the Economic Development Council.

The event was held at TCC Wakulla on Wednesday, Feb. 12.

“We wanted to create an opportunity to bring them together to understand just how important child care is to a community,” said Molly Lord, Community Partnerships Director for Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region Inc.

Information provided by the ELC states that during the last few years, many child care programs have started up and then within a year or two have had to close their doors. The strain brought about by closings is not only for the children and employees, but also for the parents who then have to find new opportunities.

“When families or businesses are thinking about moving to Wakulla County they typically ask, ‘How is your school system? can you help me find a realtor? and I need information about your child care programs,’” Lord said. “The Chamber is a natural partner for the child care businesses and we hope that this event allowed them to see opportunities of how they could all work together to make a positive impact in



JENNY ODOM  
Participants in the roundtable.

Wakulla.”

Rachel Sutz Pienta, an organizer of the event, serves as Advocacy Chair and representative from the Wakulla Chamber, on the Early Learning Coalition board.

“We wanted to highlight some of the challenges faced by early learning and child care providers in navigating the rough waters of small business ownership,” she said after the event. “The conversation during lunch covered a wide range of topics - including permitting issues and a need for a local business to host the specific background check process required by the state for childcare workers.”

The lunch event set several ideas in motion.

One new development that sprang from the lunch is that the Chamber will list descriptions and testimonials about local childcare providers on its website, Pienta said.

# Animal lovers show support

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Carroll presented a PowerPoint to the commissioners with statistics and costs associated with animal control and adoption. She is currently working with County Administrator David Edwards on creating a Request for Proposal to advertise for a new entity to run the county adoption shelter. Since Carroll took over the shelter in 2007, the euthanasia rate has dropped from 74 percent to 22 percent.

“Please present a reasonable RFP to run the adoption center,” said Janice Eakin, President of CHAT, as citizens took the podium and expressed support for animals.

“Not much money goes to animal control now,” Eakin said. “I urge the county commission to not let much time pass before setting a plan in action to take care of the animals when they come into

the county’s control. The current ordinance needs to be updated.”

The animal control office falls under the public safety banner reporting to the fire chief, and ultimately the county commission.

“The measurement for taking calls is different,” said Carroll. “One of the performance measurements for Fire and EMS is how many calls they run.

“The fire department gets called to a fire, they put out the fire and they’re done,” Carroll said. “Same with EMS. They take the injured person to the hospital, they’re done. With us, a call is what starts the work.

“People don’t really understand what we do,” Carroll said. “We’re not dog catchers and we don’t run the pound.”

Rather, she said, “We’re trying to change the perception of the ‘old dog catcher’ image,” she said. “We take wonderful care of them while we have them.”

She explained that she and her staff try to reunite animals with their owners. If unsuccessful, it is not necessarily a death sentence for the animal.

“It’s a matter of changing the image,” she said. “But mostly, we just want people to be responsible pet owners.”

Since CHAT left the premises, the animal control shelter has been using the adoption facility, next door to animal control, to house any overflow of animals.

They have also been using the services of Cauzican, and other rescue agencies to handle adoptions.

If the outcome is for the animal control team to handle adoptions, Carroll said she’ll need at least one more full-time and one more part-time employee.

“We do what we do because we’re animal lovers,” she said. “If we didn’t do it, there’d really be a problem.”

# Board repeals wetlands buffer

From Front Page

Commissioner Moore leaned into his microphone and said, “I do not.”

“Incredible,” Kessler answered. “Incredible.”

Most citizens spoke against the repeal.

“You’re making a mistake,” said Vic Lambou of Wakulla Wetlands Alliance. “You need to listen to the citizens.”

“This has galva-

nized the county to do the American thing and put this on the ballot,” said citizen Dana Peck of Ochlockonee Bay, referring to a petition drive.

Supervisor of Elections Buddy Wells confirmed after the meeting that more than 5,720 signatures have been turned in for verification. As of Tuesday, Feb. 25, Wells said 4,008 had been verified.

One citizen who spoke in favor of repeal was Robert Roddenberry of Sopchoppy:

“I don’t know of any land owner that wants to harm a wetland. Most of us are responsible. I know on our place, we would never harm them. I think it took a lot of backbone to do this,” he continued.

Another resident of Sopchoppy, Sandy Tedder, countered, “I

think the state’s most valuable resource is it’s water. Our county’s most valuable resource is our water,” she said.

“Most communities around the country, such as south Florida, are having to spend lots of money to clean up their water. We see what (the state Department of Environmental Protection) did to protect south Florida. They didn’t.”

“DEP has said that our county ordinance protects our water

better than DEP can,” Tedder said.

Crawfordville resident Bob Danzey contended the agency reports weren’t as critical of the repeal of wetlands protections as has been made out.

“I read the reports from state agencies,” Danzey said. “They weren’t as bad as what the public’s been told.”

“We’re trying to protect wetlands,” said Jack Rudloe, owner of Gulf Specimen Marine Lab in Panacea, who

introduced himself as Chiropsella rudloeii, a jellyfish that has been named after him.

Another vote, scheduled for the upcoming March 3 county commission board meeting, has been placed on the agenda by commissioner Merritt. It requests board approval to direct staff to prepare a modification to the wetland ordinance that would permit a variance inside the 35 feet “no touch” portion of the 75 foot wetland setback.

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# Southerland makes appeal to Panhandle conservatives

By MARGIE MENZEL  
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

BONIFAY, Feb. 24 – U.S. Rep. Steve Southerland had the complete attention of about 500 students at Chipley High School in the Florida Panhandle one morning last week. He quizzed them about civics and described his life as an elected official, saying he'd beaten a seven-term congressman in 2010 in a district that, for generations, sent Democrats to Washington.

"You have to believe it in order to achieve it," Southerland assured them. "What would you dream if you knew that dream would come true?"

A murmur swept the auditorium. The two-term Republican praised Barack Obama for an "extraordinary" path to the White House, while discussing his own "average, normal family" in nearby Panama City. He thanked the United States for being the country in which such people can be elected to high office.

Married to a woman he met in the first grade and running a family business, Southerland is trying to draw a line between himself and his challenger in one of the highest-profile races of 2014 – Democrat Gwen Graham of Tallahassee, daughter of former Florida governor and U.S. Sen. Bob Graham.

"(Gwen Graham and I) will contrast very well in this election," Southerland told The News Service of Florida between campaign stops. "We are polar opposites."

The district includes Tallahassee and Panama City – the homes of the challenger and incumbent, respectively – and Washington, Bay, Jackson, Gulf, Calhoun, Liberty, Gadsden, Leon, Jefferson, Wakulla, Franklin, Taylor and part of Madison counties.

Southerland swept into office in the tea-party wave of 2010, and he's known for taking conservative positions – most recently for his push to add a work requirement for able-bodied adults to the food-stamp program. He's also known for his opposition to the federal Affordable Care Act, which he ran against in his first campaign and continues to denounce.

At the high school, Southerland took questions on political issues and such personal matters as fishing. Asked what he thinks of medical marijuana and gay marriage, he explained the role of states' rights, allowed as how he'd never "burned one," and went on to earn his biggest applause of the morning when he said, "I believe, personally, for me – for me and my family – that marriage is between one man and one woman."

Southerland and his



Steve Southerland and aide during a recent visit with Wakulla Sheriff Charlie Creel.

supporters say Gwen Graham is too liberal for the district, although she calls herself a moderate Democrat. And he took a dig at her "work days," a practice she borrowed from her father for her first campaign. Bob Graham put in more than 400 eight-hour work days at jobs held by ordinary Floridians.

"The Southerlands ... we've never known anything other than 60- and 70-hour work weeks," the congressman said. "We know all about work weeks in a work lifetime. We've got callouses on our hands – you get that from a lifetime of work."

Work is important to Southerland. He told the students that his family's funeral home had never closed a day in the 60 years since it opened, and that his four daughters had parttime jobs since they were 15 years old.

Work is important to the Grahams too. The day before Southerland came to Chipley High, Gwen Graham put in a work day at Bobbie and Ed Golden's 68-acre goat ranch near Monticello, in Jefferson County – partly as a way of criticizing Southerland over the "unnecessary" six-month delay in passing a federal farm bill.

"It is unfortunate the

sole reason the bill was delayed in the first place was because of a manufactured crisis by Congressman Southerland – who put partisan politics above farmers, the economy and his own district," Graham said in a statement. "Speaking with farmers, small business owners and North Floridians from all walks of life, it's become clear to me they are hungry for new leadership, a representative who will speak for them with an independent voice."

Southerland served on the conference committee for the just-passed farm bill, adding a 10-state pilot program that would require work or participation in a job training program for able-bodied adults who get food stamps. His original proposal would have applied nationwide, but was criticized on the grounds that there were not enough jobs or slots in job-training programs for those who needed food stamps.

Southerland warned the group that the 2nd Congressional District had been targeted by House Minority Leader and former Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California.

"There was one seat east of the Mississippi and south of the Mason-Dixon line, and that seat is ours."

He said it resonates with voters "that they have a representative

right now who grew up among 'em."

Florida Senate President Don Gaetz, a Niceville Republican whose district overlaps with Southerland's, praised Bob Graham, noting that Graham's family has roots in Walton County and that the former U.S. senator is well respected in the district. He also said he's watched Gwen Graham campaign and that she's a good candidate.

But Gaetz predicted Southerland would win.

"She comes from good genes politically," Gaetz said. "Gwen Graham's problem is that she's a member of a political party and part of a political coalition which I believe is out of step with the people of North Florida."

Democratic political operative Kevin Cate, however, said Graham is connecting with voters over "lunch-bucket issues" such as raising the minimum wage.

"The Republicans are going to try to nationalize this campaign, saying it's Obama versus the House of Representatives," Cate said. "But what you'll see Gwen do is take advantage of the extreme positions that the House has taken, blocking common-sense reforms, being opposed to raising the minimum wage for full-time workers – issues like that, where it really connects to many people in that district."



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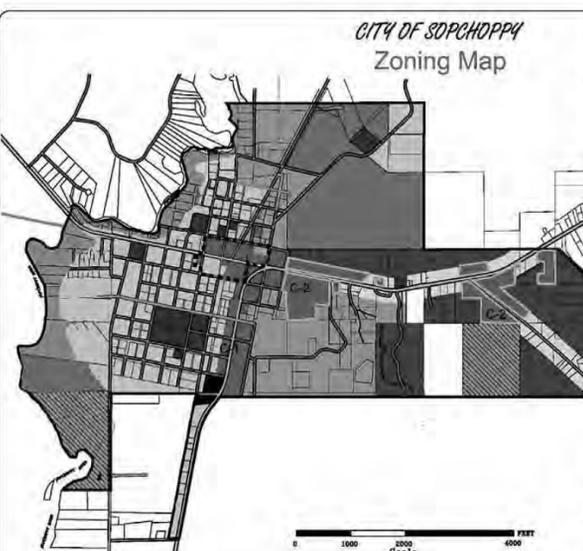
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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, AMENDING CHAPTER 117 PERTAINING TO INFRASTRUCTURE AND CONCURRENCY TO REQUIRE CONNECTION TO THE COUNTY SEWER SYSTEM; AMENDING CHAPTER 119 PERTAINING TO ZONING BY CREATING AND DEFINING THE CONSERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT AND DOWNTOWN OVERLAY DISTRICT, CREATING AN INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT AND DEFINING PERMISSIBLE USES THEREIN AND DELETING THE MODERATE DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT; ADOPTING THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY ZONING MAP; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The properties affected by the Ordinance are shown on the map below.



CITY OF SOPCHOPPY  
Zoning Map

Zoning District	Maximum Dwellings or Buildings Per Acre
Downtown Overlay (DOD-1)	Density as per underlying Zoning District
High Density Residential (R-1)	4 dwellings/building per 1 acre
Medium Density Residential (R-2)	1 dwelling/building per 1 acre
Low Density Residential (R-3)	1 dwelling/building per 2 acres
Highway Residential (C-2)	1 dwelling/building per 1 acre
Agricultural (A-1)	1 dwelling/building per 10 acres
Commercial (C-1)	4 dwellings/building per 2 acres and no more than 50% of the lot may be covered by the building footprint (50% Floor Area Ratio)
Highway Commercial (C-2)	1 dwelling/building per 1 acre and no more than 40% of the lot may be covered by the building footprint (40% Floor Area Ratio)
Conservation (CON-1)	1 dwelling/building per 5 acres
Recreation/Open Space (P-1)	N/A
Public (P-2)	4 dwellings/building per 1 acre and no more than 50% of the lot may be covered by the building footprint (50% Floor Area Ratio)
Industrial (IND-1)	4 dwellings/building per 1 acre and no more than 50% of the lot may be covered by the building footprint (50% Floor Area Ratio)

More information can be obtained and the proposed ordinance may be inspected at City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, Florida (telephone: 850-962-4611). Persons wishing to comment may do so in person at the public hearing or by writing to the City of Sopchoppy, P.O. Box 1219, Sopchoppy, Florida 32358.

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Martha Evans, Mayor  
Attest: Jacqueline Lawhon, City Clerk

# The Opinion Page

readers speak out

## Put partnership above partisanship



By STEVE SOUTHERLAND  
U.S. Congressman

With partisan gridlock all too prevalent in today's Washington, I have worked hard to break through those barriers and join with Republicans and Democrats who are as interested as I am in growing jobs and restoring certainty for hardworking families.

The recently-passed Farm Bill is an example of what can be accomplished by putting partnership above partisanship.

For more than a year Congress debated the latest reauthorization of the Farm Bill, which sets national agriculture and food policy for the next five years. With Florida being a national leader in agricultural production and the second largest specialty crop-producing state in America, I was committed to doing all I could to advance a common sense Farm Bill that restored certainty for North and Northwest Florida farmers and strengthened our rural communities.

I was honored to be the only Floridian in Congress appointed

ed to the bipartisan conference committee tasked with ironing out the final Farm Bill agreement. It was a tremendous, hard-earned victory when both parties and both chambers came together for the good of the American people and passed a five-year Farm Bill that provides much-needed relief to our hardworking farming families and saves taxpayers \$23 billion – while allowing us to finally move past the costly, big government policies passed under then-Speaker Nancy Pelosi's Farm Bill six years ago.

I am also pleased that Republicans and Democrats came together to support a provision in the Farm Bill I introduced to empower vulnerable families with a renewed opportunity for earned success.

By including a 10-state pilot program for work, job training, and community volunteerism for healthy, working age food stamp beneficiaries, we've now put nutrition assistance on the same proven path of success that helped change a culture for the better during welfare reform in the 1990s. As the first reforms to the food stamp program since the successful welfare reforms of 1996, the Farm Bill takes important steps to empower families in need with a renewed opportunity at earned success.

Additionally, the Farm Bill includes several provisions I

crafted to sustain the economies of our rural communities. The bipartisan Building Rural Communities Act ensures that small, rural areas have access to the technical assistance and training necessary to enhance vital infrastructure – including police and fire stations and community health clinics – all at no additional cost to America's taxpayers.

Another provision I advanced strengthens our forestry communities by ensuring that wood products qualify under the USDA's Biobased Marketing Program. I also fought to guarantee the long-term viability of citrus production in Florida by helping secure \$125 million to research remedies for citrus greening, a disease decimating citrus groves in Florida and nationwide.

Updating the Farm Bill is never easy, but this bill represents the good that can come out of both parties and both chambers rising above politics to do what is right for the American people.

Our farmers and rural families deserve real solutions – not political mud fights – and this bipartisan Farm Bill is a big step in the right direction.

*Steve Southerland II is U.S. representative for the 2nd congressional district, which includes Wakulla.*

### READERS WRITE:

## Workshop was a display of ignorance

Editor, The News:

I have just returned home from the County Commission workshop on Animal Control. I know I should not be surprised, but what a waste of time.

Most of the people in the audience did not have a clue what the workshop was about. No one ever said anything about shutting down Animal Control.

Obviously, the Wakulla County Rumor Mill was in full gear. It does not appear most people investigated what the meeting was about. It seems they got an email or a Facebook posting telling them to show up, so like lemmings they did what they were told with no knowledge of why.

I was shocked to hear one of the county commissioners say to the director of Animal Control, "If you go left, I will back you. If you go right, I will back you."

Sadly, we are paying this man to give a county employee blanket support to do whatever she wants to do regardless of its impact on the county.

A woman from the audience spoke about financial liability and insurance and four of our county commissioners never mentioned a word about it.

Mine and your county commissioners have thrown us under the bus to any legal action presented to the county by anyone volunteering or rescuing animals.

The scary part is some of these commissioners say they are businessmen. Makes me wonder what their books look like.

Lastly, I want to apologize to Dr. (Howard) Kessler. He seems to have had the county's interest at heart, but again he was attacked.

Whoever the people in the audience were who yelled at him to volunteer truly showed their lack of knowledge. Dr. Kessler has volunteered many many times for the animals in our county. He placed himself in Haiti trying to save some of the arms and legs of those suffering from the damage during their crisis. He volunteers in Tallahassee helping children. The next time some one throws stones at Dr. Kessler make sure you know what you are talking about.

Don't let your ignorance shine so brightly.

**Barbara Mansfield-Wilson  
Heide Clifton  
Christy Noftz**

## Grandstanding over tragedy was shameless

Editor, The News:

Few things have the capacity to push me over the edge more than someone trying to make hay over the tragedy of others.

On Saturday, Feb. 8, a Tallahassee TV helicopter crashed into trees in the dark of night for inexplicable reasons killing two and injuring another. It may be months before the FAA and NTSB determine a probable cause but one individual took it upon himself to push his personal agenda by spouting a bunch of dribble in an interview with WTXL immediately after the accident.

Far from worrying about his neighbor's safety as he states, James Parham took advantage of the situation to score points with the blood of others.

What he does not tell you in that interview is that he (and his small group of neighbors on Surf Road) has attempted to block the kind of safety improvements that might have prevented this tragedy.

Mr. Parham along with another detractor pushed to have them-

selves placed on the County's Airport Advisory Committee (charged with creating a consensus on how to move forward with airport improvements) only to become the airport's major detractor. In essence they joined the Advisory Committee to kill the airport from within.

It ultimately became clear from their actions that they just want to see the 50 year old Wakulla County Airport closed.

In the WTXL interview Mr. Parham expressed the belief that tall trees around his house were necessary to protect himself from harm.

Trees to protect your house, Mr. Parham? Who thinks like that?

The blood of those people could very well be tied to your opposition to safety improvements – most notably required tree topping in designated safety zones called for by county zoning and the Florida Department of Transportation.

For those not in the know, Wakulla County Airport has been a county-owned and run airport for many years

that ultimately attracted millions of dollars of real estate development around it and also pays hundreds of thousands of dollars in county taxes because it was there and not the other way around. Wakulla County Airport has paid its way all along and everyone in the county has been a beneficiary of that ongoing tax revenue.

Why does Mr. Parham want the airport closed? That's the real question.

Could it be that he wants to develop it for himself?

Mr. Parham is trapped by his own logic. First, he says there is almost no traffic at the airport to deserve improvement and then he says it's unsafe and he needs trees to protect his house.

You can only have it one way, Mr. Parham. Please show us your true colors and stop grandstanding with a horrific situation.

It's people's lives that are at stake when we don't trim trees from time to time as required by FDOT, zoning and common sense.

**Allan Feifer**  
Aircraft owner and pilot at Wakulla County Airport

## Good job on Norm Griggs story

Editor, The News:

Hello, Jenny Odom: Just saw the article on Norm Griggs' interview and the photo ("Griggs loves his gig," front page feature, Feb. 20 issue). Loved the write-up. You really caught his character and how terrific a story teller he was.

For me as an interviewer it

was just fun and easy to elicit his opinions.

Thanks so much to you and The Wakulla News for your support in promoting and covering this event! Best,

**Betty Ann Korzenny**  
Crawfordville

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- **Wakulla's jail-bed revenues fluctuate with number of prisoners**
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- **Rick Smith to talk about his father's Florida**
- **County commission votes to remove wetlands buffer**
- **Magician to perform at Central Baptist Church**
- **Rep. Southerland recognizes 2014 Biletnikoff Award recipients**

Editor, The News:

At the last BOCC meeting the Chairman exhibited a complete lack of trust in the citizens of Wakulla County. He berated our citizens who signed the petition to place an important referendum on the November ballot. His approach reminded me of one who was afraid of the commission's vote being overturned by its citizens.

It also reminded me of a quote by Thomas Jefferson, "When government fears the people, there is liberty. When the people fear the government, there is tyranny."

He considered the citizens of this County uninformed and not capable of making a rational decision, an insult to the intelligence of every petitioner. I, for one, have faith that between now and this November election the people will become even more enlightened. However, rest assured that with a builder, a developer, a realtor/mortgage consultant, and a large family landholder, the verbiage of these

commissioners will be emotionally biased and opinionated. This bias has and will become more evident.

Unlike California, we are blessed with wetlands and good drinking water, but that can quickly change. South Florida would love to tap the aquifer of Wakulla County! Hundreds of people depend on our fishing industry to support their families. Sport fishing brings hundreds of out-of-state fishermen to our county, and with them their money. Birding is little recognized but a very popular pastime for winter visitors.

Having grown up in St Petersburg and Miami, it is difficult for me not to become emotionally passionate over the wetland issue when reflecting on the changes I have seen there, generated by greed. I have concern for what will happen if stringent safeguards are not in place and enforced by our county.

**Charles Hickman**  
Crawfordville

## Letters to the Editor

The Wakulla News welcomes your letters. It's preferred that you email it to editor@thewakullanews.net, but you can also mail it to P.O. Box 307, Crawfordville FL 32326 or drop it off at The News office, 3119-A Crawfordville Highway.

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< STREET BEAT >

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

# What was your favorite food as a kid?



**DANIEL MORGAN**  
Residential Elevators

"Pizza! That's what we would do for all my birthday parties. We would have 20 to 30 people sometimes."



**MIKE DURRANCE**  
C & C Tech

"McDonalds! We would go to McDonalds after church every Sunday. Cheeseburger, fries, and a Coke!"



**MEGAN HOLLEY**  
TCC student

"Shrimp! Every year for my birthday I would ask my mom to have shrimp... My favorite is still shrimp today."



**DANELLE VAUGHN**  
Big Bend Hospice

"Fruity Pebbles! When we are in the cereal grocery aisle, my kids tell me, 'No, mom - no Fruity Pebbles.'"



**WILLIAM T. MOORE**  
Retired attorney

"Mine was a meal! Lamb, rice and gravy, and butter beans that my mother would make on Sundays."

- Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

## A new champion for Myra Jean's Behemoth Cheeseburger Challenge

Myra Jean's Restaurant would like to congratulate Tony Simpson for defeating our monstrous Behemoth Cheeseburger Challenge.

Tony went to Myra Jean's on February 9 to watch his brother in law attempt the challenge, said he was hungry and wanted a "snack."

So he too ordered a Behemoth just for the heck of it. Some 48 minutes later a champion was born when he downed the last bite.

That "snack" was a 4-pound cheese-

burger and a whole pound of fries.

Tony joins the six other champions on Myra Jean's Wall of Fame.

Tony's brother-in-law did not fare so well: His name will be placed on the much more crowded Wall of Shame. Better luck next time.

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Tony Simpson

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# Church

religious views and events

## Jesus River Festival is set for March 8 in Sopchoppy

Special to The News

The 6th annual Jesus River Festival is scheduled for Saturday, March 8 in Myron B. Hodges City Park located in Sopchoppy.

The outdoor music event will start at noon and run until dark. This music festival will host a list of talented Christian musicians, speakers, dancers and performers appealing to all ages and a variety of music styles.

The Jesus River Festival was started by a group of Wakulla County Christians from various churches. Their intention was to gather their families for a day of music and fellowship in a casual outdoor setting. The Sopchoppy River runs

south towards the Gulf of Mexico through the city's park and makes for an ideal setting for an afternoon of relaxed music listening and worship.

Planners wanted to draw from the area's local musical talent and invite committed Christians to share with the community the good news of Jesus Christ's power to transform lives.

"This is a multi-denominational, community worship experience, and it just keeps getting better," said Nathan Lewis, a member of the planning committee. "Several hundred individuals attended last year's event, and we were very pleased with the turnout and support.

Wave 94, a local Christian radio station and long time supporter of the festival, is expected to return to visit with fans and friends. Many churches and businesses are involved in making the festival a success."

Those attending the festival will be served complimentary grilled burgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks.

Groups interested in performing at this year's festival are encouraged to apply online at [jesusriverfest.com](http://jesusriverfest.com).

Churches, ministries and civic organizations interested in setting up a table to fund raise or present informational materials can apply on-line at [jesusriverfest.com](http://jesusriverfest.com).

### OUT TO PASTOR

## Keep it real or keep it to yourself

By JAMES L. SNYDER

Normally, I'm not overly fussy with what people say as long as they are not trying to put something over on me.

All it takes is one time of trying to put something over on me and I cross you off my Christmas card list.

When someone tries to sell me something, I am assuming that somewhere in the conversation they are trying to pull the wool over my eyes. I am allergic to wool in my eyes. When they are talking to me, I am listening for a keyword in their conversation, which is simply, "free." Whenever they mention that magical word, I know they are trying to put something over on me.

My father used to say, "Keep it real or keep it to yourself." He did not have many jewels of wisdom, but this certainly was one that has been helpful to me down through the years. I have tried to keep this in focus when talking to other people. Nothing I hate more than somebody lying to me, so turnabout is fair game. I do not want to lie to anybody myself. At least intentionally.

I am a weekend fisherman from Pennsylvania so the tendency is there and I have to watch myself all the time. I am the kind of person who loves to exaggerate. Sometimes my exaggeration gets the best of me but then that is why God gave us wives to help curb this tendency. She has not failed me so far.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were relaxing at home watching a little bit of television. It is hard to find anything "real" on the old television set. The reality shows are everything but.

We were casually listening to a talk show host who was interviewing some TV personality celebrating his 80th birthday. We were not really paying attention, you know how it is. You are watching TV, but you are talking back and forth to one another trying to catch up on the day's activities. Then this TV personality made a statement that captured both of our attentions.

"I don't believe," this personality, who shall remain nameless, said, "in the afterlife. Only foolish people believe in the afterlife."

This sparked some conversation between my wife and me. The question I had was simply this - how long does it take to get to this point of Superior Idiocy? What university awards an SI degree? If they did, I am sure they could never keep up with the production of such awards.

Just when you think you have heard the most stupid thing in the world somebody with an SI degree opens his or her mouth.

Of course, there is nothing wrong with being stupid if you keep it to yourself. When you start telling people just how stupid you really are, that is when somebody needs to object.

Right after this TV personality, whose name will remain anonymous, although he thinks he is some kind of a king, said he did not believe in the afterlife said something that was contradictory.

"I have it ordered," he said about a seriously as any SI person could be, "that when I die I will be frozen until the medical field has discovered a cure or for what has killed me. Then I will be brought back to life with this medication."

My wife and I waited

for the laughter. I really thought it was a joke. I did not think anybody could be that stupid. Apparently, a great deal of people are that stupid because nobody laughed at that remark.

My wife and I looked at each other and then we burst out laughing thinking it was one of those TV talk show spoofs. It turned out he was not joking. He did not believe in the afterlife, but he was making plans to come back to life after he died.

I think people with the SI syndrome have one severe dysfunction between their brain and their mouth. We know from listening that their mouth is working but what we hear from their mouth more than suggest their brain is not w.

I do not have any problems with people being a practicing SI as long as they keep it to themselves. There are enough idiots in the world that we do not have to have people every day coming out of the SI closet.

The apostle Paul made this quite clear when he wrote, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

Only God can keep it real and thankfully He does not keep it to Himself, but shares it with those who will put their trust in Him..

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

## Church Briefs

### • Charlotte Faith to hold Holy Ghost Revival

A Holy Ghost Revival will be held at Charlotte Faith & Deliverance Temple with Apostle Tony Sanders on Feb. 26, 27, and 28 at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

Bishop Alice Williams is pastor. The church is located at 150 Brown Donaldson Road.

### • Mount Olive No. 2 to celebrate anniversary

Pastor Samuel Hayes of Mount Olive Primitive Baptist Church No. 2 cordially invites all to the celebration of the church's 144th anniversary.

The celebration will be held on Sunday, March 2, at 11:30 a.m. Speaker will be Pastor Renita Alan-Dixon and at 3 p.m., Pastor John Fagan.

The church is located at 8 Spring Creek Hwy., Crawfordville.

If you have questions, call Pastor Samuel Hayes at (850)

339-5090.

### • Rocky Mount Church to celebrate anniversary

The Rocky Mount Church of Christ will be celebrating its annual church anniversary on Sunday, March 2 at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited.

Elder Benjamin Washington and East Spring Primitive Baptist Church of Christ will render service. Dinner will be served after.

The church is located at 58 Dogwood Drive in Crawfordville.

### • Medart Assembly hosts Trading Closet ministry

The last Saturday of every month at noon, Emily Sellmer of the Medart Assembly of God hosts a Trading Closet ministry where families can trade clothes children have outgrown for other families' clothes that fit.

The ministry is free.

# Wakulla Worship Centers

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Worship 11:00 a.m.  
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Worship 11 a.m.  
Pastor Kevin Hall  
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962-9000  
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Sunday School 10:00am  
Worship 11:00am  
Prayer 6:00pm  
WEDNESDAY:  
Supper 6:00pm  
Pioneer Club:  
Youth and Adult Classes 6:30pm

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

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*One person dies from melanoma every hour.*

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

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

-Amanda Aglin

# Obituaries

Elizabeth Marie Britt  
Elsie M. Busen  
Deloris Robison Casseaux  
William R. 'Clyde' Rodeheaver

## Elizabeth Marie Britt

Elizabeth Marie Britt, 80, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2014 in Tallahassee.

She had lived in this area for 26 years coming from Plantation. She was a member of Lake Ellen Baptist Church and served with Campers on Mission.

Visitation was held Friday, Feb. 21, 2014

## William R. Rodeheaver

William R. "Clyde" Rodeheaver, 74, of

from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Lake Ellen Baptist Church in Crawfordville. Services were held Friday, Feb. 21, 2014 at 2 p.m. at Lake Ellen Baptist Church in Crawfordville. The family will have a private burial.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Florida Baptist Children's Home, 8415 Buck Lake Road, Tallahassee FL 32317.

Wakulla County, died on Feb. 18, 2014.

He was born on July 11, 1939, and was native of Wakulla County.

She is survived by her husband, William Howard Britt; son, Howard Dale Britt; daughters, Susan Gail Whaley and Wendy Louise Wilson; and eight grandchildren.

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

Survivors include his only son, William D. Callahan, and friends Kathryn Wilson and Michele Roddy.

## Elsie M. Busen

Elsie M. Busen, of Brighton, Mich., died on Feb. 14, 2014 in Brighton.

She was born Aug. 12, 1920 in Iowa to Earl and Ann (Frana) Scheidel.

Survivors include her children, Joseph (Dorothy) Busen of Trenton, Mich., Kenneth (Karen) Busen of Crawfordville, Barbara (Melvin) Shapiro of Stockbridge, Mich., Catherine (Tom) Schulz, Matthew (Claudia) Busen; a brother, Hank (Betty) Scheidel, Wyandotte, Mich.; seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Cletus Anthony "Scoop" Busen.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2014 from 2 to 8 p.m. at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. Her farewell and Mass of Christian Burial was Wednesday, February 19 at 2 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Brighton, Father Carl Pung officiating. Interment followed at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery in Brownstown Twp. Memorial contributions may be given to St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brighton.

Please leave a message of comfort to the Busen family by calling 1-877-231-7900 or sign her guestbook at www.borekjennings.com.

## Deloris Robison Casseaux

Deloris Robison Casseaux, 57, died Feb. 21, 2014 in Tallahassee.

She was a native of Wakulla County.

Visitation was held Monday, Feb. 24, 2014 from 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Debra Nell Cemetery. Graveside services were held Monday, Feb. 24, 2014 at 2 p.m. at Debra Nell Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Children's Lighthouse, 7771 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee FL 32309.

Survivors include her husband,

Paul Casseaux; sons, Bobby Robison (Heather), Jason Robison, John Robison (Lisa) and Randy Casseaux; daughters, Debbie Olah (Timmy), Carolyn Cloud (Rick), Sandy Moote and Katrina Dickson (Brent); brothers, Greg Hurley (Cassie) and Robert Hurley; sisters, Katrina Hurley (Barney), Ila Mae Gray (Mike) and Linda Beal; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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

## Tips to help cope with the sudden loss of a loved one

Special to The News

When Karolyn Rogers was 5, she became one of the millions of Americans who've lost a parent to war.

"My father, Pfc. Tom T. Wilmeth, died in the waning days of World War II and for most of my life, I felt a haunting absence and the grief of wondering about what my life might have been like had he survived the war," says Rogers, author of the new book, "When Daddy Comes Home," (<http://tinyurl.com/pgdz5kb>), which details her journey of healing through researching her father's family and military experience.

"I've experienced what many are now experiencing for the first time – the shocking agony of losing someone you couldn't ever imagine losing. I'd like those people to know that there are people like me who have managed to overcome their sorrow and live a fulfilling life."

Military families tend to suffer more than others, not only when losing a member killed in action, but also when returning loved ones suffer devastating physical and mental injuries, including PTSD, she says.

"As I experienced with my father, families and veterans of recent wars may won-

der about the life they could've had without ravages experienced by war," says Rogers, who offers tips for achieving a sense of closure, no matter what the nature of the tragedy may be.

• **Understand the path in front of you today.** The path to healing is a lifelong process; the loss is something you'll continue to palpably feel. However, you have to create closure in your life, as best you can, after the loss of a loved one who would want you to live a full and happy life.

• **Closure has no deadline.** It doesn't matter how much time has passed since your loved one passed away. The psychological effects remain with you, right below the surface, and they need to be dealt with.

• **Don't be afraid to explore who your loved one was.** It's worth the effort to make the journey to discovering who your loved one was – either through going online and learning what you can, or visiting sites that were important to him or her, or doing traditional research.

• **Know that your journey will likely help others.** When I read my book to my mother in the months before her death, she would nod and say, "That's him. That's exactly who your father

was." Not only was I healing myself, I was also reliving with my mother some of her life's best years.

• **Whether implicitly or explicitly, do NOT follow the no-talk rule.** The pain of losing a precious, noble, honorable and loving family member can be so overwhelming that the bereaved often find the prospect of speaking about the loss intimidating and overwhelming. Don't be afraid! Talking about your loved one keeps their memory alive, and discussion is healing for the bereaved.

• **Appreciate the closure you have, at any given point in time.** There's no such thing as absolute closure, but the focus of this journey is feeling better. We can certainly find more psychological equilibrium by pursuing the stories of our departed loved ones.

## BEREAVEMENT COLUMN

### The pain of grief

By TRACY RENEE LEE

Grief manifests itself in many painful facets.

There is emotional pain, psychological pain, spiritual pain, the pain of loneliness, the pain of sadness and even physical pain.

Physical pain is very often brought on through continued avoidance of the grief experience.

Not everyone suffers the same amount or type of pain once a loved one dies.

It is nearly impossible, however, to avoid a painful experience at the loss of someone with whom you shared an attachment. Of important note, the deceased need not be a loved one to feel pain at his or her passing.

When I was a young woman, I joined a large corporation in a secretarial capacity. It was not long after I began working there, that one of the district managers died.

Although I worked in a different office building, and had only seen this

man at regional meetings, I was affected by his loss. My attachment to the company included this man as an integral part of my newly acquired associated network.

I pondered my pain at his loss for many years, and truly did not understand it until I entered funeral service.

Although I did not know him very well at all, our work overlapped. I relied on his reports to compose my own. I had an attachment to him because I had a reliance on his work.

His passing created a structural defect in the security of my newly acquired income. The stress, though short lived, was very unnerving.

If grief is left unresolved or ignored, it will eventually surface in one's life as physical ailments.

Grief affects the body and soul the same way stress does. If you continue to ignore your grief, other conditions will de-

velop that are avoidable by allowing the pain of grief to present itself and working through it.

I hope that if you have experienced unresolved grief, you will find the courage to face it and overcome the ill effects it creates within your physical and mental health.

If you can muster up the courage to do it, you will benefit immensely.

Your health will be better, and your life will be better too.

*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.*

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# Community

happenings in our community

## TAIL WAGGER

### Let's celebrate spaying-neutering animals

By the time you read this, many will have celebrated "World Spay Day" (February 25). What do you mean you didn't celebrate? Well, that's OK, you can celebrate with us because every day a dog or cat is spayed or neutered is a reason to celebrate and here are a few reasons why:

1. Neutering eliminates the urge to breed which can cause destructive behaviors and injure cats many times requiring medical attention for infected scratches and bites.

2. Spaying females early on reduces the risk of breast cancer and prevents uterine infections and uterine



By Janice Eakin

cancer.

3. Neutering males prevents testicular cancer and reduces the risk for perianal tumors.

4. It reduces the urge to roam to seek out hormonal scents. Ap-

proximately 80 percent of pets hit by cars are unneutered males.

5. It ensures a happier household for multiple pet homes.

6. In the long term, spaying/neutering saves pet parents money on vet care.

7. It reduces the burden of what to do with unwanted animals.

8. It reduces the number of unwanted animals that are put to sleep.

Due to the efforts of CHAT over the past 30 years, those of other local humane groups and responsible pet parents, Wakulla is doing better than many communities with stray and unwanted animals

but the numbers are still way too high. Although CHAT no longer operates the Adoption Center, we will continue with spay/neuter activities like the TNR (Trap, Spay/Neuter, Return) project. TNR focuses on controlling "feral" cats, which are cats who has reverted in some degree to a wild state. They originate from former domestic cats that were lost or abandoned and then learned to live outdoors. We are in the learning and planning stages and have our first event planned soon. This first event will help us smooth out the process and position us to solicit and train more individuals.

With the communities help, our goal is to identify and care for every feral colony in Wakulla County.

In recent years, some people have misguidedly blamed cats for declining bird populations and feel that feral cats should be killed, not saved. But, it isn't the relationship between cats and birds that has changed—it's the relationship between humans and the environment. The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that every year 70 million birds die from pesticides and at least 100 million birds die from striking windows each year. If you've heard negative

comments about TNR or if you would like to learn more about feral cats, please visit the website [www.alleycats.org](http://www.alleycats.org) and look for the "Save the Cats, Save the Birds" news article and video.

"Misty, The One In a Million Cat" is an excellent book and video to share with children. Just go to YouTube and search for "Misty, The One In a Million Cat". Adults will like it, too.

This week's motto is "Prevent a litter, fix your critter!" Like "CHAT of Wakulla" on Facebook to stay informed of our activities and ways you can get involved. Meow, meow. Woof, woof!

### Nunez and Pouncey to wed

The parents of John Edward Nunez and Samantha Nicole Pouncey would like to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their children.

John is a 2008 graduate of Franklin County High School and is currently employed as a Sergeant with the Florida Department of Corrections at Franklin C.I. John is the son of Donnie and Meloney Chambers of Eastpoint, and John J. Nunez of South Carolina. He is the grandson of the late Cecil E. Simmons of Sopchoppy, the late Martha Braswell Glass of Eastpoint, Kelby & Sally Chambers of Eastpoint, and Ben & Rose Hurley of Tallahassee.

Samantha is a 2011 graduate of Franklin County High School and



Edward Nunez and Samantha N. Pouncey

is currently employed with the Florida Department of Corrections at Franklin C.I. Samantha is the child of Cecil "Joe" Pouncey & Frances Hunnings of Carabelle and Alicia Armistead of Texas. She is the granddaughter of Melvin & the late Marilyn Armitage of Texas and the late Caro-

lyn Sparks of Carrabelle.

The wedding will be held at Lafayette Park in Apalachicola on Saturday, March 22, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. with a reception to follow at Rivercrest Lodge.

All family and friends are invited to attend, no formal invitations will be sent.

### 'Clumsy Custard' to be Solburg's last show

Special to the News

It's been a long and winding road for Wakulla High's theatre teacher and thespian sponsor Susan Solburg.

Solburg began her career at Wakulla High in 1985 with the same zany comedy that she will be ending her teaching career – William Gleason's comedic parody "The Clumsy Custard Horror Show & Ice Cream Clone Review."

A parody of all-time great movies has always been a crowd favorite with its over-the-top characters, disco knights, live sound effects, and audience participation. The latest crop of actors to take

on the play are having just as much fun as the original cast from 1985 and the subsequent casts in the following years. It's just a lot of fun to direct and so many students get to participate as there are 26 characters and several of the roles are double cast.

The tech crew gets to build a big castle with lots of crazy props and costumes not to men-

tion cool sound and lighting effects.

Ms. Solburg hopes that former students who are still in the area will come back to reminisce and join in the celebration

The show runs March 6 - 8, beginning at 7:30 p.m. and March 9 at 2:30 p.m. Cost for students is \$4, seniors \$5, and \$6 general.

Refreshments will be sold at intermission.

### UDC members visit Charleston

Trying on period clothing at The Charleston, South Carolina Museum are Stalena McMillan Teague and Mother Hazel Jean McMillan who are members of the R. Don McLeod UDC Chapter #2469 in Crawfordville upon the record of Captain Uz William Cox. Finley Lamar McMillan is a member of Finley Brigade Camp #1614 Sons of Confederate Veterans upon the record of Captain Angus M. McMillan.



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### Airman Jacob Riley completes basic

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

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

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

Riley is the son of Hank and Carrie Riley of Crawfordville.

He is a 2013 graduate of Wakulla High School.

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# School

education news from local schools



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

## WMS band performs at Florida Bandmaster's Festival

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Fifteen band students from Wakulla Middle school performed solos at the Florida Bandmaster's Solo and Ensemble Festival on February 15.

All sixteen students performed very well receiving the rating of Superior or Excellent which are the two highest ratings awarded for performance at the Festival. Band director, Laura Hudson stated that the students had been practicing for several months and were very prepared.

This is not a required event for students but for those who wish to go above and beyond their regular classroom music. "The judges were very complimentary of our students and I was very proud of them. They are certainly a credit to our school and to their families," Hudson said.

She would like to especially thank James Wilson, FAMU band intern for his assistance in preparing the students to perform at the festival.

Students performing solos were Abbi McFalls, Talia Smid and Shelby Weeks on flute; Katie Hutto, Yulia Moody, Miracle Potter, Kalliope Smid and Rebecca Smith on clarinet; Nathan Cushard and Daniel Sullivan on alto saxophone; Gabrielle Boyd, Ebone Davis, and Taryn Pfister on trumpet; Braxton Yates on baritone; and Zac Boone on tuba.

Three of these students have also represented Wakulla Middle school for being selected by audition to perform in the District Honor Band at Chiles High School on January 25. Those students are: Yulia Moody, Daniel Sullivan and Zachary Boone.



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Front row: Alexia Allen, Ryann Moore, Silesia Green, Holli Capps, Morgan Kelly; middle row: Heather Alvarez, Nate Jackson, Lydia Wiedeman, Leanne Duke, Ashley Carroll, Lauren Dunlap; back row: Kayla Wimberly, Patrick Harvey, Mary Eldon Greene, Brittany Fite, Thomas Davis, Edward Ellis, Nickolas Bittle, LaRawnda Washington.

## Students Participate in Talquin Electric Youth Tour

Special to the News

Nineteen high school juniors from Gadsden, Leon, Liberty and Wakulla Counties were selected to participate in the Talquin Electric Youth Tour a few weeks ago at the state capitol. Students were chosen from Talquin's Membership to participate in the Youth Tour based on academics, leadership, communication skills, and volunteer service in their schools and communities.

Four students and four alternates were also selected from this group of outstanding student leaders to represent

Talquin at the NRECA National Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. this summer. The national delegates are Brittany Fite, Godby High School; Patrick Harvey and Lydia Wiedeman, Wakulla High School; and Ryann Moore, Liberty County High School. The alternates are Heather Alvarez and Mary Eldon Greene, Wakulla High School; Edward Ellis, Godby High School; and Nickolas Bittle, East Gadsden High School. These delegates will travel to Washington, D.C. in June where they will meet with approximately 1,500 students

from all over the United States. They will visit historic landmarks and continue to learn about cooperatives and government during the tour.

Talquin would also like to congratulate Alexia Allen, Holli Capps, Ashley Carroll, Thomas Davis, Lauren Dunlap, Silesia Green, Nate Jackson, Morgan Kelly, and Kayla Wimberly, Wakulla High School; Leanne Duke, Godby High School; and LaRawnda Washington, East Gadsden High School, who were all selected to represent their schools in the 2014 Tallahassee Youth Tour.

## Teachers, Employee of the Month honored



Susan Tillman



Bill Peck



Patricia Baker

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Superintendent Robert Pearce and the Wakulla County School Board applauded the optimism, positive energy and compassion each of these individuals give to the children of Wakulla County and the enthusiasm they display on behalf of the students, schools, the profession of education and communities they serve.

**SUSAN TILLMAN  
MEDART  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL**

Susan Tillman, February Teacher of the Month, began her teaching career nine years ago at Medart Elementary School as a first grade teacher. Encouraged and mentored by her sister, Ginger Tillman, Susan has never regretted one second spent teaching. Tillman shares, "I love that there is always a way to find inspiration, whether from the success of a student, the enthusiasm or creativity of a colleague, or kind words from a parent. It is a job that keeps me learning and reflecting each day."

Tillman, a product of the Wakulla County School system, graduated from FSU with a degree in international affairs. She worked diligently completing the alternative certification program to meet the FL DOE professional certification criteria.

Tillman moved from first grade to a varying exceptionalities class this year. She cites the change as challenging. Tillman adds, "I have a greater appreciation of every position in the school. I believe this opportunity has helped me grow into a better teacher and colleague."

Principal Sharon Kemp recognizes Ms. Tillman's team spirit. "Her stamina is unsurpassed, and her devotion to the students is evident. She is an avid reader and strives to instill the love of learning in all of her students. Although she didn't start her adult life as a teacher, she followed her heart, and Medart Elementary School re-

ceived the blessing."

**BILL PECK  
WAKULLA MIDDLE  
SCHOOL**

Bill Peck, Wakulla Middle School Teacher and Coach, has been serving Wakulla students in a professional capacity since 2007. Peck served in the US Army and was an electrician prior to teaching. Determined to make a positive difference in the lives of kids, he returned to college, received his teaching credentials and changed careers.

Fortunately for the Wildcats, he was hired at Wakulla Middle School in the EBD program. "I enjoy providing a stable and enriching environment for each student. The daily interactions with students are enjoyable, especially as I watch them become independent and critical thinkers."

Mr. Peck touts the positive rapport and camaraderie of WMS. A stranger to no one Peck contributes to that culture by doing whatever it takes, from coaching, driving buses, serving as an AVID site team member or participating in daily announcements.

Originally from Waldo, Ohio, Peck's family relocated to Perry, FL where he graduated from high school. He later attended and graduated from TCC and FSU.

WMS Principal Mike Barwick adds, "After several years in the electrical business, Mr. Peck made the decision to become an educator. I believe he's met his calling. Mr. Peck works every day to serve our kids. He's loved by all faculty, staff and students. Mr. Peck has in-depth knowledge on a lot of topics. Mr. Peck is an asset to our school and we're proud to call him a WILDCAT."

**PATRICIA BAKER  
WAKULLA MIDDLE  
SCHOOL, FOOD SERVICE**

The February Employee of the Month is the Food Service Department's Patricia Baker. Baker also started her career with the school at WMS as a

food service substitute. Because she is a can-do optimistic employee, she rose quickly through the ranks to cashier to Shadeville kitchen manager and is now the District Food Service Resource Manager.

When Baker was hired she brought years of food service industry experience with her from North Carolina and Germany. She attended school in Miramar, FL graduating from Miramar High School. She later attended Broward Community College earning an AA in music education and FSU where she majored in music therapy. Her love for music drove her to open her own Medart School of Music last year where she provides private music lessons.

Baker shares, "I love the kids. Seeing them each day and making them smile makes my day. I enjoy interacting with them and getting feedback from them regarding the food. I also enjoy cooking. As a resource manager, I have the opportunity to work in every kitchen. We have a great group of food service employees in Wakulla County."

Gail Mathers, Food Service Director, shares, "Ms. Baker is dependable and optimistic. These traits combined with her wealth of knowledge about food service make her an outstanding employee. While her home base is the district food service office, she is most often found at the school sites assisting managers, providing hands on training to personnel as well as aiding with delivery and equipment issues. Her flexibility, friendly calm demeanor and ability to communicate well with people are strengths that she brings to the job. Mrs. Baker goes above and beyond to insure that the employees she works with and the students she comes in contact with have the very best. Her dedication, loyalty and commitment to the students and school system are very much appreciated."

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# Sports

sports news and team views

## WRESTLING



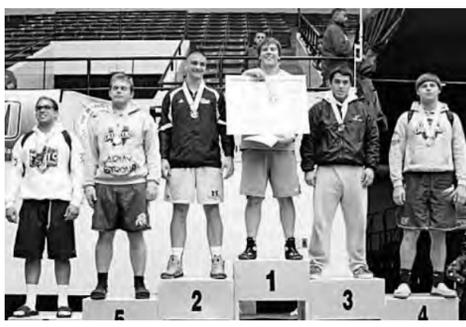
The War Eagle wrestling team after state finals in Lakeland.

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## War Eagles finish 10th at state finals



James Duoin finished fifth at the finals.



Keith Godden finished fourth at the finals.

By ROBERT DOUIN  
Special to The News

Seven War Eagle wrestlers traveled to Lakeland this past

weekend where the team finished in 10 place out of 58 teams participating in the 1A state series.

Two of the seven

wrestlers that attended state made it to a podium finish.

Senior James Duoin finished in 5th place at 195 pounds and Senior

Keith Godden finished in 4th place at 220.

Competition is tough at this level and all wrestlers did well.

## Team Wakulla is organizing

Special to The News

A wrestling program for students of all ages in Wakulla County that practices on Tuesday and Thursday from 5:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. at Riversprings Middle School Gym starting on March 4.

At these practices you will learn the basic fundamentals of wrestling and techniques that will help you in the upcoming season.

As part of Team Wakulla you will practice throughout the summer and will participate in several tournaments to see your individual achievement.

The practices are run by Coach Pafford (Wakulla High School Head Coach) and Coach Smith (Riversprings Middle School Head Coach).

## Wakulla Christian to offer wrestling

By HENRY MARIN  
WCS Wrestling Coach

Wakulla Christian School will be offering the sport of wrestling for the 2014-15 school year for elementary grades (3rd - 5th) and for middle school grades (6th - 8th) and 9th grade.

The season starts in October 2014.

Until the season gets here, I highly recommend being a part of Team Wakulla, an off-season wrestling program for all ages, that starts at Riversprings Middle School on March 4. I will be at most, if not all, practices helping out.

Students from Crawfordville, Medart and Riversink elementary schools can join the Wakulla Christian wrestling team.

You don't have to be a student at WCS to wrestle. The WCS Wrestling Team is open to any child in Wakulla County.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming season or being part of Team Wakulla please call Henry Marin (Head Coach) at (386) 288-9442 or (850) 228-6003 or email me at coachhen55@gmail.com.



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# Sports

sports news and team views

## TRACK



Kayla Webbe with family and coaches at her scholarship signing.

## Kayla Webbe signs to run for Palm Beach Atlantic

By JENNY ODOM  
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Wakulla High School senior Kayla Webbe signed a scholarship to run cross country with Palm Beach Atlantic University.

"This is my very first choice. I'm so happy," said Webbe about the opportunity.

"Go sailfish!" said Bobby Pearce, superintendent of schools, as he stood in the crowd that gathered in the War Eagle Cafe.

Mike Smith, WHS athletic director, said of Webbe, "First time I saw her I thought, 'Good grief, she's tall.' I didn't realize then that she was an athlete."

Track and cross country Coach Paul Hoover talked about the first day of cross country practice last year, when Webbe walked toward the crowd of girls.

"I was standing there with some of the runners, and one of them said, 'She looks like one of those Chile girls,'" Hoover said, referring to Webbe's height and long legs.

Originally from Coral Springs, Webbe transferred to WHS from Colquitt County

High School in Moultrie, Ga., the summer before her junior year.

"One of the few regrets I have," said Hoover, "is that I didn't have her all four years."

"The other regret is that you're gonna be so far away for me to have to drive to come see you run," he lamented.

"Marty and Maddie are much closer," referring to two of Webbe's teammates who recently signed scholarships at schools closer to Wakulla County.

Earlier in the season, Webbe had become sick with mononucleosis, which kept her out of competition throughout the beginning of the cross country season.

"I contacted coaches in Tallahassee, and asked around, and most said there was no way she'd be able to return. They told me to just write it off," Hoover said. "Only one coach had an athlete return to run after having mono."

"When she was able to return to practice, she had to rest a lot," Hoover said. "Although knowing her, she was probably sneaking home and doing workouts I didn't know

about."

But she started to improve, so Hoover scrambled to get her into the regional meet.

"She had a personal best coming off mono," Hoover said, explaining that she'd finished third on the team.

Hoover spoke about Webbe's impressive two year stint at WHS, her strong work ethic and her willingness to get a little silly, at times.

"I ask that you carry these three things with you when you go. I want you to take your work ethic and your great attitude," he said.

"And I want you to take Jonathan with you," he said as Webbe and her team burst into laughter.

Turns out Jonathan is a golden lizard, and part of an inside joke between Hoover and Webbe, an animal lover.

Each year Hoover gives out the Hoover Awards as a way to recognize individuals and their achievements.

He awarded Webbe with the "golden lizard" as a good luck charm, stemming from an apparent prank she'd played on the coach during the season.

## Knight, Cole, Martin and Webbe shine at Williams Invitational

By PAUL HOOVER  
WHS Track Coach

On Saturday, Feb. 22, Wakulla High School track athletes joined those of seven other teams at Rickards High School for the first annual Willie Williams Invitational Track Meet.

There were numerous excellent performances by local tracksters, but the teams were led, for the boys, by Corion Knight and Bryce Cole and Haleigh Martin and Kayla Webbe for the girls.

The field events kicked off the meet and set the stage for two great performances for Knight, who was competing in his first meet of the year after finishing basketball.

Going into the meet with a pre-season ranking of No. 2 in the state in class 2A in the high jump, he showed that the ranking was well deserved.

He battled Kendall Randolph from Lincoln High School throughout the competition, but finally cleared a state elite height of 6'6" to clinch the win.

While competing in the high jump, he also ran over to the long jump pit to compete. On his last jump, he leapt to a new personal best by almost two feet to win the competition with a jump of 22'01".

Later in the meet he also ran a leg on the 2nd place 4x100 meter relay team and anchored the 4x400 meter relay team to a 6th place finish.

In the middle distances, freshman Bryce Cole also had an outstanding day. He kicked the meet off with a win and new personal record (PR) of 4:50.70 in the 1600 meters (the metric equivalent of the mile) and followed with a 5th place finish in the 800 meters.

Freshman Haleigh Martin set the stage for the girls by taking control of the 1600 meters early in the race and going on to win in the excellent time and new PR of 5:40.50. About an hour later, she followed that up by running another PR of 2:34.42 in the 800 meters and placing second.

Senior and Palm Beach Atlantic signee Kayla Webbe also had an outstanding meet, beginning with a pivotal leg in the 4x800 meter relay which placed first and culminating with a dominating win in the 3200 meter run in 13:11.07.

Freshman Adrianna Mitchell also made her presence felt by placing 6th in the 100 meter dash in a new PR of 11.49, 3rd in the 200 meter dash, also in a new PR of 27.22 and 3rd in the long jump, with a leap of 15'10".

Other boys who contributed to the points scored by the local

team included J.P Piotrowski (3rd, 800 meters, 2:12), Alan Pearson (7th, 800 meter run, 2:16), Travis Parks (6th, 1600 meters, new PR of 5:13 & 3rd, 3200 meters, 11:49), Mitchell Atkinson (8th, 1600 meters, 5:20 & 5th, 3200 meters, 12:07), Nate Jackson (8th, Discus, 103'00") and Tyler Westcott (6th, 3200 meters, new PR of 13:43).

The boys 4x100 meter relay team (Malik Thomas, Demarcus Lindsey, Corion Knight, Kelton Donladson) stormed to a 2nd place finish in 44.20 seconds, the 4x200 relay team (Monterious Loggins, Justin Green, Tre Hester, Matt Bouyer) also placed second in 1:3.96 and the 4x400 meter relay team (Sebastian Garner, Alan Pearson, Matt Bouyer, Corion Knight) placed 6th in a season best time of 3:42.60.

Others contributing points for the girls team were Lydia Wiedeman (4th, 400 meters in a new PR of 1:03.80 & anchor for the 1st place 4x800 meter relay team, Chipola College signee Marty Wiedman (3rd, 1600, 6:09.31 & lead-off leg of 4x800 relay), Connie Lewis (5th, 1600 meters, new PR of 6:15.66 & 4x800 meter relay), Shaniece Johnson (6t, long jump, 14'02"), Shelby Alsop (4th, shotput, new PR of 30'03.5" & 7th, discus, 67'10"), Allison Carr (6th, shotput, new PR of 29'10") and Ashley Carr (7th, shotput, new PR of 29'01.5" & 5th discus, also a new PR of 77'05"). The girls also won the 4x800 meter relay (Marty Wiedeman, Kayla Webbe, Connie Lewis, Lydia Wiedeman) in the very solid time of 11:11.

Overall, the WHS girls collected another trophy for their collection by placing second over host Rickards High School by one point, 87 to 86 points, and the boys team placed 6th overall.

"Both of the teams turned in solid performances," said Coach Paul Hoover. "We continue to get consistent production out of our middle distance runners and Coach Gavin has done a great job with the jumpers and sprinters and the we are getting production out of our throwers, so our team balance is better than it has been for several years.

"It's early in the season," he said, "but there are a lot of positive things going on. The rest of the season should be fun."

The next competition for the local teams will be on Saturday, March 1, at the extremely competitive Jesse Forbes Meet held at Godby High School in Tallahassee, with the competition kicking off at 11 a.m.



Kayla Webbe with teammates and classmates at her signing.

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# Outdoors

outdoor sports and fishing reports

## Helping your fish survive helps you

By **AMANDA NALLEY**  
FWC Guest Columnist

Imagine for a minute you are out to sea, line wet, with about 150 feet of water separating boat from the bottom.

You feel a tug. Instinct kicks in and you want to yank up to set the hook, but you remember that doesn't work with circle hooks, a required gear when fishing for reef fish like snapper and grouper in all Gulf waters and in federal waters of the Atlantic south of 28 degrees north latitude.

So you gently start reeling it in, hoping nothing eats your catch before you can get it to the boat.

Alas, the fish surfaces, but it is too small to keep and it seems to be experiencing barotrauma, a condition that occurs when the gases in the

swim bladder expand after being brought to the surface from depth.

STOP! The choices you make from here on can greatly impact whether or not that fish you are about to release survives to be caught another day. Do you know what to do?

Post-release fish survival should be important to all anglers. The more fish that survive being caught and subsequently released, the more fish there will be in general. This can eventually mean extension of open seasons, increases in bag limits and more successful fishing trips.

While every situation is different, there are plenty of things you can do to help maximize the survival of fish you plan on releasing, from using wet hands when

touching a fish to holding your catch horizontally.

Matching your gear to the size fish you are targeting can help shorten the time it takes to get the fish to the boat, which can help a fish survive if released because it will be less exhausted.

If your fish is experiencing barotrauma, time is of the essence.

Barotrauma can potentially cause injury to the internal organs as they are pushed out of the body (signs of this include stomach protruding from mouth, intestines protruding from the anus, eyes bulging out and bloated belly).

There are two main types of tools currently used to help relieve the effects of barotrauma. Venting tools are hollow, sharpened devices (think a syringe with-

out the plunger) that can be used to release the expanded gases. Descending devices, which are used to send the fish back down to depth, also have promise.

Until recently, it has been required to have and use venting tools when fishing for reef fish in the Gulf, but this requirement was removed in federal waters last year and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission voted to remove the requirement in state waters last November. The rule change should go in effect around the end of the month.

The removal of this rule will give anglers the ability to choose the best method to maximize survival of released fish.

For example, on a hot summer day, using a descending device might be a better

option because you are quickly returning the fish to the cooler water at the bottom.

And while venting, when done correctly can help, not all fish need to be vented.

Both tools have advantages and disadvantages.

Hit a hot spot? It is possible to vent and release several fish in the same amount of time it would take to descend a single fish.

Then again, not everyone feels confident on when, where and how to vent. Going too deep or venting in the wrong place can cause more damage than good.

But you also need to know what you are doing when using a descending device.

If done incorrectly, the fish may come loose too soon. Descending devices also can require the dedication of a rod, which is used to bring the

descending device down and back up again.

While both devices can be homemade or purchased and while both are inexpensive, descending devices can cost, on average, slightly more than venting tools.

Both devices also come in various sizes, but venting tools tend to generally be smaller than descending devices and do not take up a lot of space in an already-crowded tackle box.

Either way, the choice is yours. So shop around, be sure to read the instructions thoroughly and, hopefully, take home a keeper or two.

For more on how to make sure your fish survives release, visit [MyFWC.com/Fishing](http://MyFWC.com/Fishing) and click on "Saltwater," "Recreational Regulations" and "Fish Handling."

## What's in store for manatees?

There were record losses for the endangered species last year

By **KATIE TRIPP**  
Save the Manatee Club

2013 went down in the manatee record books as the species' worst-ever year in Florida.

In total, 829 deaths were confirmed of an endangered species whose last known minimum count was 4,831 in January 2014.

That's 17 percent of the known population dead in a single year.

The previous record number of deaths, 766, was set in 2010 and regarded as an anomaly - a rare occurrence caused by extended cold temperatures, a level of mortality not thought likely to appear again anytime soon.

Until recently, we've been dealing with the usual suspects that threaten manatees: water control structures, entanglement in or ingestion of marine debris, and watercraft, with some cold stress, and mortality of very young calves mixed in.

Red tide often loomed offshore of southwest Florida as a potential

threat.

And on the rare occasion would be the manatee that had the privilege of dying of old age - a feat most in the population don't achieve due to the threats they face.

In the past few years, attention has been focused on bigger, more nefarious threats that no one knows how to remedy.

In the southwest, red tides are finding ample food when they blow inshore, and are persisting, killing large numbers of manatees and other marine life. For manatees, these blooms are no longer considered an unusual mortality event (UME), but an ongoing mortality event - a sign of the times.

On Florida's east coast, no one has a clue what in the environment killed 127 manatees, in an on-again, off-again UME, which is now on-again, already killing several manatees in 2014.

Manatees, often regarded as robust for their ability to survive

multiple watercraft strikes and continue to live on after losing flippers to entanglements, are no match for the strange cocktail of toxins that are plaguing their environment.

So what can we do? First, we need to keep on trying to protect manatees from the usual suspects. Human-related causes of mortality remain largely preventable.

In 2013, 85 fewer manatees would have died if we prevented human-related deaths.

Next, we all need to work more diligently to protect the flow of our groundwater and surface waters and prevent pollutants from entering waters.

One very easy thing to do is log on to [www.wewantcleanwater.com](http://www.wewantcleanwater.com) and sign a petition.

A coalition of Florida's environmental groups are working to send a loud and clear message to Tallahassee that we are long overdue to get serious about our state's water issues.

Finally, it's important to realize that the

next water quality crisis could be coming to your hometown.

If you haven't experienced such a crisis yet, count your blessings, then get on the phone to your city and county council, and your state senators and representatives, and find out what they're doing to ensure you never do.

So what can manatees expect in 2014? That's really up to you.

But one thing is for certain: they need our voices and our support now more than ever.

**For more information on manatees and to learn about the Club's Adopt-A-Manatee® program, go to [www.savethemanatee.org](http://www.savethemanatee.org) or call 1-800-432-JOIN (5646).**

*Katie Tripp has been Save the Manatee Club's Director of Science and Conservation since May of 2008. She received her Ph.D. in Veterinary Medical Sciences from the University of Florida, where she conducted research on manatee physiology.*

## FWC proposes red snapper season

Special to The News

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission proposed 2014 Gulf recreational red snapper season dates in state waters.

This proposed season will be brought back before the Commission for final approval at its April 15-17 meeting in Tallahassee.

The 2014 proposed season, if approved in April, would be 52 days long, starting the Saturday before Memorial Day (May 24 this year) and remaining open through July 14, closing July 15.

The Commission could choose to change the season length and dates at the April meeting.

Starting the season the Saturday before Memorial Day could increase recreational fishing opportunities for anglers by giving them the chance to fish for red snapper in state waters during the holiday weekend.

The federal season is scheduled to be 40 days long, starting June 1 and remaining open through July 10. This season is subject to change if NOAA Fisheries data indicate that the recreational red snapper quota will be caught before or after the end of the federal season.

State waters in the Gulf are from shore to 9 nautical miles. Federal waters extend from where state waters end out to about 200 nautical miles.

To learn more about this agenda item, visit [MyFWC.com/Commission](http://MyFWC.com/Commission) and click on "Commission Meetings." To learn more about recreational red snapper fishing in the Gulf of Mexico, visit [MyFWC.com/Fishing](http://MyFWC.com/Fishing) and click on "Saltwater," "Recreational Regulations" and "Gulf Snapper."

## Snook to reopen in Gulf state waters

Special to The News

The recreational harvest season for one of Florida's premier game fish, snook, reopens on March 1 in Florida's Gulf of Mexico state and adjacent federal waters, including Everglades National Park and Monroe County. The season will remain open through April 30.

In the Gulf, anglers may keep one snook per day that is not less than 28 or more than 33 inches total length, which is measured from the most forward point of the head with the mouth closed to the farthest tip of the tail with the tail compressed or squeezed while the fish is lying on its side. A snook permit is required to keep snook, along with a saltwater fishing license unless exempt from the license requirements. Only hook-and-line gear is allowed when targeting or harvesting snook.

It is illegal to buy or sell snook.

For more information visit [MyFWC.com/Fishing](http://MyFWC.com/Fishing) and click on "Saltwater," "Recreational Regulations" and "Snook."

## Pine Creek Landing boat ramp closed

Special to The News

The U.S.D.A. Forest Service has temporarily closed the Pine Creek Landing boat ramp on the Apalachicola National Forest.

People wishing to access the Ochlock-

onee River can still launch their boat at Whitehead Lake, Porter Lake, Mack Landing and Wood Lake boat ramps.

Pine Creek Landing is still open to foot traffic and bank fish-

ing, but the boat ramp currently poses a safety threat to potential users due to damage caused by the flowing river underneath the structure.

The Forest Service took immediate action

to ensure the ramp is closed until it can be repaired.

For more information, contact the U.S.D.A. Forest Service Wakulla Ranger District Office at (850) 926-3561.

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# Water Ways

Local writers share their experiences

a peek into life on and under the water



Duane Treadon receiving awards for Flotilla 12.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS



## Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

### The Academy Pond.

There is a 2.5 acre pond on the Tallahassee Community College's Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy property near Quincy that, from the surface, seems benign.

But underwater, this karst feature is anything but friendly.

I first encountered the pond a decade ago, at the invitation of Sgt. Ken McDonald, the Instructor for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's 40 hour Police Diving course.

He had recently joined our academic group at Florida State University pursuing a re-definition of police investigations underwater.

To get first-hand experience, he subjected us to the full FDLE underwater police course, including the Pond Experience.

I know divers enter the underwater world because they want to see the many marvels contained within, but seldom do criminals dump their crime in clear water.

Every window into our aquifer is a potential crime scene.

Our diving police are asked to enter snag-ridden, zero-visibility water as a normal environmental expectation.

The Academy Pond is just such a place, housing a plane, cars and a boat all strategically placed along a cave-divers' line trail leading through many snares and traps along the way.

Candidates are expected to not only swim the gauntlet but solve the crime.

In our case there was a body located in the boat at the end of the trail.

Dare I say, underwater crime scene investigators need nerves of steel to do their job!

Several of my faculty were cave divers, so we were familiar with no-visibility and entanglements.

As scientists we sought to investigate the anomalies reported - a sinking vessel, loud voices heard somewhere in the back of the pond late at night.

Many law enforcement in the past gallantly dragged on shore recovered artifacts and bodies from such conditions because it was felt nothing could be done with submerged evidence in a court of law.

Not true, we argued, fingerprints and dermal tissues samples can be extracted from evidence even taken from recovered submerged artifacts.

Sgt. McDonald agreed! Would you agree to an officer walking into a house, finding and pulling a body by the ankle and depositing it on the front lawn for the detectives to study?

Of course not, but that was an accepted protocol underwater.

Now fast forward a decade. I am discussing underwater courses to be offered at TCC and Florida A&M University in coming years and the Director of the Academy spoke of a problem they must soon resolve.

It seems they had a close call in the Academy Pond - someone got trapped in one of the obstructions and nearly drowned.

They now have plans to clean up the pond and return it to its karst origins.

I could not imagine how many hours and resources went into the construction of such a fine training facility, and the great loss it would represent because someone may have been lax in their safety protocols.

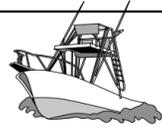
So we will collaborate between the Wakulla Environmental Institute and the Law Enforcement Academy (both under TCC) to save the Academy Pond, use it to continue training future underwater crime scene investigators and eventually create a similar facility right here in Wakulla County.

Going back to the future - again.



## Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



Saturday, Feb. 22, was the Winter Meeting for Division 1. Flotilla Commander Duane Treadon and member Carolyn Treadon traveled to Milton for the event.

Division 1 is one of three divisions within the 8th Coastal Region and currently has five active Flotillas. The meeting was held at the Milton Community Center.

Saturday morning was divided into several opportunities for training. Division Staff Officer for Member Training Lynn Mott held training on the life cycle for personal protective equipment such as life jackets.

Participants engaged in mock scenarios and tested their knowledge.

Division Staff Officer for Publications Ellena Rolland provided training for those involved in publications for the Auxiliary.

Our Operations Training Officer CWO3 James Todd from the DIRAUX office spoke on the process of material requests and the options available for the Division and Flotillas.

The whole group came together again for a final training on

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trailing and boat launching policies when we are going out for a safety patrol.

Following a great lunch provided by flotilla members, Division Commander Eric DeVuyst began the business meeting. We were joined by Commodore Larry King, Operations Training Officer CWO3 James Todd from DIRAUX, District Captain East Mo Davis, Division Vice Commander TJ Del Bello and Division 3 Commander Jeff Davis.

There is an initiative within the Auxiliary for divisions to work together to accomplish more for the promotion of recreational boating safety.

Throughout the meeting, Division Staff Officers and Flotilla Commanders discussed their progress. One common theme

was repeatedly addressed - recreational boating safety.

OTO Todd stressed to all in attendance that the mission of the Auxiliary is to support the Coast Guard in its mission - promoting recreational boating safety. All of our activities must focus on increasing awareness and promoting safety when out on the water.

Several ideas were discussed to offer more opportunities for the public.

The meeting concluded with several awards being presented. Four of the five flotillas in our Division (12, 14, 17 and 18) received their Silver Oar. This award signifies the flotilla has met the minimum goals in several program areas for the last year.

Flotilla 12 and 14 also received the Betty

A. Finnegan Growth Award for new membership.

A very special award was presented to Lynn Mott, DO-MT for her hard work in helping to organize the District meeting in February of last year. Commodore King presented the award.

Throughout the coming year, we will have many opportunities for the public to learn about safe boating.

This coming weekend we will have members staffing a booth at the Tallahassee Regional Boat Show happening at the North Florida Fairgrounds in Tallahassee.

Thank you to Duane Treadon for submitting photographs.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the Auxiliary, check out our website at [www.uscgaux.net](http://www.uscgaux.net) for membership information or contact our Flotilla Staff Officer for Human Resources at [fso-hr@uscgaux.net](mailto:fso-hr@uscgaux.net) or Flotilla Commander Duane Treadon at [FC@uscgaux.net](mailto:FC@uscgaux.net).

As Sherrie says, Safe Boating is no Accident - Safety should be your No. 1 priority!

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## Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

Feb. 27 - March 5

Tide charts by Zihua Software, LLC

Thursday	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:05 am	5:32 am
6:34 pm	5:03 pm
Brightness--16%	
Friday	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:04 am	6:18 am
6:35 pm	6:10 pm
Brightness--8%	
Saturday	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:03 am	7:01 am
6:36 pm	7:17 pm
Brightness--0%	
Sunday	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:02 am	7:42 am
6:36 pm	8:21 pm
Brightness--7%	
Monday	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:00 am	8:23 am
6:37 pm	9:24 pm
Brightness--15%	
Tuesday	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:59 am	9:04 am
6:38 pm	10:25 pm
Brightness--22%	
Wednesday	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:58 am	9:46 am
6:39 pm	11:24 pm
Brightness--29%	

St. Marks River Entrance		City of St. Marks		Shell Point, Spring Creek					
Date	High	Low	High	Low	Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu Feb 27, 14	3.4 ft.	-0.9 ft.	3.3 ft.	0.5 ft.	Thu Feb 27, 14	3.1 ft.	-0.8 ft.	3.1 ft.	0.5 ft.
Fri Feb 28, 14	3.6 ft.	-0.8 ft.	3.4 ft.	0.2 ft.	Fri Feb 28, 14	3.3 ft.	-0.7 ft.	3.2 ft.	0.1 ft.
Sat Mar 1, 14	3.6 ft.	-0.6 ft.	3.5 ft.	-0.1 ft.	Sat Mar 1, 14	3.4 ft.	-0.6 ft.	3.3 ft.	-0.1 ft.
Sun Mar 2, 14	3.6 ft.	-0.3 ft.	3.6 ft.	-0.3 ft.	Sun Mar 2, 14	3.3 ft.	-0.3 ft.	3.3 ft.	-0.3 ft.
Mon Mar 3, 14	3.4 ft.	0.0 ft.	3.6 ft.	-0.4 ft.	Mon Mar 3, 14	3.08 AM	9:48 AM	3.26 PM	10:10 PM
Tue Mar 4, 14	3.17 AM	9:15 AM	3:18 PM	9:48 PM	Tue Mar 4, 14	3:01 AM	8:54 AM	3:02 PM	9:27 PM
Wed Mar 5, 14	3.1 ft.	0.4 ft.	3.5 ft.	-0.3 ft.	Wed Mar 5, 14	2.9 ft.	0.4 ft.	3.2 ft.	-0.3 ft.
Thu Feb 27, 14	12:02 AM	6:48 AM	1:12 PM	6:53 PM	Thu Feb 27, 14	4:36 AM	10:47 AM	4:20 PM	11:34 PM
Fri Feb 28, 14	12:57 AM	7:31 AM	1:47 PM	7:40 PM	Fri Feb 28, 14	2.6 ft.	0.7 ft.	3.1 ft.	
Sat Mar 1, 14	1:46 AM	8:09 AM	2:20 PM	8:24 PM	Sat Mar 1, 14	5:20 AM	11:14 AM	4:45 PM	
Sun Mar 2, 14	2:32 AM	8:44 AM	2:50 PM	9:06 PM	Sun Mar 2, 14	2.6 ft.	0.0 ft.	3.3 ft.	-0.3 ft.
Mon Mar 3, 14	3.2 AM	9:15 AM	3:18 PM	9:48 PM	Mon Mar 3, 14	2.6 AM	8:23 AM	2:34 PM	8:45 PM
Tue Mar 4, 14	4:00 AM	9:43 AM	3:44 PM	10:30 PM	Tue Mar 4, 14	2.6 AM	8:54 AM	3:02 PM	9:27 PM
Wed Mar 5, 14	4:44 AM	10:10 AM	4:09 PM	11:16 PM	Wed Mar 5, 14	2.4 ft.	0.4 ft.	3.2 ft.	-0.3 ft.

Thursday	
Major Times	Minor Times
11:15 am-1:15 pm	5:31 am-6:31 am
11:43 pm-1:43 am	5:02 pm-6:02 pm
Best	
Friday	
Major Times	Minor Times
12:11 pm-2:11 pm	6:16 am-7:16 am
	6:09 pm-7:09 pm
Best	
Saturday	
Major Times	Minor Times
12:39 am-2:39 am	7:00 am-8:00 am
1:06 pm-3:06 pm	7:16 pm-8:16 pm
Best	
Sunday	
Major Times	Minor Times
1:33 am-3:32 am	7:41 am-8:41 am
1:55 pm-3:55 pm	8:20 pm-9:20 pm
Best	
Monday	
Major Times	Minor Times
2:25 am-4:25 am	8:22 am-9:22 am
2:51 pm-4:51 pm	9:24 pm-10:24 pm
Good	
Tuesday	
Major Times	Minor Times
3:17 am-5:17 am	9:03 am-10:03 am
3:42 pm-5:42 pm	10:24 pm-11:24 pm
Average	
Wednesday	
Major Times	Minor Times
4:08 am-6:08 am	9:46 am-10:46 am
4:33 pm-6:33 pm	11:25 pm-12:23 am
Average	

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay		St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.		Dog Island West End					
Date	High	Low	High	Low	Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu Feb 27, 14		-0.6 ft.	2.5 ft.	0.4 ft.	Thu Feb 27, 14		-0.9 ft.	2.6 ft.	0.5 ft.
Fri Feb 28, 14	2.7 ft.	-0.6 ft.	2.6 ft.	0.1 ft.	Fri Feb 28, 14	2.5 ft.	-0.3 ft.	2.0 ft.	0.7 ft.
Sat Mar 1, 14	2.7 ft.	-0.4 ft.	2.6 ft.	-0.1 ft.	Sat Mar 1, 14	2.5 ft.	-0.1 ft.	2.0 ft.	0.4 ft.
Sun Mar 2, 14	2.5 ft.	0.0 ft.	2.7 ft.	-0.2 ft.	Sun Mar 2, 14	2.5 ft.	0.1 ft.	2.3 PM	0.2 ft.
Mon Mar 3, 14	2.4 AM	8:55 AM	2:42 PM	9:17 PM	Mon Mar 3, 14	2.17 AM	8:17 AM	2:52 PM	8:23 PM
Tue Mar 4, 14	2.5 ft.	0.0 ft.	2.7 ft.	-0.3 ft.	Tue Mar 4, 14	2.3 ft.	0.4 ft.	2.2 ft.	0.1 ft.
Wed Mar 5, 14	3:09 AM	9:26 AM	3:10 PM	9:59 PM	Wed Mar 5, 14	3:12 AM	8:46 AM	3:12 PM	9:09 PM
Thu Feb 27, 14		-0.6 ft.	2.5 ft.	0.4 ft.	Thu Feb 27, 14	2.2 ft.	0.6 ft.	2.3 ft.	0.0 ft.
Fri Feb 28, 14	2.7 ft.	-0.6 ft.	2.6 ft.	0.1 ft.	Fri Feb 28, 14	4:07 AM	9:12 AM	3:34 PM	9:57 PM
Sat Mar 1, 14	2.7 ft.	-0.4 ft.	2.6 ft.	-0.1 ft.	Sat Mar 1, 14	2.2 ft.	0.8 ft.	2.4 ft.	0.0 ft.
Sun Mar 2, 14	2.5 ft.	0.0 ft.	2.7 ft.	-0.2 ft.	Sun Mar 2, 14	5:06 AM	9:37 AM	4:01 PM	10:52 PM
Mon Mar 3, 14	2.4 AM	8:55 AM	2:42 PM	9:17 PM	Mon Mar 3, 14	2.6 AM	8:23 AM	2:34 PM	8:45 PM
Tue Mar 4, 14	2.5 ft.	0.0 ft.	2.7 ft.	-0.3 ft.	Tue Mar 4, 14	2.6 AM	8:54 AM	3:02 PM	9:27 PM
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# Law Enforcement and Courts reports

## Sheriff's Report

On Sunday, Feb. 16, Wal-Mart Asset Protection staff reported a grand theft. Deputy Scott Powell observed a suspect in a retail theft case running south from the front of the store. Off-duty Tallahassee Police Department Officer Travis Hartsfield also saw Deputy Powell chasing a suspect and helped secure the man.

A pipe used for smoking methamphetamine was allegedly discovered on the suspect and \$313 worth of merchandise was recovered in the parking lot including clothing, electronics and a Blue Ray player.

Shawn D. Kimmel, 34, of Boulder, Colo., and a member of the Rainbow Tribe was arrested and charged with retail theft, resisting an officer without violence and possession of narcotics equipment. Deputy Jeff Yarbrough also investigated.

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

### THURSDAY, FEB. 13

- John Graham of Panacea reported a credit card offense. The victim discovered unauthorized charges on his bank card. The charges were created over the Internet and totaled \$1,345. Deputy Scott Rojas investigated.

- Melissa Trice of Crawfordville reported the theft of a trash barrel. The victim put her Waste Pro trash barrel out for collection and when she returned it was missing. The barrel is valued at \$100. Deputy Will Hudson investigated.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 14

- A 14-year-old Wakulla Middle School student reported her cell phone as missing. Deputy Evelyn Brown determined two possible locations for the phone but it was not located. It is valued at \$100.

- Helen Vaughn of Panacea reported the theft of a utility trailer tag. The tag was entered into the NCIC/FCIC data base as stolen. The tag is valued at \$36. Lt. Jimmy Sessor investigated.

- Raymond Hines of Crawfordville reported a structure fire. Deputy Stephen Simmons arrived on scene to

observe smoke coming from the front and rear doors. Wakulla Firefighters also arrived on the scene.

The victim's wife put food on the stove and left the residence for a short period of time. The kitchen was on fire when she returned. The flames damaged the kitchen and there was significant smoke and water damage to other parts of the home.

The fire was ruled accidental and damage was estimated at more than \$10,000. Sgt. Ryan Muse also investigated.

- Deputy Gibby Gibson was called out on a welfare check and spoke to a 21-year-old mother of a 1-year-old child. Deputy Gibson was granted permission to check on the child and when he did he observed marijuana in plain view.

The mother was issued a notice to appear in court for possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana. Her marijuana weighed 1.9 grams. The incident was reported to the Department of Children of Families due to the presence of drugs around the child.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 15

- Cora Hines of Sopchoppy reported the theft of motor vehicle keys from a vehicle at the Express Lane in Sopchoppy. It has not been determined who removed the keys from the vehicle. The vehicle was removed from the scene by a family member of the victim.

Deputy Stephen Simmons and Sgt. Ryan Muse investigated. During the investigation it was determined that Gillis Lee White, 53, of Sopchoppy entered the Express Lane despite having an active trespass warning at the location. He was transported to the Wakulla County Jail. Sgt. Ryan Muse investigated.

- Sgt. Ryan Muse conducted a traffic stop on Highway 363 due to a vehicle tag expiration date not matching the tag sticker.

During the investigation, the passenger in the vehicle allegedly would not follow the commands of Sgt. Muse. The passenger reportedly attempted to leave the vehicle

and had to be brought back to the vehicle by Sgt. Muse.

Aaron Michael Wiggins, 19, of Crawfordville was found to be in possession of beer. Wiggins was charged with possession of alcohol by a person under 21 years of age and disorderly intoxication.

- Patricia Carmichael of Crawfordville reported a grand theft. The victim reported the theft of items from her rental property. The stolen property included electronics, DVDs, propane gas, doors, furniture, silverware, tools and more. The property is valued at \$930. Suspects have been identified. Deputy Billy Metcalf investigated.

- Hellen Forehand of Tallahassee reported the theft of property from a relative's home in Crawfordville. A generator and sword, valued at \$250, were removed from a shed. A person of interest was identified. Sgt. Danny Harrell and Deputy Jeff Yarbrough investigated.

- Deputy Stephen Simmons conducted a traffic stop on Coastal Highway in Medart due to faulty equipment. Deputy Simmons reportedly smelled the strong odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle.

Sherril Devaston Tomes, 64, of Pinetta, allegedly handed over a marijuana cigarette. The marijuana weighed .3 of a gram. He was issued a notice to appear in court. Detective Clint Beam also investigated.

### SUNDAY, FEB. 16

- Irene Largent of Crawfordville reported a fraud. The victim reported an unauthorized withdrawal from her bank account. A Western Union transaction to Washington State for \$145 was observed on the account. Deputy Billy Metcalf investigated.

- Wal-Mart Asset Protection staff reported the theft of a KaZoo Stylus, valued at \$15.

The suspect, Robert Sean Vierkadt, 28, of Dothan, Ala., and the Florida Rainbow Tribe, was arrested for retail theft after being observed passing the last point of sale. Deputies Jeff Yarbrough and Scott Powell investigated.

- Cynthia Goodwin

of Crawfordville reported a brush fire. The victim was attempting to burn cardboard boxes when the fire spread to a field adjacent to her home. The fire burned approximately 400 square feet of grass. There was no damage to a trailer or the residence. Wakulla Firefighters put out the blaze. Deputy Gibby Gibson investigated.

- John Harvey of Crawfordville reported a vehicle fire. Deputy Gibby Gibson arrived on scene and observed a male subject attempting to put out a fire in the engine compartment with water. Deputy Gibson extinguished the blaze with his agency fire extinguisher.

Wakulla Firefighters also arrived on scene and put out a fire under the vehicle.

The victim had reportedly poured gasoline in the carburetor in an effort to start the vehicle and it caught fire. The vehicle suffered approximately \$1,500 worth of damage.

- Melvin Harrell of Crawfordville reported a credit card offense. The victim observed an unauthorized charge on his bank account. The charge was a \$100 ATM withdrawal. Later, the victim notified Deputy Gibby Gibson that the withdrawal was a bank error and had been corrected.

- Robin Mispel of Crawfordville reported a burglary and theft. The victim noted the theft of a boat motor from his home. It was determined that someone also removed gasoline from the victim's vehicle. The loss of the gasoline and boat motor together was estimated at \$125. Sgt. Danny Harrell investigated.

### MONDAY, FEB. 17

- Darrell Land of Crawfordville and Splash and Dash Car Wash reported a felony criminal mischief. The victim discovered parts of his car wash damaged.

Some of the cleaning equipment caught on a vehicle rope inside the back of the vehicle as it was using the car wash. The motorist rapidly accelerated with the equipment stuck on the rope and damaged the cleaning machinery. Evidence was collected at the scene. Damage was estimated at

\$3,000. Deputy Alan Middlebrooks investigated.

- Valerie Cathrine Bradford, 31, of Panacea was charged with disorderly conduct. A concerned citizen called law enforcement and stated that Bradford was cursing and being vulgar in public on Tully Avenue. Bradford reportedly cursed investigating deputies when they arrived and allegedly refused to calm down. Deputy Will Hudson and Deputy Adam Pendris investigated.

- Joey Hodges of Crawfordville reported the theft of a bicycle from his Crawfordville business. The bike was located behind Renegades of the Gulf Vape Shop and was valued at \$35. Deputy Anthony Paul investigated.

### TUESDAY, FEB. 18

- A 17-year-old Wakulla High School student was issued a notice to appear in court after Assistant Principal Simeon Nelson received information about drugs on campus.

A smoking pipe was allegedly found in the student's book bag and the student will be required to appear in court for possession of drug paraphernalia. Deputy Scott Rojas investigated.

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19

- James Card of Crawfordville reported the theft of a vehicle decal. Someone attempted to pull the decal off the tag while the victim was at Wal-Mart. Part of the decal remained on the tag. Sgt. Ray Johnson investigated.

- Betty Johnson of Panacea reported finding an abandoned bicycle while walking in her community. The bicycle belongs to a child and is valued at \$100. The bike was turned in to the Property and Evidence Division. Deputy Mike Zimba investigated.

- Sherry Waites of Crawfordville reported a fraud. The victim reported that someone used her Social Security number to apply for unemployment benefits. The victim filed a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission. Sgt. Ray Johnson recommended she contact the three credit bureaus to see if any other fraud activity has occurred.

- Norman Barwick of Panacea reported the theft of gasoline and two gas cans from his boat. The gas cans and gasoline taken has been valued at \$110. A person of interest was identified. Deputy Mike Zimba investigated.

- Billy Whitfield of Crawfordville reported

a credit card offense. An unauthorized charge was observed on the victim's bank account. The charge was valued at \$180 from an establishment in San Benito, Texas. Sgt. Ray Johnson investigated.

- A 17-year-old Wakulla High School student received a civil citation after WHS Dean Susan Tillman received information that he possessed drugs.

A marijuana pipe and partially burned marijuana cigarette were allegedly found in the student's pocket. The civil citation was issued for possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. The marijuana weighed .1 of a gram. Deputy Scott Rojas investigated.

- Shelbi Davis of Crawfordville reported a fraud. The victim reported that someone was using her Social Security number. The victim also reported the incident to the Social Security office. Deputy Gibby Gibson investigated.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 20

- William Smith of Ben Withers Construction in Panacea reported a business burglary. The victim observed storage sheds that were open and \$10,775 worth of tools missing. A forced entry was observed. Deputy Mike Zimba, Lt. Brent Sanders and Detective Clint Beam investigated.

- Clifton Bass of Crawfordville reported a vehicle burglary. A firearm and holster were removed from the vehicle. The vehicle was left uncured and the stolen property is valued at \$400. The firearm was entered in the NCIC/FCIC data base as stolen. Deputy Scott Powell and Detective Derek Lawhon investigated.

- Tammy Hornbaker of Crawfordville reported the theft of mail from her mailbox. The victim contacted the Crawfordville Post office. Sgt. Danny Harrell investigated.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office received 1,067 calls for service during the past week including 13 business and residential alarms; 12 assists to other agencies; 62 citizen contacts; 18 E-911 abandoned cells calls; seven E-911 abandoned calls; 21 E-911 calls; 40 investigations; 41 medical emergencies; 29 school security checks; 375 business and residential security checks; 12 sex offender address verification checks; 28 special details; 14 suspicious vehicles; 51 traffic enforcements; 107 traffic stops; and 20 wanted people.

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# The versatile longleaf pine lost its prominence



Natural Wakulla  
By Les Harrison

Being versatile has many advantages. The entity with this trait has an adaptable existence where one purpose supersedes another and there are competing demands for its goods, services or products.

There can be, however, too much of any good thing including the excessive demands of the marketplace. This extreme condition has the potential to raise prices and exhaust a resource.

This is the story of Florida's longleaf pine (*Pinus palustris*), sometimes known as a pitch pine or the turpentine pine. The native of Wakulla County and the Big Bend region grew wild for eons before the rapid population expansion of the 19th century.

When Florida became a state in 1845 the longleaf pine was already known for its useful properties. When sawed it provided a dense, high grade lumber with excellent

properties for framing and flooring.

Its durable qualities and honey color made it a popular and frequently requested building material. Resistance to insects, especially termites, assured its place in many construction projects which were expected to last for decades if not centuries.

Florida's position as a cargo transportation hub also placed demands on the species. The longleaf pine produced strategically important naval stores, turpentine and resins.

Both products were critically important assets for ship building and repair. Wooden sailing vessels of the day were the quickest and most efficient method for reaching distant markets with raw and manufactured goods.

The agriculture based economy of Florida's Big Bend region was especially dependent upon shipping from the Port of Apalachicola, once a major point of departure. Cotton, the top cash



Long leaf pine have an appearance distinct and different from other pines found in Wakulla County.

construction methods and the development of synthetic preservatives reduced needs further.

The advent of tree farming did not return longleaf pines to their former prominence. Faster growing loblolly and slash pines replaced the much slower growing longleaf pines.

With research there has been a recognition of the environmental importance of longleaf pine forest. Gopher tortoises and red cockaded woodpeckers are especially dependent on the surroundings created by these trees which may reach 100 feet in height.

Federal and state authorities have established programs to encourage the planting of these trees. Land managers can currently access seedling for mass planting from several sources in North Florida.

To learn more about the long leaf pine in Wakulla County, visit your UF/IFAS Wakulla County Extension Office at 84 Cedar Avenue in Crawfordville.

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crop and foreign trade commodity, shipped to American and English textile mills.

Turpentine was used as the basis for many wood preserving treatments which resisted the harsh environment created by seawater, extreme exposure to the sun and other elements. Without this protective barrier, ships

deteriorated quicker and were less profitable.

The resins or pitch were a component for sealing areas between planks and timbers. Materials which were composed of natural fibers were pounded between the board constructing the ships' hull, and the resins were used to extend the

life of the caulking fibers. Initially considered an endless resource, time and demand took its toll on the thousands of longleaf pine acres. By the turn of the 20th Century, the longleaf pine numbers had been severely reduced.

As shipping technology and methods advanced, the demand for turpentine was reduced. Changes in

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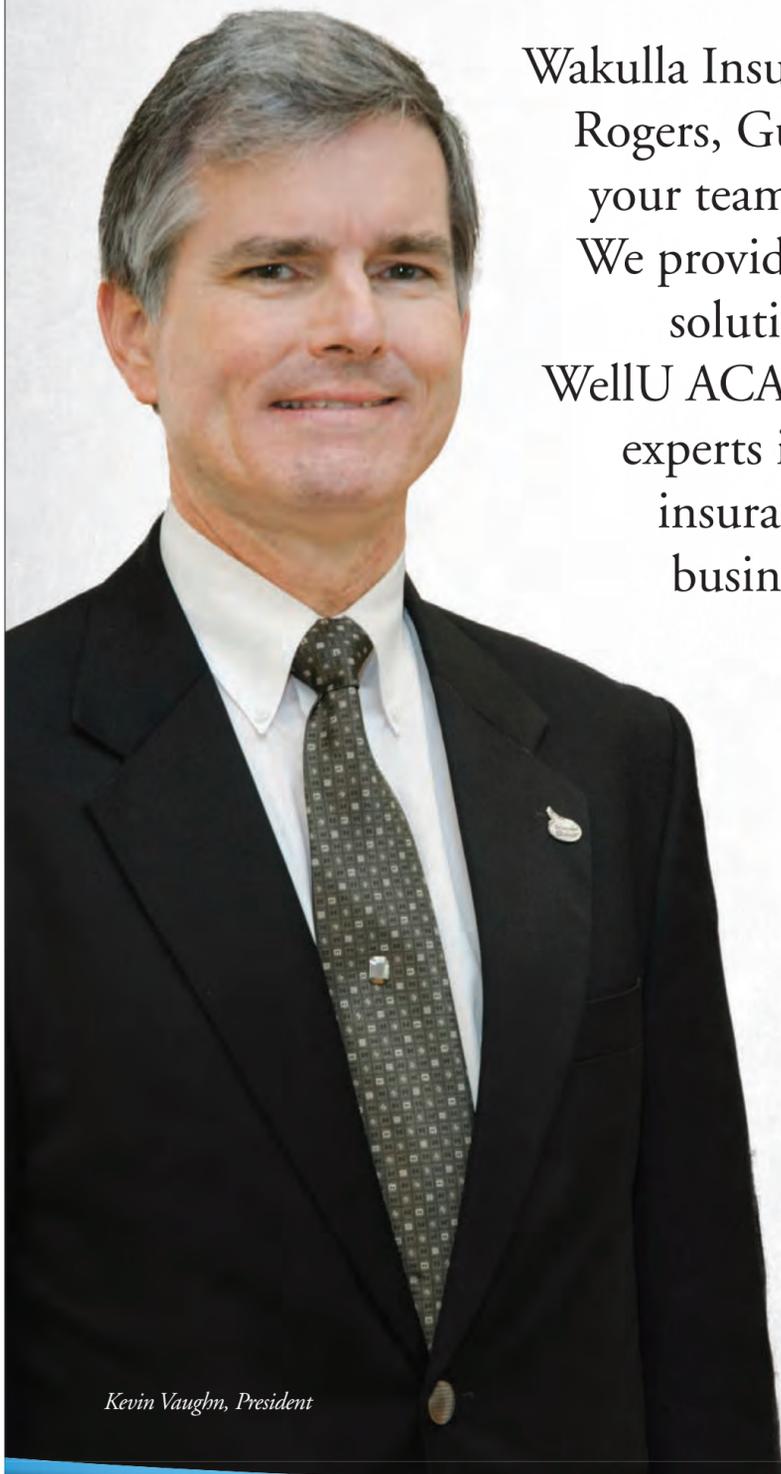


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# Wakulla County Senior Citizens Celebrate Life

## Honoring the memory of Tessie Miller



**THE MAGIC OF AGING**



By **T.W. MAURICE LANGSTON**  
Senior Center Director

One of the most difficult areas of being Director of the Wakulla Senior Citizens Council is to come in on Monday morning and learn of the passing of one of our senior citizens who was an employee, a volunteer, and finally, a home delivered and congregated meal client.

But for most team members, she was more than that – she was our friend. I want to honor Ms. Tessie's life.

This past weekend while at home, I was informed that Ms. Tessie Miller passed away.

Ms. Tessie would greet me on her arrival with a hug and would always say, "Hey baby, you are a good man and I'm just an old woman."

She would hug me and it wasn't a lean-into type of hug, it wasn't an approach from the side and an arm wrap around the back and connection at the hip – Ms. Tessie hugged me like my mama hugged me: she pulled me and did so with other of the team members here at the center. She held us close and compassionately and lovingly hugged us and gave us words of encouragement.

At one time, Ms. Tessie worked for the center in the kitchen and prepared food and packed lunches and prepared meals for deliveries and cleaned the kitchen surfaces as needed. She loved children and cared for children in our Before-and-After School

program. Of late, she would come into my office and sit a spell wanting to know if there was any work for her to do now. I would take her in to Ms. Vicki McKenzie's office and ask if there was anything Ms. Tessie could do as she was in a mind to work here at the center.

We have a purple dusting wand and Ms. Tessie would go to dusting everything in sight: slowly, methodically, and deliberately she cleaned as if it were her own home.

Once finished with the cycle of dusting and cleaning, she quietly returned to her place of beginning and repeated the process. She worked until lunch, then proceeded to the dining room and was served a hot, nutritious meal. She believed in earning her way her whole life.

Ms. Tessie's health was deteriorating and I could see it over the period of the past year. She was in and out of the hospital and the nursing home. I visited her and took her a flower and a hat (she loved hats and the ladies here at the center got her a brand new one).

Her mind had been slipping as Alzheimer's was beginning to advance and she began gradually slipping away during the course of the last year. Her family was always there and by her side and while it wasn't easy for them, they

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PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

The 'Senior Class Reunion Party' at the Senior Center.

## January was cold, but seniors were busy with activities at the Senior Center

By **SHERYL SMYTHE**  
Of the Senior Center

This January has been very cold, but our Seniors have stayed warm in the center with great food, activities and fun events.

We had a "Senior Class Reunion" Party, crowned our Queen, and announced our Volunteer of the year. We had a lot of fun in our daily routine here at the center.

Our Volunteer of the Year for 2014 is Harriet Rich, President of Advisory Council for the Area Agency on Aging for North Florida Inc. She is also a dancer with Wakulla Wigglers Dance Group. She volunteers her time serving meals at the various banquets held at the center and to our senior citizens at lunch time. She teaches a line dancing class on Monday and Wednesday. She is a talented watercolor artist and is always involved in all of the activities here at the center.

She is a wonderful volunteer always willing to help out with any need here at the Center with a beautiful smile. We appreciate her so much!

Juanita Jester was crowned our Queen for 2014 by last year's queen Agatha Williams. She is very excited to participate in all of the local parades and the many events where the senior center is represented.

Juanita has been coming to the center for years and can be found here just about every day having lunch and enjoying all the activities. She is a beautiful person inside and out and is a wonderful queen for the Senior Center.

The Senior Center holds many fundraisers to bring in extra funds to support the needs of our Senior Citizens. One of the fundraisers was a raffle for 24 karat gold-plated Wakulla Winchester model 94AE .45-caliber, Long Colt rifle.

The rifle was donated by



Senior Center Director Maurice Langston with 2014 Queen Juanita Jester and Volunteer of the Year Harriet Rich and her husband.

Steve Brown. He and his wife are very loyal supporters of the Senior Center. The winner of the raffle was Mike Eakin, congratulations!

The Senior Center made \$5,400 to help with our Meals on Wheels program, this fundraiser was such a wonderful success. Thanks to everyone involved.

We had lots of arts and craft classes but one sticks out because we were able to get a well known artist, Nancy Jefferson of the LeMoyn Center of Visual Arts, to teach a pottery class inspiring great pieces of art made by many of our seniors. We sure appreciate each time she volunteers and teaches a class here at the Center.

We are looking forward to February here at the Senior Center and have lots of heartfelt events lined up for the month of Valentines. Please come and join us.

Activities happening now in February are:

- Income Tax preparation by AARP volunteers every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please note that they will be coming thru April 15.

- FSU Nursing Students will be here to check blood pressures on the second and third Wednesday of the month from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

- We will hold a Drumming Circle on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 10:30 a.m. with Kent Hutchinson. We hope to see you there!

Senior Center wish list is dog and cat food, silk flowers, wide wire ribbon. Thank you in advance if you can help supply these needs to the Senior Center.

Please come and visit our center. We are open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. We serve lunch daily at noon but you can always come earlier and enjoy our activities.

Our food pantry supplied by Farm Share and Second Harvest is open for pick up on Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

If you are a senior who is 60 or older and are home bound and would like to make an appointment with our Meals on Wheels program, you may call Pat or Angel at 926-7145 ext 223.

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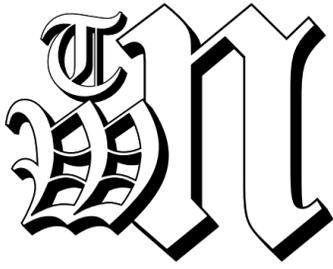
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## Special Events

### Thursday, Feb. 27

- WAKULLA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY will host "Patrick Smith's Florida is a Land Remembered" at 7 p.m. at Crawfordville United Methodist Church, 176 Ochlockonee St. The presentation will be made by Rick Smith (in photo above), son of the author, Patrick D. Smith. Tickets are \$10 donation and can be purchased at [www.shop.wakullahistory.com](http://www.shop.wakullahistory.com) or by calling Carolyn W. Harvey at 524-5334.
- BIG BEND HOSPICE HOMETOWN GETDOWN will be held at The Hudson House, from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. \$15 per person. Live Music by Deja Blu, Bonfires, Food and fashion show. Call Pam Allbritton at 926-9308 for more information.
- TIP A COP FUNDRAISER to benefit Wakulla Special Olympics, will be held from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Beef O'Brady's, Crawfordville.

### Friday, Feb. 28

- NAMI WAKULLA will host a spaghetti dinner and silent auction at 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Wakulla Women's Club, 64 Ochlockonee St. (Take-out available.) Featuring Spaghetti, salad, bread and desserts. \$8 adults and \$4 for children. Early bird tickets call 926-1033.



### Government Meetings

#### Monday, March 3

- WAKULLA COUNTY COMMISSION will hold its regular meeting at 6 p.m.
- TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL will hold a public meeting at 8:30 a.m. at the Wakulla Welcome Center. This is a planning session for the TDC Administrative committee.

#### Thursday, March 6

- WAKULLA COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION will hold a Public Meeting on at 5:30 p.m., at the Wakulla County Public Library.

#### Monday, March 10

- WAKULLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. at the commission chambers regarding an application for Shell Point Preliminary Plat.
- WAKULLA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD Meeting will be held at 5:45 p.m., School Board Room, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville.
- CITY OF SOPCHOPPY will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, regarding an amendment to its Land Development Code.

#### Thursday, March 13

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

## Clubs, Groups, Regular Meetings

### Thursday, Feb. 27

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 6 p.m. at the 26 Walker Street, Panacea. For more information call 524-9103.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 8 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadeville Highway. Call 544-0719 for more information.
- 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. 28

- 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

• "GIRLS NITE OUT," a fundraiser for Wakulla's 2014 Relay for Life Campaign will be held from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Body Tek 24 Hour Fitness, 56 Rainbow Dr. The public is invited to attend an evening of wine, cheese, pampering and information from local providers of services for health and well-being of women.

### Saturday, March 1

• APALACHICOLA NATIONAL FOREST CLEANUP. Starts at 8 a.m. Volunteers should meet at Forest Road 13 - Dip Pond. Immediately following the cleanup there will be a volunteer luncheon hosted by KWCB for all participants at Hickory Park, behind Sonic. Contact JoAnn Palmer at 745-7111 or [helpkwcb@gmail.com](mailto:helpkwcb@gmail.com) for information.

### Thursday, March 6

• WHS Dramatis Personae will hold their spring production, "The Clumsy Custard Horror Show & Ice Cream Clone Review," at WHS Auditorium. Evening performances will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., with a Sunday Matinee at 2:30 p.m. Doors open thirty minutes prior to curtain where tickets can be purchased. The cost for students is \$4, Senior Citizens \$5, and for Adults \$6. Refreshments will be sold at intermission.

### Upcoming Events

### Saturday, March 8

• JESUS RIVER FESTIVAL a celebration of Christian music and fellowship, will be held at Myron B. Hodge City Park from noon - dark. For more information call 962-4132 or go to [jesusriverfest.weebly.com](http://jesusriverfest.weebly.com)

• 8th Annual Mardi Gras Ball at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Catholic Church, 3609 Coastal Highway will be held 7 p.m. - midnight. Tickets are \$20 per person, dinner included. Costumes are encouraged. Tickets can be purchased by calling 926-9750. Babysitting may be available. Call for details.

### Saturday, March 22

• HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY starts at 9 a.m. Wakulla County Public Works, ESG Operations, Inc., 340 Trice Lane, Crawfordville.

• FARM SHARE will distribute free food to residents of Wakulla County at Harvest Fellowship Church, 824 Shadeville Rd from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call 284-4637 or email [Dawn@farmshare.org](mailto:Dawn@farmshare.org) for more information. There will be several organizations providing health screenings and giving away other information.

### Saturday, March 29

• LIFEWALK 2014, sponsored by The Wakulla Pregnancy Center, will begin at 9 a.m. at Wakulla Station Trailhead Park. For more information, call Angie Holschouser at 241-6797.

### Saturday, April 5

• 4TH ANNUAL LOW COUNTRY BOIL, a fundraiser for the Wakulla County Chamber, will be held at the 3Y Ranch, [www.3yranch.com](http://www.3yranch.com), from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. Live music by Locomotive, food, dancing. \$40 per person. Tickets available by calling 926-1848.

## Library News...



By SCOTT JOYNER  
Library Director

While making some room on our DVD shelves behind the front desk last week, it was discovered that over 70 DVD's that cost us over \$1000 are more than 90 days overdue. (See photo below.) This includes recently released DVD's for which there is high demand. While we all at WCPL know that public libraries have to expect some overdues and lost items, the sheer amount of materials missing from our collection is beginning to become overwhelming. Patrons with overdue items can put them in our drop box outside and we can work with you on the fines later. To replace all the items which we consider long overdue would cost over \$90,000. That's 3 YEARS of our books and materials budget. If you have any of our items laying around your house to please bring them back so everyone gets the same enjoyment out of what we try to provide as you do.

**Unshelved comes to WCPL**  
Gene Ambaum and Bill Barnes, the folks behind the Unshelved

comic strip will be doing a program here as part of our annual staff day on Monday, March 3 at 10 a.m. Unshelved is a strip based in a library which is always good for a daily laugh. WCPL won a hand drawn strip based upon a story we submitted last spring at the Florida Libraries Association conference and we along with the Panhandle Libraries Access Network, and Wilderness Coast Public Libraries used that as a spring board to bring the guys across the country to our neck of the woods. This high energy humorous program is free and open to the public so we encourage anyone who enjoys a good laugh to come by and see these talented fellows.

### Remember our programs at Community Center

Our March cycle of Community Center programs start Thursday March 6 we will be holding our K-2 programs at the One Stop Community Center the 1st Thursday of the month at 4. 3rd-5th grade programs will be on the second Thursday, and the middle school program will be the 3rd Thursday, all at 4:00. 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](mailto:reporter@thewakullanews.net)

**Big Bend Hospice Hometown Getdown**

**The Hudson House**  
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

**Thursday**

**Girls Nite Out Fundraiser**

**Body Tek 24 Hr Fitness**  
4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**Friday**

**KWCB's National Forest Cleanup**

**Meet at Forest Road**  
13 at 8 a.m.

**Saturday**

**Wakulla County Commission**

**Meeting begins at 6 p.m. in boardroom.**

**Monday**

at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. Call 545-1853 for more information.

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 8 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadeville Highway. Call 544-0719 for more information.
- BOOK CLUB meets at the public library from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS meets at St. Teresa's Episcopal Church in Medart from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- PICKIN' 'N' GRINNIN' JAM SESSION will be held at the senior center from 10 a.m. to noon. (Also on Tuesdays)
- WAKULLA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 24 High Drive, Crawfordville.
- QUILTERS GUILD OF WAKULLA COUNTY will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the library. Join them for the fun of quilting. Quilters of all skill levels are invited. Call 926-1437 with any questions.

### Saturday, March 1

- LUPUS SUPPORT NETWORK meets every second Saturday from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the B.L. Perry Library located at 2817 South Adams in Tallahassee. This group provides information, education and mutual support for people with lupus and related autoimmune diseases.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 5:30 p.m. at Mission by the Sea Church on Alligator Drive in Alligator Point. Call 545-1853 for more information.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 8 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadeville Highway. Call 544-0719 for more information.
- SOPCHOPPY GROWERS MARKET will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of Posh Java, Organics & Gifts, on the corner of Rose St. and Winthrop Ave., in downtown Sopchoppy. The market features locally grown organic produce and other food items. To participate in the market, contact Posh Java at 962-1010 or email [poshjava@gmail.com](mailto: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.
- NORTH FLORIDA BUTTON CLUB will meet at the Sunset Coastal Grill in Port St. Joe at 11 a.m. For more information, call Sherrie Alverson at 926-7812, or email [skpsky2000@comcast.net](mailto:skpsky2000@comcast.net)

### Sunday, March 2

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

### Monday, March 3

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 6 p.m. at the 26 Walker Street, Panacea.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 6 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadeville Highway. Call 544-0719 for more information.
- LINE DANCING will be held at the senior center at 1:30 p.m.

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS FOR WOMEN will meet at 6 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. For more information call 545-1853.
- YOGA CLASSES with Tamara will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. This is a gentle restorative class focusing on the breath.
- RESPITE CARE is offered by The Alzheimer's Project of Wakulla at Lake Ellen Baptist Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a loved one to be cared for. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost. The church is located at 4495 Crawfordville Highway. Call Pat Ashley for more information at 984-5277.

### Tuesday, March 4

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 6 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadeville Highway. Call 544-0719 for more information.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS holds open discussion at 6:30 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. For more information, call 545-1853.
- BOOK BUNCH meets in the children's room at the public library at 10:30 a.m.
- NAMI CONNECTION, a support group for people diagnosed with a mental illness, will meet from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the NAMI Wakulla office.
- CRAWFORDVILLE LION'S CLUB will meet at 6 p.m. at Myra Jean's Restaurant.
- CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP will be held at 9 a.m. at Myra Jean's Restaurant in Crawfordville. Call Pat Ashley for more information at 984-5277.
- NAMI CONNECTION, a support group for people diagnosed with a mental illness, will meet at 10:30 a.m. at the library as well as in the evening at 7 p.m. at the NAMI Wakulla office.
- VFW LADIES AUXILIARY BINGO will hold its weekly occurrence. Bingo will be held at the VFW Post at 475 Arran Road from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. 18 years and up only please.

### Wednesday, March 5

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS welcomes newcomers at 6:30 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. For more information, call 545-1853.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS holds open discussion at 8 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. For more information, call 545-1853.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at Ochlockonee Bay UMC on Surf Road at noon.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 8 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadeville Highway. Call 544-0719 for more information.
- 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.

## Honoring the memory of Tessie Miller

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cared for her in a way that seemed to look so easy.

As I sit in my office on this foggy morning, my mind is a bit foggy too as I think about the love and laughter she shared with us.

She always sported a beautiful hat and was beautifully dressed to come to the center in appropriate church attire. She was a radiantly beautiful lady and her smile brightened the center and the lives of all of us at the center.

Her smile was infectious!

There is a verse in the Bible in the book of Leviticus that calls for respect and honor for those who are older. It says, "Rise in the presence of the aged."

I pause a moment from my writing right now and will do just that. While I cannot rise in her literal presence any longer (though I always did), I rise and whisper a prayer of thanksgiving for the presence of her love and influence.

I don't think it would be inappropriate if you stopped reading long enough to pause and "rise" honoring the life of a good and godly lady.

I want to honor Ms. Tessie's faith.

Church was a big part of Ms. Tessie's life and she often spoke of her regular church attendance. As I read this little verse tucked into the chapter it appeared near out of place.

But then I saw the rest of the verse and it said, "Rise in respect for our elders and reverence for our Creator. I am the Lord."

It was almost as if the little verse was saying you cannot honor a person who is aged without honoring God. That was exactly what it was saying because in doing so, it just goes hand-in-hand with the other.

I read another couple of passages from my favorite book. Proverbs says, "Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained by a righteous life" (Prov. 16:31).

"The glory of young men is their strength, gray hair the splendor of the old" (Prov 20:29).

Ms. Tessie was a beautiful lady and, as I said, always looked splendid. At times, though, she would come in to the center and have a "down in the dumps" day. We all have them. I woke up this morning looking and feeling like the picture of the guy on my driver's license.

Well, we did our best to help cheer her up and it would not be long

until her countenance was filled with laughter and joy.

I stand in awe of the things she saw in her lifetime. She survived the nation's wars, depressions and other changes that only a few can imagine. She lived in a time that went from Model Ts to Space Shuttles, from no phones, to party lines to smart phones.

She lived in the BC era - Before Computers. She came from an era of radios, and at first, no television and certainly no remotes.

She could remember life before electricity and indoor plumbing. The only running water she was once familiar with is what ran out of the bucket that she carried from the pitcher pump into the house.

Ms. Tessie's era and environment was filled with lead paint and leaded gasoline operating old cars without airbags and seatbelts. She grew up when prayer and paddlings were common in the schools.

She worked hard in her family, and then to raise her own family she worked even harder.

She lived and loved and sacrificed for the next generation of which I am a grateful part. We owe her much.

Truly the Scripture is right when it tells us to "Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly..." Truly gray is my favorite color!

I want to honor Ms. Tessie's hope and optimism:

She came through a lot of difficulties in her lifetime. However, she always knew that during the toughest times, God is always greater.

When others turned sour, Ms. Tessie became sweeter. Why? Because God never let her down in the past and she was sure that He would never let her down in the future.

A number of times she said to me; "Baby, God is good all the time."

She didn't dote or dwell on her physical difficulties, though she had many. She could have stayed at home, laid in the bed and felt sorry for herself for the parts of her body that didn't work or work well any longer. However, she decided, she "chose," to get out of bed every day and use the parts of her body that still remained in good working condition.

Maybe more of us should do the same. Did I mention that gray is our favorite color at the center?

Seniors, let me close with a special appeal

directed especially to you. No matter what you may be tempted to think, God isn't finished with you yet. Your sons and daughters and grandchildren still need a thing or two from you.

The rest of the folks in this county are still depending on you. We still need the same things you have always given us. We need your perseverance. We need you to encourage us to persevere.

We need you to keep reminding us that "we can do all things through Him who strengthens us." We still need your faith.

You don't know how much it meant for me to hear from Ms. Tessie; "Baby, God is still faithful." Your faith tells us that the life of faith is worth the effort and for us to keep on keeping on.

I honor Ms. Tessie's example:

She was not able to do everything she once did. But we felt she deserved a rest. She reminded the girls in the office that they needed to come along and pick up the slack.

She was an encourager, "Y'all are doing a good work" was her statement on numerous occasions. It was Ms. Tessie's way of giving us a pat on the back.

What we needed most was her warm embrace! The greatest gift she gave us was the gift of "herself" and she never hesitated to make the offer.

She would tell us, "I am proud of you"! And she didn't whisper it either.

Ms. Tessie let the halls of the senior center ring with words of encouragement.

I honor her labors, but in closing, I honor her rest with the One who loves her more than we all did.

Seniors, we still need your example, we still need you. We know that you may not be able to do everything that you once did. A lot of you have earned a rest.

So for those who can't do, rest. But for those of you who can do, do.

It is your perseverance, your faith, and your example of hope and encouragement that we honor. If you can help us enable the next generation and the one after that to someday say, even if they don't know it right now, "Gray is my favorite color" then all will be well in this county and in this country.

T.W. Maurice Langston is the director of the Wakulla County Senior Citizens Center.

## January was cold, etc.

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Also you can stop by and pick up a calendar of events and join in the fun. All donations are tax deductible and go to our Meals on Wheels, and other senior programs provided through the center.

There are many more

activities that go on here at the center, so stop by and pick up a calendar of events. You can also find us on Facebook at this link <https://www.facebook.com/WakullaSeniorCenter>, or go to your Facebook page and type in Wakulla Senior Center in the search box. Click on the "like"

button and you will get all our post and keep up with what is going on here.

Any questions please call the center at 926-7145 ext. 221.

You can also pick up a brochure on all the other services that are provided through the Wakulla Senior Center.



## Wakulla Senior Center's Child Summer Program Canceled

Due to lack of participation and low enrollment numbers, the Wakulla Senior Center Child Summer Program will be canceled.

If you have any questions please call Ms. Debbie VanHorn at 926-7145 Ext. 222 or Ms. Shelly Homan

at 926-7145 Ext. 221.

This Summer Program will be revisited in the future if more interest is shown, said Maurice Langston, Executive Director, Wakulla Senior Citizens Center.

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

# Home stretch of pre-session meetings

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

TALLAHASSEE, Feb. 21 – Before lawmakers returned to their districts for the last week before the 2014 legislative session begins, they capped off a week of discussions about living arrangements and homecomings.

A rule outlining how to figure out where a legislator resides began moving through both chambers. The House tried to prod the Senate into acting on a measure giving in-state tuition to students who live in the state illegally. And Florida State University President Eric Barron's appointment at Penn State University became official, marking Barron's departure from one home only to return to another.

Meanwhile, the prospect of overhauling the state's retirement plan seemed to settle into its usual Senate neighborhood among the bills which have longer odds of passing. And the State Board of Education was strayed into hostile territory in dealing with the fiery objections of activists angry about Florida's plans to move forward with education guidelines resembling the Common Core standards.

## RELUCTANT ON RETIREMENT

When Senate Community Affairs Chairman Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, unveiled an overhaul to the Florida Retirement System that would largely exempt law enforcement officers and emergency workers, it was seen as a gesture to a bloc of mavericks who torpedoed a more expansive revamp of the pension plan last year. Instead, the first of those mavericks to cast a vote on the measure in a Senate panel voted against it.

"I've got more convincing to do," Simpson said after Sen. Jack Latvala, R-Clearwater, opposed the bill Tuesday.

Latvala, one of the leaders of last year's opposition to pension changes, teamed up with the Democrats to nearly defeat the

bill (SB 1114), which the committee approved with a 5-4 vote.

This year's Senate proposal would close the Florida Retirement System's traditional pension plan to new employees after July 1, 2015, though those employees already in the system would remain. New hires would be required to choose between a 401(k)-style investment plan and a "cash balance" plan, which in some ways acts like a 401(k) but guarantees a minimum benefit.

Law enforcement officers and emergency personnel who qualify for the "special risk" category could still sign up for the traditional pension plan.

But Latvala suggested that some law-enforcement personnel aren't classified as special risk, and he questioned moving forward with the bill before an accounting review of the proposal was finished.

"I really am taken aback by how you would want us to start voting on a bill where – although you may understand, and you may believe in your heart, and I know you believe in your heart that this is the right thing for our future – when we don't have any numbers, any actuarial study to show us that," Latvala said.

## DIVIDING LINE

Since taking over their respective chambers in late 2012, Weatherford and Senate President Don Gaetz, R-Niceville, have gone out of their way to work together. The buddy act was one of the foundations of last year's relatively peaceful legislative session, at least when it came to House-Senate relations.

But, Gaetz said half-jokingly during an interview with The News Service of Florida on Friday, the two have finally found an issue on which they disagree: Allowing some undocumented students to avoid paying out-of-state tuition rates.

The bill (HB 851), strongly backed by Weatherford, won approval Wednesday from a House subcommittee. But prospects

for the measure in the Senate are uncertain at best – though it seemed Friday that Gaetz was opening the door to the idea that the bill could pass.

"Somebody who favors providing in-state tuition to the children of undocumented, or if you wish, illegals, did a vote count and came in and talked with me about it and they said there's 18 votes to pass what the speaker is proposing. And that's before the debate even starts. I think we'll have a divided Senate in this issue," Gaetz said.

Latvala is expected to roll out a proposal that would allow students who have attended at least three years of high school in Florida to pay cheaper, in-state tuition, similar to the measure that received unanimous support in a House subcommittee this week. Latvala said he plans to release the details of his plan Wednesday at a press conference in Clearwater.

## HOME AWAY FROM HOME

The in-state tuition rate might have had something to do with one of the high-profile departures from Florida government this week: FSU President Eric Barron, whose hiring by Penn State became official during a meeting in State College, Pa., on Monday.

Barron, who spent 20 years as a faculty member and administrator at Penn State beginning in 1986, is leaving Tallahassee four years after becoming president at FSU, his alma mater.

"In many ways I never left Penn State," said Barron, wearing a light blue shirt and dark blue tie after being introduced at a board meeting called to vote on his appointment. Pointing to his heart and then his head, Barron added: "Penn State lives here, Penn State lives here, and it's a great pleasure to be about to live here."

Florida State's board of trustees met a couple of days later to begin the process of replacing its former president, who at times seemed frustrated with Scott's efforts to hold down college tuition. The trustees want

a replica of their last president to take over now.

## I'M GOING TO MAKE THIS PLACE YOUR HOME

One place that seems to be headed for easy passage is a joint House-Senate rule that would set residency standards for lawmakers, expected to be one of the first measures to pass the Legislature when the session begins March 4.

The Senate Rules Committee unanimously passed the bill Wednesday after a brief discussion. The House Rules and Calendar Committee followed up Thursday in a meeting that lasted less than 10 minutes. Both chambers hope to approve the proposal on the first day of the session and try to put the smoldering issue to rest.

Latvala, whose advocacy on the issue has prompted suspicions that Senate politics are at play, is firmly on board with the new measure.

"I think that this will go a long way in giving some guidance to members of the Legislature on how they're supposed to conduct themselves and where they're supposed to live and how to determine where their real residence is, for anybody that has a hard time figuring that out," he said.

"Anybody" could very well refer to Sen. Maria Sachs, D-Delray Beach, one of Latvala's top targets in his campaign to make sure lawmakers live in their districts. In the 2012 elections, Sachs defeated one of Latvala's supporters in his race for the Senate presidency. Latvala has since publicly accused Sachs of living outside her district.

Sachs strenuously denies those charges and says her residency has been established by state reviews.

## COMMOTION CORE

Away from the Capitol, the normally sedate meeting of the State Board of Education turned into a rowdy protest of the Common Core State Standards just

as the panel voted to tweak, but not trash, the benchmarks for student learning.

Education Commissioner Pam Stewart has argued that the changes, which include reinserting creative writing into the standards and explicitly including calculus guidelines – as well as the fact that the state has science and social studies standards that aren't part of the Common Core – justify renaming the initiative as the "Florida Standards."

But largely conservative activists who have fought to get the state to drop the entire common core initiative seemed unmoved. They see the plan as a federal plot to take over education and blame it for a variety of ills.

"I do not want a watered-down, world-class system; I want a school system that promotes American exceptionalism," said Chris Quackenbush, a leader of the anti-Common Core movement.

At one point, Quackenbush and board chairman Gary Chartrand clashed over an attempt to stop audience members from clapping during the meeting. For a while, the crowd seemed to go along, waving their hands and at least one American flag instead of applauding.

Most lawmakers and Scott seem willing to try to leave the entire issue behind for now. Whether they can in the face of dogged opposition during an election year remains to be seen.

## STORY OF THE WEEK:

Florida State University President Eric Barron is hired by Penn State University, prompting a search for his replacement.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"There is an emergent psychological pandemic taking place among children in Florida. It's called Common Core, or it used to be until it was rebranded. Our children are suffering from anxiety attacks, vomiting, emotional outbursts, headaches and even self-mutilation." – Stacie Clark, a critic of Common Core, at a meeting of the State Board of Education.

# Just a Pinch



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By Janet Tharpe

## Warm Up with Healthy Black and White Bean Chili

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Redding, CA  
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## Black and White Bean Chili

### What You Need

1 tsp olive oil, light  
1/2 large onion, finely chopped  
1/2 large red pepper, diced  
1/2 large; green pepper, diced  
2 large jalapeno peppers, finely chopped  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1/4 tsp sea salt  
2 tbsp chili powder  
1 tbsp ground cumin  
1 can (14.5 oz.) diced tomatoes  
1 can (14.5 oz.) cannellini beans, drained and rinsed

1 can (14.5 oz.) black beans, drained and rinsed  
1 c water  
1-1 1/2 tsp cornstarch

### TOPPERS

Sun-dried tomato & basil feta cheese; sliced scallions, chopped cilantro, sour cream

### Directions

• Heat oil in a large pot over med-high heat. Add peppers, onion garlic, and jalapenos. Cook 5 min or until vegetables are tender,

stirring occasionally.

• Add chili powder, cumin and salt. Cook, stirring occasionally, 1 min. Add tomatoes, beans and water. Bring to a boil. Lower heat and simmer, covered for 20 min.

• In a cup, mix cornstarch with a little water to make a paste.

• Remove cover and add to chili, stirring to thicken.

• Serve chili topped with feta cheese, scallions, cilantro and sour cream.

Submitted by: Irana Grenier, Redding, CA (Pop. 89,861)

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## WHITE'S WINES

# America's unquenchable taste for wine, exploring

By **DAVID WHITE**

"The wine world is a big, fabulously diverse place, and arguably the greatest pleasure that oenophilia offers is the pleasure of discovery -- of finding new grapes, regions, and wines."

These words appear in "The Wine Savant," a new book from Michael Steinberger, the former wine writer for Slate and a current columnist for Men's Journal.

He's right. The pleasure of discovery is what drives wine enthusiasts. Those of us who obsess over wine aren't just looking for something tasty; we're looking for an experience.

This concept is firmly taking root in America's wine culture. And it belies the notion that Americans are intimidated by wine.

Books with titles like "Wine For Dummies" and "Great Wine Made Simple" line bookstore shelves. The media perpetuates this assumption, eagerly reporting on every study that "proves" oenophiles are full of baloney.

But the numbers tell a different story. New data from the Wine Market Council, an independent, nonprofit trade group, show that Americans are increasingly comfortable with wine. And we're thirstier than ever before.

Last year, the nation consumed 297 million cases of wine, a 27-percent increase from just ten years ago. From the upscale wine bar to their local 7-11, consumers can now purchase wine

from more than 522,000 different outlets. Across consumer goods with more than \$1 billion in annual sales, only wine, coffee, and snacks have experienced consistent growth over each of last five years, in both dollars and volume.

For more evidence of America's wine confidence, look no further than your closest grocery store. Thirty years ago, the local market sold little more than jug wine like Gallo's Hearty Burgundy -- if wine was even stocked. Today, the average upscale supermarket carries 1,500 wine selections or more. The number of breakfast cereals pales in comparison.

Specialty wine shops also illustrate how the wine market is changing. Across the country, boutique retailers are filling their shelves with interesting, small-production wines -- and helping consumers learn. More and more wine bars are also sprouting up, providing opportunities for people to explore.

High-end restaurants have responded to the nation's self-confident wine culture by changing their approach entirely. Whereas sommeliers were once glorified sales agents who intimidated guests by pushing expensive, predictable wines, today's sommeliers are wine educators, eager to share their passion and palates.

The nation has clearly embraced wine.

The United States is still a nation of beer drinkers, of course. Of every dollar spent on

alcohol, 49 cents goes toward beer. But wine is catching up. In 2002, six in 10 alcoholic beverages consumed were beers. Today, it's one in two. Unsurprisingly, a recent Gallup survey found that Americans are equally divided between beer and wine when asked which they drink most often.

Even though Baby Boomers spend the most money on wine, millennials are driving the market. This generation of consumers -- those between 20 and 37 -- already makes up 30 percent of drinkers. And its participation is having a profound impact, as millennials take great pleasure in discovery.

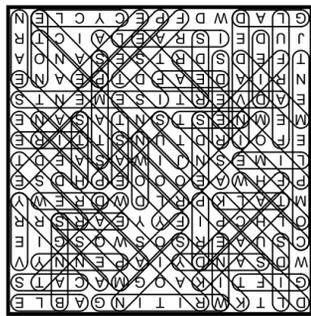
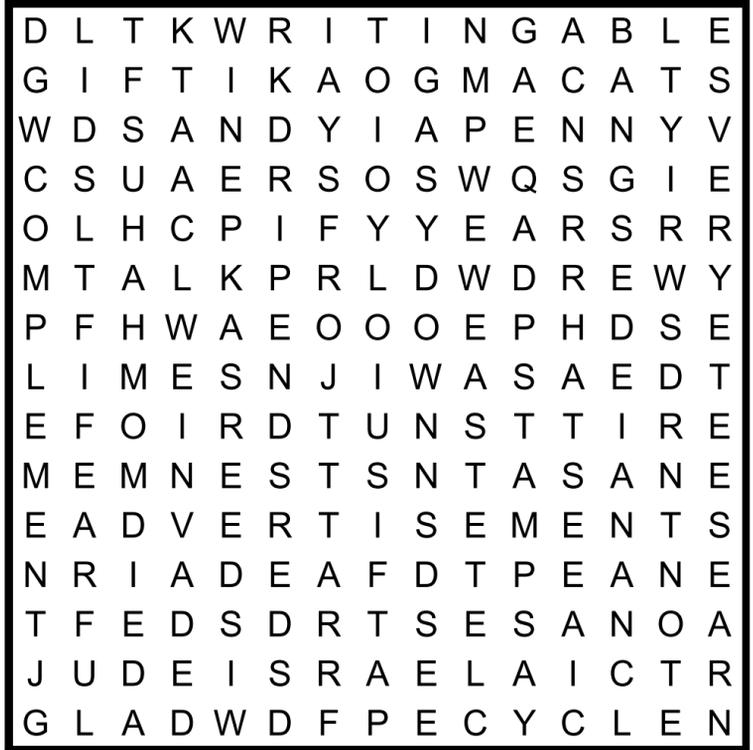
In fact, the Nielsen survey asked consumers to react to the following statement: "I love to keep ahead of what's happening. I love trying new things. I often tell others about them." And more than any other generation, millennials agreed. It's no wonder that millennials "frequently" purchase wine over \$20 per bottle and are more willing than Boomers to purchase imported wine.

Today's wine drinkers are an adventurous bunch, confident in their own palates and willing to explore the unknown. As the purchasing power of millennials increases, more and more Americans will pursue the pleasure of discovery.

David White is the founder and editor of *Terroirist.com*. His columns are housed at *Palate Press: The Online Wine Magazine*.

# Thinking OUTSIDE the Book

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## Puzzles4Kids

**RIDDLE SEARCH – "TREE" MENDOUS FUN**  
Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **What kind of tree can fit in your hand?**

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CEDAR	W	O	L	L	I	W	U	S	H
CHESTNUT	A	P	G	P	A	L	H	E	E
COCONUT	F	E	L	W	I	M	S	Q	M
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Riddle answer: \_\_\_\_\_

For more puzzle fun, go to [www.brainzles.com](http://www.brainzles.com)

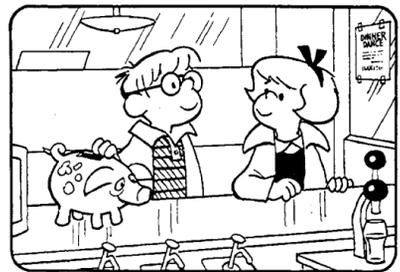
## Even Exchange

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

1. Fidget	W _ _ _ _ _	Snickers	G _ _ _ _ _
2. Took an oath	_ _ _ _ _ E	Zorro's weapon	_ _ _ _ _ D
3. Pale color	_ _ _ _ _ L	Applied glue	_ _ _ _ _ D
4. Trench	_ I _ _ _ _	From the Netherlands	_ U _ _ _ _
5. Profession	_ _ _ _ _ E _ _	39 <sup>th</sup> U.S. president	_ _ _ _ _ T _ _
6. Shaving foam	_ _ _ _ _ H _ _	Second of two	_ _ _ _ _ T _ _
7. Military rank	_ _ _ _ _ J _ _	Estate house	_ _ _ _ _ N _ _
8. Texas capital	_ _ _ _ _ I _ _	"Mansfield Park" writer	_ _ _ _ _ E _ _
9. Gladden	_ _ _ _ _ A _ _	Privileged	_ _ _ _ _ I _ _
10. Noble title	_ _ _ _ _ R _ _	Part of a BLT	_ _ _ _ _ C _ _

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## HOCUS-FOCUS



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

Differences: 1. Light is missing. 2. Pig's ears are smaller. 3. Shirt is different. 4. ...

## Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

**SPOT CHECK!** Have you a sharp eye for design? Let's see. Study the diagram at right carefully, and see if you can come up with a conforming design for the circle shown at center.

Note: Design is to tie in with pattern characteristics of horizontal and vertical rows. Diagonal row considerations are not relevant.

Now quickly can you puzzle it out? No fair peeking!

Missing design consists of a heavy black outer circle with a white interior and a small shaded quarter.

**STRING DING!** Place a piece of string on the table. Ask someone to take one end in each hand, and tie a knot without releasing the string. How's it done?

Fold arms before grasping ends of string.

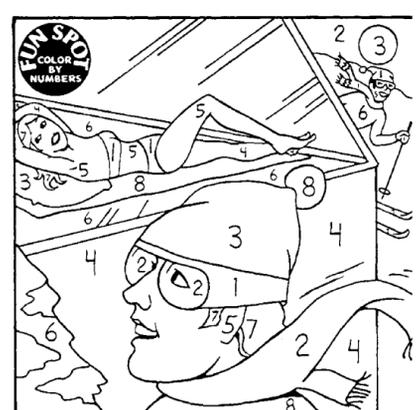
### TASK FORCE SCRAMBLE

Names of each of the 10 persons listed below are anagrams of their occupations. No. 1, Ed Stint, for instance, is a dentist. Let's see how many of the rest you can unscramble.

- Ed Stint
- Lem Burp
- Art Chee
- Terry Case
- Sue Gorn
- Sai Means
- Peter Cran
- Tess Arc
- Lois Gibot
- Pam Gormer

See if you can puzzle out at least six correctly.

Top down: Dentist, number programmer, actress, biologist, salesman, carpenter, teacher, secretary, kingpin.



**SUN SPOT!** Cold outside? Perhaps, but who cares when you're soaking up rays. Code: 1—Red. 2—Lt. blue. 3—Yellow. 4—L. brown. 5—Flesh tones. 6—Green. 7—Dk. brown. 8—Dk. purple

### SPELLBINDER

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

HESITANT

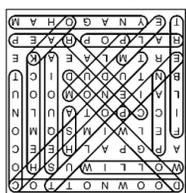
THEN score 2 points each for all words of four letters or more found among the letters.

Try to score at least 50 points.



- Kids' Maze Solution**
- Wiggle, Giggle
  - Major, Manor
  - Pastel, Pasted
  - Ditch, Dutch
  - Career, Carter
  - Baron, Bacon

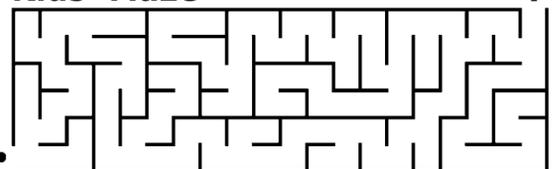
## Even Exchange



Riddle Answer: A palm tree.

Answers

## Kids' Maze



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# SWINE SHOW



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## Grand Champion

Cole Gowdy shakes hands with a representative from Grand Champion sponsor Publix with the 265-pound winner.



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## Reserve Champion

Cole Gowdy shakes hands with a representative from Reserve Champion sponsor Centennial Bank and the 275-pound winner.



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## Class Winners

Winners Barbara Green, Michael Jarmon, Cole Gowdy, Anna Green, Bethany Thomas, Oliver Green, PJ Piland, and Master of Ceremonies Ed Brimmer.

## 2014 Winners

Grand Champion - Cole Gowdy  
Reserve Champion - Cole Gowdy

Class Winners  
Class #1 (190-229 lbs) Michael Jarmon  
Class #2 (230-245 lbs) Bethany Thomas  
Class #3 (248-265 lbs) Cole Gowdy  
Class #4 (270-295 lbs) Cole Gowdy  
Class #5 (297-309 lbs) Oliver Green  
Class #6 (320-350 lbs) Anna Green

Showmanship Winners  
Ages 15 & older - Kristin Chew  
Ages 13 & 14 - Rainey Vause  
Ages 11 & 12 - Oliver Green  
Ages 9 & 10 - Gracie Lawhon  
Ages 6, 7 & 8 - Anna Green

President's Excellence Award - Oliver Green  
Spirit Award - Riley Davis  
Herdsman Award - Chase Roberts

Swine Project winners  
6-8 years old - 1st Justin Barnidge, 2nd Anna Green, 3rd Chase Linville, 4th Carter Christensen

9-10 years old - 1st Dawson Vause

11-12 years old - 1st Oliver Green, 2nd Caitlynn Linville, 3rd Spencer Christensen

15 years & older - Kristin Chew

Judging Contest  
Junior High Individual - 1st Justin Barnidge, 2nd Carter Christensen, 3rd Isaac Pollard

Junior High Team - 1st Mason Jarmon, Kane Tucker, Kanoa Tucker, and Landon Owens; 2nd Brayden Lawhon, Parker Lawhon, Maverick Stubbs and Riley Davis; 3rd Emma Vaughn and Olivia Vaughn.

Intermediate High Individual - 1st Spencer Christensen, 2nd Michael Jarmon

Intermediate High Team - 1st Lincoln Porter and Landon Turner; 2nd Jonah Lawhon, Oliver Green, and Chase Roberts; 3rd Anna Green, Lochlyn Vause, and Bethany Thomas.

Senior High Individual - 1st Kristin Chew, 2nd Nicole Smith and Kerri Sanders.

2nd Annual Swine Show Barbecue Cookoff Winner - Boog-A-Lou's



PHOTOS BY WILLIAM SNOWDEN

## Barbecue dinners

Elected officials were on hand to serve up barbecue dinners, left, including School Board Chair Ray Gray and County Commissioner Ralph Thomas as Clerk of Courts Brent Thurmond looked on. Diners enjoy their meals, right.

# SWINE SHOW

## Showing the different classes



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## Pig Scramble



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Dated: January 30, 2014  
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 By: /s/ Kandace Zachary, Division Representative

Feb. 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2014.

**Self Storage Notices**

5046-0227 TWN 3/08 sale PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is given pursuant to Florida Self-Storage Facility Act, Florida Statutes, Chapter 83, Part IV that Crawfordville Self Storage will hold a sale by sealed bid on Saturday, March 08, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at 3291 Crawfordville Hwy. of the contents of Mini-Warehouses containing personal property of: DANNY KELLY DUSTIN SMITH WILLIAM COTTON

Before the sale date of March 08, 2014, the owners may redeem their property by a payment of the outstanding balance and cost by paying in person at 3291 Crawfordville Hwy., before 10:00 a.m. February 20 & 27, 2014.

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**Fictitious Name Notices**

5052-0227 TWN Public Notice Fictitious Name

Notice under Fictitious Name Law, pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of: PIRATES LANDING BAR & GRILL located at 785 PORT LEON DRIVE, ST. MARKS, FLORIDA 32355, in the County of Wakulla, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Tallahassee, Florida, this 19th day of February, 2014.  
 By: /s/ Michael W. Page Owner

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**CASE NO.: 12000149CAAXMX**

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 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 JERRY L. NORTON A/K/A JERRY LEE NORTON, SR., et al  
 Defendants.

**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**RE-NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to an Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Re-schedule Foreclosure Sale filed February 10, 2014, and entered in Case No. 12000149CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA COUNTY, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is Plaintiff, and JERRY L. NORTON A/K/A JERRY LEE NORTON, SR., et al are Defendants, the clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 AM at WAKULLA County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 13th day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Lis Pendens, to wit:

**Lot 5, Block D, LAKE ELLEN SHORES, (PHASE TWO), according to plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 67, of the Public Records of WAKULLA County, Florida.**

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

Dated: February 21, 2014  
 Phelan Hallinan, P.L.C., Attorneys for Plaintiff  
 2727 West Cypress Creek Road, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309  
 Tel: 954-462-7000 Fax: 954-462-7001  
 Service by email: FLService@PhelanHallinan.com

By: /s/ Heather Griffiths  
 Heather Griffiths, Esq., Florida Bar No. 0091444  
 Emilio R. Lenz, Esq., Florida Bar No. 0668273

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At least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

February 27 & March 06, 2014 PH # 49561

**5056-0306 TWN**  
 Kent, Charles M. Jr. 2010-CA-000170 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.: 2010-CA-000170**

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-FF15 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FF15,  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 CHARLES KENT JR. A/K/A CHARLES M. KENT JR. A/K/A CHARLES MITCHELL KENT; KAREN KENT, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHARLES KENT JR. A/K/A CHARLES M. KENT JR. A/K/A CHARLES MITCHELL KENT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KAREN KENT; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.  
 Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Final Judgment for Foreclosure dated the 21st day of November, 2013, and entered in, WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-FF15 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FF15 is the Plaintiff and CHARLES KENT JR., and KAREN KENT are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in the Lobby of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32326 at 11:00 AM on the 20th day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 3 AND 4, BLOCK "P" MAGNOLIA GARDENS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 37 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

The Property address is 12 Ted Loft Lane, 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.

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 6th day of February, 2014.  
 BRENT X. THURMOND, Clerk Of The Circuit Court  
 (CIRCUIT COURT SEAL)

By: /s/ Tiffany Deschner, Deputy Clerk

Submitted by:  
**Choice Legal Group, P.A.**  
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February 27 & March 06, 2014, 1043244.1

**5055-0306 TWN**  
 vs. Strickland, Somer S. Case 2012-F-000216 Notice of Foreclosure Sale  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR THE WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO.: 2012-F-000216**

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 SOMER S. STRICKLAND AKA SOMER STOKES STRICKLAND AKA SOMER STRICKLAND; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SOMER S. STRICKLAND AKA SOMER STOKES STRICKLAND AKA SOMER STRICKLAND; RICHARD R. STRICKLAND, II AKA RICHARD RAY STRICKLAND II AKA RICHARD R. STRICKLAND AKA RICHARD STRICKLAND; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants.  
 Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Wakulla County, Florida, will on the **20th day of March, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.** Front door of the Wakulla Courthouse located in Crawfordville, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situated in Wakulla County, Florida:

**Lot 42, of Block 21, of WAKULLA GARDENS, as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 39 of the public records of Wakulla County, Florida.**

pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.

Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on some with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:** If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Susan Wilson, ADA Coordinator, 301 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.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 22 day of November, 2013.  
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BRENT X. THURMOND  
 (CIRCUIT COURT SEAL)

/s/ Tiffany Deschner  
 Deputy Clerk of Courts

Attorney for Plaintiff:  
 Amanda Renee Murphy  
**Buller & Hesch, P.A.**  
 3185 S. Conway Rd., Ste. E, Orlando, Florida 32812, (407)381-5200  
 February 27 & March 06, 2014 B&H 288251

**5054-0306 TWN**  
 Delong, Shawn D. 13000227CAAXMX 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. 13000227CAAXMX**

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 SHAWN D. DELONG; GRACE E. DELONG; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.  
 Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 16, 2014, and entered in Case No. 13000227CAAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA County, Florida. JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is Plaintiff and SHAWN D. DELONG; GRACE E. DELONG; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE, at 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HIGHWAY, CRAWFORDVILLE IN WAKULLA County, FLORIDA 32327, at 11:00 A.M., on the 20th day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**COMMENCE AT A 4 INCH BY 4 INCH CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #2919) MARKING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE WEST HALF OF LOT 6, OF THE HARTSFIELD RIVER SURVEY OF LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALSO BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 6, OF THE HARTSFIELD SURVEY OF LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN SOUTH 72° 16 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF LOT 6 OF SAID HARTSFIELD SURVEY A DISTANCE OF 2001.56 FEET TO AN OLD 4 INCH BY 4 INCH CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 17° 13 MINUTES 19 SECONDS EAST 929.82 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE SOUTH 13° 13 MINUTES 19 SECONDS EAST 101.96 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 72° 25 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST 461.25 FEET TO THE APPROXIMATE SOUTHWESTERLY MAINTAINED RIGHT-OF-WAY OF TRIPLET ROAD, THENCE RUN NORTH 35° 13 MINUTES 32 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID MAINTAINED RIGHT-OF-WAY 98.15 FEET, THENCE LEAVING SAID MAINTAINED RIGHT-OF-WAY RUN SOUTH 73° 33 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST 430.94 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

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

Dated this 16th day of January, 2014.  
 BRENT X. THURMOND, As Clerk of said Court  
 (CIRCUIT COURT SEAL)

By: /s/ Chris Helms, As Deputy Clerk

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, Phone No. (850)926-1201 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

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February 27 & March 06, 2014 13-012626

**5051-0306 TWN**  
 Wilson, Lynda C. 13197CA 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.: 13197CA**

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 LYNDIA C WILSON A/K/A LYNDIA CATHERINE WILSON; BRIDLE GATE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; JOHN R WILSON; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.  
 Defendants.

**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Final Judgment for Foreclosure dated the 6th day of February, 2014, and entered in Case No. 13197CA, of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff and LYNDIA C WILSON A/K/A LYNDIA CATHERINE WILSON BRIDLE GATE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. JOHN R WILSON UNKNOWN TENANT; and IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the FRONT DOOR OF WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HIGHWAY, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32326, 11:00 AM on the 6th day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 38, BRIDLE GATE, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 57 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

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

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 6th day of February, 2014.  
 BRENT X. THURMOND, Clerk Of The Circuit Court  
 (CIRCUIT COURT SEAL)

By: /s/ Chris Helms, Deputy Clerk

Submitted by:  
**Choice Legal Group, P.A.**  
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February 27 & March 06, 2014, 12-04002

**5050-0227 TWN**  
 McClellan, Danny R. 65-2010-CA-000082CA 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.: 65-2010-CA-000082CA**

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 DANNY R. MCCLELLAN A/K/A DAN R. MCCLELLAN; et. al.,  
 Defendants.

**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 30th day of January, 2014, and entered in Case No. 65-2010-CA-000082CA, of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC is the Plaintiff and DANNY R. MCCLELLAN A/K/A DAN R. MCCLELLAN; and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) N/K/A ANDRE GREEN IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the FRONT DOOR OF WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HIGHWAY, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32326, 11:00 AM on the 13th day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 1, BLOCK "D", OF MAGNOLIA GARDENS, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 37, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

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

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 10th day of February, 2014.  
 BRENT X. THURMOND, Clerk Of The Circuit Court  
 (CIRCUIT COURT SEAL)

By: /s/ Chris Helms, Deputy Clerk

Submitted by:  
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February 20 & 27, 2014, 10-08896

**5049-0227 TWN**  
 Eddens, Rae Anna 65-2010-CA-000169 Notice of Sale  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUMTER COUNTY,**

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 SHAWN D. DELONG; GRACE E. DELONG; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.  
 Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 16, 2014, and entered in Case No. 13000227CAAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA County, Florida. JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is Plaintiff and SHAWN D. DELONG; GRACE E. DELONG; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE, at 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HIGHWAY, CRAWFORDVILLE IN WAKULLA County, FLORIDA 32327, at 11:00 A.M., on the 20th day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THENCE RUN SOUTH 00° 32 MINUTES WEST 4088.28 FEET TO THE APPROXIMATE MEAN HIGH WATER LINE OF OCHLOCKONEE BAY, THENCE RUN SOUTH 71° 00 MINUTES WEST ALONG SAID APPROXIMATE MEAN HIGH WATER LINE 100.00 FEET TO AN OLD CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN NORTH 12° 17 MINUTES WEST 851.03 FEET TO AN OLD CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN NORTH 71° 42 MINUTES EAST 101.00 FEET TO AN OLD CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 12° 05 MINUTES 54 SECONDS EAST 349.92 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LEGAL DESCRIPTION (EASMENT) (BASED ON SURVEY)**

**COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, AND RUN SOUTH 00° 32 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 349.62 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF STATE ROAD NO. 5-372, THENCE RUN NORTH 84° 55 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY A DISTANCE OF 331.13 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY NORTH 84° 55 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST 15.09 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 01° 08 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST 414.49 FEET, THENCE NORTH 71° 45 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST 15.70 FEET, THENCE NORTH 01° 08 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST 408.23 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

Property Address: 2171 Surf Road, Panacea, Florida 32346

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: February 11, 2014.  
 Brent X. Thurmond, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT  
 (CIRCUIT COURT SEAL)

By: /s/ Chris Helms, Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, 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 court proceeding; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. The ADA Coordinator for the courts in Leon County is 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 cases, 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.

Attorney for Plaintiff:  
 Aural L. Cassel, Esq.  
**Quintana, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A.**  
 225 South Orange Avenue, Suite 900, Orlando, FL 32801

February 20 & 27, 2014, 62639

**5048-0227 TWN**  
 Bailey, Sandra 13000201CAAXMX 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. 13000201CAAXMX**

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 SANDRA BAILEY; LEON BAILEY; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.  
 Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 06, 2014, and entered in Case No. 13000201CAAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA County, Florida. BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is Plaintiff and SANDRA BAILEY, LEON BAILEY and UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE, at 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HIGHWAY, CRAWFORDVILLE IN WAKULLA County, FLORIDA 32327, at 11:00 A.M., on the 6th day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTH HALF OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 32° 32 MINUTES WEST 2,823 FEET, TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHEASTERN RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF STATE ROAD NO. 369; THENCE RUN NORTH 14° 13 MINUTES EAST ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERN RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 1,438.62 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 89° 32 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF A PROPOSED 50.00 FEET ROADWAY, 824.33 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTINUE THENCE NORTH 89° 32 MINUTES EAST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 200 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 00 MINUTES WEST 200.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 00° 21 MINUTES EAST 485.60 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

**LESS AND EXCEPT:**  
**COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTH HALF OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89° 32 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 2,823 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROAD NUMBER 369; THENCE RUN ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY NORTH 14° 13 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 1,438.00 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF DOLLY DRIVE; THENCE LEAVING SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY RUN ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY AS FOLLOWS: NORTH 89° 32 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 824.33 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE NORTH 89° 32 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 20.00 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY RUN NORTH 00° 29 MINUTES 16 SECONDS WEST 296.81 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP; THENCE NORTH 89° 29 MINUTES 06 SECONDS EAST 180.00 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP; THENCE NORTH 00° 30 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST 188.07 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE SOUTH 89° 29 MINUTES 06 SECONDS WEST 199.94 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE SOUTH 00° 29 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST 484.86 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

**TOGETHER WITH A 1988 TITA MOBILE HOME WITH VIN #538195T4503A AND #538195T4503B AND TITLE #45195877 AND #44843413, PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE LAND.**

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

Dated this 06th day of February, 2014.  
 BRENT X. THURMOND, As Clerk of said Court  
 (CIRCUIT COURT SEAL)

By: /s/ Chris Helms, As Deputy Clerk

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, Phone No. (850)926-1201 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

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February 20 & 27, 2014 13-00573 BOA

**5047-0227 TWN**  
 Lamendola, Mark G. 652010CA000442 Notice of Sale  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO.: 652010CA000442**

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE HOME EQUITY ASSET TRUST 2007-3 HOME EQUITY PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-3,  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 MARK LAMENDOLA A/K/A MARK G. LAMENDOLA A/K/A MARK GREGORY LAMENDOLA; et al.,  
 Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORCLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Summary Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on in Civil Case No. 652010CA000442, of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and





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By LINDA CARTER  
Special to The News

Our visit to Vienna coincided with the largest Austrian National Holiday that commemorates the country's regaining their independent nation status and permanently declaring their neutrality is celebrated annually on Oct. 26.

Festivals abound, and most businesses are closed, there is a military ceremony, and open houses at The Austrian National Parliament; the State House of the Austrian National Library; and at the Federal Chancellery of the Republic of Austria.

Many museums offer free or reduced entry as well. An incredibly busy downtown; expect it to be busier as most Austrians are given the day off as well.

Like so many other fortified towns, a wall once surrounded Vienna. Today the wall is gone and a ring road circles historic Vienna.

During the 1600s and 1700s the government sold off parcels of land to fund construction. Many of the buildings are still in use today.

Due to the larger size of Vienna, our tour began with a bus overview of the area, followed by a walking tour of the downtown.

Famous for the Giant Ferris Wheel, constructed in 1897, the world's tallest as recently as 1985. Once there were 30 gondolas, damaged during World War II, now only 15 remain.

At 212 feet tall you can view the whole city from this sky-high perch, or rent a gondola for a private occasion.

Only kings once used the Hapsburgs' many palaces and gardens. Today they have become public parks and mu-

seums.

The bus passes centuries of architecture.

The baroque Church of St. Charles is from 1715. Flanked by columns that appear as if they came straight from Egypt, entry is only 4,50 euro.

Nearby, two prefabricated Art Nouveau buildings, by Otto Wagner from 1900, are constructed of metal frames and solid marble slid in to each section, one a train station the other a café.

Another, the Secession Building, is topped with an open weave golden ball that resembles flowers, built as an exhibition space for artists in 1897. It was not popular at the time but is an extraordinary stop today.

The Rathaus, or city hall, was located outside the original city walls. On Oct. 26, live music fills the air, children squeal in delight as rides spin and people nosh on fair food.

The Opera a famous cultural landmark, is beautiful by day, and the scene of endless entertainment by night.

Our circle complete, we tour through the historic core.

In the center of town, a UNESCO world heritage site, Gothic St. Stephens Church steeples rise 450 feet and were originally used as watchtowers to check for fires in the city. The church sports four gothic towers.

As styles changed, the last incomplete tower was topped in the later style Renaissance fashion. During World War II, the church was not bombed, but a fire next door caused the church roof to burn. The conflagration resulted in all the majolica tiles cascading to the floor.

The interior was saved because it was already bricked up to prevent damage.

The new metal roof is covered with majolica tile, still displaying the original coats of arms.

Modern day pollution leaves soot stains on the church, requiring a year round cleaning operation. In the historic core



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The Vienna cityscape from horse-drawn carriage.

only one modern structure creates discord. Built before the entire downtown was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the mirrored structure reflects back the surrounding buildings.

Windows so delicious you want to lick the glass front the famous Demel Chocolate Confectionary & Bakery. In a city famous for chocolate and tortes, there are many competing shops, all awaiting you to sample their delicacies.

The Hofberg palace and Spanish Riding Stables famous for the internationally known Lipizzaner stallions is packed with spectators on this particular day, as speeches are given and awards presented.

Located close to the metro station, it is a quick trip downtown to continue exploring once the river cruise tour is complete.

With an abundance of history, music, and chocolate, it would be easy to spend days here exploring all that Vienna has to offer.

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The Church of St. Charles in Vienna.

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