



Crescent Moon Farm



A look over the fields at Crescent Moon as seedlings are covered before a cold snap. **JENNY ODOM**

Sopchoppy's Jack Simmons builds a resourceful co-op in the woods

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If Jack Simmons doesn't have it, he makes it, or he'll rig something up that will work good enough.

A self-taught farmer, Simmons operates Crescent Moon Organic Farm, tucked back in the woods a few miles north of Sopchoppy.

He bakes fresh bread from scratch and grows a variety of vegetables that he sells at farmer's markets in Tallahassee and Apalachicola.

Everywhere you look at Crescent Moon Farm there are containers. Glass jugs on a wooden shelf hold dark syrup, made from sugar cane grown on the farm.

Seeds, grains, polenta and dried peppers in giant canning jars are arranged along a metal rack in the small, but efficient, kitchen.

A plethora of plastic jugs are lined up outside, full of fry oil that fuels the farm's tractor and cars when it's converted to biodiesel.

"When you sell produce to restaurants, you walk in the back door," says Simmons about his source for the used grease, "and I can get all the oil I need."

The patient farmer works hard and has created a simple yet time-consuming process for refining the fry oil into the biodiesel he uses to run farm equipment, tractors and his two Volkswagens.

At a workshop held at the farm by Dr. Jennifer Taylor, FAMU small farms coordinator, combined with Piedmont BioFuels out of North Carolina, he met an intern, Emily Smith.



Jack Simmons juicing carrots in the farm's efficient kitchen. **JENNY ODOM**

Smith ended up living and working at the farm for a period of time and helped Simmons develop the biodiesel process.

Simmons, 64, grew up in Tallahassee and attended Florida High (Florida State University High School.) He attended Texas A&M University for a while to avoid the draft, he says.

After his stint in college, he taught at Gilchrist County Juvenile Detention Center, working with incarcerated youth.

"It's the only job I ever filled out an application for," says Simmons, wearing worn flannel and old Levi's.

One summer, he bought a 58-foot sailboat at Alligator Point that he decided to sail to the Florida Keys. At the end of the trip, he decided to stay on the boat, sailing next to the Bahamas and then to the Virgin Islands.

Simmons says he found ways to make a living and landed in St. John for about 27 years.

He returned to Sopchoppy around 2004 to help his mother

care for her husband who was ill. He purchased the cracker-style house and property from Joe Hutto, a well-known author and naturalist, and began farming.

On a recent Saturday morning the industrious Simmons prepares to butcher a hog he has purchased from his friend Andy Brown.

The swine awaits in a trailer while Simmons builds a fire underneath a cast iron caldron that will feed the bath to scald the hair off the animal once she's been killed.

Steam rises in the cool morning air as he tries to find a plug for the claw foot tub raised on old blocks, pumping the water into for the dunking. A huge pulley hangs from the oak tree above with hooks that will hold the hog.

As he walks off towards his workshop in order to fashion a plug to hold the water, he kindly asks his helpers to fetch some fresh pine boughs for the tub, and explains why.

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Board still wrestles with wetlands issue

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Once again the wetlands issue and property rights in Wakulla County took center stage at commission chambers Monday night.

In a meeting that took two and a half hours the commissioners haggled over liability of the county if the wetlands ordinance passes in November.

Commissioner Randy Merritt, who voted to repeal the ordinance, raised the concern that the county could be sued if the referendum passes in November.

Projected on the big screen was a property outline that showed a large piece of land, with a small bit of yellow that was, under current law, highlighting the only part of that property the owner would be allowed to build.

"As the law stands right now, there is no variance procedure," Merritt explained. "But if the repeal goes through, and then the referendum passes in November, there would be a window of about five months without any (wetlands) buffers."

He said that this window would open the county up to potential lawsuits by property owners.

Merritt explained if a property is suddenly deemed unusable because of a new law the voting public would be voting to take away their own rights if the referendum passes.

Ralph Thomas agreed with the concern and used the term "taking of property." In legal terms, a "taking" refers to actions that amount to depriving an owner of the use and enjoyment of his property. In this case, the concern is that the county's wetlands ordinance could be a "constructive taking" in that it prevents a land owner from building on his property, or decreases the value of the land.

County Attorney Heather Encinosa advised Thomas and the board to use caution in using the term "taking" and similar language.

Luis Serna said it was unclear to the staff that they had been directed to prepare the repeal for a public hearing.

"We voted to eliminate the wetlands ordinance," said Thomas, then he directed Serna to prepare and advertise for a public hearing on the repeal of the ordinance.

"It's clear that Commissioner Thomas wants to repeal the ordinance, but it's not clear whether the board wants to proceed in light of everything that's happened since July," Serna told The News the day after the meeting.

In order to proceed with the public hearing the staff would need to draft the ordinance, advertise it, create an agenda request and prepare staff recommendation for two public hearings, the planning commission, and the county commission.

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Wild mammal yard sale

LYNDA KINSEY

The Florida Wild Mammal Association held its annual yard sale fundraiser last week. In a Letter to the Editor on Page 4, FWMA Director Chris Beatty said the event raised \$2,000 for the organization.

Crescent Moon Farm: A resourceful co-op in the woods

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"The pine sap will stick to the hair and make it easier to scrape off," he says while arranging the knives on a table in what feels like an outdoor operating room.

"Butchering a hog this way is an old time thing," he says. "You gotta have the stuff."

He uses a .22 between the eyes.

His helpers on this day are three of the four people who are currently living and working on the farm with Simmons.

"It's kind of a co-op," he says. "They live here and work on the farm, and I help support them."

Madison and Dillon are from Indianapolis, and have worked on the farm for about two months. Sunflower and Rainey are from Tallahassee, and have been there for almost two years.

Sunflower is a vegetarian, and not interested in partaking in the hog slaughter, so she has left the property to go camping.

"We like it here," says Madison. "Feeling blessed, it's like family."

She cleans the small



JENNY ODOM

Jack Simmons and helpers butchering a hog.

intestines and explains, "we'll use these to make sausage."

The entire hog will be used, even the fat will be rendered to make soap.

The only animals raised for food at Crescent Moon are egg-laying chickens.

"The plan is to expand the coop, and raise more chickens," says Simmons, in his

slow southern voice.

Another morning, the four workers are preparing for a frost, covering seedlings in the long neat rows, while Simmons is baking about 40 loaves of bread to take to Apalachicola the next day.

He shuffles around a shed that looks, from the outside, like any tool storage shed. Inside, is a compressed

commercial kitchen.

He begins with wheat berries he gets from New Leaf Market in Tallahassee. He puts those through a grinder fashioned with a chute to catch the fresh ground organic grain.

"It's rigged, but it works great," smiles Simmons.

"We grow everything that we can," he says. "I'd really like to start

growing my own wheat."

He takes a 50 lb. bag of washed organic carrots and puts them through a well-used juicer. The orange pulp shoots out of the machine like sausage, and the brightly colored juice collects in a industrial metal bowl.

"Champion juicers are the best," he claims loudly, as the machine whirs.

Using as much as possible, he puts the carrot pulp back through the juicer a second time, garnering at least 2 more cups of juice. Then he says he will use the pulp to make crackers, an original recipe.

"We eat good," he says. "We cook fabulous meals here."

Simmons, moves slowly around the small kitchen, cleaning and prepping for bread making. He has been collecting appliances, stoves, ovens, refrigerators, sinks and more for his commercial kitchen for about six years. The mixer is on wheels so it can slide easily back underneath a table.

"There's not an inch to spare in here," he says about his small, but efficient kitchen.

You can find Simmons at the Lake Ella Growers Market on Wednesday, and in Apalachicola in front of Tamara's Café on Friday.

He will be selling his unique flavors of fresh bread and Crescent Moon Farm organic vegetables at the Worm Gruntin' Festival on April 12 in Sopchoppy.

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COUNTY COMMISSION

Striping of county roads discussed at workshop

By JENNY ODOM
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Wakulla County has many miles of roads, and a lot of those roads need attention. The county commission held a workshop offering input about what to do with those roads that have passed life expectancy.

Public Works Director Cleve Fleming gave a presentation during the workshop and explained that there are more projects than there is money to spend.

The 2013/2014 Budget includes \$300,000 for paving and \$100,000 for striping. This funding is provided by the one cent sales tax, but there is another \$100,000 available for paving only.

Wakulla Gardens, located off Spring Creek Highway just north of Martin Luther King Memorial Boulevard, was a major part of the discussion for commissioners. It would cost over 1.5 million dollars to pave all of the roads there.

"I understand we never have enough money to do it all," said Ralph Thomas. "Those people in Wakulla Gardens need to have their roads paved."

Commissioners Howard Kessler and Jerry Moore also voiced concern that Wakulla Gardens needed the county's attention.

Residents who live on Cooperwood Road, which runs between Wakulla Springs Road and Woodville Highway, showed up to voice the need to pave the cut-through dirt road.

"It's part of the original road that came through here," said Jasper Musgray. "Everything else gets paved, but this one doesn't."

"We went to work to get the one cent sales tax passed and we were promised that if we got the right of

way it would be paved," Musgray added. "Our cars are getting banged up out there."

Joel Lay, another Cooperwood resident, said that it's a through road, not just for the people who live on it.

Panacea Waterfront Partnership member Dave Lansford came to the meeting to voice concern over the evacuation route. He said that there is a low spot on Highway 98 between Ben Withers Construction and Tower Road that floods during large storms.

Another area of concern was the safety of Smith Creek Road which runs northwest out of Sopchoppy through the Apalachicola National Forrest.

Commissioner Richard Harden said that there was a direct safety concern to allow this and other county roads to remain unstriped.

"I'd hate for an accident to happen because there's no stripes in the middle," he said.

County Administrator David Edwards projected that the county would have about twice as much funding next year and the year after, \$800,000 per year. He also projected that in three years the county budget should allow for almost \$1 million of road improvement projects.

The recommendation from Edwards and Fleming was to concentrate efforts on striping as many roads as possible and put off paving and resurfacing for the next three years.

Fleming said that the county could afford to either stripe about 40 miles of roads or pave one and a half miles.

Commissioner Randy Merritt suggested that the commissioners allow Flemming and the public works department to make decisions regarding setting the priority for which county roads to stripe.

The commissioners all agreed.

Hazardous Waste Day is set

On Saturday, March 22, Wakulla County Public Works and Keep Wakulla County Beautiful will hold an Amnesty Day for Wakulla County residential households.

"We can't take tires, or biological waste," said Cleve Fleming, Project manager. "But we take a lot of paint and other items."

"Wakulla County doesn't have anywhere to dump hazardous waste, so we partner with Jefferson County to dispose of it. Last year 271 people came to drop off items they thought

were hazardous," said Fleming.

Fleming said the event is free, but it does cost the county to dispose of hazardous waste items. They have allotted \$20,000 for disposal.

The event begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m. at the county public works department on Trice Lane.

For a complete list of items that will be accepted, go to www.mywakulla.com and search hazardous waste, or call Public Works at 926-7616.

– Jenny Odom

Board still wrestles with wetlands

From Front Page

"We would recommend waiting," said Serna, "until the electorate votes on the referendum."

"What I don't want to do is advertise it and then have them decide to exercise caution," he continued. "It's a lot of work for staff."

In March the board adopted the comprehensive plan change. The appeals deadline is April 8. So far, no appeals have been filed.

In another legal matter, the board was asked to approve legal services for the Wakulla County Charter Review Commission, setting the budget at \$5,400.

Commissioner Howard Kessler raised concern about using the money, especially since the county is facing a tight budget year.

"I haven't even see their plans," said Kessler. "What is their schedule of meetings?" County Administra-

tor David Edwards told the board that the committee plans are to meet twice a month for the foreseeable future.

Kessler also said that Encinosa would review all recommendations by the Charter Review Commission, and contended it was a waste of taxpayer dollars.

Harden stopped the board's conversation to allow citizen Bob Danzey, a member of the Charter Review Commission, to speak on the issue.

Kessler asked for a "point of order" from Harden when it became clear the speaker card had been submitted after the motion was allowed to be discussed.

It was ultimately up to chairman Harden how he conducted the meeting, and Danzey was allowed to speak.

Danzey disagreed with Kessler and pointed out that the Charter Review Commission needed to have its own counsel.

Harden has been consistent, allowing all who fill out cards to be heard, even if the cards are filled out after the motion is opened for discussion.

The motion passed 4-1, Kessler casting the lone no vote.

Pennington Law Firm was approved to represent the Charter Review Commission.

In other matters before the board:

- The Wakulla County Community Center will get a new HVAC unit from Keith Kay Heating and Air Inc. for \$33,084.

- Commissioners voted unanimously to raise speed limits on two roads, as recommended by the Community Traffic Safety Team.

The speed limit on Emmitt Whaley Road will be changed from 25 mph to 35 mph, and Wakulla Arran Road at East Ivan Road will be changed from 35 mph to 45 mph.

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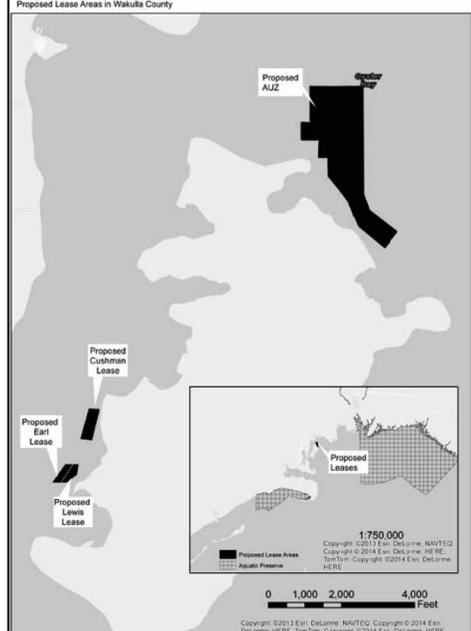
KEEP IT CLEAN

NOTICE OF AQUACULTURE LEASE PROJECTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 253.70, Florida Statutes, that the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is proposing to submit a request on behalf of multiple lease applicants to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, in order to provide authority to issue aquaculture leases for the purpose of performing shellfish cultivation activities, on the bottom and in the water column for the following projects: 1. A Proposed Aquaculture Use Zone, preempting 75-acres, more or less, of sovereignty submerged lands, to be divided into 2.0-acre, more or less, individual lease parcels and upon approval by the Board of Trustees will be advertised in conjunction with an open lease application period in the future; 2. A proposed 5.0 acre, more or less, lease for Steve Cushman, d/b/a Wakulla Oyster Farms LLC, of 233 Clark Drive, Panacea FL 32346; 3. A proposed 2.0 acre, more or less, lease for Clayton Lewis, d/b/a St. Teresa Clams LLC, of P. O. Box 207, Sopchoppy, FL 32358; and 4. A proposed 2.0 acre, more or less, lease for Charles Earl, of 63 Claxton Vause Sr. Road, Sopchoppy, FL 32358.

All four (4) areas are located in Oyster Bay, near the town of Panacea, in Wakulla County, FL. The sites are not located within an aquatic preserve. A map and diagram identifying the location and limits of the proposed activities company this notice.

Anyone having any questions or comments regarding the proposed projects should file them in writing with the Florida Division of Aquaculture, 1203 Governor's Square Boulevard, Suite 501, Mail Station GS 47, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, on or before 5:00 p.m. on the 19th day of April, 2014.



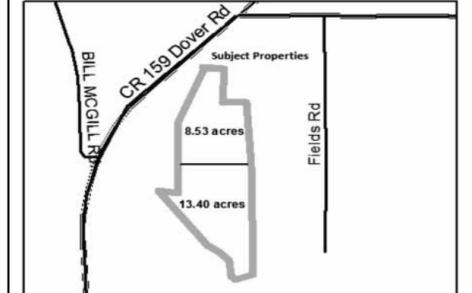

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Midway City Council at its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. intends to hear CPA-2014-02, a large scale Future Land Use Map amendment to the Midway Comprehensive Plan, to change the land use of property located at Tax Parcel ID #s 4-05-1N-2W-0000-00130-0000 and 4-05-1N-2W-0000-00131-0000 from Agriculture-1 (Gadsden County) to Agriculture (Midway) on the Midway Future Land Use Map. The parcels are owned by Henry B. Dover, Jr. and Karol D. Sevaggio and consist of a total of 21.93 acres.



Persons wishing to review the files on the above projects may do so at Midway City Hall located at 50 Martin Luther King Boulevard, Midway, FL 32343. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing assistance in obtaining any information from the City or attending the public hearing should contact the City by calling 850-574-2355 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing.

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

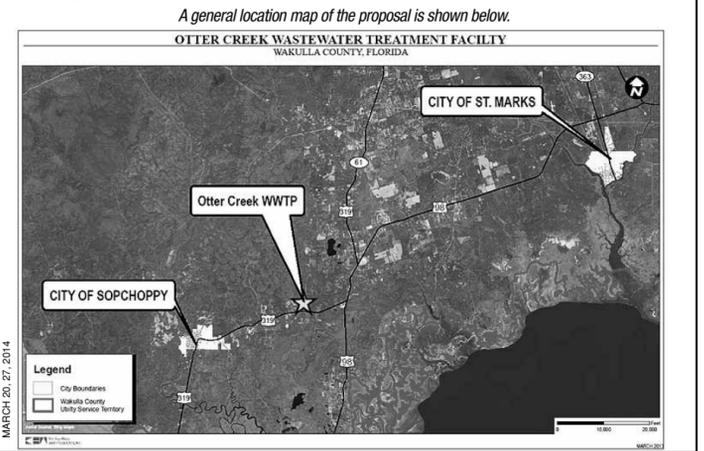
Notice of the Availability of an Environmental Assessment

The USDA, Rural Utilities Service has received an application for financial assistance from the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the Rural Utilities Service has prepared an Environmental Assessment that evaluated the potential environmental effects and consequences of the proposed project. This notice announces the availability of the Environmental Assessment for public review and comment.

The proposed project consists of expanding the existing 0.600 MGD wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) to a 1.200 MGD advanced water treatment (AWT) facility. The new 1.200 MGD treatment plant expansion will consist of constructing a new 1.200 MGD capacity oxidation ditch and conversion of existing tankage to surge tanks, clarifiers, and filtration. The expansion will also include the ability to provide public access reuse for golf course irrigation. The following alternatives were also considered in the preliminary engineering report (PER) for the proposed project:

1. Construction of a new 1.200 MGD membrane bioreactor (MBR) treatment system.
2. Construction of a 1.200 MGD oxidation ditch without public access reuse.
3. Duplicate the existing 0.600 MGD treatment system on site to provide a combined 1.200 MGD treatment facility.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment and PER are available for review at the following location:
USDA Rural Development - 2741 Pennsylvania, Suite 5 • Marianna, Florida 32448 (850) 526-2610
For further information contact Ms. Mary Gavin, USDA Area Specialist (850) 526-2610. Any person interested in commenting on this proposed project should submit comments to the address above by Friday, April 18, 2014.



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Sealed bids for RFQ 2014-07, OCHLOCKNEE BAY TRAIL (OBBT) PHASE 3 CEI will be received until 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2014. Proposals should be addressed to the Wakulla County Purchasing Office, at 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, at which time all bids will be publicly opened. Proposals received after the time and date specified will not be accepted and shall be returned unopened to the Proposer.

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RFQ documents will be available at www.mywakulla.com on Monday, March 17, 2014, or can be picked up at Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administrative Office at 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327 after 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 17, 2014.

Funds for this project are from Florida Department of Transportation, Local Area Project Agreement (LAP), FPID No. 416272-3-28-01 and 416272-3-58-01 for the construction and CEI of the OBBT Phase 3, to be 8-foot wide, 1.392 miles in length, multi-use trail along CR 372 SURF ROAD from Joe Drive to East of the St. Marks Wildlife Refuge. The successful proposer must comply with applicable federal and state laws and LAP requirements.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids or accept minor irregularities in the best interest of Wakulla County. Wakulla County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Any person with a qualified disability requiring special accommodations at the bid opening shall contact purchasing at the phone number listed above at least 5 business days prior to the event. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact this office by using the Florida Relay Services which can be reached at 1.800.955.8771 (TDD).

Richard Harden, Chairman

The Opinion Page

readers speak out

A headline last week made some people angry



William Snowden
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I got several emails, some phone calls and a couple of office visits – plus more than one angry glare while out-and-about last week, from people upset over the headline on the front-page story

about Pastor Jeff McFalls' death.

The headline said, "Pastor Jeff McFalls of Medart is dead."

People I heard from complained that the headline was blunt and insensitive. One person wrote me to say the story was great, but the headline made his blood boil.

After hearing the complaints, I changed the headline on the online story to "Pastor Jeff McFalls dies after lengthy illness."

In the past several years, I've used that same sort of headline on front-page stories on deaths of people in the com-

munity: "Fire Chief Bill Ward is dead," "Businessman Joe Barry is dead," "Funymman Jerry Kinder is dead," "James Taylor, founder of local VFW, is dead," "Mr. Sopchoppy' Bill Stephens is dead at 72."

The stories are meant to mark the passing of people who contributed to this community.

Something about the McFalls headline struck a lot of people the wrong way.

And I apologize for that.

William Snowden is editor at The Wakulla News.

It's up to voters to protect wetlands

Editor, The News:

The issue of wetlands protection will be on the ballot on Nov. 4. It is up to the voters to decide if they want to continue to protect our wetlands as our local ordinance has done since 2006.

Wakulla County's natural environment is its crown jewels, its most valuable asset. It is the core of our local economy, with Wakulla Springs, fishing, hunting, boating and eco-tourism bringing in the dollars that support all of us. It is what attracted most of us to call this community home.

Crown jewels are highly protected by their owners. They don't let others destroy them. So it seems logical that all of us in Wakulla County should protect our wetlands.

Yet there are some people who reject this protection.

They say they have "property rights," and they want to "protect property rights." We all have indis-

putable property rights, and they should be respected.

But our individual property rights have to be balanced against the rights of other citizens and the community's right for general welfare.

Theodore Roosevelt, that staunch Republican known for his belief in our right to liberty and rugged individualism, had it right as far back as 1910, when he said, "Every man holds his property subject to the general right of the community to regulate its use to whatever degree the public welfare may require it."

Let's not be fooled into thinking we can survive as a community by allowing our environment and wetlands to be used for a political ideology or for personal profit.

Let's preserve Wakulla's wetlands for future generations. Let's vote YES for wetlands protection on Nov. 4.

Bill Anderson
Panacea

Fundraiser was a successful event

Editor, The News:

The Democratic Women's Club of Wakulla County extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make the 1st Annual Girls Nite Out Health & Wellness Fair such a successful event. As you may know, ALL proceeds from this event will be donated to Wakulla Relay for Life.

We want to especially thank Body Tek in Crawfordville for the

generous use of their facilities to hold this event. It was a perfect venue. We also want to thank all our vendors who attended whose products were all beautiful, healthy or educational. Without them we couldn't have done this.

In addition, we want to thank the numerous businesses in the county who so generously donated gifts for the chance drawings that were held throughout the evening or other

items we needed for the event.

And last, but not least, we want to thank all of you who came out to support this worthy cause. Next year we will be back to do it again, bigger and better. Thank you all from the Democratic Women's Club of Wakulla County!

Diane Wilson
President
Wakulla DWC

Most popular stories online:

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 - World WAR II Dog Tags: Owner Found
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 - Capital Area Community Action Agency offering assistance
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READERS WRITE:

Thank you, Elections Office, for efforts

Editor, The News:

27, 2014.

The Wakulla Wetlands Alliance's Steering Committee wishes to publicly express their appreciation to Mr. Henry "Buddy" F. Wells, Wakulla County Supervisor of Elections, and to his staff members Joseph Morgan and Celina Greene for the efficiency the Election Office displayed in tallying and verifying to the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners that the petition "Ensures Local Control and Protection for Wakulla County's Wetlands" had met all required petition drive requirements as of Feb.

The Elections Office certified to the County Commission that we had submitted the 5,555 petitions required, i.e., the 30 percent of electors qualified to vote in each of the five election commission districts. We greatly appreciate the competent and totally nonpartisan manner the Election Office approached and completed the task.

Sincerely,

Victor W. Lambou
Chair
Wakulla Wetlands Alliance

Listening to commissioners words

Editor, The News:

Ernest Hemingway once said: "When people talk, listen completely. Most people never listen."

I decided to try this at the March 3 BOCC meeting with interesting results. After the meeting I found myself thinking, did the commissioners really say what I think they did?

To confirm my memory I watched the video on YouTube. While much of the meeting was taken up with the controversy over the 319/98 Wakulla high school intersection, I found the discussion of Commissioner Randy Merritt's agenda item to modify the current Wetland Ordinance by permitting variances within the 35 foot "no touch" portion of the wetland setback to be quite illuminating. Commissioner Howard Kessler provided a second and discussion ensued.

Merritt attempted to explain to the other commissioners his concern that the wetlands referendum might actually pass and that a better strategy than eliminating wetland protections entirely would be to offer variances within the 35 foot buffer zone.

Merritt: "If we get rid

of it altogether the citizen's choice is going to be no county wetlands protection or this protection and I believe that is going to be a compelling case for some people to want to vote for it."

Chairman Richard Harden, explaining why he would not support the motion: "My biggest hang-up with this is, if someone has a 150-foot lot this would help them. It would help a few people initially, but there are landowners that have large acres that have wetlands on their acres. It would leave them with 'no touch' zones even with the variance."

Merritt: "My point is, the choices that the citizens are going to have when they go into that voting booth. If we repeal it altogether the choice is going to be wetlands protection or no wetlands protection."

Commissioner Jerry Moore: "One of the things about politicians is we run on one issue and get into office and change our minds. I ran on the issue of sending this wetlands issue back to Tallahassee and I stand by that. I will not change my mind."

Kessler: "Mr. Moore you ran on jobs...I didn't see one sign that said

'Get rid of wetlands' – you ran on jobs, jobs, jobs."

In the wrap-up discussion at the end of the meeting when discussion of the 319/98 intersection came up briefly, there was reference to the money (\$885,000) that Moore made from the sale to the state for the property for relocating that intersection.

Moore: "My mother always told me that when someone offers you money, 'Just take it, son.' And I believe she was a very wise woman."

From these interchanges the following is clear: Merritt is searching for a way to derail the momentum of the referendum vote by softening the commission's all-or-nothing stance.

Harden's concern for "property rights" extends primarily to those with the "large acres" like he owns.

Lastly, it somehow eludes Moore that he is one of those politicians who "runs on one issue and gets into office and change our minds," and that taking money from whomever offers it is not the best recommendation for a public servant.

James Hennessey
Crawfordville

Sunshine Volunteers are seeking a piano

Editor, The News:

Speaking on behalf of "The Sunshine Volunteers" who perform weekly at Eden Springs Nursing Home, we would like to express a concern, which we hope can be addressed.

We are and have been for years a very committed group, sharing our talents each week, and some twice a week, to the beautiful residents living there. We provide them not only with our music, but with our hearts, a hug, a smile or just a kind word means so much. We get as much from them, as they get from us.

Our group consists of singers, guitars, banjo, violin, dobro and piano. However, the piano has been removed, due to damage. We are told, that the facility is unable to afford a piano. This inspired us to locate one, if possible.

The elderly should not be denied

anything that will add enjoyment and comfort for them. Most nursing homes provide a piano and encourage the volunteers to be a part. If they did not have the many willing and generous volunteers that provide their time each week, their energy and gas to ensure they enjoy life as much as possible, this program would not exist.

We do appreciate the opportunity we have been given to share our talents each week for a very worthwhile and rewarding time with special people.

Our hope and prayer is that someone will help us locate a good piano for a very worthwhile cause.

Sincerely,

Mary Watson
421-1948
Berney Barwick
567-6783

FWMA appreciates support

Editor, The News:

We would like to thank everyone for coming out and supporting Florida Wild Mammal Association at our bi-annual yard sale. Our donors provided tons of really great items, both before and during the event. We also saw quite a few familiar faces who never miss our yard sales and stop in for a

visit or to pick out some new treasures.

We always look forward to seeing everyone, you make these events so much fun! Last but not least, we could not have done this without the support of our awesome volunteers who did a super job running the show.

Thanks to your support we were able to raise \$2,000 for the cen-

ter. This will care for lots of critters! We had a wonderful time, and you all made it a fantastic event! All items that were left over from the sale were donated to Promise Land Ministries' Thrift Store to benefit another good cause.

Thanks again for your support!

Chris Beatty
FWMA

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

What do you miss about being a kid?



MIKE KINSEY
Glass artist

“Nothing really, because I’m just as ornery now as I was when I was a kid!”



GARY DEIBLER
Retired

“My childhood friends!”



ROY JOHNSON
Rest area attendant

“Playing in the yard! Not having to work! You didn’t have the worries.”



SETH WAGNER
Law enforcement

“Not having to work to eat! High schoolers don’t know how good they have it.”



TINA JOHNSON
Homemaker

“SLEEP! How long ago was it that you slept like a baby? 2002?”

– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Green Flea Market will be held at the Green Living Expo

By **KATHRYN GIBSON**
Special to The News

“Spring Cleaning” were words that I had strongly ambivalent feelings about when my mother peppered Sunday dinner with them.

Much of my growing up was in New England, so the words heralded in the recognition that we’d survived another winter of short days and long nights and that we could begin to shed our layers of winter wear in favor of shorts and T-shirts.

It also meant that it was warm enough to open windows and doors for letting the dust out, but cool enough that black flies and mosquitoes had not yet begun their blood thirst.

The yearly ritual, begun in 19th century America, demanded that every cupboard and closet be emptied, sorted through, inventoried and cleaned.

Items no longer used were cleaned and boxed for my younger cousins. This was the only advantage I can remember of being the oldest. They were all boys, so the girly stuff was boxed and taken to the Salvation Army, Goodwill or the church bazaar.

Before their exodus or re-entry items were beaten, scrubbed, aired and repaired. Our yard during these days was filled with multicolored ghosts fluttering from every tree and clothesline.

The Green Flea Market is an opportunity to recycle items from your home, garage and storage that will bring others pleasure and bring you in some cash.

It is an opportunity to showcase your Shabby Chic creations, your refurbished furniture, home décor and garden art.

Flea markets should be like treasure hunts; one never knows what unique and unexpected item might show itself. They can provide chances for connections, networking and the creative exchange of ideas.

How many times have you wandered through markets and thought “I can do that”?

We invite vendors of fresh produce, fundraiser food vendors and health service providers. By having a region wide flea market as part of the Expo, we encourage people to stop and park once.

There will be something for everyone: vendors, exhibitors, children’s activities and workshops, all at Hudson Park on April 26.

Please sign up by April 10th. Contact apiasecki@comcast.com for a registration form.

If you have questions, please contact Kathryn Gibson at 926-9519 or topazgibson@gmail.com.

Wakulla signs to use WCI inmate labor

Wakulla Sheriff Charlie Creel and Wakulla Correctional Institution Warden James Coker recently entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to allow the WCSO to use an allotment of up to 10 WCI inmates for work crews supervised by trained sheriff’s office personnel.

Deputy Leif Sparby heads up the WCSO Work Camp Unit and attended four days of training through the Department of Corrections Supervision of Inmates program. Officers Roy Crum, Maurice Herndon, John Metcalf and Gene Darby of the maintenance staff all received the training so they can use WCI inmates on various projects.

One of the five individuals who attended the training is responsible for picking up the inmates from the prison and delivering them back at the end of the day. Generally the prison work crew is four of five inmates. The WCSO can work the crew from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. under direct sight supervision.

The first day working for the WCI inmates was Monday, March 3 as a crew of four assisted Officer Roy Crum with county park maintenance, trash collection and mowing.

OFF the EATIN’ path...

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BUCKHORN NEWS

Follow God's word



By **ETHEL SKIPPER**

Christians must differentiate between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

A believer's ongoing acts of love and generosity result in a sense of belonging to God, a heart at rest, and clear conscience (1

John 3:19-21).

God wants us to have a clear conscience before him. It is the enemy who wants to load us down with feelings of guilt and condemnation, so we are reluctant to come into God's presence.

When we do something we know to be wrong, we feel guilty and uncomfortable. The good thing is God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. He knows our motives, our thoughts, our words, and everything we say or do. God knows all of this and has given us His word to guide us.

When we have troubles, when He helps us. We can have a renewed sense of confidence before Him.

Believers are to know God's word, and obey

it, so they will not be deceived. They must know and hold to the truth in order to walk in truth.

Happy birthday to the following people from Minister Eva M. Johnson: Jackie Grimmett, Willie B. Godbolt, Mildred Godbolt, James Green, Lora Harvey, Sirena Davis, Vertie M. Forest, Altiqua Kilpatrick and Elder Alfred Nelson.

The 5th Sunday union meeting of the Tallahassee Church of Christ Written in Heaven will be held at Skipper Temple Church, 165 Surf Road on March 28-30. Nightly service at 8 p.m., Sunday School at 10:30 a.m., church service at noon. Union presider is Elder Andrew Morris.

OUT TO PASTOR

In praise of crazy

By **JAMES L. SNYDER**

I made the mistake the other night of complaining out loud. It is one thing to complain under your breath so that nobody hears you or knows what you are complaining about. But when you complain out loud, then you run the chance of somebody hearing you.

The somebody I was most concerned about was the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Some things are meant to be kept to yourself and for obvious reasons.

"What are you complaining about," my wife said directing the question to me.

At first, I did not know what she was talking about because I did not realize that I was vocalizing my complaints.

All I could say at the time was, "Did I say that out loud?"

My wife has a delicate way of backing me in a corner where I have to say what is on my mind. Fortunately, I do not have much of a mind for anything to get on. Unfortunately, my tongue is not attached to anything and so it is loosey-goosey.

What I was complaining about were all the crazy people, particularly on television. Just when you think you have seen the most crazy thing, something else or someone else takes the lead in the race to crazyville.

Since my wife asked me, I let go on a very eloquent rant against crazy. At this point, I forget the exact crazy that set me off. But it does not matter. If it were not one thing, it would be another thing. I have tried throughout my life to be an equal crazy complainer. If you are crazy, you can be sure I am going to

complain about you. "You, in particular," my wife was directing this toward me, "ought to be quite thankful about all of the crazy people in the world."

That set me off on another rant. I am not thankful for the crazy people in this world. The less crazy people the better I am going to like it. And I made the mistake of telling her exactly what I thought about that. We do not need more crazy people, I argued. Someone in Congress ought to pass a law against crazy.

While I said that, it occurred to me that most of the crazy people are in Congress.

"Really," my wife argued, "you ought to be happy about all the crazy people in the world."

One of the things I have learned throughout the years of marital bliss is that if you ask your wife to tell you something, she will do it. But I was desperate at this time and I needed a little bit of clarification.

She looked at me, paused as if she was collecting her thoughts and then said, "You should be thankful that there are so many crazy people out in the world. The more crazy people there are, the more you are going to fit in. If for some reason we could eliminate all the crazy people in the world you would be a very lonely person."

She continued her explanation by saying, "Every crazy person takes the focus away from you. If there were not enough crazy people out in the world people would be focusing on you and complaining about how crazy you are."

You do not have to hit me over the head with a hammer. That is the thing about my wife. When she is right, she is right.

At least it gave me a new perspective on the world around me. Also, a new appreciation for crazy. I began to see her point of view, as humbling as it was, and realize that crazy has a place.

As I further thought about this, I began to realize that everybody is crazy – only in different areas of their life.

After some deep reflection on the subject, I have come to the point where I want to praise crazy. I never thought of it along this line, but everybody has the right to change his or her mind about anything. Personally, I would like to change my mind for one that really works.

One man's crazy is another man's delight. What is crazy to one person may be something rather important and enjoyable to another. After all, who am I to say what is crazy and what is not crazy. It is important to find someone else with something that you can truly appreciate.

I thought about that and what Solomon said, "Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones" (Proverbs 3:7-8).

Instead of spending so much time complaining about other people, I need to exercise the fine art of appreciation and learn how to praise people on their terms.

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.

Church Briefs

• Meatloaf Dinner set at Ochlockonee Bay UMC

Home Cookin' Meatloaf Dinner will be held at Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist on Friday, March 21, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. It will be eat-in or take out.

Menu includes meatloaf, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, green salad, bread, assorted desserts and beverage.

Prices are Adults \$10, Children 6-12 \$5, Children 5 and under Free.

Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Church is located at 2780 Surf Road, Ochlockonee Bay. Join friends new and old and enjoy a great meal.

• 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.

• International Women's Auxiliary Service planned

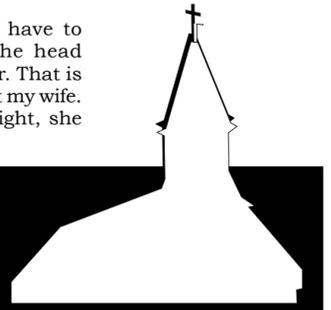
You are invited to enjoy fellowship and fun with over 300 women in Christ from all over the U.S. and abroad beginning Thursday, March 27, to Sunday, March 30. You will be blessed with daily seminars, evening services, tours of museums and a banquet!

Nightly Services will be held on Thursday, March 27, and Friday, March 28 at 8 p.m. On Saturday, March 29 we will have a special banquet which will include a Hat Fashion Show and will begin at 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, March 30, service will begin at 9 a.m.

Services will be held at 1477 Capital Circle NW in Tallahassee. Registration is \$150.

For further information, contact Host Pastor Vickie Rutledge, (850) 504-0730; email vision5800@yahoo.com.

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Worship 11 a.m.
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962-9000
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Worship 11:00am
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Youth and Adult Classes 6:30pm

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Pastor Susie Horner

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

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

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

-Amanda Aglin

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Obituaries

Vonceal Owedia Brackins

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Vonceal Owedia Brackins, 80, of Sopchoppy, passed away March 15, 2014 in Tallahassee.

She was a Baptist and had lived in this area since 1975 coming from Quincy. She was a bookkeeper.

Visitation will be Friday, March 21, 2014 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey Young Chapel in Crawfordville.

Survivors include three children, Donna Davis (Rodney) of St. Marks, Jennifer Bradley (Randy) of Sopchoppy, and Marie Rudd (Johnny) of Panama City; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J.C. Brackins.

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



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Bevis volunteers at last year's fish fry.

Bevis Funeral Home to host fish fry to benefit senior center

Special to The News

On Saturday, April 5, a fish fry will be held at Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel located at 3106 Crawfordville Hwy. in Crawfordville.

Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel has again partnered with the Wakulla County Senior Citizens

Council Inc. to benefit the center's Food for Life Club and Wakulla County's senior citizens.

All of the proceeds collected at Saturday's event will be given to the seniors.

The menu will be fresh-caught, cleaned and cooked mullet, cheese grits, coleslaw, baked beans, hushpup-

pies and dessert.

A day of food, fun and fellowship has been planned. Tickets are \$7, tax deductible, and can be purchased in advance at Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel or at the Wakulla Senior Center.

Last year's event was a huge success, with more than 350 people served.

Concert by the Believers set



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

The Believers: Wayne and Mary Nell Boyette and Shirley Kelley and Johnny Brantley.

The Believers, a gospel group from Adel, Ga., will perform at Friendship Primitive Baptist Church, 165 Friendship Church Road in Medart, on Sunday, March 30, at 6 p.m.



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Pastor Alfred Nelson, First Lady Sonia Nelson, former Pastor Elder Andrew Morris and Macedonia board members.

Macedonia Church holds groundbreaking

Special to The News

Macedonia Community Church of Sopchoppy held its groundbreaking ceremony on Feb. 22 at the original site of the church.

The land for the site of the original church was donated by the late George Washington and Mother Mary Green around 1934. The Lord blessed the event with a beautiful day and great gathering. The National Church of Christ Written in Heaven was represented by Bishop Walter Williams.

Political officials on hand included County Commissioner Richard Harden and Sopchoppy City Commissioner Nathan Lewis.

There was a brief program presided over by Elder Alfred Nelson Sr.

in which speakers shared God-filled messages, including presiding Elder Edward Brigham, Elder Andrew Morris, Mother Ethel Skipper, with the keynote message delivered by Bishop Williams.

A ceremonial shoveling of the land upon which the new church will be constructed was represented by three shovelfuls of dirt and three doves being released in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Special thanks to all who participated and made pledges. We are soliciting any volunteer services/donations for construction of the new sanctuary.

After the ceremony, cake by Shores and punch was served.

BEREAVEMENT COLUMN

Scavenger hunts

By TRACY RENEE LEE

When I was a young girl, I loved scavenger hunts.

At a party, I would receive a list of ordinary things to collect from neighbors homes, along with one or two not so ordinary things. The party host would divide the partygoers into small groups and off we would go on our own little treasure hunt.

It was a very fun game filled with thrills of treasure seeking.

As an adult, I have a daughter who loves scavenger hunts of a different nature: She is a teenage genealogist sleuth. She combs the internet, lists, books, old letters, documents and any other thing she can put her hands on, seeking information on our ancestral lineage. When she finds her treasure, she is filled with excitement and happiness. I have seen her diligently search for one bit of information for years on end, meeting one disappointment after another.

When I was an intern for my professional license, I worked at a very old funeral home in Dallas. The building was huge and had those six-foot wide columns across the front porch. One day at work, I set about clearing out an old bookcase with a large collection of lovely leather bound books. I would estimate that there were at least 40 of these

books on the shelves. They were very old, and some were showing signs of deterioration. I asked the Funeral Director in Charge what he would have me do with these old, dusty, musty smelling, leather bound books. He said, "Just throw them away, I don't know why we have them."

His remarks startled me, and I have never forgotten them. These old leather bound books dating back to the 1800's were hand written ledgers, containing the vital statistics and personal impressions of the funeral director of every person this funeral home had buried for over 100 years. Can you imagine coming across such a trove of hidden information?

My mother was a genealogist. Perhaps that is where my daughter inherits such passion for her skill. I remember my mother taking trips to the Deep South to visit old cathedrals in search for lost information in her family lineage.

Instead of spending our summers as our friends did, on the coast or at amusement parks, my siblings and I were packed into my mother's station wagon to visit old relatives and priests all summer. We would return to our home just in time for school to begin.

While writing this, I have placed a phone call to the old funeral home in

Dallas where I interned. I pray those old leather bound books filled with lost treasure have not been destroyed as the funeral director suggested.

I hope to rescue them and digitize them so that if there is a genealogist out there searching for a lost member of their family, they might find their treasure through my efforts.

Before becoming a funeral practitioner, I did not know about these books. My mother would have jumped for joy if she had ever come across such a hidden treasure. I hope that if you are searching for lost genealogical records, this information might help you find your lost loved ones.

When I was a young girl, I loved scavenger hunts. Now embarking on a hunt for hidden genealogical treasure, and mortuaries are my oyster.

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

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



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Community

happenings in our community

Library News...

With the Florida Legislature already in session, it's that time of the year when we like to remind all of our patrons about the importance of the State Aid to Libraries program. This program, funded through the State Library of Florida, was set up to encourage local governments to increase support for their public libraries. The more that the local governments support their libraries, the more that that library can receive in State Aid. As far as WCPL is concerned, State Aid pays for the majority of library expenses with the exception of salaries, and part of our utilities. The Friends of the Library helps with our Summer Program, summer reading books, and raising money for our planned expansion. State Aid is critical to the running of WCPL so we encourage all who can to contact your Legislator and tell them how important WCPL is to you and the community and to please continue (or increase) funding the State Aid program at its current level. As always we deeply appreciate your continued support.

Friday Night Movie

Our next Friday Night Movie on the 21st will be the story behind Walt Disney convincing P.L Travers, the author of Mary Poppins, to allow him to make the classic film. Starring Academy Award winners Tom Hanks as Disney and Emma Thompson as Travers, this acclaimed film tells of the early life of Travers as well, which was the inspiration behind her writing of Mary Poppins. Costarring with Hanks and Thompson are Paul Giamatti, Colin Farrell, and may other recognizable faces. Doors open at 6:45 for the 7:00 showing of this PG-13 (thematic elements) film and we ask that all children be accompanied by an adult.

Buy a ticket win a Samsung Tablet

After being kicked off at last weekend's St. Pats festival, the Friends of the Library latest membership and fundraising drive continues as they will be holding a drawing at their Friends Celebra-



By **SCOTT JOYNER**
Library Director

tion on 4/26 for a Samsung TAB3 tablet (\$300 value). Tickets can be purchased at WCPL from myself, at our April Book Extravaganza on the 5th, at the Friend's tent at the Worm Gruntin' festival on 4/12 or from any member of the Friends Board. Tickets are \$1.00 apiece or 6 for \$5.00. Please continue your great support of the Friends and WCPL and potentially win this great tablet in the process.

Library Programs at the Community Center

Remember to check out our programs at the Community Center 3 Thursday afternoons out of the month! The 1st Thursday of the month is for K-2nd graders, the 2nd Thursday of the month is for 3-5th grades, and the 3rd Thursday of the month is for middleschoolers. All programs begin at 4:00. We're hoping that demand warrants additional programs so please come out and help make the Community Center a success. If you have any questions about what the Community Center is currently offering please swing by the Center at the corner of Shadeville and Trice Lane or call the center at 745-6042.

AARP Tax Prep at WCPL

As we head into the last month of tax season, we'd like to remind you that the AARP is offering free tax preparation every Thursday and Saturday from 9-12:30 in our computer lab. This first come first served service is intended for low to middle income filers with special attention paid toward senior citizens. They will also be here all day on April 15. If you haven't filed already please take advantage of this free service!

Alvin Ailey will hold auditions in Tallahassee

Ellen Robinson
Special to the News

On Saturday, April 5, New York City's Official Ailey School grand jets into The Tallahassee Ballet studio to hold auditions.

The Tallahassee Ballet will host the prestigious school of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater as they search for dancers between the ages of 11-25 to join them in their Summer Intensive program. Dancers between the ages of 11-15 will audition for the Junior Division at 1 p.m. Dancers between the ages of 16-25 will audition for the Professional Division at 3 p.m.

Tyrone Brooks, Artistic Director of The Tallahassee Ballet, is excited for The Ailey School to hold auditions at The Tallahassee Ballet for the first time.

"Anyone with dance training or experience may join us for the auditions," Brooks said. "There are a lot of discoveries at these events. The Ailey School may see a talent that needs to be nurtured and encourage these dancers to continue to study."

There is a \$20 audition fee to be processed on The Ailey School's website and a form to complete. The audition form is available on the Events page of The Tallahassee Ballet website, and this should accompany each dancer to their audition.

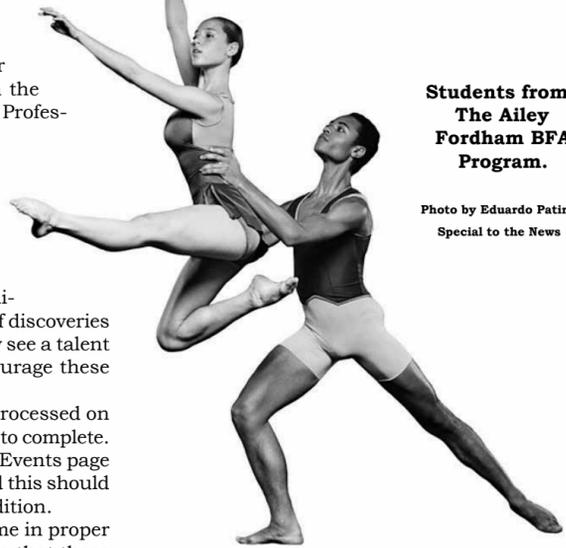
Mr. Brooks advises dancers to come in proper dance attire and to be neat. He states that these

auditions are the start of a great partnership.

"This is the beginning of a relationship with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater," Brooks said. "We're just happy to be the host."

For more information visit TheAileySchool.edu/Auditions

Any additional questions can be directed via email to admissions@alvinailey.org or via telephone at 212-405-9513.



Students from
The Ailey
Fordham BFA
Program.

Photo by Eduardo Patino
Special to the News

An optimistic message from a Holocaust survivor

Special to the News

Ms. Susan Bistracan and Ms. Kathleen Gaylor, faculty at Wakulla High School, attended a teacher workshop about The Holocaust sponsored by the Holocaust Education Research Council (H.E.R.C.). The goal of HERC is to educate everyone about the atrocities that occurred during Hitler's regime and the Holocaust of World War 2. Some of the education is provided through eyewitness and victims account of the events. Since all of the participants are aging, they are anxious to share their firsthand knowledge and to tell the stories of their harrowing experiences.

Mrs. Ellen Peyton, who now lives in Tallahassee, is just such a survivor. She and her family survived Hitler by fleeing Berlin on a boat to Shanghai, China. There they lived in a Jewish Ghetto. At that time, Shanghai's immigration policy was open and many Jews were able to

escape Europe and enter the city of Shanghai.

Conditions in the Shanghai Ghetto were harsh, and the Jews living there suffered greatly. To add to their burden, Japan entered into a war with China. As a child Mrs. Peyton recalls the bombs falling in the streets. Mrs. Peyton has many memories, both good and bad, of that time in our history.

Mrs. Peyton, and her husband Richard, traveled to Wakulla High School to share her stories with our students. The students truly appreciated the opportunity to ask questions of a person who suffered such hardships and was an eyewitness to such profound events.

Mrs. Peyton's parting advice to the students was to remain optimistic about life and to get as much education as possible.



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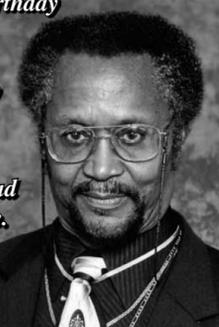
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MERDDIE ROSIER

celebrated his 70th birthday
 Saturday, March 15
 with his wife Barber,
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 members and friends.
 All enjoyed sharing
 the good times they had
 together with Merddie.



He Thanks and Appreciates Everyone for All the Wonderful Love Shown to Him.

School

education news from local schools

Teachers, employee of the month named

Special to The News

Superintendent Robert Pearce and the Wakulla County School Board applaud 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.

ANGELA DEN BLEYKER CRAWFORDVILLE ELEMENTARY

Angela Den Bleyker, March Teacher of the Month, hit the ground running when she began her teaching career seven years ago at Crawfordville Elementary School. A graduate of Flagler College, Den Bleyker cites the time she spends with the students as the most enjoyable part of her job.

Originally from Tallahassee and a graduate of Lincoln High School, Den Bleyker pursued her degree, first by attending TCC and then finished at Flagler. She earned a dual major in elementary education and exceptional student education. "When the light bulb clicks and students learn something new or have mastered a new skill it



Angela Den Bleyker

becomes contagious," shares Den Bleyker.

Contributing to the total school program by serving as a member of eco-ambassadors, operation brain power and the project learning tree committee demonstrates her commitment to her students even after they leave third grade. Den Bleyker notes, "When a former student comes to visit and shares their accomplishments with me I feel like a proud mom. My love for my students, current and former is why I am a teacher."

Crawfordville Elementary School Principal Angie Walker describes Den Bleyker as an incredible person and teacher, "She is kind, generous, caring, devoted and professional in all situations. Mrs. Den Bleyker sets the bar about as high as it can go with her uncanny knack to con-



Shannon Smith

nect with her students and parents. She makes sure that each and every child knows her expectations, models her expectations and feels a part of her class community.

Her class is a phenomenal place to enter and almost impossible place to leave. She is engaging to all who cross the threshold. Mrs. Den Bleyker is a role model for all educators, and I am extremely fortunate to have her with me at Crawfordville."

SHANNON SMITH RIVERSPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Shannon Smith, Riversprings Middle School Teacher and Coach, has been serving Wakulla students in a professional capacity since 2005. Smith began his career teaching math at WHS and transferred one year later to River-



Ashley Ward

springs as a math and PE teacher. "Growing up, I always knew I wanted to coach kids (especially wrestling). Teaching afforded me the opportunity to work with children and coach at the same time," shares Smith.

Smith received his master's degree in Educational Leadership from the American Intercontinental University in 2013. He received his bachelor's degree in middle grades mathematics from FSU and his AA degree from TCC.

Watching students grow intellectually and interacting with students is what Smith enjoys most about his job. He adds, "It is always a pleasure to keep up with my students and their accomplishments when they leave middle school."

Smith has been the coach for Team Wakulla Wrestling since 2007 and an AVID teacher

since 2013.

Riversprings Middle School Principal Michele Baggett states, "Coach Smith is an important part of the heart and soul of RMS. On any given day, he can be found on a ball field, wrestling mat, monitoring parent drop-off, driving a school bus, teaching a class or mowing a field. Smith is our 7th grade AVID elect teacher, PE teacher, wrestling coach, volleyball coach and athletic director. His love for the RMS Bears shines through in his actions. He is eager and ready to assume any challenges that might come his way. Coach Smith is a true asset to our school."

ASHLEY WARD WAKULLA PRE-K

The March Employee of the Month is the Wakulla Pre-Ks Ashley Ward. Ward has been a paraprofessional at the Pre-K since August 2008. Prior to that time she was a VPK teacher at Happy Time Day Care.

Originally from Freeport, Florida, Ward attended Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville and earned an A.S. degree in Early Childhood Education. She is currently work-

ing on her B.A. degree from Vanguard University of Southern California.

Ward enjoys working with children and sharing in their enthusiasm for school and learning. Pursuing her degree in Early Childhood Education is a natural fit. Not only does she get pleasure from the students but she delights in working closely with her colleagues, sharing ideas and supporting one another. "I appreciate the importance of involvement in our school; helping to create an overall positive morale," notes Ward.

Ward notes, "I love the early development of children and watching how they grow throughout the year. Being around them lifts my spirits as their perspective is delightful and usually humorous."

Pre-K Principal Kim Dutton shares, "Mrs. Ward is the ultimate optimist; always expecting a favorable outcome. This philosophy enables her to see the very best in each and every child in her classroom. Few things in the world are more powerful than a positive push. A "you can do it" when things are tough. Her expectations then become a reality for her students."

Crawfordville Elementary's annual Spring Festival is April 5

Special to the News

Crawfordville Elementary School is hosting its annual Spring Festival, now themed as a Country Fair, Saturday, April 5 from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Things will look a little different with new activities planned to help support the "Country Fair" theme.

Instead of our regular Spring Festival, you will see an old fashioned Country Fair with "all the fixins" plus more.

The students are selling tickets that will raise money for items such as books, garden supplies, and field trips.

If the children sell enough tickets their principal gets kissed by a pig, their Dean of Students has to shave his head, and lots of "slime cups" will get poured on a whole row of teachers and administrators.

Everyone is working hard to support the school and the efforts that go into planning and preparing for an event such as the Country Fair.

You can support Crawfordville Elementary School and the students by purchasing tickets or becoming a school sponsor.

Please call the school if you are interested in either. Of course, just attending the event is a great

way to support our school. There will be a giant blow up obstacle course, face painting, popcorn, sno-cones, entertainment, balloons, a new type of dunk tank, an old fashioned pie baking contest, games, themed baskets, grilled food and Bingo with prizes. In fact, we have so many Bingo prizes and requests to play that we have moved Bingo into the larger music room to provide space for more participants and all of the prizes that have been donated and purchased.

Be sure to stop by Crawfordville Elementary School Saturday to enjoy a safe day of family fun. You won't be disappointed!



Kayla Wimberly, Jo Ann Daniels, Bill Versiga, Tamara Arnold, Savannah Hamilton, and Nancy Floyd Richardson.

WHS students Win Optimist Club Essay Contest

Special to the News

The Coastal Optimist Club recently held its annual essay contest which was open to students in the 9th through 12th grades.

The topic was "How Dreams Lead To Success."

Students were invited to write an essay of 700 to 800 words.

Winning first place was Kayla Wimberly. Kayla is a senior at Wakulla High School. She received a check for \$100.

As the first place winner, her essay will be competing in the North Florida District Optimist Essay Contest. The winner at that level receives a \$2,500 scholarship and goes on to the International Essay Contest.

The second place winning essay was written by senior Savannah Hamilton. She received a check for \$75. Third place, winning \$50 was senior Tamara Arnold. Tamara, Savannah and Kayla are all students in Nancy Floyd Richard-

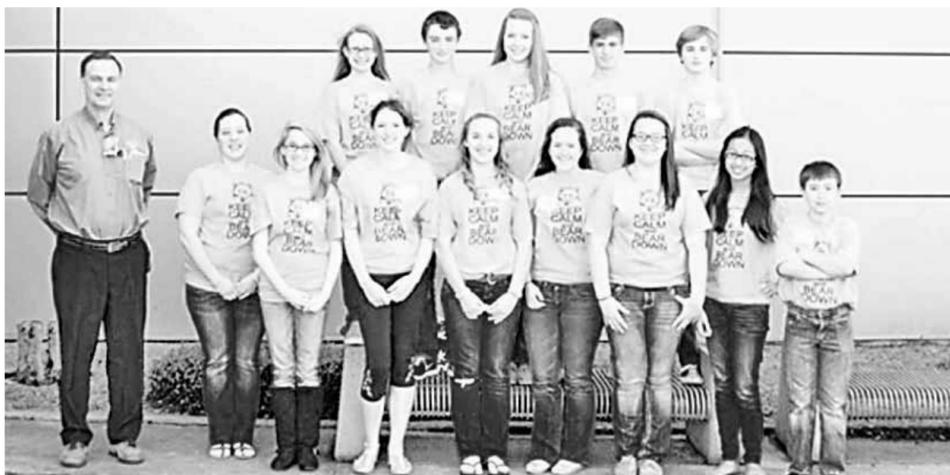
son's classes.

The essay contest winners, their teacher and family members attended a luncheon in their honor at Posey's Steam Room in Panacea on March 13, where they were presented with certificates, medallions and their checks by contest chair Jo Ann Daniels and Coastal Optimist Club Vice President Bill Versiga. The judges for the event were Sally Gandy, Anthony Liscy and Jo Ann Daniels.

The entries were judged on their overall content, writing style, grammatical accuracy, neatness, organization and thoroughness in covering the topic.

The Optimist's next activities include the middle school and elementary Brain Brawl competitions and the Oratorical Contest.

The Coastal Optimist Club meets on Thursdays at noon at Posey's Steam Room and cordially invites anyone who enjoys helping the young people in our community to join them.



MATHCOUNTS students in the back row are Magnolia Parmer, Jared Weber, Alyssa Cacciatore, Caleb Wiedeman, Logan Hicks. In the front row Coach John Kane, Coach Kaylee Meyers, Stephanie Ball, Susie Fountain, AnneMarie Russell, Logan Branch, Brylee Tew, Giselle Almanzor, Devin Lehrmann.

Riversprings Middle School competes at MATHCOUNTS

Special to the News

On Saturday, Feb. 22, Riversprings Middle School's MATHCOUNTS Team traveled to FAMU/FSU College of Engineering to compete in the Big Bend Regional MATHCOUNTS competition.

The day long event featured individual and team level competitions, as well as an entertaining ciphering round that was open to the public.

MATHCOUNTS is a national middle school coaching and com-

petitive mathematics program that promotes mathematics achievement through a series of fun and engaging contests.

MATHCOUNTS is sponsored by the Big Bend Chapter of the Florida Engineering

Society and numerous local and national organizations.

Riversprings' top scorers were eighth-grader Jared Weber, seventh-grader Giselle Almanzor, and eighth-grader Brylee Tew.

Sports

sports news and team views

TRACK

Teams compete in two meets last week

By PAUL HOOVER
WHS Track Coach

On Tuesday, March 11, the track teams traveled to Godby High School for the first annual Tariq Barfield Invitational Meet.

Ten teams attended the first year event, with the WHS girls placing third overall and the boys placing fourth.

The local squads were primarily represented by their junior and senior runners, as the younger runners were slated to attend the Chiles Freshmen/Sophomore Championship Meet later in the week.

The competition kicked off with the field events and WHS's duo of Corion Knight and Keith Gavin led the way with outstanding performances. In the high jump, both cleared the 1st Team US Elite Standard height of 6'8", with Knight winning the head-to-head competition based on fewer misses.

Knight then went on to also win the long jump competition with a leap of 22'07", a new personal record.

The running events started with the 4x800 meter relay, which was won by the WHS boys (Bryce Cole, Evan Guarino, Alan Pearson, Albert Smythe) in the excellent time of 8:45.25.

Travis Parks also logged the winning time (11:47.13) in the 3200 meters, with Riley Welch (11:58.30) nailing down second place.

Albert Smythe also turned in a good performance in the 1600 meters, placing second in a time of 4:58.99. Boys scoring points for the team included Evan Guarino (7th, 1600 meters, 5:20.56), J.P. Piotrowski (4th, 800 meters, 2:12.35), Malik Thomas (8th, 200 meters, 0:24.11) and the 4 x 100 relay team (4th) and the 4x400 relay team (5th).

The girls were led once again by the outstanding performances of senior Madison Harris, who usually runs the 800 meters, but who dropped down in distances this week, placing second in the 400 meters in a new school record time of 0:58.77. She then followed that up with a winning effort in the 200 meters in the excellent time of 0:26.87. Kayla Webbe continued the top performances by winning the 3200 meter run (13:05.37) and placing second in the

1600 meters (6:07.19). In the 800 meters, Lydia Wiedeman turned in the winning performance, logging a time of 2:31.57, with freshman Haleigh Martin (2nd, 2:32.95) in hot pursuit.

The girls relay teams also turned in top performances. The WHS girls (Haleigh Martin, Kayla Webbe, Marty Wiedeman, Lydia Wiedeman) won the 4x800 meter relay in 11:04.1.

The team of Lydia Wiedeman, Sarah Thigpen, Adrianna Mitchell and Madison Harris turned in one of the most electrifying performances of the evening in the 4x400 meter relay, battling Lincoln and Godby throughout the race.

The first three girls kept the local team in second place, battling Godby, with Lincoln holding what appeared to be an insurmountable lead of approximately 6 seconds when Harris took the baton on the anchor leg, but one thing opponents have learned over the last four years is that no lead is necessarily secure when Harris is anchoring the team.

Harris took off after the final Lincoln runner and steadily closed the gap on the back stretch and then made a furious charge down the final straight, but ran out of track, finishing second in 4:16.80 to Lincoln's 4:16.21.

Other WHS girls scoring points included Adrianna Mitchell (6th, 200 meters, 0:28.08, 7th, 100 meters, 0:13.86 and 3rd, long jump, 16'09"), Holli Capps (5th, 800 meters, 2:52.99), Commie Lewis (3rd, 1600 meters, 6:14.16), Taylor Vaughn (8th, 100 meter hurdles, 0:20.17), Mikala Gavin (8th, long jump, 14'07") and Shelby Alsop (6th, discus, 78'07").

WHS GIRLS WIN AT 15TH ANNUAL CHILES FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE MEET

On Friday, March 14, the WHS track "newbies" started their spring break by traveling to Chiles High School for their annual freshman/sophomore championship meet.

Eight schools fielded teams for the meet and when the dust had finally settled at about 8:30 p.m., the local girls squad had secured a victory and claimed their first trophy ever at this meet.

Only nine local girls traveled to the meet, but



The WHS underclassmen girls with the trophy at the Chiles meet.

early on they made it known that they would be a factor.

The long jump was one of the first events and the multi-talented freshman, Adrianna Mitchell, led the field winning with a leap of 16'04", with teammates Mikala Gavin (2nd, 15'04") and Shaniece Johnson (5th, 12'11.5") also placing in the top eight.

The running events then began with the 100 meter hurdles and Johnson ran a strong race, just getting nipped at the end, but securing second place in a new personal record (PR) of 0:20.29.

The 100 meter dash followed and set the stage for a remarkable evening for Mitchell.

By the time the meet was over she secured victories in the 100 meters (0:13.49), the 200 meters (0:27.60) and the 400 meters (1:03.71), to sweep all the sprint events.

Gavin also performed well, garnering a 6th place (0:0:14.04) in the 100 meters and 5th (0:29.40) in the 200 meters. Dazaha Jackson also scored in the 100 meters, nabbing 8th place (0:14.06).

In the 400 meters, freshman Sarah Thigpen continued to improve and secured 3rd place (1:05.84), setting a new PR by over 2 seconds.

Then it was time to turn the scoring over to the middle distance girls and they continued in the same vein.

In the 1600 meters Leon runner Grace Lockhart took the lead

from the beginning and steadily kept building on it. WHS standout Haleigh Martin found herself steadily falling further and further behind while struggling with a severe side stitch.

With 200 meters to go it look like she would have to settle for second place, but her heart kicked in at that point and she mounted a furious charge, closing the gap with each stride and ended up nipping Lockhart at the finish line. Martin's time was 5:50.41 to Lockhart's 5:50.62, not Martin's best time, but her guttiest race to date. Sophomore Connie Lewis ran a new PR, 6:12.14, to finish in 4th place. Martin returned in the 800 meters and, minus the side stitch, dominated the field, winning in 2:36.68, almost 11 seconds ahead of the second place finisher. Freshman Emily Lawrence, competing in her first high school meet, secured 6th place (3:02.73), claiming 3 points for the local squad. Connie Lewis, looking strong and controlled, then proceeded to win the 3200 meters in a new PR of 13:46.32. Going into the final event of the day for the girls, it looked like with a good showing in the 4 x 400 meter relay the WHS girls could secure a second place finish. The 4 x 400 squad of Shaniece Johnson, Sarah Thigpen, Dazaha Jackson and Haleigh Martin lined up at the start committed to putting everything they had into the effort. They were running in third place behind both Port St. Joe (the meet leaders) and Leon when Martin received the baton. She started at least 6 seconds be-

hind the Leon runner and it looked like an insurmountable deficit, but she then proceeded to pull a "Madi" as set off in pursuit of the Leon girl. With every stride, she closed the gap just a little bit and by the time they reached the home stretch she was in full flight and furiously trying to close the final 2 seconds. Once again, she nipped the Leon runner at the line, securing what appeared to be second place in the race.

The race winner was later moved into an open category and taken out of the scoring for the freshman/sophomore classification as they had an upper classman on the team, giving the WHS squad the win and the 10 points, which turned out to be critical in the overall team scoring.

After the final scores were tabulated, the WHS girls ended up winning the meet by 1/2 point, 121 to 120.5, over the Port St. Joe squad.

In the process, the girls won every individual flat track (not over hurdles) event at the meet, meaning the 100, 200, 400, 800, 1600 and 3200, plus the long jump and 4x400 relay.

The boys competition for the WHS team lacked the drama of the girls competition, but the local runners still had some good performances.

In the sprints, Demarcus Lindsey ran a very solid 100 meters, claiming 5th place (0:12.05) and Sebastian Garner nabbed a 4th place finish in the 400 meters (0:56.03).

In the 800 meters, sophomore Albert Smythe ran a new PR, finishing second in the excellent time of 2:05.54

Runner Cora Atkinson signs a scholarship with Life College. See Story, Page 20.

and Bryce Cole placed 7th in 2:16.14.

In the 1600 meters, Bryce Cole ran a strong, controlled race, finishing in second place in a new PR of 4:44.74. Smythe rounded out the scoring for the local team by finishing 4th in the 3200 meters (11:06.35), literally minutes after running his 800 meter PR.

Other notable PRs included Evan Gurarino (800 meters, 2:19.39 & 1600 meters, 5:13.93), William Thomas (800 meters, 2:37.34 & 1600 meters, 6:01.65), Tyler Westcott (1600 meters, 6:02.54 & 3200 meters, 13:10.23), Nick Emerson (1600 meters, 5:57.61 & 3200 meters, 13:09.94), Sebastian Garner (200 meters, 0:25.21) and Justin Green (100 meters, 0:12.47).

"Overall, both team performed well tonight," said Coach Paul Hoover. "But the girls were outstanding. All the girls really stepped up, but we couldn't have asked for anything more from Adrianna and Haleigh. Adrianna won four events, including sweeping all of the sprints and that is just almost never done. Haleigh won two individual events, plus ran the critical anchor leg in the 4 X 400 relay."

"This is the first meet since I have been at the school where the sprint girls out-pointed our middle distance runners and that is great to see," he said. "The credit for that goes to the excellent work that Coach Gavin is doing with the sprinters and jumpers."

"The team's performance at this meet is also a tribute to the excellent middle school program run by Coach Chad Linville at Riversprings Middle School, as that is where the vast majority of our top young athletes come from."

LOCAL TRACK ATHLETES RANKED NATIONALLY

Three local high school track athletes have logged performances that currently rank in the top 10 in the nation: Senior Madison Harris' 2:14.39 in the 800 meters is currently the 5th fastest time for a high school girl recorded this so far this season; and high jumpers senior Corion Knight and sophomore Keith Gavin, are both tied for 7th place with jumps of 6'008".

WAKULLA COUNTY RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2014 MID SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION DATES AND TIMES:

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AGES: AGE DETERMINING DATES: April 30th, 2014 for Player Pitch

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Player pitch is a league that builds on previous pitching machine league experience. Although not required it is encouraged that players have experienced some type of live pitching. The league will start shortly after the pitching machine regular season.

There will be a 4 team minimum requirement for each division to be established.

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Fishing should be good, if not for the rain

Man, did we get the rain. I heard anywhere from 6 to 9 inches.

That's a lot of freshwater dumping into the bay.

It was starting to clear up around Shell Point but this will definitely change things.

With the full moon the other day, fishing should be really good this coming weekend unless all the rain affected them.

I had a charter for last Monday but due to the fact that where I fish had been pretty slow, I asked Randy Peart to take them. He had been

fishing at Spring Warrior and catching plenty of fish on a Twitch N Rap and gold Rattlin Redfins but said he was gonna fish the Econfina on Sunday.

He did real well on Sunday so he took them to the Econfina where they limited out on trout and caught several Spanish and some nice rockbass. He caught the trout at the mouth of a creek and the rockbass and Spanish came from about 12 feet of water.

Capt. David Fife continues to catch nice strings of trout using



From The Dock

BY CAPT. JODY CAMPBELL

mostly top water Mirrolures and live mud minnows. He said he was catching a few reds but not very many.

Fishing down around Spring Warrior and Keaton Beach continues to be very good. Top water baits, gold Rattlin Redfins, live shrimp and the Gulp are all producing



nice fish.

One of my neighbors said a friend of his fishes out of Steinhatchee and he has been catching lots of big trout on a lure made by Live Target that looks like a menhaden.

Last Tuesday I fished for about three hours on the falling tide and

caught 17 trout, one flounder and one Spanish.

The next day I had charter and the wind blew 20-25 mph out of the NNW.

We won't talk about that day.

Saturday, Mike Pearson and I went for a couple of hours and fished the same spot I did on Tuesday and every one of those places had trout on them.

We also caught trout to 4 pounds on the flats.

Don't forget about the Sport Fishing exhibit which started on the 14th at the Museum of

Florida history, located at 500 South Bronough.

The Big Bend Kayak Classic will be May 2 and 3 and benefits Meals on Wheels and other senior services in Wakulla County. Go to www.bigbendkayakclassic.com for more info. The 6th annual Rock the Dock Tournament will be April 26 and 27 at Rock Landing in Panama.

Don't forget to leave a float plan with someone, especially if you're heading off shore.

Good luck and good fishing!

Black vultures are now as common as Turkey vultures

Wakulla Wildlife



BY GEORGE WEYMOUTH

I went to Crawfordville the other day early. I needed to see Jenny at The Wakulla News about an article she was doing on the mural I've recently completed (See mural story on Page 14).

I knew The News office wasn't open at 7:30 and so I went for breakfast at Huddle House. A cup of the tasty coffee warmed my soul on this extremely rainy dawn, as overnight I had a good 5 to 6 inches of rain at our home in Smith Creek.

Looking out the window, I couldn't help but notice some black vultures swooping low directly over the restaurant, tipping their heads to look (it seemed) right in at me. "Don't look at me like that," I thought. "I ain't dead - yet!"

Then I noted fish crows, about a dozen over the parking areas, and another blackish bird, the European starling. Laughing gulls flew up, and on the wires were some Eurasian collared doves. Neat, I thought. There is a column!

As a child up in Indiana, only turkey vultures were seen there, except in the dead of winter.

Now, though, they are as common as the turkey vulture, so they slowly are expanding their range northward as the world's temperatures over the last two decades has slowly warmed.

Adult turkey vultures have a reddish head, the black's is blackish.

The turkey has around a 7-foot wing span, while the Black's is only about five. Yet the black weighs about 5 pounds, the turkey only around 2-3 pounds.

The turkey has (unlike most birds) a very

keen sense of smell, and often is the scavenger that detects death - a meal - first. They will land and start dismembering a carcass only to be spotted by the heavier black vultures, which will drive the turkey off.

The black being heavier will have to flap around three or four times, then glide, then resume flapping again, and again glide for a short distance, until they gain enough elevation to soar, while the turkey may cover the same distance with out flapping once!

Also the turkey is so light in weight, any tiny updraft from below or change in wind speed or direction will cause it to constantly tip the wings, as if unsteady, while the black has a direct purposeful strong flight.

The black holds its wings fairly flat out with just a slight dihedral, but the turkey really tips its wings up, and so from a great distance these two can be separated as to species nearly instantly.

The bald eagle when pausing between flaps holds its wings dead flat!

Also blacks have a shorter tail, and have a light area out in the last half of the wings from below (in the primaries) while the turkey's wings are all uniform in color. And, there is much more, BUT lets move on to the crows.

We have two distinct species of crows in our region: the American Crow and the Fish Crow.

In our country we also have the Northwestern Crow, and the Tamualipas Crow found in Mexico up to extreme south Texas. And, in British Columbia, occasionally is seen the smaller Eur-



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

A Black vulture is heavier and has a shorter tail than a Turkey vulture.

asian Jackdaw. Our Fish crow is smaller than the American crow and has a smaller bill as well, but separating the two by looks alone takes more skill than I have!

However their calls are quite different. The drawn out "caw-caw-caw" of the crow found in farmland throughout North America is replaced along our southeastern coastal regions by the Fish Crows call, a "ca ha."

Here in the winter months we see Fish crows in large flocks, never the American crow, as you might in Indiana or Kansas.

Actually, before our present Crawfordville Winn-Dixie was built, the area where it now sits and the parking lot was a winter roost for hundreds of these crows.

I was saddened to see their rookery flattened. Fish crow are often literally seen on our beaches feeding on washed up marine life.

And like all the birds in the raven, crow, magpie, jay family of Corvidae are very smart. In Europe they are considered the most highly developed, evolved bird because of their smarts.

As an example, they've been observed

playing in the snow by landing on a bank, holding their wings in tight, and dropping to the snow and rolling down the snow bank, only to fly back and do it again and again. I've seen this documented on TV!

The European starling is a scourge, an exotic that has taken over many countries like ours, displacing many of our native species.

Being aggressive or pushy, they take over a birdfeeder, and force other avian species from their nests. Their generic name is Sturnus vulgaris, and indeed they are rather vulgar!

Yet in East Africa alone I've been blessed to observe some of the many 30 starling species there that are absolutely stunning in beauty, like the Golden-breasted, Red-winged, Greater Blue-eared, Ruppell's Long-tailed, Magpie, and Superb Starling, all of vivid colors, and shimmering iridescence.

Our native Laughing gulls are now getting their adult breeding plumage, the stunning black heads with blood red bills, and feet too. They get quite handsome this time of year, and are often seen resting in the Winn-Dixie parking lot, (along with some win-

tering Ring-Billed Gulls with their yellowish legs and beak with a dark ring).

Often we see a pair of Laughing gulls side up to each other, stand very erect, droop their wings in a courting stance, and then pointing their heads straight up they'll alternate "laughing" a call that indeed does sound like a laugh - hence their name. They soon will be nesting on

some of our bay islands by the hundreds!

About 20 years ago, possibly earlier, some doves escaped or were released in the Tampa-St. Pete area. The "experts" identified them as Ringed Turtle Doves, but they were Eurasian collared dove, which have the ring on the neck - yes, but a different patterned tail and are darker than the Turtle dove.

Soon they started spreading along the west coast, and we began to see them around our coastal towns like Panama, St. Marks, and then inland.

I knew they were expanding their range into Georgia, but on a trip out west four years ago, I was shocked to find them in the Badlands, and at Devil's Tower, and now they've expanded their range completely across the entire southern part of our country in just a few years.

Amazing! Their call or song (to me) sounds as if they are repeating the phrase, "You're cuckoo, you're cuckoo, you're cuckoo."

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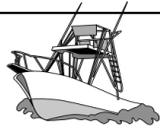
PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Coast Guard Auxiliaries, above, in the Lions Club's St. Patrick's parade in Crawfordville, and talking about boating with festival-goers at the information booth.



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



This week, Alexander Gulde submitted the following article:

Here in Florida's Big Bend, spring has arrived and many of our friends and neighbors are ready to return to the water to fish and enjoy all that our shores and rivers have to offer.

However, many also took the time to attend the Annual St. Patrick's Day Festival and Parade in Crawfordville on Saturday, March 15, and members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12, Apalachee Bay were there to join in the celebration and to share important knowledge about being safe on the water.

Members who were able to participate were Mike Harrison, Chuck Hickman (and his facility), Robert Spraker, Jack West, and Alexander Gulde. Prospective member Ron Eudy also attended.

The Flotilla participated by entering one of our member-owned facilities (boats) in the parade and by staffing a booth with some

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great information on safe boating, navigation rules, protecting the environment and other materials for kids and adults alike.

We answered some great questions about boating and paddle sports in the area, and were able to spread the word about our upcoming boating safety course in Crawfordville on Saturday, April 12.

A Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating

Safety Course is a great way for new and experienced boaters alike to acquire and refresh their knowledge and the opportunity to hear from experienced Coast Guard Auxiliaries and a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Officer about boating safety.

The course also offers the opportunity to earn the FWC's Boating Safety Edu-

cation ID Card, which is required for anyone born after Jan. 1, 1988 in order to operate a boat legally in Florida.

Even if you are not required to complete the course, many insurance companies offer discounts on their boat insurance to those who have earned the Boating Safety Education ID Card.

If you are interested in learning more about our next boating safety course, please look at our website at www.uscgaux.net. You can also contact our Staff Officer for Public Education, Alexander Gulde, at AlexanderG@uscgaux.net or by phone at (850) 583-1863.

For membership information or contact our Flotilla Staff Officer for Human Resources at fso-hr@uscgaux.net or Flotilla Commander Duane Treadon at FC@uscgaux.net.

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



Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

Marine life for the diver.

My lecture at TCC this week covers marine life as it relates to the diver. This is one of my favorite topics as a marine biologist, and one I get enormous satisfaction from sharing with others.

Of course, my students are primarily interested in what is dangerous to them underwater such that they can avoid injury.

While I can appreciate our underwater world is akin to a foreign planet, the marine life represent its rich cultural inhabitants. They each have a story to tell. With today's video technology, and research into their life histories, I find numerous entertaining examples of animal behavior on the Internet.

Most marine life can be safely handled if done gently and carefully. Those that pose a problem to us often do so in defense of boundaries we accidentally cross. There are exceptions that we cover in detail in the class such as mantis shrimp, sea cucumber, angler fish, and moray eels, just to name a few.

So I began by discussing the very colorful mantis shrimp, a curious creature, many not suited for aquariums, because they are very territorial. When they see themselves in the reflection of the enclosure wall, they strike out with flexing hammers and break the glass. A close relative uses the same arms but rather than hammers, they have spears. Any fish occupants in the tank soon become food for the mantis. Don't be lured into exposing a finger to inspect this critter, as it will just as likely spear you as well. They live in sand borrows underwater and are very entertaining if you find one on the reef.

They do get big enough to eat, but don't be fooled. At night they are attracted to surface light, where they go to feed. A stern light off your boat at night will attract them, where they will feed voraciously on others also attracted to your light. One night off the Dry Tortugas, a colleague decided to capture a nearly foot long one by hand, with disastrous consequences, and much hilarity by his students. A great YouTube video clip of the Mantis Shrimp can be seen at True Facts About the Mantis Shrimp.

Another creature we discuss in the lecture is the sea cucumber. Contrary to the shrimp, they are very slow and undistinguished on the reef. Some call them the sea pig, as they feed on dendrites. We alert divers to not harass them because when upset, the sea cucumber eviscerates its unpleasant sticky innards all over you. Again I refer you to True Facts About the Sea Pig YouTube.

Stone Fish have poisonous dorsal fins that easily puncture our skin if they get too close. Otherwise they are fascinating creatures to watch. Close relatives are called angler fish that use a lure to attract live food, then snapping them up. These fish do not otherwise move fast, and often use cryptic camouflage, making detection difficult, until you place your hand on them. For great entertainment see the YouTube True Facts About the Angler Fish.

Feeding fish like the moray eel is asking for a misunderstanding. Here we have a creature that is much bigger than you think, hiding most of its body in the reef. When it clamps down on your offering, it may mistake your fingers, or other body parts, as part of the treat. Its large backward facing teeth once clamped are difficult to disengage (much like a hawk's talons). In the excitement that follows, the eel retreats into the reef taking your attached arm with it. Here is a short video clip about just such a misunderstanding. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ySunWYj8IWQ>. Use caution when interacting with marine life.

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Mon	6:39 am	6:49 pm	11:48 pm	9:50 am	70%					4:29 am-6:29 am	10:02 am-11:02 am	4:55 pm-6:55 pm	11:49 pm-12:49 am
Friday		Sun rise/set		Moon rise/set		Brightness		St. Marks River Entrance		City of St. Marks		Friday	
Sun	6:39 am	6:49 pm	11:48 pm	9:50 am	70%	<p>Tide charts by Zihua Software, LLC</p>				Major Times	Minor Times		
Mon	6:37 am	6:49 pm	12:46 am	10:42 am	63%					Date	High	Low	High
Saturday		Sun rise/set		Moon rise/set		Brightness		Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay		St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.		Saturday	
Sun	6:38 am	6:49 pm	10:42 am	9:50 am	63%	<p>Major Times</p>				Minor Times			
Mon	6:37 am	6:50 pm	11:38 am	10:42 am	56%					Date	High	Low	High
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Mon	6:36 am	6:51 pm	12:38 pm	10:42 am	48%					Date	High	Low	High
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Mon	6:32 am	6:53 pm	4:13 am	3:35 pm	27%					Date	High	Low	High
Thursday		Sun rise/set		Moon rise/set		Brightness		Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay		St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.		Thursday	
Sun	6:32 am	6:53 pm	4:13 am	3:35 pm	27%	<p>Major Times</p>				Minor Times			
Mon	6:31 am	6:54 pm	5:02 am	4:24 pm	20%					Date	High	Low	High

Law Enforcement and Courts reports

Sheriff's Report

On Tuesday, March 11, fast action by WCSO deputies resulted in the solving of two cases. Deputy Gibby Gibson responded to a burglary in progress on Whiddon Lake Road. A suspect was observed on a bicycle pulling a washing machine with a dolly on the road.

Deputy Gibson was joined by Sgt. Eddie Wester, Detectives Derek Lawhon, Clint Beam and Cole Wells along with Sgt. Ryan Muse and Deputies Stephen Simmons and Ross Hasty.

A search of the suspect, Christopher Lee Rodgers, 28, of Crawfordville, resulted in the recovery of stolen items from Wal-Mart. Rodgers was found to be in possession of Wal-Mart merchandise without a receipt or merchandise bags. He was charged with retail theft.

Beer and medications were discovered in the suspect's back pack. They are valued at \$32. Evidence at the store helped determine that the suspect left the store without paying for the merchandise.

Rodgers was arrested for burglary and grand theft in connection with the Whiddon Lake Road washing machine incident involving a vacant home. A forced entry was observed at a shed on the property and dolly marks at the scene matched Rodgers' dolly. The home is owned by an individual from California.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

- Heath Clark of Crawfordville reported a vehicle burglary. The victim left his cell phone and case in his unsecured vehicle. The stolen property is valued at \$300. Sgt. Ray Johnson investigated.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

- Kelli Osborn of Crawfordville reported a vehicle burglary. A DVD player was stolen from the victim's unsecured vehicle. A flashlight was recovered inside the vehicle that did not belong to the victim. The stolen property is valued at \$50. Deputy Scott Powell investigated.

- Neysa Brogdon of Crawfordville reported a vehicle burglary. The victim reported the theft of cigarettes from the unsecured vehicle. The stolen property is valued at \$5. Deputy Scott Powell investigated.

- Sue Davis of Crawfordville reported a vehicle burglary. The victim reported the theft of a flashlight which was later recovered in the Osborn vehicle burglary nearby. The flashlight is valued at \$25. The vehicle was left unsecured. Sgt. Danny Harrell investigated.

- Robert McKenzie of Crawfordville reported a vehicle burglary. A firearm, holster and handgun magazine was reported stolen from the unsecured vehicle. The stolen property is valued at \$1,110. The firearm was entered into the NCIC/FCIC data base as stolen.

Deputy Scott Powell investigated.

- Stacy Barnett of Crawfordville reported a vehicle burglary. Cigarettes were stolen from inside the unsecured vehicle. The stolen property is valued at \$10. Deputy Scott Powell investigated.

- Stephen Sims of Crawfordville reported a fraud. The victim observed four unauthorized charges on his bank card. The charges were created at Toys R Us and TJ Maxx in Las Vegas, NV and totaled \$204. Sgt. Danny Harrell investigated.

- Christine Jenkins of Crawfordville reported the theft of a firearm. The pistol was stolen from the victim's home and is valued at \$600. Deputy Stephen Simmons investigated.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

- WCSO responded to a complaint on Crystal Lane in Crawfordville regarding a shooting. Someone shot a residence with a shotgun. Holes were observed on a support brace, in the vinyl and at a window. Damage was estimated at \$100. There were no injuries. Deputies believe the shooting may be drug related. Lt. Mike Kemp, Detective Josh Langston, Deputy Stephen Simmons, Deputy Ross Hasty and Deputy Gibby Gibson investigated.

- A Panacea woman reported her 15-year-old daughter received lewd images of a male on her cell phone. The complainant identified a possible suspect through the photographs. Sgt. Lorne Whaley investigated.

- Melinda Fewell of Crawfordville reported a grand theft. A utility trailer was stolen from the victim's yard. The trailer was not secured and is valued at \$4,000. Deputy Will Hudson investigated.

- Rosa Simmons of Crawfordville was involved in a single vehicle traffic crash on Coastal Highway near St. Marks. The victim was driving eastbound when a deer ran into the side of her vehicle. The deer was severely injured and needed to be humanely put down. There were no other injuries. Deputy Ashley McAlister investigated.

- Heather Williams of Crawfordville reported a fraud. The victim attempted to purchase merchandise over the Internet from a company that turned out to be fraudulent. The victim's bank account was charged for \$179. Sgt. Danny Harrell investigated.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

- Paul R. Stockton, 42, of Monticello was arrested for DUI following a traffic stop near Wakulla Gardens. Sgt. Ryan Muse reportedly observed the motorist fail to come to a stop at the intersection of Spring Creek Highway and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Road. The driver failed field sobriety exercises and a recently opened beer was observed inside the vehicle. The driver was issued a traffic citation for running the stop sign. Sgt. Ray Johnson also investigated.

- Stephen Lancaster, 48, of Crawfordville was observed driving a ve-

hicle with the incorrect tag attached. A traffic stop was conducted and it was determined that the driver had a suspended driver license and it had been suspended five times previously. Lancaster was arrested for driving while license is suspended or revoked with knowledge and tag attached not assigned. Deputy Alan Middlebrooks investigated.

- Marion Michael Benedict, 62, of Soppchopy was involved in a traffic stop after being observed passing in a no passing zone in Crawfordville. The driver failed field sobriety exercises. A Schedule 3 narcotic was discovered inside the vehicle. He received a Uniform Traffic Citation for passing in a no passing zone and a DUI citation. Deputies Matt Helms and Alan Middlebrooks investigated.

- Melody Reeves of Crawfordville reported the theft of her driver license. The victim reported that her wallet and license were stolen while she was dining in Panacea. The wallet was inside a purse on a chair. Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Revell found the victim's wallet on the side of the road near the restaurant. However, the driver license was missing. Deputy Anthony Paul investigated.

- Stephanie Ross of Panacea reported a residential burglary. A forced entry was discovered and a television and change valued at \$150, was stolen. Damage to the home was estimated at \$300. Individuals of interest have been identified. Deputy Ashley McAlister investigated.

- Deputy Matt Helms investigated a reckless vehicle complaint. Deputy Helms reportedly observed the driver drive over the center line and fog line a total of eight times. Reuben D. Warner, 35, of Tallahassee stopped his vehicle and gave Deputy Helms an identification card. Deputy Helms was assisted by Lt. Mike Kemp who conducted a DUI investigation. The driver refused to submit to field sobriety exercises. He was arrested for DUI and driving while license suspended or revoked. Records indicated that Warner was arrested by Sgt. Lorne Whaley for DUI and DWLSR in January 2014. Warner was also issued a Uniform Traffic Citation for failure to maintain a single lane.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

- Deputy Alan Middlebrooks observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Coastal Highway in Panacea. A traffic stop was conducted for driving 75 miles per hour in a 55 mile per hour zone. Deputy Middlebrooks discovered that the vehicle registration expired in September 2012 and the decal belonged to another tag. The vehicle tag was stolen out of Lee County. A marijuana pipe and a small amount of marijuana were discovered inside the vehicle. The marijuana weighed .5 of a gram. Stephen Michael Davis, 46, of Fort Myers was charged with theft, tag attached not assigned, possession

of drug paraphernalia, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and an expired registration of more than six months. He was also issued a traffic citation for speeding. Deputy Adam Pendris and Deputy Will Hudson also investigated.

- Deputy Vicki Mitchell reportedly observed a motorist fail to stop at a stop sign at Wakulla Arran Road and Old Bethel Road. Deputy Mitchell conducted a traffic stop and Joey Eugene Guinn, 19, of Crawfordville did not possess a valid driver license. The deputy smelled the odor of marijuana and discovered a bag containing marijuana inside the vehicle. Guinn was arrested for possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and issued a traffic citation for failure to stop for a traffic control device. The marijuana weighed 12.2 grams.

MONDAY, MARCH 10

- Michael Radin of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary. The victim reported the theft of a wheel barrow, tool bags and hand tools, valued at \$950. Damage to the home was estimated at \$100. A suspect has been identified. Deputy Gibby Gibson investigated.

- Ronald Robenhorst of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary. A forced entry was discovered and computer equipment, coins and a pistol were stolen. The stolen property is valued at \$825 and damage to the home was valued at \$100. Deputy Gibby Gibson investigated.

- Detective Cole Wells conducted a traffic stop after observing a motorist cross the center line into oncoming traffic. Bianca Marie Carns, 21, of Crawfordville was unable to produce a valid driver license. Detective Wells confirmed that her driver license was suspended. She told the detective that her vehicle contained marijuana. Detective Wells also located drug paraphernalia. Carns was given a notice to appear in court for possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and knowingly driving on a suspended license. The marijuana weighed 1.2 grams.

- Sgt. Ryan Muse made contact with Wal-Mart staff regarding lost and found property from the store. Credit cards, identification cards and other items were turned over to Sgt. Muse to be turned in to the Property and Evidence Division. Wal-Mart turns lost and found property in to the sheriff's office periodically if they are not claimed per store policy.

- Deputy Stephen Simmons conducted a traffic stop on a Buick that displayed a vehicle tag from a Pontiac. Claude Matas Hinson, 66, of Tallahassee did not have a valid driver license as it had been revoked. The tag displayed did not belong to the vehicle he was driving. He was charged with knowingly operating a motor vehicle while license is suspended or revoked. Sgt. Ryan Muse also

investigated.

- Melissa Stewart of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary. A forced entry was discovered. A firearm, coins and jewelry were stolen from the residence. The property is valued at \$3,400. Persons of interest were identified. Sgt. Danny Harrell investigated with Detectives Cole Wells and Josh Langston.

- A Crawfordville man contacted Deputy Billy Metcalf in regards to his son suffering an injured wrist while in middle school. The student was allegedly grabbed by the wrist by a school staff member. The investigation was turned over to School Resource Officer Deputy Nick Boutwell.

- Andrew Carter of Crawfordville reported a credit card offense. The victim noticed three unauthorized charges on his bank account. The charges were valued at \$119 at three Kroger stores in North Georgia. Deputy Mike Zimba investigated.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

- William Stokley of Crawfordville reported a vehicle theft. The victim lost a wallet and flashlight. The stolen items are valued at \$175. Deputy Ross Hasty and Sgt. Ryan Muse investigated.

- Andrew Taylor of Panacea reported a credit card offense. The victim observed 16 unauthorized charges on his bank card. The charges were created at merchandise stores and restaurants and totaled \$924. Lt. Mike Kemp investigated.

- A concerned citizen discovered lost property in the Hammocks subdivision. A credit card, concealed weapon license, identification card and grocery store card were recovered. The victim, Daniel Willis of Crawfordville, reported that the recovered items were in his wallet which is now missing. An iPod was also reportedly stolen from his vehicle. The wallet and iPod are valued at \$125. Lt. Mike Kemp investigated.

- Deputy Evelyn Brown counseled a 15-year-old Wakulla Middle School student after recovering two counterfeit bills the student made at his home. The student made a counterfeit \$100 and \$5 bill. The bills were seized.

- Kelley Cannon of Crawfordville reported a fraud. The victim reported someone using her personal information and Social Security number to file for unemployment. Lt. Mike Kemp investigated.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

- John Antill of Eden Springs reported a trespass after warning. Lameka Delores Harris, 30, of Crestview was at the facility when Lt. Jimmy Sessor arrived. She had an active trespass warning at the facility. Harris was removed from the building and transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

- Jerry Griffin of Crawfordville reported a vehicle theft from Griffin Auto Sales. A minivan was stolen from the property. The

vehicle was entered into the NCIC/FCIC data base as stolen. Sgt. Jeremy Johnston and Detective Clint Beam investigated.

- Jack Alsup of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary. Broken glass was observed at the home and \$315 worth of items including a computer, fire safe, jewelry and currency were stolen. Damage to the glass of the front door is estimated at \$50. Deputy Matt Helms investigated.

- Bryon Pilgrim of Crawfordville reported a grand theft. Two cellular telephones were stolen from the victim's home. The phones are valued at \$1,320. Deputy Alan Middlebrooks investigated.

- Paula Rose of Crawfordville reported a vehicle burglary. A cosmetics case of medications was stolen from the victim's unsecured vehicle. The medications are valued at \$855. Deputy Will Hudson investigated.

- Mark Whitehead of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary. A forced entry was discovered. The victim reported the loss of \$12 worth of coins. Deputy Vicki Mitchell investigated.

- Teresa Brannan of Crawfordville reported a fraud. An individual applied for unemployment benefits using the victim's personal information. The victim is employed. Deputy Adam Pendris investigated.

- Tammy Vernon of Crawfordville reported a grand theft. Someone removed 18 wooden fence posts from her property. The property is valued at \$320. Deputy Alan Middlebrooks investigated.

- Deputy Adam Pendris investigated a report of a reckless driver on Crawfordville Highway. Deputy Pendris conducted a traffic stop for failure to maintain a single lane and failure to signal a lane change.

- Clifton Kent Marlow, 45, of Crawfordville had a suspended driver license. Field sobriety exercises were given and the subject was arrested for DUI. When Marlow arrived at the jail he had a white powdery substance in his possession. The substance tested positive for cocaine.

He was arrested for possession of cocaine, smuggling contraband into a detention facility and knowingly operating a motor vehicle while license is suspended or revoked in addition to the DUI. Deputy Alan Middlebrooks, Deputy Ward Kromer and Detention Deputy Kenneth Miller also investigated.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office received 1,116 calls for service during the past week including: 25 business and residential alarms; 90 citizen contacts; 10 disturbances; 13 E-911 abandoned cell calls; 9 E-911 abandoned calls; 23 E-911 calls; 49 investigations; 46 medical emergencies 14 school security checks; 381 business and residential security checks; 34 special details; 12 subpoena services; 48 traffic enforcements; 145 traffic stops; and 22 wanted people.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

George Weymouth His new mural dresses up Sopchoppy

By JENNY ODOM
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At 79, George Weymouth goes where nature calls.

Whether it's in the woods around his home in Wakulla County or the plains of Africa, his favorite place to be is in the great outdoors.

"My church is the woods, if you follow me," he says. "When I go out there, it's where I find God."

The artist and naturalist travels the globe with his companion, Patty Murray, who is also an avid outdoors enthusiast. The two are planning a trip to Antarctica later this year.

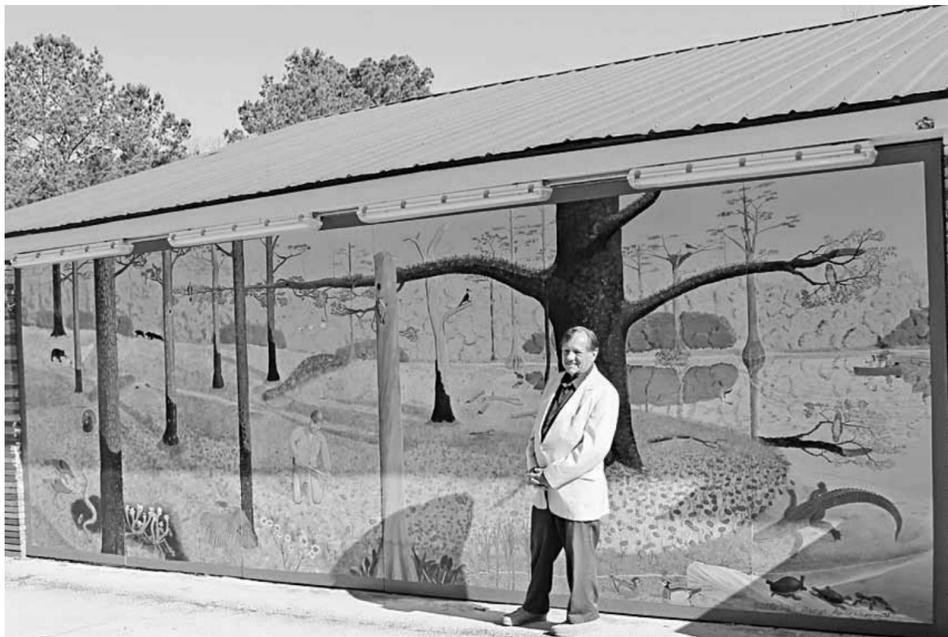
When he's not outdoors collecting ideas in his sanctuary, Weymouth works as a painter, sculptor and writer. He has been writing articles on nature and wildlife for The Wakulla News for years.

"Since my mid-20s, all the jobs I've had have been nature related," Weymouth says. "I've been lucky to work at naturally wonderful places like Wakulla Springs, Florida State Museum of Natural History and Tate's Hell, just to name a few."

"I was also a bird guide for 15 years at Sanibel Island," he says.

Nelson Martin, a friend of Weymouth who has been involved in preservation efforts in Sopchoppy, wanted to dress up the small town with some murals, so he put together a proposal and presented it to the Sopchoppy Preservation and Improvement Association (SPIA).

He contacted Bad Bob's Bait and Tackle about using the front of the building to create the mural, and then he talked to Weymouth about painting it. Wey-



Artist George Weymouth, above, in front of the 24-foot mural outside Bad Bob's in Sopchoppy. Below, Weymouth and members of SPIA, Councilmember Lara Edwards and County Administrator David Edwards.

mouth accepted the challenge and began to lay out an idea for the mural.

"This is the biggest project we've done so far," says Martin, who dedicates many hours and his own expertise to SPIA projects.

"Weymouth's attention to detail and the critters, is why we asked him to be the artist," says Bill Lowrie, president of SPIA.

SPIA has been raising money at the Worm Gruntin' Festival each year to fund various projects around Sopchoppy.

The completed mural is 24 feet long and 8 feet tall and spans half of the front wall of Bad Bob's Bait and Tackle, located just before the heavy curve and fork as you enter Sopchoppy on Highway 319.

The community watched patiently as Weymouth finished the 4 foot panels one at a time.

"I've just always been able to do things artistically," says Weymouth.



"People would tell me that whatever I touch turns out nice."

It's an intricate painting, including a lot of detail work. The longer you look at it, the more you find. Children of all ages are drawn to the mural. They stand, eyes searching for snakes, turtles, birds, bugs and other creatures pointing out critters as they spot them.

"Taxidermy helped me have insight into how things are put together," he explains. "Balance, structure and composition comes pretty naturally to me."

Weymouth practiced taxidermy for many years, enjoying the biology lesson with each project.

Raised in Indiana, Weymouth attended Indiana University, but it wasn't schooling that



worked for him. He's just always been naturally curious about the outdoors and wild-

life, he explains. Since childhood he has had a deep interest in nature and in biology.

Bad Bob's Bait & Tackle

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Worm Gruntin' Festival

Saturday, April 12
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7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Visit the website www.wormgruntinfestival.com for complete schedule of activities.

"I was always outdoors sneaking around the woods bow hunting, or fishing," he says. "I have studied and read a lot."

The owners of Bad Bob's, Robby and Lisa Porter, are thrilled with the outcome.

"We love it," said Lisa. "I think it adds a personal touch."

"People are always stopping to look at it."

The only problem is that with limited space in the parking lot, people tend to park their cars and trucks in front of it.

"George came in one day and said, 'Y'all must not like my mural very much, you keep covering it up with cars,'" she laughs.

Weymouth has also been commissioned to create murals along the forgotten coast in Carrabelle, at City Hall, and at Tate's Hell State Forest.

As well, he says he's been looking back at his past articles for the News, and he's working on a book.

"I'm taking articles I've written for The News and compiling them to create a book," he says. "It's good for me, I like to write."

Weymouth becomes sentimental as he speaks about the quickly changing state of the world.

"Wherever I go, there are too many people," he says. "Animals are diminishing at an incredible rate."

"There are half as many songbirds now, and the monarch is disappearing right before my eyes," Weymouth says.

"In Mexico, the monarch used to migrate to three mountains, then it became three acres, and now it's three trees," he says, shaking his head.

"The white man is causing a great extinction, and maybe his own."

Weymouth shares his concern for the earth, but today is a day to celebrate as SPIA holds a dedication for the mural and the muralist. A group of volunteers pose for photographs in front of the mural.

"Most of all, I want to thank George for his hard work and dedication," says Lowrie. "It really turned out great."

Artists of Wakulla

Artists of Wakulla is a monthly feature that highlights an individual artist living and working in Wakulla County. If you are an artist, or know an artist, who is interested in being featured, please contact Jenny Odom at reporter@thewakullanews.net

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Hunting some very rare squirrels

I want to tell you all the story of some very rare squirrels three of us boys killed while hunting way back in 1958 in the swamps of the Wakulla River.

We have never seen such squirrels before or since, and we routinely hunted in the same vicinity lots of times.

They turned out to be so rare that I'd challenge any of you reading this to have ever seen them either.

If you head upriver from where the St. Marks and Wakulla rivers join at Fort San Marcos de Apalache, by boat, about a mile or so upriver on the left, you could see the fence line marking the boundary of the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge.

If going in by boat, we would pull in a hundred yards or so past that boundary fence and enter there.

If by vehicle, we would cross over the Lower Bridge on Highway 98 and turn left after about a half a mile onto a dirt road and then left again on another dirt road which paralleled the Refuge fence line. On this particular hunting trip we drove in and parked near the fence line.

This was another of those trips young boys like us loved to take where we took in a few supplies and hunted and camped for a day or two.

My hunting partners were good buddies Van Page and

Lane Eaton. Another fellow joined us about supertime, Edward Kerce, the brother of another of our friends, Jim Kerce.

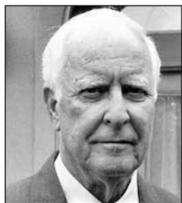
Ed was a game warden and spotted my car while on his patrol. From there he saw our campfire where we were preparing our supper and came over and joined us. More about that later.

Van and I featured ourselves as men (we were actually just boys) who could live off the land as long as we had our firearms and a few basic supplies like grease and a frying pan.

Folks like Daniel Boone and Davey Crockett were our heroes. Now Lane, having better sense, prepared much better (or his mom probably did) and he came with all kinds of good things to eat such as potato chips, sandwiches, soft drinks, and sweets such as small cakes and candy bars.

We got our camp set up and were ready to kill some squirrels for our supper, about 1 p.m. So we all split up and went into different parts of the woods bordering the Wakulla River.

I hunted hard but only killed a couple of small squirrels. I knew Van and Lane weren't doing very well either as I heard their guns fire only two or three times each all afternoon. So I knew things were going to be tough at supper-



Red Clay Footprints

By John Roberts

time that night.

We would have enough to survive, but there's not a whole lot of meat on a small squirrel, and we would definitely go to bed hungry unless we could kill some more.

And hunting them is not that easy. You cover a lot of ground and work up a good appetite.

Daniel Boone and Davey Crockett would never be so weak and wimpy as to search out a grocery store to supplement their hunting skills, and neither would we.

As the afternoon wore on and my hunger increased, I began to think longingly of Lane's great store of goodies back at the camp. I rationalized that, of course, since we were friends, he wouldn't mind a bit if I sampled just a small portion of what his mom had packed for him. Maybe just a sandwich and a piece of cake.

Why, since we were such good friends, Lane would not only be happy to share with me, but he would expect me to help myself, even without asking him. So I quietly made my way back to camp.

As I approached the camp, I detected

movement! Someone in our camp stealing our supplies? To his complete surprise, who did I find in our camp? My old buddy, Van Page.

Van had been there a while and was well into Lane's food supply when I showed up. We could hear the report of Lane's gun way down in the swamp every once in a while, so felt free to safely dip into some of his food. I went ahead and ate just one sandwich and one piece of cake.

Van had already had his fill, but there was still a little bit left for Lane as we dared not clean him out since he would be returning to camp and could be armed and dangerous if he finds out we ate all his food.

Thankfully, it turned out that Lane, being the good-natured fellow he had always been, was not too angry with us, especially since Van and I had been kind enough to leave him enough for one good meal.

After Lane finished the remainder of his food, we sat around the fire, talking and having a good time. We spent too much time as we were not all that hungry, and let the sun get way

down in the sky. We had only killed about five squirrels and still had to clean and cook them. It was decided that I would be the cook and Van and Lane would take the squirrels down to a nearby spring fed creek where they cleaned them very well. It was pitch dark by now, and everything we did required use of a flashlight. When they got back, I had the frying pan and grease good and hot.

It was at this time that Ed Kerce, the game warden, showed up and joined us by the fire. We invited him to share the squirrels with us, but he declined.

If you've ever tried to cook anything over a bright campfire in the dead of night using a flashlight to see how it was going, you'll know it doesn't work that well. The fire will blind you so that it is difficult to see anything in the pan.

So I was cooking by "dead reckoning."

It was about this time that we discovered how rare those squirrels were. Now when I say "rare", I don't mean like the kind of rare where something is an endangered species, I mean rare like, "How would you like your steak cooked?" – that kind of rare.

After all these years, I have never forgotten.

As I cooked the squirrels and set them

aside on a tin plate to cool, Lane and Van began to eat them. They complimented me on how good they were, saying they had never had such tender and juicy squirrel meat.

I finished cooking my last squirrel and as I put it on the tin plate, in the periphery of the light from my flashlight, I noticed something strange about Van's face, and shined the light directly on him. I swear, he looked like one of those characters in a Dracula movie, as small streams of squirrel blood were running down from his mouth as he gnawed on a squirrel bone! There was blood around Lane's mouth too!

No matter how hard they tried to vomit up the squirrel meat, both were unable to do so.

They found a little relief by drinking lots of water. I thought Ed Kerce would die laughing at them.

Van and Lane both survived and are still alive today.

It's been a long time ago, but I'd bet if you asked them if they remember eating those juicy, rare squirrels down on the Wakulla River, you'll see them swallow hard and turn pale.

And you know, although we camped and hunted together a few times after that, I can't recall them ever again asking me to cook for them.

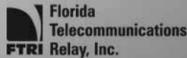
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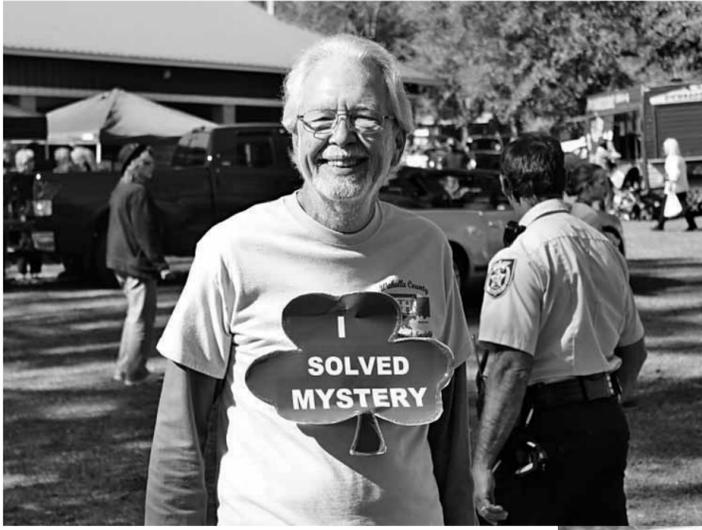
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TRACK

Cora Atkinson signs to run with Life University

By PAUL HOOVER
WHS Track Coach

Former Wakulla High School runner, Cora Atkinson, recently signed a scholarship to run cross country and track for Life University in Marietta, Ga.

Atkinson, who graduated from WHS in 2012, was an outstanding cross country and track runner for four years during her high school career, earning varsity letters in both sports all four years, as well as being part of the first WHS cross country team to qualify for the State Meet. She currently holds the school record in the 3200 meters on the track.

During the 2012-13 academic year she ran on the Striders Team at FSU, but decided not to run with FSU this year to save a year of eligibility.

She has continued to run and those efforts were rewarded on Tuesday, March 11, when she signed with Life University to continue her education as well as her athletic career.

Atkinson plans to dually enroll at Life in both the Undergraduate Program to finish her Bachelor's degree in Biology and the Doctor of Chiropractic program.

It will be a challenge to pursue both degrees and also compete in athletics, but should not be a problem for Atkinson.

While in high school, she took and passed seven AP classes her senior year and still found time to compete



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS
Former WHS runner Cora Atkinson at the signing.

at a high level in cross country and track.

While taking a full load of classes this year at FSU, Atkinson has also found the time to give back to the sport she loves by returning to WHS as a volunteer in both cross country and track and has become an integral part of the WHS coaching team.

At the signing ceremony, Life coach Dr. Catherine Foust said: "I am very excited for Cora to join our group. Immediately, she's going to be a significant factor and contributor to our team. Cora has a great work ethic, and it takes a special breed to be able to handle the workload of both an intercollegiate cross country schedule and the dual enrollment in Undergrad and Doctor of Chiropractic courses."

High school coach Paul Hoover said of At-

kinson: "Cora is a really special person and athlete. During her four years with us, I have seen her grow and mature into such a fine young woman, as well as an outstanding athlete. She is not necessarily one of the most gifted runners we've had in the program, but she is one of the hardest working and most dedicated, and I am so glad her efforts have culminated in a college scholarship. I absolutely couldn't be prouder of her."

Atkinson becomes the fourth current or former WHS runner to sign a collegiate scholarship to run during the next academic year.

She joins current WHS signees Madison Harris (FSU), Marty Wiedeman (Chipola College) and Kayla Webbe (Palm Beach Atlantic University) as they pursue college running careers.

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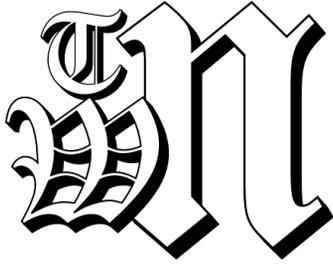
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March 20- March 27 Special Events

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- 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 families in need at Harvest Fellowship Church, 824 Shadeville Rd from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call 284-4637 or email Dawn@farmshare.org for more information. There will be several organizations providing health screenings and giving away other information.

Monday, March 24

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Upcoming Events

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 Holshouser at 241-6797.

- SOPCHOPPY OPRY hosts Rick Weathersby and The Boys of Rock at 7 p.m. They perform Blue-

grass and Gospel music. Arrive early and eat dinner at the Opry Cafe. Call 962-3711 for tickets. Go to www.sopchoppyopry.com for more information.

Sunday, March 30

- THE 1984 MOVIE, "FLASH OF GREEN," will be shown for free at the Wakulla County Public Library from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Director Victor Nunez will be present for the showing.

Thursday, April 3

- 13th ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS 2014 will be held at Wakulla High School beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a silent art auction. An art show with work by elementary, middle and high school age students. Bidding will end at 7:30 p.m. At 6:30, performances will commence with the Elementary Honors Chorus, followed by musical performances, dance and skits from C.O.A.S.T., Wakulla Middle, Riversprings Middle and Wakulla High Schools. Student tickets are \$2 and adults are \$5. Door prizes will be announced intermittently throughout the event.

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, from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. Live music by Locomotive, food, dancing. \$40 per person. Tickets available by calling 926-1848.

- THE 2ND ANNUAL BEVIS HARVEY-YOUNG COMMUNITY FISH FRY will be held from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Bevis Funeral Home Harvey-Young Chapel. Tickets are \$7 per plate. The Menu includes Mullet, cheese grits, coleslaw, baked beans, hush puppies, pickles, tea, coffee, water & desert.

April 12, 2014

- ANNUAL WORM GRUNTIN' FESTIVAL in downtown SOPCHOPPY is free and open to the public. Vendors and food sold throughout the festival. The day begins at 8 a.m. with a 5K race and doesn't stop until the Worm Grunter's Ball, featuring live music. There will be horseshoe, hula hoop, bait casting and worm gruntin' contests. A complete schedule can be seen at www.wormgruntinfestival.com.

- THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT will be held at Hudson Park, with registration beginning at 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. The hunt begins at 11 a.m. Age groups are 0-3, 4-6 and 7-10. A drawing from each age group will be held, and the winner will receive an Easter Basket.

April 19, 2014

- WAKULLA WILDLIFE FESTIVAL is a celebration of outdoor activities and area heritage. Local musicians, artists, and experts offer festival participants one-of-a-kind experiences, helpful advice, and personal enrichment in a neighborhood family atmosphere. At Wakulla Springs Park, from 8:30 a.m. until 7 p.m. Sign up for special tours and see a full schedule at www.wakullawildlifefestival.com.

April 25, 2014

- THE 41ST ANNUAL STEPHEN C. SMITH MEMORIAL REGATTA will be held at Shell Point Beach. This year's event is scheduled for April 25-27. Pre-register at www.smithregatta.com.

April 26, 2014

- 2014 GREEN LIVING EXPO AND GREEN FLEA MARKET presented by Sustainable Big Bend, Inc. and to be held at the TCC Wakulla Center and Hudson Park in Crawfordville from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. The event is free.



Denise Folch

Windsurfers line the shore along Shell Point Beach.

Email your community events to reporter@thewakullanews.net



Annual Wind Ceremony

Shell Point Beach
5:30 p.m.

Saturday

Hazardous Waste Day

ESG Operations
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Saturday

Swinging Harpoons

Riverside Cafe
5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Sunday

Blood Drive

WalMart
noon - 6 p.m.

Monday

Clubs, Groups, Regular Meetings

Thursday, March 20

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 6 p.m. at the 26 Walker Street, Panama. For more information call 524-9103.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 8 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadeville Highway. Call 544-0719 for more information.
- COASTAL OPTIMIST CLUB will meet at noon at Posey's Steam Room in Panama.
- 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.
- Wakulla One Stop CPR/AED Choking Assistance class will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. (1 session class) by The Wakulla County One Stop Community Center, 318 Shadeville Highway. Register for class at 745-6042.

Friday, March 21

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 8 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. Call 545-1853 for more information.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS holds open discussion at noon at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. Call 545-1853 for more information.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 8 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadeville Highway. Call 544-0719 for more information.
- BOOK CLUB meets at the public library from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS meets at St. Teresa's Episcopal Church in Medart from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- PICKIN' 'N' GRINNIN' JAM SESSION will be held at the senior center from 10 a.m. to noon. (Also on Tuesdays)
- WAKULLA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 24 High Drive, Crawfordville.
- QUILTERS GUILD OF WAKULLA COUNTY will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the library. Join them for the fun of quilting. Quilters of all skill levels are invited. Call 926-1437 with any questions.
- Wakulla One Stop Baby Basics Cycle classes will be held for two classes - March 17 and March 24 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. by The Wakulla County One Stop Community Center, 318 Shadeville Highway. Register for classes at 745-6042.

Saturday, March 22

- 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 House, 3106 Shadeville Highway. Call 544-0719 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 features fresh local organic and sustainably-grown produce. Saturdays 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Downtown Sopchoppy under the giant oak.
- WAKULLA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The museum is located at 24 High Drive, Crawfordville.

Sunday, March 23

- 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.
- Wakulla One Stop Childbirth Education classes will be held for five classes - March 18, March 25, April 1, April 8, April 15 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. by The Wakulla County One Stop Community Center, 318 Shadeville Highway. Register for classes at 745-6042.

Monday, March 23

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 6 p.m. at the 26 Walker Street, Panama.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will meet at 6 p.m. at the Station House, 3106 Shadeville Highway. Call 544-0719 for more information.
- LINE DANCING will be held at the senior center at 1:30 p.m.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS FOR WOMEN will meet at 6 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. For more information call 545-1853.
- YOGA CLASSES with Tamara will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. This is a gentle restorative class focusing on the breath.
- 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 24

- 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.

Tuesday, March 25

- 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.
- KNITTING CLUB will meet at 4 p.m. at the public library. Anyone interested in the art of knitting are encouraged to attend.
- MAH JONGG CLUB meets every Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Precinct 7 voting house on Whiddon Lake Road. Newcomers are welcome; you do not need to know how to play.
- SHOOT LIKE A GIRL meets every Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon. Join in learning safety with handguns and en-

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

History intrudes on legislative session

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

TALLAHASSEE, March 14 – Despite all the action underway during the legislative session over the last week, the Capitol seemed like a place stuck in past decades.

The death of former Gov. Reubin Askew, one of the most important figures in Florida history, triggered nostalgia for the days when the teetotaling chief executive worked to safeguard the environment, repair scandal-tarnished courts and open government business to the public.

Askew passed away on the same day that the Florida Supreme Court threw out a medical malpractice law approved by the Legislature 11 years ago – and subject to controversy ever since. Both events came a couple of days after former Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink, who first ran for statewide office in 2006, once again stood before voters, this time in a special congressional election that was instead won by Republican lobbyist David Jolly.

And while the Legislature spent the week on present and future concerns, GOP lawmakers devoted much of their time to discussing one of the party's golden oldie issues: Tax cuts.

The legislative session isn't history yet – not even close – but the week was a reminder that even once it has ended, its effects can be felt for years.

'ONE OF THE GREAT LEADERS'

With the exception of the late Gov. LeRoy Collins, Askew is seen as perhaps the most influential politician in Florida history.

The prim, almost prudish Democrat was first elected in 1970, defeating incumbent Republican Claude Kirk, the first GOP governor in the modern era.

Askew won again in 1974, becoming the first governor in Florida history to be elected to successive four-year terms.

(Many, though not all, earlier governors were barred from running for more than one term, or could only run for two-year terms, depending on the Constitution at the time.)

Florida was in the midst of a population and development boom when Askew took over as chief executive. The state was still grappling with racial tensions prompted by the U.S. Supreme Court decision that put an end to school segregation. The devoutly religious Askew, born in Muskogee, Okla., was on the opposite side of many other Southern politicians, as well as many of his Pensacola constituents, in his call for racial reconciliation.

Askew clashed with conservatives over a "straw poll" opposing school busing, offering his own proposal asking voters if they wanted to keep schools integrated. Neither was binding, and both were approved.

The governor led a drive to reform the state's judicial system after two state Supreme Court justices were forced out of office. He successfully pushed for a constitutional amendment requiring public officials to disclose information about their financial affairs and forcing government records into "the sunshine." On the environment, Askew backed legislation creating water management districts and requiring local comprehensive planning.

"He was a visionary. He saw issues, whether they were in areas of racial fairness or educational opportunities or environmental protection, in a generational perspective, not just what's going to be the best position for the next election. He led by his personal example and by the wisdom of his ideas and the strength of his passions," said former U.S. Sen. Bob Graham, a Democrat who also served as governor.

Jeb Bush, Florida's first Republican governor elected to successive four-year terms, also praised Askew in a statement.

"Florida has lost one of the great leaders who played a pivotal role in shaping the

trajectory of our state during a time of substantial growth and change," Bush said. "He led on contentious issues, fought for equality and did what he believed was in the best interests of Florida families. Governor Askew always put principle before politics, and I was fortunate to know him, seek counsel from him and learn from his years of service."

'DISAPPOINTING, AS USUAL' RULING ON MEDICAL MAL LAW

After more than a decade of legislative and legal battles, the Florida Supreme Court had the final say on a 2003 law limiting damages in medical-malpractice lawsuits. It was unconstitutional, the justices said in a 5-2 ruling.

The court sided with the family of a Panhandle woman who died of complications after giving birth. In doing so, justices also sided indirectly with plaintiffs' lawyers who have fiercely opposed limits on so-called "non-economic damages." Physicians and insurance companies, who have made a priority of reining in medical-malpractice lawsuits, came out the losers.

"At the present time, the cap on non-economic damages serves no purpose other than to arbitrarily punish the most grievously injured or their surviving family members," Justice R. Fred Lewis wrote.

The two most conservative justices dissented.

"This court has previously recognized the existence of a medical malpractice insurance crisis as a legitimate state interest," Chief Justice Ricky Polston wrote. "Further, it is undisputed that increasing the quality, availability, and affordability of health care for Floridians is a legitimate state interest. And the Legislature's policy choice of enacting a cap on non-economic damages in medical malpractice cases is rationally related to these state interests."

The ruling stemmed from the February 2006 death of

20-year-old Michelle McCall, who gave birth to a son at Fort Walton Beach Medical Center but died days later because of complications from severe bleeding.

Republicans, who have often warred with the trial bar over the years and pushed the caps through the Legislature in 2003, were predictably upset by Thursday's decision.

"Disappointing, as usual, from them," Senate Rules Chairman John Thrasher, R-St. Augustine, said when asked about the justices' ruling. "But we'll see what we have to do to address it."

It wasn't clear whether or how lawmakers would attempt to overturn the court's decision through legislation during the current session. But no one was ruling it out yet.

JOLLY IS JOLLY AS SINK SINKS

While much of the state's political and business establishment had been focused on the legislative session underway in Tallahassee, the national media and a handful of big-money groups were zeroing in on another corner of the state: Pinellas County, where Sink was attempting a comeback and Jolly was looking to move from K Street to the U.S. Capitol.

In the end, Jolly won the contentious and expensive special election on Tuesday to replace his former boss, the late Republican Congressman C.W. Bill Young. The swingy district, which Young and President Barack Obama both won in 2008 and 2012, was monitored by strategists and analysts looking for tea leaves about the November elections that will decide who controls Congress during Obama's last two years in office.

MO MONEY, MO TAX CUTS

At a Wednesday meeting in an obscure corner of the Knott Building, state economists huddled and predicted that the

state would take in about \$150 million more over the next 16 months than current estimates called for. It didn't take long for House Speaker Will Weatherford, R-Wesley Chapel, to decide where the money would go.

"Obviously, a lot of it's going to be spent on tax cuts," he told reporters.

Lawmakers had already set a goal of \$500 million in reductions in taxes and fees, following a benchmark set by Gov. Rick Scott last year. That overall number isn't likely to change even with the new revenue figures, but it does give lawmakers more wiggle room.

On Thursday, the Senate Appropriations Committee unanimously amended a proposal (SB 156) by Chairman Joe Negron, R-Stuart, to reduce the vehicle registration fees. Under the revised proposal, motorists would potentially save between \$20 and \$25 per vehicle registration, depending on the size of the vehicle.

The reduction would collectively save motorists about \$309 million during the upcoming 2014-15 budget year, with the new rates going into effect Sept. 1, and about \$395 million the following fiscal year, when they would be in effect for the full 12 months starting July 1.

A similar House proposal (PCB 14-04) was unanimously backed Thursday by the House Finance and Tax Subcommittee, even as Democrats complained the reduction was more about getting Scott re-elected than fiscal policy.

STORY OF THE WEEK:

Former Gov. Reubin Askew, one of the most important figures in state history, died at the age of 85.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"I'm waiting on the day when somebody gets indicted on the Thursday before the election, and they get elected because everybody's already voted and they can't get their ballot back." – Sen. Jack Latvala, R-Clearwater, on the dangers of voting by mail.

Just a Pinch



Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons

By Janet Tharpe

Satisfy Your Taste Buds with Bacon Chocolate Chip Cookies

"A perfect meld of flavors!"



Colleen Sowa
La Crosse, WI
(Pop. 51,320)

Bacon and chocolate chips in a cookie? I'll take two dozen! The sweet and salty combination of Colleen Sowa's Bacon Chocolate Chip Cookies will satisfy any cookie-lovers craving. Really, how can you go wrong with chocolate AND bacon?!

See step-by-step photos of Colleen's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks nationwide at:

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-Janet

Bacon Chocolate Chip Cookies

What You Need

- BACON
- 1 pkg bacon (thick slices)
- 1/2 c brown sugar, lightly packed
- COOKIE DOUGH
- 2 1/4 c all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 tsp each: baking powder and baking soda
- 4 tbsp bacon drippings (cooled)
- 4 tbsp margarine, softened
- 1 stick butter, softened
- 1/2 c sugar
- 1 c brown sugar, firmly packed
- 2 eggs
- 1 tbsp vanilla
- 1 tbsp apple cider vinegar
- 1 c pecans (chopped coarsely)
- 3 c dark bittersweet chocolate chips

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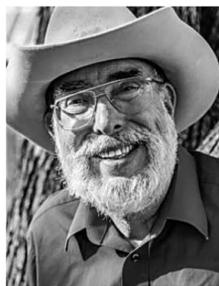
- Preheat oven to 350 F. Line baking sheets with parchment paper.
- In a bowl, sift together flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt. Set aside.
- Put 1/2 c brown sugar in a medium size bowl. One strip at a time, put bacon in the bowl and coat with brown sugar. Place the bacon flat on parchment lined baking sheet. Repeat until all are done. Any left over sugar, sprinkle over bacon. Bake for about 12 min. Turn each piece of bacon over and baste with bacon grease. Return to oven and bake an additional 12 min. (or until bacon is crisp).
- Remove from oven and cool. Break bacon into small pieces (size of the chopped nuts). Set aside.
- In a large bowl cream bacon grease, margarine, butter and sugars. Add eggs, vinegar and vanilla. Slowly add flour mixture. Fold in the bacon, nuts and chocolate chips. Refrigerate dough for 3 hours.
- Drop 1 tbsp of dough at a time onto parchment paper.
- Bake for 10 to 15 min. until golden brown.
- Allow to cool completely.

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HOME COUNTRY

The Shakespeare of O'Dontal Dental



By SLIM RANGLES

Herb walked into O'Dontal Dental the other day, holding his hand against a swollen face. He hadn't even made an appointment to see Perry first, and it became obvious why he hadn't.

"Good morning, Herb," said Andrea, the receptionist. "What can we do for you today?"

"Mmfft Crullit!"

"Certainly. Have a seat and I'll let Perry know you're here."

In less than a minute, Dr. O'Dontal had Herb seated, numbed, and ready for work.

Herb labored breathing had returned to normal, even if his speech patterns hadn't.

"At what o' the clock did the inflection attack, good sirrah?"

"Lfft'ent mmst," said Herb.

"You should've used the phone to let me know, Herb. Oh, that's right. What was I thinking? Well, you're here now, let's see what we can do."

"Wonk oo."

"You're welcome. Open wide. Little more. Cast open the gates, Leander! Let us gaze upon the source of woe!"

Perry worked his way through dental school as a Shakespearean actor, and didn't make it out of there unfazed.

"Aha, brothers of mine on this field of battle today, I glimpse with fearful eye the seat of our alarm. It's a tooth, by Cuspid!"

Perry dove into the fray with drill and pick. Snicker-snack! GRRRR and fill. Rinse and spit.

"And so, Leander, take these, the pills that weave up the raveled sleeve of pain. Do so in remembrance of this day, this meeting, this sceptered isle of dental chair. Those who weren't here with us this day will forever cast envious eyes upon us, for they will say this was our finest hour, the culmination of drill and yawn ... the grinding and filling of fang for fun and profit. Arise, sweet prince, and fulfill your destiny!"

It's almost worth getting a toothache.

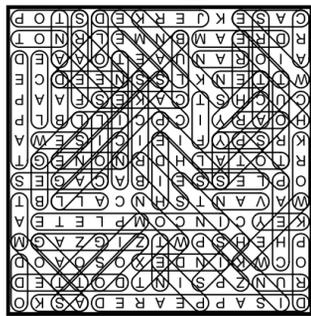
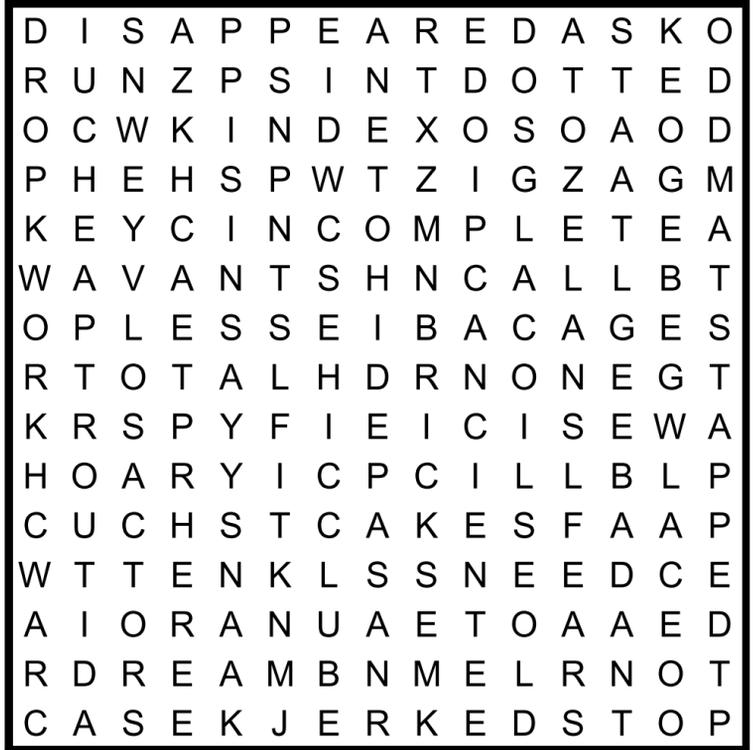
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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

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

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

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

IPX EP UIFZ D PVOU NVGGJOT JO

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

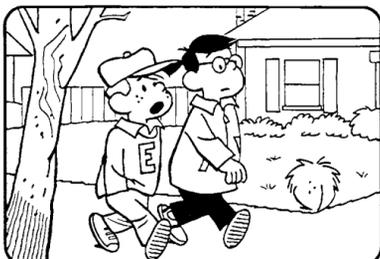
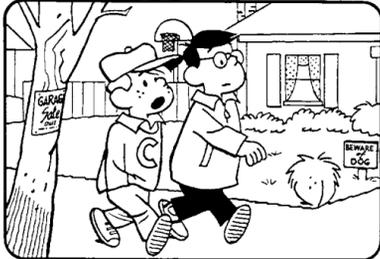
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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| 2. Milk container | ___ T ___ | Johnny or Kit | ___ S ___ |
| 3. Popular skiing location | ___ P ___ | Very pale | ___ H ___ |
| 4. Australian city | ___ Y ___ | Actor Poitier | ___ I ___ |
| 5. Unblemished | ___ R | Tidy | ___ N |
| 6. DNR employee | ___ A ___ | Horseshoe score | ___ I ___ |
| 7. Larder | ___ N ___ | Measly | ___ L ___ |
| 8. Commuter boat | F ___ | Tom's elusive nemesis | J ___ |
| 9. Author | ___ R ___ | More bleached | ___ H ___ |
| 10. Amalgamation | U ___ | Pungent bulb | O ___ |

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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

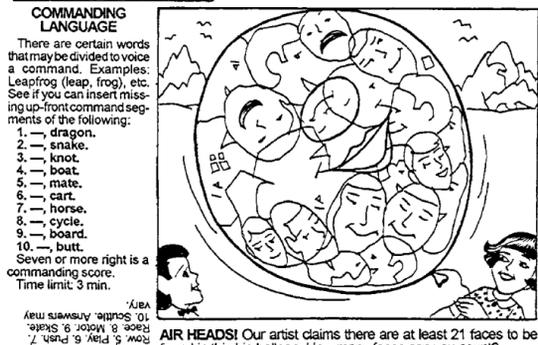
Differences: 1. Boy's shirt is missing. 2. Letter 'E' is missing. 3. Backpack is missing. 4. Arm is moved. 5. Curtains are missing. 6. 'For Sale' sign is missing. 7. Scuttle. Answers may vary.

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

BEAT ODDS! Five consecutive odd digits are shown in a row, at right. You are asked to rearrange the order of these digits so that when the first two, from left to right, are multiplied by the last two, and the middle digit is subtracted from the total, the result will produce the same four even digits — 2222.
Start-up hint: Switch 1 and 5. See if you can take it from there.
Answers: 57139 will do it. Still another way: 39157.

LAUNCH PAD! Challenge: Recite words of a pair of nursery rhymes in which the planet Saturn is mentioned. Give up? 1. Little Miss Muffet Saturn a tuffet. 2. Little Jack Horner Saturn a corner. No?



AIR HEADS! Our artist claims there are at least 21 faces to be found in this big balloon. How many faces can you count?



JET SET! Wanna race? Our jet-boater friend is all revved up. Ad these colors neatly: 1—Red. 2—Lt. blue. 3—Yellow. 4—Lt. brown. 5—Flesh tones. 6—Green. 7—Dk. brown. 8—Lt. blue.

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

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Boost, Boost | 6. Ranger, Ringer |
| 2. Carton, Carson | 7. Panty, Palty |
| 3. Aspen, Ashen | 8. Ferry, Jerry |
| 4. Sydney, Sidney | 9. Writer, Whiter |
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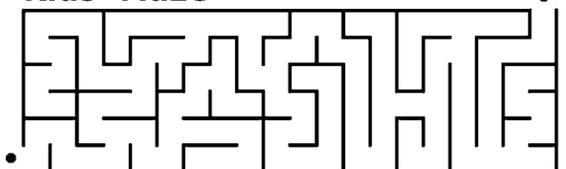
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2002 Subaru VIN# JF1SF6572H709484
Pub.: March 20, 2014.

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5078-0320 TWN
4/11 sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF SALE
Public Notice is hereby given that the C & P Towing will sell at Public Auction, for towing and storage, pursuant to Florida Statutes section 731.78, C & P Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. To be held at: 2770 Crawfordville Hwy. Lot 1, on 04/01/2014 at 9:00 a.m. on the following vehicle(s):
2004 Ford VIN# 1F1P7W14574K892813
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5077-0320 TWN
4/7 sale
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
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5062-0327 TWN
Adoption of Trent Lee Hollinsworth
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FL Family Law Division
Case No: 13-DR-428

IN RE: The Adoption of TRENT LEE HOLLINSWORTH
Minor Child.

NOTICE OF LEGAL PROCEEDING

TO: KRISTINA LEE HOLLINSWORTH
2333 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327
(Last Known Address)

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights was filed in the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, Wakulla County, Florida, on or about October 08, 2013, by TERRY L. HOLLINSWORTH, and THERESA M. HOLLINSWORTH, his wife, regarding TRENT LEE HOLLINSWORTH, born August 18, 2003. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the pleadings, on the petitioners' attorney, whose name and address is Scott W. Smiley, Thompson, Crawford & Smiley, 1330 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32303, and file the original with the clerk of the above-styled court on or before Friday, March 14, 2014, otherwise a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on February 14th, 2014.
WAKULLA COUNTY Clerk of Circuit Court
(SEAL)

By: /s/ Gail Smith, Deputy Clerk
March 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2014.

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Clerk of the Circuit Court
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March 20 & 27, 2014.

5087-0327 TWN
vs. Cotton, Alzada 65-2008-CA-000269 Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 65-2008-CA-000269 DIVISION:

CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs. ALZADA COTTON, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated January 15, 2014 and entered in Case No. 65-2008-CA-000269 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA COUNTY, Florida wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC (1), is the Plaintiff and ALZADA COTTON; THE FARM HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT Foyer Of THE WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 17th day of April, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

(1) Plaintiff name has changed pursuant to order previously entered.

LOT 42, THE FARM, PHASE II, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 48, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

A/K/A 80 CHURCHILL DRIVE, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 323270000

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on January 16, 2014.
Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of the Circuit Court
(SEAL)

By: /s/ Chris Helms, Deputy Clerk
Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L., P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, Florida 33622-5018

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March 20 & 27, 2014. F 08109025

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(SEAL)
By: /s/ Tiffany Deschner, Deputy Clerk
March 20 & 27, 2014.

5084-0327 TWN
vs. Killeen, Paige F. 13-000308-CA Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 13-000308-CA

AMERIS BANK, a Georgia Bank,
3811 Frederica Rd., St. Simons Island, GA 31522.
Plaintiff,
v.
PAIGE F. KILLEEN and THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PAIGE F. KILLEEN
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

LOT 30, SILVER GLEN, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 2 THROUGH 5 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash on April 10th, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. EST, or as soon thereafter as the sale may proceed, at the courthouse steps, located at the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL, 32327, in accordance with section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

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

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Clerk of the Circuit Court
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By: /s/ Chris Helms, Deputy Clerk

Timothy D. Padgett, P.A. ATTN: B.C. Smith
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By: /s/ Tiffany Deschner, Deputy Clerk
March 20 & 27, 2014.

5083-0327 TWN
vs. Reilly, Kristin 65-2013-CA-000084-CAAX-MX Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 65-2013-CA-000084-CAAX-MX Division: Civil Division

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL,
Plaintiff,
vs.
KRISTIN REILLY, et al,
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above styled case, I will sell the property situate in WAKULLA COUNTY, Florida, described as:

Lot 37, Block 15, WAKULLA GARDENS UNIT I, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 39, of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida.

A/K/A 100 Choctaw Rd, Crawfordville, FL 32327

of public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, by electronic sale at IN THE LOBBY OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HIGHWAY, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327, beginning at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on April 10, 2014.

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

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 4th day of March, 2014.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
(SEAL)

By: /s/ Chris Helms, Deputy Clerk

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

March 20 & 27, 2014. 142619 /lh

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5082-0327 TWN
vs. Hoover, Regina 65-2013-CA-000135-CAAX-MX Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 65-2013-CA-000135-CAAX-MX Division: Civil Division

GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
REGINA HOOVER, et al,
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above styled case, I will sell the property situate in WAKULLA COUNTY, Florida, described as:

Parcel "C"
Begin a concrete monument marking the Northwest corner of Section 2, Township 4 South, Range 1 East, Wakulla County, Florida and run South 00°05'38" West along the Westerly boundary of said Section 2 (as monumented) a distance of 329.38 feet to an iron pipe lying on the Easterly right-of-way boundary of the Tallahassee - St. Marks Bike Trail (Old St. Marks-Tallahassee Railroad), thence run South 19°40'15" East along said right-of-way boundary 93.96 feet to a re-rod (marked #7160), thence leaving said right-of-way boundary run North 81°31'54" East 38.42 feet to a re-rod (marked #7160), thence run North 08°27'05" West 172.32 feet to a re-rod (marked #7160), thence run North 81°08'00" East 156.00 feet to a re-rod (marked #7160), thence run North 08°52'00" West 230.54 feet lying on the Northerly boundary of said Section 2 (as monumented) a distance of 163.91 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

A/K/A 34 Fire Escape Rd., Saint Marks, FL 32355

of public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, by electronic sale at IN THE LOBBY OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HIGHWAY, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327, beginning at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on April 10, 2014.

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

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 6th day of March, 2014.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
(SEAL)

By: /s/ Chris Helms, Deputy Clerk

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

March 20 & 27, 2014. 126874/lh

Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices

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Clerk of the Circuit Court
(SEAL)
By: /s/ Tiffany Deschner, Deputy Clerk
March 20 & 27, 2014.

5081-0327 TWN
vs. Norman, Thomas R. 2012-CA-000282 Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2012-CA-000282

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
vs.
THOMAS R. NORMAN; NAOMI G. NORMAN; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; 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 10th day of April, 2014, at 11:00 AM at the 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 situ-

Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices

5089-0327 TWN
vs. Rentz, Timothy E. 65-2013-CA-000221 Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 65-2013-CA-000221

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
TIMOTHY E. RENTZ A/K/A TIMOTHY ERIC RENTZ, MELANIE I. RENTZ A/K/A MELANIE RENTZ, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 1, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 2,
Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed March 5, 2014 entered in Civil Case No. 65-2013-CA-000221 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Crawfordville, Florida, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway Crawfordville, FL 32327 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 10 day of April, 2014 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THENCE RUN EASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 27, A DISTANCE OF 667.27 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTHERLY ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF THE EAST HALF OF THE EAST HALF OF THE WEST HALF OF SAID SECTION 27, A DISTANCE OF 1199.56 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF STATE ROAD NO. 368, THENCE RUN NORTH 69 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 06 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 720.45 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST 1172.89 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE NORTH 00 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST 472.69 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 87 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST 474.24 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST 459.74 FEET TO A RE-ROD, THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DE



SCRAMBLERS
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Shake

Assist

Outfit

Invent

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Gorilla
4 Parisian pal
7 Entreaty
8 "Excavating for —"
10 Drilling device
11 Caught
13 Exempted, in a sense
16 Raw rock
17 Take another meeting
18 "Rocks"
19 Hurry
20 Campus VIP
21 Wine-glass features
23 Popular Indian entree
25 Vocal comeback
26 Shetland, e.g.
27 Needlefish
28 Bring out
30 Seek restitution
33 Bombastic
36 It was "white as snow"
37 More than sufficient
38 Hamstrings

DOWN

1 Pond buildup
2 Hammer-head part
3 Tympanic membrane
4 Violin craftsman
5 Possibly will

6 "Bus Stop" playwright
7 Sound of contentment
8 Embarrass
9 More spooky
10 Past
12 Rot
14 — up (admit)
15 Lair
19 Old
20 Parched
21 Muffler
22 Servitude
23 Couturier

Chanel
24 Different
25 Ovum
26 Whines
28 Botanical swelling
29 Cut into cubes
30 Automobile style
31 "E Pluribus —"
32 Summer, on the Seine
34 Approach
35 Loosen

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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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1			3					2
8			5	6	9			
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	7	3		1		8		
	2				9			4
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★
★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- LITERATURE: Who wrote the poem "The Charge of the Light Brigade"?
- TELEVISION: What was the skipper's real name on "Gilligan's Island"?
- ADVERTISEMENTS: What product is advertised as the "The Breakfast of Champions"?
- U.S. STATES: What time zone is the state of Oklahoma in?
- LANGUAGE: What day of the week was named after the Roman god Jupiter?
- SCIENCE: What does the symbol "c" stand for in physics?
- GAMES: What is the length of a standard tennis court?
- HISTORY: When did Yuri Gagarin become the first human to orbit the Earth?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What does the Fujita Scale measure?
- ETIQUETTE: When is it appropriate to fly the U.S. flag upside down?

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

King Crossword
Solution time: 25 mins.
Answers

N	O	L	O	D	A	D	R	A	D	S	F	L	A	M
A	D	A	M	S	F	L	A	M	S	F	L	A	M	A
F	L	A	M	S	F	L	A	M	S	F	L	A	M	S
G	R	A	N	D	I	L	L	O	O	L	O	O	L	L
G	R	A	N	D	I	L	L	O	O	L	O	O	L	L
E	C	H	O	A	S	E	S	E	S	E	S	E	S	E
S	I	E	M	S	C	O	N	A	X	S	I	E	M	S
H	E	A	D	S	F	L	A	M	S	F	L	A	M	S
H	E	A	D	S	F	L	A	M	S	F	L	A	M	S
G	R	A	N	D	I	L	L	O	O	L	O	O	L	L
A	U	G	E	R	B	A	G	E	D	A	U	G	E	R
P	L	E	A	M	I	N	E	P	L	E	A	M	I	N
A	P	E	A	M	I	N	E	P	L	E	A	M	I	N

CryptoQuip
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.
Clue: T equals S

AB M UGKTDQ PJD UKGTTGT
HDEK XRDJLGT SMWGT PKH
PATGXKMXT, AT LJML MO
AKDO-AX TGOTG DB JESDK?

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SCRAMBLERS
Today's Word:
1. Quiver; 2. Serve; 3. Furnish; 4. Create

REQUEST

CryptoQuip
If a person who presses your clothes makes wry wisecracks, is that an ironic sense of humor?

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

CryptoQuote
AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW
One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

JQ ZBQ WQBQ NS ZUU
JWZN JQ IZG NS FYMQ, GSN
NS TQN JWZN JQ IZG MBSR
YN. - JYFFYZR SKFQB

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Cryptoquote
We are here to add what we can to life, not to get what we can from it. - William Osler

Kudzu bugs are a new pest to Wakulla



Natural Wakulla

By Les Harrison

The cold winter of 2013-14 aside, Wakulla County's newest invasive pest is already emerging from its winter nap.

The kudzu bug is currently active near concentrations of the invasive weed kudzu where it overwinters.

This pest was initially found in the Sopchoppy area in May 2013 populating a citrus tree. It was the first documented occurrence of this nuisance insect in Wakulla County.

Kudzu bugs are native to East Asia and were first detected in northeastern Georgia in October 2009. They eat kudzu and a number of other plants, especially legumes like peas, beans, and clover.

Individually this destructive invader is easy to overlook as they are about the size of a ladybug. Unlike ladybugs they often appear in swarms of 1,000 or more, many times on the exterior of light colored structures during early daylight hours.

They gather in the shaded portion of structures regardless of color later in the day.

The kudzu bug is a stinkbug which secretes a foul odor and is capable of staining a variety of surfaces. If they enter a home the upholstery, carpets and drapes may be marred by this pest.

The defensive chemical these insects use is capable of staining the natural or treated surface of the houses and buildings, and will even mar vehicle finishes.

Their olive green to brownish color helps individuals blend into any native landscape.

They are excellent hitchhikers which will cling to people and vehicles moving through an infested area.

They are also good fliers and can travel long distances.

Research has indicated its introduction into the United States occurred from a single female lineage originating in Japan.

They have quickly established reproducing populations and spread throughout Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina, and moved into Alabama, Tennessee, Florida, Mississippi and Virginia.

In addition to legumes, they are attracted to a host of ornamental shrubs and native plants.

With no known predators in the north Florida, the potential impact on native plants is in question.

There is also serious concern these exotic pest will be one more recently imported impediment to production of cotton and soybean in the Big Bend Region.

They are particularly active in the spring when exploring the variety of emerging plants before kudzu



PHOTOS BY LES HARRISON/SPECIAL TO THE NEWS
A magnified image of a kudzu bug.

leaves out.

They are also seen in swarms during autumn eating their last meal before overwintering.

In late autumn, with cooler temperatures, they migrate from their host plants to overwinter in kudzu leaf litter, underneath tree bark and in other protected locations.

In its native habitat, there are up to three generations of these pests per year. In the warmer latitudes of Wakulla County, the reproduction rate may exceed the recorded rate in Asia.

Any pyrethroid based insecticide applied directly to the bugs will kill them. Also, liquid Sevin (car-

baryl), which has a longer residual effect,

will also work at controlling the population.

Unfortunately, the bug's mobility and their overwhelming numbers make them difficult to control.

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

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

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