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Gregg Stanton teaches professional diving through TCC Wakulla Environmental Institute.

TCC Wakulla's Environmental Institute, FAMU, and local dive shop work together to offer training for professional divers

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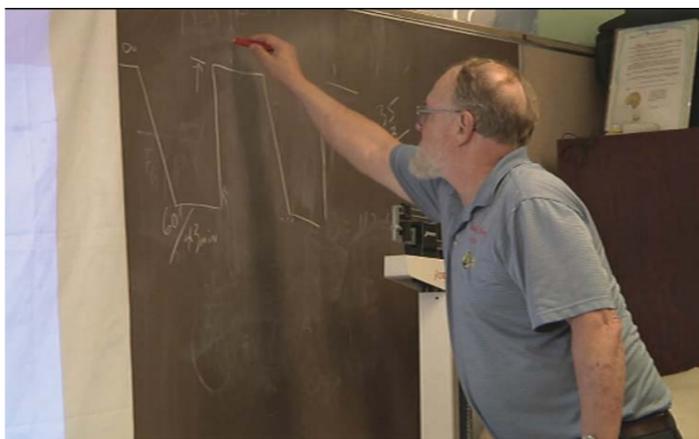
Gregg Stanton's parents wanted him to be a diplomat, but his passion beckoned from a place more foreign than any country on a world map.

Stanton's embassies are under the sea, in the nooks and crannies of watery caves, and the sparkling bottoms of natural springs.

Now Stanton, professional diver and academic, is able to pass on decades of experience and knowledge to professional diving students in Tallahassee Community College Wakulla Environmental Institute's introduction to professional diving class.

After 21 years as a Florida State University professor in the biological sciences department, Stanton worked five years at the Panama City campus. But he laughs when he refers to himself as "retired," since he has plenty to keep him busy.

Stanton said the 16-week multidisciplinary course gives students the opportunity to



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Stanton teaching a classroom portion of the diving course.

learn the elements of professional diving. Students will learn basic and advanced diving skills and receive training in life support tools, hose diving, side-mounts, closed-circuit re-breathers and underwater vehicles. Upon course completion, students will become qualified as scuba open-circuit air and nitrox divers.

Stanton said the course is a collaboration between entities in Wakulla County and Tallahassee. TCC Wakulla Environmental Institute offers the course and academics, Florida A&M University's Aquatics pro-

gram provides a pool, and the Wakulla Diving Center supplies technology and equipment. Classes are conducted poolside for the lecture portion — and pool-bottom too for hands-on training. In addition to tuition, the three-credit-hour course has an activity fee of \$297.

While students learn diving basics, the program is really for people who are pursuing underwater careers, like underwater welding, construction, crime scene investigation, marine biology, research and more.

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Jury duty scam takes new twist

Staff Report

Wakulla County Sheriff Charlie Creel is warning Wakulla County residents about a scam involving someone posing as a member of the sheriff's office staff attempting to get residents to send money.

The clerk of courts office also discovered a case of a man who had been scammed out of money by someone posing as a sheriff's deputy.

In the first case, a man identifying himself as "Lt. John Martin" of the Warrants Division of the sheriff's office made calls on Wednesday, March 19, and told the 27-year-old Crawfordville victim that he had a warrant out for his arrest for failing to report for jury duty.

There is no Lt. Martin at the sheriff's office. The call was placed from (850) 688-3649.

The man told the victim that he could avoid going to jail and having his driver license suspended if he sent \$665.

A short time later a bogus "Capt. Truett" told the victim his money did not transfer over and an additional \$200 needed to be paid through PayPal.

Once the victim realized he was the victim of a scam, he called the WCSO and discovered the agency does not have a Lt. John Martin or a Capt. Truett on staff.

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Steve Cushman announces run for county commission

By JENNY ODOM
Special to the News

Steve Cushman announced this week his intention to run for the District 4 seat on the county commis-

sion.

The seat is currently held by Jerry Moore of Panacea who has filed to run but has yet to announce.

Cushman said his decision to run was based on his colleagues asking him to do so.

"I've always tried to stay out of politics," the former Air Force Pilot said. "But this is worth it to the people. I feel I can make a difference."

Cushman, 45, said he feels the current board does not ask enough questions, and does not do due diligence researching the issues.

"I was trained to investigate," he said, referring to a stint as a reserve police officer. "We owe it to the community to learn about the issue. It's the law



JENNY ODOM

Steve Cushman is running for the District 4 county commission seat.

enforcement side of me."

He said he feels there needs to be a balance in government, and if more people practiced discipline we wouldn't need as much.

"My stance on gov-

ernment is that we have to have it for certain reasons, but it can get out of hand."

He also talked about Robert's Rules of Order and said that the current bickering back-and-forth was unnecessary.

"In Richard's defense," he said, referring to Commission Chairman Richard Harden, "you have to maintain order. We represent every citizen in this county, they all deserve a chance to speak."

As for the controversy over the state Department of Transportation project to realign of Highway 319 and Highway 98 — which involves property Moore sold to the state — Cushman said he supported a traffic study to be done on the project, but didn't criticize Moore for making money off the land sale.

"Attacking Jerry Moore for a real estate transaction is not correct," he said. "He bought the land prior to coming on the board, then after coming on he sold it. I haven't seen anything wrong with it."

Cushman said he tried to call Moore to discuss with him the impending campaign, but that Moore had not returned his call.

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"It's an aggressive course," Stanton said. "Not a 'funsey' course. This course will put students on a good track for underwater work, and understanding the wide scope of what we do underwater. It's a prerequisite for professional diving and research. They are learning physics and physiology. It's very fundamental."

Stanton said folks who want to learn how to dive for recreation should talk to him at his shop, the Wakulla Diving Center, on Coastal Highway 98. Customers will see wetsuits, masks and mounts in the store, but the warehouse attached to it feels like an industrial complex lined with tanks, compressors, supplies, student workstations and more.

While professional diving often appeals to scientists and aca-



Jessie Bates dive profiling in class.

demics, trades people can use professional diving certification to boost their income and take their work off dry land. Once a professional diver is certified, he or she can pursue a career in commercial diving, which comes with a solid salary. Some commercial divers can earn up to \$100,000 annually.

"They still have to be a welder, or a specialist in hydraulics or pneumatics," Stanton said. "And OSHA standards apply for commercial diving."

Stanton said students study the NOAA

Diving Manual as the textbook. Students are quizzed every week, and a paper is due during the course. Students are able to choose the topic of their report.

"It gives them the opportunity to expand on what we didn't cover," he said.

While the course requires hard work and lots of studying, it is not without reward.

"They get to play with toys under the water too," Stanton said.

In the future, advanced students will have a chance to employ the highly technical "toys" un-

der the Wakulla Environmental Institute's property. Stanton said there is a cave under the institute's 138 acres.

"Considering the amount of water, there's got to be a passage taking it to the Gulf," Stanton said. Some 1,800 feet of line has been laid upstream and downstream, and the cave is at least 200 feet deep.

"It's a labyrinth," he said. "Not a small cave."

But a big cave is actually much smaller with the right technology, such as rebreathers, which the students will study next month. A rebreather is a breathing apparatus that absorbs the exhaled carbon dioxide to allow the recycling of the mostly unused oxygen content of each breath. Stanton said a diver can stay underwater for 10 hours with a rebreather.

"If you have 10 hours, a big cave suddenly becomes very small," Stanton said.

Wakulla Environ-

mental Institute Executive Director Bob Ballard said the cave was the original inspiration for the professional diving course.

"We got the idea when we learned that Wakulla Environmental Institute campus has a massive cave system underneath it," Ballard said. "We thought if there is interest (in the course), then we would offer an associate's degree in professional diving to do everything — sampling the aquaculture, diving to collect data for water quality and purity, working on big rigs out in Gulf, welding, crime scene investigation — fields where there are a lot of demand for professional divers. We have a great location to provide that."

Students will also be exposed to nitrox breathing, diving history, dive planning, effects of pressure, marine life, and even a field trip to Panama City for an ocean dive.

Stanton said he hopes that it won't be long before there is a

pool in Wakulla that could facilitate the class, but for now, the FAMU pool is suiting their needs.

Four students are currently enrolled in the class. Stanton said the goal for the fall semester is to have 15 students.

Stanton said his current students are very comfortable underwater.

"They are capable of running any obstacle course blind," Stanton said. Blind diving is often the norm, as underwater work is done by feel in poor visibility.

"They are learning the scope of their world," Stanton said. "There are rules, just like on land, and they've got to adjust to them."

For more information about professional diving classes, and to learn about other programs offered at TCC Wakulla Environmental Institute, call TCC Wakulla Center Workforce Development Director Bonnie Holub, at (850) 922-6290.

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He said that Moore is not visible enough as one-fifth of the elected commission.

"As a commissioner, you should be present," he said. "I see Ralph and Howard and Richard out there a lot, helping out at clean ups and community events," he said. "It's an important part about being a commissioner, being visible."

"People elect you because they respect you and desire your leadership," he said. "I'll be visible."

Cushman sits on the Wakulla County Code Enforcement board and is the President of Keep Wakulla County Beautiful.

He has also recently been named to the Marine Advisory Committee by the county commission.

"Data collection and research are very important to me, and very important to any decision I make," he said.

"Wetlands are a vital part of this community, and we need to protect them."

Cushman operates a dive shop, Cave Connections on Bloxham Cutoff Road and said, "As a cave diver I can see when the

water is bad, and I can see when the nitrate level is high. But the wetlands isn't the issue. It has turned into a voter's rights versus property rights battle.

"It was an error not to hold a workshop," he said. "Just to be fair to everybody, and the wetlands. And wetlands isn't a one workshop deal."

He said that prior to 1992, Shell Point was a coastline. But someone was allowed to dredge it and develop it.

"You would not get that done today," he said.

"If you buy a house on wetlands, aren't you supporting building on wetlands?" he asked. "Do we tear down all those houses, and rebuild the coastline?"

"We lost focus on the wetlands issue," Cushman said. "Somewhere in the middle of this is a compromise."

"On the other hand," he said, "I've seen ridiculous building ordinances in cities like South Lake, Texas, where the local government took away individualism."

"Why would you want to live in a society like that?" he asked.

"I give talks about

water — and without water the human population would cease to exist in seven days," he said. "It's a very important issue."

"How many people live here and have no idea about what's underneath. The beauty is awe-inspiring," he said. "If people knew what was underground there would be bigger concern."

"Wakulla County is 75 percent natural woodlands, and wetlands are a vital part of this community," he said. "We need to protect them."

Cushman was raised on a farm in a small town in Texas.

"I'm just a country, redneck kid," he said. "I grew up hunting and fishing" — adding that he still goes fishing, but mostly spearfishing these days. "But I never kill anything that I don't eat."

"I grew up driving tractors and helped farm 4,400 acres of cattle and catfish," Cushman said. "If more kids could grow up like I did, there wouldn't be so many issues."

After high school, Cushman attended University of North Texas and joined the ROTC. He graduated with a degree in psy-

chology, entered the Air Force and served for seven years until he took a voluntary disenrollment offered during the Clinton Administration. He remained on standby until he turned 35.

A businessman, he was in the automotive repair business in Denton for 10 years. He has three children, Blaine, 21, Payton, 16, and Heather, 13.

He is passionate about youth issues.

"I look around this county and there needs to be more involvement with kids," he said. "There is a high rate of teenage pregnancy, teenage drug and alcohol use. We need programs to get kids involved. I think that teaching kids trade skills is important, and gives them potential."

"As a reserve police officer, one night I watched a 16-year-old girl die," he said. "That one hit hard for me. What it would do to me if I got that knock on the door."

He is also an animal lover, and volunteered for the local humane group CHAT taking

time off to visit, play and walk animals at the adoption center, when it was open.

"A pet is like a child, you've got to take care of them," he said. "Animals don't deserve to be caged up. I feel that all people who adopt animals should have to go through the freezer where euthanized animals are kept, so they can see what happens to animals that aren't cared for."

"For me," he said, "it's an emotional issue."

Being raised on a catfish farm is where he got the understanding for the importance of aquaculture. Cushman is the CEO of North Florida Gulf Seafoods, an aquaculture business focusing on oyster farming.

He has helped to implement a program at Tallahassee Community College where he is an instructor for the Oyster Aquaculture Certification program.

As part of the Code Enforcement board, Cushman would rather help a citizen with a problem than slap

him with a fine. He has organized property clean ups to help people come into compliance through KWCB, and involved the ROTC at Wakulla High.

"If we can help someone out, why not," he said. "I think there is a balance of being fair and protecting the natural resources."

He and his wife, Leslie, began visiting the area to dive the springs, fell in love with Wakulla County, and eventually found a house to live in along Clark Drive in Panacea.

"I would bring an outsider's point of view to the board," he said. "I assure you, not enough questions have been asked."

"I understand that there are other places you'd rather be," he said. "If it takes an extra hour at a meeting, we should do it."

"The citizens should look up to that board with community pride," he added. "And unfortunately, it's not so much the case right now."

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:

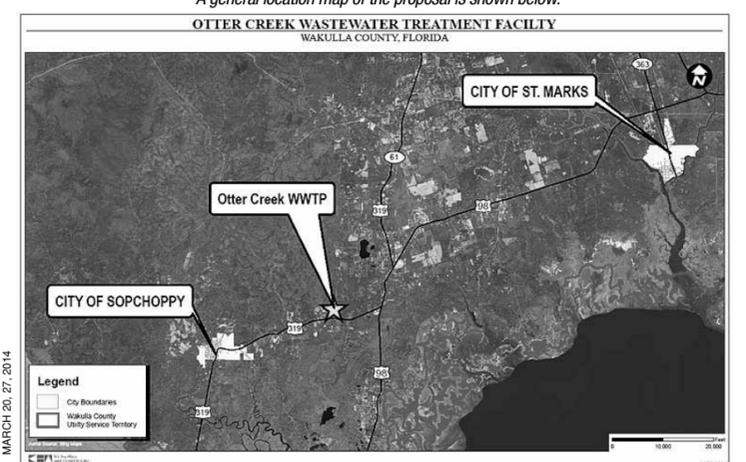
1. Construction of a new 1.200 MGD membrane bioreactor (MBR) treatment system.
2. Construction of a 1.200 MGD oxidation ditch without public access reuse.
3. Duplicate the existing 0.600 MGD treatment system on site to provide a combined 1.200 MGD treatment facility.

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.

A general location map of the proposal is shown below.



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Code enforcement shut down

By NICOLE ZEMA
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County Administrator David Edwards

Reorganization of the Wakulla County Code Enforcement Department resulted in two job losses Monday, as the department has been absorbed by the county Building Department.

Wakulla County Administrator David Edwards said because of the jail-bed budget deficit incurred by the Wakulla County Sheriff's Department, he did not have a choice.

"I saw what was coming ahead," Edwards said on Tuesday. "I warned the county commissioners and the sheriff, we had to do something."

He said more program cuts will be coming down the road if the budget issue is not rectified, including the library, veterans services – and, potentially, parks and recreation.

"The sooner these cuts are made, the more programs are saved, so I went ahead and did this reorganization," Edwards said. "If we do it now, it makes the impact less

everybody," Morrison said. "And it's going to impact all of us. Every division (within the Sheriff's Office) is looking for places to combine jobs and eliminate additional positions. Unfortunately it might be deputies next."

He added that the majority of maintenance, even vehicle fabrication, is done in-house. Employees are also prevented from working overtime.

"We're trying to be sensible and squeeze everything we can out of a dollar," Morrison said.

Morrison said the department is pushing for a minimum bed count, so even if all beds are not filled with detainees federally transferred to the facility, they will still receive federal funding.

Approximately \$991,000 is required to run the section of the county jail that houses federal prisoners from Immigration and Customs Enforcement. That cost includes transport and medical services for

the detainees. "What we drew in was \$2.3 million," Morrison said. "That \$990,000 was paid for, with \$1.3 million profit, which goes into general fund. If we do away with ICE this year, right off the top you have over \$2 million deficit county-wide."

Morrison said he wished he knew an easy solution. "I don't know what the fix is, wish I could tell you, I think about it a lot," he said. "The last thing I want to do is tell someone they're doing a really good job, but I have to let you go."

Edwards said he was emotional after losing two wonderful county employees.

"It was gut wrenching," Edwards said. "I see the hurt in people's eye, I know it hurts. It was not a decision that was made lightly. But this is the only logical thing to do at this point."

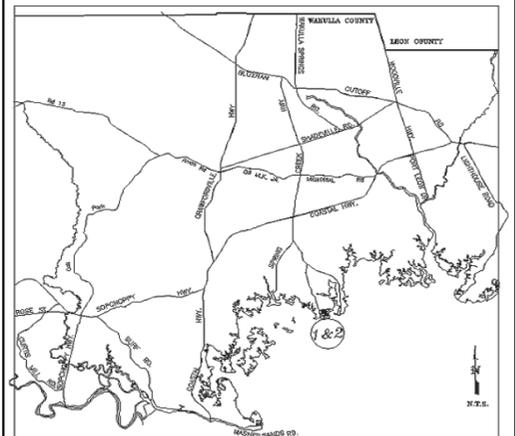
"I hate it because I know there is a person and kid behind every face," Edwards said.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

Notice of Public Hearing Concerning an Application for Preliminary Plat and Final Plat

The Wakulla County Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners proposes to consider the following applications. Public Hearings are scheduled regarding the following before the **Wakulla County Planning Commission on Monday, April 14, 2014, beginning at 7:00 PM** and before the **Board of County Commissioners on Monday, May 5, 2014, beginning at 6:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted below or as time permits.** All public hearings are held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.



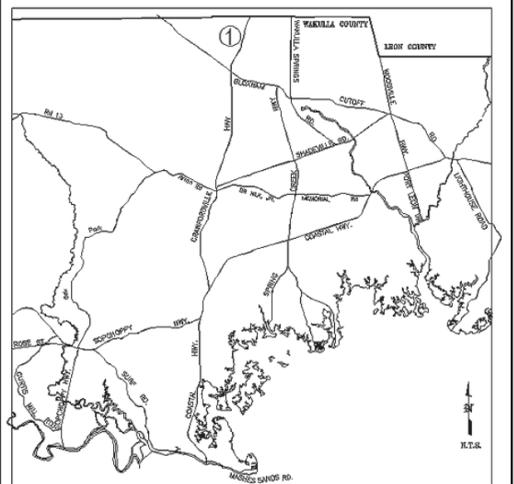
1. Application for Preliminary Plat: PP13-01
 Applicant: Gulf View Shores, LLC
 Agent: Terry Clayton
 Proposal: create 15 lot subdivision
 Tax ID Number: 00-00-121-351-11968-A10; 00-00-121-351-11968-A11; 00-00-121-351-11968-000 and Part of 00-00-121-000-11968-005
 Existing FLU Map: Urban 2 (FLUE Policy 1.2.6)
 Existing Zoning: PUD (Section 5-50, LDC)
 FEMA Flood Info: "V20" zone on Panel 0390-D
 Parcel Size: 5.833+/- acres
 Location: Northeast corner of Shell Point Road & Beaty Taff Drive
Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, April 14, 2014, 7:00 PM

2. Application for Final Plat: FP14-02
 Applicant: Gulf View Shores, LLC
 Agent: Terry Clayton
 Proposal: create 15 lot subdivision
 Tax ID Number: 00-00-121-351-11968-A10; 00-00-121-351-11968-A11; 00-00-121-351-11968-000 and Part of 00-00-121-000-11968-005
 Existing FLU Map: Urban 2 (FLUE Policy 1.2.6)
 Existing Zoning: PUD (Section 5-50, LDC)
 FEMA Flood Info: "V20" zone on Panel 0390-D
 Parcel Size: 5.833+/- acres
 Location: Northeast corner of Shell Point Road & Beaty Taff Drive
Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, April 14, 2014, 7:00 PM
Board of County Commissioners: Monday, May 5, 2014, 6:00 PM

Copies of applications, draft ordinances, and any related public record files may be viewed at the County Planning Department located at 11 Bream Fountain Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327, 8 AM to 4:30 PM M/F; Phone (850) 926-3695. Any person desiring to appeal a decision of a County Board must ensure a verbatim transcript or copy is made of the testimony and exhibits presented at said hearings. Persons with a disability needing a special accommodation should contact the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Office at least two (2) days prior to the meeting at (850) 926-0919; Hearing and Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771; or email at ADARrequest@mywakulla.com. MARCH 27, 2014

Notice of Public Hearing

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners proposes to consider the following applications and/or adopt the following by ordinance and has scheduled Public Hearings regarding the following before the **Wakulla County Planning Commission on Monday, April 14, 2014, beginning at 7:00 PM** and before the **Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners on Monday, May 5, 2014, beginning at 6:00 PM, unless otherwise noted below or as time permits.** All public hearings are held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.



1. Application for Temporary Use Permit: TU14-01
 Applicant: Jimmy R & Diane Curlee
 Proposal: Request for Family Enclave Agreement
 Tax ID Number: 29-2s-01w-000-04106-037
 Existing FLU Map: Rural 2 (FLUE Policy 1.2.4)
 Existing Zoning: RR-1 (Section 5-27, LDC)
 FEMA Flood Info: "C" zone on Panel 0100-B
 Parcel Size: 2.91+/- acres
 Location: 8 San Marcos Drive
Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, April 14, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.

Board of County Commissioners: Monday, May 5, 2014 @ 6:00 P.M.
 Copies of applications, draft ordinances, and any related public record files may be viewed at the Wakulla County Planning and Community Development Department located at 11 Bream Fountain Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327, 8 AM to 4:30 PM M/F; Phone (850) 926-3695. Any person desiring to appeal a decision of a County Board must ensure a verbatim transcript or copy is made of the testimony and exhibits presented at said hearings. Persons with a disability needing a special accommodation should contact the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Office at least two (2) days prior to the meeting at (850) 926-0919; Hearing & Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771; or email at ADARrequest@mywakulla.com. MARCH 27, 2014

Advertising Detail:
WAKULLA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) 2014-07 FOR ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION AND INSPECTION SERVICES OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE OCHLOCKNEE BAY TRAIL (OBBT) PHASE 3
 FPID NO 416272-3-28-01
 Advertisement Begins: SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2014

Board Decisions will be available at: 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327.
 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.
 Please direct all questions to:
 Sheree T. Keeler or Katie Taff / Wakulla County BOCC
 Phone: 850.926.9500, FAX: 850.926.0940
 E-mail: skeeler@mywakulla.com

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-feet 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
 MARCH 20, 27, 2014

Advertising Detail:
WAKULLA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 INVITATION TO BID (ITB) 2014-07 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE OCHLOCKNEE BAY TRAIL (OBBT) PHASE 3
 416272-3-58-01
 Advertisement Begins: SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2014

Board Decisions will be available at: 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327.
 Sealed bids for ITB 2014-08, OCHLOCKNEE BAY TRAIL (OBBT) PHASE 3 CONSTRUCTION will be received until 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 24, 2014. Bids should be addressed to the Wakulla County Purchasing Office, at 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, at which time all bids will be publicly opened. Bids received after the time and date specified will not be accepted and shall be returned unopened to the Bidder.
 Please direct all questions to:
 Katie Taff, Purchasing Coordinator - Wakulla County BOCC
 Phone: 850.926.9500, FAX: 850.926.0940
 E-mail: ktaff@mywakulla.com

ITB documents will be available at www.mywakulla.com on Monday, March 24, 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 24, 2014.
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 Richard Harden, Chairman
 MARCH 27, 2014
 APRIL 3, 2014

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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The Opinion Page

readers speak out

Glad to be back in community journalism



Nicole Zema
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I thought my writing career was over.

But community news is my calling. And one doesn't choose a calling; it's the other way around.

My name is Nicole Zema, and I have been given a terrific opportunity to serve the residents of Wakulla County as a reporter for The Wakulla News.

After just a week working in Wakulla County, I have witnessed a tremendous level civic engagement, reverence of natural resources, and hospitality of locals. It is a privilege to work for citizens who are so committed to promoting and preserving this beautiful place - a Florida jewel - enhanced by waterways, wildlife and historical value.

I am ready to put faces to the names I've read in recent issues of The Wakulla News, and also share the experiences of neighbors we do not know so well.

It is my goal to tell the stories of this county, report on government function and publicize community events; in the heritage of the century-long legacy of The Wakulla News.

I was born and raised in Los Angeles, and moved with my family to Gadsden, Ala., in 1993. (My parents were tired of big-city traffic, pollution, prices and crime; and they saw Alabama as a refuge close to family.) I graduated from a small Christian high school in Gadsden, and attended community

college for a few years.

My roots in writing, photography and design can be attributed to an innate need for expression. I have been a writer and document designer ever since I was able to hold a marker and form a sentence. As a child I would write and illustrate my own books and signage. In high school I edited the school newspaper and excelled in my writing and computer classes. Later, as a self-ascribed free-thinking college student, I published a local 'zine and blogged (before blogging was cool).

But after several years of mostly writing about myself, I realized it was more fun, fulfilling and interesting to write about other people.

After graduating from the University of Alabama in 2007 with a degree in visual journalism and creative writing, I was very fortunate to be chosen by an Alabama politician to start up a weekly "positive news" community paper in Walker County, Ala. We didn't exactly know what we were doing, and together worked long hours to get the newspaper off the ground. I recall watching the sun set and rise again from the office window as we worked 20 hours nonstop to meet our first deadline.

For more than three years as managing editor I covered local community events, meetings, elections, plays, disasters, pageants and contests; took thousands of photos, designed hundreds of ads, and interviewed notable characters of all kinds.

I racked up a few awards from the Alabama Press Association for ad design and page layout. I was given plaques and received dozens of thank-you cards from community members and organizations

featured in the newspaper.

As much as I loved my job, I eventually decided it was time to accept a bigger challenge as features editor at a heavily-awarded daily newspaper in historic Natchez, Miss.

I did not perform well in the daily news business. After one year of struggling with the daily pace, I was let go. Thanks to the mentorship of top-notch news and design editors there, my writing had strengthened and design skills finessed. But that one failure fooled me into thinking that my journalism career was over for good.

Two years in the service industry, shaking cocktails and serving tables at a fine dining restaurant, proved to be cathartic. I slept in everyday, saved tip money, and learned everything I could about wine, food pairing and mixology.

I moved to Tallahassee in August to be near the love of my life, Tim Roberts, a National Park Service archaeologist. (We plan to marry in a year or so.) He encouraged me to pick up where I left off with my writing career. I'm glad I listened instead of allowing fear of failure to be an obstacle to my calling.

If I have learned anything in my 31 years, it's that failure can actually be a gift. Failure is a gift that clarifies what not to do. Failure is a gift by which past and future success is measured.

And this gift put me back in touch with my roots. This gift led me home again; even if on a map, it's far from where I started.

Nicole Zema is the reporter for The Wakulla News. Contact her at nzema@thewakullanews.net or (850) 926-7102.

READERS WRITE:

Thank you for love shown after loss

Editor, The News:

To this amazing community: Our family is completely overwhelmed by the outpouring of love this community has shown us during the recent passing of our beloved husband and daddy. When we came here more than 14 years ago, we had no idea how much we would grow to love this place and beautiful people who make up Wakulla County.

For every note, every flower, every hug, every prayer, every monetary gift, every meal and every other show of love, we are truly grateful. From

the day Jeff was diagnosed with cancer, until he took his final breath, he proclaimed that his victory was assured. If God chose to heal him here, he would rejoice in victory, but if He chose to call him home, there could be no greater victory to be attained.

Thank you, Wakulla County, for wrapping your arms around our family and loving us. But thank you even more so, for letting Jeff McFalls live out his God-given purpose here.

He truly loved you, and so do we.

Libby, Zac, Doran & Abbi McFalls

Support for arts is appreciated

Editor, The News:

An open letter to all the wonderful Patrons of the Arts:

To all of the wonderful and faithful citizens in Wakulla and beyond, I thank you for all of your loyal support of live performances at Wakulla High. It has been a privilege and an honor to work with your amazing and talented students over the years.

I truly appreciate the support of The Wakulla News who faithfully printed all of the numerous articles and press releases over the years to alert the community of upcoming events and also for the photos of performances and productions you ran in your paper. Without your support - along with other online publications - we would have been lost.

Then there are the faithful patrons who come to every production, many of these wonderful people do not have any students even in the show! You are the heart and soul of why live performances survive and thrive.

As a theatre teacher,

I get the curious opportunity to watch most of my students for all four years as they come in to class as shy or not-so-shy freshmen and then blossom into the most amazing creatures by the time they graduate. I see them develop and grow as they gain the confidence to stand before an audience and "do their thing," whether it is in a play or at a talent show. Many of my students prefer to work behind the scenes, running lights, sound or managing the performers backstage, a grown-up responsibility that will serve them well. They learn to face down their fears, find their voice, and become someone new. Most of my students do not plan to ever perform again on a stage in front of an audience after they graduate from high school, but what they learn stays with them for life.

They learn to work with others, think outside the box and collaborate to create something they will be proud of long after the applause fades away.

I am so gratified to see so many of my former students return to cheer on the young performers and technicians. They understand and have a vicarious kinship with the students and the process. I hope everyone who loves to see these talented students will continue to support live performances.

The Wakulla Arts Coalition presents the annual "Celebration of the Arts" on Thursday, April 3 at Wakulla High where students from all of our Wakulla schools will present their artistic talents. The visual artists will have their work in the lobby for a silent art auction beginning at 5:30 p.m. and then the performances begin at 6:30 in the auditorium. All proceeds from this annual event go towards scholarships in the arts.

Again, thank you, Wakulla - your support means more than you will ever know.

Sincerely,

Susan Solburg
Theatre Instructor-Director
Wakulla High School

Take exception to Thomas' letter

Editor, The News:

Commissioner Thomas, what a disingenuous letter you wrote for the March 6 newspaper ("Right to vote for property rights," Opinion).

Your biased comments clearly supported your personal agenda and that of commissioners Jerry Moore, Randy Merritt, and Richard Harden. That agenda deals with building construction, anywhere or anyplace regardless of interference with the delicate wetlands balance that allows our county environment to stand out as a unique pristine system.

Responsible development is important, most people would agree. However, this type of building is not the issue being voted on. The issue is and has always been protecting a very delicate system that is the basis of preserving the balance that ensures the survival of our unequaled

environment.

Be informed, the State of Florida, does not and cannot, due to budgetary cuts, protect these areas.

You mention in your article, "individual freedom that is guaranteed by the United States Constitution." But, in your case, you have misplaced in your thinking or did not recognize the most urgent concept of this entire document, starting with the preamble, "We the people!"

That covers the highest good for the people of the U.S., for the people of Florida, and in the case here, the highest good for the people of Wakulla County. Get over your hysteria and self-serving interests; no one is taking anything from anyone with this issue. Vote "Yes" for the wetlands referendum on the November ballot.

Gail Hickman
Crawfordville

Public invited to 'Flash of Green' screening

Editor, The News:

From time to time, my husband and I come across a movie we really enjoy. A movie that is topical, appropriate, or one of the sorts of movies that really isn't about what it's about, like "Jaws," a film that is really not about just a shark.

We've talked sometimes about showing and sponsoring such movies at our local Wakulla library, have chatted about the possibilities with library director Scott Joyner and have been pleasantly surprised at his acceptance of the idea.

Well, we finally did

it. That occasion is now. We recalled an older movie, "A Flash of Green," starring a very young Ed Harris and directed by Victor Nunez. We saw it a while back and thought it might be appropriate because of the wetlands repeal situation we are currently experiencing.

We purchased it in VHS format, were prepared to show it sometime and found out through friends that Mr. Nunez, who also directed "Ulee's Gold," might be willing to speak to us about screening the film.

He did and we are.

This Sunday, March 30, at 2 p.m. at the Wakulla County Public Library, we will be

screening a copy of "A Flash of Green" with Mr. Nunez in attendance.

Not only will we not have to watch an older VHS version, he will be bringing a newly re-mastered DVD for us to enjoy.

The citizens of Wakulla County will have a chance to chat with an internationally known director, see an exceptional film, and discuss our current wetlands repeal situation and upcoming ballot measure.

We welcome everyone's attendance.

Mary Cortese
Hugh Taylor
Crawfordville

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

Have you pulled an April Fool's joke?



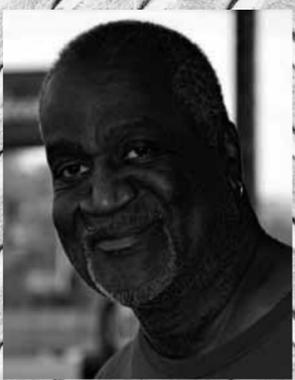
JOHNNY GRAHAM
Teacher, Griffin Middle

Pranking a shy friend:
"I told everyone at a restaurant it was his birthday and they sang, clapped and made a big deal. He was so embarrassed!"



HOPE VAUSE
McDonalds

"Most of mine were all so rude... pretty mean!"



RON COPELAND
Retired

"(Friends) were having some mixed drinks, we poured one bottle of the gin into the juice and the guys were mixing doubles and didnt know it."



MELISSA PAUL
Nursing Student

"I wrapped the sink spray nozzle with clear tape so the water would spray when turned on, (put) cellophane across the hallways, etc."



NANCY THOMAS
Client Services Manager

"Yes, I have! I moved my boyfriend's car one time - he couldn't find it."

- Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Jury duty scam takes new twist

From Front Page

Deputy Mike Zimba contacted the bogus lieutenant and asked him who he was and where he worked. The suspect mispronounced the word "Wakulla" before hanging up on Zimba. The investigation has been turned over to the Criminal Investigations Division.

Deputy Clerk of Courts Tempie Sailors said last week that her office had also become aware of a scam.

"We had a gentleman come into the courthouse today (Wednesday, March 19) asking if the warrant for his arrest had been handled," Sailors wrote in an email. "He had received a phone call from someone posing as a WCSO officer - gave a name, badge number, etc. all erroneous. The person demanded a payment of \$800 to halt the warrant which he stated had been issued due to a no show for jury service.

"The gentleman mailed the money on

a green dot card (pre-paid card) last week," Sailors said. "We had to inform him that he had been scammed. We called the sheriff's office for the customer and they informed us this would be the second such incident recently.

"The customer was directed to WCSO for further assistance," Sailors said.

"Our Dispatch Unit received multiple fraud calls questioning the validity of Lt. John Martin," said Sheriff Creel. "The Sheriff's Office does not have anyone employed by that name.

"If you are ever unsure about whether you are becoming a victim of a scam, don't send any money," Creel said. "You can always confirm through the agency whether you are being contacted by a legitimate member of my staff.

"The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office will never ask for personal information or money from anyone over the telephone," Creel said.

Merritt elected vice-chair of ARPC

Staff Report

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council recently elected Wakulla County Commissioner Randy Merritt as vice chairman.

Merritt was also recently chosen as chairman of the Capital Regional Transportation Planning Agency.

The APRC is governed by its 27 Board of Directors members and is an association of elected officials and gubernatorial appointees who bring together a variety of viewpoints to focus on regionally shared issues such as transportation, planning, economic development, aging services, housing, infrastructure, and community development.

Membership of the council includes Wakulla, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, and Liberty counties and their 28 respective municipalities.

Gov. Rick Scott appointed former commissioner Ed Brimmer to serve on ARPC earlier this month.

ANF Mens clinic

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Church

religious views and events

Church Briefs

• 'Healing with Humor' set at Ochlockonee Bay UMC

Ochlockonee Bay UMC is pleased to present Christian Comedian Barry McGee on his "Healing with Humor Tour."

A three-time "Comedian of the Year" and two-time "Top 5 Finalist Entertainer of the Year" with ICM/CCMA, McGee has appeared with Lee Greenwood, Ricky Skaggs, Charlie Daniels, Aaron Neville and many others.

He serves as a Shop Chaplain for Motor Racing Outreach, Richard Childress Racing, Richard Petty Motorsports and with Todd Bodine as a volunteer Shop Chaplain.

McGee conducts services for NASCAR, Chapel services for national drag race events, is ordained with Racers for Christ and conducts Chapel services for the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA).

He will appear on Friday, March 28, at 7 p.m. at Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Church, 2780 Surf Road in Ochlockonee Bay. Phone (850) 984-0127

The "Healing with Humor Tour" is free and everyone is invited to attend.

A love offering will be taken to support Barry's ministry.

• 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.

• Volunteers needed for prison ministry

Caring, Christian volunteers are needed to go to prison on Saturday, May 31.

The Bill Glass Prison Ministry's "A Day of Champions" will team athletes, entertainers, musicians and volunteers to share their stories and their faith with inmates at seven area correctional facilities.

If you are willing to step behind the prison walls to share the gospel with men and women eager to turn their lives toward God, contact the Bill Glass Prison Ministry in Dallas at (972) 298-1101 or visit the website at BillGlass.org/tallahassee.

Volunteers will receive practical information and simple evangelistic tools to guide them on their mission.

Over a million inmates have been brought to Christ by everyday, good people stepping out of their comfort zones and reaching out to men and women behind bars.

Volunteer for A Day of Champions Prison Ministry on Saturday, May 31.

- Staff reports

OUT TO PASTOR

A chocolate fantasy

By JAMES L. SNYDER

Within the confines of our blissful domicile, an ongoing controversy has all but come to an end. I like it when things are solved and I happen to be right. This time I was right. After all, if it is on TV it must be right!

Controversies are not really that bad unless somebody is a sore loser. Nobody likes a whiner or a sore loser. Of course, I have come close many times to be a sore loser. Fortunately, I have chosen to be just a loser. It makes for quietness in the home, if you know what I mean.

For as long as the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and Yours Truly have been married, the one reoccurring controversy is in the state of chocolate in our home. According to one side, chocolate is bad and shall not be brought into this house.

The other side, and I am not stating exactly which side I am on, says the chocolate is delightful and wonderful and should be a regular consumption item in the house.

No matter how eloquently I presented my case, the house rules were simply this: no chocolate in our mansion.

This has caused me a great deal of pain in trying to smuggle in the delicacy without getting caught. Apparently, someone in our house can smell chocolate 13 blocks down the street.

I tried some experimental strategy in this area. On my wife's birthday, I would always get her a chocolate cake with chocolate icing and then have 13 candles on it. For several years, all she could focus on were the 13 candles. I love it when a plan comes together.

Finally, she caught on and that plan had to be trashed.

One of the busiest times around the parsonage is Thanksgiving. All of the family in the area comes in for a delicious dinner as well as several friends who have nowhere else to go. On these occasions, I go out of my way and order a large chocolate cake with chocolate icing with a miniature turkey on the top. Everybody is focused on that miniature turkey.

After a few years someone in the house caught on to my plan, kept the turkey, but threw out everything underneath that turkey. As she was doing so, she looked at me with one of those looks.

Back to the drawing board again.

I did have some reprieve when the grandchildren were visiting. Everybody knows grandchildren love chocolate and need chocolate to boost their energy level. For some reason, Grandma knew exactly when the children had consumed chocolate of any amount.

"You do not have chocolate," grandma would scowl at the grandchildren, "do you?"

As all good grandchildren do, they looked at grandma with chocolate all over their face and said as cute as possible, "Oh, no grandma."

I cannot tell all of the pain and agony I have gone through in this area of chocolate. Then, some medical research geek solved all of my problems in this area of chocolate.

According to some medical research, there is something in dark chocolate that is beneficial to our health. I do not know the details, but that is all I needed to know to bring my case to our home.

I knew I had to present this in a manner that would be irresistible to my wife. She is big on healthy eating. Every

time we eat there is so much green on my plate that I am not sure if I am eating grass or what!

I purchased some special chocolate, dark chocolate that is, to bring home and make the presentation. As soon as I got into the house, the question reverberated throughout the halls.

"You do not have chocolate, do you?"

"No, my dear," I said parsing my words very carefully, "this is Medical Chocolate." I presented it to her with the biggest smile I could slap on my face.

Before she could respond to that presentation, I began explaining to her all of the medical and health benefits to chocolate. I quoted the doctor who claimed chocolate had some mysterious and wonderful medicinal properties unnoticed before now.

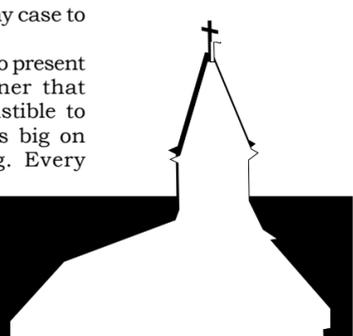
Before she could respond, I presented her with a piece of this ravishingly delicious dark chocolate.

I was rather proud of myself and I was reminded of what old King Solomon said in the Old Testament. "Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?" (Ecclesiastes 8:4).

Not every word is good and trustworthy; but every word of God can be trusted and has the power to lift me up into the heavens and delightful worship and praise.

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

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-Amanda Asplin

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Obituaries

**Hubert H. Merritt
Claire Easley Randle
Annie Ruth Roger
Donald Hobart White
Thomas Ross Williams**

Hubert H. Merritt

Hubert H. Merritt, 86, of Crawfordville, died on Sunday, March 23, 2014 in Tallahassee.

He was a native of Tallahassee.

Funeral Services were held at 2 p.m., Wednesday March 26, 2014 at White Primitive Baptist Church with burial at Woodville Cemetery with Military Honors. Family received friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday,

March 25, 2014 at the Church.

Survivors include a son, Gary Merritt (Susan); daughter, Cynthia Merritt (Glenn Walden); and a sister, Lucille Beers.

He was predeceased by his parents, Levy Merritt and Ethel L. Preston; and a sister, Ola Mae Alcot.

Beggs Funeral Homes, 3322 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee FL 32311, (850) 942-2929, was in charge of arrangements.

Claire Easley Randle

Claire Easley Randle was born Oct. 17, 1949 to Marguerite and Oscar Randle in Jacksonville. She died Jan. 9, 2014 after an unexpected illness.

Claire attended Manatee Junior College and worked for Whitetail Magazine for the Southeast and retired in February 2010. She comes from two generations of cheerleaders and her dad Oscar brought back no building permitted on Anna Maria Island. She loved her outdoor lifestyle, boating and fishing

on the Sopchoppy River where she lived with her soulmate and best friend Rex Carter. Their Sopchoppy family included her two dogs, Katie and Jefro, and cat, Gabbo. These pets still look for her to come home everyday. Her Sopchoppy family also included numerous friends and neighbors who enjoyed her loving and caring lifestyle. Her laughter would bring a smile to any and all around her and she was loved by so many people.

Claire was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and cousin to all of her family

She is survived by her daughter, Beatrice Cormier and two granddaughters from Monroe, N.C. She is also survived by her sister Caroline and husband Bob Turnkel from Fernandina Beach; sister Janice and husband Scott Ferguson from Dallas, Ga.; and brother Jim and wife Rebecca Randle from Houston.

Everyone who knew and loved Claire is invited to a Celebration of Her Life on Saturday, March 29, 2014 at her home at 67 Newberry Lane in Sopchoppy from noon to 4 p.m.

Annie Ruth Roger

Annie Ruth Roger, 80, of Panama, died on Thursday, March 20, 2014.

The family will have a celebration of her life 11 a.m., Saturday, March 29, 2014 at Panama Full Gospel Assembly with Pastor BB Barwick officiating.

Survivors include her sons,

James Carter of Panama and Mike Carter of Tallahassee; daughter, Amanda Russell of Marianna; six grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of FORBES FUNERAL HOME, Lake City, Florida 386-752-5212. Please sign the online guestbook at <http://www.forbesfuneralhome.net>.

Donald Hobart White

Donald H. White, 62, of Crawfordville, passed away on March 7, 2014 at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital in Tallahassee, following a short illness.

Born Aug. 20, 1951 in Welch, W.Va., Don was a 1969 honor graduate of Welch High School. Upon graduation, he received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1973 with degrees in Aeronautical and Mechanical Engineering.

After serving in the U.S. Navy, Don was employed by Procter and Gamble in Albany, Ga., for 20 years. Upon retirement, he moved to Shell Point with his family. He began teaching Honors Physics and Physical Science at Wakulla High School where he was head of the Science Department.

He had a passion for teaching and considered himself a lucky man to do what he loved. Don was also an accomplished airplane pilot and was an instrument rated flight instructor. He was a published writer. Don was a natural leader, a learner, a teacher, a friend. He was a fine husband and a good Daddy, a loving son and brother. He always strived to do his best.

He was predeceased by his father, Hobart S. White of Draper, Va.; his father- and mother-in-law, Hal and Yvonne Council of Crawfordville; his grandparents, Herman and Mary Tolley of Wytheville, Va., and Posey and Jocie Ellen White of Welch, W.Va.; and one uncle, Pete Tolley of Wytheville, Va.

Survivors include his mother, Jean T. White of Draper, Va.; his wife, Susan Council of Crawfordville; two sons, Coy White of Crawfordville, and

Neill White of Miami; two sisters, Carla W. Porterfield (Rail) of Draper, Va., and Robin White of Wytheville, Va.; nieces, Amanda Johnson (Jay) of Draper, Va., and Abygail Prudich of Wytheville, Va.; nephews, Matthew Addair of Radford, Va., and Sam Arlen of Tallahassee. He has one great niece, Emily Johnson of Draper, Va., and a great nephew Jaycob Johnson of Draper, Va. Uncles and aunts, Carl and Pat Tolley of Rural Retreat, Va., Yvonne and Marshall Coleman of Welch, W.Va., Leon White of Deltona, and Posey White of Columbus, Ohio. Memorial Services will be Friday, March 28, 2014 at 4 p.m. at Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel in Crawfordville.

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

Thomas Ross Williams

Thomas Ross Williams, 69, of Miramar, died on Saturday, March 15, 2014 in Columbia, S.C.

He was born July 6, 1944 in Coatesville, Penn., he was a son of the late Paul Williams and Vivian Edwards Williams. He was an electrician and an avid lover of the outdoors.

Survivors include his wife, Diane Williams; daughters, Tricia (Joe) Henderson of Middleburg, Kathleen Williams of Crawford-

ville, Rhonda (Mike) Kosh of LaBelle; grandchildren, William, Jeremiah, Savannah, Dakota, and Paige.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a grandson, Austin Henderson.

A celebration of life service was held on Saturday, March 22 from 2 to 6 p.m. in Miramar. Shives Funeral Home in Columbus, S.C., helped the family with the arrangements (803-754-6290 or www.shivesfuneralhome.com).

BEREAVEMENT COLUMN

Telling the story helps take the sadness away

By TRACY RENEE LEE

Before I became a funeral director, I had a dear friend who lost her adult son to cancer.

I had been out of town working for quite some time, and when I returned to the intermountain west, in the dead of winter, I met with her at a restaurant for hot cocoa.

My friend was a highly respected and accomplished woman. She had been the state president of a nationwide political organization and worked for very important men.

She was strong and very intelligent. I had worked beside my friend for many years and was very sad to learn that during my absence, she had lost her son.

Once we were seated, we ordered our cocoa and my dear friend began telling me about the death of her son.

Her son resided in a coastal state and had returned home to live with his parents, as he passed through the final year of his life.

As she began telling me about his journey to death, she would naturally cry.

When she came to a particularly difficult moment, she would pause and look at me. I was just crying away without regard to other patrons in the restaurant.

During one pause, she reached out and took my hand in hers. After looking deep into my soul, she said something to me.

At the time, I thought it was a very important statement. It struck me deeply, and I pondered it for a long time.

As a funeral director, I have often reflected back on this experience with my friend, and I have realized that she shared

something profound with me.

Throughout my days as a funeral director, I have shared this "Pearl of Wisdom" with many of my clients.

Her enlightening words were these: "Thank you for letting me tell you the story of my son's death. It seems that each time I tell someone about his death, it erases some of my sadness."

We sat at the restaurant and cried together as she finished telling the story of her son's death.

I left with tearstained cheeks, and my friend left a little less devastated.

You see, that is what death does. It devastates us.

When we experience the death of someone we love, we are devastated.

If you learn only one thing from this article, if you cannot bear one

more moment of the overwhelming sadness that accompanies significant loss, listen and learn from the profound words of my dear friend.

Tell your story. Share it with everyone who will listen.

Telling your story helps take your sadness away.

It helps you to realize and accept the death of your loved one. Once you have accomplished this necessary realization, you are free to recover, and you will learn how to live life without your loved one with you.

This is the greatest thing you can do for your grief recovery.

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

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my blog at <http://pushin-up-daisies.blogspot.com/> and Twitter account @PushUpDaisies, visit my website www.queen-city-funeral-home.com.

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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, hush-

puppies 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.



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Community

happenings in our community

Filmmaker Victor Nunez to visit Wakulla for screening

By HUGH TAYLOR
Special to The News

Wakulla County is setting the stage for an unparalleled coming attraction. Independent filmmaker and FSU film professor Victor Nunez will make a guest appearance at the Wakulla County Library at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 30, for the screening of his recently re-mastered film, "A Flash of Green."

The movie is based on the novel by John D. McDonald, father of the Florida mystery-thriller novel.

Many Wakullans will remember Nunez' "Ulee's Gold," shot locally and exhibited with great success, garnering an Academy Award nomination for Peter Fonda.

Hugh Taylor is co-coordinating the event.

"He got Peter Fonda (Captain America in 'Easy Rider') off his Harley and into a pickup truck in the swamps of Wewahitchka," Taylor said. "He got Ashley Judd out of the shadow of her family in 'Ruby in Paradise.' He's a heavy hitter. His presence will be a treat for us all."

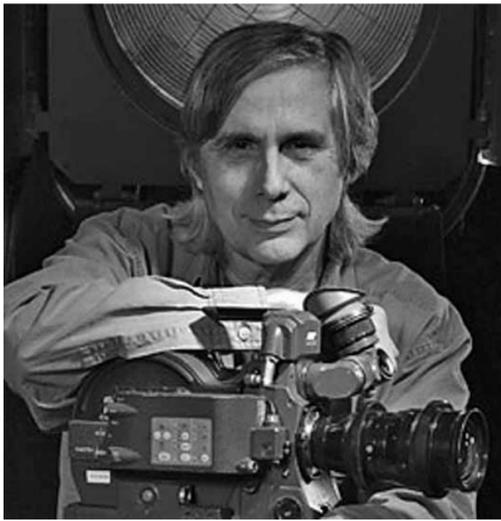


PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Filmmaker Victor Nunez will appear at a screening of his film "A Flash of Green," at the Wakulla County Library at 2 p.m. Sunday. A wetlands discussion will follow the screening.

Joining Nunez will be people with an interest in discussing the movie's theme - the perennial struggle between the profits of development and the benefits of environmental protection.

The event will end at 5 p.m. to allow time for both the film and a wetlands forum.

"It's a great story and Mr. Nunez is bringing a DVD copy made from the restored version in which the picture was scanned from camera originals and the

sound remixed from the original 1/4 inch audio tapes," Taylor said. "It has hardly been shown. It really is a big event for the county. And so many are concerned about the repeal of our wetlands ordinance and the ballot initiative to come in November. Both film buffs and folks concerned about wetlands and/or the future of Wakulla County will love it."

"A Flash of Green" pits the intent to develop a beautiful North

Florida bay on the Gulf of Mexico that a widow is trying to protect. A friend of the widow, a journalist played by a young Ed Harris, becomes involved in the battle with less than pure motives.

"The film is both topical and appropriate for our citizens," said Taylor.

Co-organizer Mary Cortese said guests should come early.

"We're starting at 2 p.m. and everyone - commissioners, public officials and citizens - are invited," said Cortese. "We're thinking we'll pack the house."

"What a wonderful opportunity to hear Mr. Nunez introduce his film, discuss his association with Mr. McDonald, answer any questions about 'A Flash of Green' and for us all to see a great movie," Cortese said. "Additionally we'll have as much informative discussion and information as possible on the wetlands referendum drive and are hoping for a discussion from both sides of the issue."

Refreshments will be available.

The library is located at 4330 Crawfordville Highway.

Library News...



By SCOTT JOYNER
Library Director

AWARD WINNING DIRECTOR COMES TO WCPL

On Sunday, March 30, we are proud to have filmmaker, FSU Film School professor, and 2008 inductee into the Florida Artist's Hall of Fame, Victor Nunez at WCPL for a screening of his early work A Flash of Green starring a young Ed Harris from 2 to 5 p.m. in our Main Meeting Room. We encourage all who have an interest in filmmaking, the environment, or just meeting a director who has worked with such well known actors as described above to please come out Sunday for this event!

BUY A TICKET WIN A SAMSUNG TABLET

The Friends of the Library latest membership and fundraising drive continues as they will be holding a drawing at their Friends Celebration on April 26 for a Samsung TAB3 tablet (\$300 value).

Tickets can be purchased at WCPL from me, at our April Book

Extravaganza on the April 5, at the Friends tent at the Worm Gruntin' festival on April 12 or from any member of the Friends Board. Tickets are \$1 apiece or six for \$5.

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

Due to spring break last week, the middle school program was moved to Thursday, March 27 at 4 p.m.

Remember to check out our programs at the Community Center three Thursday afternoons out of the month.

The first Thursday of the month is for K-second graders, the second Thursday of the month is for third-fifth grades, and the third Thursday of the month is for middle school students.

All programs begin at 4 p.m.

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.

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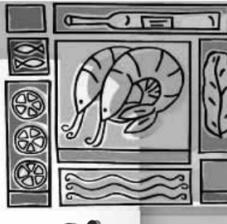
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Boys of Rock to play Sopchoppy Opry



Photo special to The News

The Boys of Rock: Rick Levy, Ross Harrell, Lyn Shaw and Rick Weathersby.

By JESSE QUIGG
Special to The News

The Sopchoppy Opry is held in the historic Sopchoppy High School auditorium.

The public is welcome to an evening of classic country, bluegrass and Gospel music Saturday, March 29 at 7 p.m. Guests may arrive early to dine in the Opry Cafe.

The Boys of Rock will debut at the Sopchoppy Opry, as well as Eddie and Karen Gay.

Tickets are \$12 each and may be reserved by calling 962-3711. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. Dress is casual. The venue is disability accessible. Visit www.sopchoppyopry.com for more information.

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Community

happenings in our community

Expo to feature sustainable art

Special to The News

Did anyone see Lady Gaga's coffee filter ensemble on ABC news last week, or the coffee filter flowers on the hats of the Sustainable Big Bend float riders and walkers at the St. Patrick's Day parade? Using reclaimed and repurposed materials is one of the newest trends in clothing, furniture, home décor and garden art design. With increasing supply costs and an interest in sustainable living, it makes sense that an imaginative person might just look around the house for inspiration and supplies.

Sustainable Big Bend Inc. is sponsoring a Green Living Expo on Saturday, April 26, and is currently looking for art that displays the most ingenious use of reclaimed materials and is offering three \$50 prizes to individuals or groups who make the art. All items submitted will be auctioned off to support environmental education in Wakulla County. The art should be comprised of at least 75 percent reclaimed materials.

If the allure of cash isn't sufficient inspiration, check out the following web sites: www.recyclart.org or www.hongkiat.com/blog/recycled-art-masterpiece-made-from-junk or www.pinterest.com.

The Expo strives to promote sustainable stewardship, fun and conscious consumerism through the arts. Please contact Kathryn Gibson at topazgibson@gmail.com or Toni Livingston at 926-5310 with questions or donations.



Photo special to The News

The Green Living Expo on April 26 will feature an art auction of pieces made from reclaimed materials, like the sculpture made from old flip-flops pictured above.

Steps save lives at LifeWalk Saturday

Special to The News

The Wakulla Pregnancy Center will sponsor a LifeWalk begging at 9 a.m. Saturday at Wakulla Station Trailhead Park.

Teams or individuals are welcome to walk to raise funding for the center's free services. Pre-registration forms and sponsor pledge sheets are available by calling Angie Holshouser at 241-6796 or 210-1276.

Participants, even those who do not care to walk, can enjoy a bake sale, face painting, fellowship and fun for a good cause.

Funds raised at the LifeWalk will support the nonprofit's mission to provide women and families with supportive programs for unplanned pregnancies, abortion alternatives and abstinence education. Services are free and confidential, and also include pregnancy tests, peer counseling, prayer, support groups, classes and clothes and furniture for expectant mothers and their babies.

Wakulla One-Stop Community Center will open April 11

By SARA DAW
Special to The News

The public is welcome to celebrate the grand opening of the Wakulla One-Stop Community Center and see what is in store for citizens of all ages from 4 to 7 p.m., April 11.

The center's mission is to enhance healthy lifestyles of the community by providing a "One Stop Center" for opportunities, resources and connections that strengthen all citizens - youth, individual and families.

The event will feature speakers, vendors, games, music and more. Information will be provided on summer camps, after school care, activities, programs and classes offered by the One Stop and its partners.

Check out the Facebook page for regular updates at facebook.com/wakullaonestopcommunitycenter or email us at info@wakullaonestopcommunitycenter.com to be added to our newsletter or to receive additional information.

The center is located at 322 Shadeville Road in Crawfordville.

Japanese floral designs inspire club members

By LYNN ARTZ
Special to The News

On March 18, the Iris Garden Club held its monthly meeting in Sopchoppy at the home of June Ann Hassebroek. Hassebroek, a nationally certified floral design judge, demonstrated American floral design principles derived from Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arranging.

Following the demonstration, members created their own floral designs. Afterwards, garden club members toured the Hassebroek's home to view 42 silk flower arrangements on display throughout the house.

On Tuesday, April 15, the Iris Garden Club will meet at Purple Martin Nursery from 1 to 2:30 p.m. for a program on container gardening. All Iris Garden Club meetings are open to the public.

Look for the Iris Garden Club's table outside the Wakulla Library on Saturday, April 5 (in conjunction with the library's Book Ex-



Photo special to The News

June Ann Hassebroek demonstrates principles of Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arranging, at the March 18 meeting of the Iris Garden Club.

travaganza) from 9 a.m. to noon. The Club will offer a wide variety of plants, hand-crafted items, and baked goods. Many of the plants are from the yards of garden club members. For example, Tamara Byrnes uses air-layering to root branches from her collection of camellias. Angret Piasecki divides and shares the African Iris in her yard. A few trees left over from the Arbor Day festival will be available.

The Iris Garden Club will have a tent with similar offerings at the Green Living Expo in Hudson Park on April 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations raised by the Iris Garden Club on April 5 and April 26 will help to support youth gardening activities and provide scholarships for local teens to attend the Florida Federation of Garden Club's SEEK environmental conference in July.

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School

education news from local schools

Local students 'brawl' using brain power

Coastal Optimist Club hosts annual Middle School Brain Brawl competition

By JO ANN DANIELS
Special to The News

The Coastal Optimist Club held its annual Middle School Brain Brawl competition on March 14. Student academic teams from Coast Charter School, Riversprings Middle School and Wakulla Middle School competed against each other to see who would answer the most questions correctly and win the Optimist Brain Brawl Champion Cup.

There were three rounds with 20 toss-ups questions and 20 bonus questions. The topics covered a wide range of subjects including literature, science, physics, current events, movies, world history, geography, algebra and geometry. Riversprings Middle School students buzzed in quickly to earn the highest number of points and won first place.

The highest scorer on the Riversprings academic team was Logan Hicks. Logan also won the highest overall scorer medallion for the competition. Other team members included Makenna Roddenberry, Carmen Zachry, Nolyn Stephens, Sarah Smith and Dylan Franck. The coaches for the RMS team are Trey Thaxton and Bill Taylor. Riversprings Middle School keeps the Champion Cup and maintains bragging rights as they have won the competition twelve out of the last fourteen years.

Coast Charter School won the second place red ribbon medallions with the next highest overall point total. The highest scorer medallion for Coast Charter went to Eric Levingston who was the team captain. Also on the team were Alondra Figueroa, Andrea Figueroa, Taylor Pafford, Raine Young and Noa Creech. Coast Charter's team coaches are Arianna and John Morgan.

Third place medallions went to Wakulla Middle School. The highest scorer for the WMS team was won by their captain, Riddhi Patel. The rest of the team included Amanda Lariscy, Vance Osteen and Kendrick Sellars. Priscilla Tucker is the coach for the WMS team. The moderator for the competition was Jo Ann Daniels. The score keeper was Walter Dodson and the time keeper was Optimist Club Vice President Bill Versiga.



Photos special to The News
Riversprings Middle School won first place in the Brain Brawl. Team members included Makenna Roddenberry, Carmen Zachry, Nolyn Stephens, Sarah Smith and Dylan Franck. The highest scorer on the Riversprings academic team was Logan Hicks. Logan also won the highest overall scorer medallion. The coaches for the RMS team are Trey Thaxton and Bill Taylor.



COAST Charter School won the second place red ribbon medallions with the next highest overall point total. The highest scorer medallion for COAST Charter went to team captain Eric Levingston. Also on the team were Alondra Figueroa, Andrea Figueroa, Taylor Pafford, Raine Young and Noa Creech. Team coaches are Arianna and John Morgan.



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Country fair spring festival will be April 5

By ANGIE WALKER
CES Principal

Crawfordville Elementary School is hosting its annual Spring Festival, now themed as a country fair, Saturday, April 5 from 1 to 5 p.m. Things will continue to look a little different with a new look and 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 eagerly selling tickets to raise money for iPads, books, garden supplies, academic and behavior rewards, field trips and much more that our country fair proceeds bring to the school.

The children are trying to sell enough tickets so that their principal gets kissed by a pig, their dean of students has to shave his head, and lots of "slime cups" 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. Call the school at 850-926-3641 if you are interested in either. Of course, just attending the event April 5 is another way to support our school.

You don't want to miss the giant blow up obstacle course, face painting, popcorn, sno-cones, entertainment, balloons, a new type of dunk tank, an "old-fashioned pie baking contest," lots of games, the beautifully-themed baskets, grilled food and bingo with prizes that will keep you glued to your seat and waiting anxiously for the next new game.

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 many prizes that have been donated and purchased.



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School

education news from local schools



Photos special to The News
Sam Toler pressure washes the outside of the historic Sopchoppy High School.

Sopchoppy High School reunion will be April 12

Special to The News

Preparations and plans are being finalized for the upcoming Historic Sopchoppy High School Reunion on Saturday, April 12.

The school will open at 1 p.m. for an afternoon of visiting and reminiscing with old and new friends, as well as seeing the recent classroom renovations.

A brief program beginning at 3:30 p.m. will be in the historic auditorium, followed at 5 p.m. by the traditional seafood dinner catered

by the Seineyard Restaurant in the historic gymnasium.

At 7 p.m. everyone will be back in the auditorium to enjoy the Sopchoppy Opry, featuring Margo Anderson with the Purvis Brothers and Encore sharing music from the 1950s and 1960s.

Anyone desiring to attend, regardless of never having attended SHS, is invited.

For additional information, call Callie Quigg at 850-926-7373.



Above, Callie Quigg polishes an antique case for displaying school memorabilia. At bottom, workers refurbish windows for a restored classroom.



Don White Memorial Scholarship established

Scholarship to honor WHS educator

Special to The News

In memory of Mr. Don White, his friends and acquaintances are establishing a memorial scholarship.

White served as the science department head at Wakulla High School for

12 years before his unexpected death.

Anyone that would like to contribute may bring donations to any Centennial Bank. Checks should be made out to Wakulla Academic Boosters noting Don White Memorial Academic Fund. Donations are tax deductible.

Legislature considers overhaul of school grading system

By BRANDON LARRABEE
THE NEWS SERVICE OF
FLORIDA

After years of confusion, a measure that would overhaul Florida's school grading system and get schools ready for new tests is headed to the House floor after receiving overwhelming approval at its final committee stop.

The House Education Appropriations Subcommittee approved the proposal (HB 7117) with a bipartisan, 11-2 vote on Monday. Modeled on a proposal by Education Commissioner Pam Stewart, the bill would streamline school grades and suspend punishment for school grades for one year while a new state assessment is rolled out.

The proposed changes come against the backdrop of years of disorder within the school grading system, including repeated steps by the State Board of Education to prevent school districts from dropping more than one letter grade in the

wake of changes to the school report card formula.

The plan adopted Monday would alter the grading formula and do away with penalties schools could currently receive for the grades assigned in the 2014-15 school year. That move is in part an effort to make up for the state switching from the FCAT, now in use, to an exam crafted by the American Institutes for Research.

But some Democrats and educators have argued that a one year break is not long enough, especially since Stewart only selected AIR as the developer of the new test last week. Critics say a break of at least three years is needed.

"I think a one-year pause is still not going to be enough time... If we want this to be successful, we should not be rushing it," said Rep. Karen Castor Dentel, a Maitland Democrat who voted against the plan.

The Florida Education Association, the

state's largest teachers union, also calls for a longer phase-in, although President Andy Ford was largely conciliatory during remarks to the panel.

"A one-year hiatus is a good move," Ford said. "We don't think it's long enough, but it is a step in the right direction, and we appreciate it."

But Rep. Janet Adkins, the Fernandina Beach Republican who sponsored the bill, pushed back against a three-year transition.

"There's always this kind of desire by the institution to have a greater period (of) transition time," she said. "... I think what's in the best interest of our students is creating that sense of urgency. Now, we want to hold our schools harmless. We want to make sure that we've got a smooth transition period."

The Senate version (SB 1642) is scheduled for its last stop at the Appropriations Committee on Thursday before heading to the floor, if approved as expected.



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Sports

TRACK

Harris FSU relay champion; Knight leaps to runner-up

By PAUL HOOVER
WHS Track Coach

On Friday and Saturday, March 21 and 22, Florida State University hosted its annual FSU Relays at Mike Long track.

Every year the combination high school and college meet is one of the largest and most competitive in the state. This year, athletes from more than 150 high schools from around the Southeast were represented.

On Friday, WHS senior and FSU signee Madison Harris became the first local track runner ever to capture an FSU Relay championship when she won the Invitational 800 meter race in the first Team US Elite time of 2:14.67.

Senior high jumper Corion Knight turned in another outstanding performance by clearing a height of 6'8", a first Team US Elite standard height, and officially finished as the runner-up in the event.

In the 800 meters, Harris was challenged throughout the race by future Seminole teammates Kayla Thomas of Stanton Prep and Katie Slater of

Estero High School, with Thomas and Harris exchanging the lead a couple of times through the 600 meter mark. Then as they entered the turn with about 200 meters to go, Harris made her one decisive move to pass Thomas and then used her excellent closing speed to open up a gap on the field in the last 100 meters. Sinclair Johnson from Lake Brantley moved into second place, while Slater ended up finishing in third place and Thomas faded to fourth.

Knight and Bobby Harris from Springstead High School battled throughout the evening on Friday, with both clearing a height of 6'8", but neither could get over the bar at 6'10". Harris was awarded first place based on fewer misses.

On Saturday, three younger runners participated in the consolation races and all turned in solid performances and gained valuable experience. Ha-leigh Martin (5:37/16th) and Bryce Cole (4:43/37th) ran the 1600 meters and Albert Smythe (10:51/47th) battled the competition and an asthma attack in the 3200 meters.

SOCCER

Banquet set to celebrate Wakulla boys soccer

Special to The News

The annual banquet for Wakulla High School Boys Soccer will be held on Monday, March 31, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the War Eagle Cafe.

This banquet is for both Varsity and JV team members, their parents and guests.

The banquet is the conclusion of the 2013-14 season for the winter sport of Soccer in Florida.

Awards and recognition for players from both squads will be presented after a meal.

This year's Varsity squad had a very successful season: 16 wins (school record), 5 losses

(ties a school record) and one tie. Records were set for most goals in a season (85).

The JV squad prepared the players for the future Varsity squad in the 2014-15 season. Congratulations to all.

A list of all presentations will be posted in next week's paper.

GOLF

FWMA benefit slated

Special to The News

The 2014 Golf Gone Wild Golf Tournament to benefit the Florida Wild Mammal Association (FWMA) is set for Saturday, May 3 at the St. James Bay Golf Resort.

The Tournament will be an 18-hole Florida Scramble with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Four person teams will compete for cash and prizes. Entry is \$100 per person which covers: Continental breakfast, range (open at 8:00), golf, cart, buffet lunch, cash and prizes to win.

To enter, mail or email pro Rob Burlison: 151 Laughing Lane, Carrabelle FL 32322. rob@stjamesbay.com.

To be a sponsor or donor please call John Spohrer (850) 899-1419.

The Golf Gone Wild Hostesses will be on hand to spread the hospitality and insure the players enjoy their round on this beautiful Audubon-sanctioned course that's located just a few miles east of Carrabelle.

FWMA is a non-profit

that helps thousands of injured and orphaned wild animals each year in Wakulla and Franklin counties. FWMA receives no government assistance and is entirely supported by private donations.

Golf Gone Wild hopes to raise funds to help the staff during the critical and overwhelming spring "baby" season.

Little League Night
Friday, March 28 at 6 p.m.



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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.

All leagues are coed. If interested in coaching any of the above sports, please contact the Wakulla County Parks and Recreation Department. For more information call 926-7227 or visit www.WCPRD.com.

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Senators plan multi-year springs restoration

By JIM TURNER
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, March 24 - A group of senators will move ahead with a plan to flood the state's natural springs with money.

But as the Legislature delves this week into the details of the budget, and as a separate large water issue draws attention, the senators say that money for their springs-restoration proposal might take years to get flowing.

"We look at this as a three-year process," said Sen. Andy Gardiner, an Orlando Republican who is slated to become Senate president after the November elections.

Gardiner and Rep. Steve Crisafulli, a Merritt Island Republican who is slated to become House speaker in November, have declared water policy issues as a priority of the 2015 and 2016 sessions.

The springs proposal (SB 1576), which got its first committee approval Thursday, seeks \$378.8 million. Meanwhile, Appropriations Chairman Joe Negron, R-Stuart, is pushing for about \$160 million this year for a variety of projects to reduce pollution runoff from Lake Okeechobee and clean the Florida Everglades.

The House budget matches some of Negron's proposal, which was spurred by outcries in his Treasure Coast district about the harm-



DIANA BERKOFKY/FILE PHOTO
A manatee feeding at Wakulla Springs.

ful impacts of the lake runoffs last summer.

Asked about the springs last week before the budget numbers were out, Negron said lawmakers were still early in the budgeting process.

"I'd expect there will be some funding for springs in the Senate budget," he added.

The House plan, part of a proposed \$75.3 billion budget which will be reviewed Wednesday, offers \$132.5 million for Everglades and northern Everglades projects, and \$50 million for the springs, \$5 million less than Gov. Rick Scott has requested.

The Senate's budget proposal, \$74.9 billion, gets a public airing Thursday.

House Speaker Will Weatherford has said his chamber's water approach this year will be to focus on tangible work over new policy, which would favor Negron's Everglades proposals over the Sen-

ate's springs effort. That effort continues to be crafted by Sens. David Simmons, R-Altamonte Springs, Charlie Dean, R-Inverness, Alan Hays, R-Umatilla, Wilton Simpson, R-Tribby, and Bill Montford, D-Tallahassee.

Provisions of Negron's plan include \$40 million to speed construction of the state's portion of a C-44 reservoir and stormwater treatment area for the Indian River Lagoon-South Restoration Project, and \$32 million for projects tied to ensuring that all surface water discharges into the Everglades Protection Area meet water quality standards.

Both projects are in the House budget.

Negron also is seeking \$30 million a year as part of a three-year funding plan for a Scott-backed proposal to bridge a portion of the Tamiami Trail in an effort to redirect water south through the Everglades. Funding for

the bridge is in the Department of Transportation's work program.

The Senate springs plan seeks to control the amounts of fertilizers allowed into waterways, redirect waste water and replace septic systems at no charge to homeowners.

Gardiner called the unanimous vote Thursday by the Senate Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee the "first step" in a multi-year effort that has seen resistance from business groups such as Associated Industries of Florida and the Florida Home Builders Associations, and wastewater utility operators.

"You are not going to study us to death on this one," Gardiner said. "And you are not going to run out the clock."

The springs programs - directed at protecting 33 first-magnitude springs and five others that are in districts covered by senators backing the bill - are proposed to be funded through a massive shift of state documentary-stamp tax revenues, which are fees already paid when real estate is sold.

Dean said the Senate proposal continues to be adjusted, while Simmons said the state's economy will be damaged if the springs are allowed to continue to deteriorate.

"The future of our lifestyle is in our hands," Simmons said.

2 New York campers die on Suwannee River

From FWC News

The bodies of two upstate New York residents camping at a state park in White Springs were found in the Suwannee River, according to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officials.

The body of Grace C. Maynard (DOB 08/26/40) from Auburn, N.Y., was discovered Friday at 9:20 a.m. floating in the river downstream from the Highway 51 bridge. The body of her husband, James J. Maynard (DOB 03/31/39), also from Auburn, N.Y., was found Sunday floating approximately 1.6 miles upstream from Dowling Park, FWC officials said.

Mrs. Maynard was found wearing a life jacket but had no identification. About 3 miles upstream, officers discovered a floating cooler with a man's wallet inside. The wallet's identification belonged to James Maynard.

The Maynards' truck was found at the Gibson Park boat ramp outside of Jasper. Mrs. Maynard was identified after officers found the registration and checked her New York driver's license photo.

The Maynards were registered guests at the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park campground.

According to investigators, the Maynards launched a small vessel from Gibson Park. Somewhere on the Suwannee River between Gibson Park and Hwy 51 something happened, causing the Maynards to enter the water. Officials from the FWC, Lafayette County Sheriff's Office and Suwannee County Sheriff's Office searched for Mr. Maynard over the weekend.

FWC officials are continuing the investigation.

2 Dive boat operators charged with feeding sharks

From FWC News

Investigators with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission have filed charges against four men linked to the illegal feeding of sharks and fish within state waters.

The investigation started after the FWC received several complaints that shark feeding was taking place off the coast of Palm Beach County during dive charter trips. One complainant told dispatchers she was on a dive trip where sharks were being fed. The person said the sharks had become so aggressive she had to get out of the water.

FWC investigators and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO), working jointly, conducted two separate investigations involving two northern Palm Beach County dive charter operators. On Feb. 8, deputies from the PBSO dive team took part in a dive trip on board Emerald Charters of Jupiter. During the dive, video was taken of Randall Jordan feeding sharks by hand while within state waters. He also used a milk crate filled with fish chunks to lure sharks to his location. Thomas Smith was operating the vessel during the dive.

On Feb. 22, the deputies took another dive trip on board the vessel Miss Jackie, which is owned by Luis Roman of Orlando and operated by Toni Crumrine. The boat was used by the Lake Park-based company Calypso Dive Charters. During this trip, deputies took video of Roman feeding a goliath grouper and a lemon shark. Video also shows Roman trying to lure sharks to his location by shaking a milk crate filled with barracuda chunks. Both feeding incidents happened in state waters.

FWC investigators and PBSO divers used several GPS devices and other methods to confirm these activities were occurring in state waters, which, in the Atlantic, is within (or up to) 3 nautical miles from the nearest point of Florida coastline. Fish feeding in Florida waters has been illegal since 2002.

The FWC presented results from the joint investigations to the Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office, which charged Jordan, Smith, Roman and Crumrine with operating a vessel for hire within state waters to allow passengers to observe fish feeding. Jordan and Roman were also charged with fish feeding. These are second-degree misdemeanors, punishable by up to 60 days in jail and a fine of up to \$500.

Good season for octopuses

By TOM HARRAH
Gulf Specimen Marine Lab

The collectors at our lab know that every year the fall, winter and early spring are the most common times for us to find octopus.

This season has been very prolific for octopi. Some years we only find a couple, some years a few and some years there are tons.

This year has definitely been a big year. While out checking our crab traps for marine specimens to send to universities, in each trap we found three or four octopus. This has contributed to a slow season for stone crab fishing.

Octopuses are attracted to crab traps, crabs being one of their favorite foods.

Also, the crab traps seem like a nice place for them to hide. This leads to crab fishermen hauling up traps full of octopus and no crabs.

Fortunately at GSML we love octopus. The species we find is Octopus vulgaris. Its common name is the common brown octopus. We have a few of them on



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS
A common brown octopus at Gulf Specimen.

display right now at our aquarium in Panacea.

Once Octopus vulgaris becomes acclimated to being on display at the lab, they become very personable. It's common for them to come up to the surface of the tank and stare back at visitors.

These charismatic Cephalopods are also very smart. Something we enjoy doing at the lab is "teaching" the octopus to open a glass jar full of fiddler crabs.

We give the octopus a glass jar with a few fiddler crabs in it and the lid barely on the jar. The octopus will play with the jar until it pops the

lid off to get to the crabs inside.

Then we give the jar to the octopus three or four more times each time screwing the lid on the jar a little bit more.

By the last time the lid is screwed all the way on the jar the octopus is able to unscrew the lid to get the crabs inside.

We have a few octopi on display in our "Mother Ocean Room" at the aquarium. There is a video screen next to

the tank where visitors can see video of tiny baby octopus hatching out of their eggs, mother octopus sitting on their clutches of eggs and octopus opening a jar.

An interesting fact about this species is that they only live for 12 to 18 months.

One scientific theory is that, because octopus can be cannibalistic, the short life span could be for the adults to die to make room for the next generation. Since these interesting and intelligent creatures have a short life span we don't always have them on display at the lab.

If you're interested in getting an up close look at these charismatic and fascinating eight legged creatures now would be a great time to stop by our aquarium.

Tom Harrah is a volunteer at Gulf Specimen Marine Lab in Panacea.

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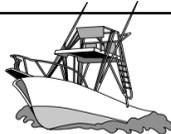
a peek into life on and under the water

Local writers share their experiences



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



This Friday, a very important event will take place in St. Marks: the ceremony for the transfer of ownership of the lighthouse from the U.S. Coast Guard to the St. Marks Wildlife Refuge.

On Oct. 10, 2013, the U.S. Coast Guard transferred the light station to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge.

Its long history began on May 23, 1828. The U.S. House of Representatives passed an act, which authorized the construction of a lighthouse at St. Marks and appropriated \$6,000 for its construction.

The tower was completed in 1831 and the whale-oil lamps lit for the first time by Samuel Crosby, who had been appointed the first Keeper of the St. Marks Lighthouse the previous year. Crosby served until 1839.

In 1842, the tower was dismantled and moved further inland due to erosion. The original oil lantern was retained and again lit once reconstruction was complete.

Following the Civil War, the tower was badly damaged and was not able to be salvaged. The new tower, and the one still standing today, was built to reach 82 feet above sea level

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Tim Ashley with Andy Edell in period light-keeper uniform and Catie Ludwick.

and continued to use the original oil lamp.

The lamp was automated in 1960, thus ending the need for a keeper.

Charles Fine served as keeper from 1892 to 1904. He was succeeded by his wife, Sarah. One of the Fine's daughters, who was raised at the lighthouse married J.Y. Gresham, a keeper at the lighthouse. John's brother Alton was the last keeper of the light.

The Greshams continued to serve at the lighthouse until the Coast Guard assumed responsibility for the nation's lighthouses in 1939. They were

the longest serving keepers of the lighthouse.

The lighthouse was automated in 1960 and a modern, solar-powered beacon was placed outside the lantern room during a renovation in 2000.

Back in 2011, during the Lighthouse Days, a book of old photographs from when the lighthouse was a home and the lightkeeper lived there with his family were on display. You never know what might happen, especially when you least expect it.

While talking to other visitors, Myrna Kanekkeberg and her husband George ap-

proached the table and began looking at the photographs. As it turns out, Myrna is the granddaughter of the former lighthouse keeper John Gresham and her uncle is Alton Gresham, the last light keeper. Myrna was able to identify many people in the pictures and had great information to tell about life at the lighthouse. George was a devoted member of Flotilla 13 in 1970s and 1980s before they moved out of state.

For Flotilla 12, the Lighthouse holds a special place in many hearts. For several years, the Auxiliary held meetings and staffed the radio in the building. The Flotilla moved out in 2002.

We look forward with pride to remain a part of the history of the St. Marks Lighthouse and look forward to many more years of collaboration!

If you are in Tallahassee Saturday for Springtime Tallahassee, look for us in the grassy area between Park Avenue!

Our next boating safety course will be held in Crawfordville on Saturday, April 12. If you are interested in learning more about our next boating safety course, please look at our website at <http://www.uscgaux.net/>.

You can also contact our Staff Officer for Public Education, Alexander Gulde, at Alexander@uscgaux.net or by phone at (850) 583-1863. You can use PayPal to pay for the class!

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

LP hose diving.

My first introduction to hose diving was in 1967. I was just a college kid in Hawaii back then, diving for the Cooperative Fisheries Unit at the University of Hawaii. The boss suggested we attach an air compressor used in an automobile repair facility to the floor of our small boat, change the oil to a breathable mineral compound, attach a long hose and be sure the exhaust was downwind from the intake.

This monstrosity shook the boat mercilessly and made a lot of noise. But at 90 feet underwater, we neither heard nor felt the surface commotion. When it ran out of fuel, we made a free ascent back to the surface, just like we did with scuba anyway.

Back then, we had no pressure gauge and an unreliable "J" valve reserve. For all the trouble keeping this compressor happy caused us, it was preferable to hauling steel 65 cubic foot cylinders every dive day back to the fill station or dive store to get them refilled.

It was about this time Joe Sinks was building the Brownie Third Lung in South Florida. He took a small lawn mower engine and drove a paint compressor using an automotive fan belt. It could be mounted on the deck of the boat or eventually, in an inner tube, to float behind the diver. He only planned to use it to 30 or so feet, so the compressor was small, quiet and portable.

But hose diving has a long tradition dating back several centuries, to the bell diving of the 1700s, where pumps had a poor reputation. Haley sent weighted barrels full of air down to replenish his diving bell's atmosphere during salvage operations. Early pumps were hand driven, evolving into rotary hand wheels and then on to steam driven wheels, allowing people to spend more time tending the line going over the side. Air driven helmets on the shoulders of Greek sponge fishing divers come to mind, as seen in Tarpon Springs.

The modern surface supplied hose diver is a far cry from those precarious days. Today, the gas is delivered from large low pressure compressors or high pressure cylinders down an umbilical complete with hot water to heat a cold person, communications, pressure (depth) indicators and, of course the gas hose. More use breathing gases other than air. And they dive deeper than their predecessors!

My next encounter with the hose was in the Scientist in the Sea Program mid 1974 where the U.S. Navy took a sorry lot of us graduate students off a Panama City pier to teach us about their diving lifestyle. Most Navy divers are hard hat divers, fed by a surface supplied hose. We became proficient with the Kerby Morgan band mask and the Supper Lite helmet, which I later used under 10 feet of ice in Antarctica, thus surpassing available bottom times available to our scuba compatriots. By then I was teaching hose diving to all my budding diving scientists at FSU in a class called Applications of Diving to Research.

So no surprise then, when asked to daily haul scuba tanks several miles in the rocky vertical jungles of Palau, I chose to carry in a 50 pound compressor Joe Sinks modified to dive to 100 feet, and after that a pint of fuel a day to operate it. These units became the most popular diving technology in our million dollar dive locker at FSU.

Lobster fisherman in the Florida Keys and clambers off the coast of Wakulla and Franklin counties routinely use them for harvest and seeding. Today, I encourage parents with young wide eyed children looking to begin their underwater adventure, to consider what I did with mine: a small low pressure compressor that keeps them on a hose, shallow, tended and with little chance of running out of air.

We are again, going back to the future.



Tim Ashley with Myrna and George Kanekkeberg.

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Thursday		Moon rise/set		Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac				For tides at the following points add to		Thursday					
Sun rise/set	6:32 am	Moon rise/set	4:09 am	<p>First April 7, Full April 15, Last April 22, New March 30</p>				Dog Island Listings:		Major Times	Minor Times				
6:52 pm	3:52 pm	Brightness-- 26%						Carrabelle 28 Min. 25 Min.		10:58 am-12:58 pm	5:08 am-6:08 am				
Friday		Moon rise/set		March 27 - April 2				Average		Friday					
Sun rise/set	6:31 am	Moon rise/set	4:52 am	<p>Tide charts by Zihua Software, LLC</p>				Cat Point 1 Hr., 13 Min. 2 Hrs., 31 Min.		Major Times	Minor Times				
6:52 pm	3:52 pm	Brightness-- 19%						Lower Anchorage 1 Hr., 36 Min. 2 Hrs., 3 Min.		11:25 pm-1:25 am	4:50 pm-5:50 pm				
Saturday		Moon rise/set		St. Marks River Entrance				City of St. Marks		Saturday					
Sun rise/set	6:30 am	Moon rise/set	6:01 pm	Date		Date		Date		Date					
6:54 pm	6:01 pm	Brightness-- 11%		Thu Mar 27, 14	High	Low	High	Low	Thu Mar 27, 14	High	Low				
Sunday		Moon rise/set		Thu Mar 27, 14	0.2 ft.	3.3 ft.	0.8 ft.	3.4 ft.	Thu Mar 27, 14	-0.2 ft.	3.0 ft.				
Sun rise/set	6:28 am	Moon rise/set	6:15 am	Fri Mar 28, 14	5:34 AM	12:01 PM	5:53 PM	12:00 AM?	Fri Mar 28, 14	5:31 AM	11:58 AM				
6:54 pm	7:05 pm	Brightness-- 4%		Sat Mar 29, 14	-0.2 ft.	3.5 ft.	0.3 ft.	0.3 ft.	Fri Mar 28, 14	7:01 AM	1:10 PM				
Monday		Moon rise/set		Fri Mar 28, 14	6:22 AM	12:39 PM	6:44 PM	6:44 PM	Sat Mar 29, 14	6:19 AM	12:36 PM				
Sun rise/set	6:27 am	Moon rise/set	6:56 am	Sat Mar 29, 14	7:04 AM	1:13 PM	7:29 PM	7:29 PM	Sat Mar 29, 14	7:38 AM	1:42 PM				
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Major Times		Minor Times		Sat Mar 29, 14	5:45 AM	11:53 AM	6:04 PM	11:52 PM	11:44 PM	Sat Mar 29, 14	5:13 AM	12:24 PM	5:11 PM	11:29 PM	11:29 PM
3:46 am-5:46 am	9:21 am-10:21 am	4:12 pm-6:12 pm	11:05 pm-12:05 am	Fri Mar 28, 14	-0.1 ft.	2.6 ft.	0.2 ft.	6:55 PM	6:55 PM	Fri Mar 28, 14	0.2 ft.	2.2 ft.	0.6 ft.	6:01 PM	6:01 PM
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Law Enforcement and Courts reports

Sheriff's Report

On Sunday, March 16, an off-duty Leon County Sheriff's Office correctional officer reported a reckless driver at Wakulla Arran Road and Oak Street. Lt. Mike Kemp conducted a traffic stop of Markey Valdez Cruse, 40, of Tallahassee.

Lt. Kemp discovered 14 small bags of cocaine on the driver. Cruse was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell. The cocaine weighed 6.5 grams. Sgt. Ryan Muse and Deputy Gibby Gibson investigated.

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

• Lee Larisay of the Coastal Corner in Ochlockonee Bay reported a grand theft. The victim reported the possible theft of Lottery tickets from the store. The tickets are valued at \$300 but the victim is not sure if the tickets were lost or stolen. Deputy Ashley McAlister investigated.

• Janet Swanson of Crawfordville reported the theft of a vehicle decal. The decal was discovered missing when the victim was washing her vehicle. The decal was entered into the NCIC data base as stolen. Deputy Alan Middlebrooks investigated.

• Deputy Adam Pendris investigated a felony criminal mischief at the Wakulla County Jail. Lameka Delores Harris, 30, of Crestview pushed a laminator off the counter in the booking room as she walked out. The laminator was damaged and is valued at \$575. Detention Deputy Lisa Crum also investigated.

• Tommy Sammons of Crawfordville reported a credit card offense. An unauthorized charge was observed on the victim's bank account. The charge of \$99 was created at a gas station in Pembroke Pines. Deputy Will Hudson investigated.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

• Jimmy Beck of Crawfordville reported a vehicle fire. Deputy Adam Pendris observed a recreational vehicle under a shed/carport that was completely engulfed in flames. Wakulla firefighters arrived on scene and put out the blaze. The fire was ruled an accident and possibly caused by an electrical problem. The RV is valued at \$200,000 and the shed/carport is valued at \$8,000.

• Deputy Stephen Simmons initiated a traffic stop after observing an expired tag on a vehicle on Wakulla Arran Road. Amanda Suzanne Davis, 24, of Crawfordville did not have a valid driver license. She was arrested for driving while license suspended or revoked second or subsequent conviction. She was given a verbal warning for her expired registration and for being unable to provide proof of insurance.

Deputy Gibby Gibson investigated.

• Jim Calhoun of Crawfordville reported the theft of mail from his mailbox. A package delivered to the victim's address on March 5 is missing. The missing package is valued at \$45. Lt. Mike Kemp investigated.

• Deputy Ross Hasty investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash at the Express Lane in the St. Marks area. The first vehicle contained Kimberly Carroll and Norma Carroll, both of Bremen, Ga., and the second vehicle contained Thomas Schmokel of Tallahassee. There were no injuries and minor damage was reported.

• Deputy Alan Middlebrooks observed a motorist fail to stop at a stop sign at Arran Road and Wakulla Arran Road and conducted a traffic stop. Deputy Middlebrooks reportedly detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. Caleb Dayne Vernon, 22, of Crawfordville was issued a notice to appear in court for possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana after marijuana was allegedly observed inside a pizza box. The marijuana weighed 8.3 grams. Deputy Matthew Hedges also investigated.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

• Detective Clint Beam investigated the theft of yard signs in the Hammocks subdivision. Detective Beam observed a white male jump out of a vehicle and grab a yard sign from the intersection of Songbird Avenue and Wakulla Arran Road. A traffic stop was conducted and two 19-year-old Crawfordville teenagers were questioned. Detective Derek Lawhon observed 18 stolen lawn care signs belonging to Vito Knowles and Affordable Lawn Care and Ryan Edmondson and Summers Lawn Care. The signs were valued at \$180. The case was closed after Edmondson and Knowles declined to pursue charges.

• Tracy Reese of Crawfordville reported a credit card offense. The victim's bank card was used in Pembroke Pines, Hialeah, Sunrise, Landerhill Lakes and Lauderhill. The

charges totaled \$448 and were created at grocery stores, an automotive shop and dress shop. Deputy Ross Hasty investigated.

• Patricia Jacobs of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief. The victim reported several window screens removed and damaged from the windows of her home. Juvenile suspects were identified. The parent of the juveniles agreed to pay for the damage and the victim did not pursue charges. Sgt. Danny Harrell brought the juveniles back to the victim so they could apologize.

• Timothy Liburd of Tallahassee was involved in a single vehicle traffic crash on Spring Creek Highway. The crash involved a deer and damage to the vehicle was minor. Deputy Scott Powell investigated.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

• An anonymous complainant reported recovering marijuana inside a bathroom of a Crawfordville fast food establishment. A small baggie was discovered in the restroom that weighed 2.6 grams. Deputy Ross Hasty investigated.

MONDAY, MARCH 17

• Deputy Roy Gunnerson conducted a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 319 due to a motorist failing to dim high beams. Brent Edward Phillips, 41, of Tampa was stopped and failed to present a valid driver license. The driver license was determined to be suspended and had been suspended previously. Phillips was arrested for driving while license suspended or revoked with knowledge. He was also issued a Uniform Traffic Citation for failure to dim headlights.

• Dennis Burns of Crawfordville was involved in a single vehicle traffic crash on Crawfordville Highway. A vehicle approaching the highway from Dolly Drive entered the roadway without stopping at a stop sign. Two vehicles in front of Burns hit their brakes suddenly which caused Burns to exit the roadway to avoid a crash. The victim drove into a ditch and struck a tree. His vehicle suffered \$1,500 worth of dam-

age to the front end. Deputy Mike Crum investigated.

• Diana Jones of Crawfordville reported a credit card offense. The victim observed three unauthorized charges on her bank card at a Racetrac in Homestead. The charges totaled \$295. Sgt. Ray Johnson investigated.

• Henry Ostola of Crawfordville reported the theft of coins and miscellaneous items from his home. The coins and missing property is valued at \$5,000. Sgt. Ray Johnson investigated.

• Vernon Prine of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary. Jewelry, several firearms, coins, computer equipment and a dog were stolen. The stolen property is valued at \$3,720. Deputy Alan Middlebrooks, Sgt. Lorne Whaley and Detective Derek Lawhon investigated.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

• Robert Cochran of Crawfordville reported the theft of a vehicle tag. Someone stole the tag off the victim's utility trailer. The tag is valued at \$45. Sgt. Ray Johnson investigated.

• A Crawfordville woman came to the sheriff's office to turn over a firearm. The woman no longer wanted to keep the firearm and turned over ownership of the weapon to the sheriff's office. Sgt. Ray Johnson handled the citizen walk-in.

• John Schrader of Tallahassee reported the theft of aluminum from his Crawfordville home. The aluminum beams were valued at \$600 and were part of a boat lift. Two suspects were observed on the property. Deputy Matt Helms investigated.

• Robin Shuler of Crawfordville reported a credit card offense. An unauthorized charge was observed on the victim's bank account. Someone purchased computer software from New York. It was valued of \$235. The software was shipped to Pinellas County. Detective Randy Phillips determined that the case was a scam involving an outfit in Australia that uses stolen bank information to ship goods to different parties. The U.S. Postal Service has been con-

tacted as well as the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Nick Boutwell investigated.

• Tracy Burkett of Panacea reported a grand theft. A generator, guitar, BB gun, tools, Chihuahua, firearm and other items, valued at \$11,315 were taken. A suspect has been identified. Deputy Ashley McAlister investigated.

• Natalia Moody of Crawfordville reported a grand theft. Tools and firearms were taken from the victim's property. The property is valued at \$1,405 and a suspect has been identified. Deputy Vicki Mitchell investigated.

• Jackson Jenkins of Crawfordville reported a grand theft and burglary to a shed. Fishing equipment, a firearm and ammunition, trolling motors and tools, valued at \$2,910, were reported missing. Deputy Will Hudson investigated.

• A 21-year-old Crawfordville woman suffered moderate burns when she lit a fire pit using gasoline. The gas container ignited and burned the victim's arms, legs and face. The victim was transported to the hospital for treatment. Sgt. Lorne Whaley, Deputy Alan Middlebrooks and Deputy Vicki Mitchell investigated.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

• Detective Derek Lawhon initiated a traffic stop on Woodville Highway after observing a vehicle with a cracked windshield, no rear view mirror and four individuals who were not wearing seat belts. The driver of the vehicle admitted to having a controlled substance without a prescription. Three pills were located in addition to drug paraphernalia. Additional drug paraphernalia was found inside the vehicle belonging to a passenger.

Aaron Michael Halliman, 20, of Tallahassee was arrested for one count of possession of a Schedule 2 narcotic and one count of possession of a Schedule 3 narcotic.

David Alexander Harris, 19, of Tallahassee was issued a notice to appear in court for possession of drug paraphernalia. Two other passengers

inside the vehicle were not charged. Detective Clint Beam and Deputy Richard Moon investigated.

• Brandy Price of Crawfordville reported a residential burglary. A forced entry was discovered as a window was broken out. The victim reported the loss of \$10 worth of medications and damage to the home was estimated at \$250. Deputy Gibby Gibson and Detective Clint Beam investigated.

• Deputy Mike Zimba investigated a disturbance. A 24-year-old Crawfordville victim reported that Jalessa Leann Hicks, 25, of Crawfordville poured bleach over his clothing and scratched the victim in several places during a dispute.

Hicks was arrested for battery and criminal mischief. Damage to the victim's clothing was estimated at \$100. The Department of Children and Families was contacted due to the presence of four children all younger than 9 years old. Deputy Jeff Yarbrough, Sgt. Danny Harrell, Deputy Mike Zimba and Deputy Ross Hasty investigated.

• Clifford Ryan McMath, 32, of Panacea was involved in a traffic stop for not having a valid tag or decal. Sgt. Lorne Whaley discovered that McMath did not have a valid driver license either. McMath was arrested for knowingly operating a motor vehicle while license is suspended or revoked. He also received a Uniform Traffic Citation for having an expired vehicle registration of more than six months.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office received 1,210 calls for service during the past week including 20 residential and business alarms; 79 citizen contacts; 12 disturbances; 21 E-911 abandoned cell calls; eight E-911 abandoned calls; 27 E-911 calls; 40 investigations; 11 loud music/noise complaints; 44 medical emergencies; 13 school security checks; 501 business and residential security checks; 25 special details; 41 subpoena services; 15 suspicious people; 39 traffic enforcements; 111 traffic stops; and 19 reckless vehicles.

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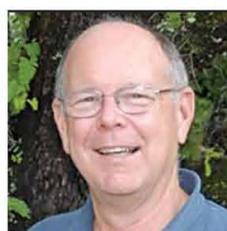


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Some spider webs are strong as steel



Natural Wakulla

By Les Harrison

Certain words create a sense of unease. There is an implied threat and danger which follows the use in a phrase.

The term web is one such descriptor.

A web of deceptions indicates an unknown connectivity to the dishonesty being spread about.

A web of intrigue implies a conspiracy with all the unknown factors which will result in harm to a person's good name, or worse. The potential for entanglement of an unwitting victim is certain to cause apprehension.

While any web of malevolence will cause problems for somebody, the web itself is just a tool used by native creatures in Wakulla County.

Some spiders are proficient at using this tool for a variety of reasons.

The most widely recognized use of a spider's web is as a tool for hunting. The web permits the spider to catch prey over a relatively wide area.

Not all spiders use webs for hunting.

The wolf spider, a Wakulla County native, is an ambush hunter that waits for potential meals to arrive under their own power.

The wolf spider grabs its victims using a quick burst of speed. Success provides the wolf spider with the necessary nutritional energy to wait for the next oblivious bug or small reptile.

Web spiders use their energy to produce the delicate appearing webs, and then wait for a quarry to trespass into the zone of no return. The slightest tremor of the web will alert the spider.

An ensnared bug will struggle violently to free itself from the sticky web. The tugging and twisting of the web's treads notify the spider success is close.

Sometimes the drama takes more than an hour to conclude, sometimes the end comes quicker.

Afterward the spider repairs the damage to its web.

The web silk is quite strong. In many cases it is stronger than steel strands of a like diameter and has greater elasticity for enduring the fluttering abuse of moths and the weight of large beetles.

The adhesive on the hunting webs does not last long. If a potential meal fails to appear in the web, the spider will eat the web and re-absorb some of the proteins used to construct it.

The two most common webs in Wakulla County are orb webs and tangle webs, also known as cobwebs. Both are used to great efficiency by their builders.

Cobwebs are often associated with the corners of abandoned or untended structures, but are just as likely to be found in protected niches in the forest.

The term originated with coppe, the Old English word for spider.

Orb webs are found in the same locations as cobwebs, with one notable exception.

The distance between the web's anchor points may leave the viewer wondering if spiders fly the multiple yards necessary to successfully construct the web.

To accomplish this feat, the spider casts a light thread on the breeze, and then gently crosses it while adding additional silk to strengthen this foundational connection.

The distinct geometric patterns of the web help identify the builder.

The entanglements soon follow.

To learn more about Wakulla County's spiders and their webs,



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Crab spiders are prolific web builders in Wakulla County. They prefer open areas under trees with plenty of flying insects to entangle.

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THE MAGIC OF AGING



By T.W. MAURICE LANGSTON
Senior Center Director

You may be getting old if you find yourself removing mattress tags without fear of legal consequences!

If you are getting older perhaps Cracker Barrel is the trendiest place in town for you as it takes you back to an earlier time.

Seniors are constantly trying to think of ways to save their money. I was thrilled to engage a senior couple in a conversation not long ago about what we don't have to buy or spend money on any longer.

Things like - no more water skis, running shoes, scuba gear, frilly underwear, bubble gum, Clearasil, continuing education, orthodontia and entry fees for marathons to name a few.

These are all humorous things that senior citizens really don't have to worry

about anymore and thank goodness for it.

I propose to seniors an idea called "lifelonging."

Seeing that we live in a computer age and more and more seniors are sitting behind a computer, why not make use of storing a few of the treasured photos of our childhood, our children and our grandchildren.

Also, have the old documents that are momentous or treasures to us scanned and digitalized within your computer. While behind the ol' computer, why not click on Microsoft Word and write a few memories, biographies, descriptions of life in the early and mid-1900s. Maybe just an overall dossier of life.

This could be a fun project for seniors and, besides, it prevents "hoarding" in one way or another.

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SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

FWC's Antonio Kilpatrick was guest speaker for Black History, and talked about growing up in the Sopchoppy community.

Seniors were busy in February celebrating Black History, Valentine's, Presidents Day and more

By SHERYL SMYTHE
Of the Senior Center

The Wakulla Senior Center calendar was full during the short month of February. We celebrated Black History, Valentine's Day, Presidents Day and a host of daily activities that make the Senior Center an active and fun place to visit. We had a lot of guests this month from speakers to artists to musicians. It was a really fun month.

For Valentine's Day we had a party and participated in the Rotary parade.

At our Valentine's Day party

the Pickin' and Grinnin' Band performed for us and there were lots of dancing and singing along. During the party we had a cake walk with donations of cakes from Karen's Kitchen and Bakery. We were so thankful that they made such a kind donation to our seniors and they had a great time participating in the cake walk.

We participated in the parade along with the Pickin' and Grinnin' Band. Mrs. Juanita Jester, the Queen, and Harriet Rich, the volunteer of the year, were both good sports braving the parade on such a wet and dreary day.

We celebrated Black History month with guest speaker Antonio Kilpatrick with the FWC and his family on Feb. 20. He was a wonderful speaker and reminisced about years past growing up in the Sopchoppy community. He gave a good account of the men and women in the community, now seniors that have made Wakulla County the special place that it is today; the very place that he chose to stay in and raise his own family.

The seniors participated in many different classes and activities over the month.

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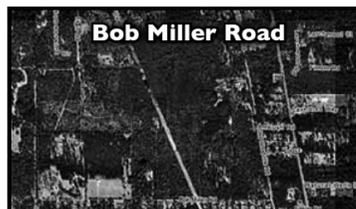


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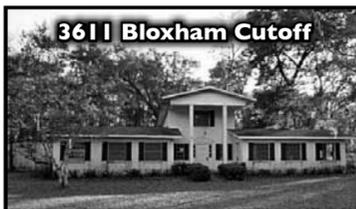
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Alternatives to nursing home care



By **RON POLLACK**

medical services in your community through your local Area Agency on Aging.

WHAT IS ASSISTED LIVING?

Assisted living facilities (or assisted living homes) bridge the gap between independent living and nursing homes. These facilities typically provide services like assistance with personal care and medications, and they give residents more freedom and privacy than nursing homes. They range in size from small houses that serve a few residents to very large facilities with hundreds of residents.

Assisted living facilities cost less than nursing homes but are still very expensive, costing an average of \$3,300 a month.

What do Medicare and Medicaid pay for nursing home care and nursing home alternatives?

Many people are confused about what Medicare and Medicaid cover.

NURSING HOME CARE

Medicare does not cover most nursing home care. Medicare pays only for certain skilled nursing or rehabilitative care, and only after a hospital stay. The duration of this coverage is limited. To learn more about coverage limits, visit the Medicare website at <http://www.medicare.gov/coverage/skilled-nursing-facility-care.html>.

Medicaid covers most nursing home care if you have a low income. Each state sets its own income eligibility level for Medicaid coverage of nursing home care. In many states, you must also have limited assets to have Medicaid cover your nursing home care.

ALTERNATIVES TO NURSING HOME CARE

Medicare covers very little of this care. For example, Medicare won't pay your rent for an assisted living facility, but it will cover some health care you receive while you are in assisted living.

Medicaid pays for some assisted living costs for people with low incomes in several states. Every state has at least one Medicaid program that will pay for other alternatives to nursing facility care, and most have multiple programs. Each state's program is different. Plus, individuals must meet the eligibility rules for that particular program. For example, some programs focus on individuals with particular health care needs. And some programs are limited to a certain number of people, which creates waiting lists.

Many people end up paying the full cost of assisted living entirely out of their own pockets.

TO LEARN MORE

To learn more about Medicare and Medicaid coverage of nursing home care, assisted living, and other options, contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program, or SHIP. SHIPs offer free counseling and assistance by phone and in person. Find the SHIP in your state online at <https://shipnr.shiptalk.org/shipprofile.aspx>.

Also, the Eldercare Locator connects older Americans and their caregivers with information on senior services. Find it online at <http://www.eldercare.gov/eldercare.net/Public/Index.aspx>.

Ron Pollack is the Executive Director of Families USA, which is a national organization for health care consumers. We have advocated for universal, affordable, quality health care since 1982.

How to get help with Medicare decisions



Dear Savvy Senior,

Where can I get help with my Medicare decisions? I'm approaching 65, and could use some help sorting through the different Medicare plan options that are available to me.

Almost Eligible

Dear Almost,

The options and choices available to Medicare beneficiaries today can be overwhelming. In addition to original Medicare (Part A and B) that has been around for 49 years, you also have the option of enrolling in a Part D prescription drug plan, and a supplemental (Medigap) policy - both of which are sold by private insurance companies. Or, a Medicare Advantage plan which covers health care, prescription drugs and extra services all in one. These plans, which are also sold by private insurers, are generally available through HMOs and PPOs.

To help you figure out the Medicare plans for you, there are a variety of services and tools available today depending on how much help you need. Here are several to get you started.

FREE RESOURCES

A good starting point to get familiar with Medicare is the "Medicare & You" 2014 handbook that overviews the program and your options. You can read it online at www.medicare.gov/pubs/pdf/10050.pdf, or you should receive a free

copy in the mail one month before your 65th birthday.

The Medicare website also offers a free "Plan Finder" tool at www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan that can help you find and compare health plans, supplemental policies and prescription drug plans in your area. Or, if you don't have Internet access, or don't feel confident in working through the information on your own, you can also call Medicare at 800-633-4227 and a customer service representative will do the work for you over the phone.

Other free resources that can help include planprescriber.com or ehealthmedicare.com, two websites developed by eHealth Insurance that will compare Part D, Advantage and supplemental plans in your area and connect you to a licensed insurance agent.

In addition, the Medicare Rights Center (www.medicarerights.org) staffs a hotline at 800-333-4114 to help answer your Medicare questions.

And your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) provides free Medicare counseling in person or over the phone. To find a local SHIP counselor see shiptalk.org, or call the Eldercare Locator at 800-677-1116.

And, for tips on choosing a top Medicare Advantage plan, see the HealthMetrix Research Cost Share Report at www.medicarenewswatch.com. This resource lists the best Advantage plans by area based on your health status.

FEE-BASED SERVICES

If the free services don't cut the mustard and you need some additional help in making your Medicare decisions, there are a handful of fee-based companies that are very helpful.

One of the best is Allsup Inc. (www.allsup.com, 866-521-7655) which offers a Medicare Advisor service that takes your personal information online or over the phone, such as the prescription drugs you take and the doctors you use, and provides you customized advice on the best Medicare plans that match your needs and budget.

They'll even help you enroll in the plan(s) you select. Fees for their services range between \$200 and \$495 depending on how much help you need.

Another option is Healthcare Navigation (www.healthcarenavigation.com, 877-811-8211), which charges \$750 for a 90-minute comprehensive Medicare consultation.

COMMISSION-BASED

Another way to get help with your Medicare enrollment is to consult an independent insurance agent. Agents typically get paid a commission to sell you a policy, although they offer plans from a number of providers.

The Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America have a directory on their website (www.independentagent.com/contactus) that lets you search for agents in your area. But keep in mind that agents typically specialize in the Medicare plans they represent, rather than all the plans in your market.

Send your senior questions to Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org.

Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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March 29- April 26 Special 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 Holsouser at 241-6797.

• SOPCHOPPY OPRY hosts Rick Weathersby and The Boys of Rock at 7 p.m. They perform bluegrass and Gospel music. Arrive early and eat dinner at the Opry Cafe. Call 962-3711 for tickets. Go to www.sopchoppy.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 screening.

Wednesday, April 2

• FOCUS WAKULLA and the WAKULLA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE invite you to a Lunch & Learn at noon to learn more about the latest marketing trend in social media, and a Q&A to discuss proper placement, execution, and timing of social media. Cost is \$10, and includes lunch catered by Hamaknockers. The chamber office is located at 23 High Drive in Crawfordville. Seating is limited. Reservation deadline is Friday, March 28. Call 850.926.1848.

Wakulla One Stop Community Center Classes

Saturday, March 29

• Wakulla One Stop Prenatal Education classes will be held for three classes - March 29, April 5, April 12 from 10 a.m. to noon by The Wakulla County One Stop Community Center, 318 Shadeville Highway. Register for classes at 745-6042.

Thursday, April 10

• 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.

Monday, April 14

• Wakulla One Stop Baby Basics Cycle classes will be held for two classes - April 14 and April 21 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.

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.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 5

• NORTH FLORIDA BUTTON CLUB (Member of National Button Society) will meet at Sunset Coastal Grill in Port St. Joe at 11 a.m. Wakulla, Franklin, Okaloosa and guests welcome. For more information, call Sherrie Alverson 926-7812, president Don or Barbara Lanier 729-7594, e-mail barndon56@aol.com; Linda Wood 850-899-0025, e-mail skpsky2000@comcast.net. A short presentation about unique buttons is given at each meeting.

• CRAWFORDVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL is hosting its 26th annual SPRING FESTIVAL, themed as a Country Fair, from 1 to 5 p.m. Enjoy an old fashioned country fair with "all the fixins" for family fun.

• 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 and desert.

Monday, April 7

• WAKULLA DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB will have its monthly meeting at 10:30 a.m. at Wakulla Springs Lodge. All Democrats are invited to attend. Discussion will center around the recently completed Wellness Fair and the upcoming Relay for Life event. Please join us for dining and fellowship with like-minded individuals. For more information, call Diane Wilson, president, at 850-984-4768.

Thursday, April 10

• THE WAKULLA COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY is hosting a meet and greet at 6 p.m., at the R.H. Carter Senior Complex on Michael Drive in Crawfordville. The event will feature Freedom 93.3 Radio Talk Show Host Will Dance, aka "The Pirate Hunter." Admission is free and all are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

Saturday, April 12

• 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 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.

• HISTORIC SOPCHOPPY HIGH SCHOOL REUNION will begin at 1 p.m. at the school. A brief program will begin at 3:30 p.m., followed by a seafood dinner. Margo Anderson with the Purvis Brothers and Encore will perform at 7 p.m. The public is welcome.

• THE TALLAHASSEE ORCHID SOCIETY will host its 48th annual orchid show and sale at the Doyle Conner Agricultural Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and noon until 5 p.m. Sunday, April 13. The Ag Center is at 3125 Conner Blvd. Admission is free.

Saturday, 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 schedule at www.wakullawildlifefestival.com.

Wednesday, April 23

• THE WAKULLA COUNTY DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE TASK FORCE and REFUGE HOUSE, INC. introduces Tremayne Moore, author and incest survivor. Moore will be speaking on how writing saved his life, and his efforts to educate the public about incest and teenage suicide. The event will be at noon at First Baptist Church of Crawfordville. Lunch is provided.

Live Music in Wakulla

Friday, March 28

• RIVERSIDE CAFE, 69 Riverside Dr., St. Marks. Swinging Harpoons, Blues/ Rock and Roll, 8 p.m. - midnight.
• DUX LOUNGE, 3332 Crawfordville Hwy. Rock, 9 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. \$5 cover.

Saturday, March 29

• RIVERSIDE CAFE, 69 Riverside Dr., St. Marks. Swinging Harpoons, Blues/ Rock and Roll, 8 p.m. - midnight.
• SOPCHOPPY PIZZA COMPANY, 106 Municipal Ave., Brandon Strickland, classic rock, country. 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. outside on the patio.

Sunday, March 30

• OUTZ TOO OYSTER BAR & GRILL, Lunardde, classic rock, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. on the patio.
• RIVERSIDE CAFE, 69 Riverside Dr., St. Marks. Swinging Harpoons, Blues/ Rock and Roll, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Sunday, March 30

• OUTZ TOO OYSTER BAR & GRILL, Lunardde, classic rock, 3 - 6 p.m.

Friday, April 4

• RIVERSIDE CAFE, 69 Riverside Dr., St. Marks. Creatures of Habit, Classic Rock and Roll, 8 p.m. - midnight.

Saturday, April 5

• RIVERSIDE CAFE, 69 Riverside Dr., St. Marks. Creatures of Habit, Classic Rock and Roll, 8 p.m. - midnight.

Email your community events to nzema@thewakullanews.net



Sopchoppy Opry

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Lifewalk 2014

Wakulla Pregnancy
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9 a.m.

Saturday

"Flash of Green" screening

Wakulla Co. Library
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday

Social media lunch & learn

Chamber office
noon

Monday

Government Meetings

Thursday, April 3

• THE WAKULLA COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold a public meeting at 4 p.m. at the Wakulla County Administration Building at 3093 Crawfordville Hwy.

Thursday, April 10

• THE WAKULLA COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL will hold a public meeting at 8:30 a.m. at the Best Western Plus Wakulla Inn & Suites at 3292 Coastal Highway, Crawfordville. Call 984-3966 for more information.

Monday, April 14

• THE WAKULLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION has scheduled a public hearing at 7 p.m. to discuss the Wakulla County Ordinance 2010-16, wetlands protection.

Clubs, Groups, Regular Meetings

Thursday, March 27

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

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

• COASTAL OPTIMIST CLUB will meet at noon at Posey's Steam Room in Panacea.

• ROTARY CLUB meets at the senior center at noon.

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

• NAMI FAMILY TO FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP will meet each second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the NAMI Wakulla office, 2140-C Crawfordville Highway. This group is for family members and friends of people diagnosed with mental illnesses and is free of charge.

• 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 28

• ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 8 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. Call 545-1853 for more information.

• ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS holds open discussion at noon 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 29

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

• ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 5:30 p.m. at Mission by the Sea Church on Alligator Drive in Alligator Point. Call 545-1853 for more information.

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

• SOPCHOPPY GROWERS MARKET 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 30

• 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 31

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

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

• LINE DANCING will be held at the senior center at 1:30 p.m.
• ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS FOR WOMEN will meet at 6 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville. For more information call 545-1853.

• YOGA CLASSES with Tamara will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the

Senior Citizens Center. This is a gentle restorative class focusing on the breath.

• RESPITE CARE is offered by The Alzheimer's Project of Wakulla at Lake Ellen Baptist Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a loved one to be cared for. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost. The church is located at 4495 Crawfordville Highway. Call Pat Ashley for more information at 984-5277.

Tuesday, April 1

• 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.

Wednesday, April 2

• 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.

• KNOTTING 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.

• KNOTTING 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 enjoy companionship of women of all ages at the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Range located on 319 to Sopchoppy.

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

Governors, past and present, in the spotlight

By **DARA KAM**
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, March 21 – Former, current and perhaps future governors took center stage in the Capitol as spring arrived.

Florida honored former Gov. Reubin Askew, a transformational leader who died last week, with a series of events in Tallahassee and Pensacola. A bipartisan who's who of dignitaries paid homage to "Reubin the Good," a prim Southerner whose imprint on nearly every aspect of state policy is still felt more than three decades after he left office.

Meanwhile, the Legislature handed current governor Rick Scott his top election-year priority, a massive cut in vehicle-registration fees. The fee rollback fits perfectly into Scott's campaign against Charlie Crist, the former governor who is trying to get his old job back and who was at the helm when the fees were hiked.

And, although divided, the House handed Speaker Will Weatherford, considered a top candidate for a run at governor someday, one of his chief legislative goals – a tuition break for undocumented immigrants. Hispanics have tried for a decade to get the measure passed, but its future remains uncertain in the Senate.

FAREWELL TO 'VISIONARY' LEADER, 'REUBIN THE GOOD'

Askew, who died March 13 at age 85, lay in state in a flag-draped casket topped by a single white rose Tuesday in the historic Old Capitol, where "the man of courage" was inaugurated in 1971 and where he served as a lawmaker from Pensacola for 12 years.

Askew was a seminal figure in Florida's modern history whose policies shaped

nearly every facet of the state. Education, the environment, civil rights, the judiciary and "government in the sunshine" were among the legacies the former governor, who served from 1971 to 1979, left behind.

"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, who also served as governor.

Honoring Askew with a resolution on Tuesday, the Senate heaped bipartisan praise on the late governor as a calming influence during the turbulent civil rights era who led efforts to institute a corporate-income tax. As governor, Askew shepherded Florida from a sleepy state into a booming, modern tourism hub. He also appointed the first black Supreme Court justice and pushed through a voter-approved open government "Sunshine Amendment" in part to clean up a state government mired in corruption and scandal.

Five former governors – Graham, Crist, Bob Martinez, Buddy MacKay and Wayne Mixson – joined hundreds of other mourners Wednesday at a memorial service at Faith Presbyterian Church in Tallahassee. Past and current members of the Florida Supreme Court, the Cabinet, dozens of legislators – including Weatherford and Senate President Don Gaetz – also attended the hour-and-a-half service. Askew is survived by his wife, Donna Lou; two children, Kevin Askew and Angela White; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Florida has had "a number of great public servants, people

that we like and admire," Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte, a former president of Florida State University and a close friend of Askew, said in one of three eulogies Wednesday. "But I believe we've had two people who we loved. And those people were LeRoy Collins and Reubin Askew."

Askew will be remembered for "his public service calling and his convictions that Florida could be a model for diversity, for equal opportunity and for integrity," D'Alemberte said.

Askew was dubbed "Reubin the Good" by someone who probably intended the label to be derisive, D'Alemberte recalled.

"But the truth of the matter, he simply was good. If you think about Reubin Askew, you think of a person of good character, good judgment, and charm," D'Alemberte said.

Askew's son Kevin revealed that the FBI once assigned the code name "Integrity" to his father.

"And that was the man that he was, was integrity," he said, praising his dad as "a kind, gentle man" who taught his children "to treat other people as you want to be treated."

Longtime aide Jim Bacchus, a former congressman and onetime speechwriter for Askew, imparted some advice on Askew's behalf in an impassioned testimony to the late governor's belief that people should remain true to their convictions, whatever the cost.

"Lead. What good does it do you to be in public office if you don't lead? If you don't take a chance? If you don't tell the people what they need to hear and not just what they want to hear? Reubin Askew didn't need to put his finger in the wind to find out what he believed," Bacchus said.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES IN REVERSE

Scott was on the House floor

Thursday when the chamber unanimously approved his top election-year priority, a rollback in vehicle-registration fees authorized by the Republican-dominated Legislature in 2009, when Crist just happened to be at the helm. The bill, which will save motorists roughly \$20 to \$25 per vehicle, will go into effect Sept. 1, just before voters head to the polls to decide whether to give Scott four more years in the governor's mansion.

Rep. Jared Moskowitz broke the code about the politics behind the measure (SB 156) during floor debate Thursday evening.

"We're doing this because one governor wants to use this issue against a former governor in the election," Moskowitz, D-Coral Springs, said.

Scott wasted no time in making Moskowitz's prediction a reality.

Scott quickly blamed the vehicle-fee hike, imposed as lawmakers were trying to close a billion-dollar budget gap caused by the state's prolonged economic slump, on Crist, who's trying to get his old job back as a Democrat and, right now, is Scott's chief opponent in the race.

"This is a tax increase that Charlie Crist passed in 2009," Scott said. "The right thing happened tonight, to reduce these taxes and putting more money back in Floridians' hands... I look forward to getting it on my desk and signing it to reduce the tax that Charlie Crist passed in 2009." Scott's campaign used social media to crow about the rollback.

"Thanks to Gov Scott's leadership, @CharlieCrist's 2009 tax hikes on car reg fees repealed unanimously," his campaign Twitter account messaged Friday morning.

Individual registration fees will be reduced by \$20 to \$25, depending on the size of the vehicle. The bill is expected to cost the state \$309 million

during the upcoming 2014-15 budget year, and about \$395 million annually in future years.

Legislative budget writers have more than \$1 billion extra to spend this year, and Scott wants \$500 million of that to go toward tax and fee cuts.

But how they'll carve up the remaining cuts remains to be seen.

The House Finance and Tax Committee on Thursday introduced a package that includes tax breaks for gym memberships, cement mixing drums and car seats. The House plan also features four sales-tax holidays, including the popular back-to-school tax cut. The House proposal would also give Scott his requested increase in the corporate-income tax exemption, bringing it from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

But the Senate isn't sold, at least not yet.

Senate Finance and Tax Chairwoman Dorothy Hukill's plan includes a school supplies and clothing tax holiday that is shorter than the House's version, along with a reduction in a tax imposed on cable and phone services.

"There are lots of different ideas out there. We're only in the third week. There's a long way to go," Hukill, R-Port Orange, said.

STORY OF THE WEEK:

Former Gov. Reubin Askew, who died March 13 at age 85, was honored in Tallahassee and in his hometown of Pensacola.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"It's a shame. A terrible shame. Thousands of children seeking more opportunities for a better life will be denied. I cannot see any reason why we'd quit on these kids." --- House Speaker Will Weatherford after the withdrawal of a Senate bill that would have dramatically expanded a school-vouchers program.

WHITE'S WINES

Great wines tell an honest story

By **DAVID WHITE**

Spring has finally arrived. Lemonade stands will start popping up soon. And when the mercury rises, it's nearly impossible to pass one without making a purchase.

Of course, neighborhood kids would never dare charge more than a dollar or two for a cup of lemonade. But what if a budding entrepreneur asked for \$20? Would you still make the purchase?

Probably not. But if offered a glass of great wine, few oenophiles would hesitate to spend such a sum. Many would be willing to pay \$20 for just a two-ounce pour.

Obviously, wine is different from lemonade. But what makes it so special?

Michael Madrigale, one of the nation's top sommeliers, recently suggested two answers to that question.

He was visiting San Francisco from New York, where he directs the wine program at several of Daniel Boulud's restaurants. Madrigale was speaking at 18 Reasons, a nonprofit that focuses on the relationship between food and community.

Many wine enthusiasts envy sommeliers, since they routinely open and taste bottles most of us could never afford. And they get to hang out with fascinating winemakers from across the world. But when they're home, sommeliers are just like the rest of us – fully aware of budgets and priorities but still looking

for something great.

A "great wine," Madrigale contended, "offers an honest reflection of where it came from."

Madrigale's words were spot on. In part, wine is special because it's able to translate time and place. Great ones achieve that higher purpose.

This concept certainly isn't original. Fans of Burgundy and Mosel often battle over which region's wines better express the characteristics of their vintage and the soils and climate in which they're grown.

Ted Lemon, one of America's leading Pinot Noir producers, has even gone so far as to urge his colleagues to "give up being a winemaker" and instead "have the confidence to listen (to the vineyard) and allow the site to speak."

Lemon was addressing the 2013 Mornington Peninsula International Pinot Noir Celebration, a major event in Australia. "Your job is to craft wines which are the most honest, crystalline expression of their place and then let others decide if they feel that your efforts are worthy," he continued.

So when picking up their own tab, sommeliers seek wines that are truthful and transparent.

Madrigale's second answer to what makes wine so special is just as important.

"Wine is not just a beverage," he said. "It's a story."

This concept, too, has

been around for quite some time.

Consider older wines. They're a connection to the past and each bottle has a story to tell. I'll never forget the evening a friend shared a 1961 Château Ausone.

The estate is one of Bordeaux's most celebrated, and 1961 was a legendary vintage. The wine was stunning, but that was almost beside the point. In 1961, John F. Kennedy was inaugurated and France was still at war with Algeria. So while tasting the wine, much of my focus was on those who made it and the world they inhabited.

Young wines are just as capable of telling great stories.

This past weekend, I opened a Pinot Noir from Forge Cellars, a producer in New York's Finger Lakes. Those of us who obsess over Pinot Noir like to think we can identify a wine's origin by simply putting our noses in a glass. But this wine was unlike anything I'd ever had. It stopped me in my tracks, as it had obviously captured the essence of Finger Lakes Pinot Noir.

Lemonade simply can't offer a window to other places and cultures. Few would ever discuss lemonade's honesty.

But wine? Great ones always tell an honest story.

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

Just a Pinch

Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons

By Janet Tharpe

Super Easy Weeknight Dinner Idea, Foil Envelope Fish

"This is a good recipe!"



Planning dinner for the week and looking for a quick and easy meal? Add Brenda Clark's Foil Wrapped Fish to your menu! We loved this technique for preparing the recipe. The fish turned out perfectly light and tender, and the added hint of lemon was delicious.

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

www.justapinch.com/foilfish

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

-Janet

Foil Envelope Fish

What You Need

1/2 green pepper, thinly sliced
1 green onion, sliced
Salt to taste
1 lb fresh fish filets
1/2 tomato, sliced
1/2 tsp basil
1 white pepper
3 slices lemon
Aluminum foil

Directions

- Cut aluminum foil into 12 x 16 inch rectangle.
- Place green pepper, tomato and green onion on lower half of foil sheet.
- Sprinkle with 1/4 teaspoon basil, salt and pepper.
- Place fish on vegetables.
- Sprinkle with remaining basil, salt and pepper.
- Top with lemon slices.
- Fold upper half of foil over fish and vegetables.
- Double fold edges of foil to make a tight 1/2 inch seal.
- Place foil envelope on baking sheet and bake at 450 F for 15 minutes or until envelope puffs.
- To serve, cut an "X" in top of envelope and fold foil back.

Submitted by: Brenda Clark, Houston, TX (Pop. 2.1M)

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Seniors were busy in February celebrating Black History, Valentine's, Presidents Day and more

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We had a Drumming Circle with Kent Hutchinson. He brought in beautiful handmade drums and let us drum away on them for an hour. He led the class in an array of wonderful drumming sounds. We had about 25 seniors participate plus Mr. Langston with his own drum. It was a great time.

Nancy Jefferson of the LeMoyné Center of Visual Arts came back to give another pottery class and she hopes to be back in May.

We had a Walk with Ease program by Angel Carter Monday through Wednesday.

Big Bend Hospice gave a short presentation on Five Wishes which was very informative and helpful. We have extra pamphlets

if anyone is interested.

Please come and visit our center. We are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We serve lunch daily at noon but you can always come earlier and enjoy our activities. Our food pantry supplied by Farm Share and Second Harvest is open for pick up on Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30 to 1 p.m.

If you are a senior who is 60 or older and are home bound and would like to make an appointment with our Meals on Wheels program you may call Pat or Angel at 926-7145 ext 230 or 223.

Also you can stop by and pick up a calendar of events and join in the fun.

All monetary donations are tax deductible and go to our

Meals on Wheels, and other senior programs provided through the center.

There are many more activities that go on here at the center, so stop by and pick up a calendar of events. You can also find us on Facebook at WakullaSeniorCenter. Click on the "like" button and you will get all our posts and keep up with what is going on here.

Any questions please call the center at 926-7145 ext. 229. You can also pick up a brochure on all the other services that are provided through the Wakulla Senior Center.

Donations needed: Wired ribbon, cat food, any pantry items, coffee carafe. We are in need of volunteers to deliver meals to our home bound Seniors. Please Call Angel or Pat 926-7145 ext. 230.



The Kilpatrick Family.



Kent Hutchinson leads the drumming circle.



Queen Juanita Jester and Volunteer of the Year Harriet Rich prepare to ride in the Rotary Valentine's Parade.



Some of the participants in the drumming circle.



The Pickin' 'n' Grinnin' float in the Valentine's Parade. Unfortunately, it was too wet for the band to ride and play their instruments.

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Senior Citizens Sweetheart Dance



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Dancing to the DeepWater Band.

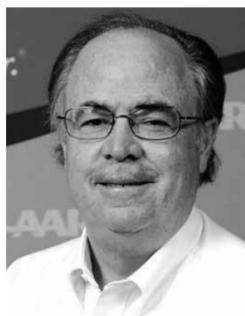


SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Ms. Lassie and Mary Rogers winner of the Chocolate Massage

AARP FLORIDA

AARP Florida's 2014 Legislative Focus



By DOUG HEINLEN

As Florida lawmakers debate how to use the state's first budget surplus in seven years, about 29,000 frail Floridians languish on waiting lists

to receive home- and community-based services such as nutrition, respite for struggling family caregivers and help with nutrition.

Without help, some of them may be forced into nursing homes or other institutional care, at an average cost of \$91,000 per year.

Expanding state-financed programs like Community Care for the Elderly (CCE) could help avoid institutionalization for frail Floridians and also save state tax-

payers money.

Persuading lawmakers to increase CCE funding is on AARP Florida's agenda as AARP volunteers and staff prepare for the state legislative session, which begins in March and runs through the end of April.

Other items include:

- Providing health and long-term care services for more than 900,000 low income adults across the state of Florida, including more than 260,000 Floridians

ages 50+.

- Protecting residents living in assisted living facilities by assuring they receive the quality care and safety they deserve. AARP Florida will oppose any attempts made to diminish authority of volunteer Long-Term Care ombudsmen, who work to protect those residents.

- Providing funding for vision, dental and hospice care for Floridians who receive or are eligible to receive Medicaid.

AARP Florida also

is supporting legislation to protect consumers by:

- Seeking further legislative oversight and review of Florida's Advance Nuclear Cost Recovery statute, to assure affordable utility rates and quality utility services for ratepayers.

- Protecting Floridians, particularly older Floridians, against consumer fraud and scams.

- Working to assure affordable-housing tax revenues are used to fund affordable housing. In recent

years, state legislators have used these funds for other purposes.

- Working alongside Florida's business community to provide the state a consistent revenue source that evens the commercial playing field between in-state and out-of-state retailers.

For more information on AARP Florida's 2014 legislative priorities, visit www.aarp.org/fl

Doug Heinlen is AARP Florida's State President

5 Tips for a balance in life, work from former Exxon CEO

Special to The News

With reports of the unemployment rate dropping to 7 percent, lower than it was even five years ago and down from a peak of 10 percent in October 2009, many are breathing a sigh of relief. But the effects of a long bout of high unemployment are sure to have thrown off the balance of employee well-being, says former Exxon executive Bob Epperly.

"Of course, the rate does not take into ac-

count those who are underemployed, including over-skilled workers in menial jobs and those with too few hours... Many feel insecure and are willing to skew their work-life balance into a tailspin, with exaggerated emphasis on their career," says Epperly, a CEO who realized at age 55 that even a very successful career cannot fulfill every aspect of life.

Epperly, author of "Growing Up After Fifty: From Exxon Executive to Spiritual Seeker,"

(www.bobeperry.com), offers tips for correcting lifestyle imbalance.

- **It's never enough.** Ambition is admirable, but if it's all that drives you, no matter how much you accomplish, it will never be enough. If professional ambition is more important to you than anything else in your life, that's a red flag that your life is dangerously unbalanced. Take steps now to restore balance, beginning with personal, non-work relationships.
- **No one ever says,**

at the end of their life, that they should have worked longer and spent less time with family. Life is short, and many realize that time is life's most precious resource. Intense focus on work tends to deprive professionals of opportunities with their loved ones that cannot be replaced. Set goals for how much time you'll spend giving your family 100 percent of your attention each day and week, and stick to them!

- **Make communica-**

tion a top priority! The importance and value of real communication cannot be overemphasized. "More important than speaking is listening," Epperly says. "My relationships immediately improved when I began listening very carefully to what was being said."

- **Only you are responsible for your life.** The Serenity Prayer reads: "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I

can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

- **Accept who you are.** This can be challenging; it demands courageous self-reflection and letting go of the need for external approval. "When a friend asked me, 'Do you think the world is ready to accept Bob Epperly just as he is?' I suddenly saw that I had always felt I had to accommodate; that I wasn't okay as I am," he says. "I started to give myself permission to be me."

Langston: Sharing your memories, stories prevents hoarding

From Page 1B

So think about giving this idea a try for the year of 2014; get one of those small digital cameras and when you get out of the house, snap a picture and start recording the day, snap a photo many times a day. If you do this for 10 years or so imagine the images you can review and keep it all on a pin-drive or thumb-drive. Besides, it beats writing in a diary.

Just get a small camera, hang it around your neck, a thumb-drive for your pocket. After all, electronic memory is cheap these days. Thousands of books can be stored on devices that cost less than one book.

I was sharing this idea with a senior and we decided it was better to clutter up a memory card than to clutter one's mind, which can be freed for more creative thinking. Also, when one's memory begins to fade, there's a reminder from every

day of one's life that is there, on a screen for reference.

I also refer seniors to a company on the computer called "luminosity." You may have seen their advertisements on TV. It's one of many companies that have sprung up with computer programs designed to stem memory loss and other cognitive challenges face by older consumers.

Some of these companies have specialist in the medical field on their staff who have designed drills for older people to help them test their ability to recall data and recognize patterns such as audio signals.

The products are currently being sold to senior centers, communities of older residents, nursing homes and individuals. Over time, the programs may lead senior to regain a certain confidence they did not have before beginning the

program.

Let's face it, when a senior gains confidence it immediately improves performance.

As an aging baby-boomer, I have a concern that the aging of America's entrepreneurial class could, over time, cost the nation some of its potential to innovate and grow – especially with the boomers getting ready to retire.

The boomer generation has been on the cutting edge and didn't mind shaking up everything from the information economy to the uses of our DNA.

Some of the boomers will continue in the workplace and refuse to quit – it's just the way we are.

As long as we have boomer entrepreneurs, there will be a creation of jobs. We all know that small business is America's greatest job engine. We boomers are not interested in becoming a Fortune 500 company.

However, I do believe we will see older

entrepreneurs who will be an increasingly central group within the creative class, revitalizing where we live, thereby maintaining a great quality of life for all citizens of Wakulla County.

Boomers have always that we could take a product and make it better and so far we have accomplished this goal. This process is called innovation. So as we age, let us keep the creative juices flowing. Sit back and let a little monotony and solitude of a quieter life stimulate our creative minds.

Meanwhile, I'm enjoying being a grandparent too!

I've taken my granddaughter on her first trophy hunt and she bagged her first whitetail deer, an eight point. It's nice to be in a position where I don't have to supply her needs, my son and daughter-in-law supplies needs. Poppi supplies her wants (and, yes, I'm mounting

the head and horns for her because I can).

I'm fortunate, I see many grandparents who are raising their grandchildren and supplying all their needs and the wants are far and few between. It's almost like their being a grandparent has been stolen from them. It's hard to spoil a child when you're supplying the necessities of life. I'm an old hand now at spoiling them both.

However, many boomers for various reasons becoming the parents of their children's children. The stress on them is pretty heavy. Many saw themselves at this age looking forward to retirement and getting ready for the really big vacation they have talk about for years, but now there are three grandchildren living with them and they step up and do what they have to do for family.

Grandparents provide broad and underappreciated

safety nets for families all over the world.

Perhaps we boomers do it out of necessity, or perhaps we do because we have the means and the time, but some do it and it heroic and an amazing sacrifice.

All in all, seniors from the greatest generation to the baby boomers provide family services on a massive scale. Americans over 55 provided \$100 billion in family care last year.

So keep your mind fresh with lifelong, get the camera and a thumbdrive, grab the grandkids from time-to-time and snap a few memories.

And always, stop by Sonic and load the grandchildren up with hot fudge and banana splits before taking them home to their parents – those Generation X-ers!

T.W. Maurice is executive director of the Wakulla County Senior Citizens Council.

Farm Share food distribution is held locally

By **JENNY ODOM**
Special to The News

Farm Share, a state-wide food bank, provided food packages free of charge at Harvest Fellowship Church on Shadeville Road in Crawfordville, serving a few hundred families.

The large semi-truck with Farm Share logo, pulled onto the lawn around 7:30 a.m. for volunteers to begin unloading it in order to pack plastic bags full of fresh tomatoes, avocados, peppers, lettuce, and more.

Volunteers from Harvest Fellowship, Crawfordville United Method-

ist Church, Living Stone Ministry and more showed up to lend a hand.

The cars started lining up before 10 a.m. along Shadeville Road and slowly crept through a snaking path as volunteers handed out bags of goods and literature to the families taking the assistance offered by the largest fresh produce program in Florida.

Also at the event were volunteers from VITA to help people with taxes, free health screenings and HIV testing from Life Sciences of Washington, the Refuge House offering domestic violence information, as well as NAMI of Wakulla and other groups.



PHOTOS BY JENNY ODOM
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS



Shell Point Wind Ceremony



PHOTOS BY JENNY ODOM
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Firefighters battle two blazes on Friday

Staff Report

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office dispatched units to a report burning mobile home in the Panacea area late Friday evening. Deputies arrived first and determined no one was inside. Wakulla County Fire Rescue units arrived and reported the home fully involved.

There were power lines preventing approach to front side of the structure. Firefighters had to fight the fire from a distance (note the line sagging in front of mobile home in photos).

Duke Energy was called by WCSO before fire units arrived but was well over an hour and a half before they arrived on the scene. Hose lines were stretched around the wires so that a safe approach could be made. Occupants told WCSO they were visiting their next door neighbor when another neighbor approached and advised of the fire.

Wakulla County Fire and Rescue determined that the cause of the fire was faulty wiring to the hot water heater. The landlord had recently worked on that unit. No injuries were reported to the couple and their child that resided or to any responders. American Red Cross was contacted to assist the residents. Volunteer fire units from six stations and the career station responded to the incident.

Due to the remodeling that had been done on the home firefighters had extensive work to assure that all hot spots were extinguished. Units were on the scene more than five hours working to make sure the fire was completely out.



Photos special to The News



RV catches fire in Wildwood

Staff Report

A motorhome parked near a residence in the Wildwood area caught fire this weekend.

Children of the owner came running into the house shouting the travel trailer was on fire. Fire units from two career units and two volunteer stations responded to the alarm. WCSO had three deputies in the area, and along with neighbors and the owner, were able to keep the fire in check before WCFR arrived.

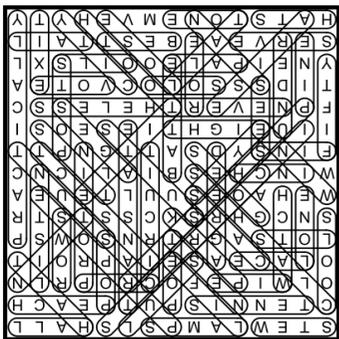
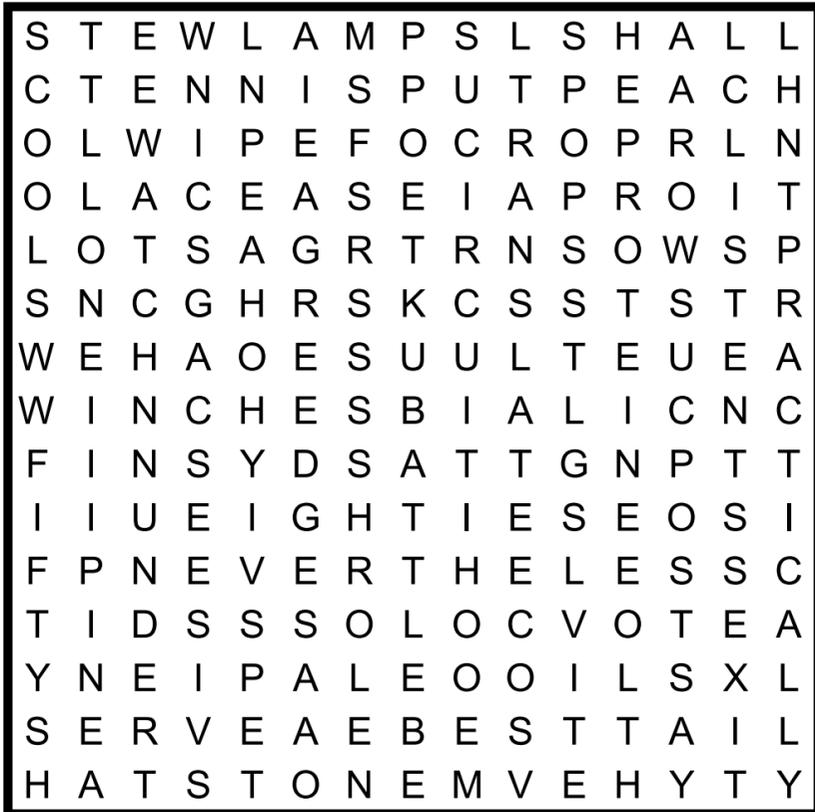
Flames were showing from the roof when the first fire unit arrived. A hose line was deployed and firefighters entered the structure to extinguish the fire very quickly. While the fire was contained to the kitchen area, heat and smoke damage will probably total the RV.

The cause of the fire is reported to have originated in the electrical panel. The RV was not being used at the time of the blaze.



Thinking OUTSIDE the Book

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| Cars | Hall | Nest | Stir |
| Circuit | Halt | Nevertheless | Stunt |
| City | Hats | Oils | Suits |
| Clashes | Inch | Pale | Tail |
| Cools | Incorrect | Park | Tall |
| Corrects | Insect | Peach | Tennis |
| Crop | Lace | Pine | Tips |
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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - SPRING

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **How does the Easter bunny stay in shape?**

APRIL	W	I	Y	T	H	H	S	L	A	R
BASEBALL	S	O	D	T	S	C	P	P	O	A
CANDY	O	S	N	F	H	E	R	B	G	B
CHICK	T	G	A	I	S	I	A	E	B	
CHOCOLATES	R	S	C	R	L	N	N	Y	M	I
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FEAST	B	A	S	E	B	A	L	L	H	M
GRASS	E	D	A	F	F	O	D	I	L	S
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LILIES										
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MAY										
RABBIT										
ROBIN										
SPRING										

Riddle answer: _____

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

Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

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

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| 1. Toast topping | ___ T ___ | Belvedere's job title | ___ L ___ |
| 2. Chalkboard material | S ___ _ | Dish | P ___ _ |
| 3. Implant | ___ R _ | Ant or butterfly | ___ C _ |
| 4. Actress Day | ___ I _ | College rooms | ___ M _ |
| 5. Military title | ___ J ___ | City official | ___ Y ___ |
| 6. Out of date | ___ L ___ | More peculiar | ___ D ___ |
| 7. Fence stake | ___ I ___ | Sugar envelope | ___ A ___ |
| 8. Flying saucer resident | ___ I ___ | Wrench style | ___ L ___ |
| 9. Mental state | S ___ _ | Self-importance | V ___ _ |
| 10. Wilderness abode | C ___ _ | Monkey with | T ___ _ |

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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. Baiting cage is missing. 2. Sign is missing. 3. Shirt name is different. 4. Glove is missing. 5. Fence is different. 6. Flagpole is missing.

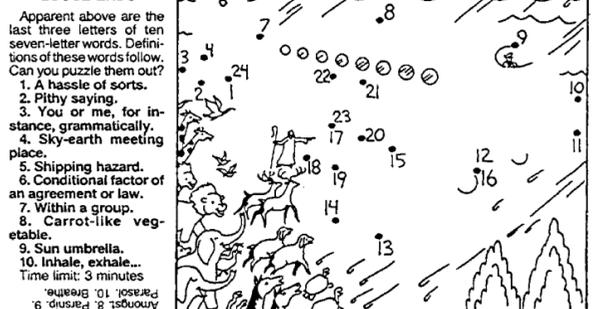
Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

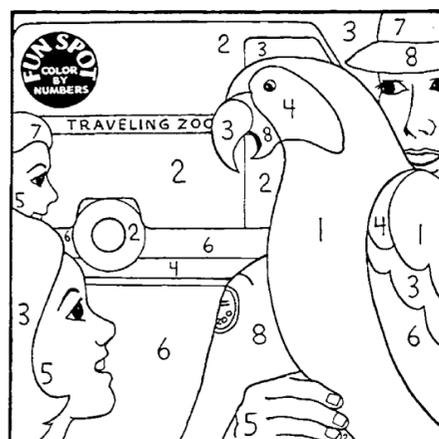
HANDS ON! "Pick a card," says the magician, fanning out a hand. "Now return the card, and shuffle the hand," he or she continues. Whereupon the magician peruses the hand and alakazam, "finds" your card. Secret: All cards in the tendered hand are odd-numbered. A "ringer" hand of even-numbered cards is dilly substituted to receive the chosen card. And that card is easy to spot in the even-card hand. Give it a try.

STRONG TALK! Archimedes, having discovered the laws of levers and pulleys, is said to have boasted: "Give me a and I will move the earth." What three words are missing from his remark?

Missing words are "place to stand"



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SPELLBINDER

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

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

Try to score at least 50 points.

Possible twosomes: hon, bear



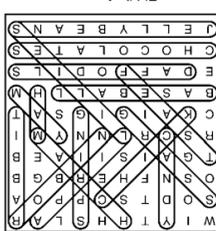
Kids' Maze Solution

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Butter, Butler | 6. Older, Odder |
| 2. Slate, Plate | 7. Picket, Packet |
| 3. Insert, Inset | 8. Alien, Allen |
| 4. Dors, Dorms | 9. Sanly, Vanly |
| 5. Major, Mayor | 10. Camper, Tamper |

Even Exchange

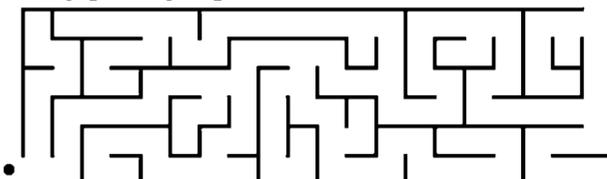
answers

With lots of eggs-ercise.



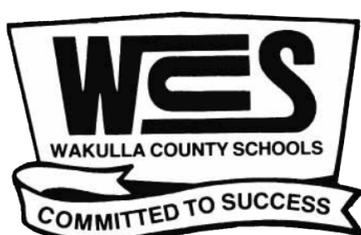
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5090-0327 TWN
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Misc. Notices

5042-0327 TWN
 Adoption of Trent Lee Hollinsworth 13-DR-428
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

Misc. Notices

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.

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

5095-0403 TWN
 vs. Colligan, Thomas 13000358CAAXMX Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 13000358CAAXMX

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., PLAINTIFF,
 VS.
 THOMAS COLLIGAN A/K/A THOMAS J. COLLIGAN, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S).
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 11, 2014 and entered in Case No. 13000358CAAXMX in the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. was the Plaintiff and THOMAS COLLIGAN A/K/A THOMAS J. COLLIGAN, ET AL., the Defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the front door of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville

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Hwy. Crawfordville, FL 32327 on the 17th day of April, 2014, the following property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 24, BLOCK "B", TWIN LAKES ESTATES, UNIT NO. 1, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 16 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Clerk, Circuit Court (SEAL) /s/ Chris Helms, Deputy Clerk

Stephen M. Huttman Attorney for Plaintiff Pendergast & Morgan, P.A. 115 Perimeter Center Place South Teraces Suite 1000, Atlanta, GA 30346

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March 27 & April 3, 2014, 13-09360 kss_fm

5094-0403 TWN vs. Dunn, Darrell David 2009-CA-000322 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. 2009-CA-000322

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, Plaintiff, vs. DARRELL DAVID DUNN, NANCY J. DUNN, THE FAIRWAYS AT WILDWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., JANE DOE, JOHN DOE, Defendants

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered September 20, 2012 in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-000322 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT in and for Wakulla County, Crawfordville, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP is Plaintiff and DARRELL DAVID DUNN, NANCY J. DUNN, THE FAIRWAYS AT WILDWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., JANE DOE, JOHN DOE, are Defendants, 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 24th day of April, 2014 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 6, THE FAIRWAYS AT WILDWOOD AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 51 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was Mailed this 14th day of March, 2014, to all parties on the attached service list.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2014, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT As Clerk of the Court (SEAL) By: /s/ Chris Helms, Deputy Clerk

MCCALLA RAYMER, LLC, ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF 110 SE 6TH STREET, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301, (407) 674-1850

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

March 27 & April 3, 2014, 10-019524-9

5093-0403 TWN vs. Coles, Ernest 2012-CA-000057 Notice of Sale PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE #: 2012-CA-000057

Bank of America, National Association, Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P., Plaintiff, vs. Ernest Coles and Marilyn B. Coles, Husband and Wife; Magnolia Ridge North Homeowners Association, Inc. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment entered in Civil Case No. 2012-CA-000057 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein Bank of America, National Association, Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P., Plaintiff and Ernest Coles and Marilyn B. Coles, Husband and Wife are defendant(s). I, Clerk of Court, Brent X. Thurmond, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT CHURCH STREET, HIGHWAY 319, CRAWFORDVILLE, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on April 17, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 12, BLOCK "B", MAGNOLIA RIDGE NORTH, A SUBDIVISION, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 55 AND 56, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, 301 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301; (850) 577-4430 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Brent X. Thurmond, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, Wakulla County, Florida (CIRCUIT COURT SEAL) By: /s/ Chris Helms, DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP 2424 North Federal Highway, Suite 360, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 (561) 998-6700, (561) 998-6707

March 27 & April 3, 2014, 10-193182 FC01 CWF

5092-0403 TWN vs. Teel, Robert C. 2011-CA-000270 Clerk's Notice of Sale PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No. 2011-CA-000270

HANCOCK BANK, Plaintiff, vs. ROBERT C. TEEL ET AL., Defendant.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE UNDER FS. CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 17, 2013 (filed herein on December 18, 2013) and the Order Granting Motion for Correction of Error Arising from Omission dated March 13, 2014 (directing that the Final Judgment of Foreclosure be re-recorded along with Exhibits A-C, which were originally omitted from it), in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in the lobby of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327 on April 17, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. (EST), or as soon thereafter as the sale may proceed, the following described property:

COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA WITH THE EAST BOUNDARY OF A 100 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY OF STATE ROAD NUMBER 369; THENCE RUN ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY AS FOLLOWS: SOUTH 00 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST 1490.30 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT

BRG Rentals & Property Mgmt. 850 926-8777 www.bluewaterrealtygroup.com RENTALS • 43 Squaw - 3/2, \$750 mo., \$900 Deposit. • 42 Chickat Trail - 3/2, \$850 mo., \$850 Deposit. • 43 Fairway - 3/2, \$950 mo., \$950 Deposit. No Smoking, Pets w/ approval

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MARKING THE POINT OF CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 34328.44 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE FOR 120.66 FEET, THRU A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 05 SECONDS, CHORD OF SAID ARC BEING SOUTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 120.66 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 155.76 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 417.29 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 208.35 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST 261.53 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST 208.27 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH A 20 FOOT WIDE ACCESS EASEMENT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA WITH THE EAST BOUNDARY OF A 100 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY OF STATE ROAD NUMBER 369; THENCE RUN ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY AS FOLLOWS: SOUTH 00 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST 1490.30 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE POINT OF CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 34328.44 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE FOR 120.66 FEET, THRU A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 05 SECONDS, CHORD OF SAID ARC BEING SOUTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 120.66 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 155.76 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 188.27 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 200 FEET THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST 155.91 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP; THENCE ON THE EASTERLY BIGHT OF WAY OF SAID STATE ROAD NUMBER 369, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 34328.44 FEET; THENCE NORTH-EASTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE AND SAID RIGHT OF WAY FOR 20.00 FEET, THRU A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 00 SECONDS, CHORD OF SAID ARC BEING NORTH 00 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST 20.00 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST 155.97 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

Dated: March 17, 2014, BRENT X. THURMOND, CLERK OF COURT (COURT SEAL) By: /s/ Chris Helms, Deputy Clerk

March 27 & April 3, 2014.

5091-0403 TWN vs. Albritton, Samuel Hayward 1422CP Notice to Creditors PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA File No. 1422CP Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF SAMUEL HAYWARD ALBRITTON Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of SAMUEL HAYWARD ALBRITTON, deceased, whose date of death was February 1, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida, 32327. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is March 27, 2014.

Personal Representative: Keith R. Albritton, 4216 McLeod Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32303 Attorney for Personal Representative: George H. Gwynn, Florida Bar No. 0357537 Williams, Gautier, Gwynn, DeLoach & Sorenson, P.A. 2010 Delta Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32303 Telephone: (850) 386-3300 March 27 & April 3, 2014.

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 L. 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 ROD, THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST 459.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 5.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO A ROADWAY EASEMENT OVER AND ACROSS THE WESTERLY 30.00 FEET THEREOF.

TOGETHER WITH A 1991 HOMETTE DOUBLE-WIDE MOBILE HOME VIN #HMLC2P8362856857A/B, TITLE #61497649 AND 61497652.

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

Dated this 5 day of March, 2014, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT As Clerk of the Court (SEAL) By: /s/ Tiffany Deschner, Deputy Clerk

MCCALLA RAYMER, LLC, ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF 110 SE 6TH STREET, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301, (407) 674-1850 MRSERVICE@MCCALLARAYMER.COM

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March 20 & 27, 2014, 13-05705

5088-0327 TWN vs. Waltman, Mary 13-216-CA Notice of Sale PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 13-216-CA

AMERIS BANK, a Georgia Bank, 201 S. Broad Street, P.O. Box 240, Cairo, GA 39828, Plaintiff, vs. MARY WALTMAN A/K/A MARY W. WALTMAN, RANDALL L. WALTMAN A/K/A RANDALL L.

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WALTMAN, SR. A/K/A RANDY WALTMAN, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

Lot 8, Shadeville North, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page(s) 20, of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida; together with that certain 1999 Fleetwood Mobile Home, Serial Number GARLW75A69434CD21 and GARLW75B69434CD21

Commonly known as: 91 DIXIE DRIVE, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32326,

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash on April 10, 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.

Notice to Persons With Disabilities: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator's office no later than seven days prior to the proceeding. Clerk of the Circuit Court (SEAL) By: /s/ Tiffany Deschner, Deputy Clerk

March 20 & 27, 2014.

5087-0327 TWN vs. Cotton, Azada 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 the 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

**See Americans with Disabilities Act. Any persons with a disability requiring reasonable accommodations should call Clerk of Circuit Court at (850) 926-0905.

March 20 & 27, 2014, F08109205

5086-0327 TWN vs. Ard Sr., Aubrey J. 13-31-CA Notice of Sale PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 13000031CA000269 DIVISION

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. AUBREY J. ARD, SR., et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 15, 2014, and entered in Case No. 13000031CA000269 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida in which JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, is the Plaintiff and Aubrey J. Ard, Sr. also known as Aubrey J. Ard also known as Aubrey J. Arda, Jennifer M. Ard and Tina M. Ard, Janet M. Ard, Terri Ann H. Tennant #2, The Unknown Spouse of Aubrey J. Ard, Sr. also known as Aubrey J. Ard also known as Aubrey J. Arda, The Unknown Spouse of Jennifer M. Ard, The Unknown Spouse of Tina M. Ard, are defendants, the Wakulla County Clerk of Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the front lobby of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, Wakulla County, Florida at 11:00 AM EST on the 17th day of April, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 10, OF MILLWOOD ACRES, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 23, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 53 GREENLEAF LN CRAWFORDVILLE FL 32327-5779

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

Dated in Wakulla County, Florida this 17th day of January, 2014. Clerk of the Circuit Court Wakulla County, Florida (SEAL) By: /s/ Chris Helms, Deputy Clerk

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding at the Office of the Wakulla County Clerk of Court, 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327; Telephone: (850) 926-0905; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), via Florida Relay Service. To file response please contact Wakulla County Clerk of Court, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327. Tel: (850) 926-0905; Fax: (850) 926-0901.

March 13 & 20, 2014, WB-002247F01

5085-0327 TWN vs. Clark, Thomas E. 65-2012-CA-000325 Notice of Sale PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 65-2012-CA-000325

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff, vs. THOMAS E. CLARK A/K/A THOMAS ERIC CLARK; USA M. CLARK A/K/A LISA CLARK A/K/A LISA A. CLARK et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Summary Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on November 21, 2013 in Civil Case No. 65-2012-CA-000325, of the Circuit Court of the SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT in and for WAKULLA County, Florida, wherein, WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff, and THOMAS E. CLARK A/K/A THOMAS ERIC CLARK; USA M. CLARK A/K/A LISA CLARK A/K/A LISA A. CLARK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF THOMAS E. CLARK A/K/A THOMAS ERIC CLARK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LISA M. CLARK A/K/A LISA CLARK A/K/A LISA A. CLARK; AND ANY UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION, are Defendants.

The clerk of the court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 AM at the front door of the Wakulla County courthouse located at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, in Wakulla County, Florida, on April 10, 2014 the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 7 AND 8, BLOCK H, PANACEA PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGE 191, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY,

Ochlockonee Bay Realty Long-Term & Vacation Rentals 28 Endeavour Drive - 3BR/3BA completely furnished house. Home is 2,440 sq. ft., has hardwood floors, 4 car carport, boat slip, community club house and pool. \$2,000 mo. No smoking, No pets. 26 E George's Lighthouse Point - Overlooking Ochlockonee Bay in gated community w/pool. 2BR/2BA Condo, hardwood floors, washer & Dryer. \$950. mo. No Smoking, No Pets. 2BR/2BA Marina Village - Mashes Sand Rd. 2 Story Condo #B5. Fully Furnished, washer/Dryer, Community Pool, Boat Slip w/ Lift. \$1,200 mo. No smoking, No pets. 695-5C Mashes Sands Rd. - 2BR/2BA Marina Village, 2 Story Condo. Washer/Dryer, Pool, Boat Slips. No Smoking, No Pets! \$1,100. mo. No smoking, No pets. NEED TO RENT YOUR HOUSE? Let us put our Experienced Management Team to Work for You! Franklin County 146 Coastal Hwy. Panama, FL 32346 850-984-0001 obr@obrealty.com www.obrealty.com

Visit Passau, gateway to Bavaria



By **LINDA CARTER**
Special to The News

Fall colors intensify as the boat drifts along the Danube. Picturesque German villages glide silently by.

Beside the river, fortified structures dot the landscape, once used to collect tolls from merchants as they made their way along the river; today most are in ruins.

You find yourself humming “the Sound of Music” and expect to see Julie Andrews around the next bend.

Approaching by water, the sight of Passau is amazing. Spires reach heavenward, each crowned with a different style steeple.

Three rivers – the Inn, the Ilz, and the Danube – meet, and at the confluence the other two merge into the Danube.

Perhaps due to its old world charm numerous river cruise ships dock here, more than 10 at our arrival.

Tied to other ships we have to walk through the other cruise boats to reach the dock.

Our captain’s word of warning, “Cross over the boat only, this is not an excuse to tour the other ship.” With that admonition ringing in our ears, we do as directed.

Directly on the Austrian border, and once part of the country of Bavaria, Passau’s wealth came from salt, as well as knife and sword making.

Originally ruled by a prince bishop, these rulers became princes of the Holy Roman Empire in 1217 and continued to rule this area until 1803. A both monastic and secular position, these men were more like kings than bishops. Remaining independent until World War II, it later became a part of Germany.

A castle looms over the city on the opposite side of the river, once home to the prince-bishops. Later replaced with a new residence adjacent to St. Stephens Cathedral, the elaborate new palace features gothic, renaissance, baroque, and rococo architecture

Gothic St. Stephen’s Cathedral burned in 1662. The only original remaining section was then incorporated into the new church. In an effort to create harmony the original steeple was modernized to blend with the new baroque features. Containing the largest pipe organ in Europe with almost 18,000 pipes, the smallest only a half-inch and the largest over 11 meters, it’s a sight to behold.

A mix of copper and aluminum pipes, five different organs are incorporated, but all can be played from one single location. Just to manage the more than 200 pedals, and uncounted knobs you have to be an expert.

Over 50,000 residents live in this



PHOTOS BY LINDA CARTER/LUXURY CRUISE AND TRAVEL

A river view of the city of Passau, above. City hall, below.

small community. Of those, 11,000 are students, making Passau a college town, much like Tallahassee.

The pedestrian shopping avenue features cafes, clothing stores selling modern apparel as well as the traditional German dirndl skirts, and bakeries selling lebkuchen, a cookie made with molasses that resembles a gingerbread cookie.

Most unusual is the store that sells nothing but gummie-bears. Who wouldn’t want to try a gummie pizza, authentic right down to the gummie mushrooms?

Infamous as a one-time residence of Adolf Hitler, and location of

sub branches of the concentration camp Mathauson-Gusen, there is a great deal of World War II history in the area.

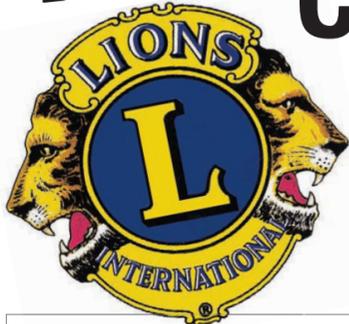
An optional ship’s tour takes “Sound of Music” fans to several of the actual filming locations in the area.

Charming but tiny Passau is easily explored on foot in a few hours, leaving plenty of time for an onboard chocolate tasting, and a relaxing cruise to the next destination.

Linda Carter is the owner of Luxury Cruise & Travel Inc. in Crawfordville. She can be reached at (850) 290-4058 or www.luxurycruise-travel.com.



YOUR **Crawfordville Lions Club**



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Backlash

Tiger Rock Martial Arts

Lost Creek Band
& Rick Tittle

The Wild Wakulla Wigglers

Ta-Da Dance Studio
of Grubbs Music Center

Rockulla Allstars with Extra Thanks to
Rockulla Music Emporium

Opening Ceremony
Invocation - Pastor Keith Wallace

National Anthem - John Braley

Flag Raising - Boy Scouts - Troop 5
& Cub Scouts - Pack 5

CONGRATULATIONS to the Grand Prize
Raffle Winner, **Celina Greene**

- 1st Prize Jamie Peterson
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