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## KING REMEMBERED

Wakulla honors the mission and sacrifice of the slain civil rights leader

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN  
Editor

The day began with a breakfast at Hudson Park, had a brief gathering at the monument at the courthouse, and concluded with service that evening at New Bridge Hope Missionary Baptist Church.

That was how Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day was observed in Wakulla County.

Minister Lydia Mount, speaker at the New Bridge Hope observance, gave an overview of King's life and recounted the struggles of civil rights workers.

Reading from King's "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," Mount noted the reference to "purification" by civil rights activists before taking action – an effort to prepare themselves for the taunts, derision and sometimes violence they



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**Minister Lydia Mount spoke of the the sacrifice and dedication of civil rights workers at the annual observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day at New Bridge Hope M.B. Church.**

faced.

She stressed King's commitment to non-violence, and said it only deepened her appreciation for what he went through. The bombing of his house in Montgomery in 1957 – and King calmed and sent away an angry mob

that had come to take vengeance, arming themselves with guns and hoes and sticks.

But he told them that his family was OK, and that they should love their enemies.

Mount noted that every school child knows King's "I Have

a Dream" speech, but she pointed to the Birmingham jail letter as a civil rights manifesto.

Mount read King's analysis of two types of law: just and unjust. There is a legal and moral responsibility to

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## Tyler Lowe is district spelling champion



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**Tyler Lowe accepts First Place trophy from Superintendent of Schools Bobby Pearce.**

Wakulla Middle 8th grader will travel to regional spelling bee

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN  
Editor

It took 13 rounds to get to a winner, but ultimately Tyler Lowe was crowned champion speller for Wakulla County in 2018 with the word "Permian."

Runnerup Kiersten Chadwell, a 5th grader at Crawfordville Elementary was knocked out in the 12th round with the word "ventilate."

There were 14 competitors in this year's district spelling bee, it was the 42nd annual, held on Friday, Jan. 12, with two students competing from Wakulla's four elementary schools, two middle schools, and COAST Charter School.

Lowe will compete in the regional spelling

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**Officers and board members, above, at the installation banquet on Thursday, Jan. 11. Incoming Chamber President Courtney Armitage thanks outgoing President Mary Wallace for her service, left, and Wallace cuts up with her gift, right.**



## Woman charged with running theft ring

Sylvia Pritchard alleged to have sent thieves into stores with list of items to steal

Special to The News

Sylvia "Dee Dee" Pritchard, business owner of Wakulla Gold Buyers and Lighthouse Lady Cleaning Service was arrested on Thursday, Jan. 11, after detectives with the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant for stolen property.

Pritchard was arrested on one count of Organized Dealing in Stolen Property (1st degree felony) and three counts of Dealing in Stolen Property (2nd degree felony).

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Sylvia Pritchard



Starla Pritchard

## A girl and her horse

Faith Joiner wins big with a horse that she was told wasn't good enough

Special to The News

Faith Joiner, a 17-year-old junior at Wakulla High School, won big in the 2017 Southern Hunter Jumper Association show session.

The story behind the story is that typically to compete in this sport, one rides a horse that has been professionally trained and is usually priced at a beginning of \$10,000 and going well into the upper \$20,000 range and trains with a professional trainer multiple times per week.

Faith began riding on her own when she was 4, starting lessons off and on when she was 11. When she was 15, the late George Johnson contacted her mother stating he had a horse in which he thought they might be interested. Though only green broke and barely ridden, Johnson believed there to be something special about him. Faith trav-



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

**Faith Joiner and her big gray gelding nicknamed 'Kiwi.'**

eled to Sopchoppy with her mother and Johnson to look at Achilles (show name Knight in Shining Armor and affectionately known as "Kiwi") and fell in love instantly. He was

purchased at a very nominal fee and had no obvious special talent, knowledge or skill.

Faith began pouring into him believing that he had potential to be something special.

In fact, given that the horse came to her, she believed him to be a direct gift from God. She took him to local trainers shortly after acquiring him, however, and was told by more than

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James Burner Asbell  
Rachel Greene Oliver  
Helen Palagyi

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Aaron Hayden playing the saxophone.



Attendees standing in line for breakfast in Hudson Park.

Pictures by Megan Chichester

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Pastor Rodney Smith.



Deshawn Jenkins holding Amayla Smalls and Danielle Jenkins.



Shanya Donaldson, Cynthia Tiarra, Myla Donaldson, & Ashorie Donaldson enjoying their breakfast.



Pastor Robert Manning.

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All the participants in the district spelling bee.

## Tyler Lowe is district spelling champ

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bee held in Tallahassee.

Besides a trophy presented by Superintendent of Schools Bobby Pearce, Lowe also was presented

with a Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary from The Wakulla News.

Some of the words that knocked out competitors this year were icicle, mizzle, commendable, prescrip-

tion, incessant, buffalo, ballot, prairie, gorgeous, stethoscope, and merengue – which is a dance, not a desert.

Pronouncer was school board member Melisa Taylor. Judges

were Sue Anderson of the school district, News editor William Snowden, and Donna Clark of the Wakulla County Health Department.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

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



### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT WAKULLA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEDART LIFT STATION BYPASS

**INVITATION TO BID No. ITB 2018-02**  
Sealed bids to extend sewer line on US 319 to the Otter Creek WWTP in order to bypass the Medart Lift Station will be received at the office of the Board of County Commissioners, 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327; until **3:00 P.M.**, Local Time, on **Wednesday, February 22, 2018** at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. Bids received after said time will be returned unopened.

The principal features of this procurement by the County is known as: **Medart Lift Station Bypass**. The specifications of this procurement are stated in the ITB 2018-02. The ITB and any addenda issued will be posted to the County's Website at [www.mywakulla.com](http://www.mywakulla.com) or by contacting the County Purchasing Office at 850-926-0919.

There is a **mandatory** pre-bid conference scheduled for **February 1, 2018** at 3:00 P.M. held at the office of the Board of County Commissioners.

All inquiries and clarification requests shall be submitted in writing to Dewberry Preble-Rish, Philip Jones, P.E. – Project Manager; [pajones@dewberry.com](mailto:pajones@dewberry.com) in accordance with the ITB. Verbal clarifications will not be provided.

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO (\$35,000) for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid; reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part; re-bid a project, in whole or in part; and to accept a proposal that in its judgment is the lowest and best bid of a responsible bidder. In accepting a bid, Wakulla County may award a contract based only on the base bid, the base bid plus all alternates, or the base bid plus any alternates which Wakulla County selects -- with all decisions being made based upon what Wakulla County believes to be the best interests of its ratepayers, in the reasonable exercise of its discretion. Wakulla County further reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities as may be required to meet the needs of Wakulla County, at the unit price which was bid.

Wakulla County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, marital status and disability/handicapped status in employment or provision of service.

- *Wakulla County is an Equal Opportunity*
- *Employer/MBE/WBE businesses are encouraged to participate*
- *Wakulla County strictly enforces open and fair competition*

**ADA – Special Accommodations:** Any person requiring accommodations by the County due to a disability should call the Purchasing Office at 950-926-0919 at least five (5) days prior to any pre-response conference, response opening, or meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the County Purchasing Office by the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

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### More Public Notices appear on Page 8.

### Wakulla County School Board BID #17/18-01

**Request for Architectural Services  
For Demolition of Existing Walkway and  
Construction of New Walkway at District Office**

The Wakulla County School Board is accepting proposals for Architectural Services to provide design and construction administration of District Office Walkways demolition and construction to existing site. All those interested should submit four (4) copies of the following: Resume, forms 254, SF 330 and a list of references and qualifications to Robert Pearce, Superintendent of Wakulla County Schools, P.O. Box 100, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327 by 10:00 a.m. January 31, 2018. Contact person is William R. Bristol, Executive Director of Facilities and Maintenance at (850) 926-0065.

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### Notice of Public Hearings

The Wakulla County Historic Preservation Committee and Board of County Commissioners proposes to consider the following application and has scheduled Public Hearings regarding the following before the **Wakulla County Historic Preservation Committee on Monday, February 12, 2018, beginning at 4:00 PM** and before the **Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners on Monday, March 5, 2018, beginning at 5:00 PM, unless otherwise noted below or as time permits.** The Historic Preservation Committee public hearing will be held at the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Conference Room at 3093 Crawfordville Highway Crawfordville, FL 32327. The Board of County Commissioners public hearing will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. All affected parties may appear at the public hearings, be heard, and submit evidence and written comments on the application.



#### 1. Local Register of Historic Places Nomination Application:

Property Owner: Wakulla County  
Proposal: Include the Old Wakulla County Jail on the Local Register of Historic Places  
Tax ID Number: 00-00-077-021-10683-000  
Existing FLU Map: Urban 1 (FLUE Policy 1.2.5)  
Existing Zoning: CO (Section 5-35, LDC)  
Parcel Size: 0.15 +/- acres  
Location: 24 High Drive

#### Hearings Required:

**Historic Preservation Committee:  
Monday, February 12, 2018 at 4:00 PM**  
**County Commissioners:  
Monday, March 5, 2018 at 5:00 PM**

Copies of applications, staff reports, and any related public record files may be viewed at and the public may submit written comments or evidence prior to the public hearing 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 [ADARquest@mywakulla.com](mailto:ADARquest@mywakulla.com).

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on February 20, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Rd., Crawfordville, FL, 32327

#### Purpose of Hearing:

To Consider a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Acquisition of Property on Dr. Martin Luther King Rd. for Road Right of Way Expansion.

#### Legal Description:

LOT 11, BLOCK 1, WAKULLA GARDENS UNIT II, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 42 OF PUBLIC RECORDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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### The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners is Seeking a Member to Serve on the Historic Preservation Committee

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners is seeking a volunteer to serve on the Wakulla County Historic Preservation Committee. This Committee was established to review and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on matters related to the designation, regulation and administration of historical, cultural and architectural resources in Wakulla County.

The BOCC is seeking one (1) member who must be a resident of Wakulla County from the disciplines of architecture, history, architectural history, planning, prehistoric and history archaeology, folklore, cultural anthropology, curation, conservation, landscape architecture or related disciplines; or who can demonstrate special interest, experience, or knowledge in history, architecture, or related discipline.

Interested persons should submit a cover letter explaining their interest in serving on the Historic Preservation Committee and provide a resume or other detailed information related to professional experience, education, background, knowledge, etc., which shall also include the person's name, address, telephone number, and email address no later than Thursday, February 1, 2018. Please e-mail your information to [Melissa Corbett, Senior Planner, mcorbett@mywakulla.com](mailto:Melissa.Corbett@mywakulla.com) or by fax to 926-1528.

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### RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2018 SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION

**REGISTRATION DATES & TIMES:**  
Saturday's 1/27/18 & 2/3/18, from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. or regular office hours (Mon. – Fri.): Tuesday 1/16/18 to Friday 2/2/18, 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**  
Saturday 2/3/18, 12:00 P.M.

**REGISTRATION PLACE:**  
Medart Recreation Park

**REGISTRATION AGE DETERMINING DATE:**  
April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

SPORT	AGE	FEE
T-Ball Minor League	4 & 5	\$40.00
T-Ball Major League	6 & 7	\$40.00
Pitching Machine League	7 & 8	\$45.00
Wakulla Cal Ripken League - Minor * 9 & 10		\$100.00
Wakulla Cal Ripken League – Major * 11 & 12		\$100.00

(All Cal Ripken players must attend skills assessment being conducted during registration times. Please bring your child with baseball gear i.e. glove, batting helmet and bat to registration so he may run, throw, catch and hit.)

Wakulla Girls Softball Association \* 7 - 15 \$ 70.00  
(\*Means a Copy of Birth Certificate Required)

All leagues age determining dates are April 30<sup>th</sup>, EXCEPT Girls' Softball age determining date which is January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE for T-ball and Pitching Machine League is 2/3/18 at 12:00 P.M.** All of the Association's deadlines may vary so please sign up early so your child secures a spot. Please call 926-7227 for more information or go to our webpage at [www.mywakulla.com](http://www.mywakulla.com) or like us on Facebook.

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### Notice of Public Hearing Concerning a Text Amendment to the Wakulla County Code of Ordinances

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners proposes to consider the following ordinance. A Public Hearing is scheduled before the **Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners on Monday, February 5, 2018 beginning at 5:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard.** All public hearings will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. All affected parties may appear at the public hearings, be heard, and submit evidence and written comments on the application.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, REPEALING SECTION 2.173 OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; RENUMBERING CHAPTER 2 OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; CREATING A NEW ARTICLE WITHIN CHAPTER 8 OF THE CODE PERTAINING TO APPLICATIONS FOR SATISFACTION AND REDUCTION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT LIENS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, FOR CODIFICATION, AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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 [ADARquest@mywakulla.com](mailto:ADARquest@mywakulla.com).

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# The Opinion page

readers speak out

## Erin Hill joins The News as reporter



By ERIN HILL

It's funny how things work out. When I graduated from Florida A&M University in 2011, I thought with a degree, finding a job would be easy. I was wrong.

After years of calling, and applying to daily and weekly papers it was by sheer coincidence, maybe even luck, I ended up at The Wakulla News.

Two years ago, I was working a temporary job at a bank, and doing photography as a side gig. One day I was on my Instagram explore page and I saw a picture of a coupon haul on the page of a couponer in Detroit. For those of you who aren't familiar with couponing, a haul is basically the items you bought from a store while using coupons.

I began looking at other photos from the Instagramers page, and discovered breakdowns, which is basically when the couponer

explains how to do the deal. I followed her of course, and I soon began following other couponers she interacted with.

Soon I was sucked into the "dark web" of couponing. I found out that The Wakulla News had coupons and they were six times cheaper than a Sunday paper, and they came out a few days earlier. I came to the office, bought 20 papers, and turned to head out the door when a voice in my head said, "ask her if they're hiring writers." So I did. The lady at the front desk said she wasn't sure, but to write down my contact info and she would pass it along to the editor.

That was in March. A few weeks later I got a call from Bill Snowden, saying he didn't have an opening for a full-time reporter, but he wanted to know if I would be interested in being a freelance contributing writer and/or photographer. I said yes, excitedly. Over the next couple of months he gave me a few stories to cover.

In May, my temp assignment at the bank came to an end. Not even a week later I got another call from Mr. Snowden. He said he still didn't have a reporter position available, but their sister paper in Gadsden County did.

I began string-

ing for the Gadsden County Times in June, and was hired as the full-time reporter in August.

Well into my new career at the Times I was scrolling down my Instagram timeline again, and I saw my cousin who lives in Detroit wishing the above-mentioned couponer a happy birthday. Apparently they have been friends for years, and that was the reason she popped up on my explore page in the first place.

So I blame it all on the universe, and timing, and destiny, because after years of applying for a job in the field that I've been told since college was dying, I finally landed one that I love.

To make a long story short, after working a year and a half at the Gadsden County Times, on Jan. 4, my former editor told me I had the opportunity to come work for The News. Just shy of a week later, on Jan. 6, I started here as the new fulltime reporter. It's like everything came back around full-circle, but enough about that.

I look forward to learning more about Wakulla County, and all of the beautiful cities, as well as the wonderful people.

*Erin Hill is reporter at The Wakulla News. She can be reached at ehill@thewakullanews.net.*



### READERS WRITE:

#### Board is right on garbage problem

Editor, The News:

Kudos to the commissioners for looking into the garbage problem. Trash does fly out of those garbage trucks, anybody behind them can see it. We also have just litterbugs.

Our property is on the highway, and we have trash thrown in our

yard, we have to pick up, so thank you for looking into this.

Also I want to thank Commissioner Mike Stewart for having the side of the road mowed – it looks. Thank you.

**Juanise Hoover**

juanisehoover@yahoo.com

#### Pregnancy center to celebrate 10 years

Editor, The News:

The Wakulla Pregnancy Center's 10th anniversary banquet will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20.

Please plan to join the Wakulla Pregnancy Center Board of Directors, Director, staff and volunteers in celebrating 10 years of service to Wakulla County on at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Crawfordville, 3086 Crawford-

ville Highway, one block south of the courthouse.

Suggested donation to help cover the cost of the meal is \$10. Advance tickets or RSVP for a ticket at the door is appreciated.

Meal will include smoked Boston butt, buttered mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, chopped salad, rolls, dessert, tea and coffee.

The program will include guest speakers

and singers. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the dinner and program should conclude around 7:45 p.m.

It should be a great evening and could be a "date night" night for those who go out on Friday or Saturday nights.

Thank you and God bless you!

**Rick and Sherry Parks**  
Crawfordville

## Letters to the Editor

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

Letters are published as space becomes available and must include the author's first and last name, mailing address and telephone number for verification purposes. One submission per person per month. Letters are edited for style, length and clarity.

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### Most popular stories online:

- Natural Wakulla Jan. 11 2018: American white ibis is common in Wakulla
- 'Our roads look terrible,' says commissioner
- Sheriff's Report Jan. 11, 2018: Dec. 29 - Jan. 2
- Wakulla's Jeff Shields rocks with Blackfoot
- Palaver Tree Theater has a home
- Woman charged with running theft ring
- 2018 Wakulla News Wildlife Photo Contest

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## Return of our photo contest

By MEGAN CHICHESTER

Photography is a fun activity, even when you don't necessarily know what you are doing!

The Wakulla News invites anyone, no matter the skill level, to join our wildlife photo contest. For \$15, participants can submit three of their best photos (\$5 per photo).

The photos will need both digital and print copies, 8"x10" or 8 1/2"x11" and sent to The Wakulla News office.

The winners will be displayed at this year's Wakulla Car and Bike Show, along with the runners up photos. The winner of the contest will be featured in our Best in Show category. First place wins a \$100 cash prize, second place \$25, and third receives a gift subscription to The Wakulla News.

Beginner and professional photographers, here is a great chance to enhance your portfolio and perfect your craft. We suggest taking advantage of the wildlife theme to explore what Wakulla has to offer!



A photo of an otter from a previous Wakulla News photo contest.

Take a walk at St. Marks, visit Wakulla Springs, or go anywhere in Wakulla to look for great subject matter.

After all, we want to see beautiful Wakulla native wild animals in their best light.

What if you are 12 and under? Don't worry, there is a category for you! The Youth division is specifically for children 12 and under. The winner in this division will win \$25. Runners up in this division will be displayed at the car and

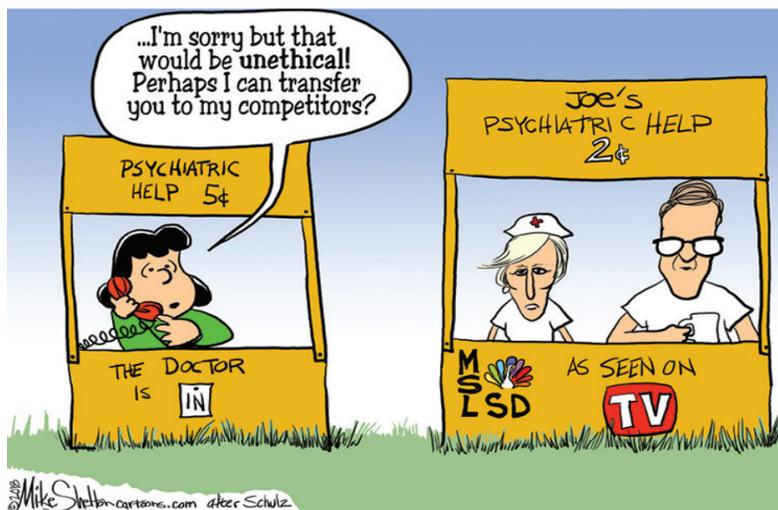
bike show. The deadline for submissions and entries is March 1 by the end of the day.

Please go to our website www.thewakullanews.com and print out the full rules and entry form.

If you would rather enter in person, please come by our office to receive an entry form and rules sheet.

*Megan Chichester is coordinating this year's contest.*

## Another view:



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**Polled at the Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce Installation Banquet:  
Would you rather be rich, famous or good looking?**



**RACHEL PIENTA**  
WAKULLA 4H

**“Rich! Looks do not always last, fame is what you make of it! Rich, you could help other people!”**



**JEANIE BOOTH**  
MAURICES

**“I’d rather be rich because I would have the funds to support the charitable organizations I am so passionate about!”**



**PETE COCHRAN**  
MAINTENANCE - WCSO

**“Good looking, because if you are good looking you get the money and you get it all!”**



**MAICEL GREEN**  
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**Applications for hardship assistance**

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The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners announces Fiscal Year 2017-18 Hardship Assistance Program related to the Solid Waste and Fire Services Protection Assessments and the Vacancy Adjustment Program.

In order to apply for hardship assistance, citizens must complete an application and file with the County Administrator’s Office for consideration prior to June 1. The applicant must be the owner of the residential property for which must also be homestead exempt, and must demonstrate extremely low income.

For one person, that is an income of \$13,450; for two, \$16,240; for three, \$20,420; for four, \$24,600.

Hardship Application is available on the county website (www.mywakulla.com) or can be picked up at the BOCC Administration Office, 3093 Crawfordville Highway. For questions, contact Patty Taylor at (850) 926-0919 ext. 703.

**Property appraiser at senior center**

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Wakulla County Property Appraiser staff will be assisting senior citizens with senior exemptions (65 years old and older with fixed income) and other property tax exemptions at the Senior Center every Friday in February from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This service is to help educate seniors regarding available exemptions and to assist with filling out the necessary applications for those exemptions. Senior citizens who plan to apply for exemptions will need to provide proof of income and have until June 1, 2018 to provide the Property Appraiser’s office with the necessary income documentation.

For citizens who have purchased a single family dwelling in 2017, the deadline to file for homestead exemption is no later than March 1, 2018. Applications can be found online at www.mywakullapa.com or can be filed at our office during regular business hours..



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## The next 5 minutes can change your day



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

If you're plagued by chronic procrastination, I have good news for you. Today doesn't have to be like yesterday.

In fact, this hour doesn't have to be like the previous one. Even better, your next five minutes can completely change the direction of your day.

Several years ago, I could barely motivate myself to accomplish even the simplest task. Thankfully, I found simple strategies that continue to help me to this day.

One of my favorites is this: I set my timer for five, 15, 30 or 60 minutes and see how much I can accomplish before the timer

dings.

Even setting your timer (on your smartphone or in your kitchen) for just five minutes can provide the boost you need to get the dirty kitchen dishes started, begin that project or make a phone call you've been putting off.

And it just might provide the motivation you need to keep going after the timer goes off.

We always feel better when we manage our time well. Like the servant who faithfully managed his master's money, we want to hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:23 ESV). Just as we all desire to feel our heavenly Father's pleasure regarding the way we use the time He's given us. Isn't that true?

When we need to jumpstart our day – or our hour – setting the timer for just five minutes creates an easy time frame to commit to, especially when we're tired or the task seems overwhelming. Once the

timer goes off, we can reset the timer for another five minutes or stretch ourselves and go for a longer time commitment to tackle another project.

Think about it: minutes are ticking away. Which would you rather do? Spend five minutes knocking out (or putting a dent in) a task? Or wasting that same five minutes and continuing your downward spiral into laziness, guilt, and anxiety?"

Now and then, throughout 2018, I'll share the techniques I've developed or learned from others to conquer procrastination. In the meanwhile, I'd love to hear ways that have helped you manage your time – ways that have made your today's better than your yesterdays.

*Sheryl H. Boldt is a sales executive for Wave 94 and author of the blog, www.TodayCanBeDifferent.net. She can be reached at sherylhboldt.wave94@gmail.com.*

### OUT TO PASTOR

## I'm in leftover heaven

By **JAMES L. SNYDER**

I do confess that I enjoy the holiday seasons just like everybody else. One of the main ingredients I enjoy more than anything else is the holiday cuisine.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is the cooking queen when it comes to all of this holiday food. She does a wonderful job and my job is simply to consume as much of it as I possibly can. We both manage our jobs quite professionally!

As long as no dish has anything like broccoli in it, I will eat it and enjoy it. Broccoli has a way of confusing my taste buds. I'll not go into any further detail.

It amazes me how my wife can go to the grocery store, buy bags of groceries and turn all of that into the most scrumptious dinner this side of heaven.

As much as I love the holiday cuisine, I must concede there is something I love more than that. I must be careful how I say this because I do not want to compromise in any way my attendance at the next holiday banquet in our residence. I have learned through the years as a husband to be careful what I say and what I do not say and I must say that I am still on the learning track here.

Right here is where I need to walk very carefully. For years, I have kept this little thought to myself. However, I must come out and confess this. No longer can I keep it a secret because it is a very important aspect of my holiday celebration.

As good as the holiday banquet is in our house

there is something much better. I am referring, of course, to leftovers.

My wife cooks so much that there is always leftovers. If you know anything about my wife, you know she does not throw anything away. We recycle as much as possible, which also includes food. To throw food away in our house is a criminal offense. You do not want to know the penalty!

I never thought too much about this until recently. The refrigerator was packed with food left over from our Christmas and New Year's Day dinners. The table was set most spectacularly and I, and a few family members, set down to stuff ourselves with these holiday vittles. Oh, how delicious every bite was.

At this point, the desert came to the table. Oh boy, looking at that dessert and smelling the marvelous aroma I rediscovered my appetite. When the call came out, "Anybody want dessert?" I was the first to respond in the positive. I believe in positive thinking, especially at dessert time.

It was the next day when the reality of all of this set in. As my wife is thinking about dinner, she asked me a simple question, "How about having leftovers tonight for dinner?"

In a few moments, I began to smell something wonderfully delicious. The smell was coming from the kitchen and then I heard a wonderful invitation, "Supper's ready. Let's eat."

As I situated myself at the table, I began to look around at what was called "leftovers" and was delighted by what we always have

prayer before we eat and I must confess I had a very abbreviated prayer because I wanted to get into those leftovers.

Every bite seemed more delicious than the previous bite. How my wife can take leftovers and mix it all up into a marvelously delicious supper I will never know. I do not need to know. All I need to do is enjoy the delicacy of her cuisine art.

For the next week, we enjoyed leftovers every suppertime. The last night the table was not quite as full as before and my wife informed me that this was the last of the leftovers.

Of course, my heart sank within me realizing that the delicious aspect of the holiday banquet was about to come to a close.

As I finished the last of the leftovers I thought of something Jesus said after he fed the multitude, "When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost" (John 6:12).

Even in my spiritual life when God blesses me, there are leftovers people around can enjoy. A life so blessed, blesses everybody around.

*Dr. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship in Ocala, where he lives with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Call him at (866) 552-2543 or email jamesnyder2@att.net. The church website is www.whatafellowship.com.*

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PSALM 71:17,18

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# Obituaries

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James Burner Asbell  
Rachel Greene Oliver  
Helen Palagyi



**James Burner Asbell**

Funeral services for James Burner Asbell, 94, of Cairo, Ga., were held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 15, 2018, at the Chapel of Clark Funeral Home, Cairo, Ga., with Military Honors. The Rev. Gwynn Hayes officiated. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

He passed away at Big Bend Hospice House in Tallahassee on Friday, Jan. 12, 2018.

Active pallbearers were his grandsons, Wayne Asbell, Johnny Asbell, Jeffrey Asbell, Donald Mark Asbell, Matthew Asbell, Jacob Asbell, Tracy Asbell and Patrick Asbell.

He was born on Nov. 18, 1923, in Graceville to the late Louis F. Asbell and Mary E. Courtney Asbell. On April 26, 1942, he married Myrtle M. Moneyham Asbell, who preceded him in death on Dec. 16, 2003.

He served his country in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was an automobile mechanic, and had retired in 1998, from Spence Automotive, Thomasville, Ga. He was a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Survivors include sons, Donald H. (Linda) Asbell of Dalton, Ga., James E. (Kathy) Asbell of Crawfordville, Kenneth (Delorise) Asbell of Thomasville, Ga., H. Mickey (Mary Ann) Asbell of Crawfordville, and Ronnie (Sharon) Asbell of Cairo, Ga.; 31 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his parents; his wife, Myrtle M. Asbell; brothers, Wilmer M. Asbell and Henry Asbell; sister, Juanita Bush.

Memorials may be given in Mr. Asbell's name to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee FL 32308-5428.

The family received friends at Clark Funeral Home on Sunday, January 14, 2018, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Guests may sign the online register at [www.clarkfuneral.com](http://www.clarkfuneral.com).



**Rachel Greene Oliver**

Rachel Greene Oliver, 86, of Wakulla Station, crossed the river on Jan. 12, 2018.

She married the love of her life, Fred Oliver Jr., in 1952. Rachel and Fred shared an everlasting love that they held sacred and bound in the Lord Jesus Christ. They supported each other selflessly through thick and thin, good and bad, dedicated to a commitment made to each other and to God.

She was a lifelong active member of Wakulla United Methodist Church, where both her mother and Fred's mother had humbly served.

Rachel was predeceased by her husband; and survived by daughter, Pam Oliver; sons, Mark and Jed Oliver (Linda); grandson, Cole Oliver (Brandy); granddaughters, Jade Grubbs (Dustin), Courtney Rodriguez (Roddy), Ashley Poston (Will), and Nicole Oliver; and five Great Grandchildren.

Rachel and Fred were their family's anchor and inspiration and will forever shine in our lives.

Services to celebrate her life were held on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018. Visitation was from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Services were at 12 noon at Wakulla United Methodist Church in Crawfordville. Burial followed immediately followed at Wakulla United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd, Tallahassee FL 32308.

David Conn of Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey Young Chapel in Crawfordville is assisting the family with arrangements (850-926-3333 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)).



**Helen Palagyi**

Helen Palagyi, 91 years of age, passed away on Friday, Jan. 12, 2018.

Helen was born in Apopka on Oct. 17, 1927 to parents, Vergie

and B.C. Fox.

Helen's three sisters and five brothers all predeceased her.

She is survived by her loving husband of 50 years, Edward Palagyi; son, Robert "Butch" Taylor (Leslie); daughter, Cindy Bishop (Bert); and son, Tommy Palagyi. Two grandchildren: Marcy Parrish and Robert Taylor Jr.; and four great grandchildren.

Helen was a star bowler with the Tallahassee Bowling League and loved to fish. She worked for the State of Florida Environmental Protection Department for four years along with being a homemaker.

David Conn of Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey Young Chapel in Crawfordville is assisting the family with arrangements (850-926-3333 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)).

## A girl and her horse



**Faith Joiner with her equestrian awards and trophies.**

### From Front Page

one person that he would never do well and that she was wasting her time with him. In fact, she was told she was holding herself back and wasting her talent by keeping him, resigning herself to failure.

Faith never stopped believing in Kiwi, however. She took her horse home and fervently began training him herself. At 15, she began riding weekly with Alice Buford at Coventry Farms in Tallahassee and continued to grow in knowledge and skill herself. Faith trained once a week with Alice on school horses

while riding the rest of the week on Kiwi at home training him the things she learned at Coventry.

When she thought him far enough along in his training to present him one last time to a trainer, she timidly approached Mrs. Alice to make arrangements. Everything was new for the both of them and having a bad case of the nerves was an understatement. She and her mother pulled her big gray boy up to Tallahassee navigating six lanes of traffic with a three-quarter ton crewcab truck pulling a rusted four-horse stock trailer to a barn with fancy railed

fences and top-of-the-line trailers and horses.

Alice recalls the first time she ever saw Kiwi herself, stating, "I almost sent you home with him. I thought he was crazy." But she did not let it show and decided to work with Faith and her crazy gray gelding from Sopchoppy. Together they formed a relationship that is soldered with determination, competitiveness, discipline, courage, resilience, stamina and love. But not without heartache.

In October 2016, Faith had a horse accident that broke both her arms and dislocated her right elbow. That was Kiwi's

first year of competing to which he still won the Baby Green division despite the setback of the fall. Faith brushed herself off metaphorically with the love and support of her equestrian friends and family and got back in the proverbial saddle for another year of competition.

The 2017 SHJA show session began almost immediately after getting her casts off.

Faith and her gray boy finished the year on top winning every division either she or her horse (who are judged independently) could win. Together they were awarded four Champion distinctions in the following classes: Modified Equitation, Modified Hunter, Mini Medal, and Equitation. Additionally, Faith was awarded the SHJA Carol Widham Scholarship for her age group.

So our little hometown girl from Wakulla County with her throw-away horse went to the big town and showed them how we do in Wakulla.

Faith did not hesitate to give God the glory and thanked her friends and family stating, "I could not have done it without you."

## M.L. King remembered

From Front Page

follow laws that are just, and moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws. "An unjust law is no law at all," Mount said.

She noted King was assassinated in April 1968 and his killer, James Earl Ray, was sentenced to 99 years in prison and died in 1998.

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed into law making the third Monday of January a federal holiday in honor of Dr. King.

Mount noted some other civil rights activists, like Harry Moore, who helped create a chapter of the NAACP in Florida and who died, along with his wife, when his house was firebombed on Christmas night 1951.

She also included in her list of activists local farmer Rufus Williams, who helped create a Wakulla County Negro Farmer Cooperative in 1951. She said prior to that, no black farmer in Shadeville had access to a tractor, but by working together, were able to overcome that.

She also noted the contribution of Trave Williams, a local man who made good in the lumber business and came home to help underprivileged kids and low-income families with his organization Big-Hearted Angels. The organization paid for kids back-to-school needs and treated them to a steak dinner. He died a couple of years ago.

She noted there are current political controversies and said, "Silence is not always golden. Sometimes silence makes us complicit in what's going on."

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# Community

happenings in our community

## Arbor Day Festival is Saturday

Special to The News

Saturday, January 20 will find the annual Crawfordville Arbor Day celebration – and tree giveaway – at Hudson Park. Starting at 10 a.m., hundreds of trees will be given away for free.

More than 1,000 young trees have been grown in pots for a year and some are several feet tall. All are native and well suited to Wakulla County. In addition, the Florida Forest Service will give away bareroot longleaf pine seedlings.

Festival goers will have their choice of the following trees in pots: Redbud, Fringe Tree, Big-Flowered Silverbell, Flatwoods Plum, Crabapple, Rusty Blackhaw, Wild Olive, Southern Red Cedar, Southern Magnolia, Bi-

leaf Magnolia, American Beech, and Sand Live Oak. Roughly 100 of each type of tree will be available.

Smaller quantities of the following trees also will be offered: Dogwood, Parsley Hawthorne, Mockernut Hickory, Black Walnut, Hoptree, and Bald Cypress. Tree experts, Master Gardeners, and experienced gardeners will be on hand to answer questions and give advice.

Every person who attends may take home one free tree in a pot. Several longleaf pine seedlings may be taken as well. After 11:30 a.m., any number of the remaining trees in pots may be taken for a requested donation of \$4 per tree. The event ends at 12:30 p.m.

Families will find delightful music, food,

and exhibits. Artisans, crafts people, and other vendors will be selling their wares. You also may purchase raffle tickets for chances to win donated items that include two large trees, gardening supplies, garden art, a garden sink, and more.

Arbor Day is a nationally celebrated observance that encourages tree planting and care. “Florida’s Arbor Day is in January which is the perfect month to plant trees in Florida,” said Lynn Artz, one of the event’s coordinators.

“Wildlife need trees for food, water, shelter, and to raise their young. Replacing trees lost to development, storms, and old age beautifies our county, protects the environment, and benefits wildlife,” said Jeannie



FILE PHOTO

John Melton at last year's Arbor Day festival.

Brodhead, another of the event's coordina-

tors. “Trees also provide cooling shade, reduce electric bills, and help to lower carbon emissions,” added Manley Fuller, President of the Florida Wildlife Federation.

The Wakulla County Garden Club (WCGC) organizes this annual event which is held rain or shine. WCGC is again partnering with the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) and the Florida Wildlife Federation (FWF) for this year's tree giveaway. All of the trees in pots were obtained through NWF's Trees for Wildlife Program as an award to the Wakulla County Garden Club.

For more information, please contact Lynn Artz (lynn\_artz@hotmail.com; 850-320-2158) or Jeannie Brodhead (jeannieb9345@gmail.com).

## Winter Fest will be held at Wakulla Springs on Jan. 27

Special to The News

Four bands are scheduled to perform during the first Wakulla Winter Fest Saturday, Jan. 27.

The luncheon concert is organized as a fundraiser by Friends of Wakulla Springs State Park. In addition to the music, the admission for 100 guests who purchase advance tickets includes all the bar-

becue and ice cream served on the green at the park (www.wakullasprings.org/news-events). No food will be sold during the event.

At the Wakulla Winter Fest, admission is \$45 per person for food and music.

Kicking off the Winter Fest at 11 a.m. are two high energy musicians, Haden Macbeth (mandolin and fiddle), and Chris Matechick

(banjo). According to Chris the duo calls itself the Flathead Stringband and “we bring old-time music to the southeast.”

The New 76ers, an acoustic folk trio from Tallahassee, shares its music beginning at noon. “We attempt to strip our music down to its purest form,” says Kelly Goddard. “We believe in creating lasting connections with listeners who share our love

of acoustic and electric music of all eras and genres.”

Mimi Hearn and the HearnDogs plays a “gumbo of soulful vocals and harmony, spiced with harmonica and guitars, and held together in the tasty roux of upright bass.” The musicians are Mimi Hearn and Frank Graham, vocals, guitars and lyricists, Mike Palecki, harmonica, Mike Snel-

ling, double bass, and Kevin Robertson, guitar.

Coon Bottom Creek is named for an historic North Florida community. The musicians are Mischa Steurer (mandolin, guitar, and vocals), Maria Steurer (bass and vocals), Dennis Hardin (banjo and vocals), Daryl Langston (guitar and vocals) and David Langston (fiddle, guitar, and vocals).

Attendance is limited

to 100 people who will enjoy food and music on the green in a tent and under the Azalea Picnic Shelter at the park. Park admission for advance ticket holders will be waived with identification at the entrance.

Regular park activities such as hiking, river boat tours, and yes, swimming, and Lodge operations will be available during Wakulla Winter Fest.

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# School

education news from local schools

## Dempsey, Kimbrel, Baker, Hernandez honored

By BETH O'DONNELL  
WCSB

Teachers of the Month and Employees of the Month for December were honored at the Wakulla County School Board Meeting on December 18, 2017.

Teachers Tracy Dempsey and Mari Kimbrel and employees Joanne Hernandez and Patricia Baker were selected by their peers to be recognized for their positive impact on Wakulla County students, staff, and community.

### TRACY DEMPSEY

Tracy Dempsey is in her 23rd year of working in Wakulla public schools' Exceptional Student Education program as an ESE teacher, an At-Risk Specialist, and in her current position as Staffing Specialist.

She attended Crawfordville Elementary, Wakulla Middle, and graduated from Wakulla High School. Next, she earned bachelor's and master's degrees in ESE from Florida State University.

Dempsey says, "I was raised and educated in Wakulla County Schools. I wanted to give back to the schools and raise my family here."

She enjoys "seeing students receive the support and services they need, and providing assistance to the teachers and administrators in the schools I work with."

Looking forward to the Wakulla Special Olympics every year, she notes, "It's an opportunity to bring all of our children with special needs together and celebrate them with the community."



Tracy Dempsey



Mari Kimbrel



Patricia Baker



Joanne Hernandez

Dempsey also has coordinated the Florida Youth Survey for 14 years, and is the original lead teacher for the newly implemented Wings Program.

Says Executive Director of ESE and Student Services Tanya English, "Tracy always rises to meet a new challenge. When I asked her to develop a peer mentor program at WHS, the Wings Program was born. She is an integral part of our team and does whatever it takes to take care of our students."

### MARI KIMBREL

Riversink Elementary School 4th Grade teacher Mari Kimbrel was chosen by her peers as their December Teacher of the Month.

Originally a Tallahassee resident who graduated from Lincoln High School, she earned her bachelor's degree in Education from Flagler College. She is certified in both Elementary Education and Exceptional Student Education.

She spent 9 years as a 3rd Grade teacher in Leon County, then in 2013, she and her husband built a house close to Riversink Elementary. Now entering her fourth year at RES, she was first hired as a Resource Teacher, and

has been teaching 4th Grade for the past three years.

Kimbrel notes, "The most enjoyable aspect of my job is seeing life through the eyes of my students. Interacting with them and opening their minds to the importance of life-long learning is a thrill that keeps me teaching."

Sharing an amusing experience when Sheriff Miller came to her classroom recently, she tells of a student who said, "Sheriff Miller, meeting you is just like meeting the President of the United States and it's like Mrs. Kimbrel is the First Lady!"

Kimbrel adds, "We all had a good laugh, but the realization of the importance of how much I mean to my students really hit me. My students will never have another 4th Grade teacher, and I am determined to make this year successful!"

Kimbrel also is the RES school-wide coordinator for the Tropicana Speech Contest and is coordinator for RES with the Wakulla County Public Library.

Says Riversink Elementary Principal Simeon Nelson, "Mari Kimbrel has excellent rapport with her students. She shows a sincere interest in them as individuals and is consistently fair in dealing with them. She

constantly searches for ways to make her teaching more interesting and more informative."

He adds, "Her classroom, always brightly decorated, reflects her positive, optimistic attitude about life. She is such a dedicated educator and truly sees the good in all people. She is always quick to volunteer for anything at our school and is a shining example of what a highly qualified educator should be."

### JOANNE HERNANDEZ

Joanne Hernandez currently supervises Wakulla County School System's part-time Adults with Disabilities Program. After working as a paraprofessional at Wakulla Pre-K for seven years, she is now in her fourth year of working with the successful AWD Program.

Hernandez graduated from both Wakulla Middle School and Wakulla High School, then went on to earn her Associate of Arts degree from Tallahassee Community College.

The AWD Program has blossomed over the last few years to train students on life skills as they work cooking and serving meals at the Legacy Café on the District Office campus. In addition, they run a boutique where they sell

their handmade crafts.

Hernandez says, "I have been blessed with a job that rewards me every day. My students are one of a kind and work so hard, you would never know they had a disability."

She has expanded the Legacy Boutique to display her students' crafts at the Wakulla County Public Library, as well as at all the Wakulla public schools. She adds, "By the third year we had our own Facebook page. This year has been the most exciting; we opened a storefront in the new Legacy Café!"

Hernandez also has been a coach and part of the management team of Wakulla's Special Olympics for seven years.

Says Director of Adult Education Dod Walker, "Joanne Hernandez is a tireless advocate, friend and teacher for her students. She wants only the best for them and brings joy into any room she enters. Her work with Special Olympics outside of her job shows her dedication to the neediest of Wakulla's residents and we are fortunate to have her working in our school system."

### PATRICIA BAKER

Patricia Baker has spent 17 years work-

ing for Wakulla County Food Services. From starting as a lunchroom worker at Wakulla Middle and Crawfordville Elementary, she went on to several management positions and is in her third year as the Shadeville Elementary Lunchroom Manager.

Says Baker, "I love being able to talk with the kids as they come through the lunch lines. Quite often I go out into the cafeteria and talk with them to get feedback about the lunches."

"We had a pumpkin picture decorating contest this year, and the kids were so excited about it, we had over 450 pumpkin pictures posted in the SES cafeteria!"

Baker is no stranger to working with children, as she earned an Associate of Arts degree in Music Education and majored in Music Therapy at FSU. She was a music teacher at Michele Snow's School of Music for 15 years and is now owner of the Medart School of Music since 2013.

In addition, Baker is a member of the Florida Nutrition Association and the National School Nutrition Association.

Her supervisor, Sodeco General Manager Donna Pease, notes, "Patricia has been an absolute joy to work with. 'Trish' has always been more than happy to help us exceed goals on feeding our children. She is truly an exceptional employee."

Adds Superintendent Bobby Pearce, "Congratulations to these excellent ladies who truly have all of our students' best interests at heart. They make a difference every day and it does not go unnoticed."

## War Eagle wrestlers are dominant in 18-0 season

### Special to The News

The 2017 portion of the Wakulla High School Wrestling season is in the books. Nearing the midpoint of the season, War Eagle wrestlers have been nothing short of dominant.

Over the Christmas break, the team recorded its fourth straight Top-5 finish, bringing home first Place honors at the Beast of the Beach tournament in Fort Walton Beach. On Friday, Jan. 5, the team also went undefeated in the District Duals competition at Suwannee County High School (Live Oak), winning head-to-head matchups against both Florida

High and Suwannee County, en route to another First Place finish.

So let's recap for a moment: The War Eagles placed 4th overall at Border Wars, 5th overall at The Capital City Classic, 1st overall at the Yulee Duals, and 1st overall at Beast of the Beach to close out December.

They opened 2018 placing 1st overall at the District Duals in Suwannee, meaning that WHS Wrestling is a remarkable 18-0 in head-to-head 'dual-style' tournaments.

That's right, folks, zero losses, as a team!

Whatever Head Coach William Pafford and Coaches Vernon,

Swindle, and Core are doing with these War Eagle wrestlers, has the rest of the District scratching their collective heads. Next up, is the Regional Dual Tournament on Thursday, Jan. 11 at the Old Marianna High School (Jackson County), followed by the Lincoln IBT on Saturday, Jan. 13 in Tallahassee.

Undoubtedly, several teams will be gunning to knock the War Eagles from their lofty perch. Unless or until that time comes, the Wakulla Wrestling juggernaut rolls on.

Did we mention 18-0? Go War Eagles!



## Sam Bruce, Kiersten Chadwell win CES Spelling Bee

### Special to The News

On Dec. 8, fourth and fifth grade students participated in the Crawfordville Elementary School Spelling Bee.

The judges were Cori Revell, Lori Sandgren, and Katherine Spivey. Brooke Ott was the moderator and pronouncer.

The champion was Sam Bruce and the runner-up was Kiersten Chadwell.

Both students will represent CES in the District Spelling Bee on Friday, Jan. 12.



## Club supports food program

### Special to The News

The Defenders Motorcycle Club-Canopy Oaks Chapter bestowed a Christmas blessing upon Riversink Elementary. At their monthly meetings, they collect money to donate to a worthy cause. Through word of mouth, they heard about our Backpack food program and reached out on social media to the coordinator of the program, Traci Bougeois, to

Riversink program operates. The President of the club, Mike "Stryker" Cockerham, rode up to the school personally to hear more about Riversink's program. Thanks to their generous donation, children in need will continue to receive weekend backpacks. If anyone is interested in learning more about the Backpack program, or would like to donate, please contact Bobbie Jo Crouch at 926-2664.



# Week in Wakulla

<b>St. Marks Commission meets Special meeting 6:30 p.m. Regular meeting 7 p.m.</b>	<b>Movie night at the Library 7 p.m.</b>	<b>Arbor Day Festival begins at 10 a.m. at Hudson Park</b>	<b>County Commission meets at 5 p.m. in the commission boardroom</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Monday</b>

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Jan. 18 - Jan. 27

**Thursday, January 18**

- **JOIN THE MAGLAB FOR HANDS-ON SCIENCE NIGHT** at Barnes & Noble. This night of science fun is just the thing to keep your budding scientist engaged. It's fun for the whole family and, no matter your age, you'll learn something new! This month's topic will be "electricity" and we intend to spark the participants' scientific curiosity with several hands-on experiments and demonstrations!
- **COUNTY WESTERN LINE DANCING** will be held from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the community center. 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. with a \$2 entry fee Call 926-7227 if interested.

- **YOGA** 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the community center with a \$2 entry fee Call 926-7227 if interested. Kripalu yoga is one of the many forms of yoga that is based on the philosophy that you should practice just as how you should live your life. Like all forms of yoga, breathing exercises, poses and meditation are equally important, but Kripalu yoga teaches that the body is the center of your being, and so you must learn from, as well as learn to accept your bod as your best teacher.
- **OPEN GYM PICKLEBALL** 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the community center with a \$2 entry fee Call 926-7227 if interested.

**Friday, January 19**

- **FREE FRIDAY MOVIE** 7 p.m. doors open 6:45 BYOPC (Bring your own popcorn!) Wakulla County Library. The second installment of the Blade Runner. R-rated film, children must be accompanied by an adult.

- **ARBOR DAY FESTIVAL** – Artisan and craft vendors will display their wares at the annual Arbor Day celebration in Hudson Park between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Please contact Lynn Artz (lynn\_artz@hotmail.com; 850-320-2158).
- **KIDS' FREE DAY AT CHALLENGER LEARNING CENTER** – The 3rd Saturday of every month is Kids' Free Day at the Challenger Learning Center! This month Kids' Free Day will feature the following schedule: 10:30 a.m.: Chemistry Magic Show presented by Alpha Chi Sigma 11 a.m.: Island of Lemurs: Madagascar in IMAX 3D 12 noon: Activities provided by Tally Shorts Film Festival Accompanying adults (and children over 12) will be required to purchase tickets and obtain free child tickets from box office. Tickets are limited and are based on theatre seat availability. Ticket holders for each show must exit the theatre after each program.
- **WAKULLA MOOSE LODGE ANNUAL MURDER MYSTERY** The Wakulla Moose Lodge in Panacea will be hosting their 2nd Annual Murder Mystery

on Saturday, January 20th. Social hour start at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale by calling 850-491-0587 or 850-984-2510 aft. 5 p.m. Show will be held at the Moose Lodge in Panacea, 44 Jer-Be-Lou, Panacea. Tickets are going fast!

**Monday, January 22**

- **ZUMBA** will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the community center with a \$2 entry fee Call 926-7227 if interested. Participants should bring a towel, water bottle, and a positive willingness to succeed! Zumba involves dance and aerobic movements performed to energetic music. The choreography incorporates hip-hop, soca, samba, salsa, merengue and mambo. Squats and lunges are also included.
- **ADULT OPEN GYM BASKETBALL** 6:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the community center with \$2 entry fee Call 926-7227 if interested. 318 Shadeville Hwy.. Open gym for basketball games.

**Friday, January 26**

- **THE TCC WAKULLA CENTER**

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**Saturday, January 27**

- **LISA WATSON & PURE PLATINUM TO OPEN 2018 OPRY SEASON** Get 2018 off to a good start with some great music at the Sopchoppy Opry, Saturday, Jan. 27 – 7 p.m. in the historic Sopchoppy High School Auditorium! Special guests, Lisa Watson & Pure Platinum will join South Bound Band for an evening of fantastic music! Tickets are \$14 and may be reserved by calling 850-962-3711 or purchased at the door. Come early and enjoy an entree', sandwich or dessert in the Opry Café before the show. Ticket office and café open at 5:30 p.m. on show date. For more information go to sopchoppyopry.com

**Email events to reporter@thewakullanews.net**

## Library News

"In the depths of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer."  
–Albert Camus

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Tuesday, January 23**  
Homeschool Coop 9:30 a.m.  
Book Bunch 10:30 a.m.

- Zentangle 2 p.m.
- LEGO Club 4 p.m.
- The Basics of Better Living 4 p.m.
- Girl Scout Troup 160 4:30 p.m.
- NAACP 6:30 p.m.
- Autism Support Group 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday, January 24**  
Book Babies 10:30 a.m.  
Knitting Group 4 p.m.  
STEAM team 4 p.m.
- **Thursday, January 25**

- Kid's Coding 4 p.m.
- Women's Support Group 6 p.m.
- Friends of the Library 6 p.m.
- **Friday, January 26**  
Quilting Guild 9:30 a.m.  
Book Club 3 p.m.

**COMING SOON!**

**Free Friday Night Movie – January 19**

The second installment of the Blade Runner takes place 30 years

after the events of the first movie. In this science fiction film, LAPD Officer K discovers a long forgotten secret with the power to destroy what is left of their society into complete chaos. He uses this knowledge to begin an epic quest that will hopefully lead him to the missing Rick Deckard, another blade runner, and to discover where Deckard has been for the last 30 years. The film is rated R. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Doors will open at 6:45 p.m. BYOP – bring your own popcorn!

## New Posh to host sacred sound healing journey

Special to The News

A meditative and engaging experience will be hosted by Metamorphosis, an All-female Healing Sound Ensemble, this Saturday evening, January 20, 7 p.m. at New Posh.

This opportunity to relax, let go of all negativity, and allow transformation to occur, will be facilitated by the healing waves of sound vibrations from chimes, Tibetan bowls, percussive instruments, and vocalization. Travel through space harmoniously, and seek to create an environment of peacefulness, with other like-minded participants.

Metamorphosis members include Linda McCue, Licensed Massage Therapist (LMT) and Sound Healer; Vicki Westmoreland, LMT and Sound Healer; Artemis Dove, Sound Healer, Composer and Vocalist; and Lydia Riedell, LMT, Sound Healer/Harmonic Healing Practitioner. Next Saturday, January 27, at 7:30 p.m., join Chinese Gu-zheng (Chinese Zither) master, Hai-qiong Deng, as she shares the sounds of this very ancient stringed instrument. Deng entered music conservatory at age 12, and is currently a professor at Florida State University. She was recently featured both on PBS and WFSU radio.

Reservations are required to participate in this event. Contact Debbie by phone/text at (850) 528-5838 or by emailing newposh3079@gmail.com. The cost of this event is \$35 and includes refreshments and light snacks.

New Posh is located at 3079 Crawfordville highway, Crawfordville, in the little log cabin.

## Community Health Fair is held

By LINDA ANN McDONALD

Macedonia Helping Hands joined with Florida Department of Health-Wakulla to provide a community health fair for Wakulla County on Saturday, Jan. 13.

Screenings for diabetes, vitals checks, rapid HIV tests, blood pressure, glucose, weight and height monitors were services provided to the public. Information booths containing health information and guidance to referrals were also available.

Sabrina Williams, event coordinator said, "I enjoy helping the public and I wish everybody would jump onboard and understand the importance of health and how healthy lifestyle choices are connected to one's health directly."

Williams also added, "We chose Hudson Park to hold the event so we can reach populations that would not have access to a doctor due to lack of insurance. Meeting at the park, we can still reach people and share health information at no cost."

Wakulla County Sheriff Jared Miller and Lt. Jeff Yarborough were present to target teens about the dangers of texting and driving. "We are happy to participate



**Bobbery Rosier, Macedonia Helping Hands Corporation and Arveolla Mack, Medical Assistant.**

and inform the public about the dangers of driving while drinking and texting. We want to share information with the community to educate and protect them.", Lt. Yarborough said.

Bond Community Health Center brought the mobile health unit to the event. "This bus is a mobile doctor's office with all services provided except radiology.", said Donnell Durden of Bond Community Health Center.

Christopher Jones and Arveolla Mack of Bond Community Health Center offered rapid HIV testing from

the mobile health unit. "The test is only a finger prick of blood takes 15 minutes total. With those 15 minutes of waiting, we can give the community awareness and education about healthy choices and how these choices can save lives."

Bobbery Rosier, founder of the Macedonia Helping Hands Ministry of Sopchoppy was proud to see how large her ministry has grown and the number of people she is providing outreach and assistance to. "We were a small community and congregation when I

started. Years ago, it seemed like every week someone was dying in our community. Rosier said. I knew I had to help our community and the residents that did not have transportation, so I started the Helping Hands Ministry with my husband, Meriddie Rosier. I am glad to see how it has grown."

Other participants at the event were Apalachee Center, Boys Town, One Blood, Sickle Cell Foundation, Big Bend Cares, Help Me Grow 2-1-1, Wakulla UF/IFAS, Friends of the Library and Student Nurses Association.

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BACKROOM BRIEFING – (Recap and analysis of the week in state government)

# Pomp, circumstance and priorities

By DARA KAM  
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE – Lubricated by cocktails at an annual pre-session Associated Industries of Florida fete Monday, the first week of the 2018 legislative session bore many of the usual hallmarks of the 60-day pageant.

Flowers festooned lawmakers' desks Tuesday as the session began, and rhetoric-laden speeches were met with partisan appreciation or rebukes.

But with two empty seats in the Senate because of scandals about sexual misconduct, the opening-day atmosphere on the Capitol's fourth floor wasn't quite the same as it has been in sessions past.

Fist bumps replaced hugs, even between longtime colleagues. Men nervously joked about whether compliments about female acquaintances' appearances would be misconstrued. Legislative aides sat in on tete-a-tetes where parties of two – a male lawmaker and a woman lobbyist – once sufficed.

The changes came after Jeff Clemens, a Lake Worth Democrat, quit the Senate after admitting to an extramarital affair with a lobbyist and Jack Latvala, a Clearwater Republican, resigned amid investigations that he allegedly groped a Senate aide and engaged in pattern of verbal misconduct.

The weight of the sex scandals grew even heavier Tuesday, when Senate President Pro Tempore Anitere Flores, R-Miami, and Senate Minority Leader Oscar Braynon, D-Miami Gardens, acknowledged they had an extramarital affair. They apologized after the launch of an anonymous website with photos and videos that showed Flores entering Braynon's condo late at night and leaving the next morning.

Lobbyists and lawmakers had mixed views of the exposure of sexual hijinks and sexual harassment, which fall on two ends of the spectrum of inappropriate behavior.

"People are not infallible. There's always been misconduct between humans. I don't believe it is going to have an impact as far as the policy and the way the policy is shaped. I believe it will have an impact on the decorum. I've been doing this over 30 years. We need it to have an impact on the decorum because we lost decorum," lobbyist Victoria Zepp said.

## GOODBYE, GUV

In his last State of the State speech, Gov. Rick Scott on Tuesday asked lawmakers to help make it harder to pass

future tax increases by requiring "supermajority" votes by the Legislature.

"This is my last session to cut taxes," Scott told House and Senate members on opening day. "And we must acknowledge that, unfortunately, at some point, there will be politicians sitting in this chamber who are not as fiscally responsible as we are today."

Scott wants lawmakers to back a constitutional amendment, which if approved by voters in the fall, would require two-thirds votes by the Legislature to pass tax increases. The Republican-led Legislature can now pass a tax increase by majority votes, with the last increase being a \$1 hike in 2009 on the tax on packs of cigarettes.

Scott discounted arguments that adopting a higher voting requirement on tax increases would hamper future state leaders in dealing with financial challenges.

Since moving into the governor's office in January 2011, Scott has made lower taxes one of his calling cards. His final legislative agenda includes a modest package of tax breaks in addition to the constitutional proposal.

"There were the naysayers who told us there was no way that a businessman with no experience in politics or government could possibly be successful at helping turn Florida's economy around," Scott said. "Fortunately for all of us, the naysayers were wrong."

During Tuesday's speech, Scott also made a pitch for other 2018 priorities, which include spending \$53 million to help abate a growing opioid crisis.

And with sexual harassment scandals rocking the nation and Tallahassee, Scott outlined steps his office has taken to help victims.

He called on lawmakers to pass legislation to protect state employees who may have witnessed harassment, encouraging them to participate in investigations.

"Things have got to change, and it starts right here in this building," Scott said. "We all must join together and send a very strong message: Florida stands with victims."

Senate President Joe Negron also touched on the issue in his opening-day speech, reiterating his chamber will have "zero tolerance" for sexual harassment or misconduct against employees and visitors.

"State government should lead by example in instituting policies that ensure employees feel safe when

they come to work and comfortable to confidentially report inappropriate behavior by any person," Negron, R-Stuart, said.

As part of the opening-day events, the Senate president and House speaker typically outline their priorities for the session. Negron, for example, spoke of the need to address impacts from Hurricane Irma and to further build up the state university system.

And Negron said the Senate will work with Scott on a request for additional pay raises for law-enforcement officers and with House Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, on expanding school choice.

"One thing I know is, it doesn't matter at all to the Floridians we represent where these ideas originate," Negron said. "They're worried about taking care of their families. Taking their students to ballet practice, to Little League practice. ... Families are busy trying to survive and prosper and they don't care about this home-and-away football game mentality that some people have."

Dubbing the Florida House as the "House of reformers," Corcoran outlined priorities that are almost certain to stir debate – and controversy, such as a controversial "anti-sanctuary cities" proposal (HB 9) that would require state and local agencies to cooperate with federal immigration enforcement and carry hefty penalties for local officials who fail to comply.

"Now we have politicians who say they want to make the entire state of Florida a sanctuary state, just like California. That's unacceptable," Corcoran said Tuesday. "You cannot have politicians who go out there and decide that the rule of law is a multiple-choice test and you simply get to go out there and say, 'None of the above.'"

## HIGHER-ED, IMMIGRATION TOP PRIORITIES

Two days after the start of the session, the Senate unanimously signed off on one of Negron's top priorities – a sweeping higher-education measure that would permanently expand Bright Futures merit scholarships for some 94,000 university and college students.

The legislation (SB 4) revives a higher-education initiative, known as the "Florida Excellence in Higher Education Act," that was vetoed by Scott last year, when he objected to its impact on the state college system.

Despite Scott's veto, most of the

changes occurred this academic year because they were included in the state budget. But the new bill would make those changes permanent and expand them.

"The bill we passed today really transforms our commitment to higher education," Negron said.

The House, meanwhile, spent hours debating Corcoran's effort to prevent "sanctuary" cities. But it remains unclear whether the measure will make it through the Senate, which has refused to take up similar bills in the past.

Under the proposal – dubbed the "Rule of Law Adherence Act" – state or local governmental entities or law enforcement agencies would be fined up to \$5,000 for each day they are deemed to be out of compliance. The bill would require complying with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention requests and repealing current sanctuary policies.

The House took up the issue Thursday, a day after federal immigration officials raided 7-Eleven convenience stores in 17 states, including Florida, resulting in 21 arrests. The debate started on the same day President Donald Trump sparked outrage after reportedly questioning why the U.S. should accept immigrants from "s-hole countries" such as Haiti and African countries.

Critics of the measure brand it an election-year political ploy by GOP House leaders, including Corcoran, who could run for governor.

"Undocumented immigrants are just as American as the rest of us. They just don't have the paperwork. This bill creates two criminal justice systems, one for undocumented immigrants and one for everyone else," Rep. Carlos Guillermo Smith, D-Orlando, said.

**STORY OF THE WEEK:** The 2018 legislative session began Tuesday, with Gov. Rick Scott, House Speaker Richard Corcoran and Senate President Joe Negron laying out their priorities.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "True predators are out there. I don't want to have one broad brush for everyone. Those people need to be held accountable. When we have a no-tolerance policy, no tolerance doesn't mean you cut off everybody's head. Some need off with their head. But most of them need a whack upside the head." – Lobbyist Victoria Zepp, on the reaction to sexual harassment and misconduct scandals in the Capitol.



## Bolder, Healthier & Easier Meals

One of the challenges of cooking at home is creating bold and unique flavors with healthy, organic and wholesome ingredients without spending hours in the kitchen. With the right tools, you don't have to go to extremes or make drastic changes to eat healthy.

### Seared Polenta Rounds with Mushrooms & Caramelized Onions

Servings: 5

- 1 large yellow onion, sliced
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/2 tablespoon olive oil, plus additional for searing
- 1/4 cup vegetable stock
- 10 ounces cremini mushrooms

1. Caramelize onions.

2. Heat butter and 1/2 tablespoon olive oil over medium heat until hot. Add sliced onions to butter mixture and stir gently to coat. Spread onions in one layer, and cook until golden brown and caramelized, stirring every 5 minutes for about 40 minutes, or until caramelized.

3. Once caramelized, add vegetable stock to deglaze pan and scrape browned bits. Add mushrooms and garlic, and season, to taste, with pepper. Cook until mushrooms

- 4 ounces shiitake mushrooms, sliced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 pepper, to taste
- 1 pouch SEEDS OF CHANGE Organic Mushroom Simmer Sauce
- 1 tube (18 ounces) prepared organic polenta
- 10 teaspoons shaved Parmigiano cheese
- fresh parsley

are browned and tender. Stir in mushroom sauce, lower heat and bring to slow simmer.

4. Cut polenta tube into eight even rounds. Sear polenta rounds in bit of olive oil and season each side with pepper. Cook until polenta is golden brown on each side, about 4-5 minutes per side. Transfer to plates.

5. Spoon mushroom mixture over polenta rounds and top with 2 teaspoons Parmigiano cheese per serving and fresh parsley.

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# Outdoors

outdoor sports and fishing reports

## Warming after cold snap, fish will be moving again

If you braved the wind and cold to fish last weekend then congratulations, because I did not.

As we approach the end of January, it is becoming that time of year where the fishing is still good but it becomes more difficult to find a decent day weather wise to get on the water.

February and the first part of March tend to be windy on the coast, not to mention the cold to go along with it. As a sportsman, February one of my least favorite months (also August).

So, over the next couple of months if you have a day to go fishing and also decent weather to go along with it, I'd suggest you go.

After a brief warm up another freeze is coming this week which should have the fish seeking refuge in rivers and creeks.

One way to locate fish when they are pushed in tight like this is troll with a small diving plug. This is kind of an old timer's method of winter fishing but it works, basically toss a small plug out and motor around using your trolling motor until you catch a fish. Once you catch a fish, stop and start casting in the area to see if more are there, if you catch another then deploy your anchor.

I like to target cold weather fish with slow sinking suspended bit such as mirrolure mirrodine or tsunami tidal bait jerk shads rigged weightlessly.

Bumping soft plastics slowly on bottom rigged with a jighead can be successful too, you just run the risk of breaking off depending on what kind of bottom you are fishing over.

### On the Water

BY CAPT. EVAN SNOW



Chad Williams, owner of Gone Fishin' in Thomasville, with a nice redfish.

I feel like I say this every week but it is very important to remember, no matter what kind of bait you are using work it very slowly in this cold water. Live shrimp can be effective as well, but during hard cold weather in our area the shrimp boats do not run so they can be hard to find.

Take time to revive your fish while releasing them, this cold weather can cause extra stress on them and we want all fish to survive to be caught another day.

Speaking of cold weather being stressful on marine animals, sea turtles and manatees can be affected by the cold. Sea turtles can be stunned by the cold and float seemingly lifeless at the top of the water, while they may appear dead often they are still alive.

Manatees can also be

impacted in cold weather, manatees will seek refuge in springs so be extra careful boating in these areas. If you see a distressed sea turtle or manatee please report it to the FWC Wildlife Alert Hotline.

While large snook kills are being reported all around the state, it seems some of our local snook made it through the first big freeze OK.

I've heard of two local anglers catching snook post freeze, one of the snook was landed by reader Bobby Morales and Zach Lejeune while fishing in Ochlocknee Bay.

Good luck and tight lines.

Capt. Evan Snow runs *Apalachee Inshore Charters* and can be contacted at (229) 300-2895, or by email at [apalacheeinshore@gmail.com](mailto:apalacheeinshore@gmail.com).

### HOME ON THE RANGE

## Comparing two carry guns



By MARJ LAW

Almost any person who wants a gun for protection, will want a "carry" gun. This means a gun that will fit into a pocket, a carry purse, a conceal carry holster or other places where only a small gun will fit.

Women who visit the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range on Wednesday mornings usually prefer a .380 handgun. Unlike .40 or .45 caliber guns, the .380s have lower recoil and are easier to shoot. Also, because of the lower recoil, you have a better ability to regain your sight picture and get off the second shot.

Another benefit of the .380 is that the trigger pull is usually lighter than a higher caliber handgun. And, for people with smaller

hands, the grips are often smaller than those other guns.

If arthritis isn't crippling your hands, you can load the magazine of the .380 without an UpLula. The UpLula is a gizmo that makes loading handguns much easier, but you might not always have one handy. To load a magazine, you have to press against a spring in the magazine, and this is much harder in some guns than others.

So a .380 is good for low recoil, maintaining sight picture, light trigger pull, loading and small grips.

On the negative side, the .380 is a lighter weight handgun. Since mass absorbs recoil, the .380 can have the tendency to be a bit snappy. And, because of the snappy recoil, you'll have to regain the sight picture before you shoot the second time.

Carry size .380s have relatively short barrels. Longer barrels with longer sight pictures are more accurate.

Grips on the .380s can be narrow enough for small hands, but they might also be too short even for those



Sig Sauer P238

with smaller hands.

Last week, we compared the Ruger LCP II with the Sig Sauer P238.

The Ruger is 5.17 inches while the Sig is 5.5 inches in length. They both carry six rounds in the magazines and one in the chamber. You can get extended barrels for each gun, allowing another round and a longer grip.

The Ruger's barrel is 2.75 inches long while the Sig's is 2.7 inches long.

The Sig is heavier at 15.2 ounces and the Ruger is 10.6 ounces. This Sig has an anodized-alloy beavertail frame with stainless slide. The Ruger has a stainless slide and a glass filled nylon grip frame.

Both trigger pulls were quite easy. With 1 being the easiest pull and 5 being the hardest pull, I'd rate both guns at a 2.

I found the Ruger's grip to be short for even my small hands. Probably because I couldn't get a firm hold on the grip, the gun's recoil seemed much snappier than the Sig's. Again, because of the grip and recoil, my accuracy with the Ruger was not

good as with the Sig.

That being said, the target had a 6-inch diameter, so any shot hitting the target would hit the mass of Mr. Bad.

Loading by hand is never my preference, but I was able to load both these guns without an UpLula.

The major difference I found was that the Ruger pinched my shooting index finger, and, after only 2 shots, my finger was sore and red. I'm sure someone could file it down and make it more comfortable.

The Sig's trigger is smooth.

If the gun fairy were to appear and offer me one of these guns in a wave of her magic wand, I'd choose the Sig. It's easier to control, and the grip feels more solid. Yes, it costs almost twice as much as the Ruger.

But, I'm not talking about purchasing the Sig. I'm talking about the gun fairy handing me one.

Gun fairy? I'm waiting!

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

## BRAG BOOK:



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

### BAGGED BUCK

Corbin Dugger with a buck he shot recently.



Common Octopus (Octopus vulgaris)

A fearsome predator and a master of camouflage, the common octopus grows to 3ft and lives 2 years. They hunt at dawn in coastal waters up to 350ft using a secreted nerve poison to paralyze prey and a hard beak to crack shells. They hide in crevices and can squeeze their bodies through tiny spaces and making them escape artists. They change color or squirt a cloud of black "ink" to confuse attackers. Females lay up to 500,000 eggs but most are eaten as plankton. Octopi can learn complex tasks like opening a jar. They are also an important protein source for humans.

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# Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water

Local writers share their experiences

Thursday	
Sun rise/set 7:33 am 6:01 pm	Moon rise/set 8:32 am 7:36 pm
Brightness- 2%	
Friday	
Sun rise/set 7:33 am 6:02 pm	Moon rise/set 9:11 am 8:30 pm
Brightness- 6%	
Saturday	
Sun rise/set 7:32 am 6:03 pm	Moon rise/set 9:48 am 9:25 pm
Brightness- 12%	
Sunday	
Sun rise/set 7:32 am 6:04 pm	Moon rise/set 10:23 am 10:20 pm
Brightness- 19%	
Monday	
Sun rise/set 7:32 am 6:05 pm	Moon rise/set 10:58 am 11:17 pm
Brightness- 27%	
Tuesday	
Sun rise/set 7:31 am 6:05 pm	Moon rise/set 11:34 am --:--
Brightness- 37%	
Wednesday	
Sun rise/set 7:31 am 6:06 pm	Moon rise/set 12:10 pm 12:15 am
Brightness- 50%	



## Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

Jan. 18 - Jan. 24



Tide charts by tides4fishing.com

For tides at the following points add to Dog Island Listings:

	High Tide	Low Tide
Carrabelle	28 Min.	25 Min.
Apalachicola	1 Hr., 53 Min.	2 Hrs., 38 Min.
Cat Point	1 Hr., 13 Min.	2 Hrs., 31 Min.
Lower Anchorage	1 Hr., 36 Min.	2 Hrs., 3 Min.
West Pass	1 Hr., 26 Min.	2 Hrs., 39 Min.

### St. Marks River Entrance

Th	2:08 am ▲ 3.2 ft	9:01 am ▼ -0.7 ft	3:23 pm ▲ 3.0 ft	8:52 pm ▼ 0.7 ft
Fr	2:41 am ▲ 3.2 ft	9:29 am ▼ -0.7 ft	3:52 pm ▲ 3.0 ft	9:28 pm ▼ 0.6 ft
Sa	3:16 am ▲ 3.1 ft	9:58 am ▼ -0.5 ft	4:21 pm ▲ 3.0 ft	10:06 pm ▼ 0.5 ft
Su	3:55 am ▲ 3.0 ft	10:29 am ▼ -0.4 ft	4:52 pm ▲ 3.0 ft	10:49 pm ▼ 0.5 ft
Mo	4:41 am ▲ 2.8 ft	11:05 am ▼ -0.1 ft	5:25 pm ▲ 3.0 ft	11:40 pm ▼ 0.4 ft
Tu	5:39 am ▲ 2.6 ft	11:48 am ▼ 0.2 ft	6:03 pm ▲ 2.9 ft	
We	12:44 am ▼ 0.3 ft	6:56 am ▲ 2.3 ft	12:41 pm ▼ 0.6 ft	6:50 pm ▲ 2.8 ft

### City of St. Marks

Th	2:44 am ▲ 2.9 ft	10:05 am ▼ -0.7 ft	3:59 pm ▲ 2.8 ft	9:56 pm ▼ 0.6 ft
Fr	3:17 am ▲ 2.9 ft	10:33 am ▼ -0.6 ft	4:28 pm ▲ 2.8 ft	10:32 pm ▼ 0.6 ft
Sa	3:52 am ▲ 2.9 ft	11:02 am ▼ -0.5 ft	4:57 pm ▲ 2.8 ft	11:10 pm ▼ 0.5 ft
Su	4:31 am ▲ 2.8 ft	11:33 am ▼ -0.4 ft	5:28 pm ▲ 2.8 ft	11:53 pm ▼ 0.4 ft
Mo	5:17 am ▲ 2.6 ft	12:09 pm ▼ -0.1 ft	6:01 pm ▲ 2.8 ft	
Tu	12:44 am ▼ 0.4 ft	6:15 am ▲ 2.4 ft	12:52 pm ▼ 0.2 ft	6:39 pm ▲ 2.7 ft
We	1:48 am ▼ 0.3 ft	7:32 am ▲ 2.2 ft	1:45 pm ▼ 0.6 ft	7:26 pm ▲ 2.6 ft

### Shell Point, Spring Creek

Th	2:24 am ▲ 3.2 ft	9:21 am ▼ -0.6 ft	3:39 pm ▲ 3.0 ft	9:12 pm ▼ 0.6 ft
Fr	2:57 am ▲ 3.2 ft	9:49 am ▼ -0.6 ft	4:08 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	9:48 pm ▼ 0.5 ft
Sa	3:32 am ▲ 3.1 ft	10:18 am ▼ -0.5 ft	4:37 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	10:26 pm ▼ 0.4 ft
Su	4:11 am ▲ 3.0 ft	10:49 am ▼ -0.3 ft	5:08 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	11:09 pm ▼ 0.4 ft
Mo	4:57 am ▲ 2.8 ft	11:25 am ▼ -0.1 ft	5:41 pm ▲ 3.0 ft	
Tu	12:00 am ▼ 0.3 ft	5:55 am ▲ 2.6 ft	12:08 pm ▼ 0.2 ft	6:19 pm ▲ 2.9 ft
We	1:04 am ▼ 0.3 ft	7:12 am ▲ 2.3 ft	1:01 pm ▼ 0.5 ft	7:06 pm ▲ 2.9 ft

### Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Th	2:00 am ▲ 2.4 ft	9:12 am ▼ -0.5 ft	3:15 pm ▲ 2.3 ft	9:03 pm ▼ 0.5 ft
Fr	2:33 am ▲ 2.4 ft	9:40 am ▼ -0.5 ft	3:44 pm ▲ 2.3 ft	9:39 pm ▼ 0.4 ft
Sa	3:08 am ▲ 2.3 ft	10:09 am ▼ -0.4 ft	4:13 pm ▲ 2.3 ft	10:17 pm ▼ 0.4 ft
Su	3:47 am ▲ 2.3 ft	10:40 am ▼ -0.3 ft	4:44 pm ▲ 2.3 ft	11:00 pm ▼ 0.3 ft
Mo	4:33 am ▲ 2.1 ft	11:16 am ▼ -0.1 ft	5:17 pm ▲ 2.2 ft	11:51 pm ▼ 0.3 ft
Tu	5:31 am ▲ 1.9 ft	11:59 am ▼ 0.2 ft	5:55 pm ▲ 2.2 ft	
We	12:55 am ▼ 0.2 ft	6:48 am ▲ 1.7 ft	12:52 pm ▼ 0.5 ft	6:42 pm ▲ 2.1 ft

### St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

Th	1:56 am ▲ 2.3 ft	9:03 am ▼ -0.7 ft	3:40 pm ▲ 1.9 ft	8:51 pm ▼ 0.8 ft
Fr	2:35 am ▲ 2.3 ft	9:35 am ▼ -0.7 ft	4:10 pm ▲ 2.0 ft	9:30 pm ▼ 0.7 ft
Sa	3:16 am ▲ 2.2 ft	10:07 am ▼ -0.6 ft	4:41 pm ▲ 2.0 ft	10:13 pm ▼ 0.6 ft
Su	4:01 am ▲ 2.1 ft	10:41 am ▼ -0.4 ft	5:13 pm ▲ 2.0 ft	10:59 pm ▼ 0.5 ft
Mo	4:51 am ▲ 2.0 ft	11:17 am ▼ -0.2 ft	5:47 pm ▲ 2.1 ft	11:53 pm ▼ 0.4 ft
Tu	5:51 am ▲ 1.8 ft	11:56 am ▼ 0.1 ft	6:24 pm ▲ 2.0 ft	
We	12:57 am ▼ 0.2 ft	7:07 am ▲ 1.6 ft	12:43 pm ▼ 0.5 ft	7:07 pm ▲ 2.0 ft

### Dog Island West End

Th	2:04 am ▲ 2.1 ft	9:15 am ▼ -0.8 ft	4:15 pm ▲ 1.7 ft	9:01 pm ▼ 0.9 ft
Fr	2:43 am ▲ 2.0 ft	9:49 am ▼ -0.7 ft	4:40 pm ▲ 1.7 ft	9:44 pm ▼ 0.8 ft
Sa	3:25 am ▲ 1.9 ft	10:23 am ▼ -0.6 ft	5:06 pm ▲ 1.7 ft	10:34 pm ▼ 0.7 ft
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Thursday	
Major Times 1:40 am-3:40 am 2:04 pm-4:04 pm	Minor Times 8:32 am-9:32 am 7:36 pm-8:36 pm
Better	
Friday	
Major Times 2:27 am-4:27 am 2:50 pm-4:50 pm	Minor Times 9:11 am-10:11 am 8:30 pm-9:30 pm
Good	
Saturday	
Major Times 3:13 am-5:13 am 3:35 pm-5:35 pm	Minor Times 9:48 am-10:48 am 9:25 pm-10:25 pm
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Sunday	
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Monday	
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Wednesday	
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Average	



## Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



### Boating Emergencies

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or .....	(850) 284-1166

To say we have had a roller coaster of temperatures lately might be considered an understatement by many! No matter your preference – warmer weather or the cooler weather – it is important to be aware of the dangers posed when out on the water.

Back in November, hyperthermia was discussed in this article. With the recent significantly cold nights, it seems prudent to revisit some critical information and provide some tips if you do plan to be out on or near the water.

An article by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks discussed that a good rule of thumb is to add the air and water temperatures together. If the total equals less than 100 degrees and you fall into the water, you could be at risk for hypothermia.

As mentioned in previous articles, Hypothermia occurs when your body loses heat faster than it can produce it. It is well documented that

cold water can rob the body of heat 25 times faster than cold air, making time a critical element if you should fall in the water. When your body temperature drops below normal, hypothermia can begin.

Many people dress in layers when heading out this time of year, allowing them to adjust as the air temperature rises. These layers can become dangerous however if you were to fall into the water or become wet. Cold, wet clothing can cause your body to lose heat much quicker than if you were dry or able to remove the wet clothing. Water can become trapped in coveralls and boots,

leading to increased difficulty remaining afloat if you are in the water and regaining warmth if out of the water.

If you are planning to go out in the colder weather, preparedness is a critical step you do not want to overlook. Be sure you have a way to call for help if needed and carry dry clothing or a blanket in the event you need them. And most importantly, wear your life jacket – it is the single most important tool is helping survive cold water immersion.

Thanks to Sherrie, we will always remember safe boating is no accident!!

Annual vessel

safety checks are a great way to ensure recreational boating safety. Another is to attend a Coast Guard-approved boating safety course, and to always wear a life jacket when out on the water. If you want to learn more about vessel safety checks, please contact Steve Hults, Staff Officer for Vessel Examinations at [steve.hults@uscgaux.net](mailto:steve.hults@uscgaux.net).

If you are interested in learning more about our safe boating classes, or to learn more about getting involved in the Auxiliary, check out our website at [www.uscgaux.net](http://www.uscgaux.net) or contact our Flotilla Commander Ron Eudy, at [Ron.Eudy@uscgaux.net](mailto:Ron.Eudy@uscgaux.net).

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## Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

By GREGG STANTON and CAL JAMISON

### Dry Caves in the Wakulla area.

A few days ago my neighbor Cal Jamison and I had lunch at Myra Jean's to discuss collaborating on a series of columns describing the stories of our karst features.

We decided to start with the dry caves in our area, of which there are very few to our knowledge. We will focus on Gopher Hole, Cal's Cave also known as Moody Cave and Natural Wells Cave.

The karst feature known Gopher Hole in the Apalachicola National Forest's Leon Sinks Geologic Area penetrates the ground at an angle, much like what the gopher tortoise digs for its burrow, only larger. Gopher Hole has a grotto like cavity that straddles water that provides a cool shady water hole for passing critters and travelers. There is a narrow chimney that extends from below the waters surface to the top of the rise above the cavern. We can imagine summer travelers headed to the coast, stopping by Gopher Cave for a refreshing drink or even dip in the otherwise near 100-degree F. land weather.

Cal's Cave was named after Cal Jamison in the early 1970's after he led a team of early cave diving explorers to it. These same explorers made the first underwater connection between Upper and Lower Riversinks and were Cal's classmates in archaeology at FSU.

The cave, located near the old Moody homestead, is a dry cave passage that reportedly once penetrated many hundreds of yards westward above the water table. In the cave floor at the entrance some 20 feet down, is a pool of clear water with an opening through which you can see a water passage leading to the Chip's Hole cave system, that winds its way under the intersection of U.S. 319 and Bloxham Cutoff and leads eventually to Wakulla Springs.

I have been told that back in the time of our earlier settlers, natives hid in this dry cave when landowners were trying to round them up. Cal once tried to dig the cave out after it collapsed years ago, but was able to only penetrate a few feet in to the rubble of the once long cave. Others have tried to find the way through the collapsed cave, too, but they have only managed to wiggle through a few extra feet in very tight conditions. A ground penetrating radar survey is in the works.

Sgt. Ken McDonald of the Leon County Dive Team recalled a local double homicide that ended with the bodies of two young people who were kidnapped, murdered for their car, and then deposited in the water passage of this cave.

Natural Wells Cave near Woodville is a classic grotto that has been tamed. It has a wooden staircase leading down and around the 25 foot perimeter into the cave. The owner even installed lights in the depths of the clear water.

Above the cave's pool is an opening on to the land's surface about 4 feet in diameter. Many local folks remember the rite of passage of jumping down through its 15-foot drop to the water depths below. Some got a little skinned up, but it was worth it to be able to claim this accomplishing this daring feat.

Natural Wells is said to be much like Devil's Den near Williston.

Both Cal's Cave and Natural Wells are not open for public viewing, but you can visit Gopher Hole in the Apalachicola National Forest's Leon Sinks Geologic Area if you want to experience the sight of a clear pool of spring water in an open cavern. You will see water seeping from the limerock walls before it falls into the pool below. Don't be surprised if you startle a few frogs as you approach the water's edge.

It's a peaceful and quiet place where you can take some time to reconnect with your natural surroundings. If you are hardy and daring you can then climb to the top of the overhanging hill and look down through a narrow winding shaft that leads to the depths below the surface behind the back wall of the grotto.

## Comments sought on scallop fishery

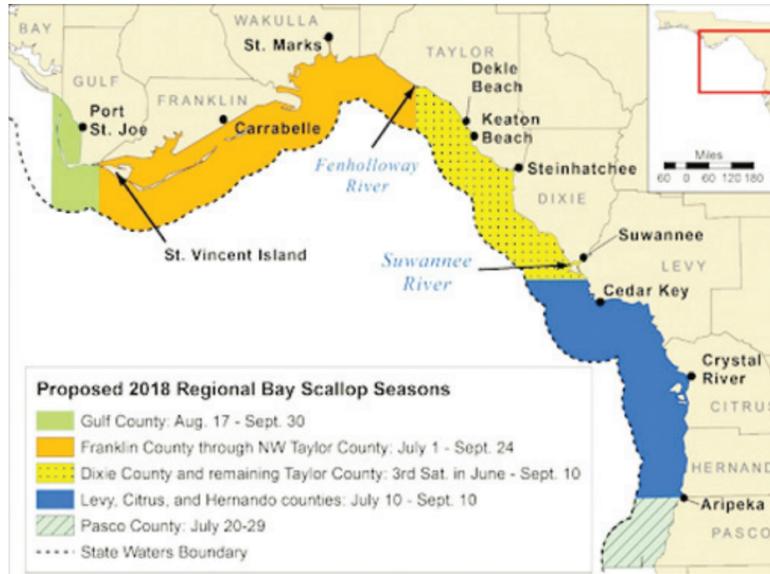
From FWC News

Do you participate in the bay scallop fishery? If so, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission wants to hear from you.

The FWC's Division of Marine Fisheries Management is seeking your input about recently proposed, regionally-specific bay scallop season dates. The proposal was developed following a series of public workshops and meetings with community leaders before and after the 2017 scallop season. The proposal will be brought back before the Commission at the Feb. 7-8 meeting in Tallahassee for a final public hearing.

If approved in February, the following regionally-specific bay scallop open season dates would be effective starting in 2018 and would extend into the future:

- Franklin County



through northwestern Taylor County (including Carrabelle, Lanark, and St. Marks): July 1 through Sept. 24 every year.

- The remaining portion of Taylor County and all of Dixie County (including Keaton Beach and the Steinhatchee area): the third Saturday in June

through Sept. 10 every year.

- Levy, Citrus and Hernando counties (including Cedar Key, Crystal River and Homosassa): July 10 through Sept. 10 every year.

For more information or to view the presentation given at the December Commission

meeting, visit the meeting agenda and scroll to item number 18. Additional information about the February final public hearing will be available on the Commission Meetings webpage closer to date of the meeting.

Visit [MyFWC.com/SaltwaterComments](http://MyFWC.com/SaltwaterComments) to comment.

# Law Enforcement and Courts reports

## Sheriff's Report

Activity reported by the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office for the week of Jan. 4 to Jan. 11.

### THURSDAY, JAN. 4

• Ray McNeal of Panama City was arrested following a traffic stop conducted at Highway 98 and the Newport Weigh Station. The vehicle was reportedly observed traveling at a high rate of speed and a traffic stop was initiated. The investigation conducted during the traffic stop revealed that the suspect was operating the motor vehicle without a valid driver's license (DWLSR). The suspect had three prior DWLSR convictions and his license had been suspended since January 2017. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Wakulla County Jail. Deputy Anthony Paul investigated.

### FRIDAY, JAN. 5

• Johnathan Spooner of Crawfordville reported a burglary of his vehicle and theft of property from inside of it. The victim stated that he was inside the Shell Station on Crawfordville Highway and when he arrived home he discovered his wallet had been stolen out of the vehicle. The wallet was described as a brown American Eagle, valued at \$10, and contained his identification and bank cards as well as approximately \$15 in cash. The case information was collected, documented and referred to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division. Deputy Andrea Sessor investigated.

• Corey Lee of Sopchoppy was arrested following a traffic stop conducted in the 2000 block of Sopchoppy Highway. The suspect was reportedly observed operating the vehicle with an expired tag. The investigation conducted

during the traffic stop revealed that the suspect was operating the vehicle with a suspended driver's license (DWLSR). The suspect was arrested and transported to the Wakulla County Jail. Deputy Matthew Hedges investigated.

• Samantha Lee of Georgia was arrested following a retail theft investigation at the Crawfordville Walmart. Asset Protection with the Crawfordville Walmart reported the retail theft. The investigation revealed that the suspect passed the final point of sale without paying for several pieces of merchandise that had not been paid for. The total value of the items that were not paid for amounted to \$107.67. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Wakulla County Jail. Deputy Andrea Sessor investigated.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 6

• Carl Crum of Crawfordville was arrested following a traffic stop conducted in the 800 block of Rehwinkel Road. The suspect was reportedly observed operating a motor vehicle at a high rate of speed and a traffic stop was initiated. The investigation conducted during the traffic stop revealed that the suspect operating the motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license (DWLSR). The investigation also revealed that the suspect was in allegedly possession of methamphetamine and equipment associated with the use of narcotics. The suspect was arrested for DWLSR, possession of methamphetamine, and drug paraphernalia then transported to the Wakulla County Jail. Deputy Matthew Hedges investigated.

• Deanna Powell of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief to her vehicle. The victim reported that she discovered that someone had "keyed" her vehicle near the

right front fender. Damages to the vehicle were estimated at \$100. The case information was collected, documented and referred to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division. Sgt. Gibby Gibson investigated.

• Stephen Ferreira of Crawfordville reported a burglary to his vehicle and theft of property from inside it. The victim reported that heard his vehicle alarm go off while he was sleeping and looked out the window and saw that his truck's interior lights were on. The victim that he went outside and discovered that the truck's driver side window had been busted out and his rifle had been stolen. The rifle is a Remington 700 DBL bolt-action rifle with a Nikon 3x9 scope attached. The victim also stated that a camouflage backpack that contained an 800 Laser Range Finder and other miscellaneous hunting items was stolen. The total value of the stolen items was estimated at \$1,340 and damages were \$450. The case information was collected, documented and referred to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division. Deputy Peter Noelker investigated.

### SUNDAY, JAN. 7

• Joshua Baker of Tallahassee was arrested following a traffic stop conducted at Slough Bridge and Bloxham Cutoff Road. The suspect was reportedly observed driving erratically and a traffic stop was initiated. The investigation conducted during the traffic stop revealed that the suspect was operating the vehicle without a valid driver's license (DWLSR). The suspect was also allegedly in possession of methamphetamine and equipment associated with the use of narcotics. The suspect was placed under

arrest and transported to the Wakulla County Jail. Deputy Matthew Hedges investigated.

• Ronald Reuth of Panama City was arrested following a traffic stop conducted in the 100 block of Surf Road. The investigation conducted during the traffic stop revealed that the suspect was operating the motor vehicle while his license was revoked (DWLSR). The suspect had been deemed a habitual offender in 2016 and had seven prior DWLSR convictions. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Wakulla County Jail. Deputy Anthony Paul investigated.

• William Rowell of Shady Grove was arrested following a traffic stop conducted on Coastal Highway. The suspect was reportedly observed operating his vehicle erratically and a traffic stop was initiated. The investigation conducted during the traffic stop revealed that the suspect was operating the vehicle while under the influence and was in possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana. The suspect was arrested for DUI and possession of narcotics and transported to the Wakulla County Jail. Deputy Curtis Hunter investigated.

### MONDAY, JAN. 8

• Asset Protection with the Crawfordville Walmart reported a retail theft. Two individuals, a white female and a white male were observed passing the final point of sale without paying for merchandise that was in their possession. When confronted they exited the store and fled in a gold Hyundai sedan. The value of the merchandise was \$69.55. The case information was collected, documented and referred to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division. Deputy Kyle Hanks investigated.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 9

• Larry Mosley of Panama City reported a burglary to his residence and theft of property from inside the residence. The victim stated that a 42-inch flatscreen TV and a black Xbox and Xbox games had been stolen from his residence. The value of the stolen property was estimated at \$625. Possible suspects have been identified. The case information was collected, documented and referred to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division. Deputy Jenna Beceriklier investigated.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10

• Jessica Wessel of Crawfordville reported that she was the victim of a theft while working at the Quick Stop on Spring Creek Highway. The victim stated that two males entered the store and one distracted her while the other snuck behind the counter and stole her pocketbook. The pocketbook contained cash and identification cards. The total value of the theft was estimated at \$77. The case information was collected, documented and referred to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division. Deputy Jeremy Creel investigated.

This week Sheriff Jared Miller and the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,275 calls for service, 197 calls to 911, and conducted 261 residential and business security checks.

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## Sex offender arrested for internet

### Special to The News

James Myers, a registered sex offender, was arrested by Wakulla County Sheriff's Office officers last week and charged with Failure To Register Internet Identifiers, after they executed a search warrant at his residence, located at 106 Cochise St. in Crawfordville.

The investigation of Myers began after detectives with the WCSO received allegations that James Myers was accessing child pornog-



James Myers

raphy via the internet.

Myers is on state probation and is prohibited from accessing the internet in any capacity.

Detectives developed probable cause to believe that evidence of Myers' use of the internet was present at his home and obtained a search warrant to search the residence.

On Thursday, Jan. 11, detectives with the sheriff's office and Special Agents from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement executed the warrant and Myers was present at the residence.

During an interview with a detective

and an FDLE special agent, Myers allegedly acknowledged that he had an email address and utilized the internet.

During the search of the home, multiple electronic devices were seized for analysis by the FDLE Crime Lab. If illegal pornography is located on this electronic devices, additional charges will be filed against Myers.

Myers was booked into the Wakulla County Jail.

## Woman charged with running theft ring

### From Front Page

Pritchard's daughter, Starla Brooke Pritchard, was present at the home when a search warrant was executed at the residence, located at 168 Bettywood Circle, in Crawfordville, and was taken into custody on an outstanding arrest warrant for violation of probation.

The investigation of Sylvia Pritchard began following the thefts of multiple bicycles from the Walmart in Crawfordville, during which a thief's depiction was captured by video cameras. Detectives reviewed the video footage, took screen shots of the thief, and posted them on Facebook along with a request for assistance in identifying

the subject. With the assistance of Wakulla County citizens, the thief was identified.

Thereafter, CID identified three other associates to the bicycle thief who assisted with the theft on that date. CID Detectives interviewed the thieves, who admitted to participating in these crimes, and also explained the role of Sylvia Pritchard in the thefts. The investigation revealed that this bicycle theft was not a "typical" retail theft - rather, it was one of multiple retail thefts committed by an organized cadre of thieves allegedly working in conjunction with one another on behalf of Sylvia Pritchard.

Through the review of investigative reports and evidence, inter-

rogations, interviews, covert undercover operations, and fixed, moving and electronic surveillance, multiple thefts were identified that transpired from multiple businesses, and the involvement of Pritchard in allegedly organizing these illegal acts was corroborated and verified. It was determined that on repeated instances, Sylvia Pritchard provided a "shopping list" of items to be stolen to one of multiple thieves, who would subsequently steal the items on the list. Once the stolen items were delivered to Pritchard, she would allegedly determine what the retail price would have been for the stolen item by scanning the bar code on the side of

each stolen item with a cellular telephone app. Pritchard then allegedly compensated the thieves at half of what the retail price would have been for the stolen items, in cash.

Detectives identified multiple items that had been acquired by Pritchard in this manner and stored at her residence.

Multiple items were recovered and seized, including four bicycles, a Disney Cinderella 24-volt kids electric car valued at \$398, household supplies, pet food, portable electronic hardware, and personal hygiene products.

Sylvia Pritchard and Starla Brooke Pritchard were both booked into the Wakulla County Jail.



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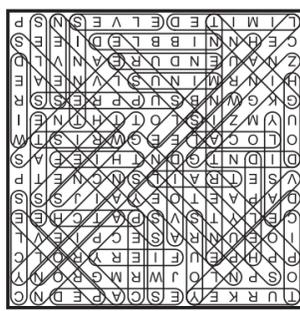
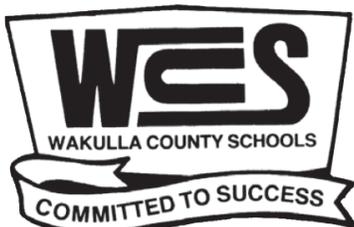
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Written by Carolyn Mueller • Illustrated by Christopher Grant



### Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

#### RIDDLE SEARCH – MONEY

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

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BUSINESS	B	R	C	N	G	S	E	L	E	N
CENT	A	T	G	D	K	N	N	M	N	O
CHANGE	L	E	C	C	S	A	I	S	N	M
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### Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

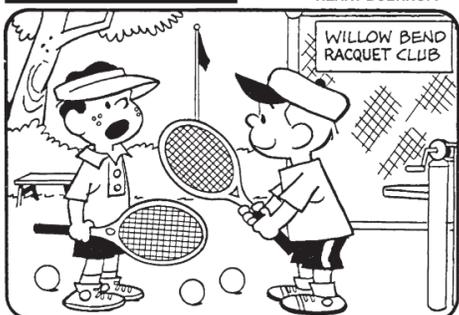
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1. Speak up for	___ F ___	Count on	___ P ___
2. Babysitter	___ N _	Mrs. Reagan	___ C _
3. Absurd comedy	_ A _	Military strength	_ O _
4. In the neighborhood	___ C ___	Faithful	___ Y ___
5. Springtime festival	E ___	More rapidly	F ___
6. From Holland	_ U _	Trench	_ I _
7. Better than good	___ A _	Welcome	___ E _
8. Green Bay player	___ R	Small container	___ T
9. Unadorned	___ N	Tartan	___ D
10. Black tea	_ O _	Elongated shape	_ B _

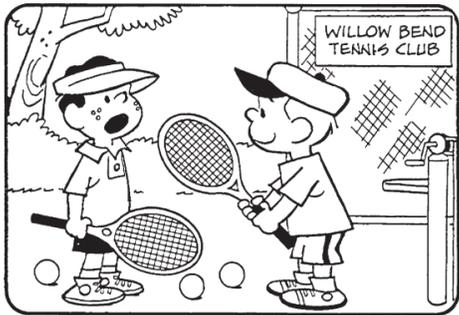
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



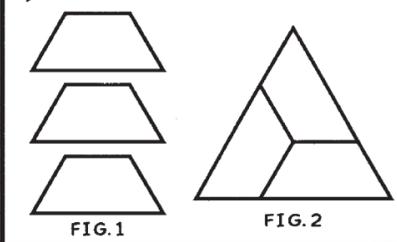
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bench is missing. 2. Burton strip is shorter. 3. Racket is moved. 4. Flag is missing. 5. Sign is different. 6. Pants are different. 7. Dragster. 8. Phasew. 9. Oodballs. 10. Oolong, Oblong.

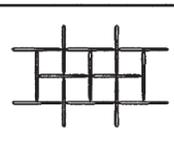
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**FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE!** In the word square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "WALLET." See if you can replace these letters in the squares so that you will have four three-letter words across and three four-letter words down. Time limit: 60 seconds.

W		A	M
A			E
L		E	
L		E	
E			
T			

Answers: (Across) Lam, ale, wee, net. (Down) Lawn, alee, meet.

### Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

1.	A				S
2.		L			M
3.			P		E
4.				H	L
5.				B	A
6.			O		B
7.	R				E
8.	P				T

#### FIND THE BIG WORDS!

Using the definitions and the anagrams below, you must find the eight eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left. For each definition, the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

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|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>DEFINITION:</b>            | <b>ANAGRAM:</b> |
| 1. He had a foot problem.     | case + hill     |
| 2. A cluster of flowers.      | slob + moss     |
| 3. Devotees of modern jazz.   | rest + ship     |
| 4. Having no pity.            | hurl + sets     |
| 5. Eccentric people.          | sold + bald     |
| 6. An ancient weapon.         | sobs + crow     |
| 7. A racing fool.             | tars + dreg     |
| 8. A gradual discontinuation. | soup + heat     |

Answers: 1. Achilles. 2. Blossoms. 3. Hipsters. 4. Funtiles. 5. Oddballs. 6. Crossbow. 7. Dragster. 8. Phasew.



1. Defend, Depend	6. Dutch, Ditch
2. Nanny, Nancy	7. Great, Greet
3. Faree, Force	8. Packer, Packet
4. Local, Loyal	9. Plain, Plaid
5. Easter, Faster	10. Oolong, Oblong



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### Lien Notices

6560-0125 TWN  
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HID #	Registration	Description	Owner
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BLOK11CVH989	FL2851GR	Bayliner	Brooks, Robert Aubrey
CFM17064M82J	FL848DK	Custom Craft 1982	Griffin, Christopher W
GSY23063H788	FL355D1	Glass Stream	Rodgers, Clayton Glen
BK02754N740	FL2449GX	Sea Pro 1974	Pellrey, Allen C
PLC00180D486	FL1858DK	Pro Line 1986	Koelliker, George Phillip
PIOCC172G889	FL0448GR	Sun Pro 1989	Taylor, Brinson Richard
XTBAL219M78K	FL0754DP	Ski Nautique	Roberts, Terry W
No HID	FL4797BS	Bas Boat Manatee	Atkinson Royce W
No HID	FL2593DK	Fleeting	Colvin, Jimmie Lester
No HID	FL1219DK	Playmate	Graham, CE
No HID	GA6099GE	Lightning 1971	Sellers, Homer
ASP80169M787	GA6093XH	Aquasport 170 1973	Dorough, James
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### Lien Notices

6567-0125 TWN  
McClelland, Sue J. 17000186AAXMX Notice of Action  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 17000186AAXMX

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
UNKNOWN HEIRS BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, SURVIVING SPOUSE, GRANTEE, ASSIGNEE, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY THROUGH UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF SUE J. MCCLELLAND (DECEASED); et al.,  
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION  
(Publish in The Wakulla News)

TO: Unknown Heirs, Beneficiaries, Devisees, Surviving Spouse, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, And All Other Parties Claiming An Interest By Through Under or Against The Estate of Sue J. McClelland (Deceased)  
Last Known Residence: Unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in WAKULLA COUNTY, Florida:

LOT 16, CYPRESS COVE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 73, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2008 MANUFACTURED HOME, I.D. NO(S), FLTHLCT2801-1691A/B.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on ALDRIDGE I PIPE, LLP, Plaintiffs attorney, at 1615 South Congress Avenue, Suite 200, Delray Beach, FL 33445, on or before 30 Days After The First Date of Publication, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

Dated on January 8th, 2018.

BRENT X. THURMOND As Clerk of the Court  
(COURT SEAL)  
By: Rachel L. Howard, As Deputy Clerk

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### Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

6565-0125 TWN  
Waltman Jr., Randal 652015CA00058CAAXMX Notice of Sale  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA. CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 652015CA00058CAAXMX

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
RANDAL WALTMAN, JR., et al  
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of foreclosure dated December 05, 2017, and entered in Case No. 652015CA00058CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the SECOND JUDICIAL Circuit in and for WAKULLA COUNTY, Florida, wherein BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, is Plaintiff, and RANDAL WALTMAN, JR., et al are Defendants, the clerk, Brent X. Thurmond, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 AM 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 15 day of February, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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

Dated: at Crawfordville, WAKULLA COUNTY, Florida, this 27th day of December, 2017.

Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of Said Circuit Court  
(CIRCUIT COURT SEAL)  
By: Rachel Howard, As Deputy Clerk

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY  
c/o Phelan Hallinan Diamond & Jones, PLLC, PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff  
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### Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

6554-0125 TWN  
Morgan, Lucinda S. 65-2017-CA-000044 Notice of Sale  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 65-2017-CA-000044

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
LUCINDA S. MORGAN; ROBERT S. MORGAN; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2.  
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 05, 2017, in this cause, in the Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Wakulla County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Wakulla County, Florida, described as:

LOTS 54, 55, 56 AND 57, BLOCK 53, WAKULLA GARDENS, UNIT FIVE, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 56 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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at public sale to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the front lobby of the Wakulla County Courthouse located at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, on February 15th, 2018, beginning at 11:00 AM.

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Dated this 7th day of December, 2017

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### Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
(Please publish in THE WAKULLA NEWS)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 2, 2018, and entered in Case No. 2017-CA-00062, of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA County, Florida, DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2004-4 is Plaintiff and LINDA STELTER A/K/A LINDA D STELTER A/K/A LINDA DIANE STELTER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LINDA STELTER A/K/A LINDA D STELTER A/K/A LINDA DIANE STELTER; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEE OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; FIRST COMMERCE CREDIT UNION F/K/A FLORIDA COMMERCE CREDIT UNION; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Clerk's Conference Room in the lobby of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, at 11:00 a.m., on the 8th day of February, 2018, the following described as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

a/k/a 1089 Lonnie Raker Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327.

DATED this 3rd day of January, 2018.

BRENT X. THURMOND, As Clerk of said Court  
(SEAL)  
By: Rachel L. Howard, As Deputy Clerk

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EXHIBIT "A"  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
RANDAL WALTMAN, JR., et al  
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of foreclosure dated December 05, 2017, and entered in Case No. 652015CA00058CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the SECOND JUDICIAL Circuit in and for WAKULLA COUNTY, Florida, wherein BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, is Plaintiff, and RANDAL WALTMAN, JR., et al are Defendants, the clerk, Brent X. Thurmond, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 AM 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 15 day of February, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

THE NORTH 164 FEET OF THE SOUTH 1144 FEET OF THE EAST 430 FEET OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 2 EAST RECORDED IN WARRANTY DEED OR BOOK 287, PAGE 316 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated: at Crawfordville, WAKULLA COUNTY, Florida, this 27th day of December, 2017.

Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of Said Circuit Court  
(CIRCUIT COURT SEAL)  
By: Rachel Howard, As Deputy Clerk

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY  
c/o Phelan Hallinan Diamond & Jones, PLLC, PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff  
2727 West Cypress Creek Road Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309 954-462-7000

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Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices

5653-0125 TWN Williams, James L. 16000132CAAXMX Notice of Sale IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO: 16000132CAAXMX

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 20, 2017, and entered in 16000132CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDEBTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS OF RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2006-4, Plaintiff

COMMENCING AT A U.S. GOVERNMENT CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE EAST CORNER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA AND THENCE RUN SOUTH ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 11, A DISTANCE OF 1208.23 FEET TO AN OLD LIGHTWOOD HUB, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89° 47' 52" WEST 343.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE SOUTH 89° 47' 52" WEST 346.00 FEET TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF A 50.00 FOOT ROADWAY, THENCE RUN NORTH ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 607.69 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 89° 26' 18" EAST 346.01 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 609.86 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 4.84 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Property Address: 45 STONEY LN, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327-4504 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 21st day of December, 2017. Brent Thurmond, As Clerk of the Court (COURT SEAL) By: Rachel L. Howard, As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: ADA Coordinator, 301 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301; 850.606.4401; at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Submitted by: Robertson, Anschutz & Schneid, P.L. Attorneys for Plaintiff 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33487 Telephone: 561-241-6901 Fax: 561-997-6909

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5652-0125 TWN Kuminkoski, Buddy C. 17000045CAAXMX Notice of Sale IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO: 17000045CAAXMX

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 5th, 2017 and entered in 17000045CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE is the Plaintiff and BUDDY C. KUMINKOSKI; SYLVIA A. KUMINKOSKI are the Defendant(s). Brent Thurmond as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., the Front



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Lobby, Wakulla County Courthouse, Crawfordville, FL 32327, at 11:00 AM, on February 8th, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 59, BLOCK "51", WAKULLA GARDENS UNIT FIVE, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 56 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 26 BEELER RD CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 7th day of December, 2017. Brent Thurmond, As Clerk of the Court (COURT SEAL) By: Rachel L. Howard, As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: ADA Coordinator, 301 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301; 850.606.4401; at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Submitted by: Robertson, Anschutz & Schneid, P.L. Attorneys for Plaintiff 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33487 Telephone: 561-241-6901 Fax: 561-997-6909

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5645-0118 TWN Neel, Tami M. 2015-CA-000229 Notice of Sale IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 2015-CA-000229

DITECH FINANCIAL LLC F/K/A GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC Plaintiff, V. TAMI M. NEEL; MARK A. NEEL; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARK A. NEEL; MAGNOLIA RIDGE NORTH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; THE UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF 128 MAGNOLIA RIDGE, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 19, 2017, in the above-captioned action, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Wakulla County Courthouse Lobby, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 22nd day of February, 2018 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit:

Lot 20, Block A, Magnolia Ridge North, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 55 of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida. Property address: 128 Magnolia Ridge, Crawfordville, FL 32327.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Susan Wilson, ADA Coordinator, 301 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301; (850) 577-4401; at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Brent X. Thurmond, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT As Clerk of the Court (COURT SEAL) By: Rachel L. Howard, Deputy Clerk

Padgett Law Group, Attorney for Plaintiff attorney@padgettlaw.net 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312

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5636-0118 TWN Carter Jr., Vernon Mark 2017-CA-132 Notice of Action IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2017-CA-132

THOMAS A. STONE and BETTY K. STONE, Plaintiffs, vs. VERNON MARK CARTER, JR., et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION TO: VERNON MARK CARTER, JR. and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF VERNON MARK CARTER, JR.; IF ALIVE, AND IF DECEASED, UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, CREDITORS, ASSIGNS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST THEM:

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Complaint for Tax Deed Quiet Title on the following property in Wakulla County, Florida:

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" Wakulla County Parcel ID No. 00-00-057-000-09959-022

has been filed against you and others, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on ANDREW J. POWER, ESQUIRE, SMITH, THOMPSON, SHAW, MINACCI, COLON & POWER, P.A., Plaintiffs' attorneys, 3520 Thomasville Road, Fourth Floor, Tallahassee, Florida 32309-3469, no more than thirty (30) days from the first publication date of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs' attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED this 15th day of December, 2017. BRENT X. THURMOND, Clerk of Court (Court Seal) By: Rachel L. Howard, Deputy Clerk Wakulla County Courthouse 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327

EXHIBIT "A" The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida, and described as follows: COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 57 OF THE HARTSFIELD SURVEY OF LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN

SOUTH 73 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 1057.64 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 7 DEGREES 11 MINUTES AND 18 SECONDS WEST 1361.58 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN NORTH 73 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST 262.42 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE NORTH 73 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST 262.41 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED # 4261) LYING IN NINE GABLES LANE (A 60.0 FOOT WIDE INGRESS EASEMENT), THENCE RUN SOUTH 17 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EASEMENT 165.94 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED #4261), THENCE LEAVING SAID EASEMENT RUN SOUTH 73 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST 262.64 FEET TO A POINT NOT MARKED, THENCE RUN NORTH 17 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST 165.94 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING.

SUBJECT TO A 60.00 FOOT WIDE INGRESS AND EGRESS EASEMENT LYING OVER AND ACROSS THE EASTERLY PORTION THEREOF.

TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT OVER AND ACROSS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED 60 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT (KNOWN AS NINE GABLES LANE):

COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 57 OF THE HARTSFIELD SURVEY OF LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 73 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 1057.12 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 17 DEGREES 11 MINUTES AND 12 SECONDS WEST 834.06 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN NORTH 73 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST 658.18 FEET, THENCE NORTH 16 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST 60.00 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 73 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 101.99 FEET, THENCE NORTH 17 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST 171.03 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 73 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST 60.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 17 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST 717.03 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 73 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 496.19 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 17 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST 60.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Published December 28, 2017, January 4, 11, 18, 2018.

5644-0118 TWN Sapp, Rhonda T. 2017-CA-000101 Notice of Sale IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE #: 2017-CA-000101

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Plaintiff, vs. Rhonda T. Sapp; Unknown Spouse of Rhonda T. Sapp; Unknown Parties in Possession #1. If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2. If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 2017-CA-000101 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff and Rhonda T. Sapp are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Brent X. Thurmond, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT LOBBY OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HWY, CRAWFORDVILLE, FLORIDA AT 11:00 AM on February 8th, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 33, BLOCK "N", MAGNOLIA GARDENS, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 37, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact 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 (COURT SEAL) By: Rachel L. Howard, Deputy Clerk of Courts

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

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Self Storage Notices

Self Storage Notices

5643-0118 TWN Notice of Auction Under the authority of the Florida Storage facility Act the property described below has been seized for nonpayment of rent and other accrued expenses. The property will be sold at auction to the highest bidder as provided by the self storage facility act 83.806, Wakulla Storage LLC reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. Cash Only. Luann Cartor Unit 25 Household Items, Tawanna Maxwell Unit 33, Auction starts @ www.storage-treasures.com January 25, 2018.

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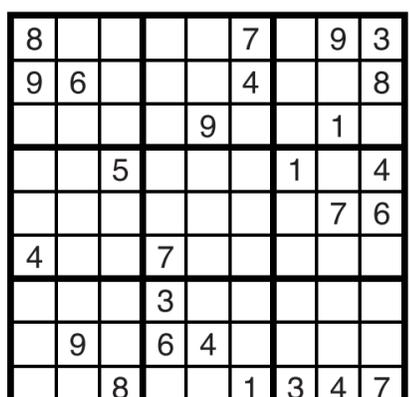
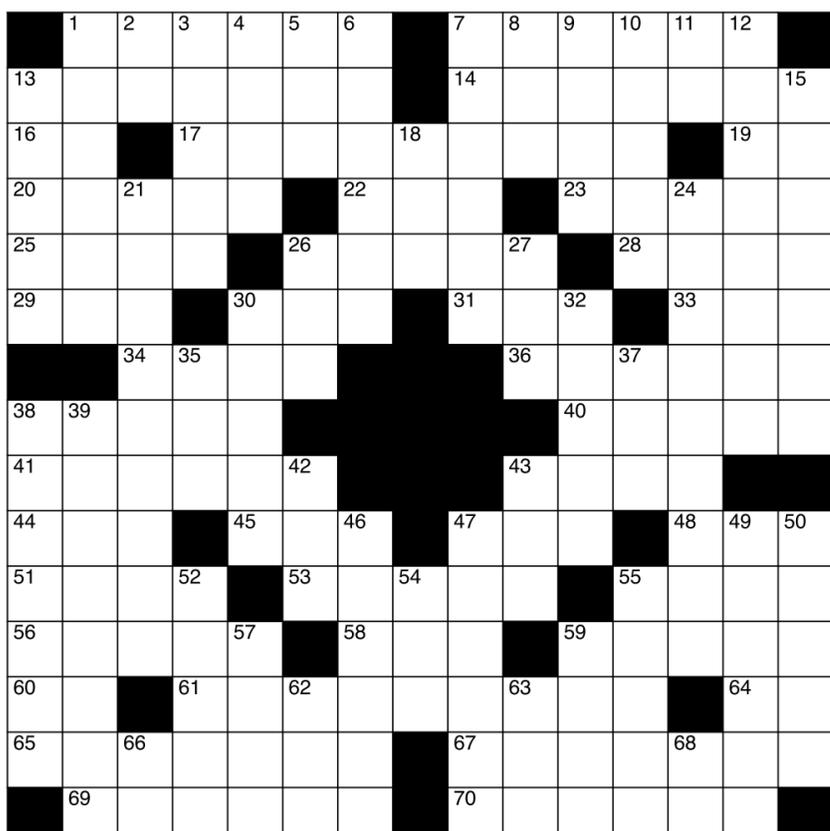
5647-0118 TWN (1/27 sale) NOTICE OF SALE Notice is given pursuant to Florida Self-Storage Facility Act, Florida Statutes, Chapter 83, Part IV that Crawfordville Self Storage will hold a sale by sealed bid on Saturday, January 27, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at 3291 Crawfordville Hwy. of the contents of Mini-Warehouses containing personal property of:

Tina Walker William Markus Branch A.L. McNeal Sierra Moss Debra Tallent Terry Cusman Before the sale date of January 27th, 2018, the owners may redeem their property by a payment of the outstanding balance and cost by paying in person at 3291 Crawfordville Hwy., before 10:00 a.m. Published January 11 & 18, 2018.

5649-0118 TWN (1/26 sale) LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is given pursuant to Florida Self-Storage Facility Act, Florida Statutes, Chapter 83, Part IV that Seminole Self Storage will hold a sale by sealed bid JANUARY 26TH, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at 2314 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, Florida 32327, of the contents of Mini-Warehouse containing personal property of:

JOHN JOHNSON RHONDA DULGAR HEATHER BLAKE CIARA SANDERS Before the sale date of JANUARY 26TH, 2018, The Owners may redeem their property by payment of the Outstanding Balance and cost by mailing Certified Funds to 2314 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, Florida, 32327 or Paying in person at the warehouse location. Published January 11 & 18, 2018.



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MAN, IT'S SO COLD I CAN SEE MY BREATH.  
GEEZ BOB, I'M PRETTY SURE I COULD SEE YOUR BREATH IN JULY.

**Out on a Limb**

by Gary Kopervas

REFROUTING, REFROUTING, REFROUTING...

THE WOMAN WHOSE VOICE IS USED IN GPS COMMANDS GOES ON A BLIND DATE

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Y'KNOW, WINTER WOULDN'T BE SO BAD.  
IF IT WAS MORE SUMMER-LIKE.  
ANOTHER GEM FROM THE COLD FARMER'S ALMANAC.

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by Jeff Pickering

YOUR HAIRCUT MAKES YOU LOOK TEN YEARS YOUNGER.  
I DIDN'T SAY YOUNGER THAN "WHAT."

DID YA EVER THINK OF GITIN' HITCHED?

MANY TIMES!

I DIDN'T PLAN TO BE A BACHELOR...

WHILE WE DINED ON BURGERS AT ROUGH-HOUSE'S...

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**King Crossword**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Nasty insect
- 5 Badly lit
- 8 Error
- 12 Chills and fever
- 13 Kreskin's claim
- 14 Docket entry
- 15 In reverie
- 17 Anger
- 18 Dine
- 19 Sternward
- 20 Dissuade
- 21 Firmament
- 22 Stop - dime
- 23 Augment
- 26 Firm
- 30 Needy
- 31 Hockey milieu
- 32 Concept
- 33 Get
- 35 Pry
- 36 Singer
- 37 Winehouse
- 38 Droop
- 38 Cut corners
- 41 Huge
- 42 Greek cross
- 45 Actress Gilpin
- 46 "... twilight's last -"
- 48 Privy to
- 49 Boxer
- 50 Pedestal occupant
- 51 Chinatown gang
- 52 Witness

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- 53 Say it ain't so
- 16 Shark variety
- 20 Modern-day evidence
- 21 Like some video on the Web
- 22 Praise in verse
- 23 Spring mo.
- 24 Buck's mate
- 25 One of the Seven Dwarfs
- 26 High card
- 27 Commotion
- 28 Modern (Pref.)
- 29 Spigot
- 31 Wall climber
- 34 Mischievous one
- 35 Long story
- 37 Prolonged attack
- 38 Skewer
- 39 Gambling game
- 40 Press agent?
- 41 Sad
- 42 Ocean motion
- 43 In due time
- 44 Homely
- 46 Navig. aid
- 47 Central

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:**

- Moderate
- Challenging
- HOO BOY!

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**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

- LITERATURE: Which 18th-century statesman and inventor sometimes used the pen name "Silence Dogood" in his writings?
- GEOGRAPHY: How many emirates make up the United Arab Emirates?
- AUTOS: What does the name Volkswagen mean in German?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first Roman Catholic to become vice president of the United States?
- ARCHITECTURE: What is the location of the Pitti Palace, built mainly during the Renaissance?
- MOVIES: What was the name of the monkey in the Disney movie "Aladdin"?
- GOVERNMENT: Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees a speedy public trial for criminal offenses?
- MUSIC: In the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," what was the gift on the seventh day?
- U.S. STATES: What is the smallest state in land area?
- HISTORY: What Greek statesman was considered the greatest of all orators?

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Trivia Test Answers

1	Benjamin Franklin
2	Seven
3	The people's car
4	Joe Biden
5	Florence, Italy
6	Abu
7	Sixth Amendment
8	Swans
9	Rhode Island
10	Demosthenes

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VDT LHZEF BOAA EHL O WEHYFV

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Solution time: 21 mins.

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

When someone types capital letters an aWdLl lot, I guess you might call him a sflrly person.

# Super Crossword

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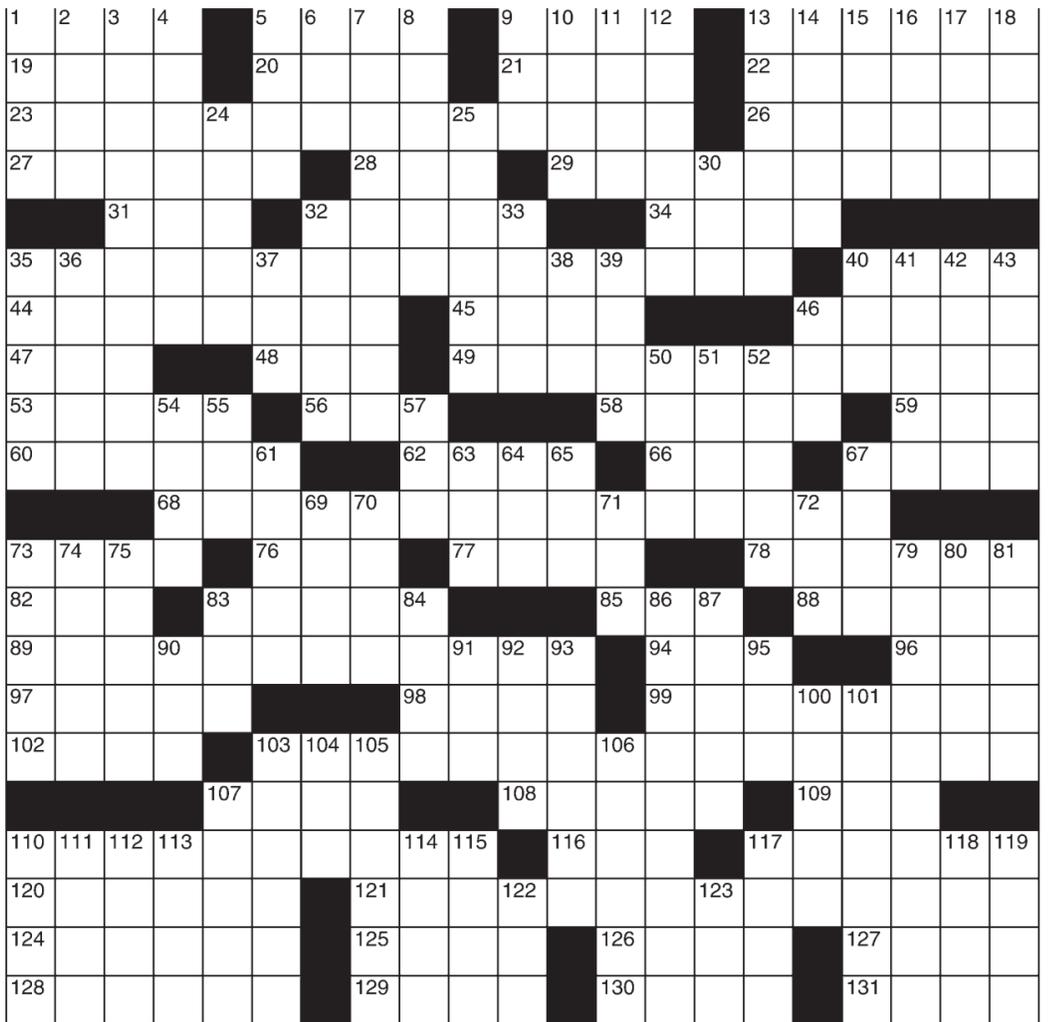
**ACROSS**

- 1 Opera start
- 5 "Yes, yes, Juan!"
- 9 Take -- (taste some)
- 13 Cheeky type
- 19 Road, in German
- 20 Foretoken
- 21 Lovett of country
- 22 No longer surprised by
- 23 Ram forcefully?
- 26 Frito Lay chip
- 27 December mall hirees
- 28 Teeny
- 29 Greeting sent by a cosmetics company?
- 31 "Agnus --"
- 32 Cache
- 34 Southeast Kansas city
- 35 Where lots of mail deliverers scuba-dive?
- 40 Not at all high
- 44 Most robust
- 45 Kazan of film directing
- 46 Hilo "hello"
- 47 In days past
- 48 "Lo-o-ovely!"
- 49 Set crossword hints to music?
- 53 Prefix with pathology
- 56 The Big Apple, briefly
- 58 Fissile rock
- 59 Midday sleep
- 60 Divide by type
- 62 Contract out
- 66 TV title alien
- 67 Water whirl
- 68 Required maintenance items?
- 73 Face cover
- 76 From -- Z
- 77 Big fair
- 78 Character
- 82 "Scat!"
- 83 Prologue
- 85 Upsilon's follower
- 88 Qdoba treats
- 89 Inelegant five-member band?
- 94 66-Across et al.
- 96 Salt's "Help!"
- 97 Muslim palace area
- 98 Haul around
- 99 Number of magazine subscribers, e.g.
- 102 Writer Haley

- 103 Long to look at a periodic table?
- 107 Feng --
- 108 Poetry Muse
- 109 White-haired
- 110 Library cubicle in which Chablis is served?
- 116 Jackie O.'s "O"
- 117 New York state prison
- 120 Is wild for
- 121 Writes hacky computer programs?
- 124 Chemist's "I"
- 125 Nursing school subj.
- 126 Bit of help
- 127 In awe
- 128 Naval units
- 129 Car-lot sticker abbr.
- 130 Barley brews
- 131 Guru's discipline

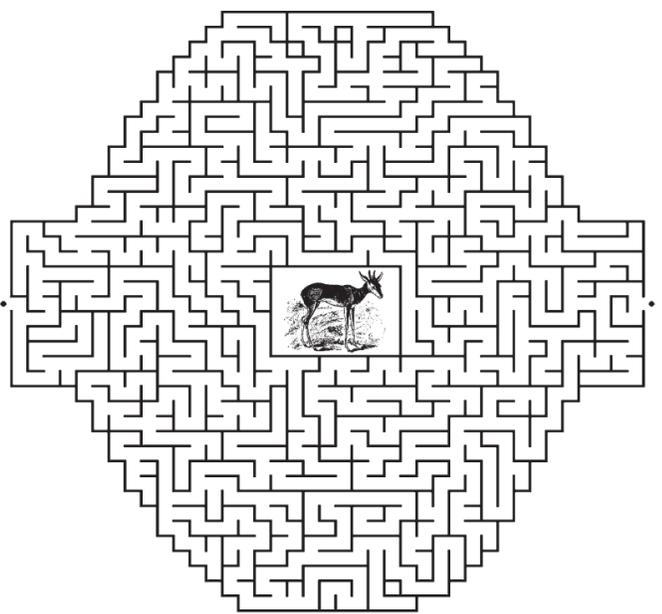
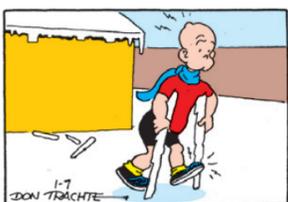
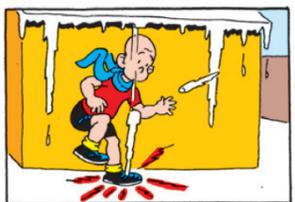
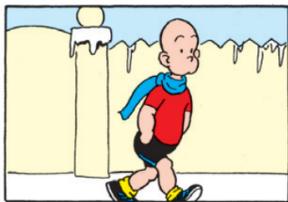
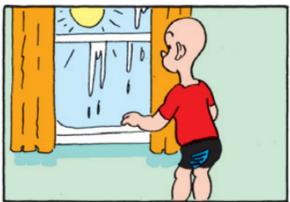
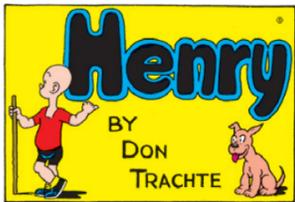
**DOWN**

- 1 Essentials
- 2 "Fame" star Irene
- 3 Very loud
- 4 Alternatively
- 5 -- -chef
- 6 Unruly kid
- 7 Fit for sailing
- 8 Ready to be driven
- 9 Pugilist Muhammad
- 10 Harmony
- 11 1942 role for Ingrid
- 12 "The Dick Van Dyke Show" surname
- 13 Ballet dancer Nureyev
- 14 "Sitting on -- ..." ("Mrs. Robinson" lyric)
- 15 Blood bank fluids
- 16 Nero's 404
- 17 Quintillionth: Prefix
- 18 "Crazy" bird
- 24 Aristide's land
- 25 Eagles' nests
- 30 Female deer
- 32 Is sporting
- 33 Hoagie shop
- 35 Its capital is Accra
- 36 Is very angry
- 37 Co. kahuna
- 38 -- Tin Tin
- 39 Tatty cloths
- 40 Exclusively
- 41 Ran across
- 42 In the future



- 43 Harsh-toned
- 46 Top gun
- 50 Spicy cuisine
- 51 Stop moving
- 52 Pixieish
- 54 Stone
- 55 -- pro nobis
- 57 Amigo of Fidel
- 61 Sedative drug, informally
- 63 Berg stuff
- 64 Stout of mysteries
- 65 Seer's skill
- 67 This, to Pedro
- 69 Dying rebuke
- 70 "Me neither"
- 71 Sponge up
- 72 Scarf down
- 73 Coffee flavor
- 74 Auditory
- 75 Rubberneck
- 79 West Coast coll. in La Jolla
- 80 Hen's perch
- 81 Swirly letters
- 83 Suffix with 90-Down
- 84 Being aired, in a way
- 86 Like religious dissenters
- 87 Writer Calvino
- 90 Gender
- 91 Tip of a sock
- 92 Suffix with major
- 93 Azadi Tower locale
- 95 Holy Fr. woman
- 100 Ham it up
- 101 City-circling route
- 103 Goes after
- 104 1921 Karel Capek play
- 105 Stability-improving auto part
- 106 Vocalist Kitt
- 107 Hound's trail
- 110 Homeless kid
- 111 Sacred cow
- 112 Center point
- 113 The "E" of HOMES
- 114 Practically forever
- 115 Jet name
- 117 Gets the total
- 118 Stop up
- 119 Kelp, e.g.
- 122 Brand of motor oil
- 123 A single

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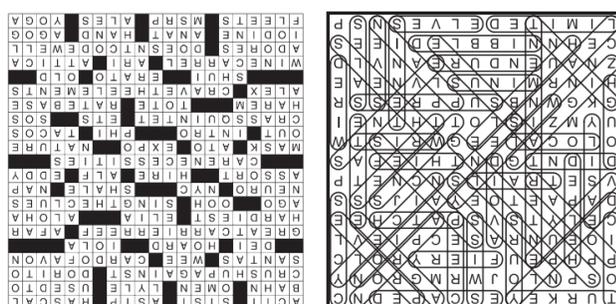
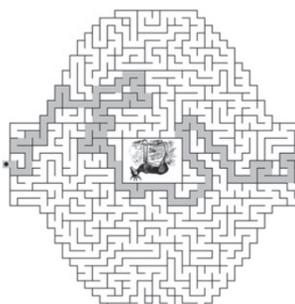




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**A well-stocked pantry is a cook's best friend. Keeping a few common ingredients on hand can make meal planning and preparation easier.**

## Building a better pantry



### GREEN LIVING

By SAMANTHA KENNEDY  
Wakulla Extension Service

A well-stocked pantry is one of the most valuable things a home cook can possess. Having and keeping a few essential ingredients on hand can make meal planning easier, and provide a basis for quick and nutritious meals on the run.

The first important step to building a better pantry is taking an inventory. Throw out anything past its use by date, is moldy, or shows signs of insect damage. Make a list of items on hand and build a shopping list based on needs to be acquired or replaced.

The second consideration is storage space. Buying things in bulk may seem like a good idea, but not if there is nowhere to store it safely. Only purchase as much as will be used within a reasonable amount of time and can fit in the pantry space available.

Thirdly, think food safety. Food may be stored in its packaging before it is opened. Once the seal has been broken, however, it is better to transfer the remainder of the product into sturdy, airtight containers.

Properly label each container and clean and sanitize them between uses to control pests and other contamination. Never store food next to things like household chemicals.

Only non-perishable foods should be stored in the pantry. Other staples, such as eggs, milk (non-shelf stable), condiments, and butter, are stored in the refrigerator. Frozen staples such as fruits, veggies, and meats should remain frozen until use.

Staple foods provide a foundation upon which meals are built. They are commonly used items which often provide a lot of nutrition, add bulk or flavor to a meal. Common staples can be found in each food group.

Fruit group staples include canned, dried, or frozen fruits, fruit juices, apple sauce, and jams and jellies.

Vegetable group staples include canned or frozen vegetables and pasta sauce.

Dairy group staples include fresh or powdered milk, cheese, and yogurt.

Protein group staples include peanut butter, eggs, dried or canned beans, and tuna and other canned meat or fish.

Grain group staples include pasta, flour, cereal, oatmeal, and rice and other grains.

Other staples include things like oil, butter, sugar, salt, herbs and spices, baking supplies, vinegar, and vegetable or animal stock.

Fresh fruits and vegetables can also be considered staples if used frequently. Things like potatoes, tomatoes, onions, garlic, greens, celery, and carrots are often added to many dishes or can be used to make a quick salad on a busy weeknight.

Staples are also an easy way to add a bit of extra nutrition to everyday meals. Things like whole wheat flour and pasta, whole grain rice, low fat meat and dairy products, and low sodium canned vegetables can add vitamins, minerals, and fiber to a meal while limiting fat and salt.

A pantry should be built around what is used most often, not filled with boutique items bought on sale or on a whim. An overstuffed pantry filled with items never or rarely used is a waste of space and money. However, a pantry stocked with common, often used basics is a definite asset to any cook.

For more information on stocking a pantry, meal planning, meal preparation, or food safety, please contact Samantha Kennedy at UF/IFAS Extension Wakulla County at (850) 926-3931 or skennedy@ufl.edu.

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## In the garden now:

# Clover

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**Crimson clover is simple to grow in the home garden, and the seed are inexpensive. Turning the plant into the soil improves water holding capacity and reduces the need for supplemental fertilizer.**

### Crimson clover helps gardens recover before spring planting

By LES HARRISON  
and  
SAMANTHA KENNEDY  
Of Wakulla Extension

Recent weather has confirmed winter is for real in 2018. While the days are getting incrementally longer, the appearance of frost covered windshields in the morning is not a surprise to anyone.

Last week's painful sub-freezing temperatures will lead to noticeably higher heating bills in the coming weeks. The short days, low thermometer reading and impending credit card hangover from the holidays have taken a toll on everyone.

Everyone needs a vacation to recover from all the work of the preceding month's fun and festivities. Even the vegetable garden needs a renewing break which can refresh its attributes.

This is a good opportunity to use yard waste to improve the performance profile of the home garden. Leaves tilled into the garden plot improve the water holding capacity through the addition of organic matter.

The leaves also attract earthworms by providing them an inviting environment from two perspectives. The first is ample moisture and the second is organic matter to consume for growth and reproduction.

The earthworms and bacteria which break down the leaves add nutrients to the soil. They decay and waste materials all make major and

minor elements available for the vegetables which will be planted in spring.

A winter cover crop is another means of revitalizing and improving the fallow garden spot.

Alas, the tried and true summer cover crops will not grow this time of year, even in Wakulla County's relatively mild winters.

However for a minority of plants, the frigid temperatures and short days are the ideal environment to sprout, bloom and produce foliage.

Crimson clover is a cold season annual commonly seen in wintertime Wakulla County. The delicate appearing leaves remains viable even under a coat of sparkling frost and never wilt.

Three clover leaves per stem is the most common structure on this dense growing legume. Persistent searching will reveal the infrequent four leaf clover for the lucky individual.

This European native germinates in late autumn, but has a slow steady growth pattern which lets it escape notice until about this time of year. The plants are currently clumps of green leaves in gardens, pastures and road shoulders.

The distinctly red blooms appear in spring and are an early season nectar source for European honeybees. The scientific name, *Trifolium incarnatum*, references the "blood red" bloom color which produces a striking vista when mass plantings occur.

Crimson clover is com-

monly seeded on roadsides to stabilize the soil and add organic matter. This annual legume will reseed itself when conditions are right.

A generation or two ago crimson clover was referred to as green manure, in agricultural circles. This common legume was tilled in before it reached bloom stage to add organic matter and nutrients, including nitrogen, to the soil.

Commercial fertilizers have mostly replaced this practice for adding nutrients, but do nothing for the organic content of soils. This "old school" soil improvement technique is still valid today, and the seed are inexpensive.

Once rested and refreshed, the garden is ready for renewed production when the weather warms.

To learn more about winter garden refreshment in Wakulla County, visit the UF/IFAS Extension Wakulla County website at <http://wakulla.ifas.ufl.edu> or call 850-926-3931.

For those wishing to know much more about growing in Wakulla County, the 2018 Master Gardener program is set to begin Jan. 18, 2018. Contact the UF/IFAS Extension Wakulla County office for more information and to register.

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# Patent leather beetle is a snug bug in winter



Natural Wakulla

By Les Harrison

One of the perpetual mysteries which is occasionally discussed over a cup of coffee on cold mornings is "how do the bugs survive in the frigid weather?" The truth is most do not living only a year or some seasonal fraction of it.

Many take pleasure, some sadistically, at the thought of the elements exacting revenge for all the destructive transgressions committed by the offending arthropods. While the low temperatures do not kill them all, it certainly thins out the herd.

However, as in Aesop's fable of the ant and the grasshopper, some are prepared to persist through the frost, freezes and snow. One such hardy spe-

cies is a beetle known scientifically as *Odontotaenius disjunctus*.

Commonly known as a Bess bug, the Jerusalem beetle or the patent leather beetle, it is a member of the superfamily Scarabaeoidea which has only a few members found within the United States.

Its wide range of home territory from Florida to Minnesota and from southern Manitoba through the Canadian deciduous forests is a testament to its effective techniques for survival in a variety of climate zones.

The easily recognizable beetle can grow to a length over an inch and a half. They are a shiny coal black, a small horn between their eyes,



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Patent leather beetles spend their lives insulated in logs where they use the dead wood as shelter and food.

and clubbed shaped antenna.

This beetle species also has many long grooves on their elytra, the forewing which covers their thorax when not in flight. When disturbed the adults produce a squeaking sound by rubbing their wings on the abdomen.

It is speculated this action is for communication between members of the colony, possibly to indicate danger to other beetles. It is easy for humans to hear this signal when ambient noise is low.

Many patent leather beetles live together in close colonies. Adults commonly live over a year, prospering in the ups and downs of the thermometer.

One key to the survival key to this beetle's longevity is what and where it eats.

Patent leather beetles like to eat logs of certain trees, mostly the deciduous varieties, such as oaks and wax myrtles. Wood inhabited by these beetles is usually well decomposed and readily crumbles when handled, falls or is moved from its settling site.

Adult beetles inhabit fallen trunks and limbs provided the wood is large enough to support the original settlers and the extended family. Using its large mandibles, the homesteader cut into fallen logs and creates galleries where they will live and reproduce. Once eggs are laid,

adults move their clutches through the galleries they constructed repeatedly. Searching constantly for the best areas for wood to feed and settle the larvae, parents of the eggs will guard ideal feeding sites for the protection and support of their eggs and the next generation.

When the eggs hatch, larvae remain with the parent adults and share mixtures of frass or waste and softened wood. Depending upon temperature and moisture conditions, the entire life cycle may occur within a summer season or take as long as 16 months.

The insulating capacity of the wood surrounding their tunnels

provides a livable, if not cozy, environment to spend their days.

Harmless to humans, the patent-leather beetle is considered beneficial in its activities to decompose dead wood and recycle it into the environment for reuse.

So on these cold January mornings, the patent leather beetle is as snug as a bug in a rug (or a log).

To learn more about the patent leather beetles in Wakulla County, contact the UF/IFAS Wakulla County Extension Office at (850) 926-3931 or <http://wakulla.ifas.ufl.edu/>.

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