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## Wakulla continues to grow

Median price for home in Wakulla County is now up to \$206,900 – housing market said to be best in 10 years

By ERIN HILL  
Staff Writer

The number of homes being built in Wakulla County has steadily increased over the past few years, and with that so has the price of houses.

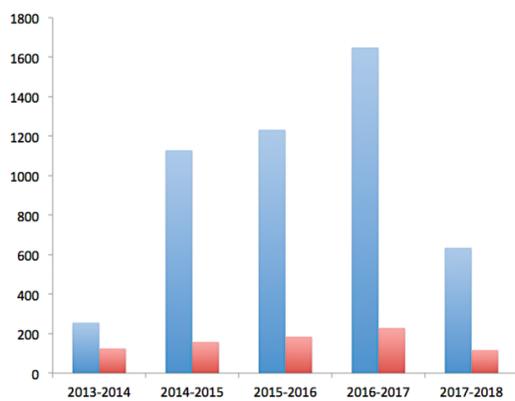
President of the Tallahassee Board of Realtors Wakulla Chapter Sonia Hall said the median price for homes currently for sale in Wakulla County is \$206,900. That includes everything residential – from townhomes, and condominiums to starter and

custom homes. Hall said the median has definitely gone up in the past 5 years, and even the past year.

Joshua Brown, vice president of the local Board of Realtors, said supply and demand is the biggest force driving the market value up.

With 78 percent of the county being public lands, Brown said that only leaves 22 percent to live on.

Not only that, great schools and close proximity to the coast make Wakulla County a hot commodity, favorable for retirees and fami-



• Building permits issued.  
• Certificates of occupancy issued.

lies. He added that homes in the Flowers subdivision are selling for \$135 to \$138 per square foot, up from \$130 per

square foot last year. Another reason for the increase is the cost of construction materials and supplies have also gone up.

“The cost of construction has increased almost 10 percent over the past two-years.

However, that hasn’t slowed people from building, or buying homes. Brown added that homes priced \$300,000 and above are now selling more than they have during any of the past 10 years.

The market is better than it has been in the

past 10 years, he also said.

Not only that, Brown said this year there’s a 6 to 10 percent appreciation, which he pointed out as being really phenomenal.

“It’s a very strong seller’s market,” Brown said.

He went on to say he recently had a client looking for a three bedroom/two bathroom home for around \$130,000. Of the 13 homes he pulled up, he said 10 were under contract.

There has been some

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## First local film festival



Filmgoers at Palaver Tree Theatre on Saturday.

### Palaver Tree Theater was a venue for weekend’s Tallahassee Film Festival

By ERIN HILL  
Staff Writer

Just a few weeks after moving to its new location, the Palaver Tree Theater participated in this year’s Tallahassee Film Festival.

This is the first year the festival has

branched off into Wakulla.

Although the turnout was slimmer than expected, Palaver Tree Artistic Director Herb Donaldson said he was encouraged that the turnout next year would be bigger.

The cost was \$10

to view all seven short films that were screened on Saturday, and an additional \$10 for each of the documentaries and feature films.

One of the popular shorts were “Lawman,” a film by Matthew Gentile, about

Bass Reeves, the first African American to be deputized by the U.S. Marshals Service.

Another short film that garnered attention was “Say NO” by Samuel Clemens.

The film starts with a teenage girl named

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## James Bennett arrested for theft

Owner of Bennett Better Built Homes charged with defrauding the elderly, grand theft

Special to The News

James Bennett, owner of Bennett Better Built Homes in Medart, was arrested this week on charges of exploiting an elderly, disabled man.

According to the Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office, in March of last year, a 68-year-old man

who is legally blind, who walks with the assistance of a red-tipped white cane and requires assistance in daily activities, applied for financing to purchase a \$59,000 manufactured home from Bennett Better Built Homes. The elderly man made a \$20,000 down payment with a cashier’s check and intended to finance the remainder.

According to the complainant, Bennett led the applicant to believe that he would receive documents the next day, and that they would be explained to him since he was legally blind. The applicant never received the documents/contracts he signed or an explanation about them. A couple of days later, the man received documents detailing an increase in the purchase price to \$75,042. The man contacted Bennett and told him he did not agree to the increased price, asked to cancel the sale of the home, and to be issued a refund.

Bennett reportedly informed the man that he would return the down payment. The refund was never submitted.

Bennett was arrested Tuesday, March 27, for Exploitation of an Elderly Person or Disabled Adult, and Grand Theft and booked into the Wakulla County Jail.



James Bennett

## Brent Sanders runs for school board

Deputy for 20 years, announces as candidate for District 3 seat

Special to The News

Brent Sanders has filed to run in the District III School Board race.

Brent is a life long resident of Wakulla County and a graduate of the Wakulla County School system. He is the son of Thomas “Lonzo” Sanders, of Otter Creek and Lorinda Nazworth, of Arran. Brent is married to Lacie Brinson, of Smith Creek and has three daughters Sophie and Emma, who attend Crawfordville Elementary, and Brianna.

Brent has been serving the citizens of Wakulla County for the past 20 years as a deputy sheriff. Several of those years assigned to the School Resource Officer Division, protecting the students,



faculty, and staff of our school system.

“I’ve dedicated my professional life to serving and protecting the citizens of Wakulla County,” he says. “My No. 1 focus has always been the safety and security of Wakulla’s citizens, even more its

protection and safety of our children. Students should be focused on learning, not becoming a potential victim.

“If elected, I hope to bring a new and grounded perspective to the issues we are facing in our school system,” he says.

“I would also advocate for more transparency between the school board and our citizens. Our A-rated school system draws more families to this area year after year, due to the leadership of our board members, administrators, teachers, and staff.

“I would be honored to continue serving the citizens of Wakulla County as the School Board representative of District 3,” Sanders says.

### OBITUARIES

Gloria R. Dean

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**WILDFLOWER OF THE WEEK**



**DAISY FLEABANE**

We have six different kinds of plants in the genus Erigeron, and they all have similar appearances. This particular one (Erigeron vernus) is an early spring bloomer, and often grows in groups, with a height of one to three feet. Their bright white flowers are easy to spot along the roadside and many flowers bloom on one plant. It is in the Composite family, so what look like white petals are actually ray flowers, with as many as forty in one flower head. The centers are made up of bright yellow disk flowers, making a very cheery display.  
—Eleanor Dietrich, Florida Wildflower Foundation



PHOTOS BY SEAN OGDEN

**Car & Bike Show held**

Wakulla Springs State Park hosted a Car & Bike Show on Saturday, featuring, clockwise from left, a couple of Shelby Cobras, a variety of motorcycles, and a Studebaker. It was also when The Wakulla News revealed winners of the wildlife photo contest – see winners and Page B1.



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## PUBLIC NOTICES

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on Page 14A.

### City of Sopchoppy Notice of Public Meeting

The City of Sopchoppy will hold a regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, FL.

**Purpose of Meeting: General Business.**

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

Persons with a disability needing a special accommodation should contact the City of Sopchoppy, Administration Office at least two (2) days prior to the meeting at (850) 962-4611.

March 29, 2018 AD#T9RM



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Paramedic/Firefighter (Full-Time)

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners has an immediate need for qualified applicants for a Full-time Paramedic/Firefighter position within the County's Public Safety Division. A robust benefit package is included for those individuals hired. Refer to [www.mywakulla.com](http://www.mywakulla.com) for qualifications and licensure requirements.

Send a Wakulla County application to Human Resources, PO Box 1263, Crawfordville, FL 32326. Drug screening is required. Veteran's preference will be given to qualified applicants. Wakulla County is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

March, 29 2018 AD #TCOC



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

#### Wakulla County Building Inspector or Plans Examiner

Wakulla County seeks qualified applicants for the position of Building Inspector or Plans Examiner within the Board of County Commissioners. This is a full-time benefitted position, responsible for conducting inspections of building construction, erection, repair, addition or alteration projects that require permitting as required by state law, municipal or county ordinance. See [www.mywakulla.com](http://www.mywakulla.com) for qualifications and details.

To apply, send a Wakulla County application to: Human Resources, P.O. Box 1263, Crawfordville, Florida 32326. Drug screening and background check is required. Veteran's Preference will be given to qualified applicants. Wakulla County is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Salary commensurate with experience. This advertisement closes on Friday, April 6, 2018 @ 5:00 p.m.

MARCH 29, AD#TCEK



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES Kennel Technician

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners is seeking qualified applicants for a part-time (flex) Kennel Technician within the Animal Services Division of the Board of County Commissioners.

Qualified applicants must possess a High School Diploma or GED. See [www.mywakulla.com](http://www.mywakulla.com) for additional requirements. **Must be available to work weekends, early and late shifts and be available on short notice.**

Starting salary is \$8.25 an hour. Send a Wakulla County employment application to Human Resources, P.O. Box 1263, Crawfordville, FL 32326. Questions? Contact Deborah DuBose at 850.926.9500. Wakulla County is an AA/EEO employer. This position will remain open until filled.

March 22 & 29, 2018 AD# T9RI



### Seasonal Employment Parks and Facilities Department (RE-ADVERTISEMENT)

The Board of County Commissioners is seeking qualified applicants for Beach and Park Attendants for Summer/Seasonal part-time employment. Positions are temporary beginning late April through the Labor Day holiday weekend. See [www.mywakulla.com](http://www.mywakulla.com) for additional qualifications.

Send a Wakulla County Employment Application to: Human Resources, P.O. Box 1263, Crawfordville, FL 32326. Applications are available via [www.mywakulla.com](http://www.mywakulla.com). Drug screening and background checks are required. Veteran's preference will be given to qualified applicants. Wakulla County is an AA/ EOE. Minimum starting salary of \$8.25 hourly. Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 6, 2018.

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### Park Attendant (RE-ADVERTISEMENT)

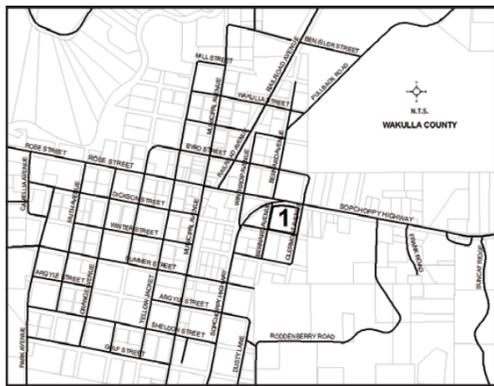
The Board of County Commissioners is seeking two (2) qualified applicants for Park Attendants for part-time employment in the Parks and Facilities and Recreation Departments. Work days and hours will primarily be nights, weekends and holidays. See [www.mywakulla.com](http://www.mywakulla.com) for qualifications.

To apply send a Wakulla County Employment Application to: Human Resources, P.O. Box 1263, Crawfordville, FL 32326. Drug screening and background checks are required. Veteran's preference will be given to qualified applicants. Wakulla County is an AA/EOE. Minimum starting salary of \$9.00 hourly. Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 6, 2018.

March 22 & 29, 2018 AD#T9RH

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN APPLICATION FOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL

The Sopchoppy City Council proposes to consider the following application. A Public Hearing is scheduled regarding the following before the Sopchoppy City Council on **Monday, April 9, 2018 at 6:30 PM, unless otherwise noted below or as time permits.** All public hearings are held at City Hall located at 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, Florida 32358. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.



#### 1. Application for Site Plan Approval: SP18-08

Applicant: Teramore Development, LLC  
Agent: Alday-Howell Engineering, Inc.  
Proposal: Construct Dollar General Retail Store  
Tax ID Number: 12-5S-03W-038-00995-000  
Existing FLU Map: Commercial (FLUE Policy 1.2)  
Current zoning: C-1 (Section 119-120, LDC)  
FEMA Flood Info: "X" zone on Panel 0365E  
Parcel size: 2.066 +/- acres  
Location: The southeast side of the Sopchoppy Hwy, lying between Bernard Ave and Clermont Ave

**Hearings Required: Sopchoppy City Council: Monday April 9, 2018 @ 6:30 PM**

Copies of applications, draft ordinances, and any related public record files may be viewed at the County Planning Department located at 11 Bream Fountain Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327, 8 AM to 4:30 PM M/F; Phone (850) 926-3695. Persons with a disability needing a special accommodation should contact the City of Sopchoppy, Administration Office at least two (2) days prior to the meeting at (850) 962-4611.

March 29, 2018 AD# TC89

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF ZONING

The Wakulla County Planning Commission propose to consider the following applications. A Public Hearing is scheduled regarding the following before the Planning Commission on Monday, April 9, 2018, at 7:00 PM, and before the Board of County Commissioners on Monday, April 16, 2018 at 5:00 PM unless otherwise noted below or as time permits. All public hearings are held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida, 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.



#### 1. Application for Change of Zoning: R18-03

Applicant: Clayton & Christin Hatcher  
Agent: Jason Wessinger  
Tax ID Number: 00-00-050-191-09892-A19  
Existing FLU Map: Rural 2 (FLUE Policy 1.2.4)  
Current Zoning: C2 (Section 5-38, LDC)  
Proposed Zoning: AG (Section 5-25, LDC)  
FEMA Flood Info: "X" & "2%" zone on Panel 0250E  
Parcel Size: 9.28 +/- acres  
Location: west side of Spring Creek Highway, south of 2454 Spring Creek Highway

**Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday April 9, 2018 @ 7:00 PM  
BOCC Monday April 16, 2018 @ 5:00 PM**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WAKULLA COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, ORDINANCE NO. 85-4, AS AMENDED; CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION AND OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS FROM C2 TO AG FOR PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" TO THE ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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March 29, 2018 AD# TC6J

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners proposes to consider the following ordinance. A Public Hearing is scheduled regarding the following before the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners on Monday, April 16, 2018, beginning at 5:00 PM, unless otherwise noted below or as time permits. All public hearings are held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VI OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED PURCHASING; AMENDING SECTION 2.254 PERTAINING TO PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES; AMENDING SECTION 2.255 PERTAINING TO COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 2.257 PERTAINING TO PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BONDS; AMENDING SECTION 2.261 PERTAINING TO GRANTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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March 29, 2018 ADV#TB55

# The Opinion page

readers speak out

## Volunteers needed

Wakulla Springs needs help with planned archaeological dig, and docents to answer questions

By MADELEINE CARR

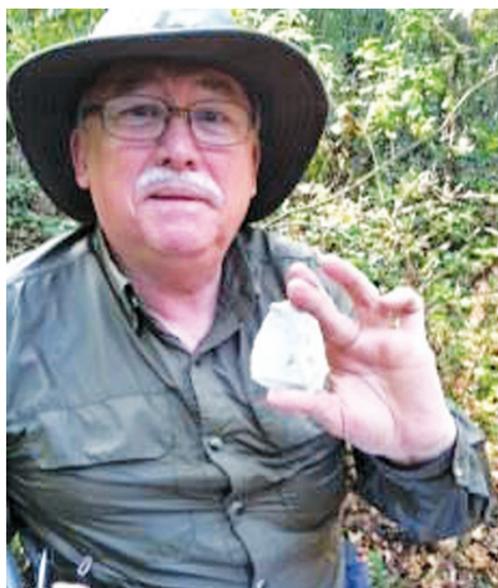
Wakulla Springs State Park is inundated with archaeologists for the third year, opening up new windows on two important areas.

The public can view the large Paleo excavation right behind the lodge where the Aucilla Research Institute hopes to add to the knowledge about the people living near the world's largest and deepest freshwater spring around 14,000 years ago.

The project, funded by the Department of State, Division of Historic Preservation, also is finding what is believed to be the trading post and cowpens of John and William Kennard.

The brothers were chiefs of the Lower Creek Indians, and, 200 years ago this month, joined Andrew Jackson and his army as officers against the Seminoles.

After Jackson's burning of Miccosukee, and siege of the Spanish Fort at St. Marks where he executed two Red Stick chiefs by hanging before continuing on what has become the first Seminole War, Jackson returned via the fort, executed two British traders after a short trial, and then



Archaeologist Jim Dunbar in 2015 with a lithic possibly used as a tool by Paleo-Indians, found at Wakulla Springs State Park.

rested at the Kennards at Wakulla Spring.

He then returned to Fort Gadsden on the Apalachicola River and continued to Pensacola.

The Kennard archaeological site is west of the lodge and sheds light on the Second Spanish Period (1783-1818) at Wakulla Spring and along the Wakulla River. Dr. Jim Dunbar, is the principal investigator of the project. In July, University of Georgia students will participate in a field school at Wakulla Springs State Park, helping Dunbar prepare for underwater archaeology.

All of this cannot happen without many extra hands

to sift, record, and catalog artifacts. The project needs volunteers to help with our fieldwork – digging, screening, and recording – and, for this season, we need docents to help with public interpretation as well!

The dig sites are in "high traffic" areas this field season. You can help answer questions from the public, and the project would love to have your help guiding people at the digs and at the lab! Contact Willet Boyer at (352) 613-0828 or landoftherivers@hotmail.com.

Madeleine Carr is a retired historian, and a volunteer with Friends of Wakulla Springs State Park.

## Another view:



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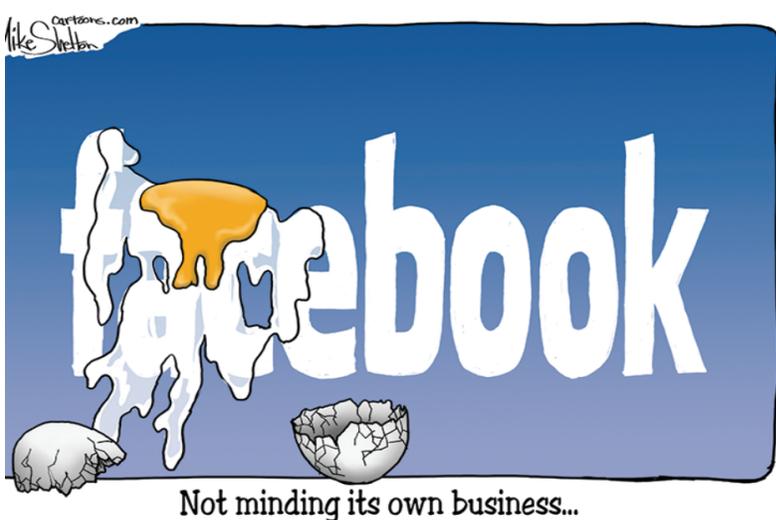


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- I'm praying to be fat – really, really fat
- Underwater Wakulla March 22, 2018
- Property owners challenge Lake Ellen boat ramp
- Green Living March 15, 2018: Show those leftovers some love
- Refuge pools reopened to boats March 15

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READERS WRITE:

## A tale of Joe Wakulla and the signage

Editor, The News:

Once upon a time, in a Florida county years ago, a traveler named Joe Wakulla roamed the byways of his enchanted landscape. His vision was only interrupted by the occasional small road safety sign. And Joe was smart enough to recognize these signs were needed! Then his elected county commissioners saw fit to limit commercial signage to the size of a sheet of plywood. This prevented Joe's landscape vision from becoming cluttered. And Joe was smart enough to recognize this need and he was grateful!

Joe was blissfully unaware that his current elected County Commissioners had decided that efforts of past elected County Commissioners were misguided! Seems Joe was not smart enough to understand that he



needed larger commercial signs. And his current elected commissioners were going to bless him with their guidance! They were going to provide Joe with the larger signs they felt he so desperately needed.

And Joe recognized the efforts of his current Commissioners. And he was smart enough to recognize that their efforts were self-serving. And Joe was smart

enough to recognize these efforts were magically like the efforts to re-create the high school intersection for his safety.

And Joe was concerned for the future of his enchanted landscape.

And Joe was smart enough to vote these elected self-serving officials out!

John Fort  
Ivan Community

## Support boys basketball team on April 14

Editor, The News:

Please come out to support the Wakulla War Eagles boys basketball team on April 14 at the Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival.

The Hardwood Shooters Booster Club is partnering with VerlieQue's to provide barbecue plates. All donations and proceeds from this fund-

raiser will benefit the Wakulla High School Basketball team.

If you have any questions concerning this benefit or would like to donate your time or funds, please contact Pam Byrd at (850) 661-0523

Pam Byrd  
Hardwood Shooters Booster Club

## Building a crooked boat ramp is dumb

Editor, The News:

Re: "Property owners challenge Lake Ellen boat ramp," Front page, March 22.

Everyone has it wrong on this boat ramp – over and over I read/hear it was a mistake, an error or an accident that the landing was put on the north side of easement on private property. I did my research and verified it was no accident, it was put on north side of the easement and not where proposed at the end of the easement (page 44 plat book, lake ellen estates unit 1: See http://www.wakullaclerk.com/images/plats/lake%20ellen%20estates%20unit%20one.jpg) because FWC would not build the public landing at the end of the easement due to the 500+-foot back your trailer down requirement into two-way traffic that was a major safety issue back then and should be an even larger now with numerous driveways and an adjacent boat ramp within 100 feet from the proposed crooked landing. And

Mr. Jones never signed over any paperwork or documents giving an OK to put the landing on his property – it was just done and everyone looked the other way.

Lake Ellen's public boat ramp was built on the north side of the easement (see Plat) so that cars/trucks and trailers could drive safely forward down the 500-feet and back their boat and trailer into the boat ramp and then pull forward and drive out facing traffic. A bonus to this plan was putting a swimming area at the end of the easement where the boat ramp was originally planned.

Not sure if FWC approved this swimming area of that it just happened but I have been speaking out against this unsafe design for over 40+ years. No one puts a boat landing next to a public swimming area and it is prohibited in both federal and state park requirements.

Google CROOKED BOAT RAMP or Landing and see what you find – NOTHING. There is no such thing as a crooked landing or crooked boat ramp as it

is hard enough to back your trailer and boat into a straight ramp or landing and a 14-foot landing is a small one that leaves no room for error.

I saw a number of boat launch failures at the old public landing in the past as well as accidents when individuals attempted to launch their boats while drinking and not knowing what they were doing.

Building a crooked boat ramp will prove to be an embarrassment to Wakulla County and leave the county open to ridicule and lawsuits as will requiring boaters to back their trailers down 500+-feet into two-way traffic on a dirt road past multiple driveways and an adjacent boat ramp.

This whole mess is a waste of their time, our county executive's time and that of all concerned as well as thousands of dollars that could be used to move Wakulla forward.

We have gone from DUMB to DUMBER again.

John Lee  
Lake Ellen

< STREET BEAT >

# Polled at the Quick Stop in Crawfordville: What is the Easter Bunny bringing you on Easter?



**ANDY STEWART**  
WILDWOOD GOLF & RV

“Two very happy kids. They will hunt eggs in the yard Easter morning!”



**PEGGY MCMILLIAN**  
EDEN SPRINGS

“An Easter basket with all kinds of goodies!”



**MARK POWERS**  
LAB TECHNICIAN

“Some candy and maybe a new movie!”



**BILLY MARTIN**  
PAPPY MELON'S ROAD SHOW

“Eggs-actly one dozen eggs!”



**CHRISTINA REVELL**  
HOMEMAKER

“A cooked ham! My husband cooks the dinner the night before, and the kids will hunt Easter eggs!”

- Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

## First film festival

From Front Page

Rosella in the United Kingdom, who is texting back and forth with her ex-boyfriend, who has just broken up with her for someone else. She is on her way to school with a bookbag full of guns, which leads the viewer to speculate what she's going to do.

The film was inspired by the 1966 Dunblane School Massacre, which left 16 students and a teacher dead, and is the deadliest school shooting in British history.

The shooting led to tighter gun control in the U.K.

Raymond and Mary Ann Somera both said they enjoyed the short films, especially those two.

“I'd like to commend the Palaver Tree on their selection,” Mary Ann said.

“If I had to pick one, I would pick ‘Lawman,’ the one about the black Texas ranger,” Raymond said.

The Someras said both of their children live in Texas, and they couldn't wait to tell them about that film in particular.

Mary Ann pointed out that the new theater is beautifully done.

“We're looking forward to the next production,” Mary Ann said. “Hopefully, this will be an annual event because it's hard for us to see films like this here from around the world, unless it's on something like Netflix.”

After the screening of the short films on Saturday, Donaldson was at the door handling ticket sales, and talking to viewers.

He said the film he was looking forward to seeing the most was “Shined Rabbit” by Veronica Silver, which is about two Alabama beauty queens who were found dead in the trunk of a car. The killer was never caught.

Monday morning, after the festival had wrapped, Donaldson said the winner had not yet been calculated. However, he did say that “Shined Rabbit” and “All the Queen's Horses” by Kelly Pope Richmond were standouts.

He went on to say “Shined Rabbit” hit close to home because it reminded some of the Jody Kilgore case, in which the killer has yet to be caught.

Donaldson said the film has inspired local filmmakers to speak to the Kilgore family and do something to bring awareness.

As for “All the Queen's Horses,” the filmmaker investigates the crime of Rita Crundwell, a public servant in Illinois who stole \$53 million over 20 years, and how she used the money to build an empire of one of the nation's largest breeders of quarter horses.

Donaldson said the film was one of his personal favorites.

“It broke down how she was able to get away with it for so long,” Donaldson said. “It was just an interesting film.”



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## My husband gave me 30 days



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

Bert had never come home in the middle of a workday, but five years ago, on April 1, he did.

"We need to talk." Nothing could have prepared me for the next words out of his mouth.

"I want a divorce." His words sliced through me, and a hard knot formed in the pit of my stomach. I could tell from the look on his face that this was no April Fool's joke. In fact, Bert suggested I begin looking for a place in Louisiana where my family lived – and to do it by the end of the month.

While I knew that Bert contributed his share to our marriage problems, I couldn't ignore my part. Now I

had 30 days to pack and find a new place – or get serious about becoming the wife Bert needed me to be.

"God, please change me!" I cried.

For years, I'd been praying for God to intervene in our marriage. On Easter Sunday, the day before that April 1, I had prayed even more earnestly for God to give our marriage new life. I knew without a doubt that God had heard my prayer. Needless to say, Bert's "I want a divorce" announcement painfully contradicted my expectations.

But God was intervening – in a beautifully effective way. That afternoon, while Bert counted each of my faults on his fingers, I remained seated. Normally I would have returned fire by getting into his face and spouting off my list of reasons for hating him. Instead, with tears pouring down my cheeks, I answered, "You're right, Bert. I do all of those things. I'm so sorry."

I shudder to think how differently it could

have worked out had Bert asked for a divorce before that Easter prayer. It's not like I suddenly became blind to Bert's faults. Rather, it was that God had given me grace to see my own sinful behavior too. As I continued to repent of my sins and receive God's mercy, God's resurrection power transformed my heart – and, eventually, our marriage.

Today, we know our marriage is still far from perfect. We occasionally fall back into our old ways, but when we do, we don't stay there nearly as long.

And now, every April 1, Bert comes home in the middle of the day. But instead of telling me why he no longer wants to be married to me, he takes my hands in his, looks me in the eyes and says, "Please don't ever leave me."

*Sheryl (Hamilton) Boldt is a sales executive for Wave 94 and author of the blog, www.TodayCanBeDifferent.net. You can reach her at sherylboldt.wave94@gmail.com.*

### OUT TO PASTOR

## Spring has sprung a leak this year

By **JAMES L. SNYDER**

It was in the middle of February during a very shivering cold time that the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said most dramatically, "I can't wait for Spring. When in the world is Spring going to get here?"

As a veteran husband, I knew this was not a question for me to ponder or even to answer. Rather, it was something I needed to ignore completely. I learned these things down the years, which is why I have survived so many years.

I wouldn't say this to her, but I was thinking the same thing myself. When is Spring ever going to get here?

That magical day finally arrived. The day before my wife said, "Well, tomorrow is Spring and all this nasty, rainy, chilly weather will be over."

If only my wife was in charge of the weather. That would be a wonderful thing because the weather would be perfect every day. At least according to her calculation.

When Spring did arrive, there was no magical change in the weather. In fact, it was the worst rainy weather we had all year. It was rainy and thundering and even in some places there were tornadoes. It didn't look or feel like Spring.

I didn't say anything all morning. I knew no matter what I would say it would get me in trouble. She wasn't in

the mood for any joking or jesting on my part.

She didn't say much, but she sighed very deeply all morning long. Fortunately for me, I had work to do and so occupied myself with that work.

Isn't it strange that man, being who he thinks he is has no control of the weather? It rains when it rains and it snows when it snows and there's not a thing man can do about it.

Then my wife made a very interesting comment, "Why can't Mother Nature keep to the schedule at hand. Spring is supposed to be nice weather."

It was a good point. We have a date for Spring and Mother Nature should keep that date. We have all year long for rain and tornadoes and lightning and thundering why can't she organize her schedule a little better.

I might recommend that my wife take over the duties of Mother Nature. If anybody can organize anything, it's her. Well, she hasn't quite organized me, but that's a different story. But she can organize everything right down to the second.

If there was an opening for a new Mother Nature, I think I would recommend my wife. I'm not sure she would have much competition there, and she would win hands down. Then we would have weather organized on a very strict schedule.

Under her supervision, we would have rain when it's sched-

uled and snow when it's scheduled. The sun would shine, without clouds, at least 90% of the time. I wanted to say 100%, but I'll give her a little leeway in this.

Thinking about this I have come to the conclusion that there are a lot of things in this world and also in my life that I cannot control. The frustration of life is when I try to control things that I can't control. Even though I know I can't control everything, at least I try. And I try to my own failure.

One of my favorite passages of Scripture is, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

One of the hardest things in my life to do is to simply trust God for everything in my life. When I try to control things in my life, I always make a mess. Just ask the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

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**ZECHARIAH 10:1**

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# Obituaries

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## Gloria R. Dean

Gloria R. Dean, 76, of Crawfordville, died unexpectedly March 22, 2018.

She recently moved to Crawfordville from Deland. She was a home-

maker and loved her family.

Survivors include her two daughters, Patty Anderson and Kim Konczal.

The family will have a "Celebration of Life" Service at a later date.

Arrangements are under the care of Skip Young with Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services (850-926-5919 or Familyfhc.com).

## BEREAVEMENT COLUMN

# Loss of a child

By TRACY RENEE LEE

Last night I was talking to my daughter on the phone. She and her sweet little family had just returned to Hawaii, their home, after being on the mainland for 20 days.

Today, my son-in-law returns to work. Today marks the one-month anniversary that they posted their reveal for their soon-to-arrive bundle of joy, on social media.

It was an exciting morning. My husband popped his head into my office and announced that our daughter had finally posted her reveal. I couldn't wait to see it. I jumped online immediately to watch it. I laughed and cried as I watched my daughter, her husband, and my sweet grandchildren, reveal to everyone they love, that they would soon have a new addition gracing their family.

My son-in-law does not like to announce pregnancies early as he and his first wife lost a child during gestation. To respect his wishes, my husband and I must hold our excitement and happiness from our family and friends until our daughter's baby bump becomes undeniable.

At that time, our son-in-law relinquishes his secret and we are all free to celebrate.

Salutations were coming from far and wide. Friends and family were texting, posting, and phoning with congratulations, and the day was exhilarating.

As my husband

and I met for lunch, my phone rang once more. I looked at the caller ID. Before I answered the phone and before she said a word; I knew.

Her voice was strained, she tried not to sound worried, she asked me not to worry – but I knew – my daughter was miscarrying my grandchild. My son-in-law rushed her to the hospital and by dinner, she was induced.

Our grandson was delivered in Hawaii the day his mother posted his reveal on social media – lifeless – to brokenhearted parents and brokenhearted grandparents.

By nightfall, the congratulations were no longer coming. In their stead, tears filled our hearts, and condolences and flowers filled our home.

My daughter, ever so practical, immediately began planning for the burial of her sweet son. Her husband, a service member, needed bereavement leave. That meant the Red Cross would be involved. Her son would have to be flown to the mainland and I must hold our excitement and happiness from our family and friends until our daughter's baby bump becomes undeniable.

Five days later, my husband and I picked up our daughter and her family at the Dallas airport and brought them home. Two days later, we returned to Dallas for our deceased grandson. Four days later, we buried him.

Last night as we were talking, my daughter told me that she had received a condolence

from a dearly loved friend who suffered a significant loss some years back. She spoke of the comfort and relief she experienced upon reading his kind and thoughtful message. Her husband finds it difficult that some of their friends avoid them.

She told him that their friends avoid them not because they don't care, but because they don't know what to say that might help.

Through the pain of losing her child, my daughter has realized that the shroud of grief ebbs outward toward those who love and care for her, drawing on their fears and suffocating them into silence.

Although her battle continues, she has fought her foe and reaches out to extend a hand of comfort and love to those whose hearts suffer over her anguish.

She has become a survivor.

She has her moments, sleep continues to evade her, and tears spill at inopportune moments. I expect her sorrow will accompany her for the rest of her life.

She is tough though.

She understands that attitude determines outcome. She recognizes that although tragedy has visited her home, happiness and love reside there harmoniously.

Today, one month after losing his son, my son-in-law returns to work. There are no words gentle enough to soften this painful day for him. He carries a burden deeper than

## Easter Briefs

### • Holy Week schedule for Christ Church Anglican

Christ Church Anglican will hold services during Holy Week:

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday services will be held at 10 a.m. on March 25; Monday in Holy Week: Holy Eucharist at 7 pm; Tuesday in Holy Week: Holy Eucharist at 7 p.m.; Wednesday in Holy Week: Tenebrae at 7 p.m.; Maundy Thursday including Washing of the Feet and the Holy Eucharist and the Agape Meal at 7 p.m.; The Good Friday Liturgy at noon and 7 p.m.; and Easter Sunday at 10 am: with Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Holy Communion.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt after the 10 a.m. service on Easter Sunday.

### • Grace Baptist will host an Easter story, egg hunt

Grace Baptist Church will hold an Easter egg hunt and Easter story on Saturday, March 31 from 10 a.m. to noon.

The church is located at 803 Crawfordville Hwy. in Crawfordville, just north of Bloxham Cutoff.

### • Sunrise service at Mashes Sands to be held

As in years past, the Annual Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 7 a.m. on Sunday, April 1 at the Mashes Sands Beach.

The Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Church invites all in the community to welcome Easter Day in this beautiful setting. Should the weather prevent outside worship, the service will be in the church sanctuary at 2780 Surf Road.

### • Maundy Thursday, Good Friday services are set

The Wakulla United Methodist

Church and the Crawfordville United Methodist Church will hold a Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, March 29, at 7 p.m. at the Wakulla UMC on Old Woodville Highway. Communion will be served.

The Crawfordville UMC and the Wakulla UMC invite you to a Good Friday Service on Friday, March 30th at 7 p.m. at the Crawfordville UMC at 176 Ochlockonee St. All are welcome and invited.

### • Easter service to be held at Hudson Park

Crawfordville United Methodist Church invites you to join with us for worship this Easter Sunday. The 8:30 a.m. service will be at Hudson Park. A bread giveaway will follow the service. The 11 a.m. service will be in the sanctuary at 176 Ochlockonee St. All are welcome!

### • Macedonia will hold Good Friday services

Macedonia Community Church of Sopchoppy will be celebrating Good Friday services at 10 a.m.

The church is located at 1085 Sopchoppy Hwy.

Everyone is cordially invited.

### • Mount Pleasant will have a sunrise service

Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church invites you to a county-wide Easter Sunrise Service beginning at 5:30 a.m.

The church is located at 24 Greenlin Villa Road in Crawfordville. The Rev. Flavous Green, pastor.

### • Skipper Temple Church will have Easter fellowship

Skipper Temple Church welcomes you to fellowship on Easter at 11 a.m.

There will be a children's program and Easter egg hunt after the service.

## Wakulla continues to grow

### From Front Page

difficulty finding homes, Brown said.

"The homes that are affordable are in high demand," Brown said.

Although interest rates have crept up a little, the financing parameters have loosened up, Brown said.

He said the minimum credit score requirements, and closing costs have gone down.

"The difficulty is in finding what people are looking for," he said.

Additionally, Brown said the strongest market in the county is always going to be Crawfordville north. He said this is because 60 percent of

the workforce works in Leon County.

There's beginning to be less space, especially in Crawfordville. Those looking to just purchase land, may soon be out of luck. However, Brown said

**Affordable homes are in high demand and are snapped up quickly**

there are plenty of lots for building.

"Builders have done a pretty good job buying up available lots in neighborhoods," Brown said, adding that builders have spec homes, with no particular buyer in mind, as well as custom homes on the

lots.

He said there are plenty lots for sale in neighborhoods like The Farm, Hidden Meadows and Flowers subdivisions.

According to information provided by county Planning and Community Development Director Somer Pell, of the past five years, the county issued its highest number of permits, as well as residential certificates of occupancy, during the 2016-17 fiscal year. Although it is now half way through the current fiscal year, the county has not issued half of the number of permits and certificates of occupancy as they did the previous fiscal year.

Pell said the report, which is generated by the building department, does not indicate whether there are peak seasons.

Nonetheless, she said they are anticipating exceeding last year's numbers.

She said there are a few new residential subdivisions that are currently in limbo.

One is working to become in compliance with codes, and waiting for the engineers to bring back revised plans, Pell said, while another is requesting an increase in density.

Pell said she expects there will be more lots by the end of the year, and the number of permits issued increases each day.

grieve for them.

They are amazingly strong people. I am so proud of them and I know that as they travel through life, they will make it their mission to help other young parents who suffer this heartbreaking tragedy.

Tracy Renee Lee is the owner and Managing Funeral Direc-

tor at Queen City Funeral Home in Queen City, Texas. She writes books and weekly bereavement articles related to understanding and coping with grief.

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# Easter egg hunt held at Azalea Park



Jaxon Smith looking for Easter eggs.



Connor Hindle puts Easter eggs in his basket.



Camden Britt looks to see what's in his egg.



Patricia Ponder with Nova Harris, 21 months, and Joseph Anderson, 7, who got an egg with a prize from Hardee's.



Nicole Strickland with son Joseph, 2 1/2, and Marlena Wells, 17 months, with parents Bethany and Alex Wells.



Lyliana Basilio won a subscription to The Wakulla News.

## STORY & PHOTOS BY LINDA ANN McDONALD

Wakulla County Parks and Recreation along with Crawfordville Baptist Church and Crawfordville United Methodist Church hosted an Easter Egg hunt on Saturday.

Colorful eggs were scattered throughout Azalea Park and children searched for prize-filled eggs. Prizes included vouchers to Hardee's, gifts from Prime Meridian Bank, and a subscription to The Wakulla News. Three golden eggs were strategically hidden at the park, in which each contained \$25 gift cards to Walmart. Landon Mahler, Sophia Larson and X'averia Robinson were the lucky finders of the golden eggs.

Wakulla High School's NJROTC members Lucas Howell and Balin Jernigan assisted at the event with Howell greeting the children in costume of the Easter Bunny, setting up the event and helping the younger children find eggs.

Patricia Ponder brought her family, Nova Harris and Joseph Anderson to the event. Joseph Anderson was a lucky winner of a voucher to Hardee's Restaurant. "I like to hunt Easter Eggs and it is even more fun when you win a prize," said Anderson, who is 7 years old.

Wakulla Parks and Recreation was happy to host the event. "Seeing the children having fun is worth all the work – every bit of it," said Noreen Britt of Wakulla Parks and Recreation.



Children searching for Easter eggs at Azalea Park on Saturday.

# Easter Blessings & Rejoicing

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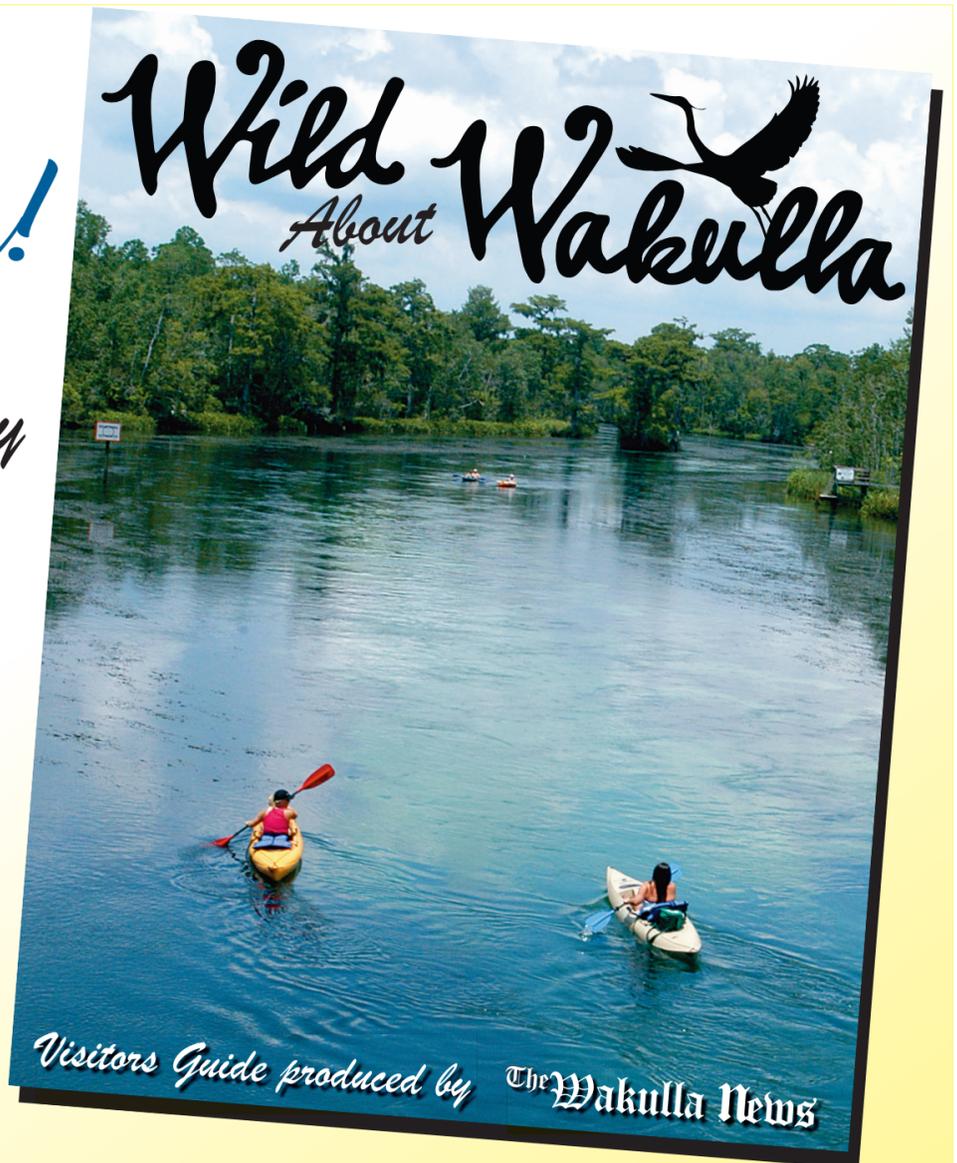
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# Community

happenings in our community

## 4-H Club to host Hen Fruit Festival



The 4-H Chicken Champs Club Members are dressed in green on St. Patrick's Day.

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The Wakulla 4-H Hen Fruit Festival will celebrate the egg by making a 900 egg omelette in a large pan over three feet in diameter. While the festival is free to attend, omelette servings will be available with a \$5 ticket purchase that includes your choice of egg toppings from an array of traditional omelette-filling choices.

Proceeds from the omelette ticket sales will support 4-H programs for youth in Wakulla County. Tickets are available from members of the Wakulla 4-H Chicken Champs Club or at the Wakulla Extension Office.

While Wakulla 4-H will join the pantheon of outsized egg creations on April 7 with Wakulla's Largest Omelette prepared with hen fruit produced by chickens raised by local 4-H families, our egg creation may be considered almost modest in comparison to other efforts throughout history.

In 1931, the people of Chehalis in Washington state prepared a 7200 egg omelette in an eight foot pan. To grease it, a

woman skated around the plan on giant slabs of bacon. While bacon skating will not be part of the festivities in Wakulla, our 4-H chefs will be preparing our egg pan appropriately to avoid a sticky omelette!

The town of Abbeville in Louisiana has been hosting an Omelette Festival since 1984. Their omelette includes more than 5000 eggs cooked in a 12 foot pan.

The largest omelette in the world as of 2012 was documented by the Guinness Book of World Records in Portugal. The Portuguese omelette included 145,000 eggs and was prepared in a pan that measured almost 33 feet in diameter. The pan weighed over 9000 pounds.

The festivities on April 7 begin at 8 a.m. when the doors open for the annual plant sale with live entertainment under the Outdoor Teaching Pavilion. Servings from Wakulla's Largest Omelette will be available at 9:30 am.

For more information, visit the Wakulla Extension online at <http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/wakulla/> or call 850-926-3931.

**Special to The News**

Wakulla 4-H club leaders have been inspired by the enthusiastic Chicken Champs Club to have an egg-themed 4-H Festival. On April 7 the inaugural Wakulla 4-H Hen Fruit Festival will be held at the Wakulla Extension Office located at 84 Cedar Avenue in Craw-

fordville.

The festival will feature live entertainment from the Mountain Dew Cloggers and Pickin' and Grinnin' Band, among other regional favorites. Wakulla 4-H Clubs will be showcasing their activities and offering breakfast items for purchase – including a serving of Wakulla's Largest Omelette!

The Wakulla Master Gardeners will be hosting their much-anticipated annual plant sale on the same morning. Community members are invited to enjoy the entertainment, shop for locally grown plants, and become part of history with a serving of Wakulla's Largest Omelette!

A search of dictionary

entries defines the term "hen fruit" as a hen's egg and describes the phrase as an "Americanism" dating back to the middle 1800s. According to the American Egg Board, eggs have 70 calories and contain six grams of protein. The health conscious consumer will be happy to know eggs have zero sugar and contain Vi-

## Discover spring wildflowers with a ranger

**Special to The News**

Join a park ranger on Saturday, March 31 for a casually placed hike to explore the spring wildflowers of Ochlocknee River State Park. The hike is about two miles long, and passes through the varied habitats of the park, with opportunities to spot wildflower, edible and carnivorous plants.

The hiking trail may be uneven, and damp in places. Wear comfortable shoes, and clothing, insect repellent and drinking water are suggested. The walk will depart from the Dead River Pavilion at 2:30 p.m., and should last about an hour and a half.

For additional information call the Ranger Station at (850) 926-2771.



## Section 8 list to open

**Special to The News**

North Central Florida Regional Housing Authority (NCFRHA) will be opening the Wakulla County Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List effective Monday, April 2, at 8 a.m.

The waiting list will close Monday, April 30,

at 4 p.m. Interested applicants can apply online at [www.ncfrha.com](http://www.ncfrha.com). Applications must be complete.

NCFRHA has a Local Residency Preference.

Applicants currently residing in Wakulla County will be placed over applicants that do not reside within these counties.

Applicants will be placed on the waiting list by preference, date and time of completed application.

For more information or if a Reasonable Accommodation is needed for a person with a disability, please call (352) 486-5420.

## Health care jobs hiring

**Special to The News**

CareerSource Capital Region invites local residents to connect with employers looking to fill open positions at the next event in the Career Connections Series.

The Medical and Health Care Hiring Fair will be held on Thursday, April 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Florida State University's Turnbull Conference Center. The center is located at 555 West Pensacola Street in Tallahassee.

"Our hiring fair on April 12 will feature over 20 employers who are looking to fill open-

ings in the medical and health care industries," said Kara Palmer Smith, Senior Director at CareerSource Capital Region. "This is an opportunity for people to apply for a variety of jobs including traditional health care roles, as well as administrative, support, and training positions."

Attendees are encouraged to come dressed for an interview and bring several copies of their resume. They must also register as a job seeker on [www.employflorida.com](http://www.employflorida.com) in order to attend the event.

To prepare for the fair, career seekers are

encouraged to visit a CareerSource Capital Region career center for assistance with their resume.

Additional information about the event, including a link to pre-register online, is available at [www.careersourcecapitalregion.com](http://www.careersourcecapitalregion.com) or by calling (850) 922-0023.

CareerSource Capital Region would like to thank Capital Regional Medical Center for supporting this event as a sponsor.

To learn about sponsorship opportunities for other events please call (850) 617-4605.

## Study edible plants at New Posh

**By DEBBIE DIX**  
**Special to The News**

New Posh will host a workshop entitled, "Wild Food, Wild Medicine Plant Identification," on Saturday, March 31, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Instructor, Denise Williams, is a Registered Nurse, with a diploma in Complimentary Alternative Medicine (CAM), in addition to her Bachelor in Science degree. Learn how to identify native weeds and plants and find out about which ones

are edible, those that are reported to contain medicinal properties, and ones to be avoided.

Class includes hand-outs, power point presentation, and a nature walk to identify readily available plants. Refreshments and pine needle tea also included.

Topics will cover guidelines to wild crafting, methods to prepare and store wild plants, reasons to consume certain weeds and wild plants, and the identification of at least 15 plants. Class

members are also encouraged to share their personal knowledge and experience with wild plants.

Reservations are required. Please contact [newposh3079@gmail.com](mailto:newposh3079@gmail.com) or call/text (850) 528.5838, to register. Cost of this workshop is \$40.

The next musical event at New Posh will be Friday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. Well Worn Soles, a country/folk/eclectic duo featuring Chelsea (formerly Dix Kessler) and Emerson Wells Barrett, will perform.

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# School

education news from local schools

## District must come up with money for officers

School board chair complains of \$250,000 unfunded mandate from legislature for School Resource Officers

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN  
Editor

Superintendent of Schools Bobby Pearce told school board members at their meeting on Monday, March 26, that the district estimates it faces a quarter-million dollar shortfall in state funding next year for the requirement to have School Resource Officers on every campus.

Wakulla had gone ahead and added SROs to the elementary school campuses a few weeks ago, in partnership with Sheriff Jared Miller. That is costing the district an estimated \$100,000 through the end of this school year.

Next year, though,

the district will have to come up with \$250,000 for the officers – after the legislature passed a law requiring armed officers on every school campus in the state, but did not fully fund it.

“There’s a disconnect with what is really required to fund things,” Pearce said sharply after the meeting.

Pearce said the district would follow the law, but he remarked caustically: “There’s ample funds for the guardian plan, but not enough for school resource officers.”

The guardian plan is the controversial proposal to arm teachers.

Pearce, some school board members, and the local teachers union president have



Bobby Pearce

all expressed extreme reservations about arming teachers on campus.

School board chair Becky Cook called the inadequate money to pay for required school officers an “unfunded mandate” from the state.

After the meeting, Pearce elaborated that it is estimated that it will cost the district

\$400,000 to \$450,000 next year to fully fund the 10 SROs in Wakulla next year.

He expressed frustration about finding \$250,000, saying that it will have to come from the same pot of money that covers employee salaries.

Pearce expects increases in district health care costs plus more retirement costs, and any payraises for employees – “Add all those costs,” he said, “and it’s not enough.”

He credited the school board with having a prudent 8 percent fund balance, but said the district may have to dip into that to cover some of these costs.

He also disputed those legislators contending that there had

been an increase of a significant amount of money for school funding. Some had boasted of a \$111 increase per student, including money for SROs and guardian program.

Pearce said the increase really only amounted to 47 cents per student over last year.

He projected very few districts, if any, would participate in the guardian program, and expected most of the money budgeted for it would go back to the state.

This year, the Wakulla district budget was enhanced by unexpected growth in the student population at Wakulla High School.

In the next couple of years, with smaller ris-

ing classes in the middle school, Pearce said he expected Wakulla High School’s population would decrease, and reduce the district’s per student dollars from the state.

Wakulla is dependent on state revenues to fund the schools, with about two-thirds of the district’s budget coming from there.

While Pearce said it didn’t paint a “real good fiscal picture” for next year, he said it would likely be harder for “some of our sister districts.”

The requirement to have armed officers at every school campus, he added, “will be a cataclysmic result for urban districts.”

## WMS band and choruses excel at District MPA

By MOLLIE ROBINSON  
Special to The News

On March 1 and 2, Wakulla Middle School sent their symphonic band and choruses to the Music Performance Assessment (MPA) at Leon County High School in Tallahassee.

This is a very rigorous process that requires each ensemble

to perform three pieces for a panel of highly qualified judges.

The performance is then followed by a process called sight-reading wherein each group must briefly study a piece of music they have never seen before, and then perform it for a judge. Each group worked hard and received high marks at MPA.

The Symphonic

Band performed “Kitty Hawk March” by John Edmondson, “Skye Boat Song” arranged by John O’Reilly and “Sea Song Fantasy” by Anne McGinty.

This year’s band was composed of 13 eighth graders, making them one of the smallest bands to perform at MPA.

Still, the band received an excellent rating and high prais-

es from the judges.

“We are small but mighty,” said their new band director, Haley Shimer. Mrs. Shimer is an 8-year veteran band director most recently from Colorado, but is originally from Tallahassee. “I’m excited to be back near family, doing what I love to do,” she says.

The Wakulla Middle Treble Choir per-

formed “Reflection” by Spavacek with guest flautist Michal Delvecchio and “The Arrow and The Song” by Lightfoot. The Wakulla Middle Chamber Choir performed “J’entends le Moulin”, a traditional French folk tune, arranged by Crocker and “We Are the Music” by Strommen. Both choirs received several excellent ratings by the judges.

Judges commented it was obvious the WMS students, “love to sing!”, and how well-prepared they were for the day. Mrs. Alaina Miller is also new to WMS this year by way of Raa Middle School. She currently directs both the WMS and RMS choruses.

The future certainly looks bright for the Wakulla Middle music program.

## 4-H’s Camp Cherry Lake helps kids grow

By SAMANTHA GREYROCK  
Special to The News

Growing up in North Florida during the 1960s, Clara Floyd was an avid 4-H member.

“I ate, slept and breathed 4-H. I just about turned ‘green,’” she said, referring to the program’s green cloverleaf emblem.

So when her children were old enough to join 4-H themselves, she signed them up. Her daughters embraced it, but Ryan, her youngest, wasn’t sold.

“I had to drag him to meetings. It was heartbreaking – how could I have given birth to a child who didn’t love 4-H,” Floyd said. By the time Ryan was 12, Floyd decided to give to give him one more chance. “I said, this summer, you’re going to Camp Cherry Lake,” she said.

Located in Madison County just south of the Georgia border, Camp Cherry Lake is one

of three sleep-away camps operated by Florida 4-H, which is part of the University of Florida IFAS Extension.

Surrounded by woods and overlooking Cherry Lake, the camp’s rustic cabins and meeting halls give it an old-school summer camp feel. Hundreds of youth attend each year, where they spend time with newfound friends on the water and around the campfire. Those who have a financial need are given scholarships to attend 4-H camps.

“My first day at camp, I didn’t know anybody, and I felt ready to leave,” said Ryan Floyd, now 22. “But then I told myself, if I can make it through the night, I’ll be okay.”

Ryan did make it through the night, and through the rest of the session. He made friends and looked up to the older kids, who acted as camp counselors. “That’s who I wanted to be, so I did all I could to make sure I could become a counselor, too,”



Ryan said.

He applied to be a counselor and got the job. The UF/IFAS Extension Madison County 4-H agent, Becky Bennett, told him he would be in charge of group of kids with special needs. Ryan found he loved working with the kids, and the camp adults saw he had a talent for it. The following years, he attended camp on scholarship and continued working with special needs children, sometimes at multiple camps throughout the

summer.

“I feel like I grew a lot from that experience,” Ryan said. “My patience for children grew tremendously. I feel like I’ve been able to carry that forward into college and adulthood — the ability to meet a group of new people and get along with them right away.” His mom agreed.

“He developed this understanding of children, and knew to watch out for those who needed a friend or extra encouragement,” she said.

“I saw him mature because of camp. That kind of skill, understanding what’s going on with a person, helps you become a better leader.”

And she was pleased.

“Ryan finally ‘got’ what 4-H was all about. We he came home from camp, he came back ‘green,’” she said.

Like Ryan, many 4-H youth are able to attend camp because of scholarships, said Neva Baltzell, 4-H Camp Cherry Lake director.

“That extra financial help means more kids get to have that formative camp experience. They’ll try things they’ve never done before, meet people they wouldn’t have otherwise met, and get training in leadership and teamwork, all while they are learning to be on their own away from home,” she said.

To learn more about supporting Florida 4-H camp scholarships, please contact Katie Morris at [katiemorris@ufl.edu](mailto:katiemorris@ufl.edu) or (352)846-4444.

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## Montford to remain in Senate for final two years

News Service of Florida

After weighing a bid to become Tallahassee mayor, state Sen. Bill Montford has decided to stay in the Legislature until his term expires in 2020, the Tallahassee Democrat newspaper reported Monday.

Montford, D-Tallahassee, had said in recent weeks that he was looking at a possible run this year for mayor.

“I was raised to value public education and to see public education as a pathway to



Sen. Bill Montford

a better life for a lot of people,” the newspaper quoted Montford as saying.

“I am confident in the next two years, especially considering the new leadership

coming in, that I will have a unique and powerful opportunity to influence education,” he said. “That’s an awesome opportunity and responsibility that I will not pass up.”

Montford, a former Leon County schools superintendent, represents the sprawling Senate District 3, which includes Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Hamilton, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor and Wakulla counties.



March 29-Apr. 5

**Thursday, March 29**

- WALK WITH A DOC in Panacea every Thursday in April at 5 p.m. in Woolley Park.
- GED INFORMATION SESSION at 5:30 p.m. at

the TCC Wakulla Center.

**Friday, March 30**

- GOOD FRIDAY – county offices will be closed.

**Saturday, March 31**

- SARRACENIA CHAPTER FNPS FIELD TRIP Walk on the North Side of WAKULLA SPRINGS STATE PARK with Master Naturalist George Athorp from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The ordinary park entrance fee applies, \$4 per vehicle with single occupant, and \$6 per vehicle with 2 to 8 people. For questions, call George

Athorp at (850) 926-5045.

- WILD FOOD, WILD MEDICINE PLANT IDENTIFICATION workshop at New Posh from 1 to 4 p.m.

**Sunday, April 1**

- HAPPY EASTER!

**Tuesday, April 3**

- WALK WITH A DOC in Crawfordville every Tuesday in April at 5:30 in Azalea Park.

**Saturday, April 7**

- LOW COUNTRY BOIL, a

fundraiser for the Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce, will be held at the 3Y Ranch in Crawfordville from 6 to 10 p.m.

- OPEN HOUSE AND MASTER GARDENER PLANT SALE at the Wakulla County Extension Office, 84 Cedar Avenue in Crawfordville, opening at 8 a.m.

- 4-H CLUB'S HEN FRUIT FESTIVAL begins at 8 a.m. at the Wakulla County Extension Center.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- SLOW & EASY: SECRETS TO AMAZING

SLOW-COOKED FAVORITES from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, April 9 at the Wakulla County Extension office \$10 per person. To register, please call Samantha Kennedy at (850) 926-3931.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY is April 21. Round up oil, paint and household cleaners and drop them off at 340 Trice Lane, Public Works Annex from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. No tires, old tube TVs or biological waste. For more information visit [www.kwbc.org](http://www.kwbc.org).

Email events to [reporter@thewakullanews.net](mailto:reporter@thewakullanews.net)



**Library News**

"In the Spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt"

-Margaret Atwood

**Wednesday, March 28**

- Book Babies 10:30 p.m.
- Dungeons and Dragons 2:30 p.m.
- Knitting Group 4 p.m.

**Thursday, March 29**

- Kid's Coding 4 p.m.
- Wakulla Girl Scout Service Unit 6 p.m.
- Bible Study 6:45 p.m.

**Friday, March 30**

Library Closed

**Saturday, March 31**

- Library Closed
- AARP Tax Help 9 a.m.

**Tuesday, April 3**

- Book Bunch 10:30 a.m.
- Zentangle 2 p.m.
- LEGO Club 4 p.m.
- Eagle Scout Board 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 4**

- Wakulla County Garden Club 10am
- Book Babies 10:30 p.m.
- Dungeons and Dragons 2:30 p.m.
- Knitting Group 4 p.m.
- Brownie Scout Troup 178 4 p.m.
- STEAM Team 4 p.m.
- Youth Football/Cheerleading Associatio6 p.m.

Good Friday County offices will be closed

**Friday-Sunday**

- **Thursday, April 5**  
Kid's Coding 4 p.m.  
Tobacco Free 5:30 p.m.  
Genealogy 6 p.m.  
Bible Study 6:45 p.m.

**Friday, April 6**

- Quilting Guild 9:30am
- Crafter's Guild 9:30am
- Story Time in the Park (Wakulla Station) 10am
- Book Club 3 p.m.
- Friday Night Movie 7 p.m.

**Saturday, April 7**

- AARP Tax Help 9 a.m.
- Crochet for Beginners 10 a.m.

**COMING SOON!**

**STORY TIME IN THE PARK APRIL 6**

Join Mrs. Heather and a special guest each month for stories, songs, finger painting, and bubbles at different parks around Wakulla County! All Story Time in the Park programs will start at 10 a.m. Our first Story Time in the Park will be at the Wakulla Station Boundless Playground. More dates and locations coming soon.

**FREE FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE APRIL 6**

Once every year, ghosts travel from the Land of the Dead to see family members and

Walk on the north isle of Wakulla Springs 9 a.m. Wakulla Springs State Park

**Saturday**

Wild food and wild medication workshop 1 p.m. New Posh

**Saturday**

Easter

**Sunday**

friends in the living world. There has never been a case of a living person traveling to the Land of the Dead... Miguel dreams of being a musician, but his family has banned music playing for many years. When he finds an old guitar, he tries to play it and finds himself no longer corporeal. Miguel, along with his dog, Dante, then follow the dead into the Land of the Dead where he meets his deceased family members who attempt to get him home. The film is rated PG. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Doors will open at 6:45. BYOP – bring your own popcorn!

**2018 PEEPS DIORAMA CONTEST APRIL 3**

It's that time again! If you would like to participate, please: create a scene from a book, movie, or something family friendly; dioramas should be no larger than a boot box; all visible parts should be decorated; keep entries to one per person or team. Diorama drop off opens April 3 and ends on the 11th. Entry forms must be attached. Winners will be announced at our Peeps S'Mores roast, Thursday, April 12th at 6pm.

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**WEEKLY & MONTHLY EVENTS**

**MONDAYS**

- FREE RESPITE DAY-CARE at Lake Ellen Baptist Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch, snacks and social group therapy provided. For info call Pat 984-5277.
- ALZHEIMER'S CARE-GIVER SUPPORT GROUP meets the first Monday of each month at Lake Ellen Baptist Church at 12:30 p.m.
- OPEN GYM BASKETBALL from 6:15 to 8 p.m. at the Wakulla Community Center, 318 Shadeville Rd. in Crawfordville.
- ZUMBA from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Wakulla Community Center, 318 Shadeville Road in Crawfordville.
- 4-H HORSEMASTERS CLUB meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Wakulla County Extension Office, Room #1, 84 Cedar Ave. in Crawfordville.

**TUESDAYS**

- PLAY PICKLEBALL from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Community Center. Instructions on how to play the game are available. Bring \$2 to help with monthly rental of the space.
- PANACEA WATERFRONTS Florida Partnership meetings are the second Tuesday of each month, 10

- a.m. at Posey's Restaurant, 1506 Coastal Highway. Call 528-1527 for info.
- THE TOBACCO-FREE FLORIDA PARTNERSHIP is held at 4 p.m. on the SECOND TUESDAY of each month at the Florida Department of Health in Wakulla County, 48 Oak St., Crawfordville. The meeting is open to the public and all community members are encouraged to attend. To request further information, please contact the Wakulla County Tobacco Prevention Manager Tonya Hobby at (850) 926-0400.
- WAKULLA COUNTY 4-H GREEN THUMBS meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Wakulla Extension Office, Room #1, 84 Cedar Ave. in Crawfordville.
- YOGA at New Posh on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Contact [newposh3079@gmail.com](mailto:newposh3079@gmail.com) or phone 528-5838 to reserve a space. \$12 single class; yoga packages available.
- FREE 100 B&W COPIES FOR TEACHERS at Amazing Mail Solution.
- THE PAINT PARTY every Tuesday from 6:30 to 9 p.m.. Bring your favorite beverage and relax. Instructors will guide you step by step through the featured painting. Classes \$25. Located at: Crawfordville Woman's Club, 64 Ochlockonee Stt. in Crawfordville. Pre-register at [www.ThePaintPartyArt.com](http://www.ThePaintPartyArt.com) or call 850-228-0422.
- CIRCLE OF PARENTS Parenting Group meets the **last Tuesday** of every month, 10 to 11 a.m. at the Florida Department of Health in Wakulla, 48 Oak St., Crawfordville. Enjoy snacks, make new friends and share parenting ideas. Need a ride? Have questions? Call Molly Clore at 850.926.0400.
- YOGA at New Posh on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Contact [newposh3079@gmail.com](mailto:newposh3079@gmail.com) or phone 528-5838 to reserve a space. \$12 single class; yoga packages available.
- KNITTING GROUP meets at the public library from 4 to 6 p.m. For information, call 491-1684.
- WAKULLA COUNTY GARDEN CLUB meets at the Library at noon the third Wednesday of each month. We share a light lunch and enjoy a program about plants. For info, email: [irisdgardenclub.wakulla@gmail.com](mailto:irisdgardenclub.wakulla@gmail.com) or call Jeannie Brodhead 926-2264. Visitors welcome!
- WAKULLA COUNTY MAH JONGG CLUB meets from 1 to 3 p.m. at the PCT. 7 Meeting House, Whiddon Lake Road (first left after Walmart heading north). All

**WEDNESDAYS**

- are welcome – especially newcomers. Info: 559-0832.
- OPEN GYM BASKETBALL from 6:15 to 8 p.m. at the Wakulla Community Center, 318 Shadeville Rd. in Crawfordville.
- WAKULLA 4-H CHICKEN CHAMPS CLUB meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Sopchoppy United Methodist Church, 17 Faith Ave. in Sopchoppy. Meeting is in "Lighthouse Room."
- WAKULLA COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the THIRD THURSDAY of each month in the Education Center of the Crawfordville United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. This group meeting is for men and women, regardless of the type of cancer. Spouses, caregivers and friends are welcome. For more information, call 926-6050.
- S.O.A.P. (SURVIVORS OF A PRODIGAL) SUPPORT GROUP meets every third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Ivan Assembly, 202 Ivan Church Rd. Open to all who have a loved one dealing with an addiction.
- PLAY PICKLEBALL from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Community Center. Instructions on how to play the game are available. Bring \$2 to help with monthly

- rental of the space.
- LINE DANCING from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Wakulla Community Center, 318 Shadeville Rd. in Crawfordville.
- V.F.W. POST 4538 BINGO! Funds support our local veterans. Libations & snacks available for purchase. Early Birds 6 p.m., Regular Birds 7 p.m. 475 Arran Road
- COASTAL OPTIMIST CLUB meets every Thursday at noon at Posey's Steam Room in Panacea.
- AFRICAN DRUM CIRCLE with professional instructor Yazid at New Posh every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m. To reserve a space in the Circle, contact [newposh3079@gmail.com](mailto:newposh3079@gmail.com) or call 528-5838. \$15.
- VFW provides free bread to veterans & family on Thursdays 10 a.m. to noon.

**THURSDAYS**

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**FRIDAYS**

- THE QUILTERS' GUILD OF WAKULLA COUNTY meets at 9:30 a.m. at The Wakulla Library. Our current project is quilts for Wakulla County Hospice home-bound persons.
- YOGA at New Posh with Suzanne Shellabarger Harrell on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Contact [newposh3079@gmail.com](mailto:newposh3079@gmail.com) or phone 528-5838 to reserve a space. \$12 single class; yoga packages available.

**SATURDAYS**

- WAKULLA 4-H ELECTRON CHASERS CLUB meets the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Wakulla Extension Office, Room #1, 84 Cedar Ave. in Crawfordville.
- BREAKFAST is served at Macedonia Community Church each Saturday morning from 7 a.m. to noon for a \$5 donation. To place your order call 228-2885 or 519-7678. Church is located at 1085 Sopchoppy Hwy. Presiding Elder Alfred Nelson is Pastor.
- SOPCHOPPY DEPOT MUSEUM open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**SUNDAYS**

- BIG BEND FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS Chapter meets the third Sunday of each month at the Wakulla County Community Center from 7:30 to 9 a.m. for free breakfast and fellowship open to all emergency responders.
- SECOND SUNDAY SING at 6 p.m. at Woodville UMC the SECOND SUNDAY of each month.

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

# Guns and drugs in the crosshairs

By **DARA KAM**  
NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE – As the nation girds for marches this weekend led by kids demanding stricter gun regulations, the always-heated debate over firearms continued in the state Capitol.

Florida's been an incubator for some of the country's most-lenient gun laws, including the first-in-the-nation "stand your ground" statute that allows people to shoot, without having to retreat, if they feel their lives are in danger.

But since the Feb. 14 horrific mass shooting of 14 students and three staff members at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, the "Gunshine State" has morphed into what many – including U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio – hope will become a model for gun rules.

Rubio, who earned an "A+" rating from the National Rifle Association during his 2016 re-election campaign, is backing a ban on "bump stocks," which make semi-automatic weapons mimic automatic firearms, a move that's opposed by the gun-rights organization and which is part of a new school-safety law passed by the Legislature.

Rubio, a Republican, also supports a provision in Florida's new law that allows law-enforcement officials to seek court orders to remove guns from people who pose a danger to themselves or others. Rubio's a sponsor of a congressional proposal that would go even fur-

ther than the state law by allowing family members to seek "red-flag" protection orders from judges.

The NRA supports allowing law enforcement to seize firearms "from people with mental illness who pose a danger," Marion Hammer, the organization's powerful Florida lobbyist and former national president, told The News Service of Florida on Friday.

But, she said, "We do not believe that gratuitous seizures are the answer to the problem."

It's too soon to know how Florida's law will work, Hammer said, "and only time will tell whether or not law enforcement will use it or abuse it."

Hammer recently took aim at House Speaker Richard Corcoran, who called the new law – which increases the minimum age from 18 to 21 and imposes a three-day waiting period for the purchase of long guns – "one of the greatest Second Amendment victories" in Florida's history.

The acrimony over guns continued this week, with Corcoran telling the state Constitution Revision Commission to butt out of the issue.

But however ugly the gun debate may be in Florida, Tallahassee provided a reprieve from the contentious climate in the nation's capital for U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

"It's great to be here. A little better climate – I'm talking about weather and politics – than Washington, D.C.," Ses-

sions joked during an appearance before dozens of law enforcement officials Thursday. "It's a rough bunch up there. I don't even have a dog. At least you should have a dog in that forsaken place."

## CONSTITUTION PANEL HOLSTERS GUNS

Talk about gun regulations may be all the rage elsewhere, but the Florida Constitution Revision Commission wouldn't allow debate on firearm-related measures this week.

A majority of the panel, sticking to its rules about deadlines, on Wednesday rejected attempts to introduce three measures that would have imposed stricter gun regulations. Commissioner Roberto Martinez, a former federal prosecutor who said he owns three guns, tried to introduce a proposal that would put into the Constitution the same gun-related restrictions included in Florida's new law.

He urged the commission to echo the actions of "the political leadership of this state" this year, saying Gov. Rick Scott and the Legislature had "basically been unshackled to address this issue," despite pressure from powerful special interests. The NRA filed a federal lawsuit shortly after Scott signed the new law and has targeted Republican legislators who supported the measure.

"What is the harm done, if we were to go forward, debate this issue and vote on it? I

can't see any harm," Martinez, a Republican, said. "What is the benefit? The benefit is unlimited."

But Attorney General Pam Bondi, a commission member, said the panel was obligated to obey its rules, which set an October deadline for new proposals. She rejected Martinez's request that the rules be waived because the Valentine's Day shooting in Parkland occurred months after the filing deadline.

"To say that the shooting came up recently, well, we had Pulse nightclub a year ago. You've all known that from day one. No one did anything on that," Bondi said.

A majority of the 37-member commission agreed with Bondi and voted down Martinez's motion.

Commissioner Hank Coxe, a Jacksonville lawyer, offered a proposal that included a ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines and a 10-day waiting period for the purchase of guns. The proposal would have been attached to another measure that met the filing deadline.

But, as with Martinez's proposal, the commission's Rules and Administration Chairman Tim Cerio decided Coxe's proposal wasn't germane to the underlying measure, which dealt with property rights.

Coxe argued that the commission had signed off on numerous proposals that lawmakers refused to pass --- including a potential ban on greyhound racing and a victim's rights measure known as "Marsy's Law."

"The legacy of the CRC is, as we stand here now given the germanity issue, that we worry about victim's rights in Marsy's Law, that we worry about the greyhounds, but, because of adherence to this rule, we do not worry about reducing the number of people murdered in the state of Florida," Coxe said. "Forget germanity. Just waive the rules."

But, again on a voice vote, a majority of the commission refused to waive the rules, and Coxe's amendment failed.

## WHO YOU GONNA BAN?

The commission, which meets every 20 years and has the authority to place constitutional changes directly on the ballot, moved forward this week with 25 proposals that could go before voters in November.

Voters won't have a say on guns but could weigh in on schools, hospitals, vaping and offshore oil drilling.

School board members would be limited to eight years in office under a measure (Proposal 43) that moved forward Wednesday.

And Florida's near-shore waters would be off-limits to future oil and gas drilling under a proposal advanced Tuesday. The measure (Proposal 91) seeks to prohibit oil and gas drilling within about three miles of the East Coast and nine miles of the Gulf of Mexico coast.

"These things (oil rigs) are not what we want along our shorelines," said Commissioner Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch, a former mayor of Sewall's Point who sponsored the proposal. "We want to protect our natural resources and our scenic beauty."

The panel also moved forward with a plan (Proposal 65) to add vaping and electronic cigarettes to a ban on smoking in workplaces already included in the state Constitution.

And the commission advanced a proposal (Proposal 54) that would tie new hospital growth in the state to hospital-acquired infection rates at existing facilities, a measure targeting the state's controversial "certificate of need" laws.

The proposals went to the commission's Style and Drafting Committee, which is looking at how to group the measures and write ballot summaries. The commission must take final votes by May 10 on which measures will go before voters in November.

## JUST SAY NO

Sessions was in Tallahassee to announce the addition of more than 250 Drug Enforcement Administration agents at "opioid hot spots" throughout the coun-

try as part of President Donald Trump's effort to combat the opioid epidemic responsible for 64,000 deaths nationwide in 2016.

Sessions was unapologetic about the Trump administration's plan to seek the death penalty in drug-related cases, which has sparked pushback from Democrats and others who accuse the president of targeting minorities in a newly resurrected war on drugs.

"We will not hesitate to pursue maximum sentences allowed by law, and if appropriate, the death penalty. Our message should be clear. Business as usual is over," Sessions said. "Plain and simple, drug traffickers show no respect for human dignity. They put their greed ahead of the safety and even the lives of others, knowing people will be dying as a result of their products."

Also this week, Scott signed a sweeping package aimed at keeping patients from getting hooked on powerful prescription drugs and then turning to even deadlier street drugs like heroin and fentanyl. The \$65 million package, nearly half of which comes from federal funds, includes a controversial provision that places limits on prescriptions that doctors can write for treatment of acute pain.

**STORY OF THE WEEK:** The Florida Constitution Revision Commission advanced 25 measures for the November ballot, setting up final votes on the proposals before May 10.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "As one of the referee's law professors might explain, dealing with Sacks was 'like handling a rattlesnake wrapped in tissue paper.' Unfortunately, respondent (Gilbert) was not up to the task."

– Leonard Hanser, a referee for The Florida Bar, referring to Steven Sacks, who was hired by Hollywood lawyer Randolph Lawrence Gilbert after Sacks was released from federal prison for embezzling \$7 million. Sacks later embezzled more than \$4 million from Gilbert, who was disbarred Thursday by



## An Easy, Excellent Easter

Amazing food is the centerpiece of most holiday gatherings. This Easter, impress guests with your culinary talent by making simple dishes simply amazing. With a little special attention, even the most basic foods can evolve into dishes worth sharing with loved ones.

Update your traditional ham with a spicy, honeyed glaze; give a side serving of carrots a tasty twist and end the affair on a sweet note with a rustic, utterly delicious dessert. Find more flavorful ideas to elevate your Easter menu at [spiceislands.com](http://spiceislands.com).

<b>Spiced Honey and Black Pepper-Glazed Ham</b>	1	tablespoon Spice Islands Ground Mustard
<b>Prep time: 10 minutes</b>		tablespoon Spice Islands Garlic Powder
<b>Total time: 30 minutes</b>	1	cup honey
<b>Servings: 12</b>	1/2	teaspoons Spice Islands Ground Saigon Cinnamon
	1 1/2	teaspoon Spice Islands Ground Cloves
8-10 pounds cooked shank-end ham		
water (optional)		
1 tablespoon Spice Islands Cracked Black Pepper		

Heat oven to 325 F.

With sharp knife, score ham at 1-inch intervals; place in baking dish. If ham appears dry, moisten surface with water. In small bowl, combine black pepper, mustard and garlic powder. Rub

pepper mixture over surface of ham. Roast according to package directions.

Combine honey, cinnamon and cloves. Drizzle over ham during last 30 minutes of roasting. Remove ham from oven and let rest 20 minutes before slicing.

<b>Spiced Maple Carrots</b>		Saigon Cinnamon
<b>Prep time: 5 minutes</b>	3/4	teaspoon Spice Islands Ground Ginger
<b>Total time: 15 minutes</b>		2 tablespoons Maple Grove Farms 100% Pure Maple Syrup
<b>Servings: 4</b>	2	1 tablespoon butter
1 pound (4 cups) baby carrots	1	sea salt, to taste
1/2 cup water		
1 teaspoon Spice Islands Ground		

In large skillet, combine carrots, water, cinnamon and ginger. Mix well. Cover and cook on high 6 minutes until almost tender.

Add maple syrup and butter. Mix well and continue to cook, uncovered, 2-3 minutes, until carrots are well-glazed. Season, to taste, with sea salt.

## HOME COUNTRY

### Delbert visits the think tank



By **SLIM RANGLES**

Hear ye! Hear ye! Cometh to the think tank this morning Delbert McLain, our very own Chamber of Commerce. A broad smile beameth.

You know, we're really proud of Del. Of course, what he'd like to do is make this valley so rich and crowded that none of us would want to live here anymore, but at least he works really hard at it. We admire hard work.

"Hey Del," Steve said, "pull up a cup and sit down."

"Thanks guys," he said,

flipping his necktie over one shoulder so it wouldn't dangle in the coffee. "You heard about that Spanish billionaire Fortunato Alvarez de Banqueria?"

"No," Doc said. "We don't keep up on Spanish billionaires, I'm afraid."

"See," Del explained, "he's this rich guy from Spain ..."

"Kinda had that part figured out."

"And he's interested in ... get this ... investing in our valley. Isn't that something? I mean, it's still in the tentative stages, of course, but the word is, it's going to happen."

"What's going to happen?" Herb said.

"The subdivision, of course. The way I heard it ..."

"Hold on, Delbert," Doc said. "How did you hear it and what did you hear?"

"Sure. You know Carol, comes in the barber shop to

sweep up at night? Well, her cousin's girlfriend works in the city and overheard her bosses talking at break time about Fortunato coming over here with some real money. And what other Fortunato could it be?"

"And the bosses said, and I got this straight from Carol, that the subdivision would probably be somewhere near our local landfill and will be called Basura Vista Estates. Think of all the people coming in! Think of all the road scraping that will happen! It's amazing!"

"What will those new people do for jobs?" Doc asked.

"They'll scrape in those roads and build those houses, of course," Del said, taking a sip of coffee. "It's the American Way."

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# Law Enforcement and Courts reports

## Sheriff's Report

Activity reported by the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office for the week March 16 to 22.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 16

- Mark Kang of Tallahassee reported a grand theft. The victim stated that his crème colored 1995 Yamaha golf cart had been stolen by an acquaintance that he let borrow it earlier this month. The golf cart was valued at \$3,500. A suspect has been identified in this case. The case information was collected, documented, and referred to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division. Deputy Curtis Hunter investigated.

- Joshua Rabalias of Thomaston, Ga., reported a burglary of a residence he owns in Panacea and theft of property from inside. The victim stated that he discovered the front door was not closed all the way and then noticed his coffee maker and microwave had been stolen. The value of the stolen items totaled \$40. Possible suspect information was collected. The case information was collected, documented, and referred to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division. Deputy Brandon Sheffield investigated.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 17

- Dustin Pope of Tallahassee was arrested following a traffic stop conducted on Wakulla Springs Road near the county line. During the encounter, the suspect allegedly ran from the deputy but was detained shortly thereafter when the deputy used his Taser and pepper spray. The investigation revealed that the suspect was in possession of methamphetamine, marijuana, equipment associated with the use of narcotics, and had

an active warrant. The suspect was also arrested for resistance with violence. The suspect was transported to the Wakulla County Jail. Deputy Matthew Hedges investigated.

- Blair Rowan of Crawfordville was arrested following a traffic stop conducted on Ivan Church Road. The suspect was a passenger in the vehicle that was stopped. The investigation revealed that the suspect was allegedly in possession of methamphetamine, equipment associated with the use of narcotics, and a concealed firearm. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Wakulla County Jail. Deputy Matthew Hedges investigated.

- Nathaniel Linhoff of Crawfordville was arrested following a complaint that he was causing a disturbance in front of the Riverside Café in St. Marks. When the responding deputy arrived, the suspect was outside, clearly intoxicated, and causing a disturbance. He refused to obey the deputy's commands and was Tasered, then detained. Linhoff was arrested for disorderly intoxication and resisting arrest, then transported to the Wakulla County Jail. Deputy Brandon Sheffield investigated.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 18

- Aaron Bonds of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief to the fence that surrounds his property. The victim discovered that someone had broken a corner section of the fence and estimated the damages at \$100 to fix. The case information was collected and documented. Deputy Steven Parfitt investigated.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 20

- Lorie Shadwell of Crawfordville reported a criminal mischief.

The victim stated that a suspect slashed one of the tires on her vehicle. The responding deputy observed two slash marks on the tire causing it to go flat. The victim identified a possible suspect in this case. The case information was collected, documented, and referred to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division. Deputy Tiffany Spears investigated.

- Vernalene Avery of Panacea reported a misdemeanor criminal mischief. The victim stated that she was notified that her mail box was missing by the postman. The victim's mail box was located in a wooded area a short distance down the road from the residence. The damages were estimated at \$30. The case information was collected and documented. Deputy Ward Kromer investigated.

- Mechelle and Kenneth Taylor of Crawfordville reported a burglary to their resi-

dence. It was discovered that someone had pried open the side door to the residence. There were multiple pry marks visible on the frame of the door. At the time of the report there was no property discovered stolen. The case information was collected and documented. Deputy Edward Webb investigated.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

- Jennifer Ayotte of Crawfordville reported the fraudulent use of her bank card. The victim was notified by her bank of two suspicious charges made using her bank card. The charges were made in Tallahassee at a Publix and a Walmart and amounted to \$489.29. The victim added that she did not make nor did she authorize these charges. The case information was collected, documented, and referred to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investiga-

tions Division. Deputy Curtis Hunter investigated.

- George Waldman of Panacea reported a grand theft of property from his residence. The victim stated that he discovered the following items stolen: a Colby TV, KitchenAid mixer, Coleman lantern, electric razor blades, three plants in different pots, can of mineral spirits, and miscellaneous clothing. The total value of the stolen items was estimated at \$970. The victim identified a possible suspect in this case. The case information was collected, documented, and referred to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division. Deputy Tiffany Spears investigated.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 22

- Roy Williams of Apalachicola was arrested following an investigation conducted at the scene of a traffic

crash he was involved in. The investigation revealed that the suspect was in possession of a stolen Kimber .45 semi-automatic pistol. The firearm was reported stolen out of Miramar and confirmation was given by the Miramar Police Department. The suspect was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon and theft of a firearm and transported to the Wakulla County Jail. Deputy James Sessor investigated.

This week Sheriff Jared Miller and the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,008 calls for service, 201 calls to 911, and conducted 236 residential and business security checks.

**If you have information regarding the activity shown, or any other crime please contact the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office at (850) 745-7100 or (850) 926-0800.**

## PUBLIC NOTICES

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### North Central Florida Regional Housing Authority (NCFRHA) Wakulla County Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List

North Central Florida Regional Housing Authority (NCFRHA) will be opening the Wakulla County Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List effective Monday, April 2, 2018 at 8 a.m. The waiting list will close Monday, April 30, 2018 at 4 p.m. Interested applicants can apply online at [www.ncfrha.com](http://www.ncfrha.com). Applications must be complete. NCFRHA has a Local Residency Preference. Applicants currently residing in Wakulla County will be placed over applicants that do not reside within these counties. Applicants will be placed on the waiting list by preference, date and time of completed application. For more information or if a Reasonable Accommodation is needed for a person with a disability, please call 352-486-5420.

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### NOTICE OF SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING

The Wakulla County Code Enforcement Board will hold a **Special Public Hearing** **On April 11, 2018 at 5:30pm** in the Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Rd., Crawfordville, FL 32327.

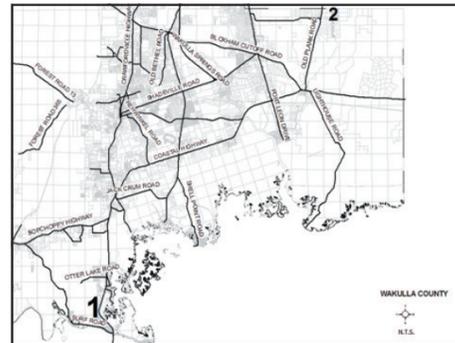
Interested parties are invited to attend and participate. Persons with a disability needing a special accommodation should contact the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Office at least two (2) days prior to the meeting at (850) 926-0919; Hearing & Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771;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

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

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE OF ZONING

The Wakulla County Planning Commission propose to consider the following applications. A Public Hearing is scheduled regarding the following before the Planning Commission **on Monday, April 9, 2018, at 7:00 PM, and before the Board of County Commissioners on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 5:00 PM unless otherwise noted below or as time permits.** All public hearings are held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida, 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.



**1. Application for Change of Zoning: R18-01**  
 Applicants: Robert Rapp & Lou Kelly  
 Agent: Jim Stidham & Associates  
 Tax ID Number: 12-6S-02W-000-03873-000  
 Existing FLU Map: Urban 2 (FLUE Policy 1.2.6)  
 Current zoning: C2 (Section 5-38, LDC)  
 Proposed zoning: PUD (Section 5-50, LDC)  
 FEMA Flood Info: "VE" zone on Panel 0485E  
 Parcel size: 2.92 +/- acres  
 Location: 54B Coastal Highway  
**Hearings Required: Planning Commission Monday April 9, 2018@7:00 PM BOCC Monday May 7, 2018@5:00 PM**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WAKULLA COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, ORDINANCE NO. 85-4, AS AMENDED; CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION AND OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS FROM C2 TO PUD FOR PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" TO THE ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**2. Application for Change of Zoning: R18-02**  
 Applicant: Richard & Ramona Cumbie  
 Proposal: Rezone from RR1 to AG  
 Tax ID Number: 32-2S-02E-000-05870-001  
 Existing FLU Map: Rural 1 (FLUE Policy 1.2.3)  
 Current zoning: RR1 (Section 5-27, LDC)  
 FEMA Flood Info: "X" & ".2%" zones on Panel 0125E  
 Parcel size: 10.08 +/- acres  
 Location: West side of St. Marks Rise Road, across from 47 St. Marks Rise Road  
**Hearings required: Planning Commission Monday April 9, 2018 @7:00 PM BOCC Monday May 7, 2018 @ 5:00 PM**

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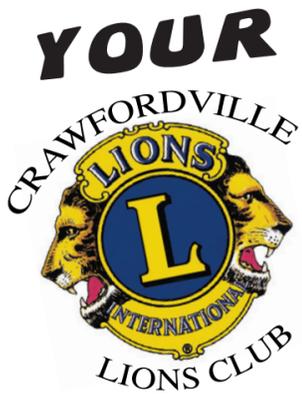
Copies of applications, draft ordinances, and any related public record files may be viewed at the County Planning Department located at 11 Bream Fountain Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327, 8 AM to 4:30 PM M/F; Phone (850) 926-3695. Any person desiring to appeal a decision of a County Board must ensure a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

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# Wild azaleas are North Florida natives



Natural Wakulla

By Les Harrison

There is something to be said for being a longtime resident. While it does limit one's capabilities from a global perspective, it promotes focus on perfecting traits which are close to home and applicable.

The unique, and very pleasant, environment of North Florida is an excellent example of near perfection on a localized basis. The weather (within reason), the fauna and the flora are tailored to a superior quality of life, especially the spring blooming native plants.

The human residents of Wakulla County can easily see this in a native plant which blooms in the spring. Wild azaleas make random appearances, but their cultivated cousins from Asia are now the province retail establishments.

Azaleas are member of the Rhododendron genus which includes flowering shrubs of the same name which grow in more northern latitudes. Their popularity as flowering perennials has led to the development of more than 10,000 cultivars worldwide which please almost every taste for a profuse and showy burst of color.

These plants have species native to southwest Europe, Asia, and

North America. They are believed to date back 70 million years and have an ancestor in common with blueberries and pieris.

Many of the azaleas which grace the yards and gardens in Wakulla County are traced back to east Asian stock. These cultivars had been grown for millennia, but reached Europe in the early 17th Century when wealthy estate owners were seeking a new and unique look to their landscapes.

When azaleas arrived in America there were 26 different native azaleas already growing here. At least four of these grow naturally in Florida and can be presently seen in natural settings, as well as, managed landscapes.

Like the long cultivated Asian varieties, the azaleas native to Florida prefer acidic soils and filtered light. They can be found in forested areas and near streams or rivers.

The native azaleas are rather scraggly and upright when very young, but will spread out and fill in as they mature. The large, dark green leaves bend the branches gently to form a cascading appearance down to the ground.

A single specimen in a formal landscape should be allowed at



Azalea and bug: Wild Piedmont Azaleas (*Rhododendron canescens*) are attractive early season bloomers and a source of food for native pollinators.

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least four to five feet of spread to develop into its natural form. These plants are very sensitive to dry soil, but the soil should drain freely of excessive moisture.

A thick mulch of three inches deep is recommended to help ensure adequate root growth when cultivated out of their natural environment. Roots are located in the top sever-

al inches, even in well-drained sandy soils, so adequate mulching is critical to success.

Pruning of these natives is seldom necessary except to control shoots extending above the normally mounded shape. Azaleas bloom on the previous year's growth so any pruning should be done after flowering, but before July.

Mass azalea plantings add a stark color contrast to any landscape. The green background of March and April with swathes of boldly bright blossoms is a striking sight.

The wild azaleas add an enduring continuity to the ever changing landscape in contemporary Wakulla County. Some things should never change, espe-

cially in comfortable Wakulla County.

To learn more about flowering native plants in Wakulla County, contact your UF/IFAS Wakulla Extension Office at 850-926-3931 or <http://wakulla.ifas.ufl.edu/>

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Section B

# The Wakulla News Extra!

## 2018 Wildlife photo contest

**1st Place,**  
winner of \$100  
cash prize!



Congratulations,  
**Neil  
Hostnick!**

First Place Photo by Neil Hostnick.

**2nd  
place**



Second Place Photo, 'River Frog' by Arthur Thompson

**3rd  
place**



Third Place Photo by James D. Daniels titled 'Majestic Blue'



The Wakulla News Wildlife Photo Contest exhibit at Wakulla Springs State Park. The photos were on display inside the lodge.

### Honorable Mention



'On the Lookout' by Nancy Harmon.



**Honorable Mention**

'Black N' White in Color' by Gerald Brown.



**Honorable Mention**

'Canopy Jumping Spider' by Arthur Thompson.

# Outdoors

outdoor sports and fishing reports

## Gag grouper opens this weekend

So, a few weeks ago I may have gotten a little over excited thinking spring was here before these last couple weeks of cold windy weather slapped me back to reality.

Now it's almost Easter and with highs in the upper 70s and 80s predicted over the couple of weeks I think spring has finally sprung. This weekend will probably start about 6 weeks of really awesome fishing in our area. The water temperature will continuously warm, but not so much to keep the fish from being active throughout the day.

The weather is going to hit that sweet spot where you can target redfish throughout the day and the trout will be emerging from their cold-water hideaways onto the shallow flats and will be

aggressively feeding.

This time of year is also when a lot of big trout are caught, and when I say big I mean over 4 and 5 pounds. If you catch one of these big fish just keep in mind the breeding potential for a fish that size and consider releasing it, the bigger trout usually are full of worms anyway.

Our inshore warm water migrators will start to arrive, the Spanish mackerel already have but I have yet to hear of anyone landing a cobia yet.

You can also expect to start finding bluefish, ladyfish and maybe a shark or two. Everyone likes to fish differently but now – or at least in a week or two – is when I start beefing up the leader I'm using to 30 or 40 lb fluorocarbon just because it means less retying when a

### On the Water BY CAPT. EVAN SNOW



Vivian Finch from Austin, Texas with an oversized redfish.

Spanish or a bluefish decides it wants your bait.

Also, I want to put those Spanish mackerel in the boat because I believe they are an under rated fish when it comes to food quality. Fillet a Spanish and make sure to remove the blood line, baste the filets in butter and lemon juice, add some garlic, salt and black pepper then place on the grill. That is some fine eating.

If you haven't already heard gag grouper season will open in local waters this weekend, this info is from the FWC website. State waters off the coast of Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson and Taylor counties will open to recreational harvest of gag grouper starting April 1.

This regional season will remain open

through June 30.

The season includes all waters of Apalachicola Bay and Indian Pass, including those in Gulf County, and all waters of the Steinhatchee River, including those in Dixie County. The minimum size limit is 24 inches total length. The bag limit is two gag grouper per person. Recreational anglers targeting groupers in the Gulf may harvest no more than four groupers per person, per day (within this four-fish limit, anglers may keep only two gag grouper).

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.

## HOME ON THE RANGE

# The .380 – it's not just for women



By MARJ LAW

Many of the mature women who come to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range on Wednesday mornings are looking for the same advantages to a small caliber carry gun.

They want one that:

- Is easy to rack,
- Has low recoil,
- Has good sight alignment,
- Has a longer grip,
- Has a narrower grip,
- Is lightweight,
- Has a light trigger pull,
- Has more than one safety, and
- Holds more than six rounds.

These great attributes belong to the Browning Black Label .380. It's an 85 percent scaled-down version of the Colt .45 ACP.

As we become, ahem, more mature, carpal tunnel syndrome, poor elbow joints and arthritis-ridden shoulders and hands frustrate the ability to rack the slide

of a semi-automatic handgun. Newbies with strong bodies have to figure out how to rack a slide, and they'd just as soon have an easy pull, too. Some slides are pretty darn stiff, but this Browning is quite easy to slide; especially if you've figured the slide maneuver that suits your body the best.

Another major complaint about other 380s is that the gun provides too much recoil. Few people want to feel a sharp jerk when they shoot. Also, that jerk means the gun has veered off target. When your life is threatened, you'll need that barrel pointed exactly where you aim. Mr. Bad may not be down, or he might have a partner in crime. You may not have any time to re-sight your attacker, so you need accurate follow-up. Controlling your gun is very important.

Another measure for control is a longer grip than most .380s. This allows all your fingers to control the gun, unlike .380s that have room for only 2-3 fingers. When life is threatened, you need the most control possible.

That long grip works for bigger hands, and bigger hands prefer control too.

Speaking of the grip, the magazine inside



Browning Black Label 380

holds 8 rounds instead of a usual 6. A couple extra rounds when your life is in danger is a good thing.

How about loading? Don't you want to reload easily? A Maglula or Uplula that helps you to load is really nice. These gizmos cost between \$25-\$35 and are well worth the added price. Some of us don't have strong thumbs to push the rounds into the magazines. You could carry an extra loaded magazine in your purse or on your belt.

The Browning Black Label .380 weighs about 3-5 ounces more than most .380s. When empty, it weighs about 17.4 ounces. Overall, it is 7.45" long. It is slightly larger than some other .380s and has that longer but narrower grip of only 1.06". Trigger pull is only about 4 pounds,

which is lighter than a lot of .380s, and the gun has the added safety in the beavertail, which, by the way, is a comfortable deep beavertail. Ergonomic. Comfort and a lighter pull mean you need less grip strength.

The thumb safety is ambidextrous. Lefties will be happy.

In the Browning .380, you can't shoot the gun if there is no magazine in the grip. This is another safety feature. So, now you have three safety features: the beavertail, the thumb safety and the no-shoot-when-the-mag-is-out feature.

Some people will appreciate that this .380's flat profile will fit inside their pants.

Sight radius is 53/8 inch. That's long for a .380, and will help in accuracy in hitting the target as well as give

you a better follow-up.

Barrel and slide are both made of steel. This slightly heavy nose helps to lessen recoil and to speed up target re-alignment.

After practice with this gun, and you do need to practice using the gun that may save your life, you will want to clean out all the shooting debris. This is often a chore with any handgun. Remember to make sure your magazine is out and check to make sure there is not a round in the chamber before you clean.

Over the past 9 years, I've heard many

times that the .22 and the .380 are "women's guns." This is not said as a compliment.

However, three guys I know have recently purchased this Browning. One guy likes to purchase new handguns that he's researched. He liked what he read and so he bought this little .380.

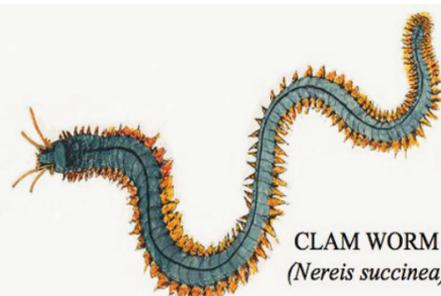
The second guy bought his because he enumerated all the neat features of the gun. However, the truth is, he's not as strong as he used to be. It's sad, but it happens to most of us. That light trigger pull and easy-to-rack slide are helpful to him.

The third guy frankly admitted that he wanted a gun that was simple to manage.

All these men feel that this .380 with its 8 rounds can save their lives, or the life of someone else.

The .380 – it's not just for women anymore.

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



CLAM WORM (Nereis succinea)

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# Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water

Local writers share their experiences

Thursday	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:29 am	6:14 pm
7:54 pm	6:27 am
Brightness- 96%	
Friday	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:28 am	7:16 pm
7:54 pm	7:07 am
Brightness- 99%	
Saturday	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:27 am	8:17 pm
7:55 pm	7:45 am
Brightness- 100%	
Sunday	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:26 am	9:16 pm
7:55 pm	8:21 am
Brightness- 98%	
Monday	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:25 am	10:14 pm
7:56 pm	8:59 am
Brightness- 95%	
Tuesday	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:23 am	11:11 pm
7:57 pm	9:37 am
Brightness- 89%	
Wednesday	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:22 am	---: 10:16 am
7:57 pm	am
Brightness- 82%	

## Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

### March 29 - April 4



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.

Thursday	
Major Times	Minor Times
12:19 pm-2:19 pm	6:27 am-7:27 am
Better	
Friday	
Major Times	Minor Times
12:44 am-2:44 am	7:07 am-8:07 am
1:10 pm-3:10 pm	7:16 pm-8:16 pm
Best	
Saturday	
Major Times	Minor Times
1:34 am-3:34 am	7:45 am-8:45 am
1:59 pm-3:59 pm	8:17 pm-9:17 pm
Best	
Sunday	
Major Times	Minor Times
2:23 am-4:23 am	8:21 am-9:21 am
2:47 pm-4:47 pm	9:16 pm-10:16 pm
Better	
Monday	
Major Times	Minor Times
3:11 am-5:11 am	8:59 am-9:59 am
3:35 pm-5:35 pm	10:14 pm-11:14 pm
Better	
Tuesday	
Major Times	Minor Times
3:58 am-5:58 am	9:37 am-10:37 am
4:22 pm-6:22 pm	11:11 pm-12:11 am
Average	
Wednesday	
Major Times	Minor Times
4:46 am-6:46 am	---
5:10 pm-7:10 pm	10:16 am-11:16 am
Average	

#### St. Marks River Entrance

Th	1:15 am	7:51 am	2:09 pm	8:03 pm
Fr	2:06 am	8:28 am	2:41 pm	8:45 pm
Sa	2:51 am	9:01 am	3:10 pm	9:25 pm
Su	3:33 am	9:30 am	3:36 pm	10:02 pm
Mo	4:12 am	9:56 am	3:59 pm	10:39 pm
Tu	4:50 am	10:20 am	4:21 pm	11:16 pm
We	5:29 am	10:45 am	4:42 pm	11:55 pm

#### City of St. Marks

Th	1:15 am	7:51 am	2:09 pm	8:03 pm
Fr	2:06 am	8:28 am	2:41 pm	8:45 pm
Sa	2:51 am	9:01 am	3:10 pm	9:25 pm
Su	4:09 am	10:34 am	4:12 pm	11:06 pm
Mo	4:48 am	11:00 am	4:35 pm	11:43 pm
Tu	5:26 am	11:24 am	4:57 pm	
We	12:20 am	6:05 am	11:49 am	5:18 pm

#### Shell Point, Spring Creek

Th	1:31 am	8:11 am	2:25 pm	8:23 pm
Fr	2:22 am	8:48 am	2:57 pm	9:05 pm
Sa	3:07 am	9:21 am	3:26 pm	9:45 pm
Su	3:49 am	9:50 am	3:52 pm	10:22 pm
Mo	4:28 am	10:16 am	4:15 pm	10:59 pm
Tu	5:06 am	10:40 am	4:37 pm	11:36 pm
We	5:45 am	11:05 am	4:58 pm	

#### Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Th	1:07 am	8:02 am	2:01 pm	8:14 pm
Fr	1:58 am	8:39 am	2:33 pm	8:56 pm
Sa	2:43 am	9:12 am	3:02 pm	9:36 pm
Su	3:25 am	9:41 am	3:28 pm	10:13 pm
Mo	4:04 am	10:07 am	3:51 pm	10:50 pm
Tu	4:42 am	10:31 am	4:13 pm	11:27 pm
We	5:21 am	10:56 am	4:34 pm	

#### St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

Th	1:22 am	8:21 am	2:41 pm	8:35 pm
Fr	2:23 am	8:56 am	3:02 pm	9:07 pm
Sa	3:13 am	9:27 am	3:23 pm	9:41 pm
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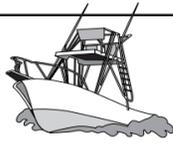
#### Dog Island West End

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## Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



Preparation is often the key to a successful mission. Practice helps prevent mistakes that can hinder progress. This past weekend, members of Flotilla 12 participated in training for Operations, Communication (radio) and Team Coordination Training (TCT).

Thank you Phil Hill for the following write-up and images.

Shell Point was once again the site for Coast Guard Auxiliary training. The Seafarer's Chapel graciously invited Flotilla 12 to use its facility to offer training required for boat crewmembers on Saturday March 24.

Phil Hill led the Operations and Communications Workshops, while Bob Asztalos led the 4 hour TCT course. TCT training, which teaches crewmembers that each member's input is valuable in lowering the risk of accidents on the water. There was also a review of forms used by members of the boat crew. Equipment was inspected in prepara-

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Auxiliary members in class.

tion for the upcoming boating season.

To serve as boat crew in the Coast Guard Auxiliary, members put in hours of training required to remain active in the program. Gear must be maintained, boat must be equipped, and crew must stay current in required qualifications. Once potential crewmem-

bers have trained, signed off on all tasks, and feel ready, they are tested by examiners. During the examination they have to complete tasks without assistance to earn the right to become qualified boat crew. Once qualified they earn the privilege to wear the Operations Ribbon.

Don't forget our

first About Boating Safety class of the season will be held on April 21 at Academy Sports in Tallahassee. Future classes will be held on May 12 and June 30. For more information or to sign up contact our Public Education Officer Rich Rasmussen at rich@uscgaux.net.

Thanks to Sherrie, we will always remember safe boating is no accident, always wear a life jacket when out on the water!

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

### Wakulla Sinkholes by Cal Jamison.

There are thousands of sinkholes in Wakulla County. They extend from our northern border with Leon County southward to the gulf and beyond the flats along our grassy coastline. Since 2002, as Wakulla Springs Ambassador, I have located, logged and photographed over 600 sinkholes and other karst features in our region. The types of sinkholes range from the dry depression and seasonally wet ones to the open karst windows like the ones that you find at Riversinks. Those windows or openings lead to the various underwater cave systems in our county, cave systems that have been mapped into Leon County and to Wakulla Spring.

The majority of the sinkholes that Cal has documented in Wakulla have been here for a long time. Humanity has been dated as being here 13,000 years ago at Wakulla Spring, which was a great sinkhole. The Riversinks are a chain of sinks along US 319 in the north part of our county that were in use as Native American campsites ] well before the Spanish ever reached Florida. Other early Native American activities have been documented at Indian Spring and the sinks at Natural Bridge and the St. Marks Refuge. Sinkholes that provided a source of fresh water were well utilized by the Spanish and other explorers as well as by the settlers that followed. In our more recent history, farms, sawmills, gristmills and stills were often set up at flowing sinkholes and spring runs.

Our karst geology is relatively stable here. It's a rarity to hear of a large sinkhole opening locally. Lore has it that the boom from the opening of Big Dismal sink was heard 20 miles away in Tallahassee. When there is a sinkhole opening in the county I often get a call from the landowner who has reached out to the county offices and been directed to me. Over the past 15 years, I have investigated and documented about two dozen openings. Most of the ones reported have opened in yards or under a corner of a home in developed neighborhoods. Several of these have been large enough to hold a vehicle.

One hears of the catastrophic sinkhole collapses in central Florida and other parts of the state and you have to wonder about the stability of our area. Right now we are blessed with an abundance of water in our part of the Floridan Aquifer. This is what strengthens our karst geology and prevents major collapse events. The drastic lowering of the water table in central Florida caused by extensive development in that region has led to the weakening and collapse of the underlying limestone. We are not at that point yet, but that is not to say that we could not suffer some of the same fate if our aquifer is allowed to drop precipitously. It is already under threat from daily withdrawals from municipalities and large farming operations to our north. Right now if all of the permitted wells north of Wakulla Spring pumped at their permitted capacity they would exceed the average daily flow of Wakulla Spring. When asked recently about sinkhole connectivity to the aquifer in Wakulla County, a well-known state geologist specializing in our area replied that all sinks, wet or dry, should be considered connected here due to the extreme vulnerability of our limestone and its closeness to the land surface.

For an enjoyable experience at some of these ancient sinkholes and windows into the aquifer, take the time to walk or bike the Wakulla Springs State Park trails at the Riversinks Tract on the corner of US 319 and CJ Spears Road, just south of the county line. There you can see many karst features and wetlands as well as the sinkholes that follow the cave system and it's where you can peer down into the abyss and lose yourself in wonders that you see.

Please treat sinkholes and all karst features with care and the respect that they need and deserve. **(This is a reprint to correct a column that appeared last month. - Editor)**

## It's spring – watch out for manatees!

From FWC News

Chances of close encounters between Florida manatees and boaters increase in the spring.

For manatees, it is the season when they leave their winter refuges and travel along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts and through inland waters. For boaters, it is a critical time to be on the lookout for manatees to avoid colliding with these large aquatic mammals.

"Spring is a great time to go boating in Florida, but manatees are out there too. Please watch out for them," said Ron Mezich, who heads the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) manatee management program.



FWC PHOTO BY KAREN PARKER

From April 1 through Nov. 15, seasonal manatee zones require boaters to slow down in certain areas to prevent manatees from being struck by motorboats or personal watercrafts.

Since manatees are difficult to detect when underwater,

operators of boats and personal watercrafts can help by:

- Wearing polarized sunglasses to help spot manatees.
- Looking for large circles on the water, also known as manatee footprints, indicating the presence of a manatee below.
- Looking for a

snout sticking up out of the water.

• Following posted manatee zones while boating.

• Reporting an injured, distressed, sick or dead manatee to the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922) or dialing #FWC or \*FWC on a cellphone.

# ROSCOE'S TREASURE

By Frances Milburn



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Chapter 1:

## Roscoe's Disappearance

The line of words in my science book started to move back and forth like waves on Lake Nokomis. I shook my head to bring me back to my homework on the desk in front of me. Three questions still remained unanswered. I needed to finish. But my mind drifted to Roscoe. How could he disappear? I knew he loved me and wouldn't intentionally take off. But it was two days now. Where was he? Something must've happened to him. What if he'd been hit by a car?

"Belle!" Dad called from downstairs, interrupting my thoughts. "I need you to set the table for dinner."

Relieved, I shut my textbook and hurried downstairs. The smell of something yummy hit me. I felt suddenly hungry. Hopefully, dinner included mashed potatoes, my favorite. The kitchen light was on and a stack of plates was waiting for me on the table.

"Did you finish?" Dad looked up from the stove where he was stirring chicken and veggies in the frying pan. I could feel my tummy growl.

"Not quite, three more questions." I started to lay out the plates around the table – Dad, Mom, me, and my younger brothers Zach and Jordan. "I just keep worrying about Roscoe. Where could he possibly be?"

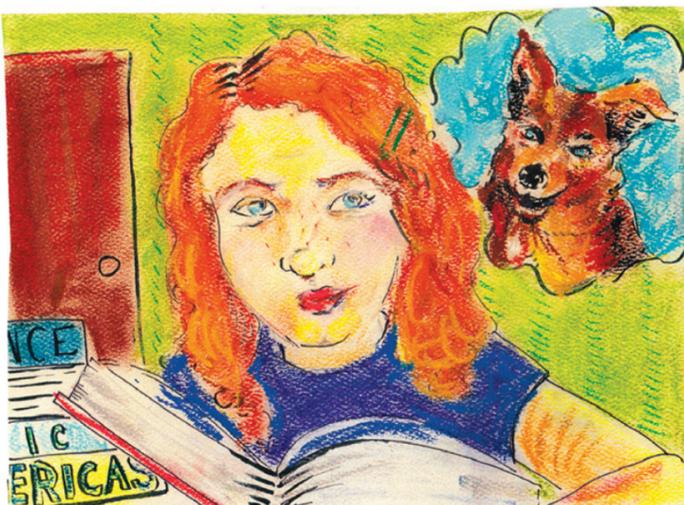
"He's probably just out exploring someplace. Some dogs like to wander now and then. But tomorrow, I'll check the animal shelter. If he's not there, we can put an ad in the newspaper. Dogs are smart. Roscoe knows where he gets fed."

I took out the silverware and began setting a fork and knife around each plate. "Don't forget, Dad, we found him wandering in our yard when we first took him in. I just hope someone else didn't adopt our dog."

Roscoe had arrived at our country home a couple years ago. He appeared at the end of the driveway after school one day – a short and wide dog with a mix of brown, gold and black fur. As we turned in our long driveway, he ran next to the car with his tongue out, smiling up at us. When we got out of the car, he started wagging his tail, and his whole hind end wiggled.

"Ignore him and just walk by." Dad said to me as I started to bend down and pet him. "He's too friendly to be a stray... probably wandered away from his house. When he's hungry enough, he'll go back to his owners."

It was hard to ignore him



because he followed me, wagging his tail. He was so full of hope... until Dad closed the door in his face. After I took off my jacket, I looked out the window. He was staring at me and seemed to say, "Don't you want to play?"

We didn't see him the next morning when we headed to school. I was relieved but also a little sad. However, when we came home after school, he was right there again at the end of the driveway wagging his tail, waiting for us. "I bet he's hungry. Can't we give him something to eat?" I asked, as Mom headed up the driveway with the dog running behind.

"Maybe we should just keep him." Zach added, looking out the window. "I've always wanted a dog."

"That wouldn't be very nice if he has a home elsewhere. His owners might be worried and out looking for him," Mom said, "Country dogs sometimes go on journeys, but he'll go back home if we leave him alone."

Another day passed, and he was still around. Only now, he was less peppy, and his eyes seemed to beg for food. Finally, Dad approached him. There was no collar, and burrs had lodged into his fur. "Poor little guy. Some jerk must have wanted to get rid of him and just left him out here in the country to fend for himself. We can't ignore him anymore. I'm going to feed him. Then we'll decide what to do."

Dad filled a bowl with bread pieces and milk and told us all to stay inside. We watched from the window as he set it on the ground near our garage. The dog cautiously approached, watching Dad. But he just turned back and came into the house. After a couple minutes, the dog wolfed down the food. Dad called the animal shelter and the humane society, but no one had

inquired about a missing black, brown and gold dog.

After that, we fed the dog and he stayed around. At first, he only came up to the house in the afternoon when we got home, hoping for food. But eventually, he ventured onto the back porch. Then it was only a matter of time before we all introduced ourselves. He was love-starved and soon worked his way into all of our hearts. He came in the house, but still slept outside...until winter. Then he joined the family full-time. We bought him a dog pillow that became his bed. My brother Jordan named him Roscoe after a cartoon character, a roly-poly little guy with a big smile who always got in trouble without realizing it.

But in one way, Roscoe was different from all my friends' dogs. We never put him on a leash or locked him in the house when we went away. He was allowed to come and go as he pleased. Since he was a stray, Dad felt we shouldn't prevent him from continuing his travels some day. But for two years now, he'd lived with us and had never left our property.

I finished setting out the silverware and looked over at Dad. "But what if someone else took him in like we did?" I felt myself close to tears. Roscoe was my best friend. He'd been sleeping at the end of my bed for a year now. Of course, Mom and Dad didn't know because he only jumped up after they were asleep and left early before anyone was up. Such a smart dog!

Dad walked over and put his arm around my shoulder. "I know you're worried. I promise tomorrow, I'll try to find him. It's too dark now, but I'll look for him in the car and ask around town. We'll find him." He smiled at me.

"I just hope something didn't happen to him..."

**Puzzles4Kids** Answer

**Even Exchange**

1. Grand, Grand  
2. Larder, Larder  
3. Scared, Scared  
4. Raven, Raven  
5. Middle, Riddle  
6. Throat, Throat  
7. Solve, Solve  
8. Tense, Tense  
9. Attach, Attack  
10. Point, Paint

**Puzzles4Kids** by Helene Hovanec

**CRISSCROSS – RAIN SHOWERS\***

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

3 Letters: AIR, HEN, OWN, SEW, WON

4 Letters: HISS, NEWS, NOSE, OARS, SWAN, WASH, WISE

5 Letters: ARROW, HERON, NOISE, OASIS, POWER, SWEAR, WHOSE

6 Letters: [Grid]

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**Even Exchange** by Donna Pettman

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

1. \$1,000	___ R ___	Pituary, e.g.	___ L ___
2. Pantry	___ D ___	Greater in size	___ G ___
3. Get to the bottom of	___ O ___	Lotion	___ A ___
4. Elizabeth's chair	___ E ___	Crowd	___ G ___
5. Equidistant	M ___	Conundrum	R ___
6. "Nevermore" orator	___ N ___	Bolero composer	___ L ___
7. Frightened	___ C ___	Gawked	___ T ___
8. Apprehensive	___ N ___	Brief and to the point	___ R ___
9. Affix	___ H ___	Ambush	___ K ___
10. Pencil tip	___ O ___	Use an art brush	___ A ___

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**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Blanket is missing. 2. Cap is different. 3. Sun is missing. 4. Arm is moved. 5. Sign is missing. 6. Log is smaller.

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How can you take two from five and get four ... and have it be correct?

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**A "RIDDLE" BY LEWIS CARROLL!**

To know the answer, find the one "character" that is missing from the poem.

Answer: A space in the second line: "And dreaming of ten, dear," Ten apples.

**DON'T GO "BALD" TRYING TO SOLVE THIS ONE!** At right is a word square. Can you find the four five-letter words that match the definitions below? All words used must read the same both across and down.

1. Found on U.S. coins (given). 2. Sections set apart.  
3. Wheels with teeth. 4. Wormlike form of insects.  
5. Short, literary composition.

Answers: 1. Eagle. 2. Areas. Gears. 4. Larva. 5. Essay.

**Junior Whirl** by Charles Barry Townsend

**THE PYRAMID OF WORD POWER!**

Starting with the given word **ALONGSIDE** at the bottom of our word pyramid, try dropping one letter at a time as you work your way up, so that the remaining letters at each level spell out a new word. The following helpful hints are in ascending order.

- Next to (given).
- A type of glance.
- Roman army units.
- A part of a shoe.
- Loud, unpleasant sound.
- Front of an aircraft.
- A single unit.
- Position indicator.
- Element symbol.

Answers: (from the bottom up): Alongside, sidelong, legions, insole, noise, nose, one, on, O (oxygen).

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5710-0329 TWN (4/13 sale(s))

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5705-0329 TWN

17-04-6262P Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations  
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

**Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for Unincorporated Areas of Wakulla County, Florida, Case No. 17-04-6262P.** The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) solicits technical information or comments on proposed flood hazard determinations for the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. The FIRM and, if applicable, the FIS report have been revised to reflect these flood hazard determinations through issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), in accordance with Title 44, Part 65 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. For more information on the proposed flood hazard determinations and information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at [www.fema.gov/plans/prevent/firm/ife](http://www.fema.gov/plans/prevent/firm/ife), or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

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5714-0405 TWN Notice of Sale  
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SunTrust Bank Plaintiff,  
-vs-  
Willard D. Thompson; Mary Lee Jolley-Thompson a/k/a Mary Lee Thompson; Unknown Spouse of Willard D. Thompson; Helen Luper Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 2016-CA-000143 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein SunTrust Bank, Plaintiff and Willard D. Thompson are defendant(s), 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 A.M. on April 19th, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 10, BLOCK "F", OYSTER BAY ESTATES, UNIT NO. 2, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 10, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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Brent X. Thurmond, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
Wakulla County, Florida  
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Submitted By: ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHÉ, LLP  
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### Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

5712-0405 TWN Notice of Sale  
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WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,  
vs.  
DANA M. SELLERS; MARK SELLERS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; LORRAINE COLEMAN, Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on January 2, 2018 in Civil Case No. 17000058CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. is the Plaintiff, and DANA M. SELLERS; MARK SELLERS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; LORRAINE COLEMAN; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES C L I M - I N G BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, are Defendants.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on January 2, 2018 in Civil Case No. 17000058CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. is the Plaintiff, and DANA M. SELLERS; MARK SELLERS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; LORRAINE COLEMAN; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES C L I M - I N G BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, are Defendants.

The Clerk of the Court, Brent X. Thurmond will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, on April 19th, 2018 at 11:00 AM the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 25, BLOCK 8 OF MAGNOLIA GARDENS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE(S) 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.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on March 6th, 2018.

BRENT X. THURMOND, CLERK OF THE COURT  
Rachel L. Howard, Deputy Clerk

Aldridge/Pile, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff(s)  
1615 South Congress Avenue Suite 200 Delray Beach, FL 33445  
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Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices

5713-0405 TWN
Bryant, Teddy 2017-CA-000109 Notice of Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE #: 2017-CA-000109

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 2017-CA-000109 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff and Teddy Bryant are defendant(s).

forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:
THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:
LOT 1 OF EASTGATE SUBDIVISION (UNRECORDED) AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 59 OF THE HARTSFIELD SURVEY OF LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN SOUTH 72 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 59 A DISTANCE OF 2365.0 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE SOUTH 17 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST 1050.52 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID EASTGATE SUBDIVISION; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID EASTGATE SUBDIVISION RUN SOUTH 72 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST 850.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE SOUTH 72 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST 150.00 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY OF A COUNTY ROAD (GRIFFIN ROAD); THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY SOUTH 17 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST 130.58 FEET TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF 50 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY (EASTGATE WAY); THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY NORTH 72 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST 150.00 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY NORTH 17 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST 130.58 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.45 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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
Published March 29 & April 5, 2018. 17-307941

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before April 29, 2018) (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 14th day of March, 2018.
Brent X. Thurmond, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
(SEAL)
By: Rachel L. Howard, DEPUTY CLERK
Robertson, Anschutz & Schneid, P.L. Attorneys for Plaintiff
6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33487
PRIMARY EMAIL: mail@rastlaw.com
Published March 29 & April 5, 2018. 18-124481

5706-0329 TWN
Pettis II, Billy 2016-CA-000075 Notice of Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO: 2016-CA-000075

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-7.
Plaintiff
vs.
BILLY PETTIS II, et al.
Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 19, 2018, and entered in 2016-CA-000075 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-7 is the Plaintiff and BILLY PETTIS II are the Defendant(s). Brent Thurmond as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell the property to the highest and best bidder for cash at 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., the Front Lobby, Wakulla County Courthouse, Crawfordville, FL 32327, at 11:00 AM, on April 05, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 9, BLOCK "7" OF WAKULLA GARDENS UNIT TWO, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 42 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Property Address: 17 PUEBLO TRAIL, 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 9th day of March, 2018.
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
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Published March 22 & 29, 2018. 18-145659

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5711-0405 TWN
Burkhardt, Fred A. 18000022CAAXMX Notice of Action
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO: 18000022CAAXMX

QUICKEN LOANS INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF FRED A. BURKHART A/K/A FREDERIC ALLISON BURKHART, DECEASED; et. al. Defendant(s).

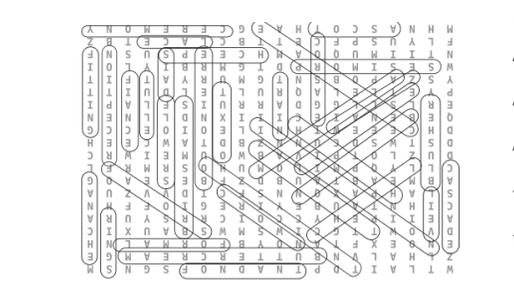
NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF FRED A. BURKHART A/K/A FREDERIC ALLISON BURKHART, DECEASED, whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

LOT 22 AND 23, BLOCK "P", MAGNOLIA GARDENS, AS PER PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 37, PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

- ASCOT
BEST MAN
BLUSHER
BOUQUET
BOUTONNIERE
BRIDESMAIDS
BUTTERCREAM
CASCADE
CELEBRATE
CEREMONY
CHAPEL
CORSAGE
CROWN
DAIS
FAVORS
FIANCE
FITTING
FLOWERS
FONDANT
FORMAL
GANACHE
HUPPAH
INVITATION
LACE
LICENSE
MANTILLA
OFFICIANT
PROMISES
RECEPTION
RINGS
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

Super Crossword — SILENT DUO

- ACROSS
1 Watchful
8 Abjectly submissive
15 Floral shop receptacles
20 More candid
21 Fingernail surrounder
22 Novelist Munro
23 Bands of fibrous tissue enclosing muscles
24 Inept warrior in armor?
26 Like escaped convicts
28 See 17-Down
29 Slaughter of the diamond
30 Member of a certain antelope fraternity?
34 Plasma particle
36 "Hurlyburly" playwright David
37 Med. drips
38 Certain book of liturgy
43 Anti-DUI ad, e.g.
46 Ending for Alp or salt
47 Concept, to Jean-Luc
49 Activity when shopping for sweaters?
51 Person who repositions tiny flies?
54 "Life of Pi" novelist Martel
55 Something easy-peasy
56 Apia resident
57 "Nothin' --!" ("Easy-peasy!")
59 In the dossier, e.g.
60 First-class
63 Sword stopper
67 Bireme tool
68 Shoelace snarl of note?
73 Young male, urban-style
74 Like many offshore rescues
75 Outdoor enclosure for tabbies
76 In a mischievous way
79 Inside: Prefix
81 Beautiful guy
85 Persian-founded faith
86 "That feels go-o-od!"
89 "One-l lama" poet, grind your teeth!?"
92 Had some friends south of the border?
95 Poker cost
96 Norma -- (Field role)
97 Horse's kin
98 Call halfway to a walk
99 "Delish!"
100 Wound, after a few days
101 Twisty letter
102 Far northern city inhabited by trolls?
106 Sheep's hair
109 Wear down
114 Convenient kind of shopping
115 Confession after hitting your physician with your leg joint?
118 Angel, musically
122 Big rig, e.g.
123 Lava spewer
124 Automaker Maserati
125 Impetuosity
126 Very vivid
127 Totally faded
DOWN
1 Out of whack
2 Pro-gun org.
3 Auto fluid
4 Set free
5 Spitz variety
6 Province
7 More moony
8 Singer Boz
9 Light unit
10 -- glance
11 "La Dolce --"
12 Chilled
13 Pivot
14 Wife of Zeus
15 With 90-Down, actor Jean-Claude
16 Foreign
17 With 28-Across, ink the contract
18 France reply
19 Puts (down)
25 -- light (lamp on a film set)
27 Ominous bird
30 Prudish sorts
31 -- Barbera
32 Flanged girder
33 News svc.
35 Like Mork, per his planet
39 Reaping tool
40 Alaya lead-in
41 Maya of architecture
42 Cable TV's Spike, once
43 Rack-and- -- steering
44 Camp for Colonel Klink
45 According to
47 "But is --?"
48 Faye of films
49 NBAer, e.g.
50 Rubber check abbr.
52 Food-order option
53 French political units
58 "What a piece of work --"
59 Aromatic substance
61 "Where -- start?"
62 Bungle
64 Wearing a disguise, informally
65 Airport info
66 Illuminated
68 Holy books of Islam
69 Cubbyholes
70 Bray sound
71 Slight push
72 A party to
73 Easter cake
77 Hem and --
78 Bird perches
80 Toledo "two"
82 User busters
83 Rockabilly singer Chris
84 "Come Back, Little --"
86 Rocker Rose
87 Be laid up
88 Drama unit
90 See 15-Down
91 Got tangled
93 Slacked off
94 Egg y quaff
99 Marilyn of "The Misfits"
100 Depleted
101 Opt
103 Lunchtimes, often
104 Early name in arcades
105 "Bonanza" star Greene
106 Among
107 Creole pod
108 Difficult task
110 Shankar of Indian music
111 Take too much, briefly
112 Knucklehead
113 Nero's "Lo!"
116 Stretch (out)
117 Almond-hued
119 Prefixed for "equal"
120 Erwin of films
121 Young kid





**Honorable Mention**

A caterpillar photo by Neil Hostinck.



'Almost Home' by Kaci Williams.



'Fox Waiting for Dinner' by James M. Thompson.



June.B Davis's photo titled 'Critters'.



'Lunch on Rt. 98 ' by Jean Thelander.



'Hiding in Plain Sight' by Carol Birdwell.



'Picninc in the Park' by Lynne Vickers.



'Sittin' Pretty' by Robert Linebarger.



'No more Photos' James D. Daniels Jr.



'Release the Flappin' by Kaci Williams.



'Tag' by Gerald Brown.



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