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Pensacola News Journal

August 3, 2009 Monday

NEWS

Statue to commemorate the founding of Pensacola

From staff reports

Fiesta of Five Flags Association and Celebrate Pensacola plan to unveil and dedicate a monument in celebration of the 450th anniversary of the founding of Pensacola at 5:15 p.m. Aug. 13 on Plaza de Luna at Palafox Pier.

Local sculptor Bob Rasmussen created a life-size bronze conquistador memorial statue. The 6-foot-2-inch statue portrays a conquistador standing upright, holding the flag of the king of Spain. Surrounding the statue are personalized granite pavers purchased by those who wanted to leave a permanent reminder in place for future generations.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony.

City of Pensacola Mayor Mike Wiggins, Escambia County Commission Chairwoman Marie Young, and other city and county officials will be present. Judy Bense, **University of West Florida** interim president, will present a brief history about Don Tristan de Luna's expedition.

Live entertainment provided by the Community Redevelopment Agency begins at 5:45 p.m.

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It's more construction detours for Nine Mile

Jamie Page

At least a dozen road and utility projects are under construction around the growing Nine Mile Road area.

Call it a perfect storm - excessive growth in recent years in that area coupled with the timing of school letting out for summer and ECUA's massive relocation of its wastewater treatment plant - but it is an unusually large number of construction on the north end these days.

And in addition to the \$5.3 million in county projects, there are at least eight more set to begin construction this year in that general area.

Karlee Smith, 37, a receptionist at a mechanic shop off Nine Mile Road, drives along 10 Mile Road to her home in a small subdivision off the east end of 10 Mile. However, the east end, at the intersection of Chemstrand Road, is closed for a major utility project, meaning a big detour for Smith.

"The road there is all torn up," Smith said. "It seems like everywhere else you go around Nine Mile has some kind of construction going on. I'll be glad when they get through with all this mess. It's hard enough to drive around on Nine Mile as it is with all the traffic."

The county is improving intersections with added turn lanes and traffic lights, widening roads, resurfacing roads and installing drainage improvements.

"It's going to be wonderful when we're through and horrible while we are doing it," said Joy Blackmon, the county's Public Works bureau chief. "Regrettably, the construction will be an inconvenience in the coming months for some of our citizens, but we will work as quickly as possible to minimize this."

At the same time, the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority is relocating the Main Street Wastewater Treatment Plant, which includes sewer transmission pipeline installations, water lines, lift station improve-

ments and other related projects on the north end.

Some of the utility projects are being coordinated with county transportation projects so they can be done at the same time to save some hassle, ECUA spokeswoman Nathalie Bowers said.

Charles Haynes, 53, lives in a subdivision off Chemstrand Road, which is closed for ECUA's installation of underground piping along the edge of the road from Kingsfield Road to Old Chemstrand Road.

"They should be putting notices on doors so we know about these things," Haynes said. "This is the first I've heard of it. This is the only way into my neighborhood. But I don't mind, as long as they give us proper notification and allow us to get through to our homes."

Bowers said notices were sent by the contractor to all residents along that route. Also, the project will only close the road to through traffic, allowing in vehicles that need to access that

section of roadway.

Franco Manzi, 51, who lives on Chemstrand, was sent a notice about ECUA's upcoming work there.

"They have to do what they have to do," Manzi said. "It's not a problem."

On top of all of these projects, Escambia County will begin advertising today for proposals to contract the work on seven of the county's nine road stimulus projects, Blackmon said.

They are all part of the \$8.7 million in federally funded economic stimulus money awarded to Escambia County. The other two county road stimulus projects will be advertised for proposals within a few months.

Matthew Moshell, 31, has lived in the Nine Mile area all his life and has seen it grow. He works at Tokyo Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar on Nine Mile and drives among the construction daily.

"It's kind of confusing what they are doing over here," Moshell said, pointing to some road work at Nine Mile and Chemstrand. "If they are making it better, then that's good. But doing all of the projects at the same time is kind of ridiculous."

Construction questions

For questions or concerns about county road and drainage projects, send e-mail to: engineering@co.escambia.fl.us

Escambia County

Area under construction
Project details
Expected completion date

Nine Mile/Chemstrand Road
Installing new mast arm traffic signal, and making improvements to turn lanes and turning radius median.
End of August

Ten Mile Road/Ashton Brosnaham
Intersection improvements, installing traffic signal.
Aug. 17

Nine Mile Road/Bellridge Drive.
Adding turn lane off Nine Mile Road into subdivision.
Sept. 20.

Nine Mile/Hummingbird Boulevard
Adding turn lane off Nine Mile into ballpark and turn lane onto Nine Mile from Hummingbird.
Sept. 15

County Road 97/Kingsfield Road
Widening lanes, resurfacing asphalt, and drainage improvements.
Dec. 12

C.R. 97
Widening from 10-foot wide travel lanes to 12-foot lanes, adding paved shoulders, and resurfacing existing roadway. Two phases are complete. One phase under construction from Andrea Lane to Arena Road.
May 2010

C.R. 297A/Ashbury Lane
Flood mitigation of area homes; drainage improvements.
Sept. 6

Ten-Mile Creek East
About 2,250 feet of stream restoration dirt work, erosion and sediment control, and construction of a new flow channel and flood plain.
November

Ebonwood subdivision
Installing new drainage system, reconstructing existing roadways, and installing sidewalks, curb and gutter.
Nov. 25

ECUA projects

Area under construction-
Project details
Expected completion date

Kingsfield Road
Installing sewer main for the new wastewater treatment plant to service areas off Kingsfield. Excavation is being done on Kingsfield between Ryale Road and Pompano Street. Access on Kingsfield, which is being detoured, will be granted to residents and emergency traffic only.

Chemstrand Road
Road closed from Kingsfield to Old Chemstrand Road to install sewer main for the new plant to service the north portion of the county.
November

10 Mile Road
Road temporarily closed to install potable water main line from

Chemstrand toward Pate Street, near the entrance to Gulf Power. The project will supply potable water to the **University of West Florida** and Gulf Power. Mid-August

Area soon to be under construction. Project details. Time frame

Nine Mile Road Widening from two to four lanes from U.S. 29 to Pine Forest Road. Advertisements for proposals will go out next week. Work will begin by early 2010.

Pine Forest Road Installing new turn lane and resurfacing existing roadway from C.R. 297A to Nine Mile. Work to begin by early 2010

Ten Mile Road/Chemstrand Lane widening, asphalt resurfacing and drainage improvements. Work begins Sept. 1; ends Sept. 1, 2010.

County Road 297A/Kingsfield Road Lane widening, asphalt resurfacing and drainage improve-

ments. Work begins November; ends June 2, 2010.

C.R. 97 Final phase of widening from 10-foot wide travel lanes to 12-foot lanes, adding paved shoulders, and resurfacing existing roadway. To begin in late Fall

Molino Road Asphalt resurfacing from U.S. 29 to C.R. 99. Work begins Sept. 1; ends Nov. 15.

East Olive Road/Gregg Road Adding turn lane off Olive onto Gregg. Work begins Aug. 10; ends Nov. 15.

Maplewoods subdivision Drainage improvements. Work begins Nov. 10; ends Nov. 10, 2010.

Escambia County federal stimulus projects

1. C.R. 453 (W Street) - Milling and resurfacing from Fairfield Drive to U.S. 29.

2. C.R. 297 (Dog Track Road) - Milling and resur-

facing from Gulf Beach Highway to Blue Angel Parkway.

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4. Broad Street - Sidewalks from Untreiner Avenue to Alexia Avenue.

5. C.R. 948 (Copter Road) - Milling and resurfacing from Ellyson Park entrance to Nine Mile.

6. Johnson Avenue - Milling and resurfacing from Gateswood Drive to Olive Road.

7. Beulah Road - Milling and resurfacing from State Road 10A (Mobile Highway) to mile marker 2.6.

8. C.R. 95A - Milling and resurfacing from Memory Lane to Duke Avenue.

9. C.R. 95A - Milling and resurfacing from Nine Mile to East Roberts Boulevard.

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UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA 'S SUZANA CAVALCANTE FINALIST FOR NCAA WOMAN OF THE YEAR

INDIANAPOLIS, July 31 -- The **University of West Florida**, a component of the Florida state university system, issued the following news release:

Former West Florida women's tennis star Suzana Cavalcante is a finalist for the NCAA Woman of the Year, it was announced by the NCAA on Thursday. The final 132 candidates for the award, ranging across all three divisions and multiple sports, received Woman of the Year recognition from their conferences and independent institutions. The women will vie for the 2009 NCAA Woman of the Year award that will be presented at a dinner in Indianapolis on October 18, 2009.

A committee composed of representatives from NCAA member schools and conferences will select the Top 30 - 10 from each division - from the conference and independent nominees. The Top 30 will be announced in September and from the Top 30 honorees, nine finalists - three from each division - will be chosen. The NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics will select the national winner from the pool of nine finalists and announce the recipient during the 2009 Woman of the Year dinner.

Cavalcante (Sao Paulo, Brazil) graduated from **UWF** in the spring after four years of excellence on and off the tennis court. She is the most decorated female athlete in school history, as she was honored with her fourth All-America selection in 2009. Only Radovan Chrz of the **UWF** men's tennis team, who played in 2001-2004, has accomplished that feat at the University in any sport.

She has four singles All-America selections to go along with three selections as a doubles player. She has led the Argonauts to Gulf South Conference championships in three of her four seasons, and **UWF** has advanced to the NCAA Tournament all four years, highlighted by a national runner-up finish in 2007. A four-time All-GSC selection and three-time GSC East Division Player of the Year, Cavalcante was also honored with the GSC Commissioner's Trophy after the 2007-08 season, the top individual honor in the conference recognizing athletic, academic, and extracurricular achievement.

Cavalcante was a star in the classroom as well, as she graduated with a bachelor's degree in

Athletic Training with a cumulative GPA of 3.59. She is a two-time GSC All-Academic Team selection and a three-time member of the **UWF** Dean's List of the College of Professional Studies.

During her time at **UWF**, Cavalcante put in numerous hours volunteering as a student athletic trainer. She also volunteered at the Baptist Medical Park Surgery Center, acting with post-operation patients and helping doctors and nurses with cleaning beds and rooms, storage of sheets, towels, and medical supplies, and taking patients out to their families.

For information on all **UWF** Athletics, visit www.GoArgos.com.

COMPLETE LIST OF FINALISTS:

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DONALD DAVIS, BEN CHASTAIN HIGHLIGHT UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY NEWCOMERS

PENSACOLA, Fla., July 31 -- The **University of West Florida**, a component of the Florida state university system, issued the following news release:

Head Coach Dr. John Bergen officially announced the signing of six newcomers to the **University of West Florida** men's cross country team on Friday. Leading the way is Pensacola native Donald Davis from Pine Forest High School and Ben Chastain from Fort Walton Beach High School.

"I think we have a solid group with great potential," said Bergen. "Many times it takes a year for freshmen to make an impact, but we expect a few of our freshmen to score well for us immediately. This class has a stronger base of mileage than some of the previous freshmen classes, and from our evaluations, we feel they are ready to jump to the collegiate distance."

Donald Davis led the Pine Forest Eagles to an eighth place team finish at the

class 3A state cross country championships with his fourth place performance at 15:48. He followed up that performance with an impressive 16:03 run at the Footlocker South Regional National Invitational on a challenging course in North Carolina. Donald then finished second overall in the Florida All-Star race in Tallahassee, Fla., which included all the top seniors in the state.

During this past fall cross country season, Davis was the individual champion in the EscaRosa County Championships with a time of 15:53, and he followed that with a 16:02 performance in the district meet for fourth place. Then he continued running well at the state meet with a third place finish at 16:00 at the Class 3A regional meet. In all, he turned in seven consecutive 5k cross country races under 16:16.

Joe Cromer comes to **UWF** from Eagle's Landing High School in McDonough, Ga. He turned in a personal best of 16:12 for 5k cross country events, and at one

point this past season, he had the second best 3200 meter time in the state of Georgia with a 9:42. Cromer ended up sixth best at the state meet in the 3200 meters, on the strength of a 9:54 performance. Cromer posted 10 cross country races under 17 minutes during his junior and senior seasons. He also ran under 10 minutes in six of his previous 10 races in the 3200 meters, with an average time of 9:57. He also has a 1600 meter personal best of 4:31.

Ben Chastain from Fort Walton Beach, Fla., has a personal best of 16:32 in the 5k, while earning his team's MVP award twice in high school. He has also turned in personal bests of 9:51 in the 3200 meters and 4:39 in the 1600 meters. During his sophomore, junior, and senior seasons, he turned in seven 5k races under 17 minutes. He has displayed very consistent racing performances with all but two of his last 20 races at that distance have been under 17:30.

Dominique and Martinique Sykes come from Orange Park High School in Orange Beach, Fla., and both come after earning all-conference honors in cross country as seniors. Martinique has a personal best of 16:47 in the 5k, and a personal best of 1:58 in the 800 meters. Dominique sports a 4:28 best for the 1600 meters and a 16:44 best in the 5k event. Both participated in the state track and field finals in the 4 x 800 relay.

Tim Keebler from Pace High School in Pace, Fla. is a former AAU Junior

Olympic qualifier, and he recently turned in a 1:01:14 performance in the 2009 Double Bridge 15k run. He has a personal best of 17:27 for the 5k in cross country and finished the 3A District meet last season in 17:29. Keebler leads a group of solid walk-ons that will be trying to earn a spot on the 2009 traveling roster.

The Argonauts open practice on August 10, and they will begin with a time trial run in which enrolled students may try-out for the team. At least four incoming **UWF** students are

planning on trying to earn a spot on the 2009 team. The time trial will take place on the Argos home course at the Escambia County Equestrian Center. The Argos' regular season begins September 1, and they will host the Gulf Coast Stampede in Pensacola on October 3rd.

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The News Herald

August 2, 2009 Sunday

Web Edition: STATE AND REGIONAL NEWS

Big \$\$\$: Bay's largest public paychecks disclosed

Will Hobson,
The News Herald

Aug. 2--PANAMA CITY, Fla. -- The Bay County Jail's 12-foot tall razor wire-topped fences enclose a facility that houses about 880 inmates, people who are awaiting trial or are serving sentences less than a year. The jail also is home to the second-highest paid public employee in Bay County, Dr. Ronald Lippman, the jail's physician, who earns \$190,000 per year.

Lippman came to the Bay County Sheriff's Office in October after working at the jail for CCA, the private company that used to operate the facility. The switch from the private sector to public employment means Lippman's salary is public. His is one of 1,126 salary entries -- public employees earning \$50,000 or more and elected officials -- The News Herald compiled and entered into a database which debuts on news Herald.com today.

The \$50,000 cutoff was chosen because it is more than a third of the average income in Bay County -- \$36,608 in 2008, according to the Florida Research and Economic Database.

"It's new for me," Lippman said last week when interviewed in the BCSO's Lynn Haven office, of the openness of public pay. He sat in Sheriff Frank McKeithen's office with McKeithen (\$130,629) and Warden Rick Anglin (\$80,000).

"He's the first employee I've had who makes more than me," said McKeithen, who, along with Anglin, lauded Lippman's efforts to

cut costs at the jail.

Lippman is one of 54 public employees who earn \$100,000 or more. Gulf Coast Community College President Jim Kerley (\$223,600) is the only person above him on the list. Just behind Kerley and Lippman are Panama City City Manager Ken Hammons (\$153,960), and State Attorney Glenn Hess and Public Defender Herman Laramore (both at \$153,140). George DePuy (\$149,556), dean of Florida State University-Panama City, rounds out the top-five paid positions in the county.

The recession's effects

Public employees have not been immune to the effects of the recession, but their positions tend to be more secure than private employees, according to Rick Harper, director of the Haas Center for Business Research and Economic Development at the **University of West Florida**.

"Most people in the private sector today are looking at the public sector and are saying, "Well, they're not getting any wage increases, but they're keeping their jobs," Harper said.

The overwhelming majority of employees in the database work in education -- 789 of the 1,126 people, or 70 percent. Gulf Coast Community College has 100 employees in the database but is entering its second year of a wage freeze. Kerley admitted that the lack of pay raises, while necessary, can hurt employee morale.

"I think it is a morale problem, no question about it, but ... the budget situation is pretty grim right now," Kerley said.

Bay County employees will not get raises this fall, when the next budget takes effect. County Manager Ed Smith (\$142,640) is less concerned about morale than Kerley, though.

"Everybody's just happy to have a job," Smith said. "Morale was not hurt at all. They're just happy to go to work."

The glass ceiling

Only six of the 54 employees (11 percent) earning \$100,000 or more are women. Three are elected officials -- Fourteenth Circuit Judges Judy Pittman and Dedee Costello (\$145,080 each), and Tax Collector Peggy Brannon (\$122,033).

They are joined by Callaway City Manager Judy Whitis (\$109,081), Gulf Coast Community College Language and Literature Chair Joyce Buttermore (\$103,193), and Bay County Risk Management Director Alice Martin (\$100,396).

Martin, who will retire in November after 19 years, said she was surprised at the gender disparity. Martin said she has felt her job would be easier at times if she were a man, particularly when running safety programs.

"Most men don't think that a woman can truly understand the mechanism of heavy equipment. ... I think you have to prove yourself more as a woman," she said.

Harper cited two main reasons for the gender split.

"Certainly, one is the glass ceiling that's been in place historically. Another is different career paths, where women have often had periods out of the work force to raise families ... When you put those together, it's not surprising that women would be represented less," Harper said.

"The gap is narrowing over time, but it still hasn't disappeared," he added.

Martin thinks that sexism in the workplace is more entrenched in her generation, and that women will be better represented among the highest-paid Bay County public employees in years to come.

"I think you'll see more women," she said. "I truly do."

Public v. private

The online salary database has been in the works for a few weeks. During that time, several public employees have called The News Herald, wondering when it will run. The callers were not upset that their salaries could

be posted on the Internet, they wanted to find out how much their co-workers, and (probably) their bosses make.

As taxpayers, they all are entitled to this information. Those who work in the private sector could easily risk their employment if they asked their bosses how much they earned.

"I think it's a natural distinction," said Harper of the public/private split in salary knowledge. "In the public sector, given that there isn't a profit-driven bottom line ... then there's more focus on individual cost elements."

Pam Perrew, distinguished research professor at Florida State University's College of Business, said that secrecy about pay is encouraged in Western culture.

"In a capitalistic society, we often tie our salary to our 'self-worth.' As such, we are afraid of being 'de-valued' if someone finds out our salary. ... If we make a lot of money, we do not want others to think we are 'not worth it,'" Perrew wrote in an e-mail.

The openness of public salaries encourages a more equitable pay

scale, according to Perrew, whereas in the private sector CEOs often make 100 times to 1,000 times more than average employees. It would stand to reason, then, that most average employees should be in favor of open pay, which would theoretically ensure fairer salaries.

Perrew says that isn't the case, though. When she explains to her students pay inequity in the private sector, she asks for a show of hands of who would be OK with personal salary information being public.

"Virtually no one raises their hand," Perrew wrote. "The reason? 'It's nobody's business what I make.'"

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Northwest Florida Daily News

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Students will be testing the waters: NWF State's first grant from National Science Foundation will be used to study red tide in Choctawhatchee Bay

Katie Tammen,
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Daily News,
Fort Walton Beach

Aug. 2--NICEVILLE -- College students will get a taste of scientific research thanks to a recent grant from the National Science Foundation.

The two-year, \$148,909 grant awarded jointly to Northwest Florida State College and the **University of West Florida** will allow students to study how land use and water quality affect the prevalence of red tide in Choctawhatchee Bay.

"We're really looking forward to see where the project will go," said Allison Beauregard, the Mattie M. Kelly teaching chair in Environmental Science for NWF State, who will lead the course next spring.

The primary goal, other than to study water quality, is to inspire students to pursue graduate degrees in environmental science, she said.

They will spend time on the

water collecting samples and uploading the information into a map that will allow them to track water quality across the estuary.

"They've all heard about red tides before ... and so (this) will give them something kind of tangible and give us an opportunity to start talking about things like water quality, which they might be less interested in beforehand," Beauregard said.

The students will share their findings with students taking a similar course with Matthew Schwartz at **UWF** to get a complete picture.

Along with their close work with the professors, students also will work with a graduate student to help make the course more approachable for them, Beauregard said.

The grant will be used in part to purchase the necessary equipment, including several laptop computers students will use on the boats to upload and map data.

The grant is the first one NWF state has received from the National Science Foundation.

"NSF grants are very competitive, so we are pleased that Dr. Beauregard's proposal to develop this unique course won approval," interim President Jill White said in a recent news release.

The grant will allow the NWF State to offer the course three times, but the college hopes to continue it beyond that, Beauregard said.

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Aug. 2--Back to School Bash

Volunteers are needed for the fourth annual Back to School Bash. This event is presented by Calvary United and is at 6 p.m. Aug. 7 at the Old Spanish Trail Park in Crestview. This is a family fun community event for all school-aged children. There will be free food, drinks, and \$2,000 worth of prizes to give away. Thousands are expected to attend. Volunteers are needed for set-up, during the event, and clean-up. If interested, contact 2nd Lt Jimmy Lohrman at 885-3381.

NDIA ACCEerator Grants Program

The Gulf Coast Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association is sponsoring the third annual ACCEerator Grants Program. The purpose of this program is to foster enthusiasm for math and science. The program will accomplish this by offering grants up to \$1,000 to Okaloosa County school

teachers/organizations who successfully propose classroom projects or programs which demonstrate creativity and innovation in teaching math and science. ACCEL grant applications will also be considered from tax-exempt/non-profit organizations seeking to advance math and science learning for Okaloosa County children. In 2008, \$20,000 was awarded to Grant recipients.

The 2009 call is underway and the ACCEerator Grants application and instructions are available at www.ndiagulfcoast.com under the News link. Applications are due by Sept 11. If you have any questions about the ACCEerator Grants Program, contact Betsy Thorn, the NDIA Grants chairperson, at 850-803-3190.

NHS band uniform fit day

Uniform Fit Day for New and Returning members of the NHS Eagle Pride Marching Band is scheduled for Aug. 1. Students will enter through the NHS Auditorium. Student should arrive as follows: Seniors: 8-9 a.m., Juniors: 9-10 a.m., Sophomores: 10-11

a.m., Freshman: 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Students will be fitted for the maroon jacket, bib pants, gauntlets, and hat/beret. Uniforms are fitted over clothing so students should wear a close fitting T-shirt and gym shorts. Do not wear jeans or cargo shorts since there are no changing rooms available. If students arrive in anything other than a T-shirt and gym shorts, he/she will be sent home to change. Parents will be able to pay student band fees and notaries will be available to help you complete the required paperwork.

Any questions regarding uniforms should be addressed to Cindy Theriot, flyriot@cox.net For information on the Eagle Pride Marching Band, visit www.okaloosa.k12.fl.us/niceville/band/default.asp.

ROTC military leadership training and scholarships

Openings are available for students to enroll for the U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corps at Northwest Florida State College. The program provides mili-

tary leadership training and scholarships. Participation in ROTC does not require a commitment to enter the military. The military leadership training offered through NWFSC is transferable to university ROTC programs in any branch of the armed services.

Two core courses are offered for the fall term, Introduction to Military Science -- MSL1001 and Fundamentals of Leadership -- MLS 2101. Students may enroll now through Aug. 24 for the ROTC courses through the college's RaiderNet registration system at www.nwfsc.edu or may enroll in-person at all six college starting August 3. ROTC classes begin Au-

gust 24 at the Niceville campus.

The ROTC program at NWFSC is part of the **University of West Florida** Corps of Cadets. Students are provided uniforms and equipment. ROTC is a four-year program that consists of a basic component that has four courses which may be completed at NWFSC, and an advanced component, the junior and senior years of study at the university level.

NWFSC scholarships, including Col. George "Bud" Day ROTC scholarships, are available. Scholarships through the U.S. Army are available for students who transfer to the **University of West Florida** ROTC

program following completion of studies at NWFSC. Students must be citizens of the USA. For information, contact ROTC faculty Capt. David Avallone at 729-6022.

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Getting produce from home

Louis Cooper

If you've purchased fresh fruits or vegetables at a local Wal-Mart this summer, chances are better than ever that you've bought produce that was grown within just a few miles of your home.

The two-year-old Panhandle Fresh Marketing Association has expanded its reach this season to 17 growers in the region, mainly in Santa Rosa County, but ranging from Baldwin County, Ala., to the west to Holmes County to the east. The produce is delivered to 13 regional Wal-Mart stores and to Santa Rosa Medical Center in Milton.

Now TEAM Santa Rosa is pursuing a grant to create a loan pool farmers can draw from to make an even deeper investment in Panhandle Fresh.

"Panhandle Fresh produce supports local markets and businesses," said Andrea Sutrick, marketing coordinator for the association. "Plus, it empowers citizens to play an active role in their community's food supply and security, and promotes their own economy. ... Also, keeping produce local limits the transportation of goods and reducing our carbon footprint."

Farmers are singing the praises of the program.

"Getting our produce into Wal-Mart is pretty big. That's always been something that we wanted to do. If it hadn't been for this, we probably would still not be there," said Bruce Holland, owner of Holland Farms near Jay. "This

gets some of our products closer to the consumer."

Successful concept

The Panhandle Fresh association began as a nonprofit organization in November 2007.

It provides producers with accounting services, matches orders with available produce, provides a Wal-Mart vendor number, provides the required \$2 million liability insurance and marketing of produce.

Cindy Anderson, executive director of TEAM Santa Rosa, said the Panhandle Fresh concept has been so successful that she and Sutrick have been invited to speak this summer on how the program works at the Florida Small Farmer Alternative Enterprises Conference and the state Young Farmer and Rancher Leadership Conference.

"Agriculture is a significant industry in Santa Rosa County. Granted, it's probably not the biggest draw of high-paying jobs, but it's still an important industry," Anderson said. "If we can help the farming industry retain more of the dollar locally, it's still a positive impact to the economy. ... If we don't help the farming community to be more profitable, they're going to have to sell out to the development community."

Farmers grow

In 2008, a wide spectrum of Panhandle Fresh produce was available - including peppers, okra, cucumbers and tomatoes - but watermelons and peanuts made

up more than 65 percent of sales, according to the association's annual report.

The program went from just six growers last year who sold about \$125,000 through the association to the 17 growers this year who have sold more than \$144,000 so far this year, despite weather problems that delayed and stunted some crops, Sutrick said.

James Dennis, owner of Double D Farms north of Milton, said the Panhandle Fresh effort has helped him sell produce that has gone unsold in the past.

"Wal-Mart will take big quantities of stuff," Dennis said. "They take so much at one time. It really helps."

Selling to Wal-Mart has brought changes to the farms' operations. For instances, all of the produce now has to display a sticker identifying its country of origin, among other information.

The farmers also put their name on the sticker.

"It helps. I've had a lot of feedback from it," Dennis said. "People have said, 'We've bought tomatoes at Wal-Mart, or watermelons at Wal-Mart, that had your name on it. We know we're getting local stuff.'"

"They would come to the farm on account of that. A lot of them will still go to the store, and, as long as they know it's local, buy more, I believe."

Holland Farms has increased the number of watermelons it plants

and the number of its smallest bag of peanuts - the five-pound bag - for Wal-Mart.

Local produce popular

The program gives local farmers access to the biggest grocery store chain the country.

Jimmy Cross, general manager at the Wal-Mart in Pace, said his store, customers and farmers benefit from the program. The Pace store carries Panhandle Fresh corn, tomatoes, bell pepper, cantaloupe, squash, watermelon, jalapeno peppers, blueberries, peanuts and greens.

"At the peak of the season on each one of these items, we probably do 10 to 12 percent of our business with them. Of course, we'd like for it to be 100 percent," Cross said. "It's growing. The farmers didn't realize how much business we do.

"They've learned."

As an example of volume, Cross said his store can sell as many as 3,000 watermelons in a week.

The local produce is fresher and less expensive for customers, he said.

"We've got good response from the customers. They wish it was available year-round," Cross said. "It's always a better product. Usually, what we get is picked that morning. ... Also, it's less expensive. It's probably a minimum of 10 percent less. We're not paying an 18-wheeler to ship them in across the country."

Hospital a customer

This year, Santa Rosa Medical Center became a Panhandle Fresh customer.

"We wanted to try to get healthier, serving better produce,"

said April Howell, the hospital's food service manager. "If we could help the local farmers in our area, that would be a double benefit."

The hospital uses a lot of new potatoes, okra, corn, collards, watermelon and cantaloupe, she said. Advertisements in the cafeteria tout the use of locally-grown produce. The hospital, which serves about 600 meals a day, uses Panhandle Fresh items for about 10 percent of its produce needs.

"Not only do we cook it and serve it, but we have our own farmers market every other Friday," Howell said. "We bring in the produce and our employees can buy locally-grown produce without having to leave and go to the store. It's awesome."

Pam Chesser, a Pensacola resident who works at Santa Rosa Medical Center, said she looks forward to the opportunity to buy locally produce at the hospital's farmers' market. She has also bought produce from Wal-Mart.

"It's very high-quality. I particularly like the fresh peas and the melons," she said. "I buy (at the farmers market) because it's just too convenient not to, and the prices are comparable to what you find out in the community."

Seeking grant

TEAM Santa Rosa has applied for a \$175,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture that could create a loan pool for Panhandle Fresh growers.

"This grant can be used as a revolving loan fund to support (new) infrastructure," Sutrick said. "TEAM has established a group of local business people to oversee this revolving loan fund assuming the project is funded."

The loans would be used to allow growers to produce more and better coordinate, possibly funding improvements like walk-in coolers, a distribution center and new farming equipment.

Holland said he might be interested in using the loan pool to purchase equipment to help package peanuts.

"It's hard to buy everything you need," he said. "For packaging the small bag, we could use some type of bagger. We can handle big bags like we are, but going to a small bag we'd like to be able to be more correct on the weight. We overfill the bag - something I always called a good measure - but ended up making them price a little higher at Wal-Mart."

Panhandle Fresh

For more information about the Panhandle Fresh Marketing Association, visit www.panhandlefresh.com.

Partners

Partners in the effort include the TEAM Santa Rosa Economic Development Council, the University of Florida Institute of Foods and Agricultural Sciences, the **University of West Florida** Small Business Development Center, the Santa Rosa County Extension Office, U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Chambers of Commerce in Santa Rosa County.

"Getting our produce into Wal-Mart is pretty big. That's always been something that we wanted to do. If it hadn't been for this (marketing association), we probably would still not be there."

-- Bruce Holland, owner of Holland Farms near Jay

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Employees: Finding them, Training them, keeping them

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One of the biggest private employers in Northwest Florida has also been consistently recognized as one of the best places to work in the nation.

From 2002 to 2007, Baptist Health Care was ranked among Fortune magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For." Because of the pending consolidation with West Florida Hospital, Baptist wasn't eligible for the distinction in 2008, but the system is applying for the honor again this year.

Baptist Health Care employs about 5,500 people, both medical personnel and non-medical. That includes employees at Baptist Hospital, Gulf Breeze Hospital, Jay Hospital, the Andrews Institute, Atmore Community Hospital, Baptist Medical Park Nine Mile, Baptist Medical Park Navarre, Lakeview Center, Baptist Manor and the Baptist Leadership Group.

Baptist sees an annual turnover rate of 12 to 15 percent, with the highest level of turnover of employees in their first three years, said Glenn Carnathan Jr., vice president of human resources for Baptist.

Carnathan has been with Baptist since September 2008, but he has been in the health care industry since the mid-1990s. Most recently at the Infirmary Health System in Mobile.

Carnathan sat down recently with the Business Journal to discuss

how Baptist recruits, trains and retains its most valuable employees.

Question: What is it like to work in human resources in health care?

Answer: When we work in health care, it's kind of like working in your own little city. There's so many different occupations: There's the business office, plant and maintenance, administration support and information technology. ...

I've been on a Don Quixote journey for a number of years trying to bring awareness to health care careers into the school systems and create meaningful ways where students can find out that there's more to being part of a health care system than being a doctor or a nurse, trying to make their education seem relevant. For example, as they study science, they can see all the ways that science could play out in a career in health care - it could be as a phlebotomist, a radiology tech, a doctor or a nurse, a physical therapist or a social worker.

Q: What are the challenges of working with a staff with such diverse occupations?

A: We try to understand that our employees are people first, and they have a variety of interests with career growth and development opportunities in mind. We want to move toward creating career paths. Say they come in in dietary, for example. We need to have career paths that can help them learn other skills and move

up through the organization.

Even in nursing, you may think if you go into nursing you're going to be a nurse. But you can go into clinical specialist tracts, you can go management tracts, direct patient care in in-patient settings, out-patient settings or a clinic settings.

We try to make sure we have programs in place not only to keep employees fully competent but also opportunities for them to learn and grow.

Q: How do you go about recruiting entry-level employees for health care?

A: We have a strategic relationship with Landrum Staffing. We have partnered a lot with them to develop a good understanding of the jobs and the type of characteristics we're looking for in a worker.

Very few clinical staff will go through there, maybe some entry-level certified nursing assistant-type work. With the clinic professionals, we do most of the recruiting ourselves, which is as simple as putting information out on Career Builder, Monster and other sites and publications as appropriate.

If it's a highly specialized position or a position where there may be a lot (of potential candidates) around the country but not a lot around here, we may use some external search firms to help us.

Q: Do you use contacts with schools for recruiting?

A: I have worked throughout my health care career, and even before I got into health care in the '90s, to create what we call academies in high school and some middle schools where there could be a focus in education on the discipline. Now, you can actually start doing that in elementary schools.

Pensacola actually has (health academies at West Florida High School, Pensacola High School and Washington High School), but we're wanting to get more deliberate than that.

We want to understand their curriculum and the education requirements, and we are helping them understand what the needs are that we are looking for. ...

We work very closely with the **University of West Florida** and Pensacola Junior College. We have a great collaboration with PJC that is designed to help our employees find good avenues in terms of careers.

Both **UWF** and PJC are also involved in this (academies) initiative.

Q: Once hired, what kind of training does Baptist offer?

A: We offer training in a variety of forms. For management, we

have Baptist University, which is something we do on a quarterly basis to bring broader perspectives and skills to our leaders. We also do some supervisor training and other non-clinical skills to either become a leader or become a better leader.

For staff, we have a number of training avenues that are available in addition to what they could get externally.

We have what we call BlueTube, which is a takeoff on YouTube. We're putting out both technical and nontechnical vignettes out there on our intranet. If someone has an informal conversation with a peer or their supervisor, they can say, "Hey, take a look at the training that's out there on BlueTube."

It's very short, very informal but just-in-time learning. We've been doing this for the last three to six months. It's anything from administrative-type work to safety rules, some of our standard of performance.

All of this is in addition to a very robust learning management system that we have that is loaded with lots of content, mostly clinical.

Q: In a very competitive health care market like Pensacola, how

does Baptist retain its employees?

A: What makes people want to come to an employer is competitive pay, competitive benefits, a flexible job, a good time-off program, the reputation of the employer and the reputation of the employees. Once you get here, so long as the pay, benefits and time off are competitive, they become non-issues. (Retention) involves open communications, opportunity to have involvement in decision making and opportunities to learn and grow.

Those are the kind of things Baptist have focused on for years. We have what we call Culture Teams that cover a range of different areas, like quality, safety and employee recognition. We try to identify rank-and-file staff who can sit on those groups. It gives them an opportunity to participate in something broader than what they do on a day-to-day basis.

It's the affiliation with the group and a shared loyalty and mutuality ... where employees see themselves not only as an individual but part of something larger than themselves that has meaning. It's that link that creates the glue that hold people here.

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See the sights ad raising suicide prevention awareness

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Summer is my favorite time of the year to travel, a great excuse to get out of the Florida heat and venture into another city. It's an opportunity to take in the sights and sounds of places you've possibly never seen before or revisit places you haven't been to in years. It's always a bonus if the weather is cooler, making your summer trip all the more enjoyable.

In August 2002, a good friend introduced me to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's national Out of the Darkness overnight walk for suicide survivors. We met up in Washington, D.C., to join with more than 2,000 other walkers and survivors from all over the country, walking through the night while raising awareness.

That 27-mile journey changed my life forever. I didn't realize there were others out there like me willing to join together and speak out for our loved ones who lived in darkness for so long. By raising awareness on a national level, the silence and pain can be broken for those who suffer from depression.

The next event took place three years later in the summer of 2005 in Chicago. Since then, the event now takes place every summer in a different city. Each year, the walk begins at sunset and ends at the early morning dawn. Nearly 2,000 people walk up to 20 miles through the night while raising

\$2 million to support AFSP's research and education programs to prevent suicide, increase advocacy and assist survivors of suicide loss.

After Chicago, the next trip was to San Francisco with two friends, my first trip to California, followed by my first visit to Seattle, Wash. Traveling to different parts of the country definitely allows you to open your mind to the diversity that exists in different areas. Each trip allows me to experience new things and visit with old friends who live in those areas. Each walk makes you eager to learn where the next walk will take place.

In November of last year, I was contacted by some **University of West Florida** and Pensacola Junior College students about helping them put on a music and art show to raise awareness for suicide prevention on the **UWF** campus. Unfortunately, there were

two suicides at **UWF** that semester that could have been prevented. Since then, the students have formed Students for Suicide Awareness with a mission to host a variety of events throughout the year to provide the college population in our community with the resources and help they need.

The students helped me prepare for my most recent trip in July as the walk returned to Chicago, the city where my parents met and my brothers and I were all born. The 18-mile journey began with the opening ceremony at Soldier Field at sunset. After listening to personal survival stories, walkers commenced along Lake Michigan toward Navy Pier, and onto the Lincoln Park Zoo. Other landmarks included Second City, Washington Square Park, the Magnificent Mile on Michigan Avenue, the Field Museum of Natural History, and rounding back to Soldier Field for closing ceremonies at sunrise.

As the night goes on, your mind and body become weary, a true test of your physical and emotional strength, though it does seem to get easier each year. The crew members and volunteers ensure a safe route and provide rest stops every few miles with medical tents, food

and water, and restrooms. Each stop is an opportunity to stretch, gain energy from food, water and energy drinks, and especially a chance to share your story with other survivors. Finally, there is a special place toward the end of the route where walkers can light luminaries with special messages to their loved ones. The luminaries light the journey with love and hope.

Though it has been 12 years since my younger brother took his own life, every walk allows me to let go of the pain and loss a little more each year. It allows me to draw strength from the survivors I meet each year. His death has allowed me to see places I've never seen before. But mostly, it has replaced anger and pain with peace and comfort. I have now walked more than 100 miles through the night and will continue walking for my family and other families in our community as long as the event continues to exist.

I would like to thank family and friends for their support in helping raise awareness, with special thanks to the Handlebar, the Smart Brothers, Roper Electric, and especially the Students for Suicide

Awareness. As with the completion of every walk, I look forward to finding out where the journey will take place next summer.

RESOURCES AND INFORMATION:

* For more information on depression, suicide prevention or on the overnight walk, visit

www.afsp.org or call 888-333-AFSP.

* For more local information on depression or suicide prevention, contact the Mental Health Association of West Florida at 850-438-9879 or visit www.mhawfl.org.

* **UWF** and **PJC** students interested in joining Students for Suicide Awareness can contact

Sabra Jernigan at 850-490-4746 or e-mail her at sabrajernigan@yahoo.com

Some facts about suicide and depression:

Over 32,000 people die by suicide in the United States, an increase in the past few years

Every 16 minutes, someone in the United States dies by

suicide.

Experts estimate that a suicide attempt is made each minute every day.

Suicide is the third-leading cause of death among teen and young adults in the United States and the second-leading cause of death among college-age young adults.

Ninety percent of those who die by suicide have a diagnosable psychiatric disorder at the time of death.

The best way to prevent suicide is through early detection, diagnosis and treatment of depression and other mood disorders.

Talking about suicide will help to foster dialogue and encourage people to get help.

Depression affects more than 20 million people each year in the United States.

Depression is among the most treatable of all mood disorders. More than 80 percent of people with depression respond positively to treatment.

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AUGUST CALENDAR

MONDAY 3

Navarre Beach Area Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Council meeting: 11:30 a.m., Santa Rosa County Visitor Information Center, 8543 Navarre Parkway, Navarre. Details: 939-3267.

Western Gate Toastmasters Club meeting: Noon to 1 p.m. Mondays, Second Floor Human Resources Training Room, Escambia County Government Complex, 221 Palafox Place. Join others to improve public speaking and leadership skills. Free for first-time guests. Details: Charlie Peppler, 595-5112.

WEDNESDAY 5

Navarre Beach Area Chamber of Commerce Emerging Leaders of Navarre meeting: 8 a.m., Santa Rosa County Visitor Information Center, 8543 Navarre Parkway, Navarre. Details: 939-3267.

"Customer Service" seminar: Noon to 1 p.m., Small Business Development Center at the **University of West Florida**, 401 E.

Chase St., Suite 100. Rob Brooks of Rob Brooks Seminars & Coaching will teach attendees about customer service. Free. Pre-registration highly recommended. Details: 473-7830.

Gulf Breeze Area Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee meeting: 4 p.m., Gulf Breeze Area Chamber of Commerce, 409 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze. Details: 932-7888.

FRIDAY 7

"Are You in the City of Pensacola Enterprise Zone?" workshop: Noon to 1 p.m., Florida Small Business Development Center/Procurement Technical Assistance Center, 401 E. Chase St., Suite 100. The free workshop will teach attendees what enterprise zones are and their advantages. Pre-registration recommended. Details: Vanessa McCall, 473-7826.

WEDNESDAY 12

Gulf Breeze Area Chamber of Commerce Business Development Committee

meeting: 8:30 a.m., Gulf Breeze Area Chamber of Commerce, 409 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze. Details: 932-7888.

WEDNESDAY 12

Pensacola Bay Area Chamber of Commerce's speed networking: 11 a.m., Carrabba's Island Grill, 311 N. Ninth Ave. Reservations are due by noon Aug. 10. Registration starts at 10:45 a.m. Details: 438-4081.

THURSDAY 13

Navarre Beach Area Chamber of Commerce's business mixer: 5:30 to 7 p.m., Santa Rosa County Visitor Information Center, 8543 Navarre Parkway, Navarre. Details: 939-3267.

MONDAY 17

Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee meeting: 4 p.m., Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce, 5247 Stewart St., Milton. Details: 623-2339.

TUESDAY 18

Navarre Beach Area Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Development Committee meeting: 11:30 a.m., Santa Rosa County Visitor Information Center, 8543 Navarre Parkway, Navarre. Details: 939-3267.

Pensacola Bay Area Chamber of Commerce's Hospitality Round Table: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Springhill Suites, 24 Via de Luna, Pensacola Beach. Details: 434-1234.

Navarre Beach Area Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs meeting: 4 p.m., Santa Rosa County Visitor Information Center, 8543 Navarre Parkway, Navarre. Santa Rosa County Sheriff Wendell Hall will be the guest speaker. Details: 939-3267.

THURSDAY 20

Gulf Breeze Area Chamber of Commerce's chamber

breakfast: 7 to 8:30 a.m., first-floor conference room of the Andrews Performance and Research Pavilion at The Andrews Institute, 1040 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze. Rep. Clay Ford will be the guest speaker. Cost: \$10 for chamber members with a reservation, and \$15 for chamber members without a reservation and non-members. Details: 932-7888.

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Gulf Breeze man a master of martial arts

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Dennis Fitch never planned on becoming one of the nation's most respected martial arts instructors.

The Gulf Breeze resident was a football player in college, good enough to land a brief opportunity with the New York Jets. He had such a knack for finance that friends supposed a Wall Street future.

But his life and career took a different path.

"I'm not sure how I ended up here," said Fitch, 62, who moved to Pensacola more than 40 years ago to finish his college degree at the **University of West Florida**. "Everyone told me I needed to get a degree in finance, have a big career on Wall Street, make a bunch of money. But if you don't like it, it doesn't make any sense.

"I couldn't understand why I was investing all this money for somebody else. (martial arts) wasn't a choice I made. It was something that became

who I was. It became bigger than me."

Big enough to enable Fitch to attain the sport's ultimate honor.

Saturday, Fitch will be one of 10 people inducted in the U.S. Martial Arts Hall of Fame at a dinner ceremony in Nashville. This is the 10th year for a hall of fame class.

Each of the inductees is nominated by peers and selected by the International Council of Martial Arts.

"I don't know who recommended me," Fitch said. "They keep it a secret. I guess this year was my time."

Fitch, a martial arts instructor at Chip's Gym in Gulf Breeze, began training in 1968. Fitch was a business student at New York's Ithaca College, where he also played football. He was good enough to land on the N.Y. Jets reserve team (non-active roster) as a defensive back in 1970-71.

He began to use martial

arts techniques to help him rehabilitate from two football injuries, and he decided the Wall Street experience was not for him. He moved to the Pensacola area and began teaching martial arts.

"When I had an artificial ankle, I taught in a cast for two years," Fitch said. "I had an artificial knee, and I still taught. I was partially paralyzed, and I still taught.

"A lot of people just give up. A lot of going to the hall of fame is your basic life being devoted to this one thing. People know that you are true to who you are."

Since he started his martial arts training in 1968, Fitch has acquired black belts in four different styles: Chuan Fa Kempo, Aikido, Tang Soo Do and Tai Chi. Not only is he a 10th degree black belt (a.k.a red belt, the highest rank) in Chuan Fa, he also is the soke, or founder, of that style.

"The Hall of Fame is an honor because it rewards you for doing traditional training and keeping the

honor of what the martial arts really stand for," Fitch said.

In his 41 years of teaching Chuan Fa, Fitch has awarded 13 of his students with black belts.

"Some schools will turn out 10 or 12 in a year," said Shane Francis, a fourth degree black belt in Chuan Fa and Fitch's second ranked overall student. "If you've run into somebody who has got a black belt from him, they earned it."

Francis served in the Army for three years, fought in Desert Storm, and served as a drill instructor from 2000 to 2007. Most of Fitch's students are being trained as they head into the military. Francis met Fitch after Desert Storm in 1994, which allowed him - someone with actual combat experience - to admire his teaching methods even more.

"He trains you for life and death," Francis said. "He's encouraging, but his standard is that if you were coming to protect your family, he wants you to know

what you're doing."

Francis said Fitch is so well known throughout martial arts, many seventh- and eighth-degree black belts will travel to Gulf Breeze to train with him. Students also know Fitch's reputation of having great rapport with students, making him different from most high-level martial arts instructors.

"He's very down to earth," Francis said. "In some schools, you don't walk up and ask a 10th degree a question. You ask someone else to ask him for you. With Dennis, you can just go up and ask him."

Fitch, who started in Wall Street hoping to make hundreds of thousands of dollars and is now a doctor in natural health, found a passion that has earned him very little money.

"I do it for love of the art, not for money," Fitch said.

And his teaching methods reflect that passion.

"A lot about what we teach is not about physical as-

pects, although there is a lot of physical training," he said. "It's more about learning who you are."

DENNIS FITCH

* Age: 62.

* Resides: Gulf Breeze.

* Occupation: Martial arts instructor, Chip's Gym in Gulf Breeze.

* Education: Bachelor's degree in finance, **University of West Florida**.

* Martial arts mastered and level:

-- Chuan Fa Kempo, 10th-degree black belt (red belt).

-- Aikido, black belt.

-- Tang Doo So, black belt.

-- Tai Chi, black belt.

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Game move neglects key region

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A missed opportunity for college basketball in this region. A big night for racing in a small town. A big honor for a former **UWF** tennis player.

Game relocated

Sometimes it can't always be about the money.

The University of South Alabama's decision to back out of a Dec. 22 basketball game against the Florida Gators in the Pensacola Civic Center is puzzling.

The whole reason this game was arranged was not for financial reasons.

Florida coach Billy Donovan wanted to bring his team to Pensacola, the one pocket of the state in which Florida has never played. He wanted to allow forward Adam Allen, the Milton High graduate, a chance to play near his hometown.

Donovan always has wanted to grow basketball interest while helping his team. He figured this was a perfect chance. Look, Florida wasn't doing it for money or its own

program's exposure. The Gators print money. They don't need exposure.

Their athletic program is one of the few nationally that turned a profit in 2008 against horrible economic times.

But this would have been a chance for South Alabama to help grow its program and help basketball in this region. USA has more than 30 athletes from the Pensacola area in its athletic program.

It seemed was the perfect chance for the school to market itself in a region that is obviously important for success. It could have been a recruiting bonus for the university.

Instead, once Florida realized the game was in jeopardy, the Gators agreed to pay all of USA's travel expenses and meet a financial guarantee to avoid trying to scramble in the 11th hour to get a replacement game.

Yes, Florida can easily afford it. But it happened at the expense of greater issues.

Popular racing

One of the largest Friday crowds in recent years at Five

Flags Speedway occurred July 10 when the pocket-rocket, Winged Sprint Cars were the feature attraction.

Tonight, another version of this division, the ASCS Sprint Cars will race on the clay-surface oval at Northwest Florida Speedway. The track, approximately 60 miles from Pensacola, is in Blackman, north of Baker, near the Alabama line on Highway 189. Racing begins at 8 p.m. The track has its own Web site, www.northwestfloridaspeedway.com

Ex-**UWF** star honored

Former **University of West Florida** tennis star Suzana Cavalcante, considered the most decorated female athlete in school history, is a finalist for the NCAA Woman of the Year. The winner will be announced Oct. 19.

Cavalcante, native of Sao Paulo, Brazil, graduated from **UWF** in the spring. She left as a four-time All-American, after helping **UWF** win three conference titles and a NCAA Division II national runner-up finish in 2007.

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MEET THE NEW PRINCIPALS

KEVIN SMETANA,
TRACI RADER

More than a dozen schools throughout Hillsborough County will start the year with new principals at the helm. Several of the administrators are at new schools, while others are new faces in familiar places. Seven schools in the South Shore and Brandon area have new principles for the 2009-10 academic year. Meet the administrators, whose names were provided by the school district, who will lead schools this year.

Carl Green
Brandon High

Students at Brandon High School might have some competition on the basketball court this year. Carl Green, the school's first-year principal, enjoys playing in pick-up games at the YMCA in his free time. He should fit in well at Brandon, where there is a high standard for athletics. "That's the way things are with me," Green said. "You get on a team. You really don't know everybody on the team, but if you play long enough you sort of understand each other." Green spent 24 years in the Navy. He started out enlisted, but retired as Lieutenant Commander. The 55-year-old administrator spent the past two years as principal at Middleton High. He worked at Brandon during the 2006-07 school year as an assistant principal for curriculum. Green said he intends to continue the tradition of achievement at Brandon. He said he wants to "make sure that

whatever happens in the future, our kids have an opportunity ... to be successful when they graduate."

Dave Brown Strawberry
Crest High

A self proclaimed "homegrown product of Hillsborough County schools," Dave Brown has spent his summer preparing to open Strawberry Crest High School in Dover. Brown comes from Leto High, where he spent five years as an administrator. After serving on Freedom High's inaugural administrative staff, Brown knows a thing or two about opening a new high school. It can be tough for students to leave their previous schools, he said, but he has seen less reluctance this time. The school draws its student body from Plant City, Armwood and Durant high schools.

Brown also expressed excitement about working with students to start new traditions at Strawberry Crest.

"To be able to come here and blaze your own trail and be a part of the foundation - you don't get that opportunity very often," said Brown, 44.

Brown, a graduate of Robinson High School, also served as an assistant principal at East Bay High School and a teacher at Bloomingdale High School.

Catherine Lennard-Shields
Stowers Elementary

The motto at Stowers Elementary School this fall is simple: "Expect Success." Catherine Lennard-Shields, the principal at the new school in Lithia, says her team can get the job done.

She's excited for the chance to help start something new. "The best part of opening a new school is that opportunity to build a community of learners, to create a school culture that is successful," said Lennard-Shields, who was an assistant principal when Symmes Elementary opened in 2001. Lennard-Shields, an East Bay High graduate, is also working on her doctorate degree at the University of South Florida. Juggling both responsibilities won't be an issue, she said. "I really love what I do," said Lennard-Shields, 39. "I love working with families and schools and talking about how we can make school successful, so it's easy to balance when you really like what you're doing." She came to Stowers from Mintz Elementary, where she was principal for five years.

Maribeth Franklin
Barrington Middle

Opening new schools is becoming second nature for Maribeth Franklin. The Tampa native is at it for the third time, this time as principal at Barrington Middle School in Lithia. An assistant principal at Randall Middle School during its first year, Franklin welcomed the opportunity to come back to southeastern Hillsborough County. "I wanted to

experience it again," said Franklin, 43. Franklin hasn't had much free time lately, but when she does step away from the job, she enjoys traveling and reading at the beach. Along with Stowers Elementary principal Catherine Lennard-Shields, Franklin appreciates that the two schools are adjoined. Both say it will help the transition period when students move from one school to the other. After a long summer of moving in, Franklin is ready for school to start. "I'm excited to be back in the community," she said. "We're excited for Aug. 25 to get here."

Anna Voida
Beth Shields Middle

For five years, Anna Voida and principal Tom Scott made a dynamic team at Beth Shields Middle School. Voida, the second in command, can easily rattle off the school's accomplishments during their tenure. Among them was moving the school from a low C grade to a high C, falling just 10 points shy of a B, Voida said. Now, as she prepares to take the helm at Beth Shields, Voida is busy setting goals of her own. She plans to help the school earn a B or higher by focusing on its academic academy. Led by teachers, the program gives students an opportunity to cover material they did not grasp during class. "I'm super excited and ready for kids and teachers," Voida, 50, said. "Moving forward, my staff is dedicated. A lot of the teachers have been here all

summer preparing." Voida graduated from the University of South Florida and became a teacher in Hillsborough County in 1980. Aside from working as a classroom teacher in exceptional education, Voida was also a staffing and compliance specialist in area one. In 1999, she was the Teacher of the Year at Roosevelt Elementary and Administrator of the Year for the Council of Exceptional Children in 2008.

Amy Zilbar
Bailey Elementary

Amy Zilbar began her career in financial planning. But she soon realized her love was elementary education. She earned a master's degree in elementary education in 1987 and began teaching elementary school in Port Charlotte the following year. In 1989, Zilbar became a teacher at Broker Elementary School in Hillsborough County. She also taught at Hunter's Green Elementary School for four years. Zilbar became assistant principal at Limona Elementary in 1999 and was named principal at Buckhorn Elementary in 2005. "I've definitely been blessed," said Zilbar of her professional posts. Zilbar, 45, said she's excited about leading the faculty and staff at Bailey. "I am ecstatic," Zilbar said. "We had a meet-and-greet two months ago and the energy from the faculty and staff was phenomenal. We are ready to get started."

Marlou Bates
Frost Elementary

While in high school, Marlou Bates volunteered to help a special needs student in a nearby middle school. Those memories are what shaped her career. "The other students made fun of this girl because she was different," said Bates, who remembers the girl's face clearly. "But when they (saw) me stand by her and help her, other kids became her friend." Bates, who graduated from the **University of West Florida**, Pensacola, in 1987 moved to Hillsborough County soon after finishing school. She spent time teaching emotionally handicapped children at Sulfur Springs and Kenly elementary schools in Tampa before getting married and relocating to South Carolina. Bates returned to Tampa in 1991 and then resumed teaching at Kenly. At the same time, she earned her master's degree in administrative leadership from Nova Southeastern University. Bates became the administrative resource teacher at Mort Elementary in Tampa and took on the role of the emotionally handicapped learning disability teacher. She also taught emotionally handicapped children at Clair Mel Elementary until she became Oak Park Elementary's assistant principal in 2002.

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Governor Announces Appointments

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Gov. Ted Strickland, D-Ohio, has issued the following news release:

Ohio Governor Ted Strickland announced today appointments to several state boards and commissions.

The Cleveland State University Board of Trustees sets the tuition and fees of the university, hires and fixes the compensation of the school's employees and does all that is necessary to ensure the successful operation of the university.

Tom Adler, of Shaker Heights, currently serves in a pro-bono advisory position for PSF Management Company. He previously served as a co-founder and counsel for Cleveland Real Estate Partners and as the president of Grubb & Ellis' Investment Services Group. Adler also currently serves as the chairman of the Playhouse Square Foundation and previously served as the chairman of the Downtown Cleveland Partnership. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1962.

The University of Akron Board of Trustees sets the tuition and fees of the university, hires and fixes the compensation of the school's employees and does all that is necessary to ensure the successful operation of the university.

Warren Woolford, of Akron, served as the director of planning

and urban development for the City of Akron for 20 years before retiring in 2008. He currently serves as a board member for the University Park Alliance. Woolford received a bachelor's degree from Coppin State University and a master's degree from the University of Akron.

The Columbus State Community College Board of Trustees sets the tuition and fees of the college, hires and fixes the compensation of the school's employees and does all that is necessary to ensure the successful operation of the college.

Dianne Radigan, of Gahanna, has served as the director of community relations for Cardinal Health since 2008. She previously served as the chief operating officer of the Children's Hunger Alliance. Radigan has also served as a food and nutrition specialist for the University of Missouri and as a consultant for the Ohio Department of Education. She received a bachelor's degree from Miami University and a master's degree from Michigan State University.

The Terra State Community College Board of Trustees sets the tuition and fees of the college, hires and fixes the compensation of the school's employees and does all that is necessary to ensure the successful operation of the college.

Nancy Grandillo, of Tiffin, has served as an educator for the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow since 2001. She previously served as an educator for the

Tiffin City Schools from 1990-2000. Grandillo is active in numerous community organizations, including holding leadership positions in the Girls Scouts of Northeast Ohio and the Earth Literacy of St. Francis. She received a bachelor's degree from Heidelberg College.

The Edison Community College Board of Trustees has the power to establish and operate a technical college within a designated district and is responsible for setting the school's tuition, fees and employee salaries.

Mary Kathleen Floyd, of Greenville, has served as a member of the Greenville City Council since 2000. She previously served as an educator for 24 years and lectured at Edison Community College for 18 years. She received a bachelor's degree from the College of Mt. St. Joseph and a master's degree from Wright State University.

The Cincinnati State College Board of Trustees has the power to establish and operate a technical college within a designated district and is responsible for setting the school's tuition, fees and employee salaries.

Robert Ringel, of Cincinnati, has served as the vice president of the legal department for Duke Energy since 2004. He previously served as a partner of employee benefits and executive compensation group at Thomas Hine LLP from 2001-2004. Ringel received a bachelor's degree from Indiana University in 1991. He also received a law degree from the

Ohio State University in 1994 and a master's of law from New York University in 1995.

The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority constructs, repairs, and operates air quality projects in the State of Ohio.

Jeff Jacobson, of Dayton, served as a state senator from 2001-2008. He served as a state representative from 1992-2000. During his tenure in the Ohio legislature, Jacobson was designated as Legislator of the Year by the Ohio Crime Victim-Witness Association in 1997. He received a bachelor's degree from Yale University in 1983 and a law degree from the University of Dayton in 1988.

The Ohio Expositions Commission conducts one fair or exposition annually and may conduct more if they so decide. The Commission also manages the State Fair.

Catherine Worley, of Laurelville, has served as a consultant and as an attorney in a private practice since 2004. She also serves as a member of the Pickaway County Board of Elections and as the president of Jewelry Open Houses. She previously served as a partner for the law firm of Crabbe, Brown & James from 1998-2003. Worley received a bachelor's degree from Otterbein College in 1969 and a law degree from Capital University in 1978.

The State Medical Board receives applications and conducts examinations for certificates of persons desiring to practice medicine, osteopathic medicine and surgery in the state of Ohio. The board also may revoke existing licenses or certificates of doctors and surgeons in Ohio.

Lance A. Talmage, of Ottawa Hills, has served as a member of the medical staff of the Toledo Hospital since 1974. He currently serves as the director of Ambulatory Gynecology for the Toledo Hospital. He has served on a

variety of professional associations, including the Federation of State Medical Boards since 1999 and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists since 1976. Talmage has also served as a delegate or alternate delegate for the American Medical Association since 1993. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Toledo in 1960 and a medical degree from the University of Michigan in 1964.

The Unemployment Compensation Review Board hears unemployment compensation claims.

Mark Gibson, of Worthington, has served as the executive director of the Ohio Building Authority since 2005. He previously served as a county administrator for Franklin County and as the executive director of the Ohio Soft Drink Association. He received a bachelor's degree from Ohio University and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Dayton.

The Dentist Loan Repayment Advisory Board is required to determine the amounts that will be paid as loan repayments on behalf of the participants in the Dentist Loan Repayment Program.

Roderick Adams, of Cleveland, has served as a delegate for the American Dental Association since 2003 and previously served as a delegate for the National Dental Association. Adams received a bachelor's degree from Frisk University in 1971 and a medical degree from the Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry.

The Ohio State Dental Board sets the standards for all licensing exams and issuance and revocation of licenses. The State Dental Board also must approve the curriculum of all of Ohio's dentistry schools.

Mary Wynn, of Cincinnati, has served as the president of PEMP,

a food safety company since 1992. She has also served on the American Dental Association since 1977. She also serves as a member of American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry and as a fellow for the American College of Dentists. Wynn received a bachelor's degree from Xavier University in 1974 and a doctorate from the Ohio State University in 1977. She also received a master's degree from Xavier University in 1984.

James Lawrence, of Peninsula, has served as the president and CEO of Oriana House, a nonprofit agency that serves clients with chemical dependency treatment programs since 1981. He has served on the Governor's Committee on Prison and Jail Overcrowding and is a member of the Advisory Board of the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission. Lawrence received a bachelor's and master's degree from Kent State University.

The Maternity and Newborn Advisory Council advises and consults with the Director of Health regarding maternity and newborn health.

Cathy Louise Day, of Bryan, has served as a registered nurse for the Community Hospitals of Williams County since 1980. She has also served as the director of nursing for medical surgical, oncology and obstetrics for Community Hospitals of Williams County since 2001. Day received an associate's degree from the Michael J. Owens Technical College in 1980, a bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University in 1997, and a master's degree in nursing from the University of Phoenix in 2004.

The Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission is charged with allocating state funds to soil conservation districts, recommending to the director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources the level of appropriations to special funds, advising and assisting the supervisors of

soil and water conservation districts and issuing appropriate regulations governing the conduct of referendums and elections with respect to the districts.

Donna Ruth Shipley, of Newark, currently operates Shipley Farms, a dairy and grain farm in the Newark-area. She previously served as a clerk for the United States Postal Service for 25 years before retiring in 1992. She graduated from Homer High School in 1955.

The Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission is responsible for conducting a review of Ohio's sentencing statutes and sentencing patterns, and making recommendations regarding necessary statutory changes.

Laina Fetherolf, of Laurelville, has served as the prosecuting attorney for Hocking County since 2008. She previously served as the assistant law director for the City of Logan. She also served as an attorney serving in practice. Fetherolf received a bachelor's degree from Ohio University and a law degree from Capital University in 2004.

The Emergency Response Commission aims to improve statewide preparedness and response to emergencies and promote public awareness of potential hazards. The commission consists of representatives from professional and volunteer firefighters, county emergency and local emergency response agencies, environmental advocacy groups, and petroleum refiners or chemical manufacturers.

Nancy Osborn, of Port Clinton, has served as a health commissioner for the Ottawa County Health Department since 1989. She previously served as the director of nursing for the Ottawa County Health Department from 1986-1989. Osborn received certification as a registered nurse from Mount Sinai Hospital School of Nursing in 1967. She also received a bachelor's degree and a

master's degree from the University of Toledo in 1983 and 1986, respectively.

The Ohio 9-1-1 Council is charged with establishing uniform technical and operational standards by examining industry standards as well as federal law relative to 9-1-1 systems. The council conducts research and makes recommendations to the General Assembly regarding wireline and wireless 9-1-1 systems and any necessary improvements that must be made, as well as advising on any legislation concerning 9-1-1 systems across the state of Ohio.

Nancy Serafino, of Mansfield, has served as a public safety network sales engineer at Embarq since 2003. She previously served as an area manager for customer service operations for Embarq from 1999-2003. Serafino also serves as a member of the National Emergency Number Association. She received a bachelor's degree from Youngstown State University in 1998.

Laura Merritt, of Dublin, has served as a public relations manager for Verizon Wireless since 1997. She previously served as a development consultant for the City of Columbus, Recreation and Parks Division from 1987-1997. She received a bachelor's degree from the Ohio State University.

The Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board assists the Ohio Historical Society in the society's site preservation program, suggests legislation necessary to the society's preservation program including location, designation, restoration, preservation, and maintenance of historic and archaeological sites and artifacts. The advisory board advises the Ohio Historical Society on the state historic preservation plan as well as encourages the designation of suitable sites on the National Register of Historic Places.

Sandra Hull, of Wooster, has served as the executive director for Main Street Wooster since 1987. She previously served as a speech and language pathologist for the Quincy Board of Education from 1971-1986. Hull also serves on the board of advisors for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. She received a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University in 1962.

Joseph Leonard, of Oxford, has served as an assistant professor of management at Miami University since 1983. He previously served as a contract administrator for Eagle-Picher Industries from 1973-1979. Leonard received a bachelor's degree from Missouri Southern State College in 1970 and a master's degree from Kansas State College of Pittsburg in 1971. He also received a master's degree in business from Drury College in 1980 and a doctorate from the University of Arkansas in 1983.

Donald Hutslar, of Worthington, served as a curator of history for the Ohio Historical Society before retiring in 1995. He previously served as a member of the collection and site development for the Ohio Historical Society from 1959-1983 and as a lecturer for the Ohio State University School of Architecture from 1978-1981. Hutslar received a bachelor's and a master's degree from the Ohio State University in 1954 and 1955, respectively.

Nancy Otis, of Celina, served as the owner of Ashley Art & Framing from 1991-1993. She previously served as the president and senior designer of Ashley House from 1985-1990. Otis also serves as a member of the National Society for Historic Preservation. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Tulsa in 1981 and a master's degree from the American Graduate School of International Management.

Mary Reeves, of Athens, has served as senior architectural

historian for Transystems since 2007. Reeves previously served as a staff historian for the Ohio Department of Transportation from 2001 until retiring in 2007. She received a bachelor's degree from the **University of West Florida** in 1980 and a master's degree from Florida State University in 1983.

Janet Carleton, has served as the digital initiatives coordinator for Ohio University libraries since 2005. She previously served as the digital projects librarian for the Mahn Center for Archives & Special Collections of Ohio University libraries from 2000-2005 and as an archivist from 1998-2000. Carleton also served as an archivist for the Ohio Historical Society from 1996-1998. She received a bachelor's degree from Ohio University in 1993 and a master's degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1995.

Dawne Dewey, of West Milton, has served as a staff member for the Wright State University libraries since 1997 and as the director of public history for Wright State University since 2007. She previously served as an archivist for Wright State University from 1989-1997. She received a bachelor's degree from Wright State University in 1980 and a master's degree from Wright State University in 1984.

Robert Lee Keener, of Akron, has served as an associate lecturer for the history department at the University of Akron since 2005. He has served as a lecturer in genealogy and an instructor in American history for various universities while also working as an investment broker, a financial planner, and a business executive since 1969. He received a bachelor's degree from Princeton University in 1968 and a master's degree from the University of Akron in 1991.

Lauren Lubow, of Columbus, has served as the principal attorney for the Ohio Attorney General's

Office since 2005. She previously served as an attorney for the State Medical Board of Ohio from 1984-2005. Lubow received a bachelor's degree from Ohio State University in 1980 and a law degree from Capital University in 1983.

The Solid Waste Management Advisory Council advises and assists the director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency with preparation of the state's solid waste management plan and periodic revisions to the plan.

Jean Lee Byrd, of Columbus, served as an educator of mathematics and physics in the Oklahoma public schools system before retiring. She also served as a natural resource specialist for seven years for the League of Women Voters of Ohio and the League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Columbus. She received a bachelor's degree from Central Oklahoma State University and completed graduate work at Oklahoma State University.

Stephen Hill, of Cincinnati, has served as a leader of various environmental management programs at GE Aviation since 1981. He previously served as an environmental, health and safety manager for GE Engine Services. Hill received a bachelor's degree from Purdue University in 1974 and a master's degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1979.

Charles Keiper II, of Kent, has served as a commissioner for Portage County since 1993. He previously served as the chief financial officer for Geo-Health Services from 1994-1999. Keiper received a bachelor's degree and master's degree from Kent State University in 1982 and 1995, respectively.

Belle Everett, of New Philadelphia, has served as a trustee for Warwick Township since 2002. He also serves on the Tuscarawas, Stark and Wayne County Joint Solid Waste Policy and Audit Committees and as the direc-

tor of the Ohio Township Association. Everett is a graduate of Claymont High School.

Holly Christmann, of Cincinnati, has served as a program manager for the Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services since 2006. She previously served the Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services as an assistant program manager from 2005-2006 and as a community outreach coordinator from 1998-2004. Christmann also serves as the president of the Organization of Ohio Solid Waste Districts. She received a bachelor's degree from Indiana University in 1995.

The Ohio Respiratory Care Board regulates the practice of respiratory care by controlling the licensing of practitioners of respiratory care. The board investigates complaints against practitioners of respiratory care, issues guidelines for the practice, and establishes standards for respiratory care education programs.

Anita Adams, of Huber Heights, has served as the vice president of operations for the Good Samaritan North Health Center since March 2009. She previously served as an administrator for Good Samaritan North Health Center from 2006-2009 and worked in respiratory care services from 1977-2006. She received a bachelor's degree from Averett University in 2003 and a master's degree from Walden University in 2007.

The Ohio Water Advisory Council advises the chief of the Division of Water on water management and conservation. The council also acts as a liaison and recommends ways to enhance cooperation between government agencies that have an interest in water consumption and conservation.

Douglas Johnson, of Xenia, served as the chief engineer for the Miami Conservancy District for 10 years before retiring in

2006, and previously served as the manager of engineering, assistance chief engineer of flood control, flood control engineer, and senior engineer throughout his career from 1971-1996. He received a bachelor's degree from the Ohio State University in 1971.

The Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators provides for the examination of applicants, issues and revokes licenses and adopts rules to govern the conduct of nursing home administrators.

David Crowley, of Cincinnati, has served as the vice mayor of Cincinnati since 2007. He has also served on the Cincinnati City Council since 2001 and as the president and CEO of Crowley's since 1995. He previously served

as the vice president of the American Association of Homes for the Aging from 1975-1983. He received a bachelor's degree from the Ohio State University in 1961, a master's of social work from the Ohio State University in 1963, and a master's degree from George Washington University in 1983.

The Ohio Cemetery Dispute Resolution Committee investigates and conducts hearings on complaints relating to cemeteries.

Joseph Kun, of Youngstown, has served as the assistant director of the Diocese of Youngstown Cemeteries since 1995. He previously served as the superintendent of Calvary Cemetery from 1984-1995. He received a bachelor's degree from Youngstown State University in 1981.

Marilyn Brandt, of Chardon, has served as the vice president of operations for the Lake View Cemetery Association since 2004. She previously served as the general manager of Woodvale Union Cemetery from 1999-2004. Brandt also served as a member of the Ohio Association of Cemetery Superintendents and Officials Executive Committee from 1999-2004 and served as president in 2004. She attended Miami University.

David Shanteau, of Maineville, has served as the executive director of Rest Haven Memorial Park for 36 years. He has also served as the president of the Ohio Association of Cemeteries and Funeral Directors for the past 10 years. He attended the University of Toledo.

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UWF's Cavalcante a Finalist for NCAA Woman of the Year

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INDIANAPOLIS

The **University of West Florida**, a component of the Florida state university system, issued the following news release:

Former West Florida women's tennis star Suzana Cavalcante is a finalist for the NCAA Woman of the Year, it was announced by the NCAA on Thursday. The final 132 candidates for the award, ranging across all three divisions and multiple sports, received Woman of the Year recognition from their conferences and independent institutions. The women will vie for the 2009 NCAA Woman of the Year award that will be presented at a dinner in Indianapolis on October 18, 2009.

A committee composed of representatives from NCAA member schools and conferences will select the Top 30 - 10 from each division - from the conference and independent nominees. The Top 30 will be announced in September and from the Top 30 honorees, nine finalists - three

from each division - will be chosen. The NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics will select the national winner from the pool of nine finalists and announce the recipient during the 2009 Woman of the Year dinner.

Cavalcante (Sao Paulo, Brazil) graduated from **UWF** in the spring after four years of excellence on and off the tennis court. She is the most decorated female athlete in school history, as she was honored with her fourth All-America selection in 2009. Only Radovan Chrz of the **UWF** men's tennis team, who played in 2001-2004, has accomplished that feat at the University in any sport.

She has four singles All-America selections to go along with three selections as a doubles player. She has led the Argonauts to Gulf South Conference championships in three of her four seasons, and **UWF** has advanced to the NCAA Tournament all four years, highlighted by a national runner-up finish in 2007. A four-time All-GSC selection and three-time GSC

East Division Player of the Year, Cavalcante was also honored with the GSC Commissioner's Trophy after the 2007-08 season, the top individual honor in the conference recognizing athletic, academic, and extracurricular achievement.

Cavalcante was a star in the classroom as well, as she graduated with a bachelor's degree in Athletic Training with a cumulative GPA of 3.59. She is a two-time GSC All-Academic Team selection and a three-time member of the **UWF** Dean's List of the College of Professional Studies.

During her time at **UWF**, Cavalcante put in numerous hours volunteering as a student athletic trainer. She also volunteered at the Baptist Medical Park Surgery Center, acting with post-operation patients and helping doctors and nurses with cleaning beds and rooms, storage of sheets, towels, and medical supplies, and taking patients out to their families.

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UWF Named 'A Best in the Southeast College' by 'The Princeton Review'

Targeted News Service
PENSACOLA, Fla.

The **University of West Florida**, a component of the Florida state university system, issued the following news release:

The **University of West Florida** has once again been named one of the best colleges and universities in the Southeast according to "The Princeton Review." The education services company selected the school as one of 141 institutions it recommends in its "Best in the Southeast" section of the Web site feature 2010 Best Colleges: Region by Region that was posted July 27.

"We chose **UWF** and the other terrific schools we recommend as our 'regional best' colleges primarily for their excellent academic programs," said Robert Franek, "Princeton Review's" vice president of publishing. "We also take into account what each school's students report to us about their campus experiences."

The ranking lists are based on the 80-question survey which asks students about their school's academics, administration, campus life, student body and themselves. The ratings are based largely on institutional data collected during 2008 through 2009.

The 141 colleges "The Princeton Review" chose for its "Best in the Southeast" designations are located in 12 states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

"The Princeton Review" also designated 218 colleges in the Northeast, 123 in the West and 158 in the Midwest as best in their locales on the company's 2010 Best Colleges: Region by Region section on its site. The 640 colleges named "regional best(s)" represent only about 25 percent of the nation's 2,500 four-year colleges.

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Davis and Chastain Highlight UWF Men's Cross Country Newcomers

Targeted News Service
PENSACOLA, Fla.

The **University of West Florida**, a component of the Florida state university system, issued the following news release:

Head Coach Dr. John Bergen officially announced the signing of six newcomers to the **University of West Florida** men's cross country team on Friday. Leading the way is Pensacola native Donald Davis from Pine Forest High School and Ben Chastain from Fort Walton Beach High School.

"I think we have a solid group with great potential," said Bergen. "Many times it takes a year for freshmen to make an impact, but we expect a few of our freshmen to score well for us immediately. This class has a stronger base of mileage than some of the previous freshmen classes, and from our evaluations, we feel they are ready to jump to the collegiate distance."

Donald Davis led the Pine Forest Eagles to an eighth place team finish at the

class 3A state cross country championships with his fourth place performance at 15:48. He followed up that performance with an impressive 16:03 run at the Footlocker South Regional National Invitational on a challenging course in North Carolina. Donald then finished second overall in the Florida All-Star race in Tallahassee, Fla., which included all the top seniors in the state.

During this past fall cross country season, Davis was the individual champion in the Escarosa County Championships with a time of 15:53, and he followed that with a 16:02 performance in the district meet for fourth place. Then he continued running well at the state meet with a third place finish at 16:00 at the Class 3A regional meet. In all, he turned in seven consecutive 5k cross country races under 16:16.

Joe Cromer comes to **UWF** from Eagle's Landing High School in McDonough, Ga. He turned in a personal best of 16:12 for 5k cross country events, and at one point this past season, he had the second best 3200

meter time in the state of Georgia with a 9:42. Cromer ended up sixth best at the state meet in the 3200 meters, on the strength of a 9:54 performance. Cromer posted 10 cross country races under 17 minutes during his junior and senior seasons. He also ran under 10 minutes in six of his previous 10 races in the 3200 meters, with an average time of 9:57. He also has a 1600 meter personal best of 4:31.

Ben Chastain from Fort Walton Beach, Fla., has a personal best of 16:32 in the 5k, while earning his team's MVP award twice in high school. He has also turned in personal bests of 9:51 in the 3200 meters and 4:39 in the 1600 meters. During his sophomore, junior, and senior seasons, he turned in seven 5k races under 17 minutes. He has displayed very consistent racing performances with all but two of his last 20 races at that distance have been under 17:30.

Dominique and Martinique Sykes come from Orange Park High School in Orange Beach, Fla., and

both come after earning all-conference honors in cross country as seniors. Martinique has a personal best of 16:47 in the 5k, and a personal best of 1:58 in the 800 meters. Dominique sports a 4:28 best for the 1600 meters and a 16:44 best in the 5k event. Both participated in the state track and field finals in the 4 x 800 relay.

Tim Keebler from Pace High School in Pace, Fla. is a former AAU Junior

Olympic qualifier, and he recently turned in a 1:01:14 performance in the 2009 Double Bridge 15k run. He has a personal best of 17:27 for the 5k in cross country and finished the 3A District meet last season in 17:29. Keebler leads a group of solid walk-ons that will be trying to earn a spot on the 2009 traveling roster.

The Argonauts open practice on August 10, and they will begin with a time trial

run in which enrolled students may try-out for the team. At least four incoming **UWF** students are planning on trying to earn a spot on the 2009 team. The time trial will take place on the Argos home course at the Escambia County Equestrian Center. The Argos' regular season begins September 1, and they will host the Gulf Coast Stampede in Pensacola on October 3rd.

Pensacola News Journal

July 30, 2009 Thursday

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Meetings today

ESCAMBIA

* Escambia Board of County Commissioners' leadership workshop: 8:30 a.m., 3740 Stefani Road. Details: 595-4933.

* **University of West Florida** Director of Career Services Search Committee: 9 to 10:15 a.m., Alumni Room, Building 12 at **UWF**, 11000 University Parkway. The committee will interview candidate Nathan

Ford. An open forum will be 2 to 3 p.m. Details: Amy Robinson, 474-2881.

* **University of West Florida** Athletic Visioning Team Executive Committee: 3:30 p.m., Room 152, Athletic Field House at **UWF**, 11000 University Parkway. Details: Alan Brian, 474-2214.

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Northwest Florida Daily News

July 29, 2009 Wednesday

Web Edition: STATE AND REGIONAL NEWS

C'mon! Grab \$30, boost the economy

Northwest Florida Daily News,
Fort Walton Beach

Jul. 29--In today's edition of the Northwest Florida Daily News, you will find six pages of valuable advertising from dozens of local businesses participating in the "Spend \$30 on the 30th" initiative.

What is "\$30 on the 30th"? It's a fun, local economic stimulus effort. The idea is for residents to spend \$30 on goods or services they normally would not spend on Thursday, July 30, to help pump cash into the area's economy.

Consumer spending can account for as much as 70 percent of our overall national economy, by some estimates.

Locally, 5,625 of the 5,650 businesses in Okaloosa County have fewer than 250 employees, according to the Haas Center for Business Research and Economic Development at the **University of West Florida**. The Small Business Administration considers firms that employ less than 250 people to be "small."

An extra \$30 spent with local retailers Thursday could have an immediate impact of more than \$4 million.

More than 60 local businesses have signed up for the program. For ideas on how you can spend your \$30 on the 30th, check out the ads on pages B9-14. We would like to thank all of these advertisers for supporting this effort, and we also would like to thank our following partners for helping promote "\$30 on the 30th": Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce Destin Area Chamber of Commerce Crestview Area Chamber of Commerce Santa Rosa Mall Silver Sands Factory Stores Cumulus Radio See you on the 30th!

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Charleston Daily Mail

July 28, 2009, Tuesday

West Virginia: SPORTS; Pg. P2B

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Power

-Today: vs. Charleston, 7:05 p.m.

-Wednesday: vs. Charleston, 7:05 p.m.

-Thursday: at Hagerstown, 7:05 p.m.

-Friday: at Hagerstown, 7:05 p.m.

-Saturday: at Hagerstown, 7:05 p.m.

-Sunday: at Hagerstown, 2:05 p.m.

Reds

-Today: vs. Padres, 7:10 p.m.

-Wednesday: vs. Padres, 7:10 p.m.

-Thursday: vs. Padres, 12:35 p.m.

-Friday: vs. Rockies, 7:10 p.m.

-Saturday: vs. Rockies, 7:10 p.m.

-Sunday: vs. Rockies, 1:10 p.m.

Indians

-Today: at Angels, 10:05 p.m.

-Wednesday: at Angels, 3:35 p.m.

-Thursday: Off

-Friday: vs. Tigers, 7:05 p.m.

-Saturday: vs. Tigers, 7:05 p.m.

-Sunday: vs. Tigers, 1:05 p.m.

Pirates

-Today: at Giants, 10:15 p.m.

-Wednesday: at Giants, 3:45 p.m.

-Thursday: Off

-Friday: vs. Nationals, 7:05 p.m.

-Saturday: vs. Nationals, 7:05 p.m.

-Sunday: vs. Nationals, 1:35 p.m.

WVU receiver to spend year in prep school

MORGANTOWN - Washington, D.C., receiver Deon Long, who signed with West Virginia in February, will not be on campus when the team reports for pre-season camp next week. Long's latest test score came in and wasn't high enough to combine with his GPA and satisfy the NCAA's freshman eligibility requirements. He will instead enroll at Hargrave (Va.) Military Academy. Long will enroll at WVU when he completes the necessary work.

Former WVU running back Terence Kerns followed the same route from high school in Frederick, Md., to WVU. He earned his eligibility last summer and reported in August, but his ACT was flagged by the NCAA Eligibility Center and he eventually left and enrolled at Lackawana (Pa.) Junior College, where he'll play this season.

Herd-Hokies tickets on sale through Sunday

HUNTINGTON - Marshall University announced that tickets

remain on sale for the Herd's Sept. 12 football game at Virginia Tech through Sunday.

After that, any unsold tickets from MU's allotment will be returned to Tech.

Tickets are \$50 each and seat locations are issued based on customer priority points.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the Marshall ticket office at 800-THE-HERD or going online at HerdZone.com.

Boone misses out on West Florida hoops job

PENSACOLA, Fla. - According to media reports, Winfield native Jim Boone was nudged out for the head basketball coaching job at West Florida, an NCAA Division II program.

Veteran Pensacola-area high school Coach Bob Stinnett was hired Monday.

Stinnett, 64, led Pensacola High School to the Florida Class 4A semifinals in March. The other three finalists included Boone, who is coach at Division II Tusculum (Tenn.); Alderson-Broadus Coach Greg Zimmerman; and Georgetown (Ky.) Coach Happy Osborne.

UWF President Judy Bense indicated to the Pensacola News-Journal that choosing between Stinnett and Boone was a difficult choice, but Stinnett "is local. He knows the community. One thing the **University of West Florida** has to do is reconnect in this community."

WVU student-athletes get Big East honors

MORGANTOWN - The Big East Conference has selected 140 West Virginia University student-athletes as 2008-09 Big East Academic All-Stars, an increase of 30 student-athletes from last year.

The student-athletes selected represent 12 different sports at WVU. To be eligible for the honor, nominees must have competed in a Big East-sponsored sport, earned a varsity letter, attained a minimum grade-point average of 3.00 for the preceding academic year and completed a minimum of two-consecutive semesters or three-consecutive quarters of academic work, with a total of 18 semester or 27 quarter credits.

There are 2,662 honorees for the 2008-09 academic year throughout the entire league.

Marshall-Memphis football game to be aired

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - CSS announced it would televise the Marshall at Memphis football game Sept. 26 at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium. The start time will be changed from 8 p.m. to 1 p.m. to accommodate the broadcast.

The addition of the Memphis game to the broadcast schedule increases Marshall's total to five televised games this season.

CSS is available on Comcast Cable channel 68 in Huntington.

Championship set for Top-Flite Junior Tour

The field is set for the Top-Flite Junior Tour Championship to be played at The Greenbrier Resort on Thursday.

"This is the 15th year the Tour Championship has been held at The Greenbrier," said Brad Ullman, director of junior golf for the West Virginia Golf Association. "With the generosity of the tour's sponsors, as well as all the host facilities that donate their golf course for events, the tour would not be what it is today."

The Kanawha Valley is well-represented as Nitro's Clark Priddy heads into the Tour Championship with four wins and leading of the 17- and 18-year-old field. On his heels is Hurricane's Brian Anania.

Anania, the 2009 West Virginia Junior Amateur champion is fewer than six points behind Priddy for Player of the Year honors in their division.

As for the 15 and 16 year-olds, Harry Howell, of Madison, already has clinched Player of the Year honors entering the Tour championship. In the 13 and 14 year-olds, Trent McPherson, of Charleston, and Josh Bumgarner, of Winfield, have been battling back and forth all season, but McPherson has a 30-point lead over Bumgarner heading into the Greenbrier and will be named Player of the Year.

In the 12 and under division, Cole Hand, of Wheeling, with four vic-

tories and four runner-up finishes in the regular season, will earn his first Player of the Year honor.

The Tour Championship gets underway at 8:30 a.m. Thursday on The Meadows Course at The Greenbrier Resort.

Striders excel at East Coast Elite meet

The Capital City Striders took home seven medals at the Russell Blount East Coast Elite meet at Duke University.

Tyrell Davis, of Charleston, placed second in the 11-12 boys 200-meter dash with 26.20 seconds and third in shot put with 36 feet, 2 inches.

Jacob Lomax, of Buffalo, placed fifth in the 13-14 boys shot put with 37 feet, 9 inches and fifth in discus with 108 feet, 9 inches.

Also winning medals were Joy Gilmer, of Dunbar, who placed third in the 15-16 girls 800-meter run with a time of 2:25.90; Brian Powell, of Dunbar, who placed sixth in the 13-14 boys high jump with a leap of 4 feet, 11.75 inches; Darian Daniels, of St. Albans, who placed fourth in the javelin at 103 feet, four inches; Sam Thomas of Charleston, who placed fifth in the 11-12 boys 300 meter dash.

Savanah Rutherford of Huntington and the Tri State Athletic Club's 17-18 young women finished sixth in the 800 meter run and fourth in the 1500 meter run.

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NEWS

UWF teacher faces probe

Rebekah Allen

A **University of West Florida** assistant professor's extra-credit assignment is under review by the State Attorney's Office.

Wendy Habegger allegedly gave business students the option to make purchases from a local hair salon during the fall 2008 semester to improve their final grade.

Assistant State Attorney Greg Marcille said a criminal complaint was filed regarding the assignment.

UWF investigated the assignment and deemed it inappropriate.

"The College of Business notified the students that this type of extra-credit exercise is not sanctioned by the university," said a statement released Monday. "**UWF** took steps to neutralize the effect of the assignment by providing each student in the course with the same amount of extra credit and provided for reimbursement of funds expended."

UWF spokeswoman Janice Cooper said the school would not identify which business was named, how much money students were reimbursed or other details regarding the incident.

But David L. Dickey, father of one of Habegger's students, said the business was a local hair salon.

Dickey filed a criminal complaint with the State Attorney's Office. He said his son dropped the class because of the assignment.

"When I found out, I went berserk. It's totally unprofessional," Dickey said.

Habegger could not be reached Monday for comment.

UWF's investigation concluded that Habegger was not receiving "kickbacks" from the business, said Gayle Baugh, grievance chair for the United Faculty of Florida union.

Baugh said Habegger was using a real-life example to demonstrate the flaws in the 2008 stimulus package, which disbursed checks to taxpayers to boost consumer spending - only to see much of it spent on bills or put into savings.

A class discussion on the benefits to the economy when consumers buy products and services led to the extra-credit assignment, Baugh said.

Students participating in the assignment engaged in discretionary spending at local business-

es and provided receipts as proof.

Baugh said the students were not required to spend money at any specific location. But Habegger did suggest one establishment, though Baugh would not identify it.

"Dr. Habegger had no affiliation with that establishment. She was just familiar with the name," Baugh said.

Habegger, who has worked for **UWF** since August 2004, is not a tenured professor and works on an annual contract. Her contract was not renewed, and her last day of employment will be Jan. 30, 2010, according to **UWF**.

Habegger received **UWF's** distinguished teaching award in 2007, the E.W. Hopkins Faculty Award in 2005 and was a member of **UWF's** Academic Integrity Task Force.

UWF officials refused to say whether the decision not to renew her contract was related to the extra-credit assignment.

Habegger would have to be connected to the business or have shown corrupt intent to have broken a law, Marcille said.

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BUSINESS

Ground-breaking set for Wednesday on beach hotel

From staff reports

Innisfree Hotels will break ground on a \$60 million Holiday Inn on Pensacola Beach at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The invitation-only ceremony is at 14 Via de Luna, immediately east of Hilton Pensacola Beach Gulf Front.

Guest speakers will include Bill Murrah, regional director for franchise sales, Inter-Continental Hotel Group; Fred Gant, chairman, Santa Rosa Island Authority board of directors; and Julian MacQueen, founder and CEO, Innisfree Hotels Inc.

Rick Harper, director of the Haas Center for Business Research and Economic Development at the **University of West Florida**, says the economic impact to the community of the construction work alone likely will exceed \$40 million.

Robins & Morton of Birmingham, Ala., will hire more than 20 subcontractors to build the 11-story, 206-room hotel. More than 500 tradesmen will work on the project.

Once completed in 2011, the hotel will employ more than 200 people.

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SPORTS

Sports Calendar

From staff reports

Baseball

Pitching Lessons: Current New York Mets Pitcher Steven Cheney is offering pitching lessons to area youth ages 8yrs. through High School Please call for more information 850-554-2296 Cheney. Steven Cheney 850-554-2296

Basketball

Open Court Basketball: 8 a.m. through 1 p.m. Monday-Friday in the Fricker Community Center Gym for Adults 18 years and older. Call 436-5195 or Email kcarmody@ci.pensacola.fl.us

The Comets Big Bend Showdown basketball tournament: (July 24-26, 2009 - Girls & Boys), pool play with 3 games guaranteed, cost \$300 for each team. For more info contact the Comets at hicksrob@comcast.net and visit our website at WWW.COMETSGET.NET.

UWF coed basketball camp: June 8-12 and July 27-31 at the **university of**

West Florida. Camp is from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday -Friday Cost \$150.00 prior to the day of registration.\$165.00 the day of camp Swimming on Tuesday and Thursday in the university pool. For additional information call 474-3319 or 3320.

Golf

Navy League Golf Tournament: A.C.Reed, NASP, Friday, September 18, \$50.00, 12:30 shotgun. For more information please call 436-8552.

The Salvation Army Summer Day Camp: June 8 - August 7. 8AM to 5PM. Mon - Fri. Arts & Crafts, Baseball, Basketball, Football, Softball instruction/games, Game Room, Indoor Swimming w/swim lessons/in-door pool, (Tennis for Everyone each Thursday) + breakfast & lunch. Boys/Girls: ages 6-12. Registration at S/A Community Center - 1501 North "Q" Street - Pensacola - Mon-Thurs: 2:30 to 6:30 PM & Sat: 12 noon to 4:30 PM. \$30/week/child. For more information, call Buddy Keen @ 432-1501,

ext 25.

UWF sports camps: For the most up-to-date information about dates, times, locations, and registration information, view the Camps page online on www.GoArgos.com.

Running

The 2nd Annual Mediacom Garcon Point Bridge Run: The 2nd Annual Mediacom Garcon Point Bridge Run, Connecting Education in Santa Rosa County, will be held on October 17, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. This is a 4.8 mile race. The proceeds from this race benefit the Santa Rosa Education Foundation and its Take Stock in Children scholarship and mentoring program.

Skating

Roller Sports: In addition to public roller skating, birthday parties and group events, Landmark offers Adult Roller Hockey League play Wednesday 7-9 (always room for more players) and Sunday noon-2 pickup hockey (age 21+ USARS membership card

required), Women's Roller Derby Monday and Thursday 5-7 (mostly just a good roller skating workout with your girlfriends), and All Ages Speed Team Sunday 10-noon and Tuesday 5-7. Call Landmark information line 456-8707, or the office M-F Noon-5 453-5621. Landmark Skate & Fun Center.

Softball

The Pensacola Senior Softball Association: The PSSA offers senior men 55 and over year-round slow-pitch pickup softball games on Monday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings, and Saturday morning league

games in the Spring and Fall. For more information about the league, or to participate, please call Bobby Martin at 453-4753, or Bob Davis at 455-4447.

City of Milton Adult Softball Registration Underway: The City of Milton seeks church, men's and co-ed adult softball teams for the 2009 fall season. Register Monday through Friday from noon to 8 p.m. at the Milton Community Center, 5629 Byrom St., Milton, Florida. The cost per team is \$350. The season begins September 8 and all games will be held at the Milton ball parks. Church league games will be on

Monday nights, men will play on Wednesdays and co-ed teams will play on Thursday nights. A pre-season informational meeting is scheduled for August 20. For more information, contact Robert Arnold at 850-983-5466 ext 202.

Swimming

Swimming Lessons: \$50 for city resident, \$60 for county resident (one week session). Sessions available from June-August. For more information call Kathy VanAlst at 436-5197. Cecil T. Hunter Municipal Pool.

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NEWS

Stinnett nets \$51,000 donation for UWF

D.C. Reeves

It didn't take long for new **University of West Florida** men's basketball coach Bob Stinnett to flex his fundraising muscle.

Minutes after Stinnett was introduced at a news conference on Monday, former **UWF** athletic director Joe Ambersley surprised **UWF** Interim President Judy Bense with \$41,000 in checks and another \$10,000 in pledges for the men's basketball program.

That's \$51,000 raised since the News Journal first reported Stinnett's hiring last Friday afternoon. Once Stinnett learned he was **UWF's** choice, he immediately went to work raising money for the program.

The donations, which went to the **UWF** Foundation and are earmarked for men's basketball, ranged from \$1,000 to \$15,000. Ambersley said he donated \$10,000.

In addition, Sonny and Lucille Tillman - longtime friends of Stinnett and founder of the Sonny's Real Pit Bar-B-Q franchise - gave \$15,000. The rest of the donations came from a handful of business people whom Ambersley declined to name.

"In my opinion, if we hired any-

one but Bob Stinnett, (fundraising) would have been an uphill battle," said Ambersley, Stinnett's longtime friend who was the athletic director when **UWF** restarted its athletic program in 1980. "He's the right guy at this point in time for the university."

Stinnett, 64, a longtime Pensacola area resident and **UWF** graduate, built a bevy of community ties as a coach and restaurateur during the past 42 years.

Stinnett, who coached the Pensacola High boys basketball team to the Class 4A final four in March, emerged from 145 total applicants and a four-person finalist pool.

Fundraising dollars are a welcome sight for the **UWF** athletic department. It has been financially strapped for years. According to a consultant's report, the athletic department raised less than \$80,000 across all sports during the 2007-08 school year.

Don Hogan, who coached men's basketball for 16 years before resigning in May, sometimes had to raise money in order for his team to play a complete season.

"I knew a little bit about (the fundraising) before (the news conference), but not \$51,000 worth," Bense said. "That makes me feel

very optimistic for the future of **UWF** basketball.

"What it tells me that the people with money that are usually older like myself and well-established, they believe in Bob Stinnett and putting their money where their mouth is. That says a lot. It's going to send a big message out to the public."

While presenting the donations, Ambersley announced plans for a men's basketball fundraising campaign looking for 200 donors at \$1,000 each.

"Other than myself, it was not from any people that we've raised money from in the past," Ambersley said. "It's a whole new group of donors, and it wasn't a large group of people. We really haven't even tapped the local community yet. We just did this on the spur of the moment and did it quickly."

Stinnett said that without success, the influx of dollars won't last long.

"The ball is rolling, and we've just got to sustain the momentum," Stinnett said. "And of course we have to win."

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SPORTS

UWF coach Stinnett stirs community pride

D.C. Reeves

Last season, **University of West Florida** basketball player Max Hoggard helped the Argos to a mediocre 13-12 record.

His team played its home games in a near-empty arena.

UWF hopes it addressed both of those issues - the need for wins and more support - with one move on Monday.

The school introduced local coaching legend Bob Stinnett as the new men's basketball coach. Even before the event began, Stinnett, 64, a **UWF** graduate, made his local ties evident with close to 100 people crowding into the Argonaut Athletic Club to watch the announcement.

The crowd included many of Stinnett's former players, coaches and colleagues from his 42-year coaching history.

"I think a lot of what this program needed was excitement and community support, putting people in the stands," Hoggard said. "And I think it was obvious (Monday) with all these people showing up - that's one thing that's going to happen.

"As a player, you want people cheering for you, and that really got me motivated and has me excited about the season."

Stinnett, 64, has a career record of 297-98 (.752) in 18 seasons as a head coach at the high school and junior college levels. After previously successful stops at Pensacola Junior College (1984-

86) and Washington High (1969-70), Stinnett led Pensacola High (2007-09) to the Boys Class 4A final four in March.

One of 145 applicants for the job vacated by Don Hogan in May, Stinnett made the list of four finalists on June 30. He was the only local candidate to make the cut. After all four finalists visited Pensacola for on-campus interviews in recent weeks, **UWF** interim President Judy Bense met with Stinnett last Friday to tell him he was their guy.

"It's overwhelming," said Stinnett, the first **UWF** men's basketball team captain in school history (1967-68) and member of the school's athletic hall of fame. "It's something that you want so bad, I didn't think it was going to happen. I'm just so excited.

"Getting here was hard enough, now I've got to make sure I can make this thing happen. It's going to take hard work, but that's fine. I'm ready."

Stinnett finalized a one-year, \$63,000 agreement on Monday. He will work on a year-to-year basis with his performance evaluated after each season, an arrangement that Bense considered a high priority.

"Two of the other (four finalists) were not willing to do that at all," Bense said. "They wanted long-term contracts. And I'm not willing to give long-term contracts until we get to the Gulf South Conference finals.

"I don't want a coach who doesn't have incentive. A coach has

three years to get us to the Gulf South Conference finals, and I'm not worried with coach Stinnett."

Age a concern

While Stinnett was the one accepting the job on Monday, he wasn't a unanimous choice among **UWF** administration.

His age seemed to be the biggest point of contention.

"People talked about (Stinnett's age), but not with me because I'm 64, too," Bense joked. "So I know that if you've got fire in the belly it's OK. But yes, it was a factor. (The other finalists) were younger than him - (some administration) said 'Well, how much longer does he have, is it going to be a short term?' They did talk about it, but it didn't bother me."

Stinnett said he has committed to coaching at least five years at **UWF**.

During their final meeting last week, members of the **UWF**'s coaching search committee said that Stinnett was out of touch or could have trouble relating to players. Of the four finalists, the group seemed to favor Tusculum head coach Jim Boone.

"There's no way that I have any ill will because someone wished they (hired) someone else," Stinnett said. "I don't. Through my efforts and my work, I'll try to win them over. I'll try to win over the people who doubt me."

While the search committee narrowed the original applicant list from 145 to four, they were not

asked for a hiring recommendation.

"I went with my instincts and with the university as a whole," Bense said. "When you're on those search committees, you kind of get tunnel vision. That's what you are supposed to do. But in this particular instance, the tunnel vision was only on basketball.

"When you have the larger picture and understand that our connection with the community needs to be improved and some wounds healed, it's a no-brainer to pick Bob Stinnett."

Reviving **UWF** hoops

Stinnett's big selling point is to bring interest, but will a local coach resonate with the student population?

It seems that wins, a lot of them, will speak the loudest.

"We haven't been very good lately, so a new excitement would make me more likely to go to games," said Josh Windham, 22, a senior and former **UWF** baseball player who is majoring in exercise science. "When I played baseball, we had to go to games to bump attendance up. I'd be more likely to go (on my own) if they were doing a little better."

The Argos' men's basketball team has qualified for the Gulf South Conference tournament only six times in 15 years and just once since 2003. The Argos are 92-112 in conference play since joining the GSC in 1994. **UWF** has only one 20-win season (1997-98) in school history.

"I think (a new coach) could bring some interest, definitely," said

junior marketing major Amy Gibson, a Fort Walton Beach native. "I guess the old coaches didn't do that. I don't think a lot of people come to West Florida for the sports compared to the other things they offer, but I think that would be an additional attribute that students would like.

"We already have a lot of good things, and I think the basketball would only make it better."

For his final year as a **UWF** basketball player, Hoggard likes the idea of a better record and a filled arena. Those are two things that, with Stinnett's help, he hopes to see happen quickly.

"It's definitely encouraging. It makes you think how big (the program) could be one day," Hoggard said. "And to be part of that in its first year, bringing everybody back, bringing the community back, it's exciting. That's your dream as a college basketball player to play in front of a big crowd, have your name in the newspaper and all that stuff."

STINNETT FILE

AGE: 64.

POSITION: **UWF** men's basketball coach.

YEARS OF COACHING: 18.

HOMETOWN: Cocoa, Fla.

HIGH SCHOOL: Cocoa High, Cocoa. (1960-64)

COLLEGE: A.A., Brevard Community College, Cocoa, Fla. (1964-66); B.S., Physical Education, **University of West Florida**, (1967-68); M.S., Physical Education, Ball State University, Mun-

cie, Ind. (1970-72).

Coaching experience

1968-69: Assistant coach, Pensacola High.

1969-70: Head coach, Washington High.*

1970-71: Head coach, Rockledge High (Brevard).

1971-72: Assistant coach, Brevard Community College (Cocoa).

1972-75: Head coach, Broward North Community College (Pompano Beach).

1975-78: Assistant coach and recruiter, LSU (Baton Rouge, La.).

1985-87: Head coach, Pensacola Junior College**

1987-88: Assistant coach, University of New Orleans.

1990-92: Head coach, Okaloosa-Walton Community College (Niceville).

1994-95: Head coach, Chipola Junior College (Marianna).

2007-09 --Head coach, Pensacola High.

2009-present -- Head coach, **UWF**.

*Won Class 2A state championship.

**Won Florida Community College Activities Association state championship in 1985-86.

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Targeted News Service

July 28, 2009 Tuesday

Flagler Awarded Three Grants

Targeted News Service
SAINT AUGUSTINE, Fla.

Flagler College issued the following news release:

William T. Abare, Jr., Ph.D., president of Flagler College, heralded the recent awards of three grants through the State of Florida to the institution totaling \$273,350, noting, "In these challenging economic times, grant funds are especially critical to meeting institutional needs so that we may continue to provide significant academic opportunities, serve the greater St. Augustine community, and maintain outstanding facilities."

The projects that were approved for funding are:

* \$50,000 for restoration Solarium glass wall on the fourth floor of the former Hotel Ponce de Leon, a National Historic Landmark; the project was the State's highest ranked preservation grant project;

* \$183,350 for operations of the Northeast Regional Center of the Florida Public Archaeology Network

which serves eight area counties; and

* \$40,000 for Democracy's Laboratory, a social science teacher training program.

Florida Secretary of State Kurt Browning announced the award of a \$50,000 grant to assist with the Hotel Ponce de Leon Solarium project. The funding followed a Number 1 ranking by the Florida Historical Commission and authorization from the Florida Legislature. Matching funds were provided by a special initiative of the Flagler College Board of Trustees. The project is restoration of the original sliding glass wall under the central dome overlooking the courtyard which was blown apart in the hurricanes of 2004.

This project has been financed in part with historic preservation grant assistance provided by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, administered through the Bureau of Historic Preservation, Division of Historical Resources, Florida De-

partment of State, assisted by the Florida Historical Commission.

The Northeast Regional Center of the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) is an education, outreach and heritage tourism initiative that provides services to counties in Northeast Florida which share a common history and pre-history (Nassau, Duval, St. Johns, Clay, Putnam, Flagler and Volusia). This is the fourth consecutive year that Flagler College has received this award which is administered through the **University of West Florida**.

"Recently, the Florida Independent College Fund (FICF) which pursues grants on behalf of the 28 independent colleges & universities of Florida (including Flagler College) successfully won a humanities award to Jacksonville University, Beacon College, Flagler College, Saint Thomas University and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University from the Florida Department of Education.

Democracy's Laboratory targets the teachers of American social sciences, English language learners, and students with disabilities to create tactics, tools, and techniques that upgrade their teaching skills. Four "laboratory" sessions during the summer/fall will create a tool kit for teachers. Flagler College's program under the direction of Dr. Michele Gregoire, is entitled First America; Florida from Founding through Flagler to the Future, and is scheduled to be held on September 18 and 19. The Florida History program will focus on teachers in St. Johns and Putnam Counties, including those as the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind.

During the summer of 2010 and 2011, this tool kit will be disseminated to 39 Florida school districts through a Chautauqua Circuit Series of educational forums. The program will award 500 scholarships of \$3,000 and \$1,500 to participating teachers to expand their social science and teaching skills during the next two years.

Hotel Ponce de Leon -- Solarium

The twin towers of the Ponce flank a great dome topped by a copper lantern. These elements define the St. Augustine skyline and have done so since the time of the Hotel's opening

in 1888. They represent Florida's first "boom" era; serve as landmarks for travelers on land and water; and are the featured architectural elements in many photos. In 1964, prior to St. Augustine's 400th anniversary, the City established height limitations relative to these building elements: no building would be constructed taller than the towers on the Ponce. Those standards remain in place today, helping to make the St. Augustine skyline one of the most photographed in the nation and reflecting the city's longstanding commitment to preservation of its cultural resources.

Pensacola News Journal

July 27, 2009 Monday

NEWS

Pensacola Beach hotel ground breaking set

Kimberly Blair

Innisfree Hotels will break ground on a \$60 million Holiday Inn on Pensacola Beach at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The invitation-only ceremony is at 14 Via de Luna, immediately east of Hilton Pensacola Beach Gulf Front.

Guest speakers will include Bill Murrah, regional director for franchise sales, Inter-Continental Hotel Group; Fred Gant, chairman, Santa Rosa Island Authority board of directors; and Julian MacQueen, founder and CEO, Innisfree Hotels Inc.

Rick Harper, director of the Haas Center for Business Research and Economic Development at the **University of West Florida**, says the economic impact to the community of the construction work alone likely will exceed \$40 million.

Robins & Morton of Birmingham, Ala., will hire more than 20 subcontractors to build the 11-story, 206-room hotel. More than 500 tradesmen will work on the project.

Once completed in early 2011, the hotel will employ more than 200 people.

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Pensacola News Journal

July 27, 2009 Monday

SPORTS

Stinnett officially announced as new UWF coach

D.C. Reeves

The Pensacola community came out in full force to support Bob Stinnett as he was announced Monday as the **University of West Florida's** new men's basketball coach.

About 100 people crowded the Argonaut Athletic Club to see **UWF** interim president Judy Bense introduce Stinnett.

Bense said the selection committee received 145 resumes with many qualified candidates, but in the end "There's only one Bob Stinnett."

Stinnett will sign contracts on a year-by-year basis and will be paid \$63,000 in his first season.

"I can tell you we're going to come after you hard," Stinnett said of this year's team. "We have a lot of speed, but we lost eight seniors. We were 13-12 last season, so it's a rebuilding season. But we're going to play hard, play smart, and we're going to play 94 feet of basketball, end line to end line."

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Great Falls Tribune

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MILITARY; Pg. 9M

SERVICE BRIEFS

Gregory receives officer award

Air Force Capt. Mikel D. Gregory has been named Barksdale Air Force Base Company Grade Officer of the Quarter.

The selection was based Gregory's exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, teamwork, significant self-improvement, personal achievements, notable accomplishments, and community service and support.

The captain's accomplishments were recognized and selected from those of 433 of his peers.

While at Barksdale Air Force Base, Bossier City, La., he served as the assistant operations officer assigned to the 2nd Aircraft Maintenance

Squadron. He is currently deployed to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, as-

signed as the lead maintenance officer for a B-52 bomber aircraft mission.

The captain has served in the military for 23 years.

Gregory is the son of Fay L. Gregory of Lewistown, William D. Gregory of Great Falls. His wife, Cynthia, is the daughter of Jean Tomlinson of Hampton, Va.

The captain and his wife have eight children.

The captain graduated in 1986 from Fergus County High School, Lewistown, and received a bachelor's degree in 2000 from the **University of West Florida**, Pensacola, Fla. He earned a master's degree in 2005 from Touro University International, Cypress, Calif.

Holsapple graduates basic training

U.S. Army Spc. Rebecca Hauer Holsapple has grad-

uated from basic military training from Fort. Jackson, S.C.

She earned expert marksman status.

The specialist is a 2004 graduate of Great Falls High School and holds a bachelor's degree in anthropology and sociology, with a criminology option, from the University of Montana.

She is the daughter of Tom and Jill Hauer of Great Falls.

Army National Guard Pfc. Bryce J. Hagen has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual Training.

Hagen is a 2008 graduate of Great Falls High School.

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ONLINE SPORTS; Pg. 1D

Stinnett's hire a signal for positive change at UWF

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The **University of West Florida's** hiring of Bob Stinnett provides a good picture of where the school's new priorities are when it comes to men's basketball.

It's quite a change.

Choosing Stinnett, whose connections in the community are significant, sends a message that **UWF** would like its home court to become an advantage. It sends a message the Argonauts want to make their games an event. It says that **UWF** wants a proven fundraiser who knows the most important names in the lineup - at least right now - are Benjamin Franklins. Because without solid financial footing to recruit, to market, to create an image that basketball is important, you can't attract good players.

UWF wants 20-win seasons with more than 20 people in the stands to witness.

And if that's what the school

desires, hiring Stinnett was a no-brainer.

Boss Bense

There is no doubt that Stinnett was **UWF** President Judy Bense's call.

Since the hiring process began, she was inundated with calls from heavy-hitting community leaders pleading for Stinnett.

Stinnett's strong community backing caused some backlash within the athletic department, turning off several people who liked Tusculum head coach Jim Boone and his impressive resume.

During the last week, the sides were split. The athletic department and its 10-person search committee gave Boone rave reviews while many committee members said Stinnett was out of touch, couldn't relate to players and was "pushing himself more than pushing the program."

Of course six months ago, he was relating to high school kids at PHS well enough to

make it to the Class 4A final four, and he was "pushing himself" there for a whopping \$1 a year.

UWF's mission

But, as it should be, Bense had the overriding vote. She saw what Stinnett's local fundraising and recruiting ties could bring to a struggling program.

UWF is one of the biggest schools in the Gulf South Conference, so when it comes to finances and support, Bense decided it was time to start acting like one.

Stinnett brought two certainties to the table that no one else could: More people in Pensacola will care about **UWF** basketball, and he will raise a lot of money in a short period of time.

And for a program that has neither, those are things that **UWF** now can take to the bank.

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LOCAL; Pg. 1C

Road builder paves way for students

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Workers are assembling computer stations and finishing electronics that will modernize the library at Pensacola Junior College.

This library will be much better equipped with technology than its predecessor when the \$9 million state-funded renovation opens next month.

As a small group tours the building, one guy quietly takes up the rear, letting everyone else do the talking.

It's Edward M. Chadbourne Jr., the man for whom the new library is named. That's his style. He's a retired road builder from a family with a long history of philanthropy, but he doesn't want to sound like he's bragging.

Still, he has helped 500 PJC students. Since 1997, his foundation has funded 500 scholarships for "the ones who fall through the cracks," as he put it. If they do well at PJC, he offers a scholarship to the **University of West Florida**. Last year alone, 41

PJC students split \$22,000 in scholarships.

Deserving folks

Chadbourne, 74, especially enjoys helping people like the secretary who "made too much money" to qualify for financial aid, but was in fact broke because she was supporting her dying father. Now she's a school teacher.

Other recipients: Displaced homemakers; people who are the first generation of their families to try college; people trying to develop new job skills.

The 501st recipient of Chadbourne support was selected last week: the wife of a Navy man who had just moved to Pensacola.

Depending on circumstances, applicants get anything from full scholarships to "seed money" to begin school before other financial aid becomes effective, said Patrice Whitten, PJC's development director.

PJC officials named the library after Chadbourne to recognize the many gifts

made by him and his family.

After Chadbourne's father started the road paving company in 1926, he began giving away 10 percent of the profits each year. Chadbourne's mother, the late Rosalind Chadbourne, was the force behind the Chadbourne Foundation. Now he and his wife, Ruth, preside over the foundation, which donates to many organizations.

Good karma

He seems surprised when asked why he helps strangers.

"I'm pretty set financially," Chadbourne says. "I've been blessed."

A devout Catholic who often attends weekday Mass at St. Michael's Church, he learned something in all his years in business.

"The more we gave away, the better we did," he says.

There's nothing high-tech in that wisdom. It's old school: You reap as you sow.

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BUSINESS; Pg. 5B

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Meetings

* Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce board of directors: 4 p.m. Monday, Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce, 5247 Stewart St., Milton. Details: 623-2339.

* American Society for Training and Development, Pensacola Chapter: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Zea Rotisserie & Grill, 605 E. Gregory St. Trainer, author and speaker Karen S. Siczka will facilitate the program "Where's The Next Great Idea?" about the keys to creativity in the workplace. Details: Call Wendi Ochs, 449-1667, or visit www.astdpensacola.org.

* Navarre Beach Area Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Council: 11:30 a.m. Monday, Santa Rosa County Visitor Information Center, 8543 Navarre Parkway, Navarre. Details: 939-3267.

* Jay Chamber of Commerce: Noon Aug. 3, Jay Community Center, 5259 Booker Lane, Jay. Details: 623-2339.

Networking

* Business Netlink: 7:30 a.m. Thursdays, Village Inn, 5170 N. Ninth Ave. The group of professionals meets weekly to promote and refer business within the group. Guests should take business cards. Details: David Bokanyi, 261-8463.

* Navarre Beach Area Chamber of Commerce's coffee and commerce: 7 to 8:30 a.m. Friday, Navarre Conference Center, 8700 Navarre Parkway, Navarre. Details: 939-3267.

* Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce's A.M. networking: 7:30 a.m. Friday,, Oops Alley, 3721 U.S. 90, Pace. Details: 623-2339.

Seminars/workshops

* "Starting a Business": 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Small Business Development Center at the **University of West Florida**, 401 E. Chase St., Suite 100. The seminar will teach attendees about taxation, financing, insurance and legal forms of business. Cost: \$35 for the public and free for stu-

dents and faculty of **UWF** who present a Nautilus card. Pre-registration highly recommended. Details: 473-7830.

* "Business Planning for Success": 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Small Business Development Center at the **University of West Florida**, 401 E. Chase St., Suite 100. Attendees will discover the basics of writing a business plan and will learn how the plan may impact the lending decision and success of a business. Cost: \$40 for the public and free for students and faculty of **UWF** who present a Nautilus card. Pre-registration highly recommended. Details: 473-7830.

* "Don't Buy An Annuity Until You Have The Facts": Noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Mesquite Charlie's, 5901 North W St. Nautilus Financial Strategies founder David Anderson will present the free, informational seminar to explain the benefits and drawbacks of annuities. Lunch will be provided. Call 637-1585 to register.

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BUSINESS; Pg. 5B

People on the move

The following have joined KAMedData, Inc., a health care software and consulting company.

Lee Irvine, senior software developer. Irvine was previously with the **University of West Florida** Academic Technology Center where his duties included developing applications using .net and flash for **University of West Florida (UWF)** faculty and staff.

An experienced web designer, Irvine holds a bachelor of science degree in computer science from **UWF**.

Ryan De Four and Daniel Weaver, software developers.

De Four was previously with KAMedData's co-op program. His experience includes algorithmic and programming development, telemarketing and tutoring students in programming.

He has a bachelor of science degree in computer science from the **University of West Florida**, where he was consistently on the dean's list.

Weaver was previously with KAMedData's co-op program. His experience includes web development, sales and cooking. He graduated with honors from the **University of West Florida** with a bachelor of science degree in

computer science. He is studying machine learning techniques and applying them to his work at KAMedData.

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Dr. Michael Boyle, surgical oncologist, has joined Sacred Heart Medical Group and will practice at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola.

Boyle has special interest in surgery related to gastrointestinal malignancies, breast cancer, melanoma, lung cancer and sarcoma.

Boyle brings more than 20 years of surgical experience to Sacred Heart Medical Group. He serves as a clinical assistant professor of surgery at Tulane University School of Medicine and was staff surgeon at two New Orleans hospitals. Prior to that, he served as chief of surgical oncology at LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans.

He will operate at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola and see patients for pre- and post-operative care at his Sacred Heart Hospital office located in the Payne Building.

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Teresa Small has been named July's Woman of Inspiration.

Women of Inspiration is a community initiative founded by two local entrepreneurs, Trista Blouin and Monique Le Clair, to recognize and celebrate area women who have created a successful life of their choosing after overcoming seemingly insurmountable odds.

A Women of Inspiration will be selected each month through October with an Inspiring Woman of the Year to be named on Dec. 5. Monthly award winners will receive complimentary photo sessions by Look Who Just Blouin Photography, makeovers from A Cut Above Salon and Spa, savings bonds and gift baskets from local specialty merchants.

Nominations for the inspiring woman of the year are being accepted at this time. Letters of nomination may be sent via e-mail to trista@lookwhojustblouin.com

Qualifying profiles include women who have gotten out of domestic violence situations, overcoming drug addiction, removing a child from an abusive environment, overcoming divorce or getting out of poverty or homelessness.

Details: Visit www.womenofinspiration.net.

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BUSINESS; Pg. 7B

More people on the move

Kenneth Johnson has been promoted to vice president for BB&T. Johnson, who joined the bank in 2002, is a network operations manager in BB&T's Information Technology department.

Kenneth is a native of Milton and based in Wilson, North Carolina. He received bachelor's degree in business from Averett University, Danville, Va.

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John Hill has been announced the winner of CenturyTel's Annual Cover Photo Contest. In addition to a \$500 prize, John's photo is on the cover of the 2009 CenturyTel Phonebook, Baldwin County.

Hill's work has been featured in numerous publications including the Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Guide.

Hill's photography can also be seen in the July edition of Men's Journal magazine in a segment on "The 20 Best Beaches In America." The magazine named the world famous Flora-Bama Lounge as the Best Beach Bar and Hill's extensive collection of Flora-Bama photos was used.

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Lindsay Pieler has joined EW Bullock Associates as a public relations coordinator and administrative assistant.

She assists in developing public relations strategies, event planning, writing news releases, newsletters and advertising copy, social media planning, and tracking and reporting press clippings for agency clients. She also supports agency staff through general clerical, receptionist and project-based work.

Pieler received her bachelor's degree in communications and public relations from the **University of West Florida**, 2005. Prior to working for EW Bullock Associates, she was the public relations specialist at Independence for the Blind of West Florida for three years, handling all public relations, marketing and fundraising efforts.

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Thomas R. Vaughn has been appointed to managing director by Northwestern Mutual in Northwest Florida.

Vaughn has been associated with Northwestern Mutual since 198 and will continue to be part of a network of specialists offering a wide array of products. His responsibilities will include recruiting and training financial representatives, managing the offices, selling financial service products and fee based financial planning.

He will provide expert guidance

and innovative solutions for a variety of financial needs and goals.

Vaughn is a life and qualifying member of The Million Dollar Round Table, member of the Pensacola Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, Financial Planning Association and the Northwest Florida Estate Planning Council.

Vaughn received a bachelor's degree in marketing from the **University of West Florida** in 1981.

He is an active member of the Gulf Breeze Rotary and Gulf Breeze Sertoma clubs.

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Geneva Logan, owner of Logan Family Day Care Home, was awarded a National Accreditation from the National Association of Family Child Care.

Logan has been providing care in her home for seven years. Her day care provides 24-hour care for ages infant through 10 years old. She uses the Creative Curriculum and enhances this curriculum with computer training and pre-k skills.

She participates in the USDA Food Program as well.

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MAIN; Pg. 2A

Meetings this week

ESCAMBIA

Monday

* Escambia County Planning Board: 8:30 a.m., BCC Meeting Room, Escambia County Government Complex, 221 Palafox Place. Details: 595-4933.

* Escambia County Consolidated Government Study Commission Special Advisory Committee: 2:30 p.m., Pensacola Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, 117 W. Garden St. The subcommittee is one of three advisory committees designated to make recommendations to the 25-member commission. Details: 595-4933.

* **University of West Florida** Athletic Visioning Team Executive Committee: 4 p.m., Room 152, Athletic Field House at **UWF**, 11000 University Parkway. Details: Alan Brian, 474-2214.

Tuesday

* Early Learning Coalition of Escambia County Eligibility Committee: 10:30 a.m., Early Learning Coalition of Escambia County, 3636-D North L St. Details: 595-5400.

* Escambia County Environmental Enforcement special magistrate: 1:30 p.m., Escambia County Government Complex, 221 Palafox Place. Details: 595-4933.

* Escambia County Healthy Start Coalition Executive Committee: 3:30 p.m., Escambia County

Healthy Start Coalition, 5625 Dixie St., Suite 2. Details: 474-5333.

Wednesday

* **University of West Florida** Director of Career Services Search Committee: 9 to 10:15 a.m., Alumni Room, Building 12 at **UWF**, 11000 University Parkway. The committee will interview candidate Edward Smallman. An open forum will be 2 to 3 p.m. Details: Amy Robinson, 474-2881.

* Escambia County Development Review Committee: 1 p.m., Escambia County Planning and Zoning Department, 1190 W. Leonard St. Details: 595-4933.

Thursday

* **University of West Florida** Director of Career Services Search Committee: 9 to 10:15 a.m., Alumni Room, Building 12 at **UWF**, 11000 University Parkway. The committee will interview candidate Nathan Ford. An open forum will be 2 to 3 p.m. Details: Amy Robinson, 474-2881.

* **University of West Florida** Athletic Visioning Team Executive Committee: 3:30 p.m., Room 152, Athletic Field House at **UWF**, 11000 University Parkway. Details: Alan Brian, 474-2214.

SANTA ROSA

Monday

* City of Milton Parks and

Recreation Committee: 8:30 a.m., Conference Room B, Milton City Hall, 6738 Dixon St., Milton. Details: 983-5411.

* Milton Benevolent Cemetery Board: 2 p.m., Milton City Hall, 6738 Dixon St., Milton. Details: 983-5411.

* Santa Rosa County Utility Board: 5 p.m., Santa Rosa County Administrative Center, 6495 Caroline St., Milton. Details: 983-1877.

Tuesday

* City of Milton Stormwater Management Committee: 9 a.m., Milton City Hall, 6738 Dixon St., Milton. Details: 983-5440.

* City of Gulf Breeze Board of Adjustments: 6:30 p.m., Gulf Breeze City Hall, 1070 Shoreline Drive, Gulf Breeze. Details: 934-5135.

Wednesday

* Santa Rosa County Public Safety Coordinating Council: 11:30 a.m., Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office, 5755 E. Milton Road, Milton. Details: 983-1877.

ONLINE ONLY

* City of Gulf Breeze Executive Committee: 6:30 p.m., Gulf Breeze City Hall, 1070 Shoreline Drive, Gulf Breeze. Details: 934-5135.

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CELEBRATIONS

GELLER GRADUATION

Karly Scott Hillis Geller received her Ph.D. in human nutrition from Kansas State University in December 2008. Her dissertation examined influences on children's nutrition, employing statistical techniques to measure changes in these influences over time. Karly is a graduate of Blacksburg High School (1998).

She completed her B.S. in psychology and criminal justice at the **University of West Florida** (2002) where she received a basketball scholarship and was the recipient of the Athlete/ Scholar Award in 2001. Karly completed her MED in sports and exer-

cise psychology at the University of Virginia in 2005, where her research focus was on obesity with at-risk mothers and their daughters.

Karly has accepted a post-doctorate position with the Cancer Research Center at the University of Hawaii. Her parents are Carol and Scott Geller of Newport, Va., her grandmother is Betty J. Hillis of Newport, and sister is Krista Scott Geller from Guthrie, Okla.

Congratulations Karly, we are so proud of you!

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SPORTS

Sports Calendar

From staff reports

Baseball

Pitching Lessons: Current New York Mets Pitcher Steven Cheney is offering pitching lessons to area youth ages 8yrs. through High School Please call for more information 850-554-2296 Cheney. Steven Cheney 850-554-2296

Basketball

Open Court Basketball: 8 a.m. through 1 p.m. Monday-Friday in the Fricker Community Center Gym for Adults 18 years and older. Call 436-5195 or Email kcarmony@ci.pensacola.fl.us

The Comets Big Bend Showdown basketball tournament: (July 24-26, 2009 - Girls & Boys), pool play with 3 games guaranteed, cost \$300 for each team. For more info contact the Comets at hicksrob@comcast.net and visit our website at WWW.COMETSGET.NET.

UWF coed basketball camp: June 8-12 and July 27-31 at the **university of**

West Florida. Camp is from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday -Friday Cost \$150.00 prior to the day of registration.\$165.00 the day of camp Swimming on Tuesday and Thursday in the university pool. For additional information call 474-3319 or 3320.

Golf

Navy League Golf Tournament: A.C.Reed, NASP, Friday, September 18, \$50.00, 12:30 shotgun. For more information please call 436-8552.

The Salvation Army Summer Day Camp: June 8 - August 7. 8AM to 5PM. Mon - Fri. Arts & Crafts, Baseball, Basketball, Football, Softball instruction/games, Game Room, Indoor Swimming w/swim lessons/in-door pool, (Tennis for Everyone each Thursday) + breakfast & lunch. Boys/Girls: ages 6-12. Registration at S/A Community Center - 1501 North "Q" Street - Pensacola - Mon-Thurs: 2:30 to 6:30 PM & Sat: 12 noon to 4:30 PM. \$30/week/child. For more information, call Buddy Keen @ 432-1501,

ext 25.

UWF sports camps: For the most up-to-date information about dates, times, locations, and registration information, view the Camps page online on www.GoArgos.com.

Running

The 2nd Annual Mediacom Garcon Point Bridge Run: The 2nd Annual Mediacom Garcon Point Bridge Run, Connecting Education in Santa Rosa County, will be held on October 17, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. This is a 4.8 mile race. The proceeds from this race benefit the Santa Rosa Education Foundation and its Take Stock in Children scholarship and mentoring program.

Skating

Roller Sports: In addition to public roller skating, birthday parties and group events, Landmark offers Adult Roller Hockey League play Wednesday 7-9 (always room for more players) and Sunday noon-2 pickup hockey (age 21+ USARS membership card

required), Women's Roller Derby Monday and Thursday 5-7 (mostly just a good roller skating workout with your girlfriends), and All Ages Speed Team Sunday 10-noon and Tuesday 5-7. Call Landmark information line 456-8707, or the office M-F Noon-5 453-5621. Landmark Skate & Fun Center.

Soccer

Dallas Texans Florida College Expo & Team Camp for U13-U18 Players: Top-level college coaches are brought in by DTF to intro-

duce showcase the talented players in our area and expose them to different coaching techniques. Dates are Friday, July 17th-Sunday, July 19th. Cost is \$100. Please visit www.dallastexansflorida.com for more information.

Softball

The Pensacola Senior Softball Association: The PSSA offers senior men 55 and over year-round slow-pitch pickup softball games on Monday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings, and Saturday morning league

games in the Spring and Fall. For more information about the league, or to participate, please call Bobby Martin at 453-4753, or Bob Davis at 455-4447.

Swimming

Swimming Lessons: \$50 for city resident, \$60 for county resident (one week session). Sessions available from June-August. For more information call Kathy VanAlst at 436-5197. Cecil T. Hunter Municipal Pool.

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Pensacola News Journal

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ONLINE LOCAL; Pg. 1C

East Milton resident Melvin in race for County Commission

From staff reports

East Milton resident Jim Melvin has pre-
filed to run for the District 4 seat on the
Santa Rosa County Commission in next
year's election.

Melvin, a Republican who ran unsuccess-
fully for Santa Rosa tax collector in 2000,
was an Air Force pilot for 23 years.

He holds a bachelor's degree in business

administration and a master's in account-
ing, both from the **University of West
Florida**. He is a certified public accoun-
tant.

Melvin is running for the seat currently
held by two-term Republican incumbent
Gordon Goodin. Goodin said he will de-
cide this fall whether to seek re-election.

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ONLINE MAIN; Pg. 1A

Stinnett is UWF's pick

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The **University of West Florida** will name Bob Stinnett as its new men's basketball coach, the Pensacola News Journal has learned.

A formal introductory news conference will be held Monday at 1 p.m.

Stinnett could not be reached for comment.

Stinnett, 64, a **UWF** graduate, coached Pensacola High to the Class 4A final four in March. In addition, Stinnett's previous coaching stops in this region included Pensacola Junior College (1985-87) and Washington High (1969-70). He emerged from a pool of 145 applicants. He was the only local coach among the four finalists.

After narrowing the applicant list from 145 candidates to 10, a **UWF** search committee then whittled its list to four - Stinnett, Tusculum coach Jim Boone, Alderson-Broadus coach Greg Zimmerman and Georgetown College (Ky.) coach Happy Osborne - on

June 30. All four visited Pensacola for formal interviews.

Earlier this week, Osborne withdrew his name from consideration, leaving three finalists.

Prior to Friday's decision, **UWF** President Judy Bense said choosing between Stinnett and Boone was difficult.

"I've got to look at the big picture for the **University of West Florida**," Bense said Thursday. "I think we have three good candidates and two great ones. Stinnett is local. He knows the community. One thing the **University of West Florida** has to do is reconnect in this community."

While Boone had more college head coaching experience, **UWF** hopes Stinnett's strong local ties will help increase its miniscule fan base. The entire athletic program brought in less than \$17,000 in ticket revenue last year.

Stinnett was a finalist for the same position in 1993, but **UWF** hired Don Hogan, who held the post until May. He left to take the associate head

coaching position at NCAA Division I-member Coastal Carolina.

UWF was 232-198 under Hogan's watch. Despite being one of the largest institutions in the Gulf South Conference, the Argos have qualified for the GSC tournament only once since 2002 and hasn't had a conference record better than .500 since 2003.

BOB STINNETT

AGE: 64.

POSITION: Head coach, **UWF**.

YEARS OF COACHING: 18.

HOMETOWN: Cocoa, Fla.

HIGH SCHOOL: Cocoa High, Cocoa. (1960-64)

COLLEGE: A.A., Brevard Community College, Cocoa (1964-66); B.S., Physical Education, **University of West Florida**, (1967-68); M.S., Physical Education, Ball State University, Muncie, Ind. (1970-72).

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Passion for business

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Frances Yeo is ready for her next mission.

The 53-year-old Pensacola native is stepping down as president of Junior Achievement of Northwest Florida, a position she has had since February 1997.

For 12 years, Yeo has guided the local organization, which partners with businesses and volunteers to help young people understand "the business of life" through a variety of school programs. Her legacy, she said, is the stability and growth she has brought to Junior Achievement. But it is the young people she has worked with that brings the biggest smile to her face.

"Watching that lightbulb go off in a student's mind when they understand why math is important, or when they realize they can do things they never thought they could, has been the best part of my job," Yeo said. "Junior Achievement has transformed so many lives, including mine."

One of her "shining stars" is 24-year-old Laketa Poindexter, who participated in Junior Achievement as a junior at Tate High School.

The class changed everything. Poindexter, who had planned to be an architect, instead decided to major in business at Florida A&M University.

"Junior Achievement sparked my interest in business. It was hands-on experience, instead of boring old textbooks," said Poindexter, who hopes to start her own event-planning company. "Frances really inspired me, too. She's the most sincere, dedicated person I know. She's relentless when it comes to helping you be a better person."

Yeo's own introduction to Junior Achievement came when she was a 16-year-old Escambia High School student.

She and her classmates formed a business and sold bracelets and salt and pepper shakers. Near the end of the year, the students realized they weren't going to make a profit. The budding entrepreneurs decided to forego their salary - a whopping 10 cents an hour - in the last quarter.

"We did then what today's major corporations are having to do to save jobs and make a profit," Yeo said. "Junior Achievement taught me skills that I have used ever since."

She will continue as president

through December to ensure a smooth transition for her replacement, Leanne Todd, the current district manager for Junior Achievement of Northwest Florida's Eastern Region. The decision to leave has not been an easy one.

Yeo was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2004, then with ovarian cancer. Despite treatment, the cancer returned in both breasts, and in 2008, she underwent a double mastectomy.

"And because that wasn't enough, I broke my ankle in November," Yeo said, laughing. "I guess I needed to wear a wig and a cast."

Now cancer-free, the outgoing stepgrandmother said that the long recovery periods gave her "a lot of stop-and-think time."

"Every day I would pray, 'God, show me your mission for my life,' " Yeo said. "I felt that there was something else for me out there, I just had to make time to find it."

People say, especially in this economy, that you shouldn't quit a job if you don't have a job to go to. I tell them, it's called faith."

Colleagues and coworkers say they are sorry to see their

upbeat leader go.

"I would describe her as one of the most passionate and dedicated folks that I've known," said Todd Milleson, Junior Achievement board chairman. "She has brought amazing volunteers and resources to Junior Achievement, and into our schools, where they can make a difference."

Gary Barnes, manager of the Wal-Mart on Creighton Road, has been involved with Junior Achievement for several years. He said that Yeo has impacted the lives of many in this community, young and old.

"She has done what many of us aspire to do, change someone's life for the better," he said. "When there is an obstacle, she seeks to overcome with a positive attitude. I could go on and on. She's been a wonderful leader."

Malcolm Thomas, school superintendent for Escambia County, called Yeo a great example of someone willing to give to the community.

"We share high expectations. She has helped make Junior Achievement one of the many

tools we use to improve our schools and educate our students," he said. "They are helping train tomorrow's business leaders."

As for Yeo, she plans to spend time with her family when her job ends in December, until she finds "the next big thing." She's already signed up to be a volunteer for Junior Achievement.

"I will always be a part of this organization, because I absolutely love it," she said. "I want to watch it grow, and impact another generation of young people."

FRANCES YEO

* Age: 53.

* Hometown: Pensacola.

* Family: Husband, Larry Sr.; son, Donald; stepchildren, Joe, Larry Jr. and Maria; six stepgrand-children.

* Education: Bachelor of Science-Marketing, Masters of Public Administration, **University of West Florida.**

* Career: 1995-97, Northwest Florida Girl Scout Council public relations/fund development director; 1987-95,

Parisian Department Store, fashion counselor; 1978-86, Flamingo Shop managing partner.

About Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement of Northwest Florida is business people, educators and others who volunteer their time in our local schools. Using nationally developed curriculum and hands-on experience in grades kindergarten through 12th, they help young people understand the economics of life. Programs show students how to generate and manage wealth, how to create jobs which make their communities more robust, and how to apply entrepreneurial thinking to the workplace.

The 51-year-old organization, located at 1010 N. 12th Ave., welcomes donations and classroom volunteers. Learn more online at www.nwf-ja.org/, or by calling 477-1420.

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UWF partners with Spain, PJC in top 100, literacy campaign

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This week brings good news from Pensacola's two institutes of higher education - PJC and UWF. And on the other end of the learning spectrum, two literacy groups have joined to help preschool teachers provide the best literacy education to Escambia's youngest students.

UWF joins with Spain

1 The **University of West Florida** is going international.

Earlier this month, a delegation of UWF and Pensacola representatives was received in Spain by the mayor of Malaga and the president of the University of Malaga, Adelaida de la Calle.

During the visit, UWF President Judy Bense signed a partnership agreement with the University of Malaga that will allow students, professors, staff members and administrators to take part in academic programs and cooperative projects, carry out research and organize cultural exchanges.

The group of Americans presented the Malaga with a proclamation of shared heritage from Pensacola Mayor Mike Wiggins and the key to the city.

Included in the delegation were

Bense, Diane Buck, UWF Language and Culture Institute director, and Maria Davis, honorary vice-consul for Spain.

"The agreement is of academic and historic significance," Buck said. "Florida was founded by Spain in 1559 and now the two universities have linked the U.S. and Spain even further by building an academic tie."

PJC Associate Degrees

2. Pensacola Junior College ranked in the U.S. top 100 for producer of associate degrees, according to Community College Week.

Overall, the school ranked number 67 on the list. The U.S. has about 1,200 community and technical colleges that offer associate degrees.

"PJC's track record in student organization competitions and pass rates on licensure exams validate that along with numbers comes quality at PJC," said PJC president Ed Meadows.

PJC also cracked the top 50 in three disciplines:

* No. 29 for liberal arts, sciences, general studies and humanities.

* No. 36 for nursing.

* No. 41 for health professions and related clinical sciences.

ECARE

3. Two children's literacy groups have teamed up to create The Reading Treehouse - a free store or supply depot to provide books and materials to preschool teachers.

Every Child a Reader in Escambia, or ECARE, and the Early Learning Coalition of Escambia County hosted a successful grand opening for the shop earlier this month at 3636-D North L St., Suite A.

The shop will be opened again in next month before school starts, said ECARE executive director Clairen Reese.

Eventually both organizations hope the Reading Treehouse will move into its own building with a full-time schedule.

Escambia County Wal-Marts are the primary donors, but the groups are looking for more donations from businesses and individuals.

The shop will offer books, seasonal items, school supplies, arts and crafts and classroom decorations.

Details: Call 595-5400.

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Young man's efforts bring new hope

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I was heading to lunch the other day when a group of young black men aimlessly walking the streets caught my attention.

They had the "gangsta" look now in vogue: long white T-shirts, sagging pants, hanging dreadlocks, menacing scowls.

They were doing what they do best: absolutely nothing. Wasted lives wasting time.

Sadness overcame me. I wondered why they wouldn't - or couldn't - do something worthwhile.

When did they stop dreaming? Were their lives worth living? Was there any hope left, or had they succumbed to the nihilism that has destroyed so many other young lives?

Then, out of nowhere, came a wave of hope in this sea of darkness.

It came in the form of a letter from a young black man who clearly knows where he's going and is doing all he can to get there.

Standout student-athlete

It was a thank-you note written to the News Journal in general, no one in particular. He gave thanks to everyone who had supported, encouraged and urged him to seek and follow his dreams.

With the letter, he included his college transcripts from his first year at Auburn University, where he attends on an academic scholarship.

The grades were quite impressive: Three A's and two B's with courses in chemistry and calculus. His overall grade point average: 3.28.

At 19, he's now a sophomore with the desire to become an engineer. He's far from a brainy nerd. He walked on and made the Auburn Tigers basketball team.

This summer, he's taking courses at the **University of West Florida**. Not just any courses, mind you. He's taking Calculus III and Physics II.

At Washington High School he maintained a 4.4 GPA.

In 2008, as the point guard, he led his team to the state final four. He was named first-team All-State, played in numerous all-star games and was the News

Journal's Player of the Year. He also was the recipient of the second Troy Rafferty Scholarship awards, which included a \$3,000 stipend.

There is hope

He gives much credit to his mother, a single mom, Joyce Hopson-Longmire, and his uncle, Benny Washington, a former high school basketball coach, for shaping and molding his life. They pushed him to succeed when he could have faltered and failed like so many of other young black men who are either locked away in jail or lost forever in a grave.

He said he wanted to "personally thank you and your organization for your recognition and for your generous contribution to my college education ... (and) all of you are to be commended for your generosity."

His name is Joshua Robert Wallace, and he wasn't seeking recognition or praise. He did what few people take the time to do: show gratitude and give thanks for helping him find his way.

His unexpected letter, for me, was serendipity. It gave hope to what looked like a hopeless day.

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SPORTS

UWF taps Stinnett as new men's basketball coach

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The **University of West Florida** will name Bob Stinnett its new men's basketball coach, the Pensacola News Journal has learned.

A formal introductory news conference will be held Monday at 1 p.m.

Stinnett, 64, a **UWF** graduate, emerged among the 145 applicants. He was the only local coach among the four finalists.

Stinnett could not be reached for comment.

UWF's men's basketball coaching search committee narrowed its list to four -

Stinnett, Tusculum coach Jim Boone, Alderson-Broadus coach Greg Zimmerman and Georgetown College (Ky.) coach Happy Osborne - on June 30. All four visited

Pensacola for formal interviews.

Earlier this week, Osborne withdrew his name from consideration, leaving three finalists.

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BMAC takes fourth at Lalor

Submitted by Joy Hilley

The BMAC Geckos earned fourth place at the Long Course Tom Lalor Invitational, hosted by the Greater Pensacola Aquatic Club at the **University of West Florida** Aquatic Center in Pensacola.

Six team records were broken, 14 swimmers placed in the top eight and 11 qualified for the Southeastern Championship meet that will be held Thursday through Sunday in Nashville.

Daphne's Katie Cronin broke four BMAC records, each set in 2003 by Hannah Legg, including the 50-meter backstroke, 100-meter backstroke, 50-meter breaststroke and 100-meter freestyle. She also had Southeastern Championship qualifying times in six individual events.

Cronin joined Daphne's Emily Feldvoss, Spanish Fort's Hailey Kennett and Daphne's Ansley Hardyman on the second-place Girls 10-and-Under 200-meter freestyle relay team. Cronin also was the lead-off swimmer on the second-place Girls 10U 200-meter medley relay team with Feldvoss, Fairhope's Helen Legg and Spanish Fort's Maggie Connick.

Helen Legg broke the team record in the Girls 9-10 50-meter

breaststroke that Savannah Ekelund set in 2004. Kennett placed sixth overall in the Girls 10U division and Helen Legg placed ninth overall in that division.

Fairhope's Ramsey Shane was the lead off for the fifth-place 200-meter medley relay with Daphne's Sophie Feldvoss, Loxley's Kate Phelps and Daphne's Tara Suhs. The sixth-place 200-meter freestyle relay team included Phelps, Shane, Suhs, and Spanish Fort's Ashlynn Weissgerber.

The Girls 13-14 400-meter medley relay team of Daphne's Meredith Phillips, Loxley's Trista Phelps, Jackson's Carrie Beverly and Fairhope's Olivia Hudson placed fifth. The 400-meter freestyle relay team placed sixth with Hudson, Phillips, Phelps, and Spanish Fort's Hannah Kennett.

Fairhope's Sarah Williamson tied for third in the Girls 15-16 division. She qualified for the Southeastern Championship with her times in the 200-meter breaststroke and 100-meter freestyle. Fairhope's Hannah Legg broke a 12-year-old BMAC team record, set in 1997 by Anji Wall, with her performance in the 15-16 100-meter breaststroke.

Montrose's Stephen Jellenc turned in the highest overall

score among the BMAC swimmers, placing fifth in the Boys 13-14 division. He finished first in the 100- and 200-meter breaststroke and third in the 400-meter individual medley and 1500-meter freestyle. He also scored points in five other individual events.

Loxley's Tyler Phelps placed sixth overall in the Boys 13-14 division. Phelps and Jellenc were joined by Fairhope's Ben Hodde and Kevin Pollard on the 400-meter freestyle relay team that placed third. Jellenc, Phelps and Hodde joined Robertsdale's Dalton Martin on the 400-meter medley relay team that also placed third. Phelps and Martin had Southeastern Championship qualifying times in one individual event each.

Jackson Algiers, Christian Barrett, Olivia Hudson, Richard Hudson, Brian Jones, Trista Phelps and Phillips also turned in Southeastern Championship qualifying times.

PHOTO: BMAC's Katie Cronin celebrates her record-breaking swims at the recent Tom Lalor Invitational in Pensacola. Cronin set four team marks.

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Gulf Shores teams succeed at meets

Submitted by Brook Monroe

The Gulf Shores Swim Team hosted the Foley Gators on July 7 and came away with a 284-92 win.

"Foley is one of our traditional big rivals," said coach Brook Monroe. "We have several children on our team who live and go to school in Foley. So it is a big deal to race against their friends."

Gulf Shores won each of the relay events to distance itself from Foley early in the meet. Gulf Shores swimmers who took first place in all three of their races were: Danielle Albert, Lauren Bozeman, Savannah Kichler, Margaret Lloyd, Ben Malone, Nate McGee, Jazzmen McCray, Taylor Shannon and Daniel Stapleton. Of the 41 Gulf Shores swimmers in the meet, 30 scored points.

"Everyone swam well this evening," Monroe said. "Best times were achieved in

31 percent of the races we entered. Our new summer swimmers are rounding into form at the right time of the season. City Meet, the (Gulf Coast Area Aquatics) League championship, is around the corner and we have got to be ready for our divisional rivals, Jackson and Belforest."

City Meet will be contested today and Saturday at the Fairhope

Swimming Pool.

The GSST attended the GPAC Last Chance Meet on July 11 and 12 at the **University of West Florida** Aquatic Center. It was the final local long course, 50-meter pool swim meet of the season.

Eight swimmers from Gulf Shores attended the meet and competed with great success. The team finished seventh among 17 teams. Albert scored 60 points in eight events. Each GSST member of the team scored points in the meet.

Lloyd, Albert and Kayleigh Snow qualified for the Southeastern Championships, which will be held July 23-26 in Nashville. They will join McGee and Shannon, who had previously qualified.

"It was so exciting to see some of my most dedicated swimmers achieve their goal of qualifying for the next level of competition," Monroe said. "Margaret Lloyd is one of the hardest working kids on the team, so it is great to see her move on to the bigger stage."

Catherine Taylor, 12, of Foley attended her first-ever USA Swimming meet.

"The swimmers are so good and the races are so long," she said. "It is much tougher than summer league."

McGee and Shannon added to their qualifying events at this meet. Shannon qualified in the 100-meter breaststroke while McGee added the 50-meter butterfly and 100-meter backstroke to the events he will swim in Nashville.

The year-round swim team will take a summer break after the Southeastern Championships and commence practice for short-course season Aug. 17.

For more information about the aquatics programs offered at the Bodenhamer Center by the city of Gulf Shores, call Monroe at 251-968-1427.

PHOTOS: Photos courtesy of Brook Monroe photo; The Gulf Shores Swim Team recently hosted Foley. Among those competing for coach Brook Monroe, center, were, from left, 6-year-olds Cole Jennings, Palmer Waechter, Clair Dickinson and David Brackett. photo: Several GSST swimmers recently competed at the GPAC Last Chance Meet in Pensacola. Among those participating were, from left, Margaret Lloyd, 12, of Gulf Shores; Holly Blair, 11, of Orange Beach; Nathan McGee, 10, of Gulf Shores; Kayleigh Snow, 10, of Elberta; and Catherine Taylor, 12, of Foley.

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