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### HELLO DOWN THERE!

This juvenile bear was waiting out the action this week after being chased by a dog, finding itself in a tree in the yard of Paisley library employee Elise Rainey. Rainey took this close-up of the bear while it waited for things to quiet down, and then moved on.

## Tanker Truck Strikes Man At Umatilla Citrus Packaging Plant

A Florida's Natural employee was airlifted from the Umatilla packaging plant last Wednesday after reportedly being struck by a tanker truck. Officials with the Umatilla Fire Department said the man, working a check station at the plant, suffered injuries to his lower body after a truck came forward into another with the man in between.



### MAN AIRLIFTED FROM FLORIDA'S NATURAL ... after being struck by large truck.

The worker was transported to Orlando Regional Medical Center with lower body injuries after the midday incident.

Officials with Florida's Natural on

Tuesday said the man was expected to make a full recovery, in time.

"He's still hospitalized, and he's going to have some

rehabilitation, but he is expected to make a full recovery, and we are very happy about that," said Nikki Black of Florida's Natural.

Black said the driver of the tanker was initiating the contact was ticketed by the Florida Highway Patrol.



### AWARD WINNERS IN ASTOR

The Astor Area Chamber of Commerce presented its Community Spirit Awards at a special event Monday evening, with Roberta and Charlie Parker, above, of Sterling's Restaurant and Nancy Brand, below left with Sue Harrelson, cited for their support of the Astor community. For more from the event, see inside this week's River Country column. Photos by Karla Johnson.



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## Umatilla Welcomes Home Famous Daughter For Special Day

"What makes you different, makes you special." So says Jaclyn Nesheiwat Stapp, who returned to her Umatilla roots last Wednesday for a special event at Umatilla Elementary School. Nesheiwat Stapp, a former UES student, UHS graduate, model, actress, and former Miss New York USA and Mrs. Florida, was in town to discuss bullying as presented in her new children's book "Wacky Jacky, the True Story of an Unlikely Beauty Queen".



### JACLYN NESHEIWAT STAPP SIGNS BOOKS ... during special event at UES Wednesday.

Well known to many Umatilla area residents from her childhood here, Nesheiwat's story of immigration to a new homeland and the troubles that come with such a move are documented in the book, which tells of a small girl's attempts to fit into a new community. Much like her real life counterpart, Jacky finds strength through her personal

triumphs, overcoming the bullying she experiences.

After a brief talk to students gathered in the UES cafeteria, Nesheiwat Stapp read from the book, answered student questions, and then signed copies for students who had purchased the book.

"I hope by sharing my experience, I can inspire you," she said to students.

To welcome home Nesheiwat Stapp, the City of Umatilla declared Wednesday, May 4 Jaclyn Nesheiwat continued page 20



### PETER TARBYP READS PROCLAMATION ... making May 4 Jaclyn Nesheiwat Stapp Day in Umatilla.



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## FCAT Reporting Season Begins For Local Schools

The first wave of results from recent Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) sessions have begun to arrive. In the last week, the state has released writing results for 10th, 8th, and 4th grade students, with area schools performing in line with most others in the county.

Overall, 98% of Lake County students met progress standards outlined in the Federal No Child Left Behind program, according to the Florida Department of Transportation.

At Umatilla High School, 97% of 10th graders earned at least a grade level performance on the test, with an overall average score of 3.8. Alee Academy's 10th grade students averaged a 3.4 score, with 96% earning at least a 3.

At the middle school level, Umatilla Middle saw 98% of its students perform at grade level or above, with an average score of 3.7.

Some of the best performances were reserved for the elementary school level, however. The county reported Umatilla Elementary raised its overall score on the fourth grade writing test by 32%, with 97% of its students earning at least a grade-level score, with an overall average of 4.0 on the 0-5 scale. Altoona School saw 100% of its tested students perform at grade level or above, with an average score of 4.7. Spring Creek Elementary saw 98% of its students perform at grade level or above, with an average score of 4.0.

## Welcome Home ... cont'd

Stapp Day, with acting Umatilla Mayor Peter Tarby on hand to read a proclamation and toast the accomplishment's of one of Umatilla's most famous daughters.

The event also saw members of Nesheiwat's family, all who have moved from Umatilla, return, including her mother Hyat, who Jaclyn regarded as an inspiring force behind her book. Hyat Nesheiwat, speaking to the side while watching her daughter sign books, said she expects members of the family, including herself, to return to Umatilla one day from their current South Florida home.

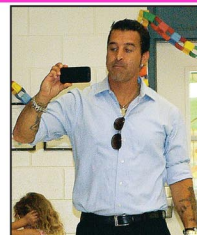
"We all have fond memories of here, and we still own property in the area. We'll be back sometime."

Nesheiwat Stapp's appearance overshadowed the presence of her famous husband, Scott Stapp, who was on hand videoing his wife's performance. Stapp, well known in the



**ADDRESSING A FULL HOUSE**

... UES students hear about how to overcome bullying from former UES student Jaclyn Nesheiwat Stapp.



**PROUD HUSBAND ON HAND**

... rocker Scott Stapp of band Creed videos wife's performance.

entertainment world for his singing both as a solo artist and as the lead singer in the rock band Creed, drove his wife up from South Florida early Wednesday for the event.



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