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Job seeker workshop:

The Workforce Development Board of Okaloosa and Walton Counties will sponsor workshops for job seekers Sept. 9 at the Emerald Coast Conference Center. The workshops will feature Monster.com career experts. There is no cost to attend, but pre-registration is required. Register online at www.jobsplosionestop.com or call 651-2315, ext. 209.

Songwriter's Festival:

The first Panama City Beach Songwriter's Festival will be held Sept. 9-11. The three-day festival will showcase live, original music performed by more than 20 top songwriters. The stages of Boalvard Restaurant, Breakers on the Beach, Schooners, and The Cantina will host concerts each evening followed by "one for the road" at Firefly. A special Saturday night jam session will take place at Aaron Bessant Park on Sept. 11 recognizing Wounded Warriors and their families as honored guests.

Friday, Sept. 10

Florida Literacy Month:

To celebrate Florida Literacy Month, entrance to all of Florida's state parks will be free Sept. 10-12 for visitors who bring a library card, library book or who donate a new or gently used family book. Join park rangers from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sept. 11 in the clubhouse at Topsail Hill State Park in Santa Rosa Beach for a reading of Paul Lowery's "Do You Know Where Sea Turtles Go?"

Saturday, Sept. 11

Topsail tours:

Ask the Rangers questions and read "Do You Know Where Sea Turtles Go?" at 9 a.m. at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park in Santa Rosa Beach. Bring \$4, which goes to Friends of Topsail Hill Preserve State Park, or bring your own breakfast. Call 267-8330.

Yard sale: The Point Washington United Methodist Church Women's Group will have a yard sale

from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church, 1290 N. Hwy. 395. Proceeds will go to the new garden. Anyone wanting to donate good useable items can bring them to church after 3 p.m. Sept. 9 and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 10.

Book sale: The Friends of the Library will hold a book sale from 9 a.m. to noon at the Walton County Fairgrounds. All proceeds go to help the DeFuniak Springs Library.

E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center Open House:

The E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center at Nokuse Plantation will host its first Open House from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 11. The exhibit hall will be open, guided hikes will be available, scheduled films will be featured, and activities for all ages will be scheduled. Drop in or pack a lunch and stay a while. The public is welcome.

Florida Trail Association:

Open House and short hikes beginning each hour from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at

the E. O. Wilson Biophilia Center in Freeport. Call 492-8258.

Picnic: A special picnic honoring grandparents and active seniors will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 11 at Eden State Park in Santa Rosa Beach. The event, a joint effort of Belvedere Commons of Fort Walton Beach and Belvedere Commons of Panama City Beach, is being held in recognition of Grandparents Day Sept. 12, and Aging Activity Week, Sept. 20-26. Music will be provided by guitarist Mike Staggs. Food will be available. There is a \$5 per person charge to attend the picnic. In addition, Eden State Park has an entry fee of \$4 per car. According to the Florida State Park website, correct change is required, and there is a limit of eight people per vehicle. The park is shaded with picnic areas, fishing piers, walking trails and bat rooms.

The grounds are handicap friendly. RSVP at 243-7735 or 236-0510.