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Saints are runners-up

Wakulla Christian's baseball team falls in state championship game

Staff Report

The Wakulla Christian School Saints fell to Miami Christian in the state championship 9-3 on Monday, May 28.

The championship game was originally scheduled for Saturday, May 26 at the Century Link Sports Complex in Fort Myers, but was delayed because of weather.

The Saints won the semi-final against Mount Dora Christian 13-5 on Saturday – a game originally set for Friday that was delayed because of rain.

“There is something unique about champions,” said Saints Head Coach Bubba Dempsey. “They always find a way to win. You can be down



The Saints baseball team cheered by parents and students as they leave on Thursday to travel to Fort Myers for the semi-final and final games.

on a few runs but they remained focus and strictly business.”

At 11 p.m. on Wednesday night, right before the team traveled to Fort Myers,

freshman centerfielder Jonah Lawhon underwent emergency appendectomy surgery. He still traveled with his teammates and, in the championship

game, pinch hit and drove in an RBI.

Destin Todd, usually a shortstop and reliever, got the start in the final. Todd had

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Wakulla third graders excel in state testing

Score 7th in the state of 67 counties; rank second among 21 counties in the Panhandle

By BETH O'DONNELL
Special to The News

Wakulla County public school third grade scores rank 7th in the state and 2nd in the Panhandle and region on the recently released 2018 Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) in English Language Arts (ELA).

Research from the U.S. Department of Education shows that third grade is the critical time for concentrated reading intervention taught in ELA classes in order to keep students on track for successful progress in school.

By Florida state law, third grade is the only mandatory retention grade. Promotion is based on these ELA state test scores.

“I am encouraged by this first round of released scores,” said Superintendent Bobby Pearce. “Not only did our third graders rank high in the state, Panhandle, and region, their scores also showed improvement from last year’s scores.”

Pearce added, “Every Wakulla third grade school average was above the state average, which speaks to the equity among our schools. I commend the hard work of the teachers, reading coaches, and administrators who put their focus on improving our students’ reading and language skills every day.”

District scores include those from Crawfordville Elementary, Medart Elementary, Riversink Elementary, Shadeville Elementary and COAST Charter School.

The state score rankings include the standard 67 public school districts.

Wakulla’s third grade ELA ranking of 7th in the state at 66 percent proficient compares to the state average of 57 percent proficient. Proficiency is defined as scoring at or above grade level: a 3, 4, or 5 on a scale of 1 to 5.

Florida’s Panhandle consists of 21 school districts. Wakulla ranks 2nd after Liberty County.

Other school districts in Wakulla’s region rank in order by scores after Wakulla: Calhoun, Leon, Taylor, Madison, Franklin, Gadsden and Jefferson.

These are the first 2018 state test scores released by the Florida Department of Education. Third grade ELA scores are needed this soon in order set up a Summer Reading Camp for current third grade students who can get the intervention they need to be promoted to fourth grade by the end of summer.

The Wakulla Third Grade Summer Reading Camp will focus on intense reading and language instruction in small classes with highly skilled elementary teachers working on students’ individual needs. It will run Monday through Thursday from June 11 until July 16

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Memorial Day observed



County Veterans Service Officer Harold Ross addresses the crowd in the courtroom.

Monday’s storm moves memorial ceremony inside courthouse

Subtropical storm Alberto brought wind and rain to Wakulla on Monday, meaning the Memorial Day observance, typically held on the courthouse grounds, had to be moved inside to the courtroom. The keynote speaker for this year’s service was Capt. Bradley Martin, USN - Retired, who is commander of the NJROTC program at Wakulla High School.

Capt. Martin, a pilot, recounted the names of three friends who died serving. “They went out and did their job and they didn’t come home,” he said. Individuals who enlist in the military understand the inherent risks, but Martin said he can’t stop thinking of the parents of those who lost their lives. He closed his remarks saying: “God bless our heroes.”

— William Snowden



Keynote speaker Capt. Bradley Martin.

CORRECTION

• A story on last week’s Sports page about Micah Lanier signing a wrestling scholarship with Briar Cliff University incorrectly stated that Wakulla High School Athletic Director Mike Smith also attended school there. Smith spoke of Iowa at the signing because he attended Division 1-AA University of Northern Iowa located in Cedar Falls.

We regret the error.

OBITUARIES

Alice ‘Granny’ Knowles
Racheal Lynn Beavers Vickers

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The historical society’s museum was open after the ceremony for its exhibit on local veterans.

St. Marks Lighthouse opens this fall



The first stage of the St. Marks Lighthouse, above, renovations was completed in April. The restored spiral staircase, right, winds up the 85-foot lighthouse tower. The staircase, below, is pictured before renovations.

By ERIN HILL
Staff Writer

The St. Marks Lighthouse renovations are nearly complete, and it will soon be open to the public.

On Wednesday May 23 the United States Fish and Wildlife hosted a celebration to thank all who have been involved. The lighthouse was packed. People stood shoulder-to-shoulder as some of the guests spoke.

“This is an iconic structure,” said Richard Kanaski, Regional Archaeologist for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. “I’ve seen it when it was a wreck. This is phenomenal.”

Renovations began in November and ended in April.

About \$750,000 was spent on the renovations, but more funding is needed to complete the project, said St. Marks National Wild-

life Refuge Supervisory Ranger Robin Will.

The freshly painted white walls, and pine-wood floors, give the inside of the lighthouse a light, airy feel.

The lighthouse has been in its current location since 1842.

The first St. Marks lighthouse was constructed in 1828 but was rejected by the Collector of Customs for St. Marks because of its hollow walls. A solid replacement tower was constructed two years later.

By 1842, erosion threatened the lighthouse, so the third and final structure was erected farther inland. It is the second oldest Florida lighthouse still standing.

“During the Civil War it was bombarded by gunboats, and it’s been smacked around by hurricanes,” Will said.

Fish and Wildlife took over the lighthouse



PHOTO BY LYNDIA KINSEY

LIGHTHOUSE AND RESTORED STAIRCASE BY NIC BALDWIN

in 2013. Before then, the U.S. Coast Guard managed it.

Over the years, the lighthouse has been kept by many women, said Will. She said during the 1800s and early 1900s the lighthouse was a big draw.

“A lot of people with boats would come hang out with the family living here,” Will said. “It’s one of, if not the most, beloved landmarks in Wakulla County.”

Carole Rippee, who owns Rippee Construction, was the contractor for the renovation project. The lighthouse is special to her, which is why she wants it to be her last big project before retiring.

“We fish down here. We scallop here.” Rippee said. “It’s our land.”

Rippee noted one of the most interesting things they found while working on the lighthouse was an oyster-bed type concrete, when they took out the floor.

“We had to remove all of that to put modern technology underneath,” Rippee said.

Will added that they also found clothes, buttons, pieces of dishes and old newspapers.

With all of the items they found, Will said working on it was similar to an archeological dig.

Some of the items that were found are on display in the lighthouse.

Rippee said there were also holes in the stairs.

“If it’s dark, you can follow the dots all the way down,” Rippee said.

Rippee said they tried to get the lighthouse as close to its original appearance as they could.

One of the subcontractors, Mike Bettinger of Bettinger Welding, made replicas of the original hinges off the shutters.

The originals were made by a blacksmith up north.

Rippee noted that many of the subcontractors put in extra time and care. Some even came in to work on weekends.

Will said when the Coast Guard had the lighthouse, they opened it up to the public once a year at the most.

She said they are hoping to get volunteers so it can be open to the public every Friday and Saturday. However, Will said they will not let people climb the tower, due to safety concerns. She said they may let people climb to the first window.

“The liability issue is tremendous,” Will said.

The tower is about 85 feet high, with a steep, spiraling staircase.

Although the majority of the work is done, Will said an additional \$500,000 is needed to add period-style shutters, repair the water cistern encased in the dining room floor, and

for modern amenities such as security, a new walkway and a handicap accessible ramp.

She said they also want to add video exhibits.

In total, the project, which is mostly funded by Florida Division of Historical Resources grants to the Friends of the St. Marks Wildlife Refuge, the Lighthouse Association and numerous private donations, is expected to cost close to \$1.5 million.

For those wanting to volunteer at the St. Marks Lighthouse, there will be two training sessions on Saturday, June 2 in the Barred Owl Room in the Nature’s Classroom Building adjacent to

the Visitor’s Center on Lighthouse Road at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge.

The first session will be held from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. The second session will be held from 1 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Both will include identical content, and prospective volunteers need only attend one of them.

At each Session, prospective volunteers will be asked to fill out an application and, if possible, provide a resume.

More training classes will be offered throughout the year.

The first public open house will be Sept. 29. Tickets will be sold at the Visitor Center.

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WILDFLOWER OF THE WEEK

LADIES’ TRESSES
We have a dozen different species of this plant (genus *Spiranthes*) that grow in northwest Florida and at least five of them are listed as threatened or endangered in Florida. Different species bloom from spring through fall, and you may even notice them growing in your lawn. They are in the Orchid family, and if you look at the small flowers closely, you will see the resemblance. The individual flowers spiral around the tall slender stalk, giving them their genus name. You may often see them growing in the open roadsides.
—Eleanor Dietrich, Florida Wildflower Foundation

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

ATTENTION

Wakulla County Land Development Code, Section 6-18 prohibits the placement of unauthorized signage in public right-of-ways. Starting in June, the County will take action to remove all unauthorized signage located in public right-of-ways. Citizens are strongly encouraged to avoid placing signage in public right-of-ways and/or remove any signage you may have improperly placed in the public right-of-way to avoid loss of the sign. Questions may be directed to the Planning and Community Development Department at (850) 926-3695 or 11 Bream Fountain Road, Crawfordville, Florida.

May 31, 2018 AD#TS65



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on June 18, 2018 at 5:00p.m. in the Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Rd., Crawfordville, FL 32327, to Consider:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 27.050 OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO LITTERING; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A copy of this ordinance shall be available for inspection by the public at 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327. Interested parties may appear at the Public Hearing or submit comments and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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

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More Public Notices appear on Page 12.

Notice of Public Hearing Concerning a Text Amendment to the Wakulla County Land Development Code

The Wakulla County Planning Commission and Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners proposes to consider the following ordinance. Public Hearings are scheduled before the **Wakulla County Planning Commission on Monday, June 11, 2018, beginning at 7:00 P.M. and before the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners on Monday, June 18, 2018 beginning at 5:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard.** All public hearings will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. All affected parties may appear at the public hearings, be heard, and submit evidence and written comments on the application.

AN ORDINANCE OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING AND REVISING SECTION 6-18(m), WAKULLA COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, PERTAINING TO VIOLATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF COUNTY SIGN REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, FOR CODIFICATION, AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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WAKULLA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD NOTICE OF INTENT TO CHANGE

RULE CHAPTER AND TITLE: School Board Policy 5.622 – Medical Marijuana

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To reflect procedural clarity and legislative alignment.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1001.42, Florida Statutes

LAWS IMPLEMENTED: 381.88, 381.885, 768.13, 1000.21, 1001.43, 1002.20, 1002.22, 1006.062 Florida Statutes

ECONOMIC IMPACT: None

REVISION ORIGINATED BY: Sunny Chancy, Chief Academic Officer

REVISION APPROVED BY: Robert Pearce, Superintendent of Schools

IF REQUESTED WITHIN TWENTY-ONE (21) DAYS OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE HELD - TIME: 5:45 p.m.

PLACE: Administrative Offices
Wakulla County School Board
69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327

DATE: July 23, 2018

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED REVISION MAY BE OBTAINED AT COST FROM:

Wakulla County School Board, Post Office Box 100
69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32326-0100

May 31, 2018 AD#TTB6

WAKULLA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD NOTICE OF INTENT TO CHANGE

RULE CHAPTER AND TITLE: School Board Policy 4.21 – Instructional Materials Selection

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To reflect procedural clarity and legislative alignment.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1001.42, Florida Statutes

LAWS IMPLEMENTED: 1001.43, 1006.28, 1006.29(5), 1006.31, 1006.32 Florida Statutes

ECONOMIC IMPACT: None

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ADVERTISEMENT TO BID WAKULLA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

General and Building Contractors are invited to bid on a General Contract for the Legacy Café & Education Center Cafetorium Reroof in Crawfordville, Florida in accordance with Contract Documents. All bids must be a lump sum basis; segregated Bids will not be accepted.

PROJECTS: # 17/18-04 Legacy Café Reroof and Education Center Cafetorium Reroof
BID DATE: June 13, 2018
TIME: 3:00 p.m. local time

A Mandatory Pre-Bid conference will be held on June 6, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at the Project Site, 69 Arran Rd, Crawfordville, FL 32327, and all bidders or their representatives are encouraged to be in attendance. The Pre-Bid Conference date is subject to change.

The Wakulla County School Board will receive sealed bids until 3:00 p.m. local time on June 13, 2018. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. All qualified bidders are invited to attend the Bid Opening; Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at the following location:

Wakulla County School Board Administration Building (Board Room)
69 Arran Rd., Crawfordville, FL 32327

Drawings and Specifications may be obtained at the office of MLD Architects, 211 John Knox Road, Suite 105, Tallahassee, Florida, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders upon receipt of \$15 (non-refundable) per digital set. All materials furnished and all work performed shall be in accordance with Drawings and Specifications. Each Bid shall be addressed to:

Mr. Randy Bristol
Executive Director of Facilities and Maintenance
Wakulla County Schools
Post Office Box 100, Crawfordville, FL 32327
and be marked:

1. Bids for Project # 17/18-04 Legacy Café Reroof & Education Center Cafetorium Reroof
2. (Name of Bidder)
3. (Address of Bidder)
4. (City, State, Zip Code)

All bids shall be delivered by a representative of the Bidder or by registered mail with return receipt requested. Bid security in the amount of five percent of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders.

The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and/or informalities in any Bid and to reject any or all Bids in whole or part, with or without cause, and/or accept the Bid that in its judgment will be for the best interest of the Wakulla County School Board.

WAKULLA COUNTY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (BOARD ROOM)
69 ARRAN RD., CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327
MR. RANDY BRISTOL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE

May 31, 2018 AD#TSN4

ADVERTISEMENT TO BID WAKULLA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

General and Building Contractors with Electrical Subcontractors are invited to bid on a General Contract for the Canopy Replacement in Crawfordville, Florida in accordance with Contract Documents. All bids must be a lump sum basis; segregated Bids will not be accepted.

PROJECT: # 17/18-01 Canopy Replacement
BID DATE: June 13, 2018
TIME: 2:00 p.m. local time

A Mandatory Pre-Bid conference will be held on June 6, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Project Site, 69 Arran Rd, Crawfordville, FL 32327, and all bidders or their representatives are encouraged to be in attendance. The Pre-Bid Conference date is subject to change.

The Wakulla County School Board will receive sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. local time on June 13, 2018. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. All qualified bidders are invited to attend the Bid Opening; Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at the following location:

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Mr. Randy Bristol
Executive Director of Facilities and Maintenance
Wakulla County Schools
Post Office Box 100
Crawfordville, FL 32327
and be marked:

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3. (Address of Bidder)
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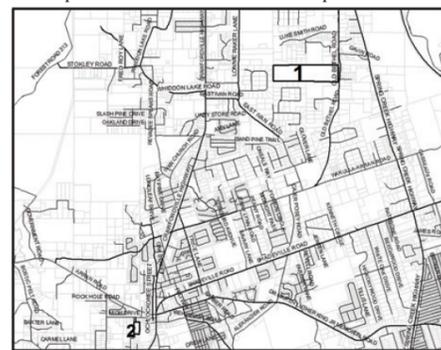
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MR. RANDY BRISTOL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE

May 31, 2018 AD#TSN6

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING APPLICATIONS FOR PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL

The Wakulla County Planning Commission propose to consider the following applications. A Public Hearing is scheduled regarding the following before the Planning Commission on **Monday, June 11, 2018, at 7:00 PM, unless otherwise noted below or as time permits.** All public hearings are held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida, 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.



1. Application for Preliminary Plat Approval: PP18-02

Applicant: Gene Cutchin Construction Co.
Agent: Edwin Brown & Associates
Proposal: Create a 30-lot residential subdivision
Tax ID Number: 16-3S-01W-000-04402-000
Existing FLU Map: Rural 1 (FLUE Policy 1.2.3)
Current zoning: AG (Section 5-25, LDC)
FEMA Flood Info: "X" and "A" zone on Panel 0250E
Parcel size: 160+/- acres
Location: west side of Old Bethel Road, north of Deepwood Drive

Hearings Required: Planning Commission June 11, 2018@7:00 PM

2. Application for Preliminary Plat Approval: PP17-03

Applicant: Scott Gaby
Agent: Urban Catalyst Consultants
Proposal: Create a 52-lot residential subdivision
Tax ID Number: 36-3S-02W-000-01771-000, 36-3S-02W-000-01758-000
Existing FLU Map: Urban 2 (FLUE Policy 1.2.6)
Current zoning: R3 (Section 5-32, LDC)
FEMA Flood Info: "X" zone on Panel 0225E
Parcel size: 11.48+/- acres
Location: 59 Daniel Ln.

Hearings Required: Planning Commission June 11, 2018@7:00 PM

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The Opinion page

readers speak out

Thurman is candidate for circuit judge

Special to The News

It is with great pleasure that I announce my candidacy for Seat 12 of the Second Judicial Circuit Court.

Born and raised in Florida's Panhandle, I care deeply about the residents of this judicial circuit and the future of our community. This concern is the reason why I am running for circuit judge.

The Second Judicial Circuit has eight times as many family law cases filed every year than all other types of law combined. Yet there are currently no judges with a family law background serving this circuit, and no others with this background running for the seat.

Given the continual influx of family law cases filed within this circuit, it is imperative that we elect the experience and background needed to fill this seat. Having practiced family law since 2004 and having worked with residents of each of the circuit's six counties, I believe I have the experience needed to best meet the growing demands of the Second Circuit.



D. Christine Thurman is a candidate for circuit judge Seat 12.

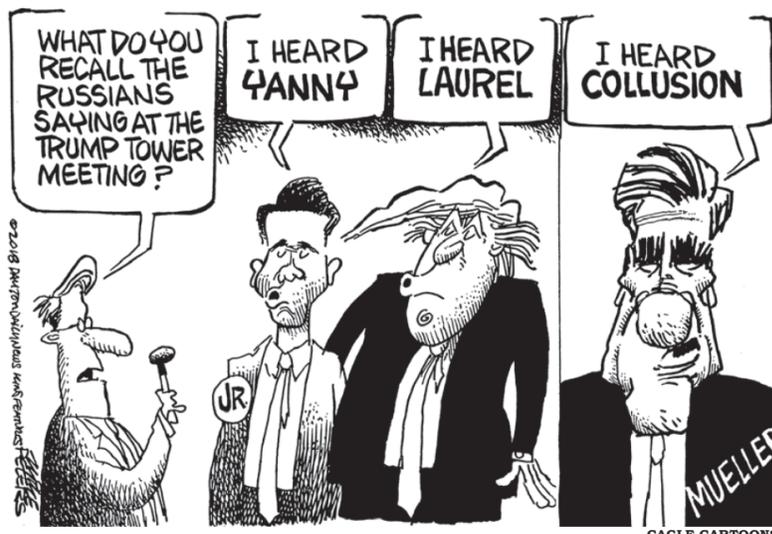
Please take the time to get to know me as a person and as a candidate. I hope to get the opportunity to meet you during the campaign, and I hope to have the honor and privilege of serving you and our community.

The Second Judicial Circuit includes Wakulla County as well as Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon and Liberty counties.

Thank you for your consideration.

D. Christine Thurman
Candidate for Circuit Judge, 2nd Circuit, Seat 12

Editor's Note: The Wakulla News typically runs candidate announcements on the front page, but this week's front page was already laid out when this announcement was received, and the campaign requested it run this week – so it is appearing on the Opinion Page.



READERS WRITE:

You don't know Jack

Editor, The News:

Jack Rudloe criticized me in the Wakulla News last week ("Plastic bags are a plague," Letters).

My thoughts:
1. If you use plastic bags, do you dump them in the environment so turtles and birds can eat them? Yeah, me neither.

2. Has the environment been harmed in any way since a majority of voters rejected Jack's government overreach of wetlands control? (I haven't heard of any.)

3. Who has a home that was built in the wetlands, me or Jack? (Hint, it's not me.)

4. Who has a larger monthly utility bill and a larger carbon footprint, me or Jack? (Hint, it's not me.)

5. Who has killed, and sold for profit, more of our local wildlife, me or Jack? (Last hint, definitely not me!)

If you think I'm the one who is harming the environment and killing the planet, you don't know Jack!

Ralph Thomas
Chairman
Wakulla County Commission

Medart school's hospitality appreciated

Editor, The News:

Our kindergarten granddaughter spent a few weeks at Medart Elementary with Ms. Ginny Brown.

Then, she moved and was sad to leave Ms. Ginny and her friends, but her mom and dad had to move with new jobs.

The first weekend

in May, she came back to Panacea. Her parents help out with the Blue Crab Festival. She then had a free day in Panacea when school was in session! I asked Ms. Brown if she could accept the little kindergarten back for a few hours.

Medart school opened their doors to

us. It was very exciting and really a treat for the little one. I want to be sure to thank the school and Ms. Brown for their hospitality.

That's what happens in Wakulla County!

Mary and Jan Tollefsen
janasmom@hotmail.com

Thanks for support after loss of son

Editor, The News:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us during the loss of our son Nick Carson.

The act of kindness and sympathy from our community, friends, and family has been and continues

to be a great comfort during our time of sorrow and heartache.

We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for all the love shown to our family during this time.

Joe and Debi Morgan and Family

Help for overdoses

Editor, The News:

Overdoses are happening everywhere, all over the country.

In our current society, the streets are filled to the brim with ultra-strong heroin that's often mixed with fentanyl and a multitude of its analogues, making life saving efforts, like Narcan, futile when trying to reverse an overdose.

The thing is, overdoses don't just happen in the bathroom

or bedroom at home. In fact, many people who overdose do so in public areas. Overdoses can happen in the grocery store, in the car, at a shopping mall... just about anywhere.

Overdoses happen when a person has taken more opiates (or opioids) than their body can handle. They can happen absolutely anywhere and it's really important for everyone to know the symptoms of an overdose

because then, the appropriate actions can be taken to save a person's life.

For more information on the opiate epidemic, visit <http://www.narcnon-suncoast.org/blog/how-to-recognize-signs-of-an-opiate-overdose.html>.

If you are in need of a referral to a treatment center, call us at 877-841-5509

Jason Good
Clearwater

Another view:



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Polled at the Wakulla County Public Library: What book do you recommend for good summer reading?



MELISSA BROOKS
OFFICE MANAGER

“Beneath a Ruthless Sun. It’s about the Civil Rights Movement, race and injustice in Florida back in the 1950s and ‘60s. It’s by Gilbert King, he mentions places close to our area in the book.”



HEATHER BRYAN
WAKULLA LIBRARY

“Mother Bruce. It is a book about Bruce the bear who likes to keep to himself. He likes to eat eggs! But when his goose eggs turn into real live goslings, he starts to lose his appetite.”



TORI CREEL
FSU STUDENT/LIBRARY VOL.

“The Day the Crayons Quit! It is a cute children’s book about crayons needing a break and wanting to get out more. They hide, but write this little boy letters. It is by Drew Daywalt.”



ATARI ROSS
TCC WAKULLA CENTER

“Anything by Beverly Lewis. I’m into Amish fiction right now. Her books are Christian romance which will be good summer reading.”



ROXANN DRESSEL
LIBRARY ASSISTANT

“OPTION B! It is available on the New Shelf when you first walk into the library. It is a good book for people who are facing adversity or loss. The author is Sheryl Sandberg!”

- Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

County seeks comments on RESTORE Act local plan

Special to The News

The Wakulla County Commission approved releasing the County’s RESTORE Act Initial Multi-Year Implementation Plan (MYIP) for 45-day public comment.

The MYIP is the County’s plan for spending RESTORE Act grant dollars allocated to Wakulla County, which is around \$13 million paid out over a 15-year period. Development of the MYIP and selection of projects began Fall 2017, with a series of board meetings, workshops and public meetings to solicit input. Public meetings were held in St. Marks, Shell Point and Panacea, and citizens were also able to submit written comments.

All RESTORE Act funds are held by the US Treasury and awarded to the County only after the US Treasury accepts the County’s MYIP and approves a grant application for a MYIP project. The MYIP must be made available for public comment for no less than 45 days prior to submitting to the US Treasury for review and acceptance. The Initial MYIP will be amended to include other Board approved projects as RESTORE Act funds become available based on the BP 15-year payout settlement agreement.

The Initial MYIP approved includes one priority project for \$1.2 Million in RESTORE Act funds for the construction and construction engineering inspection costs of retrofitting the existing Otter Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. This project is critical to bringing the system into compliance with the Florida Department of Environmental Protections’ Advanced Wastewater Treatment standards.

This project will help protect our springs, rivers and coastline by further reducing nutrients that can escape into our groundwater and the atmosphere from treated wastewater.

The Board has posted the county’s initial MYIP on the County’s RESTORE Act webpage and is seeking written public comments beginning at 8 a.m. Tuesday, May 29, and ending at 5 p.m. on Monday, July 16, 2018.

The Wakulla RESTORE Act webpage is at www.mywakulla.com/departments/intergovernmental_affairs/restore_act_wakulla/index.php.

Public comments must be written and received by email at RESTOREMYIP@MYWAKULLA.COM or U.S. mail to Wakulla BOCC, Attention: MYIP, P.O. Box 1263, Crawfordville FL 32327.

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Harold & Janie Thurmond eating at Food N' Fill
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The first step to overcome procrastination



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

Are your days productive? Do you accomplish most of what you hope to each day? Or, truth be told, would you be thrilled to have one fully-productive day each week – or at least once in your lifetime?

What we accomplish in any given day often depends on our circumstances. A CEO with mature, well-trained employees, for example, has more control over his or her schedule than a mother of small, mischievously-energetic children. Considering your specific circumstances, are you pleased with the way you manage your time, or does procrastination consistently hinder you?

In previous columns, I've confessed my strug-

gle with procrastination. I've come a long way, but still have a way to go. For several weeks, in fact, I procrastinated writing this article about procrastination. Maybe you can relate in some way.

What if I told you that if we've put our trust in Christ, God has already placed a spirit of self-control (self-discipline) within us? 2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV) says, "for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

What would happen if we believed this about ourselves and thought of ourselves as disciplined people? What if, the next time you're tempted to give in to your old ways, you instead declare, "God has given me(!) a spirit of self-control; therefore, I can behave like a disciplined person."

If you're not ready to do this just yet, perhaps a good first step would be going to your heavenly Father and acknowledging your struggle with time management. Ask Him to give you a heart of repentance and a desire to appreciate the opportunity each day

holds. Then allow the Holy Spirit to give you the faith to believe that God truly has given you, personally, a spirit of self-control.

How would believing this change you? Would it make it easier for you to get up each day? Would it make you feel better about yourself when you go to bed each night?

Procrastination is a serious issue. Years ago, the panic I experienced when I feared that I'd never get control over it drove me to my knees. It wasn't until I admitted my helplessness and asked God to change me that I began to experience victory. To this day, I continue to praise God for his powerful compassion. I pray you will experience the same victory.

Next week, I'll share a couple of new ways to help you get control of your day.

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

OUT TO PASTOR

A key on the table is worth many a chuckle

By **JAMES L. SNYDER**

When it comes to forgetting anything, I am king of the hill. My forgetting has nothing to do with age because I have been forgetting as long as I can remember.

Of course, with age comes an excuse for forgetting something. Don't let anybody know this, but sometimes I use my age to say I forgot something which in reality I had not forgotten. Sometimes forgetting something is the best expression of valor.

I can't remember all the things I have forgotten, however, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage remembers everything, even things I did not forget. Her memory is impeccable and I just have to live with it.

Often she will start a conversation with, "Do you remember...?"

Being married as long as I have, I always go with the affirmative nod, which I never forget to do.

When I was a young husband, I remember very distinctly correcting her about what I remembered about an incident she was talking about. I have remembered never to make that mistake again.

I just thought I would have to live out the rest of my life under this cloud of forgetfulness.

Then the most incredible thing happened, something that has changed the rest of my life.

My wife left early to go to the office and I was about a half-hour

getting ready to go and when I went to the door, I noticed on the table was a key ring with a bunch of keys on it. At first, I thought it must be my wife's and maybe I should pick it up and take it with me.

I realized one very important thing though. My wife never forgets anything. After all, if her keys are on the dining room table there is a pretty good purpose behind the whole thing. For me to sabotage that purpose would get me in a great deal of trouble, I can assure you.

I went out the door, got in my vehicle and started on my way to the office. As I was backing out of the driveway, my cell phone rang. I noticed it was my wife. I thought I was in trouble. What could I have done now or what didn't I do that I should have done?

When I answered the phone, I heard a meek voice say, "Did you see any keys on the dining room table?" I answered in the affirmative not really understanding the situation.

"Could you," she said most sweetly, "bring them over? I forgot them."

There was a dramatic pause on my side of the cell phone. It took a few moments for the situation to sink in.

As I went back into the house, I was chuckling all the way in and picked up the delinquent keys.

When I got to the office, I handed them to her with the biggest smile I've ever had on my face that I can re-

member. She looked at me and then said rather softly, "You're not laughing are you?"

I recognize I will forget a great deal of things in life. But this incident, I will never forget and it will always strike a chuckle cord in my heart.

Every once in a while, when nothing is going on, I will look at my wife and say, "Do you remember the keys?"

Glancing away from me she will say, "Don't you think it's time to forget that?"

Never in a million years!

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14).

Some things are worth forgetting as the apostle Paul points out here. The key to a happy life is knowing what to forget and what to remember.

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GENESIS 1:20-22

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Alice 'Granny' Knowles
Racheal Lynn Beavers Vickers



Alice 'Granny' Knowles

Alice "Granny" Knowles, 91, of Crawfordville, passed away on May 18, 2018 at home.

She was born in Cook County,

Ga. to the late Henry Edward Thomas and Lola Hollingsworth Thomas. She was married to the late Alfred Knowles.

She had two daughters, Maxine Bailey of Lakeland, Ga., and the late Latrelle Sessions.

She is survived by her son-in-law, Barnard Sessions; grandchildren: Donna (Bill) Morgan of Crawfordville, Chris (Becky) Hewett of Crawfordville, Mark (Michelle) Bailey of Maine, Richard (Nicole) Bailey, David (Denise) Bailey, Lisa (Tom) Fischer, Chucky (Emma) Bailey, John (Amber) Bailey, Mandy Bailey, Chris(Kim) Bailey, and Maggie Bailey, all of Lakeland, Ga.; and several great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held July 7, 2018 at 2 p.m. at her home.

Culley's Meadowood Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Racheal Lynn Beavers Vickers

Racheal Lynn Beavers Vickers, 43, passed away at her home on Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

She is survived by her partner of 17 years, Presley Drake Toole; her father, Ronnie Beavers; sons, Brian,

and Brett Michael Vickers; and her daughter, Sarah Helen Gail Toole. Also three brothers, Ron (Tish) Gastin, John, and Eric, and her sister Mary Taylor; and her second set of parents, Jerry and Linda Pope.

She was predeceased by her mother, Patricia Paramore.

BEREAVEMENT COLUMN

How do I love thee

By TRACY RENEE LEE

Wow, have you ever had one of those weeks where it starts in a crazy rush and before you know it, what seemed out of control on Monday, turns out to have actually been the calmest part of the week? That has been my week.

As I woke up on Monday, I knew exactly what I would write about in my article. Before I could even sit down to write, however, my topic had changed. I needed a few days to settle down, so I decided I would wait until Wednesday to begin my article. By Wednesday, my topic had changed yet again. What a week. Now that it is Friday, I have decided, I must write

three different articles.

My Monday morning actually began two years ago, but that is the topic of my second article. First, I must write my first article. My first article began two weeks ago when my cousin's husband was diagnosed with cancer. Within two weeks of diagnosis, he passed from that same illness. She and her family are devastated.

As she and I stood at his casket in my funeral home, she reached out and touched his hand. In a barely audible voice, she whispered to me, "I only hope he knew that I loved him." As tears swelled over the boundaries of my eyes, I assured her that he had.

How very sad to wonder if your spouse

knew the depth of your love for him/her. As I drove in the car with my husband the next day, I reached for his hand. I looked at him and asked, "Sweet Pea, do you know that I love you more than life itself and that without you, my life would be over, and I would wither away in loneliness and sadness?" My husband looked at me and asked if there were something he should know about?

I assured him that all was well, but that it was very important for me to know that he knew that my love for him was greater than my desire to live without him by my side.

As a funeral director, I see survivors who fail to express their love for their loved

Church Briefs

• Mount Olive to hold free food giveaway

Mount Olive Primitive Baptist Church will hold a free food giveaway on Saturday, June 2, beginning at 8 a.m. The church is located at 4056 Crawfordville Hwy.

• Crawfordville UMC to hold blood drive

One Blood will be at the Crawfordville United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 3rd from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Walk ins welcome or you can call the church office at 926-7209 if you want to make an appointment to donate.

• Laura Lewis will perform at Panacea Full Gospel

Laura Lewis of Lewis & Lewis will perform at Panacea Full Gospel Assembly on Sunday, June 3, at 7 p.m.

• Shady Sea will have a new youth center

Shady Sea Baptist Church in Spring Creek is excited to announce their upcoming project of remodeling the old parsonage across from the church into a new youth center! The project will begin with a massive clean-out of the parsonage on Saturday, June 9, at 8 a.m. Any personal items MUST be collected before then because everything remaining will be removed from the building and discarded.

• Sopchoppy UMC will host Barry McGee

Comedian and musician Barry McGee is bringing his ministry back to Wakulla County on Saturday, June 9. He will be ministering at the Sopchoppy United Methodist Church. Local favorite Revival Railroad featuring Tommy Roberts will be opening up for brother Barry.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and Revival Railroad will start warming us up at 6 p.m. Please join us for this FREE family friendly event. A love offering will be taken to help with Barry's traveling expenses. Hope to see you there.

• Grace Baptist will hold VBS on June 10-15

Grace Baptist Church will hold "Game On" Vacation Bible School beginning June 10 through June 15, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. nightly.

Preregister by going to www.gracebaptistcrawfordville.com.

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

For more information, call the church office at (850) 926-3217.

• Panacea First Baptist VBS is set June 11-15

Panacea First Baptist Church will hold "Shipwrecked" Vacation Bible School beginning June 11 through June 15, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. nightly for grades K-6th.

The church is located at 38 Otter Lake Road off Hwy. 98 in Panacea.

For more information, please call 984-5206.

— Staff reports

Wakulla third graders excel in state testing

From Front Page

with no classes on July 4.

New this summer is a Second Grade Summer Reading Camp, which will run at the same time as the third grade one.

Noted Chief Academic Officer Sunny Chancy, "Why wait until our students are struggling readers as the work gets harder in third grade? This Second Grade Summer Reading Camp is a preventative measure to ensure a good start to the next school year. Parents have been very responsive, with over 85 children already registered for it."

Parents of children who qualify are currently being notified about specifics of the Wakulla Summer

Reading Camps, which are offered at no cost for instruction, transportation, breakfast and lunch.

Curriculum Coordinator Lori Sandgren is supervising the Wakulla Summer Reading Camps.

Yet to be released are state End of Course (EOC) exam scores in seventh grade Civics, high school Biology, and eleventh grade United States History. Other state EOC exam scores for students in combined grade levels are in Algebra 1 and Geometry.

These scores and the rest of the state ELA and math scores in grades 3 through 10, plus Science scores in grades 5 and 8, will be released by the Florida Department of Education in June.

Saints are runners-up

From Front Page

not started a game since April 12.

The Saints were down 9-0 against Miami Christian in the final, but battled back to make it 9-3.

Jacob Dismuke pitched the semi-final, striking out four, giving up two hits and two walks.

Seth Dudley came in to pitch when the game was a 3-3 tie and went five innings and got the win. Destin Todd came in as a reliever to pitch the final inning of the

semi-final,

At the last minute before departing Wakulla County, Travis Bolin, Athletics Director for Wakulla Christian School, Travis Bolin supported his team by climbing up in the limousine charter bus saying, "I am very proud of the kids and the coaches that accomplished this."

Bolin's last words to the team were, "Lean on God, lean on each other, and come home with the trophy."

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Community

happenings in our community



The TCC Board of Trustees and President Jim Murdaugh accept a gift of \$82,000 from Capital Regional Medical Center for nursing.

TCC receives support for nursing scholarships

Special to The News
Nursing students at Tallahassee Community College will now have access to additional scholarship opportunities, thanks to a gift from Capital Regional Medical Center.

Alan Keese, CRMC's chief executive officer, presented the gift valued at \$82,000 at the May 21 meeting of the TCC District Board of Trustees. The new gift follows on the heels of a \$32,000 gift in February 2017 that originally established the Capital Regional Medical Center Nursing Scholarships, so the total value of the gift is now \$114,000.

The scholarships provide support for students seeking their Associate Degree in Nursing at TCC and engage them to work at CRMC once they graduate and become registered nurses. Five TCC students are already receiving these scholarships. The new gift will support at

least 10 additional full-tuition scholarships. The purpose of the scholarships is to create a pipeline of highly skilled, TCC-trained nurses to staff the Tallahassee hospital and hopefully go on to have long, successful careers there. "There is a nursing

shortage," said Keese. "One of the things we've found is that it helps to hire nurses from the local area—like many of the nurses who graduate from TCC—because they tend to stay longer." Keese was joined at the presentation by Chris Karpinski, chair

of the CRMC Board of Trustees. Brad Coburn, vice president of human resources, Ann Smith, chief nursing officer, and Lori Sumner, associate chief nursing officer, also attended. For information, contact Heather Mitchell at mitchelh@tcc.fl.edu or (850) 201-6067.



Archer and Tripp to perform at New Posh

By DEBBIE DIX
Special to The News
New Posh will Host a duo from Germany, Archer and Tripp, this Saturday

later, completed a Rhythm apprenticeship called TaKe TiNa, with Rhythm Master, Reinhard Flatishchler.

Both performers are influenced by life itself, in every sort of experience, and enjoy mostly performing their own music. An expression of themselves, it is with their own music that they feel they can truly connect to their audience.

Having collaborated with a variety of musicians versed in many genres from punk to classical, and a wide range in between, these two bring to the stage a unique and eclectic meld of lots of musical styles, creating a relaxing and engaging musical experience. This duo currently has 2 albums together, and more can be found by accessing the links: www.archerandtripp.com, and www.archerandtripp.bandcamp.com.

They can also be found on YouTube, (Live in Berlin, Live in LA, Live in Israel), and on other music online sites also.

To make reservations for this unique, Posh Concert experience, email newposh3079@gmail.com or call/text (850) 528-5838. New Posh is located at 3079 Crawfordville Hwy., in Crawfordville.

Wakulla Rising CD release party set

Special to The News

Local musicians, Wakulla Rising, are having a CD Release party to celebrate their recently recorded "Live Performance" at the historic Towels House in downtown Sopchoppy this past October. The band wanted to have a live audience to play for as they recorded nine of their original songs, so the old wooden Towels House was transformed into a recording studio with seating for around 40 folks, six band members and one fabulous sound engineer, Fred Chester, who has worked with the band on other projects for years.

The results were magical for both the band and audience. Later in January of this year a tenth song was recorded, again live, up at Ready Freddy Studios in Tallahassee. The name of the album is "You're Gonna Know My Name" and the beautiful cover art was done by local artist Rachell Mathis.

The band Wakulla was for many years a staple of festivals around the county, the Tennessee Street club scene in Tallahassee, The Moon, The Legion Hall, the long-gone Point Lounge at

Alligator Point and so many other venues too numerous to name.

They also built Possum Track Sound Studios in Sopchoppy where many artists have recorded their music, books, etc.

After a tragic car accident took the life of one of the founding members, bassist William Solburg, the band was in a state of limbo.

For a while it was hard to go on performing, but they never stopped playing music up at the studio and Saturday night "jam sessions" brought in a host of musical friends to visit & play great music. Eventually a core of musicians began to form again, ones that loved to rehearse and learn new and original songs and as fate would have it the offers to perform also began to arrive. Wakulla was rising from the ashes of heartache & loss like the mythical Phoenix, thus the name change.

The current line-up of musicians contains veterans Susan & Snorri Solburg with long time friend and drummer Ron Kay along with William's son and now a fabulous bass player, Cody Solburg; local favorite outdoorsman, Snap Revell on his beautiful blue

Gibson and Marine Biologist & Harp player, Jeff Dutrow.

They have been playing together a little more than three years and the "live album" was a stroke of ingenuity as they really enjoy the vibrant energy of playing for an appreciative audience of music lovers.

The band will be selling their new CD at the party, so put on your dancing shoes and come support Wakulla Rising along with the new Palaver Tree Theater venue on Saturday, June 9 from 7 to 11 p.m.

The cost of admission will be \$15 per person. Artistic Director Herb Donaldson along with Chuck Robinson and a host of volunteers and professional tradesmen have transformed an old auction space and multiple storage unit building into an elegant black box multipurpose theater space.

At long last there is a great place to hold a concert, a dance, plays, celebrations, poetry slams, artistic classes, etc. in our county with plenty of parking on the grounds of the old Nad's Storage in downtown Crawfordville. Come see for yourself the reality that dreams really do come true.

U.S Army Specialist Stanfill will deploy

Special to The News

The family of US Army Specialist Holden N. Stanfill would like to extend our congratulations for his accomplishments since his induction into the U.S. Army in August 2016. He enlisted in his senior year at Lawton Chiles High School in Tallahassee, fulfilling a life time dream to serve our country. In a short time, he has come through Basic Training at Ft. Jackson, S.C. where he was promoted to PFC upon graduation. From there he went to Ft. Eustace, Va. to continue training for his MOS of 15 Tango, where he made Squad Leader and received the Smok-



Holden Stanfill

ing Gun Award for Physical Fitness and Mental Aptitude. From there he went to Ft. Campbell, Tenn., the home of 101st Airborne and attended Air Assault School. He received his Wings and is assigned to Alpha Company as a RL1/Crew Chief on a UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter.

Most recently he was promoted to the rank of Specialist.

Holden and his unit will deploy to Bagram, Afghanistan in June 2018 for nine months. Our hearts and prayers go with them on this journey.

Holden's family is Jody and Kim Stanfill (parents), Heather Mil-

ner (sister) and Avery Coffee (niece), Gary and Margaret Hegg, Larry Stanfill, and James and Sandy Hawkins (grandparents), David and Sheryl Clark (uncle/aunt), Danny Clark (uncle), Stacie Stanfill (aunt), Jayven Hearn (cousin) along with numerous relatives and friends.

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School

education news from local schools

WHS junior named Sunshine State Scholar

Faith Joiner was chosen because of her outstanding high school academic record

By **BETH O'DONNELL**
Special to The News

Wakulla High School upcoming senior Faith Carlyne Joiner was honored as Wakulla School District's 2018 Sunshine State Scholar at a conference in Orlando on May 17 and 18.

The conference, presented by Lockheed Martin, celebrated the accomplishments of Florida's elite students and provided a unique venue for the state's

colleges, universities and employers to recruit their talents.

Every year, the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Education Foundation request each Florida school district to recommend one high achieving eleventh grade science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) student to join this prestigious group of peers.

Joiner was chosen because of her outstanding academic record and her interest in



Faith Joiner

math and science.

She started taking high school courses while in middle school and now has a perfect 4.0 unweighted grade

point average and a weighted grade point average of 4.47.

Joiner just completed Advanced Placement Calculus 1 and Advanced Placement Biology, plus has taken the Health Science 1 and Health Science 2 courses in the WHS Medical Academy.

Excelling in Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment math, science, social studies, English and other courses, she will graduate in 2019 already having earned many college credits.

The purpose of the Sunshine State Scholars event is to show these top performing STEM students what Florida has to offer them in terms of in-state STEM college programs and STEM careers. At the two-day event, over 50 Florida colleges and universities set up booths to show what they have to offer and to recruit these talented students.

Representatives from businesses also attended the event to give the Sunshine State Schol-

ars insights into what career opportunities await those who pursue STEM fields in Florida.

"As one of our own who attended Crawfordville Elementary, Wakulla Middle School, and now Wakulla High School, we are so proud of all that Faith has accomplished and look forward to following her continuing success in a STEM field," said Superintendent Bobby Pearce.

She is the daughter of Sabrina and Dale Joiner.

Wakulla School Board honors employees Bickford and Hudson

By **BETH O'DONNELL**
Special to The News

Wakulla County School Board Employees of the Month for May were honored at the Wakulla County School Board Meeting on May 21, 2018.

Said Superintendent Bobby Pearce, "Employees Alice Bickford and Missy Hudson were selected by their peers and supervisors to be recognized for their positive impact on the Wakulla County students, staff, and community. We are happy to be able to honor them for their service."

ALICE BICKFORD

Crawfordville Elementary chose Exceptional Student Education paraprofessional Alice Bickford as the May Employee of the Month because of her positive nature and helpful attitude.

After growing up in Fort Lauderdale, Bickford attended Florida

State University and earned a bachelor's degree in Child Development.

She worked at child-care and Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten centers for 7 years, then started to volunteer at her children's school, Crawfordville Elementary. "I really enjoy working with children, so after a year of volunteering, I became a substitute teacher."

Within a few months of substituting, she accepted a full-time position at CES. She just completed her third school year as a paraprofessional working with an Exceptional Student Education teacher in the Varying Exceptionalities classroom.

"Mrs. Bickford is a great team member," says CES Principal Belinda McElroy. "Working in a Varying Exceptionalities self-contained classroom means working very closely with a teacher, other paraprofessionals, behavior



Alice Bickford

specialists, a speech pathologist, an occupational therapist, a music therapist, and more. She works well with her peers and is an excellent communicator."

Notes Bickford, "I love to help the children learn and watch them grow and progress in their development. It is amazing to see how proud they are of themselves when they have mastered a new skill."

For example, "The joy of watching a boy who refused to hold a pencil learn to write his name and watching a girl learn to communicate for the first time is worth every minute of struggle. The chil-



Roxanne "Missy" Hudson

dren make sure I return every day for those 'I love you Mrs. Alice' moments."

As a parent, she has served on the School Advisory Council at Wakulla Middle School for two years.

Adds Principal McElroy, "She always has a smile on her face and a positive attitude. That's pretty amazing considering she works day in and day out with students who face a great deal of challenges. Watching her sit with two or three students and guide their instruction is a joy. When the lightbulb clicks on and they finally 'get it', she

lights up just like they do."

"Crawfordville Elementary is very blessed to have Alice Bickford on the CES Cougar team."

ROXANNE 'MISSY' HUDSON

Roxanne "Missy" Hudson was chosen by her peers and supervisors as a May Employee of the Month.

She has worked as a paraprofessional at Riversprings Middle School for 14 years. Before that, she was a bus driver for Wakulla High School and Wakulla Pre-Kindergarten students for 10 years.

Says RMS Principal Michele Yeomans, "I have worked with Missy since I arrived at RMS in 2006. She is an amazing paraprofessional. She does anything that is asked and also takes initiative to do tasks above and beyond the call of duty. Missy is in charge of the copy room, substitutes

in the classrooms, does all our bus requests, and assists in the main office when needed."

Adds Hudson, "I like that no day is the same. When I get to work in the mornings, I never know where I'll be or what I am going to do that day. I love working with teachers, students, and other staff members on a daily basis."

"A great experience I had this year was when I was asked to attend the 8th grade World History trip to Epcot. I was able to interact with many of the students on a personal level. Now when these students see me at school, they come up to me and ask me questions and interact with me in a way they didn't before the trip. They see me as a person instead of just another grown up or employee."

Adds Principal Yeomans, "Missy is a true asset to RMS. She is a team player and displays a love for our school and everyone in it daily."



RMS students visit art museums

By **WILHELMINA SUTTON**
Special to The News

The Riversprings Middle School Eighth Grade High School Art Classes recently enjoyed a field trip to Tallahassee to view two exceptional art shows. LeMoyné Art Museum hosted the 31st Annual Mahaska Whitley Student Exhibition: High School Show and Senior Portfolio Competition. Works were on display from many Leon County high schools ranging from pencil drawings, pen & ink, printing, paintings, photography, ceramic and other three-dimensional pieces. The RMS students also enjoyed seeing the works on display at the Tallahassee City Hall. This was a juried show that included everything from photography, painting, drawing, weaving and other media. Both shows were absolutely fantastic and inspiring. The students enjoyed them immensely and were inspired.

Students' artwork displayed around county

Artwork from the Wakulla County schools will be on display throughout Wakulla County until October 2018.

Wakulla County Senior Center:

Katie Davis, Wakulla Middle
Maggie W, Coast Middle
J'Aaliya Washington, Crawfordville Elementary
Nathan Byrum, Shadeville Elementary
Gabby Carraway and Judy Scott, Wakulla High

Wakulla County Library:

Jacquelyn Mullins, Shadeville Elementary
Ivy Russell, Ryan Ly, Kiarra Butler, Wakulla Middle School
Magdalene Porter, Pre-K
Emma C., COAST
Darian Vidal, Crawfordville Elementary
Makina Timmons, Riversprings Middle

Woodville Centennial Bank Artwork

Makenna Callaghan, Wakulla High School
Hunter Antrobus, Crawfordville Elementary

SCHOOL BOARD

In Mr. Pearce's office:

Makenna Roddenberry, WHS
Sara Lloyd and Kyler Smith, WMS
Addy Bryan, SES
Edison Zak, Pre-K
Mykaela W., Coast

In the board room:

Ana Finkman, SES
Megan Higher, Breana Horne, Ally Harden, Connor Howlett, WHS

Centennial Bank, Crawfordville

Ariel Hauck, Lily Mayne, SES
Sophia Dance, WMS
Keona L., Haley H., Meadoe H., C.O.A.S.T.

Courthouse

AnnaBelle Bennett, Pre-K
Makayla Colvin, WHS
Ava Lawhon, Sheldon Smith, WMS
Arianna Manning, CES
James Miller, Peyton Driggers, and Penny Corbet, RMS

Thomas University students recognized for academics

Special to The News

The following Thomas University students from Crawfordville are recognized for achieving academic success during the Spring Semester 2018. President's List students attend TU full-time and have a GPA of 4.0. Dean's List students attend TU full-time and have a GPA of 3.5 to 3.99.

From Crawfordville:

Whitney M. Cooper, President's List
Kristen E. McGahee, President's List
Aliya A. Callaghan, Dean's List
Erin N. Germanton, Dean's List

KEEP UP WITH THE NEWS!
The Wakulla News. Miss a week, miss a lot.



May 31-June 7

Thursday, May 31

• DOT PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING for U.S. 319 from Lost Creek Bridge to south of East Ivan Road Wakulla County will be held, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Wakulla County Community Center, 318 Shadeville Road in Crawfordville.

Friday, June 1

• FIRST FRIDAY GOSPEL SING at Pioneer Baptist Church, 486 Beechwood Drive, at Spring Creek High-

way in Crawfordville. Meet, greet and sing with local musicians to gospel, country, blue grass twang from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Snacks of spaghetti pizza and pudding will be available. Contact the Smiths with any additional questions at (850) 597-3905.

Saturday, June 2

• FREE FOOD GIVEAWAY at Mount Olive P.B. Church, 4056 Crawfordville Hwy, beginning at 8 a.m.

• THE GETTING YOUR LANDSCAPE READY FOR HURRICANE SEASON PROGRAM will be held at the UF/IFAS Extension Wakulla County Office starting at 9 a.m.

• WAKULLA COMMUNITY FUN DAY is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hudson Park. The park will be filled with music, vendors, free hotdogs for

kids (12 and under), a bouncy castle, water slide, and free hair cut for kids.

• NORTH FLORIDA BUTTON CLUB WILL MEET at the central location of Sunset Coastal Grill in Port St. Joe at 11 a.m. Weather Permitting! Everyone is welcome. Contacts are President Kaye Reed (850) 647-5414. Email vickaye@yahoo.com; lmwood@gtcom.net; skpsky2000@comcast.net. A talk on a Special button topic will be given. Other members or guests are welcome to present bits of information on clothing buttons of interest to them.

Sunday, June 3

• DRIVE & WALK SARRACENIA FIELD TRIP along Highway 65 with botanist/photographer Virginia Craig. The event will start at 9:30 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. The

primary meet-up is 9:30 at the Telogia Park-and-Ride on the east side of Hwy. S-65, south of Telogia Grocery and 3 miles south of Hosford. Two secondary ride-share meetups: 8:30 a.m. at Winn-Dixie Crawfordville (SW corner of lot) and 8:30 at Sopchoppy City Hall.

Monday, June 4

• WAKULLA BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET at 5 p.m. in the Commissions Chambers at 29 Arran Road.

UPCOMING EVENTS

• WAKULLA RISING CD RELEASE PARTY is Saturday, June 9 at the Palaver Tree Theater, 59 Shadeville Road in Crawfordville, from 7 to 11 p.m.

• CONCEALED WEAPONS

COURSE offered by the Wakulla Republican Women's Club. The class is open to everyone. It will be held on Saturday June 9 at Posey's in Panacea. Fred Nichols will be the instructor. Please call for more information and to register at (850) 508-9650 or email WRWCF2016@gmail.com

• ENTREPRENEURIAL BOOT CAMP Tallahassee Community College's entrepreneurial initiative, TCC Spark!, will offer a hands-on, day-long Entrepreneurial Boot Camp at the TCC Wakulla Center Tuesday, June 26, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., for individuals with an interest in starting or growing their own business. The camp costs \$25 to attend. Registration is open at <https://wakullaebbootcamp.eventbrite.com>.

Email events to reporter@thewakullanews.net



First Friday Gospel Sing
6:30 p.m.
Pioneer Baptist Church

Friday

Wakulla Community Fun Day
10 a.m.
Hudson Park

Saturday

Sarracenia Field Trip
8:30 a.m.
Meet at Winn Dixie in Crawfordville and Sopchoppy City Hall

Sunday

Board of County Commissioners Meeting
5 p.m.
29 Arran Rd. in Crawfordville

Monday

Library News

“Working hard is important, but there is something that matters even more: believing in yourself.”

-Harry Potter

Thursday, May 31

Bible Study 6:45 p.m.

Friday, June 1

Quilting Guild 9:30 a.m.
Crafter's Guild 9:30 a.m.
Story Time in the Park 10 a.m.
Dungeons and Dragons 2:30 p.m.
Book Club 3 p.m.
Music in the Park at Hudson Park 6:30 p.m.
Parent and Teen Date Night 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 2

Crochet for Beginners 10 a.m.

Tuesday, June 5

Book Bunch 10:30 a.m.
Zentangle 2 p.m.
Rockin' Readers 2:30 p.m.
LEGO Club 4p.m.
Eagle Scout Board 6 p.m.
Wakulla Democratic Executive Committee 6:30 p.m.
What's Growing On with the Extension Office 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 6

Book Babies 10:30 a.m.

Rappin' Readers 2:30 p.m.
Knitting Group 4 p.m.
Brownie Scouts 4 p.m.
Youth Football & Cheerleading Association 6 p.m.

Thursday, June 7

STEAM Team 2:30 p.m.
Tobacco Free Classes 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study 6:45 p.m.
Magician Michael Chrosniak 7 p.m. (Community Center)

Friday, June 8

Quilting Guild 9:30 a.m.
Book Club 3 p.m.
Harry Potter Party and NLM Exhibit Opening 6 p.m.

Saturday, June 9

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group 10 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

STORY TIME IN THE PARK

Join Mrs. Heather and a special guest each month for stories, songs, finger painting, and bubbles at different parks around Wakulla County! All Story Time in the Park programs will start at 10 a.m. Our next Story Time in the Park June 1 at Sopchoppy City Park and July 13 in Woolley Park in Panacea. Come out and have some fun and enjoy our beautiful parks!

LIBRARIES ROCK! SUMMER READING

PROGRAM 2018

Our free summer fun for all children and families will be starting up soon! Get ready for themed programs for all ages, STEAM Programs, interesting and engaging performers, Music in the Park, Story Time in the Park, fun reading log prizes, and so much more! Be on the lookout for our summer brochure which should be coming home from school in book bags soon!

HARRY POTTER PARTY JUNE 8

Travel via Platform 9¾ to join us at Hogwarts for the opening of the National Library of Medicine's Traveling Exhibit "Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic, & Medicine," a seven panel exhibit that explores the intersection of Western science and the magic of Harry Potter by featuring highlights from the Collections of the History of Medicine Division at the National Library of Medicine. During this 6 p.m. opening there will be themed snacks, music, and décor to explore. Afterward, please join us for a viewing of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone at 7 p.m.. Costumes, of course, encouraged.

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Please visit our website at <http://wcp1.wilder-nesscoast.org/> and subscribe to our weekly email newsletter. Our newsletter contains information about upcoming events, and interesting updates on new arrivals to the collection.

Summer feeding sites open June 4

Special to The News

The Wakulla County School Board will be participating in the Summer Food Service Program during the months of June and July.

Nutritionally balanced meals will be provided to all children regardless of race, color, sex, disability, age, or national origin during summer vacation when

school breakfasts and lunches are not available. All children 18 years old and younger are eligible for meals at no charge and there will be no discrimination, as outlined in the USDA Non-discrimination Statement, in the course of the meal service. The programs are only approved for geographical areas of need where 50 percent or more of the children qualify for free and

reduced price meals during the school year. Summer feeding sites that are located at schools provide meals to all children in the immediate vicinity in addition to those enrolled in summer school. The following sites will be participating in the Summer Food Service Program: Wakulla Education Center, located at 87 Andrew J. Hargrett Sr. Rd. Meals

will be served beginning Monday, June 4, and ending Monday, July 30, 2018. The site will offer meals Monday through Thursday when it is open. The site will be closed Wednesday, July 4. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. Lunch will be served from 11:30 to 12:15 p.m. Medart Elementary School, located at 2558 Coastal

Highway. Meals will be served beginning Monday, June 11, and ending July 16. The site will offer meals Monday through Thursday when it is open. The site will be closed Wednesday, July 4. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 9:20 a.m. Lunch will be served from 11:30 to 12:25 p.m. Wakulla High School, located at 3237 Coastal High-

way. Meals will be served beginning Monday, June 11, and ending Thursday, July 19. The site will offer meals Monday through Thursday when it is open. The site will be closed on Thursday, June 28 and Wednesday, July 4. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. Lunch will be served from 11:30 to 12:15 p.m..

Registration for youth athletic camp is open

Special to The News

The McGrew League presents the Youth Day Athletic Camp on Saturday June, 16 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the Wakulla High School Practice Field. Check-in time is from 8 to 8:45 a.m. Register by Friday, June 1.

The camp is for boys and girls, ages 6-12. Campers get to

choose one session out of the following: baseball, basketball, cheerleading, differently abled, football and softball. All activities, including lunch and T-shirt, are free. Registration is not available the day of camp. Registration is online only at <https://form.jotform.com/McGrewFootballCamp/youth-day-athletic-camp-2018>.

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

A food fight and a power play

By **DARA KAM**
NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE – For a while, Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam and Congressman Ron DeSantis were in danger of serious elbow injuries in a “who’s the Trumpiest” contest that’s part of their larger battle to capture the Republican nomination to succeed Gov. Rick Scott.

But it seems that Fox News darling DeSantis has captured the heart not only of President Donald Trump but perhaps the entire First Family.

The president’s namesake, Donald Trump Jr., will be in the Sunshine State to stump for DeSantis next month, according to the congressman’s campaign staff.

The First Son will also give a Trump stamp of approval to DeSantis’ fellow Fox fave, Panhandle Congressman Matt Gaetz, prior to Florida’s August primary election.

DeSantis has been boasting for a while that he’s garnered the endorsement of the president, who’s more than once praised the Palm Coast Republican.

But appearing on-stage with the younger Trump will burnish the congressman’s conservative credentials in his grudge match against Putnam.

The agriculture commissioner, meanwhile, remains ensnared in a controversy about Publix after reports last week that the supermarket company contributed more than

\$600,000 to Putnam’s gubernatorial campaign over the past three years.

Gun-control advocates, who had already targeted Putnam for calling himself “a proud NRA member,” quickly called for a boycott of Publix, while supporters of both the Lakeland-based company and Putnam encouraged shoppers to spend their time and money at the iconic grocery chain.

Election-season verbal backstabbing in Florida and throughout the nation prompts a pause for reflection on how a little kindness might offset the animosity that’s become the norm.

“Constant kindness can accomplish much,” the late, great humanitarian Albert Schweitzer advised. “As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust, and hostility to evaporate.”

POWER COMPANY BULKS UP

Publix isn’t the only Florida corporate behemoth in the news: Florida Power & Light’s parent company, NextEra Energy Inc., announced this week it will buy Northwest Florida’s Gulf Power as part of a \$6.475 billion deal.

NextEra plans to buy Gulf Power, the Florida City Gas natural-gas company and ownership interests in two power plants from The Southern Company. The purchase of Gulf Power and the stakes in the

power plants, which are subject to federal approval, are expected to close during the first half of 2019, while the Florida City Gas purchase is slated for the third quarter of 2018, according to a NextEra Energy announcement.

The deal would expand NextEra Energy’s already-massive footprint in the state. Its Florida Power & Light subsidiary is by far the largest electric utility in Florida, serving nearly 5 million customers. Gulf Power, with about 450,000 customers in eight counties, is the largest utility in the Panhandle.

Florida City Gas has about 110,000 residential and commercial natural-gas customers in Miami-Dade, Brevard, St. Lucie and Indian River counties.

“These transactions will provide meaningful benefits for the state of Florida, and Gulf Power and Florida City Gas customers, as well as NextEra Energy shareholders,” Jim Robo, chairman and chief executive officer of NextEra Energy, said in a prepared statement. “Importantly, these transactions are consistent with our long-standing, disciplined approach of maintaining the strength of our balance sheet and credit ratings, both of which are among the strongest in the industry.”

PLEASE SIR, MAY I HAVE SOME MORE ... PAGES?

In other regulatory news, state health of-

ficials heard a litany of warnings this week about potential flaws in a proposed medical marijuana rule.

A hearing about the proposed rule came more than seven months after a legislatively mandated Oct. 3 deadline for the Department of Health to issue new medical-marijuana licenses, in what could be one of the country’s largest cannabis markets.

The proposed rule, released more than three weeks ago, set in motion the application process – considered far behind schedule by many legislators – for four highly sought-after licenses.

But the issues identified during a Thursday hearing signaled possible legal or administrative challenges that could further postpone the issuance of licenses.

Lawmakers ordered the new licenses after voters approved a 2016 constitutional amendment that broadly legalized marijuana as a treatment for patients with debilitating medical conditions.

The law requires one of the new licenses to go to a black farmer who was involved in federal litigation about discriminatory lending practices. And the statute requires health officials to give preference for up to two licenses to applicants that “own one or more facilities that are, or were, used for the canning, concentrating, or otherwise processing of citrus fruit or citrus molasses and will use or convert the facility or facilities for the processing of marijuana.” The citrus preference is the subject of one of

several marijuana-related court challenges.

During about an hour of public testimony Thursday, most of the complaints were focused on the citrus-related language in the proposed rule.

Lawyer Seann Frazier pointed out that the proposed regulation substituted the word “property” for “facilities,” which, he said, “adds vagueness” and may broaden the language in the statute, something the agency is not permitted to do.

Opposed rule would give the two highest-scoring applicants who are eligible for the citrus preference an extra 35 points, in addition to a total of 1,150 possible points available to all applicants. The 35 extra points amount to just a 3 percent bonus, Frazier said.

“We respectfully suggest that more weight should be given to the citrus preference” to “avoid a situation where you issue licenses and no one really had a meaningful exercise of the preference,” Frazier, who represents Tampa-based Louis del Favero Orchids, said.

Office of Medical Marijuana Use Director Christian Bax asked Frazier if he had a suggestion about how many points the citrus preference should be worth.

“I suggest it should be a lot higher preference, one that would make a difference that a citrus-qualifying applicant will actually receive a license,” said Frazier, whose client is interested in seeking one of the citrus-preference licenses.

Other speakers

complained that page limits imposed in the proposed rule could prevent applicants from providing necessary information, such as how many dispensaries they plan to open or information about human-resources policies.

Bax said the health department would take the concerns into consideration.

“If the department believes that a change needs to be made, then it will be made. If not, then we’ll continue to move forward with this process,” he said.

STORY OF THE WEEK: NextEra Energy, the parent company of Florida Power & Light, is buying Gulf Power as part of a \$6.475 billion deal.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

“If all New York has to do to prevent inmate misconduct and crime is gently remind them not to misbehave, one wonders why that state’s prisons have fences and walls. Why not simply post signs reminding inmates not to escape? If New York wants to engage in a fantasy about convicted criminals behaving like model citizens while serving out their sentences, it is free to do so, but the Constitution does not require Florida to join New York in lala-land.” – 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Chief Judge Ed Carnes, siding with Florida corrections officials in a lawsuit challenging the state’s censorship of Prison Legal News. The publication is available to inmates in every state but Florida.

HOME COUNTRY

A new fly rod and a broken ankle



By **SLIM RANGLES**

It was just one of those things. It didn’t really mean Marvin Pincus had lost his mind. Consider this yourself for a minute. Marvin had opened the mail that morning and in it was the Fenwick glass fly rod he’d ordered. Oh, it was used, of course. But there’s a feel to a Fenwick that only a man dedicated to a life of using dry flies can appreciate.

The weather was gorgeous. The fish were biting on Lewis Creek. But there was a hitch. Marvin had broken his ankle the previous week and was temporarily in a wheelchair. It was his right ankle, so he couldn’t drive down to the creek. And

there, in his hands, was the Fenwick. He put it together, attached a reel and some four-weight line and set it on the couch and looked at it.

Marjorie was off visiting her sister, so she couldn’t help him. But there’s a pull, an irresistible draw to a fly rod. He had to cast it.

Now.

It took Marvin about 20 minutes to negotiate the front steps with that wheelchair and the Fenwick. Oh, he could’ve called a friend to help him, but how could he possibly explain why?

Finally, he negotiated the sidewalk and then the edge of the street itself. There were no cars coming this early afternoon.

Up came the Fenwick. A few swishes in the air told Marvin he’d done the right thing in ordering the rod. So he ran out some line and began casting. About halfway across the street was a large mulberry leaf. He did a double haul on the line

and sent the fly toward the leaf. It took several tries before he hit it, but when he made that cast, you could’ve sold tickets to it. His fly came to rest about three feet above the leaf and then fluttered gently down onto its target. Marvin’s smile said it all.

Then the school bus came around the corner full of kids heading home, and Marvin realized he was casting a fly rod from a wheelchair onto dry pavement.

“Hi Mr. Pincus!” yelled one of the kids. “Catch anything?”

“A little slow today, Billy,” he yelled back.

“Isn’t it hard to catch fish without water?” Billy yelled.

“It’s okay, son,” Marvin said with a grin. “I’m using a dry fly!”

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Sweet Ways to Welcome Warmer Days

Fruity treats are hard to resist, especially when paired with tasty, complementary flavors and textures. If you’re looking for a treat that travels a bit off the beaten path, this pie may be just the answer. A crushed pretzel crust and creamy peanut butter filling provide a salty, savory background for plump, sweet strawberries. Or serve up a taste of the tropics with a cream pie that celebrates a medley of textures and flavors from lively blueberries to toasted coconut.

Strawberry Peanut Butter Pie	1/2	cup powdered sugar
	1 1/2	cups frozen whipped dessert topping, thawed
1 1/4	cups crushed pretzels	
1/4	cup granulated sugar	
1/2	cup butter, melted	
1	cup creamy peanut butter	
1	package (8 ounces) cream cheese	
	Combine pretzels and granulated sugar then stir in butter. Press crumb mixture onto bottom and sides of 10-inch pie plate. Cover and chill. With electric mixer on medium speed, beat together peanut butter, cream cheese and powdered sugar. Fold in whipped dessert	topping. Spoon 1/2 cup pie filling into crust-lined pie plate. Carefully spread peanut butter filling over top. Top with remaining pie filling. Cover and chill 2 hours before serving.
Fluffy Blueberry Cream Pie with Toasted Coconut		thawed
1	package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened	1
1/3	cup sugar	1/2
1	tablespoon milk	1
2	cups frozen whipped topping,	can (21 ounces) Lucky Leaf Premium or Organic Blueberry Fruit Filling or Topping
	In large bowl, beat together cream cheese, sugar and milk until creamy, about 1-2 minutes. Add whipped topping, pie filling and coconut; carefully fold together until no	cup toasted coconut flakes, plus additional for topping, if desired
		graham cracker crust (9 inches)
		streaks remain. Spoon filling mixture into graham cracker crust. Sprinkle top with additional coconut flakes, if desired. Cover and chill 2 hours, or until firm.



Sheriff's Report

Activity reported by the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office for the week May 17 to 24.

FRIDAY, MAY 18

- Jennifer Miller of Crawfordville was arrested for vehicle theft.

The investigation revealed that the suspect stole a 2005 Grey Mazda that was owned by the victim, Michael Rose of Crawfordville. The suspect was located at the Kangaroo Gas Station in possession of the stolen vehicle. The suspect

allegedly admitted to stealing the vehicle and was arrested and transported to the Wakulla County Jail. The stolen vehicle was recovered and returned to the victim. Deputy Jenna Beceriklier investigated.

SATURDAY, MAY 19

- Candice Carnley of Tallahassee reported a theft of property and damage to a residence that she was renting. The victim stated that she discovered that the suspect had smashed a window causing \$240 in damages. The victim also stated that the suspect had stolen a white two-door Frigidaire refrigerator valued at \$2,800. The case information was collected, documented, and forwarded to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division. A suspect has been identified in this case. Deputy Andrea Sessor investigated.

- Mary Rowan of Greensboro reported the theft of her lawn mower. The victim stated that her John Deere Zero Turn riding mower Model 3920M was stolen. The victim stated that the lawn mower was valued at approximately \$10,000 and identified a suspect as being involved. The case information was collected, documented, and forwarded to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division. Deputy Kyle Hanks investigated.

- Leo Cronan of Crawfordville reported the fraudulent use of his credit card. The victim stated that he received his Walmart credit card bill and discovered several unauthorized and fraudulent charges were made to the card. The

total amount of fraudulent transactions totaled \$587.33. The victim identified a possible suspect in this case. The case information was collected, documented, and forwarded to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division. Deputy Kyle Hanks investigated.

- Keith Matthews of Monticello was arrested following a disturbance complaint. The investigation revealed that the suspect was extremely intoxicated and causing a disturbance in the drive-thru of a restaurant on Crawfordville Highway. The suspect would not comply with orders given by the responding deputy after several attempts were made to calm him down. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Wakulla County Jail. Sgt. Gibby Gibson investigated.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

- Jared Gardner of Albany, Fla., was arrested for felony Criminal Mischief after a complaint from the victim Clyde Tucker of Panacea. The investigation revealed that the suspect kicked the victim's 2015 Toyota Tundra causing approximately \$2,000 in damages to the exterior. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Wakulla County Jail. Deputy William Hunt investigated.

- Andre Pelland of Crawfordville reported a theft of his prescription medication. The victim stated that he discovered numerous pills missing from two different prescription bottles at his residence. The victim identified a possible suspect in this case. The case information was collected and documented. Deputy Jenna Beceriklier investigated.

- Dylan Stevens of Crawfordville reported the theft of his wallet. The victim stated that he left his wallet on the cash register at Walmart. His wallet contained all of his personal identification and a small amount of cash. The victim learned that whoever took the wallet used his debit card to make two unauthorized purchases at the Sunco gas station for \$50 and at the AMC movie theater for \$37. Walmart has video foot-

age to assist in the case. The case information was collected, documented, and forwarded to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division. Deputy William Hunt investigated.

MONDAY, MAY 21

- Anthony Bonham-Walker was arrested following a traffic investigation conducted at 12 Palomino Road. The investigation revealed that the suspect was operating the vehicle without a valid driver's license (DWLSR) and a tag that was not assigned to the vehicle. The suspect also had three prior DWLSR convictions. His passenger Miranda Davis was also reportedly found to be in possession of a concealed firearm, a 9mm semi-automatic handgun. She was placed under arrest as well and both were transported to the Wakulla County Jail. Deputy Matthew Hedges.

- Vito Knowles of Crawfordville reported a burglary and theft of property from a residence he was watching for the victim Charlotte Miller. Knowles identified two possible suspects and stated that they accessed the residence through a window and he discovered that they had stolen a set of China out of the residence. The case information was collected, documented, and forwarded to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division. Deputy Brandon Sheffield investigated.

TUESDAY, MAY 22

- Randall Randolph of Tallahassee was arrested following a traffic stop and subsequent investigation in the 2500 block of Crawfordville Highway. The suspect was stopped for failure to maintain a single lane while driving and the investigation revealed that the suspect was allegedly in possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Wakulla County Jail. Deputy Jeremy Creel investigated.

- David Anthony of Crawfordville was arrested following a traffic stop and subsequent investigation on Edith Odeso Drive in Craw-

fordville. The suspect was stopped due to the tag on the vehicle he was operating was expired. The investigation conducted during the traffic stop revealed that the suspect was allegedly in possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana and packaged in a way that indicated that there was intent to sell. The suspect was also allegedly in possession drug paraphernalia. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Wakulla County Jail. Deputy Matthew Hedges investigated.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

- Paul Reed of Tallahassee was arrested following a traffic stop and subsequent investigation. The suspect was stopped on Old Shell Point Road for exceeding the speed limit. The investigation conducted during the traffic stop revealed that the suspect was operating the vehicle without a valid license (DWLSR) and had been deemed a habitual offender. The suspect also had active warrants out of St. Lucie County. The investigation also revealed that the suspect was allegedly in possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Wakulla County Jail. Deputy Anthony Paul investigated.

- Anthony Walker of Crawfordville was arrested following a retail theft complaint at the Crawfordville Walmart. The suspect was reportedly observed passing the final point of sale with \$180 worth of unpaid merchandise. The suspect's actions were captured via the stores video surveillance. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Wakulla County Jail. Deputy William Hunt investigated.

This week Sheriff Jared Miller and the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,002 calls for service, 203 calls to 911, and conducted 189 residential and business security checks.

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

City of Sopchoppy, Florida Notice of Adoption of Ordinance

The City Commission of the City of Sopchoppy gives notice of its intent to adopt the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY AMENDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT PURSUANT TO THE PROCEDURES OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING ACT, CHAPTER 163, PART II, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A public hearing on the proposed Ordinance will be held on Monday, June 18, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon as can be heard in the City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, FL. A copy of the Ordinance may be obtained and persons wishing to comment may do so in person at the public hearing or by writing to the City of Sopchoppy, P.O. Box 1219, Sopchoppy, Florida 32358.

If an individual decides to appeal any decision made by the commission with respect to this meeting, a verbatim transcript may be required. If so, the individual should make provision for a transcript to be made at the meeting, (RE: Florida Statute 286.0105). Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the city at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting Ashley Schilling at the above address or by phone at 850-962-4611.

Lara Edwards, Mayor
Attest: Ashley Schilling, Municipal Clerk
Publication Date: May 31, 2018
[Insert PO# ____]

May 31, 2018 AD#TRM4

FDOT Public Information Meeting
Financial Project ID Number:
220495-3-32-01

State Road (S.R.) 61/369 (U.S. 319) from Lost Creek Bridge to south of East Ivan Road Wakulla County

DATE:
Thursday, May 31, 2018
TIME:
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. EDT
PLACE:
Wakulla County
Community Center
318 Shadeville Road
Crawfordville, Florida 32327

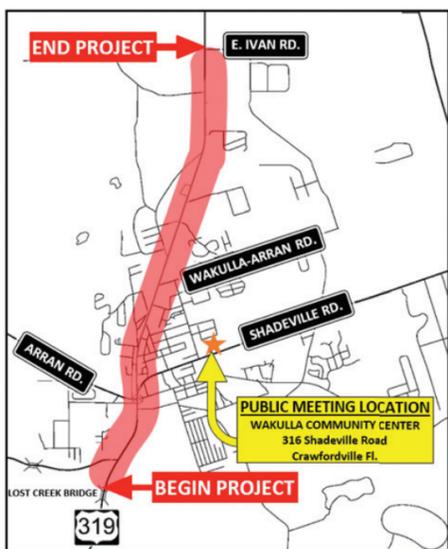
PROJECT INFORMATION

The intent of the project is to widen and reconstruct S.R. 61/ 369 (U.S. 319) from two to four lanes from Lost Creek Bridge to south of East Ivan Road. Buffered bicycle lanes, downtown parking improvements, sidewalks, and street lighting will also be included as part of this project.

The project is not funded for right-of-way or construction in the current Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Five-Year Work Program.

MEETING INFORMATION

This meeting is being held to provide interested persons an opportunity to review the proposed improvements and provide input. There will be no formal presentation. Maps, drawings, and other information will be on display. FDOT representatives will be available to discuss proposed improvements, answer questions, and receive comments.



For additional information

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Ian Satter
District Three Public Information Director
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A Wakulla Wild Animal Rescue

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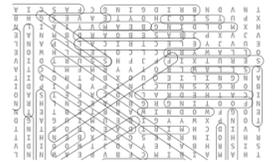
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CONSTRUCTION WORD SEARCH

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X P U T S I O J H O Y T E A V E S G H B
T N V D N B R I D G I N G C F A S C I A

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.



Super Crossword

RECREATIONAL MATHEMATICS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sovereign
 - 9 "And on and on": Abbr.
 - 15 Like saltines
 - 20 Fit to send via the postal service
 - 21 Old-time comedian
 - 22 Designer Oscar de la
 - 23 Olive Oyl's guy, to a math lover?
 - 25 Hall's partner in music
 - 26 Chicken — to a math lover?
 - 27 "Have — a deal for you!"
 - 28 Increases, as debt
 - 30 2011-15 speaker of the House
 - 34 Huge grin, to a math lover?
 - 38 Meditative discipline
 - 39 "Oh really? — who?!"
 - 41 Old Carl Sagan series
 - 42 Guitarist Nugent
 - 43 Layer with a "hole" in it
 - 45 Hand lender
 - 48 Narrow coastal inlet
 - 49 R.E. Lee's org.
 - 52 Male Oscar category, to a math lover?
 - 58 Cry audibly
 - 59 Sir — Newton
 - 60 One like the previous one
 - 62 Suffix with leopard
 - 65 Will subject
 - 67 Lump of mayo, e.g.
 - 69 Harsh in tone
 - 70 "Les Misérables" author, to a math lover?
 - 73 More done than "bloody," to a math lover?
 - 75 Pretty up
 - 76 Mimic
 - 77 Ballpark bite
 - 78 Casual greetings
 - 79 Cry upon arriving
 - 81 Air, as an oldie
 - 82 Wallach of "The Mistifs"
 - 85 Spinning measure, to a math lover?
 - 92 — while
 - 93 Extra NBA periods
 - 94 Petrol station name
 - 95 "— Marnet"
 - 96 Stick on
 - 99 Reporter, informally
 - 102 South, south of the border
 - 104 Tetra- + five
 - 105 Protective spirit, to a math lover?
 - 110 Motoring TV series
 - 112 No fewer than
 - 113 Burglarizes
 - 115 Jerry's uncle on "Seinfeld"
 - 116 Certain floor specialist
 - 117 1950 black-comedy film noir, to a math lover?
 - 125 Lift with effort
 - 126 Motionless
 - 127 Talked nonsense
 - 128 Pack-totling animals
 - 129 Carmelite nun
 - 130 Vampire novelist
 - 131 Mini-demon
 - 132 — Zedong
 - 133 Domino spot
 - 134 Pachyderms
 - 135 Silky fabric
 - 136 Alpine goats
 - 137 Height stat
 - 138 Utah City near Provo
 - 139 Belgian artist James
 - 140 Big name in breath mints
 - 141 Tax doc. pro
 - 142 U.S. aliens' subj.
 - 143 Hot brew
 - 144 Storied duelist with a big nose
 - 145 Gators' kin
 - 146 Supply with a new weapon
 - 147 Have a hunch
 - 148 Remington of 1980s TV
 - 149 Went by
 - 150 Yolk's place
 - 151 Med. x-ray
 - 152 Party abbr. about drinks
 - 153 Seep
 - 154 Huge heads
 - 155 Get as profit
 - 156 Classical column style
 - 157 "The ball — your court"
 - 158 Hi-tech "zine
 - 159 "Hush!"
 - 160 Tijuana "that"
 - 161 Prescription measure
 - 162 Lyric Muse
 - 163 Derision
 - 164 Floral oil
 - 165 Rival of Lyft
 - 166 — kwon do
 - 167 One-named Italian model
 - 168 "Hey, I was thinking ..."
 - 169 Glossy proof
 - 170 Deli breads
 - 171 "Well, Did You —?"
 - 172 Ventures (Cole Porter tune)
 - 173 Nisan feast
 - 174 Win points
 - 175 SeaWorld killer whale
 - 176 Outfits
 - 177 Peculiarity
 - 178 Roman fountain
 - 179 Shallot's kin
 - 180 — code
 - 181 Many moons
 - 182 Mother bird
 - 183 Singer Morrisette
 - 184 Bow rub-on
 - 185 Guitarist Paul
 - 186 Freezing up
 - 187 City
 - 188 "— trap!"
 - 189 Beat big-time
 - 190 Balm plant
 - 191 Mama's ma
 - 192 Old overlord
 - 193 Christie of mystery
 - 194 Import taxes
 - 195 City in Texas
 - 196 Annoys a lot
 - 197 Way to leave
 - 198 Arrogant, as fog
 - 199 Christopher of "Superman"
 - 200 Ventures (informally)
 - 201 Diminish
 - 202 Annoy
 - 203 Mixer choice
 - 204 Aztec cousin
 - 205 "I'm cold!"
 - 206 View
 - 207 Roman dispens
 - 208 13-Down
 - 209 Old ring king
 - 210 Abbr. on a camcorder
 - 211 HST follower

A RHYMING RIDDLE!

"We are familiar creatures, Each with different features. One of us in a glass is set. Another you will find in jet; The third is found inside a tin, A fourth, a beautiful box within; And the fifth, if you pursue, It will never fly from you."

THE JOLLY JESTER has five items in mind. You have five minutes to find them.

Answer: The vowels — A, E, I, O, and U.

YOU'LL BE IN TIP-TOP FORM if you can solve this AlphaMath puzzle in less than five minutes. You must replace the letters to the right with the digits 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 9, so that you have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits.

Our Answer: T=8, I=3, P=2, O=6, F=1, R=9, M=4, (832 + 862 = 1694)

LINK-UPS! Here's a list of 12 one-syllable words, divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from one word in the left column to one word in the right.

Answers: Winsome, buckled, wassail, added, grinding, damages.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

TRY TO BE PRESIDENTIAL SOLVING THIS ONE!

In the grid to the left, there is room for the last names of eight of our past presidents. The following tricky hints should help you:

- One who moves things.
 - Often found in the garden.
 - One of the Beatles.
 - The Tall Texan.
 - To add greater quantity to.
 - He was for clean government.
 - A catty president.
 - A type of stare.
- There is a dark frame around one of the columns. The letters in the frame, top to bottom, will spell out the home of several of our presidents.
- Answers: 1. Carter, 2. Bush, 3. Harrison, 4. Johnson, 5. Fillmore, 6. Hoover, 7. Garfield, 8. Pierce (piercing stare). The dark framed column spells "Flushmore."

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals Q, it will equal Q throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: A equals N

MJ M YL HGLZQMAP YBCBLA

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IZB LMPDC RYI M'L HYSMAP CDG

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by Terry Stickels

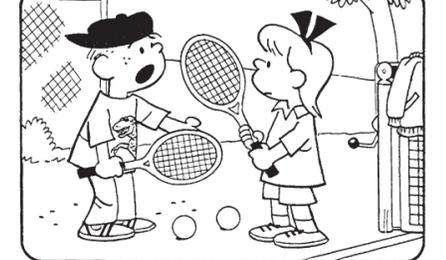
Here are some common Latin phrases used in everyday English. Match the words on the left with their meanings on the right.

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. quid pro quo | a. always faithful |
| 2. ipse dixit | b. for example |
| 3. quod erat demonstrandum | c. something for something |
| 4. exempli gratia | d. that which was to be proved |
| 5. semper fidelis | e. an unsupported assertion |

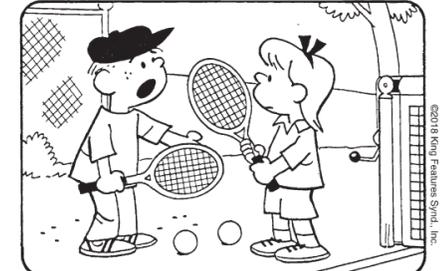
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

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

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|------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. Whittle | — A — — — | Bend in the road | — U — — — |
| 2. More than enough | — M — — — | Eve's fruit | — P — — — |
| 3. Famous telescope | — B — — — | Unpretentious | — M — — — |
| 4. Rosie's bolt | — — — — T | Nile or Rhine | — — — — R |
| 5. Louis XVI's country | F — — — — | Frolic | P — — — — |
| 6. At a future time | — — T — — | Pub choice | — — G — — |
| 7. President Jimmy | — — — — T | Vocation | — — — — E — — |
| 8. Estate | — — N — — | Soldier of rank | — — — — J — — |
| 9. The one before | — — A — — | Brood of puppies | — — — — I — — |
| 10. Thread holder | — — — — L | Parody | — — — — F — — |

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answer
Cryptoquip
If I am removing autumn leaves from knolls in my yard, you might say I'm raking the mounds.

Sticklers Answer
1-c, 2-e, 3-d, 4-b, 5-a

Even Exchange answers
1. Carve, Curve
2. Apple, Apple
3. Carter, Career
4. Rivet, River
5. France, France
6. Later, Lager
7. Mator, Major
8. Hubble, Humble
9. Letter, Litter
10. Spool, Spool

Answers
I M P E R I A L E T C E T O C R I S P
M A I L A B L E N I S E R Y O A T E S
P O P I L A R T E S C A L L A R O A T E S
P O X I G O T A C C R U E S
B E S T U P P O R T I N G F A C T O R
S O B I S A A C A N O N T H E R
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H E R I A M R E T U R N E L L I
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T I L E R S T R O B S L E
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H E A V E A T R E S T D R I L L E D
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Super Crossword

Outdoors

outdoor sports and fishing reports

Trout don't like all the fresh water from Alberto

On the Water

BY CAPT. EVAN SNOW



I hope everyone had a good Memorial Day Weekend and at least got in a few outdoor activities before Alberto finally showed up.

It's sometimes easy to forget what Memorial Day is all about with everything going on and I am guilty as anyone, but I got a reminder Monday and stopped for a while to remember those who gave it all for this country.

Not much fishing going on the last few days, but I did get a chance to get a few trips in last week while dodging rain before the real meat of the storm got here Sunday.

Tons of freshwater pouring into Apalachee Bay right now with all this rainfall and the speckled trout do not like it.

Last week the trout had really started to push into deeper water

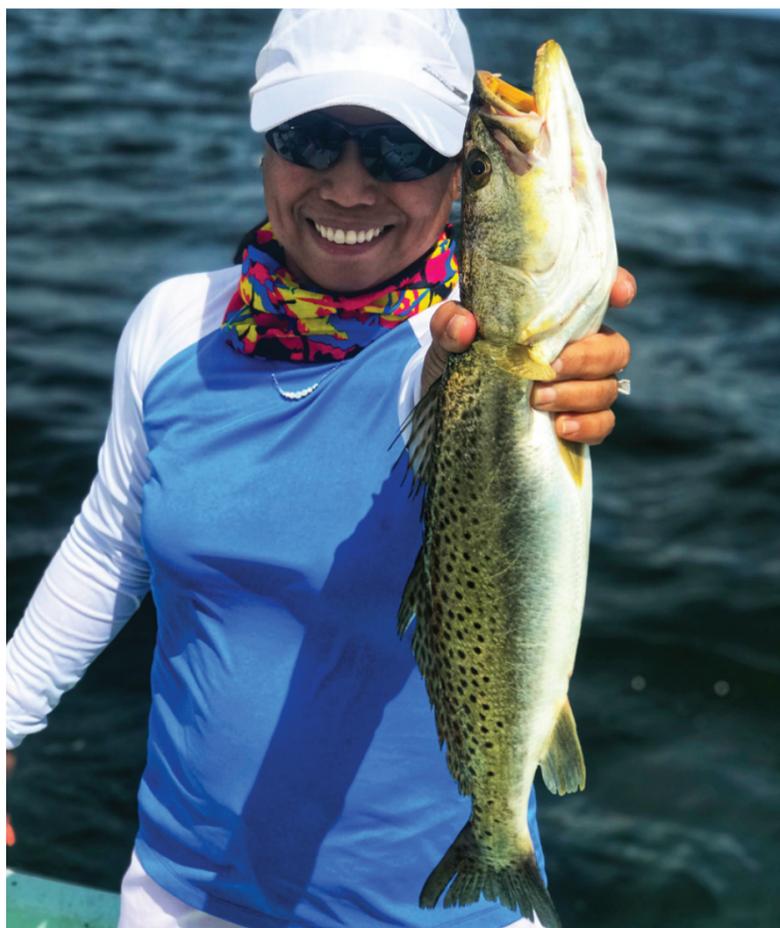
to escape the influx of freshwater in the shallows and it took me a couple days to get zeroed back in on them.

I had been catching most of my school trout in 4-5 feet of water, they were a bit spread out but they were there.

About the middle of last week after we had gotten a good bit of rain, they just were not in the same areas and I had to go out to nearly 10 feet of water to start catching trout again.

This was before we got the bulk of the rain early this week so I'm probably going to have to go out and search for them again Thursday or Friday whenever this wind and rain allows me to get back on the water.

So a good bet for those of you who haven't been out in a week or two would be to start fishing for trout in



Marietta Woodcox of Tallahassee with a nice trout aboard AIC.

a bit deeper water than you did last time you were out.

I'd also advise getting out away from the river mouths because of all

the freshwater they are dumping in right now, way more than normal.

When you are out searching for trout, stained or tannin water

can be a good place to start but don't get that confused with water that is just stirred up and full of sediment. The trout like their

water clean so if the water looks cloudy it might be best to find another area.

Finding clean water might be a bit of an issue for a few days because the high winds will have the water stirred up.

If you fish on the coast and have not signed up for the CCA Florida STAR tournament you really should.

It started last Saturday and the first tagged redfish has been caught in Brevard County by an unregistered angler – who, by not being registered, missed out on his choice of five boats and a GMC truck.

Don't let that happen to you!

There are tagged redfish swimming the coastline of Wakulla, Franklin, Jefferson and Taylor counties right now.

Good luck and tight lines.

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

HOME ON THE RANGE

What's trigger pull? and who cares?



By MARJ LAW

You bought a new .380 haI pull on the trigger of her Remington .380. And pull some more. Nothing happens. Is something wrong?

"What's the deal with this gun?" I ask her.

"It has a real hard trigger pull," she explains.

"OK." I press harder. No dice.

I scootch my index finger into the trigger down to the first joint.

Still nothing.

"So how do you fire

it?" I ask, giving up.

"Well, I use both index fingers at the same time," she tells me.

Dreadful. Really? Both fingers? Yikes! Well, since I can't shoot this gun with a decent grip, here goes.

Hope nobody sees.

Sure enough, with feet firmly planted and both index fingers on the trigger, I squeeze off a shot. Bang! Big kick on such a little handgun!

I look at her.

"Wow!"

"It has a real firm kick, too," she adds. "What do you think?"

"I'd name this gun Misery."

She laughs, probably enjoying that she's not the only one having trouble with this gun.

"What should I do with it?"

I nod towards the nearest trashcan. She groans ruefully.

The sad truth is, that trigger pull is really important. Trigger pull



can be measured by a gauge and is expressed in pounds.

Most handgun trigger pulls range from 3 to 12 pounds. Generally, a 3-pound trigger pull is light and a 12-pound trigger pull is hard. This Remington is rated to have about an 8-9 pound pull. Other factors such as grip size can affect the trigger pull, but right now, let's just compare a couple other .380's trigger pulls.

The Smith & Wesson EZ has a trigger pull of about 4.5-5 pounds. The Ruger LCP has about a 6.5-pound trigger pull, while the Sig Sauer has a pull of 7.5-8.5 pounds. Some of this depends

on the specific guns and how they are affected by their newness and/or their "break-in" period. Your gun's manual will tell you how many rounds should go through your handgun before it is considered broken in. After this amount of time, there may be a slight ease in trigger pull. However, the stated pull is usually pretty accurate.

If you are defending your life, you'll want to know you can pull the trigger successfully.

Even guns with the same pound trigger pull shoot differently, so when you're buying a gun, this is certainly not the only consideration to how easy the gun will

shoot.

For instance, that Ruger LCP is a tiny gun with a short grip. A lot of people can get only two fingers on that grip. Control of a handgun is much better if you can get three or four fingers on the grip. So, even if the LCP has a 6.5-pound pull and the Sig has a 7.5-pound pull, the grip you can get on the Sig is generally much firmer than the LCP because the

Sig gives more finger space. This means the perceived trigger pull on the Sig is much lighter than the LCP.

The Smith EZ's trigger pull of 4.5 pounds can seem even lighter because the EZ is a somewhat larger handgun than either the Ruger LCP or the Sig. The EZ's grip is correspondingly larger, giving a firm handhold. With the lighter trigger pull and the larger grip, the EZ's pull is light, indeed.

Trigger pull pound rating is one of many factors which make a gun easier than another to shoot. Some of the other factors are your experience, strength, preference and a whole lot more, but a trigger pull's rating is a good place to start.

Then, the only way you can really tell if you've found a gun that has an easy trigger pull is to take one to a range and shoot it before you purchase.

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

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Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water

Local writers share their experiences

Thursday	
Sun rise/set 6:35 am 8:33 pm	Moon rise/set 10:26 pm 8:16 am
Brightness— 96%	
Friday	
Sun rise/set 6:35 am 8:33 pm	Moon rise/set 11:14 pm 9:04 am
Brightness— 91%	
Saturday	
Sun rise/set 6:35 am 8:34 pm	Moon rise/set 9:54 am
Brightness— 85%	
Sunday	
Sun rise/set 6:35 am 8:34 pm	Moon rise/set ---:-- 10:46 am
Brightness— 78%	
Monday	
Sun rise/set 6:35 am 8:35 pm	Moon rise/set 12:38 am 11:39 am
Brightness— 70%	
Tuesday	
Sun rise/set 6:34 am 8:35 pm	Moon rise/set 1:16 am 12:32 pm
Brightness— 61%	
Wednesday	
Sun rise/set 6:34 am 8:36 pm	Moon rise/set 1:52 am 1:27 pm
Brightness— 50%	

Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

May 31 - June 6

Tide charts by tides4fishing.com

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

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

St. Marks River Entrance

Th	4:24 am ▲ 3.3 ft	9:30 am ▼ 1.5 ft	3:27 pm ▲ 3.8 ft	10:40 pm ▼ -0.3 ft
Fr	5:00 am ▲ 3.2 ft	10:03 am ▼ 1.5 ft	3:56 pm ▲ 3.8 ft	11:13 pm ▼ -0.1 ft
Sa	5:37 am ▲ 3.2 ft	10:40 am ▼ 1.6 ft	4:27 pm ▲ 3.7 ft	11:48 pm ▼ 0.0 ft
Su	6:17 am ▲ 3.1 ft	11:20 am ▼ 1.6 ft	5:02 pm ▲ 3.5 ft	
Mo	12:26 am ▼ 0.2 ft	7:03 am ▲ 3.0 ft	12:09 pm ▼ 1.8 ft	5:43 pm ▲ 3.3 ft
Tu	1:10 am ▼ 0.4 ft	7:55 am ▲ 3.0 ft	1:11 pm ▼ 1.8 ft	6:38 pm ▲ 3.0 ft
We	2:01 am ▼ 0.6 ft	8:53 am ▲ 3.0 ft	2:31 pm ▼ 1.8 ft	7:59 pm ▲ 2.7 ft

City of St. Marks

Th	5:00 am ▲ 3.0 ft	10:34 am ▼ 1.3 ft	4:03 pm ▲ 3.6 ft	11:44 pm ▼ -0.2 ft
Fr	5:36 am ▲ 3.0 ft	11:07 am ▼ 1.4 ft	4:32 pm ▲ 3.5 ft	
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Su	12:52 am ▼ 0.0 ft	6:53 am ▲ 2.9 ft	12:24 pm ▼ 1.5 ft	5:38 pm ▲ 3.2 ft
Mo	1:30 am ▼ 0.2 ft	7:39 am ▲ 2.8 ft	1:13 pm ▼ 1.6 ft	6:19 pm ▲ 3.0 ft
Tu	2:14 am ▼ 0.4 ft	8:31 am ▲ 2.8 ft	2:15 pm ▼ 1.7 ft	7:14 pm ▲ 2.8 ft
We	3:05 am ▼ 0.6 ft	9:29 am ▲ 2.8 ft	3:35 pm ▼ 1.6 ft	8:35 pm ▲ 2.5 ft

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Th	4:46 am ▲ 3.3 ft	9:47 am ▼ 1.7 ft	3:35 pm ▲ 3.9 ft	10:58 pm ▼ -0.2 ft
Fr	5:22 am ▲ 3.3 ft	10:20 am ▼ 1.7 ft	4:04 pm ▲ 3.8 ft	11:32 pm ▼ -0.1 ft
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Su	12:07 am ▼ 0.1 ft	6:40 am ▲ 3.1 ft	11:38 am ▼ 1.8 ft	5:14 pm ▲ 3.5 ft
Mo	12:45 am ▼ 0.3 ft	7:25 am ▲ 3.1 ft	12:29 pm ▼ 1.8 ft	5:59 pm ▲ 3.3 ft
Tu	1:29 am ▼ 0.5 ft	8:17 am ▲ 3.0 ft	1:35 pm ▼ 1.9 ft	6:57 pm ▲ 3.0 ft
We	2:21 am ▼ 0.7 ft	9:15 am ▲ 3.1 ft	2:57 pm ▼ 1.8 ft	8:24 pm ▲ 2.8 ft

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Th	4:16 am ▲ 2.4 ft	9:41 am ▼ 1.1 ft	3:19 pm ▲ 2.9 ft	10:51 pm ▼ -0.2 ft
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We	2:12 am ▼ 0.5 ft	8:45 am ▲ 2.2 ft	2:42 pm ▼ 1.3 ft	7:51 pm ▲ 2.1 ft

St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

Th	4:46 am ▲ 2.5 ft	9:28 am ▼ 1.7 ft	3:08 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	10:32 pm ▼ -0.2 ft
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Dog Island West End

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Phil Hill, left, inspects a boat; Rich Pizza-la, above, offers safe boating information.



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



To the men and women of our armed forces, who have given the ultimate sacrifice, Flotilla 12 thanks you for our dedication and selfless act. To our families, we offer our most sincere condolences and thanks. We hope all took time to remember those who gave all so that we may have our freedom.

With the long weekend, many take to the waters. This is a great opportunity for the Flotilla to offer free vessel exams and information about safe boating. This past weekend, Tim Ashley, Raye Crews, Ron Eudy, Phil Hill, Steve Hults and Rick Pizza-la were out bright and early to greet boaters. Throughout the day, 25 boats were inspected.

One of the main reasons boats did not pass inspection was non-working navigation lights. These are critical safety equipment should you be out on the water at dusk and after dark. Another problem identified for many were outdated safety flares. There are required for boats over 16 feet. Typically flares will work even after expiration if they are not damaged, however it is critical that boaters have non-expired

Boating Emergencies

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A U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary member doing a boat inspection.

flare aboard.

During the event, Phil Hill re-qualified as a vessel examiner. FWC was also out working to ensure boaters that were out were operating safely, especially given the storms approach. Bravo Zulu team!

Thank you to Tim Ashley, Ron Eudy and Phil Hill for contributing to this article.

Following any storms, it is critical that when boating you pay attention to your surroundings as the winds and rain may have carried de-

bris into the waterways.

Our next safe boating classes are scheduled for June 23rd. The class will be held at Academy Sports in Tallahassee. For more information or to sign up, individuals can contact our Public Education Officer Rich Rasmussen at rich@uscgaux.net.

Thanks to Sherrie, we will always remember safe boating is no accident. Don't be a statistic.

If you would like to learn more about vessel safety checks, please contact Steve Hults, Staff Officer for Vessel Examinations at steve.hults@uscgaux.net.

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

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed civilian volunteer component of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Coast Guard in nearly all mission areas. The Auxiliary was created by Congress in 1939.

Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

Texas A&M University at Galveston Scientific Diving Training

Again, for the near 20th time, Dr. Iliffe brought his Scientific Diving Class to visit Florida waters for two weeks of dive-training and to attend the National Speleological Society's Cave Diving Section annual conference in Marianna.

This year, the class had 24 students, down from previous classes above 34 students. For the first week, the students live on the U.S. Navy base in Panama City and tour their facilities between dive-training in the bay and Gulf of Mexico.

After the conference, they moved our way for Cavern training.

I serve as an adjunct professor to offer training to half of these students over a five day intensive schedule. Training standards require we maintain no more than a four student to one instructor ratio underwater at all times. That means Dr. Iliffe and I have to dive three sets of students twice a day.

By the end of the week I had accumulated 20 hours underwater down to depths of 100 feet. These dives are bounce dives of about 30 minutes each, back to back, causing challenging decompression stress, while providing skill training to each student. By the end of the week we were both exhausted. Skills included line exercises with eyes open and closed, mask off drills, sharing gas, eyes open and closed, buoyancy exercises, lost line and lost diver drills, tracking decompression profiles, gas management, and working with a buddy. Such an agenda would not be difficult if it weren't for the daily thunderstorms that chased us across north Florida. We had to exit the water and stay out for 30 minutes every time thunder could be heard at the dive site.

We began at Morrison Springs just south of Ponce De Leon on Route 81. This park has a huge cavern that is 90 feet deep, and usually clear.

The river was high, but blessed us by staying out of the spring. We then went to Jackson Blue in the Merritt's Mill Pond in Marianna. There we were kept out of the water for most of the day with reoccurring thunder (and rain). Frustrated we moved on to Peacock Springs north of Mayo for a full day of diving down to 65 feet.

Because of the expected crowds, we then moved to Ginnie Springs near High Springs for dives in three sites of mixed conditions, including high flow, black-out drills, and discovery dives, only to be chased out by a huge storm at the end of the day.

We returned to Orange Grove (another part of the Peacock Springs Park) the final day to complete the training at 100 feet and 65 feet.

Any of you divers looking at these schedules can clearly see the instructors would surely be injured with so much decompression stress. I got away with it by using my rebreather set on a high PO2 setting with many oxygen flushes in shallow water.

The students were diving 32 percent Nitrox which helped them with their permitted bottom times. Dr. Iliffe was on open circuit, which left him exhausted every day.

Why do we do this, you ask?

Because when we look back at those coming up the chain of recruitment behind us, we see way too few candidates there to replace us when we are gone.

We circulated a request for interested candidates for the 12 week intensive national Scientist In The Sea Program next summer, 20 students stepped forward.

Dr. Iliffe and I must now find the funds and horse-power to meet that interest!

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CASE NO.: 18000049CAAXMX

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CASE NO.: 17000128CAAXMX

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

QUICKEN LOANS INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
PATRICIA ANN SNOW A/K/A PATRICIA ANN THOMAS, AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF MILTON K. TAYLOR, DECEASED, et. al.
Defendant(s).

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

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TO: MICHAEL KENT,
whose residence is unknown and all parties having or claiming to have any right, interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

TO: DALE FRANKLIN SNOW, JR.
whose residence is unknown and all parties having or claiming to have any right, interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

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

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COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT NO. 90 OF HARTSFIELD SURVEY OF LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA (ALSO A POINT ON THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST; AND MARKED BY A U.S. FORESTRY SERVICE CONCRETE MONUMENT); THENCE RUN NORTH 72 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF LOT NO. 90, H. S., 1375.64 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT AND POINT OF BEGINNING OF TRACT HEREIN CONVEYED. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTINUE NORTH 72 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF LOT NO. 11, S., 208.71 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 17 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST 417.38 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF GLOVER DADDY ROAD, THENCE RUN SOUTH 72 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF LOT NO. 90, H. S., 1375.64 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT AND POINT OF BEGINNING OF TRACT HEREIN CONVEYED. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTINUE NORTH 72 DEGREES 33' 56" E, ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF LOT 90, 208.71 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUNS 17 DEGREES 26' 04" E, 417.37 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF GLOVER DADDY ROAD, THENCE RUNS 72 DEGREES 33' 50" W, ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF GLOVER DADDY ROAD 208.71 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN N 17 DEGREES 26' 04" W, 417.38 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LOT NO. 90 OF HARTSFIELD SURVEY OF LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND CONTAINING 2.0 ACRES.

CASORA ESTATES UNIT NO.2, TRACT NO. 11

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Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

TRINITY FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
MARGARET HALL; PAUL P. HALL, SR.; et al., Defendant(s)

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on May 1st, 2018 in Civil Case No. 17000128CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the SECOND JUDICIAL Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein, TRINITY FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC is the Plaintiff, and MARGARET HALL; PAUL P. HALL, SR.; DAVID BELLUCHE; FINLEY MCMILLAN; JEAN B. MCMILLAN, are Defendants.

The Clerk of the Court, Brent X. Thurmond will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, on June 14th, 2018 at 11:00 AM the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 23, BLOCK C, OCHLOCKONEE SHORES, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 17, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on May 4th, 2018.

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

Aldridge/Pite, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff(s)
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Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps

OK BOY, GO GET IT! GO GET THE STICK!
OK, LET'S TRY AGAIN. GO GET THE STICK!
DO YOU SEE HOW I PICK IT UP? NOW, GO GET THE STICK!
OH, JUST WATCHING THE DOG TEACH THE FARM KID TO FETCH. WATCHA DOING DAD?

Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas

DAG GUMMIT... I COULDA SWORN I PUT MY WALLET IN MY PANTS WHEN I LEFT THE HOUSE.
PECK POCKETS

R.F.D. by Mike Marland

IT'S A NEW HYBRID... MAJOR REDUCTION IN GERMINATION TIME!

The Spats by Jeff Pickering

YOU LEFT A MESS IN THE KITCHEN!!
WELL, I HAD TO GET IT OUT OF HERE!

POPEYE by Elton

YOU SUPPLY THE BURGERS... AND BRUTUS DOES THE VIDEO... AN' HOW DUZZAT HELP ON THIS BIZNESS?
PEOPLE WATCHING THE FOOD CHANNEL, SEEING ME SAVORING YOUR BURGERS, FLOOD YOU WITH ORDERS... THEN YOU FREEZE THEM AND SHIP THEM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY... GET A CLOSE-UP ON THIS, BRUTUS. MMM-MM... THESE ROUGH-HOUSE BURGERS ARE THE BEST!
OKAY... WHEN'S THIS GONNA BE ON TH' FOOD CHANNEL? AS SOON AS I SELL THEM THE IDEA!
MEBBE WE KIN SELL DISS TA TH' WRES'LIN CHANNEL... I GOT A GREAT SHOT OF Y' FLYIN' OUT TH' DOOR!

FLASH GORDON by Jim Keefe

AS THE SORCERER CHOONG-LI FEEDS OFF ZARKOV'S MIND, FLASH AND DALE ARE HELD FAST BY THEIR OWN SHADOWS! THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING! IT ISN'T POSSIBLE!
YOUR WORDS BETRAY YOUR IGNORANCE... FACED WITH THE REALITY AND STILL YOU DO NOT BELIEVE.
WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO WITH US? I'D ADVISE YOU TO WATCH CLOSELY.
"YOU SEE, IN AGES PAST MY RACE WAS NEARLY WIPED OUT BY SAVAGES NOT UNLIKE YOURSELVES."
"YOU SHALL BE DEALT WITH IN KIND."
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NEXT, AIM FOR THE FLATTEST FAIRWAY AREA WITHIN REACH. NOT THE LONGEST BALL YOU CAN POSSIBLY HIT. FINALLY, TRY TO FADE THE TEE SHOT INTO A RIGHT-TO-LEFT SLOPE. AND DRAW IT INTO A LEFT-TO-RIGHT SLOPE.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- Grand story
- Recipe meas.
- Slender smoke
- Stereo precursor
- Conger or moray
- Opposed to
- Sit on eggs
- Highlander
- Rib
- Off the path
- Thing
- Golf prop
- Related
- Sandwich shop
- Shock and -
- Lair
- Duck down
- Vast expanse
- Pouch
- Male 38-Across
- See 37-Across
- Eggs
- Unrivaled
- Legendary
- Adult insect
- Sahara-like
- On an angle
- Rinky- -
- Use the microwave
- Unrivaled
- Long story

DOWN

- Send forth
- Corn concoction
- Erstwhile
- Peruvian
- Family member
- With 6-Down, cups and saucers and such
- See 5-Down
- Entreaty
- Haste result
- Enlarge
- Old portico
- Compassion
- Wager
- Use a swizzle stick
- Fix a manuscript
- Olympics
- Mauna -
- Arriving
- Toy block name
- Teensy
- Listener
- Jacob's brother
- End
- Bullshot ingredient
- Zero
- Crazes
- Operatic solo
- Dimension
- Any time now
- Neuter
- Rhyming tributes
- "Platoon" setting, for short
- Innards of a PC

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Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle

7			3	6				4
1					9		3	
		4	8			1		
7				5	4			
6				7			2	5
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9	2				6	8		
		1		8			9	
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- MATH:** What is the square root of 25?
- GEOGRAPHY:** How many South American countries border Argentina?
- SCIENCE:** The conversion of water vapor to liquid is called what?
- MUSIC:** Who composed the opera "The Barber of Seville"?
- ANATOMY:** Where are the muscles called "lats" located?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a group of lions called?
- PSYCHOLOGY:** What is the fear experienced by someone suffering from ailurophobia?
- AD SLOGANS:** What breakfast cereal's ad slogan was, "They're GR-R-R-real"?
- FAMOUS QUOTATIONS:** What writer and activist once said, "The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference"?
- MYTHOLOGY:** Which Greek god is associated with winged sandals?

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Sawtooth

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: A equals N

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UGYQGR JHZZL SAZUUR MA LI IYHT,
IZB LMPDC RYI M'L HYSMAP CDG
LZBATR.

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Trivia Test Answers

- 5
- Five: Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay
- Condensation
- Rossini
- Back
- A pride
7. Fear of cats
- Kellogg's Frosted Flakes
- Elie Wiesel
- Hermes, messenger of the gods

King Crossword Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

7	8	9	3	6	1	2	5	4
4	9	6	8	7	3	5	2	1
2	5	7	1	6	8	4	3	9
5	9	6	4	2	3	7	1	8
6	4	3	1	7	5	4	8	2
1	7	2	6	3	5	4	8	9
3	5	4	8	2	7	1	6	9
2	1	6	4	5	9	7	3	8
7	8	9	3	6	1	2	5	4

Answer

WAKULLA COUNTY

CryptoQuip
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Best Seafood Restaurant _____
Best Grouper _____
Best Shrimp _____
Best Mullet _____
Best Oysters _____
Best Deviled Crab _____
Best Steak _____
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Swamps serve as a filtration system



Natural Wakulla

By Les Harrison

Recent rains have water standing on some Wakulla County real estate which was dry only a few weeks ago. Ponds, natural and dug, are brimming with water reflecting the excessive outpouring from the slow and wet weather system which passed listlessly over the county.

The rain-water surplus is also filling the natural low points in the geography known today as wetlands or the more archaic term swamps.

In the dictionary, a swamp is defined as a forested wetland. Some occur along the flood plain of rivers, where they are dependent upon surplus flow from upstream and from local runoff.

Other swamps appear adjacent to ponds in shallow depressions which fill during wet periods. Their landscape is covered by aquatic vegetation or trees and plants which tolerate periodic inundation.

Historically, swamps have an image problem. Legend has all sorts of unsavory creatures, degenerates, and spectral beings occupy these locales waiting for an unsuspecting traveler.

Even the proper British used the term as a pejorative to describe Francis Marion during the Ameri-

can Revolution. The Swamp Fox engaged in guerilla warfare against the conventional forces and hid in the swamps to avoid capture.

Economically, these watery regions have had very low values. Their only significance was as site for trapping, hunting or for logging in dry years.

Medically, swamps were seen as a quick and painful way to the grave. There were all those creatures which could inflict pain such as leeches, snakes, gators and the like.

Then there was disease. As an example, the term Malaria originated from the swamps of southern Europe where the term translated to bad air in medieval Italian. The mosquito connection was unknown until the early 20th Century.

Hollywood piled on the problem with a series of swamp monster movies. One notable for a local connection, "The Creature from the Black Lagoon" was partially filmed at Wakulla Springs.

Reality, as is often the case, is quite different than the initial perception. Even the term swamp has fallen out of favor in some circles, being replaced with wetlands.

Swamps or wetlands serve a variety of functions in Wakul-



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Swamps are home to more than gators and snakes. Many native wading birds make swamps home for hunting and nesting.

la County. Possibly the most critical is as a filtration system for the water table.

Excess rain is held in these shallow depressions and allowed to percolate or filter slowly through the soil. The screening effect of the soil and subsoil layers along with the slow progression cleanses the water of numerous impurities from the surface.

Without the holding capacity of local

swamps most rain water would end up in streams and rivers. In addition to being a loss for the water table, the excess water would cloud waterways with a glut of surface debris and nutrients.

It is true mosquitoes favor the still swamp waters, but so do many birds, fish and animals. Swamp rookeries are the nesting home for many wading birds. Mosquito larvae are an

important link in the food chain which supports much of the life in the swamp, and far beyond.

Even some of the swamp's most ostracized residents, snakes, have an important part to play in the overall environmental balance. These reptiles control the population of many destructive insects and rodents.

While not the ideal site for a summer cookout, on the bal-

ance swamps are still beneficial. After all, the creature from the black lagoon has retired to South Florida.

To learn more about the importance of Wakulla County's swamps and wetland, contact your UF/IFAS Wakulla Extension Office at (850) 926-3931 or <http://wakulla.ifas.ufl.edu>.

Les Harrison is the Wakulla County Extension Director.

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Krystal is a writer with a Bachelors Degree from FSU in Editing, Writing

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She is the mother of two beautiful young daughters, Cameron and Skylar, has a small zoo of pets and loves watching 'The Walking Dead' and playing video games.

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