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New septic rules

State will require advanced septic tanks, but some financial help may be available

By ERIN HILL
Staff Writer

The state may help fund advanced septic tanks for Wakulla residents.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is proposing a plan to reduce pollution in many Florida springs. The Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP), was at first expected to cost many local homeowners thousands of dollars.

Wakulla County Commissioner Ralph Thomas said that may not be the case.

Thomas met with DEP representatives on Monday, June 18, and received answers to many looming questions.

“To let the public know, come July 1, the state is not going to come around knocking at your door.”

—David Edwards
Wakulla County Administrator



One of the biggest questions has been who bears the cost?

Thomas said the state may foot some of the bill.

DEP anticipates septic tank companies will bill the state directly, Thomas added.

Initially, the BMAP will only apply to new construction septic systems on lots less than one acre in size in the Primary Focus Area, which includes parts of

Wakulla, Gadsden, Leon and Jefferson counties.

Homes on a 5-year plan for sewage are exempted, County Administrator David Edwards said during a Wakulla County Board of Commission meeting Monday night.

Edwards said the stipulations would also apply, for example, to an office that is turned into a restaurant.

“That’s a change of use,” Edwards said.

“Therefore that’s what you have to step it up to, sewer or performance-based.”

Edwards assured commissioners there will be funding for the new systems.

He also said the state is testing systems that may be inexpensive.

Thomas said the state has to survey how many properties will be affected, how much money there is to go

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Shooter training

Wakulla County deputies participate in a state-mandated active shooter training

By ERIN HILL
Staff Writer

The old Sopchoppy Elementary was the setting for an enhanced scenario-based active shooter training exercise for school resource officers last week.

A new state law requires every public school in Florida to have an armed law enforcement officer.

The number of SROs in Wakulla County has more than doubled. Prior to the Parkland shooting, there were only four SROs in Wakulla County.

Now each school has one, and Wakulla High School has two.

The new Safe Schools Bill requires that every Florida public school has a full-time resource officer, and they each must have extensive training.

During the drills on Wednesday, June 13, shots rang out from inside the school, prompting the deputies to move quickly into action.

Real life scenarios were used to try to prepare the officers. They were trained to access the



Deputy Steven Miller enters a school bus during an active shooter drill at the old Sopchoppy School.

school from different entry points, sometimes doing the drill alone, other times working in groups of two or three.

For both the school, and bus, portions of the training, their main goal was to get inside iden-

tify the threat, then neutralize it.

Although their trained to aim for the body mass, they are encouraged to stop the threat however they can. That’s easier said than done with the “suspect”

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Wakulla top test scores in Panhandle

By BETH O'DONNELL
Special to The News

Wakulla County public school students exceeded Florida’s state averages in 19 of 21 areas tested on the recently released 2018 state assessment results from the Florida Department of Education.

Used for comparison are public school districts in Florida’s 67 counties.

Of special note is the number 1 state ranking of Wakulla High School’s 11th grade U.S. History test scores at 88 percent proficient, compared with the state average of 68 percent proficient.

Other exam scores in the top 5 state averages are 7th and 8th grade English Language Arts; WHS Biology, and 7th grade Civics.

Scores are based on the “percent proficient”, meaning the percent of students testing at or above grade level.

On a scale of 1 to 5, Level 3 is considered satisfactory on grade level, with Levels 4 and 5 considered above grade level.

Wakulla also has 20 of 21 Top Ten scores in the surrounding 21 Panhandle districts.

In Wakulla’s Region of 9 districts including

Wakulla students ranked top five in the state for:

Subject Tested	State % Proficient	Wakulla % Proficient	State Rank (67 Districts)
U.S. History - 11th grade	68	88	1
ELA Grade 7	51	66	2
ELA Grade 8	58	74	2
Biology - grades 9 & 10	65	85	2
Civics grade 7	71	79	4

Wakulla, Calhoun, Leon, Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Liberty, Madison, and Taylor, Wakulla ranked first in 11 areas, and was in the top 5 in all 21 areas tested.

Says Superintendent Bobby Pearce, “Our educators are to be commended on the hard work they do every day teaching our children. And Wakulla couldn’t perform this well without our parents sending their children ready to learn, and our students being engaged in their own education.”

“Of course we celebrate the successes, but also drill down into the areas that need work. We are already strategizing on areas where we can improve and sharing effective methods for increasing student achieve-

ment.”

In grades 3 through 8, tests scores include two areas: English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics.

Ninth and 10th graders are tested on English Language Arts.

Math tests for some middle school and high school students include Algebra 1 and Geometry End of Course (EOC) exams.

In addition, test results include 5th and 8th grade Science; 7th grade Civics; 11th grade U.S. History; and high school Biology.

These state tests are important to students for many reasons. In third grade, ELA scores are used by the state for promotion to 4th grade. In two other areas, scoring a Level 3 or higher is a state

high school graduation requirement: Algebra 1 and 10th Grade English Language Arts.

“Also, teachers dissect test results of their upcoming students to help plan for the 2018-2019 school year,” adds Superintendent Pearce.

School and district test results are available on the Florida Department of Education website.

According to Director of Special Programs and Assessment Sue Anderson, “Individual student test results will be ready for parents to view in Focus and to pick up paper copies at the schools at a later date during the summer when they are released by the state. Superintendent Pearce will make a district-wide call when the scores are available.”

Lawsuit contends county violated Sunshine Law

Claim that discussion during executive session over Lake Ellen lawsuit went beyond settlement negotiations

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

Two property owners embroiled in the Lake Ellen boat ramp controversy filed a lawsuit against Wakulla County last week claiming that, during an executive session to discuss a proposed settlement of another lawsuit, began discussing other issues not advertised.

The lawsuit contends commissioners and county staff discussed bringing code enforcement actions against the property owners, as well as discussions of a new ordinance on public use of Lake Ellen during executive sessions on April 16 and April 25.

Commissioners can legally hold executive sessions without the public present to discuss legal settlements or strategies, but are required to have a court reporter make a transcript so that the meeting becomes public record once a case is resolved.

The lawsuit was filed Thursday, June 14, in Wakulla Circuit Court by Tallahassee attorney Kent Safriet on behalf of Lake Ellen property owners Steve Fults and Joe Avara.

There has been an ongoing dispute over public access to Lake Ellen for the past year, since

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Qualifying opens for local candidates

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

Qualifying for local candidates got underway on Monday at the Supervisor of Elections office.

County Commission Candidate Quincee Messersmith was the first candidate to qualify for the ballot. Messersmith is currently unopposed to replace District 4 Commissioner Jerry Moore, who is retiring.

County Commissioner Randy Merritt, who has filed to run for re-election in District 2, has yet to draw an opponent.

For School Board District 1, Verna Brock is seeking re-election and so far has no opposition.

For School Board District 3, incumbent Becky Cook is retiring and so far Cale Langston and Brent Sanders have filed to run for the seat.

For School Board District 5, incumbent Jo Ann Daniels has filed to run for re-election and two opponents have so far filed to run against her: Daniella Crum and Steve Sullivan.

Qualifying ends Friday, June 22, at noon.



Quincee Messersmith signs paperwork to qualify as a candidate.

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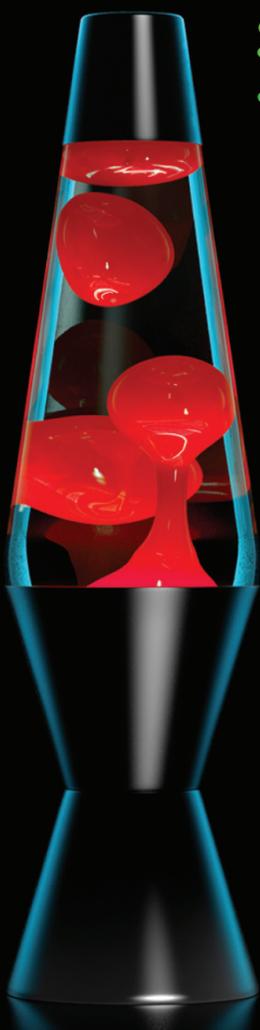
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Judge sides with environmentalists in land dispute

By **JIM TURNER**
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE – Striking a blow to the Legislature, a Tallahassee judge said state lawmakers failed to comply with a voter-approved constitutional amendment to buy and preserve environmentally sensitive lands.

Ruling from the bench Friday, Leon County Circuit Judge Charles Dodson sided with environmental groups in the lawsuit centered on whether lawmakers “defied” the 2014 Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative by improperly diverting portions of the money to such expenses as staffing – allegations legislative leaders have repeatedly disputed as they continued to make such budget allocations.

David Guest – a lawyer representing the Florida Wildlife Federation, the

St. Johns Riverkeeper, the Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida, the Sierra Club and Florida Wildlife Federation President Manley Fuller – called Dodson’s Friday bench ruling a “100 percent victory.”

“The people of Florida voted with a firm, clear voice. And the court said today that counts,” Guest said after the hearing. “The Legislature has to comply with the law like everybody else.”

Fred Piccolo, a spokesman for House Speaker Richard Corcoran, called the ruling a “clear abuse of judicial authority.”

“We are confident it will be overturned on appeal,” Piccolo added.

Senate President Joe Negron’s spokeswoman, Katie Betta, said she did not have a comment.

Dodson on Friday also postponed a weeklong trial planned for July.

The 2014 amendment, which was known as Amendment 1 and was approved by 75 percent of voters, sends 33 percent of revenues from a tax on real-estate documentary stamps to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund.

Since the passage of the amendment, legislators each year have directed at least \$200 million to the Everglades, \$64 million to a reservoir in the Everglades Agricultural Area, \$50 million to natural springs and \$5 million to Lake Apopka.

In the budget year that begins July 1, \$100 million from the trust fund will go towards the Florida Forever land acquisition program, which has been unfunded in past years. At least \$160 million will be spent on agency overhead.

Joe Little, who represents the Florida Defenders of the Environment,

told Dodson that the measure is “clearly” focused on conserving lands purchased after the amendment went into law.

The judge agreed, saying he’s read the amendment more than 100 times and considered the Supreme Court’s 2013 ruling, in which the justices unanimously approved the title and ballot summary, in reaching his decision.

Aliki Moncrief, executive director of the Florida Conservation Voters, hailed Dodson’s ruling.

“The circuit court judge recognized the Legislature was wrong when they spent Amendment 1 funds on existing operating expenses instead of new parks, restoration and protecting conservation lands – which is what people like you and I have been saying all along,” Moncrief said.

During Friday’s hear-

ing, Little said that the “driving force” for the amendment was a lack of will by state leadership to acquire land for preservation.

But attorney Andy Bardos, representing the House and Senate, said the court’s decision should be based on the written text of the amendment, not a perceived intent of the voters, which he called “pure speculation.”

The broadly worded

amendment allows money to be used for a variety of purposes, including management and restoration of conservation easements, urban open space, and working farms and ranches, Bardos argued.

But Little maintained that the state’s interpretation would mean that all of the money in the trust fund could be used for any purpose, without requiring the purchase of any additional land.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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New septic rules

From Front Page

around, and allocate the funds based on need.

Thomas previously said over a 20-year period it could possibly cost taxpayers in the PFA as much as \$100 million if Gov. Rick Scott signs off on the proposal on July 1. Thomas clarified this week that the \$100 million figure was just a wild guess. He said the overall amount depends on construction, permits and system repairs.

Thomas said sometime in the future the rules may apply to repairs to existing septic tanks in the PFA.

Eventually, Thomas said, existing systems that need any repair that requires a permit from the Department of

Health, even if it is just for repair of \$150, will have to be upgraded to a performance based system, which might cost up to \$10,000.

Commissioner Chuck Hess added that this will apply to repairs, not maintenance.

Hess pointed out another way to reduce nitrogen in the springs is to use organic fertilizers instead of chemical fertilizers.

Thomas noted that DEP representatives said they expect to receive an administrative challenge to the rules.

“If that happens, it would delay BMAP but only in the area that challenges,” Thomas said.

Thomas said the state will evaluate the BMAPs

success annually.

The requirement for advanced wastewater treatment does not apply to larger landowners, only to those on lots of one acre or smaller.

“The question was asked, what if, a year from now, if we’re not hitting those numbers – is there a chance the one acre will be increased to a larger acreage, and the answer was yes,” Thomas said

During the commission meeting, Commissioner Randy Merritt said from his understanding, septic tank owners can choose from performance-based systems or passive nitrogen reducing drain fields.

Merritt said the only option DEP says is viable that does not include an operating permit is passive drain field, and it is the one that is least explained.

Merritt, who is also an engineer, said the state has not provided clear instructions for drain fields, but sawdust could possibly be mixed into the soil to make the nitrogen less permeable.

“They haven’t said how to build it” Merritt said. “They just have a picture of something that says maybe this, or maybe that.”

He said the drain fields are very effective, with a 67 percent reduction in nitrogen, and there is no cost to the landowner. He also said performance-based septic systems would require on-going maintenance, which could be costly.

“Also to let the public know, come July 1, the state is not going to come around knocking at your door,” Edwards said. “It’s not an enforcement system.”



Notice of Public Meeting:

The Wakulla County Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group is holding a Public Meeting on Monday, June 25, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. in the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Conference Room, 3093 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL, (850) 926-0919. Interested parties are invited to attend and participate.

Purpose of Meeting:

To discuss the Local Mitigation Strategy, which is a comprehensive, coordinated planning document utilized to decrease the County’s vulnerabilities to natural and man-made hazards.

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

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Save Crawfordville from a wider 319

EDITORIAL

The state Department of Transportation is good at building roads, but terrible at building community.

That's evident in DOT's plans for widening U.S. Highway 319 through downtown Crawfordville.

The plan includes a footprint for a roadway that is 160 feet wide – four lanes with a raised grass median, bike lanes and sidewalks.

That's great for moving traffic. It's not so great for local businesses.

That moving traffic isn't necessarily going to be able to stop at local shops.

And that wide footprint will take out many local businesses, plus more for the planned retention ponds.

The county's plans for a walkable downtown have been largely

Takeaway: Building a wide road through downtown Crawfordville isn't helpful if it's taking away businesses, and making it harder for businesses to locate here.

on the shelf since the economic recession of 2007. But trying to cross a four-lane highway to shop is hardly "walkable."

This would be a good time, however, for the county commission to talk about a regional stormwater plan for Crawfordville.

Such a central stormwater system would alleviate the need for new buildings in Crawfordville to have on-site stormwater retention ponds – and would allow Crawfordville to develop its downtown like an actual urban center: with buildings closer together.

Armed deputies at schools give a sense of security



By ERIN HILL

Last week I watched as 10 local sheriff's deputies acted out scenarios dealing with an active school shooter.

I don't get into debates about gun control, but I can say as a parent that having an armed deputy at my children's schools would give me some sense of security.

I often mention how fast time passes. My daughter will be in middle school next year, but it doesn't seem like that long ago she was in kindergarten.

In 2012, exactly one week before my daughter's school let out for Christmas break, I was at work when the headline came across the screen that there had been a shooting in Newton, Conn.

The subhead stated that more than a dozen had been confirmed

dead. That night I took my daughters Christmas shopping, and I kept thinking of those parents who went from making holiday plans to planning funerals in the blink of an eye.

Before we made it back home that evening, both my girls were sound asleep. I stayed up most of the night crying and praying, because for the first time reality hit. That really could have been any school. That could have been my child.

The following Monday, my daughter's school sent home a notice saying they would be increasing safety measures over the Christmas break.

When she returned to school after the break, the entire campus was fenced-in with a locked, wrought iron gate.

Before Sandy Hook, I could just walk her to her classroom in the morning, or walk to her classroom anytime during the day. She was in private school then. The rules may have already been stricter for public schools during that time.

After Sandy Hook, a teacher, or another

member of the faculty or staff would be waiting at the gate to let the parents and children through. They would lock the gates promptly after the bell rang. Anyone needing to get into the school after the bell rang, had no choice but to go through the front office.

Although those preventative measures, may help, even the Sandy Hook shooter was able to shoot his way through the front office.

I can only hope that having highly trained, armed officers at schools will prevent any more tragedies, such as the Sandy Hook and Parkland shootings.

The Parkland shooting didn't have the same effect on me as Sandy Hook. I don't know if it's because Sandy Hook was the first time anything like that had happened while I was a parent, or because there have been so many since then, I've become somewhat desensitized.

I just pray school shootings never become the new normal.

Erin Hill is staff writer at The Wakulla News.



READERS WRITE:

Friday Night Lights for Wakulla Youth

Editor, The News:

In small towns, Friday night lights usually means you are at a football game. Last Friday night there was an exciting new type of Friday Night Lights in Wakulla County.

A group of residents with a dream to see our youth have a safe environment to meet and socialize together, in a matter of a few short weeks, collaborated and climbed mountains of bureaucracy to make their dream a reality.

Each volunteer donated their time, money and muscle to put a plan into action. The dream consisted of utilizing the Community Center for Youth Activities that were not solely sports related.

There was the cool DJ who had them all on the dance floor line dancing – where did all those kids learn to line dance? There was a photo booth to capture their memories of the night. There was free food torched by the Wakulla County Firefighters. There were games of skill, soccer, basketball, volleyball, corn hole, ping pong and table games.

There were children present whose parents were reluctant to leave because their children had been victims of bullying at school and worse.

It took an hour and a half to get over 240 students checked in and fitted with a bracelet identifying them in case, God forbid, their parents needed to be contacted.

There were children who were very unhappy with their parents when they showed up before 10 p.m. to pick them up because they wanted to stay.

They were safe, they were happy, they were kids! This was a test run and the dreamers believed in the saying if you build it they will come, and come they did.

The dreamers based on the huge success of this event have plans to keep moving forward and

will never accept no we cannot make something happen because of bureaucrats and those who did not share the same vision.

If you missed last Friday Night Lights don't worry there are more to come! There is a Facebook Page - Wakulla Helpful Information that will keep you abreast of just about anything happening in Wakulla County daily.

Thank you parents for trusting a group of dreamers and believers with your children!

A special thank you to Wakulla County Fire and Rescue who supported this effort; County Commissioner Chairman Ralph Thomas who was battle-worn by the time the event transpired; Wakulla County Sheriff Jared Miller for sending Deputy Jeremy Creel to tap on windows and ask why people were there to keep our kids safe; Wakulla 4H for standing and working right alongside the dreamers; TCC who made available great scholarship information and had the best line dancer on the floor; Department of Health, especially Quanesia Arnold who has been building a rapport with our middle and high school students through a grant that sponsors COMPASS - Navigating Towards Success which focuses on self-discovery, positive youth development and how to avoid obstacles and deviate from partaking in risky activities and behaviors; the Wyman Group for designing our flyer; and lastly Shannon Larson of Amazing Mail who said just tell me what you need and I will make it happen.

The dreamers, too many to name, are to be commended on a job well done with hearts as wide as our Apalachee Bay.

Becky Whaley

Administrator Wakulla Citizens and Wakulla Helpful Information

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Polled at the Quick Stop in Crawfordville: What do you like best about Summer time?



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“Going out on the boat and going fishing! We fish a lot for Redfish and Drum when were not working.”



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SHEENA WITHERSPOON
HARDEES

Everything! I love the summer time, I am from up North and recently moved here. I love all the beaches that are near Crawfordville.”



GARY TAYLOR
HILL MANUFACTURING

“Being able to use my swimming pool!”

- Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Lawsuit contends county violated Sunshine Law

From Front Page

Fults bought some lakefront property that included a county boat ramp that was located on his property. He closed off the boat ramp.

The county has sought to re-open public access to the lake with a proposal to build a boat ramp at the end of a county road at the lake. Fults and Avara challenged the county plans, and the commissioners decided to go forward with just a primitive boat ramp.

While discussing a proposed settlement between the county and Fults and Avara, the transcript indicates that commissioners got into a discussion with County Administrator David Edwards over pursuing some code enforcement action against Fults and Avara over their fences encroaching on the county right-of-way.

The lawsuit claims that “These discussions to institute code enforcement action against the plaintiffs violates the Sunshine Law because the discussion was no longer about settlement negotiations or strategies regarding litigation expenses – the only exemptions to the Sunshine Law.”

The commissioners and County Attorney Heather Encinosa got into a discussion about amending a county ordinance on public use of Lake Ellen – saying the ramp would be open daylight to dark and the limiting size of boat motors.

Again, the complaint claims that this violated the Sunshine Law by going beyond the lawsuit.

It’s also noted that when commissioners came out of executive session returned to the public portion of the meeting, commissioners Randy Merritt and Chuck Hess both recused themselves from voting citing conflicts of interest: Merritt owns property there, and Hess lives there.

But the lawsuit notes that both were involved in discussions during the executive session, which the lawsuit calls “disconcerting.”

The lawsuit also claims that Merritt made “vindictive comments” about using code enforcement to make Fults and Avara remove encroachments from the right-of-way by saying: “That’s going to be fun.”

Fults commented that he was incensed by the tone and comments made by commissioners at the closed meeting, saying it showed commissioners were taking retaliatory measures against him and Avara because of their opposition to the boat ramp.

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Church

religious views and events

Is it possible to go from anger to trust?



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

How often during our day do we find ourselves angry or bitter? As often as we find ourselves happy or thankful?

If we kept track of every time we had a negative thought, then recorded how long we allowed ourselves to dwell on that thought, what would we discover about ourselves? What if we did the same thing with our positive thoughts? Would our log reveal that we give more time to depressing thoughts or cheerful ones?

So then ... what kind of mood have you been in today? This week? Is this week reflective of the emotional climate of most

of your weeks?

I hate being angry and bitter. It sours my day and my relationships, not to mention my witness. I find that I often become angry whenever I feel cheated. The longer I allow anger and bitterness to eat at me, the more depressed I become.

If we find ourselves having more negative than positive days, what would it take for us to feel better ... about life?

I believe the answer to this question is faith – especially the kind of faith Paul commended the Colossians for in Colossians 1:4 (AMPC): “For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus [the leaning of your entire human personality on Him in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness].”

I read that scripture, and my entire being yearns to comply.

Think how it would change our thought life if we were to lean our entire personality on God – everything that makes us us: the

way we think, the way we set goals, everything.

Imagine how it would change our mood if we were to trust completely in His power (knowing He’s capable of handling anything we throw at Him); have total confidence in His wisdom (knowing He knows what to do and when to do it); and have absolute assurance in His goodness (knowing He’s for us – not against us). Wouldn’t this kind of faith transform our lives?

So then . . . how often will we allow ourselves to be angry or bitter for the rest of the day? What kind of mood do we want to be in for this next hour?

Let’s make this day – this hour – better than the previous one by boldly trusting in God’s power, wisdom and goodness.

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

Vacation time again?

By **JAMES L. SNYDER**

I had just finished my project, sent it to my publisher, took a deep breath and said out loud, “I’m glad that’s done. Now I can rest for a while.”

I must have said it aloud for someone in the house heard it. I need to explain that with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, it does not matter if you say it aloud, mumble it under your breath or just think it, she hears it.

I do not know how she does it and she will not give me her secret.

“So,” my wife said rather suspiciously, “ready to go on our vacation?”

That “V” word rarely resides between my two ears. I just never think of it. I am not a vacation fan. Sure, when the kids were home it was nice to get away and have some fun with them. However, that has been a long time ago. I think someone my age is just too old to go on vacation. What would be the purpose?

I am a little afraid that if I go on vacation, I might forget that I am on vacation and never return home and no one would ever see me again. You know how the memory is for us old guys. So, to be on the safe side, I do not think of vacation time.

“You know exactly what I mean,” my wife said rather sternly with one of her sly smiles. “We should begin making plans for our vacation before you begin your next project.”

I stuttered a little bit and said, “A what?”

She caught me off guard there. Under other circumstances, I might have responded by telling her that it was too late, I’ve already started my next project. I remember trying that once and I may be the writer, but she’s the reader and she always reads between the lines.

Then she began laying out her well thought out plans for what our vacation would be like.

I interrupted her and said as soberly as possible, “That would be nice, but I do not have any money to sponsor a vacation right now.”

All she did was laugh, which rather irritated me.

Then she explained, “Don’t give that a thought. I have been saving for this vacation since last year. I have it all worked out.”

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage can plan everything to the last detail. Doesn’t matter if it is our vacation, some project at the church, or spending time with the grandchildren. She is the Planning Queen of all time.

It’s not that I do not like vacations, because once I’m there I do. What I do not like is the planning and the preparation. It becomes so meticulous that I get bored.

I suppose that’s the way I am. I do not want to do anything new, but when I do, I do not want to not do it. My wife understands this because she’s had to

deal with me all these years. So, when she says, “Are you ready for our vacation?” I know she has it all planned to the last detail. Very wisely, she does not reveal these plans to me until we are ready to go off on vacation.

Once I get to that vacation destination, I have a good time, and I have her to thank for that. If left up to me, it would never get done.

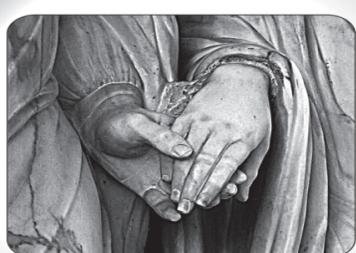
To answer the question, “Are you ready for our vacation?” let me just say, I must be because my wife is always thorough in all her planning.

Driving to our vacation destination, I could not help but think of something David said, “My times are in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me” (Psalm 31:15).

I must confess that I often want to try to plan my life. I need to learn what David learned, God has already planned my life and all I need to do is to yield to his direction.

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ISAIAH 41:13

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Obituaries

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Priscilla Gerrell Green
Melonie Elaine Gregory



Priscilla Gerrell Green

Priscilla Gerrell Green, 67, of Crawfordville, died June 13, 2018 with her loving family beside her. She loved her family with her whole heart and they knew the special love she had for each one of them.

She was born Sept. 30, 1950 in Tallahassee and lived in Crawfordville most of her adult life, where she raised her children. When talking about her occupation, her son and daughter said she was a Mama. She

retired from the State of Florida as an Accountant, also very active member at Ivan Assembly of God Church, where she was the Bible Quiz Coach, Women's Ministry, Youth Teacher, Hospitality and wherever she was needed to serve. She enjoyed cooking and baking, which she was very good at. If you needed a recipe, she had it. Priscilla enjoyed their home in the mountains.

Survivors include her husband of 47 years, Arnold Green; daughter, Gena Green (husband Robby Willis); son Arnold T. "Tommy" Green (wife Heather); sister, Evelyn Hires; brother, Benny Gerrell; mother-in-law, Eula Green; her three "hearts" granddaughters, Ashlyn, Olivia, and Gabriella "Gabi"; and her three fur babies, Brutus, Peaches and Lily.

She was predeceased by her parents, Buck and Nadella Gerrell.

Family received friends Friday, June 15, 2018, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Ivan Assembly of God Church in Crawfordville. Funeral Service was held Saturday, June 16, 2018, at 11 a.m. at the church. Burial followed at Whiddon Lake Cemetery.

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

Melonie Elain Gregory

Melonie Elaine Gregory, 67, of Quincy passed away peacefully on May 4, 2018. (A full obituary ran in the May 17 issue of The Wakulla News).

Celebration of Life has been set for June 30, 2018 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Moose Lodge in Panama. All are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Shaiya Gregory at (850) 296-4983.

Church Briefs

• Crawfordville UMC to hold Fun in the Son

The Crawfordville United Methodist Church is holding its Fun in the Son program for children this summer at Hickory Park in Crawfordville. There is craft time, Bible story, play, music and lunch provided. It is from 9:30 a.m. to noon on the following Tuesdays: June 19 and 26, July 10, 17, 24 and 31.

Hope to see you there!

• Rocky Mount to benefit Deacon Willie Mcroy

Rocky Mount Church of Christ family will be hosting a benefit program on Sunday, July 1, at 4 p.m. in honor of Deacon Willie Mcroy.

Guest speaker will be Elder Chris A. Burney from Great St. Marks Primitive Baptist Church.

Please come out and help us lift up the name of Jesus and support Deacon Mcroy. If you can't make it, a donation along with your prayers would be greatly appreciated.

For more information, contact Sis Nese' Grooms at (850) 508-3495.

BEREAVEMENT COLUMN

Wolves nipping at our heels

By TRACY RENEE LEE

Three and a half years ago, my youngest daughter underwent total spine fusion due to severe scoliosis.

Two years ago, she was in Houston, visiting friends, and the automobile in which she was a rear-seat passenger, was rear-ended on the freeway.

Perhaps for most people, this would not have been a big deal, but due to the velocity of the impact, and the fact that her back now has no movement whatsoever, she was knocked out by the severe snapping of her neck.

Once she regained herself, she realized that she had glass jabbed into various places throughout her body, she was unable to move her neck and right arm, she was confused, frightened, bleeding, unable to hear due to severe ringing in her ears, and in pain.

At the time of the accident, my daughter was preparing to serve a mission. The accident caused quite a delay, but she persevered and was able to enter the mission field with certain limitations. Since that time, my daughter has been on a full-time church mission for 18 months.

Although she suffers from the injuries she sustained, there is no time on a mission to address her issues. She comes home Monday, exactly one week after the day that the statute of limitations on her accident expires.

Interestingly, the insurance company, aware of this time discrepancy, did not attempt to properly settle her medical debts brought on by their client as they promised, and are obligated to do. As they spoke with my husband and me late Friday night at 4:55

p.m., they informed us that come Monday evening we would see our daughter's future ruined due to unsettled medical bills. Their calculated inactions, her trusting nature, and her obedience during her mission service would inflict severe negative consequences affecting her future college and career goals.

The insurance company's solution? Indemnify them before the statute of limitations ran out, and rather than paying the debts and clearing up her credit, they would issue a check to my daughter equaling one quarter of the total bills, allowing the consequences of their evil deeds to damage her life as she attempted to right the wrongs they had intentionally inflicted upon her.

My weekend was a disaster. I was so distraught over their horrendous and calculated mistreatment to my daughter that I could not rest. I could not eat. I could not do anything but cry, because I felt completely hopeless and unable to help my daughter out of this terrible situation.

About a year ago, a gentleman called me on the phone to discuss an article I had written about suicide. During our conversation, he had mentioned that he was a licensed attorney in Texas. Is it not wonderful how God places people in our lives to help us and we do not even realize what is going on it when it happens?

As I was lamenting over what could be done to help my daughter, I remembered this kind gentleman and our conversation. I flashed off an email to him Friday night as I sat on my couch in tears.

As he entered his office Monday morn-

ing, my friend began his workday routine by checking his emails. As he read my email, he immediately called me and offered me the assistance I needed.

I am grateful to him for his assistance. Monday morning, he had a choice. He could have ignored my plea, but he chose to emulate the example of Christ – "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." (John 13:34) – and help someone in need. His phone call was so gentle and kind. He immediately began gathering the information that I needed and emailed it to me right away. By 3 p.m., I was able to file an action to stop the statute of limitation's expiration, allowing my daughter to seek counsel and pursue a proper and just outcome.

I pick her up in three days – one week after the insurance company's calculated injustice toward her. Her mission has ended. The last time I saw her, she had just turned 19 years old. She is now 21. During that time, we have emailed once each week, and video chatted for 30 minutes on two Mother's Days, and one Christmas. Those are the mission rules.

She has been a very successful missionary. She has brought numerous souls unto Christ. She has served people across the world – too many to count. Her service and influence will continue without end because she has changed lives. At such a young age, she has made the world a better place. She too has followed the words of Christ and helped those in need.

My attorney friend lost his wife last year. As a widower, he grieves very deeply for her com-

panionship, their love, and the life they shared together. Throughout this year, my friend has been on my prayer list. He is a good man with a good heart. I am very grateful for his kindness toward me.

We do not know how things will turn out for her future. She has a battle against a giant foe who has already tried to deceive and forcefully damage her. But, there are people in the world of moral character, and one came to our assistance while the wolves were nipping at our heels. For that, we give thanks, for that we find hope, and for that, we know my friend's name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Throughout this year, my friend has been on my prayer list, and there, I feel fairly certain, he shall remain.

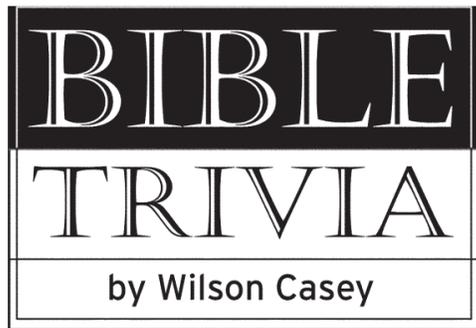
Please add my friend and all those who suffer loss, to your prayer list. Grief is a pain that strangles the joy out of your being and breaks your will to live.

My friend is a good man. He deserves comfort as he awaits the day when he will reunite with his beloved wife in the presence of his Savior, Christ. Everyone deserves that.

That is my prayer. Will you make it yours too?

Tracy Renee Lee is the owner and Managing Funeral Director at Queen City Funeral Home in Queen City, Texas. She writes books and weekly bereavement articles related to understanding and coping with grief.

For additional encouragement, read other articles or watch video "Grief Briefs," please go to my website at www.Mourning-Coffee.com.



1. Is the book of Galatians in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Mosaic law, what would happen to the person who cursed his father or mother? *Imprisonment, Outcast, 10 lashings, Death*

3. In Genesis 14:3, what lake is called the Salt Sea? *Galilee, Lake Pison, Dead Sea, Euphrates*

4. From Daniel 2, who had a dream about a statue composed of different materials? *Jezebel, Daniel, Rezin, Nebuchadnezzar*

5. In Acts 7, who said, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge"? *Philip, Stephen, Luke, David*

6. Whose biblical name means "salvation"? *Jude, Ahaz, Hosea, Ruth*

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Death; 3) Dead Sea; 4) Nebuchadnezzar; 5) Stephen; 6) Hosea

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Lost Cat



Missing since June 6. Diesel is a Hemingway Polydactyl (extra-toes), adult, male cat. He has short gray and white fur. He was last seen on Shadeville Highway. Please contact (850) 728-2184 if you see him.

Entrepreneurial bootcamp at Wakulla Center

Special to The News

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. The camp costs \$25 to attend. Participants

should bring a brown-bag lunch. Registration is open at <https://wakullaebbootcamp.eventbrite.com>.

This will be the first offering of its kind at the Wakulla Center. Interested individuals may contact the center at (850) 558-3525 or WakullaCenter@tcc.fl.edu for further details.



Farm Bureau and 4-H announce Camp Timpooshee Scholarship Competition

By RACHEL PIENTA
Special to The News

What could be more fun than a week at 4-H Camp Timpooshee?

How about winning one of three \$100 scholarships provided by the Florida Farm Bureau's Wakulla County board of directors.

4-H Camp Timpooshee is a picturesque camping complex located on the

shore of the Choctawhatchee Bay. Comfortable sleeping, dining, and meeting facilities allow campers to learn, work, and plan in an enjoyable, relaxed environment.

To enter the contest, create an image-based timeline of your favorite fruit, vegetable, or dairy item, accompanied with descriptive captions. In the timeline, follow the food item of

your choice from seed or earliest form to the store, to consumption by the consumer.

For example, corn on the cob is planted in early May. The sprouts break surface in about a week, and the field corn grows to mature in about three months. It is harvested in the fall with a grain combine after it has dried on the stalk and is then combined and trucked to a grain storage facility. From

there it can be processed into livestock feed, cornmeal, grits or any number of other products.

For a copy of the rules go to the Wakulla 4-H website: <http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/wakulla/>

For questions, please contact Rachel Pienta, UF/IFAS 4-H Extension Agent in Wakulla County at (850) 926-3931 or r.pienta@ufl.edu.

Cuttin' Bracken to perform at New Posh

BY DEBBIE DIX
Special to The News

Cuttin' Bracken, a Celtic trio, will perform at New Posh this Saturday, June 23, at 7:30 p.m. Reserve your seats today for the last House Concert at New Posh until August.

This group includes Conner Bacon (guitar, vocals), John Ross (flute), and Aisha Ivey (violin).

Ivey is a ten time winner of the Southeastern United States Scottish Fiddle Championship, and has also won awards for her Irish, Old Time, and Scandinavian "fiddling." She is currently working on her doctorate in music education at Florida State University. See www.aishaivey.wordpress.com for more information.



Cuttin' Bracken

Ross, an impressive flautist, completed

his doctoral degree at FSU this past May. He

was the 2015 National Flute Association Con-

vention Performer Winner, and his group,

Silver Lining Flutes, was selected to represent FSU as Promising Young Artists of the 21st Century. Ross plans to return soon to his home in West Virginia to teach and perform. His website is: www.johnrossflute.com.

A Tallahassee native, Bacon has been playing guitar since the age of 10. He is a former student of local guitar/mandolin teacher and performer, Mickey Abraham, and Bacon grew up performing a vast variety of musical genres with many groups. His soothing vocals also add a nice touch to some of the tunes performed by these musicians.

A musical video of this trio can be found by www.youtube.com.

Tallahassee Civic Chorale presents Summer in the '70s

Special to The News

On Friday, June 22, at 7:30 p.m. in Turner Auditorium on the Tallahassee Community College campus, you will have the opportunity to hear an evocative, nostalgic concert as the Tallahassee Civic Chorale presents its final program of the season, Summer in the '70s.

Whether you grew up during that time or are younger or older, this concert will take you back to those summers of the 1970s, with all their timeless music.

Some of the songs you will hear sung by the Chorale are We Are Family, Let it Be, Dancing Queen and Jolene. In addition to what is presented by the entire

Chorale, you will hear solos, duets and small groups singing some of your other favorite songs from the '70s.

"This is truly the music of my life, and brings back many happy memories of my youth," says Chris Gorsuch, singer.

The Chorale will be assisted by members of the performing arts sec-

tion of Pyramid Studios, the Chorale's partner in this concert. According to Volunteer Leon, Pyramid's programs are shaped by an innate belief in the abilities of the people we serve, by a commitment to individualized curricula and a holistic view of our students' lives. The gallery adjacent to Turner Auditorium will

also be displaying their visual artwork before the concert.

Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors and students and free for TCC students, staff and faculty. Tickets can be purchased online at www.civicchorale.org or at the box office door on the night of the concert.

The Tallahassee Civic Chorale is based at Tal-

lahassee Community College and is directed by Dr. Leslie Heffner. The Chorale rehearses at on Tuesday nights. For more information on the Civic Chorale or this concert, see civicchorale.org, or visit our Facebook page or contact us at sing@civicchorale.org or (850) 942-1893.

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education news from local schools

Eric Priest named June Employee of the Month

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

Eric Priest was chosen as the Wakulla County School District Employee of the Month for June.

“Eric was selected to be recognized for his positive impact on the Wakulla County School District in our Technology Department. We are happy to be able to spotlight his service in an area that does vital work behind the scenes. Technology touches everything we do,” said Superintendent Bobby Pearce.



Eric Priest

Priest grew up in Tallahassee, graduating from Rickards High School. He went on to earn certification as a Fiber Optic Technician through the National Center for Technologi-

cal Instruction (NCTI). After working for Comcast as a Service Technician for 13 years, then as a Project Manager at DEA Solutions for 6 years, Priest came to Wakulla County School District in 2013. He just completed his fifth year as Infrastructure Technician.

He got to see the Wakulla School District in action while working for DEA Solutions.

Notes Priest, “At DEA I was hired to do multiple projects for WCSB. I liked working with the WCSB team

members and enjoyed the work environment.”

His supervisor Tim Stephens, Director of Information Technology for WCSB, says, “Eric is an integral part of the Technology team. His hard work and professionalism are hard to put into words, but easy to recognize.”

For example, during the 2017-2018 school year, the WCSB Technology Department ordered 230 new Mimio Interactive Whiteboards and 150 projectors to be installed throughout seven Wakulla schools.

Explains Stephens, “Eric was given the daunting task of installing all of the new technology. He methodically went school by school, room by room, and never once complained of having too much to do.”

“On several occasions I offered to provide him any assistance he needed, but his response was always the same: ‘I got this’. Without his hard work and dedication, this project would not have had the success that is has.”

Priest truly likes

his involvement with Wakulla School District, noting, “The most enjoyable part of my job is the people. I enjoy the friendships that have been made and the work environment. The Wakulla IT Department and all of the school personnel I encounter make this a great place to work. It’s never a chore.”

Adds Stephens, “Eric is an employee that I can count on to get the job done right. He shows up every day ready to work and is always willing to lend a helping hand.”

WHS grad wins Freedom Essay Contest

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

Class of 2018 Wakulla High School graduate Jillian Richardson recently earned a \$2,500 scholarship for her winning essay on “The Bill of Rights: What It Means to Me to be an American.”

This is the 18th year that the law firm of Brooks, LeBoeuf,



Jillian Richardson

Bennett, Foster and Gwartney, P.A. has

sponsored the essay contest, which is based on a topic relating to reflecting on what it means to be an American.

Managing partner Dean LeBoeuf awarded Richardson, stating, “There were so many great essays this year that the top four were all within one point of each other.”

The law firm opens this essay contest to all juniors and seniors in Leon, Wakulla, Gadsden, and Jefferson counties each year.

Essays are judged by local attorneys and judges who donate their time to this program.

Dean Leboeuf read this quote from Richardson’s essay: “It’s

easy to take freedoms for granted when I’ve known nothing else, but it is important to reflect on the wisdom of our Founding Fathers to truly appreciate what it means to be an American.” She went on to base her ideas on the First Amendment.

Says Superintendent Bobby Pearce, “Jillian has accrued

many awards this year because of her academic, career/technical, musical, leadership, and volunteer accomplishments. She truly took advantage of the many opportunities that WHS has to offer, and put the work in to succeed.”

She is the daughter of Dan Richardson and Nancy Floyd Richardson.

Wakulla schools in final contract phase for BP monies

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

On June 12, Triumph Gulf Coast’s Board of Directors voted unanimously to move to the contract phase with the Wakulla County School District for Wakulla’s first proposed grant project.

Under the terms of Florida’s settlement with BP after the 2010 oil spill that impacted

regional coastal areas, over \$300 million has already been deposited in the Triumph Gulf Coast account to be used by impacted Northwest Florida districts.

Phase 1 of the proposed \$3.9 million project requested by WCSB includes converting the existing bus garage, currently located on the Wakulla High School campus,

to a Career and Technical center.

The center is expected to result in more than 400 students earning national industry certifications in Information Technology, HVAC, and Automotive Maintenance over the first five years.

The proposed project also brings training to Wakulla elementary and middle schools in preparation for success

in the rigor of WHS Career and Technical courses.

“We want to continue to expand on the highly successful Career and Technical programs we have built at Wakulla High over the years,” says Superintendent Bobby Pearce. “There are many high wage jobs in technical areas that call for specific training. Students can graduate from WHS

able to be employed without a mountain of student loan debt.”

A new bus garage would be built next to Crawfordville Elementary School.

Phase 2 of the WCSB proposal includes a request for \$5 million to create a community college site on the WHS campus. Students could graduate from high school with a two year Associate of

Arts degree at no cost to parents.

Triumph Gulf Coast’s Board of Directors are appointed by Florida’s Governor, Chief Financial Officer, Attorney General, and presiding officers of the Legislature. All Board meetings are public.

More information about Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. is available at www.myfloridatriumph.com.

RMS and WMS participate in Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Unmanned Systems STEM Summer Challenge

Special to The News

Riversprings Middle School became home away from home to faculty members from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and PAEC (Panhandle Area Educational Consortium) personnel on June 12, 13, and 14.

Faculty provided the “Unmanned Systems STEM Summer Challenge” to a group of 64 middle and high school students from Wakulla, Gadsden, and Liberty Counties.

The event was provided at no cost to participating students through an Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University partnership with the Panhandle Area Educational Consortium. PAEC coordinated all aspects of project activities. Wakulla District Schools, another project partner, provided

space and technical support for the challenge activities.

The three-day STEM Challenge (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) began with students being divided into flight squadrons districts and then into flight crews of three. Students were led by STEM teachers from the participating school districts.

Teachers David McBrayer from Riversprings Middle School and Melissa Martin from Wakulla Middle School worked alongside Embry-Riddle faculty as two of the flight commanders for the challenge.

Over the course of the three days, crews took part in a series of academically challenging and fast-paced rotations where they were required to fly mini-drones live



Student participating in Embry-Riddle STEM Summer Challenge camp.

using sky controllers and learn and apply computer coding skills to navigate

aerial and terrestrial drones.

Each day, the skill-demand of the ac-

tivities increased and on day three crews used first person view headsets to fly live through an obstacle course and coded aerial and terrestrial devices to autonomously navigate a variety of routes and obstacle courses and carry out simulated tasks paralleling real-world uses of autonomous aerial systems.

Crews also designed, constructed, and raced a hovercraft and, like NASA flight crews, each designed their own unique, symbolic three-dimensional crew patch.

Students also had the opportunity to engage with Sam Harris, Assistant Professor and Regional Manager from Gaetz Aerospace Institute at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and with Gulf Coast State Col-

lege Assistant Professor Tony Lopez, who brought an array of high-tech tools students learned to use in each school’s unmanned systems program.

The purpose of the STEM Challenge event is to engage students in STEM education and inform them of career opportunities, primarily in the areas of aerospace and engineering.

Opportunities for high-wage employment in these career areas continues to grow as unmanned or autonomous systems gain in sophistication, applications expand, and the demand for new systems and operators grows.

Financial impact totals in the billions of dollars across military, commercial, personal, and technology sectors.

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June 21-June 28

Thursday, June 21

• **WAKULLA COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** meets in the Education Center of the Crawfordville United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. This group meeting is for men and women, regardless of the type of cancer. Spouses, Caregivers and Friends are welcome. For more information, call (850 926-6050.

Friday, June 22

• **TALLAHASSEE CIVIC CHORALE PRESENTS SUMMER IN THE '70S** at 7:30 p.m. in Turner Auditorium on the Tallahassee Community College campus. Hear an evocative, nostalgic concert as the Tallahassee Civic Chorale presents its final program of the season. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors and free for TCC students, staff and faculty. Tickets can be purchased online at www.civicchorale.org.

Saturday, June 23

• **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF WAKULLA MOTORCYCLE POKER RUN.** Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Register for \$15 for each bike,

\$10 for passengers and \$5 for any additional hand. For more information call Peggy at (850) 926-5037 or Susan at (850) 519-2292.

• **CUTTIN' BRACKEN**, a Celtic trio, will perform at New Posh at 7:30 p.m. To reserve seats for this show, email newposh3079@gmail.com or text/call (850) 528-5838. New Posh is located at 3079 Crawfordville Hwy., in the little log cabin.

Tuesday, June 26

• **ENTREPRENEURIAL BOOT CAMP** at the TCC Wakulla Center 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.

Participants should bring a brown-bag lunch. Registration is open at <https://wakulla-bootcamp.eventbrite.com>. Interested individuals may contact the center at (850) 558-3525 or WakullaCenter@tcc.fl.edu for further details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

• **ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES:** Men's Division, Coed Division and Coed Church Division. The entry fee is \$300 per team. Registration Deadline is Friday, June 29 at 5 p.m. Contact W.C.P.R.D at (850) 926-7227 or www.mywakulla.com for any additional information. The league will start the week of July 3 and run 5 weeks.

• **NIGEL BRADHAM FREE FOOTBALL CAMP** on Saturday, June 30 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wakulla High School Practice Fields. The camp is free. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nigel-bradham-free-football-camp-2018-tickets-43706790186>.

• **WAYNE MARTIN & FRIENDS** at the Sopchoppy Opry at the historic Sopchoppy School Auditorium 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 30. Tickets are \$14 and may be reserved by calling 850-962-3711 or purchased at the door. Ticket office and café open at 5:30 p.m. on the show date. For more information go to sopchoppyopry.com.

Email events to reporter@thewakullanews.net



Summer in the '70s
7:30 p.m.
TCC's Turner Auditorium

Friday

Poker Run
10:30 a.m.
Wakulla Community Center

Saturday

Cuttin' Bracken concert
7 p.m.
New Posh

Saturday

Entrepreneurial Boot Camp
8 a.m.
TCC Wakulla Center

Tuesday

Library News

“Bad libraries build collections, good libraries build services, great libraries build communities.”

-R. David Lankes

Thursday, June 21

STEAM Team 2:30 p.m.
Wakulla One 6 p.m.
Operation Santa 6 p.m.
Bible Study 6:45 p.m.
Archeologist Tristan Harrensten 7 p.m. (Community Center)

Friday, June 22

Quilting Guild 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 23

READ Therapy Dogs 10 a.m.
Family History Workshop 11 a.m.

Monday, June 25

NAACP 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 26

Book Bunch 10:30 a.m.
Rockin' Readers 2:30 p.m.
Girl Scout Troup 160 4:30 p.m.
CPR Training 6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 27

Wakulla County Garden Club Board 10 a.m.
Book Babies 10:30 a.m.
Rappin' Readers 2:30 p.m.
Knitting Group 4 p.m.

Thursday, June 28

STEAM Team 2:30 p.m.
Women's Support Group 6 p.m.
Operation Santa 6 p.m.
Bible Study 6:45 p.m.
Puppeteer Will Keating 7 p.m. (Community Center)

Friday, June 29

Quilting Guild 9:30 a.m.
Dungeons & Dragons 2:30 p.m.
Music in the Park 7 p.m. (Hudson Park)

Saturday, June 30

Crochet for Beginners 10 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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!

SUMMER READING PERFORMER – TRISTAN HARRNSTEN: FLORIDA PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY NETWORK

Join the Wakulla County Public Library's Summer Reading Program Presentation of Tristan Harrensten from the Florida Public Archaeology Network. Join us for an informative program about ancient Florida. Event is free and

open to all ages. The program will take place at the Community Center on Thursday, June 21 at 7 p.m.

SUMMER READING PERFORMER – PUPPETEER WILL KEATING

Join the Wakulla County Public Library's Summer Reading Program Presentation of puppeteer, Will Keating. "Wizzle's New Beat" is an engaging and interacting show for ages 1-12 year old that incorporates music, dancing, and ventriloquism. Wizzle the Wuzzle Wump must return the enchanted rock to the "great speaker" in order to restore the rhythm to the world. Children learn how to find their own beat in this endearing story of an outsider who marches to the beat of his own drum. Event is free and open to all ages. The program will take place at the Community Center on Thursday, June 28 at 7 p.m.

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 10am. Our next Story Time in the Park will be July 13th in Woolley Park in Panacea, followed by August 3rd at the Medart Recreation Park and September 7th at Hickory Park. Come out and have some fun and enjoy our beautiful parks!

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WEEKLY & MONTHLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

• **4-H HORSEMASTERS CLUB** meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Wakulla County Extension Office, Room #1, 84 Cedar Ave. in Crawfordville.
• **ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** meets the first Monday of each month at Lake Ellen Baptist Church at 12:30 p.m.
• **FREE RESPITE** at Lake Ellen Baptist Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch, snacks and social group therapy provided. For info call Pat 984-5277.
• **OPEN GYM BASKETBALL** from 6:15 to 8 p.m. at the Wakulla Community Center, 318 Shadeville Rd. in Crawfordville.
• **YOGA AT NEW POSH** on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Contact newposh3079@gmail.com or phone 528-5838 to reserve a space. \$12 single class; yoga packages available.
• **ZUMBA** from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Wakulla Community Center, 318 Shadeville Road in Crawfordville.

TUESDAYS

• **CIRCLE OF PARENTS PARENTING GROUP** meets the last Tuesday of every month, 10 to 11 a.m. at the Florida Department of Health in Wakulla, 48

Oak St., Crawfordville. Enjoy snacks, make new friends and share parenting ideas. Need a ride? Have questions? Call Molly Clore at 850.926.0400.
• **FREE 100 B&W COPIES FOR TEACHERS** at Amazing Mail Solution. • **THE PAINT PARTY** every Tuesday from 6:30 to 9 p.m.. Bring your favorite beverage and relax. Instructors will guide you step by step through the featured painting. Classes \$25. Located at: Crawfordville Woman's Club, 64 Ochlockonee St. in Crawfordville. Pre-register at www.ThePaintPartyArt.com or call (850) 228-0422.
• **PANACEA WATERFRONTS FLORIDA PARTNERSHIP** meetings are the second Tuesday of each month, 10 a.m. at Posey's Restaurant, 1506 Coastal Highway. Call 528-1527 for info.
• **PLAY PICKLEBALL** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Community Center. Instructions on how to play the game are available. Bring \$2 to help with monthly rental of the space.
• **THE TOBACCO-FREE FLORIDA PARTNERSHIP** is held at 4 p.m. on the SECOND TUESDAY of each month at the Florida Department of Health in Wakulla County, 48 Oak St., Crawfordville. The meeting is open to the public and all community members are encour-

aged to attend. To request further information, please contact the Wakulla County Tobacco Prevention Manager Tonya Hobby at (850) 926-0400.
• **4-H GREEN THUMBES** meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Wakulla Extension Office, Room #1, 84 Cedar Ave. in Crawfordville.

WEDNESDAYS

• **KNITTING GROUP** meets at the public library from 4 to 6 p.m. For information, call 491-1684.
• **OPEN GYM BASKETBALL** from 6:15 to 8 p.m. at the Wakulla Community Center, 318 Shadeville Rd. in Crawfordville.
• **WAKULLA COUNTY MAH-JONG CLUB** meets from 1 to 3 p.m. at the PCT. 7 Meeting House, Whiddon Lake Road (first left after Walmart heading north). All are welcome – especially newcomers. Info: 559-0832.
• **YOGA CLASSES** at the Sopchoppy Educational Center on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. The cost is \$8 per class. For information, contact instructor, Elaine Solburg at (850) 566-8145.
• **YOGA AT NEW POSH** on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Contact newposh3079@gmail.com or phone 528-5838 to reserve a space. \$12 single class; yoga

packages available.

THURSDAYS

• **4-H CHICKEN CHAMPS CLUB** meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Sopchoppy United Methodist Church, 17 Faith Ave. in Sopchoppy. Meeting is in "Lighthouse Room."
• **AFRICAN DRUM CIRCLE** with professional instructor Yazid at New Posh every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m. To reserve a space in the Circle, contact newposh3079@gmail.com or call 528-5838. \$15.
• **BINGO** at VFW Post 4538. Funds support our local veterans. Libations & snacks available for purchase. Early Birds 6 p.m., Regular Birds 7 p.m. 475 Arran Road
• **COASTAL OPTIMIST CLUB** meets every Thursday at noon at Posey's Steam Room in Panacea.
• **FREE BREAD** to veterans and family on Thursdays 10 a.m. to noon at VFW Post 4528, 475 Arran Road.
• **LINE DANCING** from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Wakulla Community Center, 318 Shadeville Rd. in Crawfordville.
• **PLAY PICKLEBALL** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Community Center. Instructions on how to play the game are available.

Bring \$2 to help with monthly rental of the space.

• **ROTARY CLUB OF WAKULLA** meets at every week at Wildwood Magnuson at 8:30 a.m.
• **S.O.A.P. (SURVIVORS OF A PRODIGAL) SUPPORT GROUP** meets every third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Ivan Assembly, 202 Ivan Church Road. Open to all who have a loved one dealing with an addiction.
• **WAKULLA COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** meets the THIRD THURSDAY of each month in the Education Center of the Crawfordville United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. This group meeting is for men and women, regardless of the type of cancer. Spouses, caregivers and friends are welcome. For more information, call 926-6050.

FRIDAYS

• **THE QUILTERS' GUILD OF WAKULLA COUNTY** meets at 9:30 a.m. at The Wakulla Library. Our current project is quilts for Wakulla County Hospice homebound persons.
• **YOGA AT NEW POSH** on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Contact newposh3079@gmail.com or phone 528-5838 to reserve a space. \$12 single class; yoga packages available.

SATURDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

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

To add your recurring event to this list, email it to reporter@thewakullanews.net

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

Democrats go from nasty to nice

By **DARA KAM**
NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE – Two debates, two days apart – between the same candidates – may have left many viewers wondering what happened.

On Saturday night, four feisty Democrats vying to replace Gov. Rick Scott tore into each other's records, hammering on a range of issues that included the minimum wage, coal-fired power plants, and Syrian refugees.

But 48 hours later, the boxing gloves were on the shelf and the kid gloves were back on.

Former Congresswoman Gwen Graham, Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, former Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine and Orlando-area entrepreneur Chris King barely even grazed one another at the third of four planned debates before the Aug. 28 primary election, showing little separation on nearly every issue important to base Democrats.

While it may have made for boring viewing for political insiders, Florida Atlantic University political science professor Kevin Wagner said the lack of fireworks between the Democrats isn't a surprise.

"There are so many undecided at this point that I don't think anyone wants to alienate potential voters," Wagner said in a recent interview. "The energy in the Democratic Party is the progressive base,

and that's typically not an audience that likes to hear negative campaigning."

The Dems are taking a departure from the Rock 'Em, Sock 'Em Robots-style attacks lobbed by U.S. Rep. Ron DeSantis and Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam on the GOP side of the race.

DeSantis shredded Putnam following a report of a year-long lapse in background screenings for concealed-weapons licenses that resulted in revocation of 291 of the licenses. The two men are in a heated Republican primary for governor.

"Republican primary voters are more supportive of candidates that are principled and stand their ground rather than 'compromise' candidates," Wagner said. "At the end of the day, the argument goes that the one who's going to compromise is the weak one."

GUN SNAFU KEEPS PUTNAM IN THE CROSSHAIRS

A week after the Tampa Bay Times reported that a former employee of Putnam's department failed for a year to conduct screenings of applicants for concealed-weapons licenses, the lapse continued to dog the agriculture commissioner.

Putnam, the front-runner in the GOP primary, maintains that he ordered an inspector-general investigation into the

issue, fired the employee who neglected to do her job and initiated new procedures to prevent a similar problem from occurring again.

He spent 20 minutes fielding reporters' questions on Saturday and again faced the television cameras and notepads following a Cabinet meeting on Wednesday.

Although his department issued concealed-weapons licenses to 291 applicants who should have been disqualified, Putnam reiterated the breakdown has been corrected and there was no threat to Floridians.

"Public safety was not at risk," Putnam told reporters after the Cabinet meeting. "Two-hundred and ninety-one people who should not have gotten a license to carry a concealed weapon did so, but they were revoked as a result of the processes that we put in place."

Democrats have targeted Putnam on the issue, calling for him to resign and drop his gubernatorial bid.

Putnam – who's facing off against DeSantis, a darling of the far-right and President Donald Trump – took to social media to blast Dems' demands as well as press coverage of the issue, calling it "fake news."

"The liberal media is pushing a fake narrative and not presenting the facts that disagree with their agenda. Thank you @FoxEbenBrown for

letting me set the record straight," Putnam tweeted, referring to a Fox News radio host on whose show he appeared.

But DeSantis, hardly a member of the liberal media, also hit Putnam on the issue.

"Adam has spent years campaigning for governor, basically, in this position and the report was very concerning because it seemed like he wasn't minding the store when we needed him to be there," DeSantis said.

The issue began in February 2016 when a Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services employee stopped logging into the National Instant Criminal Background Check System to see if applicants seeking state licenses to carry concealed weapons or firearms should be "flagged" for issues like drug abuse, involuntary mental confinements, dishonorable military discharges or undocumented immigrant status.

The problem wasn't discovered until March 2017 when an investigation began that revealed 365 applications merited further review, leading the department to revoke the 291 licenses. The employee who failed to carry out the background reviews was fired.

Putnam said there is no indication that any of the disqualified people who received concealed-weapons licenses were involved in criminal activity while they had the permits.

"Any time that anyone who has a concealed weapon license is arrested we are made aware of that. That reporting occurs on a daily, weekly and monthly basis, depending on the arresting agency," Putnam said.

Although information is slower coming from arrests made outside of Florida, Putnam said there were "no flags" on the people who should not have been licensed. "We have not received information on any of the 291," he said.

SIMPLY 'HORRIBLE'

Levine and other critics have accused Putnam of throwing the former worker under the bus regarding the background checks, and the former mayor of Miami Beach also blamed the agriculture commissioner for the citrus industry's collapse.

But Mother Nature certainly played the major role in the latest round of devastating news: Florida's embattled citrus industry experienced its worst growing season since World War II as the hurricane-battered harvest is now essentially complete.

The latest forecast numbers from the U.S. Department of Agriculture showed no change in the past month for orange production, which is off 34.7 percent from the prior growing season.

Meanwhile, grapefruit production has fallen another 1.8 percent from a May forecast, coming in at half of what was picked in the prior growing season and at its lowest level in nearly a century.

Putnam called the season, which included devastation from Hurricane Irma and continued battles with deadly citrus greening disease, "horrible."

"It's important to remember that the industry is still recovering from Hurricane Irma's unprecedented damage last year," Putnam said in a statement.

Irma, which tore through the Sunshine

State in September, also wreaked havoc to the tune of nearly \$10 billion in insured losses, according to the latest estimates from the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation.

The insurance loss estimates hit \$9.7 billion, up by more than \$1 billion since April, and the number of claims has reached nearly 1 million, an increase of more than 54,000 from the last update in April.

Officials said they expected claims to be made for more than a year after the storm, as property owners are able to get complete assessments of the damages.

But the latest figures also contained some bright news.

Erin VanSickle, deputy chief of staff at the Office of Insurance Regulation, said that, as far as the agency knows, no insurer has indicated difficulty with paying claims.

STORY OF THE WEEK: Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam, a Republican running for governor in a heated primary against U.S. Rep. Ron DeSantis, continued to defend his agency's handling of a year-long lapse in background checks on applications for concealed-weapons licenses.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "It was the dumbest thing in the world. It happens to anybody with a computer. She emailed IT (information technology) and said my password isn't working. And they emailed her back with instructions on how to fix the problem."

– Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam, explaining how a lapse in the background checks occurred.



Pair Pecans with Seasonal Produce for Nutritious Dishes

With summer comes the opening of farmers markets bursting with fresh produce ripe for the taking. Pair your fresh-picked bounty with wholesome pecans for power-packed seasonal recipes from salads and snacks to side dishes and main courses.

After a morning at the farmers market, cook up a nourishing spread for breakfast or lunch. For a quick, mess-free brunch, try Sheet Pan Eggs with Pecan Breakfast "Sausage." Substitute flavored ground pecans for your sausage and add fresh greens for a quick, good-for-you option with plant-based protein.

Sheet Pan Eggs with Pecan Breakfast "Sausage"

1/4	teaspoon black pepper
1/8	teaspoon cayenne pepper
1	cup raw pecan halves
Pecan Breakfast Sausage:	
1	teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil
1/2	medium onion, diced (about 1/2 cup)
1	tablespoon coconut aminos
1	teaspoon sage
1	teaspoon thyme
1/4	teaspoon nutmeg
1/4	teaspoon garlic powder
Sheet Pan Eggs:	
12	eggs, beaten
3/4	cup fat-free or low-fat milk
1 1/4	teaspoons salt
1/2	teaspoon pepper
1	cup fresh spinach, chopped
	nonstick cooking spray

Heat oven to 325 F.

To make Pecan Breakfast "Sausage": In pan over medium heat, add olive oil, onion, coconut aminos, sage, thyme, nutmeg, garlic powder, black pepper and cayenne pepper. Cook about 4 minutes until onion is translucent.

In food processor, pulse onion mixture and pecans until consistency of ground beef is reached, about 8-10 pulses.

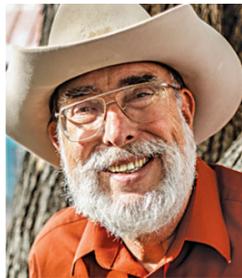
To make Sheet Pan Eggs: In large

bowls, whisk eggs, milk, salt and pepper until combined.

Add pecan "sausage" and spinach to eggs and stir. Lightly spray nonstick 12-by-17-inch sheet pan with cooking spray. Pour egg mixture onto prepared pan. Bake 18-20 minutes, or until eggs are fully cooked.

HOME COUNTRY

Summertime evenings are nice



By **SLIM RANDLES**

Our day is filled with heat at this time of year. It commands our attention and makes our work harder.

As we toil, we daydream not about love or success, but things as mundane as shade and a cool drink.

But though the oppressive heat weighs on our brains and taxes our bodies, it is the price we pay for being allowed to spend time outdoors ... and it has its one sin-

gular consolation: our summer evenings.

When the sun goes down in summer, it's romantic enough to hug a cactus.

The recipe is simple; keep the earth warm, but just bring out the stars and a soft breeze that cools the skin.

Mix this with a fulmination of little night varmint sounds of peeping and chirping and croaking.

And guitars.

Whether we play them ourselves or just turn on the radio, it is a setting that is perfect for guitars.

Villalobos, Fernando Sor, Tarrega, Randy Travis, Doc Watson, Steve Cormier.

We sit in brick-paved

patios with something cool and someone sweet and relax and talk about dreams, because on evenings like this, anything is possible.

On nights like this, it's difficult to decide whether remembering evenings like this in the past is better than anticipating those to come.

All we really know is that it sure is nice to be here right now.

Tonight I'm going to see if I can remember all the words to "Little Joe the Wrangler" and find out if my guitar is still in tune.

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Law Enforcement and Courts reports

Sheriff's Report

Activity reported by the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office for the week June 8 to 14.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

- A vehicle was observed traveling down Rocky Mountain Road with no tag displayed. As deputies attempted to stop the vehicle it ran a stop sign and began to drive down Raker Lane. The vehicle eventually stopped at a residence on Raker Lane and driver Garland Landers exited the vehicle. Deputies detained Landers at this time and it was determined he did not hold a valid Florida driver's license, additionally Landers was flagged as a "habitual offender." Landers was arrested for driving with license suspended or revoked and transported to the Wakulla County Jail.
- A traffic stop was

conducted on Friendship Church Road after a green SUV was observed traveling on the roadway without a tag displayed. Deputy Tiffany Spears made contact with the driver of the vehicle, Carl Crum, who advised he was test driving the vehicle. A brief investigation determined Crum does not hold a valid Florida driver's license. Additionally Crum was determined to be a habitual offender. Crum was arrested for DWLSR and transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

- Julie Tanner reported the theft of a grinder pump and a pie safe from her property while she was out of town. Tanner advised she has been gone from her home while it is being renovated, and she

Man killed in crash on Bloxham Cutoff

Staff Report

A 56-year-old Crawfordville man was killed in a crash last week on Bloxham Cutoff when his truck ran off the road and overturned in Black Creek.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, Darrell Lee Kilgore was headed southbound on Bloxham Cutoff on Friday, June 22, around 2 p.m. when his 1995 Ford F150 left the road on the northbound shoulder.

The truck crossed a culvert and overturned into Black Creek, coming to final rest on its roof, submerged in the water, according to the FHP report.

The driver was pronounced dead on the scene by Wakulla EMS.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office assisted at the scene.

returned to find the items missing. The total value of the stolen item is approximately \$4,000. No suspect has been identified and this case has been sent to detectives with the Criminal Investigation Division for further investigation.

- Matt Garber was arrested for disorderly intoxication after he went to a residence in Panacea and allegedly attempted to fight the residents. The residents contacted the sheriff's office and upon deputies arrival

Garber was found in the middle of the road yelling and causing a disturbance. Garber was taken into custody for disorderly intoxication and transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

- David Grobes was arrested at Posey's Restaurant after it was reported that he was causing a scene inside the establishment. Patrons called the sheriff's office after Grobes attempted to fight sev-

eral patrons at the restaurant. Upon the arrival of deputies, Grobes was reportedly observed to still be causing a disturbance on scene. Grobes was taken into custody and transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

- Jolea Conibear reported a vehicle burglary in St. Marks. Conibear reported she left her wallet in her car after running some errands earlier in the day. Conibear stated upon returning to her car she noticed her wallet and its contents were missing from her vehicle. No suspects have been identified and this case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

- Deputy Matt Hedges conducted a traffic stop on a truck at Harry Morrison and Mike Stewart Drive for a stop sign violation. A license check revealed the driver, Jennifer Hicks, had multiple active suspensions of her driver's license. An inventory search of the vehicle revealed a methamphetamine pipe with a small amount of methamphetamine inside. Hicks was arrested for felony DWLSR, Possession of Methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of paraphernalia.

- Charlotte Mathews reported a burglary to her residence. Forced entry was observed through a side door in which the glass was broken out. The house was ransacked

and approximately \$2,600 of property was stolen, including a 42-inch flatscreen television, laptop computer, sound bar, costume jewelry and an antique .22 caliber revolver. Detectives and Wakulla County CSI responded to the scene to investigate. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

- Deputies received a call regarding a suspicious vehicle in the area of Richard Creech Road. Once on scene, deputies made contact with a Ford truck matching the description given to them by the complainant. The vehicle was occupied by a male and female who were involved in a verbal altercation. Deputies made contact with both parties and separated them to calm the situation. The male, Robert Pottinger, consented to a search of the vehicle. The search revealed a marijuana pipe as well as methamphetamine. Pottinger was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of methamphetamine.

Deputies responded to 967 calls for service, including 195 calls to 911, 135 residential security checks, and 120 business checks..

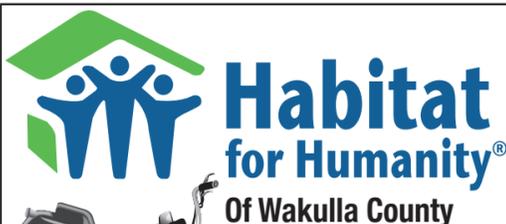
If you have information regarding the activity shown, or any other crime please contact the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office at (850) 745-7100 or (850) 926-0800.



WAKULLA COUNTY RECREATION DEPARTMENT ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE

W.C.R.D. will be offering Adult Softball Leagues for the following divisions: Men's Division, Coed Division and Coed Church Division. There must be at least four teams to form a division. The entry fee is \$300.00 per team and teams must provide their own game balls. Game balls need to be 12 inch softball core 52/300, yellow optic color with red stitch. Teams will play two games per night for a total of ten games. Registration Deadline is Friday, June 29th, 2018 at 5:00P.M. Rosters and entry fees are due at this time. The league will start the week of July 3rd and run for approximately five weeks. Game times are 6:45, 8:00 and 9:15 P.M. All games will be played at Medart Recreation Park located off U.S. 98, across the street from Wakulla High School. Divisions will probably play on Tuesday nights. All divisions might have games on other nights depending on the number of teams that register. Homerun rule for Men's Division is 3 and a foul. Homerun rule for Coed and Church Coed Division is 3 and an out. Contact W.C.P.R.D at 926-7227 or www.mywakulla.com for any additional information.

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HOME ON THE RANGE

Handgun comes back from the factory with problems



By MARJ LAW

This is the continuing story of my new Springfield 911 .380.

After visiting the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range with the new baby Springfield, I knew some things were just not right.

The little guy gave at least one misfire and two failures to feed per magazine. Out of seven rounds, this was far too much going wrong.

In my opinion, even one problem is one problem too many.

My guns very rarely, if ever, have any difficulties. If they do not shoot properly, it's most likely because I buy reloads.

They usually work just fine, and if a round doesn't go off, it's all right to me because it's cheap. Then you pop out the magazine and clear the chamber. Put in a new round, and it works well.

The "carry" guns, though, always get name-brand rounds. No fooling around when your life might be at

stake.

So anyway, it was tedious, but before sending the gun back to the factory, I put through a little over 150 rounds. That's so no one could tell me that the problems would disappear after the "break-in" period. A lot of small errors are corrected during this "break-in" time.

But, sure enough, the gun still misbehaved. I asked Joe to call Springfield to discuss the problems with the gun. He uses proper names, while I tend to talk about things and dooflotchies. After a brief conversation, the Springfield person agreed the gun wasn't firing correctly. He emailed me a return label to send it back to Springfield cost-free.

This did not worry me in the least. Over the past decade, I've seen a lot of guns that were returned to the factory, and they all came back in perfect condition.

The .380 comes back in just a couple weeks. Fast! I'm all excited, ready to run to the range and shoot the dickens out of it.

To be on the safe side, I have purchased three different boxes of name-brand rounds. After shooting a few magazines of these, I'm going back to my favorite reloads for target practice.

I load, aim, and fire.



Oops. No fire.

Strange. A round lodges cockeyed in the chamber. I sigh, drop the magazine and dump the round from the chamber. The round looks good. No visible bulges or damage to the casing. So, I load the mag, and try again.

This time, the bullets fly out of the gun. Nicely. Maybe the bugs are out, after all.

Nope. Spoke too soon. I try a different box. After two fires, the third round is sitting cockeyed in the chamber again. Dang. Is it me or the gun?

Back to dropping

the mag, dumping the chamber and reloading. I ask a range safety officer if he would mind shooting the gun. He's a large, strong retired policeman.

Sure enough, he experiences the same thing.

Joe shoots it and so does a good friend. They both have at least one cockeyed round per magazine.

According to Springfield, they worked on the extractor. Joe felt they hadn't rounded off the extractor tip sufficiently, so the bullet didn't align properly to go directly into the chamber.

"Guess it's going back to the factory," I grumble. Not happy.

"No," says Joe. "I'll fix it."

"Shouldn't we let Springfield do it? It's their problem," I add.

"Give me a few minutes. I know what's wrong."

He takes a file and rounds off the tip of the extractor.

This time, when I go to the range, I'm wondering what will happen. My faith in the little gun has dwindled.

I take a box of hot defense rounds and load the magazine.

Blam! Blam! Blam! So far, so good. I

shoot the rest of the magazine load. Each shot flies out: sweet as you please.

I try some regular name-brand rounds instead of the hot ones.

Each magazine-full goes off perfectly.

Then I try a different box, and they all go off well too. Most of them hit the target pretty close to the bull's-eye. The gun is accurate as well as firing nicely.

Not bad!

Last, out come those cheap reloads.

What do you know, but they all fire beautifully too!

Three more people agree to test the gun. Yep. Working perfectly.

I bring the gun case to the shooting bench and place the unloaded .380 into it. Then I add the magazine.

Nestled into the black case is a sweet little handgun with a nice textured G-10 grip, which is great for sweaty hands in Florida. It's got two large round white dot sights.

It has nice deep grooves in the slide, so it's easy to pull back.

Best of all, it's working just right.

This is what a defense gun ought to be. Into the carry purse it goes.

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

Scallopers need to recognize and use divers-down flags, buoys

From FWC News

With the opening of scallop seasons fast approaching, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) wants to remind everyone en-

gaged in this fun outdoor activity to use a divers-down warning device whenever they are snorkeling or scuba diving while searching for these tasty treats.

The divers-down symbol is rectangular

or square and red in color with a white diagonal stripe. A divers-down flag displayed on a boat must be at least 20 inches by 24 inches and displayed at the highest point where it can be observed from 360 degrees around the vessel. A buoy may not be used or displayed from a vessel. A divers-down flag or buoy, displayed from the water, must be at least 12 inches by 12 inches. A flag must have a wire or other stiffener to hold it open, and a buoy may be three- or four-sided.

All divers must prominently display a divers-down device in the area in which the diving occurs.

"Displaying and understanding what



constitutes a proper divers-down symbol are critical," said Capt. Tom Shipp of FWC's Boating and Waterways Section. "These safety devices are meant to

alert boaters to the presence of people under the water's surface and to give them plenty of room."

All vessels must make reasonable effort to stay at least 100 feet away from a divers-down device within a river, inlet or channel. In open waters, vessels must make reasonable effort to stay 300 feet away. For safety, divers should stay within those same distances of their displayed device. A vessel that approaches closer must

be fully off plane and at idle speed.

"Divers share the responsibility of boating safety with the boat operators," Shipp said. "Diving without the divers-down symbol properly displayed or using it for reasons other than to inform others of the presence of divers is unlawful."

The divers-down device should only be displayed when divers are in the water. When divers or snorkelers exit the water, it must be taken down.



LINED SEA HORSE (*Hippocampus erectus*)

This larger seahorse species lives in sea grass and coral reefs feeding on tiny crustaceans using its long tongue. All sea horses are "marsupium" with the father taking eggs from the mother and carrying the babies until they are ready to swim free. Sea horse males will spar for a female with tail wrestling and head snapping. Seahorses form monogamous pair bonds after an elaborate courtships dance that lasts for three days before mating. The female stay with the male throughout his pregnancy.

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Thursday	
Sun r/se/et 6:35 am 8:41 pm	Moon r/se/et 2:52 pm 2:23 am
Br ghtness— 63%	
Friday	
Sun r/se/et 6:35 am 8:41 pm	Moon r/se/et 3:49 pm 2:58 am
Br ghtness— 73%	
Saturday	
Sun r/se/et 6:36 am 8:41 pm	Moon r/se/et 4:46 pm 3:34 am
Br ghtness— 81%	
Sunday	
Sun r/se/et 6:36 am 8:41 pm	Moon r/se/et 5:42 pm 4:09 am
Br ghtness— 89%	
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Br ghtness— 94%	
Tuesday	
Sun r/se/et 6:37 am 8:42 pm	Moon r/se/et 7:30 pm 5:29 am
Br ghtness— 98%	
Wednesday	
Sun r/se/et 6:37 am 8:42 pm	Moon r/se/et 8:21 pm 6:12 am
Br ghtness— 100%	

Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

June 21 - June 27

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	2:56 am ▲ 1.1 ft	9:43 am ▲ 3.2 ft	4:12 pm ▼ 1.2 ft	10:18 pm ▲ 2.6 ft
Fr	3:57 am ▼ 1.4 ft	10:41 am ▲ 3.3 ft	5:31 pm ▼ 0.8 ft	11:50 pm ▲ 2.6 ft
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Mo	1:45 am ▲ 2.9 ft	6:41 am ▼ 1.8 ft	12:59 pm ▲ 3.7 ft	8:04 pm ▼ -0.1 ft
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We	3:01 am ▲ 3.1 ft	8:02 am ▼ 1.7 ft	2:11 pm ▲ 3.8 ft	9:18 pm ▼ -0.2 ft

City of St. Marks

Th	4:00 am ▼ 1.0 ft	10:19 am ▲ 2.9 ft	5:16 pm ▼ 1.1 ft	10:54 pm ▲ 2.4 ft
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We	3:37 am ▲ 2.9 ft	9:06 am ▼ 1.5 ft	2:47 pm ▲ 3.6 ft	10:22 pm ▼ -0.2 ft

Shell Point, Spring Creek

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Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

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St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

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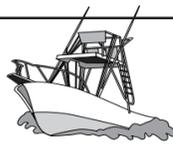
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Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



All it takes is one step outside to be hit. With the temperatures rising along with the humidity, we all need to be mindful of exposure risks. Prolonged exposure to heat with over exertion can lead to heat exhaustion and heat stroke, both dangerous conditions.

A quick search on the Mayo Clinic site is a great resource for all. They discuss the three heat related illnesses: heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke, including prevention and treatment.

Heat exhaustion is a condition whose symptoms may include heavy sweating and a rapid pulse, a result of your body overheating. Typically the symptoms can be reduced by cooling off out of the sun, hydrating, using cool compresses to bring the temperature down and loosening clothing.

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Heatstroke is a condition caused by your body overheating, usually as a result of prolonged exposure to or physical exertion in high temperatures. It can occur if your body temperature rises to 104 F and requires emergency treatment.

Untreated heatstroke can quickly damage your brain, heart, kidneys and muscles. The damage worsens the longer treatment is delayed, increasing your risk of serious complications or death.

If you plan to spend

any time out on the water, remember to pack plenty of cool drinking water, apply sun screen and cool off as often as possible to avoid risk of heat related illness.

Our next safe boating classes are scheduled for June 23. 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 remem-

ber 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.

Participation in the Gulf Reef Fish Survey is improving fisheries management

From FWC News

Faster access to data. Improved fisheries estimates. More informed decision making. We want to thank you for making the Gulf Reef Fish Survey a success.

Your participation has led the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, for the first time ever, to be able to manage the harvest of recreational red snapper in both state and federal waters in the Gulf.

Participants in the survey are helping improve fisheries management in Florida.

Since April 2015, recreational anglers who fish from private boats on the Gulf coast of Florida have been asked to sign up for the Gulf Reef Fish Survey. Signing up is required to legally harvest red and vermilion snappers; gag, black and red groupers; gray triggerfish; and amberjack species.

The purpose of the Gulf Reef Fish Survey is to provide timely and precise data to state and federal agencies that are responsible for managing reef fish and making



A gag grouper.

decisions that impact recreational anglers in Florida. By signing up for the survey, anglers are eligible to receive a questionnaire in the mail about recent fishing activity.

Each month, angler responses from the mail survey are used to estimate the numbers of recreational trips taken on the west coast of Florida to fish for Gulf reef fish species.

By working collaboratively with NOAA Fisheries, the Gulf Reef Fish Survey produces data that are complementary with the existing Marine Recreational Information

Program. When information collected from the two surveys is used together, estimates of landings are more precise, and this allows fishery managers to have greater confidence in our data.

Later this year, the FWC will request NOAA Fisheries certify the Gulf Reef Fish Survey for use in regional stock assessments and fisheries management.

The Gulf Reef Fish Survey is the primary data collection method for private recreational anglers to help improve recreational data collection for use in fisheries

stock assessments and fisheries regulations.

For red snapper, anglers can also use a smartphone/tablet app called iAngler Gulf Red Snapper to voluntarily log red snapper fishing trip data. Anglers who report through the app are still asked to participate in the Gulf Reef Fish Survey if they receive a questionnaire in the mail or are interviewed by an FWC biologist at the dock. Participation in the survey, MRIP and the iAngler app is important for fisheries management.

If you receive one of the Gulf Reef Fish surveys in the mail, we ask that you fill out the questionnaire and return it to the marked address. Return the questionnaire even if you did not fish during the month of the survey. If an FWC biologist greets you at a boat ramp or marina, the interview takes just a few minutes of your time. By participating in an interview for the Gulf Reef Fish Survey, you are making an important contribution to help conserve Florida's recreational fisheries.



Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton



Snapper season opens.

Boats across the Big Bend ramped up for the start of the 2018 Snapper Season on June 11.

We ran our boat out on Saturday just to shake it down. We visited K tower. Weather was iffy with thunderheads dissipating as the day wore on. The 1-1 door chop lates down in the afternoon.

The visibility, reported recently as very bad, was 50 feet in the morning. The tide shifted around noon and dropped the visibility to 30 feet. There was no current in the morning and current in the afternoon.

We found a lot of fish, large schools of large Amberjacks, spade fish and minnows. Good sized solitary Red Snapper and Goliaths roam the area.

Several shark sightings along the sand were made throughout the day. Lionfish were collected, but more were found later and not collected. Our second dive was to collect lead!

Our June 11 dives began on the K Tower again to collect Red Snapper, which we did. But the tide change, a strong current arose and a strong squall hit while we were down. The combination of wind and current pulled the anchor adrift.

Thanks to a policy of having surface support, the dive team was rescued at the end of the dive by a sharp surface team!

Our last dive of the day was on huge yellow sponges that had Red Snapper and Amberjacks swarming around in big schools. Visibility was terrible, at 10 feet or less. We took our limit in the 22-inch size range and called it a day.

A good day fishing ends with everyone returning safely and with fresh fish for the grill! It never hurts to have lessons learned and/or confirmed.





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5802-0621 TWN
Kimbrell, Terrance Andrew 2015-CA-000220 Notice of Sale IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE #: 2015-CA-000220

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5812-0621 TWN (7/6 sale(s))
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Sale: 7/6/2018 9:00AM 2004 Nissan Pathfinder VIN # 5N1AA08A24N727465
Published June 21, 2018.

Lien Notices

5807-0628 TWN
Lesieur, Donna 65-2017-CA-000037 Notice of Sale IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION Case No: 65-2017-CA-000037 DIVISION:
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST TO ALL PERMITTED SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN GENERAL MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-1- AMERICAN GENERAL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1, Plaintiff, vs. DONNA LESIEUR, et al, Defendant(s).

Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 5th, 2018, and entered in Case No. 65-2017-CA-000037 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida in which The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as successor-in-interest to all permitted successors and assigns of JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as Trustee for American General Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-1 American General Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-1, is the Plaintiff and Donna Lesieur and Any And All Unknown Parties Claiming by, Through, Under, and Against The Herein named Individual Defendant(s) Who are not Known To Be Dead Or Alive, Whether Said Unknown Parties May Claim An Interest in Spouses, Heirs, devisees, Grantees, Or Other Claimants, are defendants, the Wakulla County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the front lobby of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, Wakulla County, Florida at 11:00AM EST on the 12th day of July, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:
LOT 8, BLOCK "E" OF OYSTER BAY ESTATES, UNIT NO. 2, A SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 10, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 18 GULF BLEEING CT, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated in Wakulla County, Florida this 5th day of June, 2018.
Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of the Circuit Court Wakulla County, Florida
(COURT SEAL)
By: Rachel L. Howard, Deputy Clerk
Albertelli Law, Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623 (813)221-4743

Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices

5801-0621 TWN
Hall, April 652014CA000263 Notice of Sale IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION Case No. 652014CA000263 Division: 37-D
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR MAROON PLAINS TRUST Plaintiff, vs. APRIL HALL A/K/A APRIL M. HALL A/K/A APRIL METCALF HALL, SYDNEY HALL A/K/A SNEY STEVE HALL, CLERK OF THE COURT, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on March 6, 2018, in the Circuit Court of Wakulla County, Florida, B. X. Thurmond, Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell the property situated in Wakulla County, Florida described as:
THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF WAKULLA, STATE OF FLORIDA, TO WIT: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST (NE) CORNER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST; WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 16 SECONDS WEST FOR 1,848.0 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST FOR 633.0 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT AND THIS IS THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTINUE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST FOR 120.0 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 16 SECONDS WEST FOR 363.0 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST FOR 120.0 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST FOR 363.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID TRACT CONTAINING THE (1.0) ACRE, MORE OR LESS, TOGETHER WITH THE MOBILE BASE LOCATED THEREON, TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1999 MERITT LIVESTOCK TRAILER MOBILE HOME, VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS FLHMLCB135919853A AND FLHMLCB135919853B.
TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1999 MERITT LIVESTOCK TRAILER MOBILE HOME, VIN(S) FLHMLCB135919853A AND FLHMLCB135919853B
and commonly known as: 119 STONEY LN, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the front foyer of the Wakulla County Courthouse, on July 5th, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.
Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated this 7th day of March, 2018.
Clerk of the Circuit Court, B. X. Thurmond
(COURT SEAL)
By: Rachel L. Howard, Deputy Clerk
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TRACT NO. 31, SHADY ACRES COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SECTION 24, 168.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 25 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY OF PINECREST DRIVE, 276.62 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY OF OAKMONT DRIVE, 898.95 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF TRACT HEREIN CONVEYED; FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY OF OAKMONT DRIVE, 230.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST, 190.03 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, 230.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST, 185.69 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.
TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO, DESCRIBED AS: A 1985 DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME BEARING IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS TW1ALBS109412A AND TW1ALBS109412B AND TITLE NUMBER 18203509 AND 18203510.
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, 301 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301; (850) 577-4430 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
Brent X. Thurmond, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Wakulla County, Florida
(COURT SEAL)
By: Rachel L. Howard, Deputy Clerk of Courts

Submitted By: ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHÉ, LLP
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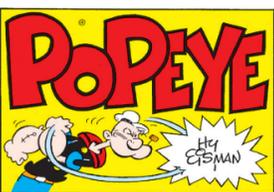
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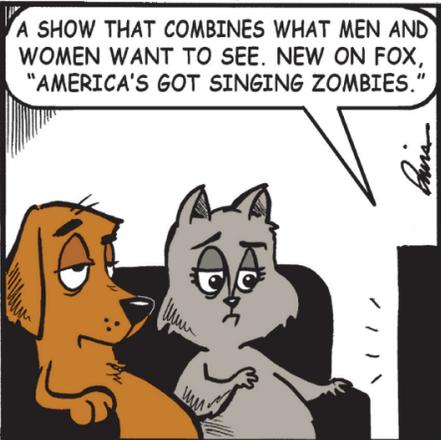
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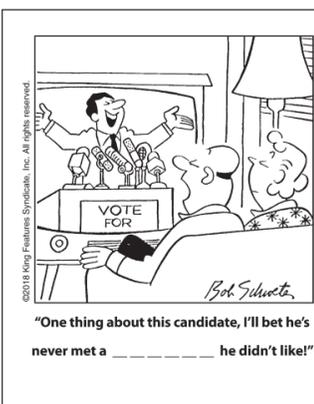


Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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- 19 Spell-down
- 20 Actress Perlman
- 22 Zilch
- 23 Stunned sensation
- 24 Bra part
- 26 Floods
- 28 Yon bloke
- 30 Operated
- 31 Poison in a 1939 play
- 35 "Caribbean Queen" singer Billy
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- 40 Apprehend
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- 46 Bus bldg.
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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: ◆◆◆

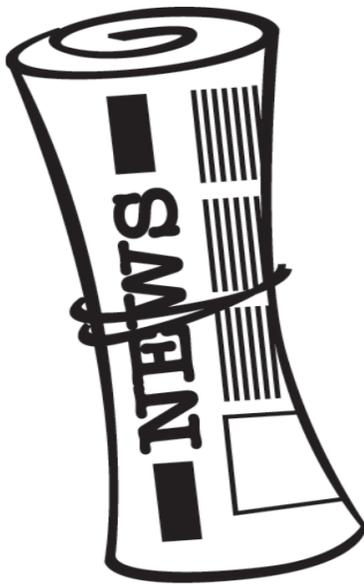
- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the only bird that can fly backward with precision?
- EXPLORERS: What was the name of the ship that explorer Henry Hudson sailed up a river that bears his name today?
- LITERATURE: What was the name of Hermione's pet cat in the "Harry Potter" book series?
- FOOD & DRINK: What type of bread also is commonly known as "pocket bread"?
- BIBLE: In which book does the phrase "the love of money is the root of all evil" appear?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where is the famed Trevi Fountain located?
- MUSIC: Which band was named after an 18th century agriculturalist who invented the seed drill?
- GEOLOGY: What kind of black, glass-like rock forms when magma cools suddenly?
- HISTORY: When did the great fire of London occur?
- LANGUAGE: What is the meaning of the Latin phrase "anno domini"?

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- Trivia Test Answers
- Hummingbird
 - The Half Moon
 - Crookshanks
 - Pita
 - 1 Timothy 6:10
 - Rome, Italy
 - Jethro Tull
 - Obsidian
 - 91666
 - "In the year of the Lord"

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Solution time: 24 mins.

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LQQAZCHG, WX JGRPBLQV ZVRGN

"XQY HBQYUN LG CHBCWGN QE
XQYV HBGUE!"

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Today's Word

- 1. Amaze; 2. Range;
- 3. Direct; 4. Patrol;

SCRAMBLERS

After looking at my ugly answer

King Crossword

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

After looking at my ugly answer
"You should be ashamed of your shell!"

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Best Mullet _____
Best Oysters _____
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Best Steak _____
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Volunteers Craig Jay and Bruce Porter act out a hostage scenario on a school bus.



Deputy Steven Miller takes down a volunteer acting as a suspect during an active shooter drill.

Shooter training

From Front Page

shooting back at them. "It makes it more real for us," said Deputy Andrea Sessor.

Volunteers dressed from head to toe in protective gear fired back at the deputies as they barged into the classroom.

The simunition, which is a non-lethal training ammo, left paint marks on their clothing whenever they were hit. In some cases, if the rubber bullets managed to miss the protective gear and made contact with the volunteers or a deputy's body, it left a small bruise.

An afternoon thunderstorm did not put a damper on the bus assault training. One-by-one the deputies waited outside the school's cafeteria for their signal. Once they heard the two or three shots, they once again sprinted into action. Each deputy ran onto the school bus into a hostage situation. At the back of the bus the "suspect" held a training

gun to a "hostage's" head. "They don't know what the scenario is going into it," said instructor Scott Rojas.

Rojas said it was best to shoot from the front of the bus if there was a clear shot, but he didn't tell the officers when or where to shoot. However, if the deputies went up too close to the "suspect" he would stop them, because in a real situation,

getting too close may cause the suspect to pull the trigger.

The enhanced SRO training was a week long. Although the sheriff's office has annual trainings for officers, this is the first one as a result of the Safe Schools Bill.

In addition to the active shooter training, Undersheriff Billy Jones said they also had advanced handgun and rifle

training, basic recruit SRO training and a classroom portion that broke down the Safe Schools Bill.

In the past they have used Riversprings or Wakulla Middle schools for the active shooter drills.

Rojas said they are very fortunate that the district now has the unoccupied Sopchoppy School for the training.

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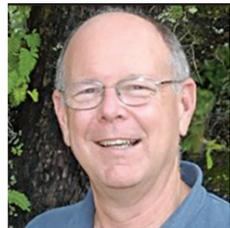
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Fungi are loving all the rain – along with mosquitoes



Natural
Wakulla

By Les Harrison

The recent afternoon rains have produced a variety of results. The most obvious is the grass needs to be mowed more frequently, and as a result the mower blade will need to be sharpened additional times over the course summer 2018.

In case it has slipped anyone notice, the mosquitoes are more active with ample breeding sites. Home owners should be draining the excess moisture from

anything holding water too long.

Another result is the addition of blotches of suddenly appearing color at ground level. A mushroom species is taking advantage of the wet weather and plentiful moisture to establish itself in new areas.

Clathrus columnatus, the scientific name for the column stinkhorn, is a North Florida native which is common to many Gulf Coast



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WILDFLOWER OF THE WEEK



WOODSAGE

This plant (*Teucrium canadense*) grows up to three feet tall with a cluster of lavender flowers at the top of the stem. It is in the mint family, having square stems and two-lipped flowers. The leaves are large and hairy with toothed margins (they smell foul when crushed). It blooms from April to November in our area and prefers to grow in damp soil where it can form extensive colonies.

—Eleanor Dietrich, Florida Wildflower Foundation

Mature Column Stinkhorns are in striking contrast to most other local mushrooms with their bright colors and distinctive odor.

locales. This colorful fungus has also been known by the common name “dead man’s fingers,” among other labels.

The short-lived, above ground structure is usually two to six inches high at maturity. This area is known as the fruiting body and produces spores which are the basis for the next generation.

Two to five hollow columns or fingers project upwards above the soil or mulch. Coloration of the fruiting body can range from pink to red, and occasionally orange.

The inner surfaces of the column are covered with stinkhorn slime and spores, which produces an especially repulsive stench to humans. This foul odor is useful though, attracting an assortment of flies and other insects

which track through it.

A small amount of the mixture of the brown slime and spores attach to the insect’s body. It is then carried by these discerning visitors to other bug enticing spots, usually of equal or greater offensiveness to people. Spores are deposited as the slime mixture is rubbed off as the insects brush against surfaces.

Decaying woody debris is a favorable environment for the column stinkhorn to germinate. As the wood rots bacterial activity makes necessary nutrients available to this mushroom.

Other areas satisfactory for development include lawns, gardens, flower beds and disturbed soils. All contain bits and pieces of decomposing wood and bark.

Occasionally, col-

umn stinkhorns can be seen growing directly out of stumps and living trees. Presence on a living tree is a good indication the tree has serious health issues and may soon die.

This fungi starts out as a partially covered growth called a volva. The portion above and below the soils surface has the general appearance of a hen’s egg and is bright white.

The term volva is applied in the technical study of mushrooms, and used to describe a cup-like structure at the base of the fungus. It is one of the precise visible features used to identify specific species.

The recent wet weather in Wakulla County combined with local sandy soils and available nutrients create ideal growing conditions. While rarely noticed during initial

stages of growth, they are quickly spotted at or near maturity.

There are other stinkhorn mushrooms in Wakulla County, but they are not as common.

In addition to North America, members of this fungi family with a fetid aroma can be found in Europe, Asia, South America and Australia.

If hidden by tall grass, the person handling the mower will quickly realize they have encountered a local stinkhorn. At least they do not dull the mower blade.

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

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