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The Wakulla Sun



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Gas station pulled

The controversial project is pulled by applicant before county commission meeting



David Damon addresses commissioners last week.

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

A standing-room only crowd was at the county commission meeting last Monday night to speak out against a proposed gas station and car wash to be built at the northwest corner of U.S. Highway 319 and Bloxham Cutoff.

Though they were aware the rezoning item had been pulled by the applicant, Southwest Georgia Oil Company from Bainbridge, Ga., speakers who still so passionately opposed to the project that they spoke out anyway.

The project had been voted down 4-1 at the planning commission on Feb. 14. That recommendation is not binding on the county commission, and one commissioner, Randy Merritt,

said he would have voted for the project because there is nothing in the county's ordinances to justify rejecting it.

The issue with the gas station is that the property is directly over underground caverns with water that flows directly to Wakulla Springs.

Merritt noted that the location of the caverns wasn't known when the county first drafted its Wakulla Springs Protection Ordinance. And he asked that county staff be directed to come back with some recommendations on updating the ordinance so that the commission has a legal justification for rejecting any project on that land that presents a potential environmental hazard. Merritt said he wanted specifics, something scientific, based on hydrogeology,

not emotions.

Commissioners voted unanimously to move forward with staff recommendations for updating the spring ordinance.

The only other commissioner to reveal at the meeting how he intended to vote was Mike Kemp, who said he was going to vote against it because of lack of information.

There were 10 citizens who spoke to commissioners to voice their objections to the project.

Laurie Storck noted that the planning commission recommended that a hydrological survey be done on the site.

David Damon said said he was glad the project was pulled from consideration, but said he would be watching to see if the project

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Judge rejects Colby Sparkman lawsuit

No evidence that Sparkman would have won the election but for alleged misconduct, judge finds

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

Wakulla Circuit Judge Ron Flury granted a summary judgment to the Wakulla County Canvassing Board and Property Appraiser Ed Brimner finding that Colby Sparkman, who was a candidate for property appraiser against Brimner in the 2020 election but who lost by four votes, presented no evidence that he would have won the election but for alleged misconduct.

Judge Flury's 13-page order was issued Thursday, Feb. 24.

The judge noted the lawsuit is "based on the treatment of 12 ballots out of 9,104" ballots cast. The 12 ballots represented the number of votes rejected by the canvassing

board because the signature on the vote by mail ballot did not match the signature on file.

Sparkman's attorney, Mark Herron, argued at a hearing held by Zoom back on Feb. 7 that the 12 ballots were not able to be cured because of misconduct by the supervisor of elections and the canvassing board. That included not telling voters whose ballots were rejected the correct amount of time they had to cure the problem, and telling Sparkman that he should not contact the 12 voters.

But Judge Flury wrote that, during the election, a total of 53 ballots had signature problems. "Of those 53 ballots," the judge wrote, "41 were cured."

One of the 12 ballots, belonging to Debra Russell, was



Colby Sparkman was a candidate for property appraiser in the 2020 election.

cured in a timely manner, but because of the narrow vote asked that her vote not be counted because it would reveal how she voted. The canvassing board accepted her appeal and did not count her vote.

"No evidence has been presented that shows the

precluded ballots favored any particular candidate," Judge Flury wrote in his order. "Factually, the mathematical probability of a change in the result here is nonexistent."

At the hearing on Feb. 7, attorneys Leonard Collins, representing Brimner, and Wayne Malaney, representing the canvassing board, acknowledged that errors were made with the election, but contended there was no fraud and no effort to help one candidate or another.

The judge agreed: "There is no evidence to suggest that there was an ulterior nefarious motive that actually drove the canvassing board's decision. There is no reason to overturn the will of the people as expressed in the election results presented."

Much of the controversy in the case arises from Spark-

man being told not to contact any of the 12 voters with the rejected ballots. He asked for and was given the names of the voters and acknowledged in deposition that he had called one, but couldn't remember who it was.

A voter called County Administrator David Edwards with concerns about Sparkman calling voters, and Edwards called two canvassing board members - County Judge Jill Walker, and County Commissioner Quince Messersmith. Both said the issue would be brought before the canvassing board and then-Supervisor of Elections Buddy Wells.

Edwards walked over to Wells' office and confronted the supervisor "cussing and raising Cain," according to

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Tree clearing on Guy Revell nature trail

It's part of a Longleaf Pine restoration project in the conservation area

By RIDDHI PATEL
Reporter

A community member recently expressed concern about trees being clear-cut within the E. Guy Revell Jr. Nature Trail Conservation Area - 131 acres of land acquired by Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWFMD) from Guy Revell in 2020 and jointly managed by the district and Wakulla County.

While the clearing of a parcel of land within the conservation area may seem concerning, it is actually part of the land management activities being undertaken by NFWFMD.

"We're clearing the land so that we can replant native plants," said the water management district's communications director Jim Lamar.

A month ago, NFWFMD announced that they began prep work for longleaf pine and wiregrass restoration efforts in the conservation area which officially opened in



The area around the Saddletree Trailhead where work is being done to restore Longleaf pines and wiregrass.

Nov. 2021. District Governing Board Member Kellie Ralston said they are "restoring it to longleaf pine forest" and that "longleaf pines are native to the area."

As of now, restoration efforts will focus on 40 acres within the conservation area, and site preparation for this land including clearing the area and removing timber is

currently being completed.

Overall, the goal is to remove plants that are damaged or not native, and to restore the area by replanting longleaf pines which are native to the

region. Ralston said the plan is to replant around 30,000 longleaf pine trees next January. Lamar noted that the long-term goal of these land management and restoration efforts is to create a "longleaf pine ecosystem" in the conservation area.

According to the NFWFMD website, "The district's land management program is designed to protect natural systems, wetland and floodplain functions, groundwater recharge, surface and groundwater quality, and fish and wildlife habitat."

This means that land management within the conservation area will likely benefit the local land, water, and wildlife. The impact on water quality is especially important as Revell Sinks is known to connect to Wakulla Springs via the local underground cave system.

As with other areas managed by the water management district, Ralston said that; eventually, long-term land management within this

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LIBRARY FUNDRAISER

Mardi Gras masked ball held Saturday



The Mardi Gras Masked Ball was held at the community center and was put on by Wakulla County Public Library Staff: Roxanne Dressel, Will Bartnick, Suzy Bennett, Linda Oaks, Rebecca Sahar, Robyn Drummond and Heather Bryan.



Dr. Jennifer Phillips and Greg Akridge.



Linda and Kenny Carter with Bill and Kim Bartnick.



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SCHOOL

Riversink students win Odyssey of the Mind



Special to The Sun

Students from the Big Bend area competed in the Nature Coast Regional Odyssey of the Mind Competition on Saturday, February 12. Riversink Elementary School's Odyssey team

came in first place for their problem's solution. They will move forward to compete at the state level on March 12.

Odyssey of the Mind allows children to use creative problem solving skills to solve specific problems.

Each team picks a problem and competes against other teams that are solving the same problem. The students at Riversink chose Problem 4. The problem involves creating a balsa wood structure and testing it for weight held, while also performing

a play that involved a theme assigned by the problem. Teams also participate in solving spontaneous problems and their performance on solving those are added to their final scores.

The Odyssey Otters are excited to be going to the

state competition and are organizing fundraising opportunities to pay for hotel and travel expenses. If you would like to make a donation please contact Riversink Elementary at 850-926-2664.

TALQUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

22 students participate in Talquin Youth Tour

Special to The Sun

Twenty-two high school juniors from Gadsden, Leon, Liberty, and Wakulla Counties were selected to participate in the Talquin Electric Cooperative Youth Tour at the state capital in February.

Students were chosen from Talquin's Membership to participate in the Youth Tour based on academics, leadership, communication skills, and volunteer service in their schools and communities.

From this outstanding group of leaders, four students and two alternates were selected to represent Talquin at the NRECA National Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. this summer and received a \$1,000 scholarship.

The national delegates are Corey Stavres, St. John Paul II Catholic High School; Jaden Callaghan and Olivia Vaughn, Wakulla High School; and Rebecca Presnell, North Florida



Christian School.

The alternates are Gabrielle Frasch, Rickards High School; and Treyvious Copeland, Gadsden County High

School. These delegates will travel to Washington, D.C. in June where they will meet with approximately 2,000 students from all over

the United States. They will visit historic landmarks and continue to learn about cooperatives and government during the tour.

Talquin would also like to congratulate the following: Abigail LeDuc and McKinley Hill, North Florida Christian School; Alden Harper, Brayden Richter, Bryson Rowland, Caydan Waller, Sara Manspeaker, and William Garrett Sellers, Liberty County High School; Alexander Davenport, Marissa Lee, and Stella Contente, Lawton Chiles High School; Caroline Kornegay, Amos P. Godby High School; Destiny Lamb, Jayleigh Trop, and Ruby Sexton, Wakulla High School; and Jenna Adams, Maclay School. All were selected to represent their schools in the 2022 Tallahassee Youth Tour and received a \$500 scholarship.

Congratulations to each student who was chosen and participated in the competition. These future leaders are truly amazing and are all great representatives of their schools, Talquin, and the state of Florida!

2022 SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

Miss Wakulla pageant is underway

Special to The Sun

The 2022 Miss Wakulla Pageant is set for Saturday, May 7th, with the time to be announced.

Orientation is Sunday, March 13 at The Property at Sand Lake at 2 p.m.

Tiny Miss Division (K or 1st)

Little Miss Division (2nd or 3rd)

Young Miss Division (4th or 5th)

Junior Miss Division (6th to 8th)

Miss Wakulla Division (9th to 12th)

All contestants must be a resident of Wakulla County and attend a public, private or home-school group in Wakulla County.



Miss Wakulla Molly Jones in the Rotary Valentines Parade.

The winner of the Miss Division will win a scholarship and the title of Miss Wakulla County.

Are you or your child interested in the pageant but a little hesitant or maybe just want to find out more information before you decide? Please, join us at orientation. All you need to do prior is to email us to let us know

you will be attending orientation.

If you have any questions or would like to receive an application, please contact us by email at misswakulla-county@gmail.com, on our Facebook page Miss Wakulla County or call Sara Clark at 850-510-4897 or Candace Hicks at 850-510-9835.

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Opinions

A week of firsts



By LYNDA KINSEY
Sales & Marketing

It certainly was an exciting week at The Wakulla Sun. Plumbing repairs, online training for our new circulation system to keep up with our subscribers, outdoor lighting issues, running cables in the office, a wonderful response for subscriptions, applying for the newspaper mailing permit, arrival of news racks, getting the decals of our logo put on the side of boxes and delivering them to locations around the county.

We received the first issue of The Wakulla Sun (with hiccups) and the print job and color was just beautiful. Editor William Snowden laughed and said putting the paper out was actually the easiest part of the week.

And that's not all...

We're a little bit on the sentimental side of life with this paper and noted many of the firsts.

First Subscriber was Al Pasini.

First person to call me to run an ad was Skip Young of Family Funeral Home.

First person I had an appointment with who submitted their ad copy was Brian English of English Financial.

First ad to be approved to run by a customer was Michelle Thompson from Lee

Trailer Sales.

The person to receive the first copy (hot off the press) of the newspaper was Niraj Patel of Barn's Spirits.

First news stand was outside our office – 12 Arran Road in Crawfordville.

First person to buy a paper from the box outside our office was – wait for it – Becky Whaley.

First business to accept to sell our newspapers inside was Quick Stop No. 6 in Crawfordville.

First question of the week was polled at the African American Heritage Festival.

First person to make a tax deductible donation to Florida Press Foundation to support the newspaper was David Miller.

The outpouring of support has been phenomenal and more than we would have ever dreamed it would

be.

We still have ongoing problems that are being worked out. We will see what miracles can happen in week two as we are waiting on internet and phone services. We have been operating with a hotspot and our cell phones. We need the postal permit number from the post office so that we can mail to our subscribers, and we are working on getting set up for credit card payments.

Along with the weekly newspaper we will be working on our total market coverage publication and our Visitors Guide to publish in April.

Oh, and it just occurred to me: This is my first article for The Wakulla Sun.

Lynda Kinsey handles Sales & Marketing for The Wakulla Sun.



The first issue of The Wakulla Sun on the press at the printer in Jacksonville.

LETTERS

Concern about speeding on Bream Fountain

Editor, The Sun:

I have been trying to get help about the speeding on Bream Fountain Road.

Three years ago, I went to the county and told them how bad it is and they did a traffic study which revealed that, over three days, there were 1,526 cars and trucks on the road with a top speed of 62 mph. There were 978 vehicles speeding above the posted limit of 25 mph.

I have made numerous pleas to the Wakulla County Commission and have gotten no help at all.

There is a new teen center at the corner of U.S. Hwy. 319 and Bream

Fountain Road and there are kids of all ages walking on the road all the time and at night.

What is it going to take to get help? This is a safety issue.

It's also sad that the county commission allows an employee to go to an elected official's office and cuss him out because he didn't like the way the elected official was running his office.

What has Wakulla County come to?

Stephen Harper
Crawfordville

Congratulations on The Wakulla Sun

Some of the texts and emails we've received

• Good Morning Bill. I think this is very exciting. (Smiley face emoji)
– Marianne

• In 1998 I joined the Marine Corps. While in Boot Camp my Grandmother bought me a subscription to the Wakulla News which was delivered weekly. Being able to read something from home with a local feel was very important to my morale. In addition to me reading the weekly paper, MANY other guys in my platoon also read the paper each week so they could get a local sense of "home" even though they knew nothing about our community. I appreciate your efforts in trying to keep this a local, hometown newspaper instead of a big regional or national paper that loses the hometown feel.

Best regards,
Travis Bozeman

• Best news this morning and First Edition! Whoop Whoop!
I am putting in an invoice now to subscribe.

Best to you and your team.
– Beth

• Good morning Bill,
I just wanted to congratulate you for starting up your own paper. I have

been watching how our local newspapers have been being bought up by bigger companies for the last couple of years. I want to wish you the very best with this endeavor.

I also can't wait to get my very own subscription coming to my house in Sopchoppy. Let me know what I need to do. (Smiley face emoji)

Always,
Amanda

• Love the name and design! Love the readability! Love the local flavor! Great job to you and all the staff!

Remember, I can volunteer "grunt" work if you're over busy at this start! Super paper!

– Marj

• Bill,
Well here I was going to email you to congratulate you on your retirement after I saw that you were stepping down as editor, but it looks like you didn't stay out of the game at all. One of these days I'd love to hear how and why and what happened... Congrats on the rebrand and good luck in your latest endeavor.

Take care,
Noah

Something on your mind?

Email Letters to the Editor to editor@thewakullasun.com or drop it by the office at 12 Arran Road, Crawfordville FL 32327.

Antiques Show & Tell is set

Wakulla County Historical Society's 5th Annual Antiques Show & Tell is set for Tuesday, March 8, at 4:30 p.m. at the Wakulla County Public Library.

It's back by popular demand! This is a great opportunity for those of you lucky enough to have a long family history in this part of Florida to bring in and show

off those items handed down from earlier generations – and for the rest of us to see and learn about and admire them! Collectors will also be there to identify and discuss historical artifacts. Members and guests are invited to display and talk about their items related to North Florida or Wakulla County history. Display tables will

be set up for attendees to view your artifacts.

Bring those antique books, buttons, tokens, bottles or any object of historical value you've been storing in the closet, share your stories about them and enjoy viewing the artifacts of other collectors!

Call the Museum to reserve table space at 850-926-1110.



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William Snowden
Editor & Publisher
The Wakulla Sun

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What payment types do you accept?

We accept donations by card or check. If by check, payment must be made to the Florida Press Foundation and designate you want the donation to go to The Wakulla Sun.

◀ Question of The Week ▶

Polled at Quick Stop #6

What is the first thing you ever learned to cook?



DONNIE DICKERSON
30 YEAR COOK

“Meatloaf! I got tired of eating my mom’s. I use yellow rice instead of breadcrumbs or crackers.”



NATHAN MCKOWN
CASHIER

“Honestly, I mastered the grilled cheese first.”



JENNI CRUSE
VCA WAKULLA

“Eggs, scrambled eggs, pancakes. Breakfast foods.”



THOMAS CLARK
THOMAS CLARK CABINETS

“I think it was sugar cookies from a Mickey Mouse cookbook.”



ISAAC HAMILTON
CASHIER

“Steak! I watched a lot of Gordon Ramsey on YouTube.”

– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

School employee of the year is Mary Ellis

Special to The Sun

Mrs. Mary Ellis was awarded Wakulla County Schools District Employee of the Year on Feb. 11th. Mrs. Ellis is a dedicated employee of the Transportation center as a school bus driver.

Mrs. Ellis is a dedicated member of the Wakulla County School District and has not once waived with her positive contribution to students and our schools. Mrs. Ellis has been with Wakulla County Schools for 14 years serving as a bus driver serving the students of Wakulla County. Mrs. Ellis’ role as a bus driver provides her the opportunity to be a positive bridge between the district and all the district’s partners: teachers, students, parents, other



Shannon Smith and Pat Jones of the district Transportation office, Mary Ellis, and Superintendent of Schools Bobby Pearce.

support staff, and the community. She has unprecedented historical community and district knowledge that enables her to easily provide the services and support required for the transportation department.

Mrs. Ellis has a unique way of melding her personal and professional qualities that enable her to have a connection with her peers and all the school centers. She is calm, kind, consistent, and has a genuine belief in public education and in the Wakulla County Education System in particular. Mrs. Ellis is a genuinely happy employee and others immediately sense the warmth that she eagerly and easily shares. She provides a positive impact on our district each day.

Superintendent Pearce states, “Our entire school system is made of quality, caring, determined educators. With everything going on right now in our country, I could not be any prouder to work with the employees

of our school system. Nothing prevents them from doing what is best for our students. Mrs. Mary Ellis is the perfect representation of the kind of dedicated employee we have working with our students. Congratulations, Mrs. Ellis and thank you!”

Mrs. Pat Jones, Wakulla County Schools Transportation Director states, “Mrs. Ellis goes beyond the call of duty to contact parents and principals when needed. She is quick to give the appropriate attention to each student as needed. She believes it is her job to provide a safe and dependable ride to each student.”

Congratulations, Mrs. Mary Ellis on an award well deserved.

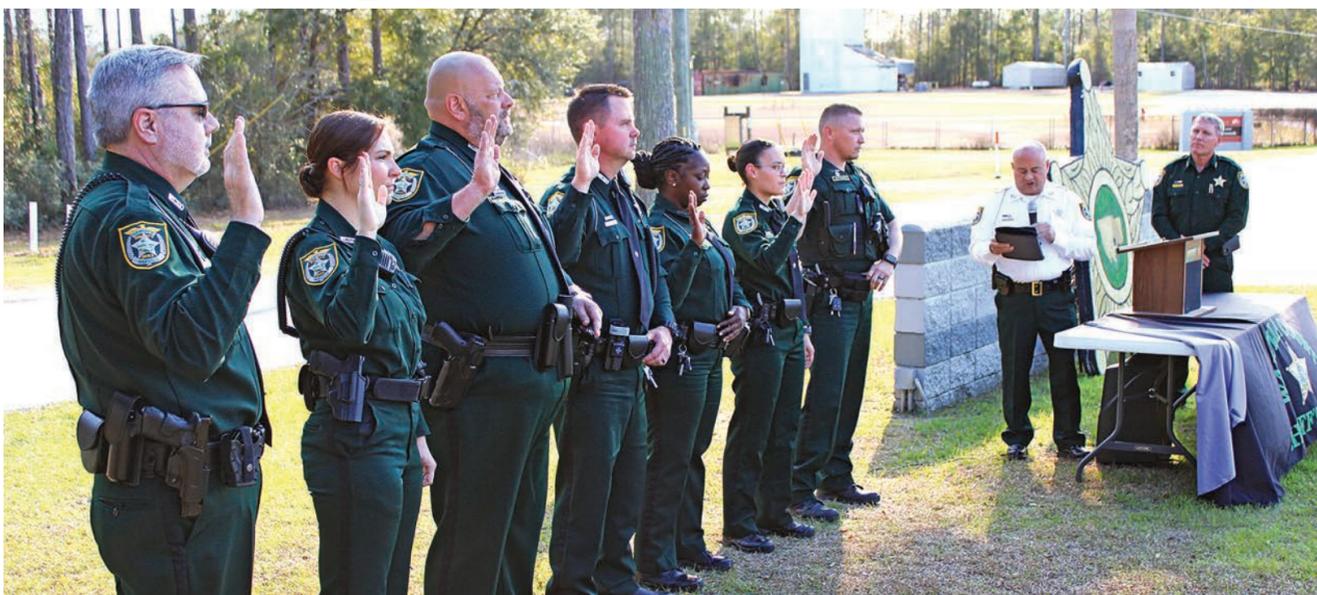
New deputies sworn in

Staff Report

The Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office held a swearing-in ceremony for new deputies and corrections officers on Feb. 16.

Sheriff Jared Miller swore in the new deputies and thanked them for their dedication to safety of Wakulla County.

The sheriff said he appreciated that his staff loves Wakulla County as much as he does. (Photo by William Snowden)



Election lawsuit

From Front Page

Wells’ deposition.

Wells said he overreacted to Edwards’ concerns by instructing then-Deputy Supervisor of Elections Joe Morgan to call Sparkman and order him not to call voters.

It was later acknowledged by Wells that that was a mistake, that Sparkman was entitled to call voters to alert them to problems with their ballot if he wanted to.

The election night had more drama when Sparkman was initially declared the election winner before Wells realized that a number of precincts had not been counted in the race. After those votes were tallied, Brimmer was declared the victor by four votes.

After a recount by the canvassing board a few days later, the margin was narrowed to three votes for Brimmer.

Guy Revell trail

From Front Page

conservation area is expected to also include prescribed burning as needed.

While the Guy Revell Nature Trail is currently open, the restoration activities are being conducted near the Saddletree Trailhead which can be found within The Farm subdivision.

A NFWFMD Facebook post from when the prep work began in late January advised those visiting the conservation area to use the Maplewood Trailhead.



Kiersten Smith

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For Women’s History Month: Women’s right to vote



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The movement to expand the franchise to women built momentum during the 19th century, achieved part of its goal with the ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920, and continues to press on to ensure protection of voting rights for all. This section provides compelling questions for teaching about the long road to women’s suffrage rights and activity ideas for teaching about this topic across U.S. history. A collection of lesson plans can be found at the bottom of the page.

COMPELLING QUESTIONS

- To what extent did the strategies of the Suffrage Movement change between Seneca Falls (1848) and ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920?
- Why was there resistance to granting women the right to vote?
- What role did race or other factors play in the fight for women’s suffrage?
- To what extent was passage of the 19th Amendment a turning point in U.S. history?
- Why were suffragists finally successful in achieving the right to vote?
- How have women participated in elections since 1920?
- To what extent do issues raised by 19th and 20th century suffragists remain?



In late 1942, a Pittsburgh freelance artist named J. Howard Miller painted a poster for Westinghouse Electric, his biggest client. All told, Miller designed 42 posters that would be hung on nearly 2,000 bulletin boards and factory walls across the country as wartime production kicked into high gear. This particular poster, however, was one of his simplest and most powerful compositions: a confident, bandana-coifed “woman war worker” making a muscle. A cartoon balloon above her head contained the message, “We Can Do It!” In the post-war years, this image, now recognized worldwide as “Rosie the Riveter,” has taken on added meaning and importance.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

In the interest of fostering inquiry-based teaching and learning that utilizes primary source materials and offers students space for creative application, consider the following strategies when engaging students in research on the 19th Amendment and women’s history across your curriculum:

- Construct a digital timeline that centers on women’s writings, speeches, publications, artistic creations, and performances to avoid limiting discussion to an era or topic of study. Combined with storyboard software, students can record voice overs and use images to construct a response to a compelling question while addressing change over time analysis.
- Create a digital or hard copy commonplace book when reading biographies, literature, poetry, reviewing art, films, or other multimedia produced by women across U.S. history. From time to time students can be asked to synthesize what they re-

cord around themes, concepts, topics of study, and the inquiry questions they have designed.

- Use digital mapping software in combination with EDSITement’s Chroniling America to plot stories and connections within and across time and place on topics chosen by students (i.e. suffragists’ meetings, women’s organizations, education, sports, fashion, entertainment, the travels of characters in a novel or short story, historic homes, etc.).
- Create a short documentary film using storyboard software and primary sources, including audio-visual resources, on a theme or concept that spans beyond a single unit or era.

Civics education and your newspaper

By JODI PUSHKIN

President Florida Press Educational Services

According to the Louis Frey Institute, research shows when students engage in simulated civic actions, they are prone to develop a positive political efficacy that contributes to lifelong engagement.

The 2017 Florida Legislature amended Section 1007.25, Florida Statutes, to require students initially entering a Florida College System institution or state university in 2018-19 and thereafter to demonstrate competency in civic literacy. The amendment also requires the Chairs of the State Board of Education and Board of Governors’ to appoint a faculty committee to develop a new civics literacy course or revise an existing U.S. History or U.S. Government course to include the civic literacy content. The committee would also establish course competencies and identify outcomes that include, at minimum, the following:

- An understanding of the basic principles of American democracy and how they are applied in our republican form of government.
- An understanding of the U.S. Constitution.
- Knowledge of the founding documents and how they have shaped the nature and functions of our institutions of self-governance.
- An understanding of landmark Supreme Court cases and their impact on law and society.

The local newspaper is a great teaching tool to engage your students in civics education. Did you know that more than 60 percent of people with high exposure to newspapers in childhood are regular readers of newspapers as adults, according to a study conducted for the News Media Alliance, former Newspaper Association of America Foundation? That percentage is significant because statistically people who read the newspaper daily are more engaged citizens. Engaged citizens participate in their communities by voting and practicing good citizenship.

The goal of NIE programs is to create a generation of critical readers, engaged citizens and consumers. John F. Kennedy said, “Our progress as a nation can be no swifter than our progress in education. The human mind is our fundamental resource.” The goal of NIE is to engage and develop that resource.

The newspaper is both a primary and secondary source for informational text. According to Scholastic magazine, “Informational text is a type of nonfiction — a very important type. Nonfiction includes any text that is factual. (Or, by some definitions, any type of literature that is factual, which would exclude texts such as menus and street signs.) Informational text differs from other types of nonfiction in purpose, features, and format.”

The newspaper meets these specific characteristics of informational text. It is a logical resource for information about the natural, social and political world. The newspaper conveys information about the natural or social world. The articles are written from someone who knows information to someone who doesn’t. The newspaper has specialized features such as headings and technical vocabulary.

To learn more about Florida’s NIE programs, visit the Florida Press Educational Services (FPES) Web site at fpesnie.org.

Jodi Pushkin is the President of Florida Press Educational Services. She is the manager for the Tampa Bay Times Newspaper in Education program.



People FACT:

MANY PEOPLE ENJOY THIS CRAFT OF PUTTING TOGETHER BOOKS OF PICTURES AND OTHER MEMENTOS

ANSWER: SCRAPBOOKING

Craft Word Find

Just in time for National Craft Month, see how many related words you can find and circle throughout the puzzle below.

- | | | |
|----------|---------|----------|
| CLAY | MARKERS | PICTURE |
| CRAFT | PAINT | SCISSORS |
| CRAYONS | PAPER | SCULPT |
| KNITTING | PASTE | YARN |

L P K B U Y W F J J D D
 T A Z N U E I F Z J C E
 P S S D I S R E K R A M
 L T C V Z T B U A S T U
 U E I F P G T Y T F U Y
 C V S L P A O I A C A P
 S W S I K N P R N R I F
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Math Puzzle

Use the numbers 1 through 9 to complete the equations. Each number is only used once. Each row is a math equation. Each column is a math equation.

Multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

-	+	2	
X	-	X	
-	X	-45	
-	-	-	
+	X	30	
5	-2	22	

Puzzle Solution

7	-	8	+	3	=	2
X	-	X	X			
1	-	6	X	9	=	-45
-	-	-	-			
2	+	4	X	5	=	30
5	-	2				22

THIS DAY IN...
 March 2
HISTORY

- 1836: TEXAS DECLARED ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM MEXICO.
- 1917: PUERTO RICO BECAME A U.S. TERRITORY. PUERTO RICANS ALSO BECAME U.S. CITIZENS.
- 1933: THE MOVIE, "KING KONG" DEBUTED IN NEW YORK CITY.

new word
crochet
 yarn craft using a looping needle

How they SAY it in...

ENGLISH: Paint
SPANISH: Pintura
ITALIAN: Pittura
FRENCH: Peinture
GERMAN: Farbe

Did You Know?

ROUND, FLAT, FILBERT, FAN, OVAL, DAGGER STRIPER, RAKE, SCRIPT LINER, SPOTTER, SHADER, ANGULAR, AND WASH ARE JUST A FEW OF THE MANY TYPES OF PAINTBRUSHES.

get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture featured here is?

ANSWER: BIRDBHOUSE

Does God seem far, far away?



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

The rain pounded my windshield. Suddenly, my car hydroplaned and skidded off the road into the swelling pond.

Water swirled around my ankles, then my knees, then my waist as my heart pounded in my chest.

I struggled hopelessly with the windows. I pounded on the glass, but nothing happened. The water covered my mouth, then my nose. I needed air. Only minutes before, I'd taken breathing for granted. Now it was all I could think about. I had to have air – quickly – or I was going to die.

I bolted awake with a gasp. As I struggled to

catch my breath, I knew ... I'd never again take air for granted.

Keep my dream in mind as you read this week's powerful verse: "Then you will seek Me, inquire for, and require Me [as a vital necessity] and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13 AMPC).

What would happen if we did this? If we sought God, asked Him for counsel and direction, and realized our total dependence on Him – as much as we

need air?

Whether we feel as though God is a million miles away or we feel confident of His presence, wouldn't pursuing Him with this kind of humility and dependence deepen our relationship with Him?

God's grace and power are bigger than we can comprehend. When we head in the wrong direction and feel powerless to change, we can find hope. If we read and meditate on His Word, God will transform our lives and

give us purpose (a reason to get up each day). He'll renew our relationships. Best of all, He'll help us fall more in love with Him than ever before.

Let's never again take God for granted – or seek Him only during our desperate moments. Instead, let's experience the extraordinary joy of witnessing the changes our heavenly Father will do in – and through – us. Let's take note as He reveals Himself in ways we've never thought possible

and as our hearts become more and more confident that God is very near, indeed.

As we enter the Lenten season, let's see what happens in our hearts and lives when we seek God as desperately as we seek the air we breathe.

Sheryl H. Boldt is a sales executive for Wave 94 and author of the blog, www.TodayCanBeDifferent.net. Connect with her at SherylHBoldt.Wave94@gmail.com.

Obituaries



Jeffrey Allyn Saba

Jeffrey Allyn Saba, 34, of Crawfordville, passed away after a motor-

cycle accident.

Jeff did Construction work and enjoyed working with his hands. His family said he could build anything out of nothing.

Survivors include his mother Cathy Green and Jimmy Orr, and father Khalid Saba and Melissa; brothers, Dustin Saba, and Skylar and William Chastain; sisters, Jami Orr and Shirley Saba; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Memorial Service was held Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Hudson Park in Crawfordville.

Skip & Trey Young are assisting the family. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel (850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com).

DEATH NOTICES

• John "Cajun John" Willie Bergeron, 79, of Crawfordville, died Feb. 23, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• David Larry Ganey, 77, of Crawfordville, died Feb. 27, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• Jennifer Eva Irvin, 35, of Crawfordville, died Feb. 18, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• Barbara Koucky Moody, 70, of Crawfordville, died Feb. 24, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• Marcus J. Raffield, 50, Apalachicola, died Feb. 19, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel.

• Gregory Jay Wright, 67, of Panacea, died Feb. 25, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

Gas station pulled

From Front Page

returned.

Tricia Collins owns an Air BnB in Panacea and said her guests come for Wakulla's natural resources. "They don't come here for

the beaches. They go to St. George Island for that. They don't come here for the architecture. They go to Apalachicola for that. They don't come here for the shopping, and they don't come here to buy gasoline."

Jackie Turner, wife of Joe Glisson, who sued the City of Tallahassee to stop the pollution of Wakulla Springs and won, noted that Wakulla Springs draws visitors from all over the world.

Sue Damon noted that dye tracing linked Chip's Hole, near the proposed site, to Wakulla Springs in eight days. "Let's use the science

available to us now," she said.

Gil Damon noted that the speakers all knew the project had been pulled by the applicant but said everyone felt so passionately about Wakulla Springs that they wanted to speak.

Later in the meeting, Greg Marr Jr. got up during citizen comments and said:

"Recent issues have been used by a few to foment an angry mob.

"A few," he said, "who would let no crisis go to waste."

Marr implored commissioners not to give in to the mob.

It wasn't immediately clear if Marr was referring to the gas station issue.

Happy Birthday Wakulla County



As We Anticipate the Celebration of Wakulla County's 179th Birthday Friday, March 12, 2022 from 3pm - 8pm

on the Courthouse Lawn, along High Street
23 High Dr. Crawfordville

and extending to our other historical surroundings, I would love to take this opportunity to hear from persons who have the most Birthday candles in our county, and invite you to come join us for this festive event.

Please contact Quincee Messersmith at 850-933-8371



Wakulla 4-H cordially invites the Board of County Commissioners, all Elected officials, our business community and all citizens to join Wakulla 4-H for a celebration of Wakulla County.

Wakulla Wonderful Week, March 6 - 12, 2022, seeks to send a message of recognition and celebration of Wakulla's 179th birthday. This week will allow time to reflect on the wonderful county we live in and the benefits we have living here. Wakulla 4-H serves the purpose of educating our citizens and youth, inspiring growth in everyone and pledging our heads to clearer thinking, our hearts to greater loyalty, our hands to larger service, and our health to better living so that our citizens can make Wakulla County even more wonderful.



Looking Forward to Hearing from you as we Celebrate our County's Birthday and all the Great Reasons we all Call Wakulla County Home.
Wonderfullee Wakulla ~ Quincee Messersmith

HOME ON THE RANGE

The Kel-Tec Sub 2000: A Folding Carbine



By **MARJ LAW**

I brought a Kel-Tec Sub 2000 9mm pistol caliber carbine to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range one fine Wednesday morning.

The gals and some guys at the range are fascinated by this thing. Carbines are rather short-barreled long guns, but this one is not only short barreled, it folds in two as well!

A carbine that folds! Cool! Is your car's trunk short of space? Stow the Kel-Tec. It won't take much room. Going camping? Slide it in your backpack. How many guns can do this?

On top of the ease of storage and coolness factor, this little carbine will accept magazines from some favorite handguns. You can shove in mags from the Sig Sauer P226, the Glocks 17, 19, 22 and 23, the Smith & Wesson M&P 9 and the Beretta 92 and 96. This particular one takes Glock mags. How convenient to have a carbine compatible with your handgun. Carry the same rounds and the same magazines.

Gorgeous gun? Pretty stock? No, the Kel-Tec is

not pretty. Don't think pretty: think "Terminator." Black plastic. Pistol foregrip. Scary, but not pretty.

Anyway, Joe is the first to shoot this little guy. He opens up the gun, and presses it to his shoulder. It takes him a while to find his sight picture. He's shooting a little low and to the left, but that's how he usually starts out. Then he works his way to the bull's-eye. He gets better.

Looks pretty easy to me.

I line up to shoot next. I'm not used to shooting from the shoulder. I press the butt onto my shoulder. I look to where the sight ought to be.

Where's the sight? Not used to rifles, I push the butt harder into my shoulder and lay my cheek into the gun. Still, where's the sight? I pull the gun even tighter into my shoulder.

Oh, there it is. This tiny black post is supposed to fit in the center of a black ring. Got it. Well, almost got it. Darn post keeps wiggling. I'm not used to this type of sight, and not used to holding a carbine.

Maybe it gets better. I squeeze the trigger thinking it'll be easy like a 9mm handgun.

Squeeze. Squeeze. OK, not like a 9mm handgun. This is a pretty hard trigger pull. I pull even harder.

Finally: Blam! Whack! Right into my shoulder. (Not the ammo; the butt of the gun.)

Joe says I'm not holding it tight enough. Oh, OK. That's fixable.

I scrunch it tighter

Kel-Tec Sub 2000 9mm



Open



Closed

and squeeze.

Blam! Ouch! Right into that shoulder again.

But, wait. We gals at the range are creative.

I go to my range bag and pull out a small sponge. I place it under my bra strap to act as a buffer for the recoil. Not a pretty fix, but who can see it?

Blam! Ouch again. This thing is going to leave a bruise. Nothing hit the target.

"Who else wants to shoot?" I ask.

Barry takes it. He's up for anything.

Blam! Blam! Blam!

He puts it down on the shooting bench.

"The sights will take a little getting used to," he reports. "Not too much takeup on the trigger pull."

Maryanne, our competitive Glock shooter is next. If she gets this Kel-Tec, she could use her Glock mags in the Kel-Tec as well as in her Glock. This would make it versatile for her.

Blam! Blam! Blam!

"Whoa! Kicks a little bit," she understates. "You'd have to get used to the sight too. And I need different ear protection. The muffs get in the way, so it's hard to get a good sight picture."

Maryanne's cheek is pink. The Kel-Tec's bolt has pushed pretty hard, but she still is able to whack out the bullseye.

Joe takes it back and shoots some more. He fiddles with the adjustable sight. The front sight has loosened up, so shooting isn't consis-

tent and won't be until it has been tightened.

Darn. And I was so hoping to add to the shoulder bruise! (Yes, this is sarcasm.)

After shooting, I get on the internet to see what is being said about this carbine.

At about 4.5 pounds, this carbine is not heavy. If you had to carry around a long gun, this would be pretty light. What's not light is the trigger pull. Trigger pull is about 9.5 pounds. I thought I was imagining its weight. I wasn't. The Kel-Tec does have a hard trigger pull.

Overall, it is 30.5 inches long. Folded, it is 16.25 inches and so is the barrel. I had imagined going mountain climbing with this

carbine in my backpack. Reach back and grab it, flick down the barrel and shoot! Almost as dramatic as fanning a cowboy gun!

The price can be really reasonable, if you can find the carbine. Since it may be scarce because it is so innovative, versatile and interesting, you might have to pay a full retail price, but it still can be a lot cheaper than many handguns.

I checked PEW PEW's article on the Kel-Tec Sub 2000.

What do you know? They say it's hard to get a good sight picture. And "ears" get in the way. And the trigger pull is heavy. And you might get a sore cheek.

Yep. We found that out right quick.

On the other hand, the Kel-Tec with its 16-inch barrel can shoot much more accurately at distances than most 4- or 5-inch barreled handguns.

Capt. John N Raguso, writing on the Truth About Guns, says this Kel-Tec 9mm's effective reach is over 100 yards, the gun is reliable, and the rounds fly down the range "like a .357 magnum."

OK. When Joe tweaks and adjusts the sights, I'll try it out again.

After all, a folding carbine is darn cool.

I'll just have to make a good thick shoulder pad.

Or maybe Joe should stuff it in his pack.

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

BIRDING AT THE REFUGE

Duck and shorebird survey

By **DON MORROW**

I am one of a long line of local birders who have volunteered to do duck and shorebird surveys at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge.

You don't have to be an expert. A lot of birders have the requisite identification skills and it sounds like a good deal, a key to the gates and authorization to drive the levees looking for birds.

However, getting to count ducks on a cool crisp day in winter also means committing to count shorebirds in the August heat while mosquitoes are competing with no-see-ums and biting flies for the last drop of your blood.

Yesterday was one of the days that makes this worthwhile. A bright half-moon was hanging just beyond Scorpio's claws as I headed out

to the far end of Stony Bayou at 6 a.m. to start my duck survey.

Blue-winged Teal were quacking in the fading darkness. When the light came up and I started moving, I found a Western Kingbird along the levee edge.

A quartet of Roseate Spoonbills was feeding with Great Egrets in the shallows under the bright blue morning sky. It was a glorious day to be out birding at the refuge.

Duck numbers experience a significant drop between January and February and I had a total of 755 ducks on the February survey, down from 1,946 ducks on the mid-January survey.

The biggest drop was in Green-winged Teal numbers, which went from 922 to 334.

Blue-winged Teal, Hooded Merganser, Bufflehead, Redhead

and Wigeon also saw sharp drops. I found no Northern Pintail, Wood Ducks or Shovelers and ended up with 13 duck species, which is about average for February.

At this point, changes in duck numbers at the refuge are due not just to St. Marks wintering resident ducks leaving, but also to some degree from ducks passing through from further south. This is especially true of Shovelers, which will see a brief spike in April and Blue-winged Teal, the last of which will pass through in late May.

It's been an interesting winter duck season at the refuge and we have seen ducks rapidly adjust to changes in the weather. Ducks were slow to come down in a warm fall and we didn't get to normal winter numbers until mid-January.

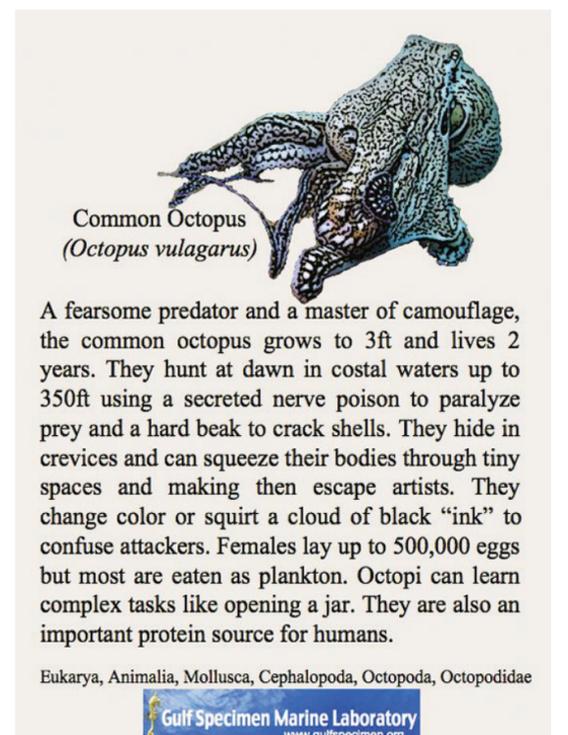
Then, when polar fronts pushed extreme winter weather down into North Georgia in late January, I did a spot check and found that that the refuge's duck population had jumped by 20% to 2,322 as ducks shifted further South. This was mostly due to large numbers of Green-winged Teal and it lasted for only a few days.

Even though the ducks are beginning to leave, all of the most sought-after birds, the female Vermilion, American Black Ducks and White-faced Ibis, are still around for another few weeks and the American Flamingo is still receiving visitors on Mounds Pool III. It shows no signs of leaving.

The winter season is drawing to a close and migrants are beginning to move. Swallow-tailed

Kite and Great Crested Flycatcher have been reported in the last week.

Come down to St. Marks and enjoy your own glorious day of birding.



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Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water

Local writers share their experiences

Thursday 3	
Sun rise/set 7:03AM 6:28PM	Moon rise/set 7:56AM 7:43PM
Moon Illumination 1%	
Friday 4	
Sun rise/set 7:02AM 6:29PM	Moon rise/set 8:20AM 8:49PM
Moon Illumination 4%	
Saturday 5	
Sun rise/set 6:30PM	Moon rise/set 8:44AM 9:54PM
Moon Illumination 9%	
Sunday 6	
Sun rise/set 6:59AM 6:31PM	Moon rise/set 9:09AM 10:57PM
Moon Illumination 15%	
Monday 7	
Sun rise/set 6:57AM 6:32PM	Moon rise/set 9:35AM 11:59PM
Moon Illumination 23%	
Tuesday 8	
Sun rise/set 6:56AM 6:33PM	Moon rise/set 10:04AM ---
Moon Illumination 32%	
Wednesday 9	
Sun rise/set 6:54AM 6:34PM	Moon rise/set 10:37AM 1:02AM
Moon Illumination 41%	

Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

Mar. 3 - Mar. 9

Tide charts by tides4fishing.com

Best fishing days this month
March 2-18

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	2:15 am ▲ 3.5 ft	8:42 am ▼ -0.5 ft	2:51 pm ▲ 3.3 ft	8:50 pm ▼ 0.1 ft
Fr	2:56 am ▲ 3.4 ft	9:09 am ▼ -0.2 ft	3:14 pm ▲ 3.3 ft	9:27 pm ▼ -0.1 ft
Sa	3:36 am ▲ 3.2 ft	9:33 am ▼ 0.2 ft	3:34 pm ▲ 3.3 ft	10:04 pm ▼ -0.2 ft
Su	4:15 am ▲ 2.9 ft	9:55 am ▼ 0.6 ft	3:53 pm ▲ 3.3 ft	10:42 pm ▼ -0.1 ft
Mo	4:58 am ▲ 2.6 ft	10:15 am ▼ 0.9 ft	4:11 pm ▲ 3.2 ft	11:23 pm ▼ 0.0 ft
Tu	5:48 am ▲ 2.2 ft	10:37 am ▼ 1.2 ft	4:31 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	
We	12:16 am ▼ 0.2 ft	7:00 am ▲ 2.0 ft	11:01 am ▼ 1.5 ft	4:55 pm ▲ 2.9 ft

City of St. Marks

Th	2:51 am ▲ 3.3 ft	9:46 am ▼ -0.5 ft	3:27 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	9:54 pm ▼ 0.1 ft
Fr	3:32 am ▲ 3.2 ft	10:13 am ▼ -0.2 ft	3:50 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	10:31 pm ▼ -0.1 ft
Sa	4:12 am ▲ 3.0 ft	10:37 am ▼ 0.2 ft	4:10 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	11:08 pm ▼ -0.1 ft
Su	4:51 am ▲ 2.7 ft	10:59 am ▼ 0.5 ft	4:29 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	11:46 pm ▼ -0.1 ft
Mo	5:34 am ▲ 2.4 ft	11:19 am ▼ 0.8 ft	4:47 pm ▲ 3.0 ft	
Tu	12:27 am ▼ 0.0 ft	6:24 am ▲ 2.1 ft	11:41 am ▲ 2.9 ft	5:07 pm ▲ 2.9 ft
We	1:20 am ▼ 0.2 ft	7:36 am ▲ 1.8 ft	12:05 pm ▼ 1.4 ft	5:31 pm ▲ 2.7 ft

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Th	2:35 am ▲ 3.6 ft	9:13 am ▼ -0.5 ft	3:18 pm ▲ 3.3 ft	9:15 pm ▼ 0.2 ft
Fr	3:17 am ▲ 3.5 ft	9:40 am ▼ -0.2 ft	3:41 pm ▲ 3.3 ft	9:52 pm ▼ 0.0 ft
Sa	3:56 am ▲ 3.3 ft	10:04 am ▼ 0.2 ft	4:02 pm ▲ 3.4 ft	10:29 pm ▼ -0.2 ft
Su	4:36 am ▲ 3.1 ft	10:25 am ▼ 0.5 ft	4:22 pm ▲ 3.4 ft	11:06 pm ▼ -0.2 ft
Mo	5:17 am ▲ 2.8 ft	10:46 am ▼ 0.8 ft	4:42 pm ▲ 3.3 ft	11:47 pm ▼ -0.1 ft
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We	12:36 am ▼ 0.1 ft	7:03 am ▲ 2.2 ft	11:38 am ▼ 1.4 ft	5:31 pm ▲ 3.1 ft

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Th	2:07 am ▲ 2.6 ft	8:53 am ▼ -0.4 ft	2:43 pm ▲ 2.5 ft	9:01 pm ▼ 0.1 ft
Fr	2:48 am ▲ 2.6 ft	9:20 am ▼ -0.1 ft	3:06 pm ▲ 2.5 ft	9:38 pm ▼ -0.1 ft
Sa	3:28 am ▲ 2.4 ft	9:44 am ▼ 0.1 ft	3:26 pm ▲ 2.5 ft	10:15 pm ▼ -0.1 ft
Su	4:07 am ▲ 2.2 ft	10:06 am ▼ 0.4 ft	3:45 pm ▲ 2.5 ft	10:53 pm ▼ -0.1 ft
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St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

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Dog Island West End

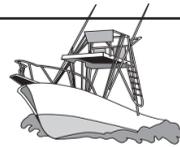
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Best hunting and fishing based on solunar times: MAJOR feeding periods are 2 hours long, centered on the solunar time. MINOR feeding periods are only 1 hour long, again centered on the solunar time.



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



This following information comes from Paul Barnard with U.S. Coast Guard Heartland Safe Boating and is Part 2 of 2:

Most of us are familiar with the old fire extinguisher “Type” language. “Type B:C Size I,” for example. Extinguishers of current manufacture will add “Classification 10:B or 10:B-C” as an example, to the label. They retain the “Type” language as well. Model year 2018 and newer boats must have extinguishers with the “Classification” language on the label. Boats manufactured prior to 2018 may still use the “Type” only extinguishers, provided that they are not expired or are current on service/inspection, and they are in good and serviceable condition. As a note, there are very few of the “Type” only extinguishers still in service.

The number 10 above refers to the size of the extinguisher, and the letters B and C refer to the class of fire the extinguisher is designed to extinguish. By running an internet search on “Classes of fires A, B, C” you can learn more about that.

Here’s some good news! If your boat was previously required to carry an extinguisher or

Boating Emergencies

Coast Guard Station	
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extinguishers, it still is. The number of required fire extinguishers hasn’t changed either.

That’s the short and simple of it. If you are still in doubt about whether you are in compliance with the new regulations, here are a couple of things you can do:

*Read the FAQ’s here: Fire Extinguishers Requirements for the Recreational Boater FAQ (uscgboating.org)

If you have an old extinguisher that you aren’t sure about, don’t be afraid to use it for training. Remember PASS. Pull the pin, Aim, Squeeze the handle and Sweep at the base of the fire. You’ll probably want to buy a new one before you use the old one for training.

When you go to the store to buy a new one, please know what you are buying. Take it out of the box and look. Read the label. Check

the gauge too. I bought one a few years back and that gauge showed as discharged! Rechargeable/Serviceable extinguishers (the ones that don’t have a date on the bottom and have “After Use: Recharge” on the label) will require annual service/inspection at an NFPA certified technician. That service will cost about what it costs to buy a new extinguisher. A disposable extinguisher need only be inspected by the boater to ensure it’s not expired, and in good and serviceable condition. We recommend that boaters do this prior to each trip.

A size 20 extinguisher may serve in the place of two size 5 extinguishers. A size 10 extinguisher will not serve in the place of two size 5s. On my boat, I am required to have one size 5. I went ahead and got a size 10, because a little extra never hurts.

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Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

Holiday diving in Hawaii this year.

The Christmas and New Year Break brings many divers out to us here at Wakulla Diving on the Big Island of Hawaii. This year was no exception – although challenged by travel and vaccination requirements. Once cleared through the Safe Travels program (soon to be over, we hope), folks settled into a routine of diving. The diving options included everything from the Manta Rays off the Sheraton Hotel to the shipwrecks off Mahukona. Other days were spent visiting the Volcanoes National Park (still active) and a variety of coffee and macadamia nut farms. Our home, an avocado orchard in Honokaa, served as a starting and ending place each day. At last count we hosted around 10 visitors for the season.

The Internship Program last year at the Wakulla Diving Center was large and very active. We offered the full PSI training program of cylinder inspections. The interns last request was for a cavern class at the end of the summer. We completed the dives before everyone came down with Covid-19, me included. My son made sure I survived before sending me back to my wife in Hawaii for my slow recovery. Fortunately, I have help here who could take folks out diving since I could not dive during my recovery. Everyone tells me they had a great time. Thank you, Kirk Campaigna.

We have several excellent sites to dive here off the Big Island of Hawaii. Manta Rays love to attend a rock near shore which I have reported to be a cleaning site for them. The rays are somewhat tolerant of observing humans, as long as we keep our distance. This year was no exception. Getting in and out of the water is challenging now that the steel ladder has fallen off the wall, so getting out now requires swimming in to the bay and exiting a boat ramp. A number of interesting invertebrates can also be found further offshore, such as the deep water communal sea urchin once found in a queue moving over the sand in deeper water. We videotaped this encounter several years ago.

Another favorite dive site is off Mahukona. This old port is small but popular with divers who can explore the remains of small ships in the bay and larger shipwreck debris offshore. We have found large anchors, ballast piles, and reefs offshore. And, of course, the sound of passing whales is a common feature. I have not seen a whale while in the water, but they are often seen surfacing from shore, before and after the dive. Other dive sites that are available include Puako and Pebble Beach. On the other side of the Island near Hilo is Richardson Beach when the weather turns bad on the leeward side.

This year I have been focusing on recovering and being an avocado farmer. We have shot and harvested several wild pigs that grew fat eating our avocados. Our chickens and ducks profligate (hungry creatures!). We plan to be back in Wakulla in April so may see you then.

Report horseshoe crab sightings for science

From FWC News

It’s almost spring and that means it’s peak mating season for horseshoe crabs. Help biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission gather valuable information about these ancient creatures by reporting sightings on the online survey.

Horseshoe crabs mate by pairing up, with the smaller male attached to the larger female. They then crawl onto the beach up to the high tide line where the female digs a nest and lays her eggs, all while the male is attached and fertilizing the freshly laid eggs. They mate year-round, but it is most common to see mating



groups along the shore of sandy, lower wave action beaches in March and April as well as September and October. Beachgoers will have the most luck spotting horseshoe crabs around high tide within a few days of a new or full moon.

Reporting horseshoe crab sightings provides valuable information

about habitat use, population distribution and environmental conditions for nesting to the FWC. Although horseshoe crabs have existed for more than 450 million years, scientists are still learning about Florida populations. Public sighting information helps FWC researchers target nesting beaches for the Florida

Horseshoe Crab Watch Program, a citizen science based initiative to collect data throughout the state.

If you see a horseshoe crab on its back, you can help it flip back over by gently picking it up (holding both sides of the shell), turning it over and releasing it back into the water. Simple actions such as this help conserve this species and the many other species that depend on it.

The FWC asks the public to report sightings by visiting MyFWC.com/research and clicking on “Crustaceans” then “Horseshoe Crabs” and selecting “Report Your Nesting Horseshoe Crab Sighting”.

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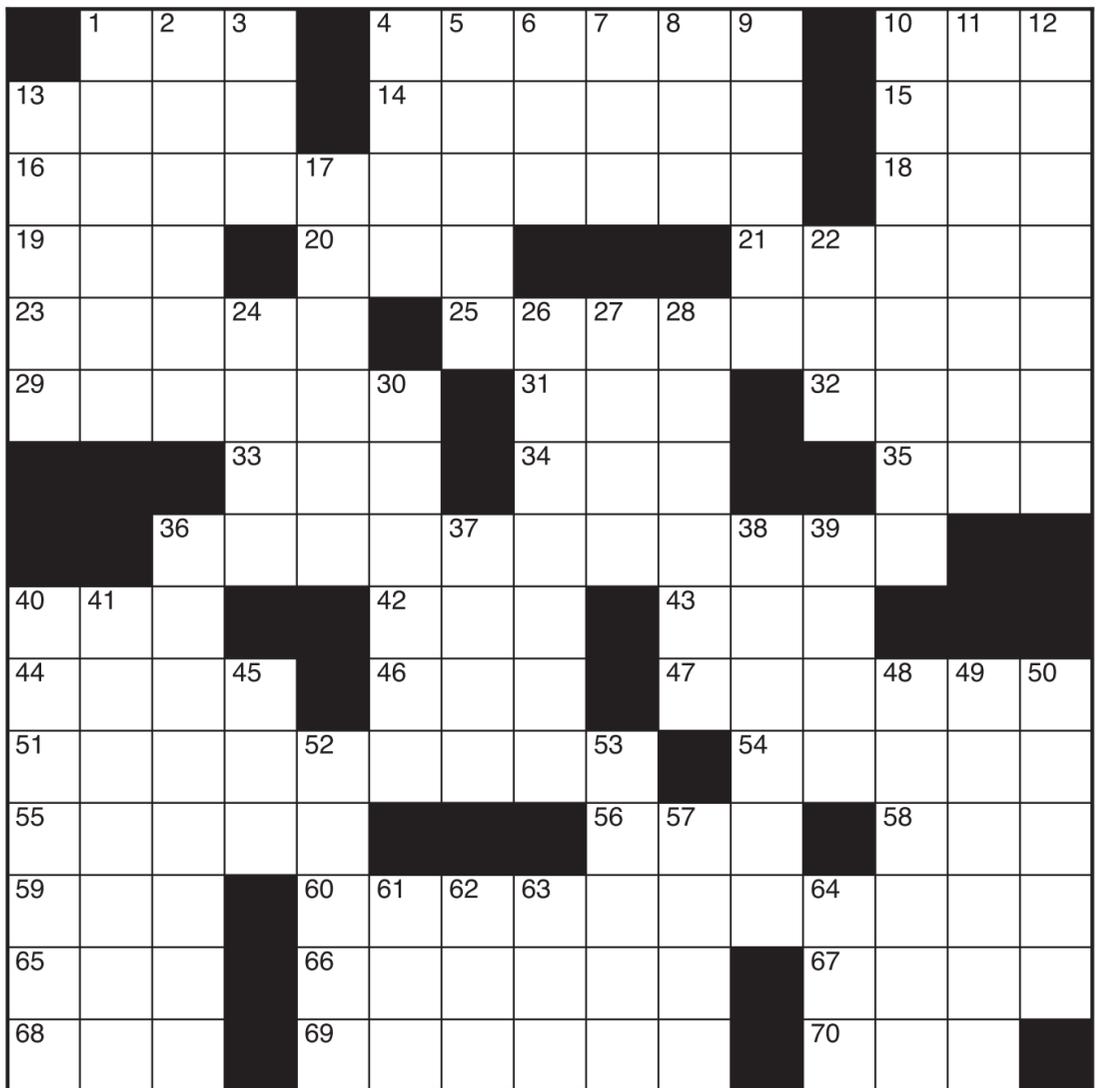
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- Small cavity in rock
- Cause to change
- Current unit
- Carryall
- Caution
- Golf score
- Final part
- Existing or coming before
- Wedding response
- A way to till
- Paragons
- Tenorala: aka _____ Bluff
- Lung disease caused by silica
- Lodging establishments
- Opie actor Howard
- Prong
- Macao monetary unit
- ___ Dhabi, Arabian capital
- CNN's founder
- Of a society that has not developed writing
- Brew
- A lyric poem with complex stanza forms
- Indicates near
- Food shops: delicates _____
- Snakelike fish
- Harpoons
- Weekend days
- Valuable or useful possession
- An edict of the Russian tsar
- Deaf alphabet used in the US
- The side of something that is sheltered from the wind
- Slang for a periodic publication
- Pretend

- Consciousness of your own identity
- Displace
- Golf ball ready to strike
- Lair
- Angles or pitches
- Wife of Saturn

CLUES DOWN

- Caribbean religious cult
- Level best
- Command right
- Prefix for outside
- Nostrils
- Latin for hail
- Stake
- Milk sugar: ___tose
- Moral principle
- Strikingly appropriate
- A small tarred line of 2 strands
- Ironed
- Part between hip and knee
- Hold back to a later time
- Intersperse
- Scorch or sizzle
- In an angry way
- Rounded subdivision of an organ
- Becomes hardened to
- Flew alone
- US military headquarters
- The content of cognition
- Shock
- Standoffs
- Regarded something as probable
- Escaped outflow
- Type genus of the Suidae
- Slumbrous
- Actor Keanu



- Warhorse
- Brother of Romulus
- Wooden shoe
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- Early programming language (1957)
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- Hilo International Airport



SPORTS

VARSDITY BASEBALL

War Eagles win first two games of season



By **KEITH ANDERSON**
WHS Baseball Coach

The Wakulla War Eagles Varsity baseball team started the season off last week winning their first two games against Thomasville High and District foe Godby.

In the first game the War Eagles won 11-1 against Thomasville.

Wakulla was up 2-1 in the fifth and exploded for 8 runs in the inning. John Pierini, Levi Anderson, Brayden Lawhon, and Jacob Hammond each drove in runs in the 5th.

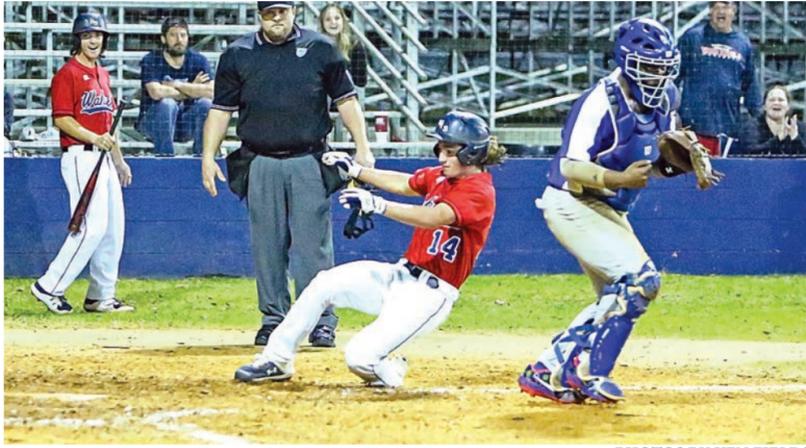
Levi Anderson finished the day 3-4 with a single, double, and triple with 3 RBIs.

Sophomore Haden Klees had a 2-3 day. Colby Zinser and Briyaun Butler-Moore also had a hit.

Brandon Cook was dominant on the mound throwing 5 innings scattering 5 hits surrendering 1 run and striking out six.

Later in the week, the War Eagles hosted Godby for a district game and won 16-1.

Colby Zinser started on the mound throwing 3 innings giving up 3 hits and 1 run, strik-



War Eagle Michael Hurley scores a run against Godby on Thursday.

PHOTOS BY KEN FIELDS

ing out 4.

John Pierini came on in relief throwing 1 inning giving up 1 hit and striking out 2.

The War Eagles again put up a 9 run fourth inning to seal the victory.

Levi Anderson was 2-3 with 3 RBIs, Colby Zinser was 2-2 with 2 RBI's, Briyaun Butler-Moore was 2-2, and Haden Klees was 2-2 with 3 RBIs. Gage Norris also added a two RBI single in the fourth.

The War Eagles are 2-0 to start the season.

Looking at the season ahead, Coach Anderson commented that "It's a tough district" – especially facing district foes like Suwannee and Baker.

The coach said he has eight seniors on the team this year.

"I like this group," Anderson said of this year's War Eagles.



Colby Zinser was the starter against Godby.

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BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIPS

Signing held for three War Eagles

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

Three Wakulla War Eagle baseball players signed scholarships on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

Brandon Cook signed with Thomas University.

Austin Hamilton signed with Warner University.

And Levi Anderson signed with Lake Sumter Community College.

Baseball Coach Keith Anderson said all three players are "quality young men" who all have "unique roles on the team."

Cook is a 6'4" pitcher with a three-quarters release. "He's got some real good stuff," Anderson said.

Hamilton plays second base, but sometimes plays outfield and pitches. "He's the ultimate team player," said Anderson.

Levi Anderson was Florida Athletic Coaches Association Player of the Year last year. Coach Anderson described him as a fast infield guy who bats left handed and worked his way into being lead-off last year.

Wakulla Athletic Director Mike Smith said the scholarships represent an opportunity "to go play baseball and they pay you for it."

Smith also noted that the Wakulla program is "built on character."

Coach Anderson commented that he was excited for the three players to get the opportunity to move on



Three War Eagles signed scholarships last week: Levi Anderson, Austin Hamilton and Brandon Cook. Wakulla Athletic Director Mike Smith, above, introduced them. Coach Keith Anderson, below, watches over them as the players sign their scholarship letters.

and play college ball.

"All three are highly skilled," he said. "I'm very, very proud of these guys."

Levi Anderson gave a "Big thank you to all my coaches and family."

Hamilton thanked "family, friends and teammates for the opportunity ahead."

Cook smiled and said he wanted to give the same comment as Hamilton. When asked to come up with his own, he said with a grin: "I want to thank everyone."



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