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# Two resign from city

State retirement rules require Sopchoppy city commissioners Nathan Lewis, Richard Harden to step down

By RIDDHI PATEL  
Reporter

Florida Retirement System (FRS) reemployment rules and waiting periods have affected Sopchoppy City Commissioners Nathan Lewis and Richard Harden – forcing them to resign from their position prior to the end of their terms. FRS has extensive rules regarding reemployment post retirement, and there can be major consequences to breaking those rules. While these rules are meant to prevent abuses, concerns have been raised regarding how fair some of the policies actually are.

FRS has a “reemployment limitation period” policy where individuals who retire from an FRS-participating employer cannot work for an-



Nathan Lewis, left, resigned from the Sopchoppy City Commission effective Feb. 28, while Richard Harden, right, will serve until March 18. Being a city commissioner is an unpaid position, but the State of Florida's Retirement System determined since Sopchoppy pays employees into the FRS, the two were told their state retirement is at risk.

other FRS-participating employer for 12 months post retirement. Such employment includes paid and unpaid work with an FRS-affiliated agency or any agency that contracts with an FRS-affiliated employer. Lewis and



Harden shared that state agencies and a lot of counties and cities participate in the FRS. Because of these restrictions, Lewis said, “I could not even go work as a poll worker. I could not mentor at my wife’s school or vol-

unteer at the library.”

Consequences to reemployment with an agency that is affiliated with the FRS within the first year of retirement varies. The harshest penalties occur within the first six months of retirement.

A flyer provided to Harden by the FRS said, “Your retirement will be voided and you and your employer will be required to repay all of the Pension Plan benefits you have received, including any DROP payout.” For Lewis, who deferred his retirement for the past five years through the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) program, this would mean losing the lump-sum pension payout and any interest accrued.

Penalties of FRS-affiliated reemployment between months seven and twelve will generally not include a re-

quired repayment; however, a retiree’s retirement benefits will still be suspended during any month they are reemployed or volunteering with an FRS-affiliated agency. After the year-long waiting period is over, retirees are free to seek employment with an agency that participates in the FRS without being penalized.

“It is lawful, but it’s certainly not appropriate,” said Lewis, who referred to the reemployment rules as a “penalty period.” He expressed concern about how the rules may impact individuals who need income beyond their retirement benefits.

Lewis, who retired from the Florida Department of Children and Families, recently resigned from the Sopchoppy City Commission effective

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# Get your driver license reinstated

The Wakulla Clerk of Courts office is participating in Operation Green Light to lower or waive fees

Special to The Sun

The Wakulla County Clerk of Court & Comptroller released its schedule for the 2022 Operation Green Light event. In the State of Florida, driver licenses can be revoked as a penalty when traffic tickets or other court obligations go unpaid.

During Operation Green Light – a driver license reinstatement event – the Clerk’s Office will work with individuals to lower or waive fees, so they can pay back their outstanding court obligations and have their license reinstated.

“Our goal is not only to ensure compliance with the

law but to also save money for our constituents and get them back on the road legally,” said Greg James, Wakulla County Clerk of Court and Comptroller.

“Since the initiative began, Operation Green Light has helped thousands of Floridians save money while paying back what they owe to the courts,” said Chris Hart IV, Chief Executive Officer of Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers. “For individuals, this program provides two remarkable benefits. First, it promotes court compliance. Second, for many who participate, it can lead to getting their driver license back – in some cases even the

same day. Our association is honored to be involved in coordinating these events, and helping individuals save money and get back on the road.”

This year’s coordinated Operation Green Light event will be hosted within a two-week period, from Monday, March 28 to Friday, April 8. Office hours are Monday to Friday and our office will extend its hours of operation from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. to ensure a person can get their license reinstated after working hours. For a list of other participating clerk’s offices and a calendar of events within the two-week timeframe, visit <http://www.FLClerks.com/GreenLight>.

FLClerks.com/GreenLight.

“Sixty-four offices are participating in the coordinated Operation Green Light events between now and April 9, 2022,” said Manatee County Clerk of Court and Comptroller and 2021-22 Florida Clerks and Comptrollers (FCCC) President, Angelina “Angel” Colonnese. “In the coming weeks, we will be coordinating with local agencies and communicating with our constituents to encourage them to get involved, share, and take advantage of this opportunity.”

Since 2019, FCCC has coordinated and promoted the annual Operation Green Light events. While thou-

sands of Floridians currently have a suspended license, Clerks of Court are doing their part to help reduce that number. Since 2019, the Operation Green Light event has resulted in:

- More than 24,000 driver licenses either reinstated or made eligible for reinstatement
- More than 32,000 cases paid in full or placed on a payment plan
- More than \$5.7 million in total collected revenue including nearly \$2.2 million distributed to the state, more than \$1.4 million distributed to local governments, and more than \$2.2 million retained by Clerks of Court.

# Laura Lawhon is candidate for school board

A schoolteacher for 16 years, she is seeking the District 5 seat

By LAURA LAWHON

It is with much prayer and family discussion that I am extremely excited to announce my candidacy for the Wakulla County School Board District 5 seat.

As someone who was born and raised in Wakulla County, this community means everything to me and my family. I grew up in Crawfordville and moved to Sopchoppy during my early teens. As a teenager I worked at my parent’s bait and tackle shop in Sopchoppy, Lou’s, which taught me early on the value of hard work and the importance of a good education. While working there I met my husband, Shawn Lawhon, who I married in 2005. Together we have two beautiful daughters, Abigail, who attends Riversprings Middle School, and Reagan, who attends Medart Elementary, where I currently teach 4th grade.

I believe it is important to show my daughters to stand up for what they believe in



Reagan, Laura, Shawn, and Abigail Lawhon.

no matter the adversity or opposition they may face. It is because of this that I am running for school board.

I am often asked why I am choosing to leave a career that I have devoted my life to for the last 16 years and the answer is simple: I cannot continue to wait for a change to take place. It is time for me to be the change that I am seeking. Year after year as an educator we continue to hope for the best, to pray that the next year will be better, the kids more eager to learn, the schools to provide us with the resources and help that we need to help students genuinely close learning gaps or achieve a rigorous and appropriate education, but the truth of the matter is, the help doesn’t come, the resources do not show up, the support is simply lacking, and the students suffer the most.

I honestly believe that there is not a budget crisis, there is not a lack of funding, but there is an enormous lack of

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**LIBRARY EVENT**

# Dr. Seuss birthday is celebrated



The Wakulla County Public Library celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with an event on the evening of Friday, March 4. Librarian Heather Bryan read "There's a Wocket in My Pocket!" by Dr. Seuss to local kids and their parents. The event also featured Dr. Seuss themed hat decorating, a relay race, snacks, and a showing of "The Lorax." (Photo by Riddhi Patel)

# Sheriff's Report

Activity reported from Feb. 25 to March 3rd:

**FRIDAY, FEB. 25**

• Deputy Dylan Causseaux responded to a home on Stillmont Drive in reference to a report of criminal mischief. The prospective buyer of the property pointed out to Deputy Causseaux several electric wires that were cut inside of the home. A possible suspect has been identified in this case. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 26**

• Jacob Frasca was found passed out behind the wheel of his vehicle while at a gas pump. After a short investigation, Deputy Dustin Matthews determined Frasca was intoxicated and placed him under arrest for DUI. Jacob Frasca was transported to the Wakulla County Jail without incident.

**SUNDAY, FEB. 27**

• Ellen Romeka came to the sheriff's office to report a burglary which occurred on an earlier date at her home. Ellen stated multiple items were taken from the residence which included multiple firearms. A possible suspect has been identified. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Rudolph Hinson investigated.

• Deputy Wade Wright initiated a traffic stop on Bob Miller Road for excessive speed. During the traffic stop the driver, Austin Cardin, was found to be in possession of methamphetamine. Cardin was subsequently arrested and transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

**MONDAY, FEB. 28**

• Deputy Andrea Farmer responded to Walmart in reference to a theft complaint. Upon arrival Deputy Farmer made contact with Walmart staff, who stated they had video surveillance of an employee stealing money from the register. Deputy Farmer then made contact with Grady Harper, who had already written an admission letter to the Asset Protection staff about the theft. Harper was placed under arrest and transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 3**

• Gabrielle Carraway reported two unknown males picked her phone up while it was sitting unattended at her place of employment. She tracked the phone to the Grace Baptist Church area but the phone was not located. Video footage of the theft will be provided by Walmart Security. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Ernesto Trujillo investigated.

Please remember to always report suspicious or illegal activity at 850-745-7100, 911 for emergencies.

# 4-H sponsors a Blessing Box



Local 4-Hers filled a newly planted Blessing Box with food at the Wakulla County Extension Office on Tuesday, March 1. Blessing Boxes are an active effort by Wakulla Feeding Wakulla to address food insecurity within Wakulla County. (Photo by Riddhi Patel)

# Two resign from city

**From Front Page**

Feb. 28. Harden, who will be retiring from the Florida Department of Corrections, will be resigning from the Sopchoppy City Commission effective March 18.

Though Lewis and Harden have not received any FRS benefits through the City of Sopchoppy, they will still not be able to continue as city commissioners within the first year of retirement because the City of Sopchoppy is an FRS-participating employer. "If we were to remain on the city council, we would not be able to draw our retirement

benefits," said Harden.

Harden and Lewis mentioned that as they neared retirement, they along with the City of Sopchoppy through City Attorney Dan Cox, inquired more about the specifics of the issue. Though at first the responses varied, the ultimate consensus was that the two would not be able to stay on the city commission, and that if they did, they would be impacted financially.

"I believe the Florida retirement rule should be amended to provide an exemption for someone who is working in a non-paid position that

does not participate in or contribute to the FRS system," said Harden. Even though the City of Sopchoppy participates in the FRS for its employees, Harden and Lewis are not connected to the FRS through the city and their work as city commissioners.

"I think the rule is too stringent," said Harden. Both commissioners felt that the rule as it stands is not fair and should be changed. Florida House Bill 1551 and Senate Bill 1810 have been proposed within the current legislative session, and they both address FRS regulations. In particular, these bills are relevant to the issue of volunteer services with an FRS-participat-

ing employer being penalized – like Lewis and Harden's involvement with the City Commission.

As Lewis has resigned from the Sopchoppy City Commission and Harden will be resigning this month, the remaining members of the commission will be appointing two new members in April.

Any Sopchoppy resident who is interested in joining the commission should submit a letter of interest to Sopchoppy City Clerk Ashley Schilling by April 4 at 3 p.m. and attend the Sopchoppy City Commission meeting on April 11 to present on why they should be appointed.

# Correction

A front page story last week about a controversial gas station project that was withdrawn by the applicant before it could go before the county commission after being voted down at the planning commission gave the wrong date for the county commission meeting. The meeting was held on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

We regret the error.

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## CHAMBER NEWS

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# Business is blooming along with flowers

By **GREG JAMES**  
Chamber President

It seems like the new year just started and it's March already! When you think of March you might think of NCAA Basketball's March Madness, a Spring Break vacation, or flowers blooming. Whatever you think about, Spring is here and things will start to get a little "mad" around here too with people, including visitors, starting to make trips to the beach, their favorite fishing hole or to a local business to get that yard, pool or house ready for the summer. Whatever the reason, Wakulla businesses are gearing up for a busy time of the year!

So, the flowers aren't the only things blooming - business is blooming as well! That is evident from the housing permits being issued, the numerous "brick and mortar" new business constructions and the new business start-ups we are seeing every day. While growth does create its challenges (such as traffic), it also brings improvements to our everyday life through more local employment opportunities, increased wages, a competitive marketplace and more options for the consumer. It also helps keep taxes local.

The Chamber is also blooming with new members as well! In January there were 13 new members: Blackwater Systems Integrators LLC; Blessed at Hands Boutique; Crystal Clean Maid Service LLC; Guardian Public Adjusting LLC; JPM Major Appliance & A/C; North Florida Learning Center; Posey's Steam Room & Oyster Bar; Rapid Press Inc.; Shell Point Marine & Powersports; Wakulla County Public Library; Wakulla County Youth Baseball Assoc.; Wakulla Kiwanis Club; and Wakulla Teen Center!

Despite a short month, in February there were 14 new members: Attack-One; BizCo Rentals; Blackfoot Roofing; Good Times for Rent of Wakulla; HCA Florida Capital Primary Care; J&K Rocks; Jimmy John's; Salvation Army Tallahassee Corps; Sue's Art Workshop; The Wakulla Sun; Volley IQ; Wakulla Ducks Unlimited; Wakulla County Girls Softball Assoc.; and Williamson Outfitters LLC!

We welcome our new members and we welcome back our renewing members. As a reminder, the membership renewal deadline was Feb. 28th so please make sure you complete your renewal soon to avoid cancellation!

You might ask, what does the Chamber do for member businesses? Well, we do a lot of things but, simply put, we get your name in front of the citizens of Wakulla. The days of a phone book like the Yellow Pages are long gone. Even then, when you could look up a business in the phone book, how did you decide which vendor to choose to call? If you didn't have a "word of mouth" referral, it could be difficult to choose. Today you can "Google" the great big inter-web but knowing which vendor to call is still a challenge without that personal reference. While the Chamber certainly promotes "shopping local" regardless of affiliation, Chamber members do recommend other Chamber members. The Chamber is that "word of mouth" referral for your business. You can find a list of our members on our website [wakullacountychamber.com](http://wakullacountychamber.com).

Our Chamber business directory provides another solution. Each year we publish a full color, glossy business directory that lists all members. You will find this directory on numerous businesses counters and Chamber members' desks throughout the County. I know that I keep one on my desk and when someone needs a product or service, I pull it out to offer suggestions. It is a great quick reference guide that our members use to refer people to our local member businesses or residents. In addition to being listed, you can purchase an ad in it for your business. The deadline for purchasing an ad in the 2022 version is April 6th. Call Petra at 850-926-1848 as soon as possible to get your spot before it fills up!

Your Chamber continues to work for you by also providing educational classes, networking luncheons, ribbon cuttings for new member businesses, Facebook posts and sponsored ads, and a number of other social events throughout the year like the Low Country Boil that is right around the corner - April 2nd. Tables and tickets are selling fast so call Petra to get yours today!

March is also Wakulla's 179th birthday. Wakulla became a county on March 11, 1843. This year we will celebrate our birthday on March 12th behind the Courthouse with a "street party", beginning at 3 p.m. with the reading of a proclamation. Our celebration will include live music and entertainment, local food vendors, a Wakulla County timeline and photo booth, a number of vendor booths, tours of the old Courthouse and, of course, birthday cake!

My challenge to you this year, if you will accept it, is to find a cause you believe strongly in, volunteer and make a difference!

Your 2022 President, Greg James.

*Greg James is the 2022 president of the Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce. He is also the Wakulla County Clerk of Courts.*

# February networking luncheon held at WEI

By **PETRA SHUFF**

What a beautiful day at Wakulla Environmental Institute for a delicious BBQ catered by Hamaknockers, serving chicken, pulled pork, baked beans, green beans, slaw and brownies. Thank you, Bob Ballard for hosting us and many thanks to Hamaknockers for taking care of our wonderful crowd today.

Mary Wallace was out of town but Greg James did a wonderful job filling her role.

Our new members for February were announced as: Wakulla County Girls Softball Association, The Wakulla Sun, BizCoRentals, Blackfoot Roofing, Good Times for Rent of Wakulla, Salvation Army Tallahassee Corps, Jimmy John's, Wakulla Ducks Unlimited, Williamson Outfitters, LLC, VOLLEYIQ, and J & K Rocks. We appreciate all our new members, making us a stronger organization with each one!

Our new newspaper, The Wakulla Sun's first edition is at the printer's and the new racks will be distributed throughout the county this week. We always enjoy meeting our new members so they can introduce themselves; Kay Cannon and her husband Jeff just purchased a new business, J&K Rocks, located on U.S. 98 in Medart - check them out for compost, gravel, rock, sand and more; Audrey Frazier is a member through both her businesses - FlaBizCo and now also BizCoRentals - bounce houses, water slides and other party rentals; Terry Lynn Favero and Travis Bozeman with Blackfoot Roofing & Construction - 4th generation of local builders; Margo Armistead with Salvation Army has a lot of different programs to help individuals, and they are currently working to include social services, and were just approved for a youth program, Camp Keystone, and will sponsor 50 youth to attend camp. Rikki Nunnes with Harvest Press brought her coworker, printing consultant Bill McCully.

Jeanie Booth, Center Manager for CareerSource Capital Region in Crawfordville introduced Keith Gerena, Business Representative for veterans in our surrounding counties, and Brent Scott, Quality Performance Trainer for the organization. Amy Geiger shared that the reason Mary Wallace was not here today was that she came aboard at Capital City bank and is in training to be their new mortgage originator. Amy also introduced her guest, Ashley Leggett, Commercial Real Estate lender. Dr. Philipps introduced Tika Thompson with Blessed at Hands Boutique, who joined last month, and we will have a ribbon cutting for them



Jeanie Booth is served some Hamaknockers barbeue by Quincee Messersmith at the Chamber luncheon at Wakulla Environmental Institute on Feb. 23.

4:30pm, Thursday, February 24 at North Pointe Center, so please join us at their location! Shena Lefeavers with Positive Behavior Supports Corp. introduced her co-worker Alisha Mathers, dedicated Medicaid billing specialist; Rich Abrams with Sherlock Springs introduced his new event coordinator, Thea Voran; Paulina Pendarvis with North Florida Medical Centers introduced her guest, Kathleen Hampton with Make a Wish Foundation, an organization helping families with critically ill children. Kathleen is developing a presence in the Panhandle. Kimberly Crum with Bevis Funeral Home and Cremation Services shared she is now licensed to guide clients with pre-planning services, and she also introduced new employee Erin Thompson.

Jennifer Nagy, Emergency Management, Wakulla Sheriff's Office, made everyone aware that she is working on getting the 911 directory updated and asks local businesses to update any information or contacts that may have changed to have the most updated contact information for our business community in case of after - hours emergencies. We will include the form in a block below. You can email the form to Lucy Gowdy [lgowdy@WCSO.ORG](mailto:lgowdy@WCSO.ORG), or take it by the Sheriff's office. Kay Cannon wanted everyone to know that the murder mystery matinee this Sunday at the Moose Lodge still has some openings, so if you would like to attend, contact Kay at 850.491.0587 for tickets.

Greg James shared announcements: Wakulla Wonderful celebrating the 179th birthday of our county Saturday, March 12th at the courthouse square. The area will be closed off to traffic. We invite everyone to come out, join the celebration and visit vendors. The Crawfordville Lions Club, organizer of the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival, as many

other organizations, have not been able to do any fundraising due to Covid to help with their services - eye exams, eye - glasses, and doctor appointments. The St. Patrick's Day festival will take place March 19th, and any lion will be happy to sell you raffle tickets before the festivities or find them at their booth at the festival at Hudson Park March 19th. The chamber's 11th Annual Low Country Boil preparation is in full swing; we have made some changes to accommodate a few more tables, so if you are interested in joining a great crowd, contact our office at 850-926-1848, before they sell out.

Jeanie Booth shared workforce updates: we have 358 open positions in Wakulla in various fields; top employers searching for new talent are our Health Department, Winn Dixie, St. Marks Powder just to name a few. CareerSource Capital Region is also launching a Summer Youth Work Program to help local youth gain valuable skills in the workforce; the organization also offers up to \$10K per individual to help pay for tuition and certification programs in various fields.

Many thanks to our attending businesses for bringing all the wonderful drawing prizes: The Clothesline; Petra Shuff; Sherlock Springs, Quincee Messersmith; J & K Rocks, LLC; Wakulla Moose Lodge; American Inspections; Tiffany Hartsfield, Realtor - Golden Properties and Investments; Career Source Capital Region; Friends of the Wakulla Public Library; North Florida Medical Centers; Revell Electric and Automated Access Systems; Shepard Accounting & Tax Service; Revell Tractor Worx; The Wakulla Sun; Smith, Thompson, P.A.; Positive Behavior Supports Corp; Barn's Liquors. Thank you for your thoughtfulness!

## RIBBON CUTTINGS



**Blessed at Hands Boutique:** The chamber held a ribbon cutting today for recently opened Blessed at Hands Boutique, owned by Natika Thompson, located at North Pointe Center, 1626 Crawfordville Hwy., Suite B in Crawfordville.

The boutique offers men's, women's and children's clothing, purses, hats, sunglasses, bundles of human hair to sew -in and wigs, hair products, eye lashes, face masks, cell phone cases, handmade blankets by Natika's daughter, and jewelry.

The store is open Monday through Thursday 10:30pm, Friday 10-7pm, and Saturday 10-5pm.



**BizCoRentals:** The Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome BizCoRentals, LLC to the community. Established in December 2021 by Audrey Frazier, BizCoRentals is your local go-to for bounce houses & party equipment rentals. Bounce house rentals are a perfect addition to birthday parties, corporate events, or even family reunions. You can check out their inventory and find out more at [bizcorentals.com](http://bizcorentals.com) or call or text 850-544-7932.

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# Opinions

## Thanks for the support



By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**  
Editor

I have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of encouragement and support for The Wakulla Sun.

Every day, there is a steady stream of people stopping by the office to congratulate us on the paper and subscribe.

Last week, we reached our 100th subscription, and Lynda Kinsey commemorated the moment by snapping a photo of me entering that subscriber into

the system.

It was a subscription for United Way of the Big Bend, by the way. So thanks very much to them.

I've been giving my speech about when mail delivery of the paper will actually start – and I'll repeat it here:

We had to publish a first issue of the paper before we could apply for the postal permit to have the post office deliver the paper to subscribers. I took it up to the Crawfordville Post Office as soon as our first issue was out. Dexter reviewed it, submitted it, and it's pending.

I don't know how long it will take to get it approved. (Dexter wasn't sure how long it will take, but couldn't remember the last time he got

an application for a postal permit through Crawfordville.)

All that to say – I'm not sure when mail delivery of the paper will begin. You can always stop by the office and tell us you're a subscriber and pick up a copy.

I also wanted to publicly thank former Superintendent of Schools David Miller for his generous donation to support community journalism.

You can make out a check to the Florida Press Foundation and put in the memo line “For The Wakulla Sun.”

All donations are tax-deductible.

*William Snowden is the editor and publisher of The Wakulla Sun.*



Lynda Kinsey snapped this photo of Editor William Snowden entering the 100th subscriber into our circulation system on Thursday, March 3. The subscriber was United Way of the Big Bend.

### LETTERS

## Thanks to emergency personnel

Editor, The Sun:

When hard times come up, we rely on our emergency management friends.

I'd like to thank Casey Camp and Nathaniel Rameriz for their kind and professional assistance in arriving quickly to our house and making me comfortable on the way to the hospital.

It's frightening to have serious difficulties, but our trained emergency personnel are comforting when the hard times hit.

Thank you, Casey and Nathaniel. With my sincere thanks and deep appreciation,

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## Keep citizen access to government open

By **PAMELA C. MARSH**  
First Amendment Foundation

The hard work and compromise among multiple parties could soon be undone – resulting in a less informed public and less government accountability.

Once again, the Florida Legislature is considering bills that would have allowed local governments and private parties to provide notice about government meetings, zoning changes, and legal proceedings on obscure government websites, rather than in local newspapers and on the state-wide website at florida-publicnotices.com.

The Florida Press Association, First Amendment Foundation, Tax-Watch and others have opposed this direction and last year, a compromise was eventually agreed to by all sides. We thought it was a fair resolution because it increased online access and expanded the types of newspapers where the public can find the notices.

But this year, the House came back with the same previously discarded government website bill that would be detrimental to the public and smaller newspapers, and the fight began all over again. HB 7049 passed the House, and it is up to the Senate now to make up a similar bill or allow the House bill to expire.

We strongly urge the Senate to move on to more serious issues and let this bill die.

Why?

Newspapers have played a vital role in providing transparency about government through the publication of public notices. It's worked for more than 100 years. Now, with the digital reach of newspapers through their websites and the statewide public notice site run

by Florida newspapers, notifying the public has never been more efficient, effective and impactful. Posting notices to newspaper websites and the statewide site adds no additional cost or fat to government and provides greater public access to public notices. Newspapers also serve an important role as a permanent record of public notices.

Placing notices on government websites will be costly for governments to implement, reduce transparency, and result in conflicts of interest. The House bill would allow governments to replace valuable services currently provided by private party newspapers for intake, review, publication, and verification. Above all, it will be bad for Florida citizens because it will make it harder to find out about the activities of their government.

The Legislature, when considering the bill last year, suggested it wanted more competition, more online access, and a better system for public notices. The parties worked together to implement the new law to address those policy goals.

Now all that work is at risk. HB 7049 will require local governments in smaller counties (those with less than 160,000 people) to have a public hearing to determine that internet publication is sufficient by broadband or “other means.” In other words, it allows counties to reject publishing notices in newspapers and online notices, and to post notices only on a government-controlled website.

This is a terrible bill for transparency and accountability of government, and we urge the Senate to let this bill die.

*Pamela C. Marsh is Executive Director of the First Amendment Foundation.*

## Don't turn the clock back on solar power

By **AL PASINI**

If you thought Florida was the sunshine state, think again! A Florida Senator has introduced a bill (SB1024/HB741) that would eliminate solar power net metering in the state.

What is net metering? Home owners who have installed solar power to generate their own electricity are entitled to income or credits on their power bill if they generate more power than they use. The excess power their solar power generates goes back into the electric grid system and is available for others to use.

Sen. Jennifer Bradley's bill is a solution looking for a problem and would be a bonus for utilities and their shareholders.

The bill will, among other things, phase out net metering and make solar power less attractive for citizens thus weakening and possibly killing a newly developing solar power industry in Florida.

Studies have shown that solar power generation presents a negligible cost increase for utilities. Only 1% of Florida citizens are currently using solar power for their homes and they are hardly a threat to utility companies.

Considering we are the Sunshine State that is a pretty small percentage of power generation using the sun.

It is unimaginable, in this day and age, that there are those who want to turn the clock back on energy independence and penalize those who are trying to help themselves, the environment and even the utilities.

Since the mid-1970s, America has been talking about alternative forms

of energy, including solar, that helps with: clean air, reduction in power demand during peak times, and allows utilities to avoid making costly expenditures on more power plants, not to mention the goal of becoming nationally energy independent. You would think these benefits alone would be a big motivator for utilities to promote photovoltaic power arrays.

It is time the utilities review their business models and get on board with installing roof top solar panels on all new houses. By selling or leasing these installations, it could become a whole new way to generate income without having to finance and build new power plants. The old model of building more and more power plants to increase revenues should be long gone as a business model strategy.

I am all for business development and success, but I urge the Florida utilities to get with the program and stop trying to put off the inevitable. We are inexorably moving to an alternate energy environment with wind, solar, hydrogen, biofuels and more. Utilities need to get on board by doing all they can to promote solar and alternative power and make a business out of it. Considering how volatile the world oil and gas market is, let's get on with it. Let's start thinking outside the box guys!!!

*Al Pasini, MPA, CAE served as Energy Director for the State of Missouri in the 1980s, and now is semi-retired and provides management consulting for not-for-profit organizations.*

### 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.

## < Question of The Week >

### Polled at Quick Stop #6 What is your favorite old building?



**CATHERINE VAUTIER**  
STAY AT HOME MOM

**“The old Courthouse, I really like the historical buildings.”**

**JOHN ALLEN**  
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**“I love the lighthouse down in St. Marks.”**

**KASI WALTERMOM**  
HOUSEKEEPER

**“I like the lighthouses.”**

**MICHAEL CLANAHAN**  
RETIRED BRIDGE INSPECTOR

**“The old mattress factory is interesting to me.”**

**RENEE MILLENDER**  
CAPITAL CITY BANK

**“Wakulla Springs Lodge.”**

– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

## Wakulla Station News

By **VERNA BROCK**

Howdy, neighbors! I ask you again to send me any news items you'd like to see in The Wakulla Sun.

Be sure to checkout and like our Facebook page, "The Wakulla Sun." Some of the locations where you can purchase a copy are Savannah's Country Buffet in Wakulla Station, and down at the Dollar General in St. Marks. Be sure and get a copy!

As I wrote last week, I have been very focused on getting the speed limit lowered on the Woodville Highway here in Wakulla Station. This past Saturday I witnessed a near-disaster when an obviously well-loved and smart dog found himself on the precipice of being carhit. Traffic barely slowed as said dog attempted to cross the road. Thank goodness Mr. Fred Mohrfeld was able to pull over and help slow traffic until the good boy was able to cross and head towards home. I am relieved all ended well, but traffic in our neighborhood needs to be slowed to a much safer, more acceptable speed.

On Sunday morning we were alerted to sounds of a rescue vehicle responding to what could only have been a serious accident somewhere north of us. Later that morning, as I was driving to Tallahassee to visit my parents, I found the road completely detoured to the Old Woodville Road. There were emergency vehicles blocking the

entire highway at the intersection with Commerce Boulevard, and a power company truck/crane was repairing and replacing a pole and lines.

This intersection was designed with several turn lanes, which should have prevented any kind of accident. The only explanation is human hubris, ignoring speed limits and logic.

Please be careful out there neighbors. There are those among us who clearly think they are exempt from not just Florida law, but the laws of Nature. This accident is another demonstration of how folks disregard safety, speed limits, and common sense, and why FDOT needs to reexamine the set limits all along Woodville Hwy.



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH BIRDWELL

Mr. and Mrs. McGowan

## Harper Snowden marries Caleb McGowan

Harper Abbitt Lee Snowden and Caleb Joseph McGowan were married Saturday, Feb. 26 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Tallahassee, where she is a member. The service was conducted by the Rev. Abigail Moon of St. John's.

After the service, a reception and dinner was held at the Governors Club in Tallahassee.

Harper is the daughter of William and Meredith Snowden. She is an account executive for Sachs Media.

Caleb is the son of Doug and Debbi Jo McGowan of Charlottesville, Virginia. He is in sales for Vivient.

After a honeymoon in Mexico, the couple will live in Dallas.

## Library News

### UPCOMING EVENTS!

#### Thursday, March 10

Kids Coding Signup 5pm  
Friends of the Wakulla County Public Library Board Meeting 6pm  
Wakulla County Amateur Radio Club Testing 6:30pm

#### Friday, March 11

Quilting Guild 9:30am  
Advanced Kids Coding 4:30pm

#### Saturday, March 12

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group 10am  
TMH READ Therapy Dogs 10am  
Book Club 10:30am

#### Monday, March 14

Wakulla Christian Coalition 6pm

#### Tuesday, March 15

Book Bunch 10am  
Lego Club 4pm  
Sarracenia Chapter of the Native Plant Society 6:30pm

#### Wednesday, March 16

Book Babies 10am  
Wakulla Feeding Wakulla 2pm  
Knitting Group 4pm  
Public Library Artemis Program 5pm

#### Thursday, March 17

Veteran's Meetup  
Kids Coding 5pm  
Wakulla County Amateur Radio Club 7pm

#### WAKULLA WONDERFUL

On Saturday March 12, from 3 to 8 pm, Wakulla County 4-H invites all citizens to come together at the Wakulla County Courthouse square on High Road for a celebration of Wakulla's founding and community history. The Wakulla County Public Library and the Friends of the Wakulla County Public Library will be there and would love to see everyone come out and celebrate Wakulla County's 179th Birthday!

#### VETERANS MEETUP

Veterans who served in any branch of the Armed Forces are invited to a casual meetup for coffee, donuts, and conversation. Adults only. Third Thursday of each month at 11am.

#### Upcoming Holiday Closings

- Friday, April 15th and Saturday, April 16th for Easter
- Saturday, May 28th for Memorial Day
- Saturday, July 2nd for Independence Day
- Saturday, September 3rd for Labor Day
- Friday, November 11th and Saturday, November 12th for Veteran's Day
- Thursday, November 24th to Saturday, November 26th for Thanksgiving
- Friday, December 23rd and Saturday, December 24th for Christmas

#### Join Our Mailing List!

To have all of this information & more delivered to your email, please visit our website at <http://wcpl.wildernesscoast.org/> and subscribe to our weekly email newsletter. Our newsletter contains information about upcoming events, exciting pictures of changes taking place in the library, and interesting updates on new arrivals to the collection.

## Native Plant Society meets March 15

SARRACENIA CHAPTER OF THE FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY will meet in-person, and simultaneously via Zoom, on March 15 at 6:30 p.m., with botanist Dr. Jim Folsom as guest speaker.

The presentation will be on our native Florida panhandle ORCHIDS. These are wild native orchids that can be found in Wakulla County and surrounds.

Email [Sarracenia.nps@gmail.com](mailto:Sarracenia.nps@gmail.com) for Zoom login instructions. The in-person meeting is at the Wakulla County Library (4330 Crawfordville Hwy).

Free and open to the public. Come early to the library for refreshments before the 6:30 meeting.



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners is seeking qualified applicants for a Full Time Administrative Assistant in the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners office.

Refer to [www.mywakulla.com](http://www.mywakulla.com) for qualifications. Send a Wakulla County employment application to Human Resources, P.O. Box 1263, Crawfordville, FL 32326. Applications may be obtained by visiting our website at [www.mywakulla.com](http://www.mywakulla.com). Minimum salary will start at \$13.50 an hour. Veteran's preference will be given to qualified applicants. Wakulla County is an AA/EOE Employer. Closing date is Friday, March 25 at 5:00 p.m.

March 10, 17, 2022

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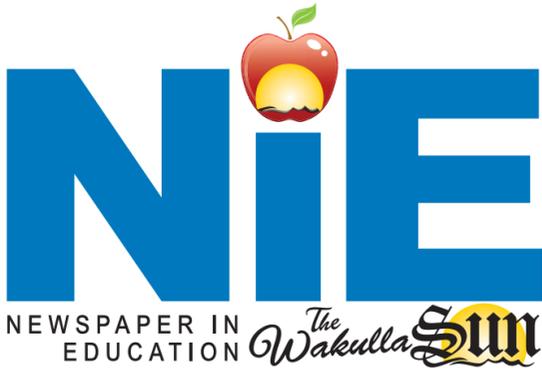
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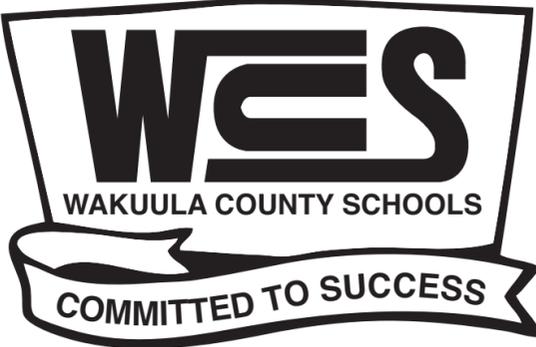
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# Women’s History Month: Susan B. Anthony’s arrest



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## The audacity of Susan B. Anthony’s arrest

### TEACHERS GUIDE

#### Essential Questions

- Is democracy possible without equality?
- When faced with an unjust law, what is the responsibility of citizens in a democratic society?

#### Learning Objectives

- Through a close reading and class discussion, students will identify the purpose and central argument of Susan B. Anthony’s speech *Is It a Crime for Women to Vote?*
- Students will develop an initial argument about how citizens should respond to unjust or discriminatory laws in a democratic society.

#### Activities

- Take an Initial Stand on Civil Disobedience
- Begin the lesson by asking students to take a few minutes to reflect in their journals on the following prompt:
  - Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? — “It is always wrong to break the law.”

#### First Read

- While students do not need any prior knowledge to complete this lesson, it is still helpful to give them some historical context for the text they are about to read. Tell them that they will be reading a speech from Susan B. Anthony, a nineteenth-century women’s rights advocate, that will help them develop their thinking on the meaning of civil disobedience. Explain that Anthony gave this speech after she was arrested for voting in the 1872 presidential election, at a time when women were not allowed to vote.
  - Either you or a fluent student-reader can read aloud the speech, *Is It a Crime for Women to Vote?* Ask students to circle unfamiliar words as they listen. After the read-aloud, ask students to share these words with the class. Decide which words to define immediately to limit confusion and which definitions you want students to uncover through careful reading.

#### First Paragraph

- While reading the first paragraph, what two things did you learn about Susan B. Anthony?

#### Second and Third Paragraphs

- What importance does the first line of the preamble to the United States Constitution have for Anthony’s argument?

#### Fourth Paragraph

- What other types of inequality in American society does Anthony mention in this paragraph?

#### Fifth Paragraph

- Explain how, following Anthony’s logic, the “only question left to be settled” is “Are women persons?”

Susan B. Anthony voted in the 1872 presidential election. Because women did not have the right to vote, she was arrested, put on trial, convicted, and fined \$100. The following is an excerpt from a speech she delivered in 1873, prior to her trial.

Friends and Fellow-citizens: I stand before you to-night under indictment for the alleged crime of having voted at the last Presidential election, without having a lawful right to vote. It shall be my work this evening to prove to you that in thus voting, I not only committed no crime, but, instead, simply exercised my citizen’s right, guaranteed to me and all United States citizens by the National Constitution, beyond the power of any State to deny . . .

The preamble of the federal constitution says: ‘We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution for the United States of America.’

It was we, the people; not we, the white male citizens; nor yet we, the male citizens; but we, the whole people, who formed this Union. And we formed it, not to give the blessings of liberty, but to secure them; not to the half of ourselves and the half of our posterity, but to the whole people— women as well as men. And it is downright mockery to talk to women of their enjoyment of the blessings of liberty while they are denied the use of the only means of securing them provided by this democratic-republican government—the ballot . . .

To [women], this government has no just powers derived from the consent of the governed. To them this government is not a democracy. It is not a republic. It is an odious



Susan B. Anthony was born on Feb. 15, 1820 in Adams, Massachusetts. She was an American Activist and Social Reformer.

aristocracy; a hateful oligarchy of sex. The most hateful aristocracy ever established on the face of the globe. An oligarchy of wealth, where the rich govern the poor; an oligarchy of learning, where the educated govern the ignorant; or even an oligarchy of race, where the Saxon rules the African, might be endured; but this oligarchy of sex, which makes father, brothers, husband, sons, the oligarchs over the mother and sisters, the wife and daughters of every household; which ordains all men sovereigns, all women subjects, carries dissension, discord, and rebellion into every home of the nation . . .

The only question left to be settled, now, is: Are women persons? And I hardly believe any of our opponents will have the hardihood to say they are not. Being persons, then, women are citizens, and no state has a right to make any law, or to enforce any old law, that shall abridge their privileges or immunities. Hence, every discrimination against women in the constitutions and laws of the several states, is to-day null and void, precisely as is every one against negroes...



**Food FACT:**

THIS FROZEN FOOD IS SIMILAR TO ICE CREAM BUT MADE WITH LESS THAN 10% MILK FAT.

ANSWER: ICE MILK

### Creative Coloring

Celebrate National Frozen Food Month. Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.



### THIS DAY IN...



### HISTORY

- 1794: THE COTTON GIN WAS PATENTED BY INVENTOR, ELI WHITNEY.
- 1879: ALBERT EINSTEIN, WHO WOULD INTRODUCE THE THEORY OF RELATIVITY, IS BORN IN GERMANY.
- 1964: JACK RUBY IS FOUND GUILTY OF MURDERING LEE HARVEY OSWALD, THE ALLEGED ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

### new word

#### freezer burn

loss of moisture in a frozen food, resulting in poor flavor and texture

### How they SAY it in...

**ENGLISH:** Frozen

**SPANISH:** Congelado

**ITALIAN:** Congelato

**FRENCH:** Congelé

**GERMAN:** Gefroren

### Did You Know?

FROZEN FOODS ARE A LARGE PART OF WHAT IS STORED IN A HOME FREEZER. TODAY’S REFRIGERATOR/FREEZER MODELS COME WITH THE FREEZER ON THE TOP OR ON THE BOTTOM OF THE APPLIANCE.

### get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture featured here is?

ANSWER: ICE CREAM BAR

# Do you want more from your quiet time?



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

I remember my favorite Valentine's Day. Not because of the red tulips and the box of

candy Bert bought, but because of the hugs he gave me.

His hugs were extra special – lingering hugs – as if he wasn't in a hurry to let me go. I could tell Bert enjoyed being with me. Since then, we've often planned times together, away from distractions and outside demands. And we've made more favorite days.

Despite their demanding schedules, couples, families and good friends make the

effort to get together. Eagerly. Regularly. Purposely.

What if we had this same attitude about the time we spend with God?

As I read the New Testament, I notice that even on days when people were clamoring to be with Him, Jesus constantly sought time to spend with His Father. "But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray" (Luke 5:16 ESV).

Why would Jesus,

the Son of God, seek time with His Father? So He could check it off His to-do list? Or because He was fully aware of (and fully valued) His Father's love for Him?

Similarly, how would it change our own quiet time (the time we set aside to spend with God) if we were fully aware and fully valued how much our heavenly Father loves us? Wouldn't we naturally want to spend regular time with Him – Some-

one Who loves us perfectly, even when and especially when – we're anything but perfect?

If we were to know, grasp and truly experience the love of our Father, wouldn't this cause us to want to linger in His presence? Wouldn't it change our perspective on quiet times altogether?

What if, during Lent (the 40 days leading up to Easter), we did whatever necessary to minimize life's distractions (even if just for short

bits of time) so we could visit with God? Eagerly. Regularly. Purposely.

Then we needn't be surprised when we have lots of favorite days as we're awed by the greatest Love of all.

*Sheryl H. Boldt is a sales executive for Wave 94 and author of the blog, [www.TodayCanBeDifferent.net](http://www.TodayCanBeDifferent.net). Connect with her at [SherylHBoldt.Wave94@gmail.com](mailto:SherylHBoldt.Wave94@gmail.com).*

## Obituaries

### DEATH NOTICES

• Ronald B. "Veronica" Black, Jr., 29, of Crawfordville, died March 1, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel, 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• Johnny B. Brumbley, 84, of Tallahassee, died March 3, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel, 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• Patricia "Patti" Ann Davis, 68, of Crawfordville, died March 2, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel, 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• Charles Jefferson Finley, 77, of Crawfordville, died March 4, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel, 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• Charles "Mike" Mercer, 63, of Crawfordville, died March 1, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel, 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• Lila Fay Schmalfluss, 92, of Sopchoppy, died Feb. 28, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel, 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

## Wakulla 4-H announces day camps

Wakulla 4-H Agent Dr. Rachel Pienta announced this week that Wakulla County 4-H will offer eight weeks of Summer Day Camp from June 6 to Aug. 4. The 4-H summer day camps are staffed by qualified, caring adults trained in positive youth development strategies. Activities are designed to provide enriching experiences that will spark youth interest in further discovery and exploration. It is our hope that youth who attend summer day camp with 4-H will become year-round 4-H members who participate in the wide array of programs we offer throughout the year.

Businesses and individuals are invited to sponsor a camp scholarship to help more children have a summer camp experience. For more information, contact Wakulla 4-H Agent Dr. Rachel Pienta at 850-926-3931 or [r.pienta@ufl.edu](mailto:r.pienta@ufl.edu).

UF/IFAS Wakulla County Extension offers a variety of 4-H summer camps in Wakulla County. Camps are offered at the Wakulla Community Center, the UF/IFAS Wakulla County Extension facility, and the Panacea Community Center. Please note the location, dates, and theme of camp for registration purposes.

### CAMP OFFERINGS

#### Week 1: STEM WEEK

Dates: Monday, June 6 – Thursday, June 9  
Location: Wakulla County Community Center, 318 Shadeville Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327  
Cost: \$200.00 per child

Description: STEM WEEK – Activities will be focused on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Topics will include simple machines, structures, architectural design, and chemistry. There will also be activities related to the Rube Goldberg Machines that will be the theme for the STEM Challenge at the North Florida Fair in November. Great learning experience for all ages.

#### Week 2: COOKING WEEK

Dates: Monday, June 13 – Thursday, June 16  
Location: Wakulla County Community Center, 318 Shadeville Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327  
Cost: \$200.00 per child  
FOOD ALLERGY WARNING: will use meats, spices, fruits, nuts, soy, and milk.

Age requirement for grilling: age 10 and older  
Description: COOKING WEEK – "Grillin & Chillin". Ages 10 and over will learn about outdoor grilling while ages 5-9 will learn how to make cool summertime treats. Grilling activities will focus on safety, equipment, meat selection and cooking techniques. The cool treats activities will focus on healthy food choices in making shakes, ice cream and other snacks. Family and Consumer Sciences Agent Sa-

mantha Kennedy will help guide the week of cooking activities. \*Please note that meats, spices, nuts, fruits, soy, and milk will be used in these activities. \*

#### Week 3: ANIMAL SCIENCE WEEK

Dates: Monday, June 20th – Thursday, June 24th  
Location: Wakulla County Community Center, 318 Shadeville Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327  
Cost: \$200.00 per child

Description: ANIMAL SCIENCE WEEK – Activities will explore all different types of animals. Campers will learn about the classification of animals, animal habitats, migration, and wildlife ecology. Educational for all ages.

#### Week 4: DISASTER SAFETY WEEK

Dates: Monday, June 27th – Thursday, June 30th  
Location: Wakulla County Community Center, 318 Shadeville Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327  
Cost: \$200.00 per child

Description: DISASTER SAFETY WEEK – Programming will focus on personal safety and being prepared in the event of an emergency. Topics will include fire, weather, boating and water safety. Local EMS and Coast Guard will be on hand for demonstrations throughout the week.

#### Week 5: ARTS & CRAFTS WEEK

Dates: Monday, July 11th – Thursday, July 14  
Location: Wakulla County Community Center, 318 Shadeville Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327  
Cost: \$200.00 per child

Description: ARTS & CRAFTS WEEK – A full week of arts and crafts. Activities will range from drawing to paper mache. All artists welcome.

#### Week 6: TARGET SPORTS

DATES: Monday, July 18 – Thursday, July 21  
Location: Wakulla County Community Center, 318 Shadeville Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327  
Cost: \$200.00 per child

Age requirement for archery and air rifle: age 8 and older  
Description: TARGET SPORTS – Ages 8 and over will be trained in the sports of archery and air rifle. Ages 5-7 will participate in target sport games to improve hand-eye coordination.

#### Week 7: AGRICULTURE SCIENCE WEEK

Dates: Monday, July 25 – Thursday, July 28  
Cost: \$200.00 per child  
SENSITIVE SUBJECT MATTER: Will include discussions about animals that serve as a source for food.

Description: AGRICULTURE SCIENCE WEEK – Program will center on where food comes from, livestock, farm to table dining and sustainability of our food resources. Campers will learn about different types of livestock as well as different types of farming.

#### Week 8: PLANTS, BEES, AND TREES

Dates: Monday, August 1 – Thursday, August 4  
Age: 5 – 13

Programming hours: 8:30AM to 4:30PM (Early drop off available starting at 7:00AM with completed early drop off request form.) Late pick up available from 4:30PM to 6:00PM.

Location: Wakulla County Community Center, 318 Shadeville Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327

Cost: \$200.00 per child

ALLERGY WARNING: will include exposure to some local plants, nuts, herbs, and honey

Description: PLANTS, BEES AND TREES – Activities will focus on learning about plants, trees, and the importance of bees to our ecosystem. Campers will learn about herbs, vegetables, forestry, and some basic plant identification.

### UF/IFAS EXTENSION SPECIALTY CAMPS

Location: UF/IFAS Extension – Wakulla County, 84 Cedar Avenue, Crawfordville, FL.

**KITCHEN CREATIONS CAMP** (Instructor: Samantha Kennedy)

Learn the basics of being a good cook, from measuring properly to basic knife skills. Create simple and delicious meals for you and your fellow campers. Make new friends and have fun!

June 28-30, 10am-3pm, Ages 10-12

\$100 (cash or check payment only)

**SEW MUCH FUN CAMP** (Instructor: Samantha Kennedy)

Learn the basics of machine sewing. Create your own handmade items like pillowcases, table runners, and more! Snacks and bottled water included.

July 5-7, 9am-3pm, Ages 8-12

\$75 (cash or check payment only)

**2022 TEEN LEADERSHIP CERT CAMP** (Instructor: Dr. Rachel Pienta)

Location: Panacea Community Center at 115 Otter Lake Road & WCSO at 15 Oak Street (Friday only)

Description: The Wakulla 4-H Teen Leadership Camp will engage 30 youth ages 12 to 18 in an immersive, experiential camp that will develop their leadership potential while providing insights into potential career and life paths. During the week, youth will engage in hands on learning – including basic first responder training, cooking, leadership, financial management, and communication skills. Youth will interact with local and state leaders and engage in real-life problem solving activities. The week-long program is \$100. Lunch, snacks, and course materials are included.

Ages 12 - 18

Cost \$100 per child. (cash or check payment only)

July 11-15, 2022 [This is a five day camp.]

## Laura Lawhon is running

### From Front Page

priority with spending. If we say as a district that our students are our greatest asset and that students are always our number one concern, the budget by no means currently reflects that statement. It is my goal and top priority to figure out how to better prioritize our spending in the district and to reallocate the funds to directly improve student learning and teacher retention. If we do not retain our highly effective teachers and incentivize them to stay within Wakulla to teach, our students are going to continue to suffer as a direct consequence.

Every teacher knows that Leon County and Franklin

County pay more, and their insurance is cheaper, and many teachers have chosen to drive across county lines to continue their career. Wakulla County Schools simply cannot afford to continue to allow this to happen.

Another reason I am running for office is to bring clear and transparent communication to the community. The word communication is defined as the imparting or exchanging of news or information. Too often this word is confused with confrontation. I am in no way a confrontational person. However, I do not mind being direct or asking questions when needed.

Since coming out to run for office, many fellow teachers or parents have come to me with

concerns or questions, and I'll ask them if they have reached out to a board member or the superintendent about their concerns. Without fail every single time, they collectively say that they do not want to voice their concerns because it may seem confrontational and they do not want to be penalized in any way if they speak up about their concern.

It is my promise to every parent, student, teacher, and community member to be approachable and to listen to you. If you have a concern or question it is my hope that you will reach out and you will never be met with confrontation. As a public servant it would be my responsibility to represent you and your concerns.

Lastly, I believe it is important to have a fresh perspective and someone on the board

who has been in the classroom within recent years. I am directly affected every year by the decisions the board makes through budgeting, policies, and procedures. Currently there seems to be a disconnect between what looks good on paper and what actually happens daily within the school system. This is a top concern for many teachers and parents and is something as a board member that will have my full and undivided attention until cohesiveness and accountability is in order.

I want the best education for my girls as we all do for the ones we love, and I believe Wakulla has a tradition of excellence for a reason. Therefore, now is the time for me to serve the students, parents, and community in a larger role that extends beyond the four walls of my classroom

and reaches further than any one school site can offer.

I'm ready to provide conservative, common-sense leadership that this county deserves. During these unprecedented times, families in Wakulla County have witnessed the impact that board decisions, both large and small, can have on the learning environment for our children. The teachers, staff, and principals are among the best in the state of Florida and have created a tradition of excellence that I hope to continue to expand upon in the future if elected. It is my hope to bring transparency, open communication, and prioritized budgeting to the people of Wakulla County.

I appreciate your support and vote in this upcoming election.

# Outdoors

outdoor sports

## HOME ON THE RANGE

# The 5mm Remington Rimfire Magnum or the revolver that never was



By MARJ LAW

“Why don’t you write about the 5mm Magnum?” our friend David asks me.

“5mm? Is that a rifle or a handgun?” I’ve not heard of one.”

“It’s a rifle. A varmint gun,” he replies. “Back in the day, Pigott’s carried the Remington. It cost \$69.”

At \$69, “back in the day” must have been several decades ago.

So I get on the computer to see what Wikipedia has to say.

Apparently in 1969, Remington came out with two bolt-action rifles: the Model 591 and Model 592. These rifles use a 5mm rimfire magnum round. The 5mm round was intended to

be stronger than the .22 Winchester Magnum, with a pressure of 33,000 PSI. The .22 Winchester Magnum which was and is used in many rifles and handguns is quite popular even today.

Although it’s a rimfire round, the casing for Models 592 and 591 is shaped like a bottle. Both the .22LR and the .22 Magnum have straight casings. All three: the .22LR, the .22 Magnum and the 5mm Remington are rimfire rounds. This means the hammer hits the firing pin which then hits the rim of the back of the casing. If it hits in

fire) 40-grain bullet’s muzzle velocity was 1910 fps. This was a giant step forward in velocity at the time. The superior strength and accuracy of the rounds for the Models 591 and 592 was to improve varmint and small game hunting and could be used for target shooting as well. From squirrels to rabbits to coyotes, these rifles were accurate to over 200 yards.

Ammunition came in a “white box” and a “yellow box.” The white box might be used for target shooting and had a velocity of 2300 fps, while the yellow box’s ammunition was made

Recoil on the 591 and 592 was very light, making them fun to shoot. Noise was consistent with firing noise of .22 rimfire guns. The 591’s ammunition was placed in a clip and held four rounds, while the 592’s had a tubular magazine under its barrel. The barrel held 10 rounds.

Remington brought out the bolt-action Models 591 and 592 in 1969, and, at the same time they introduced the 5mm ammunition.

Despite being faster, more accurate and fun, why weren’t these two rifles selling like hotcakes in the early 1970s?

And because it was difficult to find ammunition when you owned one of the Remington 5mm rifles, people were disinterested in purchasing them. Several years later in 2008, Aguila Ammunition did begin 5mm ammunition production. It is still available today.

From 1969 to 1973, Remington sold around 52,000 of their 5mm rifles and then discontinued making them in 1974. Now owners of 591 and 592 were left with great rifles and no ammunition. What’s a person to do?

In 1994, Mike Craig created a 5mm center-

fire conversion kit. By altering the bolt and putting in a new firing pin, he was able to change the 5mm rimfire to a centerfired gun.

But Taurus never produced it.

Back to David, who thinks I should talk about the 5mm varmint gun. He has professional knowledge of varmint control. He got away before I could ask him if he owns one of the two Remington 5mm models.



### Remington Model 591 5mm Rifle

the center of the casing back, it’s called a center fire gun.

The 5mm’s 38-grain cartridge’s muzzle velocity was at least 2100 fps (feet per second) while the WMR’s (Winchester Magnum Rim-

good for small game hunting and had a velocity of 2400 fps. At the time, this was “the fastest rimfire cartridge in the world,” says Chuck Hawks in his article on the 5mm Remington Rimfire Magnum.

Other popular rifles did not use the 5mm round. The 5mm rounds were unique to these two guns. Because only these guns used the 5mm rounds, manufacturers didn’t race to make much ammuni-

tion. And because it was difficult to find ammunition when you owned one of the Remington 5mm rifles, people were disinterested in purchasing them. Several years later in 2008, Aguila Ammunition did begin 5mm ammunition production. It is still available today.

I sure would like to try it.

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

## BIRDING AT THE REFUGE

# A bike trip out to Cow Creek

By DON MORROW

The St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge includes 80,000 acres that stretch across 43 miles of Gulf coast. Most of the refuge’s use is concentrated on the St. Marks Unit; Lighthouse Road down to the Lighthouse along with its associated trails and levees. However, there’s much more to the refuge.

Earlier this week, I drove down Spring Creek Highway and parked at a trailhead South of U.S. 98, just before Shell Point Road splits off.

You can access the Florida Trail from here, but I had other plans. The old dirt road that heads east from here eventually curves south toward the Gulf and ends at Cow Creek, near where it runs into West Goose Creek across from Wakulla Beach.

I had brought a bike with me for the 3.2-mile trip out to Cow Creek and I rode slowly, listening and watching for birds. Much of this area is second growth pine forest, formerly timber or turpentine land. Interspersed are swamps and sloughs where the best birding is to be had.

It was a gray day, cool

and overcast with a light intermittent misting drizzle, but not really wet enough to need raingear.

Stopping for any calling bird in winter usually means ending up with a small feeding flock and I found Cardinals, Red-bellied Woodpeckers, Titmice, Hermit Thrushes and towhees. Every time I stopped, I added more species: Yellow-rumped Warblers, Northern Parula, Blue-headed Vireo and Black-and-white Warbler.

As I passed through a big slough south of Cathedral of Palms, I heard a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker calling. I quickly stopped. The squeal of my bike’s brakes spooked up a pair of Wood Ducks.

Most of the trees were still bare, but others had buds and new leaves. Yellow Jessamine, an aromatic vine, draped the edges of the road and there were occasional wild Azaleas and patches of yellow St. John’s wort.

On the topo map I had seen a spur road that led to Shepherd Spring Creek. It proved to be too overgrown to bike and I followed it out on foot, dodging under and around branches, vines

and palm fronds. I was stopped short by a 10-foot gap in the road that had been cut by a tidal creek. I could see the rusted remains of an old steel culvert laying half-buried in the mud.

Man builds, but hurricane surges reclaim their own. A Red Cedar’s rope-like root provided a potential route across the gap and 20 years ago I would have tight-rope-walked across, but now I am an old man and I headed back.

The remaining ride passed through Live Oak and Cabbage Palm hammocks. At its end, I left my bike, daypack and helmet in the middle of the road and walked out to the edge of Cow Creek.

Beyond it, the salt marshes along Goose Creek Bay stretched out to the Gulf. Looking up, I noticed a high-circling Swallow-tailed Kite and watched it as it slowly moved off to the North.

Swallow-tailed Kites are medium sized raptors with a four-foot wingspan. Boldly patterned, their white head, body and wing linings contrast with the black of their back, wings and deeply forked tail. They are early migrants and are now returning from

their wintering grounds in South America.

I walked back to get a sandwich out of my daypack. Then, I saw more kites coming in low. I started counting; two, three, a few more. In total I had 18 more kites. Ten of them swooped up and landed in a pair of dead pines at the end of the road.

There were six kites in the bare branches of one tree and four more in the adjacent pine. They began to stretch their wings and preen. I pulled my sandwich out and watched them as I ate.

They come in from the south. These are returning Spring migrants and it is likely that they had just finished a 600-mile flight across the Gulf from the Yucatan peninsula in Mexico. They would have started with a favorable wind, but run into headwinds overnight after the frontal passage. It’s a long flight. They were tired.

I watched them for a while longer. After about 15 minutes they settled down and sat quietly. Occasionally, one would stretch or preen, but mostly they sat still.

I mounted my bike and started the long ride back.



### CALICO CRAB

(*Hepatus epheliticus*)

Considered to be the most attractive crab in Florida, it lives in coastal areas from Chesapeake Bay to the Dominican Republic at depths to 150ft. Its brightly colored 3” carapace, often with an anemone on it, provides camouflage. It stays buried beneath the sand, with its eyes showing. When worms, small clams, fish or other prey appear, the crab pops up and shreds it with sharp pincers. The crab spawns in summer and females carry eggs until hatching. Crabs have five larval stages. Calico crabs are a favorite food of Ridley sea turtles.

Eukarya, Animalia, Arthropoda, Malacostraca, Decapoda, Aethridae



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# Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water

Local writers share their experiences

<b>Thursday 10</b>	
Sun rise/set <b>6:52AM 6:35PM</b>	Moon rise/set <b>11:16AM 2:02AM</b>
Moon Illumination 50%	
<b>Friday 11</b>	
Sun rise/set <b>6:51AM 6:36PM</b>	Moon rise/set <b>12:02PM 2:59AM</b>
Moon Illumination 60%	
<b>Saturday 12</b>	
Sun rise/set <b>6:49AM 6:37PM</b>	Moon rise/set <b>12:55PM 3:50AM</b>
Moon Illumination 69%	
<b>Sunday 13</b>	
Sun rise/set <b>6:48AM 6:39PM</b>	Moon rise/set <b>1:53PM 4:36AM</b>
Moon Illumination 77%	
<b>Monday 14</b>	
Sun rise/set <b>6:46AM 6:40PM</b>	Moon rise/set <b>2:56PM 5:15AM</b>
Moon Illumination 85%	
<b>Tuesday 15</b>	
Sun rise/set <b>6:45AM 6:41PM</b>	Moon rise/set <b>4:01PM 5:49AM</b>
Moon Illumination 91%	
<b>Wednesday 16</b>	
Sun rise/set <b>6:43AM 6:42PM</b>	Moon rise/set <b>5:07PM 6:19AM</b>
Moon Illumination 96%	

## Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

### Mar. 10 - Mar. 16

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., 31 Min.
Cat Point	1 Hr., 13 Min.	2 Hrs., 3 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	1:37 am ▼ 0.4 ft	9:12 am ▲ 1.9 ft	11:32 am ▼ 1.8 ft	5:28 pm ▲ 2.7 ft
Fr	3:29 am ▼ 0.4 ft	6:31 pm ▲ 2.5 ft		
Sa	4:52 am ▼ 0.2 ft	12:01 pm ▲ 2.4 ft	4:12 pm ▼ 2.0 ft	10:45 pm ▲ 2.4 ft
Su	6:44 am ▼ 0.0 ft	1:30 pm ▲ 2.6 ft	6:31 pm ▼ 1.7 ft	
Mo	12:11 am ▲ 2.6 ft	7:23 am ▼ -0.2 ft	1:56 pm ▲ 2.9 ft	7:15 pm ▼ 1.4 ft
Tu	12:59 am ▲ 2.6 ft	7:54 am ▼ -0.3 ft	2:21 pm ▲ 2.9 ft	7:50 pm ▼ 1.0 ft
We	1:39 am ▲ 3.2 ft	8:22 am ▼ -0.4 ft	2:44 pm ▲ 3.2 ft	8:24 pm ▼ 0.6 ft

#### City of St. Marks

Th	2:41 am ▼ 0.4 ft	9:48 am ▲ 1.7 ft	12:36 pm ▼ 1.6 ft	6:04 pm ▲ 2.5 ft
Fr	4:33 am ▼ 0.4 ft	7:07 pm ▲ 2.3 ft		
Sa	5:56 am ▼ 0.2 ft	12:37 pm ▲ 2.2 ft	5:16 pm ▼ 1.8 ft	11:21 pm ▲ 2.2 ft
Su	7:48 am ▼ 0.0 ft	2:06 pm ▲ 2.4 ft	7:35 pm ▼ 1.6 ft	
Mo	12:47 am ▲ 2.7 ft	8:27 am ▼ -0.2 ft	2:32 pm ▲ 2.7 ft	8:19 pm ▼ 1.2 ft
Tu	1:35 am ▲ 2.5 ft	8:58 am ▼ -0.3 ft	2:57 pm ▲ 2.8 ft	8:54 pm ▼ 0.9 ft
We	2:15 am ▲ 2.9 ft	9:26 am ▼ -0.3 ft	3:20 pm ▲ 3.0 ft	9:28 pm ▼ 0.6 ft

#### Shell Point, Spring Creek

Th	1:43 am ▼ 0.3 ft	8:32 am ▲ 2.0 ft	12:17 pm ▼ 1.7 ft	6:08 pm ▲ 2.9 ft
Fr	3:16 am ▼ 0.4 ft	10:29 am ▲ 2.1 ft	1:29 pm ▼ 1.9 ft	7:12 pm ▲ 2.6 ft
Sa	4:47 am ▼ 0.2 ft	11:48 am ▲ 2.3 ft	3:37 pm ▼ 2.0 ft	10:43 pm ▲ 2.5 ft
Su	6:51 am ▼ 0.0 ft	1:32 pm ▲ 2.6 ft	6:26 pm ▼ 1.8 ft	
Mo	12:20 am ▲ 2.7 ft	7:38 am ▼ -0.2 ft	2:05 pm ▲ 2.8 ft	7:24 pm ▼ 1.5 ft
Tu	1:16 am ▲ 3.0 ft	8:15 am ▼ -0.3 ft	2:34 pm ▲ 3.0 ft	8:06 pm ▼ 1.1 ft
We	2:00 am ▲ 3.2 ft	8:46 am ▼ -0.4 ft	3:00 pm ▲ 3.2 ft	8:43 pm ▼ 0.8 ft

#### Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Th	1:48 am ▼ 0.3 ft	9:04 am ▲ 1.4 ft	11:43 am ▼ 1.3 ft	5:20 pm ▲ 2.0 ft
Fr	3:40 am ▼ 0.3 ft	6:23 pm ▲ 1.8 ft		
Sa	5:03 am ▼ 0.2 ft	11:53 am ▲ 1.8 ft	4:23 pm ▼ 1.5 ft	10:37 pm ▲ 1.8 ft
Su	6:55 am ▼ 0.0 ft	1:22 pm ▲ 2.0 ft	6:42 pm ▼ 1.2 ft	
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#### St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

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Fr	3:09 am ▼ 0.1 ft	7:31 pm ▲ 2.0 ft		
Sa	4:36 am ▼ 0.1 ft	1:07 pm ▲ 1.8 ft	4:51 pm ▼ 1.7 ft	10:26 pm ▲ 2.0 ft
Su	6:35 am ▼ -0.1 ft	2:06 pm ▲ 1.9 ft	6:51 pm ▲ 1.5 ft	11:49 pm ▲ 2.1 ft
Mo	7:18 am ▼ -0.2 ft	2:17 pm ▲ 2.0 ft	7:27 pm ▼ 1.2 ft	
Tu	12:45 am ▲ 2.5 ft	7:52 am ▼ -0.3 ft	2:30 pm ▲ 2.1 ft	7:57 pm ▼ 1.0 ft
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#### Dog Island West End

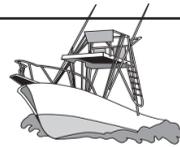
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Best hunting and fishing based on solunar times: MAJOR feeding periods are 2 hours long, centered on the solunar time. MINOR feeding periods are only 1 hour long, again centered on the solunar time.



## Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



This following information comes from the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

The waters of the United States and its territories are marked with Aids to Navigation (ATONS) to provide boaters a safer method to navigate waterways. The Aids to Navigation are the road signs of the water.

Marine aids to navigation consist of visual, audible, and electronic signals which are designed to assist the prudent mariner in the process of navigation. Common aids include lighthouses, buoys, sound signals, day beacons and others. ATONS come in various colors, sizes, shapes and other characteristics.

The U.S. Coast Guard is entrusted with the care and maintenance of maritime aids to navigation. The U.S. Coast

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or .....	(850) 284-1166

Guard Auxiliary assists by verifying the proper functioning of ATONS both in the water and on/around bridges over the water.

An important and informative booklet about the U.S. Aids to Navigation system can be found here: <https://www.uscgboating.org/images/486.PDF>

It is important to know your local ATONS and their meanings. It is also imperative, before get-

ting underway, to check your local notice to mariners, which advises mariners of crucial matters affecting navigational safety, including new hydrographic information, changes in channels and aids to navigation, and other important data.

For USCG Navigation Center Local Notices to Mariners, visit [www.navcen.uscg.gov](http://www.navcen.uscg.gov).

Please contact us for more information about

our safe boating classes or learning more about getting involved in the Auxiliary, check out our website at [www.uscgaux.net](http://www.uscgaux.net) follow us on Facebook @ Apalachee Bay Flotilla 12 or contact our Flotilla Commander Phil Hill at [pnkhill2000@yahoo.com](mailto:pnkhill2000@yahoo.com)

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](mailto:steve.hults@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. For more information, please visit [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org).*

## Low Country Boil and Jazz Under the Full Moon

### Special to The Sun

The Crooked River Lighthouse will be hosting a special Full Moon Light-house Event on Friday, March 18, from 6 to 10 p.m. in Carrabelle.

This special outdoor event will feature a delicious low country boil (served from 6 to 8 p.m.) followed by live music (8 to 10 p.m.). Visitors can enjoy this opportunity to see the gorgeous natural surroundings of the St. George Sound and Carrabelle Beach under the gorgeous evening sky. Admission for this special Full Moon event is \$15 for adults / \$8 for children (6-16) and must be purchased by Sunday, March 13. (Climbs are not included in this price at this special full moon event.)

Live music will be provided by the Rio Jazz Trio playing Blues, Ballads, Bebop and Bossanova. Guests can also visit the Museum and browse inside the Lighthouse Gift

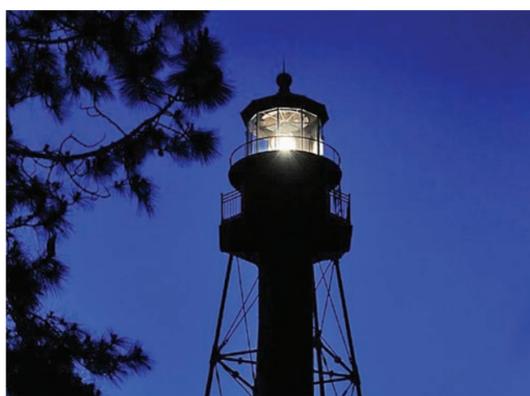


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The Crooked River Lighthouse in Carrabelle.

Shop for unique nautical gifts and souvenirs. Visitors can also relax next to the warm bonfire at the large fire pit (weather permitting). Bring a chair and enjoy the evening.

For this month's special event, admission must be purchased in advance by Sunday, March 13. Admission cost is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children (6-16) and includes the low country boil, live music, glowing bonfire at the fire pit, and museum access.

Admission can be paid online at <https://www.crookedriverlighthouse.com/full-moon-climb/> or at the Crooked River Lighthouse Gift Shop.

In addition, some guests may also choose to enjoy evening tower climbs during this event. The climb to the top of the tallest Forgotten Coast lighthouse rewards climbers with breathtaking views of the bay. Climbers must be 44-inches tall. Due to the popularity of the Full Moon events, a

climb timeslot reservation is required in advance and can be made by calling 850-697-2732. Climbers will pay the climb fee (adult \$5, child \$3) in the gift shop during the event.

A limited number of climbers (max of 7) are allowed at one time. There will be a time limit for viewing from the top. Guests who would like a more leisurely climbing experience are welcome to enjoy one of the daytime climbs available every Wednesday through Sunday. Masks are welcome but not required.

Crooked River Lighthouse is located in Carrabelle, just west of the Carrabelle Public Beach Park at 1975 Hwy 98 W, Carrabelle. For more information, contact the Museum and Gift Shop at [crookedriverlighthouse@gmail.com](mailto:crookedriverlighthouse@gmail.com) or <https://www.crookedriverlighthouse.com/>. Funded in part by the Franklin County Tourist Development Council.

## Underwater Wakulla

By Rusty Miller

**Hello, Wakulla.**

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Rusty Miller. I'm the new manager of Wakulla Diving Center. I am also the scuba diving instructor and training coordinator for the shop. I have 50-plus years diving and 35-plus years as an instructor.

If you have been in our facility lately you would have also met my assistant manager Jonathon Mills. He is the most important person at this facility because he makes sure that all of your scuba tanks are safe to use.

That's right, we are under new management but the same tried-and-true owners, Gregg and Ann Stanton. As I write this article we have just finished our first open water/Nitrox scuba class for 2022. We will be starting two more separate classes on March 12th weekend and weekday March 15th. We still have some space left for both classes so call to get enrolled in either class.

Well, if you haven't guessed by now it's scuba diving season but a couple months early. That means it's time to get your gear serviced by our trained professional, me.

If you have not had your gear serviced in a year or longer then you might be taking a chance that it will fail you when you are most dependent on it. If you choose to have Wakulla Diving Center service it for you, please bring it in before April 30th or else you may not get it in time for your big diving trip.

Once the diving season is in full swing it is next to impossible to service equipment because of the dive classes and trips that are being booked here at the shop.

The most common statement that people say to me when they first come in to the shop is "I drive past here a lot but I have never come inside to see what you have." We have changed the look of the shop to be diver-friendly with a moderate amount of inventory and if we don't have it we can get it for the most part.

The box store is not dead and in most cases we can match most online products, in fact we beat them on service. We service and warranty what we sell.

So please stop by and introduce yourself, we would love to meet you and make you part of our diving community.

*Until next time, remember: "An out of air emergency to a scuba diver is not as bad as an out of air emergency to a sky diver."*

- Russell Miller, NAUI instructor #59999

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- Seuss character \_\_\_\_\_ Am
- One who has attained enlightenment
- Flushing Meadows stadium
- Pre-collegiate school
- City in N. Zambia
- Chinese dynasty from 557 - 589
- River in Florence
- Dracula in "Love At First Bite"
- Airborne (abbr.)
- Before
- Cologne
- Chinese cooking pan
- Shipping boxes
- Chili con \_\_\_\_\_, Mexican dish
- Used to be U \_\_\_\_\_
- 1/100 yen
- Bitter compound from aloe
- \_\_\_\_\_ and Ladders: game
- Negative of can
- Come down violently
- Provide with clothes
- Shoshonean people
- Knife used with fruits or vegetables
- Loves intensely
- One point east of due south
- Mined metal-bearing mineral
- People related by blood or marriage
- Helps little firms

- "The View" creator & star
- Sunrise (Spanish)
- Festive occasion
- Yellow-fever mosquitoes
- Live Aid rocker Bob \_\_\_\_\_ of
- Essential oil obtained from flowers
- Showing lack of skill
- Lyric poems
- Dried up (esp. of vegetation)
- Designers Charles & Ray

### CLUES DOWN

- Rural Croatian singing
- Egyptian dry measure
- Shoe (pl., archaic)
- Precision approach and landing radar (abbr.)
- "Life in Biblical Israel" author Lawrence
- Large heavy knives
- Federal job safety law
- Unifying ideas in literary work
- Narrow headband
- Petty quarrel
- Cooking thickener
- Annabaptist
- Corporation's first offer to sell stock to the public
- Rub out
- Pharsalia poet
- Barbie's boyfriend
- Small earthenware jar

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SPORTS

VARSIITY BASEBALL

# War Eagles are 4-1



By **KEITH ANDERSON**  
WHS Baseball Coach

The Wakulla High War Eagles improved to 4-1 this week with a loss to Lincoln and wins against Blountstown and Maclay.

The War Eagles Varsity team hosted Lincoln on Tuesday, March 1st losing 7-3.

Brandon Cook was the starting pitcher throwing 4 innings giving up 3 runs on 3 hits with 5 strikeouts. Colby Zinser led the offense going 3-3. Ja-

cob Hammond and Michael Hurley also added a single a piece and an RBI.

The War Eagles loaded the bases two more times in the game and brought the tying run to the plate in the 7th inning, but couldn't push runs across.

On Thursday night the War Eagles hosted Blountstown defeating them 8-7. The Tigers made a comeback from a 7-2 deficit to tie the ballgame at 7 all in the 7th inning.

The War Eagles sealed the win in the bottom of the 7th after singles by John Pierini and Austin Hamilton. Hamilton later scored the walkoff run on a passed ball.

Starter Austin Hamilton threw 3 strong

innings. Brady Crum had a solid relief appearance also throwing 3 innings.

Colby Zinser was the winning pitcher as he pitched the 7th. Jacob Hammond, John Pierini, and Austin Hamilton all recorded a 3-4 night at the plate.

The War Eagles then traveled to Maclay on Friday winning there 12-2 in 6 innings.

John Pierini threw 4 good innings allowing 2 hits and no runs. Reid Joyner came on in relief to throw 2 solid innings giving up 1 hit.

Colby Zinser racked up 3 hits and Haden Klees added 2 hits with a double. John Pierini and Brady Crum also had a hit a piece.



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# Happy Birthday Wakulla County



As We Anticipate the Celebration of Wakulla County's 179<sup>th</sup> Birthday Saturday, March 12, 2022 from 3pm - 8pm

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

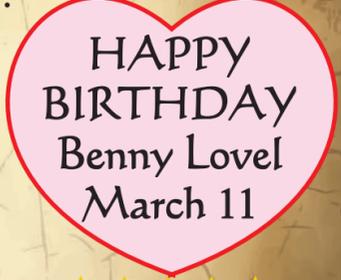
and extending to our other historical surroundings, I would love to take this opportunity to hear from persons who have the most Birthday candles in our county, and invite you to come join us for this festive event.

**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.  
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