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8 years prison for DUI manslaughter

In 2016, Michael Klink had a drunken crash in Sopchoppy that killed Elizabeth Davis and injured Melissa Cumbie

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

A Franklin County man, Michael Klink, was sentenced to eight years in prison for DUI manslaughter after a 2016 wreck in Sopchoppy killed one woman and injured another.

The woman who was killed, Elizabeth "Carol" Davis, had been a teacher for 40 years – in fact, she was one of Klink's teachers in school.

Klink entered a plea to the felony charges back in February but was given a month for the sentencing so he could get his affairs in order before reporting to prison. He was sentenced by Wakulla Circuit Judge Ron Flury on Wednesday, March 9.

Back in February, with the courtroom paced with families on both sides, Klink made a tear-



Michael Klink

ful statement about how sorry he was to have taken Ms. Davis' life, and that if he could, he would do

anything to change what happened that night.

It was extremely emotional, and all the family members had tears in their eyes.

Before his sentencing in March, Klink was given an opportunity to talk directly to family members over a Zoom link to express his remorse.

As part of the negotiated sentence, Klink was adjudicated guilty and ordered to serve eight years in prison with a four year minimum-mandatory prison term, followed by five years of probation, permanent driver license revocation, and \$4,880 in court costs and fines.

Judge Flury did sign a letter asking the Department of Corrections to place Klink in a prison as close to Franklin County as

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Soil & Water seeks new members

Bill that passed Legislature this session could create problems for districts

By RIDDHI PATEL
Reporter

As the state legislature moves forward with a bill that will impact soil and water conservation districts, the local members of the board are hoping to find candidates interested in becoming soil and water supervisors – especially individuals with a background in agriculture.

On March 9, Florida Senate Bill 1078 was passed by both the Senate and the House and sent to the Governor's office to be signed. The bill was initially filed by state Sen. Travis Hutson, R-Palm Coast, who is affiliated with St. Johns County-based Hutson Companies, a development company. The Wakulla soil & water supervisors said that Hutson has previously had conflict with his home county's soil & water board.

The original bill, which was filed in Nov. 2021, called for all of Florida's soil & water boards to be eliminated. The bill was significantly amended and revised over the past few months. Though the final bill passed during the 2022 Florida Legislative Session no longer calls for the complete abolishment of soil & water boards, it would create stricter requirements for members.

"It's not been thought through very well, in my opinion," said Group 2 Wakulla soil & water supervisor Dusty Leimbach in response to the bill at the board's March 10 meeting.

Should the bill be signed into law by Gov. Ron DeSantis, it could significantly impact the Wakulla soil & water board. Locally, the major concerns include the rules proposed about sub-districts, elections, and qualifications.

Wakulla Supervisor of Elections Joe Morgan said that though there are five seats on the Wakulla soil & water board, the seats are not based on geographically divided subdistricts. The bill would require five official subdistricts based on existing county commission or school board districts, and it requires that one supervisor be elected from each subdistrict. In addition, the bill included a provision where all five supervisors must hold a public meeting at least once annually, and that the district would be automatically dissolved if this particular rule was not met.

The bill also included qualification requirements for soil & water supervisors that they must be "actively engaged in, or retired after 10 years of being engaged in, agriculture," be "employed by an agricultural producer," or "owns, leases, or is actively employed on land classified as agricultural."

Even though soil & water powers and responsibilities extend beyond just agriculture, the bill names agriculture as the only experience that can qualify one to be a supervisor.

The current Wakulla soil & water board of supervisors consists of three members and two vacant seats.

The bill would create a logistical nightmare for an already struggling board, according to the members of the board.

Over the years, interest in becoming a soil and water supervisor in Wakulla has become limited. Group 5 Wakulla soil & water supervisor Cal Jamison said that there were many people running when he first ran for supervisor, but that he ran unopposed in recent elections.

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Happy birthday, Wakulla!

County commissioner Quincee Messersmith was one of the organizers of the Wakulla Wonderful Festival on Saturday to celebrate the founding of Wakulla County back on March 11, 1843 and she prepares to cut the birthday cake at the old courthouse. The celebration featured 4-H kids reading the proclamation about the founding of Wakulla County, had a history timeline from the public library, vendor booths, plus music from Rockulla and the Coon Bottom Band. More photos on Page 11. (Photo by Riddhi Patel)



KWCB holds Forest Cleanup

More than 100 volunteers remove 21,740 pounds of trash from the forest

By KRYSTAL SHEPARD
News Correspondent

Keep Wakulla County Beautiful held its annual Forest Cleanup and the Leaders Against Litter Great American Cleanup kickoff event on Saturday, Feb. 26.

The event was a huge success, with loads of community participation. Thanks to all the volunteers who came out to help, two dumpsters filled with a total of 21,740 lbs of trash and debris were removed from the Apalachicola National Forest in a labor of love for Wakulla County.

Nearly 100 volunteers came out to lend a hand, including KWCB Board members, WHS students earning volunteer hours for Bright Futures Scholarships, Wakulla County Road & Bridge employees, members of the US Forestry Service, and local civic groups such as the Dirty Misfits. Several community leaders also came out to get their hands dirty, including county commissioners Mike Kemp and Quincee Mess-



Property Appraiser Ed Brimner helped with the Forest Cleanup, with some of the trash picked up seen in the trailer behind him.

ersmith, Sopchoppy Mayor Lara Edwards, County Administrator David Edwards, Property Appraiser Ed Brimner, Supervisor of

Elections Joe Morgan and Clerk of Courts Greg James, among others.

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Wakulla Soil & Water Supervisors Dusty Leimbach, Cal Jamison and Dallas Marshall.

Editor's Note

Because of technical problems at the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, there is no Sheriff's Report this week. It should return next week.



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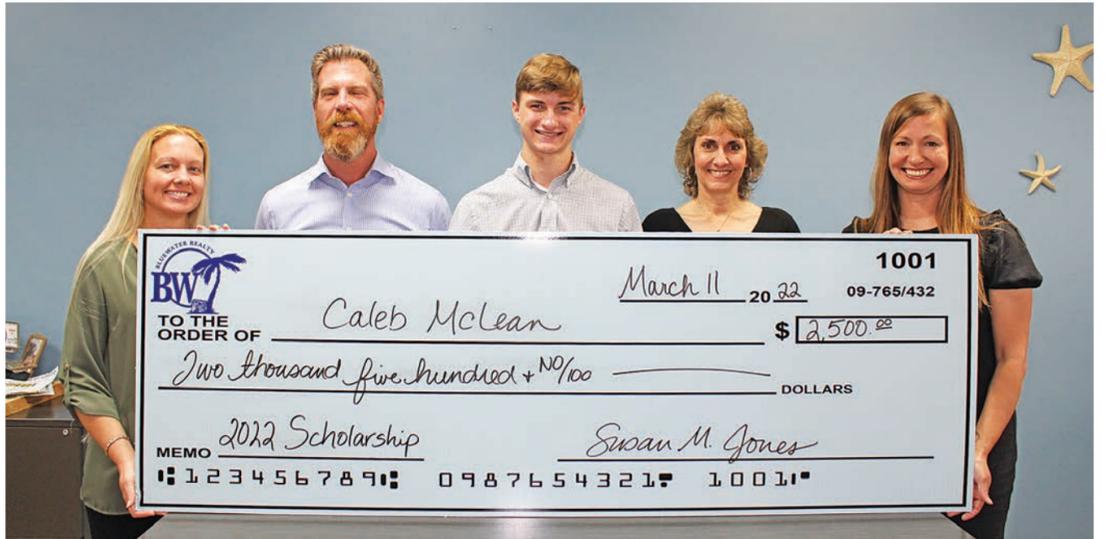
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BlueWater scholarship awarded



BlueWater Realty Group would like to congratulate Caleb McLean, winner of the second annual BlueWater Faith Based Scholarship. This \$2,500 scholarship was open to all residents or students in Wakulla County who are in their junior or senior year of high school. The students were asked to write a 500-1,000 word essay on the subject, "My Belief In Jesus Christ Has Impacted My Life In The Following Ways". Approximately 20 essays were submitted by students. The difficult task of selecting a winner was undertaken by Cristy Rivers, Kevin Smith, and Lesa Evans. Rebekah Hanser ensured the identity of all authors remained anonymous until a winner was selected. The winner was determined based on a rubric that took into account the idea, evidence, organization, tone, and grammar of each essay. Caleb is the son of Steve and Cindy McLean. He is a senior at Wakulla High School. (Photo by Lynda Kinsey)

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Jo Ann Daniels, Optimist sponsor, Principal Catherine Cutchen, the newly installed Jr. Optimist Club members and Mari Kimbrel, the teacher sponsor at RES.

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New Jr. Optimist Club chartered

The Wakulla Coastal Optimist Club is honored to announce that a new Junior Optimist Club has been chartered at Riversink Elementary School. The Junior Optimist Clubs are part of Optimist International which reaches students all over the world. JrO members learn leadership skills, good citizenship, team work and participate in community events. The members of this new club have already participated in Arbor Day activities and have planted ten new trees on their school campus. The students take turns watering the trees each day. Principal Catherine Cutchen said that she is very excited to have this service club up and running at her school. The new club members were initiated

on Wednesday, February 9th by School Board Member Jo Ann Daniels. The newly elected officers are: President Emily-Grace Greene, Vice President Emma Greene, Treasurer Murphy Musgrove and Secretary Cherish Wells. The official in charge of attendance is Joseph Young. Fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Mari Kimbrel is the club sponsor. The new members also include Kenley Miller, Charlotte Armstrong, Brooklyn Buckley, Emery McKenzie, and Maya Kaufman. The students have many new projects planned including walking in the Valentine's Day Parade, planting flowers around the school and raising money for the Childhood Health and Wellness Campaign.

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SPORTS

WAKULLA HIGH BASEBALL

War Eagles improve to 5-1 on rain-shortened week



By **KEITH ANDERSON**
WHS Baseball Coach

The War Eagles had a rain-shortened week last week, but

managed to get a win against a strong Florida High team to improve to 5-1 on the year.

Brandon Cook had another dominant outing throwing 5 1/3 innings scattering 2 hits, 1 run, and 5 strikeouts.

The War Eagles took the lead in the first with Levi Anderson scoring on a single by first baseman Jacob

Hammond.

Wakulla's big inning came in the 5th scoring 3 runs with Haden Klees and Austin Hamilton doing the damage driving in runs. The War Eagles pounded out 10 hits on the day.

Levi Anderson, Jacob Hammond, Austin Hamilton, and John Pierini all had multi hit days with Levi Anderson going 3-4.



Front Row: Parker Mann, Langston Stephens, Colby Conley, Jace Estes, Oskar Hanson, Garrett McKenzie; Middle Row: Nic Davis, Barnun Carroll, Tate Daniels, Mason Frick, Caleb Jackson; Back Row: Coach Derrick Crum, Garrett Hogan, William Pell, Ben Clenney, Coach Michael Montague, Coach Buddy Montague.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL

Riversprings beats conference rivals

By **KYLE MARKS**
RMS Baseball Coach

The Riversprings Middle School Bears shine on the mound and in the field at the time of the season where defense matters most, beating two conference foes to move to 10-1 on the season.

Florida High visited the Bears' den on Tuesday but did not find them sleeping. The Bears won the game 6-1 behind Owen Klees' pitching. Klees gave up 2 hits, recorded 4 strikeouts, and earned the win.

Brent Wells retired 5 of the last 6 hitters to close the game. At the plate, Klees helped his cause with a double, single and an RBI. Sam Bruce had an-



Kaleb Mock earns the win vs. Taylor to improve to 4-0 on the season.

other two-hit game and swiped two bases. Fletcher Brown and Connor Crawford both recorded a hit.

On Thursday, RMS beat Taylor County 2-0 in a pitcher's duel. Kaleb Mock pitched 6.1 innings, giving up 2 hits and 5 strikeouts.

In 5 of his 6 innings, Mock had three up and three down.

Cason Marlow retired the last two hitters to earn the save. Sam Bruce recorded the Bears' only hit and threw out a runner to eliminate the threat of a lead off hit.

Wakulla Christian starts the season with a 5-0 record

By **RIDDHI PATEL**
Reporter

The Wakulla Christian School Saints varsity baseball team has had a great start to their season with a record of 5-0.

As of March 10, the Saints were ranked 11 in Florida Class 2A. To achieve their current rank, the team beat Florida A&M 15-1, Taylor County 12-6, Munroe 15-4, Gadsden County 20-3, and St. John Paul II 9-2.

There are 14 players on the varsity team, and Head Coach Buddy Montague said, "Everybody's having a great year." He said there are some returning seniors and that there are also some excellent players who have never played before.

According to Montague, the team is great at defense and pitching, and "they all can hit."

Montague was especially impressed with how the team managed to persevere and play well even without a full team present at each game. He said that the team has yet to play a game in which the entire starting lineup was present.

Even with some setbacks, the Saints have managed to step up to the plate and remain undefeated so far. "It's a big team effort," said Montague.

Achieving a district title is a goal for the team, and it is looking to be a real possibility this year. "They just continue to impress me everyday," said Mon-

tague. "All of them are outstanding young men."

The varsity coaching staff includes Assistant Coaches Michael Montague and Derrick Crum. As coaches, Montague hopes that they are a positive influence in the lives of the players and that they "create great young men that will contribute in our community one day."

All home games are played at Wakulla Christian School's Jim Pound Field.

The next couple home games will be on Tuesday, March 15 at 6 p.m. against Altha and on Saturday, March 19 at 1 p.m. against Rocky Bayou Christian.

KWCB holds Forest Cleanup

From Front Page

The collection point for the event was Hudson Park, where dumpsters were provided, one by Wakulla County Road & Bridge and the other Waste Pro. For several hours, from approximately 8 a.m. until noon, the groups of volunteers were dispatched to various forested locations around Wakulla to clean and collect whatever they could find that had been dumped. At the Hudson Park drop off, a big yellow tractor worked to unload one after the other in the

line of returning trucks and trailers overflowing with numerous sofas, mattresses and other furniture, appliances, building supplies, tires, remnants of homeless campsites and miscellaneous items that had been collected.

After being unloaded, the groups headed back out into the forest to do it again. On one of many trips into the forest Joe Morgan was shocked to find a motor sitting in the middle of a dirt road, and expressed his concern over how dangerous it could have been for an

unsuspecting motorist. Greg James found a chest freezer that he warned against opening, as it was filled with some extremely foul smelling unknown contents. Someone else found what they estimated to be enough shingles to roof an entire house that had been dumped in the forest.

One of the WHS student volunteers, Kylie Yeagley, said of the experience "It was very dirty. I was very surprised at the number of condoms and syringes found, plus the homeless camp we encountered. I cannot

believe that individuals have so little regard for the environment."

KWCB Executive Director Tammie Nason said she was very pleased with the number of participants, and also said "Thanks to Waste Pro, Wakulla County Road & Bridge and our community leaders that participated in support of a clean Wakulla."

After a hard day working to make the forests around Wakulla County a little cleaner, volunteers enjoyed lunch provided by KWCB.

KWCB's next event



Wakulla High volunteers Kylie Yeagley, Micah Sandow, and Shannon Sandow.

will be the Household Hazardous Waste Day on April 23. For more

information on this and other upcoming events visit KWCB.org/.

Soil & Water seeks new members

From Front Page

Out of the three current supervisors, only Leimbach could be considered to meet the agricultural background requirements as he has veterinary experience. Even Jamison, who is affiliated with organizations that deal with water, conservation, and environmental issues like Friends of Wakulla Springs and Wakulla Springs Alliance, would not qualify to be a soil and water supervisor under the newly proposed rules.

"We need two members, preferably with agricultural experience," said Group 1 Wakulla soil & water supervisor Dallas Marshall.

As the board is al-

lowed to appoint supervisors, they hope to find two interested candidates to fill the vacancies – especially individuals who meet the agricultural qualifications. It is possible that with the new bill, all candidates will need to run for reelection this year – not just those whose term is ending or those running for vacant seats.

Though Supervisor of Elections Morgan and the Wakulla soil & water members agreed that the full extent of the bill's impact cannot be truly determined until it has been signed and implemented, education about the role the soil & water district plays within the community and finding interested

candidates who meet the potential new qualifications is important.

"There needs to be some interest generated for these seats," said Morgan who predicted that the new, more specific, and more stringent rules may deter people from running for the position.

The Wakulla soil & water board supervisors are elected, but they are not paid and they cannot make or enforce laws/policies.

"We are stewards of the soil and water – the health of the soil and water," said Jamison.

Jamison said most of their responsibilities revolve around education, outreach, and advocacy. The board acts as an intermediary between the

community and federal and state governmental agencies like the Natural Resources Conservation Service. District funding can come from the county commission and grants.

Marshall said that for a long time the district did not have much funding; however, that they currently have a budget of over \$11,000. The money is earmarked for community outreach efforts such as supporting organizations like 4-H and the many community members who are involved in smaller-scale agricultural efforts.

Jamison noted that there has been a decline in large agricultural ventures within Wakulla County, and that his

focus has been in meeting current community needs – which means connecting smaller scale ventures to resources like relevant information/education or potential grants.

Leimbach and Jamison also emphasized the important role the group plays in soil and water advocacy within the county. Though they cannot make policy, the group advises other agencies like the Wakulla County Commission on issues relevant to soil and water conservation. This came into play with the recently proposed zoning change for a controversial gas station. The Wakulla soil & water board advocated against the zoning change due to the potential for negative effects to the soil and water – especially

in regard to Wakulla Springs.

Overall, Wakulla soil & water can work with other agencies to create programs, can educate the public on soil and water conservation issues, link the community to relevant agencies, and advocate for soil, water, conservation, agricultural, and environmental issues.

The Wakulla soil & water board is able to undertake many activities that contribute to the community, and they have the budget to continue to do so.

But for the local board to continue to exist and work effectively, they need community members from across the county who are interested in being supervisors and have an agricultural background.

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Opinions

Checking on changes at the golf course



By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

As you know, Wakulla County bought the Wildwood Golf Course for \$1.4 million from David McQuary recently with the goal of using it to get rid of all the treated wastewater coming from the Otter Creek plant. The pipes for using the sewer plant's wastewater have been in the ground for years, but not a drop of water has been sent there for irrigation because of problems with getting everything right at the treatment plant. David McQuary

is the former owner of the golf course and has been retained by the county to manage the facility for a while.

I checked in with him about what's going on, and he was upset by rumors going around that the golf course will be closed for two years for upgrades.

Not true, he said. He expected the course to close in May for work.

McQuary was also concerned about plans, he said, for the county to spend around \$4 million on redesigning the course.

"I love their spirit," he said, "but I just don't believe that's what we need."

He said for about a tenth of the money, the course could be improved with upgrades to the irrigation system, and some oth-

er changes to the course – like improving the greens.

"It doesn't need to be Augusta National," he said. "But it could be as good as Southwood." Or, he added, better than the Hilaman public course in Tallahassee.

"The whole is water," he said. "Turn on the water and it's great."

Currently, the golf course has revenues of between \$500,000 and \$600,000 a year. By improving the course, McQuary estimated boosting revenues to \$750,000 a year.

"You could make it nice with \$100,000," he said, adding:

"You could make it nice with irrigation."

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

New BBH community engagement coordinator



By **KARA WALKER**
Big Bend Hospice

My name is Kara Walker and I am happy to be serving Wakulla County as the new Community Engagement Coordinator for Big Bend Hospice (BBH). I want to introduce myself to the community and provide some information about BBH. I was originally born and raised in New Smyrna Beach, Florida and came to Tallahassee to attend Florida State University. I received my Bachelor's in Social Work in 2013. I have worked in various social work fields including domestic violence, sexual assault, prison reentry, etc. The majority of my work has been in community engagement, because I love getting to know people and being in the community. I have made my home here now and I am thrilled to be serving the Wakulla County area on behalf of BBH.

In my new role I am responsible for recruiting and managing volunteers and educating the community on the facts about hospice. When people hear the word hospice, some respond positively with appreciation from past experiences. Others who haven't benefited from hospice services often respond along the lines of "how depressing." There is so much that Hos-

pice can offer the community, so I want to share some of those services with you.

While many people think of doctors and nurses when they think of hospice care, there are many disciplines that work together with the medical staff to bring our families comfort. These services include social workers, musical therapy, animal therapy, spiritual support and volunteers. Each patient-family in the big bend area is offered these services, regardless of how far from town they live.

Additionally, bereavement services are offered to members of the community, whether the death was related to hospice care or not. The bereavement services offered include camps for children and teens going through a loss, support groups, and special events.

Big Bend Hospice also can assist the community with completing "Five Wishes" which is an advance healthcare directive.

BBH also offers specialized services for Veterans, including Valor ceremonies. We are able to help our patients' families find comfort on their toughest days, and that is truly rewarding work.

Big Bend Hospice thanks Wakulla County for allowing us to serve you all for the last 40 years.

I am excited to get to know the members of our community. For more information about any of the services provided, please visit our website at bigbendhospice.org.

Kara Walker is the community engagement coordinator for Big Bend Hospice in Wakulla, Taylor and Franklin counties.

LETTERS

More about speeding on Bream Fountain

Editor, The Sun:

I would like the people of Wakulla County to know how much help I received on the safety problem of speeding and traveling the wrong way on Bream Fountain Road – a one-way street.

I went to Trice Lane to see a county employee about this problem that has been discussed before. I was approached by a different employee and he said he was entrusted to tell me that there was going to be absolutely nothing done on Bream Fountain Road, and if there was going to be something done it's that the speed limit would be raised from 25

mph to 35 mph.

This means that the level of safety would be more dangerous than it is now. So instead of helping, it's going to be made more dangerous. This puts the life of every man, woman and child on that road in danger.

The county commissioners are aware of this and have chosen to turn their back and do nothing.

This is the safety of the people of Wakulla County being put behind the the county's business adventures funded by tax dollars.

Stephen Harper
Crawfordville

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Editor & Publisher
The Wakulla Sun

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Polled at Wakulla Wonderful Birthday Celebration What do you find most interesting about Wakulla's history?



ERICA KIPER
STAY AT HOME MOM

“I like the history of the cave at Wakulla Springs.”



TIM JORDAN
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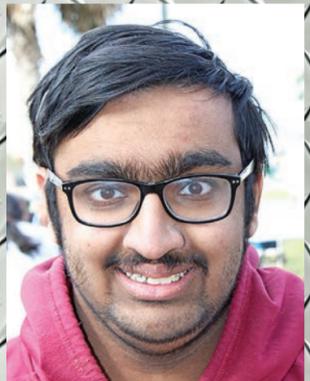
JO ANN DANIELS
WAKULLA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

“The importance of the marine environment and the coastline to the people of Florida.”



MOLLY JONES
MISS WAKULLA

“The history of all the movies that were made at Wakulla Springs like Tarzan and Creature from the Black Lagoon.”



ANUJ PATEL
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

“All the historical landmarks like the old courthouse and the fort in St. Marks.”

– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wakulla Station News

By **VERNA BROCK**

In this troubling time of invasion and war, there was a recent welcome spark of joy. Lyric Oaks, injured in a terrible accident, was able to have his breathing apparatus removed and is reported to be responding and able to sit up for physical therapy. What an answer to prayer!

It was wonderful to have our beloved Linda Dunwoody in Church Sunday morning, after a very prolonged absence due to multiple surgeries and desire to avoid Covid exposure. Doing much better, she was an absolute sight for sore eyes!

Looking for a way to help those less fortunate than yourself during current hard times? The Wakulla UMC food pantry is always looking for donations, volunteers and supporters. For more information, call me at 850-421-3730.

This past Saturday, Woodville celebrated its Founders Day Festival! Despite abysmal weather, we had close to 20 vendors participate, as well as seven historical presentations. This event is always free and open to the public, and you can join us next year when we have the 10th Festival.

The Woodville Branch Library



The Woodville Founders Day Festival, held Saturday, is a fundraiser for the Woodville Volunteer Fire Department, whose booth is seen here.

is sponsoring a special display of quilts and materials about quilting and its history. If you get a chance, drop in and enjoy the beautiful variety of handwork quilters have done.

Springtime is bursting out all over, and now is the time to prune roses and crepe myrtles. Be sure to plant those taters and peas too! I love this time of year, when the trees are budding and tender new leaves are as translucent as stained glass. The surrounding woods are so full of dogwood and wild cherry

blossoms, they look like Mother Nature has flung her petticoats out to dry.

On a personal note, please indulge me as I congratulate my parents, Alice and Will Swanson, on their 70th wedding anniversary. You read that right, they have had 70 years of marriage, and are still going strong! My family is so very blessed.

Don't forget to contact me if you have upcoming church events, prayer requests, etc., you'd like to see in this column.

Buckhorn News

By **ETHEL SKIPPER**

The Charlotte and John Rosier annual family and friend celebration was held on Saturday, Feb. 12 on Zoom. It was hosted from our family church in Sopchoppy, Skipper Temple Community Church, with Bruce Simmons, president.

There were family members from Seattle, Washington, D.C., south Florida, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Connecticut, California, Maryland, as well as Leon and Wakulla counties.

It was the first time for some family members to meet each other.

Alberta Rosier Hines and her children were in charge of the Family Day. Thanks to everyone. The Rosier family was happy to share this time with each of you.

This being Women's History Month, in Sopchoppy in the 1940s, there was no nursing home or caretaker, so Mother Rosier cared for many elderly people, male and female, who passed away in her home. There were families that could not support themselves. She took the children and sent them to school – some were able to go to college. There were no hotels, she would always see that someone had a place to stay. We are so grateful to have had people like Mother Charlotte Harris Rosier.

We wish a happy birthday to Mrs. Bobbery Rosier on March 5, Mr. Merddie Rosier on March 15, Joey Rosier, Jacqueline Grimmert, Alberta Hines, Cyan Grimmert, Drake Green Jr. – enjoy your special day.

Skipper Temple Church will holds it monthly revival meeting on Saturday, March 26 at 6 p.m. Mark your calendar to join in with us and be blessed.

Wakulla Citizens Page News

By **BECKY WHALEY**

Welcome to Wakulla - The Wakulla Sun! Old friends with a new name and locally owned. Print media is such a different animal than social media. Social media has experts in every area, and it talks back to you!

There are several Wakulla Citizens groups, however, this group was created to include all elected officials and any citizen of Wakulla County to disseminate County information.

A new resident recently joined and said they liked keeping up with the Community, the best response

was posted from Chase Brattain.

Well we have another dollar general. Some people think Wakulla is full while others don't. Traffic is horrible. Public is coming. No new gas station. It's cold. But it's gonna be hot. Gas is too expensive.

Topics trend within a short period of time on social media, especially in Wakulla! This weeks' trending topics have been Surf Dog Winning Tallahassee's Top Pet, Top Dog (Surf doesn't live in Tallahassee but we are very glad he has received this accolade!); the opening of the New Dollar General located on Shadeville Road

which has the County buzzing because many citizens believe the Commissioners can control who can and cannot do business in Wakulla County and their constituents are split on how many more Dollar General stores need to exist in Wakulla County; traffic congestion is an ongoing

trending topic – road rage at it's finest online and the tragic loss of a family's home. Best wishes in your future print success!

Becky Whaley is administrator of the Wakulla Citizens Facebook Group.



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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.

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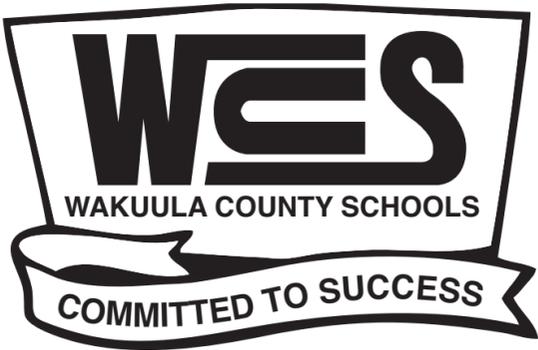


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National Nutrition Month: Healthy eating tips



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GOOD NUTRITION STARTS EARLY

Kids' early eating experiences can affect how they eat as they get older. That's why it's so important to introduce them to healthy foods from the very beginning.

What Foods Should I Introduce to My Child First?

When your child is about 6 months old, you can start introducing him or her to foods and drinks other than breast milk and infant formula. For most children, you don't need to introduce foods in a specific order.

By the time your child is 7 or 8 months old, he or she can eat a variety of foods from different food groups. Your child needs a variety of vitamins and minerals to grow healthy and strong.

Try making a rainbow of different colored foods on your child's plate.

Here are a few examples:

Fruits: bananas, strawberries, pears, oranges, melons, or avocados

Vegetables: cooked spinach, carrots, peas, sweet potatoes, or beets

Whole grains: whole grain breads, crackers, or pastas

Meats: soft, small pieces of beef, lamb, chicken, fish, or turkey

Dairy: yogurts or cheeses (pasteurized only)

Drinks Matter, Too!

When your child is between 6 and 12 months old, you can offer:

Water (4 to 6 ounces per day)

Breast milk (if you are still breastfeeding) or infant formula

When your child is 12 months old, you can begin offering fortified cow's milk.

Foods to Avoid

There are certain foods and drinks you should avoid giving your child.

If your child is under 12 months, avoid foods and drinks such as:

Honey. It could cause a serious type of food poisoning called botulism in children under 12 months.

Unpasteurized drinks or foods. These items may put your child at risk for E. coli, a harmful bacteria that can cause severe diarrhea. Common unpasteurized foods include raw milk, juice, yogurt, or cheeses.

Fortified cow's milk. It may put your young child under 12 months old at risk for intestinal bleeding.

Fruit juice and other sugary drinks. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children not drink 100% juice or juice drinks with added sweeteners before they are 12 months old.

Be Their Role Model

Once your child is 12 months old or older, they'll be eating more of the foods that you eat. Eating a healthy diet sets a good example for your children.

It's important for children and adults alike to limit foods that are high in sodium and added sugars.

Eating a healthy diet can help children get the nutrients they need for healthy growth and development. For adults, a healthy diet can help protect against a number of serious and costly chronic diseases, including heart disease, type 2 diabetes, some cancers, and obesity.

A healthy diet is rich in fruits and vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and low-fat or fat-free dairy. The USDA's ChooseMyPlate can help you choose the healthy foods and drinks that work for your family.

It can sometimes feel as if we're bombarded with information about the latest eating trend or buzzworthy ingredient. But good nutrition is really about having a well-rounded diet, and it's easier to do than you may think. In fact, living a nutritious lifestyle can be easy and fun.

Nutrition is about more than vitamins—it also includes fiber and healthy fats. Now is a perfect time to learn simple ways to help your whole family eat healthier.

Need tips specifically for young children? Learn how to introduce kids to healthy foods.

Add healthy fats.

Not all fats are bad. Foods with monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats are important for your brain and heart. Limit foods with trans fats, which increase the risk for heart disease. Good sources of healthy fats include olive oil, nuts, seeds, certain types of fish, and avocados.

Avocados are full of healthy fats. Top a salad or try some avocado in your morning smoothie.

Try this:

Top lean meats with sliced avocado, or try some avocado in your morning smoothie.

Sprinkle nuts or seeds (like slivered almonds or pumpkin seeds) on soups or salads.

Add a fish with healthy fats, like salmon or tuna, into your meals twice a week.

Swap processed oils (like canola or soybean oil) for oils that are cold-pressed, like extra-virgin olive oil and sesame oil.

Cut the sodium.

Good nutrition is about balance, and that means not getting too much of certain ingredients, such as sodium (salt). Sodium increases blood pressure, which raises the risk for heart disease and stroke. About 90% of Americans 2 years old or older consume too much sodium. For most people ages 14 years and older, sodium should not exceed 2,300 mg per day.

Try this:

Avoid processed and prepackaged food, which can be full of hidden sodium. Many common foods, including breads, pizza, and deli meats, can be sources of hidden sodium.

At the grocery store, look for products that say "low sodium."

At restaurants, ask for sauces and dressings on the side. Get more tips for lowering sodium while eating out.

Instead of using salt, add delicious flavor to your meals with a squeeze of fresh lemon juice, a dash of no-salt spice blends, or fresh herbs.

Bump up your fiber

Fiber in your diet not only keeps you regular, it also helps you feel fuller longer. Fiber also helps control blood sugar and lowers cholesterol levels. Fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and legumes (beans and peas) are good sources of fiber.

Try this:

Slice up raw veggies and keep them in to-go baggies to use as quick snacks.

Start your day off with a high-fiber breakfast like whole grain oatmeal sprinkled with pecans or macadamia nuts.

Steam veggies rather than boiling them. When buying frozen veggies, look for ones that have been "flash frozen."

Add half a cup of beans or peas to your salad to add fiber, texture, and flavor.

Aim for a variety of colors on your plate.

Foods like dark, leafy greens, oranges, and tomatoes—even fresh herbs—are loaded with vitamins, fiber, and minerals.

Try this:

Sprinkle fresh herbs over a salad or whole wheat pasta.

Make a red sauce using canned tomatoes (look for "low sodium" or "no salt added"), fresh herbs, and spices.

Add diced veggies like peppers, broccoli, or onions to stews and omelets to give them a boost of color and nutrients.

Are you eating healthy to help you get to a healthy weight? Learn more about balanced eating.



Book FACT:

WHAT IS THE STORY AND NON-MUSICAL PART OF A THEATRICAL MUSICAL CALLED?

ANSWER: THE BOOK

Musical Crossword

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| CLUES ACROSS | CLUES DOWN |
| 1. Relating to music | 1. In motion |
| 4. Beneath something | 2. Noise |
| 5. Percussion instruments | 3. Ancient Greek stringed instruments |
| 6. Proceed | 7. North American country (abbr.) |
| 8. Musical group | |

Answers
Across: 1. Musical, 4. Under, 5. Drums, 6. Go, 8. Band
Down: 1. Moving, 2. Sound, 3. Lyrics, 7. USA

THIS DAY IN...
March 20
HISTORY

- 1969: SINGER/SONGWRITER JOHN LENNON MARRIED YOKO ONO IN GIBRALTAR.
- 1985: LIBBY RIDDLES WINS THE IDITAROD, BECOMING THE FIRST WOMAN TO DO SO.
- 2003: U.S. GROUND TROOPS ENTERED IRAQ.

new word

harmony

combination of simultaneously sounded musical notes

How they SAY it in...

ENGLISH: Song
SPANISH: Canción
ITALIAN: Canzone
FRENCH: Chanson
GERMAN: Lied

Did You Know?

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT A NEW PIANO BE TUNED FOUR TIMES THE FIRST YEAR (WITH EACH CHANGE OF SEASON) AND THEN TWICE ANNUALLY AFTERWARD.

get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture featured here is?

ANSWER: GUITAR

Rather than drowning your sorrows



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

The phone rang again, but I still wasn't ready to talk. But my friend, Susan, wouldn't give up. "Hello." Even with

that one word, my voice cracked with emotion. "Are you okay?" "No." "Do you want me to come over?" Her compassion won me over. "Yes." When she arrived, she gave me a long hug. My sobs made it hard for me to choke out the words. "Bert wants a divorce." Her words of consolation soon turned to prayer as we bowed before our Father. "God, save this marriage," Susan prayed. "Change Bert's heart

– and change mine," I prayed. (Let's just say, Bert and I both made a lot of mistakes in the years leading up to that moment). In time, God transformed Bert's and my marriage into a better one. It still isn't perfect, but we rejoice in what God has done – and continues to do – in (and with) us. Years have passed since that horrible day, but I still remember the punch in my gut when Bert expressed his desire to end our marriage. How differ-

ently would my situation have turned out if instead of praying with my friend, I had chosen to hang out with friends at a local bar? Anyone who knows me would laugh at this thought, but I want to make an important point using Matthew 18:20 (ESV): "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." When you experience a crisis or heartbreak, rather than drowning your sorrows with worthless or destructive means or listening

to people who don't share your faith, why not seek one or more people who value God's presence and ask them to pray with you? When someone prays with us when we're struggling, it helps us believe – and know – that God hasn't given up on us. We begin to move from despair toward hope. I'm convinced that had I not done so, Bert and I wouldn't be married today. I'll always appreciate Susan making herself available to pray with me.

Thankfully, we don't have to wait for a crisis to pray with each other. Gathering to pray for our families, communities, churches, other nations and our country is always good. Indeed, let's join in prayer every time we need God's presence to enter into our situation. *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

DEATH NOTICES

- Ronnie Veronica Black, 29, Crawfordville, March 1, 2022
Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel
- "Patti" Ann Davis, 68, Crawfordville, March 2, 2022
Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel
- Charles "Jeff" Finley, 77, Crawfordville, March 4, 2022
Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel
- Joseph L. Harrell, 70, of Crawfordville, died March 11, 2022.
Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel

- Sonya K. Herr, 48, Alligator Point, March 6, 2022
Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel
- Charles Mike Mercer "Hammer", 63, Crawfordville, March 1, 2022
Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel
- Markham W. Roddenberry, 75 of Crawfordville, March 4, 2022.
Bevis Funeral Home of Crawfordville



Cast front Row: Brent Scott, Kay Cannon, Herb Donaldson, Pam Thomas, Janice Salgado. Second Row: Donna Silva, Sally Gainny, Jan Estevez, Wanda Rowley, Stalena Sutcliffe, Liz Blais. Back Row: Shannon Weston, Mike Thomas, Robert Estevez, Tyler Patrick, Gale Passenier.

Murder mystery at the Moose Club

With names like Tiffany Wannbe (Janise Wyant), Grace Fell (Stalena Sutcliffe), Glorie Daze (Kathy Igou), and Coliin O'Scopy (Tyler Patrick), twelve members of the Wakulla Moose Lodge (2510) took to the stage for their 6th annual Murder Mystery. The play was performed in three events and was measured a success by all involved. This mystery was staged around a 1975 graduation class's 30th year reunion, where an overbearing, pompous, ex-football player, Noles Pigskin (Mike Thomas) finally got what was coming to him! The shows were produced by The Women of the Moose headed up by Kay Cannon with Wakulla's very own Herb Donaldson (Palaver Tree Theater – www.palayertreetheater.org) directing. Fun fact...Most of the audience were not aware that there was, actually, no starting script! The entire play was organically grown & constructed. Here is a clue as to how this happened:

During the first practice session, cast members

were paired off. Each cast picked one item or event, from their own high school days, that had resulted in a significant impression. Good, bad, tragic, or happy, it didn't make a difference. During that same practice, each cast member presented the other person's narrative and from there the stage was set to begin the story line. There was a piece of every actor's own history in the production of this play and with each week's practice script content was being developed. A great meal was served with entertainment provided by John & Chili band and special guest stars Sonny & Cher (names untraceable). The success of each event could not have been made possible without the support of a cast of back-room volunteers. Everyone from the bartender to the band, to the kitchen & cleanup staff worked in union to make the events successful. It, very definitely, took a village!



Seniors bring home the gold

Body Tek Seniors bring home the gold and silver at the Capital City Senior Games 2022! These gym members competed in the powerlifting competition last week with the help of their trainers from Body

Tek 24 Hour Fitness. The competitors and trainers are listed left to right: Ezekiel Davis, Emily Rudd, Polly Nichols, Zoe Mansfield, Diana Sellers, Priscilla Lovell, Debrah Burnum, and Sharon Wolfe.

8 years prison for DUI manslaughter

From Front Page

possible. The minutes of the June 2016 meeting of the Franklin County Commission included a note that "Carol Davis, a long time Carrabelle resident and teacher, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, April 28th 2016. Ms. Carol Davis was very well known, respected and loved in our community. Her love of children and knowledge was evident in her life's dedication of educating our children and grandchildren who attended Chapman Elementary, Carrabelle High School and Franklin County School during her forty year career." "Ms Davis' family requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Carrabelle Branch of Franklin County Public Library in the name of Elizabeth "Carol" Davis. A 6ft outdoor bench with an inlay that reads, "In Loving Memory-Elizabeth Carol Davis" has been chosen to be purchased with these donations. It will be placed near the front entrance so that all who enter our library will be offered a seat of rest and be reminded of our friend, Ms. Carol Davis." According to the Florida Highway Patrol report, Klink was driving northbound on U.S. Hwy. 319 and entered a curve and drove into the southbound lane where Cumbie was driving her car with Davis as her passenger. Klink's car hit the passenger side door where Davis sat. The cars spun around, Klink's vehicle hit a utility pole. Cumbie's car spun and came to rest on the shoulder. Davis was killed in the crash. Cumbie and Davis had traveled to Tallahassee that evening for dinner and to see a play at the Leon County Civic Center and were on their way home when the wreck occurred. Klink had reportedly been in a bar in Carrabelle that night before the wreck.

Library News

- UPCOMING EVENTS!
- Thursday, March 17**
Veteran's Meetup
Kids Coding 5pm
Wakulla Amateur Radio Club 7pm
 - Friday, March 18**
Quilting Guild 9:30am
Advanced Kids Coding 4:30pm
 - Saturday, March 19**
Alzheimer's Support Group 10am
TMH READ Therapy Dogs 10am
Book Club 10:30am
 - Monday, March 21**
Wakulla Christian Coalition 6pm
 - Tuesday, March 22**
Book Bunch 10am
Lego Club 4pm
Sarracenia Chapter of the Native Plant Society 6:30pm
 - Wednesday, March 23**
Book Babies 10am
Wakulla Feeding Wakulla 2pm
Knitting Group 4pm
Public Library Artemis Program 5pm
 - Thursday, March 24**
Veteran's Meetup 11am
Kids Coding 5pm
Wakulla Amateur Radio Club 7pm

Outdoors

outdoor sports

HOME ON THE RANGE

The easiest gun to handle



By MARJ LAW

“I’m getting a revolver,” says a white-haired woman whose name is Lacy. “That’s what my grandson told me to get. You just point and shoot. Simple.”

“Which revolver are you getting?” I ask.

“My grandson said to get a Smith & Wesson Airweight .38. He says it has plenty of ‘take down power.’”

“Okay,” I respond. “What else does he say about it?”

“It’s small and weighs about a pound. It holds five bullets. To load your gun, you just drop them in the holes. It’s easy to carry and easy to conceal. It will never jam. And he says Smith & Wessons are reliable handguns.”

Beth is listening to us. She laughs.

“Yeah. My hubby Ben got me a .38 too. It was real cute. I liked the pink color. When I held it, it fit in my hand perfectly. It fit in my purse and didn’t take up much room.”

“So, I should get it?” asks Lacy.

“Heck, no! Don’t do it!”

“Why not?” Lacy is surprised.

“Because that cute little gun is a bear to shoot,” responds Beth. “First, the trigger pull was something else. I pulled and pulled and couldn’t get it to shoot. Then Ben says to ‘cock the hammer.’ Well, that did it, but he neglected to tell me about recoil!”

“What’s recoil? Is that the same thing as kick?”

“Yep. Like a mule. I shot it once, and once was enough. My hands went flying in the air and my right wrist hurt for a week. If you get a revolver, get something you can handle.”

“Like what?” wonders Lacy. “I do want a revolver because my grandson says it’s so easy. Is there one that I can use?”

“Well, even though that .38 didn’t work for me, I still wanted a revolver. So I got a Taurus 942 .22WMR snub nose.”

“What is a .22WMR? Is that the same as a .22LR?”

“No, a WMR stands for Winchester Magnum Rimfire. Magnums have a lot more oomph than .22LRs. They are not as powerful as the .38, but I am able to handle the Taurus and it is actually fun to shoot.”

“Is it about the same size and weight as the .38?”

“No, the Taurus is heavier. It weighs about 24 ounces and is made of stainless steel. The stainless has a ‘matte’ finish: kind of a brushed golden stainless look.”

“The .38 weighs a pound and the Taurus weighs 24 ounces. Don’t I want the lighter gun?”

“No. Weight in a gun helps to absorb the recoil. I don’t like a gun to



kick. The Taurus still fits in my hand and has a comfortable rubber grip. That’s the handle. The barrel is 2-inches, so it’s still small. I looked it up and it is 6.6-inches long, 4.64-inches high and it is 1.34-inches wide. Best of all, it holds eight rounds! That’s what you were calling ‘bullets.’

“A bullet is actually the projectile that comes out of the muzzle of the gun when you shoot. The ‘round’ or ‘cartridge’ encompasses the brass and the projectile. It’s what you take out of the box to put in the ‘holes.’ What you called holes are actually chambers that hold the rounds.”

Lacy is impressed. “You know the right words. But just because the Taurus is heavier and small, what about shooting it? Will I be able to manage both pulling the trigger and handling the recoil?”

“Just like with anything new, you have to learn about it and train with it. Recoil on the

Taurus is so light; in single action it’s about 4 pounds.”

“Four pounds? That sounds heavy to me. And what’s this ‘single action’ stuff?”

“Believe me, 4 pounds is a very light trigger. Single action talks about the trigger. In single action, the trigger’s job is to release the hammer so it can whack the firing pin that will hit the back of the round. That sets off the explosion which will cause the bullet to be ejected from the gun.

All you have to do is cock the hammer first. Remember playing with guns when you were a kid? Didn’t you ‘fan’ the hammer before you pulled the trigger? Fan and pull?”

“Sure. We all played cops and robbers. Fanning the hammer was cool.”

“Okay. So single action is when you first cock the hammer, then you pull the trigger.”

“If there is a single action, I bet there is a

‘double action.’”

“Exactly! Double action is when the trigger has two jobs: not just one. In double action, the trigger has to cock the hammer and then release it. You see, when you fanned the hammer, you did half the work. In double action, your trigger does both jobs.”

“Is it as easy to pull the trigger in double action? I don’t know if I want to have to cock the hammer in an emergency. I just want to point and shoot.”

“No. When you shoot the Taurus in double action, it is more difficult to pull the trigger. Remember, now it’s doing those two jobs.”

“So how hard is it to pull the trigger in double action?”

“Well, the first time I went out to shoot it, I was like you. I just wanted to point and shoot. So, I learned how to point the gun in a safe direction and how to hold the gun with both hands. Then I pulled

the trigger. Nothing happened. The trigger didn’t move. So I pulled it harder. Still nothing.”

“See? I think a revolver is too hard to use.”

“After that, I put my other index finger on top of the first one and pulled hard. The gun fired! And my hands didn’t fly in the air because the recoil wasn’t bad at all. This is when I knew that I could handle the gun.

“If I don’t cock the hammer, it is truly more work. This is why I usually shoot single action. It’s easy and it’s fun. Single action allows me to learn how to sight the gun so that I can hit the target. I’m practicing my aim and learning about the range.

“If Mr. Bad comes around, I’ve got eight rounds to defend myself. I know I can point and shoot. In the meantime, I’ll shoot single action most of the time for fun and skills training. I even let hubby use it when he’s varmint hunting.”

“So you think I should get the Taurus?”

“No. I think you should get the gun that you can handle best. The best way to find out is to go to a range that rents guns, and try out some for yourself. This way you not only know how it feels in your hands but you’ll also know if you can handle the recoil.

“Try before you buy is the best.”

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

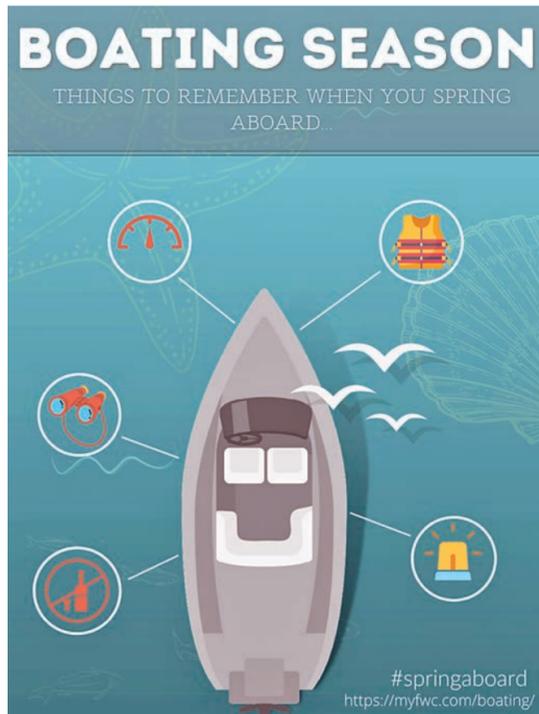
FWC encourages boaters to take a boater education course

From FWC News

Spring has arrived and that means many residents and visitors will be flocking to Florida’s beautiful beaches and waterways. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission wants boaters to “Spring Aboard” and get educated prior to the kick-off of the boating season to make the most of their time on the water. Spring is the perfect time to take a boating safety course before the summer boating season begins.

In 2021, Florida boating accident statistics indicated that 83% of boating deaths occurred on boats where the boat operator had never received boating education instruction. Education is the key to having a safe and enjoyable day on the water.

While not currently required, owners of hu-



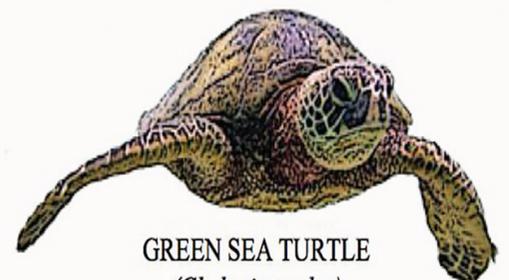
man-powered watercraft, such as paddleboards and kayaks, are encouraged to take a boating education class as well

so they are aware of critical boating knowledge that anyone who plans to get out on the water should have and be bet-

ter prepared for the risks they might face while boating.

“In Florida, boaters who were born on or after Jan. 1, 1988, are required to complete and pass a boater safety education course. But everyone interested in boating should take a course,” said Maj. Rob Beaton, FWC’s Boating and Waterways Section Leader. “Taking a boating education course is one of the best things you can do to prevent accidents on the water.”

Boaters have many ways to get educated, from classroom courses offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary and United States Power Squadrons to online offerings available any time day or night. Learn more about boater safety education by visiting [MyFWC.com/boating](https://myfwc.com/boating) and clicking on “Boating Safety and Education.”



GREEN SEA TURTLE
(*Chelonia mydas*)

GREEN SEA TURTLES graze on the vast sea grass beds of the tropics. Florida’s coastal waters are an important feeding grounds. Juveniles hunt crabs jellyfish and sponge. Each year they will swim thousands of miles to return to their birthplace to mate and lay eggs. Artificial lights on beaches confuse them and prevent them from laying eggs. Sea walls block their path. This turtle is called “green” because it was favored for soup and the fat is greenish. Hunting for the turtle meat and eggs and habitat destruction means this turtle is now endangered. This is the one of the largest of the living sea turtles and can grow to 700 pounds.

Eukaryria, Anamalia, Chordata, Reptilia, Testunides, Cheloniidae



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Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water

Local writers share their experiences

Thursday 17	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:41AM	6:15PM
6:43PM	6:46AM
Moon Illumination 99%	
Friday 18	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:40AM	7:22PM
6:44PM	7:10AM
Moon Illumination 100%	
Saturday 19	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:38AM	8:32PM
6:45PM	7:35AM
Moon Illumination 98%	
Sunday 20	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:37AM	9:43PM
6:46PM	8:01AM
Moon Illumination 94%	
Monday 21	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:35AM	10:57PM
6:47PM	8:30AM
Moon Illumination 88%	
Tuesday 22	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:33AM	---
6:48PM	9:04AM
Moon Illumination 79%	
Wednesday 23	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:32AM	12:11AM
6:49PM	9:44AM
Moon Illumination 69%	

Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

Mar. 17 - Mar. 23

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	2:17 am	8:47 am	3:05 pm	8:57 pm
Fr	2:55 am	9:12 am	3:25 pm	9:31 pm
Sa	3:35 am	9:38 am	3:45 pm	10:06 pm
Su	4:17 am	10:04 am	4:06 pm	10:45 pm
Mo	5:01 am	10:32 am	4:29 pm	11:27 pm
Tu	5:51 am	11:02 am	4:56 pm	12:03 pm
We	12:18 am	6:51 am	11:34 am	5:28 pm

City of St. Marks

Th	2:53 am	9:51 am	3:41 pm	10:01 pm
Fr	3:31 am	10:16 am	4:01 pm	10:35 pm
Sa	4:11 am	10:42 am	4:21 pm	11:10 pm
Su	4:53 am	11:08 am	4:42 pm	11:49 pm
Mo	5:37 am	11:36 am	5:05 pm	12:31 pm
Tu	12:31 am	6:27 am	12:06 pm	5:32 pm
We	1:22 am	7:27 am	12:38 pm	6:04 pm

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Th	2:40 am	9:15 am	3:25 pm	9:18 pm
Fr	3:20 am	9:42 am	3:47 pm	9:53 pm
Sa	4:00 am	10:09 am	4:09 pm	10:29 pm
Su	4:43 am	10:36 am	4:32 pm	11:08 pm
Mo	5:28 am	11:05 am	4:56 pm	11:51 pm
Tu	6:19 am	11:35 am	5:23 pm	12:31 pm
We	12:41 am	7:19 am	12:08 pm	5:54 pm

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Th	2:09 am	8:58 am	2:57 pm	9:08 pm
Fr	2:47 am	9:23 am	3:17 pm	9:42 pm
Sa	3:27 am	9:49 am	3:37 pm	10:17 pm
Su	4:09 am	10:15 am	3:58 pm	10:56 pm
Mo	4:53 am	10:43 am	4:21 pm	11:38 pm
Tu	5:43 am	11:13 am	4:48 pm	12:13 pm
We	12:29 am	6:43 am	11:45 am	5:20 pm

St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

Th	2:12 am	8:50 am	3:04 pm	8:56 pm
Fr	2:54 am	9:18 am	3:24 pm	9:29 pm
Sa	3:39 am	9:48 am	3:46 pm	10:05 pm
Su	4:26 am	10:18 am	4:10 pm	10:44 pm
Mo	5:16 am	10:47 am	4:36 pm	11:28 pm
Tu	6:12 am	11:16 am	5:05 pm	12:07 pm
We	12:19 am	7:18 am	11:43 am	5:38 pm

Dog Island West End

Th	2:23 am	9:11 am	3:28 pm	9:11 pm
Fr	3:12 am	9:39 am	3:46 pm	9:45 pm
Sa	4:01 am	10:08 am	4:07 pm	10:24 pm
Su	4:52 am	10:39 am	4:31 pm	11:09 pm
Mo	5:45 am	11:10 am	4:58 pm	11:58 pm
Tu	6:41 am	11:40 am	5:26 pm	12:39 pm
We	12:50 am	7:51 am	12:03 pm	5:57 pm

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.

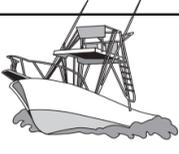


Coast Guard Auxiliarists prepare. For the past couple of years, patrols have been docked due to the pandemic.



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



For the last two years, many surface patrols have been docked due to the pandemic. As we look forward to resuming patrols again, we wanted to share with you some of the activities you may see us conducting in the coming months.

Crew and Coxswain are required to demonstrate their knowledge and skills. We have to demonstrate our competencies through ongoing trainings and opportunities to practice.

Our members have been continuing to hone our skills with team coordination trainings, first aid and navigation.

As our crew are training, they are working on area familiarization, navigation, boat handling, watch standing, person in the water and emergency procedures. During these trainings, coxswain may challenge crew with situations to allow for practice of these skills.

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A view of Coast Guard Auxiliarists navigating with charts.

so that when we are needed to assist in an emergency situation, we encourage you to our skills are fresh. We may be practicing plotting a course to locate a missing boater or retrieving a flotation device that has been thrown in the water. It is our hope that

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 follow us on FaceBook @ Apalachee Bay Flotilla 12 or contact our Flotilla Commander Phil Hill at 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.

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.

Underwater Wakulla

By Rusty Miller

Hello, Wakulla.

Over the next few articles I would like to break-down and give some background on the need for various scuba training.

I will start with the basic open water certification. In the late 1960s when the California divers association began to teach scuba diving in the recreational side it started a phenomenal sport that has swept this country. It was television shows like my all time favorite "Sea Hunt," and it wasn't reruns of the show it was the original version. That show inspired many young folks (at the time) like me to want to see the underwater world for the first time.

At that time you couldn't go down to your local dive shop because frankly they just didn't exist. If you had a local YMCA they would give you an introductory scuba course after you took their swim course. If you were interested in the scuba you had to seek out an instructor that they approved. Fortunately for me it was my brother-in-law at the time.

So the journey began. At that time in the late '60s, early '70s your basic open water certification was all they had. There were no specialty courses like advanced open water or rescue courses, it was just called scuba.

In that course we learned in great detail the basic gas laws for air under pressure and at depth. These classes were several weeks long, then we were able to get in the pool after you passed the exam. Once the pool portion began it was also several weeks long at least two nights four hours each week. By the time you were able to go to the open water portion you had the equivalent to a rescue certification. In other words, you were a well-trained scuba diver.

Through the classroom portion we learned how to plan our dives using the U.S Navy dive tables to predict the nitrogen absorption in our bodies. We also learned how to "Drown the Rat" which is to calculate the residual trace nitrogen after the surface interval after each dive or repetitive dive.

Then the pool exercises we had to go through. They were very intense and grueling. You would be swimming underwater and without notice the instructor or their assistant would come and rip your mask off your face just to see if you would panic. Then they might grab your regulator out of your mouth to the same end. If you didn't panic then you could proceed with the rest of the class and that was during the introduction portion. That would weed out at least 50% of the students. At the time I thought it wasn't fair to do it that way but looking back it made sense because the equipment was not as sophisticated as it is today, by that I mean there was no redundancy with an alternate air source (octopus second stage regulator) to breathe on.

There was so much training involved before you were ready for the open water portion of your training but I will say that you were very confident that you could safely dive and survive most any failure that could happen with your equipment or the environment that might happen.

The next article I will compare to what we now know and train too for our scuba certification.

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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15. ___ Ladd, actor
16. ___hed: embarrassed
17. Unfastening
19. Letter closure
21. Roof overhangs
22. Oasis (Arabic)
23. Grief-stricken
24. Flatboat carriers
28. Shad genus
30. In the ordinary course of events
31. 50010 - 50014
32. Jewel
35. Actress in "The Apartment"
39. Adult female bird
40. Take heed
41. Ridge on Doric column
42. Quick and energetic
44. Gunsmoke actress Blake
45. Obliterate
48. Metrical foot
50. Drink noisily
51. Blood serum containing antibodies
56. Tattletale
58. Freedom from difficulty
59. Geological times
60. Makes level
61. Venice beach
62. A pause for relaxation

63. Places
64. Shredded cabbage
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Expression of sorrow or pity
 2. Japanese sock
 3. Algeria's 2nd largest city
 4. Natl. Information Svcs. Corp.
 5. Harmonized in color
 6. The 25th President
 7. Kipling's "The Road to Mand___"
 8. Very fast airplane
 9. A vast desert in N Africa
 10. Not dead
 11. Crook (Yiddish)
 12. A feeling of anxiety
 14. Koran chapters
 18. C C C
 20. 7 Year Itch actor Tom
 23. Pear variety
 24. A large wilderness area
 25. Wimbledon champion Arthur
 26. Devastation
 27. Billfish
 29. Unauthorized disclosure of information
 31. Affirmative votes
 32. Snarl (Scottish)
 33. Children's author Blyton
 34. Flat tableland with steep edges

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36. Lake __, one of the Greats
37. Young sheep
38. Coach Parsegian
42. Most bald
43. Receipt (abbr.)
44. Rulers
45. Ethyl acetate
46. A shape that spreads outward
47. Fellatas
49. Group of near-earth asteroids
51. 73717
52. Plural of 57 down
53. A horizontal bar of wood
54. Approves food
55. Cat sound
57. Conger or moray



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