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Sunrise 7:17 AM Sunset 8:01 PM

Our 1st Year, 7th Issue
Thursday, April 7, 2022

County beach hours expanded

With a 3-2 vote, county commissioners vote to open beaches from 6 a.m. to midnight

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

County commissioners voted 3-2 on Monday to extend the hours of county public beaches from 6 a.m. to midnight.

That was a compromise suggested by Commissioner Mike Kemp.

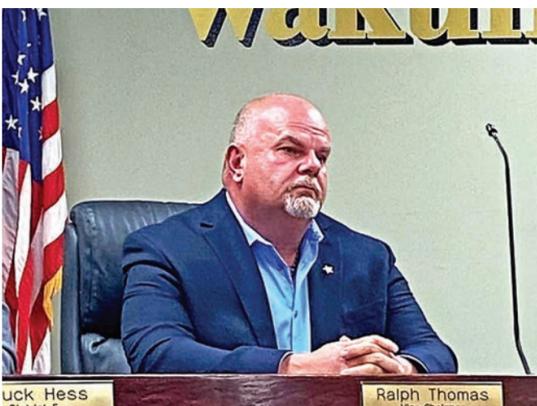
The issue was first brought up by Commissioner Ralph Thomas who couched it as a matter of freedom – that public lands should have

24/7 public access.

Thomas was adamant in his opposition to Kemp's compromise, saying it was a compromise on freedom.

Commission Chair Quincee Messersmith joined Thomas in voting against it. She commented that extending the hours ahead of working out parking issues at the beach was doing things backwards.

Commissioner Chuck Hess, who retired from



Commissioner Mike Kemp

the U.S. Forest Service, noted that he had worked on public lands for years and said the policy was "Regulate the masses to control the asses."

Thomas objected to that, saying: "I grew up a little different from you. We don't let the asses regulate the masses."

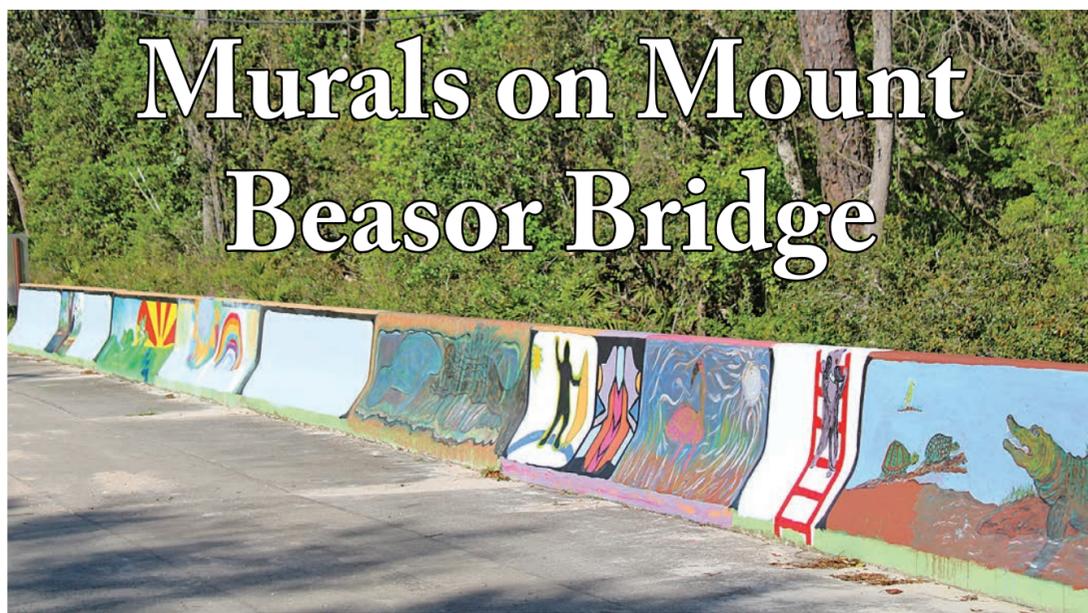
Much of the complaint about expanded hours came from residents of Shell Point and Oyster Bay, who said the

small public beach there is a continuing source of problems, especially at night, with drinking and loud music and public sex.

Thomas said he supported the sheriff's office, and said that the county should get tough on people breaking the law.

Commissioner Randy Merritt asked what prompted the matter to be brought up at all:

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Murals line the Mount Beasor Bridge. Nelson and Jamie Martin, below, with her mom, Gloria Jackson.

By RIDDHI PATEL
Reporter

Jamie Martin organized the effort to revamp the Mount Beasor Bridge with nature-based art panels created by individuals and families. A variety of artwork has already been completed on the bridge, and many of the remaining panels have been requested by others within the community.

Martin's husband, Nelson, shared that initially the bridge was wooden, rickety, and had minimal railings – it was eventually improved after school buses and mail carriers experienced issues crossing the bridge. After the improvements, Nelson and other Sopchoppy residents came together and spent a couple days creating the first Mount Beasor Bridge mural. That mural was nature-themed, and it featured a panther and plants that are native to the area.



Over time the mural fell into disrepair, and it was defaced by graffiti. Martin asked her husband, who had organized the painting of the bridge's first

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No damages in lawsuit over 2011 shooting

Jury sides with sheriff's office over man shot by deputy while attempting to break in to store

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

After a weeklong trial, it took a jury only about 30 minutes to return a verdict finding that a 2011 shooting by a Wakulla County sheriff's deputy was not excessive force, and awarding no damages.

Curtis Davis admitted he was trying to break in to the Chevron convenience store in Crawfordville on Oct. 26, 2011, when deputies arrived on the scene in response to a 911 call from a neighbor. Davis hid in the dark and then suddenly stood up as Deputy Lorne Whaley was nearby – Whaley fired four shots and two bullets hit Davis: one in the arm and one in the back.

Attorney Marie Mattox, who represented Davis, argued at the end of the case that even if Davis was attempting to break in to the store, the



Curtis Davis

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CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENT

Eddie Evans is candidate for county judge

Longtime prosecutor with state attorney's office is running for Wakulla County judge

By EDDIE EVANS

I am Eddie Evans, candidate for Wakulla County Judge.

The citizens of Wakulla County deserve a county judge with proven experience. Since 1992 I have served as an Assistant State Attorney, helping to keep our community safe from the most violent criminals. I began my legal career in 1991 as an intern handling cases in the same courtroom I now hope to serve you in as your county judge. After I completed my internship and graduated from Florida State University College of Law in 1992, I went to work handling misdemeanor cases in Wakulla, Franklin, and Leon counties. I was later promoted to handle felony cases and served as the chief prosecutor in Wakulla County. I now serve as General Counsel with responsibilities in all six counties of the Second Judicial Circuit including Wakulla, Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Liberty, and Leon.

My legal experience goes beyond handling criminal cases as my current duties include cases in both the criminal and civil divisions of the court.

I am a member of the Florida Bar, the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, and the Bar of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida.

During the many years I have served this com-



Eddie Evans

munity, I have helped to achieve justice in some of the most heinous and devastating criminal cases in our area. These cases include a serial killer, the killers of law enforcement officers, child murderers, and many death penalty cases and sexually violent predators.

I have tried over 100 jury trials and a great many judge trials during my time with the State Attorney's Office. And much of this experience occurred in the courtroom over which I now seek to preside as your county judge.

As a lifelong citizen of Wakulla County, I have also volunteered my time to support this community in other ways. I have served as an unpaid elected official on the Sopchoppy city council for 20 years.

I have also been a member of the Sopchoppy Volunteer Fire Department and a deacon in my church.

Over my lifetime, I have seen Wakulla County grow to include many new residents and businesses. I am proud to enjoy and share the great quality of life Wakulla County provides to us all.

I am also proud to enjoy a reputation in our community as someone who is both impartial and knowledgeable; and who also possesses a good judicial temperament. If elected as your county judge, I will work to ensure that all are treated fairly and provided with due process of law.



The crowd at the covered arena at 3Y Ranch.

PHOTOS BY RIDDHI PATEL



Sam Geiger, Desiree Gorman, Michele Calloway, Amy Geiger, Sedita Cayson, and Chris Russell.



Paul Nichols, Richard Brooke, Chris Anderson, Shane House, and Niraj Patel.

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Sheriff's Report

Activity reported from March 25 to 31:

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

- Multiple deputies responded to Newport Campground in response to a stolen vehicle being located. Upon arrival, contact was made with Robert Lane, who had warrants out of multiple counties and states. The stolen vehicle was attached to a camper trailer at the scene. While making contact and apprehending Lane, the camper door swung open from the wind and two bags of marijuana were in plain view. The camper was seized and towed to the Wakulla County Sheriff Office impound yard, awaiting search warrant. The truck was towed for holding as it was listed as stolen. Located on Robert's person were two bullets, and a small baggie containing suspected Fentanyl inside his wallet. Multiple syringes were located in the vehicle. Lane was arrested on numerous charges including possession of a weapon by a convicted felon, vehicle theft, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Lane was transported to the Wakulla County Jail without incident. Lt. Vicki Mitchell investigated.

- Deputy Tiffany Spears conducted a traffic stop on a motorcycle for tag attached not assigned. Upon contact with the driver, Christopher Kelly, it was determined he did not possess a valid driver's license. A check of Kelly's driver history showed him to have eight prior convictions for DWLSR. Kelly was arrested and transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

- Deputy Wade Wright responded to Card Lane in reference to Laura Taff causing a disturbance. Deputy Wright made contact with a very irate Laura Taff, who had reportedly busted out the windows in the residence. Taff gave Deputy Wright a "10 second" countdown after threatening to harm him. As Deputy Wright approached the upper-level porch where she was she approached with a machete in her hand. She reportedly turned towards Deputy Wright, raised the machete, and charged him. Deputy Wright was able to evade her and deployed his Taser. Taff was taken into custody without further incident and charged with aggravated assault on law enforcement officer and transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

MONDAY, MARCH 28

- Kelvin Robbins was arrested for threatening law enforcement after he called in requesting a deputy because he was jamming out and awaiting his arrival so he could "bash their head in with a baseball bat." After being taken into custody, he tried to command his dogs to attack the deputies on scene. Robbins was arrested and charged with disorderly intoxication and aggravated assault on a LEO. Deputy Tiffany Spears investigated.

- Henry Skipper reported his utility trailer had been burglarized. Taken was a Stihl backpack blower and a Stihl weed eater. Skipper advised 20 fence pickets had been taken from his property. Skipper valued all items to be approximately \$1,040. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Edwin Grove investigated.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

- Deputy Cory Smith responded the front lobby of the Sheriff's Office Annex building, in reference to a walk-in complaint. Upon arrival Deputy Smith made contact with Alice Robinson, who advised her rental car had been stolen from the Winn-Dixie parking lot in Crawfordville. The stolen vehicle was recovered at 2 a.m., at the end of Arran Strickland Road. This case has been forwarded to detectives for further investigation.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

- Asset protection staff at Walmart reported an unknown male and female passed the last point of sale in the store with unpaid merchandise. Total loss of \$60.90 was reported. Walmart staff was able to provide video footage of the incident. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Wade Wright investigated.

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WAKULLA HIGH BASEBALL

War Eagles drop a pair of games last week



By **KEITH ANDERSON**
WHS Baseball Coach

The Wakulla High Varsity Baseball team moved to 8-5 this week dropping games to North Florida Christian and Leon.

In the first game of the week, the War Eagles had a nail biter with NFC losing 5-4 in extra innings against the Ea-

gles.

Brandon Cook had another strong outing throwing 6 innings giving up 4 runs and striking out 5 while walking 1. Reid Joyner pitched in relief giving up 1 run in 2 innings and striking out 2. Levi Anderson and Colby Zinser stayed hot on the offensive side each collecting 3 hits. Centerfielder Briyaun Butler-Moore also had 2 singles.

In the Leon game, the War Eagles jumped out to an early 3-0 lead on the Lions, but the War Eagles gave up the lead in the third inning. The War Eagles cut the lead in the top of the 6th



War Eagle Levi Anderson on the mound against Leon last week.

to 10-7, but the Lions rallied in the bottom of the 6th to go ahead 15-7 and the final score would be 15-8.

The War Eagles could not overcome some defensive miscues and too many free passes from the pitching staff to keep it close. Colby Zinser continued on his tear producing 3 hits for a total of 28 hits in 13 games so far this year. Jacob Hammond added 2 hits and John Pierini chipped in a 2 RBI double.

The War Eagles will play Blountstown, Godby, and Madison next week.

Riversink Otters headed to Iowa

Odyssey of the Mind team won second place at state competition, now move on to compete at World Finals

Special to The Sun

Riversink Elementary School's Odyssey of the Mind team, also known as the Odyssey Otters, competed at the Florida Odyssey of the Mind Tournament on March 12.

They competed against 14 other teams in their division and won second place. That finish allows the team to move on to World Finals in Ames, Iowa this year.

This is the first elementary school from Wakulla County to be invited to World Finals.

The team completed the Matryoshka problem which involved building a balsa wood structure and placing weight on top until it crushes while also performing a play that included special elements that had to be used to solve the problem.

The team also competed in a spontaneous competition and earned points for most creative responses to different problems. The team received points for weight held, the play, and spontaneous for a final score.

The team has worked extremely well together, and their hard work and efforts have led to great success! Odyssey of the Mind World Finals will include teams from the United States and other countries. World Finals will be May 24-29. The team will need financial support to pay for expenses for their trip to Iowa.

If you would like to support the team, please contact Riversink Elementary School at 850-926-2664.



Daniel Colt Giddens wins oratorical contest

Special to The Sun

Riversprings Middle School student Daniel Colt Giddens won first place in the Coastal Optimist Club's annual Oratorical contest. The theme for the speeches was "Staying Optimistic in Challenging Times."

Daniel received the \$100 first place prize. He will compete in the Regional Oratorical Competition in Gulf Breeze on April 23rd. Second place went to Layla Smith who is a student at Wakulla High School. Layla received a cash prize of \$75. Winning third place and \$50 was Amelia Carter, also from Wakulla High School. All of the students also received award certificates.

The judges were Gail Quinton, Tim Roach and Jo Ann Daniels. As students win at this level they progress to more levels of competition and can win scholarship awards of up to \$27,500.

Developing good communication skills is very important in today's world. The Optimist Club appreciates the opportunity to recognize students for their academic efforts and would especially like to thank the teachers who make it possible for our students to compete.



County beach hours expanded

From Front Page

where there people night-fishing who had the law called on them for violating the hours? No, he said. "If it had never been brought up, it would never have been a problem," he said.

Merritt said he changed his mind the morning before the meeting after talking to Under-sheriff Billy Jones who told him the sheriff's office was going to enforce whatever decision commissioners reached about hours. If the hours remained sunrise to sunset, sheriff's deputies would be clearing the beach at sunset, Merritt said.

At one point, Thomas did make a substitute motion to open beaches for 24 hours, asking for commissioners to consider a limited window of six months to see how it worked. His motion died for lack of a second.

Greg Marr Jr. commented that Kemp's compromise would placate most people, but he believed you shouldn't compromise on freedom.

Karl Thomas, Commissioner

Thomas' brother, said he had confidence that the sheriff's office would control any problems and that he wanted to fish all night.

Shell Point resident John Tenewitz noted that when the county bought the beach in 1995 it promised "reasonable access" to citizens, not "unfettered access." If freedom means all-hours access to public facilities, then why not 24/7 access to the courthouse, he jokingly asked, saying there were times he'd like to stop at night and use the restroom.

In a related matter, commissioners voted to approve a letter authorizing law enforcement to warn trespassers on county property – which had been requested by the sheriff's office to deal with noise problems and other issues especially at Shell Point Beach.

Deputies had said they were sometimes hampered in dealing with individuals because they are required to first warn an individual who may be a nuisance at the beach and give them a chance to correct the problem. Under the new policy, deputies can order someone off the beach with a

no-trespass order.

The item was originally on the consent agenda and Thomas asked that it be pulled so that Marr could express concern about the potential for abuse for a citizen being told not to return to public land but hadn't broken any law. "That's a slippery slope," Marr said.

At one point in his comments explaining what led him to suggest a compromise, Kemp did show some frustration about some of Marr's comments. Kemp noted he had retired after 28 years in law enforcement and had taken an oath several times to defend the Constitution. Kemp looked at Marr as he said he defended the Constitution with his "gun and badge, not Facebook and a keyboard."

Kemp did express support, as did Merritt, to opening up fishing piers at Mashes Sands and Woolley Park and the beach at Mashes Sands to 24/7 access. But Merritt asked that they not rush into a decision, but give it time for study.

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Opinions

The Low Country Boil is always a good time



By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

Saturday was the Chamber of Commerce’s annual Low Country Boil and it is, as always, a lot of fun.

The event has become the social event of the year,

and always sells out.

Congratulations to the Chamber on another great event this year.

One of the things I’m most proud of about the staff of The Wakulla Sun is that I signed a lease on this office on Feb. 1 and we put out our first issue before Feb. 24.

In fact, amongst all the challenges we faced, actually creating a news-

paper was the easiest thing we did.

Without internet, we used our cell phones for hot spots – and also to make calls.

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

History Festival at TCC Center was successful

By **FRANK MESSERSMITH**
TCC Board

History is amazing...especially when it comes to life wrapped in the glories of Springtime in Tallahassee as it did last weekend at the first annual History Festival held at Kleman Plaza.

Along with the trees and flowers blooming, over 50 vendor tents and tables sprouted-up throughout the grounds and inside the TCC Innovation Center, and people flooded the entire area listening to guest speakers and visiting the “unusual” assortment of exhibitors/vendors.

Tallahassee Community College hosted the event as a result of a suggestion by President Jim Murdaugh, and the support of numerous “Festival Partners,” Institutions and Agencies that joined an at-large community to bring the Festival to life.

No one knew what to expect in attendance at a history festival, especially the first one, and many volunteers

showed up wondering if they were going to spend the morning just looking at each other, but all were happily rewarded to see the hundreds of attendees enjoying the festival.

The range of interest of displays and groups was impressive and fascinating. Visitors were greeted at the street entrance by a replica of a Mastodon skeleton discovered in the waters of the local Aucilla River, along with a booth of information highlighting the areas of Florida in which ancient bones and artifacts have been found.

The Wakulla Historical Society was there with pictures and information, as was the Tallahassee, Florida, Apalachicola, and Thomasville Historical Societies.

Museums were also well represented with involvement from Tallahassee, Goodwood, The Grove, Camp Gordon Johnson, Carrabelle and the Riley Center Museums.

There were numerous tents dedicated to Societies for those who

can trace their family lineage back to the Mayflower, or residency in America preceding 1701, or descendants of the American Revolution.

One tent under the banner of “Plague and Disease” received considerable attention given the last few years of the flu epidemic. Others like the St Andrew Society and the Tallahassee Genealogical Society enjoyed discussions with those wondering about their family evolutions.

The Dale Mabry Army Field Hospital Museum enjoyed a great deal of attention, as did Dr. A.J. Bricklier who spoke about the legendary Tuskegee Airmen who trained at the old Army Air Force Airfield where the TCC main campus now resides.

Given the success of the History Festival, history will repeat itself again even bigger and better next year.

Frank Messersmith is a Wakulla resident who serves as a TCC trustee.

LETTERS

It’s National Library Week

Editor, The Sun:

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is an annual observance by libraries across the country each April. National Library Week celebrations include the release of American Library Association’s State of America’s Libraries Report, April 4; National Library Workers Day, April 5; National Library Outreach Day, April 6; and Take Action for Libraries Day, April 7.

The theme for National Library Week 2022, “Connect with Your Library,” promotes the idea that libraries are places to get connected to technology by using broadband, computers, and other resources. Libraries also offer opportunities to connect with media, programs, ideas, and classes – in addition to books. Most importantly libraries also connect communities to each other. Overall, the theme is an explicit call to action – an invitation for communities to join, visit, or advocate for their local libraries.

Your Library, the Wakulla County Public Library, is an absolute treasure, in my opinion as its director, anyway. The staff, Linda Oaks, Rebecca Sahar, Heather Bryan, Roxann Dressel, Suzy Bennett, and Will Bartnick, are devoted to our community, its people, and its needs and are always ready to help you find a great book, answer a question, provide a fun program, or connect you to something that you need from other community organizations.

They are, without a doubt, the most important resource that the library has to offer.

When it comes to other resources, those add up to be quite valuable as well. The Massachusetts Library Association developed a “What’s Your Library Worth?” calculator. This calculator factors in things such as how many adult, youth, and children’s books circulated, how many DVDs and audiobooks, how many hours of free meeting room space were used, how many programs for adults and children were provided, magazines and newspapers read, and how many times was reference assistance provided. Well, we keep track of all those statistics. When I plugged these numbers into the calculator this year, our value provided to the community for the 2020-21 fiscal year (according to this calculator) totaled \$1,081,761. This amount of value was delivered when we were still experiencing lower than normal numbers due to Covid.

I am so very proud of our Library, its staff, and the wonderful community we are blessed to serve. Thank you so much to all our patrons for your continued support. We look forward to continuing to provide creative programs and services in the coming year.

Robyn Drummond

Director of Library Services
Wakulla County Public Library

Dod Walker is too divisive

Editor, The Sun:

Dod Walker is too divisive.

In response to the ‘Dod Walker is candidate for school board’ dated March 31, I would like to suggest that he apply for a job in the Brandon administration’s Department of Education where the obsession with race (read CRT curriculum) is first and foremost in policy. I believe there was a time, although it seems like long ago, where teachers were hired based

on their ability to teach and not so much on what minority category they fall into.

Mr. Walker openly boasts and devotes two paragraphs of this ‘important aspect’ in his campaign bio. It looks like Mr. Walker will use the same litmus test for teachers as President Brandon used in selecting a Supreme Court Justice. Very sad.

Tim Caldwell
Panacea

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William Snowden
Editor & Publisher
The Wakulla Sun

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◀ Question of The Week ▶

Polled at the Wakulla Chamber of Commerce's Low Country Boil: What do you like best about the Low Country Boil?



BRITTNY GODBOLT
EDEN SPRINGS

“Getting to mingle with everyone and be around people.”



LANDON TURNER
AMERICAN THREADS

“To enjoy making new connections and fellowship with other business owners.”



DALLAS MARSHALL
WAKULLA SOIL & WATER

“No matter the weather, we will be together.”



NOAH POSEY
RESTAURANTEER

“Meeting all the people, and the food is always real good!”



ERIC PFEUFER
FATHOMS STEAM ROOM

“I like all the people at the Low Country Boil and I enjoy the food, it's always really good.”

– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wakulla Station News

By **VERNA BROCK**

We at the Wakulla United Methodist Church are planning for Palm Sunday service, and Holy Week. We are commemorating Maundy Thursday and Good Friday on Thursday, April 14th, at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday we will greet the sunrise at 7:30 a.m. to rejoice in the Resurrection, followed by a continental break-

fast and Easter egg hunt for the children. There will also be a service at our regular time, 10 a.m. Please join us for these joyous celebrations!

I am so happy to report that Lyric Oaks and Ian Wickham are both progressing in their physical therapy. Please keep them, and their families, in your prayers.

Also in need of prayers are the parents of Delita Slade, whose

home was hit by lightning and lost to fire in Meridian, Mississippi.

Please be sure and send me any upcoming prayer requests, events, celebrations, and happenings you want publicized. My email is vernalsbrock@gmail.com; phone number is 850-421-3730.

Library News

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Thursday, April 7

Career Source Youth Resume Help 2pm

Kids Coding 5pm

Genealogy 6pm

Friday, April 8

VITA – Tax Prep via IFAS 9am

Quilting Guild 9:30am

Advanced Kid's Coding 4:30pm

Saturday, April 9

Zeta Phi Zeta 9am

Book Club 10:30am

Monday, April 11

Wakulla Christian Coalition 6pm

Tuesday, April 12

Book Bunch 10am

Wakulla County Historical Society 4:30pm

Tinker Tuesday 5pm

Tobacco Free Florida – Stop Smoking Class 5:30pm

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Wednesday, April 13

Book Babies 10am

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Thursday, April 14

No Programs

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4-H competes at state shotgun match

Special to The Sun

Wakulla 4-H agent Dr. Rachel Pienta announced that three Wakulla 4-H youth members represented the county Shooting Sports program at the Florida 4-H Shooting Sports Match in Jacksonville, on March 26.

“We're very proud of the hard work of our 4-H Sharpshooters Shotgun Team,” said Pienta. “These three young men invested many hours preparing to face off against the best marksmen and women across the state in their respective age divisions.”

The three men were Noah Pearson, Emiliano Cadena, and Carter Christenson.

Pearson, age 15, competed in the Senior Division. He shot his first competition at age 12 in the South Carolina 4-H Sporting Clays State Competition.

“The 4H Shooting was an amazing experience,” said Pearson. “I learned so much from my coaches and my teammates and even my competitors. It was an amazing opportunity and it was fun being able to compete again after years of not shooting with a team.”

Pearson has been involved with Wakulla 4-H since March 2021. He has served on the State Executive Board, County Council, Teen CERT, Shotgun Club, and is currently the team leader for the Disaster Buckets Community Pride Project. He has also logged several hundred hours of volunteer work with the 4-H Summer camp and 4-H Afterschool Program in Panacea.

Emiliano Cadena, age 14, competed in the In-



Wakulla 4-H members Noah Pearson, Emiliano Cadena, and Carter Christenson competed at a shotgun competition in Jacksonville.

termediate Division. Cadena, who participates in 4-H Shotgun and Air Rifle, had no prior competition experience. He began shooting clays two months prior to the competition.

“It's challenging at first but when you see the clay break it's exciting,” said Cadena. “It's a reward feeling to be part of a team. Even though it was a competition between all of us, it still felt like a brotherhood between all the competitors. We wanted to see each other do well and help one another.”

Carter Christenson, age 15, competed in the Senior Division. Christenson has been shooting clays for one year and had no prior competition experience.

“It was nerve-racking but after the first shot I was relieved of my stress,” he said.

The youth are coached by Mike Pearson and David Pienta. Coach Pearson got into coaching

shotgun in South Carolina eight years ago to promote and teach the safe handling of guns and to provide opportunities for youth to compete in this sport. The community partnered with 4-H and the local middle school to put together a team. Both of his sons participated on the team. His personal experience with firearms comes from being taught at a young age by his father about safe handling practices. Mike has additional experience as a retired South Carolina state law enforcement officer and former state instructor.

“Our youth competitors did an outstanding job at the competition last weekend,” said Pearson. “It was the first time for two of them to compete, they gained a lot of experience and pulled together as a team to learn from each other as the day progressed. I am very proud of all of them and look forward to the next competition.”

Coach David Pienta explained his motivation to coach, “I have loved shooting sports all my life. I am an NRA pistol instructor, CJSTC (law enforcement) firearms instructor. I was on air rifle team in high school my senior year. When the opportunity to stay involved in shooting sports came, I jumped on it.”

Wakulla 4-H started offering a Shooting Sports program in September 2018. Since that time, the 4-H program has received over \$30,000 in equipment grants from the Friends of the NRA Foundation. These grants have provided range and safety equipment that have allowed Wakulla 4-H to provide youth with experience in sporting clays, skeet, trap, air rifle, and archery. For more information on the 4-H Shooting Sports program or other 4-H programs, please email Dr. Pienta at r.pienta@ufl.edu or call 850-926-3931.

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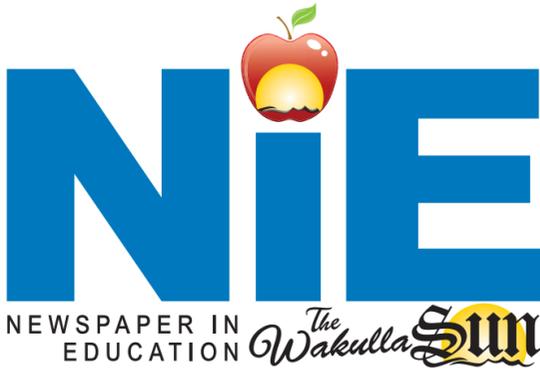
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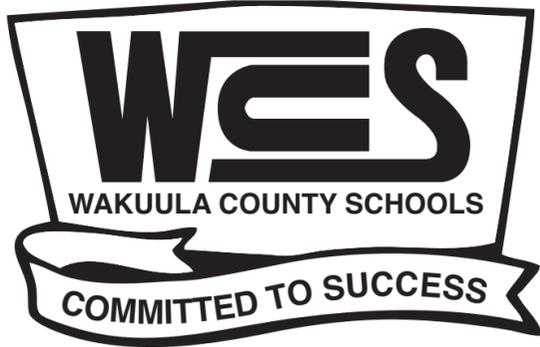
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Holocaust Remembrance week

By JODI PUSHKIN

President Florida Press Educational Services

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

The local newspaper is a great teaching tool to engage your students in civics education. Did you know that more than 60 percent of people with high exposure to newspapers in childhood are regular readers of newspapers as adults, according to a study conducted for the News Media Alliance, former Newspaper Association of America Foundation?

That percentage is significant because statistically people who read the newspaper daily are more engaged citizens. Engaged citizens participate in their communities by voting and practicing good citizenship.

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

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

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

Florida's Holocaust Mandate

In 1994, the Florida Legislature passed the Holocaust Education Bill (SB 660) which amends Section 233.061 of the Florida Statutes (Chapter 94-14, Laws of Florida), relating to required instruction. The law requires all school districts to incorporate lessons on the Holocaust as part of public school instruction. The statute reads as follows: Florida Statute 1003.42(f) The history of the Holocaust (1933-1945), the systematic planned annihilation of European Jews and other groups by Nazi Germany, a watershed event in the history of humanity, to be taught in a manner that leads to an investigation of human behavior, an understanding of the ramifications of prejudice, racism, and stereotyping, and an examination of what it means to be a responsible and respectful person, for the purposes of encouraging tolerance of diversity in a pluralistic society and for nurturing and protecting democratic values and institutions.

To learn more about Florida's NIE programs, visit the Florida Press Educational Services (FPES) website at www.fpesnie.org.

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Never again

From the perspective of someone living in the United States in 2022, the actions that took place during the Holocaust seem outrageous. Looking at the history of the Holocaust from the perspective of time, one can confidently utter the words "never again." You may think that the factors that allowed the Holocaust to happen were unique to that time in history and to that part of the world. They are not.

- Research the history of the genocides that have taken place in the world since 1945. Find out the causes of the genocides and the number and type of people affected. Acts of hate and intolerance persist throughout the world and within our communities today.

- Look through the newspaper for an article focusing on prejudice and hate. Briefly summarize the article. In small groups, share your articles. As a group, decide how the negative events in the article could have been prevented.

- In Diary 94, a Freedom Writer argues that people should "rock the boat" and "speak out" when they witness an injustice. Have you observed an unjust action or behavior? What did you do? If you could go back in time and revisit that moment, would you handle it differently? Why, do you believe, is it sometimes difficult for people to speak out or act against wrongdoing?

Source: Freedom Writers Foundation

Repeating the past

Author George Santayana wrote, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." What does this phrase mean? Discuss this idea with your class. Using words and pictures from the newspaper, create a collage to make a connection between "then" and "now." Images and metaphors should express feelings and attitudes as well as behaviors and events. The overall effect should reflect your viewpoint on whether the present world has learned the lessons of history. You may focus on only one theme or on several issues that you find particularly relevant to your own life. In your journal, discuss your thoughts about the class discussion.

Indifference

Author Cynthia Ozick writes, "Indifference is not so much a gesture of looking away – of choosing to be passive – as it is an active disinclination to feel." A bystander is someone who sees an act but turns away from helping. During Hitler's reign of terror many residents living near

concentration camps and killing centers claimed to not be aware of what was happening. There were many bystanders who saw the smoke from the crematoriums and who saw innocent men, women and children gunned down in the streets by the police killing squads. Do you know what is happening in your neighborhood? Look for articles of crimes in different towns and counties in the newspaper. You can check the police logs in the newspaper regional sections. In your journal, list the name of the town and county and what crimes have occurred. Update this list daily for two weeks. Were there bystanders to these events? What would you have done if you had witnessed these actions?

Racism

According to the British Broadcasting Company, "The Nazis, obsessed with the notion of creating a 'biologically pure, Aryan' society, deliberately targeted Jewish children for destruction, in order to prevent the growth of a new generation of Jews in Europe." One of the reasons the Holocaust happened because Hitler and the Nazis were racist. They believed the German people were a "master race" who were superior to others.

Racism, stereotypes, discrimination and prejudice go hand in hand and are prevalent in present society. Look through the newspaper. Find articles depicting stereotypes, discrimination or prejudice. Choose one of these articles and summarize it in your notebook. Also, include your reaction and opinion of the story and what you could do to prevent the situation in the story. Share the article and your views with your class.

Heroes and heroism

A hero is a person noted for feats of courage or nobility of purpose, especially one who has risked or sacrificed his or her life. Author Ervin Staub wrote, "Heroes evolve; they aren't born." Peter Garrett, lead singer for Australia's Midnight Oil defines a hero as having a "core set of values which include thinking about and doing things for others; self belief without boasting; the capacity to accept setbacks without giving in; and a sense of humility."

What is a hero? On a piece of paper, define what a hero is to you. Look for examples of everyday heroes in the newspaper. Create a chart listing the heroes and their attributes. Share your thoughts and what you have learned with your class.



U.S. FACT:

FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS, WHAT COLORS HAVE BEEN THE MOST POPULAR FOR VEHICLES IN THE U.S.?

ANSWER: WHITE OR SILVER

Car Word Find

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

AUTOMOBILE	DRIVE	SAFETY
BRAKE	EXHAUST	SIGNAL
CAR	MIRROR	STEERING
CAR WASH	MOVING	TRAVEL

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Automotive Scramble

Unscramble the words to complete the sentences.

1. When you need to back up a car you shift it into R E R V E E S.
2. The U K R N T is a place to store your belongings in a car.
3. There are ways to reduce the amount of E L U E a car will burn.
4. Car repairs should be directed to a professional automotive C C I M E N A H.

THIS DAY IN...

April 6

HISTORY

- 1830: JOSEPH SMITH FOUNDED THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS.
- 1862: THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR'S BATTLE OF SHILOH BEGAN.
- 1909: MATTHEW HENSON AND ROBERT PEARY WERE THE FIRST TO REACH THE NORTH POLE.

new word

transmission

sends power from the engine to the wheels of a car

How they SAY it in...

ENGLISH: Tire

SPANISH: Llantas

ITALIAN: Pneumatico

FRENCH: Pneu

GERMAN: Autoreifen

Did You Know?

THE FIRST CARS INVENTED DID NOT HAVE STEERING WHEELS. PEOPLE DROVE AND CHANGED DIRECTION BY USING A LEVER.

get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture featured here is?

ANSWER: CAR TIRE AND HUBCAP

Jesus suffered physically and emotionally on Good Friday



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

When was the last time you thought about how much Jesus suffered physically – and emotionally – in the days before His crucifixion?

In Mark 14 (AMPC), Jesus (the night before He would die for

our sins), was “struck with terror,” and His soul was “overwhelmed with grief – so that it almost kills Me!” Dreading what lay ahead, He pleaded, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done” (Luke 22:42 ESV).

He prayed with so much anguish that “His sweat became like great clots of blood” (Luke 22:44 AMPC).

His emotions were real. Raw. Intense.

A short time later, Jesus was betrayed by Judas (one of His own disciples) and arrested. His closest friends deserted Him, afraid

they’d also be arrested (Mark 14).

Read (and think about) how the guards mocked Jesus and spat upon Him – repeatedly. How they wove a crown of thorns and shoved it on His head. How they struck Jesus, causing the thorns to penetrate deeper into His scalp. Notice how the guards punched Jesus (God!) with their fists and slapped His face again and again. How false witnesses lied about Him.

“And when they had bound Jesus, they took Him away [violently] and handed Him over to Pilate” who had Jesus scourged (Mark

15:1, 15 AMPC). They beat Him with a whip containing sharp pieces of bone and metal designed to rip as much flesh as possible.

And then they crucified Jesus. They pounded nails through His hands (or wrists) and feet and hung Him, naked, on a cross. He hung there, in excruciating pain, for hours until He died. For us – for you. (Luke 23).

It’s hard to perceive the extent of the agony and humiliation Jesus endured under such brutality.

In His humanity, Jesus, the Son of God, our Savior, felt each slap, each insult, each

thorn, each swing of the whip, each nail. He endured the suffering of hanging on the cross and struggling for every breath as He scraped His raw back up and down on the rough wooden cross. Though He was God in the flesh, His “God-ness” didn’t spare Him a second of the torture.

Not even the worst moment. When our wretched, putrid sins were placed on Jesus, God (the Father), turned His face away. “My God, my God,” Jesus cried in agony, “why have you forsaken me?” (Mark 15:34 ESV). We’ll never know how incredibly alone He felt at that

moment.

Jesus did nothing to deserve the shame, suffering and sorrow He endured.

And we did nothing to deserve His willingness to endure that shame, suffering and sorrow.

But I’m eternally thankful He did. Aren’t you?

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Obituaries



Norma Jean Johnson

Norma Jean Johnson, 86, of Craw-

fordville, Florida passed away at home on March 29, 2022.

She and her husband, Jake moved to Jupiter, Florida in 1975, after his retirement from the U.S. Air Force. She worked for the Jupiter School Board. She moved to Crawfordville four years ago and enjoyed reading, puzzles and spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughters, Terry Smith (Ray) and Cristine Cornelius; her sister, Helen Kasecamp; eight grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Norma was predeceased by her husband of 63 years, Willard “Jake” Johnson; and her son, Dennis Johnson.

The family will have a memorial service for their loved one at a later date. Norma’s final resting place will be with her husband at Rocky Gap Veterans Cemetery in Cumberland, Maryland.

Skip & Trey Young with Family Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements (850-926-5919, www.familyfhc.com).

DEATH NOTICES

• Charlise Mable Ouzts Gilles, 86, of St. Marks, died April 1, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• Waviel Howard Porter, Sr., 75, of Woodville, died April 2, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

No damages in lawsuit over 2011 shooting

From Front Page

shooting by Whaley was not justified and represented a use of excessive force. Davis was 25 years old at the time of the shooting, he is now 36, and had a criminal history that included 14 felony convictions.

Attorney Dawn Whitehurst of the Sniffen and Spellman law firm which represented the sheriff’s office, contended the case was really about choices made by Curtis Davis: he dressed in dark clothes and left his mother’s house and walked two miles to the convenience store where he intended to break-in to the convenience store and steal cigarettes. “Before he left the house, he chose to take a hammer... also took a screwdriver and a long piece of metal rebar and put it in a duffel bag,” Whitehurst told the jury in her opening statement on Tuesday.

Davis was using the screwdriver and hammer to pound on the store’s lock and it was heard by a neighbor



Former deputy Lorne Whaley was sued for the shooting of Curtis Davis during a 2011 attempted break-in of a Crawfordville convenience store.

who lived across the street and who called 911. Deputies Whaley and John Zarate arrived moments later, while the citizen was still on the 911 call with dispatch. Davis had hidden on the south side of the building in some bushes and the caller heard yelling and then a series of shots.

When Davis stood up, Whaley reportedly reacted by telling him to get down, show his hands. “But Curtis Davis chose not to comply,” Whitehurst told jurors.

During testimony, Whaley indicated he saw something in Da-

vis’ right hand – a long screwdriver – that he thought might be a weapon.

The sheriff at the time was Donnie Crum, and he and then-undersheriff Maurice Langston showed up at the scene of the shooting to investigate.

Whaley retired from the sheriff’s office in October 2016 when Charlie Creel was sheriff, and when Jared Miller had won election to office. Whaley has since worked in the trucking industry and has a food truck.

Jury selection was held on Monday, and after a panel was chosen, Wakulla Circuit Judge Ron Flury, who presided over the trial, sent jurors home because water was out at the courthouse due to a leak. Porta-potties had been brought to the courthouse until water service was restored.

After a week of testimony, jurors got the case on Friday afternoon around 5 p.m. It took them only a few minutes to make their decision.

Murals on Mount Beasor Bridge

From Front Page

mural, if she could paint over the mural and graffiti – and she was given the green light to do so. Martin initially decided to paint the entire bridge green; however, she eventually turned the project into a community effort where many individuals and families painted a section of the bridge. Nelson said the project “gets a lot of people involved.”

Though there was some pushback to painting the bridge, the majority of the response to the art panels has been positive. “People love it. Its something that means something to them,” said Martin.

The images portrayed within the panels reflect a variety of nature-based influences and the stories of the artists themselves. Martin’s mother Gloria Jackson said, “I think it’s good that everyone got to do their own thing.” Martin and Jackson both noted how the painting of the panels on Mt. Beasor Bridge has become a family affair for them and others.

Some of the art by Martin’s family includes her self-described whimsical river goddess and manatee, one of her grandson’s

mountains, Nelson’s panther and yellow fly, Jackson’s alligator and turtles, and more.

Sopchoppy resident Sandy Tedder has already painted a panel on the bridge. Tedder’s hobby of creating pottery that incorporates animal tracks inspired her to paint tracks, like those made by bears and turkeys, going through her assigned panel on the bridge. In regard to all the artwork on the bridge, she said “it is really something else to behold.”

Sharon O’Hearn, who moved to Sopchoppy a couple years ago with her husband, said, “We just fell in love with this area and everything it had to offer.” When the two found out that the bridge painting was going to be a community effort, they wanted to join in. Together, they painted an image that reflects the local area including a sun, the Sopchoppy River, and blooming yellow flowers – and they hope to complete another panel in the future. “I do think this is good for the community,” said O’Hearn, who finds the murals welcoming.

Other images painted on the bridge include a tribute to the local mullet fishing industry, the St. Marks Lighthouse, a woodpecker and cy-

press trees, a dog jumping off the bridge and into the river, and more. Artists of these paintings span generations and include kids, families, and professionals.

Martin said the bridge, including the painted panels, needs to be continuously maintained to ensure it remains in the best possible condition. She said the paintings can be changed over time by those who adopted the panels, and Nelson called the project “ever-evolving.”

The collection of art panels on Mount Beasor Bridge reflect nature and community stories, and it is one of the murals that can be found in Sopchoppy. “I think murals bring people to towns,” said Martin. “Maybe it’s the start of more murals being done around here.”



Thomas

Distinguished Gentleman

Thomas is a domestic shorthair and a very distinguished gentleman. He’s estimated to be about 2-3 years old. He has many great qualities that suite him for inside kitty life. He loves to be a lap cat and be surrounded by his people. He also loves other animals. Thomas is FIV positive but this does not mean that he is “unadoptable”.

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One of the murals on the Mount Beasor Bridge.

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HOME ON THE RANGE

'A gun that will never jam'



By MARJ LAW

One of my new Wakulla County Sheriff's Office gun range friends is about to purchase her very first gun.

"I'm looking for a revolver," she explains.

"Really?" I ask. "Why are you specifying that you prefer a revolver?"

"Oh," she begins, "Everyone knows a revolver is a super easy gun to shoot because all you do is point and shoot. The best part is that it will never ever jam. That's why I'm looking to buy a Taurus 992 Tracker."

"I see," I reply. "Were you thinking of the Tracker 992 with a 4-inch barrel or a 6.5-inch barrel?"

"Oh!" She thinks for a moment. "I didn't know there was one with a 6.5-inch barrel too. The one I was looking at had a 4-inch barrel. I think that will be best because

if I have to, I can carry it in my purse. It is a bit big and heavy for a purse, but most of the time it will be beside my bed or in my car if I travel."

"Do you know the weight and the length of the Tracker? Are you sure it will be short enough to carry in your purse?"

"Well, it does weigh more than 2 pounds. It weighs 45.4 ounces when it's loaded. That's a smidge more than 2 pounds. Yes, it's a little heavier than I'd like, but it won't be in the purse most of the time, so that's about 1/3 of the time."

"Is your purse big enough for the total 8.8-inches of the gun?" I ask.

"Yes!" She sounds excited. "When I was in the store, they let me try to get it in my purse, and I could. And there was still room for my wallet, two lipsticks, glasses, pen, round breath mints, Kleenex, hand sanitizer, gum, key ring, cell phone and so much more. Okay, maybe it is a tight squeeze, but it works for me!"

"Tell me more about this gun," I encourage.

"My big deal with the Tracker is that it holds nine rounds. I've been looking at revolvers, but the rest of them seem to have only five or six rounds. What if I were to



miss Mr. Bad? If I've got the Tracker, I've got a full nine rounds. I like that. It makes me feel safer."

"Yes, I can see you'd prefer the nine rounds. What else do you like about the Tracker?"

"Well, it's stainless steel. They said it comes blued also, but I like stainless because then you know when it is dirty and needs cleaning. Also it has, get this, rubber grips!"

"Ha! You don't mean rubber grips do you?"

"Nope! They are rubber. That's a rubber material with lots of ribs. That's why they call them rubber grips. Down here in Florida, your hands get sweaty, so these grips will allow a firm hold."

"You're right. A good grip is very important. What else do you like?"

"Did you know that Taurus gives this gun a lifetime guarantee? That's like forever!"

"Forever's a long time," I agree.

"Yep. And did you know it's got two cylinders? It can be either a .22 LR or a .22 Magnum! That's important because my husband Billy says a .22 is just a pea shooter. But a .22 Magnum? He says it's got almost as much power as a .380 and that the Magnum has a flatter trajectory, too! I'll figure out what that means when I get it.

And the salesman

showed me how easy it is to switch from one cylinder to another. Just press a button. The sales guy told me that in the past you needed tools to switch from one cylinder to the other, but in the Tracker you press a button. I think I could do that no sweat!

Also, I can practice with the less expensive .22 LR rounds. Ammunition is pretty expensive. So I'll practice with the .22 LR and load it with the .22 Magnum rounds when I want protection."

"Have you had a chance to shoot a Tracker like this 992 that you plan on purchasing?"

"No, but the salesman said the trigger is sturdy."

"Okay. Did he specify how light?"

"Yes. He said it is a 6.7-pound trigger pull."

"Is that in single action or double action?" I ask.

"What's the difference?" she asks.

"Single or double action refers to what job you are asking the trigger to do. If it only has to release the hammer so the gun can fire, that's one job and we call that single action(SA). If the trigger as to first cock the hammer and then release it, you are asking the trigger to perform 2 jobs. That's double action(DA). When the trigger has to work harder, it's going to be more difficult to pull."

"Oh. I don't know."

"That's all right. We can look it up."

We find Robert Sadowski in Gun Tests agrees that the Tracker's trigger pull in SA is about 6.7 pounds. I wouldn't say that's heavy, but it's not light, either.

However, and this is a big however, in double action, he tests trigger pull of the Tracker to be 15 pounds.

Fifteen pounds! For a sturdy man with big hands, this is a very firm trigger pull. For me, 15 pounds means I'll probably have to put my left finger over my right index finger to be able to pull the trigger. If I can do it at all.

Since I don't think I can manage that double action, I'd have to cock the hammer first to put the gun in single action. Then, like Robert says, trigger pull will be about 6.7 pounds. I can manage that.

Now, when Mr. Bad comes to the door, I want to point and shoot, just like this young lady plans to do. The question is, will she (and would I) remember to cock the hammer each and every time we pull the trigger?

"I'm not so sure I could pull a hard trigger. And if Mr. Bad is at the door, I want the peace of mind to know I can pull that trigger several times. Dang. This Tracker seemed like such an easy solution."

"Were you planning on having a holster for your Tracker? This will take up more room in your purse."

"Um. Well, then it might not fit. I might not need a holster."

"One of your first concerns about your new gun is that it will 'never jam.' What about when a used gum wrapper in your purse gets stuck in the hammer? What if some small debris gets caught between the cylinder and the frame of your gun so the cylinder doesn't rotate correctly? Is there really such a thing as a gun that will never jam?"

Newbie looks discouraged.

"There's a lot to think about. Maybe I'll read up some more before buying a gun."

"Some ranges allow you to rent guns. This way, you'll find out how the gun works first-hand. Then you'll feel more secure about buying your first gun."

"Come out to the WCSO range about 10 on Wednesdays. We're usually there. It's a great way to see how different guns work. This may help you decide what's best for you."

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



ATLANTIC STINGRAY
(*Dasyatis Sabina*)

Stringrays are best known for their whip-like tail armed with venomous spines. When threatened, they lash their tail to jab at the attacker. Poison from glands along the grooves on each side of the spines flows into the wounds. Stingrays are not aggressive and will swim quickly away if you shuffle your feet slowly forward when entering the water. They lie on the bottom almost covered in sand or mud. Here they forage for worms, small clams, and shrimp.

Eukarya, Animalia, Cordata, Elasmobranchiomorph, Rajiformes, Dasyatida



BIRDING AT THE REFUGE

Birding in the rain at the refuge

By DON MORROW

I headed down to St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge to take advantage of what looked like it could be a significant Spring Migration Event.

A strong cold front with a long trailing tail that hung down into the Gulf was coming through the refuge in mid-morning. The Windstream map had showed that the previous day's winds coming off Mexico's Yucatan peninsula had been favorable for migrant birds to launch after sunset. It's about a 600 mile flight and I was hoping that songbirds would be pushed eastward by the front and run into it just before they made landfall in late morning. This would

cause them to seek the first available landfall at St. Marks NWR.

The frontal passage might also affect other birds. Long-jumping shorebirds coming up from South America and seabirds from out in the Gulf; petrels, shearwaters and frigatebirds. All might be pushed into the refuge by the winds.

This was my operating fantasy and reason enough to don a full rain suit and drive down to the refuge in order to be in place near the lighthouse when birds would presumably start dropping in like confetti. A tornado watch was in effect, so I waited until the radar showed that the worst of the front had passed.

Squall lines were still

moving through as I drove toward the lighthouse and the wind was gusting to 35 mph. I could see gulls, terns and shorebirds on the partially-flooded salt flats and stopped to look. I couldn't see through the side window and I rolled it down.

There were Laughing & Bonaparte's Gulls, Royal, Forster's & Caspian Terns, Western Sandpipers, Ruddy Turnstones, Willets and Dunlin.

A wind gust came through and the gulls and terns fluttered up and landed. In the group there was a medium-sized tern that showed a pale pink belly and breast.

The thing is, there are not supposed to be any medium-sized pink terns

in North America.

I quickly rolled up my window, jumped out of the car and set up my scope under the raised back gate of my SUV. The medium-sized tern had a black crown, bill and legs, and a pale gray mantle, but was now completely white underneath.

As I watched, it would stretch or bend and flash pink. I cranked up the power on my scope and saw a yellow tip on the black bill, a diagnostic characteristic for Sandwich Tern. It turns out that Sandwich Terns can show a rosy flush in Spring plumage, but I've never seen this in my last 10,000 sightings of this species.

I spent two hours birding in the rain at

the lighthouse. I was glad that I was wearing a rain suit. There were no seabirds, only pelicans and cormorants. There were no waves of incoming migrants, dropping like confetti.

I decided to walk the Tower Pond Trail and found a Summer Tanager, which had probably come in on the front. There were a few other birds that might have been incoming migrants, Yellow-throated and Palm Warblers, but nothing exciting.

In late afternoon as I headed out of the refuge, an Indigo Bunting flew across the road. I stopped to walk at the Double Bridges in order to check for other migrants.

At first, it was an avi-

an desert. Totally birdless. I had walked all the way to one end and was coming back when I saw a quick movement in the shrubs along the road. Then, in my last 10 minutes of birding for the day, I added Hooded, Prothonotary & Black-and-white Warbler, as well as, Northern Parula and Northern Waterthrush.

In the end, it wasn't a major Spring Migration Event, but I got some good birds and even a pink Sandwich Tern. I consider it a dress rehearsal for the next Spring storm.

Get ready to come down to St. Marks. There's a storm forecast to hit on Tuesday and I'm feeling lucky.

Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water

Local writers share their experiences

Thursday 7	
Sun rise/set 7:18AM 7:59PM	Moon rise/set 11:26AM 1:18AM
Moon Illumination 34%	
Friday 8	
Sun rise/set 7:17AM 7:59PM	Moon rise/set 12:16PM 2:11AM
Moon Illumination 43%	
Saturday 9	
Sun rise/set 7:16AM 8:00PM	Moon rise/set 1:10PM 3:00AM
Moon Illumination 52%	
Sunday 10	
Sun rise/set 7:15AM 8:01PM	Moon rise/set 2:07PM 3:45AM
Moon Illumination 62%	
Monday 11	
Sun rise/set 7:13AM 8:01PM	Moon rise/set 3:06PM 4:25AM
Moon Illumination 71%	
Tuesday 12	
Sun rise/set 7:12AM 8:02PM	Moon rise/set 4:05PM 5:01AM
Moon Illumination 80%	
Wednesday 13	
Sun rise/set 7:11AM 8:02PM	Moon rise/set 5:05PM 5:35AM
Moon Illumination 87%	

Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

April 7 - April 13

Tide charts by tides4fishing.com

Best fishing days this month
April 1-16, 30

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				City of St. Marks				Shell Point, Spring Creek						
Th	12:36 am ▼ 0.2 ft	7:25 am ▲ 2.3 ft	11:38 am ▼ 1.7 ft	5:22 pm ▲ 3.2 ft	Th	1:40 am ▼ 0.2 ft	8:01 am ▲ 2.1 ft	12:42 pm ▼ 1.5 ft	5:58 pm ▲ 3.0 ft	Th	12:58 am ▼ 0.1 ft	7:35 am ▲ 2.5 ft	12:04 pm ▼ 1.7 ft	5:48 pm ▲ 3.3 ft
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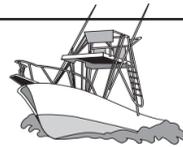


Coast Guard Auxiliaries on ATON Verification Patrol on Saturday, April 2.



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



Being the eastern-most area in our district has not prevented many of our members from getting involved in Auxiliary work on many levels. The following information and image comes from member Bob Asztalos.

On April 2, member Bob Asztalos conducted an ATON Verifier Class at the ANT Team Building on Coast Guard Station PC from noon to 1700. We went through classroom study to 1700, grabbed a team dinner, and then from 1830 to 2000 we conducted daytime and nighttime ATON Verification patrols of the Navy Base and Sulfur Point Channels and a bridge verification of the Hathaway Bridge in St Andrews Bay. The active-duty ANT team chief and his crew took us out on the ANT Team Small Boat. 9 students completed the course.

This information comes from Duane Treadon.

There are two national Auxiliary conferences held each year, NACON (National Auxiliary Conference) and NTRAIN (National Training Conference). NTRAIN is an

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opportunity for primarily District staff from across the US to gather and get advance training in their program areas. After being postponed in January, NTRAIN 2022 was held March 21-26 in St. Louis, MO. Member Duane Treadon was invited to attend NTRAIN and participate in the Emergency Management (EM) track of training. He was also a presenter during a session on situational awareness where he discussed a GIS based EM dashboard he developed for use during natural or human made disasters.

In addition to the EM training track, NTRAIN offered tracks on Vessel Examinations, AUX Clergy, Information Systems and other program areas. While the various training tracks for staff are going on, senior leadership of the Aux-

iliary meet with active Coast Guard staff from headquarters in D.C. and various Director of fices across the country, where they discuss the direction of the Auxiliary and how members can best support the missions of the Coast Guard.

A highlight of the weeks training was a talk given by the Commandant of the Coast Guard Admiral Schultz. During his time addressing the attendees he talked of the strong support and services that the Auxiliary provides to the Coast Guard reinforcing the concept of the Auxiliary being a force multiplier for the Coast Guard. The service of members allows for active-duty to spend more time training and responding to critical mission tasks. The Auxiliary support comes

from routine office work to providing instructors for active-duty courses and crew augmentation.

Bravo Zulu to all who go the extra mile to further the mission of the Auxiliary!

Thanks to Sherrie, we will always remember safe boating is no accident!

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

Enhanced certification.

Hello Wakulla.

Let's look at how you can enhance your scuba skills beyond your Open Water certification. As I stated in my last column, various agencies have different ideas on what you need to further you're under water experience. The basic progression from open water certification is to the advanced level.

The advanced certification gives you the opportunity to continue on with what you have learned from your open water cert. It may sound intimidating but it's not, it gives you the opportunity to get more diving and enhance your knowledge and skills.

For the advanced certification you are required to be 15 years or older, open water certified / Jr. Open water 10-14 accompanied by a parent or guardian.

In the advanced course you will be required to make (6) dives, (3) required dives; (1) navigation (use of a compass under water), (1) night dive, and (1) deep dive (below 80 feet) not to exceed 130 feet.

Now the other (3) dives that are given (my personal favorites); (1) boat diving, (1) intro into wreck diving (no penetration), and (1) Eco or under water marine life observation. There are a few more to choose from but I would like to touch on the required dives.

The deep dive; that sounds scary but it's not if you are properly trained on what to look for as you descend into the abyss. When you took your open water I hope your instructor really focused on the physics and physiological aspect of diving. The physics help you deal with the pressures at the various depths and the physiological deals with your body's reaction to those pressures at different depths. When you're dealing with 4-5 atmospheres below it sounds scary but in all honesty you really don't notice any change in pressure (once you have gone deeper than 70-80 feet your ears will generally clear on their own), the thing you need to watch for is the narcosis. The way I train my advance students to keep most of the effects of narcosis away is to do simple math problems once they get past 60 feet.

Before you are aware of it you're at 100-130 feet and then you need to monitor your gas, bottom time, and O2 levels (if you're using 32% Nitrox). It's that simple and fun especially if you go to PCB and dive the Accokeek or the twin tugs, both are in 110 feet of water.

You can also go diving on several of the bridge spans that used to be the old Hathaway Bridge that connected Panama City beach to the mainland. Several of those are in 80-100 feet of water.

Intro into wreck diving; this one is especially fun because of the various types of wrecks that are available in the Gulf around Panama City. With this specialty you will have the opportunity to see the parts of a large boat that is sitting at the bottom of the ocean like you've not seen before. My advice is to look online and go to one of the several dive shops websites in PCB and go on the "Florida Panhandle Shipwreck Trail". It consists of (12) unique shipwrecks along Florida's Panhandle.

*Florida's Panhandle Shipwreck Trail website. Next column we will discuss the "Night dive" Until then leave nothing but bubbles.

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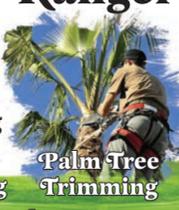
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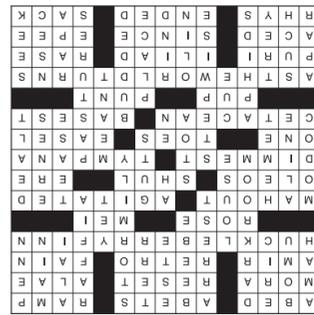
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 20. Twain hero
 23. Came up
 24. Japanese apricot
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 28. Physically disturbed
 33. Margarines
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 35. Before
 36. Least bright
 38. Middle ears
 41. The smallest whole number
 42. Foot digits
 44. Tripod
 45. Aquatic mammal order
 48. The lowest form
 49. Young canine
 50. Football kick
 51. Long time soap opera
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 60. Homer epic
 61. Tear down

62. Breezed through
 63. From a time
 64. Fencing sword
 65. “Match Point” actor Jonathan ____ Meyers
 66. Brought to a conclusion
 67. Grocery bag

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 3. ____ Clapton, musician
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 5. Take a criminal into custody
 6. Charles William ____, Am. naturalist
 7. This (Spanish)
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 9. In an inclement way
 10. Palm tree leaf fibers
 11. Jai __, sport
 12. A very large body of water
 13. Sean __, actor
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 34. Greek porch
 37. Proceeding in small stages
 39. Implied
 40. Grazing areas
 43. 1/2 the width of an em
 46. Plant louses
 47. Prompting signal
 48. In a way, developed
 50. Topographic point
 51. Three-banded armadillo
 52. Extreme in degree or quality
 53. Card in a deck having three spots
 54. C. ____ Ball: cancer scientist
 55. Hard outer food layer
 56. ____ Nui, Easter Island
 57. One billionth of a second (abbr.)
 58. Try to locate



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Studio 88 travels to dance competition at Disney

By **KRYSTAL SHEPPARD**
Reporter

The competition dancers from Studio 88 Dance Productions of Crawfordville had the honor of performing on the Disney stage last week on Friday, March 25. Dancers from little, junior and teen companies performed on the Waterside Stage at Disney Springs, where they dazzled an international audience with their stunning performance. As part of Disney's Imagination Campus program, the dancers were able to experience what it's like to be a Disney entertainment professional, both on and off stage. Dancers were taken by charter bus to the Disney Performing Arts building, where they met Disney cast members and were given time to practice and rehearse in the Disney facility before stepping into the spotlight for a stunning show. Dressed adorably in matching costumes of Studio 88 leotards, tutu shorts and sparkling rhinestone jewelry, dancers performed a sampling of the dances they will perform at their upcoming competitions.

Studio owner and dance instructor Lauren Holley said "Seeing my students shine on stage brings so much joy to my heart. I couldn't be more proud of their magical performance at Disney World!"

Disney's Imagination Campus not only provided the dancers with an experience of a lifetime, but the dancers also received special souvenirs that can't be purchased in any of the parks, and they were awarded a Disney trophy for their excellent performance.

This season's competitions will include the Inspire National Dance Competition at the Dothan Civic Center in Dothan, Alabama on April

8-10th and the VIP Dance Regional Dance Competition at the Osceola Performing Arts Center in Orlando, Florida the weekend of May 20-22nd.

The annual recital for all Studio 88 dancers, including both recreational and competition dancers, is scheduled for June 18 and will be held at Tallahassee Community College.

Studio 88 also offers summer dance classes. Summer classes will include options for Ballet, Tap and Jazz for ages 18 months to 8 years, Hip Hop for dancers 5 to 8 as well as Jazz and Contemporary for dancers 9 to 18 years old.

Studio 88 Dance Productions is a platinum award-winning dance studio that helps young dancers discover their full potential and develop their love for dance. If you know a young local dancer, nine or older, who is interested in joining the Studio 88 competition team, an audition will be held on April 15, 2022 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at 12 Towles Road in Crawfordville. Dancers will be selected to join the team for next dance season, which begins with the new school year in August. Audition requirements include a head shot, black leggings, black sports bra or leotard, tan tights and jazz shoes.

For next dance season junior and teen company dancers already have big plans to attend a workshop at the Broadway Dance Center in New York City in December. Dancers will participate in a workshop and they will have the opportunity to learn from the famous dancers, The Rockettes. They will also perform on a Broadway stage and in Times Square. It will certainly be another experience of a lifetime, and all the dancers and instructor's are very excited!

Contact the studio at (850) 926-6088 for more information.



Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart. – Elizabeth Andrew

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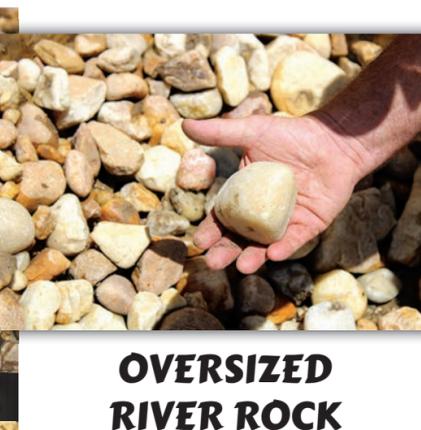
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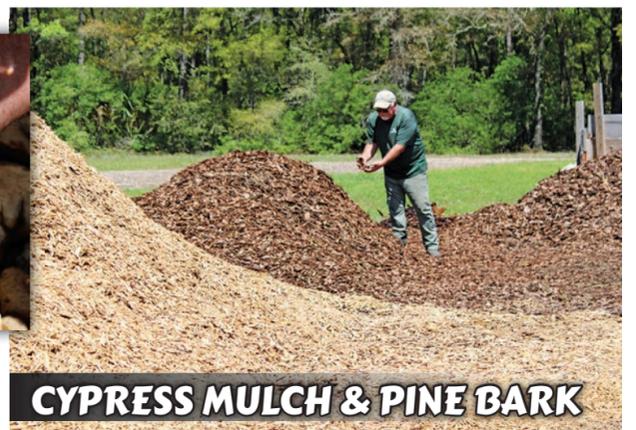
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