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The Wakulla SWM



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Board to end airport maintenance

After Tarpine homeowners vote to reject airport offer, commissioners vote to end airport maintenance agreement

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN Editor

Wakulla County commissioners voted unanimously to end the maintenance agreement for the Wakulla Airport after the Tarpine Homeowners Association voted last week to reject the county's offer to give the HOA the airport.

The Tarpine HOA did not officially notify the county of its decision until earlier on Monday, April 18, prompting the commission to have an add-on item to its agenda to end the maintenance agreement for its meeting later that day.

Tarpine rejected the airport offer because, according to the letter sent to the county, operating the airport requires access to "grant assurances, grant funding, and other protections that only a government entity can provide."

The HOA asked the county to help it become an entity with some lawful capacity to successfully operate the airport - as a Dependent Special District that would be under the county government, as an Independent Special District which would have independent taxing authority and would require action by the Florida Legislature. Three times the county went to the Legislature with such a bill and it never gained any traction.

A third option, the letter suggests, is a special use district for a local, special-purpose government entity intended to operate and maintain community-wide improvements in planned communities.

The Wakulla Airport is little more than a grass airstrip near Ochlockonee Bay. Tarpine is the fly-in residential community around the airport.

Steve Fults, treasurer of the HOA, asked county commissioners at their meeting why the rush to

end the maintenance agreement? The lack of notice for the agenda item and taking quick action give it "the appearance of trying to ramrod something through," Fults complained.

He later asked if the board intended to follow the terms of the contract: submitting a certified letter giving notice that the county intends to end the maintenance agreement in six months.

Fults noted that the maintenance agreement lays out the responsibilities of the parties for the airport, and the county's responsibilities include "All parts, materials and labor necessary for repairs to the Airport irrigation system and Airport lighting system, as needed."

The county removed the irrigation and lighting system at the airport and indicated in a memo from County Administrator David Edwards that it has

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Easter Bunny visits Panacea



Panacea Waterfronts hosted its annual Community Easter Egg Hunt in Woolley Park on Saturday, April 16. The event featured an opportunity to take photos with the Easter Bunny and over 20,000 eggs scattered throughout the park. Rowyn Shaw and Avery Vick, top, with their baskets of Easter eggs as other children gather eggs, and children and their families gathered in the park, right. (Photos by Riddhi Patel)



City appoints two to fill council seats

Michele Harden and Glenn Rudd replace Richard Harden and Nathan Lewis in Sopchoppy

By RIDDHI PATEL Reporter

The Sopchoppy City Commission appointed two new commissioners last week - Michele Harden and Theo Glenn Rudd were appointed in a 2-1 vote to take over the seats of former city commissioners Nathan Lewis and Richard Harden who had resigned in February and March.

The action was taken at the Sopchoppy City Commission meeting on Monday, April 11.

Lewis and Harden had to resign from the city commission when they retired from their Florida Retirement System affiliated jobs in order to not lose retirement benefits during the one-year "reemployment limitation period." Their resignations left two empty seats on the city commission - meaning that the board had to appoint two new members for terms that will end in 2024.

Four Sopchoppy residents had submitted letters of interest to the city clerk prior to the meeting, and each spoke about why they should be appointed at the meeting. Besides Harden and Rudd, the other candidates were Nancy Paul and Samantha Isaacs.

Harden, the wife of Richard Harden, said she was familiar with Sopchoppy, and that she and her family have lived in the area for years. She

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CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENT

Fred Nichols is running for county commission

U.S. Army veteran, retired deputy with Wakulla County Sheriff's Office is running in District 2

By FRED NICHOLS

After a great deal of prayer and discussion with my family, I decided to embark upon a journey that I had contemplated for a long time: Stepping into the political forefront and becoming a voice for the citizens of Wakulla County.

The weeks since I made that decision have solidified the fact that I was making a great decision.

Having lived in Wakulla County for more than 21 years, I am excited for the opportunity to give back to my community. Since I announced my candidacy for Wakulla County Commissioner, District 2, I am humbled by the overwhelming support I have received. I have had the pleasure of talking with many people from all walks of life: The elders and the youth, those who have lived here for generations and those who have recently moved here.

I look forward to the weeks ahead and the chance to talk with the citizens of Wakulla County about our common goals for this great place.

As a U.S. Army veteran, I served three years of active duty then transitioned to the U.S. Army Reserve Unit. During my time as a Reservist, I served in Operation Enduring Freedom (post 9/11). When I received my orders for deployment I was working as a deputy with the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office. The support my family and I received during my



Fred Nichols and wife Angie.

deployment convinced me that there was no greater place to live. From my fellow coworkers, supervisors, church family, and friends; there was never a moment that I had to worry about my wife and children being looked after.

Upon my return from my military duty, I continued to work for WCSO and eventually retired as a captain.

Currently, I am a Sales Representative and Training Consultant for Law Enforcement Agencies throughout Florida. This position enables me to meet people all across the state and reinforces the fact that our county is a rare jewel.

My wife, Angie, and I have been married for 26 years and raised our four children here. We have two boys and two girls: Bryson, Colton, Cameron, and Britton. We've recently been blessed with a new grandson who I can continue to share my love of the outdoors with. Having come from generations of men and women who have hunted and fished in the woods and waters of this place we call home, I appreciate how fortunate I am to live here. My hope is that this way of life will be preserved for our children and grandchildren. Part of that process is to help ensure that these same kids don't feel that they need to leave the area to find better opportunities.

We need to provide opportunities to succeed here too. That's why I'm for progress with a purpose. Working together with a commonsense approach without losing the way of life that makes our county one of the best in the state!

I look forward to the opportunity to serve the citizens of Wakulla County and would appreciate your vote!

Celebration of Arts on Saturday

The 2022 Celebration of the Arts will be held on Saturday, April 23, at Wakulla High School.

The celebration will showcase the various art programs in the county from Pre-K to High School. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults.

There will also be a silent auction.

All proceeds from this event will fund scholarships for Wakulla High School seniors pursuing a major or minor in visual or performing arts. Come out and support the arts in Wakulla County!

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WAKULLA HIGH TENNIS

Girls team sweeps city championship



Coach Higgins, Bella Perez, McKenzie Anderson, Laural Gray, Kaitlyn Moss, Hannah Land, and Coach Brinkley

By **VICTORIA POPE**

Our Lady War Eagles tennis team won the JV City Championship on Friday, April 1. The tournament consisted of eight schools from across North Florida and was held at Tom Brown Park. Lady War Eagle Kaitlyn Moss won first place in singles, McKenzie Anderson won second place in singles,

and Laural Gray won third place in singles. Kaitlyn Moss and McKenzie Anderson also won first place in doubles while Laural Gray and Bella Perez won second place in doubles. The girls endured a long hot day of three single matches and three double matches to win the tournament. Congratulations to our Lady War Eagles.

Moody is Sunshine State Scholar

By **VICTORIA POPE**

Dawn Svetozara Moody has been announced as Wakulla High School's 2022 Sunshine State Scholar. Miss Moody is the daughter of Natalia Barrington and Andrew Moody and is an exceptional student with interest in entering the medical field.

Every year, the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Education Foundation request each Florida school district to recommend one high achieving 11th grade STEM student to join this prestigious group of peers. Each of Florida's school districts select their top 11th grade students in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM).

Each scholar travels to Orlando for a two-day program designed to bring together scholars from around the state, connect them with employers that specialize in the STEM fields, and create a networking opportunity between the scholars and schools from Florida's College and State University System.

Moody was chosen by a WHS committee for her outstanding academic record, her interest in STEM fields, and stellar work in any classroom. As a junior she boasts an impressive, weighted grade point average of 4.33. She is a member of Wakulla High School's Medical Academy, a member of the National Honor Society, and a cashier at Winn Dixie.

Moody not only challenges herself with some of the most difficult math and science courses offered here at Wakulla High School, but she is also a highly

decorated member of our NJROTC program. Moody holds the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer, one of the two highest ranking officer positions at WHS. She has the aspirations to be the top-ranking officer, Master Chief Petty Officer, in her Senior year.

Capt. Bradley Martin said of Moody, "Cadet Moody is an incredibly talented young woman, who constantly amazes me with her maturity, intelligence, and exceptional leadership skills. She has been an invaluable member of the Wakulla NJROTC for three years and during that time she has risen to the highest levels of leadership within our organization. She was selected to attend a very prestigious leadership academy this past summer in St. Petersburg, FL. This leadership academy is only offered to the top 1% of all cadets from 53 South Florida NJROTC units. Dawn

is a hard worker who is extremely focused and driven to succeed. I have absolutely no doubt she will have a very bright future!"

Dawn is planning to obtain an ROTC scholarship and join a four-year ROTC program at university and become a nurse in the Navy, with the ultimate end goal of going through medical school and becoming a pediatrician.

Dr. Harold Short, a former AP Teacher of Moody's spoke highly of Dawn's character "Dawn is a remarkably driven student, but not the annoying kind. When she wants to excel at something, she does not try to adapt the world to her goals. She works harder and gets better. I would say that drive for self-improvement is her defining characteristic."

"Having attended Crawfordville Elementary, Wakulla Middle, and now Wakulla High School, we are all incredibly proud of Dawn. We look forward to following her accomplishments as she continues to be successful in the STEM fields" added Superintendent Bobby Pearce.



Dawn Moody is Wakulla High School's Sunshine State Scholar, recognizing her as a high achieving 11th grade STEM student.

High school to present 'Freaky Friday'

Special to The Sun

Wakulla High School presents "Freaky Friday: A New Musical!" Katherine is getting married in the morning. Ellie has plans with friends during the rehearsal and everything is going wrong. Just when they think things cannot get worse, a magical hourglass swaps this mother and daughter duo, so they spend a day, just one day, getting to know each other in the other's shoes.

This show will have you laughing, wanting to sing along and even taking a closer look at yourself. Join us at Wakulla High School on April 29th and 30th at 7 p.m. and May 1st at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. All proceeds go directly to the theatre program as funding for upcoming shows.

More than 50 Wakulla High School students are a part of this incredible production, including several seniors who will be taking the stage for the last time. Please come and support the arts at Wakulla High School! We cannot wait to see you there!



A magical hourglass cause a mother and daughter to change places in 'Freaky Friday: A New Musical' to be presented at Wakulla High School April 29-30 at 7 p.m. and a matinee on May 1 at 2:30 p.m.

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Opinions

LETTERS

Vote out all the commissioners

Editor, The Sun:

I have written two letters asking how to get help about the safety issues at Bream Fountain Road. Well, I am not alone – the people at Shell Point cannot get help either. This is all about the county commissioners who do nothing to help the taxpayers in any way. With all the tax money in this county, why do the departments of Wakulla County have to ask to borrow a dog from Leon County and the Department of Corrections to find a child that went missing. How far can a child go in two hours while we are waiting on a borrowed dog? We have animal control, they can house the dog and it will be there when we need it.

I saw where they put the responsibility of the dog, the sheriff's office – no, it is the county commissioners' responsibility to provide the tools to handle any issue that comes up in Wakulla County.

We need to replace all five commissioners and take Wakulla County back where it belongs – to the taxpayers.

Stephen Harper
Crawfordville

ers.

I was born and raised in Wakulla County and I have seen a lot of commissioners come and go. I will tell you we have the worst commission in Wakulla County history. They don't give a hoot about your children's safety.

Keeping taxpayers safe should come first but it does not. There are more important things before safety like the golf course, land that cannot be used for what it was purchased for, open beaches so people can play music loud or have sex on the beach. Traffic is not a concern to the county commissioners.

We need a movement to take Wakulla back. We need people in these offices who will work for you, the taxpayer. I hope that there will be people to run for every county commission seat in 2022 and 2024.

I am going to need your vote in 2024.



Matt Mohler, Megan Kimbrel, Jace Perez, Matthew Lane, Abigail Swenson, and Dr. Rachel Pienta.

4-H Public Speaking Competition was impressive



By **RIDDHI PATEL**

Wakulla County 4-H held its county-level public speaking competition, and the students wowed those in attendance with their talent and creativity. Public speaking is an important skill to have; however, it is one that is associated with a lot of nerves and anxiety for some – including yours truly. It was evident that nerves did not stop the contestants competing in the April 12 county-level competition from effectively delivering the speeches they wrote and showcasing their public speaking skills.

This past week's competition mainly focused on the fourth and fifth grade division with contestants being Jace Perez from Wakulla Christian School and Abigail Swenson from Riversink Elementary School. Swenson won first place and Perez won second

place. Swenson tied in humor and personal connections to detail her dislike of cows in her speech "Cows and Me." Perez tied history into his expressive speech "The Time Machine" which was about traveling back in time to the Revolutionary War and what he learned from the trip.

The sixth-grade county-level competition was held prior to this date, but two of the top speech givers in the grade attended the event to present their speeches to another audience. Megan Kimbrel won first place for her speech "Choosing to See," Adyson Taylor won second place for her speech "Walk a Mile in My Shoes," and Matthew Lane won third place for his speech "The Track" at the county-level sixth-grade competition – Kimbrel and Lane also presented their speeches at the fourth and fifth grade competition. All three sixth graders attend Wakulla Christian School.

Riversink Elementary Principal Catherine Cutchen and Wakulla Christian English teacher Kate Epperson were in attendance to support their students. Wakulla 4-H Agent Dr.

Rachel Pienta, state-level competition sponsor Florida Power and Light's representative Matt Mohler, and County Commissioner Quince Messersmith were also present – they gave speeches, introduced guests and contestants, and presented awards. The judges, timekeepers, and scorers for the evening were Verna Brock, Jennifer Wilkins, and Greg James.

From expressive storytelling and humor to an effective use of sources and personal connections, the young students composed and presented exemplary speeches. The ways in which they delivered the speeches would probably impress my college public speaking professor. For those of you interested in hearing speeches by local and district-area youth, the winners from each division in the county-level competition will participate in the District Competition against students from other counties in the area. The District Competition will be held at the Wakulla County Extension office on April 23 at 1:30 p.m.

Riddhi Patel is reporter for The Wakulla Sun.

Take Your Child to Work on April 28

National Take Your Child to Work Day is Thursday, April 28. The recommended ages are 8-18 for students to go with parents/guardians. WCSB students

who participate in National Take Your Child to Work Day are excused from school with a note. Through Take Your Child to Work Day students are en-

couraged to explore career opportunities and reach their potential as they are exposed to real world work experiences.



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Candidate left out who is constituent

Editor, The Sun:

Reference your April 14, 2022 announcement of an individual's candidacy for the school board ("Gwendolyn Staten is running for school board," front page).

The candidate listed very altruistic ideals and reasons why one should consider their candidacy.

What resonated is what the candidate did NOT say. The candidate did not state who were the constituents of a member of the school board. The constituents pay for every dime of the Wakulla County school board budget through property taxes. Without the property owner, there is no money for the school board budget. In fact, I dare say that in all my 45+ years of owning property, not one school board

member ever stated their constituent is the property tax payer.

As a property owner, who is my advocate on the school board? It doesn't seem that the candidate would be one. Who represents our interests at the school board meetings? Does the elected school board function as a cheerleader for the superintendent of their respective school districts or does the school board represent the interests of the property tax payer? We all know the answer to that.

The residents of Washington, D.C. license plates states "End taxation without representation." It seems it is also applicable in Wakulla County.

Robert Franco
Wakulla County

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William Snowden
Editor & Publisher
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◀ Question of The Week ▶

– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Polled at the St. Jude's 'Ribs and Butts' cookout fundraising event: How often do you cookout on the grill?



AMANDA KINSEY
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“As a family, we grill out once or twice a week. We enjoy the outdoors.”



JUSTIN WARD
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“Three or four times a week.”



DONALD BUIE
CONE – SALES MANAGER

“Sunday meal prep grill, once a week.”



TEDDY BROWN
CONE – OPERATIONS MANAGER

“At this St. Jude's fundraising event that Cone strongly supports – so, that is twice a year.”



CHRIS YATES
CONE – GM

“Three times a week. We freeze some and share with our daughter and her family in Ocala.”

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wakulla Citizens Page News

By **BECKY WHALEY**

Wakulla rallies behind their youth online and the post recognizing Riversprings Middle School student Daniel Colt Giddens, who won first place in the Coastal Optimist Club's annual Oratorical contest was the most active and positive.

Our raffle raised the money needed to have a senior citizen's burned

home removed and it is complete with so many in the community reaching out with resources, time, and money to achieve a miracle for this senior. Wakulla has a BIG HEART! Thank you to everyone who played a role in making this happen!

Chris Penik is always a great resource for what is coming to Wakulla, and he found a post in a Tallahassee group announcing that beginning

Thursday, April 21st next to McIver's, Wakulla will have a new food truck Lex & Roll Sushi and Thai - now that is something different for the Community.

Parking at Rock Landing is a sore subject for boat owners who expect to find a parking space after launching. The post generated suggestions all over the place, block them in, ticket them, tow them and do not advertise

tourism in Wakulla County until we have adequate parking for all the visitors. Rock the Dock will pull in tons of anglers this weekend and it looks like we may have to mimic Jefferson County shortly and consider having full-time law enforcement on hand at boat landings.

Becky Whaley is administrator of the Wakulla Citizens Facebook Group.

Library News

Thursday, April 21

Veteran's Meetup 11am

Kid's Coding 5pm

The Wakulla County Amateur Radio Club 7pm

Friday, April 22

Garden with the Director 8am

Quilting Guild 9:30am

Advanced Kids Coding 4:30pm

Drive-In Bingo at the Community Center 6pm

Saturday, April 23

READ Therapy Dogs 10am

Monday, April 25

No Programs Today

Tuesday, April 26

Book Bunch 10am

Tinker Tuesday 5pm

Wednesday, April 27

Book Babies 10am

Knitting Group 4pm

Thursday, April 28

Friends of the Library General Meeting 6pm

Wakulla Democratic Executive Committee 6pm

GARDEN WITH THE DIRECTOR

Join Library Director, Robyn Drummond, in our community garden for a time of dirt, seeds, flowers, vegetables, weeding, and great conversation. Please bring with you small hand tools, gloves and your green or black thumbs. Every other Friday, beginning Friday, April 22nd.

REVENGE OF THE SIXTH

Instead of May the 4th Be with You, join us for the Revenge of the 6th! Help gather the ransom

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Sopchoppy

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mentioned Sopchoppy's potential, and that she had attended recent city commission meetings during which decisions and plans were being made regarding small businesses and regulations. She talked about how her daily walk has allowed her to connect with other residents and learn about their perspectives. "I think; especially, in the next several years there's going to be decisions made that could impact Sopchoppy for decades, and I'd love to be a part of those decisions," said Harden.

During Paul's speech, she said she had attended previous meetings, and that she was impressed by and wanted to contribute to the commission's proactive efforts and decision making – citing the commercial design guidelines as one example of this. She talked about her involvement within the Sopchoppy community including her work with events like the Sopchoppy community markets and the Mullet Festival and with community organizations like Friends of the Sopchoppy River. "I just love

Sopchoppy. I love everything about it – I love its past, and I want to be a part of its future," said Paul. "I want to be a voice of the community on this council – to listen, to educate, and to make decisions that are in the common good for all of Sopchoppy."

Isaacs, who moved to Sopchoppy six years ago with her family, said, "I absolutely adore this sense of family no matter who you are and where you come from." She highlighted her volunteer work with 4-H, and her role as a coach for youth sports and a middle school Sunday School teacher in her church. "I am very much a part of Sopchoppy and the youth that is growing up here, and I think that that is the thing that I can bring most to the council," she said. "I am very invested in the youth of our community and what our community can bring in for our children cause its not just the population that may move here – it is the population that is growing up here that will be impacted by the decisions we make as a community and as a city council."

Rudd had previously

served on the Sopchoppy City Commission. "I would like the opportunity to serve on the council again and bring forth some of my ideas." He said that ending his tenure on the commission was a regret that he had. "I think we're headed in a good direction," said Rudd, "I want to see growth in Sopchoppy, but I don't want to lose the Sopchoppy feel."

Following the candidate speeches, citizens were given the opportunity to speak: former city commissioner Martha Hodge Evans indicated her support for Rudd to serve on the commission again as the reasons he stepped down are no longer an issue. She also said that Harden should be appointed as it would allow her to complete her husband's term on the city commission. Evans noted she came onto the city commission to fill her sister's term.

"They're all good candidates," said commissioner Roger McKenzie. "Each one of them brings something to the table."

The commissioners did not have any questions for the candidates. Following a general discussion about commissioner appointments, but not of the candidates themselves, the sitting

commissioners made motions to appoint.

"My motion is to appoint Nancy Hopkins Paul and Michele Harden," said Sopchoppy mayor Lara Edwards. The motion was not seconded.

Commissioner Fred McClendon then made a motion to appoint Harden and Rudd – McKenzie seconded the motion. In a 2-1 vote, with Edwards as the only no vote, Harden and Rudd were appointed to be city commissioners.

Later in the meeting, after Harden and Rudd were appointed and sworn-in, there was a discussion about who would replace Lewis as vice-mayor.

Edwards said the vice-mayor appointment is usually determined by length of time on the council, but that McKenzie and McClendon were appointed at the same time. McKenzie made a motion for McClendon to be vice-mayor, but McClendon was hesitant to take the position.

"I'll do it," said Rudd in response to McClendon's hesitancy. McClendon made a motion for Rudd to be vice-mayor, the motion and the vote was unanimous.

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LEARN THE BASICS Earth Day is April 22

The Earth's climate is changing, and people's activities are the main cause.

Our world is always changing. Look out your window long enough, and you might see the weather change. Look even longer, and you'll see the seasons change. The Earth's climate is changing, too, but in ways that you can't easily see.

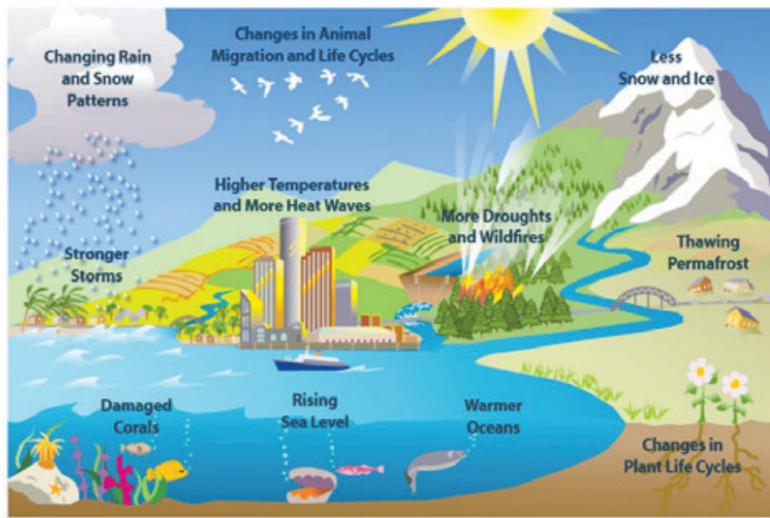
The Earth is getting warmer because people are adding heat-trapping gases to the atmosphere, mainly by burning fossil fuels. These gases are called greenhouse gases. Warmer temperatures are causing other changes around the world, such as melting glaciers and stronger storms. These changes are happening because the Earth's air, water, and land are all linked to the climate. The Earth's climate has changed before, but this time is different. People are causing these changes, which are bigger and happening faster than any climate changes that modern society has ever seen before.

Climate Concepts

Climate is what we expect, weather is what we get. – Mark Twain

Climate refers to the average weather conditions in a certain place over many years. For example, the climate in Minnesota is cold and snowy in the winter, and the climate in Honolulu, Hawaii, is warm and humid all year long. The climate in one area, like the Midwest or Hawaii, is called a regional climate. The average climate around the world is called global climate.

When scientists talk about global climate change, they're talking about the global climate and a pattern of change that's happening over many years. One of



the most important trends that scientists look at is the average temperature of the Earth, which has been increasing for many years. This is called global warming.

Rising global temperatures lead to other changes around the world, such as stronger hurricanes, melting glaciers, and the loss of wildlife habitats. That's because the Earth's air, water, and land are all related to one another and to the climate. This means a change in one place can lead to other changes somewhere else. For example, when air temperatures rise, the oceans absorb more heat from the atmosphere and become warmer. Warmer oceans, in turn, can cause stronger storms.

Weather Versus Climate

Weather is a specific event or condition that happens over a period of hours or

days. For example, a thunderstorm, a snowstorm, and today's temperature all describe the weather.

Climate refers to the average weather conditions in a place over many years (usually at least 30 years).

Weather conditions can change from one year to the next. For example, Minneapolis might have a warm winter one year and a much colder winter the next. This kind of change is normal. But when the average pattern over many years changes, it could be a sign of climate change.

Here's an easy way to remember the difference between weather and climate: Climate helps you decide what clothes to buy, and weather helps you decide what clothes to wear each day.

If last summer was much hotter than usual where you live, is this a sign of climate change? No. The weather naturally varies from year to year, and some years are hotter than others.

If almost every summer for the past decade has been hotter than usual, is this a sign of climate change? Yes. Climate change occurs over many years, so a pattern of many hotter summers could be a sign of climate change. This is especially true if the same pattern is happening in many places around the world.

Today's Climate Change

More than 100 years ago, people around the world started burning large amounts of coal, oil, and natural gas to power their homes, factories, and vehicles. Today, most of the world relies on these fossil fuels for their energy needs. Burning fossil fuels releases carbon dioxide, a heat-trapping gas, into the atmosphere, which is the main reason why the climate is changing.

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE TRUE?

- The Earth's average temperature has increased since the late 1800s, when people started burning a lot of coal, oil, and natural gas.
- Worldwide, 2001–2010 was the warmest decade ever recorded.
- In the United States, seven of the top 10 warmest years on record have occurred since 1990.

They're all true!



What's in a Name? The "Greenhouse Effect"

A greenhouse is a building made of glass that allows sunlight to enter but traps heat inside, so the building stays warm even when it's cold outside. Because gases in the Earth's atmosphere also let in light but trap heat, many people call this phenomenon the "greenhouse effect." The greenhouse effect works somewhat differently from an actual greenhouse, but the name stuck, so that's how we still refer to it today.

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The history of Earth Day

Earth Day was founded in 1970 as a day of education about environmental issues, and Earth Day 2022 will occur on Friday, April 22. The holiday is now a global celebration that's sometimes extended into Earth Week, a full seven days of events focused on green living and confronting the climate crisis.

The brainchild of Senator Gaylord Nelson and inspired by the protests of the 1960s, Earth Day began as a "national teach-in on the environment" and was held on April 22 to maximize the number of students that could be reached on university campuses. By raising public awareness of pollution, Nelson hoped to bring environmental causes into the national spotlight.

EARTH DAY HISTORY

By the early 1960s, Americans were becoming aware of the effects of pollution on the environment.

Rachel Carson's 1962 bestseller "Silent Spring" raised the specter of the dangerous effects of pesticides on the American countryside.

Later in the decade, a 1969 fire on Cleveland's Cuyahoga River shed light on the problem of chemical waste disposal. Until that time, protecting the planet's natural resources was not part of the national political agenda, and the number of activists devoted to large-scale issues such as industrial pollution was minimal. Factories pumped pollutants into the air, lakes and rivers with few legal consequences.

Big, gas-guzzling cars were considered a sign of prosperity. Only a small portion of the American population was familiar with—let alone practiced—recycling.

WHO STARTED EARTH DAY?

Elected to the U.S. Senate in 1962, Senator Gaylord Nelson, a Democrat from Wisconsin, was determined to convince the federal government that the planet was at risk.

In 1969, Nelson, considered one of the leaders of the modern environmental movement, developed the idea for Earth Day after being inspired by the anti-Vietnam War "teach-ins" that were taking place on college campuses around the United States.

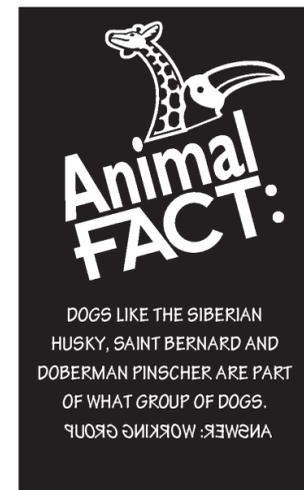
According to Nelson, he envisioned a large-scale, grassroots environmental demonstration "to shake up the political establishment and force this issue onto the national agenda."

Nelson announced the Earth Day concept at a conference in Seattle in the fall of 1969 and invited the entire nation to get involved. He later recalled:

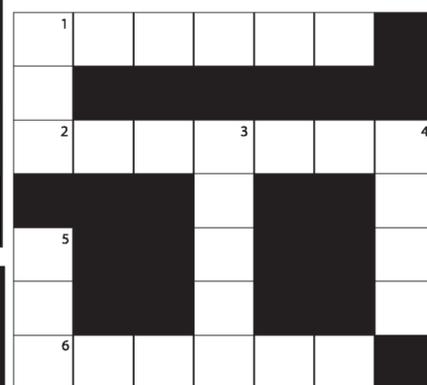
"The wire services carried the story from coast to coast. The response was electric. It took off like gangbusters. Telegrams, letters and telephone inquiries poured in from all across the country. The American people finally had a forum to express its concern about what was happening to the land, rivers, lakes and air – and they did so with spectacular exuberance."



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CLUES ACROSS

1. Scientific name for dog
2. Shelled animals
6. ____ pig: furry animal

CLUES DOWN

1. Feline
3. Poison in skin or venom
4. Used for cleaning
5. Man's best friend

Answers: Across 1. Canine 2. Turtles 3. Toxin 4. Soap 5. Dog Down 1. Cat 2. Tortoise

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY



- 1704: THE FIRST REGULAR NEWSPAPER IN THE UNITED STATES IS PUBLISHED IN BOSTON.
- 1953: WINSTON CHURCHILL WAS KNIGHTED BY QUEEN ELIZABETH II.
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ANSWER: RAWHIDE BONE

God loves you



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

I recently shared that for years I didn't think God loved me – at least not as much as He loves everyone else.

I suspect I'm not the only one who has struggled with this. Many doubt God's love, especially when life is hard.

Some of you were bullied by your peers into believing you're not worth loving. Others have suffered tragedies that wrecked your faith so much you wonder if God even exists.

Others of you prayed, desperate for a miracle, but the miracle never came – even though you prayed "in faith." When this happens, you conclude your problem

wasn't important to God – that maybe you're not important to God.

I've been there. After years of asking God to deliver me from eating disorders, I didn't understand why He didn't come through sooner – before it destroyed my marriage and separated me from my children.

After years of defeat, I gave in to the lie that God was so disappointed in my choices that He became disappointed in me.

But I was wrong. What if you're wrong,

too?

Despite the lies you believe – you're not worth loving, God doesn't exist or whatever else the devil is telling you – the truth is, God loves you. It's in God's DNA (if I may use that term) to love us. He's the personification of love itself.

So we have a choice: to believe the devil, the father of lies, who doesn't love us (in fact, who hates us). Or believe the God of truth, Who loves us so much He gave His only Son to

die for us (John 3:16).

God made us. We are His if we've placed our trust in Christ. He died and rose for us. His love never ceases – no matter what we've done. Even if we reject Him, He won't reject us.

My prayer is that you'll never give in to the devil's lie that God doesn't love you.

Instead, I hope you'll come "to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge" (Ephesians 3:19 ESV). And that you'll be so convinced of His love that

you'll believe (beyond what your mind tells you) how special you, personally, are to God.

As my heavenly Father did (and continues to do) for me, I know God will reveal His love for you ... as often as you need Him to.

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Obituaries



Patricia Joan Linzy

Patricia Joan Linzy, 82, of Tallahassee, passed away on April 14, 2022, surrounded by her loving family.

Patricia was a graduate of Florida High School where she played in the band and served as a majorette. She retired from the State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation. She was the most loving and

caring wife, mother and grandmother that anyone could ever hope for.

She was predeceased by her husband of 33 years, Nathan Leo Linzy; her second husband, Jerry Robinson; and her son, Greg Linzy.

She is survived by her children, Michael Linzy (Mary Alice) and Michele Linzy; two sisters, Deborah McDaniel and Mary Hatcher; grandchildren, Alice, Linzy, Emily (Jordan) and Cody (Caitlyn); and great-grandchildren, Elizabeth and Edwin. She loved animals, especially her cats, Callie and Murphy.

There will be a Graveside Service on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Whiddon Lake Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

The family would like to thank Big Bend Hospice for the care and support given during this time. Donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308; 850-878-5310; Bigbendhospice.org.

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

Sheriff's Report

Activity reported from April 8 to 14:

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

- Hiram Lawrence reported finding a Smith and Wesson handgun on the side of County Line Road. The weapon was collected and will be held until an owner can be found. Deputy Rudolph Hinson investigated.

- Sandra Ruiz reported that an unknown white male dumped a soda drink on her and on her vehicle. Video of the event was collected and submitted as evidence. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Tiffany Spears investigated.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

- David Grethe reported three unknown white males exited a red Tahoe with kayaks on top and removed packages from his driveway. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Dustin Matthews investigated.

MONDAY, APRIL 11

- A clerk with Kangaroo reported an unknown male exited the store with several cans of beer without purchasing them. The suspect was later identified as Matthew Fenn. At

the request of management, a permanent trespass warning was issued to Fenn and no charges were filed. Deputy Arturo Cordoba investigated.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

- Deputy Jeremy Creel responded to Chippewa Road, in reference to a burglary complaint. Upon arrival Deputy Creel made contact with John and Joan Janusz. They advised when they arrived at the residence someone had broken into the residence and now several things are missing. The Janusz's advised it has been two years since they have been at the residence and just wanted the incident documented with the sheriff's office.

- Deputy Jeremy Creel responded to Canal Street in reference to a suspicious person complaint. Deputy Creel was able to make contact with Justin Davis and Kathryn Trawick in the area. Upon further investigation Justin Davis and Kathryn Trawick were found in possession of meth and drug paraphernalia. Both were placed under arrest and transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

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

DEATH NOTICES

• Herschel "Allen" Patterson, 77, of Woodville, died April 14, 2022. Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services

Airport

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no intention of providing irrigation and lighting.

Commissioner Randy Merritt read from the agreement about termination and that any of the parties could end it with a certified letter and 180 days notice. He did not comment about the lighting and irrigation issues.

Commissioners have made clear their desire to get rid of the airport – it has been a divisive and controversial issue. Neighbors, especially on Surf Road, have complained about low-flying planes, including military aircraft, that use the airport. They have expressed concern about safety, and some opponents, including Surf Road resident Jim Parham, have suggested intentional harassment with a large Osprey military helicopter hovering over his home making loud noises.

Parham has tried to get the county to limit the size of aircraft that can use the strip, with a maximum weight of 6,000 pounds, saying that would address his

concerns by having truly small aircraft use the airport.

As it stands, the airport is out of compliance. Florida Department of Transportation is requiring the runway to shift 50 feet to provide a wider operations area. That would require the purchase of 16 acres to the west of the airport that Fults owns. He has indicated that he believes the county would rather give back state grant money and abandon the airport than buy the land from him because of past issues – especially related to contentious issues like a county boat ramp located on his property at Lake Ellen that he forced the county to close. (The boat ramp had been built in the wrong location decades ago by the then-Game and Fish Commission.) The issue sparked litigation, which Fults won, an attempt by the county to build a hand-launch boat ramp on road right-of-way adjacent to the lake, and questions of whether there can be public access to a private lake like Lake Ellen.

As for the Wakulla Airport, after spending several hundred thousand

dollars on an Airport Master Plan and Airport Layout Plan and environmental studies, the county recently returned a \$175,000 grant from DOT for airport improvements.

County officials in emails speculated that Fults, who serves as airport manager, had used his position to gain some inside knowledge to buy the 16 acres needed for runway widening.

Fults contended the purchase of the land was clearly a priority on the Airport Master Plan developed years before.

There was also a contention by the county that they might have to use eminent domain to force Fults to sell the land.

One citizen, Chris Hunter, asked commis-

sioners about an earlier debate on neighborhoods voting for special assessments to get broadband internet installed, with some commissioners questioning the fairness of requiring people who don't want internet to pay for something they won't use. Yet, he added, commissioners recently voted to pay \$250,000 for new golf carts for Wildwood Country Club. Hunter pointedly noted that he doesn't play golf.

The airport has long been controversial. Supporters say it provides a facility that is an engine for economic growth and, if it closes, is unlikely to be replaced. Critics have contended the county is subsidizing a facility used by a only a handful of people, most of them financially well off.

Miss Wakulla pageant is set for May 7

Special to The Sun

The 2022 Annual Miss Wakulla County Scholarship Pageant will be held Saturday, May 7th at 4 p.m. at the Wakulla High School Auditorium. Doors will open at 3:30 p.m. and tickets can be purchased at the door for \$5.

Crowning will take place for Tiny Miss Division (K & 1st), Little Miss Division (2nd & 3rd), Young Miss Division (4th & 5th), Junior Miss Division (6th to 8th) and Miss Division (9th to 12th).

The winner of the Miss Division will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Reminder that all ticket proceeds and donations help fund the annual scholarship. If you would like the 2022 Miss Wakulla to attend a local business or non-profit event please email us at misswakullacounty@gmail.com or call 850-510-4897.

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HOME ON THE RANGE

A Rossi Breech Break .22 Rifle



By MARJ LAW

“I just can’t imagine loading an early rifle,” Beth says, after hearing a discussion about early percussion rifles. “Shooting is all around you, and you’ve got your rifle tight between your knees. You’ve taken your powder measure. You’ve poured just the correct amount down your barrel even though your hands are shaking something fierce.

You’ve taken out a small circle of mattress ticking which has been greased. You placed the ball on the ‘wad’ of ticking and pushed this wad and ball down the long barrel. Push hard, and you better have kept that powder dry or you’re out of luck.

Have I reminded you that all this time, someone is shooting at you? Gosh, you’d have to learn to load that thing right quick. Are we scared yet? Too bad there wasn’t a simpler way to load that rifle.”

The nice older man at the gun show smiled. “Right!” he agrees. “A newer .22 came in at the end of the 1800s. Between 1890 and 1933, 350,000 breech break .22s came into use.”

“Breech break?”

What’s that?”

Historian pulls a rifle from his rack.

“See this lever?” he asks as he presses a lever to the right of the hammer. The barrel suddenly tilts downward.

“Oh, I’m so sorry. I didn’t mean for you to break your gun,” worries Beth.

“You didn’t!” he reassures her. “This is a breech break gun. See this lever? The barrel is hinged. When this lever is pressed, the hinged barrel is released. See down the barrel? That part is the chamber. Now you can take a round or shot, depending on which barrel you have, and you can load it directly into the mouth of the barrel.”

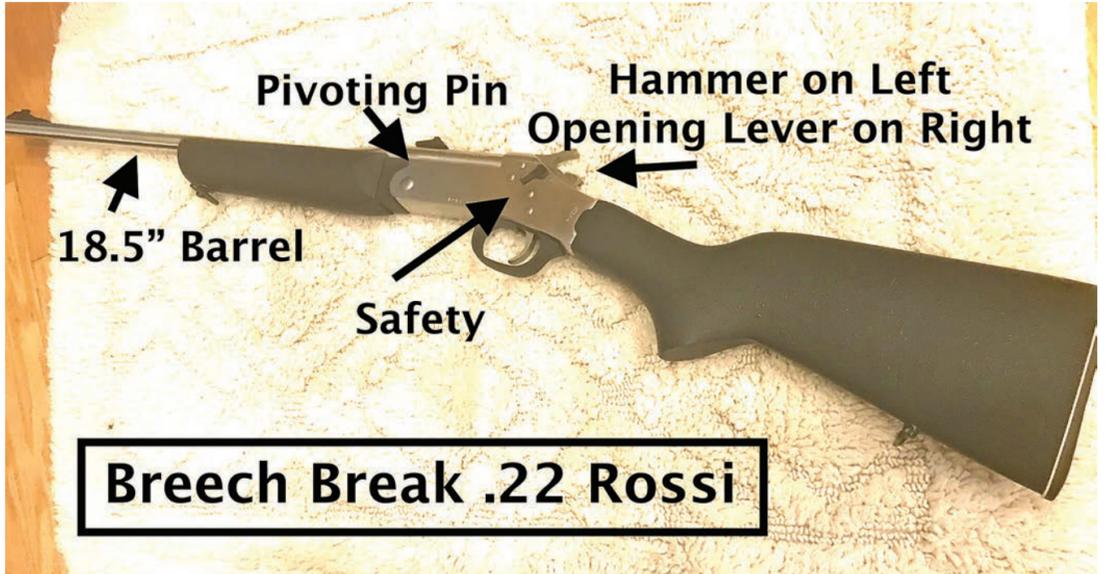
“No wad? No ball? Just stick in the round? If I had to go to war at the turn of the century, I’d sure want that breech break one!”

Beth thinks for a moment.

“I bet they wished the breech break would have come out before the civil war and not after it! Didn’t it end around the 1860s?”

As Historian nods, Beth continues, “Can we put more than one round into the breech-break gun?”

“Not into this particular Rossi. Actually, this gun can come with any one of four barrels: the .22, the .223, the .410 and the 20-gauge shotgun. Some people might have more than one barrel. Other companies allow for different configurations. You can even have a double-barreled gun with a rifle barrel on one side and



a shotgun barrel on the other!”

“I can see how that can be pretty useful,” Beth comments. “But how does it work? I can see how you don’t need the ball and powder, but what sets off the round you’ve just put in the gun?”

“The hammer hits the flat transfer bar which then whacks the firing pin which hits the rim of the round. The rim is where the primer is located, so now you don’t have to worry about keeping primer dry because it is incased into the cartridge.”

“That sounds much easier. So, do I just push in a round, snap the gun shut, and fire?”

“Well, no. It’s not quite that simple. This is a single-action gun only. If it were a double-action gun, then you could just pull the trigger and fire.

Action refers to how much work you make the trigger do. In single-action, you ask the trigger to perform one

single task. That is to release the hammer so it can hit the firing pin.

In double action, you are asking the trigger to do two things: to cock the hammer, and then to release it.

In this gun, you have to take your thumb and pull the hammer back until it locks. At this point, you can pull the trigger which will allow that hammer to drop. Don’t forget to cock the hammer when you want to shoot this gun.”

“Okay. Let’s pretend I just shot the gun. The bullet went flying, but I know that brass casing is still inside the gun. How do I get it out so I can shoot again?”

“Loading the gun and ejecting casings are both easy. Press this lever to the right of the hammer. Now the barrel is released to pivot downward. Notice this thing at the lower mouth of the barrel? That’s the ejector. With this model of the breech-break .22, the ejector rises when the barrel is opening.

It ejects the casing that was left in the gun.”

“I think it looks dangerous. What if you’ve cocked the hammer, and the gun falls to the floor. Isn’t there a good chance that gun can go off?”

“In the old days, that was possible. However, in the last 50 years or so, they’ve made it so the transfer bar is low when the gun is cocked. This means it’s not in the position to whack the firing pin. When you pull the trigger, the transfer bar rises which then does allow it to hit the firing pin.”

“I see. So, I notice there is a safety on this gun. Guess the ‘s’ stands for safety.”

He smiles.

Beth looks at the gun again.

“I see the groove at the rear sight and the squared off black front sight. With both front and rear being black, could someone put a fiber-optic sight on the front so you can see it better? I’d like that

bright green. It stands out well against the black.”

“Yes, the sights are dovetailed into the gun. You’d need to get the correct ones, but you can push out the original sights and put in fiber-optic if you want.”

“I bet I can teach my 10-year-old how to use this simple gun. He can also learn all the rules of the range. There isn’t much recoil, is there?”

“With the 18.5-inch barrel and overall 32.25 inches, this gun is easily maneuverable. The stock is short for shorter arms. It’s a Rossi youth .22 and .410 shotgun. And yes, I’d agree that the recoil is almost negligible.”

“Looks like Willie is getting an early birthday present!”

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



Special Olympics Torch Run held

Law enforcement officers – including sheriff’s deputies, Department of Corrections officers, Juvenile Justice and more – ran from the Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office to the Courthouse for the Special Olympics Torch Run on Thursday, April 14. Special Olympics athletes from Wakulla will be traveling to Disney World in Orlando in June to participate in the statewide Special Olympics. (Photos by William Snowden)



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Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water

Local writers share their experiences

Thursday 21	
Sun rise/set 7:03AM 8:08PM	Moon rise/set 12:51AM 10:59AM
Moon Illumination 72%	
Friday 22	
Sun rise/set 7:01AM 8:08PM	Moon rise/set 1:54AM 12:04PM
Moon Illumination 61%	
Saturday 23	
Sun rise/set 7:00AM 8:09PM	Moon rise/set 2:49AM 1:11PM
Moon Illumination 50%	
Sunday 24	
Sun rise/set 6:59AM 8:09PM	Moon rise/set 3:36AM 2:18PM
Moon Illumination 39%	
Monday 25	
Sun rise/set 6:58AM 8:10PM	Moon rise/set 4:16AM 3:23PM
Moon Illumination 28%	
Tuesday 26	
Sun rise/set 6:58AM 8:11PM	Moon rise/set 4:51AM 4:24PM
Moon Illumination 19%	
Wednesday 27	
Sun rise/set 6:57AM 8:11PM	Moon rise/set 5:22AM 5:24PM
Moon Illumination 12%	

Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

April 21 - April 27

Tide charts by tides4fishing.com

First May 8 Full May 16 Last April 23 New April 30

Best fishing days this month
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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.

Location	Day	12:00	6:00	12:00	6:00
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	Fr	1:15 am	8:13 am	11:59 am	5:52 pm
	Sa	2:34 am	9:53 am	1:20 pm	7:05 pm
	Su	4:00 am	11:15 am	3:46 pm	9:41 pm
	Mo	5:13 am	12:03 pm	5:40 pm	11:36 pm
	Tu	6:10 am	12:38 pm	6:42 pm	
	We	12:45 am	6:54 am	1:09 pm	7:28 pm
City of St. Marks	Th	1:15 am	7:31 am	12:18 pm	5:42 pm
	Fr	2:19 am	8:49 am	1:03 pm	6:28 pm
	Sa	3:38 am	10:29 am	2:24 pm	7:41 pm
	Su	5:04 am	11:51 am	4:50 pm	10:17 pm
	Mo	6:17 am	12:39 pm	6:44 pm	
	Tu	12:12 am	7:14 am	1:14 pm	7:46 pm
	We	1:21 am	7:58 am	1:45 pm	8:32 pm
Shell Point, Spring Creek	Th	12:35 am	7:23 am	11:49 am	5:31 pm
	Fr	1:40 am	8:42 am	12:39 pm	6:17 pm
	Sa	2:59 am	10:19 am	2:05 pm	7:31 pm
	Su	4:25 am	11:37 am	4:22 pm	10:07 pm
	Mo	5:40 am	12:26 pm	6:08 pm	11:59 pm
	Tu	6:37 am	1:02 pm	7:06 pm	
	We	1:06 am	7:22 am	1:32 pm	7:50 pm
Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay	Th	12:22 am	6:47 am	11:25 am	4:58 pm
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	Sa	2:45 am	9:45 am	1:31 pm	6:57 pm
	Su	4:11 am	11:07 am	3:57 pm	9:33 pm
	Mo	5:24 am	11:55 am	5:51 pm	11:28 pm
	Tu	6:21 am	12:30 pm	6:53 pm	
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St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.	Th	12:08 am	7:28 am	11:14 am	5:09 pm
	Fr	1:13 am	8:46 am	11:44 am	5:58 pm
	Sa	2:34 am	10:27 am	1:18 pm	7:18 pm
	Su	4:05 am	12:18 pm	3:57 pm	9:34 pm
	Mo	5:23 am	12:41 pm	6:18 pm	11:30 pm
	Tu	6:22 am	1:01 pm	7:03 pm	
	We	12:47 am	7:07 am	1:19 pm	7:39 pm
Dog Island West End	Th	12:38 am	8:21 am	11:48 am	5:30 pm
	Fr	1:37 am	9:40 am	12:39 pm	6:17 pm
	Sa	2:52 am	11:20 am	2:23 pm	7:18 pm
	Su	4:18 am	12:36 pm	5:35 pm	9:41 pm
	Mo	5:33 am	12:57 pm	6:46 pm	11:26 pm
	Tu	6:39 am	1:13 pm	7:28 pm	
	We	12:55 am	7:29 am	1:27 pm	8:01 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 Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



Each year, people are seriously injured or killed being hit by a boat propeller. Most propeller accidents can be prevented.

The following tips were provided by the U.S. Coast Guard:

- Before starting your boat engine, walk to the stern and look in the water to make certain there is no one near your propeller (people near propeller may not be visible from helm).
- Wear your engine cut-off switch lanyard and your life jacket at ALL times. If the lanyard is removed from the switch, the engine will shut off.
- Make sure all passengers are also wearing a proper-fitting, Coast Guard approved life jacket.
- Assign a passenger to keep watch around the propeller area of your boat when people are in the water.
- Consider purchasing propeller safety devices for your boat.

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- Never allow passengers to board or exit your boat from the water when engines are on or idling (your propeller may continue to spin).
 - Educate passengers about the location and danger of the propellers.
 - Be especially alert when operating in congested areas and never enter swimming zones.
 - Take extra precautions near boats that are towing skiers or tubers.
 - Do not permit passengers to ride on the bow, gunwale, transom, seatbacks, or other non-passenger locations where they might fall overboard.
 - Children should be watched carefully.
 - Establish clear rules for swim platform use, boarding ladders, and seating.
 - Never reverse your boat to pick someone up out of the water. Go around again.
- Remember, expect the unexpected and wear the engine cut-off switch lanyard while boating because the propeller can kill anyone that might fall overboard.
- For more information about the engine cut-off switch, visit <https://uscgboating.org/recrea.../engine-cut-off-devices.php>
- 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

Rescue diver.

Hello Wakulla:

In the last column, I hope you got a better understanding of how much fun and intriguing night diving can be. To get your advanced through NAUI, there are several more dives to choose from to complete your advanced certification. I like to teach the non-penetrating wreck dive, the underwater navigation, and the introduction to light salvage using a submersible marker buoy. There are several more to choose from; underwater hunting, aquatic life to name a few.

So let's move on to what I think is the next step to making you a very capable diver.

Rescue diver.

The reason I think this will round out your diving skills is in the rescue course you will learn self-rescue before you can try to rescue another diver who might be in a panic situation.

What is self rescue?

It's the ability to recognize when you can identify there is a potential issue with your equipment, surroundings, and if you're uncomfortable with the diving environment you're in. In other words, you recognize that something isn't quite right with the circumstances of your diving.

Once you can recognize your own situation and then get yourself back to a level of safety and comfort, then you will be in a better position to come to the aid of someone else.

I have seen, over the years, divers become victims themselves trying to help another diver who is on the verge of panic underwater.

It's almost instinctive to want to help someone who seems to be having trouble when they are diving. That's where they become victims too.

In a rescue class you will learn to look around the area of the panicked diver and to quickly assess if there is an outside influence leading to their panicked situation.

Are they tangled in some fishing line? Are they having issues with their equipment? And so on.

You will be trained to spot an incident before it becomes an accident. That is the key to a successful rescue. "Remember that the most successful rescue is one you don't have to make." We spend several hours in the classroom before we go to open water to learn actual rescue techniques. Those hours in the classroom will cover:

1. Zero Accidents
2. Acting in an emergency
3. Diving readiness
4. Preparing to dive
5. Reducing common diving risks
6. Stress and distress
7. Dealing with an out of air emergency
8. Diving readiness
9. Diving maladies
10. Treatment of diving maladies
11. Surface Rescue
12. Diver first aid
13. The chain of survival
14. Accident management
15. Legal and ethical issues

As you can see there are a lot of issues you have to understand before you step in to try to help someone else in the water.

I won't go into great details to discuss all 15 study points but in the next column I will touch on a few of them to round out this series.

Until next time,

Russell Miller
NAUI Inst#5999

Barbecue fundraiser for St. Jude's



PHOTO BY LYNDA KINSEY

Ryan Laird of Miller Tree Service, Kenny Kinsey of Cone Distributing, Steve Verhage of Cone Distributing, and Dale Evans of the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office cooking on Friday, April 15.

Staff Report

A group of organizations got together to cook ribs and Boston butts held as a fund-

raiser for St. Jude's Childrens Hospital - including Cone Distributing, Miller Tree Service and the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office.

Since 2010, Cone and other locally owned companies have raised \$472,000 for St. Jude's. All the money raised goes to the hospital.

This year all the meat was purchased from Mack's Meats. The event is held twice a year and the next one will be in November.

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- Unoriginal
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- Louie ___, comedian
- Unrefined
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- Declares reprehensible
- Biblical country
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- Stove
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- Endangered Hawaiian geese

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Capital to the Coast Relay comes through Panacea

By BRENT SCOTT
Sun Contributor

Something was a-stirrin' on a sunny but VERY windy Saturday morning, April 9th, in a recently repaved parking lot in Panacea. Teams of runners were showing up in support of their mate's completion of the 5th of 12 legs of the Capital to Coast Inaugural relay race.

One team after another transferred the baton (actually a snap wrist ring) to their next teammate and the 6th leg was on its way while team members and other team's members enthusiastically encouraged the runners to a strong finish. The energy was everywhere and expanding to anybody that happened to drive by or cross the street over.

Kathleen Barabas, along with Rachel Laiserin and Sharon Greenbery of Team "Gorgeous Ladies" out of New York City, said that the relay race started on the steps of the old State Capital and that they will complete the 79 mile event at the St George Island Lighthouse. She said that her team of four had previously run a sister event called the Hood to Coast Relay Race (as in Mount Hood) which was a little longer at 126 total miles. Ms. Barabas commented how well Tallahassee was as a host city and what great support the runners have received from local law enforcement.

Members of Team "Girl Got Game" were yelling and screaming words of encouragement for inbound runner Diaz



Team 'Gorgeous Ladies' from New York: Sharon Greenbery, Rachel Laiserin, and Kathleen Barabas.

Florence. A smooth transition of the team baton was made to Cindy Holland and she was off to the next stop 7.62 miles away over the Ochlockonee Bay bridge and into Franklin County. Team member Angela Kloph held down the 3rd leg - a 6.44 mile stretch covering all of Woodville Highway south of Bloxham Cutoff, then a short distance on Highway 98 ending in the parking lot of the Magnuson Hotel Wildwood Inn. She'll also cover the 9th leg which begins at the St James Golf Club and ends 4.31 miles later at the Crooked River Light House. Speaking with her after the run, she said, "Everyone was sore after the run, tired." It wasn't until the following Monday that the team took back to the pad.

Clearly, to execute this relay there is a lot of hopscotching going on in the

team vans, which is part of the fun!

All in total, there were 39 teams in the running

event representing about 200 individual participants, five states and 15 cities!

Want to enter a team next year? You can find more information about other team relay events and more details about this one at www.hoodto-coast.com. Also, you can

see placement results as well as where everyone was at <https://runsignup.com/Race/Results/128472/%20#resultSetId-309440;perPage:100> or simply click on the Capital to Coast event and select 2022 Results.

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