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Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunny</b>	<b>Partly Cloudy</b>	<b>Partly Cloudy</b>
Hi: 83° Lo: 65° 03%	Hi: 80° Lo: 66° 03%	Hi: 80° Lo: 66° 24%
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## Bevis Funeral Home to close office

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**  
Editor



**Funeral Home & Crematory**

directors meet families at a convenient location to discuss options..

Bevis purchased the Harvey-Young Funeral Home business from Skip Young in 2007, but not the building, which Young owns.

There were a series of legal battles

when Young decided to get back into the funeral home business: Young challenged the non-compete with Bevis and won; Bevis challenged Young's use of the name Young Funeral Home and it was changed to Family Funeral Home.

Young purchased the Hudson House and operated his funeral home from there. Young later posted signs at the Harvey-Young Chapel saying "Building for rent."

Bevis, who was renting the building from Young, posted signs on the property saying: "Funeral home not going out of business."

Two years ago, Young notified Bevis he was evicting him from the building, and Young moved Family Funeral Home

into the Harvey-Young Chapel.

Kimberly Crum and David Conn, both Bevis employees, bought the building at 5 Shadeville Road in Crawfordville, up the road from Harvey-Young Chapel, and Bevis rented the building.

A few weeks ago, Crum left Bevis and went to work for Young at Family Funeral Home.

Crum commented that she was happy to be able to continue to serve the community.

Of Young and Bevis, Crum said: "I have high regard for both of them."

Young, who is also an owner of Young-Fulford Funeral Home in Tallahassee, could not be reached for comment.

## Roof controversy at Depot



Workers prepare to put a tin roof on the old Sopchoppy Depot after removing the wood shingle roof.

### Historic building's historically accurate wood shingles are replaced by tin

By **RIDDHI PATEL**  
Reporter

The City of Sopchoppy decided to replace the roof of the historic Sopchoppy Depot from the wood shingles to a tin roof. The decision was finalized in previous Sopchoppy City Commission meetings; however, the start of the renovation process which began in the days following the Worm Gruntin' Festival caused significant controversy at the meeting on Monday, April 11.

Sopchoppy Public Works Di-

rector Leonard Tartt said the Depot had a tin roof in 2009 prior to the city's ownership of the historic building. He said that after a grant was found for the Depot, ownership was transferred to the city, and an architect was found, all parties decided that the roof should be restored and returned to being a shingle roof. Tartt said the shingles have recently begun to rot, and that the city decided to do something about it. Based on recommendations by their architect, the city decided to move forward with a tin roof.

"I just wonder, why spend money on a roof that never leaked and never failed," said Nelson Martin, who had spearheaded efforts over the years to preserve the Depot, the last remaining depot building on the Georgia, Florida & Alabama rail line.

While Tartt, Martin, and the city had expected the wood shingle roof to last between 30 to 50 years, they began to notice damage 13 years later.

Tartt and Martin both con-

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## Commission debates neighborhood assessments

Homeowners are able to impose fees on themselves for infrastructure improvements, but is it fair to those who don't want the service?

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**  
Editor

Even as two neighborhoods had voted to impose a special assessment on themselves to bring broadband internet to their homes, county commissioners debated their stances on the fairness of requiring some people to pay for something they may never use.

Homeowners in the Elm Ridge and The Park subdivisions voted to pay an extra fee in order to get internet service, and commissioners voted 4-1 to adopt the assessment resolution at their meeting on April 18.

Commissioner Ralph Thomas, who cast the lone dissenting vote on both resolutions, said he could not support forcing people to pay for something they don't want. He also expressed concern about how the voluntary elections are tallied by the majority of votes without taking into account the percentage of the community that votes. In an example, he noted that in a subdivision of 100 homes if only 10 people vote and six vote for the assessment, then it passes.

Commissioner Chuck Hess disputed the example, saying it's not fair to count a person who

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## Kinsey Miller joins county staff

Will serve as county's new Public Information Officer

By **RIDDHI PATEL**  
Reporter

Kinsey Miller has been appointed as the new public information officer for Wakulla County.

Miller said his responsibilities will include managing the communication between the county and the citizens of Wakulla and overseeing the marketing and promotion of Wakulla to people who live outside the county.

"I'm happy to be back in Wakulla County," he said.

Miller grew up in Wakulla County – specifically, in the Ochlockonee Bay and Panacea areas. While attending Wakulla High School, he dual enrolled at Tallahassee Community College – eventually earning his associate degree. He then went to Flagler College where he majored in strategic communications and minored in marketing.

Miller interned with Panacea Waterfronts Florida Partnership. He said his work with the organization focused on communications and marketing, and that he acted as their Visit Florida liaison. Following his internship with Panacea Waterfronts, he completed a marketing internship with Anheuser-Busch distributor Tri-Eagle Sales. During this time, he also became their brand activation manager. Eventually, the internship led to Miller taking a full-time marketing specialist job with the company.



After working for Tri-Eagle, Miller began working as a communications liaison with the Department of Economic Opportunity. He worked within the Office of Community Partnerships and the Office of Broadband. Miller said his responsibilities included coordinating communication and developing outreach materials.

Throughout his education and career, Miller has developed significant skills in communications and marketing.

In his new job with the county, Miller said his role will include managing media relations and the county's digital communications, overseeing the Tourist Development Council coordinator, and handling the communications and marketing for the county.

He said his responsibility is "ensuring the citizens of Wakulla are disseminated accurate information about the county's projects and the Board of County Commissioners' actions."

Miller said his goal is to increase the county's level of communication with the public and to bolster tourism. "In this role, I can help make a difference in the county," said Miller.

He is especially excited about working with the TDC to ensure the county is promoted and tourism revenue is brought in. He said the county is full of assets including the natural resources, and that he

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# Student of the Week

Olivia Tomberlin, 4th grader at Crawfordville Elementary

Principal: Alena Crawford

**Reason for Nomination: Leadership Skills**

Olivia is currently leading the school in word count, as a fourth grader, with 3,995,719 words. She is a well-rounded, avid reader who serves on Student Council. She exhibits kindness daily and is always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who needs it. She can always be counted on to do the right thing and lead by example. In addition to being a student at CES, she participates in dance and cheer and exhibits a true team spirit.



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## Honor Court banquet held

By **RIDDHI PATEL**  
Reporter

The Wakulla High School Honor Court banquet was held to celebrate the achievements of 22 graduating seniors.

According to Wakulla High School Assistant Principal of Student Services Logan Crouch, the students on the Honor Court attended the two-part banquet along with invited family and friends, teacher representatives, high school and district office administrators, and two school board members. The evening began with a dinner served at the Wakulla Springs Lodge. After the dinner, the attendees were invited back to the high school for the second

part of the banquet.

Prior to the Monday, April 11 event, each student selected a teacher representative, and each teacher representative made a two-minute recording about the student. The recordings were played simultaneously along with a slideshow of pictures for each Honor Court member. Crouch said four students chose elementary school teachers to be their teacher representative – with one student even choosing their kindergarten teacher. According to Crouch, this was the first time that this many elementary school teachers were chosen by students on the Honor Court. “It’s really cool how students have fond memories of their kindergarten years,” said Crouch.

Honor Court members were also presented with awards including the plaque with names of all the students. Additionally, they were each given a yard sign of their picture.

The Wakulla High School Class of 2022 Honor Court includes Valedictorian Stephen Hartwein, Salutatorian Samantha Piotrowski, Clara Alford, Victoria Beck, Bailee Bendeck, Ryan Brabham, Andrew Buchleitner, Victoria Dichio, Gabriella Jacobs, Ryan Ly, Annika Matlock, Genevieve Montgomery, Kaitlyn Newell, Allie Nutting, Casey Paarlberg, Lia Roddenberry, Tristan Silcox, Lily Stolk, Kanoa Tucker, Natalie Whaley, Marina Whitsell, and Isaac Yu.



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Wakulla County is currently seeking at least 8 (eight) and no more than 11 (eleven) citizens who have a willingness to serve as a member on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC). The AHAC is a decision-making committee that has the responsibility to review affordable housing incentives available within the county and to make recommendations concerning those incentives to the Board of County Commissioners. Each member of the AHAC must be a representative of one of the following categories with at least 6 (six) categories represented on the Committee:

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- j) Represents employers within the jurisdiction.
- k) Represents essential services personnel, as defined in the local housing assistance plan.

These positions are on a volunteer basis only and the members would have the responsibility of being present at each scheduled AHAC meeting beginning June 2022.

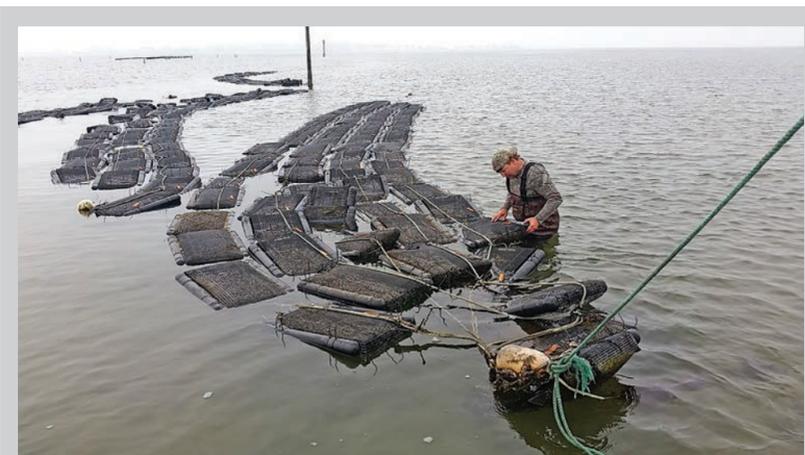
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## Pamper Your Pooch was Saturday



Paws of Wakulla held a dogwash fundraiser on Saturday, April 23 at Hudson Park. (Photos by Riddhi Patel)



## Oyster culture workshop is set

The University of Florida/IFAS Shellfish Aquaculture Extension Program is conducting an Oyster Culture Workshop on May 4 and 5. The Program collaborates with multiple partners and funding sources to conduct applied projects addressing the needs of the oyster culture industry. This workshop provides updates and results of projects conducted in 2020-21 and introduction to new projects being conducted in 2022-23. The workshop will be

held on two dates and at two locations: Wednesday, May 4, Wakulla County Extension, Auditorium, 84 Cedar Ave, Crawfordville and Thursday, May 5, FSU Coastal and Marine Lab, Auditorium, 3618 Coastal Hwy 98, St. Teresa. Both workshops are from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Leslie Sturmer, [Lnst@ufl.edu](mailto:Lnst@ufl.edu) or Erik Lovestrang, [elovestrang@ufl.edu](mailto:elovestrang@ufl.edu).

## Debate

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doesn’t vote as a no vote. The person may not care one way or the other, Hess said.

One homeowner in Elm Ridge, Terry Prentice Todd, said she and her son voted no in a poll of subdivision residents, and said she didn’t feel she should be forced to pay.

Another homeowner, Denise Andrews in The Park, told commissioners that had she known there was no internet in the neighborhood, she never would have built there.

Another citizen, Jim Hampton, rejected Thomas’ contention that this was an example of government overreach. “It’s just the opposite,” he said. “It’s government doing what the will of a majority of the members of the community wanted.” Hampton added that 73% of the Park community voted on the issue.

Commissioner Randy Merritt noted on the one hand that internet service is a benefit to property, even as he said he could see Thomas’ point. Other infrastructure improvements that a neighborhood may want to get through special assessment – say paved roads or streetlights or

sidewalks – are different from internet.

While he voted for it, at the end of the meeting, Commissioner Mike Kemp indicated he was still struggling with neighborhoods imposing assessments on other homeowners. “I don’t think it’s fair to make people pay for something they’re not gonna use,” he said.

Earlier in the meeting, commissioners voted on an amendment to the policy on voluntary assessments to increase the threshold to 66% percent of positive votes by homeowners to impose a voluntary assessment.

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# Opinions



Thursday, April 28 from 5:00pm-7:00pm

Come out and meet the staff of The Wakulla Sun at 12 Arran Rd. in Crawfordville.

Snacks, Beverages and Conversations!

## Please join us for our Open House on Thursday



By WILLIAM SNOWDEN

We're at 12 Arran Road on the courthouse square – the building with the awnings.

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Thank you to all of our readers, advertisers and supporters. I have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of support we have received over the past couple of months.

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beyond what I had anticipated.

I am so appreciative of this community's generosity.

As I was writing this, sales person Lynda Kinsey had been in my office with a big smile on her face talking about how blessed we have been.

"I'm not kidding," she said. "I really feel like we've been blessed."

"I'm not kidding either," I said. "I feel that way too."

Thanks to all of you.

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

### LETTERS

## Rejecting Wakulla 'International' Airport

Editor, The Sun:

One could only chuckle when reading the headline in the Sun...."Tarpine rejects airport deed"....no kidding!.....they don't want it and why would they?

The last line in the article sums it up ... "Critics have contended the county is subsidizing a facility used by only a handful of people, most of them financially well off.".....the "county" means the Wakulla taxpayers.....why would the Tarpiners want to change that?.....

The BOCC has spent a lot of taxpayer money on the air field over the last few years.....I'm glad their position seems to have changed.....if the

Tarpine HOA doesn't want it, just close it....

The HOA requested that the county...(Wakulla taxpayers)...bring the airport into compliance and obtain a "standard" license from DOT..... Mr Ted Recker (HOA) even hinted at a possible lawsuit in the future.....if and when that happens the air field should be closed immediately and remain closed until all legal matters are resolved....in fact, since the Tarpine HOA rejected the airport deed after the BOCC meeting on April 4th.... close it now!

F J Young  
Crawfordville

## More notes to The Wakulla Sun

Some messages received over the past week – scribbled on subscription forms

- Thanks for keeping it local! :) – Alan & Kathleen Lamarche
- I wish you people all the success in the world! Hello to Lynda. – James Bowman
- Dear Mr. Snowden, I wish you much success with your new endeavor – BRAVO for you and your loyal co-workers. Sincerely, Tricia Terebelski
- Great article on Leonard Tartt! Congrats on The Wakulla Sun, like it! – Becky Panebianco
- Proud of you, Bill! – Tina Grier
- I noticed a distinct new "flavor" at the old Wakulla News. It was distasteful! Glad to see this new "old" paper! :) – Karen & Cleve Thomas

## Something on your mind?

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



Eagle Scout John Anzalone, center, was recognized by the Wakulla County Commission on Monday, April 18. His project was benches for the Guy Revell Nature Trail.

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Editor & Publisher  
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## REBORN at Panacea Full Gospel

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



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## ◀ Question of The Week ▶

– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

### Polled at the Crawfordville Quick Stop and around town. What is your favorite thing about Spring?



**SARAH WILLIAMS**  
RETIRED DEPUTY SHERIFF

**“The Flowers blooming and everything turning so green.”**



**JIM HAZEN**  
SCHOOL BUS DRIVER

**“The weather and fishing.”**



**JOE LAWSON**  
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**“The weather, Spring is all about the nice weather, swimming, then comes football coming back.”**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Wakulla Station News

By **VERNA BROCK**

I hope everyone had a blessed and joyful Easter! It has been so much fun to see posts of children in their Easter outfits, not so different from my old photos of family and friends in frilly dresses, Easter bonnets, sharp suits and new, white “Church shoes”. I love everyone’s flowers and Easter-egg hunt photos, shots of family dinners and celebrations.

The Wakulla County Public Library invites families of pre-schoolers to join the Book Bunch, every Tuesday at 10:00 AM. It is a 30-minute program that includes stories, music, rhymes and crafts that go along with the weekly theme. It is also free.

I had a great Saturday morning, watching the District 4-H Showcase Competition, which the Wakulla Extension office hosted. Young people from several coun-

ties competed, giving demonstration talks on subjects as far ranging as how to make “America’s Milkshake” for the 4th of July, to making candles, to all the things you don’t know about growing oranges. I also had the pleasure of seeing my long-time friend John Lilly, director of the Jefferson County Extension Office and 4-H coordinator.

Speaking of 4-H, don’t forget to sign your elementary-age kids up for one or more of the summer camp sessions being offered by the Extension Office. For more information, contact Extension at (850) 926-3931. They are also looking for workers, age 18 and up, to work the summer, helping run camp. This is a great opportunity for graduating seniors looking for a summer job before starting the next phase of their education! You must pass the background check and drug test to qualify.

A prayer of thanks for George Hernandez surviving a serious car crash, with few injuries. His car was totaled, but George received bumps and bruises.

What a joy to join the Cox family as they celebrate Carah Cox’s upcoming graduation from Troy University! Her ambition is to work with a children’s services program (much like our Sheriffs Boys and Girls Homes). We are all so excited for her as she begins a new adventure. Congratulations also to Mary Jo and Pat Dowling, as their daughter Tracey Lord, has completed her Ph.D in Education program. What a monumental accomplishment!

Please keep the Bowman family in your prayers, as Joy is fighting a serious illness. Also, please continue to remember Linda Dunwoody, Sue Austin, Ian Wickham, and Lyric Oaks in your prayers.

It has been interesting to watch the creation of an entire neighborhood, from the ground up, right across the street from my house. Street lights have been installed and are operational, so the sudden appearance of light where there previously was none has been “illuminating”. One family has begun the move into their new home, and I am sure many more will follow. I await a change in the speed limit signs, as the current limit is 55 mph. This can only bring frustration and death defying acts of driving as more and more residents attempt to enter and exit their neighborhood.

Please consider joining the Wakulla United Methodist Church (The log cabin Church on the Bike Trail) this Sunday, as we have our customary 1st Sunday Pot-luck Dinner after the service. Trust me, Methodists know how to cook and fellowship! We would love to welcome you.

### Buckhorn News

By **ETHEL SKIPPER**

We are thankful, we give thanks unto the Lord for He is good and His mercy endureth forever.

We have so much to thank the Lord for – the list gets longer each time there is another blessing. When we are alone, we thank Him for being by our side. When we are in distress, He is there for us and we thank Him because we can put our trust in Him.

We thank the Lord for His Word: It is a lamp at our feet and a light unto our path.

I am thankful to live in a place where the people love the Lord, and that makes it easy to love one another.

I am thankful because there are so many things to praise the Lord for. We praise the name of the Lord, for the name of the Lord is good. Sing praises unto His name for He is pleasant.

With thanksgiving we can praise God, and make a joyful noise unto Him. All our blessings come from Him.

Do you take time to thank Him when you travel and arrive safely? Thank Him for a night of good rest and pleasant dreams. Thank the Lord for family, children, grandchildren, sisters and brothers, mothers and fathers. Thank God for your spiritual family. Thank Him for unknown friends. Thank God for everything.

That’s what Paul told us to do (1 Thessalonian 5:18): “In everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” So that’s the message we proclaim in our lives, though we’re too often lax in thanking God for the blessings we take for granted – or for the hard times we don’t understand.

Happy birthday to Charlotte Green on May 21; Callie Gavin on May 13; Ryan Hines on May 5; and Nasha Nicholas.

Our prayers go out to all the sick and shut-in, those in the hospital, nursing homes, prison, and all in need of prayer. Let us pray for peace and safety everywhere.

### Wakulla Citizens Page News

By **BECKY WHALEY**

Parking meters for beaches are coming up for discussion on May 2nd and the community is not happy. If this starts with our water access parks, does it end there, or will we now install parking meters at the Recreation Park where thousands of children play a multitude of sports and all other parks? The community is making a lot of noise about replacing commissioners over this subject but what people are not noticing is that no one is filing to run! The deadline is approaching and anyone screaming about voting them out over this and other issues needs to act

and not sit on the sidelines. Throw your hat in the ring and I guarantee you if you win you will be the new crook in town who is pocketing money. I would like to point out to the public that this item is not a commissioner item, yes, the County Administrator works for them, but they have not yet seen the proposal and, in all honesty, I would wager they are not going to approve a \$2 an hour parking proposal. Roger Durand would like to know if the parking fee also includes county provided golf carts!

Spring Creek Highway resident showed pictures of people whether intentionally or unintentionally dumping a mat-

tress on his property, comments were aplenty – the best response was for him to burn it since he feels like he needs to don a bodysuit to pick it up and take it to the dump! Please, if you live in Wakulla do not litter and do not put bulky items beside the road until you have contacted Waste Pro and arranged for the pickup – Keeping Wakulla Beautiful is a full-time job, and it really is a problem.

Mason Maloni, a Wakulla High School senior, made history as the first male cheerleader from Wakulla to receive a scholarship and 10.7 thousand views were recorded for this

post. Congratulations are certainly in order for Mason!

An 8-year-old, Wyatt Wood, has accepted the 50-yard challenge to help the elderly, disabled single parents and veterans for free. You might not think this is important, but it was amazing to see the need for what Wyatt is doing, especially by an individual who is wheelchair bound due to amputation and their husband has stage 4 cancer and all they need is for Wyatt to do a little raking for them. God Bless Wyatt for his heart and his parents for their support to stand by him to complete this challenge.

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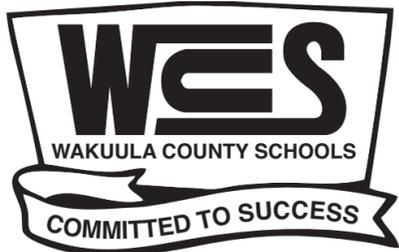
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# April is National Alcohol Awareness Month

**Going beyond the text:**

**Controversy in the news** - Alcohol use is a prevalent issue in today's society. From health concerns to financial troubles, to lawsuits, this controversy presents itself to us in the daily newspaper.

Look in the newspaper for an article that discusses some form of controversy focused on or related to the use of alcohol. Analyze the elements of the controversy. What are the causes and effects? What is the outcome? Is there an economic impact? What could have been done to prevent or lessen the controversy? Write down your thoughts in a journal or blog. Share your thoughts and article with your classmates.

**Interpreting ads** - Advertisements can be misleading, especially advertisements for items that may be considered unhealthy, such as alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and unhealthy food choices.

Split your class into small groups. Within the groups, have the students look for advertisements in the newspaper. Tell the students to find several advertisements for food and beverage items and then analyze the message the advertiser is promoting. Have the students write down the message of the ad, the images that are used to support that message and whether it is misleading. Have the students share the information with their classmates.

**The art of persuasion** - Have the students look specifically at the alcohol advertisements in the newspaper and examine them for persuasive techniques used in advertising. What claims are being made in the advertisements? Are the claims realistic? Are they persuasive? Can students find any questionable statements made about the product?

**The teenage brain** - Drugs and alcohol have more significant negative effects on a teenage brain than on an adult brain. The teenage brain is still growing and developing, and abuse of drugs or alcohol can interfere with these processes. One of the most significant things to be affected is the area of the brain that controls judgment. Impulse decisions, careful consideration of consequences and good long-term decision-making processes all suffer when drugs and alcohol enter a teen's brain. This can lead to impaired teens getting behind the wheel of a car or becoming involved in violent situations or other behaviors that could result in illness, injury or death. Do you know anyone who has made a bad decision under the influence of alcohol or other drugs? What were the consequences of that decision? Look in the

newspaper for examples of consequences that appear to be the result of poor judgement. Write about the actions and consequences in a fully developed paragraph. Analyze what could have been done differently to change the outcome.

**DUI** - Driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol and other drugs is dangerous and against the law. Monitor the newspaper for a few weeks. How many people are involved in DUI accidents or arrests during this time period? Based on what you read and see in your community, write down your thoughts about why people drive under the influence. Research alternatives to this behavior. Write an argument essay discussing your ideas. Share your thoughts and what you have learned with your class.

**Role models** - Becoming a role model for another person is a great way to influence good behavior. Look in the

newspaper and find a person who is a good role model. You might even find good examples on the comics pages. Make a list of reasons why this individual is a good role model. Next, pretend you are going to interview this person for your school newspaper. Write out six questions that you would ask this person about being a role model. Trade questions with a friend and answer them as you think the role model would. Share your thoughts about the characteristics of a good role model in the form of a Facebook, Instagram or blog post. Share what you have written with your class.

**Critical thinking** - It is time to use your critical thinking skills. Review the articles and ads in the newspaper for one week. Save all articles that focus on health, fitness, drugs and alcohol. Write down the main points for each article. Be sure to comment on whether the article is

focusing on positive or negative choices. Choose one of the points represented in one of the articles to write a research paper. You can focus your research and paper on any aspect of the article. After your paper is written, create an oral presentation for your class. Explain whether the information you found is positive, negative, helpful or harmful. Be sure to use specific examples from the article and your research in your paper and presentation.

**Having fun, responsibly** - Look through the newspaper for stories and photos about fun activities that do not involve drinking alcohol. Research and write a newspaper story about an event or activity that you have not participated in before. Remember to answer the questions who, what, when, where, why and how. If you can, do this activity or go to this event and write a review about the experi-

ence. **Creating a list** - There are plenty of fun things to do in Florida that do not involve drinking alcohol. Look through your newspaper for activities a teenager might engage in instead of drinking alcohol. Make a list on a poster. As a class, list the positive effects of participating in each type of activity.

**Staying safe** - Read the newspaper for stories involving drinking and driving crashes. Discuss with your classmates the risks involved in drinking and driving. Make a list of suggestions for how to keep people who've been drinking from driving a car while intoxicated. Using the advertisements and advertorials in the newspaper as models, create an advertisement to encourage people not to drink and drive.

**Peer pressure** - Peer pressure can influence people at any age. Young people and adults often

encounter peer pressure, in which they feel pressured to do things that may be harmful to them. Peer pressure can influence people to do things they would not normally do. Find an article in the newspaper in which peer pressure may have played a role. Write about the peer pressure you see, read and hear about in the newspaper, at your school and in your community. Explore why it is important for people to be prepared for situations where they may feel pressured to do something that may have negative effects on their lives. Write about this article, focusing on the article from the newspaper and your personal observations. Be sure to use specific examples from the article to support your ideas.

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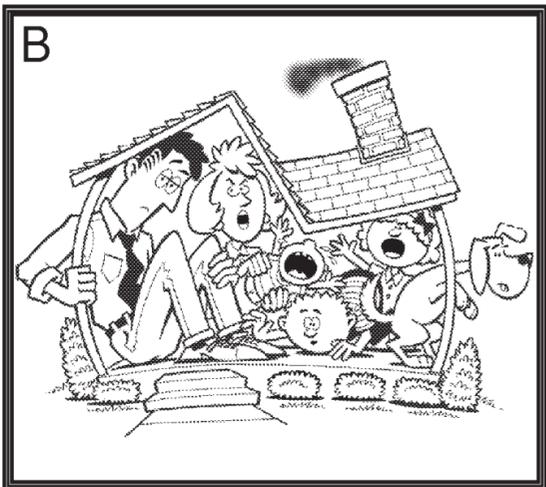
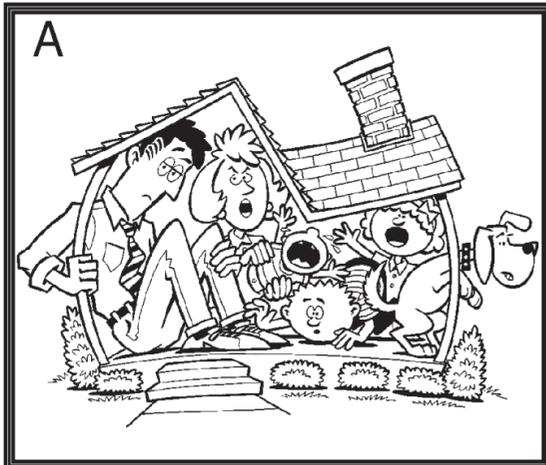
**People FACT:**

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## What's the Difference?

There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



ANSWERS: 1. Dad's tie is black 2. Smoke from chimney 3. Baby has 3 teeth 4. Girl's bow is black 5. Dog is missing collar

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## get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture featured here is?

ANSWER: MAILBOX

# In honor of the National Day of Prayer



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

O Father, we're a mess. Our country has lost its way, and this scares me. How long

can we go on before we destroy ourselves? I feel sad that our beautiful America is changing in ways I would've never imagined.

How long will we foolishly wander from Your presence, Father, stumbling in our ignorance, rebellion and pride? Forgive us.

Forgive our stubborn and willfully destructive ways. Have mercy on us for forgetting why this nation was founded and the sacrifices of those who gave birth to

America.

Show us our future. Show us what will become of us if we don't repent. The growing hatred we have towards one another and the disrespect we constantly display against You and Your Word absolutely terrifies me. Help us trust You, Lord, and know Your ways are truly good and right.

Show us how to pray. Reveal to us where we, as individuals and as a nation, are smug and full of pride. Then give

us the courage that comes with humility. Grant us the strength and wisdom to humble ourselves before one another – and, most of all, before You.

Reveal to us where we've missed the mark. Show us where we're wrong. Forgive us for the way we've treated each other, including those within our churches. Help us see clearly what the real issues are and who our ultimate enemy is.

Help us, as a people,

recognize Who You are – our Creator. Give us wisdom to exalt Your Name and honor Your Word.

Have mercy on us. We ask this for Your Name's sake as we call upon Your mercy and loving kindness once again. You are our only hope.

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Heal our land so we can, once again, find our way back to You. Amen.

(The National Day of Prayer is observed

every year on the first Thursday in May. This year's theme, as quoted from [www.nationalday-ofprayer.org](http://www.nationalday-ofprayer.org), is "A call to praise in prayer!" Exalt the LORD, who has established us' based on Colossians 2:6-7 NASB.)

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## Obituaries

### DEATH NOTICES

• Linda Dale Hogan, 68 of Tallahassee, died April 19, 2022. Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

• Kenneth Willie Morgan, 76 of Sopchoppy, died April 23, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel (850-926-5919, [www.familyfhc.com](http://www.familyfhc.com)).

## Depot

### From Front Page

tended the roof was likely not installed correctly by the contractor at the time. Martin said that in humid climates air must be allowed under the shingles either through an extra layer of furring strips or by utilizing a nylon mesh.

Tartt said he was recently told that the issue may have been how tightly the shingles were nailed together or the wood itself. Ultimately, the issue appeared to be a lack of air and ventilation that created an ideal environment for excess moisture and mildew build-up. However, no one realized the issue prior to or during the installation of the wood shingles.

Tartt questioned why Martin, who was affiliated with the Depot since before finding the grant and transferring ownership to the city, did not research or know that the roof was being installed incorrectly.

Martin said the roof was not rotting, but that there is mildew damage and weathering that could have been prevented with proper maintenance – turning it back on to Tartt, who would have been responsible for the roof's maintenance over the years. Later in the meeting, a frustrated Martin brought in some of the shingles

that had already been removed from the roof to support his point that the shingles were not entirely rotten but were weathered and mildewy – however as the city had moved on to other agenda items, Martin's actions were not well-received.

"What do we do now?" asked Tartt. "Where do we go from here?"

"We've already voted last month to do that roof that's going on now," answered Sopchoppy Mayor Lara Edwards, "so moving forward in the future, if there's some sort of recourse for whatever went wrong with the shingles, I mean, we can look at it."

Edwards and the City Attorney Dan Cox said the city has already signed a contract and paid for the roof.

Concerns were brought forward during the April city commission meeting by Sopchoppy residents; specifically, those affiliated with the Depot Committee, regarding the historical accuracy of a tin roof on the Depot.

"Every building in Wakulla County had wood roofs until 1935 and this is about the last one," said Martin. "It is a museum, its an educational facility, and it really shouldn't look like a new building with a shiny roof."

"Personally, I didn't hear anything else regarding historical ramifications," said Edwards. She said

the change was announced, but Martin said he did not know about it and that there may be ramifications with the grant he had found years ago for the Depot's purchase and restoration.

Tartt said that even though the old shingles were being taken off, the city commission would be responsible for deciding if they wanted to try wood shingles again. "We did what we thought was the proper thing," said Tartt. The idea that more research may be needed was mentioned multiple times. Edwards said the change was advertised prior to a decision being made, and Cox said it was too late to change it.

Even though the city said they advertised the proposed change, there appeared to be some miscommunication or lack of communication between the City of Sopchoppy and the Depot Committee. Nancy Paul said that such committees do valuable work for the community. "Let's keep our citizens in the loop, even if you have to go a little extra mile," she said regarding directly informing the committee of relevant agenda items in the future.

McKeithan and Sons was contracted to remove the wood shingle roof on the Depot, and a new tin roof has been commissioned to be placed atop the building following the removal of the shingles.

## Sheriff's Report

Activity reported from April 15 to 21:

### FRIDAY, APRIL 15

• Crystal Claypool came into the front lobby of the sheriff's office and reported providing an individual \$5,000 for a roof replacement on her home. Claypool stated since providing the money to the suspect, he has stopped contacting her and has been a no-show for the work being started. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Sgt. Ronald Mitchell investigated.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 16

• Thomas Callaway reported Sierra Atkinson called and advised she was at Hobby Towing to retrieve property out of a vehicle. Callaway informed Atkinson the vehicle in question did not belong to her, that he was in Tallahassee, and she needed to leave his property. Callaway stated the gate was also closed. A vehicle was seen leaving the parking lot, and traffic stop was conducted. The driver was Atkinson who was found to not possess a valid license. Atkinson admitted to deputies she jumped the gate and entered the vehicle to retrieve her wallet. Callaway stated he wished to pursue charges. Atkinson was arrested and transported to the jail without incident. Deputy Jeremy Creel investigated.

• Deputies responded to Walmart in reference to the report of a disturbance. After a short investigation of the incident, Fabian Miller was arrested for Battery and Assault. During the altercation Miller threatened to shoot the victims. At one point Miller chest bumped a Walmart patron. Video of the incident was collected and submitted as evidence. Deputy Arturo Cordoba investigated.

### MONDAY, APRIL 18

• Robert Hartmen reported someone removed construction material from a posted home construction site in Crawfordville. Hartman stated he believes the theft took place on Sunday as a crew was present on Saturday. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Dustin Matthews investigated.

• Deputy Tiffany Spears responded to Walmart after reports of Joseph Hicks removing his clothing. The complainant advised every time Joseph passed him, he was wearing

less clothing. Wakulla County Communications advised Joseph had multiple warrants. A search allegedly found methamphetamine on Hicks. He was arrested on the outstanding warrants as well as the new charges of possession of meth.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 19

• Joseph Abraham reported an unknown person opening a Bank of America credit card in his name. The information came back to a location in New York. Sgt. Ronald Mitchell investigated.

• Deputy Dylan Causseaux conducted a traffic stop on a car for failure to maintain a single lane. Once the vehicle came to a stop, the driver exited the vehicle and ran towards a residence. Deputy Causseaux commanded the suspect to stop, and he did. The suspect, identified as Preston Smith, returned to the vehicle. During the investigation, a small bag containing 1.6 grams of methamphetamine was located. Smith was also found to not have a valid driver's license and to have multiple prior convictions. Preston Smith was arrested for possession of methamphetamine and DWLSR.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

• Deputy Colton Sheridan conducted a traffic stop in the area of Ashley Hall Road. During the stop the driver Robert Blankenship was found to be in possession of Methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Blankenship was arrested and transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 21

• Deputy Kory Smith conducted a traffic stop in the area of Lawhon Mill Road. During the stop, the odor of marijuana was noted. After a search, marijuana was allegedly found as well as a pill bottle that did not contain the driver's name. Driver Robert Munoz was also found to not possess a valid driver's license. Contact was made with the owner of the prescription who advised he knew the suspect and the medication had been stolen from him. Munoz was arrested for DWLSR, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and theft of medication.

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

## Miller

### From Front Page

wants to "help other people around the country and around the world fall in love with our county."

Miller said the position is likely to bring new challenges every day, but that he is excited to

undertake them and that he and the county staff are prepared to navigate them.

"There are a lot of amazing projects and things happening in Wakulla County," he said. "I'm just honored to be in the position – to work with citizens and the community."

## Dollie "Well, Hello Dollie!"



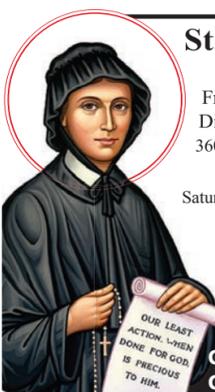
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## HOME ON THE RANGE

### Shooting the gallery gun



By MARJ LAW

“What you waiting for? Your sweetie could be holding this doll right now.” He pauses for a moment.

“If you think you can shoot that little rabbit,” he says slyly, egging the teenager on.

That’s all it takes, and the gallery gun is in the teen’s hands.

Just like the teen, four of us are shooting a Rossi gallery gun at the Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office range last Wednesday. The Rossi is a reproduction of the original late 1890s Winchester Model 62 .22 rifle used for small game, which also became well known for shooting galleries at fairs and festivals.

While the breech break rifle holds one round at a time, the newer pump gun, or gallery gun holds 14 rounds plus one in the chamber. Under the barrel is a tube. The



tube looks like a smaller barrel. Resting the stock in the ground, pull out the rod from this tube, and you can slide in 14 rounds and have one more in the chamber for a total of 15 rounds! When you’re hunting, isn’t 15 rounds before reloading more satisfying than one round?

This Rossi has an 18-inch barrel and has an overall length of 36 inches. Rear sights are called buckhorn sights. They are supposed to look like the curved horns of an antelope. When you shoot short distances, your front sight aligns with the notch at the base of the rear sights. Sight picture changes as you shoot longer distances. The longer the distance, the higher the front sight rises in the antelope curve. Since I shoot mainly semi-automatic pistols, this sight took a bit of getting used to.

What ammunition do you want in a gallery gun?

This is kind of cool. The gallery gun can take .22 shorts, .22 long or .22 long rifle. When shooting at a carnival, .22 shorts were used, as they were less powerful.

The gallery gun is a pump gun. Once loaded, for the first round, you grab the foregrip

and slide it toward your body. As it moves to you, it makes a satisfying kaaa-runch and cocks the hammer. It takes 2 pumps to get the first round in the chamber. Pull the trigger, and blam! The gun fires. Slide the foregrip to you again, kaaa-runch, and the brass flies out of the chamber as another round is loaded and the hammer is cocked.

And that’s the fun of the pump gun. Pull and kaaa-runch, and you can do this 15 times. None of that old one-at-a-time loading and reloading like you did with the breech-break guns.

So, on this Wednesday, Joe, Buck, Nora and I are going to shoot the Rossi pump (gallery) gun. We’re remembering shooting the breech break gun of the previous week.

First, Joe shows Nora and me how to slide the rounds into the tube. The Rossi has a safety, so we have to check the button above the trigger. When you push it from the left side toward the right, the part of the button that shows on the right is all black. Pushing the button to the left, and you see a red ring circling it. The red means the safety is off, and the gun is hot

and ready to fire.

Nora kaaa-runches and fires. Blam! Right into the middle of the target. She grins and fires again. She and the gun are accurate.

“What do you think of the trigger pull?” I ask. “On a 1-5 scale, with 1 being really easy and 5 being difficult, how do you rate how hard it is to pull the trigger?”

“I’ll give it a 1.5,” she says.

“And what about the length of travel time as you pull the trigger? Is it short, as a 1 or long as a 5?”

“Trigger travel isn’t long at all. I’ll give it a 1.”

“Also, on that 1-5 scale, how would you rate the amount of recoil you feel?” I ask her.

“Recoil?” she asks. She shakes her head and grins. “On a 1-5 scale, I’ll give it a 0!”

“No recoil?” “No. No recoil. I will say, however, the gun is heavy.”

At 5.5 lbs., the Rossi does weigh a lot more than the revolvers and semi-automatics we usually shoot at the pistol range.

Joe, Buck and I also score the amount of recoil outside the 1-5 scale, also rating it a 0. We all agree it has a light trigger pull, and a short travel.

I agree with Nora that the gun feels heavy. At 6 pounds, it’s heavier by a half pound than the Youth Rossi .22 breech break gun we shot the week before. The Youth Rossi has a composite stock, while the gallery gun has a wood stock. However, the breech break felt more familiar to us because it has a pistol grip stock while the gallery gun has a straight stock.

Targets at the carnivals were about 8 feet or so away from the shooter. At such a short distance, why weren’t more Kewpie dolls carried out by winners?

According to Joe, often the carnival person handed the gun to the shooter, and while doing so, his thumb moved the buckhorn rear sightly to the right or left. This made it difficult to get a proper sight picture. Clever! So, much of the time, the unsuspecting shooter left the carnival wondering why he hadn’t shot well that day.

Didn’t matter. Those Kewpie dolls were pretty ugly.

*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 as the peak of spring migration is ending

By DON MORROW

I had gotten back to town on an evening flight the night before and I was late getting down to St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge. It was just past first light when I passed through the gate and almost 7 a.m. before I parked at the Lighthouse.

I had been reading Bob Duncan’s posts about how east winds were bringing Caribbean migrants in to the Florida panhandle and I was anxious to find some before the winds changed.

Bob had said that the favorable wind patterns might last for a few days, but I didn’t

want to take the chance of hearing the dreaded, “You should have been here yesterday.”

My experience with these birds is that they show up early and I wanted to work the beach and coastal trails before trying the Tower Pond trail. I started walking East on the beach and just at sunrise, I scared up a Green Heron that may have come in overnight.

I turned around to put the rising sun at my back as I hunted for warblers in the Wolfberry hedges. I saw flitting birds, but could only identify a Common Yellowthroat and an Orchard Oriole.

There was not much else until I reached a

section of the beach backed by Red Cedars. From there up to the Lighthouse I started seeing Blackpoll and Cape May Warblers and a few more Yellowthroats.

I continued past the Lighthouse down the levee trail. A Gray Kingbird flew by and out on Lighthouse Pond I could see a Merlin chasing grackles. I found more warblers along the levee, but no new species and I moved on to the Cedar Point Trail.

There was a lone Palm Warbler on the edge of the parking lot. Like all of the Palm Warblers that I ended up seeing, it was of the Western subspecies that winters in

the Caribbean. I started walking down the trail and in the first hundred feet, I found Northern Parula warbler, an Ovenbird, a Prairie Warbler and a Gray Catbird.

Before I had reached the end of the short trail I encountered a Black-and-White Warbler, an American Redstart, a Black-throated-Blue Warbler and even more Blackpolls, Cape Mays and Yellowthroats.

By this point I was up to 10 warbler species. I decided it was time to head for the Tower Pond Trail.

The Tower Pond Trail is a one-mile loop. At first there were only more of the species that

I had been seeing, but the pond had a dozen species of shorebirds, including a few Stilt Sandpipers.

It was getting to be late morning and birding seemed to be slowing down until I reached an oak grove that, in addition to more Cape Mays, Blackpolls, Parulas and Black-throated Blues, also had two Yellow-throated Warblers.

While completing the Tower Pond loop, I added a Pine Warbler and Brown-headed Nuthatches to my list and found a cooperative Northern Waterthrush that I studied for about 10 minutes.

It was coming up on

noon and it was time to go home and unpack from my trip. I ended my birding day with 75 species, including 13 different warblers.

As Bob Duncan had indicated, the species that I saw are usually more common as peninsular migrants and had been pushed West by the prevailing winds.

The peak of spring migration is drawing to an end. Come down to St. Marks and join the warbler hunt before the heat of summer sets in. Your life will be the better for it.

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# Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water

Local writers share their experiences

<b>Thursday 28</b>	
Sun rise/set 6:56AM 8:12PM	Moon rise/set 5:52AM 6:22PM
Moon Illumination 6%	
<b>Friday 29</b>	
Sun rise/set 6:55AM 8:13PM	Moon rise/set 6:21AM 7:19PM
Moon Illumination 2%	
<b>Saturday 30</b>	
Sun rise/set 6:54AM 8:13PM	Moon rise/set 6:51AM 8:17PM
Moon Illumination 0%	
<b>Sunday 1</b>	
Sun rise/set 6:53AM 8:14PM	Moon rise/set 7:23AM 9:15PM
Moon Illumination 0%	
<b>Monday 2</b>	
Sun rise/set 6:52AM 8:15PM	Moon rise/set 7:57AM 10:12PM
Moon Illumination 3%	
<b>Tuesday 3</b>	
Sun rise/set 6:51AM 8:15PM	Moon rise/set 8:36AM 11:09PM
Moon Illumination 7%	
<b>Wednesday 4</b>	
Sun rise/set 6:50AM 8:16PM	Moon rise/set 9:20AM ---
Moon Illumination 12%	

## Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

### April 28 - May 4

Tide charts by [tides4fishing.com](http://tides4fishing.com)

Best fishing days this month  
April 30, September 1-10, 25-30

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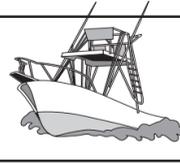
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Best hunting and fishing based on solar times: MAJOR feeding periods are 2 hours long, centered on the solar time. MINOR feeding periods are only 1 hour long, again centered on the solar time.



## Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



Last weekend, Saturday, April 16, members of Flotilla 12 represented the Auxiliary at the Florida Museum of History.

Thanks to member Phil Hill for the information and Mary Grant for the photo.

This event was in celebration of the 39th Annual Children's Day at the museum.

Members demonstrated proper knot tying and encouraged those in attendance to practice. Children and adults alike participated and learned some new skills! Information was shared about the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary including what we do, the gear we use for patrols and ways to get involved.

Members attending included Mary Grant, Tim Ashley, Norma & Phil Hill, and Mike Casey.

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



Flotilla members at Children's Day at the Florida Museum of History on Saturday.

Thanks to Sherrie, ber safe boating is no we will always remem- 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](http://www.uscgaux.net), follow us on Facebook @ Apalachee Bay Flotilla 12, or contact our Flotilla Commander Phil Hill at [pnkhill2000@yahoo.com](mailto:pnkhill2000@yahoo.com).

If you would like to learn more about vessel safety checks, please contact Steve Hults, Staff Officer for Vessel Examinations at [steve.hults@uscgaux.net](mailto:steve.hults@uscgaux.net).

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## Underwater Wakulla

By Rusty Miller

### Becoming a safe diver.

As I promised in my last column I'm going to wrap up my preferred progression of training to make you a very competent and safe diver.

The first one I want to discuss is "Zero Accidents". As a scuba diving instructor it is my responsibility and obligation to train my students in the open water class to recognize the dangers that they may encounter as they scuba dive in any body of water. With that being said even with my 5 decades of scuba diving I cannot give every scenario that can happen to new and experienced divers.

When I teach my students I try to give them real and practical information that will help them in their diving and to be as safe as they possibly can be. Therefore, I plan to teach them "Zero Accidents" from the first day in class. When my students want to continue their education then they will already have the Zero Accidents mentality. If a person comes to me for a refresher course, Nitrox course, and/or advanced course they will learn about the Zero Accident mentality that I have.

The next one I would like to touch on is "Reduce Common Diving Risks".

The first step in reducing the diving risk is Self Rescue. That may seem like a selfish way to look at rescue diving but you have to know how to keep yourself from becoming a victim too. That means that if you find yourself in a situation that you need to help someone else you will need to do a few steps to calm yourself down before you do anything for someone else.

1. Stop! Assess the situation
2. Breathe! Calm your own breathing down
3. THINK! Look around the area that you and the diver in distress are in to make sure there are no hazards I.E. fishing lines, parts of fishing nets.
4. Breathe! This step will help you to look more intensely at the situation to make sure you are not going beyond your training.
5. ACT! Do what you have been trained to do for the other diver.

In a rescue class you will be trained in greater details on each of these self rescue techniques.

Remember that we should always have a Zero Accident goal every time we hit the water to go diving. That means that while scuba diving is a very fun and exciting sport you have to be aware of your equipment, your surroundings, and your general wellbeing.

The final one I want to touch on is "Legal and Ethical issues".

I'm not going to go into a lot of details on this one but I will give you some idea of what can be involved if you find yourself having to make that rescue decision.

1. Liability. Anyone can be sued for anything.
2. Negligence. Issues that must be proven
3. Standard of care and duty. NEVER exceed your training.
4. Assumption of risks and your actions. Your actions in a rescue
5. Insurance and the Good Samaritan law. On the insurance, unless you work for some type of agency that would have a type of liability insurance on you it probably is a mute point. The Good Samaritan law is this; \*Short of dedicating yourself to achieving NAUI Worldwide membership and becoming a diving leader, as a volunteer you may be protected in your rescue actions by the legal concept of "the Good Samaritan." Many jurisdictions recognize in their law that unselfishly helping a stranger in distress is a worthwhile activity for which one should suffer no harm.

I hope these columns have given you some insight into furthering your scuba diving education and possibly making that step to a diving career.

Remember that the best rescue is the one you never have to make.

## Gov. DeSantis announces 57-day red snapper season

### From FWC News

DESTIN, Fla. – Gov. Ron DeSantis announced the 2022 Gulf red snapper recreational season which will total 57 days, the longest season since the state assumed management of red snapper and will include both a summer and fall season. Those fishing from private recreational vessels in state and federal waters in the Gulf and charter vessels without a federal reef fish permit who are limited to fishing in state waters will be able to participate in the 2022 Gulf red snapper season.

"Snapper season is one of the most exciting times to be fishing in Florida, and I am excited to announce the longest season since the state took over management of red snapper," said Governor Ron DeSantis. "People travel from all over to enjoy the recreational opportunities we

have in Florida that can't be found anywhere else. Florida is proud to continue providing access and opportunities to all who want to experience the Fishing Capital of the World."

**The 45-day summer season will begin on June 17 and continue through July 31. The 12-day fall season is the longest fall season since the beginning of state management and spans the following dates:**

- October 8-9
- October 15-16
- October 22-23
- November 11-13 (Veteran's Day Week-end)
- November 25-27 (Weekend after Thanksgiving)

"On behalf of FWC and our Commissioners, we would like to thank Governor DeSantis for his leadership on this issue," said Florida Fish

and Wildlife Commission Chairman Rodney Barreto. "We are proud to be able to provide fishing opportunities to the residents and visitors of the State, maintaining that Florida is the Fishing and Boating Capital of the World!"

"Gulf red snapper season is a harvest opportunity that Florida residents eagerly anticipate each year," said Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission Director Eric Sutton. "Our agency looks forward to providing multiple days of red snapper harvest opportunities in Gulf state and federal waters this season."

"Up here in the Panhandle, the red snapper is one of our most important fisheries," said Justin Leake, owner of Panama City Inshore. "We want to thank you Governor for not only helping to manage these fisheries but also, your clean water initiatives.

What you are doing right now is going to help us have access to these fisheries and ensure that they are here for our kids as well."

"For decades we have been proud to be known as the worlds luckiest fishing village," said Jennifer Adams, Director, Okaloosa County Tourist Development. "And as you stand here today in Destin Harbor, you can see why. The impact of fishing extends far beyond our docks. This past year visitors spent more than \$736 million in our community and that money goes directly back to the local economy."

If you plan to fish for red snapper in state or federal waters from a private recreational vessel, even if you are exempt from fishing license requirements, you must sign up as a State Reef Fish Angler (annual renewal required) at [GoOutdoorsFlorida.com](http://GoOutdoorsFlorida.com).

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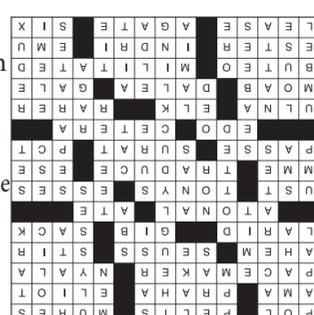
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  - 9. Rumanian river
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  - 15. Czech spelling of their capital city
  - 16. "Silas Marner" author George
  - 17. Heartbeat controller
  - 19. Tragelaphus angasii
  - 20. Polite interruption sound
  - 21. Doctor \_\_, children's book author
  - 23. Mix a sauce
  - 24. Aquatic bird of the gull family
  - 26. Wedge shaped machine fastener
  - 27. Bag
  - 28. Unkeyed
  - 31. Fed
  - 33. American time
  - 35. Broadway awards
  - 37. S S S
  - 41. Woman (French)
  - 42. Badmouth
  - 44. Point midway between E and SE
  - 45. Old-hat
  - 47. Indian seaport
  - 48. What part of (abbr.)
  - 49. Tokyo
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. About pope
  - 2. Largest Nebraska city
  - 3. Cuts
  - 4. Printing speed measurement
  - 5. Periods of time
  - 6. Large body of fresh water
  - 7. H.C. Andersen story
  - 8. Paxillosida: Luidiidae
  - 9. Manpower
  - 10. A mythical Greek hero
  - 11. Lasso
  - 12. Ancient Greek dialect spoken in Thessaly
  - 13. Austere
  - 18. Utter sounds
  - 22. Helps little firms
  - 25. Sign on the \_\_ line
  - 29. Neither
  - 30. Type genus of the Anatidae
  - 32. Seesaw motion
  - 33. Baseball referee (abbr.)
  - 34. Sergeant major of the army
  - 36. Certain
  - 38. Divides
  - 39. Cape Verde monetary unit (abbr.)
  - 40. A unit of play in tennis
  - 43. Feline
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- 59. Gum obtained from Burseraceae
- 60. Rabbit \_\_\_\_, Updike novel
- 63. H. Hopper's birth name
- 64. Redirect
- 67. Mineral valuable enough to be mined
- 69. Bind



**WAKULLA HIGH BASEBALL**

# War Eagles improve to 13-7 over past two weeks



By **KEITH ANDERSON**  
WHS Baseball Coach

Two weeks ago, Wakulla High School Varsity baseball split the week, beating Leon and losing in a close one to Florida High.

This past week, the War Eagles won 2 of 3 games to improve to 13-7 on the year so far.

Last Tuesday, the War Eagles hosted Leon (13-3) in a walk-off thriller. Brandon Cook started on the mound throwing 6 innings of solid work scattering 4 hits giving up 4 runs and striking out 5. Colby Zinser came in the game for the 7th holding Leon scoreless with the War Eagles down 4-3 going into the bottom of the 7th.

The War Eagles then quickly loaded the bases and tied the game up on an errant throw to the plate on a Haden Klees ground ball. John Pierini was then up and hit a laser ground ball to the shortstop who then threw to the plate to cut down the winning run. The catcher then tried to throw to first to complete the doubleplay and the throw was wide and Colby Zinser scampered home from second for the winning run.

Austin Hamilton scored 2 runs and Haden Klees and Jacob Hammond each had RBIs. Jacob Hammond, Brayden Lawhon, and Briyaun Butler-Moore all had key hits in the ballgame.

On Thursday, Wakulla traveled to Florida High School losing in a close ball game 4-3. Starting pitcher Reid Joyner threw a masterful 4 and 2/3's innings giving up 0 earned runs scattering 5 hits with 2 strikeouts. Colby Zinser threw 1 1/3 innings giving up 0 earned runs giving up only 2 hits. Both teams had 7 hits in the ballgame. John Pierini led the offense with 2 hits including a 2 run double in the sixth. Levi Anderson, Jacob Hammond, Haden Klees, Michael Hurley, and Briyaun Butler-Moore each had hits. Wakulla had the tying run on in the seventh but couldn't push it across.

This past week, the War Eagles traveled to North Florida Christian on Tuesday. John Pierini was the starter on the mound that night throwing 4 1/3 strong innings. The southpaw scattered 3 hits giving up 2 runs and striking out five. The War Eagles held a 2-1 lead into the fifth inning before giving up a 2 out grand slam homerun to put NFC up 5-2 going into the 6th. The War Eagles couldn't get the bats going against the 6-foot-5 righthander from NFC. Wakulla got to him early for 2 runs, but then he settled in and held the War Eagles in check.

Briyaun Butler-Moore, Austin Hamilton, and Brayden Lawhon all had

hits. Designated Hitter Michael Hurley added a double and would later score. Colby Zinser and Brady Crum both threw in relief. The final score ended up being 8-2.

On Wednesday April 20th the War Eagles traveled to Thomasville to play Brookwood. The War Eagles picked up their 12th win of the season by a score of 14-6. Starting pitcher and Thomas University commit Brandon Cook was stellar on the mound throwing 6 innings, scattering 6 hits, giving up 1 earned run and striking out 8.

Coastal Alabama commit Brayden Lawhon and Michael Hurley each had huge days at the plate as the War Eagles pounded out 13 hits. Lawhon was 3-4 with a 2-run home run and Hurley was 3-4 with 4 RBIs. Colby Zinser was 2-4 with 2 doubles and Lake Sumter State College commit Levi Anderson was also 2-4. Jacob Hammond, Haden Klees (3 RBIs), and Briyaun Butler-Moore also had hits in the game. Warner University commit Austin Hamilton chipped in also with 2 RBIs.

Thursday April 21st, the War Eagles traveled to Liberty County. After a shaky start, the War Eagles found themselves down 5-0 in the 6th in-

ning. Starter Reid Joyner settled in only giving up 2 earned runs through 5 innings striking out 5.

In the top of the 6th inning the War Eagles scored 5 runs to tie the game at 5-5. Liberty battled back in the bottom of the 6th to go ahead 7-5 after reliever Colby Zinser came in giving up 2 unearned runs.

The War Eagles would seemingly go quiet in the 7th with the first two hitters getting out. Brady Crum came up with 2 outs and reached on an error, Briyaun Butler-Moore was hit by a pitch, Levi Anderson and Braden Lawhon each singled, Colby Zinser drew a walk, Austin Hamilton was hit by a pitch, then Michael Hurley singled two runners home to put the War Eagles up 10-7.

Colby Zinser would go back out in the 7th and shut the door to preserve the win. Brayden Lawhon was 4-5 with 3 RBIs, Michael Hurley reached base 5 times going 2-2 with 2 RBIs, and Colby Zinser and Austin Hamilton each had timely hits in the game.

The War Eagles improve to 13-7 going into the last week of regular season and should clinch a home game for the first round of the district tournament which will start on Tuesday, May 3rd.



BRENDA ANDERSON

War Eagles celebrate as Brayden Lawhon scores against Brookwood. Wakulla won the game, 14-6.



# Brayden Lawhon signs with Coastal Alabama

Special to The Sun

Wakulla High School is proud to announce that senior catcher Brayden Lawhon has signed a scholarship to play baseball at Coastal Alabama Community College in Monroeville, Alabama next year.

Brayden is 4 year letterman in the WHS baseball program and a 2 year starting catcher on Varsity for the War Eagles. He hit .360 last year to help lead Wakulla to a district championship. This year he has picked up right where he left off with some timely hits and superb defense behind the plate. He has thrown out 17 of 31 runners attempting to steal and his blocking and receiving has been exceptional.

"Brayden has been a mainstay in our program the last 4 years," said Coach Keith Anderson. "He might be the most athletic catcher we have had here in a long time. Brayden is highly competitive and is not only a fine player, but is a quality individual and teammate. I look forward to watching him continue to grow and have success at the college level next year."

Good Luck Brayden!

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