



Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PM Thunderstorms	Scattered Thunderstorms	Scattered Thunderstorms
Hi: 91° Lo: 73° 42%	Hi: 90° Lo: 73° 53%	Hi: 89° Lo: 73° 36%
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'Flip the switch, Chuck'

Wakulla County begins sending Advanced Wastewater Treated water to the golf course

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

After years of planning and delays, millions of dollars spent expanding the sewage treatment plant, Wakulla County began sending its Advanced Wastewater Treated effluent to the Wildwood Golf Course.

At a ceremony at the Otter Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant on Monday, June 6, County Commissioner Chuck Hess pressed the button that started the pumps sending treated effluent as County Administrator David Edwards said with a laugh, "Flip the switch, Chuck."

In comments before the switch was hit, Edwards noted that this is the

biggest infrastructure project in the history of Wakulla County, with more than \$100 million being put towards the project – most of it state grants. In addition to AWT-level treatment, the project also includes expanding the sewer system to get homes off septic tanks to protect Wakulla's waters.

Edwards praised the ESG staff that operates the treatment plant, and noted that ultimately the county plans to release upwards of 2 million gallons of treated water a day to recharge the aquifer, most of that going to the golf course and Medart Rec Park.

Edwards noted Wakulla is one of only 62 plants in the state doing AWT, and one of only four of "our size counties."



County commissioners with county and ESG staff at the plant after flipping the switch.



Boat building camp

Heath Colley, Devon Langston, Gus Barwick, Sarah Hudson, and Connor Golden with Doug Colley around the table.

By RIDDHI PATEL
Reporter

A summer camp focused on boat repair, maintenance, and refinishing was hosted by the Big Bend Maritime Center and sponsored by Panacea Waterfronts. This weeklong camp was for Panacea kids to explore aspects of local maritime heritage.

Ann Tucker said the camp is a way to "pass on the heritage to

local kids."

For many years, the camp was a boatbuilding camp focused on having campers build a skiff boat designed by Tucker's late husband Larry Tucker who is the namesake of the maritime center's watercraft center. The maritime center faced some challenges that led them to shift the focus of the camp, and now campers learn skills related to repairing and refinishing boats

built in the past.

Between May 30 and June 3, campers worked on a tunnel boat repair project including replacing wood, adding fiberglass, and painting. In addition, they did some work on a skiff boat built three years ago and one built last year. The campers were led by lead instructor Doug Colley along with instructors Frankie Courtney, Heath Colley, and

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Violent felon arrested in Wakulla County

Special to The Sun

A man wanted for a string of violent crimes around the state was arrested by the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office at a gas station in St. Marks on Thursday, June 2.

The Sheriff's Office had been notified that Larry Dupree, who was wanted in multiple counties in Florida for a variety of violent felonies, was in Wakulla 30 minutes prior. Deputies were quickly able to locate Dupree at the Express Lane store in St. Marks and take him into custody without incident.

At approximately 4 p.m. on June 2nd WCSO personnel were contacted by the Union County Sheriff's Office and alerted that Dupree was driving through Wakulla County in a stolen vehicle. UCSO advised the stolen car was being tracked via Lojack.

Dupree was a suspect out of multiple counties including Union, Bradford, and Alachua for multiple recent armed robberies and carjackings, as well as an aggravated battery, and was considered armed and very dangerous.

Dupree is currently being held in the Wakulla County Jail on Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle and is awaiting multiple other charges from the various other counties.



Larry Dupree

CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENT

Local pastor running for county commission

John Quinton qualifies for the District 2 race

By JOHN QUINTON

John Quinton, a local pastor and community advocate, is running for county commissioner.

He commented, "I am grateful for the county-wide support to get me on the ballot. My goal is to serve on a commission that represents everyone's interests. I know we can do that if we work together." Pastor Quinton has led the Sopchoppy and Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Churches for eight years. He is set to retire from his appointment on June 30. Quinton was raised on a family farm and entered the ministry after a career in the automobile business. Quinton said, "As a pastor, my churches have always helped the neighborhoods around us in Wakulla County. We run community food banks, provide support for medical care, and help people keep their homes by assisting with rent, utilities, and repairs. We provide transportation and even assist with auto repairs. We help our neighbors achieve their educational goals and navigate the legal system when necessary. In short, we do all we can to uplift the community."



John Quinton

Quinton explained his decision to join the race for commissioner. "I was looking forward to a quiet retirement fishing with my wife, playing golf with our grandsons, and doing volunteer work in our community. But then a friend asked, 'Why don't you run for the Wakulla County Commission?' With some prayer and contemplation, I decided that with my understanding of business practices and background in the church ministry, I was prepared for a new form of community service. We need to protect our quality of life here. We need clean air and water, good roads, access to education and a fair cost of living. We need to protect our rivers, lakes, springs and coastlines. We need to support education and business."

Quinton is married to Gail, a retired teacher, former president of the Optimist Club, and community volunteer. They have two children, two grandchildren, and another grandchild on the way this month.

John would love to speak to your community group and listen to your concerns and ideas for our county. Contact him at electjohnq@gmail.com or (850) 363-1760.

Fire inspections discussed at Chamber Lunch and Learn

By **LYNDA KINSEY**
Sun Staff

About 20 people attended the Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce's Lunch and Learn on June 1 at the Wakulla County Extension Office with Wakulla County Fire Rescue's Prevention Division.

Speakers were Fire Chief Louis Lamarche, Battalion Chief Brandon Aleya and Fire Inspector Jerry Johnson.

The main topics were focused on fire safety for businesses, fire inspections, and what to expect going forward.

Fire-Rescue has been working on inspecting county buildings recently to bring all county buildings into compliance. Next, they are working on the individual businesses. They strongly stressed a couple of times that this is not to come after anyone or to shut anyone down but simply to make Wakulla County a safer place.

At this time there is no charge for the inspections nor any fines on violations, however mandatory inspections may be coming in the near future.

A couple of the many topics included asking businesses to clearly post their 911 address on the left side of the door four to six inches above the grade. Other topics included that Home day cares must have an illuminated or glow in the dark exit sign at the doors during operational hours. They covered fire extinguishers, keeping them inspected with current tag, making sure all staff know their locations and to always make sure there is easy access to them.

According to WCFRPD each business should have planned escape routes and a designated meeting place once outside.

Other topics included electrical safety, Knox boxes and access to keys, gate access, occupancy load, fire alarms, proper safety signage, sprinkler systems, kitchen hoods, extension cords and adapter, and more.

A handy Fire Inspection Checklist is available. You may call Wakulla County Fire Rescue to schedule your free inspection at 850-745-8698.



Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park Passionflower

By **JOEY & JACK COETZEE**

Purple passionflower (*Passiflora incarnata*) is a native vine with dazzling 3-inch lavender flowers. The intricate blooms could have been created by Dr. Suess. Each fragrant flower lasts only a day but the vine blooms through summer. Using tendrils, this evergreen vine climbs to a height of 12-36 feet.

Purple passionflower is a must-have for butterfly gardens. A larval host plant, this vine feeds the caterpillars of many butterflies, including gulf and variegated fritillary and zebra longwing, the state butterfly of Florida. It also hosts caterpillars of the crimson patch longwing, banded and red-banded hairstreak, and Julia butterfly. Some caterpillars feed during the day. Others feed at night and are less likely to be noticed. Bees, especially bumble and carpenter, find the flowers attractive and are the plant's main pollinators.

Sometimes called maypop, this name comes from the hollow, yellow fruits that pop loudly when crushed. The name passionflower was given because the floral parts were said to represent aspects of the Christian crucifixion story, referred to as the Passion.

Breighly Bolton graduates veterinary school

Special to The Sun

In 6th grade, Breighly Bolton wrote a poem for class that included the stanza, "I understand that I am eleven/I say to try your best/I dream to help animals/I try to be an all 'A' student/I hope to be a veterinarian/I am athletic and outgoing."

On June 4th 2022, Bolton received her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine, thereby making good on her 6th grade assignment.

Bolton graduated from Wakulla High



Breighly Bolton

School in 2013. While at Wakulla, Bolton was on the varsity basketball, track, and volleyball teams. She accepted a volleyball scholarship from

South Florida State

Community College in Avon Park Florida. In 2015 Bolton graduated with her Associates in Arts with honors. While at SFSC, Bolton also served as SGA President, President of the Young Republicans, and Secretary of the Young Republicans for the state of Florida. Bolton then accepted a volleyball scholarship to Warner University in Lake Wales Florida, where she was also on the track team. In 2017 Bolton earned her Bachelor of Science in Biology with

honors.

After taking a year off to evaluate her options, Bolton was accepted to St. Matthew's University School of Veterinary Medicine in the Cayman Islands. While enrolled at St. Matthew's, Bolton was accepted to the Davenport University Masters Program. In 2020 Bolton received her Masters of Business Administration. For the past year, Bolton has been doing her clinicals at the University of Illinois in Champaign, Illinois.

Skip Young is Rotary Paul Harris Fellow

Staff Report

Rotarian Skip Young was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow at a breakfast at Wakulla Springs Lodge in May.

To be a Paul Harris Fellow, named after the founder of Rotary Clubs, a person must donate \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation. The money is used by the Foundation for

projects all over the world.

Young is involved in numerous local businesses – the owner of 3Y Ranch, Family Funeral Home, and Young-Fulford Funeral Home and Crematory in Tallahassee.

Rotarian Joe Morgan, right, presents Skip Young with a certificate as a Paul Harris Fellow.





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-Amanda Asplin




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CHAMBER NEWS

El Jalisco hosts Chamber luncheon

By **PETRA SHUFF**
Of the Chamber

We had quite a crowd at our luncheon and quarters were a bit tight, but camaraderie and good food made up for it. Many thanks to **Monica at El Jalisco** for hosting our taco bar luncheon on May 25!

Our new members for May were announced as **Brattain Electrical Services, Inc.; Soccer Shots; Trimming Timber Tree Service (rejoined); and Wakulla United Futbol Club.** Jason Grimes with the club shared that they just finished their inaugural season, and are gearing up for summer session, June 20-July 23, with practices held Mondays and Thursdays, games on Saturdays. The club will also be forming an adult league, so if you like to play soccer, now is the time to get involved.

First time attending: **David Hauser** – Legal Shield; **John and Gail Quentin** (Crawfordville United Methodist Church); **Angela Diorio** - Guardian ad Litem; **Ron with Oyster Radio; Karen Ward** – previous center manager for North Florida Medical Center Panacea and now fulltime realtor with BlueWater Realty; **Cassie Johnson** – newest realtor at Waypoint Realty; **Savannah Hollington** - Wakulla Title Company. It's always nice to see new faces and our members' guests!

Petra Shuff shared that the fire department will be performing fire inspections at every Wakulla business within the next nine months or so and is holding a workshop June 1 on the subject and how to ace that inspection.

The Senior Center was represented in full force today, and **John Shuff** reminded everyone of their fundraiser



Monica at El Jalisco draws the card for the cash winner.



School personnel including Superintendent Bobby Pearce, facilities manager Mike Barwick, CFO Randy Beach and Assistant Superintendent Sunny Chancy talked to Chamber members about a half-cent sales tax referendum.

Christmas after Dark, taking place July 22. This event, replacing Christmas in July, is getting a "facelift" and the Senior Center will be transformed into a winter wonderland for the event. Tickets and sponsorships are available, and can be purchased from board members, at the Senior Center

itself, or at the chamber office.

Angela with Guardian ad Litem shared their Program's mission, and the need for volunteers, especially male volunteers. Currently there are only four volunteers in Wakulla, so volunteers are sought to represent Wakulla's children and their wellbe-

ing.

North Florida Medical Center staff brought their fully equipped bus clinic to tour and offered home Covid tests.

Jeanie Booth with CareerSource Capital Region Crawfordville office was proud to share the 2% unemployment rate in Wakulla, but also the need to fill 394 local positions.

Superintendent Robert Pearce and his staff attended to explain how our local schools are funded and what the additional half cent sales tax proceeds on the ballot this November would be paying for over the next ten years. It is definitely something our voters should educate themselves on.

Mary Wallace reminded everyone of the ribbon cutting and open house for Capital City Home Loans June 2nd and to get your reservations in by this Friday.

The \$74 cash drawing was won by **Bill McCully** with Rapid Press.

We had 27 drawing prizes generously donated by our members or guests, and want to say a special thank you to: The Salvation Army Tallahassee Corps; North Florida Medical Centers; Capital City Home Loans; Rapid Press; Marianne & Lionel Dazedo – EXIT Café Realty; J & K Rocks, LLC; Sue's Art Workshop; Wakulla Title Company; CareerSource Capital Region; English Financial Group; Tiffany Hartsfield – Golden Properties & Investments; American Inspections; Revell Tractor Worx; Revell Electric & Automated Access Systems; Shepard Accounting and Tax Service; The Wakulla News; The Wakulla Sun; Capital City Bank; Barn's Spirits; and Oyster Radio.

Next luncheon: Sherlock Springs Lodge, Noon, June 22.

Chamber President's Message



By **GREG JAMES**
Chamber President

May was another great month for the Chamber! We had four new members join the Chamber: we welcome Brattain Electrical Services; Soccer Shots Tallahassee-Wakulla; Trimming Timber Tree Service and Wakulla United Futbol Club!

That brings our total new members in 2022 to 42. Can you believe the year is almost half over?

We had another successful networking luncheon in May. Many thanks to the El Jalisco for hosting us and providing a great lunch. We thank our members for bringing their guests and gifts and again offer our gratitude to Petra Shuff and Mary Wallace for ensuring the success of another chamber event. Bobby Pearce and his team spoke to us briefly on the ½ Cent Sales Tax referendum that will be on the ballot in November.

By the time this article is published we will have completed another successful workshop on fire prevention and inspections provided by Wakulla County's Fire Rescue Prevention Division. Many thanks to the UF/IFAS Ex-

tension office for hosting this Wakulla Co. Chamber of Commerce sponsored event.

June's networking luncheon will be on June 22, 2022 and will be held at Sherlock Springs and catered by Food and Fill #2. We look forward to seeing you there so go ahead and get it on your calendar now and call Petra to RSVP.

In last month's message I mentioned the The Florida Scorecard™ that provides Florida leaders and local stakeholders with the metrics needed to measure progress within their own communities as Florida businesses work toward meeting the goals outlined in the Florida 2030 Blueprint.

This month I would like to look at some of the details of this scorecard for Wakulla County.

TheFloridaScorecard.org provides hundreds of data points, categorized by the Foundations Six Pillars, that are important to our community and economy. Currently, Wakulla's metrics are:

- A 5.1% growth rate in job creation or 752 more jobs than one year ago (2021-2022 data)
- A 2.0% (and declining) unemployment rate or 332 people (2021-2022 data).
- 9.2% (and declining) of children, or 615, in poverty (2020 data). The 2030 goal is less than 10% which we are currently meeting. Shouldn't it be zero?
- The poverty rate

is 7.5% and improving (2020 data).

- 55% (and declining) of 3rd grade reading scores were at Level 3 or higher (2022 data). The 2030 goal is 100%.
- The HS graduation rate (2020 data) is 93.8% (and improving)
- Housing permits (2020 data) issued are 409 and growing (the highest ever recorded).
- 66% of all county land is held in conservation (2022 data).
- Local Option Sales Tax collected is \$2.08 Million and growing (2020 data).
- Wealth migration is \$23.35 Million per year. This is the amount of adjusted gross income Wakulla gains each year by people migrating to Wakulla.
- A population of 33,764 (2020 Census), a net increase of 2,988 over the 2010 Census or a 9.7% increase (less than 1% per year).

And, last but not least, you can find a list of our members and the services and products they provide on our website at <https://wakullacountychamber.com/>. Our 2022 Wakulla Co. Chamber Business Directory was released in May and is available at a number of Chamber businesses and at the Chamber office. A huge thanks to all of our advertisers! Visit Petra for your copy or call for a digital version.

Your 2022 President,
Greg James

Ribbon cutting, open house for Capital City Home Loans



Capital City Home Loans, 2592 Crawfordville Hwy., 5:30-7:30, Thursday, June 2 hosted by Mary Wallace and staff at Capital City Bank in Crawfordville. (Photos by Lynda Kinsey)



Mary Wallace with a certificate from Chamber President Greg James.



Miss Wakulla Victoria Dichio and Jr. Miss Claire Blackwell.



Shannon Summerlin with Sheriff Jared Miller, Frank Messersmith and County Commissioner Quincee Messersmith.

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Opinions

Supervisor of Elections reflects on conference



By **JOE MORGAN**
Election Supervisor

As I reflect on topics and content that we covered at our Florida Supervisor of Elections (FSE) summer conference last week, I am reminded why I ran for this office in the first place. My mission is to run open, honest, secure, and transparent elections. My team and I are committed to this process and will continue to run things in an open and transparent way to the public.

Our summer conference was a success considering all the changes that our association is dealing with.

• First, we were able to meet our newly appointed Secretary of State Mr. Cord Byrd. During Mr. Byrd's tenure in the House of Representatives he served on the Public Integrity and Elections Committee, he also served as the chair of the State Redistricting Committee. What does this

mean, he is committed to the integrity, security, and safety of our elections.

• Secondly, communication is key. We will do everything in our power to make sure Wakulla voters are informed and are Election Ready. To stay informed on election night or anytime go to:

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• Thirdly, we learned that being prepared for elections is essential in our uncertain times. Supply chains across the country and world are unpredictable. Elections and governmental agencies are not immune from supply and service shortages. So, your Wakulla County Supervisor of Elections has been out in front to ensure that our elections in August and November are conducted without a hitch.

• Last, and certainly not least is security. Elections security falls under a large umbrella - you have

technical and physical security. Updated technology requires that we have the proper protocols in place to assure that every vote is tabulated accurately and free from ANY external interference. We want the citizens of Wakulla County to know, that me and my staff will make every effort to assure that elections in Wakulla County run smoothly and flawlessly, you deserve no less.

To sum it up, being prepared for these elections is more crucial/critical than it has ever been before. That is why I am so grateful for the team I have. We are putting in the time now (being prepared), so when you come to cast your ballot, we are ready for you to cast your vote. Please make your voice heard and cast your vote!

Remember, there are still three ways to vote: you can request a vote by mail ballot, early vote which begins on Aug. 13 and runs through Aug. 20 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and election day on Aug. 23 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. I look forward to seeing you at the polls.

Joe Morgan is Wakulla County Supervisor of Elections.

LETTERS

Farewell to Freeman Piggott

Editor, The Sun:

You know, there are certain people you meet in your life that make a lasting impression on you. Freeman was one of those people for me. I went to see him last week for the last time, I asked his son what he would like and Rouse said, Bud Light, Rusty said Bud so I brought them both, took them inside to his bedside and was met with

a big smile. His daughter wouldn't let him have one but it was good to see him smile one last time. I'm really going to miss him. I guess this letter can go to Letters to the Editor.

Tim Caldwell
Panacea

P.S. – You're doing a great job with the paper, we're all proud of you.

Coetzees are thanked for flower column

Editor, The Sun:

Hi Bill!

I thought you would enjoy this feedback: On Thursday, Jack & Joey Coetzee were volunteering at Sopchoppy Depot Park under the supervision of Sandy Tedder. Here's what happened (per Sandy):

“When we were watering and sweeping at the entrance to the park yesterday, a man pulled up to the entrance

and rolled down his car window and thanked Jack and Joey for writing the articles for the newspaper. He said he really enjoyed them. After he was gone, both kids said they didn't know the guy, but he obviously knew who THEY were. Cool!”

Thank you for running these articles.

Lynn Artz
Sopchoppy

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.

On the Horizon Calendar of the week's events

Wednesday, June 8

• An Intermediate Line Dance class will be held at 1 p.m. at the senior center.

Thursday, June 9

• The St. Marks City Commission meets at St. Marks City Hall at 6 p.m.
• A Teen Discussion moderated by Jesse Ransom Jr. will be held at 6:30 p.m. at The Arcade Room and Teen Center.

Saturday, June 11

• The Salvation Army Saltwater Fishing Tournament will be held at Shields Marina in St. Marks.
• The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group will meet at the Wakulla County Public Library at 10 a.m.

Monday, June 13

• The Wakulla Respite Program will be available for anyone with a memory impairment at no cost from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Ellen Baptist Church.
• The Sopchoppy City Commission meets at Sopchoppy City Hall at 6:30 p.m.
• The Wakulla County Planning Commission meets in the Commission Chambers at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 15

• An Intermediate Line Dance class will be held at 1 p.m. at the senior center.

Thursday, June 16

• The Wakulla Chamber of Commerce and Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce will hold a Mix and Mingle event from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Crooked River Grill in Carrabelle. You can RSVP with either Chamber of Commerce by June 10.
• The Wakulla County Cancer Support Group will meet in the Education Center of the Crawfordville United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. This group meeting is for men and women, regardless of the type of cancer. Spouses, caregivers, and friends are welcome. For more information, call 850-926-6050.

Saturday, June 18

• A yoga fundraiser will be hosted by Yoga Flow with Lacey from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Wakulla High School football field. All proceeds benefit the Wakulla High School cross country team.

Sunday, June 19

• Juneteenth
• Father's Day



Wakulla Supervisor of Elections Joe Morgan with other supervisors from around the state at the Florida Supervisors of Elections conference.

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William Snowden
Editor & Publisher
The Wakulla Sun

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◀ Question of The Week ▶

– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Polled at Quick Stop Crawfordville What did you look forward to when school was out for the summer?



ERICK FORD
QUALITY AUDITOR

“Going to Wakulla Springs!”



AMY LASHLEY
QUICK STOP CRAWFORDVILLE

“Swimming, my mother would take us to the YMCA – We lived in Elkhart, Indian.”



WILLIE BLAKE
CITY OF TALLAHASSEE

“Hang out with my friends and play video games.”



JOHN SHEPHARD
STATE OF FLORIDA

“Going fishing and our family vacation.”



JOANN WATKINS
CHEF – FSU SORORITY HOUSE

“Going to the lake with all my family, my grandparents, and all my cousins. My Granddad had a snow cone machine too.”

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wakulla Station News

By **VERNA BROCK**

Congratulations to Sarah Toole, recently graduated from TCC and hailed in last week’s article. She learned this past week she has been invited to join the FSU Honors Legal Scholars Program. This program gives undergraduate Honors students a unique opportunity to become members of the FSU Law School community. This provides great opportunities to learn more of the profession of law, meet and interact with faculty and administrators, observe law classes, and attend lectures and law school events. We are so pleased for you

Sarah!

Recently, Wakulla Station has been undergoing a renovation of sorts. Forget the new subdivision being built, our tiny enclave of near-100 year old homes is being brightened with beachy shades of paint, landscaping, and general beautifying of the entire neighborhood! Way to go, Neighbors!

We recently had the pleasure of joining what seemed like half of Wakulla County at Chiles High School in order to celebrate the Wakulla Dance Academy’s Spring Recital. For us, the draw was our 4-year-old granddaughter Avery Simmons. Children from 2 to late teens performed their dance rou-

tines with great success. It was especially gratifying to see the senior competition team perform, as their years of dedication and practice made their performances seem effortless. I am so glad we were able to attend.

By the time you read this, 4-H Camp will have begun. With the generosity of the community, over \$10,00.00 was raised to support camp scholarships. Camp will continue to August 4th, and will cover all kinds of activities. Teen volunteers are still being sought, and interested teens can contact the Wakulla Extension facility at 850-926-3931.

Buckhorn News

By **ETHEL SKIPPER**

Congratulations to the Class of 2022.

There is a season and time for everything. This is a time to be thankful. A time in your life you will make many plans – some will work and some will not. But if you learn to put the Lord in all your plans and trust Him, you will make the right choice.

“Blessed is he that trusteth in the Lord (Ps. 34-8).

This is a time and need for strength and peace that only comes from the Lord. He knows your thoughts, and he sends thought of peace and not evil to give you those things needed. (Jeremiah 29-11).

Now that school is out for the summer, we hope everyone has a blessed and safe summer.

Willie and Ethel M. Skipper had a virtual gathering on Saturday, June 4, honoring their great-grandchildren and great godsons. Arianna Hawkins, Comdyn Skipper, Kellen B Johnson, Gary Clary, Kanye Westfield, Leonard L. White.

Speakers for the occasion were grandsons Bruce Simmons, from Crofton, Maryland, and Leston Green from Bristol, Connecticut. We had a large group of more than 100 people

Thank you everyone for your love and acts of kindness.

The Macedonia Church will have its annual Childrens Day program. Deaconess Alberta Hines is in charge of the rally. Everyone is welcome. Host pastor is Bishop Elder Alfred Nelson.

We wish a happy birthday to Deacon Freddie L. Harvey, the Rev. Chris Burney, Nelson Rosier Smith, Gracie M. Williams, Deacon Willie F. Skipper Sr., Lachristan Skipper, Latrell Skipper, Willie F. Skipper Jr. and Mother Ethel M. Skipper.

Library News – June 9-16

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Thursday, June 9

Friends of the Library Board Meeting 6pm

Friday, June 10

Quilting Guild 9:30am
Tech Learning Lab 5pm

Saturday, June 11

Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group 10am

Monday, June 13

Wakulla Christian Coalition 6pm

Tuesday, June 14

Summer Reading Wild West Week Begins

Book Bunch 10am

Community Traffic Safety Team 11am

Compass Readers 2:30pm

Tobacco Free Florida – Stop Smoking Class 5:30pm

Wednesday, June 15

Book Babies 10am
Adventure Readers 2:30pm

Thursday, June 16

Veteran’s Meetup 11am
Phil Meyer Magic @ Community Center 7pm
Wakulla Amateur Radio Club 7pm

SUMMER READING 2022: READ BEYOND THE BEATEN PATH

Our Summer Reading Performers Series will take place at the Wakulla County Community Center on Thursday evenings at 7pm. This year’s performers are:

- June 16th: Phil Meyer Magic
- June 23rd: Bit ‘N Pieces Puppet World
- June 30th: Florida Public Ar-

cheology Network

- July 14th: Instrumental Tunes

- July 21st: Animal Tales

Registration for programs is not required, however, to track your reading and earn prizes, including a chance to win the Grand Prize of a Kid’s Kindle Fire with headphones and a S’mores kit, register using Beanstack at <https://wakullalibrary.beanstack.org/reader365>.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

- Saturday, July 2nd for Independence Day

- Saturday, September 3rd for Labor Day.

Boat building

From Front Page

Sarah Hudson. A boat built about a year ago – a 16-foot skiff – will be raffled at the Gage Pitman Memorial Rockin’ Reds Fishing Tournament later this month. Campers worked to repair and refinish the interior of the boat. Tucker said skiffs, like those designed by her late husband, are versatile and sturdy boats. Lead instructor Colley said tickets are on sale at Posey’s for the boat raffle.

“It’s a real fun time, and they’re such good kids,” said Colley. Beyond the boats, the camp also featured excursions for the campers. Colley and Tucker said the kids were able to go to places like

Wakulla Springs, Bear Paw in Mariana, and Mission San Luis. They said the boats were the priority in the morning, and the activities were planned for the afternoon – sometimes in the water so everyone could beat the heat.

Campers Gus Barwick and Marcus Chadwell said going to the springs after a long day of working on the boats is great. “I try to show them how wonderful North Florida is,” said Colley.

The camp has a holistic focus, and Colley said campers learn both social and practical/technical skills. According to him, some of the skills the kids gain include teamwork, cooperation, preparation and planning, painting, and



Campers and instructors with a 16-foot skiff that will be auctioned off later this month.

utilizing woodworking equipment. Lunch and snacks are provided to campers.

Camper Connor Golden said camp is “something different” and that “you get out of the house.” Hudson said, “it teaches you important things in life.” Devon Langston added that campers learn to “work smarter, not harder.”

On Friday, the camp-

ers were also writing thank-you notes for the sponsors like Panacea Waterfronts. “They learn that these people around here care for them,” said Colley. “Panacea Waterfronts has been generous.”

The maritime center will host another weeklong summer camp in July – the all-girls kayak building camp led by Dena Keyserling.

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HOME ON THE RANGE

Visit the WCSO gun range



By MARJ LAW

"I've been thinking about coming to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) range," she says to me on the phone.

"Tell me more," I encourage her.

"Well, I did take the concealed carry course at the Fairgrounds in Tallahassee," she begins.

"That's a great start!"

"It's a start, but I still don't know anything about shooting a gun, or which gun to buy."

"Do you know what you're looking for?"

"No. When I took the class, I shot a revolver."

"What caliber was it?"

"I don't know. It was already loaded and all I had to do was pull the trigger. I didn't even get to load it, so I don't know how!"

"Was it difficult to shoot?"

"No, it didn't have much kick. That was good. I don't want a lot of kick. I just want a gun I can handle in case Mr. Bad breaks into my house. My husband has been ill, and he can't get out much, so I want to protect us in our home. You write about going to the range. When are you there?"

"Unless something unforeseen happens, we're there every Wednesday around 10 in the morning. Of-

ten other shooters are there, too."

"Where is the range?"

"Do you know Coastal Highway 98?"

"Sure. I like to eat at that barbecue place on 98. I come down 319 to 98, turn right, and it's not too far from that intersection."

"Great. Keep going on 98 until you see a Y in the road. On the right, it goes to Sopchoppy. Take the right fork. About 1½ miles from that fork, you'll see a seafood place. Soon after that, you'll see a large WCSO sign on the right. You'll turn there at Lawhon Mill Road. It's a dirt road. After about a mile, you'll see signs for both the WCSO range and a road called Qualify Lane. They are on the left. Turn there and follow the road all the way back to the office on the left."

"I've been to Sopchoppy."

"OK. This time, though, you won't go nearly that far. Just watch for the big white and green Sheriff's sign."

"The other thing I'm wondering about is... You often talk about people shooting different guns. They all seem to have a lot of experience. I don't. And I'm sorta worried about how well I'll do."

"Remember the first time you jumped in the deep end of the swimming pool?"

"Oh, yes. I remember it clear as day, even though it was over 40 years ago!"

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Sheriff Jared F. Miller RANGE RULES

The following rules have been established in an effort to insure safe use of this facility, these rules apply to everyone using this range. The designated Range Safety Officer is in charge of the shooting taking place under his/her supervision and their directions will be followed by everyone on the shooting line. Do not anticipate an order, wait until it is given.



1. No one is allowed to shoot on this range unless there is another adult present on the facility.

2. No handling of firearms when someone is down range.

3. No loaded firearms allowed to enter this range. Prior to entering this range clear all weapons in a safe manner and remove the magazine (if applicable). Load weapons only at your shooting position when the line is hot and you are ready to shoot.

4. Eye and hearing protection is required for everyone on the shooting line while firearms are being shot.

5. Shoot only the type of weapon and/or ammunition designated for this range, unless specifically approved in advanced by a WCSO Training Officer.

6. No alcoholic beverages allowed on this range! No eating, drinking or use of tobacco products on the line or under the shooting shed. Poisoning by lead can occur through handling firearms and ammunition. Always wash your hands after shooting and before eating, drinking, or using tobacco products and prior to leaving the range.

7. Shoot only at the appropriate targets for the type of training being done. No glass, cans or other type trash targets allowed. Use target backers and do not attach targets to the 2x4 frame.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE: A fully stocked trauma kit is located in the office building.

For emergencies that require professional medical assistance or transport to a medical facility, call 911 immediately!

Yes, we remember. And so, we are really happy about helping those who haven't been here before. And actually, we help each other. We show each other different handguns. We assist if there's a problem. Shooters at the WCSO range are a great bunch of people. We welcome other shooters."

"Good. Shooting once at the Fairgrounds class is barely a start. Can you show me a gun that doesn't have much kick and that is easy to manage? I'd like a small one because I might need to carry it. We seem to go back and forth to the doctors in Tallahassee a lot, and that's a long stretch of road."

"Sure. Come on Wednesday. We can discuss the rules of the range and then we'll bring a couple handguns that are small and have light recoil. Bring ear and eye protection."

"I've got that! Oh, I forgot to ask something. Does it cost a lot to go to the range?"

"No. If you're there for a day, it's \$10. If you get a family membership which includes you, your husband, and those under 18 in your home, it's only \$75 for an entire year! And you can go as often as you like from Tuesday until Saturday. They open around 8:30 and stay open most of the afternoon. Sunday and Monday, they're closed."

"Seventy-five for an entire year? And we could come in the morning, and then again in the afternoon? That's a heck of a lot cheaper than other ranges around here."

"Yes, and there's always a deputy around. It's safe. People mind the rules at the WCSO range."

"Do you have new shooters come often on Wednesdays?"

"Quite a few. Not long ago, a newbie, Sara, came with her husband's handgun. It was a .45 caliber gun, which does have a lot of recoil. Sara was familiar with shooting rifles, but not handguns.

Personally, I thought the .45 was a lot of gun with big recoil, and that a smaller caliber gun would be better for a newbie. However, after we showed her a good grip, and told her how to align the sights with the target, she shot. I'm thinking: 'she'll be lucky to hit the target.'

"Nope. She blasted a hole in the x-ring! Her first shot!"

"People can surprise you. She was thin, but strong."

"Another woman brought in a .45-caliber gun also. She had never shot before and her son urged her to purchase this .45. Another gun with lots of recoil! She didn't like shooting it one bit!"

"What happened?"

"I think her son got the gun he wanted."

We both laughed.

"My son bought me a book for Christmas. He really wanted to read it."

We laughed again.

"It really helps to have shot the gun you think you'll want to purchase. A snub-nose

.38 revolver may fit in your purse, be pretty, and have great 'take-down' power, but you may find the recoil too heavy and you'll never want to practice with it. Don't let anyone talk you into a gun until you've shot one similar to the one you think you'll buy. And it all depends on where you purchase that gun, too. If you explain what you need to the local shop in our county, you'll probably be satisfied. They won't urge you to buy a cannon, when all you need is a small defensive firearm."

"So, you'll be at the range on Wednesday? I can meet you there?"

"Sure. Sign in at the front desk and talk to the deputy first. He'll show you the pistol range's location. We'll be there a few minutes after 10."

"See you then! Thanks!"

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

State budget includes money for natural resources

FWC News

On June 2, Gov. Ron DeSantis signed the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Freedom First Budget furthering the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) mission to protect Florida's natural resources and support FWC law enforcement officers.

The budget reaffirms Gov. DeSantis' steadfast commitment to natural resource conservation for future generations.

Included in the Governor's Freedom First Budget are important investments in red tide research,

manatee rescue and care, derelict vessel removal, and support for law enforcement.

"Thanks to the support of Governor DeSantis and the Legislature, Florida will continue to be known as the Boating and Fishing Capital of the World," said FWC Chairman Rodney Barreto. "Under Governor DeSantis' leadership, future generations will benefit from our diligence to preserve and protect Florida's natural resources."

"Governor DeSantis and the Legislature have continued to commit record funding to Florida's environment. His steadfast support is

crucial in our efforts to manage the great natural resources Florida has while providing access to our residents and visitors for generations to come," said FWC Executive Director Eric Sutton.

The 2022-2023 budget highlights include:

- \$4.8 million in continued support for the Center for Red Tide Research.
- Up to \$3 million to remove invasive Burmese pythons.
- More than \$30 million to enhance and expand manatee rescue and rehabilitation efforts and provide habitat restoration for areas

where manatees are highly concentrated.

- \$2.6 million for 12 additional law enforcement officers.
- \$8.8 million to improve boating access.
- \$20 million for derelict vessel removal.
- \$15.5 million for habitat restoration initiatives.
- \$18.8 million for law enforcement operations and support.
- \$600,000 for artificial reefs.

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Water Ways

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Local writers share their experiences

Thursday 9
Sun rise/set 6:34AM 3:35PM
Moon rise/set 8:37PM 3:03AM
Moon Illumination 69%
Friday 10
Sun rise/set 6:34AM 4:37PM
Moon rise/set 8:38PM 3:34AM
Moon Illumination 79%
Saturday 11
Sun rise/set 6:34AM 5:45PM
Moon rise/set 8:38PM 4:08AM
Moon Illumination 87%
Sunday 12
Sun rise/set 6:34AM 6:56PM
Moon rise/set 8:38PM 4:46AM
Moon Illumination 94%
Monday 13
Sun rise/set 6:34AM 8:09PM
Moon rise/set 8:39PM 5:32AM
Moon Illumination 99%
Tuesday 14
Sun rise/set 6:34AM 8:39PM
Moon rise/set 8:39PM 6:26AM
Moon Illumination 100%
Wednesday 15
Sun rise/set 6:34AM 8:39PM
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Moon Illumination 98%

Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

June 9 - June 15

Tide charts by tides4fishing.com

Best fishing days this month
June 1-14, 28-30

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.

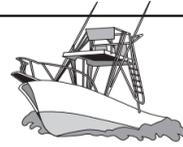
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St. Marks River Entrance	Th	4:07 am	1.0 ft
	Th	10:50 am	3.2 ft
	Th	5:21 pm	0.9 ft
	Th	11:29 pm	2.9 ft
	Fr	5:05 am	1.3 ft
	Fr	11:29 am	3.4 ft
	Fr	6:18 pm	0.3 ft
	Sa	12:42 am	3.1 ft
	Sa	5:59 am	1.5 ft
	Sa	12:07 pm	3.6 ft
	Sa	7:10 pm	-0.2 ft
	Su	1:43 am	3.4 ft
Su	6:49 am	1.7 ft	
Su	12:45 pm	3.9 ft	
Su	8:00 pm	-0.7 ft	
Mo	2:38 am	3.5 ft	
Mo	7:34 am	1.8 ft	
Mo	1:25 pm	4.1 ft	
Mo	8:49 pm	-1.0 ft	
Tu	3:29 am	3.5 ft	
Tu	8:18 am	1.9 ft	
Tu	2:07 pm	4.3 ft	
Tu	9:38 pm	-1.1 ft	
We	4:18 am	3.5 ft	
We	9:00 am	1.9 ft	
We	2:51 pm	4.4 ft	
We	10:26 pm	-1.1 ft	
Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay	Th	4:18 am	0.7 ft
	Th	10:42 am	2.4 ft
	Th	5:32 pm	0.6 ft
	Th	11:21 pm	2.2 ft
	Fr	5:16 am	0.9 ft
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Best hunting and fishing based on solunar times: MAJOR feeding periods are 2 hours long, centered on the solunar time. MINOR feeding periods are only 1 hour long, again centered on the solunar time.



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



This past weekend, the coast Guard Barque Eagle was in port in Pensacola. Thank you to Linda and Wade Olson for the following write-up.

On Thursday, June 2nd, America's Tall Ship, the USCGC Eagle sailed into Pensacola Bay as part of a training cruise for cadets from the United States Coast Guard Academy. This coincided with the beginning of Fiesta Pensacola festivities.

The United States Coast Guard Cutter, Barque Eagle, formerly known as the Horst Wessel is a 295-foot Barque used as a training cutter for future officers of the United States Coast Guard. It was taken from Germany as war reparations after the end of World War II.

The ship docked at Palafox Pier 14, a slip that was previously occupied by the USC-GC Sabago, WHEC 42 (Coast Guard High-endurance Cutter) while stationed in Pensacola 1968-1970. During that time the Sabago did a tour to Vietnam from March to December 1969. An historical marker was placed on

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Coast Guard Station	
Yankeetown	(352) 447-6900
Coast Guard Auxiliary	
Apalachee Bay (Flotilla 12)	(850) 942-7500
or	(850) 284-1166



Auxiliarist Wade Olson was invited to tour the Eagle in Pensacola Bay.

the pier in 2014 to honor its service.

Capt. Michael Turdo, of the Eagle, graciously extended an invitation to the Sabago sailors to board the ship early on Friday, June 3 for a meet & greet and exclusive tour. This invitation was extended further to auxiliarists Wade and Linda Olson of Flotilla 12, Apalachee Bay, since Wade's father, the late LCdr Gerald H Olson Ret., served as Executive Officer of the Sabago during its Vietnam tour.

Once on board they met Dr. Karl Andrews, an auxiliarist who is assigned a position on the Eagle as the ship's doctor. He came aboard in New Haven, Connecticut and is

to disembark when the ship reaches its next port in Galveston, Texas.

The tour included the ward room which is a living area for officers; the flag room, a similar area for visiting officers and dignitaries; the steering station with three six-foot steering wheels that, with no power steering, takes six cadets to steer her; the galley and all outer deck areas. It employs 23 sails to power her by the wind, all of which have to be manually deployed and furled. Its beam is 36 feet.

All in all it is a beautiful ship and the visitors had a gorgeous day to tour her. The Olsons said it was a great honor to have been invited aboard and to walk her decks.

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

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.

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 12 Commander Phil Hill at pnkhill2000@yahoo.com

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Underwater Wakulla

By Rusty Miller

Hurricane Season.

I hope y'all had a great Memorial Day weekend. Let us never forget those that gave all and those that have and are currently serving our country.

Now that summer is started we have also started our hurricane season here in Florida. As I write this column there is a potential tropical storm out in the Atlantic basin. Whether it makes it to our area or not you should start planning your hurricane preparedness plans. Since I am with the reserve deputy program for WCSO we have to maintain what we call a go bag. This go bag will have a change of uniform, under garments, food snacks (healthy, of course), and several bottles of water. We keep these go bags in case we are called out to keep out looters or downed power lines/trees that have fallen and block the roads in Wakulla County.

I have been dispatched to downed lines and trees for 14-24 hours at a time so my go bag has served me well. When we are hit by a bad storm and if you're stuck at home you should have at least 3-5 days worth of food and fresh water for each of you and your family members. If you have a generator and plan to use it make sure if you hook it up through your circuit breaker box to have a special back flow switch to keep the power from the generator from going down the power line and hurting a lineman trying to restore the power to your house or neighborhood.

If you don't have a generator then you should have several coolers so you can try to keep the perishable food from your refrigerator from spoiling quickly.

The key here is make sure you and your family are out of harm's way in the event of a tropical storm or hurricane. Nothing we own is worth sacrificing our lives for in this situation.

For more info please look online to find out what else you might need at several hurricane preparedness websites.

Now you ask what that has got to do with diving. Most of our local divers know that when a tropical storm gets into the southern Gulf of Mexico that it starts making the local waters around our coast all the way to Pensacola get rougher days before it reaches us. So please look at the FWC wind and surf forecast before heading out into the Gulf.

Believe me when I say that it is very dangerous and difficult to get back on the boat in 6-8 foot swells. "Remember jumping in the water is optional but getting back on the boat is mandatory" Y'all have a fun and safe weekend.

Russell Miller NAUI Instructor #59999

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Where is your heart for God?



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

Where is your heart for God and His ways? In a good place?

Or are you frustrated because you've been giving in to the same old sinful behavior?

Or are you having

trouble with those constant negative spiraling-out-of-control emotions?

One day I was kicking myself for giving in to ugly behavior that I promised God I would never do again. I felt hopeless, convinced I was the worst person ever. A fake Christian.

Then, out of the corner of my eye, I saw one of my scripture memory cards sticking out from under a stack of papers. I picked it up and read it. Then I read it again. And again.

I don't remember what verse I'd written on that card, but

I remember suddenly feeling as if my entire being was enveloped in an overwhelming sense of love and awe.

"Lord, I love Your Word," I said in a hushed voice. "I. Love. Your. Word."

I wasn't only expressing my appreciation for the verse I was studying, but for God's entire Word, His whole being, everything He is and everything He has ever meant to me.

What's more, it filled me with gratitude for the love I knew Almighty God had for me. Tears streamed down my face. I felt as if my

heart would burst with love for my heavenly Father.

What a difference I experienced in my thoughts and emotions from just a few minutes before!

When we make Scripture meditation a regular habit, we're not only able to take control of our thoughts and emotions, but we can become more like the person we pray to be. "I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you" (Psalm 119:11 ESV).

Are you struggling in your Christian journey?

Perhaps you've noticed a growing distance between you and God as your choice to skip church or your quiet time becomes easier to do. Or maybe you aren't as quick to repent of your sin as you once were.

Storing up God's Word in your heart will allow His presence to show up right in the middle of your situation and help you draw closer to Him.

If you're not currently meditating on Bible verses, would you consider picking a verse before you go to bed tonight, then read it

(and think about it) throughout your day tomorrow?

Meditating on Bible verses can change you. It can transform your relationship with your heavenly Father, your love for His Word and ...

... bring you to the place your heart longs to be, devotedly in His presence.

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Sheriff's Report

Activity reported for the week of May 27 to June 2:

FRIDAY, MAY 27

• Timothy Herring awakened to discover his vehicle missing. However, prior to WCSO arriving, it was discovered the vehicle was involved in a traffic crash and was totaled. Herring responded to the WCSO impound yard to gather his belongings at the tow yard and discovered items in the vehicle which did not belong to him. The items were collected and turned in for evidence. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Edwin Grove investigated.

• Deputies responded to a residence on Woodville Highway in reference to a possible burglary in progress. The homeowner Christine Jenkins was notified a subject was inside the home. Once on scene Jenkins discovered Alivia Chancellor on the porch. Jenkins advised the home is under construction and the only person allowed there is her son. Jenkins stated she had warned Chancellor many times not to come to her home. During the investigation it was also discovered that Chancellor had an outstanding arrest warrant as well. Chancellor was arrested on the warrant as well as trespass after warning. Deputy Carla Skelly investigated.

• Deputy Colton Sheridan conducted a traffic stop on Mount Zion Road. During his investigation the passenger Lasarus Smith was found to have active warrants out of Wakulla County and was also found in possession of narcotics. Smith was placed under arrest and transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

SATURDAY, MAY 28

• John Brouwer reported the theft of his trailer tag. The tag was entered into NCIC/FCIC and he was given a stolen tag form so that he could obtain a replacement tag. Deputy Kendrick Gavin investigated.

• Deputy Andrea Farmer responded to Elizabeth Street, in reference to a shed on fire. Upon arrival Deputy Farmer observed the shed was fully engulfed. Wakulla Fire & Rescue arrived on scene and extinguished the fire. Deputy Farmer made contact with the owner Carrie Cedeno, who said they had been burning some debris and accidentally caught the shed on fire. Cedeno advised she did not have any insurance on the shed. The shed was valued at \$500.

SUNDAY, MAY 29

• Deputy Arturo Cordoba responded to the Sheriff's Office lobby due to a reported fraud. Upon arrival Deputy Cordoba spoke with the elderly female victim. She stated she was notified via her computer of an issue with her Visa credit card. She called the provided number and was told she needed to rectify a \$6,500 discrepancy in her account. The victim was instructed to visit several retail stores and purchase \$500 gift cards equaling \$6,500.

• Deputy Colton Sheridan responded to the area of Ace Hardware in reference to a theft that occurred at Advance Auto Parts. Upon arrival in the area Sheridan located the suspect. The suspect had in his possession an amplifier reportedly stolen from Advance Auto and several hair trimmers taken from another store. The Amplifier was returned to the auto parts store. The suspect was identified as Jason Jamison. After visiting several other local stores, deputies found the hair trimmers, valued at \$260, were taken from Walgreens and were returned to the store. Jamison was placed under ar-

rest for petit theft and transported to the Wakulla County jail.

• Deputy Colton Sheridan conducted a traffic stop on Pixie Circle due to the driver not having a valid Driver License. The vehicle owner consented to a search of her car. During the search 0.5g of crack cocaine was located inside the car. The driver James Corbett was arrested for possession of crack cocaine and paraphernalia.

MONDAY, MAY 30

• Deputy Dakota Haddock conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle after verifying the driver had a suspended license. Deputy Haddock made contact with the driver Richard Albert. Also identified in the vehicle was Amber Waller and another passenger. During the investigation, Albert gave consent to search the vehicle. Deputies located a quarter size amount of a wax substance on the rear passenger seat where Waller was sitting. Deputies tested the substance with a positive test result for THC. Richard Albert was subsequently arrested for possession of a stolen tag and driving while license suspended or revoked (DWLSR). Amber Waller was arrested for possession of THC wax.

TUESDAY, MAY 31

• Deputy Ernesto Trujillo made contact with the manager at Ace Hardware who had called in stating an unknown male subject had walked out of the store passing the final point of sale failing to pay for his merchandise. The male subject was located leaving the Sonic parking lot and identified as Jason Jamison, who was seen throwing the merchandise on the ground. He was taken into custody and transported back to the scene. After acquiring a signed affidavit, Jamison was placed under arrest and transported to the county jail, again.

• Deputy Scott Delbeato responded to Summerwind Circle N in reference to a theft. Upon arrival, contact was made with the victim Leslie Dyal. Leslie stated on May 28 she received a message on her computer that the device had been hacked. The warning instructed Dyal to call a number to remedy the situation. She made contact with a male subject who stated her Costco credit card had been compromised. The male said she had a compromised expense of \$6,500 on her card. The male instructed Dyal over the next 10 hours to purchase gift cards to get the money back. Dyal used two different cards to purchase gift cards at Macy's, JC Penny and Target. Eventually it was determined there was no compromise to the Costco card. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

• Jerry Luke awakened in the morning and discovered his vehicle missing. However, the vehicle was discovered wrecked and abandoned earlier in the morning, at 12:32 a.m., around the 600 block of Sopchoppy Highway. Florida Highway Patrol had the vehicle towed from the crash scene. Luke did not give anyone permission to use his vehicle and signed an affidavit for prosecution. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Kendrick Gavin investigated.

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

Obituaries

DEATH NOTICES

• **Edward Carlson**, 60, of Tallahassee, died May 28, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel 850-926-5919 www.familyfhc.com

• **William "Frank" Compton**, 82, of Crawfordville, died on May 29, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel 850-926-5919 www.familyfhc.com

• **Richard Kevin Grape Sr.**, 63, died June 2, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel 850-926-5919, www.familyfhc.com

• **Judy Gail Gustetic**, 62, of Crawfordville, died June 2, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• **Lorilee Nelson**, 42, of Tallahassee died on May 29, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel 850-926-5919 www.familyfhc.com

• **Freeman Pigott**, 83, of Medart, died May 31, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel 850-926-5919 www.familyfhc.com

• **Daniel Lynn Strickland**, 87, of Sopchoppy died June 4, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel 850-926-5919 www.familyfhc.com

• **Arthur Robert Wilde Sr.**, 79, of Crawfordville, died on May 29, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel 850-926-5919 www.familyfhc.com



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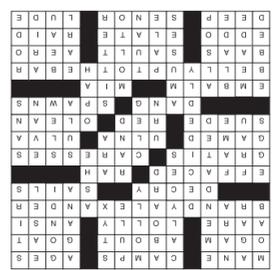
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 14. Old Irish alphabet
 15. Concerning
 16. Victim of ridicule or pranks
 17. Swiss river
 18. Ice candy (Brit. slang)
 19. Body that defines computing protocols
 20. Sweet mixed drink
 23. Condemn
 24. Cruises
 25. Canceled
 28. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
 30. Costing nothing
 31. Strokes
 36. Played
 37. Forearm bone
 38. Sea lettuce genus
 39. Leather fabric
 40. Tributary of the Mississippi River
 41. Town in New York state
 42. Darn!
 44. Breeds
 45. Preserve a dead body
 49. ___ Farrow, actress
 50. Go for a drink
 57. Blats
 58. ___ Ste. Marie
 59. About aviation
 60. Root of taro plant
 61. Fill with high spirits
 62. Bug killer
 63. Extreme in degree or quality
 64. A Spanish title of respect
 65. Methaqualone pill (slang)

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 2. A gelling agent in foods
 3. Ancient Japanese religious center
 4. Edited
 5. Flower layers
 6. On base
 7. Popular aquarium fish
 8. Whine
 9. Mythological river
 10. Capital of Guam
 11. South-Central Dravidian
 12. Tripod
 13. Stimulates
 21. Unmistakably
 22. Arthur __, tennis champion
 25. Taunts
 26. Wife (German)
 27. Renown for a worthy reason
 28. Monetary unit of South Africa
 29. Macaws
 31. Large Swift fly
 32. Pelican genus
 33. Veer
 34. Welsh for John
 35. Without (French)
 37. A large vessel for making coffee or tea
 41. Soft-finned fish
 43. In a way, cheers
 44. Baby ____
 45. In a way, moved away
 46. George Gordon __, Union general
 47. Fan part
 48. Stewart __, columnist
 49. Much (Italian)
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 55. Dry
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