

# The Wakulla Sun



Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	PM Thunderstorms
Hi: 93° Lo: 76° 23%	Hi: 92° Lo: 77° 24%	Hi: 91° Lo: 77° 51%
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One Section

# Time out for taking things not his

An amusing story of mischief by a local resident who didn't follow rules

From Wakulla Sheriff's Office

A quick PSA for our followers, if your goal is to stay out of trouble here in Wakulla, generally speaking you only have to follow two rules: One, keep your hands to yourself, and two, don't take other people's stuff.

Unfortunately, a local resident had a problem with rule number two

over the weekend.

On Saturday, Mr. Johnny Jackson participated in an unauthorized shopping spree at Walgreens in Crawfordville.

Upon leaving the store Jackson decided he'd also help himself to an employee's bicycle which was parked outside the store.

A Walgreens employee



Johnny Jackson

observed Jackson leaving and contacted the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office regarding the thefts.

An off-duty Tallahassee police officer, who was shopping in the store at the time, overheard the report and offered to assist the employees.

While deputies were responding, the off-duty

officer located Jackson near El Jalisco's Mexican Restaurant and was able to get the stolen bicycle back without any issues.

Jackson then left on foot and entered El Jalisco's where he allegedly helped himself to a taco from the restaurant.

After making himself a to-go plate, Jackson exited El Jalisco's and tried to dine with a group

of strangers inside of Zaxby's.

At this point, WCSO deputies were able to catch up to him and he was promptly arrested without incident.

Johnny Jackson is currently sitting in time out at the Wakulla County Jail in the hopes that he can learn to not take items that do not belong to him.



The annual Sopchoppy Fourth of July parade included a group with a large American flag, above, and the Wakulla County School Board's little red schoolhouse, below. More photos on Page 2. (Photos by Charity Tumbleson)



## Pine beetle outbreak in Wakulla forests

Special to The Sun

The Florida Forest Service is responding to an outbreak of the Southern Pine Beetle within Franklin and Wakulla Counties. Southern Pine Beetles are considered the biggest threat to forest land in Florida. An infested pine tree will die within six weeks and there is no treatment available to save infested trees.

Southern Pine Beetles can infest both rural and urban areas and are known to kill yard trees. Outbreaks can spread over 50 feet a day and can only be stopped by cutting down a large buffer of trees surrounding the outbreak. Infestations of these beetles can lead to widespread forest death, increase the threat of catastrophic wildfire, degrade wildlife habitat, and decrease the overall aesthetics of the area.

Forest management practices such as thinning, prescribed burning, competition control, and use of less-susceptible pine species can improve the health of pine stands and decrease their likelihood of developing southern pine beetle infestations. However, once an infestation occurs, cutting down a buffer area is the only way to stop the spread.

The Florida Forest Service conducts aerial survey flights each year during peak season to detect Southern Pine Beetle activity and assist landowners with suppression efforts. So far this year, a record 21 active outbreaks have been identified in Wakulla County, and 14 in Franklin County. Proper identification and management of these beetles is crucial to ensure the health of our forests and the safety of residents.

For further information on the Southern Pine Beetle, contact your local County Forester, which can be found on the Florida Forest Service webpage at [FDACS.gov/CountyForester](http://FDACS.gov/CountyForester)

For information about the Southern Pine Beetle and current infestation activity in

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## Crum's Mini Mall has a new owner

After years of ownership by the Crum family, the iconic Panacea store is now owned by Sam Ash

By CHARITY TUMBLESON  
Reporter

Crum's Mini Mall roots run deep in the Panacea community and continue to grow still. Founded in 1954 by the Crum family as a mom and pop gas station, then evolved into a mechanical shop.

Afterward, an ambulance service with a 10-man team was added to the northeast corner of the property when the Crum family saw a need in the community.

"There was no I-10 back then and there was lots of traffic causing many wrecks," says former Crum's Mini Mall owner Ronald Fred Crum.

In addition to the ambulance service, the Crums also had a fire department for the area.

When Crum bought out his brother Glynwood, he turned Crum's Mini Mall into an auto repair shop, joining a hardware store as well. He says, "As soon as a customer walked through the doors, we would ask them, what do you need?"



Sam Ash, owner of Crum's Mini Mall.

good or bad. Even though I don't own it anymore I still care that it continues to grow.

"Mr. Ash always asks me and other employees our opinions and takes advice from our experience with the store," Lundy says. "I love what he has done with the store and hope it continues to grow and prosper."

Originally from Fitzgerald, Georgia, Ash was drawn into Wakulla County by the scenic Gulf Coast. After traveling through Panacea as an avid fisherman for 15 years it was the ideal opportunity to finally make the move down to Wakulla when Crum's Mini Mall was placed on the market.

Having expanded the clothing section and high-end rods/reels, Ash continues to progress Crum's Mini Mall's diversity and prosperity.

"The highlight of my day, I would say, is getting to interact with the community and sharing fishing techniques with the local fishermen," says Ash.

"I think Ronald Fred did an excellent job of

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## Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park Carolina Petunia



By JACK & JOEY COETZEE

The trumpet-shaped, lavender flowers of Carolina petunia (*Ruellia carolinensis*) greet visitors at the entrance to Sopchoppy Depot Park. Also called wild petunia, this wildflower is a source of nectar and pollen for bees, butterflies, wasps, and even hummingbirds. Its leaves feed the caterpillars of common buckeye and white peacock butterflies. Native to Florida and the southeastern U.S., Carolina petunia prefers moist, well-drained, sandy soil in sun to part shade. This long-lived, perennial grows 1-2 feet tall. Each flower lasts only a day and often only 1 to 2 flowers per plant are open any day. However, Carolina petunias bloom from early spring to fall. Carolina petunias are not true petunias. Neither are their widely sold, invasive cousin, the Mexican petunia. You can help to control the spread of the invasive by planting this Florida native instead.



The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office float.

## Fourth of July parade

The 48th annual Fourth of July celebration kicked off with the Downtown Bill Stephens Americana parade making its way through Sopchoppy. The parade included decorated floats from different organizations and even a marching band. With American flags everywhere hundreds of bystanders watched the patriotic parade in the blazing heat of the sun. All kinds of local organizations showed up to show off their parade float a few of them being the Wakulla school board, Sopchoppy Baptist church, Wakulla's youth football and cheerleading association and more. Following the parade was a festival complete with arts, food vendors, and live music at Sopchoppy's Myron B. Hodge City Park. Fireworks were scheduled at night to cap the day's celebration. (Photos by Charity Tumbleson)



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The City of Sopchoppy float with City Commissioner Fred McClendon, Mayor Lara Edwards and City Commissioner Michele Harden.



Maxwell Campbell's big vehicle in the parade.



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CHAMBER NEWS

# Sherlock Springs hosts Chamber luncheon, catered by Food N Fill #2

By **PETRA SHUFF**  
Of the Chamber

We want to start by thanking Rich Abrams and Thea Voran at the beautiful venue Sherlock Springs for always welcoming us with open arms when we need a place to hold a catered luncheon! You guys are great and a pleasure to work with! Speaking of being great, Food N Fill #2, today's caterer, is always happy to cater for us, showing off Miss Asha's wonderful cooking skills. The Roast Beef, green beans, mashed potatoes, biscuits, and brownies were delicious, and all cooked in-house. You would never guess the cook is a vegetarian. Thank you, Paul and Asha, for preparing today's delicious meal!

Mary Wallace announced our new members for this month as D's Custom Tile & Design and Coastal Gems Real Estate. Welcome Dominic and Carol Ann! Lynda Kinsey shared with us that Wakulla Sun reporter Riddhi Patel took a job out of town and was pleased to introduce Charity Tumbleson who is taking Rhiddi's place. Brooklyn Enders visited us for the first time today. She is employed by CareerSource Capital Region, serving veterans with special needs. Rachel Pienta - Wakulla 4-H invited everyone to bring their gardening tools to help with the food forest project at our local public library this Thursday at 6 p.m., and Saturday at 8 a.m., Nancy Floyd Richardson with The Wakulla News let everyone know that "Voting for the Best of Wakulla" starts this Thursday, June 23, will be open for 3 weeks, and is online only. Wakulla Senior Center board member Becky Gast reminded



Paul of Food N Fill oversees the buffet as Chamber members grab lunch.

dening tools as well as other items. Tickets are \$10 apiece, or \$50 for a book of tickets; the drawing will be held July 5th. Sherlock Springs will be hosting a knife show this Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free, sales are cash only. At times, you can also get some valuable coupons from attending members and special deals when attending our luncheons, and find out about special events coming up.

If you attended our luncheon at Donkey's you know that Ms. Zoe and Ethel typically help give out raffle items. Mary lovingly calls them her Vannas. They surprised Mary that day and wore T-shirts with the lettering Vanna I and Vanna II on them. Mary in turn surprised them today with a wheel of fortune for the cash give away, and the crowd cheered "Big money, big money" as the wheel was spinning. We can get a little silly at times, but it's all about having some fun mixed with business. The \$61 cash drawing was won by Thea Voran.

Many thanks to the following members for bringing drawing items: Capital City Home Loans, Petra Shuff, Sherlock Springs, CareerSource Capital Region, Lionel and Marianne Dazevedo, Jordan Lee - English Financial Group, Operation Santa/Operation Wakulla, Sue's Art Workshop, Wakulla 4-H, Wakulla Sign Company, Crickets Tree Service, Wakulla BNI, American Inspections, Tiffany Hartsfield - Realtor Golden Properties and Investments, Revell Tractor Worx, The Wakulla Sun, Capital City Bank, North Florida Medical Centers, AAA Insurance.

us that it is getting close to Christmas After Dark, a cocktail party fundraiser July 22, replacing Christmas in July, raising funds for transportation, Meals on Wheels, in-home care and after school program. Sponsorships and tickets are available at the Senior Center, from board members, or at the chamber office. Jeanie Booth with CareerSource Capital Region gave us the monthly Wakulla workforce update - 389 open positions to be filled. A lot of them are in the food industry but there are plenty of jobs available in other fields, like medical, administrative, production, banking and more. Youths 16 years and older can land a summer job starting at \$12 an hour right now. Inquire at our

local CareerSource Center on Crawfordville Highway. Karen Ellis with BNI NW Florida is working on starting a local chapter in Wakulla and only a few more members are needed to launch it. Paulina Pendarvis with North Florida Medical Centers invited everyone to a Big Bend Hospice Craft and Learn event taking place 10 a.m. to noon, July 27th at the Wakulla library, teaching guests how to make fidget blankets for those living with Alzheimers, dementia or other related disorders. What a wonderful cause! To reserve your spot, contact Kara Walker 850-878-5310.

Marva Preston, representing Crawfordville Lions Club is selling raffle tickets for a wheelbarrow full of gar-



## Ribbon cutting – Waypoint

Congratulations to Josh Brown and Elaine Gary along with the entire Waypoint Properties' team on the Grand Opening of their third office, Waypoint Properties South, located in Panacea. What a beautiful location!



## Ribbon cutting – St. James

Despite the heat, the June 16th ribbon cutting and Mix and Mingle event at St. James Bay Golf Resort was a success with over 90 attending, enjoying great food, company, and meeting chamber members from our neighboring county's Carrabelle Chamber.

## After hours at St. James Bay



Audrey Fields, Mark Doebert, Camille Duke and Elizabeth Hughes were among the Wakulla Chamber members who traveled to meet members of the Carrabelle Chamber at St. James Bay Golf Club on June 16th.

## Crum's Mini Mall has new owner

From Front Page

building this store up, its been known as many things over the years catering to the people of Panacea but in the past 25 years it's

mainly been focused as a bait and tackle store, and I want to continue with that, along with adding on different things."

Deciding to keep the name of Crum's

Mini Mall, Ash says, "A lot of people don't know where Panacea is, but they know about Crum's, you see people wearing the shirts and hats all over the world."

## Pine beetle outbreak in Wakulla forests

From Front Page

Franklin and Wakulla counties, contact Emily Martin Emily.Martin@FDACS.gov, or 850-597-6572.

The Florida Forest Service, a division of the Florida Department of Agriculture

and Consumer Services, manages more than 1 million acres of state forests and provides forest management assistance on more than 17 million acres of private and community forests. The Florida Forest Service is also responsible

for protecting homes, forestland and natural resources from the devastating effects wildfire on more than 26 million acres.

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# Opinions

## Chamber President's message for July



By GREG JAMES

June was another great month for the Chamber! We had two new members join in June – D's Custom Tile & Design Inc. and Coastal Gems Real Estate! That brings our total new members in 2022 to 44. We had another successful networking luncheon in June. Many thanks to Sherlock Springs for hosting us and Paul with Food N Fill #2 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. I also want to thank Zoe Mansfield (Vanna #1) and Ethel Jefferson (Vanna #2) for their help in disbursing prizes!

I hope everyone had a great Independence Day whether you were on vacation or just enjoying a long weekend. Hopefully you took a moment to be thankful for the great freedoms we enjoy as citizens of this great nation! Don't forget there is no July networking luncheon and our next one will be on Aug. 24th at will be held at The Wakulla Springs Lodge and catered by the same.

Many thanks to the UF/IFAS Extension office for hosting a Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce lunch on June 1st. Chief Louis La-

marche, Battalion Chief Brandon Aleya and Fire Inspector Jerry Johnson with Wakulla County's Fire Rescue Prevention Division provided a great educational session on the new fire inspection program required for all commercial businesses, industrial businesses, governmental entities and home businesses. I also want to thank the businesses and individuals who attended the session!

If you weren't able to attend the workshop, this month's message will focus on what you missed. It is important for you to know that EVERY business will be inspected in the 2022-2023 year. The inspection program's purpose is to ensure the safety of your business' employees, your customers and your property. The inspection program will also "check off" one more box for the County's ISO rating. While the inspection program will not single handedly cause our home and building insurance rates to decrease, the program will help reduce the County's ISO rating and generally speaking, the lower the ISO rating, the lower our overall insurance rates are.

What will the inspection be looking for? There is a checklist that you can get to review all of the inspection points. There are five main areas that will be reviewed: 1) Exterior, 2) Fire Protection, 3) Means of Egress, 4) Electrical, Mechanical & Utility Rooms, and 5) Occupancy Procedures.

The Exterior inspection involves items such as access to the property and building, are combustible materi-

als stored properly and are fire protection systems clearly marked? The Fire Protection inspection involves items related to inspections of and proper tagging of the fire alarm system, sprinkler system, fire suppression system, and fire extinguishers. The Means of Egress inspection involves items related to exit doors, doorways, exit maps, exit signs, occupancy limits and emergency lighting. The Electrical, Mechanical & Utility Room inspection involves items related to these rooms being clearly marked, proper access to these rooms, and proper storage of materials in these rooms. The Occupancy Procedures inspection involves a review of the use of extension cords, surge protectors, electrical outlets, heating vents, and appliances. This, of course, is just a very brief overview. You can contact Fire Inspector Johnson at 850-745-8698 to get more information about the fire prevention program and the inspections.

As always, 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.

*Greg James is president of the Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce.*

### LETTERS

## Back to School free haircuts on Aug. 6

Editor, The Sun:

Sonja Hairstyles second annual free back to school event will be held on Aug. 6 at the One Stop Community Center, 318 Shadeville Road in Crawfordville in the St. Marks Room starting at 9 a.m. The event is first come, first serve. Masks required please.

As you check in visit our phenomenal vendor: Delightful Soul Food Dish along with bookbag give away.

Sonja Hairstyles is honored to reach as many residents as possible to share enhancements of hairstyles and cuts through our hands that love to help in all hair needs in

Wakulla County. When our families are smiling and feeling better about themselves it brings great joy to our hearts.

We are working together to make a difference in households that adds focus in our children lives and time back to our parents mornings.

If you would like to support our event with donations of hair products and accessories it will be greatly appreciated. Contact Sonja at (850) 591-3793. Donations of book bags and supplies contact Kendrick (850) 443-1550.

**Sonja Moore**  
Sonja Hairstyles



Barns Spirits Owner Niraj Patel donated a bottle of Pappy Van Winkle Bourbon as a fundraiser for Panacea Waterfronts. The bottle was won by Todd Waller of Crawfordville.

## Todd Waller wins drawing for Pappy

Editor, The Sun:

Todd Waller of Crawfordville won a raffle conducted by Panacea Waterfronts as part of the Rockin' Reds fishing tournament.

The prize was a 'Highly Allocated' bottle of Old Rip Van Winkle Bourbon that had aged for at least 10 years.

Waller purchased two tickets while volunteering at the Rock The Dock fishing tournament in May AND won the prize while volunteering for the Reds event in June. So, it must pay to be a good volunteer! Tickets were sold for \$50 each and

according to Sherrie Posey Miller of Posey's Steam Room, only 100 were available. All of them were sold.

The prized bottle was a donation by Niraj Patel, owner and operator of Barn's Spirits in Panacea and Barns Liquors in St. Marks. Patel said that a bottle of this vintage becomes available to him maybe once a year.

When Waller was asked if he was going to crack the bottle open immediately or wait for a special event, he said "Well, If I don't sell it, I'll certainly wait for a special occasion."

**Brent Scott**  
Panacea

### Something on your mind?

Email Letters to the Editor to [editor@thewakullasun.com](mailto:editor@thewakullasun.com) or drop it by the office at 12 Arran Road, Crawfordville FL 32327.

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William Snowden  
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The Wakulla Sun

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## ◀ Question of The Week ▶

– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Polled at Crawfordville Quick Stop

# How do you celebrate the Fourth of July?



**ANDREW CURLES**  
ATS POWER SPORTS

“With my family, we’re going fishing. Couldn’t make it through the traffic for the parade in Sopchoppy this morning.”



**BELINDA BLAIR**  
PHYSICAL THERAPY ASST.

“We walked in the parade this morning for a candidate, spending the rest of the day at the pool.”



**EARL PARKER**  
11 BELIEVERS MARINE

“At home with my wife, BBQ grill, baby back ribs and some collard greens.”



**MATTHEW HOGUE**  
G&G CONCRETE

“At home cleaning the house and mowing the grass.”



**LOIS DAVIS**  
CIVIC PLUS

“Working in the yard getting ready for some sod that will be coming.”

## COMMUNITY NEWS

# Library News – July 7-13

**Thursday, July 7**

The Parks HOA Covenant Review Committee 6pm

**Friday, July 8**

Quilting Guild 9:30am

**Saturday, July 9**

Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group 10am

**Monday, July 11**

Wakulla Christian Coalition 6pm

**Tuesday, July 12**

Summer Reading Backyard Week Begins

Book Bunch 10am

Compass Readers 2:30pm

Tobacco Free FL Stop Smoking Class 5:30pm

Woodman Life 6pm

**Wednesday, July 13**

Book Babies 10am

Adventure Readers 2:30pm

**Thursday, July 14**

The Wakulla News presents: Speed Volunteering 10am

The Wakulla Sun presents: Wakulla Candidate Forum 6pm

The Parks HOA Covenant Review Committee 6pm

Wakulla Amateur Radio Club Testing 6:30pm

Summer Reading Performer DoDad’s Lab @ the Community Center 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:

- July 14th: DoDad’s Lab

- 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 here: <https://wakullalibrary.beanstack.org/reader365>.

**AN EVENING AT HOGWARTS**

Our annual celebration of all things Harry Potter is quickly approaching! Join us for An Evening at Hogwarts July 29th at 6pm as the entire library gets transformed in the School of Witchcraft and Wizardry! Costumes strongly encouraged. More information coming soon!

## On the Horizon Calendar of upcoming events

**Saturday, July 9**

- The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group will meet at the Wakulla County Public Library at 10:00 a.m.

**Monday, July 11**

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

**Wednesday, July 13**

- An Intermediate Line Dance class will be held at 1 p.m. at the senior center.
- The Code Enforcement Board Meeting will be held in the Commission Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday, July 14**

- The St. Marks City Commission meeting

will be held at St. Marks City Hall at 6 p.m.

- Sopchoppy Depot Committee meeting at the Depot, 34 Railroad Avenue at 4:30 p.m.
- Candidate Forum, sponsored by The Wakulla Sun, will be held at the public library beginning at 6 p.m. Candidates invited include for county judge and school board district 1 and district 5.

**Saturday, July 16**

- Drive-through backpack giveaway at the Coast Charter School from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Monday, July 18**

- The Wakulla Respite Program will be available for anyone with memory impairment at no cost from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Ellen Baptist Church.
- The Board of County Commissioners will meet in the Commission Chambers at 5 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 20**

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

**Kiersten Smith**

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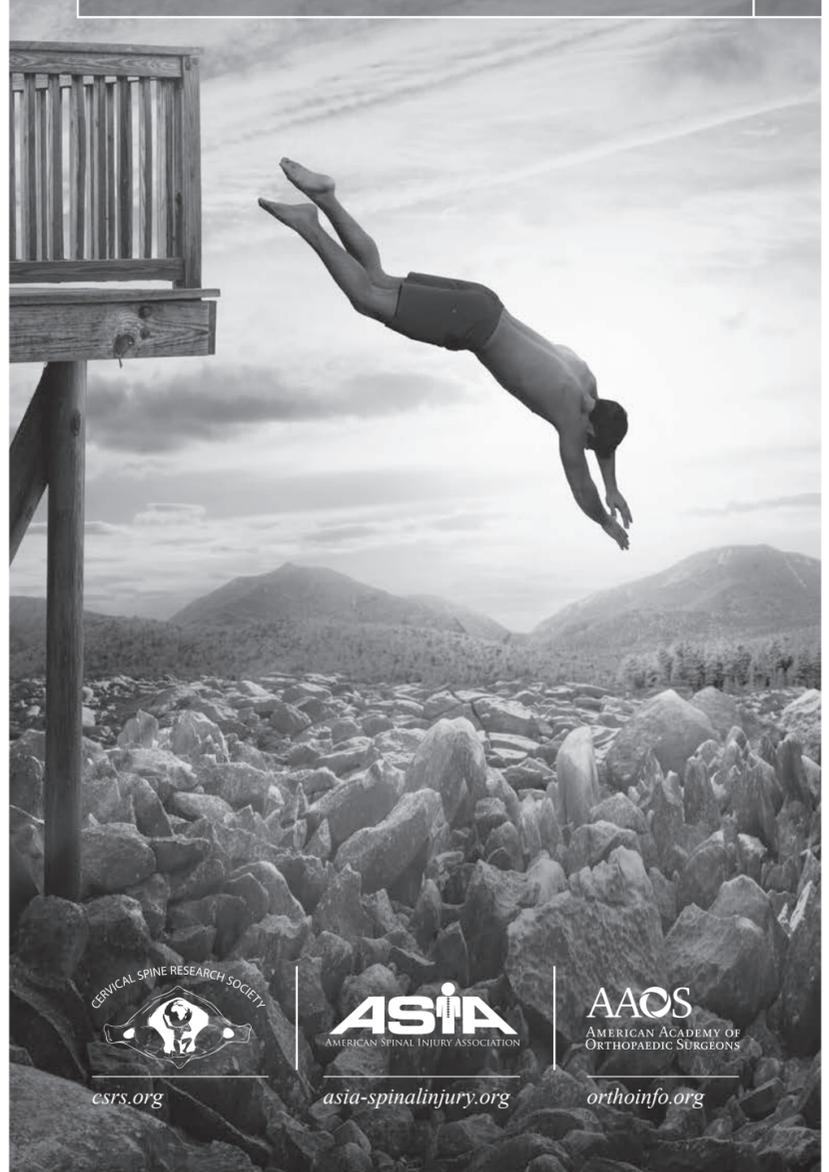
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# Outdoors

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## HOME ON THE RANGE

# Cleaning the S&W Shield EZ .380 or EZ 9mm



By MARJ LAW

A gal new to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range happily shows me her Smith & Wesson Shield EZ .380.

"I've been shooting the heck out of this little guy," she says.

"Here? At the Sheriff's range?"

"No. My husband Tom and I have about 90 acres. We built a backstop and set up targets. We go out every Sunday afternoon and shoot several boxes of .380s. Sometimes, we're out there on Wednesdays too."

"Wow! That's using a lot of ammunition!"

"Sure is. Good thing we hoarded a bunch before the price got crazy. Now that prices have come down, we still have ammunition boxes full of the stuff."

"That must be fun. Have you had your EZ a while?"

"Oh, sure. Almost 3 years. It's been great. Accurate, easy to load, easy to shoot, light trigger, never fails. Well, maybe the .380 has gotten a bit sluggish. But that happens when you shoot a lot, right?"

"Sluggish? H'm. When did you clean it last?"

"Clean it? Well, it was clean when I bought it. Is it time to clean it now?"

Good grief.

"Yes, now's a very good time to clean it."

The S&W Shield EZ .380 and Shield EZ 9mm

guns are some of the easiest guns to clean. This is nice because the guns are great for newbies and mature people to handle. A lot of people without much experience find they can manage these handguns by themselves.

Here is one way to fieldstrip and clean these two guns.

First, some necessary ingredients:

- Super dooper solvent/oil. (Use synthetic like Wilson Ultima Lube or EWL30 so noxious fumes don't get to you.)
- Grease. (No cheap stuff. Wilson, Battle Born, TW25b are some good brands. Cheap ones can turn to gum inside your gun.)
- Cotton squares and cotton swabs. (This means like t-shirt fabric and Q-tips.)
- Plastic pointy dental-like tools. (They're made for cleaning guns.)
- Plastic toothbrush. (Not the one you use at night.)
- Brass toothbrush. (Use if your gun is really really dirty.)
- Bore snake made for the caliber of the gun you own.
- Very small container.

First, make sure the gun is empty. Dump out the magazine. Pull back the slide and inspect the chamber to ensure there is no round in there.

If there's a safety, turn it to the "off" position. Yes, off.

Now it's time to take the gun apart. No, don't just run a "snake" through it and call it a day. That's not good enough, especially when you've been shooting a lot.

Here's a way to do it.

Lock back the slide. Pull the slide backwards and push up the slide release lever so the slide stays back. Now, turn the takedown lever 90°



clockwise to the down position.

Pull back the slide a bit. This will allow it to move forward. Guide it as it moves forward and slide it off the lower part of the gun.

Put about 1/4" of solvent/lube into your container. You really don't need a lot.

Begin with the upper part of the gun. Turn it upside down. If right-handed, cup the spring with your left hand so it doesn't flip onto the floor as you lift it out with your right hand. Put the spring aside.

Grab the barrel block and lift out the barrel. Now you have 3 parts to the upper in front of you.

Dip a cotton swab in your solvent/oil and swipe out the grooves where the upper and lower ride on each other. This will be dirty, so use more swabs until they don't come away dirty anymore.

Swab out all the nooks and crannies in the gun. Hard to get at the tiny grooves? Then wrap a square of cotton cloth which you've moistened with the solvent around the dentil pick and get at those pesky places. If you've avoided cleaning for a long time, you

might need that toothbrush or the brass brush to get out all that shooting debris. I'd cover the brass brush with another moist cotton square.

Take a clean cotton square and wipe away excess solvent/oil. It's excess if your gun is slick and shiny where you've been working.

The barrel is next. Wipe the exterior of the barrel and the barrel block with a moistened square. Now put some of the cleaner on the rough part of your snake. Starting with the ramp end of the barrel, drop the shoelace part of the snake down in.

Now, pull the rest of the snake all the way through. It will be tight, so pull firmly.

Point a flashlight into the barrel. Any specks inside? If so, run the snake through again. When it's clean, take moistened swabs and polish the ramp until it is nice and shiny. Your barrel is clean.

Take another moistened square and wipe off the spring. The upper is done!

The lower is in one piece. Take a moistened swab and clean the grooves where the upper and lower slide on each other. Swab

out everything you can reach like you did with the upper. Use the dentil tool and cotton square in tiny spots.

When your cleaning swabs and squares come away clean, you did it. Again, like the upper, if it looks oily and shiny, wipe off the excess.

Now for the grease. I like grease where the upper and lower slide on each other. I think grease stays in the grooves better than oil. The upper and lower have to slide freely, so use grease here.

You can find grease injectors with tiny tips to squeeze a path of grease into the sliding grooves. Like the solvent/oil, you can have too much of a good thing. Too much grease will attract shooting residue and gum up your gun. So, squeeze it in and then wipe out the shiny excess.

Inspect the parts of your gun. If the bluing has worn off, you'll notice shiny silver spots. Wipe some grease on these worn spots.

You're done! Well, you're done cleaning, anyway. Now the gun's got to go back together!

We're going to begin with the upper. Hold the barrel by the barrel block and drop it into

the slide. Look at the spring. Notice the spring has one end that has 2 straight sides and 2 curved sides. This end fits into the curved notch in the barrel block.

Caging the spring with your left hand, gently depress the spring and fit one of the two curved sides into the curved notch of the barrel block. It won't take much pressure to do so. Turn the upper over.

The upper is together! Let's put the upper on the lower.

Hold the lower in your right hand facing your left hand. With your left hand, begin to slide the upper onto the lower.

Remember, the barrel will point to the left as you do so.

Align the upper and lower rails. Slide the upper all the way until you can push up the slide lock lever to hold the slide back.

Move the takedown lever counterclockwise until it clicks back upward, parallel to the upper.

Push the slide release down. This will move the upper back directly above the lower. If you'd rather, pull the upper backwards and guide it as it moves forward. You can get the upper back into position either way.

Did you do it right?

Test it. Pull the trigger (always pointed away from anyone) of the empty gun.

Did you hear the click of the trigger? Make sure your grip is tight to the grip safety.

You did it right! Congratulations! You've fieldstripped and cleaned your S&W Shield EZ .380 or 9mm handgun!

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

## BIRDING AT THE REFUGE

# Difficult birding

By DON MORROW

On June 25, I headed down to the Panacea Unit of the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge under the watchful gaze of a fat crescent moon and a decorative assortment of planets and arrived just after 6 a.m. There was a heat advisory starting in mid-morning and I was hoping to sneak in a little targeted birding before it got truly hot.

While I am not a competitive birder, I am taking part in the June Challenge in which you pick a county and try to see as many bird species as you can. The June Challenge was developed as a way to get birders out in what is generally an under-birded month. I have chosen Wakulla County for my June Challenge.

You have to actually see a bird to count it. Heard-birds are not accepted, which makes it

hard to add night birds and skulkers to your list. This is odd, but all games have arbitrary rules.

I am doing this despite the fact that I've been away on personal obligations for over half of the month. Now, late in the month, I have ninety seen-species on my list and need to work hard to get to my goal of one hundred species. I may not end up with the highest list in Wakulla County, but one hundred species would at least establish me as a credible birder.

This part of the St. Marks refuge is a well-burned longleaf pine flatwoods with interspersed oak hammocks and wetlands. It has a number of bird species that I need. I parked in the grassy trailhead lot just beyond the front gate and began walking out the Otter Creek Trail. It was already 80°. My goal was to be at

Fox Lake before sunrise and, then, work my way back.

A lone Chuck-willowidow was calling as I headed down the trail. It was just under a mile out to Fox Lake. I could hear Bobwhite, Common Nighthawk, Carolina Wren and Summer Tanager as I walked out.

The pine flatwoods slope down to the lake and blend in to its edge. The shallows were dotted with floating bladderwort. I scanned the open water beyond for Wood Duck, but saw none. I waited there for sunrise. A Great Horned Owl was hooting from the far side, but I couldn't pick out his location with my binoculars. Another uncountable heard-bird.

I stood waiting, listening and watching. I could hear the Morse code chattering of Pine Woods Tree Frogs from several directions. A blood red glow through

the trees signaled sunrise and I walked over to a live oak hammock where a Summer Tanager was calling. I needed that bird. You would think that a bright red bird that likes to sit in the open would be easy to find. It took me fifteen minutes to catch sight of it. Bird number ninety-one.

I started walking back. It was now almost a half hour after sunrise and woodpeckers are late risers. I could hear Red-bellied and Red-cockaded, but I needed Red-headed. One obligingly flew in and while looking at it, a Pileated flew through my binocular field. I had heard Pileated before, but not seen one. I was now up to ninety-three.

One of my target birds, Bachman's Sparrow, walked into the trail, then, flew up and joined its family. Another oak hammock had chickadees, gnatcatch-

ers, titmice and a Downy Woodpecker. Titmouse and woodpecker were newly countable species for me and I was up to ninety-six.

I was doing much better than I had hoped for and I decided to head for the St. Marks Lighthouse where several good birds had been reported. On the drive over, I added a Eurasian Collared Dove on a power line at Wakulla High School and some flyby Chimney Swifts along US-98. I was up to ninety-eight seen-species as I headed into the St. Marks unit.

I searched the Lighthouse area for Gray Kingbird, but was unsuccessful. By this time, it was 90° and I was moving between shade patches to stay cool. I did manage to add an offshore Northern Gannet, bird number ninety-nine.

I slowly drove out of the refuge and kept scanning the sky for Mississippi Kite, which I needed, but found no new species in the ref-

uge. The flamingo was still holding court on Stony Bayou, but it was already on my list. I stopped to look at it anyway.

I always slow my car and look down the intersecting forest roads between the front gate and US-98. Turkeys often walk along these roads in the early morning. Lately, they have been absent and it was already 10:00 am, late for turkeys. As I passed one road, I thought that I saw something. I hit reverse and was just able to catch a hen turkey running off the road into the woods. Bird number one hundred!

As I was driving home, a Mississippi Kite flew across the road giving me a total of one hundred-and-one seen-species in Wakulla County for June. That may end up being my total and that is a respectable number.

I am a happy birder.

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# Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water

Local writers share their experiences

Thursday 7	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:41AM	2:23PM
8:41PM	1:33AM
Moon Illumination 54%	
Friday 8	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:42AM	3:26PM
8:41PM	2:04AM
Moon Illumination 65%	
Saturday 9	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:42AM	4:33PM
8:41PM	2:39AM
Moon Illumination 75%	
Sunday 10	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:43AM	5:44PM
8:41PM	3:20AM
Moon Illumination 85%	
Monday 11	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:43AM	6:56PM
8:41PM	4:09AM
Moon Illumination 92%	
Tuesday 12	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:44AM	8:06PM
8:40PM	5:08AM
Moon Illumination 98%	
Wednesday 13	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:44AM	9:08PM
8:40PM	6:15AM
Moon Illumination 100%	

## Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

### July 7- July 13

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

Best fishing days this month  
July 1-13, 28-31

For tides at the following points add to Dog Island Listings:

	High Tide	Low Tide
Carrabelle	28 Min.	25 Min.
Apalachicola	1 Hr., 53 Min.	2 Hrs., 38 Min.
Cat Point	1 Hr., 13 Min.	2 Hrs., 31 Min.
Lower Anchorage	1 Hr., 36 Min.	2 Hrs., 3 Min.
West Pass	1 Hr., 26 Min.	2 Hrs., 39 Min.

St. Marks River Entrance				
Th	2:04 am ▼ 1.0 ft	8:36 am ▲ 3.3 ft	3:23 pm ▼ 1.0 ft	9:27 pm ▲ 2.8 ft
Fr	3:01 am ▼ 1.4 ft	9:24 am ▲ 3.4 ft	4:39 pm ▼ 0.6 ft	11:06 pm ▲ 2.9 ft
Sa	4:05 am ▼ 1.7 ft	10:19 am ▲ 3.5 ft	5:50 pm ▼ 0.1 ft	
Su	12:30 am ▲ 3.2 ft	5:12 am ▼ 1.9 ft	11:16 am ▲ 3.7 ft	6:53 pm ▼ -0.3 ft
Mo	1:37 am ▲ 3.2 ft	6:16 am ▼ 2.1 ft	12:14 pm ▲ 3.9 ft	7:50 pm ▼ -0.7 ft
Tu	2:34 am ▲ 3.4 ft	7:14 am ▼ 2.1 ft	1:09 pm ▲ 4.1 ft	8:42 pm ▼ -1.0 ft
We	3:23 am ▲ 3.5 ft	8:06 am ▼ 2.0 ft	2:03 pm ▲ 4.3 ft	9:31 pm ▼ -1.0 ft

City of St. Marks				
Th	3:08 am ▼ 0.9 ft	9:12 am ▲ 3.1 ft	4:27 pm ▼ 0.9 ft	10:03 pm ▲ 2.6 ft
Fr	4:05 am ▼ 1.2 ft	10:00 am ▲ 3.1 ft	5:43 pm ▼ 0.6 ft	11:42 pm ▲ 2.7 ft
Sa	5:09 am ▼ 1.5 ft	10:55 am ▲ 3.2 ft	6:54 pm ▼ 0.1 ft	
Su	1:06 am ▲ 2.8 ft	6:16 am ▼ 1.8 ft	11:52 am ▲ 3.4 ft	7:57 pm ▼ -0.3 ft
Mo	2:13 am ▲ 3.0 ft	7:20 am ▼ 1.9 ft	12:50 pm ▲ 3.6 ft	8:54 pm ▼ -0.6 ft
Tu	3:10 am ▲ 3.1 ft	8:18 am ▼ 1.9 ft	1:45 pm ▲ 3.8 ft	9:46 pm ▼ -0.9 ft
We	3:59 am ▲ 3.2 ft	9:10 am ▼ 1.8 ft	2:39 pm ▲ 4.0 ft	10:35 pm ▼ -0.9 ft

Shell Point, Spring Creek				
Th	2:30 am ▼ 1.1 ft	8:58 am ▲ 3.4 ft	3:50 pm ▼ 1.0 ft	10:04 pm ▲ 2.8 ft
Fr	3:27 am ▼ 1.5 ft	9:48 am ▲ 3.5 ft	5:06 pm ▼ 0.6 ft	11:39 pm ▲ 2.9 ft
Sa	4:30 am ▼ 1.8 ft	10:41 am ▲ 3.7 ft	6:13 pm ▼ 0.1 ft	
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Mo	1:56 am ▲ 3.4 ft	6:34 am ▼ 2.1 ft	12:30 pm ▲ 4.1 ft	8:09 pm ▼ -0.7 ft
Tu	2:50 am ▲ 3.5 ft	7:29 am ▼ 2.1 ft	1:23 pm ▲ 4.3 ft	9:01 pm ▼ -1.0 ft
We	3:39 am ▲ 3.5 ft	8:21 am ▼ 2.1 ft	2:15 pm ▲ 4.4 ft	9:50 pm ▼ -1.0 ft

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay				
Th	2:15 am ▼ 0.7 ft	8:28 am ▲ 2.5 ft	3:34 pm ▼ 0.7 ft	9:19 pm ▲ 2.1 ft
Fr	3:12 am ▼ 1.0 ft	9:16 am ▲ 2.5 ft	4:50 pm ▼ 0.4 ft	10:58 pm ▲ 2.2 ft
Sa	4:16 am ▼ 1.2 ft	10:11 am ▲ 2.6 ft	6:01 pm ▼ 0.1 ft	
Su	12:22 am ▲ 2.3 ft	5:23 am ▼ 1.4 ft	11:08 am ▲ 2.8 ft	7:04 pm ▼ -0.2 ft
Mo	1:29 am ▲ 2.4 ft	6:27 am ▼ 1.5 ft	12:06 pm ▲ 2.9 ft	8:01 pm ▼ -0.5 ft
Tu	2:26 am ▲ 2.5 ft	7:25 am ▼ 1.5 ft	1:01 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	8:53 pm ▼ -0.7 ft
We	3:15 am ▲ 2.6 ft	8:17 am ▼ 1.5 ft	1:55 pm ▲ 3.2 ft	9:42 pm ▼ -0.8 ft

St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.				
Th	2:16 am ▼ 1.0 ft	8:49 am ▲ 2.7 ft	3:49 pm ▼ 0.9 ft	9:59 pm ▲ 2.2 ft
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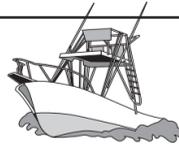
Dog Island West End				
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Fr	3:02 am ▼ 1.5 ft	9:38 am ▲ 2.6 ft	5:11 pm ▼ 0.3 ft	
Sa	12:24 am ▲ 2.0 ft	4:07 am ▼ 1.8 ft	10:20 am ▲ 2.7 ft	6:16 pm ▼ -0.1 ft
Su	2:18 am ▲ 2.2 ft	5:20 am ▼ 2.1 ft	11:05 am ▲ 2.8 ft	7:16 pm ▼ -0.4 ft
Mo	3:17 am ▲ 2.4 ft	6:49 am ▼ 2.2 ft	11:54 am ▲ 3.0 ft	8:07 pm ▼ -0.7 ft
Tu	4:03 am ▲ 2.5 ft	7:51 am ▼ 2.2 ft	12:51 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	8:54 pm ▼ -0.8 ft
We	4:45 am ▲ 2.5 ft	8:36 am ▼ 2.1 ft	1:50 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	9:40 pm ▼ -0.8 ft

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



In addition to providing safety patrols, members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary work within the community to provide safe boating information and promote protection for our waterways.

Thank you to Mary Grant for her write-up and images on a presentation she gave for 4-H campers.

On Thursday, June 30th, member Mary Grant gave a presentation on Boating and Water Safety at the 4H camp for DISASTER SAFETY WEEK. Programming focused on personal safety and being prepared in the event of an emergency including fire, weather, boating, and water safety.

There were 21 campers ages 5 to 13 participating. In each group, campers were taught how to verify life jackets were Coast Guard approved. Campers were able to try on life jackets. Rip currents were discussed along with how to swim out of them; what to do if one fell overboard; H.E.L.P. process for reducing the risk for hypothermia; what one can use to help someone who has fallen in and many other topics!

The older campers participated in a Lost at Sea activity, where they had to determine which items they need to save from a burning ship in order to survive.

Some of the campers were very astute about boating and safety. Auxiliary Grant demonstrated the square knots for the younger group and added the bowline knot with the older group. The campers were all engaged and interested in learning. One volunteer with the camp even expressed interest in the Auxiliary!

On Friday, July 1st, the FSU Coastal Marine Lab held an open house. Member Scott Haussman is a docent volunteer. Scott worked 32 years for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Before he retired, Haussman was responsible for coordinating the Department's wetlands protection and management programs. Prior to that position, he



Gabby Treadon at the FSU Coastal Marine Lab with Scott Haussman.

### Boating Emergencies

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Apalachee Bay (Flotilla 12) .....	(850) 942-7500
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headed the Department's water regulation program, which included the state's navigable waters and wetland permitting, shoreland and wetland zoning, dam safety and wetland inventory programs.

Scott was also an EMT and later a Dive Medic for 30-plus years, a volunteer firefighter and a Wisconsin fire service instructor for 15 years. An avid scuba diver he has over 3,000 logged dives throughout the world.

Gabby Treadon, the daughter of two auxiliary

members, had the privilege of getting a tour of the facility, led by Haussman. She is a future marine scientist. While there, she met one of the research scientists and post-graduate researchers. The lab will be open for tours on Fridays throughout July – it is a great opportunity to learn about our waterways and what is being done to learn about and protect them.

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

## Underwater Wakulla

By Rusty Miller

### Scallop season.

Hello Wakulla

The 1st of July means scallop season has officially started here in Wakulla County. "Let the games begin."

So now it's not only snapper season but scallop season too. That means double wear and tear on your mask, fins, booties, and snorkel.

I know this type of gear is the most used but also the most overlooked of all our equipment. We tend to let it go unnoticed when we get back on the boat, we remove it and then throw it in a corner hopefully out of the way as not to step or trip over it.

But it gets even worse, when we get home we tend to put it in the garage or shed to dry out from our trip and not think about them until our next dive or snorkeling trip.

This is the worst thing we can do to a critical part of our diving equipment. In the 1960s through the early '80s most of the fins, mask, and snorkels were of a rubber content and were not so prone to sun breaking down the seals or skirts on the equipment. In the '90s they started using a silicone based material that was much lighter and more buoyant than the rubber based materials.

The silicone is much more environmentally friendly than the petroleum based materials used early on in the diving industry. Today the only way to find any fins or mask that is rubber content you need to look on eBay.

The downside to silicone based equipment is that ozone and sunlight will rapidly break down the silicone, turn it yellow and basically destroy it.

This brings me to my point and that is we need to treat our support gear like we treat our life support gear. During your dive when you are on the surface or in the boat on your surface interval you should make sure your mask, snorkel, and fins are kept out of direct sunlight.

After you're done diving, when you get home or back to the dock, you should thoroughly rinse off ALL your gear including your mask, fins, and snorkel with fresh clean water.

Do not let your mask, fins, and snorkel dry out in the direct sunlight, they should hang up or set them in the shade until they are dry enough to put them in your gear bag.

If you will take care of your mask, fins, and snorkel they will last for many seasons of diving.

I have had my fins since 1970, and my split silicone fins for about 8 years. My mask I bought in 2000 and it is 2022 and I still use it today.

If you bought dive quality mask, fins, and snorkel and not the cheap box-store package, with some effort they should last you for many years.

I would like to wish you all a happy Fourth of July. Who knows we might just meet underwater one day.

Until next time, remember: "An out of air emergency to a scuba diver is not as bad as an out of air emergency to a sky diver."

– Russell Miller, NAUI instructor #59999



FOLLOW THE SUN.

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# Find mercy and grace in God's presence



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

What do you do after you've given in to temptation? Run to God? Or keep your distance?

When you're at your worst, do you struggle

to believe that your heavenly Father loves you?

Especially when you've given in to that temptation for the hundredth time?

It's demoralizing when you reject God's grace once again – the grace that could have kept you from yelling at your kids, acting arrogantly to your co-workers, cheating on your schoolwork, lying to your girl or boyfriend, or visiting that porn site.

When we sin, it's easy to believe it's bet-

ter to distance ourselves from God rather than drawing near to Him.

We find it hard to believe Jesus understands what it's like to be tempted. And even harder to believe that our Lord wants us to draw near to Him, even when – especially when – we've failed Him.

Hebrews 4:15-16 (ESV) says: "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has

been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Jesus knows "exactly how it feels to be human," as the Amplified version says – yet He doesn't condone or wink at sin.

God hates what sin steals from us.

But rather than relishing the opportunity to berate and guilt us, Jesus invites us to come to Him for for-

givenness, mercy and grace.

Isn't this amazing?

Even when we're at our worst, Jesus wants to (even longs to) spend time with us.

We have a choice: Believe the truth of who God is, accept His love, and receive His offer of mercy. Or continue to believe the lie that we have no place at His throne when we've acted unworthily.

We know it would be best to yield to God's grace and not give in to temptation over and

over again.

But when we fail, rather than hiding from God, let's go to Him.

And when we go, let's stay in His presence long enough to receive all we need, including the strength and resolve to do better next time.

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## Sheriff's Report

Activity reported for the week of June 24 to 30:

### FRIDAY, JUNE 24

- Deputy Kory Smith responded to 57 High Dr. in reference to a trespass. Upon arrival a black pick-up truck was parked in front of one of the units. Inside of the truck, Deputy Smith made contact with Kathryn Trawick and Justin Davis. The decal on the truck's tag wasn't assigned to that vehicle. During the investigation a small amount of marijuana was located within the truck as well. Both Trawick and Davis were arrested and issued a Notice to Appear in Court.

- Almena Pettit reported being defrauded by a suspect regarding an incomplete landscaping job she paid to have done. Hancock Whitney Bank records show a check in the amount of \$1,750 was presented and cashed by the suspect, however it had been altered from the agreed upon amount of \$750. Pettit requested a report be taken and wished to pursue charges against the suspect. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 25

- Deputy Kory Smith was given a wallet while he was at Woolley Park in Panacea. The wallet had been found earlier in the day on Floyd Gray Road. The owner was from out of town and could not be notified. The wallet was turned in to the Property and Evidence sec-

tion for safe keeping until contact with the owner can be made.

- Deputy Andrea Farmer was dispatched to Carol's Corner in reference to the report of a subject trespassing after warning and attempting to steal a beer. Upon arrival in the area the subject had already left the original scene. The suspect later identified as Johnnie Jackson took several items from Walgreens before leaving that store on a stolen bike. Jackson was followed from the scene by an off-duty TPD officer to El Jalisco's where the suspect entered then exited a short time later with a taco. The suspect was observed entering Zaxby's and sitting down at a table to eat. Jackson was asked to exit Zaxby's and placed under arrest for retail theft and the stolen bike.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 26

- Deputy Carla Skelly made contact with Joshua Clayton who reported the theft of his utility trailer. Clayton described the trailer as a 5x11 with mesh lift gate, new tires and LED lights. The trailer was estimated at approximately \$1,500. The trailer was not registered nor did it have a VIN number and it was unable to be entered into NCIC/FCIC. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

### MONDAY, JUNE 27

- Deputy William Bennett was dispatched to an address on Old Woodville Road

in reference to the theft of tires. Upon arrival contact was made with victim Jimmy Autrey, who stated someone had stolen the tires off his 2007 Toyota Camry. Upon arrival it was noted the passenger front and rear doors were also missing. Autrey said he only wanted it documented. There are no witnesses, or possible suspects. The victim did sign an affidavit of prosecution

### TUESDAY, JUNE 28

- Tonya Baker was arrested for trespass after warning after refusing to leave a residence on Spring Creek Highway at the owner's request. After arriving at the jail, it was discovered she had hidden a small bottle of meth under her left breast, and she was subsequently charged with possession of methamphetamine and introduction of contraband into a jail facility as well. Deputy Dustin Matthews investigated.

- Deputy Dakota Haddock responded to the area of Shell Point in reference to a suspicious person. Deputy Haddock located Tami Stoutamire. Before locating her, Deputy Haddock observed a vehicle with a male subject on the side of the road with the door open. When Deputy Haddock returned to the vehicle the male subject was gone and the vehicle was abandoned with the door open. The driver, John Bennett, was located a short time later. Bennett was found to have an outstand-

ing warrant from our county. Bennett was placed under arrest for his warrant and transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

- Deputy Kory Smith responded to a home on Otter Creek Road in reference to a report of criminal mischief. The complainant stated while at Winn-Dixie someone damaged the center brake light on her vehicle. She estimated the damage to be \$1,000. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 30

- Cleo Bergeron reported her shed had caught fire. Bergeron was cooking peanuts when she heard a noise and realized the shed was on fire. The shed and all contents were deemed a total loss due to an accidental cooking fire. Total loss value of shed and contents were valued at approximately \$50,000. Deputy Carla Skelly investigated.

- April Bobo reported her storage unit had been burglarized. Taken was an assortment of camera equipment valued at \$5045.00. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Carla Skelly investigated.

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

## Obituaries

### DEATH NOTICES

- Dale Harold Armstrong**, 63, of Woodville, died June 27, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel 850-926-5919, www.familyfhc.com

- Michael Liam Holloway**, infant, of Crawfordville, died June 28, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

- Sharon A. McGuire**, 74, of Crawfordville, died June 27, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel 850-926-5919, www.familyfhc.com

- James Allen Reed**, 75, of Crawfordville, died June 29, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

- Carolyn T. Taylor**, 69, of Crawfordville, died June 30, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel 850-926-5919, www.familyfh.com

## Buckhorn News

By **ETHEL SKIPPER**

There are a lot of things going on, and many prayers being said for our young people.

The words of our Lord said, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (2Chronicles 7:14)

I know this is 2022, but the word never changes.

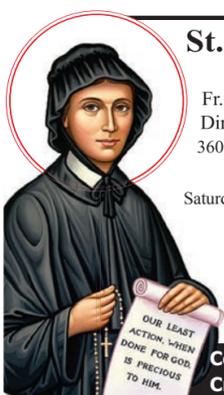
"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

As people of the Lord, we all have a command to teach His word diligently to our children and others. All those that will receive it know the law is good. Prayer is everlasting. Sin and wrongdoing are destroyers.

Jesus come that we might have life, and be saved. Prayer will change things.

We wish a happy birthday to Isaiah Hines (7-10), Brianna Beard (7-11), Wender Gavin (7-12), Elizabeth Clary (7-18), Edward harris (7-22), and Pastor Ruth Easter (7-22).

Our prayers and concern goes out to all the sick and shut-in, those in the hospitals, nursing homes and prisons, homeless, and all who are in need of a blessing everywhere.



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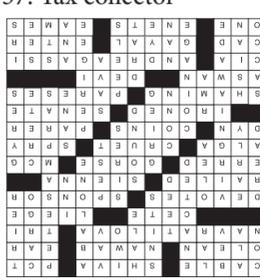
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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Television system
6. Hindu deity
11. What part of, abbr.
14. Town in New York State
15. Viceroy
16. Auricle
17. Tennis champ
19. Denotes three
20. Badgers company
21. Follower
23. Dedicates
27. Benefactor
29. Fulminated
30. Italian city
31. Strayed
32. Evergreen European shrub
33. Microgram, abbr.
36. Seaweed, for one
37. Holds wine or vinegar
38. Quick and energetic
39. Field force unit
40. Mints
41. A small sharp knife
42. In a way, heated up
44. Legislative assembly
45. Disgracing
47. Can't move
48. Egyptian dam
49. Hindu female deity
50. Former OSS
51. Tennis champ
58. Boulder
59. Ox of SE Asia
60. Set down in permanent form
61. A single unit or thing
62. Uralic language
63. Designed chairs

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4. Household god (Roman)
5. Ordained
6. Annoyances
7. Compel
8. \_\_\_ Jima, WWII battlefield
9. Sixth letter of Hebrew alphabet
10. Edible mollusk
11. Tennis champ
12. Goods carried
13. German city
18. Set up a golf ball
22. Hostelry
23. Causing fear
24. Premature
25. Tennis champ, abbr.
26. Evergreen trees and shrubs with one-seeded fruits
27. Fathers
28. Consistently annoying person
30. Narrow body of water
32. Norwegian composer
34. A Greek island
35. Turns in a spiral vortex
37. Conduct the steering of a ship or plane
38. Showing sound judgment
40. Neology
41. The point at which a satellite is nearest to the earth
43. Returned material authorization, abbr.
44. Yugoslavian river
45. \_\_\_ and Venzetti
46. Central China city
47. Skins
49. Expression of annoyance
52. \_\_\_ Ling, Chinese mountains
53. Color
54. A collection of anecdotes
55. What you can repeat immediately after perceiving it, abbr.
56. Make certain of something
57. Tax collector



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