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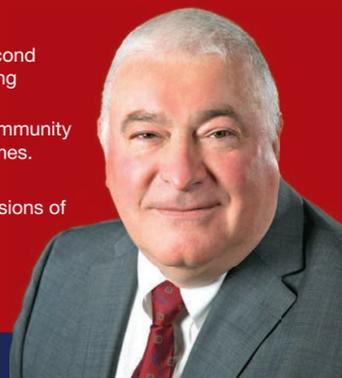
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Legal Background and Service:

- General Counsel for the State Attorney's Office, Second Circuit, which includes Wakulla and the 5 surrounding counties.
- Assistant State Attorney since 1992 keeping our community safe by prosecuting those who have committed crimes.
- Chief prosecutor in Wakulla 1996-1998.
- Over 100 jury trials in both the criminal and civil divisions of the court.
- 30 year member of the Florida Bar.
- Served 20 years on the Sopchoppy City Counsel.
- Currently serving as a deacon in his church.



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The Wakulla Sun



Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Thunderstorms	Scattered Thunderstorms	Scattered Thunderstorms
Hi: 89° Lo: 74° 65%	Hi: 83° Lo: 73° 58%	Hi: 84° Lo: 73° 57%
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One Section

Steve Fults sues county

After airport battle, and past controversy over Lake Ellen boat ramp, Fults claims county is retaliating against him

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

Resident Steve Fults filed a lawsuit against Wakulla County recently, claiming the county is retaliating against him after he has been engaged in pitched battles with commissioners over issues like the airport and the Lake Ellen boat ramp.

The 11-page lawsuit,

filed by Tallahassee attorney Marie Mattox, seeks a declaratory judgment and damages in excess of \$30,000.

A lawsuit only tells one side of the story – and the county is expected to dispute Fults' claims.

Fults, who has a home at Tarpine and has served as volunteer airport manager, bought property in 2017 at Lake

Ellen. He determined that a county boat ramp was on his property and ordered that the county close it because of his concerns about trespassers and his liability. (The boat ramp was built back decades ago and it was unclear why it was built in the wrong location.)

Fults contended Lake Ellen is private and, since the county

owns no land in the subdivision, there is no public access. The county countered that the roads in Lake Ellen were deeded to the county and therefore it could use right-of-way to give public access to the private lake. There was a pitched battle over the county's proposed ramp, which ultimately was scaled down after contentious legal proceedings.

Transcript of a shade meeting in 2018 for settlement talks with Fults indicated commissioners discussed more than the proposed settlement, including requiring Fults to move a fence that was on county right-of-way. Fults put up a fence on his property extending into the lake. The county sued, contending it didn't permit to put

up the fence and that the fence encroached on the county's easement.

In 2019, after the state Department of Environmental Protection reached a consent order with Fults on the fence and ordered him to pay a fine, county commissioners filed a challenge to the consent order and, according to the lawsuit, County At-

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GULF SPECIMEN MARINE LAB

Marine lab adds more (fiberglass) creatures



Gulf Specimen founder Jack Rudloe with dolphin figurines in the lab's parking lot in Panacea.

'I think he's addicted,' son Cypress says of Jack Rudloe's fondness for the figures

By **CHARITY TUMBLESON**
Reporter

The campus of Gulf Specimen Marine Lab in Panacea features some realistic fiberglass figures of marine creatures.

Gulf Specimen founder Jack Rudloe came across Kenny Ellingham of Creative Wildlife in Lecanto to build his fiberglass figurines.

It all started in 2008 with a monster crab and hammerhead shark that were mounted by Coastal Highway near the old Metcalf Crab building. After some contemplating, Rudloe decided to put them on the ground transforming them from a billboard into an interactive experience that drew the attention of all people.

"People were putting their heads in the shark and in the claws of the crab for that perfect picture," Rudloe said. Outside the main entrance to Gulf Specimen, the huge monster crab figurine holds up its claws ready to pinch.

Rudloe kept on with the collection, adding on three dolphins to the front entrance of the parking lot with a tiger shark behind it, purposefully



Rudloe with representations of Blinky and Jake, an alligator and crocodile that battled.

placed to give it the effect of trying to escape the shark.

The three lifelike crocodiles placed by the entrance to the looking tanks face each other having a standoff, and with the push of a button you can even hear the terrifying grunting sounds they emit.

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Candidate forum set for Thursday

Staff Report

The Wakulla Sun is planning a political forum for judicial candidates and candidates for school board at the public library at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 14.

I had originally intended to include some of the county commission candidates, but those races quickly filled to overflowing on the last week of qualifying. Since the county commission races will appear on the November ballot, I decided to push them back until later in the fall.

The races for the August primary are all non-partisan races: county judge, and school board districts 1 and 5. (School board member Cale Langston in District 3 will return to office without having drawn opposition.)

We will start the evening with the candidates for county judge: Roseanna Bronhard, Eddie Evans and Brian Miller, and discuss their qualifications and background and try to get a sense of their judicial temperament.

Bronhard has been a lawyer for the state of Florida for years, and both Evans and Miller are longtime prosecutors with the State Attorneys Office.

All three are seeking to replace Wakulla County Judge Jill Walker, who is retiring after 32 years on the bench.

Not exactly sure yet of how we're going to do school board races – all five candidates at once, or divide into the two races?

We will learn more about District 1 school board candidates Eddie Hand, Gwendolyn Staten and Dod Walker. That group are in the running to replace retiring school board member Verna Brock.

In District 5, Laura Lawhon is facing incumbent school board member JoAnn Daniels.

Candidates we hope to hear from at the forum:

County Judge
• Roseanna Bronhard
• Eddie Evans
• Brian Miller

School Board, Dis. 1
• Eddie Hand
• Gwendolyn Staten
• Dod Walker

School Board, Dis. 5
• Laura Lawhon
• JoAnn Daniels

Questions for candidates? Send them to editor@thewakullasun.com.

Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park Elderberry



By JACK & JOEY COETZEE

Elderberry (*Sambucus nigra*) is a tall, graceful shrub with many, large clusters of fragrant white flowers. The flowers appear in early summer and attract numerous pollinators. Blooms are followed by purple to black, berry-like fruit in late summer to fall. More than 43 species of birds enjoy the fruit as do other wildlife. Inedible to humans when raw, elderberries are edible when cooked and can make tasty preserves, jelly, pies, and wine. Also known as American elder, this native favors rich, moist soils and part shade. Inclined to form thickets, elderberry can be used as a screen, especially in wet or low areas. At Sopchoppy Depot Park, several elderberry are thriving on the east side of the wooded swale. Their flowering days are nearing an end for this season.

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Boy holds fundraisers for his sick mom

By CHARITY TUMBLESON
Reporter

Adrion Mancilla, 15, took it upon himself to help raise money for his mother's medical expenses. His mom, Amanda Kelly, has entered stage 4 kidney failure and is severely anemic because her kidneys aren't functioning properly.

With all of this going on Mancilla took it upon himself to help out his mom with her expenses, and started cooking for the community every weekend.

Tamales, lasagna, empanadas, and spaghetti are just a few of the dishes Mancilla cooked.

"I saw how much my mom was going through with her medical condition going downhill and her medical bills piling up," he said. "Seeing her struggle as much as she does and me being the oldest of four siblings I felt that it was my time and place to step up."

Mancilla started in the Dollar General parking lot selling tamales when Keith Godden posted Mancilla on the



CHARITY TUMBLESON

Adrion Mancilla, his mom Amanda Kelly, and Tracy Patterson who let Mancilla borrow her hot dog cart for a fundraiser on Saturday, July 9.

Wakulla Citizen's Facebook page and get the word out about his situation. "He came up and asked if he could take my picture and I said yes. I did

not expect the post to blow up as much as it did."

Keith and Carla Whitfield, owners of Manna Express, teamed up with Man-

cilla to do a fundraiser. "When Manna Express came along and offered to do a fundraiser for us it was amazing, I felt like I had help in the community. They were on my side every step of the way and I do want to give them a big shout-out because without them I would not be where I am now."

Manna Express fired up the smoke pit and hosted a barbecue fundraiser with all proceeds going to Mancilla and his family.

"The fundraiser turned out way better than I thought it could be and I just want to thank Wakulla County for all the support."

Many people in the community have reached out to Mancilla to help including Tracy Patterson, who lent Mancilla her hot dog cart last Saturday, July 9, to help out with setting up his food stand. Mancilla plans on continuing to cook for the community on his weekends and to continue raising money for his mom.

"Things have been very tight and very hard lately not just physically but emotionally so I'm glad that I can help her out the way I did," Mancilla said.

Head-on crash kills woman on Springhill

Staff Report

A 43-year-old Crawfordville woman was killed in a head-on crash on the Leon County side of Springhill Road on Wednesday, July 6, according to Florida Highway Patrol.

The woman was driving northbound in an SUV around 3 p.m. when for unknown reasons she traveled into the other lane and struck a Ford truck headed south, according to FHP.

The woman was pronounced dead on scene.

The driver of the Ford truck, a 41-year-old man from Crawfordville, was transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital with non-life threatening injuries, according to FHP.

FHP was assisted on scene by Wakulla County Fire/EMS, Tallahassee Fire Department, Leon County EMS, and the Leon County Sheriff's Office.

Because of its understanding of Emily's Law, the constitutional amendment intended to protect crime victims, FHP does not release the names of people involved in traffic crashes.



Open house was held on Saturday

Rybak Realty held an open house to celebrate their fourth anniversary on Saturday, July 9 at the office

on Shadeville Road. More than 60 people showed up for the daylong celebration. (Photo by Lynda Kinsey)

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LETTERS FROM READERS

It's so very important who you vote for

Editor, The Sun:

Dear Alligator Point, Bald Point, Saint Teresa and all District Two Voters in Franklin County:

It is so very important who you vote for.

I had the honor to serve you and all Franklin County for 33 years in our Volunteer Fire Service, my love for Franklin County is Unquestionable.

If you think the cost of living is high now just wait and see what happens if Commissioner Boldt is re-elected. If you think we have a problem now with weekenders and beach traffic wait and see what happens if Boldt is re-elected.

Our taxes are high now, Boldt wants to increase them, even double them!

When we elected Commissioner Boldt he lived on Alligator Point, he now Rents in Saint James at the Golf Course. Commissioner Boldt doesn't own a home in Franklin County, he owns an unbuildable lot just east of the proposed Alligator Point Beach renourishment. This is his only vested interest in Franklin County. In his first term he did get Alligator Drive re-stripped, and he sat quietly idly by while the Oyster Hatchery Re-Zoning was being pushed through. Had the Oyster Hatchery Re-Zoning happened Alligator Point would have been changed forever; we would have had a commercial industrial seafood processing complex at the Harbor Point Realty's Office Site.

When Boldt was asked why he hadn't opposed the re-zoning his response was, 'Since Paul Parker has my house listed, the County attorney said I should recuse myself from the issue' (Paul Parker was requesting the zoning change). This 'Issue' would have destroyed Alligator Point as the residential community that we love, forever. This 'Issue' without a doubt was the most important 'Issue' that Alligator Point and Saint Teresa has ever faced, and our Commissioner Boldt recused himself because there was only one realtor in the State of Florida to list his house?

A spill at this proposed hatchery could have destroyed the Alligator Point Saint Teresa Bay.

Now today our Commissioner Boldt is pushing the Alligator Point Beach restoration, this beach restoration requires a public beach. Alligator Point will have to pay for the public beach as part of the beach restoration. Yearly tax increases for us in the form of a MSTU or MSBU assessment are now being reviewed. When these assessments were proposed before with the last failed renourishment attempt; they would have cost homeowner thousands in additional yearly County assessments, imagine how much it will cost us now. (Municipal Service Taxing Unit or Municipal service Benefit Unit, the taxing unit allows the County to take your land if not paid, the benefit unit if not paid allows a

lien to be placed on your property, who will be included in these assessments is still unknown).

So, our Commissioner Boldt is pushing and supporting that we pay for a public beach along with the beach renourishment. It has been publicly stated by the County that there are no requirements of a beach restoration with the new road section.

We have a problem now with the public misusing and abusing our neighborhood, can you imagine what will happen when there is a public park in the middle of Alligator Point? The weekend traffic will increase by thousands, spill over to all of Franklin County, and we will be paying for this public use, abuse, and misuse. Commissioner Boldt is actively supporting this, why is the question?

The beach restoration experts have said the sand placed in the beach restoration will spread along our shore. This warrants the even larger question.... Why is Boldt even running for commissioner, the only property he owns in Franklin County is unbuildable, and will it be restored if the beach renourishment happens? Directly or indirectly!

If you remember when the beach restoration was last proposed it got larger and longer, it was first to just be in front of the new road. Then it grew all the way to the Bald Point State Park, just as is happening now, the current project has already grown to a 1.3 mile stretch. The previous beach restoration project was extended to where it included APTA members property.

When you turn off Highway 98 onto Alligator Drive remember Commissioner Boldt got the road re-stripped. When you drive to the Alligator Point marina remember Commissioner Sanders got the road relocated, and built, and the current rebuild is all from her previous leadership as our Commissioner.

I encourage you to go to Commissioner Sanders' Facebook page, see what a Real Leader has done, and see a Leader who is part of Franklin County. She will represent us because she loves us and our County, not because she will benefit from having the honor to be our Commissioner.

Vote for Leadership, not special interest!

Vote for a Franklin County Native, not a Puppet! Vote Cheryl Sanders! (Just Commissioner Sanders' previous experience, contacts, and leadership roles place her far and above either Boldt or Christopher.)

Steven E. Fling

44 Year Resident of Alligator Point, Franklin County Florida
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This is my opinion based on facts and not paid for or affiliated with anyone.

Thanks, Gov. DeSantis, for veto

Editor, The Sun:

Thanks to Gov. Ron DeSantis, Florida still remains the Sunshine State. The Governor thankfully vetoed HB741/SB1024 that the legislature passed to ultimately eliminate solar power net metering in Florida.

What is net metering? Home owners who have installed solar power to generate their own electricity are entitled to income or credits on their power bill if they generate more power than they use. The excess power their solar power generates goes back into the electric grid system and is available for the utilities and others to use.

The legislation was a solution looking for a problem and would be a bonus for utilities and their shareholders. The bill would have, among other things, phase out net metering and make solar power less attractive for citizens thus weakening and possibly killing a newly developing solar power industry in Florida.

Only 1% of Florida citizens are currently using solar power for their homes and hardly a threat to utility companies. Considering we are the Sunshine State that is a pretty small percentage of power generation using the sun. It is unimaginable, in this day and age, that there are those who still want to turn the clock back on energy independence and penalize those who are trying to help themselves, the environment

and even the utilities.

Since the mid-1970s, America has been talking about alternative forms of energy, including solar, that helps with: clean air, reduction in power demand during peak times, and allows utilities to avoid making costly expenditures on more power plants, not to mention the goal of becoming nationally energy independent. You would think these benefits alone would be a big motivator for utilities to promote solar power.

I am all for business development and success, so I urge the Florida utilities to get with the program and stop trying to put off the inevitable. We are inexorably moving to an alternate energy environment with wind, solar, hydrogen, biofuels and more. Thanks to the Governor, utilities can still get on board by doing all they can to promote solar and alternative power and make a business out of it. Considering the volatility in the world's oil and gas market, let's get on with it.

Again, thank you Governor DeSantis!!

Al Pasini, MPA, CAE

Al Pasini served as Energy Director for the State of Missouri in the 1980s. He now provides management consulting for not-for-profit organizations.

Wakulla GOP holds social events

Editor, The Sun:

The Wakulla Republican Executive Committee (WREC) has kicked off a series of "Meet and Greet" social events the last Thursday of the month through October for new and longtime Republican and conservative citizens in Wakulla. These socials are being set up around the county to help "connect" likeminded voters, provide training and volunteer opportunities, and introduce and give Republican candidates in Wakulla a speaking opportunity to share their campaign platform.

The WREC's May event was at the Shack in St. Marks and the June event at Seineyard at Wildwood. July's Meet and Greet is planned in Panacea at Angelo's on Thursday, July 28

from 6:30-8:30.

Opportunity to make a contribution to the WREC will be available during the Meet and Greet. Donations can also be mailed to WREC, P.O. Box 1200, Crawfordville FL 32326. Contributions of course are not tax deductible, but do go toward helping Wakulla Republican candidates win! To connect with the "Wakulla GOP", like us on Facebook under "Wakulla County Republican Party" or email us at events@wakullagop.com.

Remember to register by July 25, if needed, and to vote in August and November.

Rick Parks
WREC Treasurer

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– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Polled at Crawfordville Quick Stop: What is your favorite movie?



CHRISTIAN REED
ZAXBY'S

“ ‘Friday,’
It was a Chris
Tucker and Ice
Cube movie
made in 1995.”



LAURA WHITE
MANAGER

“ ‘Moana,’
it’s a Disney
movie. She does
whatever she
wants.”



CODY FOSS
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“There are so
many. I’ll say
‘Role Models’ –
it’s a comedy.”



INDIA HARRIS
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“ ‘Talladega Nights
– The Ballad of
Ricky Bobby.’
I was just telling my
friend about this
movie.”



JULIE BROOKS

“ ‘28 Days’
with Sandra
Bullock”

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wakulla Station News

By **VERNA BROCK**

I awoke Thursday morning to the incomprehensible news of the assassination of Shinzo Abe of Japan. A crime so reminiscent of recent times in America, nonetheless a rarity in Japan, Abe’s murder will take some time to absorb.

I can’t help reflecting on my long past childhood, and the brief years my family lived outside of Kyoto. My father’s posting there with the Air Force at the end of the post-war American occupation gave my parents’ an abiding respect and affection for the Japanese people. Abe and I are roughly the same age. He grew up in a Japan that was being wrenched from medievalism into the modern age, and his role in that transition was enormous. What a

tragic loss for the people of Japan. America has lost a very good friend.

On another note, many people in Wakulla County will remember with great fondness a former pastor of the Wakulla United Methodist Church. During the late ‘70s and early ‘80s, Rev. Paul Kelly and his dear wife Janie served our tiny congregation with love and dedication. His anecdotes of driving his taxi in Tallahassee, and the people he met, were a favorite source of sermon material. I am sad to report Paul has left this realm for glory. Please keep his family in your prayers.

The Church’s first-Sunday potluck dinners have been suspended for the summer, along with monthly UMW meetings, as so many people have vacation plans. We will

resume these popular activities in the Fall.

We at the Church continue to collect backpacks and school supplies for this Fall, to be distributed to schools throughout the district. We currently have over 200 backpacks, as well as supplies, and are still taking advantage of sales to purchase more. You would be amazed how quickly supplies of paper, pencils and crayons can be exhausted. Our teachers always welcome extra rations to provide for our kids, and too often dip into their own wallets to make up the difference.

My grandchildren are already lamenting the fleeting days of summer. The fact that school resumes in August has dawned on their consciences, and what seemed like

golden days stretching out endlessly before them are now slip-sliding away. Alas, time marches on!

What a great celebration Sopchoppy had this Fourth of July. The mood was so upbeat and genuinely patriotic (versus nationalistic...there is a vast difference).

It was awesome to see Lyric Oaks at the parade, a true answer to prayer.

Since it is an election year, our local politicians were out in force, in convivial competition. I hope everyone got to enjoy some part of this wonderful Wakulla County tradition, an institution given impetus by Mr. Billy Stephens nearly 50 years ago.

What a legacy for his family and our community.

On the Horizon

Calendar of upcoming events for the week of July 14

Wednesday, July 13

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

Thursday, July 14

- A candidate forum, sponsored by The Wakulla Sun, will be held at the public library beginning at 6 p.m.
- The St. Marks City Commission meets at 6 p.m. at city hall.
- The Sopchoppy Depot Committee meets at the Depot at 4:30 p.m.

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. A budget workshop will be held at 3:30 p.m.

- The Wakulla County Library Advisory Committee meeting will be held at the Wakulla county public library at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, July 19

- Affordable housing advisory committee meeting will be held at the Wakulla County Fire Rescue Conference Room at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, July 20

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

Thursday, July 21

- 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.

Library News – July 14-21

UPCOMING EVENTS!

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

Friday, July 15

Quilting Guild 9:30am

Tech Learning Lab 5pm

Saturday, July 16

US Coast Guard Auxiliary 9:30am

READ Therapy Dogs 10am

Sons of Confederate Vets 5pm

Monday, July 18

Library Advisory Board 10am

Tuesday, July 19

Summer Reading Wild Week Begins

Book Bunch 10am

Compass Readers 2:30pm

Lego Club 4pm

Wednesday, July 20

Book Babies 10am

Adventure Readers 2:30pm

Thursday, July 21

Veteran’s Meetup 11am

The Parks HOA Covenant Review Committee 6pm

Wakulla Amateur Radio Club 7pm

Summer Reading Performer Animal Tales @ 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 into the School of Witchcraft and Wizardry! Costumes strongly encouraged. Games, puzzles, characters and magical experiences await!

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HOME ON THE RANGE

What's in your range bag?



By MARJ LAW

What's in your range bag? What do you think ought to be inside?

Here's my range bag. It might give you some ideas. I have separate cases for guns and ammunition.

• "Eyes." We need eye protection at the range. Any ANSI-rated glasses are fine. Cheap ones are clear and are easy to find. You only need one pair, but I have a collection. The clear one is to share if someone forgets eye protection. Yellow sharpens resolution. Depending on how bright the sun is, I have two shades of brown glasses. One pair is both prescription and protection.

Bags made out of microfiber are useful to keep glasses from scratches. Just take cleaning cloths, fold them over, and sew bottom and side seams. They also are good to clean scope or red dot lenses. Lens wipes are useful too.

• Another must = "ears." This refers to hearing protection. You need both eye and ear protection. Loud noises can cause deafness. Who wants that?

The least expensive ones are squishy cushions you squeeze into your ears. They reduce the noise fairly well. Some are connected by plastic strings.

You'll see things that look like ear muffs. They fit over your head

and cover your ears entirely. Some come with batteries to make it easier to hear people talking. At the same time, they suppress loud noises like the snap of guns firing.

Any ear protection is good. Personally, I combine the squishy in-your-ear cushions with battery-powered earmuffs. I can still hear, but the loud sounds are greatly muffled. If you use a kind with batteries, be sure to pack extra in your case. You'll need fewer batteries if you remember to turn these muffs off when you're done shooting!

• If you use the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range, bring some targets. If you're a newbie, bring big targets, like silhouette ones. This way you can see exactly where you've hit the target, and can amend your sights, grip, or stance accordingly. Otherwise, bring targets for practice and for the distance you're planning on shooting. These you attach to the backboards, by self-sticking, tape or a stapler. So, if your targets aren't the stick-on kind, bring your own tape (Duck Tape is good) or stapler. Ahem. With staples.

These are the three things you really must have in your big range bag. If you plan to have only one gun in your life, it can go in the range bag too. Ammunition must be in a separate container in an unoccupied area of your vehicle (if you do not have a concealed carry license).

Other items can make shooting easier and more fun.

• An UpLuLa for single or double-stack handguns (depending on what you have) makes loading much easier. Much. Every



Useful Range Bag Items

time you use one, you'll thank yourself. Joe won't use an UpLuLa. He uses his thumbs like a purist. That's too much work for me.

• A small first-aid kit with bandages and antibacterial cream will keep shooting residue off any little cut or nick.

• A small pair of binoculars is fun when you want to inspect your recent target shots up close and personal. I found a monocular at a great price recently and put that in too. This way, you don't have to wait for the range to be "cold" before you can see how well you've shot.

• Jackknives/Leatherman tools are good for all sorts of problems. Got a stovepipe and the casing won't come out? Pry it out carefully.

• A tool like a jackknife is made that has an allen wrench, flat blade screwdriver, punch, star heads, Phillips-head and flat head screwdriver

all included. Mine is made by Real Avid and is called a gun tool. Handy.

• Sometimes a casing is lodged in the barrel. A wooden dowel can help you pop it out.

• Extra hole covers are useful when you've exhausted all the ones that came with your target. Targets are expensive. Hole covers can save you \$\$.

• A small intense LED light can help when you're not sure if there's a round in your chamber. If your chamber is spectacularly dirty, you'll be able to see that too. You'll find the contents in the bottom of your bag sooner if you have a light. The bag is like a big black hole.

• A microfiber cloth is plenty useful. On a damp day, you can wipe the moisture off the shooting bench.

You can use one to clean your glasses or your binoculars. On a hot day, you can mop the sweat before it hits your eyes. You can place your gun

on it between shots to protect the bluing.

You'll meet people at the range who you may want to contact later, so pack in some paper or a small notebook and a pen or pencil. You may notice that your sights are "off" and you plan to bring a special target to adjust them next time you come to the range. Write it down! You can keep track of each gun's characteristics on this paper like: the difficulty of trigger pull, how much recoil you experience, or whether you tend to shoot high or low. Write it down! Is the upper a bit sluggish? Your gun may need cleaning. Write it down!

• After shooting, we often go to lunch. Hand wash wipes can clean shooting residue and lead off before you handle food.

• Since we're outdoors at the WCSO range, tissues are in my bag. It's always allergy season down here in Wakulla County! And bugs. We need

insect repellent.

• There's often a pocket with a clear plastic front in your range bag. This is a convenient place for your range ID.

• Joe says I don't need to include "girly" things on this list. So, you don't have to put in lip gloss, a nail file or a scrunchy for your hair.

However, he's eased up on the nail polish.

If the polish is clear, he uses it to fix a broken nail.

If it's colored, he dabs it on his front sight. Nail polish isn't girly any more.

What's in your range bag? Always remember your eyes, ears, and targets.

The rest is stuff to make your life easier and more fun at the range.

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

FWC Law Enforcement Reports

From FWC News

This report represents some events the FWC handled over the week of June 10 through June 16, but it does not include all actions taken by the Division of Law Enforcement.

NORTHWEST REGION

WAKULLA COUNTY:

Officers B. Morales, K. Matthews and D. Travis were on water patrol near the St. Marks Lighthouse. A vessel was stopped to conduct

a boating and safety inspection. The captain showed signs of impairment. Officer Morales conducted seated sobriety exercises. Officer Morales arrested the captain for Boating Under the Influence (BUI) and he was transported to the Wakulla Jail. He was read Implied Consent and refused to submit to a breath sample. He was charged with BUI and Refusing to Submit to a Breath Sample.

• Officer S. Gray was conducting resource

inspections at the St. Marks Boat Ramp. He saw a vessel come into the basin with multiple rods on board. He initiated an inspection on the vessel. The captain admitted to catching and keeping fish. Officer Gray observed two spotted sea trout. One was over 19 inches. The other was just under 19 inches. Closer inspection of the under 19-inch trout showed that the captain had cut the tail so that it was under 19 inches. The captain was given a Notice to

Appear for the fish not landed in whole condition.

• Officer B. Morales was on water patrol in the Wakulla River. He stopped a vessel to conduct boating and safety and resource inspections. The captain was showing signs of impairment. Seated sobriety exercises were conducted. The captain was arrested for Boating Under the Influence (BUI). He was transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

• Officer D. Travis

conducted a resource inspection on four individuals at the St. Marks Lighthouse Boat Ramp at night. He had observed all four subjects actively work lights and picking items out of the water. He found that they were in possession of stone crabs in a bucket. One subject was given a Notice to Appear for possessing stone crab claws out of season and possession of whole stone crab. Another subject was given warnings for both offenses.

JACKSON COUNTY:

Lieutenant B. Allen and Officer H. Forehand responded to a Wildlife Alert complaint at Turner's Landing along Spring Creek. The complainant stated that two suspects were cast netting game fish. The officers located the two suspects and found that they had taken 69 bream and four black bass with a cast net. Both suspects were charged with taking freshwater game fish by an illegal method.

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Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water

Local writers share their experiences

Thursday 14

Sun rise/set: 6:45AM 8:40PM
Moon rise/set: 10:01PM 7:28AM
Moon Illumination 99%

Friday 15

Sun rise/set: 6:45AM 8:39PM
Moon rise/set: 10:46PM 8:41AM
Moon Illumination 95%

Saturday 16

Sun rise/set: 6:46AM 8:39PM
Moon rise/set: 11:24PM 9:52AM
Moon Illumination 89%

Sunday 17

Sun rise/set: 6:46AM 8:39PM
Moon rise/set: 11:57PM 10:58AM
Moon Illumination 81%

Monday 18

Sun rise/set: 6:47AM 8:38PM
Moon rise/set: 12:01PM
Moon Illumination 72%

Tuesday 19

Sun rise/set: 6:48AM 8:38PM
Moon rise/set: 12:28AM 1:00PM
Moon Illumination 61%

Wednesday 20

Sun rise/set: 6:48AM 8:37PM
Moon rise/set: 12:58AM 1:59PM
Moon Illumination 51%

Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

July 14 - July 20

Tide charts by tides4fishing.com

Best fishing days this month
July 28-31, August 1-11, 27-31

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	4:07 am ▲ 3.5 ft	8:55 am ▼ 1.8 ft	2:54 pm ▲ 4.4 ft	10:17 pm ▼ -0.9 ft
Fr	4:47 am ▲ 3.4 ft	9:43 am ▼ 1.7 ft	3:43 pm ▲ 4.4 ft	10:59 pm ▼ -0.7 ft
Sa	5:23 am ▲ 3.4 ft	10:31 am ▼ 1.3 ft	4:32 pm ▲ 4.2 ft	11:38 pm ▼ -0.2 ft
Su	5:57 am ▲ 3.3 ft	11:21 am ▼ 1.3 ft	5:22 pm ▲ 3.8 ft	
Mo	12:14 am ▼ 0.3 ft	6:29 am ▲ 3.3 ft	12:15 pm ▼ 1.2 ft	6:16 pm ▲ 3.4 ft
Tu	12:47 am ▼ 0.8 ft	7:00 am ▲ 3.2 ft	1:17 pm ▼ 1.2 ft	7:21 pm ▲ 2.9 ft
We	1:19 am ▼ 1.3 ft	7:33 am ▲ 3.2 ft	2:32 pm ▼ 1.1 ft	8:47 pm ▲ 2.6 ft

City of St. Marks

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Su	12:42 am ▼ -0.2 ft	6:33 am ▲ 3.1 ft	12:25 pm ▼ 1.2 ft	5:58 pm ▲ 3.5 ft
Mo	1:18 am ▼ 0.2 ft	7:05 am ▲ 3.0 ft	1:19 pm ▼ 1.1 ft	6:52 pm ▲ 3.1 ft
Tu	1:51 am ▼ 0.7 ft	7:36 am ▲ 3.0 ft	2:21 pm ▼ 1.3 ft	7:57 pm ▲ 2.7 ft
We	2:23 am ▼ 1.2 ft	8:09 am ▲ 3.0 ft	3:36 pm ▼ 1.0 ft	9:23 pm ▲ 2.4 ft

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Th	4:23 am ▲ 3.5 ft	9:12 am ▼ 1.9 ft	3:06 pm ▲ 4.5 ft	10:36 pm ▼ -0.9 ft
Fr	5:05 am ▲ 3.5 ft	10:02 am ▼ 1.8 ft	3:56 pm ▲ 4.4 ft	11:20 pm ▼ -0.6 ft
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Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

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Mo	12:25 am ▼ 0.2 ft	6:21 am ▲ 2.4 ft	12:26 pm ▼ 0.9 ft	6:08 pm ▲ 2.5 ft
Tu	12:58 am ▼ 0.6 ft	6:52 am ▲ 2.4 ft	1:28 pm ▼ 0.9 ft	7:13 pm ▲ 2.2 ft
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St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

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Dog Island West End

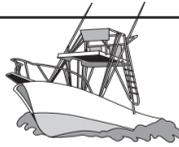
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Best hunting and fishing based on solunar times: MAJOR feeding periods are 2 hours long, centered on the solunar time. MINOR feeding periods are only 1 hour long, again centered on the solunar time.



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



The motto of the Coast Guard is Semper Paratus, always ready. We hope that you will be semper paratus should we see the effects of a storm in our area! When preparing for a storm, it is not just about taking care of us, but for many, family also includes pets and possible livestock.

The best way to protect your family from the effects of a disaster is to have a disaster plan. If you are a pet owner or have larger animals (i.e. livestock) it is important that you also consider their needs when developing your disaster plan. The Florida Department of Emergency Management and the American Red Cross offer the following safety tips.

If it's not safe for you to stay in your home during an emergency, it's not safe for them either. Include supplies for your pet in your emergency kit, or assemble an emergency kit for your pet. Make an evacuation plan for you and your pets. It is unlikely for pets or larger animals to survive on their own. If by some chance they do, you may

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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

not be able to find them when you return. Many hotels and shelters do not accept animal guests, other than service animals. Prepare now and protect your family and pets before the next disaster strikes.

For pets, contact hotels and motels outside your immediate area (outside of an evacuation zone) to check policies on accepting pets and restrictions on number, size, and species. Ask if "no pet" policies could be waived in an emergency. Keep a list of "pet friendly" places, including phone numbers, with other disaster information and supplies. If you have notice of an impending disaster, call ahead for reservations.

Go to Pet's Welcome to search pet friendly hotels and motels.

Ask friends, relatives, or others outside the affected area whether they could shelter your animals. If you have more than one pet, they may be more comfortable if kept together, but be prepared to house them separately.

For livestock, consider a precautionary evacuation of your animals, especially any large or numerous animals. Waiting until the last minute could be fatal for them and dangerous for you. Where possible, move livestock to higher ground. If using a horse or other trailer to evacuate your animals, move sooner rather than later.

It is our hope that this is never needed, but in the event it is, will you be Semper Paratus?

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

Please contact us for more information about our safe boating classes or learning more about getting involved in the Auxiliary, check out our website at www.uscgaux.net follow us on Facebook @ Apalachee Bay Flotilla 12 or contact our Flotilla Commander Phil Hill at pnkhill2000@yahoo.com

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

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Fiberglass creatures

From Front Page

Rudloe originally wanted the sound to be triggered by a motion sensor but said his staff did not like the idea very much.

The display tells the story of Jake the crocodile and Blinky the alligator: Jake the crocodile traveled 300 miles from the Florida Keys to Lake Tarpon and ended up being caught by fisherman in a gillnet and relocated to Homassa Springs. Binky, King of Lake Mirror in Lakeland, who had lost an eye and a front foot in battles with other gators, also had to be relocated to the same park. The two reptiles were in separate cages but that wasn't enough for Binky who ended up going over the fence to confront Jake. Jake ate Blinky, with only a few

pieces of him remaining the next day found by the park workers.

With Rudloe always wanting to get the latest figures, Rudloe's son, Cypress, claims, "I think he is addicted to the figurines."

Gulf Specimen was founded by Rudloe and his late wife Anne originally to supplying scientists with live marine specimens. The company eventually evolved into an educational experience for all ages including tanks filled with live sea creatures.

Seahorses, hermit crabs, and even nurse sharks are just a few of the marine animals that are put on display. At certain times visitors can see as the sharks are fed. Some tanks are "Looking Only" while others are allowed to touch.

Gulf Specimen fur-

thers its mission not only by sharing the knowledge of marine biology but to promote

the protection of marine life and the marine environment.

Fults lawsuit

From Front Page

the lawsuit, County Attorney Heather Encinosa at one point discussed using eminent domain to seize property for the boat ramp. Ultimately, commissioners dropped the challenge and indicated they did not want to use eminent domain.

As the Lake Ellen controversy went on in 2019, Fults claims he was told that commissioners – especially Mike Stewart and Chuck Hess – no longer wanted him to serve as volunteer airport manager.

Fults had purchased property adjacent to the airport, needed for an expansion of the grass runway. He said he purchased the land to ensure it would be available; the county has portrayed the purchase as him improperly using his position as airport manager to enrich himself with the potential sale of the land to the county.

Fults claimed that the airport's master plan for property acquisition had been drafted two years before he bought the land in June 2015.

Fults claims the actions of the county against him have been retaliatory and asks the court for a trial.

Underwater Wakulla

By Rusty Miller

Take care of your gear.

Hello Wakulla

We are about midsummer and the fish are going crazy, the reports I keep getting is amazing on how many red snapper and gag grouper some of our local spear fishermen and woman are getting. Last week I spoke about your unappreciated gear and how it is critical to your diving adventures.

I have been seeing quite a few old regulators coming to the shop for repair or rebuild lately. I fully understand that some of you are still using regulators that you probably have had for a long time. There is nothing wrong with the older regulators but you need to understand that it is getting more and more difficult to get the rebuild kits for the older regs. We can get the kits, but they are usually very costly. So every year that passes it will be more difficult if not impossible to rebuild them.

With the new regulators that are on the market today – and I don't mean the garbage that you can get on some of those internet warehouses either that you buy at an incredible deal only to use them a few times before you start having issues. Then you're stuck with trying to get them repaired because most of the time they won't be repairable. Those are what I refer to as throw-away regulators.

So in the long run if you buy a good quality set of regulators they will last you for many years as long as you keep them clean, hung up and serviced as per manufacturer specs. I'm a big supporter of our local businesses so, if you can, please look locally to find your scuba gear needs.

Other type of regulators that are over-looked but have really been emerging is the full face mask type of regulators. You don't hear a lot about this type because people think they are only commercial, first responder type of gear. That's the far from the truth.

I have been using a full face mask unit since last September and it's not your usual OTS type either. It is very futuristic looking and it breathes better than any other full face mask I have used.

It's from a company called Ocean Reef and it is their best-ever on the market.

It is easily used by even beginner divers and it breathes very naturally. You breathe through your mouth and nose just like you normally breathe.

When it's on your face it will not leak, fog, or give you dry mouth like breathing from a regular regulator.

I'm so impressed by it I'm going to start teaching it in my Open Water classes.

Stay tuned for more information on this type of system.

– Russell Miller, NAUI instructor #59999



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When we're not ready to give up our sin



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

Every sin has a payoff, such as gambling, greed, lying, drugs, sex outside of marriage. This is why, if we're honest, we don't want to give them up. The immediate re-

ward we experience when we take a wrong turn to engage in immoral behavior can be very seductive. The initial pleasure we experience can blur our once-established boundaries, overshadowing our ability to discern right from wrong.

I wonder, though, how quickly our discernment would improve if our pastor witnessed our actions. Or if our child walked in on us while we were engaging in our dishonorable behavior.

Would we still value the pleasure of our

sinful choices? Or would the shame of being seen at our worst change our mind and make us question if the payoff was really worth it?

Most of the time, after we experience shame or consequences for our actions, we seek forgiveness. We fervently promise never to do it again. Much like after we've gone off our diet and immediately vow to do better. But, alas, the cravings return, driving us right back to the food we promised we'd never touch again.

What would stop us from making the same behavioral decisions again when we experience the emotions, drive and triggers that snared us so many times before?

We can't expect to choose differently – unless something changes within us.

What would happen if we started right where we are: recognizing and confessing whatever sin is binding us? And then pray Psalm 51:1-17 with everything we've got, especially verse 10 (AMP): "Create in me

a clean heart, O God, and renew a right and steadfast spirit within me?"

How would it change us if we actually trusted God to give us a new heart? To create in us a spirit steadfastly committed to make different choices? Not only because we dread the consequences, but because we love God more than any payoff the behavior affords.

Conceivably, by God's grace, we'll desire the God-honoring choices more and more often.

Then, after God re-

stores us, rather than feeling shame, we'll feel empowered – because we've witnessed and experienced His transforming grace in us. And just maybe, God will allow us to help someone else who's taken a wrong turn find their way back to Him.

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Sheriff's Report

Activity reported for the week of July 1 to 7:

FRIDAY, JULY 1

• Ramsey Lynn reported the decal missing off her vehicle tag. It is unknown when or where the decal was removed. The missing decal was entered into NCIC/FCIC as missing. Deputy Dustin Matthews investigated.

SATURDAY, JULY 2

• Deputy Michelle Stripling and Sgt. Eddie Webb responded to the Magnuson Hotel in reference to a welfare check. The hotel manager had requested a welfare check on two patrons who appeared disoriented. Deputy Stripling made contact with the two subjects in the hotel lobby. One of the subjects was unable to stay awake and was disoriented while being interviewed. Wakulla Emergency Medical Services responded to evaluate the subjects. While conducting the investigation, the manager stated the cleaning staff located two more individuals in the room where the other two individuals had been staying. The manager had advised the room had been rented under the subjects in the lobby who had already checked out. The manager requested deputies remove any persons still remaining in the subject's room. Upon entry to the room, deputies made contact with Barbara Candelaria and Michael Elmer



Barbara Candelaria



Michael Elmer

who was laying in the bed. While speaking with both suspects deputies observed multiple items of paraphernalia on the entertainment center in plain view on the top shelf. Upon observing this deputies detained Candelaria and Elmer and restrained them with handcuffs. Deputy Stripling located a loaded 9mm pistol in Candelaria's purse. A purple baggie containing cocaine was located inside a small silver container on the entertainment center. A black cloth case containing more paraphernalia and marijuana was located in the room as well. Candelaria and Elmer where both arrested and charged with possession of cocaine, possession of drug par-

aphernalia, and possession of marijuana. Candelaria was additionally charged with possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

• Tammy Stoutamire was stopped after failing to stop for the traffic control device at Spring Creek and Highway 98. A check showed Stoutamire had a suspended drivers license. Stoutamire was charged with driving while license suspended or revoked (DWLSR). Stoutamire was arrested and transported to the jail without incident. Deputy Rudolph Hinson investigated.

SUNDAY, JULY 3

• Tyler McKenzie was stopped after Deputy Ernesto Trujillio reportedly observed a vehicle Mckenzie was driving remain at a stop sign for a prolonged period of time. The vehicle remained stopped for so long that other vehicles, which were behind it, began pulling into the opposite lane of travel to move around the stopped car. Deputy Trujillio conducted a traffic stop to check on the status of the driver. During the resulting investigation, McKenzie was observed to be intoxicated and subsequently arrested for DUI. Deputy Dustin Matthews assisted with the investigation.

MONDAY, JULY 4

• Deputy Andrea Farmer responded to C&L Construction at 2150 Sopchoppy Hwy

in reference to a backpack left in the parking lot. Upon arrival Deputy Farmer took possession of the backpack. The backpack contained miscellaneous baby items, but nothing identifying the owner. The backpack was placed into evidence as found property until the owner can be located.

TUESDAY, JULY 5

• Raymond Mayfield reported his utility trailer stolen. Mayfield stated an acquaintance had borrowed the trailer and had failed to return it despite multiple requests. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Kyle Hanks investigated.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

• Jerry Lawrence received a call from an unknown person in reference to an Amazon order. Lawrence advised he never had an Amazon account. Lawrence was instructed to purchase 10 prepaid cards and place \$500 on each. Lawrence purchased eight cards placing the requested money on the cards. Lawrence provided the caller with the card information. The caller redeemed the cards collecting \$4,000. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Dakota Haddock investigated.

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

Obituaries

DEATH NOTICES

• **Wendy Christine Creel**, 49, of Crawfordville, died July 7, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• **Constance G. Murphy**, 71, of Crawfordville, died July 7, 2022 Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel 850-926-5919 www.familyfhc.com

• **Edmond Ray Revell Sr.**, 84, of Sopchoppy, died July 7, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• **Henry James Wells**, 77, of Crawfordville, died July 10, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

4-H Teen Leadership Camp underway

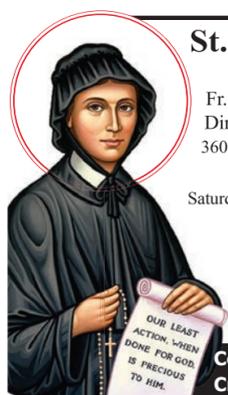
By **RACHEL PIENTA**
Wakulla 4-H

Wakulla 4-H announced that the second annual Teen Leadership CERT camp week in partnership with Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management team will be held July 11- 15, 2022. Returning 4-H youth mentor leaders from the 2021 inaugural CERT program will work with new participants during a week of training and leadership development. Participants will receive training in community emergency response, first aid, CPR, fire and rescue, and more.

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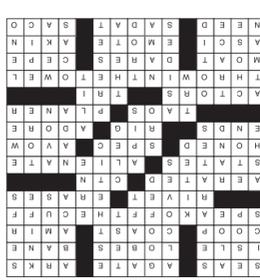
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- CLUES ACROSS**
- Oceans
 - Transparent gem
 - Chests
 - A small island
 - Frontal and occipital
 - Affliction
 - Enclose
 - Move effortlessly
 - Former ruler of Afghanistan
 - Ad lib
 - Focus one's attention on something
 - In a way, removes
 - Oxygenated
 - Box, abbr.
 - Verbalizes
 - Estrange
 - Made perfect
 - Detailed description of design criteria for a piece of work
 - Admit openly and bluntly
 - Goals
 - Manipulate
 - Way to feel deep affection for
 - Religions
 - More level
 - Performing artists
 - Denotes three
 - Quit
 - A ditch dug as a fortification
 - Defies
 - King bolete
 - Saclike structures
 - A way to behave
 - Having an essential rather than a superficial likeness
 - Poverty
 - Anwar __, Egyptian statesman
 - New England river

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- CLUES DOWN**
- In a way, attacks
 - Type of stock ownership plan
 - Herb
 - Splits
 - Recesses
 - Committed an offence
 - Toward the stern of
 - Questioning to evaluate skill or knowledge
 - A philosophical theory as to what is beautiful
 - Manila hemp
 - Plant branch
 - Stab
 - Slaves
 - Wrote bad checks
 - Bulky grayish-brown eagle
 - Arthur __, tennis champion
 - British school
 - Monetary unit of S. Africa
 - Large swift fly
 - Honeybee genus
 - A quantity of no importance
 - River in England
 - Commonly the lowest moulding at the base of a column
 - Pitcher
 - No seats available
 - Settled down
 - Engineering company
 - Digressions
 - Put in advance
 - The soul in Hinduism
 - In a way, determined
 - A suggestion of some quality
 - Pertaining to eggs
 - Eighth letter of Greek alphabet
 - Khoikhoi people
 - Stepped on
 - Wood sorrels
 - Flightless New Zealand hen
 - A long narrative poem telling of a hero's deeds
 - "Tonight's" host



Puzzle Place

F E R R E T L I A R T C M A
 D N I R U I I K P A K C S E
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Sudoku is played on a grid of 9 x 9 spaces. Within the rows and columns are 9 "squares" (made up of 3 x 3 spaces). Each row, column and square (9 spaces each) needs to be filled out with the numbers 1-9, without repeating any numbers within the row, column or square.

Sudoku is a game of logic and reasoning, so you shouldn't have to guess. If you don't know what number to put in a certain space, keep scanning the other areas of the grid until you see an opportunity to place a number. But don't try to "force" anything – Sudoku rewards patience, insights, and recognition of patterns, not blind luck or guessing.

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- Eddie Hand
 - Gwendolyn Staten
 - Dod Walker

- School Board, Dis. 5**
- Laura Lawhon
 - JoAnn Daniels

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