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An aerial view of some of the clearing that's been done at Wildwood by county crews.

Search underway for two missing adults

Ettie Ruth and Johnny Lee Greene were last seen Aug. 29

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office is looking for an elderly couple who have not been seen since Aug. 29 in the area of Spring Creek Highway.

Ettie Ruth Greene, 78, and Johnny Lee Greene, 81, are believed to be traveling together in an orange 2019 Hyundai Kona SUV with Florida tags KCXB44 or possibly an older expired tag of PIMA48.

Anyone with information about the couple's whereabouts are asked to contact the sheriff's office at (850) 745-7100.

Ettie Greene is a white female with blonde/gray hair and hazel eyes. She is 5-feet-3 and 120 pounds.

Johnny Green is a white male with gray hair and blue eyes. He is reported to be 5-foot-7 and 150 pounds.

Both are from Crawfordville.



Ettie Ruth Greene



Johnny Lee Greene

Work has started at golf course

The county is clearing land ahead of going out to bid on project

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

Wakulla county commissioners announced last week that land clearing being done at the old Wildwood Golf Course is almost half-way completed, and that plans for the newly designed course are being prepared.

Wakulla County bought the course from David McQuary several months ago for \$1.2 million with the goal of using the property to release treated effluent from the Otter Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

When fully operational, the facility should be



able to release 2 million gallons of treated water daily.

The Otter Creek facility has been upgraded to treat sewage to Advanced Wastewater Treatment standards, and the capacity of the plant has been expanded.

In order to get rid of the treated effluent, the county first considered using land just south of the Park subdivision off Spring Creek Highway, and constructing a Rapid Infiltration Basin. Neighbors in the

subdivision complained about the plan – and especially about the number of sinkholes in the area.

Ultimately, it was determined that parcel of land was unsuitable for use.

The county then shifted its gaze to the golf course – where McQuary for years has begged for the water.

The county has closed the golf course during the renovations and it is expected to be open next year.

The golf course is likely to be on the agenda for the county commission meeting on Sept. 19.

Florida sues FDA over prescription drug program

By BETHANY BLANKLEY
The Center Square

The state of Florida is suing the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) over claims its review of the state's Canadian Prescription Drug Importation Program has taken more than 630 days.

"Florida has been ready to deliver cheaper prescription drugs to those that need them for nearly two years," Gov. Ron DeSantis said at a Wednesday news conference announcing the lawsuit with Attorney General Ashley Moody. "The lack of transparency by the Biden administration during the approval process, and failure

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'People are loving us through it'

Sara June Berry's daughter Lilly June has a rare condition, and is trying to get into Wakulla County Schools

By CHARITY TUMBLESON
Reporter

Sara June Berry is a mother to five-year-old Lilly June. June was born with a rare form of congenital hyper-insulin that was genetically passed on, weighing just 1 pound and 6 ounces.

This condition causes the body to overproduce insulin, causing the blood pressure to drop to fatal levels. June's pancreas was surgically removed. Only 2% of her pancreas remains but still create "an extraordinarily amount of cells that in turn make too much insulin."

June needs around-the-clock care to ensure that her blood pressure

is stable.

"We give her apple juice, or if she needs her feeding, like her actual pureed food, give her that," says Berry. "And then if it drops below 59, then we call Shands (Hospital in Gainesville), and then Shands tells us what to do."

"They're always one call away," she says. "And we talk directly to a doctor each time. That's how serious they take it. Shands has never had a child like this before. It's very rare. She's the only one in the whole hospital."

Berry seeks to have June in public school to give her a normal life and give June access to the therapy the school



Sara June Berry with her daughter Lilly June.

provides.

"If she goes to school, she will get the therapies and education that she needs. But most importantly, learn to eat and drink by mouth so we can get her off the feeding tube."

June has been on a feeding tube all her life and is still on it due to being unable to access therapy through Medicaid.

"If she would have had all the therapies this whole time, she'd probably be eating right now," she says. "But we couldn't get them because Medicaid only pays for two providers in this area, and they don't come out to the home, they only go to

the school."

Berry also wants to get June into the school to get behavioral therapy.

"She's been through a lot, and she does not understand being poked on every hour. She doesn't like it. It hurts, and she's tired of it. I think it would help her instead of getting so frustrated because she can't tell us it hurts, at least she could talk. And she has a behavior specialist to help communicate with her because they're experts in it, and they send them to the schools, and it's free therapy."

"I hope to get the tube out at least, and ultimately, I want to see her

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Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park Spotted Beebalm

By LYNN ARTZ and SANDY TEDDER



Spotted beebalm (*Monarda punctata*) is a showy wildflower found throughout Florida. A pollinator magnet, this long-blooming perennial attracts a wide variety of bees, butterflies, moths, and even hummingbirds. This mint-family native bears towers of aromatic flower heads. The striking pink to purple “petals” with green tips are actually leaf-like “bracts.” They support the small, yellowish flowers with purple spots noted in its names. Also called dotted horsemint, this wildflower grows 2-4 feet tall in full sun and dry, sandy soil. It occurs naturally in meadows, roadsides, dry disturbed areas and on sand dunes. Spotted beebalm is easy to grow, seeds readily, and is a great addition to an informal garden. Spotted beebalm is blooming now in the northwest upland garden at Sopchoppy Depot Park.

Overdose drug available at health dept.

Special to The Sun

Last week, on Wednesday, Aug. 31, designated as International Overdose Awareness Day, the Florida Department of Health announced an initiative to ensure readily available access to naloxone, a lifesaving medication that could reduce thousands of substance abuse deaths across the state, through its county health departments.

Naloxone is a medication that reverses the effects of an opioid overdose, restoring breathing and consciousness within minutes of being administered to a person who has overdosed.

Increasing access to naloxone is a key component in battling the opioid epidemic, especially in rural areas or counties with limited access to health care. Providing naloxone through county health departments will increase support to individuals across the state dealing with substance use disorder and help prevent overdose deaths in Florida.

“Addressing the opioid epidemic is a top priority for the state,” said Deputy Secretary for Health Dr. Kenneth A. Schepke. “In 2021, almost 8,000 people in Florida lost their lives to drug overdoses, the highest one-year total ever recorded in our state.”

This expansion is a result of collaboration with the Florida Department of Children and Families through the Overdose Prevention Program, or iSaveFL, which facilitates the distribution of naloxone kits to families, friends, and caregivers of those at risk for an opioid overdose. These naloxone kits consist of two naloxone nasal sprays that can be administered even without a health care professional present.

This effort complements the Florida Department of Health’s HEROS (Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support) program that provides free naloxone to emergency response agencies.

“The iSaveFL website provides information on finding naloxone in your community as well as resources on treatment, overdose education and prevention,” said County Health Systems Statewide Medical Director Dr. Ulyee Choe. “A big part of this initiative will be educating the community and working with partners to address the opioid epidemic.”

Through the initial phase of this initiative, 16 county health departments (Baker, Bradford, Union, Franklin, Gulf, Gadsden, Gilcrest, Levy, Glades, Hendry, Hamilton, Hardee Jefferson, Madison, Lafayette, and Suwanee) received

1,500 naloxone kits. The next phase of this initiative will expand naloxone distribution to all 67 county health departments in Florida.

This initiative is part of the state’s response to the overdose crisis. This month, Gov. Ron DeSantis launched the Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORE) program – the first of its kind in the nation – to provide comprehensive and sustainable care to those affected by substance use disorder.

A public health and safety alert was also deployed by the Florida Department of Health on July 8 to ensure Floridians remain vigilant of the signs of overdose.

Where is substance use disorder assistance available?

For questions regarding potential overdoses and other drug-related exposures, Florida’s Poison Control Centers are a valuable resource to individuals throughout Florida, including emergency personnel. Poison Control Centers are staffed by health care professionals that are specifically trained to provide assistance in treating drug overdoses or assessing patients exposed to drugs of abuse. Medical toxicologists are available 24/7 for physician consultations. For poisoning questions

or emergencies, call 1-800-222-1222. Visit the website at floridapoissoncontrol.org.

HEROS (Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support) is a Florida Department of Health program that provides free naloxone to emergency response agencies. Since the inception of the program in 2018, over 455,000 doses have been distributed to emergency response agencies in Florida through HEROS. All first responders in Florida are eligible to request free naloxone through this program.

If you or your organization are interested in obtaining or managing naloxone for the community, please visit I SAVE FL to find available resources through the Florida Department of Children and Families.

The Hope for Healing website is a tool for Floridians to access help for mental health and substance abuse. The site is an aggregator of federal, state, local, private sector, faith-based and non-profit resources. The Hope for Healing initiative has focused not only on helping Floridians find resources in challenging times through state and local partnerships that use evidence-based best practices, but on addressing the stigma that is all too often associated with seeking help.

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Historical Society will host Terry Lewis Sept. 13

Special to The Sun

On Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022, at 4:30 p.m., Wakulla County Historical Society will host the Honorable Judge Terry Lewis as guest speaker for our monthly meeting at the Public Library, located at 4330 Crawfordville Highway, in Crawfordville.

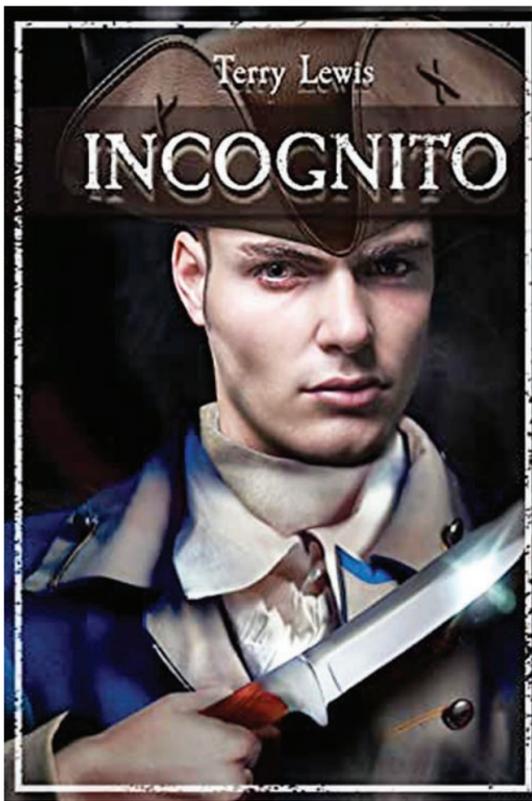
Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

Judge Lewis' talk will be "The Revolution within the Revolution." It is the story of how a small band of radicals in Philadelphia used propaganda, political sleight of hand and coercion to overthrow the recently elected government of Pennsylvania and replace

it with one more favorable to independence.

Terry Lewis was a Florida trial judge for 30 years. He is now in private practice with the firm of Messer Caparello, focusing on arbitrations and mediations. His professional awards include Judge of the Year, Florida Law Related Education Association – 1993 and 2013, Judge Harvey Ford Leadership Award - 1996, and Trial Judge of the Year Award, American Board of Trial Advocates, Tallahassee Chapter - 2000.

Shortly after Lewis became a judge, he began work on a novel. Seven years later, his first novel, "Conflict of Interest," was published in 1997. He



followed that with two more novels, all legal thrillers, set in or near Tallahassee.

His first historical thriller, "Incognito," was released in 2021. It is set in 1776 Philadelphia, and revolves around a plot to assassinate key leaders of the Continental Congress. It received book awards from the Florida Authors and Publishers Association in three categories: Bronze in Historical Fiction; Gold in General Fiction and Gold in Mystery/Suspense. His most recent legal thriller, "Fast Break," was just released in May of this year.

In "Fast Break," Kate Marston has landed a high-profile case that could make her career – or break it. Her client is a controversial judge charged with murder.

Lewis is a past board member of Mystery Writers of America, Florida Chapter and served on the advisory board for the Florida Book Awards. He lives in Tallahassee with his wife, Fran, and their Border Collie Mix, Pepper. Outside of writing he enjoys a good game of tennis or basketball.

For more information about this program, call the Historical society at 850-926-1110.

At left, the cover of Terry Lewis' novel "Incognito." Lewis, a former judge now in private legal practice, has written legal thrillers. "Incognito" is his first historical novel.

Sheriff's Report

Activity reported for the week of Aug. 26 to Sept. 1:

FRIDAY, AUG. 26

• Deputy Michelle Stripling responded to the Sheriff's Office reference a fraud. Upon arrival contact was made with Jeralyn Lucking, who stated she was being scammed. An unknown caller was in the process of having Lucking go to her bank and withdraw a large sum of money. Lucking advised she had already provided the person with her bank account and routing number, along with Social Security number. Jeralyn was advised to go to her bank and close the account. She was also advised to contact all three credit report companies. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

• Sharon Marks reported that she had attended a football game at Wakulla High School

and, after leaving the high school, noticed the back window of her car had been busted out. The vehicle had been parked at the tennis courts during the football game. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy William Bennett investigated.

SATURDAY, AUG. 27

• Deputy Jeremy Creel responded to Chippewa Road in reference to a truck tearing up the road. Contact was made with both complainant and suspect. The suspect stated he was trying to get something unstuck and did not mean to tear up the road. The complainant stated the suspect intentionally pulled onto the road and dug the ruts. An attempt was made to contact Wakulla County Road and Bridge to have the damage repaired.

• Deputy Michelle Stripling, Lt. Ronald

Mitchell and Sgt. Eddie Webb responded to Tanglewood Road in reference to an aggravated battery. The victim had traveled to the residence to retrieve some personal belongings after being evicted prior. An argument ensued and at some point, Darcie Glass shoved the victim who was pregnant. Upon deputies arrival the victim stated the suspect Glass had fled into the woods. Glass was located nearby and arrested. During the investigation it was discovered Glass also had slashed all four of the victim's tires. The knife was located on scene and collected for evidence. Glass had also taken the victim's phone and tossed it somewhere on the property. Glass was arrested and charged with aggravated battery (due to the victim being pregnant), criminal mischief, and theft.

SUNDAY, AUG. 28

• Faith Donley reported being struck by someone, while attending a party in the forest. A possible suspect was identified in this case. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Dustin Matthews investigated.

• The clerk at the Murphy's gas station at Walmart reported a new model white Ford F150 drove off without paying for its fuel. It was reported that this vehicle has done the same thing in the past. The vehicle had no tag on it at the time of the thefts. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

TUESDAY, AUG. 30

• Deputy Andrea Farmer responded to a business on Crawfordville Highway in reference to a missing deposit. Upon arrival Deputy Farmer made contact with Macey Kirk, who advised she was notified by her bank that

a deposit back on Aug. 11, 2022 was never received. Kirk was able to provide a possible suspect in this case. This case has been forwarded to detectives for further investigation.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 31

• Sgt. Eddie Webb conducted a traffic stop on Spring Creek Highway. The driver was identified as Ashley Bowen, who reportedly had knowledge her driver's license is suspended. A search of Bowen's driving history showed Bowen to have a history of driving while suspended. Bowen was placed under arrest and transported to the Wakulla County Jail. Upon conducting an inventory of the vehicle post-arrest, a substance believed to be methamphetamine was located. The substance was sent to FDLE for confirmation. Bowen is currently charged with Driving While License Suspended or Revoked (DWLSR) and may face additional charges pending the results of the testing.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 1

• Leann Baker called 911 16 times being verbally hostile towards Wakulla Communications. Deputy William Bennett was already investigating the theft of a scooter in which Baker was the suspect. Deputy Bennett attempted to take Baker into custody when she became violent. Deputy Bennett deployed his Taser striking her. Baker continued to resist and started a foot pursuit with Deputy Bennett. She ran into the Circle K at Woodville Highway and Bloxham Cutoff. Deputy Bennett was assisted by Capt. Dale Evans and was able to detain Baker and arrest her. She was checked out by EMS and transported to the Wakulla County Jail. Baker is being charged with theft, trespassing, misuse of 911, and obstruction of justice.

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

Florida sues FDA over prescription drug program

From Front Page

to provide records on the importation proposal, is costing Floridians who are facing rising prices across the board due to inflation. Florida is confident in our importation model, and we continue to look for more ways to lower drug costs for Floridians while the FDA delays approval of this importation proposal."

"Governor DeSantis and I are fighting to lower prescription drug costs, but Washington bureaucrats are blocking our efforts," Moody said. "Today, we filed litigation to force the FDA to accept our medication importation proposal. This action will save Florida \$150 million a year."

The lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court Middle District of Florida Tampa Division. The

FDA and its commissioner, Robert Califf, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and its secretary, Xavier Becerra, are named as defendants.

In 2019, DeSantis and the state legislature created the program to lower prescription drug costs for millions of Floridians. In November 2020, Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) submitted its proposal to HHS for it to consider and approve. Once approved, Florida planned to import a few drug classes, including maintenance medications for individuals with chronic health conditions like asthma, COPD, diabetes, and HIV/AIDS.

AHCA then planned to contract with a vendor to manage and oversee all aspects of the program

and ensure Canadian suppliers and eligible importers were in compliance with all federal and state laws. Eligible importers would be limited to wholesalers and pharmacists that dispense prescription drugs to consumers served by certain state and government programs.

In late July 2020, HHS published its Safe Importation Action plan outlining measures it and the FDA would take to allow for the safe importation of certain prescription drugs. It published its final rule about the plan last November. Yet, since November 2020, Florida doesn't have a response.

The AHCA also said it filed a Freedom of Information Act request to learn the status of its proposal and still hasn't received a response. As a result, the AHCA is a

plaintiff in the state's lawsuit against the FDA and HHS.

"With each passing day, the complacency of the federal government continues to appear to be a ruse to protect the pharmaceutical industry's 'power' over patients," AHCA Secretary Simone Marsteller said.

"The reality is that people cannot wait upwards of two years to improve access to essential prescriptions," Florida Surgeon General Dr. Joseph Ladapo said. "Instead, the federal government is dragging their feet when Americans need affordable prescriptions, now more than ever."

Earlier this month, DeSantis authorized the AHCA via executive order to negotiate prices for drugs ineligible for importation, including insulin and epinephrine.

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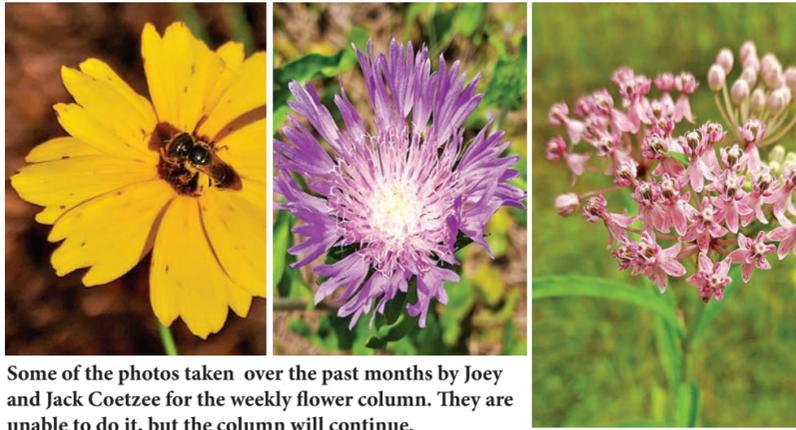


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“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”



Some of the photos taken over the past months by Joey and Jack Coetzee for the weekly flower column. They are unable to do it, but the column will continue.

Apologies to the JV team over the photo page; thanks to Coetzees



By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

We thought it was fixed, until it wasn't.

Graphic artist Eric Stanton laid out the JV photo page and we assumed the problems that had delayed its publication for a week were fixed.

And then we saw it in print.

Names and photos didn't match.

Eric says the problem is fixed this time, and we should be good.

The photos are supposed to flow onto the page, but the IDs of the photos were being read

by the program in a funky way.

As you might expect, I heard from some parents and grandparents disappointed about it.

I apologize. I know you look forward to seeing your child/grandchild in the newspaper.

And I assure you, we're going to keep running the page until we get it right.

Which is, hopefully, this week.

THANKS TO THE COETZEES

I wanted to thank Joey and Jack Coetzee for their work on the weekly feature "Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park."

The native flowers planted at the park are a special project of the aracenia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society – and it is an instructive as it is beautiful.

If you've not visited the park, you should take a stroll sometime and admire the flowers.

The Coetzees had gotten in volunteer hours by taking photos and writing a brief description of the week's flowers – that were checked and verified by Lynn Artz.

But the Coetzees are apparently unable to continue the project as they need to commit themselves to school and classwork.

I'm so glad that Lynn Artz and Sandy Tedder are working to continue the column.

It's a bright spot in my week when that email pops in and I wonder what flower will be featured.

William Snowden is editor and publisher of The Wakulla Sun.

LETTERS FROM READERS

In response to letters on airport

Editor, The Sun:

I enjoyed reading the letters of Mr. Allan Feifer and Mr. Alex Graffeo in your excellent newspaper of Thursday August 25th 2022.

Their letters, though well-meaning and well-written, have a lack of on-site knowledge of what happened to that formerly friendly little airport. As you read this, bear in mind that our former county airport was not JFK nor Charles deGaulle. It would however, make an old crop duster proud.

The airport, before and during the early reign of their volunteer airport manager, was excellent. He ran it as it should be run – laid back. Locals and visitors were happy. My hangar partner and I would welcome everyone who appeared at our hangar. Everybody was welcomed with open arms. It was a fun and friendly place to be. It didn't last.

During that happy time, I got along great with our volunteer manager during his early years. My wife and I voted for him when he ran for commissioner and were disappointed when he lost by a thin margin. I told him so myself. I gave him advice

on what type ultralight or light sport aircraft to buy. I bought my first ultralight in 1977. He took my advice and flew his quite often. We were pals, at least in my opinion. Soon, things would change - drastically.

There's a lot of details in this story of the airport's downfall and related circumstances, only a few of which I've told before. The full story will soon be published in book form with lots of photos from the beginning of the airport's downfall to the five years of warnings I gave to our county commissioners, county administrator and our sheriff's department about the abrupt change in our volunteer's personality. His method of running a small grass airstrip in a tucked away place in North Florida had taken a wrong turn.

All this never had to happen. The book's title will be: "Justice Unredeemed" with a related subtitle. It'll be an interesting and eye-opening read and loaded with photos. I call it a barn burner. It should be out within two months and will be advertised in The Wakulla Sun.

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Something on your mind?

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

On the Horizon

Calendar of upcoming events for the week of Sept. 8

Thursday, September 8

- The St. Marks City Commission meets at City Hall at 6 p.m.
- Sopchoppy Depot Committee meets at the Depot at 4:30 p.m.
- The VFW Auxiliary Bingo Night will be held at 7 p.m. at 475 Arran Road in Crawfordville. There will be concessions and raffles.

Friday, September 9

- The Wakulla War Eagles host the Munroe Bobcats at J.D. Jones Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Saturday, September 10

- Sopchoppy Depot Festival will be held at Depot Park in Sopchoppy from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be model railroad display, kiddie train ride, history storytellers, and vendors.
- Boots and Bingo, a fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Wakulla, will be held at 3Y Ranch from 5 to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$50.
- The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group will meet at the Wakulla County Public Library at 10 a.m.

Sunday, September 11

- PATRIOT DAY in memory of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Monday, September 12

- The Wakulla County School Board meets at the district office at 5:45 p.m.
- The Wakulla County Planning Commission meets at 6 p.m. in the commission

chambers.

- The Sopchoppy City Commission meets at City Hall at 6:30 p.m.
- 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 Wakulla Caregiver Support Group will meet at Lake Ellen Baptist Church at 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 13

- The BOCC will conduct a public hearing in the Commission Chambers at 5 p.m. to consider the continued funding to services for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

Wednesday, September 14

- A Line Dance class will be held at 1 p.m. at the Wakulla Senior Center.
- The Code Enforcement Board meeting will be held in the Commission Chambers at 5:30 p.m.
- The Wakulla County Garden Club will be meeting at the Wakulla Public Library at 12 p.m.

Thursday, September 15

- The VFW Auxiliary Bingo Night will be held at 7 p.m. at 475 Arran Road in Crawfordville. There will be concessions and raffles.
- The Wakulla County Cancer Support Group will meet in the Education Center of the United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. For more information, call 850-926-6050.

Museum Day Celebration in Carrabelle

Special to The Sun

Here is some information about the upcoming Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day Celebration in Carrabelle on Saturday, September 17.

All three Carrabelle museums – Camp Gordon Johnston World War II Museum, the Carrabelle History Museum and the Crooked River Lighthouse - will celebrate Museum Day on Saturday, Sept. 17th with special activities and exhibits for this year's theme "The American Experience."

Carrabelle's three museums will feature some of the rich history of our area from vintage military vehicles from Camp Gordon Johnston to Carrabelle's unique culture like the World's Smallest Police Station at the Carrabelle History Museum to the history and the science of the Crooked River Lighthouse.

Admission to all three museums is free. For more information, <https://www.floridasforgottencoast.com/event/museum-day/>



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◀ Question of The Week ▶

– Compiled by Charity Tumbleson

Polled at the Quickstop and Foodmart in Crawfordville What was your first car?



KENNY BULLDOGG DONALDSON
“A red 1978 Toyota Cruiser - with hydraulics!”



KEVIN ROBERTSON-CITY OF QUINCY
“A 1996 Crown Vic.”



NAZRUL ISLAM FOODMART
“A 1987 Toyota Camry.”



BOB PAYNTER SELF EMPLOYED
“A 1972 Ford LTD.”



MAGGIE ROSE RETIRED
“I had a 1964 blue, convertable Skylark.”
(With her dog ‘Teddy Bear.’)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wakulla Station News

By **VERNA BROCK**

What a fabulous Sunday we had at Wakulla United Methodist Church!... Great service, wonderful fellowship and food, and I got to inaugurate a children's Sunday School class!

Even so, plans are under full steam for the 25th Anniversary celebrating our beautiful log cabin church. I want to invite all our friends and family to save the date of October

2nd to join us at 10 a.m. This is our annual Homecoming service, and our District Superintendent, the Rev. Wayne Wiatt, will be our featured guest speaker. Please join us for this special Homecoming celebration!

Also on Sunday afternoon, Ed and I were able to join the family and friends of Robert and Kenny Manning at a jubilant retirement party for our dear, dear friends. The representation of folks from every segment of

Wakulla County's citizenry is a testament to the superlative nature of Robert and Kenny's character, love of others, and dedicated service to the mission of Jesus Christ.

Held on the beautiful, breezy banks of the Wakulla River at the (Olin) St. Marks Powder campgrounds, we all gathered to fete two of the finest people I have ever known. It is a particular joy to share such happiness together on behalf of our mutual es-

teem and love of the entire Manning family. Never have two people earned or deserved a peaceful retirement, but without a doubt, these two will be busier than ever. Hearty congratulations to you both!

Please continue to lift Robert Russ in your prayers, as well the family of Don Grimes. Also in need of prayer are Linda Dunwoody, Jim Gainey, and Ouida Vick.

Library News – Sept. 8

Thursday, September 8

Friends of the Library Board Meeting 6pm
Wakulla Democratic Executive Committee 6pm

Friday, September 9

Garden with the Director 8am
Quilting Guild 9:30am

Saturday, September 10

Read Therapy Dogs 10am
Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group 10am

Monday, September 12

Rotary Youth Exchange Information Session 6pm
Wakulla Christian Coalition 6pm

Tuesday, September 13

Forgotten Coast Homeschool Co-op 9:15am
Book Bunch 10am
Wakulla County Historical Society 4:30pm
Tobacco Free FL Stop Smoking Class 5:30pm

Wednesday, September 14

Book Babies 10am
Wakulla County Garden Club 12pm

Thursday, September 15

Veteran's Meetup 11am
Wakulla Amateur Radio Club 7pm

TRICK-OR-TREAT STORY WALK

We are very excited to announce that our Trick-or-Treat Story Walk is on for this year! Join us, Saturday, October 29th from 5:30pm to 8:30pm at Azalea Park for a great Halloween story and lots of safe trick-or-treating. Be on the lookout for the library staff, uh, I mean the classic movie monsters, who will be running the library booth for great photo ops. All booth spots for this year are filled! Please consider making donations of bags of individually wrapped candy as we prepare for this amazing event.

NEW EBOOKS, EAUDIOBOOKS, AND EMAGAZINES AVAILABLE

Thanks to a new agreement between Wilderness Coast Public Li-

braries and the Panhandle Library Access Network our access to eBooks, eAudiobooks, and now eMagazines has increased tremendously. Our cardholders now have access to 25,407 eBooks, 11,920 eAudiobooks, and 4,277 eMagazines via OverDrive and the Libby App! You can access these items via a smart phone, tablet, Kindle, or desktop computer or laptop. Need help learning how, just ask! Also, access for our patrons to Universal Class remains available via Libby. Over 600 classes are available covering a wide range of subject including Cryptozoology, How to Live with a Teenager 101, Projects Management, Leadership, Accounts Receivable Management, Customer Service, Word, and Excel.

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY: PIRATE EDITION

Our spring open house, Take Your Child to the Library Day, went so well we decided to have it again in the fall season. When we discovered that it would fall so close to Talk Like a Pirate Day, we decided

to combine the two! We are happy to announce a new event that will be a library open house where you can learn all about library programs and services, play games, have some great snacks, visit with and learn about other community organizations, and even have your face painted! The event will be September 24th, from 9am to 1pm. If you are a part of a community organization that benefits children and families, please email Robyn Drummond at rdrummond@mywakulla.com if you are interested in setting up an information table.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

- Friday, November 11th and Saturday, November 12th for Veteran's Day
- Thursday, November 24th to Saturday, November 26th for Thanksgiving
- Friday, December 23rd and Saturday, December 24th for Christmas

Sara June Berry: 'People are loving us through it'

From Front Page

happy. I want to see her smile. I want to see her with other children, and she loves other children. She doesn't have a lot of friends that want to come over. We're kind of here by ourselves."

Throughout the process of getting June into school, Berry says the superintendent has been very supportive of her goals of getting her in school. Berry is waiting for answers from the nursing agency that is working with the school board to get June in school with the proper care.

"The school board wants a legal memorandum signed by the nursing agency before they send the nurses on the school property," Berry says. "They're trying to figure it out because

they've never had a child like her. So they've never had to do this for Wakulla County."

Berry says the nursing agency hasn't signed off on it yet and that "they're having their legal team look at it."

The background checks haven't started yet because "the school board says it's going to be \$75 per nurse, and the agency doesn't want to pay. We just haven't gotten anywhere yet. I know that eventually, she will go to school, at least I hope she will. That's what they're telling me."

"I know that there are families that don't know what to think. So I want them to know that we're just like anybody else. We just live with 24/7 care. Different nurses, sometimes we don't have permanent nurses. Every day is different.

"I want people to see it's OK to talk to us. Some people don't really know what to say to us. They just don't understand, and they don't. Or they feel there's nothing you can do, but there is.

"You just got to get out there and fight because if you don't, she wouldn't be here. That's what I had to do from day one. So I'm just going to keep on keeping on, and hopefully, this will work."

Berry donated her pancreas and June's to research.

"It won't be anytime soon, but maybe one day they'll have something to help someone else," she says.

Berry is also looking into trying diazoxide treatment, which works by taking away some of the excess cells the pancreas is producing, resulting in less insulin.

Berry and June have both had allergic reactions to this medication in the past.

"This medication made both of us have fluid all over our body, only me and Lilly and no one else in the entire world has taken this medicine. They want to try it because they think like that anymore since she's older now.

"We're going to give it one more try," she says. "Because the transplant looks like it's going to be hard to get it, it seems like Medicaid does not pay the whole amount." June is on the list for a transplant, but finding the same blood type and it being a child's pancreas makes it "very hard to find. We're just waiting. But I hope during the time that we wait, we get to have normalcy for her and quality of life."

"We're just waiting. We're not transparent. We're waiting and hoping that a miracle will happen because it already did. I believe that God has a plan."

Berry envisions her daughter June being able to live a long life, "that's what I hope for. But ultimately, too, when she looks back at all of the struggles that she has gone through, I want her to go, 'I went through all that, but I also got to help people. Boy, oh, boy, no matter how many scars I got on this body, those scars meant something.'"

Berry wants to encourage other families going through similar struggles.

"I wish things could be better, and I'll get to where I'm not as hopeful, and I have to pull myself out of it. But there are people that can't, and

I want to give encouragement to others that can't. I want them to know that there is help. They have to be active and proactive about it, and they have to advocate, whether it be for themselves or their family members, because they won't get anywhere if they don't. I also want the families that are out there with children that don't have an element, so to speak, to realize they're children. All they want is to have a friend."

Throughout everything, Berry didn't think she would get help from the people in Wakulla, "but it turns out that most of the help we got was from the people here, so I just want to say thank you to everybody as well. People loved us through it, and they still are loving us through it."

Outdoors

outdoor sports

HOME ON THE RANGE

More on barrel length with .38 revolvers



By MARJ LAW

At the last Wednesday visit to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range, a few of us shot .45 caliber handguns. Our friend Tony maintained that the length of the barrel made no difference in shootability and accuracy. We shot a 3.5-inch barreled gun, a 4-inch and a 5-inch.

Tony really loves the Kimber brand. The 4" barreled gun was a Kimber. Tony expected it to shoot the best because it is, after all, a Kimber.

That didn't happen. Although the shooters certainly did enjoy shooting the Kimber, the Auto Ordnance Thompson with a 5-inch barrel won out because it had a smoother and lighter recoil and the grip was nice.

This Wednesday, we are shooting .38 caliber revolvers with different barrel lengths. After last week's comparison, Tony isn't so quick to say there's not much difference between .38s if they have different sized barrels.

What happens when four of us shoot three .38s with much different length barrels?

We've often seen that men have a tendency to purchase .38 snub-nosed revolvers for their women because these guns have great take-down power. You just point and shoot, and the gun will never jam. Isn't that the best?

On this Wednesday, it doesn't turn out that way. At all. We are shooting at the 71/2-yard line.

This time, we have a Smith & Wesson model 36 .38 Chief's Special with a 1.85-inch barrel, a

Ruger Security Six with a 4-inch barrel and a Smith & Wesson Model 14 K-38 Masterpiece which has a 6-inch barrel. All have double-action triggers, which means you don't have to cock the hammer first to fire the gun. However, you can cock the hammer first if you want to, and shoot it like a western-style revolver.

We rate all three guns on the trigger difficulty, its travel length, the amount of recoil we experience, and on how we like the grip. A 1 means it is easy or we like it, and a 5 means we don't like it or it is difficult. Therefore, the highest scoring gun is the one we like the least.

The Chief's Special is that small revolver guys buy for their women. The barrel is short and the gun weighs about 20 ounces. So, while it is made of metal, you can probably carry it in a sturdy purse. This revolver carries 5 rounds.

Two women and two men shoot the Chief's Special. The Special rates a total of 34 points when you count up trigger, difficulty of trigger, recoil and grip. Most of the high score is because we all experience the recoil as very hard, so two of us give it a 3 and two give it a 4 out of a possible 5 points. Since 5 is the worst recoil, is this the gun you want? Will you practice with this gun so if Mr. Bad comes at you, you'll be able to protect yourself?

We shoot the Ruger Security Six next. It can be shot as a .38 or a 357 magnum. We're shooting it as a .38 today.

The Six has a lot of mass to absorb recoil. It weighs 2.2 pounds: not quite twice the weight of the Chief. Because of its mass, the recoil is much less than the Chief's. The 4-inch barrel makes it more accurate to shoot than the snub-nose Chief. You can carry 6 rounds in the cylinder instead of 5 in the Chief. The Ruger's score comes to a total of 21 points. Much much easier to shoot than the Chief. You can envision spending an hour at the

range with this gun.

Last, we try the S&W K-38 Model 14 Masterpiece. We weren't surprised that the long 6-inch barrel produced better target shooting than the other two revolvers.

The Masterpiece is sleek, compared to the Security Six, but even though the Masterpiece doesn't appear beefy like the Six, it does weigh a little more at about 21/2 pounds.

The Masterpiece gets a total of 19 points from us: the fewest points meaning that we found it the easiest to shoot and the most accurate as well. We give it only 1s and 2s for recoil instead of 3s and 4s for the snubby Chief. Like the Security Six, the Masterpiece holds 6 rounds in its cylinder.

I wouldn't purse carry either the Security Six or the Masterpiece because they are so large and heavy. On the other hand, I wouldn't carry the snubby Chief because it has too much recoil and it's hard to hit the target. Although Don Gammill in the Truth About Guns calls it "an absolute packing pleasure," well, maybe if you're a big guy and carry a big knapsack.

We four have been shooting at the range almost every week for several years. Today, we each shoot 3 rounds of each revolver, making 12 hits possible for each target. As you can see, the Chief's target only has 4 holes. The middle target, the Security Six, has 9 holes, and the Masterpiece has 10 holes.

If a person were to purchase a Chief's Special for an inexperienced spouse, then yes, that .38 would fit in her purse. Chances are, she won't want to practice very often because the recoil is so harsh. If she has to use her gun, is there much likelihood that she will even be able to hit the target when the 4 of us, who shoot regularly, are not very accurate with it?

According to NRA's American Rifleman: "When helping a woman select a gun, take into ac-



S&W Chief's Special
1.87" Barrel
5 Rounds
Stiff Recoil

Ruger Security Six
4" Barrel
6 Rounds
Smooth Recoil

S&W K-38 Masterpiece
6" Barrel
6 Rounds
Smoothest Recoil



count her needs, not your personal preconceptions or pet ballistic theories. A woman needs to be comfortable with a gun, whether or not it fits your ideal of stopping power, magazine capacity and penetration."

Looking at Security Sixes, which have been discontinued but you can still find them, Joseph von Benedikt in Shooting Times says: "All things considered, Ruger's long-discontinued Security-Six revolver is still an outstanding option for the personal-protection-minded among us who prefer a wheelgun to a semiauto."

Finally, an article in the Truth About Guns discusses the S&W K-38: "the K-38 Masterpiece is truly that—a world class Masterpiece. This model is an outstanding shooter, a great piece of S&W history, a finely crafted work of art..."

A sturdy person with some range time can do well with the Chief's Special. The Security Six has been a great carry gun for police officers. The Masterpiece is a wonderful gun for target shooting.

All three of these revolvers have their place for shooters. The one you choose should be the one

that fits your hand best and that you can shoot comfortably and accurately. Can you handle the recoil? Do you want it for carry, for all around defense or for target practice?

"Looking at the targets, I'm seeing a trend that longer barrels make for

greater accuracy," muses Tony. "I didn't know barrel length would make such a difference."

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

WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO



Retired Wakulla Springs State Park Ranger Bob Thompson, on a wildlife survey at the park last week, snapped this photo of a juvenile yellow crowned night heron.



BORING SPONGE
(*Cliona celata*)

This sponge when a larvae will literally bore 2" holes into limestone rock or mollusk shells. Once it has created its hole and eaten the mollusk, it transforms to a 20x40" red to yellow feathery structure which releases new larvae. The red color is likely due to red algae living in it. It forms large colonies in shallow water up to 650ft. It is found around the world's temperate and warm oceans from the Baltic sea to the Gulf.

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Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water

Local writers share their experiences

Thursday 8

Sun rise/set: 7:17AM / 7:51PM
Moon rise/set: 7:10PM / 5:05AM
Moon Illumination: 95%

Friday 9

Sun rise/set: 7:49PM / 7:48PM
Moon rise/set: 6:15AM / 6:15AM
Moon Illumination: 99%

Saturday 10

Sun rise/set: 7:18AM / 7:48PM
Moon rise/set: 8:21PM / 7:23AM
Moon Illumination: 100%

Sunday 11

Sun rise/set: 7:19AM / 7:47PM
Moon rise/set: 8:53PM / 8:27AM
Moon Illumination: 98%

Monday 12

Sun rise/set: 7:19AM / 7:46PM
Moon rise/set: 9:24PM / 9:30AM
Moon Illumination: 95%

Tuesday 13

Sun rise/set: 7:20AM / 7:44PM
Moon rise/set: 9:56PM / 10:31AM
Moon Illumination: 89%

Wednesday 14

Sun rise/set: 7:20AM / 7:43PM
Moon rise/set: 10:29PM / 11:32AM
Moon Illumination: 81%

Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

Sept. 8 - Sept. 14

GO FISH!

Tide charts by tides4fishing.com

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

Thursday 8

Minor Times: 4:20AM / 6:25PM
Major Times: 10:57AM / ---

Friday 9

Minor Times: 5:30AM / 7:03PM
Major Times: 11:24PM / 11:51AM

Saturday 10

Minor Times: 6:38AM / 7:36PM
Major Times: 12:17AM / 12:41PM

Sunday 11

Minor Times: 7:42AM / 8:08PM
Major Times: 1:06AM / 1:29PM

Monday 12

Minor Times: 8:45AM / 8:39PM
Major Times: 1:53AM / 2:16PM

Tuesday 13

Minor Times: 9:46AM / 9:11PM
Major Times: 2:39AM / 3:02PM

Wednesday 14

Minor Times: 10:47AM / 9:44PM
Major Times: 3:25AM / 3:48PM

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	1:54 am ▲ 3.4 ft	7:05 am ▼ 1.7 ft	1:14 pm ▲ 4.1 ft	8:11 pm ▼ -0.3 ft
Fr	2:29 am ▲ 3.8 ft	7:57 am ▼ 0.6 ft	2:08 pm ▲ 4.3 ft	8:51 pm ▼ -0.1 ft
Sa	3:01 am ▲ 3.7 ft	8:43 am ▼ 0.9 ft	2:56 pm ▲ 4.3 ft	9:26 pm ▼ 0.1 ft
Su	3:30 am ▲ 3.8 ft	9:25 am ▼ 0.6 ft	3:41 pm ▲ 4.2 ft	9:57 pm ▼ 0.5 ft
Mo	3:55 am ▲ 3.8 ft	10:06 am ▼ 0.4 ft	4:23 pm ▲ 4.0 ft	10:25 pm ▼ 0.9 ft
Tu	4:18 am ▲ 3.8 ft	10:46 am ▼ 0.3 ft	5:05 pm ▲ 3.7 ft	10:49 pm ▼ 1.2 ft
We	4:39 am ▲ 3.8 ft	11:26 am ▼ 0.4 ft	5:48 pm ▲ 3.4 ft	11:13 pm ▼ 1.5 ft

City of St. Marks

Th	2:30 am ▲ 3.2 ft	8:09 am ▼ 1.6 ft	1:50 pm ▲ 3.8 ft	9:15 pm ▼ -0.2 ft
Fr	3:05 am ▲ 3.3 ft	9:01 am ▼ 1.2 ft	2:44 pm ▲ 4.0 ft	9:55 pm ▼ -0.1 ft
Sa	3:37 am ▲ 3.4 ft	9:47 am ▼ 0.8 ft	3:32 pm ▲ 4.0 ft	10:30 pm ▼ 0.1 ft
Su	4:06 am ▲ 3.5 ft	10:29 am ▼ 0.6 ft	4:17 pm ▲ 3.9 ft	11:01 pm ▼ 0.4 ft
Mo	4:31 am ▲ 3.5 ft	11:10 am ▼ 0.4 ft	4:59 pm ▲ 3.7 ft	11:29 pm ▼ 0.8 ft
Tu	4:54 am ▲ 3.5 ft	11:50 am ▼ 0.3 ft	5:41 pm ▲ 3.5 ft	11:53 pm ▼ 1.1 ft
We	5:15 am ▲ 3.5 ft	12:30 pm ▼ 0.4 ft	6:24 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Th	2:17 am ▲ 3.6 ft	7:29 am ▼ 1.9 ft	1:32 pm ▲ 4.3 ft	8:36 pm ▼ -0.2 ft
Fr	2:51 am ▲ 3.7 ft	8:19 am ▼ 1.5 ft	2:24 pm ▲ 4.4 ft	9:14 pm ▼ -0.1 ft
Sa	3:21 am ▲ 3.8 ft	9:03 am ▼ 1.1 ft	3:11 pm ▲ 4.4 ft	9:48 pm ▼ 0.2 ft
Su	3:49 am ▲ 3.9 ft	9:45 am ▼ 0.8 ft	3:55 pm ▲ 4.3 ft	10:18 pm ▼ 0.6 ft
Mo	4:14 am ▲ 3.9 ft	10:26 am ▼ 0.5 ft	4:38 pm ▲ 4.1 ft	10:45 pm ▼ 0.9 ft
Tu	4:37 am ▲ 4.0 ft	11:06 am ▼ 0.4 ft	5:20 pm ▲ 3.8 ft	11:08 pm ▼ 1.3 ft
We	4:59 am ▲ 3.9 ft	11:47 am ▼ 0.4 ft	6:03 pm ▲ 3.5 ft	11:31 pm ▼ 1.6 ft

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Th	1:46 am ▲ 2.6 ft	7:16 am ▼ 1.3 ft	1:06 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	8:22 pm ▼ -0.2 ft
Fr	2:21 am ▲ 2.7 ft	8:08 am ▼ 0.9 ft	2:00 pm ▲ 3.2 ft	9:02 pm ▼ -0.1 ft
Sa	2:53 am ▲ 2.8 ft	8:54 am ▼ 0.7 ft	2:48 pm ▲ 3.2 ft	9:37 pm ▼ 0.1 ft
Su	3:22 am ▲ 2.8 ft	9:36 am ▼ 0.4 ft	3:33 pm ▲ 3.2 ft	10:08 pm ▼ 0.4 ft
Mo	3:47 am ▲ 2.8 ft	10:17 am ▼ 0.3 ft	4:15 pm ▲ 3.0 ft	10:36 pm ▼ 0.6 ft
Tu	4:10 am ▲ 2.8 ft	10:57 am ▼ 0.3 ft	4:57 pm ▲ 2.8 ft	11:00 pm ▼ 0.9 ft
We	4:31 am ▲ 2.8 ft	11:37 am ▼ 0.3 ft	5:40 pm ▲ 2.5 ft	11:24 pm ▼ 1.1 ft

St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

Th	2:35 am ▲ 2.7 ft	7:21 am ▼ 1.9 ft	12:55 pm ▲ 3.3 ft	8:15 pm ▼ -0.2 ft
Fr	2:55 am ▲ 2.7 ft	8:06 am ▼ 1.6 ft	1:54 pm ▲ 3.4 ft	8:54 pm ▼ 0.0 ft
Sa	3:15 am ▲ 2.8 ft	8:47 am ▼ 1.2 ft	2:46 pm ▲ 3.4 ft	9:29 pm ▼ 0.3 ft
Su	3:35 am ▲ 2.9 ft	9:28 am ▼ 0.9 ft	3:37 pm ▲ 3.3 ft	10:01 pm ▼ 0.6 ft
Mo	3:57 am ▲ 2.9 ft	10:10 am ▼ 0.6 ft	4:26 pm ▲ 3.2 ft	10:30 pm ▼ 0.9 ft
Tu	4:19 am ▲ 3.0 ft	10:51 am ▼ 0.4 ft	5:15 pm ▲ 3.0 ft	10:56 pm ▼ 1.3 ft
We	4:43 am ▲ 3.1 ft	11:33 am ▼ 0.3 ft	6:05 pm ▲ 2.7 ft	11:20 pm ▼ 1.5 ft

Dog Island West End

Th	3:09 am ▲ 2.5 ft	7:58 am ▼ 1.8 ft	1:02 pm ▲ 2.9 ft	8:34 pm ▼ -0.1 ft
Fr	3:24 am ▲ 2.5 ft	8:35 am ▼ 1.5 ft	2:08 pm ▲ 3.0 ft	9:10 pm ▼ 0.1 ft
Sa	3:39 am ▲ 2.6 ft	9:11 am ▼ 1.1 ft	3:04 pm ▲ 3.0 ft	9:43 pm ▼ 0.4 ft
Su	3:56 am ▲ 2.6 ft	9:48 am ▼ 0.8 ft	3:55 pm ▲ 2.9 ft	10:14 pm ▼ 0.7 ft
Mo	4:15 am ▲ 2.7 ft	10:28 am ▼ 0.6 ft	4:45 pm ▲ 2.8 ft	10:43 pm ▼ 1.0 ft
Tu	4:36 am ▲ 2.7 ft	11:10 am ▼ 0.5 ft	5:34 pm ▲ 2.6 ft	11:11 pm ▼ 1.3 ft
We	4:58 am ▲ 2.8 ft	11:53 am ▼ 0.4 ft	6:21 pm ▲ 2.4 ft	11:35 pm ▼ 1.6 ft

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.

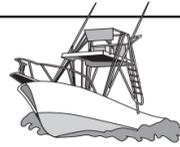


Phil Hill and Wade Olson at the Vessel Inspections at the St. Marks Boat Ramp on Saturday, Sept. 2.



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



Thanks to Steve Hults for the information and Linda Olson for the pictures!

Vessel Inspections were conducted at the St Marks Boat Ramp on Saturday, Sept. 2. Phil Hill, Steve Hults, Linda Olson and Wade Olson participated.

A table of safe boating information was available along with free vessel exams for interested boaters. The team emphasized safe boat operations and monitoring weather conditions. Equipment checks included fire extinguishers, life jackets, signal flairs, and float cushions. All vessel exams also include conversation on boat operations.

It is essential that boat operators be constantly aware of surroundings. Speed is important to moni-

Boating Emergencies

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tor as boats have no breaks. Slow speed is always preferred when approaching docks or boat ramp areas. Boaters can use reverse to slow down or stop in an emergency.

In regards to weather, it is important to always check for wave height, wind, and any adverse conditions. Good rule of thumb, if the wind is 15 mph wind or greater, find another day. Additionally, seas greater

4 ft can be very uncomfortable and easily swamp smaller boats. Master Chief once said that “you don’t have to go out, but you have to come back.”

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

Please contact us for more information about our safe boating classes or learning more about

getting involved in the Auxiliary, check out our website at www.uscgaux.net follow us on FaceBook @ Apalachee Bay Flotilla 12 or contact our Flotilla Commander Phil Hill at pnkhill2000@yahoo.com

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

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed civilian volunteer component of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Coast Guard in nearly all mission areas. The Auxiliary was created by Congress in 1939. For more information, please visit www.cgaux.org.

Underwater Wakulla

By Rusty Miller

Several months of good ocean diving and spearfishing left.

Well Labor Day is over and for most folks who don't live in Florida summer is over, but for those of us who live in Florida we still have several months of good ocean diving and spearfishing left.

We will have what I call a mini season in the Gulf of Mexico for red snapper.

It will be October 8-9 (Saturday and Sunday), October 15-16 (Saturday and Sunday), and October 22-23 (Saturday and Sunday).

Then on November 11-13 (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) Veterans Day weekend so please take the time to remember our brave veterans and all the military service people.

The last chance will be November 25-27 (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) Thanksgiving Day weekend. So if you add them up, we still have (12) days of snapper season left this year.

I am grateful to be a part of this community and to serve y'all in the capacity as a dive shop manager as well as a scuba instructor.

We have been very busy with classes, and it still is busy even after the summer crowd has left us. We still will have scuba classes through most of the winter and early spring of next year then we start the late spring ocean diving.

In the cooler months when the Gulf Stream has pulled back, the water temperature will drop to around 57-62 degrees, that's a bit colder than this old man can take, so we do our open water certifications in the springs to the east (Blue Grotto and Devils Den) near Williston or to the west (Morrison springs and Vortex springs).

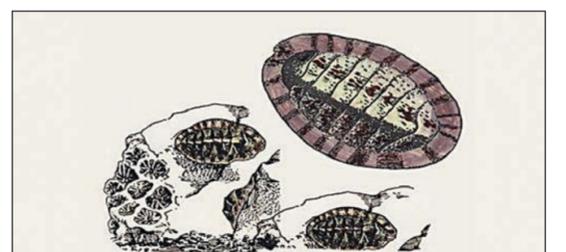
Either of those locations works very well for open water students and I have quite a few former students who like to dive them just to keep their skills sharp and get wet.

The water temperature in these springs varies from 68 degrees in the west aquifer to 72 degrees in the east aquifer.

With that said you will need a wetsuit minimum 3mm to 5mm thick in order to be comfortable while you are in the water. The plus is the visibility in the springs Blue Grotto, Devils Den, and the Vortex is gin clear, in the Morrison springs if the river has not backed up in to it, it is also gin clear.

I hope this will encourage people who are thinking that you have to wait for the warmer climate to return here will consider taking classes and be ready to go diving when it does return.

Russell Miller #59999



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Chitons are tiny (<0.5") primitive mollusks with eight shell plates or "valves". Chiton use unique scraping teeth to crush shells and eat attached algae. Some species eat solid rock! The teeth have a magnetite cover interlaced with sodium and magnesium. Engineers are fascinated by the strong material. There are over 1000 different species, many of which are larger and beautifully colored. Some larger species are also edible.

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We can trust God



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

with the father in Mark 9 who pleaded with the Lord for more faith.

This first-century father came to Jesus because a demon had been tormenting, torturing and possessing his son since childhood "... If you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:22-24 ESV).

When our emotions and circumstances scream louder than our faith, when our fears become the ruling power in our trial and we're at the end of our rope, we find ourselves praying a similar prayer: "Father, help my unbelief! Give me the faith to know that You are all You say You are, and that nothing is impossible for You. Help me to see You right here in my circumstance."

And during the times when God's answer is no, we pray, "Father, help my unbelief when

You don't answer the way I desperately want You to – in the way I desperately need You to. Help me trust You in the midst of this anguish and pain. Help me trust that You always know what's best."

How would it change our day – our faith – if we fully trusted God and His plan for our lives?

What if we grew to love God's Word so much that we actually believed He is all He says He is and can do all He says He can do? How would our relationship with Him

change if we spent so much time talking with our Heavenly Father that He became increasingly real to us, especially when we needed Him most? Perhaps then we would know from personal experience that God is, indeed, good.

Isn't it interesting that the whole process of crying out to God in our unbelief is the very act that, over time, strengthens our faith? The simple act of turning to Him in our trials, large and small, draws us closer to Him and helps us recognize

His presence and power.

I wish I could say my faith never wavers, but I can't. Yet even in my doubts – and sometimes because of them – I'm learning to trust God more.

This is why I'll continue to cry, "Lord, help my unbelief!" as I walk this journey of faith.

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Faith lilies



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

God.

This morning the sun is filtering through the window, shining on the peace lily that adorns a corner of the room. I marvel at this plant and its resiliency. The proverbial green thumb skips a generation in my family, resting on the hands of my dad and oldest daughter. Nonetheless, this plant has survived two years in the loft under my care.

The plant is commonly known as a peace lily. However, due to its survival status, I have renamed this fantastic piece of greenery "faith lily." Surprisingly, these lovely flowers are not lilies! The part of the peace lily we call the flower is a

spadix. It encompasses a long line of tiny blooms shrouded by a spathe. The spathe is a leaf that has faded from green to white, enhancing the beauty of the tiny flowers.

Some mornings, I notice the leaves of my faith lily wilting. When given water, the leaves lift upward in gratitude for the drink.

Other times I see the foliage turning dark and the absence of new growth. When this happens, I move it closer to the window to receive the sunlight. The lily teaches me of my faith.

As a pastor, I will admit there are times when my spirit feels wilted. Life happens. There is a

sudden loss of a loved one or an unexpected report from a doctor. Work has busied, causing one day to slip into two days, becoming three, and time is gone before the next breath can be taken. My spirit drops because I have forgotten the vessel of living water that brings me life. I overslept, and my morning devotion fell to the wayside as I hurried from the loft to the front door to begin my day.

How is it that I neglect the words of my Lord because of the busy world around me? In John 6:35, Jesus referred to Himself as the living water.

He said, "drink from Me, and you will nev-

er thirst again." Many mornings, I fill my vessel with prayer, devotion, and the Word of God. However, there are mornings when the world crowds in, and I neglect the well of life, causing my spirit to run dry. Then I see it, a text from a friend with living water. A reminder that they have prayed for me, covering me, offering me a drink from their cup. And like the leaves of the "peace lily," my spirit is lifted as the grace of God encompasses me.

Jesus is the living water. As children of God, we need the water to be uplifted. We also need the light of the Son to grow and flower for the Kingdom. Today if your

vessel is filled with His grace, find a friend that is thirsty. Offer them a drink from your cup. Encourage those missing from your fellowship to return to the Son's light. Be a willing vessel for the Lord. And if by chance you thirst for water and Son shine, find that friend who prays for you.

Galatians 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Cheryl Mixon-Cruce is Pastor of Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Church and Sopchoppy United Methodist Church.

After pause for Covid, Jehovah's Witnesses to resume knocking on doors

Special to The Sun

Jehovah's Witnesses will resume their trademark door-to-door ministry beginning Sept. 1; the two-and-a-half-year suspension of the work will end just in time for the launch of a global campaign featuring an interactive program for Bible study.

The decision to resume their door-to-door ministry marks the complete restoration of all pre-pandemic in-person activities for the nearly 1.3 million Jehovah's Witnesses in the 12,000 congregations in the United States. Houses of worship (called Kingdom Halls) were reopened on April 1, witnessing in public places resumed on May 31 and in-person conventions are again being planned for 2023.

"The house-to-house ministry was very enjoyable," said Crawfordville residents John and Missy Lilly, who are "extremely excited" to have an opportunity to meet friendly people in the community. "We are looking forward to experiencing this once again!"

The suspension of the public ministry was a proactive response by the organization to keep communities and congregants safe. The move was also unprecedented. Jehovah's Witnesses had been preaching from house to house without interruption for more than 100 years through an economic depression, two world wars and global unrest, but COVID-19 demanded a different response.

"We believe that the early decision to shut down all in-person activities for more than 20



Jehovah's Witnesses plan to resume their door-to-door ministry starting Sept. 1.

years has saved many lives," said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesperson for Jehovah's Witnesses. "We're now ready and eager to reconnect with our neighbors once again – person-to-person, face-to-face. It's not the only way that we preach, but it has historically been the most effective way to deliver our message of comfort and hope."

The return to an in-person ministry coincides with a global campaign to offer an interactive Bible study program, available in hundreds of languages and offered at no cost. The course comes in the form of a printed book,

online publication or as an embedded feature within the organization's free mobile application, JW Library. Released in late 2020, the interactive study platform combines text, video, illustrations and digital worksheets to help learners of all ages.

"This study program is designed to match the learning style of the 21st-century student," said Hendriks. "We're excited to begin sharing it with our neighbors as we return to making personal visits."

The pandemic forced Jehovah's Witnesses to quickly pivot to virtual meetings and conven-

tions while conducting their ministry exclusively through letters, phone calls and virtual Bible studies. This has led to growth in meeting attendance and the number of congregants, with more than 400,000 newly baptized witnesses joining the ranks of 120,000 congregations globally in just the first two years of the pandemic.

For more information about Jehovah's Witnesses, their history, beliefs and activities, visit their official website, jw.org, with content available in more than 1,000 languages.

Obituaries

DEATH NOTICES

• **Edith Merle Brannan**, 95, of Carrabelle, died Sept. 1, 2022 Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel.

• **Shane Steven Sparks**, 49, of Crawfordville, died Sept. 1, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel.

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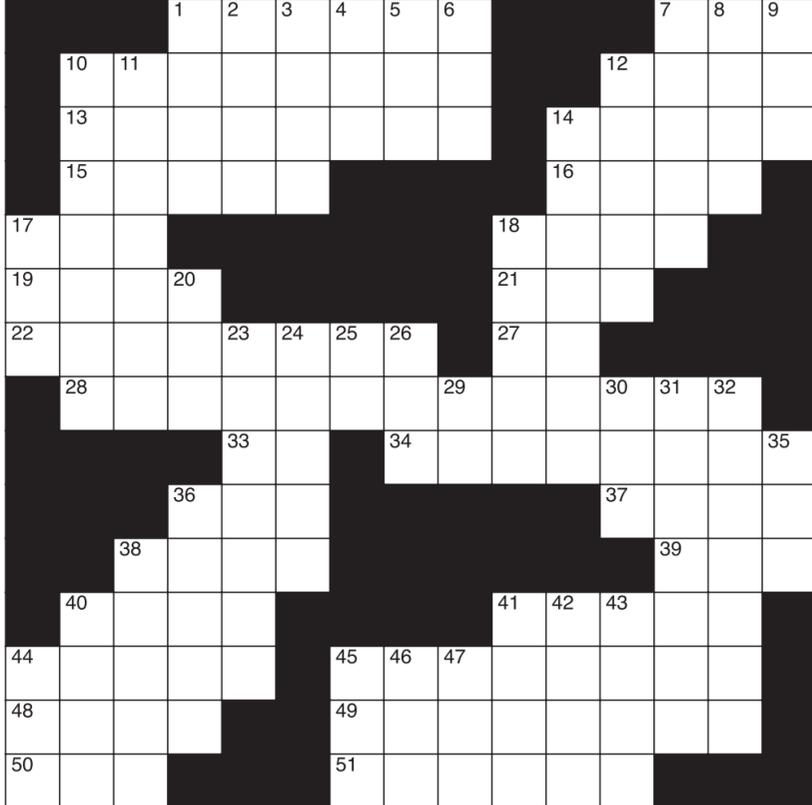
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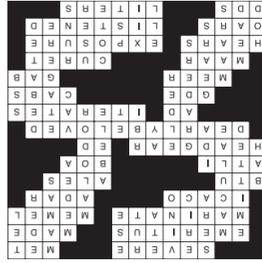
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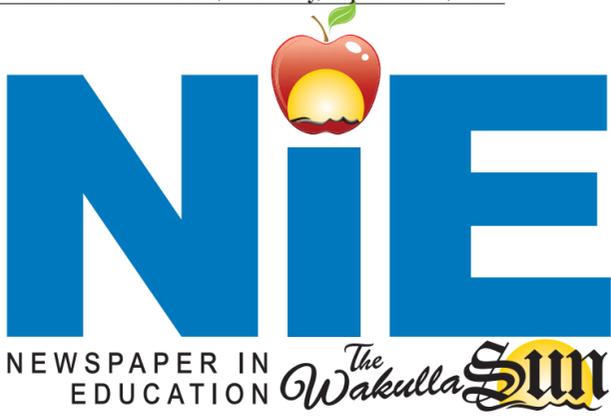
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Use the News

1. A Star Erupts

Betelgeuse is a giant star that is a prominent feature of the constellation Orion, known as “The Hunter.” It is not a part of the three stars that make up “Orion’s Belt” in the night sky, but it is the only red star in the constellation and forms the Hunter’s right shoulder. It also is undergoing changes that have caught the attention of astronomers. In the last several years its brightness has dimmed considerably. And now astronomers think they know why. Using information gathered by the Hubble Space Telescope and other observatories, scientists believe Betelgeuse (BEE-tel-juice) experienced a massive eruption of material called a Surface Mass Ejection. The eruption caused the star to lose a great deal of its surface area and become dimmer, the Sky and Telescope website reported. The event, which was first observed in 2019, may signal that Betelgeuse is entering its last stages before exploding as a supernova. “We’ve never before seen a huge mass ejection of the surface of a star,” said a scientist at the Harvard/Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, which reported the new findings. “We are left with something going on that we don’t completely understand.” Betelgeuse is a massive star that would stretch out to the planet Jupiter if it replaced the Sun in our solar system. Astronomers are constantly learning new things about planets, stars and the universe. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read stories about something new that astronomers have learned. Use what you read to write a letter to the editor, detailing what has been learned and why that is important.

Goal: Writing informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly; citing specific textual evidence when writing.

2. Swift for Credit

Taylor Swift fans love her songs and can sing most of the words by heart. In the state of Texas this fall, students will be able to turn that love into college credit. The University of Texas at Austin is offering an undergraduate course called “The Taylor Swift Songbook” as part of its liberal arts honors program. English Professor Elizabeth Scala said the course “is not about celebrity or fame,” but will look at Swift’s songs “as literary writing” and examine “the ways a popular and award-winning writer uses the same literary devices ... of traditional poetry in her work.” Scala told CNN News that she picked

Swift because the pop star writes her own music, and her lyrics use “references, metaphors and clever manipulations of words” that “draw on richer literary traditions.” The class will mostly focus on songs from Swift’s recent albums, but students will be free to bring up older songs for discussion. The words of songs, raps and rhymes are a kind of poetry. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read stories about a song you like. Print out the words of the song and read them aloud without the music. Circle words, phrases or rhymes that stand out to you. Use what you have circled to write a “review” of the song as a poem, detailing the emotions it makes you feel or how it makes you think about the topic in a fresh new way.

Goal: Demonstrating understanding of figurative language; applying knowledge of language to understand how lan-

guage functions in different contexts; reading prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate and expression on successive readings.

3. High-Tech ‘Marbles’

In colonial times, explorers, soldiers and other officials routinely removed cultural artifacts from occupied territories and took them back to their homelands. Many of these priceless pieces ended up in museums, where they have been displayed for hundreds of years. Today, there is worldwide debate about returning these artifacts to their original countries. One of the most heated discussions involves a European collection known as the “Elgin Marbles” that were removed from the famous Parthenon and Acropolis buildings in Greece and taken to England, where they are displayed in the British Museum. The Marbles were removed in the

early 1800s by Thomas Bruce, the seventh earl of Elgin, when he was England’s ambassador to the occupying Ottoman Empire. Lord Elgin claimed he had permission from the Ottomans to remove the statues and pieces of the Parthenon in the Marbles collection but never could produce the documentation. Modern Greece has long sought their return, but the British Museum has resisted. Now there may be a high-tech solution to the dispute. A robot has been developed that can reproduce the Marbles from marble stone, right down to the smallest scratch. “The sculptures we’re creating can break this 200-year-old logjam,” the director of the Institute for Digital Archaeology told the Washington Post newspaper. The return of artifacts taken from colonial cultures is causing debate around the world. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read stories about one

case under discussion. Write an editorial outlining what artifacts are involved, why they are significant to their original culture and what should be done with them.

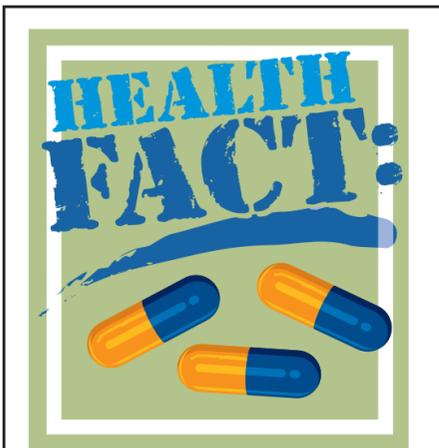
Goal: Writing opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information; reading closely what a text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it.

4. Revealing Droughts

Extreme heat and lack of rain have caused severe droughts in many parts of the world this summer. The droughts have been highly damaging to the environment and natural habitats, but also revealing. Because the droughts have dried up lakes, rivers and other waterways, they have revealed a wide array of things that had been hidden under the surface. On the continent of Europe, droughts have uncovered World War II Nazi warships that had sunk in the Danube River, a

village that had been submerged in a reservoir in Spain and a 7,000-year old arrangement of stones under a lake behind a dam that has been called “The Spanish Stonehenge.” In the United States, receding waters of a river in Texas have revealed 113-million-year-old dinosaur tracks, and a drop in the water level of Lake Mead in Utah has revealed five sets of human remains, one stuffed in a barrel with a gunshot wound. Droughts around the world are shrinking or reshaping waterways. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read stories about some of these waterways. Use what you read to write a paragraph or short paper detailing how the changes are affecting communities along the waterways.

Goal: Reading closely what a text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; producing clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization and style are appropriate to the task.

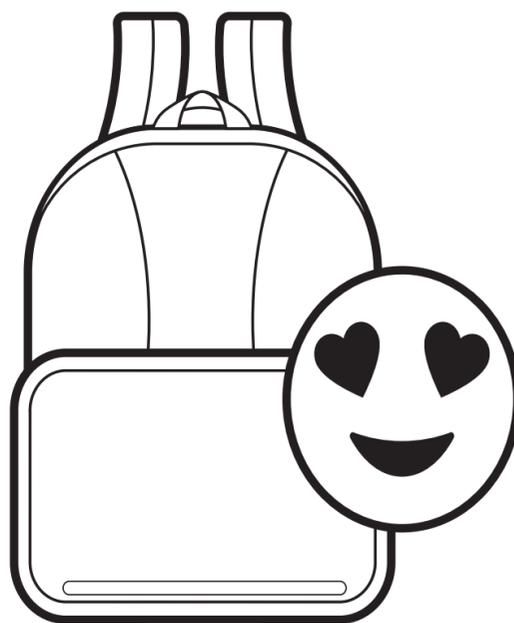


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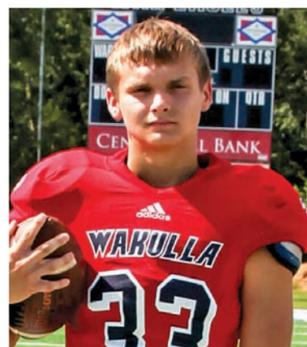
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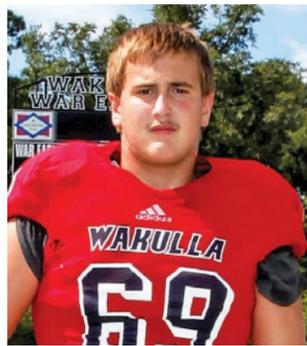
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We thought we had the technical issue fixed last week, but obviously it wasn't as the players names didn't match their photos. It looks right this week, but we'll keep running the JV players until we get it right.

- Editor

Coach Norvell on FSU's 24-23 win over LSU



By **BOB FERRANTE**
Editor The Osceola

Mike Norvell spoke with the media after FSU's 24-23 win over LSU on Sunday night.

COACH NORVELL: What a finish. We talked to our team all week that this game could come down to one play, to one opportunity. And, you know, as you watch throughout the course of the game, I thought our guys put on display an incredible heart. You know, the passion which they played with, just the effort, the physicality, I thought we dominated the game for the majority of it. Obviously, there at the end, you know, we had some things that happened that we just can't have. But the one thing that happened on the last play is what we absolutely need.

It's determination. It's heart. It's a willingness that, even after a disappointing moment, our guys responded. Anybody that's around our program, they know they hear that word all the time, "respond." How do you respond when the challenges arise? And effort showed up, guy made a play there at the very end and gave us an opportunity to win that game.

We needed that game. It's big for our program. It's big for those kids that are in that locker room. It's big for everybody because we did have a great stage to put on display the identity of what I believe this team is made up of. And it's young men with character that love to work, that believe in each other, that believe in the process.

I would have liked to have probably finished that game a lot cleaner than what we did. But as I've said before, sometimes you need to go through what you need to, to prove you can get there.

And even in that moment, it came down to one play, and our guys rose to the occasion for that last play. So very proud of them. It will be a lot to grow from, from this game. A quality opponent, a lot of draft picks out there on that field. And our guys, they rose to the occasion there at the end to be able to finish it. Proud of our football team.

On the second-to-the-last play, when [Mason] Taylor's first knee hits the ground, what explanation were you given by the officials why LSU should have been able to run an additional play?

COACH NORVELL: Well, they made a first down; so the clock would stop. But whenever it was stopped, it had to go to review. Obviously, that extends the period of time. So the play would start with a snap. So they were going to get that snap off. You know, it's just one of those things. There's human error that shows up in all. And I thought the officials did a phenomenal job throughout the course of the game in the communication, the way

they operated.

That was one. It's a tough bang-bang call. And it's just all part of it.

The range of emotions to go from the fumble to you want to tie and then the block. What was that like on the sideline for you guys?

COACH NORVELL: Oh, man, it's never good to have a disappointing play or a disappointing moment; but, ultimately, it's where you let your mind go.

And even after the fumble, you know, just go play the next play. Go play the next play. Ultimately, they did a good job of executing. They ran a good two-minute drive. They were able to finish in the end zone. Go play the next play.

And special teams, unbelievable today. Two blocked kicks. I thought they -- obviously, two takeaways that were created in our punt coverage unit. I told the guys throughout the course of the week, you never know when that moment is going to show up. You better be in position to capitalize on it. And I think that's what that game just illustrated in all facets.

Is that something you work on a lot?

COACH NORVELL: It's a little bit of both. I mean, yes, we have a scheme every week of where we believe that there might be a weakness or an opportunity. But that heart, desire, want-to, that's young men playing the way that they need to play here at Florida State. And I'm just grateful for those guys to rise up in that time.

You said you needed a win. Can you imagine a point in the future when you look back at this night and say this was the start of something?

COACH NORVELL: I think that every experience you have is the start of something. I have a lot of confidence in this team. We're still in our growing process. We have an unbelievable foundation that's been set. There were games last year that helped really push us moving forward. I thought -- when you're sitting at the beginning of a season with a really bad record, the response that you show, and that's the start of something. That's where, even in those moments a year later that shows up. I mean, our guys, they don't doubt. They continue to play. And that's going to help them here at Florida State.

It's going to help this team as we continue to grow. It's going to help our program in the future. It's going to help them for the rest of their lives. And that's what brings joy. I'm having so much fun coaching this team because they embrace that. They embrace the work. They embrace the challenges.

So to say it's a starting point, no, we've been on a journey. There's been some real challenges on that journey, but you see guys that rise up to those challenges.

Jordan [Travis], what do you say about his



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Coach Mike Norvell on the sideline at the Superdome.

performance?

COACH NORVELL: That was one of the best defensive lines in the country. They've got some really good players all over the field. And I thought that Jordan's decision-making, the way that he located the ball, the command of the offense. There's some challenging moments there. He took a couple shots that probably don't feel real good. But you take the throat to Pok-ey [Wilson] there, that touchdown, that was incredible, a great catch, all those things. But somebody coming right down at you, that shows the heart, the belief, the willingness to step in.

Bad things might happen after it, but he's a phenomenal young man. I'm so proud of the steps we've seen from him. He's a great leader for this team.

Question about Pok-ey [Wilson] and competition.

COACH NORVELL: Those guys, they're growing. You look at the receiving corps today, they came up with so many big plays. We had some missed opportunities, but so many big plays. Third downs. Watching them work on the perimeter, Deuce [Spann] on the short reverse. Those things, those plays, are so impactful throughout the course of the game. And we have competition at receiver. We have guys that have great play-making ability.

And when they push themselves throughout each day of practice, when they push themselves through the offseason, they don't run and hide from the competition; they rise up. I think that's what you're seeing in the case with a lot of our guys. We don't know who's going to be there in the moment, but you have to be prepared for it.

It was great seeing Pokey [Wilson] play the way that he did and really had some impactful plays here tonight.

Shyheim Brown

COACH NORVELL: Yeah, absolutely. He's a redshirt freshman, a guy that has an incredible future in front of him. He's really doing a good job and playing more in the defensive backfield. He's

just scratching the surface of where he's going to go. But in that time with that opportunity he was able to go out there and make the game-winning play. And that should really help him as he continues to grow. But he's done everything we've asked him to do and I'm excited watching his career continue to develop.

On the final extra-point block

COACH NORVELL: Once I saw it get blocked, I was just watching the crossbar, making sure that it didn't -- but no. I mean, it speaks to what this program is about. I mean, you just never -- you are unconquered. That's it. Ultimately, at the very end, it's just -- anybody could just take a step on that last play and all right, here we go, we're going to overtime.

But they still had one. They still had one. And for our guys to believe it, I mean, you watch them throughout the course of the night. They kept pounding their hearts. We talked about that all week. And that's what's going to win games. That's what just won that game. It was heart; it was determination. It was the willingness to give a little bit more in the time of need.

Ultimately, we're going to go back and watch that film, and there's going to be a lot of things that will probably irritate me. But I'm excited about going back to work and getting those better. But you also saw some really good characteristics out of this team with the physicality, the toughness, the mindset of how they played.

Offensively, defensively, like I said, that D-line, for our O-line to go out there and be able to -- it was a grind to establish the run game. It was a grind to be able to do that. But I thought they did a really nice job. And guys just competed throughout.

On Jared Verse

COACH NORVELL: I told him the other week he's built for this. He's not built for it just because of the athletic ability. He's built for it because -- you guys watched him practice. You watch the mindset; you watch the approach. He has to go and prove it every day.

He's not always had the easiest journey, but he gets an opportunity to go out there. And I thought he played at an exceptional level. Even with that, there were still some missed opportunities. And for us to win a game like that, to come down to the last play, that's what we needed. Now we've got to go get better.

We've got a conference play starting up here in a little over a week, and we're going to enjoy this one. I promise you. But we've got to come and we've got to take those steps because we've seen flashes. We've seen flashes of what we're capable of. I like what I see from this team, but we've got to be more consistent and we've got to make sure we're continuing to execute better from start to finish.

On the fans

COACH NORVELL: As many as they bring, because I'm excited about that. I need to just take a moment and think of all of our Seminole family. All of our fans that were here, that was incredible. I told the guys, you go into a place that, a game, you go on the road and you go into a hostile environment. That was an unbelievable environment. I mean, it was incredible feeling the energy, the passion. The greatest fan base in college athletics. To hear them, to feel them, from when we landed yesterday and got to the hotel, I mean, got chills

for the welcome that they had. They took over New Orleans. And obviously it was a great night for everybody and you better watch out.

I'm sure you guys were confident during the week, but did you feel as the game went on, you got more confidence?

COACH NORVELL: They have the experience. They know they've prepared. And I said throughout the week, I had a lot of confidence in what this could look like, what it could be. But you still have to go do it. And when you go out there and you have the experiences and you say, you see the benefits of the work and the labor and all the things that you go, that's where the confidence grows.

It's not because we hoped this would happen. It's because they worked for it to happen. And ultimately, there's still a lot of things we're going to have to clean up. And we have to continue to go to work for this team to take the steps necessary of where we need to go. But obviously tonight was a great moment.

Going into the bye week, is that going to help things out a little bit going into this week having it off?

COACH NORVELL: I'm excited about having a few days to let guys heal up and really to reflect and to see these first two weeks after a really tough and challenging camp. We need to now take those steps. Because we've had great opportunities. We've been on the road. We've been at home. We've got to see some great examples of our guys and what they can do.

Now we've got to utilize every one of those days. Now, a couple of them we're going to take off and let these guys' bodies heal up, but for us, it's about that constant growth and what we're trying to do. I know our guys will do that as we get back to work next week. Thank you, everybody.

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Friday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m.

Wakulla War Eagles host Munroe Bobcats at J.D. Jones Stadium



War Eagles dominate Gadsden, 34-6

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

Wakulla took care of business in Havana on Friday night, beating the Gadsden County Jaguars 37-6.

Wakulla Head Coach Scott Klees said he knew Gadsden was big upfront on defense and so he decided to take that advantage away by throwing the ball.

It certainly worked: Quarterback Haden Klees threw 27 times, completing 18 for 312 yards and three touchdowns. He also ran two times for 20 yards and a touchdown.

Among the receivers: Xavier Blake, who had 5 catches for 58 yards and a touchdown; Jeremiah Thomas with 5 catches for 95 yards and a touchdown; Samron Brinon had 2 catches for 77 yards and a touchdown; and Gabe Carter caught 4 passes for 69 yards.

On defense, the War Eagles only gave up one big run to Gadsden's speedy back, Cedric Byrd, who broke a long one for a score in the first quarter and was otherwise kept pretty much under control.

The only drawback in the game for the War Eagles is that they couldn't administer the knockout punch in the second half.

Coach Klees acknowledged that, saying his team "could have finished better. Another score and we've got a running



PHOTOS BY WILLIAM SNOWDEN

War Eagle receiver Jeremiah Thomas is open on a long pass and takes it 65 yards for the score.

clock."

The only score in the second half was an impressive 42-yard field goal by Chase Linville.

GAME RECAP

Gadsden got the opening kickoff and picked up some first downs, but the Wakulla defense stopped them near midfield, forced a punt – the snap was bad, punt was blocked, War Eagles first down at Gadsden 21.

On 3rd and goal at

the 5, Xavier Blake scores on a screen pass, Chase Linville adds the extra point - Wakulla up 7-0 early in the 1st quarter.

A mishandled kick-off puts Gadsden back at their 11. Next play, Jags RB Cedric Byrd takes it to the house. They go for 2, no good. It's 7-6 Wakulla leads.

The next offensive series for Wakulla ended with a punt.

Jaguars fumble, Wakulla recovers at their own 31 with sec-

onds left in 1Q. One running play and the clock runs out. It's 7-6 Wakulla leads Gadsden at the end of the quarter.

First play of 2Q, pass to War Eagle Jeremiah Thomas who takes it 65 yards for a touchdown. Extra point blocked by Jags. Wakulla up 13-6 over Gadsden.

Gadsden punts, Wakulla starts at the Jaguar 40.

War Eagles drive the ball and have a 3rd and 1 at the 3, War Eagle

Bradley Kelly with a hard run up the middle for a score. Extra point good. It's 20-6.

Mishandled snap by Gadsden recovered by Wakulla at the 15. Pass to Gabe Carter to the 5. 1st and goal.

QB Haden Klees fakes to Blake and takes it in himself. Extra point no good. It's 26-6 Wakulla leads with 6:50 left in the half.

Big play: 4th and 2 and Gadsden going for it. Wakulla gets the stop and takes over on

downs. 4:01 left in first half.

Bomb to a wide open Samron Brinon, QB Klees puts it right on him, it's a 70-yard TD. Wakulla fakes the kick throws pass for 2. It's 34-6 Wakulla leads Gadsden with 3:04 left in half.

That would be the score at halftime.

The third quarter was scoreless.

In the fourth, kicker Chase Linville had a 42-yard field goal to put the War Eagles up 37-6, and that was the final score.

NEXT UP: MUNROE

The Munroe Bobcats are undefeated and everybody has picked them to win, Klees said.

The Bobcats are extremely talented athletes, and include a receiver who has committed to Alabama, another receiver who is going to Oklahoma, and a tackle who is committed to FSU. "There are several other Division 1 athletes" on the team, Klees said.

"Their defense is really good; they have a running back who's really good, and any of their receivers can score," he said.

"We're going to have to be physical," Klees said. "I think the most physical team will win."

An advantage for Wakulla: the War Eagles are playing at home and they are hard to beat at J.D. Jones Stadium.

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FROM THE COACH

Scouting report: Munroe is big and athletic, with lots of Division 1 talent.

Keys to victory: We have to play physical – the team that is most physical will win.

Last week: War Eagles played very well against Gadsden. Haven't passed the ball like that in a while.

COACH Scott Klees



War Eagle receiver Jeremiah Thomas catches a short pass and turns it up field.

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