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Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

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A look at FSU's upcoming opponents

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STREET NAME CAUSES CONFUSION



Residents of East Pecan have been given a number of choices for a new name for the street.

Catholic church welcomes new priest, Paul Raj

'The voice that always comes said to me, 'Bring one soul to me'

By CHARITY TUMBLESON
Reporter

Father Paul Raj, a missionary priest from India, is now serving at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Crawfordville.

Father Paul came from a Catholic family in India. In his early teens, Paul didn't know anything about the priesthood. "But I was helping the pastor for two years, at that time I felt like a Samuel when God called him," he said. One night he thought he heard the pastor calling his name. "I felt many times my pastor was calling. I went and asked him, but I didn't know anything at that time. I asked him, did he call me? He said, 'I did not call you, Paul.' Again and again, I heard my name called."

After some time, Paul came to understand that it was a calling from God.

Soon after, one of the directors of the Jesuits came to Paul's church and told him to go with him. He joined the seminary in 1997, and became a priest in 2005. "So he took me to the camp, and then I began my journey. Now it is good to have almost 18 years of priesthood," he said.

Father Paul is part of a missionary society called the Heralds Of Good News and still is active in the group when they call on him.

"The congregation's motivation is to proclaim the good news," he says. At the end of the year, In 2006, Father Paul went to Tanzania as a missionary and was there for 10 years, and was a pastor there for six years. "So there were seven church substations there. It was a very big community. I enjoyed my ministry there."

After completing his time there in 2016, Father Paul came to the United States and was first stationed in Fort Walton Beach.

Before coming here, Paul prayed to God and asked: "What is the purpose for me to come to the U.S.? What is my ministry there?"

"But the voice that always comes said to me, 'Bring one soul to me, just bring one soul.'"

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Father Paul Raj in the garden at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Bye, East Pecan St.

The county is changing the name of the street, residents are not happy

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

Ken and Jeanie Crum just moved back to Wakulla County three months ago to be closer to family. They bought a new house on East Pecan Street in the Hammocks subdivision off Songbird.

They got a letter posted on their door last month from the county saying the name of the street was "easily confused with other street names in the same response area" for 911 and emergency service personnel.

A couple of blocks away is Pecan Street.

The letter from the county asked what new street name they preferred and offered choices of Blackjack Drive, Sweetbay Trail, and Arrowwood Avenue.



Ken and Jeanie Crum are concerned about problems because of having to reapply to Medicare and Social Security.

But the Crums want to keep it as East Pecan Street. They just got their tag and driver licenses straightened out. It took 90 days to get Medicare and Social Security straightened out with the new address – and now they have to do it again?

Neighbor Mike Davis, who just moved to East Pecan from Oyster Bay

at the end of June and said he finally got his license changed over, said simply: "It's a hassle."

Davis and the Crums also questioned the potential impact of a new address on their property deed and insurance.

Davis sent an email to county Planning Director Somer Pell "stat-

ing my displeasure," he said.

Another neighbor Zach Bennington said he was frustrated and noted that other 911 systems are able to distinguish between East and West streets, why can't Wakulla?

The neighborhood residents expressed skepticism that it's a 911 issue, and suspect it's a matter of complaints from people over on Pecan Street who got frustrated with receiving mail and Amazon deliveries for homes on East Pecan.

Pell said that the county realized there was a problem when an ambulance call in the neighborhood had trouble finding the right street.

She acknowledged the situation created problems for residents

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Senior center buys Wakulla Trace

Center's board buys out investors 50% ownership of the 34-unit senior apartment complex

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

The Board of Directors of the Wakulla Senior Citizens Center has purchased the Wakulla Trace apartments, and closed on the deal last Friday, according to the board chairman, John Shuff.

"We're excited about it," Shuff said. "I'd like to congratulate the board for supporting it and take a chance and see it through."

Wakulla Trace is a 34-unit subsidized senior housing complex that was built 15 years ago.

The apartments were built with an investment group as a general partner that put up money to get a federally guar-



anteed loan at a 1% rate and that gave tax credits to investors for 15 years.

Since that agreement lapsed, the board agreed to buy out the limited

partnership and have full ownership.

That also means the board takes over a \$1 million mortgage.

Shuff said the board

spent some \$51,000 to buy out the partners.

Two years ago, when R.H. Carter was fired as the executive director of the senior center, board

members faced questions about Wakulla Trace and its finances.

It turned out the senior center owned half the complex and

the board of directors was also the board for Wakulla Trace – which no one on the board knew.

"It was nothing clandestine," Shuff said, "just something the former executive director didn't feel like his 'fundraising committee' needed to know." Members of the old senior center board were treated as a fundraising arm of the center rather than as oversight.

Shuff said the next phase would be to develop the five acres adjoining Wakulla Trace as more senior housing.

Shuff said that the current property manager, Lisa McKnight, would continue in that role.

ELECT DOD WALKER FOR SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 1

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PARENTS ARE CRUCIAL TO A STUDENT'S SCHOOL SUCCESS

If my education career taught me anything, it taught me that parental input and involvement are crucial to a child's success. In an individual sense, a parent willing to get involved in the curriculum and daily work assignments can be a very powerful positive influence. After being extremely involved in the student attendance and truancy programs in the district, I know that parents are the prevention as well as the cure for truancy. In a broader sense, we must have community participation and buy-in regarding the curriculum. Most, if not all, curriculum comes down directly from the state. They set standards for every subject area, but there are areas where individual teachers and administrators can have a lot of input. The reading standard, for instance, doesn't always dictate what must be read – If a teacher wants to supplement their reading materials with factual information about Wakulla Springs they have the latitude to do that. This latitude, while necessary and usually a good thing, can be problematic. It is important for parents to be talking with their child about what is going on in the classroom. There may be subjects where the parents may want to share their opinion with their child. The majority of teachers do a fantastic job keeping parents informed but the school district as a whole has to make a strong effort to keep parents involved.

If I am fortunate enough to be on the school board come November, I would welcome any suggestions on how to be better communicators in the school district. As I have never held political office, I will be looking for suggestions on how to be the best board member I can be.

We have been blessed with a great school system and I want to do everything I can to continue that.

Dod Walker Candidate for School Board

Political advertisement paid for and approved by Dod Walker, NP, for School Board District 1.

Boots and Bingo held at 3Y Ranch

The Rotary Club of Wakulla held its Boots and Bingo fundraiser on Saturday night, Sept. 10, at 3Y Ranch. There was food, friends, music, dancing, and a good time. There was also Bingo, with callers Kevin Story and Shirley Howard.



The group at the English Financial table won the award for Best Dressed.



The meal was catered by Kast Net.



Rotarians Tonya Hobby, Katie Taff and Donna Clark.



The dance floor was put to good use by people getting down to the music.

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Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park Water Cowbane



By LYNN ARTZ and DAVID RODDENBERRY

Water cowbane (Tiedemannia filiformis) is a water-loving wildflower with white flowers in the late summer and fall. Also called water dropwort, this long-lived perennial grows in wetlands statewide. Water cowbane attracts black swallowtail butterflies when in bloom and is their preferred larval host plant. The caterpillars feed first on the flowers but move on to the foliage as they mature. This member of the carrot family grows 3-5 feet tall in wet soil and full sun. Though hard to find commercially, water cowbane is suited for rain gardens, wetland butterfly gardens, retention ponds, and restoration areas. According to the Xerces Society, they attract beneficial insects and can help with natural pest control. Many water cowbane are blooming now with black swallowtail caterpillars on them at the pond in Sopchoppy Depot Park.

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BOCC looks at sewer at bridge

By CHARITY TUMBLESON
Reporter

At the county commission meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 6, commissioners agreed to waive of the procurement ordinance and approved spending \$398,786 to Talcon Group, for a new sewer line to be installed at the Lost Creek Bridge on U.S. Highway 319.

The county has had a moratorium in place on new sewer connections because of problems with the flow in the sewer lines going to the Otter Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. There has been a

drop off in pressure at the Hickory Park lift station and Dewberry Engineers was working on measures such as adding pressure valves to resolve the issue.

It is believed there is a blockage or air bubble where the sewer line goes under Lost Creek. Installing a sewer line that will cross Lost Creek on the bridge will bypass the old sewer line.

Dewberry has been monitoring the system's flow.

"We've evaluated the numbers as they've come in, and we've seen some real numbers at Hickory and as mentioned we took a

significant number of units off that and re-routed it through the Wakulla's master station through the lift station 76," said Justin Ford of Dewberry. "We feel pretty good about where we are. We can comfortably say about 100 -150 units on each one of those for the time being. We'll continue to monitor it."

In other matters, the board held its first public hearing on the budget. The budget rate of 8.2 mills was adopted and the tentative countywide budget rate was approved. The second approval and final public hearing for approval of the fi-

nal mileage rate will be held Sept. 19 at 5 p.m.

In another matter, during the citizens to be heard portion of the meeting, Adam Carr the Wakulla County Youth Football And Cheer Association, spoke of a need for upgrades to the Recreation Park in Medart. Carr expressed a need for an expansion at the rec park, bathroom upgrades, and upgrades to the concession stand "to keep up to date with fire code."

Resident Chris Hodges spoke of the need for a new scoreboard at the rec park, saying the current board often has wire failure.

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Arrests made for dealing fentanyl

Special to The Sun

On Wednesday, Sept. 7, Wakulla County Sheriff's Office detectives, alongside Leon County Sheriff's Office detectives, agents with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, members of North Star Multijurisdictional Drug Task Force and K9 Officers from the Florida Department of Corrections, executed a search warrant at 799 Rehwinkel Road in Crawfordville, as part of the ongoing efforts with "Operation Death Dealer."

As a result of the search warrant execution, Curtis Ray Woodward, 27, and Candace Ashley Mermer, 36, were arrested for Trafficking of Fentanyl, Child Neglect, and various other charges.

As part of the investigation leading to the subsequent search warrant, controlled buys were conducted of which elementary age children were present during some of the transactions.

Operation Death Dealer was begun to specifically address the rise in illegal fentanyl distribution which has led to numerous overdoses in North Florida and across the state. Those overdoses often lead to serious medical conditions, and or death. Operation Death Dealer is a multi-faceted ongoing operation.

When law enforce-



Drugs and paraphernalia seized by officers.



Candace Mermer



Curtis Woodward

ment entered the residence to execute the search warrant, Woodward and Mermer were taken into custody, also present were two elementary aged children. Detectives observed two bags containing a white powder on a dresser top which subsequently tested positive for fentanyl.

Also found was a set

of digital scales, which had white powder residue on them.

All items were seized as evidence.

During a search of the vehicle in the front yard belonging to Mermer, detectives located a cut straw with fentanyl residue on it within the vehicle in plain view. The cut straw was seized as evidence.

After Woodward was informed of the reason, he was being placed under arrest he became irate, began kicking the interior of the patrol vehicle and head butting the cage of the vehicle. While the door was open, he forcefully tried to exit the vehicle, hitting a detective in the process. Woodward was subdued and transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

Woodward was charged with:

- Trafficking in controlled substance 4 grams to 30 Kilograms.
- Two counts of Child Neglect
- Battery on Law enforcement officer.
- Possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Two counts of Synthetic Narcotic Possession.
- Two counts of Sale of Synthetic Narcotic
- And two counts of Illegal Use of a Two-Way Communication Device

Mermer was arrested and booked into the Wakulla County Jail on the following charges:

- Trafficking in controlled substance 4 grams to 30 Kilograms.
- Child Neglect
- Possession of drug paraphernalia.

Editor's Note: Because of scheduling problems at the sheriff's office, there is no Sheriff's Report for this week. It should return next week.

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| Member | Honorable Joe Morgan, Supervisor of Elections |
| Member | Honorable Randy Merritt, County Commissioner |
| Alternate | Brenda Villiard, Judicial Assistant |
| Alternate | Honorable Lisa Craze, Tax Collector |
| Substitute | Honorable Greg James, Clerk of Courts |

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| Date | Time | Length | Description |
|--|----------|------------|---|
| Oct. 24, 2022 (Wednesday) | 2:00 pm | 3 hours | Board Meeting to conduct and certify Public Logic & Accuracy Test |
| Nov. 3, 2022 (Thursday) | 2:00 pm | 4 hours | Board Meeting to open and tabulate accepted vote-by-mail ballots, open and tabulate Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee ballots, and review damaged or poorly marked vote-by-mail ballots. |
| Nov. 8, 2022 (Tuesday) | | | |
| Election Day - General Election | | | |
| Nov. 8, 2022 (Tuesday) | 4:00 pm | 2.5 hours | Board Meeting to open and tabulate accepted vote-by-mail ballots, open and tabulate Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee ballots received to date, and review damaged or poorly marked vote-by-mail ballots. |
| Nov. 8, 2022 (Tuesday) | 7:00 pm | 1 hour | Board Meeting to open and tabulate accepted vote-by-mail ballots, and review damaged or poorly marked vote-by-mail ballots. |
| Nov. 10, 2022 (Thursday) | 5:00 pm | Until Done | Board Meeting to review provisional ballots, open and tabulate cured vote-by-mail ballots, and sign and submit 1 st Unofficial Certification. |
| Nov. 12, 2022 (Saturday) | 12:00 pm | | 1st Unofficial Results Certification Due |
| Nov. 15, 2022 (Tuesday) | 11:00 am | Until Done | If ordered, Board Meeting to conduct machine recount and/or manual recount. If recount completed, Board may sign and submit the 2 nd Unofficial Certification. |
| Nov. 17, 2022 (Thursday) | 3:00 pm | | 2nd Unofficial Results Certification Due (only if recount ordered) |
| Nov. 18, 2022 (Friday) | 5:00 pm | Until Done | Board Meeting to open and tabulate Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee (UOCA) ballots, sign and submit the Official Certification, sign and submit Conduct of Election Report, and conduct random selection of precinct/race to be audited. |
| Nov. 20, 2022 (Sunday) | 12:00 pm | | Official Certification Results and Conduct of Election Report Due |
| Nov. 21, 2022 (Monday) | 1:00 pm | Until Done | Board Meeting to Conduct Post-Election Manual Audit |
| Post-Election Manual Audit Results must be made public by 11:59 PM on the 7 th day following Official Certification | | | |
| Post-Election Manual Audit Results must be submitted to the Division of Elections by not later than Dec. 15, 2022 (Thursday) | | | |

Please note that if all ballots have been canvassed and there has been no recount and all overseas ballots have been received the canvassing board will sign both the 1st Unofficial Certification and the Official Certification on the same date as well as conduct random selection of precinct/race to be audited.

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Opinions

THE FIRST AMENDMENT

“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.”

Will county commission really vote to close the airport?



By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

On Monday night, Sept. 19, county commissioners are set to take up abandoning the Wakulla Airport.

It would be an extreme step that, once done, the county can't take back.

Granted, the situation has reached this stage after decades of boards kicking it down the road.

The airport – a grass airstrip at Tarpine – was deeded to the county in 1963. In 1996, the Florida Department of Transportation increased standards to increase the width of the runway from 150 feet to 250. In order to comply with this, the airport needs more land and to slightly canter its runway. That has not been done and, since 2004, the airport has been declared out of compliance.

The county has received grant mon-

ey from the state to pay for airport improvements, and returned the money. Part of the reason is that commissioners believe some of the new requirements, such as a noise study, are financially onerous.

The county has tried in past years to have a special Airport Authority set up that would be independent of the county – but for three years the Legislature refused to act on it.

Since the Tarpine Homeowners Association got a partial reverter right to the airport back in 2003, the county offered the airport to Tarpine HOA in April. The HOA rejected it, saying they would accept the airport once its brought into compliance.

Given that, the county has gone forward with offering the airport property back to the heirs of Fenton Jones and to abandon it.

The airport isn't a big expense – it costs less than \$5,000 to operate.

Complaints about the airport, especially from people who live on Surf Road, have focused on some of the heavier military aircraft, like Blackhawk helicopters, that hover

in the area. Those residents have argued for only light aircraft using the facility.

Residents of the Tarpine subdivision have threatened to sue, if the county abandons the airport and it closes, saying that the county has injured them with a taking, adversely affecting their property values.

The airport has been used by emergency management for hurricane and disaster relief efforts.

And a recent survey of residents, paid for by Citizens for Wakulla Airport, 86% of county voters strongly favor keeping the Wakulla Airport open, with 71% saying they “strongly” support doing so and another 16% “somewhat” in support. Of the remaining, 6% support shutting the airport down either “strongly” (3%) or “somewhat” (3%), and 7% are unsure.

Shutting down the airport seems like a step too far – and some solution should have been negotiated before it reached this point.

William Snowden is editor and publisher of The Wakulla Sun.

Tarpine HOA chose not to accept airport

Editor, The Sun:

The County Failed the Airport? Ludicrous!

That Wakulla County might choose to no longer support the airport was contemplated in 1963,... the deed from Fenton Jones includes a reverter clause if Wakulla were find the venture infeasible or a burden to the County, the property would revert to his heirs (See ORB 2 Pg 105).

The Tarpine HOA itself underscores that eventuality in the “Par-

tial Right of Reversion” it acquired from the heirs, to wit: If Wakulla were to choose to not support the airport, the Tarpine HOA could do so in the stead of the County (See ORB 501 Pg 480).

Yet the Tarpine HOA refused to do so when it refused receipt of the property when offered by the County this year. Tarpine clearly does not want to pay for its subdivision amenity.

L. James Parham
Ochlockonee Bay

LETTERS FROM READERS

Thanks for kids experience at Depot Park

Editor, The Sun:

I was quite saddened when my beloved friend, “Dr. Jim” Hilyer died, but when he went on to receive his permanent wings he left us with several angels here on earth. It was when his wonderful wife and I made contact after his passing that the answer to my kids’ (Jack & Joey) search for Bright Futures Scholarship volunteer hours were answered, and so much more.

Lynn Artz set them up with the Native Plant Society to help with the Sopchoppy Depot Park which lead to so many experiences for them in addition to the actual garden maintenance. They spent time with the

great minds that form the Native Plant Society, wrote a weekly article in this fine newspaper, attended a Sopchoppy City Commission meeting which sparked their interest in politics, and met several very gracious members of their local community.

So we would like to send our deepest gratitude to Lynn Artz and the other dedicated Native Plant Society members, Mr. Snowden and The Wakulla Sun, the City Commissioners, and the good people of Sopchoppy for this enriching experience.

With Love,

Tess Coetzee

Supporting Dod Walker for school board

Editor, The Sun:

This is an important election, and those of us who have worked for, and with, Dod Walker would like to explain why he is our choice for Wakulla County School Board.

We worked with Dod Walker when he served as principal of Riversprings Middle School for over a decade. During those years, his guiding philosophy was to always do what was in the best interest of the students.

To that end, he worked tirelessly to make sure that we teachers had the support necessary to be successful in our classrooms. He was always humble about his own role, joking that “I hired the best people, then got out of their way!”

Dod created an environment that made it possible for passionate teachers to engage their students, understanding that every teacher must have the freedom to do what will work best in their classrooms.

Dod kept his hand firmly on the tiller, but maintained an open door and truly listened to the opinions and concerns that were shared with him.

Then, as now, the budget was always limited, but Dod possessed the monetary sense to save money in every way possible so that any resource that was needed in the classroom would be available.

Dod is loved by many of his former employees because of the respect with which he treated us, but he always made it clear that he worked for the students, and that they were his first priority.

He was never afraid to try something that would improve instruction, but required factual, data-driven evidence that the teaching practices employed were the most effective.

Perhaps drawing from his earlier experience as a guidance counselor, Dod has always understood that engaged students are successful students.

As principal, he worked to expand extra-curricular programs available to our students.

Later as the Director of Adult Education, Athletics, and Minority Recruitment Programs he helped lead the county's efforts to expand the vocational offerings available to our students. This remains a priority for him now, and he has stated repeatedly that he wishes to continue to improve our vocational opportunities as a school board member.

The school board is charged with shaping a system for all of our students, each with diverse needs and interests. The men and women honored by our county with the opportunity to serve must have the temperament and experience necessary to build a system that allows each student to maximize his or her potential.

Voters all want a representative that will manage our budgetary restrictions while keeping the education of our children a priority.

As taxpayers, we must have a board member who will spend our money wisely, but understands the importance of safe, well-maintained facilities.

Wakulla County is growing, and Dod Walker is the right man to maintain our reputation as a great school district while being a relentless advocate for our children.

Thank you,

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◀ Question of The Week ▶

– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Polled at the Rotary Club's Boots & Bingo event What do you like most about Boots & Bingo?



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| <p>KAY MCCORD RETIRED</p> <p>“Being able to have fun and make money to help others.”</p> | <p>ROBERTA HOWELL WAKULLA COUNTY REC PARK</p> <p>“Opportunity to get dressed up in boots and a cowboy hat. I got a new outfit for the event.”</p> | <p>TIFFANY CAMBRIDGE IT PROJECT MANAGER</p> <p>“A chance to meet friends, contribute to the community, listen to country music and play an old time game.”</p> | <p>SHIRLEY MONROE PRIME MERIDIAN BANK</p> <p>“I love playing bingo and listening to Kevin and Shirley.”</p> | <p>DONNA CLARK WAKULLA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.</p> <p>“I like the social engagement, the game, the music and answering questions about Rotary.”</p> |
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Buckhorn News

By **ETHEL SKIPPER**

Riding down 319 this week, I had to pass the Buckhorn sign. After about 20 years, the people in the community were glad to get their sign back, thanks to the one that made it happen.

Buckhorn is one of the oldest community names in our area. Once, it had its own grocery store, café, nightclub, hotel, theatre, barbershop, airport, gas stations, a field for outdoor activities,

and much more.

Buckhorn means deer. Back in the day, the men who hunted and fished met at a meeting place. Every time they would come together, the big buck deer with the horns were there, so they called the place Buckhorn.

The community of Buckhorn has greatly grown in population with the new development. On Sept. 3 was a family day in Buckhorn. We were honoring the legacy of our families held at

the Mount Trial fellowship center.

Pastor Renita Allen Dixon is the founder of this day. Clayton Allen and his family are from South Florida. Dore Rosier, Corine Triplett, Archie B. Simmons, Williams Green, and Audrey Franklin. Special thanks to Deborah Barrington, Glenda Simmons, Georgia Franklin Jr., Laneka Barrington, Arata Coles, Ashley Carlton, Jolly Holmes, Gracie Rosier, Trish Simmons, Bruce Simmons, James Green, and Jerrilyn Jackson.

There was a memorable wall and candle-lit ceremony. Over 36 years,

families were honored. Thanks to everyone who helped to make honoring the legacy of our families such a success. May God's blessings be upon each one of you. The 2024 Mars family reunion will be held in Buckhorn!

Our prayers and concerns go out to all the sick and shut-in, those in the hospital, nursery homes, the prison, the homeless, and all in need of help everywhere.

We want to remind you that if you have not registered, do so today and vote on election day, Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Library News – Sept. 15

Thursday, September 15
Veteran's Meetup 11am
The Parks HOA 6pm
Wakulla Amateur Radio Club 7pm
Friday, September 16
Quilting Guild 9:30am
Saturday, September 17
Sons of Confederate Vets 5pm
Monday, September 19
American Legion 6:30pm
Tuesday, September 20
Forgotten Coast Homeschool Co-op 9:15am
Book Bunch 10am
Lego Club 4pm
Florida Sarracenia Chapter of the

Native Plant Society 6:30pm
Wednesday, September 21
Wakulla County Garden Club 12pm
Thursday, September 22
Friends of the Library General Meeting 6pm
The Parks HOA 6pm
Wakulla Democratic Executive Committee 6pm

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.

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.

Goodbye to East Pecan Street

From Front Page

and said the county wanted to offer some sort of tax break to residents to offset the

costs associated with having to re-do their addresses.

In the design of the subdivision, East Pecan Street is supposed

to loop around and connect to the original Pecan Street. But one resident noted that the development of that phase is months off.

Ken Crum said he complained about the issue to County Administrator David Edwards – and in an aside noted that he and Ed-

wards are third cousins. “Our grandfathers were brothers,” he said.

Meanwhile, residents are supposed to let the county know their pref-

erence for a new road name.

Mike Davis said he was voting for Arrowwood, because he's a Seminole fan.

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Outdoors

outdoor sports

HOME ON THE RANGE

More on barrel length: 9mm handgun comparison



By MARJ LAW

We've talked barrel length the past two weeks. Taking three .45-caliber guns of different barrel lengths, the gun with the longest barrel won out in accuracy and likeability. When we compared three 38-caliber revolvers, length mattered again.

This Wednesday, will the same hold true for 9mm handguns? Will the gun with the longest barrel be the most liked? Will it shoot more accurately than those with shorter barrels?

Tony, who thought that barrel length didn't make a difference when we first began comparing the .45s, isn't betting on the outcome today.

"I was wrong before," he complains. "Now I won't say that length doesn't matter when you compare 9mm handguns."

This Wednesday at the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range, where interested shooters and beginners meet at 10:00, we are comparing a Rohrbaugh, a Sig Sauer, and a Springfield.

The Rohrbaugh has a 2.9" barrel. It is a very small gun with only 5.2" in length and 3.7" in height. Its magazine is loaded with 6 rounds and

1 round in the chamber, and its total weight is 18 ounces. There is no manual safety. When empty, the slide does not lock back. This little guy is an "emergency tool" used for close quarters. It is probably not your primary gun of self-defense.

Why no safety? Goodness. You don't need one. The 11-pound trigger is safety enough, as we'll see when 4 of us shoot the gun.

We are scoring as we usually do. A "1" means we like it or it is easy and a "5" means we hate it and it is difficult.

Averaging the scores of 2 strong men and 2 able women, the trigger pull comes to a 3.3. Tough! Not well liked! This trigger pull is meant to be a safety itself. It's so long and hard that the trigger won't go off until you squeeze and squeeze. And squeeze once more.

When you average difficulty of recoil, again you get a 3.3 from the 4 of us. When 5 is the worst recoil, a 3.3 is pretty high.

The grip gets a 3.3 as well. Even those of us with small hands find it hard to get 2 fingers on the grip. And the guys? They only get 1 finger on the grip. Shots aren't particularly accurate when you don't have a good grip.

Kick? Yikes. If 5 is the worst kick we've experienced, the Rohrbaugh is a hefty 3.7. Almost a 4! Yes, kicks like a rented mule.

"I didn't like that itty bitty gun," declares one woman. The recoil hurts her wrist, and she doesn't like the trigger pull. She shoots it only once, while the rest of us shoot two times.

"Long pull, big kick!"



says another.

But the Rohrbaugh has its place. It is a gun that fits into a pocket or purse. For self-defense in close quarters, the Rohrbaugh is a sturdy, reliable "emergency tool."

The Sig Sauer P320 Compact has a 3.9 inch barrel. Overall, it is 7.2 inches long and 5.3 inches high. This gun, primarily made of polymer, weighs 25.8 ounces. I wouldn't lug it in my purse, but might carry it on me like in an appendix carry. A loose shirt can cover it, but probably it will work best for a larger person.

This Sig has no safety. Trigger pull is not nearly as bad. We all give it a 2. If 1 is the lightest recoil, a 2 isn't far off.

about 5 pounds. The Sig has a nice deep beavertail for a good solid grip. This is the area where the web of your hand between your thumb and forefinger sits. Getting your hand deep into the beavertail is a start to a good grip. A good grip helps you to shoot more accurately.

Speaking of the good grip, the Sig rates a 1.2 from us. Three of us give it a 1 for best grip, and one man gives it a 2. Clearly, we like the grip.

Trigger pull rates just over a 2. We like the trigger pull, though a couple think it seems a bit long.

Kick on the Sig isn't bad. We all give it a 2. If 1 is the lightest recoil, a 2 isn't far off.

Maxon Shooter's Blog declares: "Firing the gun, it feels exactly as solid as any of the all-metal firearms already in Sig Sauer's line. Polymer handguns can tend to have a more toy-like feel to them, but the P320 is built like a brick house." The Springfield XDM competition model has a 5.25-inch barrel. That's about an inch and a third longer than the Sig's.

Everyone finds the grip comfortable. Grip gets just over a 1. "Good hand!" says one of the men.

Trigger pull is barely over a 2, but to be fair, we've had the trigger on this gun lightened. No wonder it's so easy!

Recoil? Recoil gets a bit over a 2 as well. Let's face it. After shooting the Rohrbaugh, kick on the Springfield is very manageable.

Ryan Finn, on The Truth About Guns says: "the thing shoots surprisingly small groups and flatters you into thinking you did it all yourself."

We are shooting 7.5 yards from our target. Each of us has two shots. One of the women shoots the Rohrbaugh once, so the Rohrbaugh target has a possibility of seven holes.

The Rohrbaugh on the left target in the photo only receives two holes.

There's a hole to the right, and a hole in the target's ear that are very close as well. Four pretty close shots.

Results from the Sig are on the right. While only two holes show in the circle, another five holes are just beneath. The grouping of all seven rounds is 2 inches tall by 3.5 inches wide. Tight.

Holes in the Springfield's target are 2.5 inches tall by 2 inches wide. Tighter.

So many things go into gun preference. A good comfortable grip is important. Size and weight can be a factor, if you plan to carry the gun. Some people prefer a polymer gun, while some like steel.

When shooting these three 9mm handguns, barrel length makes a difference in accuracy.

In the two previous weeks, we found the .45-caliber and the .38 gun's barrels also made a difference in accuracy.

"OK, so the longer the barrel makes a difference in target shooting," grumbles Tony. "But I still prefer my .45-caliber Kimber with the 4-inch barrel. It's the gun for me."

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

Hawk with a broken wing rescued

By MARJ LAW

Pat Lamb spies a hawk with a broken wing on the ground as she walked her dog, Simon.

What to do?

She calls the Florida Wild Mammal Association. They said they could take the hawk if she could bring it to them.

How to bring it to FWMA?

Pat asks for help from Joe Walls and me and brings over her dog crate.

The three of us hang towels to form a triangle, hoping to herd the hawk into the crate. However, the hawk caught its wing in some Spanish moss. Joe throws a couple towels over it. Pat and Joe slip the towels under the bird and slide it into the cage.

Pat takes the hawk to FWMA, and it is carried competently to its new temporary home.

Thank goodness for our friend Pat and the FWMA!

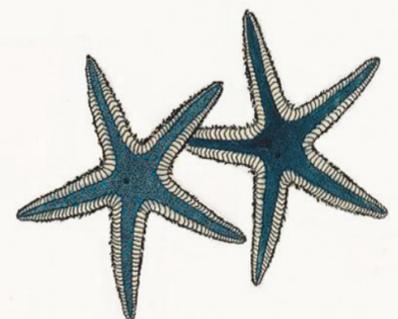
The hawk, at right.



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 Suwannee cooter turtle.



POINTED SAND STAR
(*Astropecten articulatus*)

This brightly colored starfish is probably the most common one in sandy continental shelf waters of the south east Atlantic coast. It has five spiny jaws for eating anything that comes its way. It is so good at eating anything that scientists use its stomach contents to do species census of sandy ocean floor. It is often called the royal starfish due to its purple color with gold trim. Arms commonly grow to 3.5 inches.

Animalia, Echinodermata, Asterozoa, Paxillozoa, Astropectinidae

Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water

Local writers share their experiences

Thursday 15

Sun rise/set: 7:21AM 11:06PM
7:42PM 12:31PM

Moon Illumination 73%

Friday 16

Sun rise/set: 7:21AM 11:47PM
7:41PM 1:30PM

Moon Illumination 63%

Saturday 17

Sun rise/set: 7:22AM 12:32AM
7:39PM 2:26PM

Moon Illumination 54%

Sunday 18

Sun rise/set: 7:23AM 12:32AM
7:38PM 3:20PM

Moon Illumination 44%

Monday 19

Sun rise/set: 7:23AM 1:23AM
7:37PM 4:09PM

Moon Illumination 35%

Tuesday 20

Sun rise/set: 7:24AM 2:17AM
7:36PM 4:54PM

Moon Illumination 26%

Wednesday 21

Sun rise/set: 7:24AM 3:13AM
7:34PM 5:34PM

Moon Illumination 18%

Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

Sept. 15 - Sept. 21

Tide charts by tides4fishing.com

Best fishing days this month
September 25-30

Thursday 15

Minor Times: 11:46AM 10:21PM
Major Times: 4:12AM 4:36PM

Friday 16

Minor Times: 12:45PM 11:02PM
Major Times: 5:00AM 5:25PM

Saturday 17

Minor Times: --- 1:41PM
Major Times: 5:50AM 6:15PM

Sunday 18

Minor Times: 11:47PM 2:35PM
Major Times: 6:41AM 7:06PM

Monday 19

Minor Times: 12:38AM 3:24PM
Major Times: 7:32AM 7:57PM

Tuesday 20

Minor Times: 1:32AM 4:09PM
Major Times: 8:22AM 8:47PM

Wednesday 21

Minor Times: 2:28AM 4:49PM
Major Times: 9:11AM 9:35PM

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 | 5:00 am ▲ 3.7 ft | 12:09 pm ▼ 0.6 ft | 6:37 pm ▲ 3.0 ft | 11:37 pm ▼ 1.8 ft |
|----|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Fr | 5:22 am ▲ 3.6 ft | 1:02 pm ▼ 0.8 ft | 7:40 pm ▲ 2.7 ft | |
| Sa | 12:05 am ▼ 2.0 ft | 5:50 am ▲ 3.4 ft | 2:19 pm ▼ 1.0 ft | 9:19 pm ▲ 2.5 ft |
| Su | 12:47 am ▼ 2.3 ft | 6:30 am ▲ 3.2 ft | 4:06 pm ▼ 1.1 ft | 11:18 pm ▲ 2.6 ft |
| Mo | 2:15 am ▼ 2.4 ft | 7:54 am ▲ 3.0 ft | 5:34 pm ▼ 1.0 ft | |
| Tu | 12:22 am ▲ 2.7 ft | 4:29 am ▼ 2.4 ft | 10:50 am ▲ 3.0 ft | 6:30 pm ▼ 0.8 ft |
| We | 12:59 am ▲ 3.0 ft | 5:55 am ▼ 2.1 ft | 12:05 pm ▲ 3.3 ft | 7:10 pm ▼ 0.6 ft |

City of St. Marks

| Th | 12:17 am ▼ 1.4 ft | 5:36 am ▲ 3.4 ft | 1:13 pm ▼ 0.5 ft | 7:13 pm ▲ 2.8 ft |
|----|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Fr | 12:41 am ▼ 1.6 ft | 5:58 am ▲ 3.3 ft | 2:06 pm ▼ 0.7 ft | 8:16 pm ▲ 2.5 ft |
| Sa | 1:09 am ▼ 1.8 ft | 6:26 am ▲ 3.2 ft | 3:23 pm ▼ 0.9 ft | 9:55 pm ▲ 2.3 ft |
| Su | 1:51 am ▼ 2.0 ft | 7:06 am ▲ 3.0 ft | 5:10 pm ▼ 1.0 ft | 11:54 pm ▲ 2.4 ft |
| Mo | 3:19 am ▼ 2.2 ft | 8:30 am ▲ 2.8 ft | 6:38 pm ▼ 0.9 ft | |
| Tu | 12:58 am ▲ 2.5 ft | 5:33 am ▼ 2.1 ft | 11:26 am ▲ 2.8 ft | 7:34 pm ▼ 0.7 ft |
| We | 1:35 am ▲ 2.8 ft | 6:59 am ▼ 1.9 ft | 12:41 pm ▲ 3.0 ft | 8:14 pm ▼ 0.5 ft |

Shell Point, Spring Creek

| Th | 5:21 am ▲ 3.9 ft | 12:31 pm ▼ 0.6 ft | 6:52 pm ▲ 3.2 ft | 11:56 pm ▼ 1.9 ft |
|----|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Fr | 5:46 am ▲ 3.8 ft | 1:24 pm ▼ 0.8 ft | 7:53 pm ▲ 2.9 ft | |
| Sa | 12:27 am ▼ 2.1 ft | 6:16 am ▲ 3.6 ft | 2:36 pm ▼ 0.9 ft | 9:23 pm ▲ 2.7 ft |
| Su | 1:13 am ▼ 2.3 ft | 6:59 am ▲ 3.4 ft | 4:10 pm ▼ 1.0 ft | 11:10 pm ▲ 2.7 ft |
| Mo | 2:38 am ▼ 2.5 ft | 8:28 am ▲ 3.2 ft | 5:35 pm ▼ 0.9 ft | |
| Tu | 12:21 am ▲ 2.5 ft | 4:42 am ▼ 2.5 ft | 11:02 am ▲ 3.2 ft | 6:36 pm ▼ 0.7 ft |
| We | 1:05 am ▲ 3.2 ft | 6:10 am ▼ 2.2 ft | 12:18 pm ▲ 3.4 ft | 7:20 pm ▼ 0.5 ft |

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

| Th | 4:52 am ▲ 2.8 ft | 12:20 pm ▼ 0.4 ft | 6:29 pm ▲ 2.3 ft | 11:48 pm ▼ 1.3 ft |
|----|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Fr | 5:14 am ▲ 2.7 ft | 1:13 pm ▼ 0.6 ft | 7:32 pm ▲ 2.0 ft | |
| Sa | 12:16 am ▼ 1.5 ft | 5:42 am ▲ 2.6 ft | 2:30 pm ▼ 0.8 ft | 9:11 pm ▲ 1.9 ft |
| Su | 12:58 am ▼ 1.6 ft | 6:22 am ▲ 2.4 ft | 4:17 pm ▼ 0.8 ft | 11:10 pm ▲ 1.9 ft |
| Mo | 2:26 am ▼ 1.8 ft | 7:46 am ▲ 2.2 ft | 5:45 pm ▼ 0.7 ft | |
| Tu | 12:14 am ▲ 2.1 ft | 4:40 am ▼ 1.7 ft | 10:42 am ▲ 2.3 ft | 6:41 pm ▼ 0.6 ft |
| We | 12:51 am ▲ 2.2 ft | 6:06 am ▼ 1.5 ft | 11:57 am ▲ 2.4 ft | 7:21 pm ▼ 0.4 ft |

St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

| Th | 5:10 am ▲ 3.1 ft | 12:19 pm ▼ 0.4 ft | 6:59 pm ▲ 2.5 ft | 11:41 pm ▼ 1.8 ft |
|----|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Fr | 5:39 am ▲ 3.0 ft | 1:12 pm ▼ 0.5 ft | 8:08 pm ▲ 2.2 ft | 11:56 pm ▼ 2.0 ft |
| Sa | 6:14 am ▲ 2.9 ft | 2:22 pm ▼ 0.7 ft | | |
| Su | 7:01 am ▲ 2.8 ft | 3:57 pm ▼ 0.7 ft | | |
| Mo | 8:28 am ▲ 2.6 ft | 5:25 pm ▼ 0.7 ft | | |
| Tu | 1:44 am ▲ 2.3 ft | 5:34 am ▼ 2.2 ft | 10:26 am ▲ 2.6 ft | 6:25 pm ▼ 0.6 ft |
| We | 1:46 am ▲ 2.4 ft | 6:35 am ▼ 2.0 ft | 11:47 am ▲ 2.7 ft | 7:08 pm ▼ 0.5 ft |

Dog Island West End

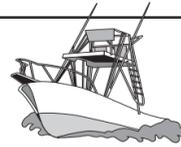
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| Fr | 5:47 am ▲ 2.7 ft | 1:22 pm ▼ 0.5 ft | 8:42 pm ▲ 2.0 ft | 11:56 pm ▼ 2.0 ft |
| Sa | 6:14 am ▲ 2.6 ft | 2:21 pm ▼ 0.6 ft | | |
| Su | 6:43 am ▲ 2.5 ft | 3:51 pm ▼ 0.7 ft | | |
| Mo | 7:34 am ▲ 2.4 ft | 5:20 pm ▼ 0.7 ft | | |
| Tu | 3:15 am ▲ 2.2 ft | 5:27 am ▼ 2.2 ft | 9:54 am ▲ 2.4 ft | 6:33 pm ▼ 0.6 ft |
| We | 2:40 am ▲ 2.2 ft | 7:06 am ▼ 2.0 ft | 11:12 am ▲ 2.4 ft | 7:23 pm ▼ 0.5 ft |

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



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



We have had a relatively quiet hurricane season so far, but things are beginning to start picking up.

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!

To help you navigate what preparedness means, think about what you would need to be safe if you did not have access to food, water or medicine for up to a week. Do you have enough water, non-perishable food (can opener too), medicines, pet supplies, cash, flashlights and batteries, hygiene items and toilet paper? If you or someone with you got hurt, do you have a first aid kit? Wipes for the bathroom and your hands will be needed so you do not waste water. If you have young children, be sure to have diapers, formula (if needed) and a special comfort toy/blanket. A dry change of clothing for each member of your family in a zip lock bag can be a welcome comfort if you

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are in flood prone areas.

While all of this may seem unnecessary, it is better to be prepared and not need the supplies than be without after a disaster. For more detailed information, you can visit <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/ready.php>

It is also important to know the difference between a watch and a warning. According to NOAA, in a Hurricane Watch, hurricane conditions are possible within the specified coastal area. Because hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, the hurricane watch is issued 48 hours in advance of the antic-

ipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.

In a Hurricane Warning, hurricane conditions are expected in the specified area of the warning. Because hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, the hurricane warning is issued 36 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.

For Tropical Storm Watches and Warnings, take these alerts seriously. Although Tropical Storms have lower wind speeds than hurricanes, they often bring life-threatening flooding and dangerous winds. Take precautions!

Thanks to Sherrie, we

will always remember safe boating is no accident. Knowing when to call it a day and get back to port can be a life-saver!

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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Underwater Wakulla

By Rusty Miller

Training students not to put mask on forehead.

I just got back from the FAMU pool with another successful pool class getting students ready for our open water next weekend. As an instructor I try to find ways to teach individuals certain do's and don'ts so they will remember so they won't get hurt or lose any of their equipment.

One of the do's that I go over very often is "when the regulator is in your mouth, always breathe."

I ask them that rule at least 50 or more times during the class session and at least that many times in the pool. That is one rule that if you violate it under water and hold your breath coming to the surface can get you killed.

Another do is "make sure that your air is fully turned on before you get in the water." I know that sounds like a no-brainer but you might be surprised to hear how many seasoned divers have forgotten to check their air supply before they step overboard and then it can become a panic situation.

One of my biggest don'ts is "never place your mask on your forehead above your eyes." There are a lot of instructors that don't teach that so I'm in the minority that do. There are two main reasons that you don't have your mask on your forehead. The first one is, if you are on the surface and you put your mask on your forehead and the dive master sees it he will think you are in distress and swim as fast as they can to reach you. You see that is a sign of panic because panicked divers will generally do that when they reach the surface.

The other issue is you have a greater risk of losing your mask when a wave hits you and if you can't get it back your dive is over for that day or until you can buy another one.

So this brings me to "how do I teach people not to place their mask on their foreheads"? Great question.

So the way I reinforce the idea to place your mask around your neck, on your arm up to your elbow, or just keep it over your eyes, I tell them that in the pool class that if I see it on your forehead I will give you one warning, then if they do it again they have to bring me a 12 pack of Coke Zero for every time I catch them. It really works.

So every class I have taught in the last 8-10 years I have never been without a 12 pack of Coke Zero or before that it was Diet Coke.

Then I had this class this weekend and I had three of them with a warning but ended up with no Coke Zero for the first time. I'm proud that they got the message but a little disappointed that I'm going to have to buy Coke Zero on my own or until the next class in October.

Next week I will elaborate on what happens if you do that in the open water portion of your certification. Until then keep the bubbles flowing.

On the Horizon

Calendar of upcoming events for the week of Sept. 15

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.
- Barns Spirits in Panacea will hold a Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours networking event from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 16

- The Wakulla War Eagles travel to Blountstown to play the Tigers. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 17

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

Monday, September 19

- The Wakulla County Commission meets at 5 p.m. in the commission chambers.

- 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.
- The American Legion Post 114 will be meeting at the Wakulla County public library at 6:30 p.m.
- The Wakulla County Library Advisory Board will hold a public meeting at 10 a.m. at the public library.
- The monthly school board meeting will start at 5:45 at 69 Arran Road.

Tuesday, September 20

- The Sarracenia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Wakulla Co. Public Library. The program will be presented by Rob Diaz de Villegas on our native bees and their relationship to our native wildflowers. A Zoom link for the presentation will be available - request it at Sarracenia.nps@gmail.com. Meetings are free and open to the public.

Wednesday, September 21

- A Line Dance class will be held at 1 p.m. at the Wakulla Senior Center.

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Respect others as you want to be respected



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

Have you ever been disrespected?
Have you ever – in your thoughts, words attitudes

or actions – disrespected someone else?

If so, why do we act so offended when someone treats us disrespectfully?

Is it right for us to take offense when people misjudge us, speak ill of us, reject us? When they rudely disagree with us? Invade our schedule or ignore our wishes? Fail to appreciate us?

If something doesn't change soon, it's scary to think how much this cycle of disrespect could escalate.

How might it break

the cycle if we chose to purposely alter the way we treat one another? We want to be treated with fairness, integrity, honor, appreciation and love, right? So does everyone else.

How would it impact our homes, churches, workplaces, communities and social media if we heeded Jesus' words in Matthew 7:12 (ESV): "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them"?

If you can relate to this issue, what steps can you

take this week to change your behavior? Would you like God to help you be kind to your spouse, friends, strangers – and to those who treat you unfairly?

What if we asked God to help us practice this week's verse in every relationship and in all our communication? We can start by memorizing Matthew 7:12 and asking the Holy Spirit to show us whenever we fall short of living the Golden Rule – and then to give us the grace and will to do

better.

It may take time for most of us (me, for sure) to see improvement in ourselves. In fact, as we allow God's Spirit to convict us each time we mess up, we may be embarrassed to see how often we put our own needs and feelings ahead of others. Especially in our thought life and attitudes.

Let's not become discouraged. The same God who convicts us has also promised to work in us to help us treat others with the same respect we

desire (and need) to be treated.

As a society, we can't break the cycle of disrespect until someone chooses to take the first step to stop its escalation in our homes, churches, workplaces or communities.

Let's be that one.

Sheryl H. Boldt is a sales executive for Wave 94 and author of the blog, www.TodayCanBeDifferent.net. Connect with her at SherylHBoldt.Wave94@gmail.com.

All these unnecessary collectibles



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

Where did I put those brads, the brass ones with a button on one end and two prongs on the other? That was the question that plagued me on Saturday morning. Sylar, my 6-year-old grandson, wanted to build a car out of cardboard. The brads would be perfect for attaching the wheels and steering wheel to allow movement.

I started looking in the junk drawer while his mom began cutting the necessary pieces we would need. I never found the brads. However, I discovered I have not one, not two, or even three junk drawers. I queened out at seven notorious collectors of useless stuff. I left the construction to mom and son as I diverted to cleaning the unnecessary.

Grabbing a small trash bag for throwaways and a basket for the keepers, I began to sift through the assorted menagerie. Three hours later, I looked at my work. Overall, I reduced the seven drawers into five. I barely used the small trash bag; I filled the basket,

emptying it into a more organized collection with only a few items remaining. A handful of pennies, each holding onto the dust they had gathered, Tupperware lids that belonged to bowls I knew were missing from the cupboard, and old keys to unknown locks. I placed these and a few other items in drawer number six, discovering my efforts left me with one drawer emptied and ready for use.

As I closed number six with the Tupperware lids, I thought about the empty number seven and wondered how long it would remain so. What will be the first item I carelessly toss in the drawer to save for some unknown need? I

am a creature of habit, and habits are hard to break. And so it is with the heart of man. Our spirit is often like those pennies lying idle in the drawer, collecting what it may.

I will never find a bowl to fit those Tupperware lids, and the keys will never be matched to the unknown locks.

Most of the items will remain, continuing to clutter without cause. Nevertheless, the lesson of the junk drawer has moved to the lesson of the soul. It has been said that every day is a chance to begin again, to right the wrong, and heal the heart. Make today a day of new beginnings.

How many unnecessary collectibles do we

allow to plague our inner being? Ill-spoken words formed in discontentment, anger, prejudice, or disrespect for others clutter the recesses of the soul.

The Psalmist prays in Psalm 51 to be purged in hyssop, to be cleansed and recreated with a pure heart and right spirit. He continues by asking the Lord to restore the joy of his salvation. The Psalmist is doing a spiritual inventory, rewriting the compartments of his heart that have hindered his relationship with God.

I am amazed that a simple project has led me to such a profound truth. Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, a gift given to us by

the Father. A gift to be honored. Let us search our hearts, discarding the unnecessary as we fill our lives with the thoughts of Heaven. May our Lord restore to us the joy of our salvation. Today, let us live the prayer of the Psalmist.

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

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

Obituaries



Norman Barwick

Norman Barwick, 73, a lifelong resident of Panacea, passed away on Sept. 6, 2022. His lov-

ing family was by his side.

Norman was born in Panacea to Charlie and Lizzie Barwick. He worked in the seafood industry his entire life. He was an excellent cook and he loved to host family and friends. It was a joy for Norman to see people enjoy the food he prepared. He loved his family and he adored his grandchildren.

He is survived by two children, Sharon Lewis (Jeff) and Shon Barwick; four sisters, Mildred Posey (Noah), Louise Fedorak, Donna Chatham (Steve) and Charlene Wimberly; sister-in-law, Elise Barwick; five grandchildren, Jeffery (Katie), Nicholas, Shaylyn, Olivia and Skyler; and four great-grandchildren, Fischer, Jackson, Tanner and Laken.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Derrick, Charles, Jr. and Ronnie, and sister, Margaret Falk.

Graveside funeral service was held Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022 at 10 a.m. at Panacea Cemetery.

Skip and Trey Young assisted the family with arrangements.

DEATH NOTICES

• **William F. Case**, 74, of Crawfordville, died Sept. 12, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• **Melody "Mena" Elaine Flinkman**, 61, of Crawfordville, died Sept. 3, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• **Diane Grubbs**, 70, of Tallahassee, died Sept. 11, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• **John "Johnny" T. Henry III**, 77, of Crawfordville, died Sept. 9, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• **Billy G. Jones**, 87, of Spring Creek, died Sept. 12, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

Father Paul Raj

From Front Page

"God gives me the great opportunity to experience the person of Jesus," he said. "More than teaching someone else, I wanted to learn the experience of the true person, the real person of Jesus, and the holiness of Christ. That's why I feel and believe that my Jesus is there everywhere I go."

In the church, Father Paul teaches,

"Whenever you come to the church, our duty is to create fellowship with the Lord. We connect our religions with God, the personal experience, the personal Jesus. I also teach the people that when you come to the church, empty your mind. Let God speak."

"You come to church to listen to the voice of God," he said. "God speaks to you through the word of God. If you

store too much in your mind, what happens? You overthink, so you don't know what you are praying for.

"When you pray, pray from the heart, not from the mind."

Father Paul holds mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m., Thursdays at 8:30 a.m., Fridays at 9 a.m., Saturdays at 5 p.m., and Sundays at 11 a.m.

"In this way, I am completely occupied for six days."

Seeing how touched the people are during

church, Father Paul feels complete in God's will for his life. "That is the soul God sent me to preach," he says.

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"Wherever I go, my mind is just to bring one soul."

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BOBBY JACK WHITE, DECEASED
CASE NO. 2022-CP-000075

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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CLUES ACROSS

- Autonomic nervous system
- Kids love it in summer
- Dashes
- Polynesian sarong
- Chapter of the Koran
- Evildoer
- Japanese commercial city
- A way of binding
- Early Christianity French historian
- Kids' term for bugs
- Beloved family holiday activity
- Work unit
- Bundle
- A number or amount not specified
- Military official (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- Queens ballplayer
- Type of gibbon
- Norma Jean's stage name
- Places
- Bluish greens
- Argued publicly
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- They star at weddings
- Indian god associated with reproduction
- Ocean sunfishes
- Slowly leak through
- Plant part
- Midway between south and southeast

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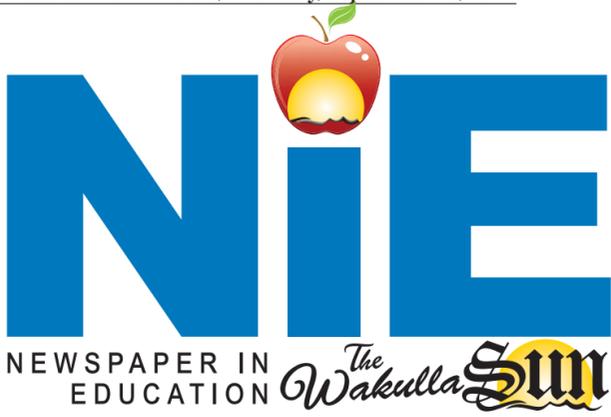
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- Type of phone
- Long-lasting light bulb
- Type of medication (abbr.)

- German city
- Animal disease
- They're in martinis
- Get away from
- Dormouse
- Database management system

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Use the News

1. Unusual Emotional Support

Emotional support animals provide help for people during stressful times or situations. They usually are dogs, or cats, or occasionally pet birds that can calm people down. A man in the city of Jonestown, Pennsylvania has a support animal that is a little more unusual, however — an 8-year-old alligator that follows him around, hangs out on the couch and even sleeps in his bed. Joseph Henney first acquired his special alligator — whom he calls WallyGator — when the reptile was 14 months old seven years ago. He had worked with alligators before and noticed from the start that WallyGator was different, the Washington Post newspaper reported. WallyGator began to follow him around the house like a puppy and showed affection by staying close. “He enjoyed being held, and I thought, ‘Wow, this is a super nice, friendly alligator,’” Henney said. When several family members died, WallyGator took on a new role as a support animal. He would playfully pull blankets off Henney when he was on the couch and helped him deal with depression with other antics. When Henney told his doctor how much Wally helped him, the doctor suggested he register his gator as an official support animal. Henney did, and WallyGator now has an official certificate, leash and jacket showing his special support status. More and more people are using emotional support animals to help them deal with stressful situations. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read a story about one such animal. Use what you read to write a letter to the editor telling what this animal does and why support animals are important.

Goal: Producing clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization and style are appropriate to the task; citing specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions.

2. Electric Vehicle Batteries

The popularity of electric vehicles continues to grow, and car companies are gearing up to meet the demand. Honda is the latest carmaker to announce a deal through which it will manufacture batteries to power its future electric cars and trucks. Under an agreement with the South Korean battery company LG Energy Solution, Honda will build a \$4.4-billion battery factory in the United States at a location yet to be deter-

mined. Honda does not offer an electric vehicle in the U.S. at present, but plans to launch an SUV called the Prologue in 2024, CNN News reports. Beyond that, Honda expects to produce 30 electric vehicle models globally by the year 2030. In announcing plans for a new factory, Honda is following other carmakers into the battery business. Mercedes-Benz opened a battery plant in the state of Alabama earlier this year, and Hyundai said in May that it’s building a battery plant in Georgia. Ford said last year it would invest \$11.4-billion with SK Innovations to build two manufacturing campuses for electric vehicles and batteries in the states of Tennessee and Kentucky. In an effort to reduce air pollution and slow global warming, automakers are moving to make more non-polluting electric vehicles. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read stories about au-

tomakers that are doing this. Use what you read to write a two-minute TV news report on this trend. Read your report aloud and time it to make sure it does not run longer than two minutes.

Goal: Conducting short research projects that build knowledge about a topic; writing informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.

3. Still Setting Records

The St. Louis Cardinals slugger Albert Pujols has been a star in Major League Baseball for 22 years, and at age 42 he is still achieving things no one has done before. Late last month he hit the 694th home run of his career, and in doing so he added another record to his long list of achievements. When he connected for a home run off Cincinnati Reds pitcher Ross De-

twiler it was the 450th different pitcher he had homered against. That is one more than the previous record set by San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds, baseball’s all-time home run leader with 762. It also was Pujols’ eighth home run in August, which tied another record set by Bonds and Carl Yastrzemski of the Boston Red Sox for the most home runs in a single month for a player who is at least 42 years old. In his career Pujols has won three Most Valuable Player awards, collected 3,362 hits and hit more than 40 home runs in a season seven times. Albert Pujols has been a success in the Major Leagues for a very long time. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read a story about someone else who has been successful at something for a long time. Use what you read to write a letter to a friend, listing the skills, attitude and personal qualities the person

needed to be successful for so long.

Goal: Citing specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions; responding thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarizing points of agreement and disagreement.

4. Vaccines from the Sky

Rabies is a disease that can affect the brains and behavior of wild animals, pets and even humans. It is caused by a virus and usually spread by bites from infected wild animals such as raccoons, foxes, bats and skunks. Most pets in the United States are vaccinated to protect them from rabies, but the disease still exists in the wild and poses a danger to humans who might encounter infected animals. To curb rabies among wildlife, the U.S. Department of Agriculture each year distributes rabies vaccines in pellet form that wild animals can eat. To appeal

to raccoons and other animals, the pellets are covered in fishmeal that makes them taste like fish, CNN News reports. In rural areas the pellets are dropped from airplanes while in suburban or city locations they are distributed by helicopter, vehicles on the ground or “bait stations” in areas where target animals are common. The Agriculture Department’s program runs from late August through October and is focused mostly on preventing the spread of rabies through raccoons this year. Wildlife officials do many things to protect the health and wellbeing of species living in the wild. Write a short editorial outlining why this is important for the species, for the environment and for people and communities.

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.



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ANSWER: CABINET LOCK

CHAMBER NEWS

Wakulla Springs Lodge hosts Chamber luncheon



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Chamber members in the food line at the luncheon at Wakulla Springs Lodge.

By **PETRA SHUFF**
Of the Chamber

We always enjoy the welcoming atmosphere and staff at The Lodge at Wakulla Springs, and today was no exception. We packed the house with 93 guests enjoying baked ziti, salad, rolls and banana pudding.

Mary Wallace started the program by announcing our new members for June, July, and August: D's Tile & Design, Coastal Gems Real Estate, Sea Tow Big Bend, St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Wakulla Storage, LLC, Cleaning Ovations, LLC, Labig's Hardwood Flooring, NAI Talcor, Oyster Radio, Gypsy Rose Beach Boutique, SunBlest Gardens, White Rose Construction, LLC, Sleepy Bear Design Co., Forward Wellness, Medical AR Revenue Solutions, LLC, and 319 Nutrition.

Attending new members: Ron Copeland with Oyster Radio shared the station is now broadcasting at 100,000 watts, with coverage from Panama City throughout the Big Bend Region. Oyster Radio has some attractive advertising packages, so contact Ron for more information (850) 323-1391.

Melanie Van Wingerden, owner of SunBlest Gardens along with her husband Caleb, introduced her right hand, Kelsie Pace. Melanie shared their special event, High Tea Sept. 11th, presenting Seasonal Sensations of flowers, plants, teas, light foods & wonderful music that can be enjoyed on your stroll around the greenhouses after social fun games and high tea-time. Tickets are limited and available through their Facebook page. SunBlest Gardens will also have a Public Open House Oct. 1 and 2, so don't miss out on strolling through the greenhouses for some fall plants at amazing prices. Check their Facebook page for details.

Courtney Davis - Forward Wellness is a Nurse Practitioner owned and operated medical clinic specializing in direct primary care, medical weight loss, IV infusion therapy, and health coaching. Courtney will open her practice in early September, so please like her Facebook page for updates.

Announcements and introductions: We had the pleasure of introducing Samantha Kennedy, M.S. - County Extension Director - Family & Consumer Sciences Agent at UF/IFAS Extension Wakulla County. Samantha in turn introduced Khadejah Scott, Horticulture, Agriculture & Natural Resource agent for the extension office. Khadejah shared the Master Gardener 2022 Seed Library Kickoff 10 am - 1 pm, Thursday, Aug. 25th at the extension office and our public library.

Rich Abrams -Sherlock Springs announced doubling his staff and introduced Kathy Walker, who will be doing additional marketing and interacting with the public. Sherlock Springs will be hosting a craft fair 10 am-3pm, Sept. 3, and is still looking for local craft vendors.

Margo Armistead - Salvation Army Tallahassee Corp, introduced the new Service Coordinator for the region, Kira Randolph.

Elva Peppers - Florida Environmental and Land Services introduced Tim High, who owns a mobile audio and video recording business and can take care of your needs just about anywhere.

Michelle Braswell with One Blood, a blood and plasma center is looking forward to joining the Chamber and set-



Luncheon MC Mary Wallace with the Lodge's Michelle Laxton.

ting up blood drives in our community.

Sue Scott introduced Pastor Brian Bair with RCC Wakulla, a non-denominational church holding services at the Wakulla Community Center.

Jeanette Burdette, clinic manager at Shepherd Springs Animal Hospital visited us for the first time and introduced one of the technicians Megan Lefstead. Jeanette shared news about a Fall Festival Oct. 15th, organized by Cauzican Rescue, benefiting the homeless animals at Wakulla Animal Services, and the need for raffle items which can be dropped off at the animal shelter. Petra Shuff added that Jeanette serves on the Paws of Wakulla Board of Directors with her, and the organization has sponsored the adoptions for 79 animals at Wakulla Animal Services in June and July and all adoptions through August. Paws of Wakulla also participated in a massive TNR for coastal community cats a couple of weekends ago, spaying, neutering, and vaccinating 147 free roaming cats.

Dr. Rachel Pienta reminded everyone of the Chamber's Cyber Security workshop scheduled for Sept. 14, sponsored by Duke Energy. Reservations are taken by the chamber office. Lunch will be served. Rachel also shared the Wakulla 4-H open house on August 27.

Dolores King with CareerSource Capital Region attended for the first time. Dolores' industries include IT, Professional Services, Government, Non-Profits, and education.

Nancy Floyd Richardson with The Wakulla News introduced new photographer Gerald Brown. Bibi Ramos with NWF Health Network shared news about a Christmas fundraiser for young adults who have lived in foster care and often live on their own while working and/or going to school. For more information on sponsoring the Independent Living Program's Christmas drive, contact Bibi Ramos 850-631-1761, or the Chamber office.

As always, we appreciate the many donations to our drawing and thank the following businesses and individuals for their contribution: Guardian Public Adjusting; American Inspections; Golden Properties; Shepherd Spring Animal Hospital; Shepard Accounting & Tax Service; Revell Tractor Worx; Forward Wellness; Capital City Bank; Sand & Soul Designs; UF/IFAS Wakulla Extension; The Clothesline; House Savers; The Wakulla Sun; Barn's Spirits; Oyster Radio; Smith Thompson, PA; Wakulla 4-H; English Financial; Florida Wild Mammal Association; Wakulla Feeding Wakulla; Puppy Purrs Dog Grooming; Logan Roofing; Urban Catalyst Consulting, Inc.; Sue's Art Workshop; Rhonda Gantt - Coastwise Realty; Sherlock Springs; Mary Wallace - Capital City Home Loans, Petra Shuff.

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I understand from last week's Sun, Mr. William Catalina, AKA "Wild" Bill Callahan, AKA "Wild" Bill Catalina, AKA Bill Callahan is writing a book with me as the antagonist (bad guy) and himself as the protagonist (good guy). I'm sincerely looking forward to the chapter where he describes the event below, which speaks for itself. The absolute truth is that over the past 11 years there have been only a small handful, three to be exact including Mr. Catalina, who have demonstrated a repeated and deliberate disregard for safety of flight at the Wakulla County Airport. It was this type of blatant and habitual disregard for safety regulations by these three individuals which precipitated their much-welcomed departure.

Steven Fults
Volunteer Airport Manager

-----Original Message-----

From: blumax008@aol.com
To: Fultsie@aol.com; nicholas.baldwin@us.af.mil
Sent: Sun, Jul 17, 2016 3:03 pm
Subject: Re: MFR

Dear Lt. Col. Baldwin and Steve Fultsie,

My brother, Lt. Col. Ben H. Catalina, was also a U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. (ret.). I am a three tour, volunteer, U.S. Army Vietnam veteran (Navy trained - black water diver). This was back when everybody was not considered a hero because they wore a military uniform. You probably don't remember those times because you were a cooing baby boy back then. My father was a U.S. Marine Tech Sgt. in the Southwest Pacific - Mariana & Marshall Islands.

Now, regarding your letter below:

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- 2) My Drone is fourteen inches wide. (14 inches - not feet).
- 3) If your "Special Ops" people are afraid of a fourteen inch Drone, then we, as a Nation, are in Big, Big, BIG trouble.
- 4) A partner & I pay four hundred dollars per month (\$400.00) in hangar rent to allow your "Special Ops" aircraft to blow airport debris including cut grass, pebbles, dead bugs & other assorted airstrip debris into our hangar which I have to clean out every time your heroes arrive for a visit.
- 5) If you guys agree to pay my \$400.00 per month hangar rent, I will meet your crew at their aircraft with beer & pizza every time they visit.
- 6) Doubtful as that may be, let it be known to you and your crews that 2JO is OUR airport. WE PAY AN EXORBITANT FEE TO BE HERE. The American Taxpayer does not pay our \$400 per month hangar rent. You and your crews do not pay did-ly squat but what you do is become a hazard as you run up & down OUR runway, destroying OUR runway, especially when it is wet, and do your best at blowing crap inside the hangars for which WE have to clean out.
- 7) I don't know who bulls****ed you guys into buying those aircraft you fly but there are a ton load of them sitting abandoned at Lokichoggio on the Kenya/Sudan border. Maybe the dummy who bought yours can pick those up for a bargain and, for a change, save the taxpayer a butt load of money.
- 8) Your aircraft & crew, sitting at Entebbe Airport, Uganda recently, pissed off a very good friend of mine when they told him to get the hell away from their (your) aircraft. This pal of mine is now a civilian serving as a mechanic in Iraq & Afghanistan after serving in Sudan, Mali, Mogadishu, T'Chad, the DRC and several other garden spots. In other words, he's seen more s**** than your bulls****, dime-a-dozen heroes have seen since they were ejected from the womb.....which being afraid of a 14 inch Drone.....would have been last week.
- 9) I honestly do not hope we have to depend on you guys. I picture Jimmy Doolittle, a rain-swept, sea pitching deck of the carrier Hornet, with Tokyo his destination. Then I picture you yah-hoos, reporting on a FOURTEEN INCH DRONE which you are mightily afraid of with your destination the O-Club to talk about how challenged you were. Sickening. Pitiful.
- 10) In conclusion, you and your crews are doing a lot to piss off people out here & we do wish you would take your crews and your aircraft & go play someplace else.
- 11) So, take your crying towel & go cry somewhere else and don't forget to blow your crews noses & wipe their asses for me.....then think of Jimmy Doolittle with 300 feet of deck in front of him.

Bill Catalina - 850-445-8148
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2. Following our protocol this incident was reported up the official Air Force safety channels. More immediately, we are reviewing our future use of Wakulla County Airport which will set in place a "no fly" restricting all further flights from the squadron to this airfield. Among our training priorities is maintaining and sustaining a great relationship with the community, especially those that share our love of flying. We hope to return to your airfield when the appropriate mitigation steps related to this incident have been accomplished.
3. I look forward to releasing our crews to train with you in the future. I can be reached at nicholas.baldwin@aus.af.mil or 850-883-4322.


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A look at some of FSU's upcoming opponents

By CURT WEILER
Senior Writer at
The Osceola

Florida State is off to its best start in six years.

The Seminoles are 2-0 and the beneficiaries of an early bye due to their Week 0 game against Duquesne.

But while FSU is rested and recovered, each of the Seminoles' final 10 opponents were playing their second games of the season.

The sample sizes remain somewhat small, but there have still been plenty of takeaways from being able to observe a few games from each of these teams.

In this edition of the Five-Step Drop, I'm reassessing each of FSU's next four opponents.

LOUISVILLE (FRIDAY, SEPT. 16, ON THE ROAD)

The Cardinals entered the season in a somewhat similar situation to the Seminoles.

Fourth-year coach Scott Satterfield's team needs to show signs of growth in his fourth season or his job may be in severe danger. With this in mind, a 31-7 road loss at Syracuse in Week 1 was about as bad a start as possible.

U of L bounced back with a much-needed 20-14 road win at UCF on Friday night and now returns for a Friday night home opener against the Seminoles.

Although improving their coach's stature for the time being with the win, it definitely hasn't been an ideal start to the season. And a loss to FSU likely puts Satterfield right back on the hot seat.

After he averaged over 225 yards with 19 passing touchdowns and six interceptions last season, veteran Louisville quarterback Malik Cunningham has not yet thrown a touchdown in 2022. He had two interceptions vs. Syracuse and hasn't yet surpassed 200 passing yards in a game this season.

Cunningham's saving grace so far this



PHOTO BY KEN FIELDS

FSU Seminoles at the Superdome against LSU two weeks ago.

season has been his 155 rushing yards, 121 of which came against UCF. While he has more than 2,600 career rushing yards, he's never rushed for more than 56 yards in three games against the Seminoles.

Running back Tiyon Evans has received a large portion of the running back reps, amassing 164 yards while averaging 5.13 yards per carry through two games.

Part of U of L's passing struggles is that the Cardinals have allowed five sacks through two games despite having a very mobile quarterback, three coming against Syracuse and two against UCF.

On defense, the Cardinals have been particularly susceptible to the ground game. They've allowed exactly 208 rushing yards and two touchdowns in each of their first two games this season. Louisville's 5.33 yards per carry allowed so far this season are by far the worst in the ACC, over half a yard worse than the next-worst team.

Although FSU's run game was largely bottled up against LSU, Friday's matchup seems to present a chance for the Seminoles' three-headed running back attack to break out once more.

Boston College (Sept. 24, at home)

Through two weeks of

the season, Boston College has been the ACC's biggest disappointment.

After winning six games in both of Jeff Hailey's first two seasons, the Eagles are off to an 0-2 start. That includes a home loss to Rutgers as a nearly-double-digit favorite and a road loss at Virginia Tech that wasn't as close as the 27-10 score indicates.

An entirely new offensive line unit has not yet found much success, allowing nine sacks through two games, tied for the most among Power Five teams.

While returning quarterback Phil Jurkovec does have 418 passing yards and four touchdowns, he's also thrown three interceptions. That's already approaching the five picks he threw in 10 games in 2020.

Even more of a condemnation of BC's OL is the fact that the Eagles have just 33 rushing yards so far this season and are averaging 0.61 yards per carry.

Preseason All-ACC wide receiver Zay Flowers has 196 receiving yards and two touchdowns in as many games. But little else is going right for the Eagles' offense.

Defensively, BC has allowed just 250 passing yards and one passing touchdown through two games. However, that secondary hasn't faced an especially strong passing quarterback yet

this season and won't until the game at FSU in two weeks.

On the ground, BC has allowed 356 rushing yards and five touchdowns early this season. Rutgers ran for 202 yards and over five yards per carry against the Eagles, paving the path for FSU to have similar success on the ground.

Wake Forest (Oct. 1, at home)

When news broke that Wake Forest quarterback Sam Hartman would be sidelined indefinitely due to a non-football medical issue, it changed the outlook of the Seminoles' game against the Demon Deacons.

However, Hartman was cleared to return last week from what was announced to be a blood clot in his subclavian vein, near his heart. While the news of his return was relieving considering how scary the original news sounded, it makes a path to victory over the Demon Deacons a good bit harder than with Hartman out.

Hartman didn't seem to have missed a beat in his season debut Saturday against Vanderbilt, completing 18 of 27 passes for 300 yards with four touchdowns in a 45-25 win. Preseason All-ACC wide-out A.T. Perry definitely welcomed Hartman's

return, recording five catches for 142 yards and a touchdown against the Commodores.

Defensively, it's hard to read too much into wins over VMI and Vanderbilt. The Demon Deacons are allowing 2.97 yards per carry and have allowed just 320 passing yards per game. After a game against Liberty this weekend, we'll learn more about this Wake Forest defense when the team hosts Clemson on Sept. 24, the week before it plays at FSU.

More or less likely to be an FSU win now compared to start of season? Less

NC State (Oct. 8, on road)

NC State began the season as a trendy ACC Atlantic pick. It has done nothing to dissuade that possibility through two weeks, although it did need a minor miracle to

survive ECU in Week 1. The Wolfpack is 2-0 with wins over the Pirates and FCS Charleston Southern.

Quarterback Devin Leary has looked exactly as effective as expected with 449 passing yards, five touchdowns and one interception. Even with the departure of an elite offensive tackle to the NFL Draft, NC State has allowed only one sack. The Wolfpack's balanced receiver unit has led to having no 100-yard receiver through two games despite the team having over 600 passing yards.

NC State's defense has lived up to the hype of being perhaps the best in the ACC, with twice as many interceptions (4) as passing touchdowns allowed (2) and allowing 3.62 yards per carry. One thing to keep an eye on is that NC State's defense has just one sack through a pair of games against a Group of Five opponent and an FCS opponent.

There's been no glaring weakness that would lead one to believe FSU has improved its somewhat slim odds of winning at NC State in early October. However, we'll know a bit more after the next few weeks where the Wolfpack takes on Texas Tech, UConn and Clemson before hosting the Seminoles.

We'll also know more by then about exactly how consistent the Seminoles are.

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Four more Wakulla Varsity/JV players



Evan Strickland



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With apologies, these four players were left off the Varsity/JV photo pages. – Editor

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This week's game:

Friday, Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m.
Wakulla War Eagles travel to Blountstown to play the Blountstown Tigers.



War Eagles wallop Munroe, 43-13

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

All week in practice, Wakulla Head Coach Scott Klees used how media had picked the Munroe Bobcats to beat his team.

Munroe was vaunted for its athletes who have signed with Division 1 powerhouses like Alabama, Oklahoma, and FSU.

The game was moved up to Thursday because of bad weather expected Friday night, and Munroe looked stunned as they were beaten 43-13 by the underdog War Eagles.

In the first half, the War Eagle offensive starting clicking and took what the Bobcat defense would give them. Load the box? Wakulla passed. Drop into coverage? the War Eagles ran.

"I'm really proud of our kids," Klees said. "They were ready, they were ready for that game."

Quarterback Haden Klees was 17 for 26 and 262 passing yards and four touchdowns, plus 6 carries for 49 yards. As the junior has developed, he is making big plays and often, unexpectedly, making plays with his legs.

Running back Xavier Blake had 17 carries for 120 yards and a TD. Bradley Kelly had 14 carries for 97 yards.

Receiver Jeremiah Thomas had 7 catches for 127 yards and 2 TDs, plus an interception and four tackles on defense. Gabe Carter



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War Eagle receiver Samron Brinson makes a touchdown catch in the back of the end zone over a defender.

PHOTOS BY WILLIAM SNOWDEN

had 4 catches for 76 yards. And Samron Brinson caught a touchdown pass.

On defense, Amonta

Harris had 4 tackles and a fumble recovery. Todd Williams had 6 tackles and 2 sacks. And Tannier Lanier had 7 tackles

and 3 sacks.

The biggest night may have belonged to kicker Chase Linville, who kicked two field goals, including a school-record 47-yarder.

den Klees scrambles for 8. Wakulla inside the 25. After RB Xavier Blake runs it to the 12, on the next run, Blake breaks tackles and carries defenders into the end zone. Extra point makes it Wakulla 14, Munroe 0 with 2:06 left in 1Q.

GAME RECAP

Both offenses started slow, and were forced to punt. On Wakulla's second offensive series, the War Eagles score on a 30-yard pass from QB Haden Klees to WR Jeremiah Thomas. Extra point is good. Wakulla up 7-0 over Munroe with 5:44 left in 1Q.

Munroe pass intercepted by Jeremiah Thomas - War Eagle ball at midfield.

War Eagles go for it on 4th and 6, Gabe Carter makes a diving catch for 1st down. Next play, Ha-

enforced on the kickoff, and it's a short kick that Munroe runs upfield, ball stripped recovered by Wakulla. 1st down at their own 10.

That series ends with a punt from the end zone, bad snap flies over Chase Linville's head, he grabs it in end zone but tries to kick it instead of falling on it for a safety. Munroe blocks it, recovers for TD. Extra point good. Wakulla 23, Munroe 7

Wakulla next series: Bomb to Gabe Carter sets up Wakulla at the 12. Jeremiah Thomas in the back of the end zone, his second TD catch of the half. Linville adds extra point. It's Wakulla 30, Munroe 7 at the half.

In the third quarter, Wakulla 1st and goal at 4 after run by Klees. Two previous first downs on Munroe defender offside penalties. Samron Brinson is n the back of the end zone for TD catch. Extra point good. Wakulla up 37-7 over Munroe.

The Bobcats put together a strong drive behind RB Ostin Perkins. Down to 1 yard line, hit in backfield by a War Eagle defender spins out of it and gets to the end zone. Bobcats go for 2, but no good. It's Wakulla 37, Munroe 13.

The next two scores were field goals: a 35-yarder with just under 10 minutes in the 4th, and a school-record 47-yard field goal with 2:40 left.

Final: Wakulla 43, Munroe 13.

NEXT UP: BLOUNTSTOWN

Wakulla's next opponent, the Blountstown Tigers, are also 3-0. They are, says Klees, identical to the War Eagles: a tough, hit-you-in-mouth-for-four-quarters kind of team.

And they play good defense.

The Tigers offense is primarily run, so Klees doesn't expect a lot of offensive possessions - and his team will have to take advantage of its opportunities.

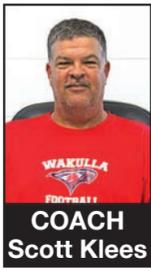
"Turnovers will be huge in this game," he says.

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FROM THE COACH

Scouting report: Blountstown is identical to us: tough, physical, punch-you-in-the-mouth football team. Great defense

Keys to victory: Take advantage and be patient: The Tigers like to run the ball. Turnovers will be huge.

Last week: Pleased with performance of these young men against the Munroe Bobcats. The team continues to work hard everyday to try to get better..



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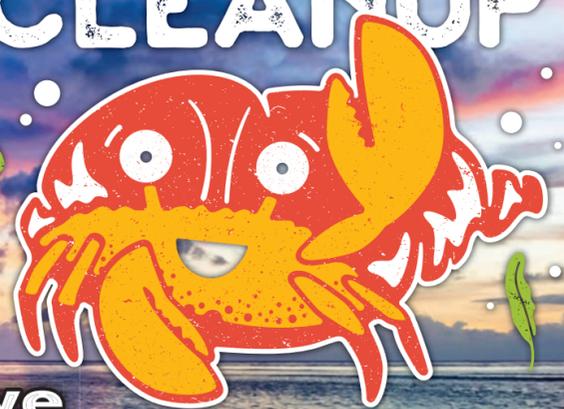


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