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Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny
Hi: 94° Lo: 74° 5%	Hi: 92° Lo: 70° 5%	Hi: 85° Lo: 69° 17%
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WAKULLA AIRPORT



Supporters of the airport rally at the youth center next door to the Wakulla County Administration offices.

Former candidate accuses judge of retaliation

Roseanna Bronhard complains that Judge Jill Walker wouldn't excuse her from jury service

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

Roseanna Bronhard, a candidate for Wakulla County judge who was eliminated in the August primary, complained that current Judge Jill Walker was "obviously retaliating" against her by refusing to excuse her from jury duty last week.

Bronhard sent an email to The Sun complaining that Judge Walker did not excuse her though Bronhard had cited a state statute that allows practicing attorneys, doctors and first responders to be excused from jury duty.

Bronhard sent an email to Judge Walker's judicial assistant around 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13, requesting excusal from jury duty on Sept. 14, and about an hour later sent an email to the newspaper with her complaint.

Contacted about Bronhard's complaint, Judge Walker said she had been in court all morning and hadn't seen yet it. She noted as she did read it that the statute that Bronhard cited gives judges discretion to excuse some jurors, but did not require judges to excuse them.

In her 32 years on the bench, Judge Walker said she has never granted that excusal and has required lawyers and doctors and others to show up for jury service.

But, in an email from Brenda Villiard, the judge's assistant, later that afternoon, it was conveyed on behalf of Judge Walker that the planned trial the next day was being handled by Brian Miller, the chief prosecutor for Wakulla, who is a candidate for county judge. (Miller and Eddie Evans, who works in the State Attorney's office in Leon County handling appeals, face off on the November ballot.)

"It is certainly probable, if not highly likely," the email states, "that your appearance on a jury venire would invoke a challenge for cause alleging that you could not be fair and impartial as a juror." The judge copied the email to the state and defense to see if there was any objection to releasing Bronhard - but all of the parties did not respond and so Bronhard had to show up to court.

The email concludes: "The judge finds your allegations of retaliation on her part wholly without foundation and most unfortunate. She was not a candidate for judge and is retiring."

Bronhard did show up for jury service on Sept. 14 along with 40 other citizens, but was not among the initial venire of 18 citizens who were interviewed, and not one of the seven who were ultimately selected for a quick pick-and-go trial for a misdemeanor battery that day.

Bronhard's email included an earlier request in August to be excused from jury service on Sept. 14 because of both a heavy caseload and a need for oral surgery.

The judge's office provided an earlier email chain which dated back to April in which Bronhard asked to be excused from jury service because of her workload. Villiard replied with an email stating that it's normal practice to continue persons dealing with such issues and offering jury selection dates of June 15, July 8, Aug. 10 or Sept. 14.

"Thanks," Bronhard replied. "September 14 is best."



Roseanna Bronhard

Closing averted

Last-minute clarification on law and offer to donate land delays airport vote

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

County commissioners voted this week to delay a planned vote to abandon the Wakulla Airport after they got an offer earlier in the day from airport supporter Steve Fults to donate needed land to move and expand the runway.

Hours before the meeting, the county also received an email from the state Department of Transportation saying that there was not a requirement in the law that the county perform a noise study. That particular re-

quirement was one of the main reasons the commission was considering voting to abandon the airport: County Commissioner Ralph Thomas had put the cost for a noise study at several hundred thousand dollars.

Thomas thanked Congressman Neal Dunn's office for its assistance in getting feedback from the Federal Aviation Administration, which indicated the need for an airport noise study shouldn't apply to a grass airstrip like Wakulla Airport.

The FAA acknowledged, though, that the Florida statute on air-

ports basically makes no distinction between requirements for airports.

Thomas said he had spoken with state Rep. Jason Shoaf to clarify the language of the law and stress that small airstrips like Wakulla's, which take no federal funding, would not have to fulfill some of the requirements, like a noise study or special zoning district around airports.

Thomas made a motion to bring the matter back up at a later time; it was seconded by Commissioner Randy Merritt. All four commissioners in at-

tendance voted in favor, including Chair Quince Messersmith and Commissioner Mike Kemp. (Commissioner Chuck Hess was absent due to illness.)

Taking care of clarifying the law will take a while: Shoaf would need to come up with bill language to bring up at the state legislative session in March.

Thomas expressed some frustration, saying that had the board known this five years ago, it would have tried to fix the problem then.

County Attorney Heather Encinosa noted that, in 2017, the

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Brad Lord drafted by MLB

Wakulla pitcher went on USF, selected by Washington Nationals

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

In July, Brad Lord, a baseball player from Wakulla County, was selected in the 2022 Major League Baseball Draft by the Washington Nationals.

Lord has been playing baseball from a young age, and Wakulla Baseball Coach Keith Anderson coached Lord from a youngster into high school.

"Brad and my son played at the same



age, and my son was a catcher for him," said Anderson. "I actually coached Brad from nine years old right on up to high school."

"It was kinda awesome to see him progress. I knew from an early age that he was going to be a pretty special player, and by the time he got to high school, he really blossomed."

In Lord's senior year, he was the All-Big Bend pitcher of the year and

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Correction

Last week's football photo of the week had the wrong credit - the photo was taken by Ken Fields. We regret the error.

Student of the Week

Grayson Kimbrel, 5th grader at Riversink Elementary

Principal: Catherine Cutchen

Achievements/Reason for Nomination: Grayson is an excellent example of what it means to be a Riversink Otter. Grayson sets high standards for his academics and maintains an excellent GPA. Grayson has an “E” in citizenship and work habits. Grayson is a valued member of the Riversink Safety Patrol Team. Grayson also plays football and baseball for the Wakulla County Recreation Department. Congratulations Grayson for always being Respectful, Responsible and Ready to Learn.



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and days before that too.
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From your wife, Children & Grandchildren

Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park Rattlesnake Master

By LYNN ARTZ and SANDY TEDDER



Rattlesnake master (*Eryngium aquaticum*) is a native wildflower with striking powder blue, globe-shaped flowers. Also called corn snakeroot, it grows 3-5 feet tall in full to part sun and blooms in late summer. Though it prefers wet soil, it will tolerate dry and once established is drought tolerant. Found in north and central Florida, it attracts many kinds of insects, including native bees. Many birds enjoy its seeds. Rattlesnake master is blooming now in the meadow at Sopchoppy Depot Park. A close relative, *Eryngium yuccifolium*, grows throughout Florida. Called button rattlesnake master or button snakeroot, it has yucca-like foliage with similar whitish flowers. Though it, too, prefers moist sites, it tolerates a wide range of soil and moisture conditions. Both were once believed erroneously to be an antidote to rattlesnake venom.



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Barns Spirits hosts Chamber members

Barns Spirits in Panacea and owner Niraj Patel hosted a Chamber After-Hours gathering on Thursday, Sept. 15, with food from Posey's and Kast Net plus drink and giveaways. An estimated 90 people attended the event. (Photo by Lynda Kinsey.)

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Sheriff's Report

Activity reported for the week of Sept. 2 to 15:

FRIDAY, SEPT. 2

• Deputy Kory Smith responded to the front lobby of the Sheriff's Office in reference to a walk-in complaint. Upon arrival Deputy Smith made contact with Rita Doyle who stated she had an unauthorized charge made on her bank account. Doyle advised the charge came from an online gaming company (epal.gg) in the amount of \$226.17. This case has been forwarded to detectives for further investigation.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 4

• Deputy Andrea Farmer responded to 71 Penny Road reference a criminal mischief complaint. The victim advised that two windows had been broken at a construction site they own. Deputy Farmer was able to observe some footprints possibly belonging to the suspect around the construction site. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

MONDAY, SEPT. 5

• Deputies responded to a home on Nandina Way in reference to a battery. Contact was made with victim Shellie Wagner and her husband Matt Wagner. Matt is a business partner with Joseph Dehaven-Smith, and they are currently having business issues. Dehaven-Smith reportedly showed up to the residence after being told not to. Once at the residence the two men got into an argument. Shellie came outside to have them calm down due to the kids being around. Dehaven-Smith allegedly began to curse at Shellie and grabbed her by the wrist twisting her arm. Matt pushed Joseph back and told him to leave again. Dehaven-Smith got in his vehicle and left the scene. Matt and Shellie requested to not pursue charges and only wished a trespass warning issued for Joseph.

• Deputy William Bennett responded to Short Drive in reference a theft of a canoe. Contact was made with the victim and 10-year-old

suspect. The juvenile thought he had permission to borrow it. The victim/owner advised that the suspect did not have permission to use the canoe. However due to the canoe being returned the owner elected not to pursue charges.

• Chancellor Gilly reported being struck by Tyler Wimberly while staying in a room at the Best Western on Highway 98. Video could not be viewed at the time of report. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 6

• Deputy Scott and Deputy Polous responded to Greenlea Circle in reference to a theft. Upon arrival contact was made with victims Jenene and Tommy Adair. Jenene stated she paid \$125 via Cash App to a person claiming to be Sandra Hill. The money was payment for a Yorkki puppy. During the investigation it was determined the Facebook page used was hacked. The suspect attempted to have Jenene pay an additional \$185 for a registration fee. Jenene tried to pay the suspect to multiple Cash App and PayPal accounts provided but was unsuccessful. Jenene realized it was scam after the suspect blocked her account on Cash App and Facebook. Jenene provided sworn affidavit and affidavit for prosecution. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

• Deputy Scott and Deputy Polous responded to Penny Road reference criminal mischief. Contact was made with Sherri Parsons, co-owner of Southern Construction, which is currently building five homes on Penny Road. During the construction all of the homes have had windows broken. Today it was noticed one of the windows for 55 Penny Road were broken during the night. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7

• Beau-Davy Davis reported unknown persons cut his wire fencing. Four wheelers had been in the area prior to finding the damage.

Davis just wanted the damage documented and did not wish to pursue charges.

• Trevor Armstrong was arrested after making multiple 911 calls requesting and then demanding a deputy give him a ride. It should be noted that this is an ongoing problem with Armstrong. Deputy Dustin Matthews made contact with Armstrong and arrested him for misuse of 911. Armstrong was placed in a patrol car and provided with a ride to the Wakulla County Jail.

• Deputy Kory Smith responded to a home on Rehwinkel Road in reference to the complainant's tools missing out of his vehicle. Upon arrival Deputy Smith made contact with Edward Woodward, who advised someone had stolen several tools out of the back of his vehicle. Woodward advised the vehicle was left unsecured. The value of the tools was estimated at \$1,000. This case has been forwarded to detectives for further investigation.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 8

• Deputy Kory Smith responded to Otter Creek Road in reference to a theft. Upon arrival James Harvey advised someone took his wallet while he was in the hospital. He was unsure if he had the wallet with him at the hospital or if he left it at his house. Harvey wanted the incident documented.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 9

• Cynthia Lynn reported being the victim of a fraud. Lynn advised she placed a purse on Facebook Market Place for sale. She received an email stating she did not have a business account and was advised to send \$200 to set up the account. Lynn sent the \$200 to the suspect. The requester then requested more money which Lynn sent but due to the suspicious activity her bank stopped the transaction. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

• Deputy Ernesto Trujillo arrested Harley Essman was after it was learned during a traffic stop that Essman did not have a valid driver's license. A check of the state database showed Essman had

several prior suspensions and was currently suspended. Harley Essman was arrested for driving while license suspended or revoked and transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 11

• A power line came down during the rainstorm which caused an electrical fire inside a home. The fire appeared to have started in the kitchen area then traveled to the roof of the home. There is estimated damage of approximately \$70,000. Red Cross was notified and will be responding to the residence. Deputy William Bennett investigated.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 13

• Frances Burdette reported her shed had been shot multiple times with a BB gun. Burdette estimated the damages at approximately \$100. Deputy Carla Skelly investigated.

• Christopher Hill reported someone hacking into his bank account. Hill stated \$9,784.17 was taken from his account. The incident has been reported to Hill's bank. This incident has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Kendrick Gavin investigated.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 15

• Deputy Michelle Stripling responded to the Sheriff's Office Annex about a battery. Contact was made with Tammy Vaillancourt, who said on Sept. 12 she was in her home when she received a notification of motion from her camera. Tammy opened the notification and observed an unknown white male standing in her yard looking in a window. She walked out of her residence and walked around the house. The male grabbed her by the wrist, Vaillancourt utilized a headbutt and a front kick to break free. The male then ran into the woods. Tammy only wanted the incident documented and signed an affidavit for non-prosecution.

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

County looking at improvements at Crawfordville School

Special to The Sun

Wakulla County officials are aware of the concerns surrounding pick-up and drop-off traffic at Crawfordville Elementary School and are actively working to determine a solution. Engineers currently working on the Arran Road resurfacing project have been tasked with extending the turn lane into Crawfordville Elementary School. This project will be paid for by Wakulla County when the resurfacing project for Arran Road begins construction. Construction is anticipated to begin within the next two years. Engineers have also been asked to plan for an additional stacking lane at Riversprings Middle School to resolve traffic congestion.

BBH speaker at Rotary

Kara Walker, community liaison for Big Bend Hospice was speaker at the Rotary Club of Wakulla last week. She spoke on the organization's need for local volunteers. The club's sergeant-at-arms Steve Sanabria thanked Walker for appearing and presented her with a commemorative coin that features the Rotary Four-Way Test. (Photo by William Snowden)



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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.”

Sun to host forum on Sept. 29

The Wakulla Sun will hold a candidate forum on Thursday, Sept. 29 at the community center from 6 to 8 p.m.

The focus will be on county commission candidates. They are:

For District 2: Fred Nichols (R) and John Quinton (D).

For District 4: Patricia Dyszer (write-in), Sam

McGrew (D) and Quincee Messersmith (R).

Submit your questions to editor@thewakullasun.com.

We will also hear brief statements from the remaining school board candidates, Eddie Hand and Dod Walker; as well as candidates for county judge, Eddie Evans and Brian Miller.

Airport can continue without county

Editor, The Sun:

Bill:

The message below from Virginia Moss helps clarify.

As to your editorial, “... can't take back.”

Yes it can, nothing precludes an airport at another location without the environmental problems,... as it would likely have been if the Airport Master Plan had been prepared objectively,

Could be done with land surrounding that would be developed with complementing uses and contributed to Wakulla's tax base,

i. There is no land adjacent to the current airport that can be developed with complementing, light

industrial or commercial uses,

Anything would have to be on stilts!

Most of the waterfront homes were built before Tarpine was even platted in 1981,... mine was built in 1979.

The Tarpine Airstrip can indeed continue just under other ownership,

Closure of the airport in its current situation clears the slate of clutter accumulated over the years and is a mean-to-the-ends for its future existence.

i. With all due respect, you missed this.

L. James Parham
Ochlockonee Bay

Airport should transfer to heirs

Editor, The Sun:

To whom it may concern,

I am speaking for all three of the heirs of Fenton Jones, who deeded the land the Wakulla County airport sits on to the county back in 1963. It has come to our attention that the Tarpine Homeowner's Association adjacent to the airstrip has engaged the services of both a public relations firm and a lobbying group in order to not only prevent the closing of the airport by the county, but also to continue to attempt to expand it in the face of regulatory impossibilities. This makes no sense to us.

We have reversionary rights to the deed and the county appears to have set that process in motion as it should. They have prepared a remarkably thorough and clear assessment of the long history of events leading up to this moment in the lengthy document attached here. We have been characterized by some in the community as wanting to close the airport down. If so, why would we have allowed the Tarpine Homeowner's Association to have a partial right of reversion ahead of us in case the county could no longer maintain it? Some of those people have made significant investments in their

home properties in the interest of aviation and expect to have access to an airstrip. They have enjoyed this free amenity for 32 years. Apparently, there are a much greater number of residents there with no interest whatsoever in the airstrip who voted at the HOA to not take on the burdens of the aviation facility. That makes sense.

As required, the county transferred the deed to Tarpine; Tarpine formally and legally declined the deed. Therefore, the deed comes to the heirs, requiring the county to terminate its license and formally, legally close the airport. They should then transfer the deed to the heirs. The county has had a half-century to make the airport a catalyst for economic development, as Fenton Jones had intended, but to no avail. Only a few light aircraft aficionados have benefitted from the airstrip off the backs of taxpayers in Wakulla County. That doesn't seem right.

We would like to see the airstrip continue to serve the local aviators as it has in the past, for light aircraft only. However, we will not be in the business of owning and operating an airport ourselves.

Sincerely,

Virginia Moss
Fenton Jones heirs

LETTERS FROM READERS

Time to get rid of airport

Editor, The Sun:

Yet again the issue of the airport has come up.

As a resident of Surf Rd for nearly 30 years, I have watched with interest the ups and downs of “the airport.” When we moved here, the airstrip was used by very small planes and often experimental ones. It was fun to watch them glide and often while on the dock, we would wave and yell and they would wave their wings and yell back. When we met the pilots in town, it was always a pleasant exchange.

As years passed, the property around the airport was purchased and sold. A new development, Refuge at Panacea, was given permits and approvals by the Board. Lots were sold, folks expected to build. In fact, one house was built and eventually burned down. Folks I talked to said the lots were an investment.

Houses along Surf Road changed hands as expected. A few new ones were built. Overall Ochlockonee Bay is an “older” community with many houses being passed down through the generations. Our house was constructed in 1954 as were 4 others along this immediate section.

Eventually, Tarpine was building houses. Some of them encroach on the runway according to FDOT records. The VFW was sold and with new owners, a smokehouse was built as well as a billboard put up. They encroach on the runway according to FDOT. A hanger was built and encroaches on the runway according to FDOT.

An Airport Master Plan was “commissioned” and paid for with grant monies (grants are taxpayers money) and presented to the community and the commission. It was not well received by those residents who live in Ochlockonee Bay along the bay. Again, we are opposed to taxpayer monies used for an airstrip that is landlocked and has no chance of being fully developed since it is already a residential area. BUT hopes were high by some that if the state would fund a developed airport, it would be used by more people. I remind you, this is a dirt and grass airstrip in a FEMA Flood Zone 18 or 19.

An Environmental Site Assessment was paid for by the county and submitted. There are serious limits to expanding the airport due to the surrounding properties that are fully developed and provide housing to residents who pay taxes and vote.

For several years now, Tarpine residents have worked to have the airstrip funded by the state FDOT and they have wisely said NO, it is primarily used by private individuals. But the efforts continue. In the meantime, can Wakulla County be held liable for any accidents? Fortunately there have been very few.

Since Commissioners have voted in the past to get out from under the responsibilities, I would think it is finally time to let another interested entity assume the responsibility in its entirety. It seems to me that “pushing the can down the road” cannot possibly be the best remedy. Tarpine refused a generous offer to assume the responsibility of the airstrip. The majority of Ochlockonee Bay residents would appreciate knowing that it is no longer a “threat” to the property owners or the use of our taxes.

By “threat”--- do we need to pay taxes for their “playground”? Can private property be taken for their needs through eminent domain? (That has been part of the discussion at various times.) Can the “airstrip” make rules and regs that limit how a property owner uses their property or rebuild in case of damage?

Looking at the monthly budget, the county continues to use taxpayer funds to maintain the airport—thousands? An income of \$1,274 and expenses of \$7,200 does not make sense to me. Let taxpayers fund something used by a large majority of people. (Boat ramps, parks, the Community Center...).

The state legislature has failed for two years to address the issue of the airport and it is time to STOP catering to a minority of folks. It is time to declare this property surplus and no longer a responsibility of the county.

Enough!

Regards,

Val LaHart
Surf Road

Support Republican candidates in election

Editor, The Sun:

I have spent most of my life as a Democrat. I recently have seen fit to follow another course. I believe that the issues confronting us cross party lines.

With the current state of many things political, I am writing this letter as a reminder and encouragement for you as a citizen to not “rest on your laurels”, not to be satisfied with past success and do nothing to achieve further success...however you define success.

So get engaged or stay engaged in helping shape the political future. If you are not registered to vote in Wakulla County...or Florida for that matter...take a few minutes to register online or contact the Wakulla Supervisor of Elections Office (850-926-7575) for information on registering (or pre-registering if you are 16 or 17 years old).

Study the candidates and their platforms. Ask questions and explore the expressed ideas of the candidates. Do they make sense? Do candidates have a solid agenda and campaign platform but are not so rigid as to not be willing to listen to different or opposing views?

No one is perfect and many a politician make mistakes or make a “bad vote”. I hope that they can learn from these and do better and can be honest with the constituents that supported them and “put them in office.”

My hat is off to anyone willing to run for public office - whether School Board, County Commission, State or Federal Senate, up through Governor and the Florida Cabinet. As we say to members of our Armed Forces, police, first responders and front line medical professionals, we

“Thank you for your service, Mr. or Ms. Public Official.”

I hope you will plan to vote in the upcoming November 8 General Election if voting in person. I hope more than the 30% of the 23,000 plus registered voters voting in the August Primary turnout for the General election. Lets try and double that to 60%!

It will be here sooner than later with early voting starting on Saturday, Oct. 29 and ending on Saturday, Nov. 5, with two early voting locations - downtown Supervisor of Elections Office and “north county” at the Riversink Fire House.

If voting by mail, deliver your completed ballot or place in the mail with postage well in advance to insure delivery and your vote is included in the totals.

Finally, I hope you will consider supporting and voting for Republican candidates up and down the mid-term ballot:

- US Senator Marco Rubio,
- US Congressman Dr. Neil Dunn (veteran),
- Governor Ron DeSantis (veteran),
- Attorney General Ashley Moody,
- Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis,
- Agricultural Commissioner Wilton Simpson,
- Florida Senate District 3 Corey Simon,
- Wakulla County Commission District 2, Fred Nichols, II,
- Wakulla County Commission District 4, Quincee Messersmith,
- and Eddie Hand or Dod Walker, Wakulla School Board District 1.

Rick Parks
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Something on your mind?

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◀ Question of The Week ▶

– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Polled at Barn's Liquor Chamber Mixer & Open House What is your favorite alcohol?



ANGIE BOZEMAN
GUARDIAN PUBLIC ADJUSTING

“I really don't drink much so I don't know.”



LEIGH ANNE BATT

“Tito's Vodka.”



JENNIFER PHILLIPS
K-12 NORTH FL LEARNING

“Different liqueurs.”



KARA FISHER
CENTENNIAL BANK

“Jack – Jack is a good man, he is always there when I get home and never lets me down.”



DALLAS MARSHALL
RETIRED

“I'm still tasting and continuing to make up my mind. I just don't know yet!”

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wakulla Station News

By **VERNA BROCK**

We had a small drama at my house this past weekend, when a small, young hawk tried to take down a large crow. Imagine a very large murder of crows joining forces to dissuade the hawk; the cacophonous racket alerted every dog in the neighborhood, as well as Ed and me, that something terrible was happening. Ed managed to separate the crow and hawk, and it was evident the hawk was injured somehow. The crow made a clean getaway.

We managed to get the hawk in a cat carrier, and I transported him to the wonderful folks at the Florida Wild

Mammal Association. Once there, we were greeted by a smiling young lady named Jess, with the tiniest brown baby bunny, wrapped in a small cloth in her hands. Jess examined the hawk, told me it is a Coopers Hawk, a species that migrates through here. He was thin, with some sort of wing injury, and will benefit from their loving ministrations. I am hopeful he'll soon be on his way. He was quite beautiful, and very feisty, despite his injury.

Without a doubt, the saints at FWMA provide amazing and professional care to the many dozens of orphaned, sick and injured animals brought to their doorstep at all hours of the day and

night. If you can spare a donation, it is always deeply appreciated.

Please pray for the family of Agnes Eason, the mother of Molly Clore and Janie Register. Her husband, daughters, grandchildren and countless friends will miss her so deeply, even as she walks in glory.

Also in need of prayers is the family of Calvin Elliott Bolin. I, and most of his family, knew him as Elliott. Elliott was a beloved teacher, brother, husband, father and grandfather. His wit and kindness warmed every single person who ever met him, and his faith in Jesus shaped how he treated all of us. He was an amazing sharer of stories and history, and now we all have our own stories to share of his (never

stuff!) goodness. My happy connection to Elliott came through his marriage to his beautiful wife of 71 years, Louise Anderson Bolin. Louise is my father's first cousin, and it has been my privilege to call them family all these years. Rest easy Elliott, until we meet again.

I sure hope you have put Sunday, October 2nd on your calendar! That is when the Wakulla United Methodist Church is celebrating Homecoming as well as the 25th anniversary of the groundbreaking for our log cabin sanctuary. The Rev. Wayne Wiatt, our District Superintendent, will be our guest speaker. Following the service there will be a Covered dish dinner on the grounds, and all are welcome to join us. Can't wait to see you there!

Library News – Sept. 22

Thursday, Sept. 22

Friends of the Library General Meeting 6pm

Wakulla Democratic Executive Committee 6pm

Friday, Sept. 23

Quilting Guild 9:30am

Saturday, Sept. 24

Take Your Child to the Library Day: Pirate Edition! 9am-1pm

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY: PIRATE EDITION

We are happy to announce a new event that will be a Pirate themed library open house with library programs and services, games, a chance to visit with and learn about other community organizations, and even have your face painted! The event will be Sept. 24th, from 9am to 1pm.

Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library from 10:30am while supplies last.

FALL TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

We will be offering two classes this fall with Technology Instructor Deana Ransey this fall.

- Understanding File Management for Windows Users (a four-part class) which will meet on Tuesday mornings from 9-11am, October 4, 11, 18, & 25. For this class students must

be comfortable with basic computer operations and settings on a Windows computer.

- Microsoft Excel Beyond the Basics (also, a four-part class) which will meet on Tuesdays from 11:30am-1:30pm, October 4, 11, 18, & 25. For this class, students must know how to type and have some basic knowledge of Microsoft Excel to participate.

Both classes require registration. Please call the library at 850-926-7415 or stop by the front desk to register.

On the Horizon

Calendar of upcoming events for the week of Sept. 22

Thursday, September 22

- 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.

Friday, September 23

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

Saturday, September 24

- The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group will meet at the Wakulla County Public Library at 10 a.m.
- Unity in the Community will be held at

the community center from 2 to 4 p.m.

Monday, September 26

- 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.

Wednesday, September 28

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

Thursday, September 29

- Candidate forum, hosted by The Wakulla Sun, will be held at the community center from 6 to 8 p.m. Candidates for county commission have been invited to answer questions, and candidates for school board and county judge, who were at earlier forum, can give short statements. Submit questions to editor@thewakallasun.com.

- The VFW Auxiliary Bingo Night will be held at 7 p.m. at 475 Arran Road in Crawfordville. There will be concessions.



PUBLIC NOTICES:

For our readers' convenience, The Wakulla Sun provides this Public Notice Section for all Public Notices not published in the Legal Notice section of the newspaper.

WAKULLA COUNTY
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
Adoption Coordinator Anticipated Vacancy

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners is seeking qualified applicants for a full-time Adoption Coordinator within the Wakulla County Animal Services Department within the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners.

Please visit www.mywakulla.com for additional information on requirements and duties.

Starting salary is \$14.04 an hour. To apply, send a Wakulla County employment application to Human Resources, P.O. Box 1263, Crawfordville, FL 32326. Applications may be obtained by visiting our website at www.mywakulla.com or can be picked up at the County Administrator's office located at 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL. If you have questions, you may contact Deborah DuBose at 850.926.9500. Veteran's preference will be given to qualified applicants. Wakulla County is an AA/EO Employer. This advertisement will close on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Sept. 15, 22, 29, 2022

WAKULLA COUNTY
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
Animal Control Officer
Department of Public Safety

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners is seeking qualified applicants for a Full Time, Animal Control Officer. Starting salary is \$13-\$14 an hour, depending on experience and comes with a robust benefits package. Refer to www.mywakulla.com for additional information. Preference will be given to applicant's who are full time residents of Wakulla County.

Veteran's preference will be given to qualified applicants. Wakulla County is an AA/EOE employer. Applications must be received on or before 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct 5, 2022. Sept. 22, 29, 2022

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Outdoors

outdoor sports

HOME ON THE RANGE

The basics: Getting a grip



By MARJ LAW

After taking a basic class on handguns and learning the rules of the range, Newbie is set to learn more about hanging on to her (or his) gun.

First, as in the safety class, newbies are pointing their guns safely downrange when the range is “hot.”

Is our newbie today a young man?

The cool factor can be the first hindrance to a young man’s shooting. See him squinch his eyes at the target? See him punch out his right hand gangsta-fashion turning the gun 90° sideways? Or maybe his first stance will be to turn his body sideways and shoot one-handed, even though he’s never practiced before? Or maybe he figures he knows quite a bit, aims at the target and shoots off one round after another as fast as he can?

Yikes. So Not cool.

Now, how about a middle-age newbie? What’s she doing?

She has put her elbows on the shooting bench and is eyeing the target. She puts her left hand (the non-dominant one) under the hand that holds the gun. She knows the gun will go off with a bang, so she’s got her head turned away from the target and her eyes are squinched shut.

Both newbies first grips are screaming “help me!”

For every action, there’s an equal and op-

posite reaction. When the firing explosion propels the bullet out of your gun, the slide returns with equal force. Our gangsta-shootin’ guy has his gun right in front of his body. The force of the gun’s firing is going to repel his gun right back at him.

Not good.

Shooting one-handed with no experience? Not likely to be successful at hitting the target. Shooting one after another really fast? If you haven’t learned to do it right the first time, will it be any better if you keep making that same mistake?

Learning a bit about how you hold your gun is a good beginning to shooting well.

Watch Newbie at the shooting bench. Newbie is leaning backwards from the waist. A backwards tilt? Yes, he’s given himself away as a newbie. A gentle slightly-forward slant begins good shooting.

Did you ever hear your grandfather say: “He shakes hands like he’s holding a dead fish!”

Your gun isn’t a dead fish. Hold it really firmly. Don’t give yourself the shakes, but grip strongly.

Where is your hand on the grip? Just anywhere is not good enough!

See the indentation on the backstrap below the slide? When you hold your gun, that tender webbing between your thumb and forefinger goes right there. Most people call that indentation the “beavertail.” If you find your hand is holding the gun a half inch below this beavertail, you’re not gripping high enough. Push your hand right high into the beavertail. Holding your hand low will cause the muzzle to flip upwards. Holding high on the grip helps to contain recoil.

Now if your gun has a grip safety, chances are you won’t even be able



Deep Beavertail: Put the “web” of your hand here.

to pull the trigger unless your webbing is pushing into the beavertail. In this way, you gun helps you to learn to hold high.

About that recoil. Most of us want as little recoil as possible. You’ve contained it some by holding high into the backstrap. Next, make a straight line from your forearm along the top center slide of the gun. This also helps to absorb recoil.

Holding your non-dominant hand at the base of the grip and under your shooting hand, like holding low on the beavertail, is another thing that allows the gun to flip when firing. The last thing you want to hear when you’re shooting is someone accusing you of “limp-wristing” your gun. This means you’re not shooting well because you’re not holding your gun steady. Limp-wristing also prevents proper ejection of the casing and loading of the next round.

Grabbed the grip too low? Limp wristing.

Didn’t hold the gun

straight with your forearm? Limp wristing.

Placed your non-dominant hand under your shooting hand? Limp wristing.

Hold your gun with your dominant hand pointing downrange with your finger off the trigger. Now wrap the fingers of your non-dominant hand between the knuckles of your shooting hand. It helps to leave rings home when shooting because when you have a very firm grip, the rings can dig into your fingers.

Where do your thumbs go? Your shooting thumb can tilt upwards or downwards: whichever gives you the best grip into the beavertail and onto the grip safety. Your non-shooting thumb, when you’ve wrapped your fingers over the knuckles of your shooting hand, will fall about the same distance from the muzzle as where your shooting finger lies along the frame of the gun when you’re not actually shooting. Hold your gun. Notice

how your non-shooting thumb and your shooting index finger are equidistant from the muzzle?

Good.

And, since you have a semi-automatic, make darn certain both thumbs are on the same side of the gun. If the slide returns, and your thumbs are crossed behind it, that delicate webbing on your shooting hand can be ripped to shreds. Always, both thumbs on the non-dominant hand side.

Have you ever tried to pat your head and rub your tummy at the same time? It takes a little practice! One way to get a firm grip on your gun is to push with one arm and pull back with the other.

You punch your shooting arm firmly forward. At the same time, you pull backwards with your non-dominant hand. Notice how firm your wrists and arms feel? Punch and pull.

And keep your elbows

off the table. Mr. Bad won’t stand quietly while you look for a table where you can rest your elbows. You’ll need to shoot without relying on elbows on the table.

When something goes wrong with either hitting the target or jamming the gun, the first thing Newbie might hear is “limp-wristing!” They are saying you haven’t controlled your gun.

Even if there’s a true defect in the gun, the first thing Newbie hears is an accusation of “limp-wristing.”

Don’t let anyone say that to you. Practice holding your gun firmly. Hold high and straight. Wrap one hand over the other. Keep elbows off the table. Push and pull.

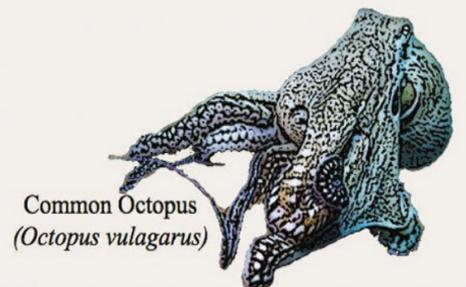
Get a good grip.

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

WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO



Retired Wakulla Springs State Park Ranger Bob Thompson, on a wildlife survey at the park, snapped this photo of an osprey flying off from its perch on limb.



Common Octopus (*Octopus vulgaris*)

A fearsome predator and a master of camouflage, the common octopus grows to 3ft and lives 2 years. They hunt at dawn in costal waters up to 350ft using a secreted nerve poison to paralyze prey and a hard beak to crack shells. They hide in crevices and can squeeze their bodies through tiny spaces and making then escape artists. They change color or squirt a cloud of black “ink” to confuse attackers. Females lay up to 500,000 eggs but most are eaten as plankton. Octopi can learn complex tasks like opening a jar. They are also an important protein source for humans.

Eukarya, Animalia, Mollusca, Cephalopoda, Octopoda, Octopodidae

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Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water

Local writers share their experiences

Thursday 22

Sun rise/set: 7:25AM / 7:38PM
Moon rise/set: 4:11AM / 6:09PM
Moon Illumination: 12%

Friday 23

Sun rise/set: 7:32PM / 7:32PM
Moon rise/set: 5:09AM / 6:41PM
Moon Illumination: 6%

Saturday 24

Sun rise/set: 7:26AM / 7:31PM
Moon rise/set: 6:06AM / 7:11PM
Moon Illumination: 2%

Sunday 25

Sun rise/set: 7:26AM / 7:29PM
Moon rise/set: 7:04AM / 7:40PM
Moon Illumination: 0%

Monday 26

Sun rise/set: 7:27AM / 7:28PM
Moon rise/set: 8:03AM / 8:09PM
Moon Illumination: 0%

Tuesday 27

Sun rise/set: 7:28AM / 7:27PM
Moon rise/set: 9:03AM / 8:40PM
Moon Illumination: 3%

Wednesday 28

Sun rise/set: 7:28AM / 7:26PM
Moon rise/set: 10:06AM / 9:15PM
Moon Illumination: 8%

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

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

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Tide charts by tides4fishing.com

Best fishing days this month
September 25-30, October 1-9, 25-31

Thursday 22

Minor Times: 3:26AM / 5:24PM
Major Times: 9:58AM / 10:21PM

Friday 23

Minor Times: 4:24AM / 5:56PM
Major Times: 10:43AM / ---

Saturday 24

Minor Times: 5:21AM / 6:26PM
Major Times: 11:06PM / 11:27AM

Sunday 25

Minor Times: 6:19AM / 6:55PM
Major Times: 11:49PM / 12:11PM

Monday 26

Minor Times: 7:18AM / 7:24PM
Major Times: 12:33AM / 12:55PM

Tuesday 27

Minor Times: 8:18AM / 7:55PM
Major Times: 1:17AM / 1:40PM

Wednesday 28

Minor Times: 9:21AM / 8:30PM
Major Times: 2:04AM / 2:28PM

St. Marks River Entrance

Th	1:30 am ▲ 3.2 ft	6:46 am ▼ 1.8 ft	12:51 pm ▲ 3.5 ft	7:42 pm ▼ 0.5 ft
Fr	1:57 am ▲ 3.4 ft	7:26 am ▼ 1.4 ft	1:30 pm ▲ 3.7 ft	8:10 pm ▼ 0.4 ft
Sa	2:21 am ▲ 3.5 ft	8:01 am ▼ 1.1 ft	2:06 pm ▲ 3.9 ft	8:34 pm ▼ 0.5 ft
Su	2:43 am ▲ 4.0 ft	8:35 am ▼ 0.8 ft	2:42 pm ▲ 4.0 ft	8:58 pm ▼ 0.5 ft
Mo	3:04 am ▲ 3.8 ft	9:09 am ▼ 0.5 ft	3:19 pm ▲ 4.1 ft	9:23 pm ▼ 0.7 ft
Tu	3:24 am ▲ 3.9 ft	9:43 am ▼ 0.2 ft	3:59 pm ▲ 4.0 ft	9:49 pm ▼ 0.5 ft
We	3:45 am ▲ 4.0 ft	10:20 am ▼ 0.0 ft	4:41 pm ▲ 3.9 ft	10:18 pm ▼ 1.1 ft

City of St. Marks

Th	2:06 am ▲ 2.9 ft	7:50 am ▼ 1.6 ft	1:27 pm ▲ 3.3 ft	8:46 pm ▼ 0.4 ft
Fr	2:33 am ▲ 3.1 ft	8:30 am ▼ 1.3 ft	2:06 pm ▲ 3.5 ft	9:14 pm ▼ 0.4 ft
Sa	2:57 am ▲ 3.3 ft	9:05 am ▼ 1.0 ft	2:42 pm ▲ 3.7 ft	9:38 pm ▼ 0.4 ft
Su	3:19 am ▲ 3.4 ft	9:39 am ▼ 0.7 ft	3:18 pm ▲ 3.7 ft	10:02 pm ▼ 0.5 ft
Mo	3:40 am ▲ 3.5 ft	10:13 am ▼ 0.4 ft	3:55 pm ▲ 3.8 ft	10:27 pm ▼ 0.6 ft
Tu	4:00 am ▲ 3.6 ft	10:47 am ▼ 0.2 ft	4:35 pm ▲ 3.7 ft	10:53 pm ▼ 0.8 ft
We	4:21 am ▲ 3.7 ft	11:24 am ▼ 0.0 ft	5:17 pm ▲ 3.6 ft	11:22 pm ▼ 1.0 ft

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Th	1:38 am ▲ 3.4 ft	7:03 am ▼ 1.9 ft	1:06 pm ▲ 3.7 ft	7:56 pm ▼ 0.4 ft
Fr	2:07 am ▲ 3.6 ft	7:43 am ▼ 1.5 ft	1:46 pm ▲ 3.9 ft	8:27 pm ▼ 0.4 ft
Sa	2:34 am ▲ 3.7 ft	8:19 am ▼ 1.2 ft	2:24 pm ▲ 4.0 ft	8:54 pm ▼ 0.5 ft
Su	2:58 am ▲ 3.8 ft	8:53 am ▼ 0.9 ft	3:01 pm ▲ 4.1 ft	9:20 pm ▼ 0.6 ft
Mo	3:20 am ▲ 3.9 ft	9:27 am ▼ 0.6 ft	3:39 pm ▲ 4.1 ft	9:45 pm ▼ 0.8 ft
Tu	3:41 am ▲ 4.0 ft	10:02 am ▼ 0.3 ft	4:20 pm ▲ 4.1 ft	10:11 pm ▼ 1.0 ft
We	4:03 am ▲ 4.0 ft	10:39 am ▼ 0.1 ft	5:03 pm ▲ 3.9 ft	10:40 pm ▼ 1.3 ft

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Th	1:22 am ▲ 2.4 ft	6:57 am ▼ 1.3 ft	12:43 pm ▲ 2.6 ft	7:53 pm ▼ 0.4 ft
Fr	1:49 am ▲ 2.5 ft	7:37 am ▼ 1.0 ft	1:22 pm ▲ 2.8 ft	8:21 pm ▼ 0.3 ft
Sa	2:13 am ▲ 2.6 ft	8:12 am ▼ 0.8 ft	1:58 pm ▲ 2.9 ft	8:45 pm ▼ 0.3 ft
Su	2:35 am ▲ 2.7 ft	8:46 am ▼ 0.6 ft	2:34 pm ▲ 3.0 ft	9:09 pm ▼ 0.4 ft
Mo	2:56 am ▲ 2.8 ft	9:20 am ▼ 0.3 ft	3:11 pm ▲ 3.0 ft	9:34 pm ▼ 0.5 ft
Tu	3:16 am ▲ 2.9 ft	9:54 am ▼ 0.1 ft	3:51 pm ▲ 3.0 ft	10:00 pm ▼ 0.6 ft
We	3:37 am ▲ 3.0 ft	10:31 am ▼ 0.0 ft	4:33 pm ▲ 2.9 ft	10:29 pm ▼ 0.8 ft

St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

Th	1:57 am ▲ 2.5 ft	7:11 am ▼ 1.7 ft	12:40 pm ▲ 2.9 ft	7:41 pm ▼ 0.4 ft
Fr	2:10 am ▲ 2.6 ft	7:41 am ▼ 1.5 ft	1:23 pm ▲ 3.0 ft	8:09 pm ▼ 0.4 ft
Sa	2:25 am ▲ 2.7 ft	8:09 am ▼ 1.2 ft	2:01 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	8:34 pm ▼ 0.5 ft
Su	2:41 am ▲ 2.9 ft	8:38 am ▼ 0.9 ft	2:40 pm ▲ 3.2 ft	9:00 pm ▼ 0.6 ft
Mo	3:00 am ▲ 3.0 ft	9:08 am ▼ 0.6 ft	3:20 pm ▲ 3.2 ft	9:27 pm ▼ 0.8 ft
Tu	3:21 am ▲ 3.1 ft	9:41 am ▼ 0.4 ft	4:03 pm ▲ 3.2 ft	9:55 pm ▼ 1.0 ft
We	3:45 am ▲ 3.2 ft	10:18 am ▼ 0.1 ft	4:50 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	10:24 pm ▼ 1.2 ft

Dog Island West End

Th	2:38 am ▲ 2.3 ft	7:36 am ▼ 1.8 ft	12:18 pm ▲ 2.5 ft	7:58 pm ▼ 0.4 ft
Fr	2:40 am ▲ 2.3 ft	8:01 am ▼ 1.5 ft	1:19 pm ▲ 2.6 ft	8:26 pm ▼ 0.5 ft
Sa	2:47 am ▲ 2.4 ft	8:27 am ▼ 1.2 ft	2:10 pm ▲ 2.7 ft	8:51 pm ▼ 0.5 ft
Su	3:00 am ▲ 2.5 ft	8:54 am ▼ 0.9 ft	2:57 pm ▲ 2.8 ft	9:17 pm ▼ 0.7 ft
Mo	3:18 am ▲ 2.6 ft	9:25 am ▼ 0.6 ft	3:43 pm ▲ 2.8 ft	9:43 pm ▼ 0.9 ft
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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 Auxiliaries at Coast Cleanup, above, and fellowship, below.



Underwater Wakulla

By Rusty Miller

Student dive on a wreck.

In this article I want to share an experience that every dive instructor hopes they never have to go through.

Let's start at the beginning: It was a beautiful morning on Saturday at the Jetties in St. Andrew's Park in Panama City Beach. The wind was blowing about 15 knots from the east and had a light chop in the swim area. The water was tannic from all the rain runoff in the area. The water was comfortable to be in so we had the briefing then suited up and got in the water to do the scuba skills they learned in the pool the previous week. They students did extremely well with all the skills on both dives. We disassembled our gear and then parted ways until Sunday at the dive shop to do the usual paperwork before getting on the dive boat.

Sunday morning we met at the dive shop and signed the usual paperwork then headed to the marina to board the dive boat.

I made the introductions to the captain and dive master then we proceeded to load the tanks and our gear on to the boat. The wind had died down to a very light breeze, after a discussion with the captain as to the location of the first of two dives we decided to go to the Black Bart which is in about 75 feet of water and about 4-5 miles offshore. It was a fairly smooth ride to the dive site. The dive master rolled over the side with the anchor chain to tie the boat to the wreck. When he returned to the boat he briefed us on the visibility and potential current around the wreck as well as sea life and any jellyfish in the area we would be diving.

He said he was tied off amidships and no current and 40 foot visibility. There were some jellyfish but the most interesting jellyfish is the pink horse maim's jelly. That jellyfish is a very rare one to see in these waters because they mainly stay much farther out in the Gulf.

The students descended to the cargo deck at about 60-65 feet along with my assistant instructor. I came down last and swam around to make sure the students were doing well. After about 30 minutes the first two students made their way back up to the 15-20 foot safety stop, and then the next set of students did the same. I still had plenty of gas in my cylinder as well as about 35 minutes on my computer so I decided to head to the port side of the wreck to find that jellyfish. At about 72 feet there she was, so I got as close as I dared, but close enough to see the 4-5 foot maim with the stinging tentacles flowing in the water. She was a very beautiful animal and very graceful unlike the moon jellies that seem to flop around trying to swim. I was in awe of watching her slowly making her way around the wreck.

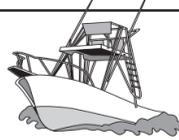
I looked at my computer and I still had 1600lbs of pressure but my time was getting close so I decided to make my way to the anchor line and proceeded to my 15 foot safety stop for 3-5 minutes. As usual I was the last one on the boat but after watching that beautiful jellyfish it was all worth it.

As the title stated the incident happened on the second dive and for that you will have to wait until next week's article. Until then blow bubbles.



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



This past weekend, members of Flotilla 12 participated in the Coastal Cleanup. This involved picking up litter and other debris from the fort in St. Marks. This effort helps us in our mission to help protect the waterways and marine life.

One of the most dangerous items to discard is monofilament fishing line. This can become entangled on wildlife, leading to death. You will likely find a PVC tube for line disposal almost anywhere with a boat ramp or fishing pier.

The International Coastal Clean Up and Coastal Conservatory estimate that since beginning clean-up efforts 35 years ago, over 344 million pounds of trash have been collected. This is equivalent to 1,148 adult blue whales!

The primary items collated are cigarette

Boating Emergencies

Coast Guard Station
Panama City (850) 234-4228

Coast Guard Station
Yankeetown (352) 447-6900

Coast Guard Auxiliary
Apalachee Bay (Flotilla 12) (850) 942-7500
or (850) 284-1166

butts, plastic bottles, beginning to plan for 2023 and look forward to sharing opportunities for safe boating classes, engaging in events to share information on safe boating.

We all need to do our part to keep our Forgotten Coast clean and enjoyable for years to come!

In the Auxiliary, we have a believe that one should leave a place better than you found it.

Saturday, the Flotilla held our monthly business meeting in Tallahassee. We are

Following the meeting, members enjoyed fellowship over lunch. Thank you to Tim Ashley, Mary Grant and Linda Olsen for the images!

Thanks to Sherrie, we will always remember safe boating is no accident. Do your part to ensure the beauty we enjoy remains pristine for others!

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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A Bible verse we'd rather skip over



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

Have you ever encountered verses in the Bible you wish the Holy Spirit hadn't included,

such as the ones about loving our enemies?

Verses like these seem nearly impossible to obey. And so intimidating that we're tempted to skip over them and pretend they don't exist. Here's one example:

"But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you" (Luke 6:27-28 ESV).

Many of you have been hurt in ways I can only imagine. (I'm truly

sorry for what you've suffered.) Yet as difficult as it is to read Jesus' words, He was speaking to you, too. Perhaps especially to you.

When our pain is still raw, when the person who has hurt us doesn't seem the least bit sorry, we find it so much easier to close our ears (and heart) to Jesus' words. But notice the first part of verse 27, "But I say to you who 'hear.'"

Are we listening? Or are we so afraid to listen that we act as if we can't

hear our Father's voice?

As impossible as it may seem, we who have been hated, cursed, and abused, must listen to what God is saying to us. When we hear (and obey) His Word, we gain the ability to destroy what the devil is using to break us.

Bitterness, resentment and rage have kept us imprisoned long enough. We need to change the way we process our pain. I'm not saying we should remain in an abusive situation.

I'm saying that rather than to allow what has happened to us to cause further devastation, let's ask God to help us do "the impossible" and love those who have hurt us.

Perhaps we can begin by asking God to help us apply Luke 6:27-28 to those who have hurt us by praying something like, "God, I don't want to forgive (name of person who has hurt you). Help me take the first step toward obeying You."

Even if we do this reluctantly at first, only because God's Word tells us to, we'll discover unexpected peace as we break free from Satan's control. And hopefully, as we grow in our desire to obey God's Word, we'll skip over fewer and fewer verses.

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.

Love covers all – a look at divisions among Methodists



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

The question is posed, "What is my position on the policies of the Methodist Conference concerning the issues of LGBTQ rights in the church?"

Truthfully, I am not sure how to answer this question. I could give a Methodist correct reply, a left view, a right view, or the politically correct response. Whichever way I choose, someone will dissect, scrutinize, and oppose my view.

It is a man who writes policies; God who gives grace.

A woman caught in adultery was thrown at the feet of Jesus. She was to be stoned by law without trial, judge, or jury. They brought her to the Lord to trap Him. Would He condemn her under the law and have her stoned or deny the Law and set her free? Grace chose the latter, and the eyes of love looked upon her. The Lord set her free with the words, "go and sin no more." Let us be thankful for grace. How often has the Lord looked upon us with the eyes of love setting us free?

Our world is plagued with issues. People are hungry; children go to bed without food; classrooms are a war zone; sex trade is rampant, and our streets are filled

with violence. We live in a world where the elderly must decide to pay the light bill or buy medications. These issues and much more scourge all of humanity, yet the prevailing question remains, "What about LGBTQ?" Can we love the person and, if we must, agree to disagree? In my community, I have heard it said that I should not speak from the pulpit simply because of my gender. Why do we limit God?

The word abomination, when related to homosexuality in the scripture, is found in the King James version. However, the original word is "Toevah" (Leviticus 18). The word means taboo. Yes, it also means detestable or abomination, but sin, all sin, is offensive to God. I sin, and my sin separates me from God.

It is through grace that I am forgiven. We all sin and fall short of the glory of God. By Grace, we are all forgiven. I believe Proverbs 6 is a great beginning when we look at man's sinful nature and what separates him from God.

These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: 17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, 18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, 19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren. Proverbs 6:16-19

How often have we spoken lies, ran swiftly toward mischief, or sown discord among brethren (an abomination)?

Are any of us worthy of His grace, yet it is freely given? I am unsure how I feel about Methodist policy and the fracture in the Methodist conference. I pray for discernment and choose to be still before God, knowing He is God. I understand this: In Proverbs 10:12, we read that dissension is caused by hatred. However, it is love that covers all transgressions. We hear the same truth in 1 Peter 4:8 when it says we are to love one another deeply, above all things.

Old and New Testaments testify to the same truth. Maybe I have skirted the issue, but I prefer to love and not judge. John Wesley taught of the Love of God in a very profound way. Love will remain when all is gone because "God

is Love." Let us love today; feed the hungry; clothe the naked; visit the imprisoned. Let us take care of the ministry God has set before us. And let us, love. In doing so, we untie the hands of God and allow His healing to flow throughout our land.

"If I speak with the tongues of men and angels but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 13 But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:1&13

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

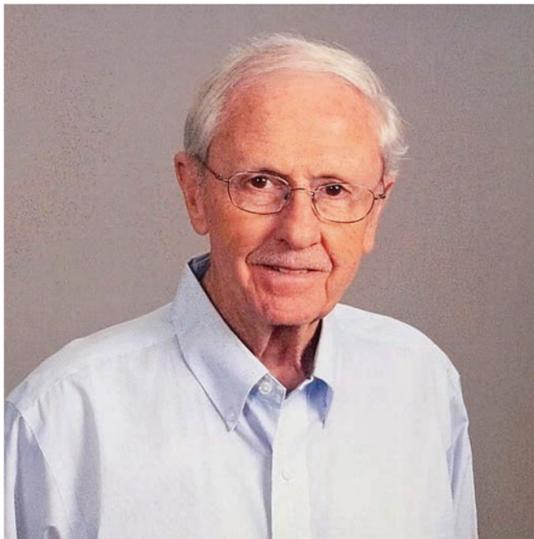
Obituaries

DEATH NOTICES

• **Karen Yvonne Clevenger**, 67, of Crawfordville, died Sept. 12, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel 850-926-5919, www.familyfhc.com

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

• **Thomas Britton Tillman**, 85, of Crawfordville, died Sept. 12, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel 850-926-5919, www.familyfhc.com



George Edwin Strickland

George Edwin Strickland, 86, of Sopchoppy died Saturday, September 17, 2022, at his home surrounded by his family after an extended illness.

George was a native and lifelong resident of Sopchoppy, he was a member of Sopchoppy Southern Baptist Church, retired from the State of Florida working in Finance and Accounting, graduated from Sopchoppy High School and Florida State University.

George joined the U.S. Army in 1959 where he was a Medic, he was the founder of Sopchoppy Feed & Seed and the Sopchoppy Hardware. His greatest joy was the love for his family, especially his grandchildren. He enjoyed his many friends,

particularly the time spent fishing and hunting with them on the Ochlockonee and Sopchoppy rivers. Not long ago he was recognized as the longest continuous Booster for the FSU Football team.

George was predeceased by his parents, George H. and Eloise Kemp Strickland; sister JoAnn Edwards Catoe; brother Daniel L. Strickland; and granddaughter Jordan Strickland.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Leona Strickland; five children, George Scott Strickland and wife Lisa, Tannye Owens Rogers and husband Monroe, Stacey Strickland Visceglie and husband John, Beth Brown and husband Wade, and Daniel Nicholson Strickland and wife Emily; two sisters Sarah Strickland, Nena Anderson and husband Randy, two brothers, Malcom (Mo) Strickland and wife Rita, Robert Strickland and wife Regina; sister in law Sandra Strickland, brother in law Marshall Catoe; 10 grandchildren, Sarah, Samantha, Aaron, Grant, Benjamin, Taylor, Emily, Caleb, Haley, and Anna; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held Monday, Sept. 19, 2022, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Sopchoppy Southern Baptist Church; and the Funeral Service was held Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022, at the church starting at 10:30 a.m. The burial followed at the West Sopchoppy Cemetery.

George was very involved in the Sopchoppy Southern Baptist Church Backpack Ministry, which provides food to Medart Elementary families. Donations may be made in his memory. P.O. Box 177, Sopchoppy FL 32358.

Skip and Trey Young are assisting the family. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 or Familyfhc.com.



Terry Lewis speaks to historical society

Retired circuit judge and novelist Terry Lewis appeared at a meeting of the Wakulla County Historical Society last week to discuss the political history of the American Revolution, which is the subject of one of his recent novels, "Incognito." Judge Lewis, at left, was welcomed by historical society president Brent Thurmond for the program at the public library on Tuesday, Sept. 13. (Photo by William Snowden)

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The date of the Decedent's death is January 2, 2022.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is September 15, 2022.

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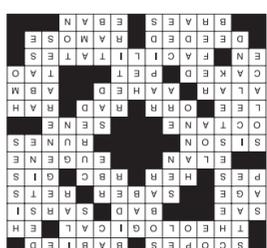
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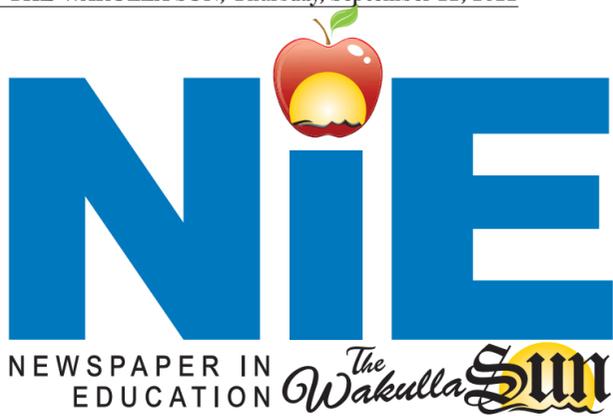
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15. Talk excessively
17. Bronx cheers
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23. Monetary unit in Asia

24. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
27. Carthaginian statesman
29. Aged
32. Mauna ___, Hawaiian volcano
34. Firearm
35. Consolation
36. An island in the north Atlantic
39. Pitching statistic
40. Disconsolate
43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
44. Call it a career
46. Behave in a way that degrades

someone
47. Health insurance
49. Recommend
51. Baltic peninsula
54. Father
59. After B
60. Bar bill
61. Doctors' group
62. 2,000 lbs.
64. Equal to one quintillion bytes





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Use the News

1. 70 Years a Queen

Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain was monarch of the European nation and its Commonwealth for longer than any British monarch ever. This week Britain and the rest of the Commonwealth of Nations are mourning her death at age 96 after 70 years on the throne. She died last week just days after taking part in the traditional ceremony asking new Prime Minister Liz Truss to form a government. The head of England's royal family is now Elizabeth's oldest son, Charles. Charles is 73 and has been heir-apparent to the throne since 1952 — the longest serving heir-apparent in history. As king, Charles will rule as King Charles III following two other kings named Charles in British history. With a decline in the Queen's health over the last two years, Charles has assumed more of her royal duties. He is known as being "forward thinking" on issues, particularly those involving the environment, global warming and education. Queen Elizabeth II was successful for many, many years as England's queen. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read stories about another person, business or institution that has been successful for a long time. Use what you read to write a personal column analyzing how the long-term success of this person or institution could be a role model for others.

Goals: Citing specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions; reading closely what a text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it.

2. Moon Launch Delay

The Artemis program of America's NASA space agency wants to land astronauts on the Earth's moon, possibly as soon as three years from now. Those plans have been put on hold, however, after NASA had to cancel two launches of its first Artemis flight due to fuel leaks and other problems. The Artemis I mission now is not likely to launch until October, NASA and other space experts said. The most significant leaks involved liquid hydrogen, a super cold element that is one of the propellants used by the rocket blasting the mission into space. The delay in the first launch will not affect other missions in the program, NASA officials said. Administrator Bill Nelson reminded people that at the start of America's space shuttle program in the 1980s, the shuttle craft was sent back to NASA's assembly

building 20 times before it launched. He also pointed out that the cost of canceling a launch is far less than a failure that could destroy the spacecraft. American astronauts first landed on the moon 50 years ago as part of NASA's Apollo program. In ancient Greek mythology Artemis was the twin sister of Apollo. The Artemis space program has ambitious plans to land astronauts on the moon and establish a long-term base. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read stories about the program's goals. Use what you read to write a letter to the editor assessing which goals you think are the most valuable or important.

Goals: 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.

3. A Dino Worth the Word!

The word "gobsmacking" is an adjective that means "astounding," "astonishing" or "unbelievable." It comes from the old English word "gob" which means "mouth," and describes how you might feel if you were smacked in the mouth. It doesn't get used much in everyday conversation, but a scientist on the continent of Europe felt no other word would do when he learned of an amazing fossil find in the nation of Portugal. The find was of a humongous rib cage discovered in the back yard of a property where the owner excavating for a construction project. Scientists believe it was from a plant-eating sauropod and may be one of the largest dinosaur fossils ever found on the continent of Europe. With a long neck and long tail, this brachiosau-

rus-type sauropod was estimated to be 39 feet high and 82 feet long and weigh as much as 60 tons. Paleontologist Steve Brusatte, who was not involved in the discovery, told CNN News it was "gobsmacking" to find "a dinosaur ribcage sticking out of somebody's garden." "Gobsmacking" is an unusual adjective used to describe the fossil discovery in Portugal. In the newspaper or online, find and make a list of other unusual adjectives used to describe things. Look up their meaning and write complete sentences using each. Join with classmates to make a master list of unusual adjectives you can use in your writing.

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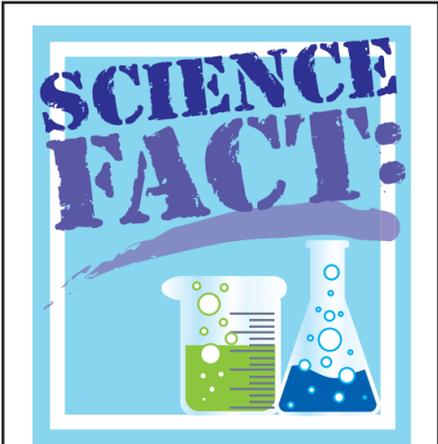
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4. Pyramids by Boat

The Pyramids of Giza are the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. For years, scientists and historians have wondered how ancient Egyptians transported the massive amounts of rock and stone needed to construct the structures in northern Africa. New research indicates that workers may have used a now-dry arm of the Nile River to float giant blocks of limestone and granite by boat to the construction site on the edge of the modern city of Cairo. Using high-tech analysis of the dry Khufu branch of the Nile, scientists have determined that the waterway could have been deep enough and full enough during flood seasons to transport construction materials to the pyramid site in Giza 4,500 years ago, CNN News reports. That was when the three main pyramids at Giza were built. The largest of these is the

Great Pyramid, which is sometimes called Cheops or Khufu after the pharaoh who built it. The Great Pyramid originally stood 481 feet high and contained 2.3-million stone blocks with a combined mass of 5.75-million tons. The nation of Egypt in northern Africa has had some of the most amazing discoveries of buildings, tombs and cities of the ancient world. And it continues to make new discoveries. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read stories about some of these discoveries involving ancient life. Use what you read to write and design a travel brochure highlighting new discoveries and why they would make people want to visit Egypt.

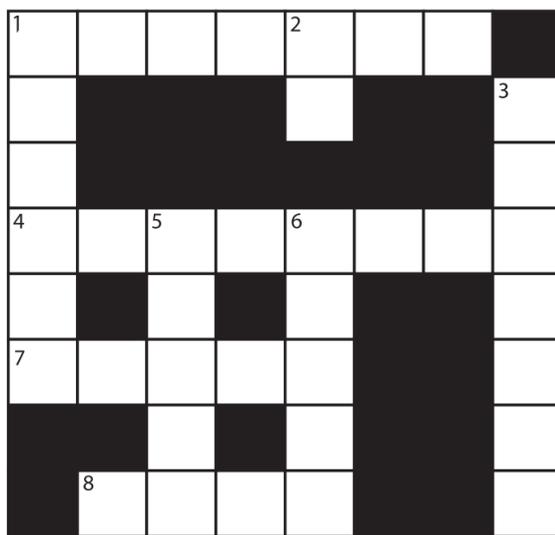
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- Digital message
- Cat sound

DOWN

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- Opposite of "yes"
- Vibration of cat
- Picture
- Give permission

1. Allow 2. No 3. Purring 4. Image 5. Image 6. Allow

Answers: Across 1. Friends 4. Imitator 7. Email 8. Meow Down 1. Cat 2. Opposite of "yes" 3. Vibration of cat 5. Picture 6. Give permission

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- FRENCH:** Feuille
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MANY ANIMALS GO THROUGH BEHAVIORAL CHANGES IN RESPONSE TO SIGNALS IN THE FALL AND THE SHORTER HOURS OF DAYLIGHT THAT ACCOMPANY IT.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: APPLES

Short-handed FSU pulls out gutsy win at Louisville



By **BOB FERRANTE**
Editor/The Osceola

Florida State dealt with constant adversity, rallying with its backup quarterback and an avalanche of injuries to pick up a hard-fought ACC win on the road on Friday night.

Tate Rodemaker came off the bench to throw a pair of second-half touchdown passes, both to Johnny Wilson, and the Seminoles forced three takeaways to hold off Louisville 35-31. Johnny Wilson caught seven passes for 149 yards, including a 69-yarder as well as touchdowns from 10 and 2 yards.

“Just so very proud of our football team,” FSU coach Mike Norvell said. “We talked about it since we started back in January. It’s about the investment, the work, the relationships. We’ve got a very confident football team in times of adversity because they know they’ve invested work. I thought that tonight, even with the adversity that showed up, guys were down, some guys were not available and didn’t make the trip, some of our best football



PHOTO BY JAMIE RHODES USAT

Treshaun Ward had 10 carries for 126 yards in the win on Friday at Louisville.

players. Tonight, our guys, they willed themselves to victory.”

It was the second touchdown, with 7:54 to go, that put the Seminoles ahead for good as they traded scores with the Cardinals throughout the night. Wilson had just 18 career catches and one touchdown in his first two college seasons. But the Arizona State transfer had a breakout game and showed good rhythm with FSU’s

backup quarterback.

Treshaun Ward had 10 carries for 126 yards, his first 100-yard game against an FBS opponent in his career. Trey Benson had 10 carries for 70 yards, while Lawrence Toafili added a 15-yard TD run in the third quarter. FSU ran for 192 yards and averaged 5.3 yards per carry.

Jordan Travis completed 13 of 17 passes for 157 yards, two touchdowns and an interception, but he was

brought down to the turf late in the second quarter and needed help to the sideline. Rodemaker settled in and completed 6 of 10 passes for 109 yards, two touchdowns and an interception.

FSU (3-0, 1-0 ACC) played the second half without Travis, defensive end Jared Verse and defensive tackle Fabien Lovett. Verse was injured in the second quarter, while Lovett missed the game. Defensive back Omarion

Cooper and linebacker Amari Gainer also did not play, and the Seminoles lost left tackle Robert Scott in the fourth quarter.

Ryan Fitzgerald missed a pair of field-goal attempts, from 37 yards in the first quarter and 36 yards in the fourth quarter. The final miss left the door open for a Louisville rally.

But the Seminoles had more than enough, sealing the game with Kevin Knowles’ inter-

ception with 37 seconds to go that halted Malik Cunningham and Co. from making the comeback. It was the third takeaway FSU forced, including two fumbles earlier in the game.

Cunningham completed 21 of 34 passes for 243 yards, a touchdown and an interception. He also ran 17 times for 127 yards and two touchdowns.

Travis connected with Preston Daniel in the first quarter on a 2-yard touchdown, the first scoring play of the tight end’s career. Malik McClain also hauled in a 21-yard touchdown reception.

FSU linebacker Tatum Bethune and safety Akeem Dent led the way with 10 tackles. Renardo Green and Jammie Robinson each had nine tackles.

Despite the injury to Travis, FSU still converted on 6 of 14 third-down opportunities. The Seminoles held a slim edge in time of possession, 30:48 to 29:12.

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day, Sept. 17, at the Medart Recreation Park with its preseason kickoff jamboree. Teams included the Warriors, Cougars, Yellowjackets, Razorbacks, Bulls, Patriots, Ravens, Broncos and Canes all played. (Photos by Charity Tumbleson)

Brad Lord drafted by Nationals

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also named the Florida Athletic Coaches Association player of the year.

“He was a dream to coach,” said Anderson. He was 6’3, and by the time he was in 12th grade, he was throwing high low 90s. He had a great senior year with us. He had several

no-hitters and shutouts,” Anderson said.

“Every time he pitched, we had a really good chance to win. His senior year, everybody we played in Tallahassee we beat, we had a really great record.

“On and off the field, “he was a great kid. He was a workhorse. He came to practice every day ready to work and

was a leader on the team. He stayed driven and focused and knew where he wanted to go,” Anderson said.

After graduating from Wakulla High School, Lord went to Santa Fe College in 2019-20, and went on to the University of South Florida in 2021-22.

He was drafted in the 18th round by the

Nationals.

Anderson still keeps in contact with Lord. “I wish him the best, it was fun following him, and I was fortunate enough to be a part of him playing baseball up into high school. He’s a special guy, a special player. We still stay in touch and talk baseball every once in a while. It’s nice to see a hometown kid go on and do big things,” Anderson said.

Airport closure averted

From Front Page

county tried to do exactly that at a meeting with FDOT, but those officials refused to ask for a change or provide the county with a written clarification of the rule.

The other part of the issue – the land donation from Fults and his wife – still must be negotiated and formalized. County Administrator David Edwards said he would meet with Fults.

In an email sent at 11:20 a.m. on Monday before the county commission meeting at 5 p.m., Fults offered to “donate to Wakulla County the necessary property required to

achieve FDOT compliance. A 60-foot wide easement would transverse the donated property. The costs associated with the transfer and division of said property would be borne by Wakulla County.”

Fults is the volunteer manager of the airport and, years ago, after the state changed regulations requiring wider runways, the airport master plan envisioned cantering the runway to widen it – requiring the purchase of some adjacent land.

Fults bought that land, saying he was preserving it for airport use. But several county officials expressed concern that it was a potential conflict of in-

terest – that Fults was inappropriately enriching himself by selling the land to the county.

The donation of the needed portion of land by Fults removes that issue.

Though it was obvious the commission was going to delay a vote to abandon the airport, more than 10 citizens still spoke on the issue, most speaking in support of keeping the airport.

Ted Recker, a resident of Tarpine, the fly-in subdivision around the airport, said he saw closing of the airport as an attack on his home. And he noted that, several years ago, the airfield had a mechanic, fuel from a fuel

truck and active flying lessons.

And while the issue seems headed towards a potential resolution, Merritt still had some skepticism about the matter, noting that the language of the DOT letter still indicated if an airport didn’t do a noise study then it had to do the zoning regulations to stop any new development of homes or educational facilities around the airport.

Plus, Merritt commented that he was wary of accepting state grants for the airport because it requires a commitment to keep the airport in compliance and running forever.

That, he said, was not something he wanted to force future boards to do.

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Wakulla War Eagles host the Mosley Dolphins at J.D. Jones Stadium.



War Eagles beat Blountstown, 30-6

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

Wakulla Head Coach Scott Klees is proud of his War Eagles after their 30-6 win against the Blountstown Tigers last week, and their 4-0 start.

"I'm just so proud," Klees said. "Interesting that we're 4-0 at this point – not too many people had us picked to be undefeated right now."

The War Eagles dominated a very good Blountstown team – a team that was bigger than Wakulla and featured a 6'4" 250-pound FSU commit at tight end.

But the War Eagle defense played stout and only faced a couple of threats during the game. The one score that Blountstown got was with 2 minutes left in the game and the young guys playing.

And the offense dominated: when the Tigers would try to take away one playmaker, another player would step up.

Running back Xavier Blake was keyed on but still had 10 carries for 82 yards and two catches for 25 yards.

Receiver Samron Brinson was double-covered most of the night, but still managed 8 catches for 117 yards and 2 touchdowns, including one score late in the game on a scramble drill as QB Haden Klees was moving around in the backfield and saw Brinson running down the sideline.

Gabe Carter had 3 catches for 70 yards and a touchdown.

Jeremiah Thomas had



War Eagle receiver Gabe Carter scored on a 25-yard touchdown pass on Wakulla's opening drive.

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and another to Jeremiah Thomas. Then Brinson down the sideline for a TD. Extra point good. Wakulla up 23-0.

Blountstown punts but it's muffed by Thomas and recovered by the Tigers at the Wakulla 39. Amonta Harris interception at goal line for Wakulla, returned to 25. Then screen to Thomas, he weaves through defenders, turns on the speed and takes it to the house. Extra point good. War Eagles up 30-0 over Blountstown as 3rd quarter ends.

Young players get some playing time: another Klees, Owen, is in at quarterback. With Wakulla on defense, with Wakulla second string and 2 minutes on the clock, Blountstown scores a touchdown. The extra point is no good. Score is 30-6.

Final: Wakulla 30, Blountstown 6

NEXT UP: MOSLEY

2 catches for 93 yards and a touchdown.

QB Klees went 13 for 18 passing with 305 yards and 4 TDs.

On defense, Antonio Eaglton had 10 tackles; Cody Walker had 8 tackles; and Amonta Harris had 2 tackles and an interception; and Jeremiah Thomas had 11 tackles.

GAME RECAP

The War Eagles kicked off to the Tigers, but they couldn't sustain a drive and punted to Wakulla.

On their possession, the War Eagles scored on a 25-yard touchdown pass from QB Haden Klees to receiver Gabe Carter. Chase Linville kicks the extra point. Wakulla up 7-0 with 6:24 left in 1Q.

Another stop y Wakulla defense. Tigers punt. War Eagle ball at their own 40. Xavier Blake breaks a 25-yard run to the Blountstown 35. Drive stalled, and a 32-yard field goal by Linville puts Wakulla up 10-0 with 2 minutes left in

the 1Q.

Blountstown punt to start 2Q. On offense Klees connects with receiver Samron Brinson for 10 and a facemask penalty puts the ball at the 25. Facing a 4th and 11 at the 27, Klees connects with Brinson for TD. Blountstown offside on PAT, Wakulla goes for 2 but Blake dropped in backfield. It's 16-0 Wakulla leads Blountstown with 9:49 left in 2Q.

Blountstown punt bobbled by Brinson but he recovers. Penalty puts ball at 45. Run by Blake

and a pass to Carter and War Eagles are inside the 20. Blake to 8. It's 3rd and 1 for Wakulla. Then Klees is sacked back at the 17. Linville misses a 26-yard field goal (can't tell if a Tiger got a hand on it to block it).

Blountstown threatened on its next drive, penetrating as deep as the 10, but War Eagle defense stops them on a 4th down play.

Halftime: Wakulla 16, Blountstown 0

War Eagles take kickoff to start second half. Run by Blake for 1st down. Pass to Carter

"Mosley will be a different kind of game for us – they are gigantic, they're huge," said Klees.

And the team includes an FSU commit who plays the slot, wildcat and QB. "He's a special talent."

Behind that big line, the War Eagles have their work cut out.

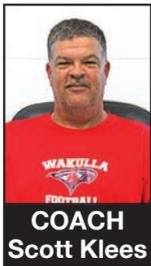
"It's gonna be a good physical test," Klees said. He said his War Eagles will have to match that physicality up front. "If we're getting blown off the ball on offense and defense, it's gonna be a long night."

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Scouting report: Mosley will be a different kind of game for the War Eagles: the Dolphins line is huge up front.

Keys to victory: Keep the football and not not turn it over. Match the physical play of the Mosley line.

Last week: War Eagles continue to improve against very good teams.



Coach Scott Klees and John Cooper looking at film with linemen during the game.



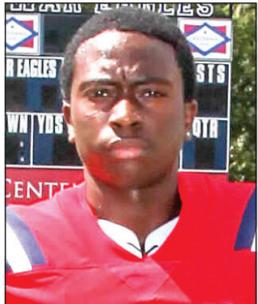
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