



## War Eagle kicker Chase Linville named All-Big Bend Specialist of Year

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# Toy factory

David and Judy Jones make toys to give to sick and underprivileged children

By CHARITY TUMBLESON  
Reporter

David and Judy Jones created Toymakers of Franklin County to make wooden toys for sick and underprivileged children.

Their toys reach the communities of Franklin, Wakulla, Gulf and surrounding counties.

"We just donated 900 toys in the last two weeks to various organizations around. Some going to Africa, some going to Quincy, Florida," David says.

Most of their toys are made for underprivileged children as part of their mission, "but we won't ever not give a kid a toy," David says.

David and Judy also, give the toys to the local Carrabelle church that in turn sends the toys out through the Good Samaritans group.

This all started when David became inspired by another group from Hudson, Florida known as the Toymakers - a four-person operation established in 1982. They gave David and Judy a pamphlet on how to get started making the toys.

"I met him 17 years ago, we had come to a little shop, and the more I got to know him they invited me down to see what they were doing, and I said to myself I'm going to do this someday." It took me until I turned 72 to start it," David says.



David and Judy Jones at their workshop in Carrabelle.

Judy adds: "All of this is volunteer work but there's actually only two, my husband and another guy, and they do all of the cutting, sanding, and painting and get it to the decoration part. Then I decorate and I have three ladies that help me decorate," Judy says.

"And I hate to say the word 'I', except for the decorating but there really is no we... I'm here 40, 50 (hours a week)," David says.

The first part of the lengthy process is with a vinyl machine to make stickers to draw an outline on the wood. They also make their own axles out of 53-foot dowels and paint them different colors.

Everything that goes into the wooden toys is handmade. The only

thing in their toyshop they don't make is the wheels that go on the toy. David buys 6,500 wheels at a time.

The process involves taking 288 wheels and putting them on a tray and spraying them with paint then letting them dry and flipping them for another coat.

Once they cut the wood from the hand-drawn outline, it goes through a sanding process. The toy gets sanded three times and gets rounded to ensure there are no rough edges that the children could get hurt on.

"I've painted every toy that we've done," David says. "It's probably 6,000 toys now in two years. Everyone, except (Judy) helped me paint in the beginning but she had to start doing this

because we didn't have anyone to help us."

The toy gets painted four times and gets hand-sanded three times with 600-grit paper.

"That's how they finish a car - with the 600 grit. Then I paint them again," David says.

The entire process of making one of the toys is a 32-step process, with 50 toys at a time.

"You've got to really like it, it's not for everyone," David says.

But they are always looking for volunteers. Even though they don't get to see the kids when they receive the toys, "It's all for them," David and Judy say. If you would be interested in volunteer work with the Toymakers of Franklin County give a call to (850)-755-3149.

# Body reportedly found in St. Marks

Staff Report

The body of a man was reportedly discovered over Christmas weekend in St. Marks near Riverside Drive.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office would not release details, but said the matter was still under active investigation. It was confirmed that no foul play was suspected in the death at this time.

It's common for the sheriff's office to investigate unattended deaths as homicides until the cause of death is confirmed.

An autopsy is pending.

# Legislative delegation to meet Jan. 30

Staff Report

State Representative Jason Shoaf, Chair of the Wakulla County Legislative Delegation, announced that the annual legislative delegation hearing has been scheduled for Monday, January 30th 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Wakulla County Commission Chambers at 29 Arran Rd, Crawfordville, FL 32327.

The legislative delegation holds a public hearing each year to afford local officials, members of the public, and other interested parties the opportunity to present legislative proposals or express opinions on state issues.

The Wakulla County legislative delegation includes Sen. Cory Simon (R-Tallahassee) and Rep. Jason Shoaf (R-Port St. Joe). The regular Session of the Florida Legislature will convene on Tuesday, March 7th in Tallahassee.

For additional information or to be placed on the agenda for the hearing, contact Representative Shoaf's office at 850-295-5680 or email leann.bunton@myfloridahouse.gov.



Rep. Jason Shoaf



Sen. Cory Simon

# Triumph commits \$127M for North Florida

Special to The Sun

The Triumph Gulf Coast Board has committed over \$127 million for economic transformation projects in 2022 across the eight-county region disproportionately affected by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. Triumph funds committed since 2017 now total \$425 million. Triumph grants focus on increasing household income across the region through targeted workforce training and industrial building and site readiness projects that result in competitive high-wage job creation.

"Because of Triumph Gulf Coast, the eight-county region is realizing positive growth with the extraordinary opportunities from these transformational projects. Triumph staff has been working tirelessly to help guide the applicants through our process and providing the necessary oversight to ensure absolute compliance. These

projects have already made an impact on our economic recovery and diversification, and the Triumph Gulf Coast board is excited to provide funding to make more transformational projects a reality," said Chair David Bear.

Local projects in Wakulla include an \$11,038,669 request from the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners for a new emergency communications system to be used by Wakulla County Fire and Rescue, Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management Services, Wakulla County School District and Wakulla County Public Works. The grant funds will be used to purchase and install the system, train personnel and ensure it is operational.

Wakulla's existing emergency communications system is at risk of not meeting the demands of the current population and is not able to meet the demands of new or expanding businesses

or individuals seeking to relocate to Wakulla. A new system will provide emergency and disaster response that can meet increased population and business growth and be upgraded when needed.

Other projects include:
 

- **Bay:** The Triumph Board voted to move ahead with two Bay District Schools requests including an \$8,075,000 grant for the construction and implementation of the Triumph Training Center at Arnold High School. The training center will expand career and technical education (CTE) in Bay County to meet regional workforce needs.

- **Escambia:** The Triumph Board moved forward the Escambia Board of County Commissioners' request for up to \$14,200,000 for site readiness at industrial sites located at the OLF-8 development. The project will create a minimum of 338 high-wage jobs paying at least 115% of the Escambia-Santa Rosa

MSA average wage.

- **Okaloosa:** Northwest Florida State College (NWFC) was awarded \$21,787,560, the largest grant ever received by NWFC. The funds will double capacity in the nursing and health science program and invest in virtual reality simulation training.

Triumph's December 2022 Semi-Annual Report to the Governor and Legislature is available for viewing at [www.myfloridatriumph.com/about/reports](http://www.myfloridatriumph.com/about/reports).

The Triumph Gulf Coast Board of Directors is appointed by the Governor, Chief Financial Officer, Attorney General, and presiding officers of the Legislature. The appointees to the Triumph Board are Chair - David Bear, Vice Chair - Collier Merrill, Treasurer - Reynolds Henderson, Bryan Corr, Sr., David Humphreys, Jay Trumbull, Sr., and Leslie Weiss. All meetings of the Board are public.

# Sopchoppy Market to re-open in March

Staff Report

The Sopchoppy Market usually held the second week of the month, will not be held in January or February, organizer Winky Jenkins-Rice announced.

The market with its homecrafted goods is scheduled to resume in March.



Brent Thurmond of Panacea Chocolates making a sale at the Sopchoppy Market in December.

## SPORTS

## WMS Girls Basketball season finishes at 11-2

By COACH SAMANTHA ISAACS and COACH JAZONTE HICKS  
Special to The Sun

That's a wrap for the 2022 WMS Basketball season, and what an outstanding season it was for Wakulla Middle School's Lady Wildcats! This year the team was headed up by Coach Jazonte Hicks and Samantha Isaacs, with a strong 12-member team. The Wildcats closed out their regular season 11-2. The girls qualified to compete in the conference tournament and found victory in their first round but ended their season with a loss against Crossroads Academy.

The team saw tremendous strengths from each athlete. The team consisted of 8th graders Destinee Avery, Za'Yieah Dawkins, Emily Kucklick,



Makiya Cash, Amiya Varnado, Amariyah Donaldson, Shakaylee McCormick, and Sha-

nia Ransom. Zariyah Eglton, Myla McCarty represented the 7th graders, while Paityn

Dailey and Kyleigh Bradley were the 6th grade additions.

over 105 points through the season, followed by Myla with over 80. Amariyah racked up over

60 and Makiya with over 35. Each player contributed immensely to the team's success on and off the court. Our athletes are held to high standards academically and as representatives in their school and community, and all of the girls have risen up to be those examples to their peers. This team has experienced exceptional growth this year, which is only possible through hard-work and team building. These girls set goals and put in the sweat-equity to see them through.

Congratulations on your season 8th graders, you will be missed. We know that you are capable of amazing things and can't wait to see you on the courts in the future.

Way to go, Wildcats.

## Kicker Chase Linville named All-Big Bend Specialist of Year

## Staff Report

Wakulla War Eagle kicker Chase Linville was named the 2022 All-Big Bend Specialist Player of the Year.

Linville, a senior, averaged 59.4 yards on kickoffs and 36.1 yards on punts. He was 6-7 on field goals and hit a long of 47-yards. He was 30-32 on extra points with the two misses being blocked.

Also named to the All-Big Bend First Team were quarterback Haden Klees, a junior, who in 8 games played, was 117-187 for 1,948 passing yards, with 20 TDs, averaging 243.5 yards per game.

Second team offense included running back Xavier Blake, a senior, who had 163 carries for 1,228 yards, with an average of 123 yards per game; he had



Chase Linville

a long run of 83 yards and scored 8 TDs.

Receiver Samron Brinson, a sophomore, was also named to second team offense. His stats included 37 catches for 707 yards, 13 TDs.

Sophomore Jeremiah Thomas was named to the second-team offense and defense. On offense, he had 33 catches for 739 yards and 6 TDs. He also car-

ried the ball 21 times for 122 yards and 2 TDs. As a kick returner, he had 136 yards. On defense, he had 84 tackles, 39 solo, 35 assists, and 3 interceptions.

First team All-Big Bend Defense included defensive lineman Todd Williams, a senior, who had 73 tackles, including 48 solo, 35 assists, 4 tackles for loss, 13 sacks, 1

fumble recovery, and 2 blocked punts.

On second team defense was junior Tanner Lanier, a linebacker, who had 1008 tackles, 53 solo, 55 assists, and 5 sacks.

Cody Walker was named Honorable Mention defense. The senior had 54 tackles, 46 solo, 8 assists, 5 tackles for loss, 2 sacks and a blocked field goal.

## FSU wins Cheez-It Bowl, 35-32, over Oklahoma

Photographer Ken Fields was at the Cheez-It Bowl on Thursday, Dec. 29 and shared his pictures of FSU's 35-32 win over Oklahoma. At near right, quarterback Jordan Travis scrambles. He was named game MVP. At far right, tight end Markeston Douglas after scoring a touchdown, celebrating with receiver Johnny Wilson.



## Sheriff's Report

Activity reported for Dec. 23-29.

## FRIDAY, DEC. 23

- Terrence Kimbrell reported that unknown persons entered a construction site located on Woodville Highway. The suspects removed rolls of copper wire as well as tools and other items. The scene was processed by WCSO Crime Scene Investigation. The stolen items are valued at \$1,500. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Arturo Cordoba investigated.

- David Keliheleua reported his trailer tag as stolen. Keliheleua advised he had the tag attached with four heavy duty zip ties. Due to the zip ties, he does not believe it could have fallen

off. The Florida tag was entered NCIC/FCIC as stolen. Keliheleua was provided with the documentation to obtain a new tag. Deputy Carla Skelly investigated.

## SUNDAY, DEC. 25

- Janette Bobblett reported an unknown female was present in her residence. Bobblett advised she and her husband were not home but had viewed the suspect via a home security system. Deputies responded and located Windy Sparks inside of the residence. Sparks was arrested for trespassing and transported to the jail without incident. Deputy Ernesto Trujillo responded.

- Adam Platt reported the well pump caught fire and destroyed the

well house. Platt advised he had been having issues with the well tripping the breaker. Platt estimated the damage at approximately \$30,000. No foul play is suspected at this time. Deputy Carla Skelly investigated.

## MONDAY, DEC. 26

- Deputy Heather Will conducted a traffic stop on a car for speeding. During the stop the driver gave permission to search the vehicle. During the search an illegal vape pen was discovered along with miscellaneous drug paraphernalia. The driver, Jacob Marin, was placed under arrest and transported to the jail without incident.

- Bobby Robison reported a fire at his residence. The house

was fully engulfed and deemed a total loss. Robison stated he had recently moved and there were only some personal belongings inside. Fire Rescue personnel advised the probable cause of the fire was from a tree falling on the powerline connected to the house. Deputy Michelle Stripling investigated.

## TUESDAY, DEC. 27

- Hank Platt reported the theft of his leaf blower. The blower is described as an orange and black Husqvarna valued at \$350. Platt did not wish to pursue criminal charges. Deputy Amanda Marsh investigated.

- Kevin Martinez was stopped for a faulty headlight. Upon running his license, it was suspended for failure to appear in Traffic Court. Martinez was subsequently arrested for driving

while license suspended or revoked (DWLSR) with knowledge. Deputy Anthony Paul investigated.

- Sgt. Steven Parfitt responded to a house fire. Upon fire personnel extinguishing the fire it determined the was a grease fire in the kitchen. The owner was notified and advised he only had liability insurance. The tenants were offered assistance through Red Cross.

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28

- Darrell Colvin reported that, during the night, someone damaged a hose bib and garden hose at his residence. The water line was attached to a 4x4 post. The post was busted off and the water hose had been pulled away from the original site. It appeared that a vehicle might have struck the line causing the damage. Deputy

Kory Smith investigated.

## THURSDAY, DEC. 29

- A traffic stop was conducted for speeding on Highway 98. The vehicle operator Matthew Dillon was arrested for possession of cannabis, Oxycodone, and psilocybin mushrooms. A firearm was seized, and Dillon was arrested and transported without incident. Deputy Kory Smith investigated.

- John Taylor reported an unknown person entered his shed and removed a concrete saw. The saw was valued at \$2,300. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Colton Sheridan investigated.

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

# Employee, teachers of month for December

By **DANIEL LILLY**  
Of the School Board

## Casey Fletcher of Riversink Elementary School is December Teacher of the Month.

Casey Fletcher of Riversink Elementary School is December Teacher of the Month. Fletcher is currently a fifth grade teacher at Riversink and has previously taught second and first grade students. Fletcher shared “While attending Flagler College, my classroom management teacher was Jackie High, then principal of Riversink Elementary School. During class she always spoke so highly of not only her school, but of all Wakulla County Schools. That year I applied for a position as a paraprofessional and I have been at Riversink ever since.” Fletcher continued, “I love to teach, but I also love to learn- and teaching offers plenty of opportunities for learning. Whether it’s researching a topic related to student interests, exploring new ideas on student engagement, or just trying to figure out what a new

slang words means that I heard from a student, I learn something new daily.”

Principal Catherine Cutchen said the following of Fletcher, “Casey Fletcher is an innovative, creative teacher. She understands how to break down the standards and implement those standards in the most relevant manner possible. She reaches out to other schools to collaborate and ensures her students are getting the best version of her every day. Casey is always upfront but professional. She researches best practices, implements them, and then shares them with her peers. Casey is a teacher coach that provides professional development to her peers. Overall, Casey is EPIC!”

**Melissa Martin is December Teacher of the Month. She currently serves all district schools as assistive technology specialist. Martin has taught middle school Science and English/language arts at Wakulla Middle as well as third and fifth grade at Riversink Ele-**



Casey Fletcher



Cindy Pandolfi

## mentary.

Martin shared “I absolutely love working with teachers and students one-on-one to problem solve. Being a part of the collaboration that occurs when a teacher and I can put our minds together to solve a problem just makes me LOVE my job. When the student is able to provide input and ideas, it makes it all the more amazing. And the cherry on top is seeing the plan implemented and we see success - it doesn’t get any better than that for me! This is the best part of my job!”

Belinda McElroy her supervisor, spoke highly of Martin, “Melissa Martin was a phenomenal classroom teacher. She

was innovative, engaging and highly successful. She was involved in Odyssey of the Mind and even participated in the NASA Education Program. When she applied for our RLATS position, I couldn’t believe our luck. She has brought the same drive, excellent work ethic and a positive attitude to the RLATS position. Melissa is a problem solver. She makes herself accessible to teachers and students. She works with them to find the right Assistive Technology and then trains the teachers and students in how to use it to meet the students’ needs. She is a continual learner, but she also takes that extra step and educates her

colleagues on whatever she has learned. She has provided trainings for our teachers and paraprofessionals and send out monthly newsletters to keep them up to date on technology tools that are free and available for students through Microsoft 365. Melissa and her husband also coach the WHS Cross Country team. She is a big proponent of physical fitness, and she has even managed to get me started walking a couple of mornings each week at Azalea park. We are very blessed to have Melissa Martin on our Itinerant Team.”

**Cindy Pandolfi of Shadeville Elementary School is December Employee of the Month.** Cindy Pandolfi of Shadeville Elementary School is December Employee of the Month. Pandolfi has been at Shadeville Elementary School since 1989 as a paraprofessional and then in 2007 became school secretary. She is a graduate of Wakulla High and shared that the position at Shadeville

came at the perfect time. “Every day can be amusing. It’s true, kids say the darndest things. From a Kindergartener saying that her endometriosis was hurting her, to ‘I think I swallowed my tooth, I can’t find it.’ Sometimes they just want to share stories. Some can be very interesting. Every day is an adventure,” says Pandolfi.

Principal Timothy Wheeler shared the following, “Ms. Cindy is one of the hardest working people I know, she is an integral part of Shadeville Elementary School. Not only does she help manage the office, the parents, the teachers, and staff, but she also helps with all the unknown circumstances that may happen throughout a school day. She is one of the BEST multitaskers I have ever seen. She makes a point to get to know all the students and their families creating a wonderful rapport, and therefore Shadeville Elementary School feels like one large family. Shadeville Elementary School would not be the same without her.”

## Historian Dale Cox to speak on Jan. 10

### Special to The Sun

The Wakulla County Historical Society program will feature historian Dale Cox with a talk on his book, “The Fort at Prospect Bluff: The British Post on the Apalachicola and the Battle of Negro Fort.”

The program will be held at the Wakulla County Public Library on Tuesday, Jan 10, at 4:30 p.m., The public is invited at no cost. Dale will be available to sign the books before and after his talk. This will be his last book tour for a while as he is taking a break to work on research for future books.

The research for this book has spanned most of Cox’s life with numerous discoveries in the last few years. “New evidence changes what we knew about the British Post,” said Cox.

“The book has years of research, translation, and physical labor in it,” said Rachael Conrad Cox, General Manager of Old Kitchen Books. “This book makes history because



Historian Dale Cox

it gives you information no one knew before now.”

Dale Cox is an award-winning writer and historian who lives near the quaint little community of Two Egg, Florida. He is the author of 19 books that tell history straight from the sources and bring stories to life. Retired from the New York Times Broadcasting Group, Cox is now the historian for the new “off the beaten path” tourism channel, Two Egg TV. Cox is a descendant of American frontiersman Daniel Boone as well as the Creek Indian chief

Efau Emathla. He is a philanthropist donating time and efforts to preservation through coordinating commemorative events, recording research, and placing historical markers. A volunteer with Historical Societies and Florida State Parks, he is inspiring many to help preserve ecological and heritage treasures for generations to come.

All of Dale’s books can be purchased at the Historical Society, 24 High Drive, Crawfordville, or at the program. For more information, please call 850-926-1110.



## Lions Club welcomes new members

Nov. 28 was an exciting night at the Sopchoppy Lions Club meeting. Lion Warren Harden led the induction ceremony for new members Sue Hess, Jill Rudd and Glenn Rudd. The new members are sponsored by Lions

Barbara and Frank Mingledorff. Sopchoppy Lions Club meetings are open to everyone on the fourth Monday of each month at the historic Sopchoppy School from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



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## Obituaries

### DEATH NOTICES

• **Adair E. Akers**, 104, of Tallahassee, died on Dec. 31, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel

• **Russell Lee Congleton**, 61, of Crawfordville, died Dec. 25, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• **William Louis Eichler**, 89, of Crawfordville, died Dec. 30, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• **David Ray Elsperman**, 67, of Crawfordville, died Dec. 30, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• **Ellanore Rojean Goater**, 79, of Crawfordville, died Jan. 1, 2023. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• **Sheila Nadine Hampton**, 68, of Crawfordville, died Dec.

28, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• **Wayne Norman Jones**, 52, of St. Marks, died Dec. 27, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• **Marion H. Maag**, 98, of Tallahassee, died Dec. 29, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• **Flavey L. Mathers**, 89, of Crawfordville, died Dec. 25, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• **Myra L. Smith**, 56, of Crawfordville, died Dec. 29, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel 850-926-5919, www.familyfhc.com

• **Alice Faye Throckmorton**, 83, of Crawfordville, died Dec. 25, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel 850-926-5919, www.familyfhc.com

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## A look back at 2022 for The Wakulla Sun:

From the first issue of The Wakulla Sun on Feb. 24:

# How we got here: The start of The Wakulla Sun



By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**  
Editor

I didn't set out to start a newspaper, but I didn't like the changes that the corporate owner intended to make with the newspaper I had been with for 26 years.

First came the staff reductions: two positions were cut, including an inside sales person/receptionist who had been with the paper for 5 years.

Then came the loss of local control – ads and pages would no longer be built at the newspaper but at a “hub” out of state. The design of pages would now be a template for cookie-cutter design for the dozens of newspapers being built.

Three times I offered to buy the newspaper – I wanted to keep it a local, community paper. Three times I was told no.

So I turned in my resignation before Christmas with no idea what I was going to do next.

On a Monday after the holidays, the first person I told I was leaving and why asked if I had thought about starting my own newspaper. I proceeded to tell him all the reasons that wouldn't work. The worst of it was that I felt I needed to resign from all the organizations I was involved in – Rotary Club, where I had been appointed president a second time to fill the term of the former president who stepped down for personal reasons; plus Big Bend Hospice's local advisory board, and the Wakulla Wonderful committee planning the celebration of Wakulla County's founding with a festival on March 12. To me, the prospect of giving up that community involvement was heart-breaking but I felt I needed to walk away from it.

I told other people, they gave me the same response: Why don't you start your own paper? I told them why it wouldn't work. By Thursday of that week, I was telling yet another person why I couldn't and something reached a tipping point. True, there would be very significant hurdles to overcome. You'd be starting from nothing and trying

to assemble all the systems and processes to generate a paper.

But these were solveable problems.

(I'm not using any names in this, but the first person I told and the person who made me wonder if maybe it could work are next-door neighbors with each other. In a conversation over the fence, the two of them actually worked out their roles in the story.)

When I got home that evening, I told Meredith, my wife, that I was thinking about starting a newspaper. She was hesitant. She was fully supportive of buying an established newspaper – but starting a new one?

But it was better than some of my earlier ideas, one of which was to go to racing school.

“To do what?” she asked. “Be a race driver.”

(Long silence. Throat clearing, then:) “Have you thought of anything else?”

Though I wasn't fully committed to it, I began to think of what would need to happen to start a new business.

I began to tell people I was thinking about starting a paper. The reaction was always supportive. People were excited.

And what really pushed it over the line were those peo-

ple who offered financial support. I didn't take it, but the fact that people were willing to put up money to back the paper made me believe that it really could work.

(Soon, we will be set up to accept tax-deductible donations to support community journalism through the Florida Community News Fund, a 501(c)3 operated by the Florida Press Foundation.)

In private conversations, the other members of the newspaper staff – salesperson Lynda Kinsey and graphic artist Eric Stanton – said if I started a paper, they would join. We began referring to it as “our” paper.

They both submitted their resignations to come here. And I want to acknowledge what a giant leap of faith that was for both of them – Lynda had been with that newspaper for 33 years, Eric for nearly 20. Both gave up a steady paycheck and benefits to step out into this venture. I believe both did it because they are sincerely committed to community journalism, and what a local newspaper is supposed to be.

I have thanked both of them for jumping off this cliff with me.

I want to thank Meredith for her support of this venture.

There's a lot of other people to thank – everyone I talked to in the community who offered support and encouragement.

Thanks to the advertisers in this issue.

Thanks to Al Pasini, a good friend and Rotarian, who was the official first subscriber to The Wakulla Sun. Thanks to all of you who have subscribed.

Thanks to Riddhi for joining us. And Jessi.

Thanks to the columnists who contributed.

Thanks to those people who helped us get the business started.

And thank you to our readers. Without you, none of this means anything.

We hope to earn your trust and keep it. Though we will inevitably make mistakes, we will own up to them and correct the record.

This is your newspaper.

It is local. It is sold, designed and built by local people.

If you have a problem or a news tip or just want to chat, call me. We don't have landlines yet, but my cell phone is (850) 566-2232. Or stop by the office, 12 Arran Road.

*William Snowden is the editor and publisher of The Wakulla Sun.*



## What a year for the Sun

We held our ribbon-cutting and open house in April and had a huge turn-out! There was beer and wine and fresh-shucked oysters from Rob Olin at Estuary Oysters. There were all kinds of finger-foods and cheeses. It was a terrific time and we enjoyed socializing with our advertisers, readers and supporters.



The founding group: Riddhi Patel, Lynda Kinsey, Meredith and William Snowden, Krystal Sheppard, Eric Stanton.



William Snowden was grand marshal of the Rotary Valentine Parade and rode in Bob Hartsfield's hot rod truck.

*"It's A New Day!"*

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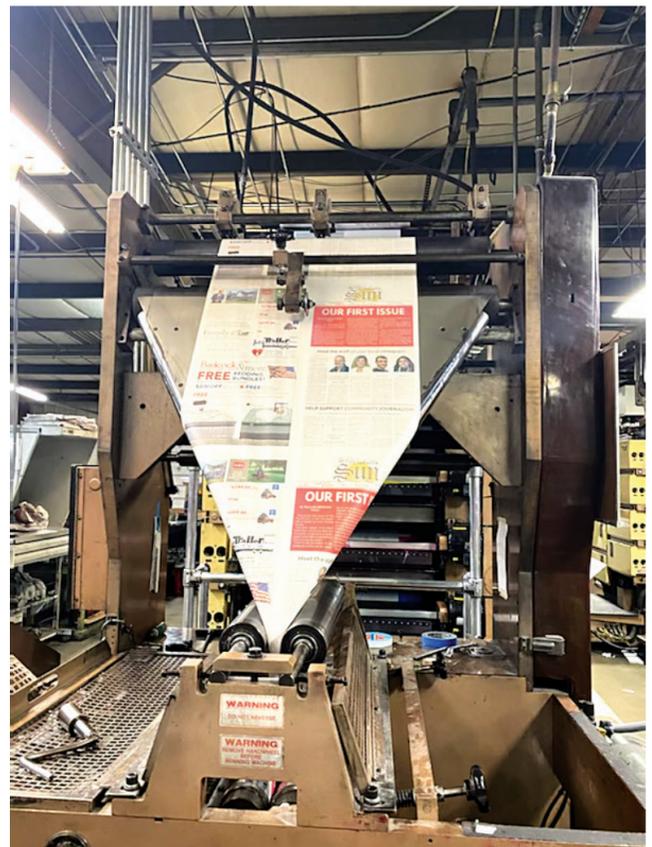
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## ◀ Question of The Week ▶

– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

### Polled at the Quick Stop in Crawfordville Do you make New Year's resolutions?



**POLLY NICHOLS**  
SPECIAL TOUCH CLEANING

**“Of course I do, and I break them as quick as I make them.”**



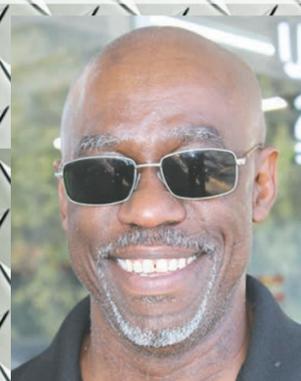
**WAYNE MORGAN**  
RETIRED UNION WELDER

**“Yes -they are like rules, they are made to be broken.”**



**KRISTIANNA DAVIS**  
ACCOUNTANT

**“I do, yes! One is to exercise more.”**



**KEVIN PRATER**  
STATE OF FLORIDA

**“I used to – now, at the new year I pray a new year's prayer.”**



**JEREMY KUMOR**

**“No, you should try to improve yourself every day.”**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Buckhorn News

By **ETHEL SKIPPER**

Happy New Year!

We have two faces: one looking into the past, the other looking into the future.

Welcome in the new year with a traditional new year's dish and luck will follow you all year long. Many people enjoyed the same meal dating back to the 1800s with black-eyed peas and meat – usually pork, bacon or ham. The meal can include collard greens and cornbread. Some people have a tradition of eating it at

midnight on New Year's Eve and make their resolutions for the new year.

The symbolic importance of the new year's dish is to bring good fortune to the new year. The black-eyed peas represent coins. Collard greens represent dollars or cash. Tomatoes if included represent health.

The custom is to eat all the black-eyed peas on your plate but three.

We wish you a happy new year!

Our prayers and concern goes out to all the sick and shut-in, those in hospitals, nursing homes, prison, the homeless – all in need of help everywhere. Let us pray that all people will be born again: John 10:10: “I am come that they might have life.”

### Wakulla Station News

By **VERNA BROCK**

Happy New Year, everyone! We had our traditional dinner of pork, greens, black-eyed peas, rice and tomato gravy, which coincidentally is my favorite meal, to start the year off right. Yum-yum!

How AWESOME was it, to see Coach Norvell and the Seminoles win their bowl game? I was especially pleased, in that two of my sons-in-laws and my two grandsons were able to attend the game and have a fantastic family bonding time. Go Noles!

Please keep the families of Donna Kendrick, Irene Payne, R.H. Carter, Don and Sheryl Grimes and my family in your prayers, as we all adjust to

life without some of our nearest and dearest loved ones. It makes a difference to know there are folks supporting us in prayer.

New Year's day was a Sunday, and Church was such a great way to begin 2023. Surrounded by church family, and partaking of communion in contemplation of God's great love for his creation. Amen and AMEN!

I am still trying to recover from the ricocheting weather we've had lately. Thanks, Mother Nature, for killing half my yard. I have dead leaves and sticks, or green slime, everywhere I look. But everything will eventually bounce back (I hope) or be gone. Is it too much to hope the freeze eradicated my nemesis, the dreaded Spanish Needle? It is the DEVIL! I spend half my time in the garden pulling it up before it goes to seed.

Here's hoping each and everyone of us has a safe and prosperous year to come, and that we always remember to celebrate the richness of our blessings.

### On the Horizon

#### Calendar of upcoming events for the week of Jan. 5

##### Thursday, January 5

- The Rotary Club of Wakulla County meets at the TCC Wakulla Center at 8:30 a.m.
- Hatha Yoga with Zoe at 9 a.m. and Yin Yoga with Nellie at 6 p.m. Packages available for \$12 at New Posh on 3079 Crawfordville Hwy. Please RSVP email at newposh3079@gmail.com or text/call at (850) 528-5838.
- The VFW Auxiliary Bingo Night will be held at 7 p.m. at 475 Arran Road in Crawfordville. There will be concessions and raffles.

##### Friday, January 6

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 8 p.m. every Friday at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

##### Saturday, January 6

- Intro to Tai Chi held at the Community Center from 9 to 10 a.m. All ability levels are welcome; please wear comfortable clothing. For questions call Rich or Terri Bushman at 850-228-9214.
- Panacea Farmers Market held next to the Panacea Fire Station from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Local vendors will be selling homemade and home-grown items and food vendors will be there.
- Wakulla County Fire Rescue Push-In Ceremony at the Wakulla County Fire Rescue Department at 9 a.m. At the ceremony, the new engine will receive a ceremonial first wash down and then be pushed into the station by Wakulla County officials and staff.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

##### Sunday, January 7

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 10 a.m. and at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

##### Monday, January 9

- The Wakulla County Planning Commission meets in the Commission Chambers at 6 p.m.
- Intro to Tai Chi held at the Community Center from 9 to 10 a.m. All ability levels are welcome; please wear comfortable clothing. For questions call Rich or Terri Bushman at 850-228-9214.

- 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.

- Rise and Shine with Lacey at 6 a.m. Hatha yoga with Zoe at 9 a.m. and at 6 p.m. Packages available for \$12 at New Posh on 3079 Crawfordville Hwy. Please RSVP email at newposh3079@gmail.com or text/call at (850) 528-5838.

- The Sopchoppy City Commission meeting will be held at Sopchoppy City Hall at 6:30 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

##### Tuesday, January 10

- Sopchoppy Community Dinner is held every week at the Towles House at 6:30 p.m.
- The Wakulla County Parks Advisory Committee will hold a public meeting at 4 p.m. at the Community Center.
- Yin Yoga with Nellie at 10:30 a.m. and Flow Yoga at 6 p.m. Packages available for \$12 at New Posh on 3079 Crawfordville Hwy. Please RSVP email at newposh3079@gmail.com or text/call at (850) 528-5838.
- The Wakulla County Charter Review Commission will hold a public meeting at the Community Center at 6:40 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

##### Wednesday, January 11

- The Wakulla County Code Enforcement board meeting will be held in the Commission Chambers at 5:30 p.m.
- Intro to Tai Chi held at the Community Center from 9 to 10 a.m. All ability levels are welcome; please wear comfortable clothing. For questions call Rich or Terri Bushman at 850-228-9214.
- A Line Dance class will be held at 1 p.m. at the Wakulla Senior Center.
- The Wakulla County Garden Club will be meeting at the Wakulla County Public Library hosting presentations and workshops about gardening in Wakulla soil at 12 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

## 18th Annual Free Trees! CRAWFORDVILLE ARBOR DAY

Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

84 Cedar Avenue  
Wakulla County Extension Office  
Rain or Shine

**Hundreds of young trees (in pots) will be given away!**

Parsley Haw, Arrowwood Viburnum, Hop Tree, Yellow Poplar, Red Maple, Sand Live Oak, Overcup Oak, Dahoon Holly, Chinquapin, & more.

**Drive-Thru Giveaway  
2 Trees per Vehicle**

*From Courthouse (Arran Rd.), drive north on Ochlockonee St., pass Hudson Park on right, turn left onto Cedar Ave., follow signs, turn right onto circle drive at Extension Office.*

Wakulla County Garden Club, Florida Forest Service, Sarracenia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, UF/IFAS Extension & Master Gardeners, & National Wildlife Federation with Florida Wildlife Federation, Just Fruits & Exotics, The Wakulla News & The Wakulla Sun.

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# Outdoors

outdoor sports

## HOME ON THE RANGE

### Fieldstripping the M&P .380 Shield EZ



By MARJ LAW

After a couple months of weekly trips to the range, you lock back the slide and look into the chamber. That ramp thing that used to be a shiny slope of metal is now black. Oops. Yep. It's shooting residue. The gun is dirty and begging to be cleaned, but first it's necessary to learn how to fieldstrip the gun and then reassemble it.

You've been dreading this day. If you've taken one gun apart, does that mean you can take them all apart?

Well, no. Darn it.

But all is not lost! Quite a few handguns are fairly easy to take apart.

I really like the ease of taking apart the Smith & Wesson Shield EZ .380 and 9mm handguns. The new Sig Sauer P365 X-Comp also breaks down in a similar fashion as do the Heckler & Koch VP series, the FN 509, the Sig P320 and the Springfield XD series.

Today, let's take apart the S&W M&P .380 Shield EZ. Why?

Because this is an easy gun to handle and a lot of people have purchased it. The slide pulls back without requiring too much strength. Trigger pull is light and trigger travel is not long. Recoil is light as well. You can buy this handgun with or without a safety. The grip is fairly small, but if you have small hands, you'll probably not find your pinky finger dangling beneath

the grip.

First, read your manual. If you haven't fieldstripped a gun before, it might not make a whole lot of sense to you just now, but it's a start. Since I'm right-handed, I'll explain it as a right-handed person.

Notice the heavy grooves cut into the top rear of the slide. Holding the gun in your left hand with your finger off the trigger, grab those grooves with your right thumb and index finger. Pull the slide all the way towards you until the slide lock rises and the slide locks back. Look into the chamber.

Is there any round in the chamber? No? Great! Now press the magazine release button so the magazine will slide out of the grip. When there's no magazine and no round in the chamber, you can be sure the gun will not fire. No matter what gun you fieldstrip, you want to make sure it is empty before you take it apart.

In front of the slide lock is a lever. This is the takedown lever. It has a bunch of thin grooves. Place a thumb on those grooves and press downward until the lever is at a 90-degree angle to its original position.

Hold the slide with your left hand and the grip with your right. Take your right thumb and depress the slide lock. At the same time, guide the slide forward with your left hand. Do not press the grip safety as you do this. Guide the slide assembly forward until it comes away from the lower part of the gun.

Presto! Now you have an upper part and a lower part!

Put the lower aside. Take the slide and turn it upside down.

See the spring? This is the recoil spring and you're about to take it out. While covering the spring with your left hand, gently squeeze it where it meets



the barrel block. It comes out easily, but you cover it with your left hand just so it doesn't jump and land on the floor.

Reach in and lift the barrel block (with its barrel) out of the slide assembly. In front of you are the barrel, recoil spring and the slide. These three parts comprise the slide assembly.

Congratulations! You have fieldstripped your gun successfully!

Now you can refer to your manual and find all the areas of the gun that need to be cleaned and lubricated. That's an article for next time. Basically, I allow another half hour to do the job. I'll tell you my favorite items to have on hand when cleaning a gun. After several cleanings, you'll find products

you like the best. Whatever you use, have them ready ahead of time. You'll thank yourself!

To put the gun back together, hold the barrel by its barrel block and lower it into the slide frame.

Pick up the spring. Which side goes in first? Notice that one end has 2 flat sides and 2 curved sides. Place the opposite end into the hole in the slide that is above the barrel.

You will match one of the two curved sides of the other end into the curved indentation of the barrel block. Squeezing the spring gently, fit this curved side into the barrel block's curved indentation. Ha! Now all 3 parts of the slide are together again!

Holding the lower in

your right hand, notice the take down lever to its original position. Just take your thumb and flip it upwards until it is parallel to the slide once more. Release the slide lock. Did you do everything correctly? To check, point the gun in a safe direction and pull the trigger. Yes, even when you know the gun is empty, stay in the habit of pointing it away from anyone when you squeeze a trigger. Now, did you hear the click of the trigger?

You did it! Fieldstripping these guns is not so difficult after all.

Don't do it! If you do, you'll find you can't get the slide on all the way. So, change the way you're holding the gun and don't push on that grip safety.

See? Now it works. Before we go, and while the slide is still locked back, it's time to return

the take down lever to its original position. Just take your thumb and flip it upwards until it is parallel to the slide once more.

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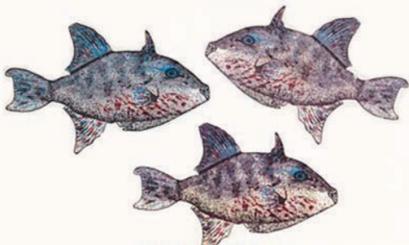
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Marj Law is the former director of Keep Wakulla County Beautiful who has become an avid shooter in retirement.

## WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO



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



TRIGGERFISH  
(*Balistes capriscus*)

This fish has a sharp dorsal spine that springs up when threatened. Triggerfish hunt by spraying water at sand to expose prey. Their hard jaws bite holes in shells. They bite the eyestalks off lobsters, devour their legs until the lobster are helpless and then finish them off. They mate when water is >70F. They guard the nest until the fry hatch in 2 days. Fry live in floating sargassum beds. Trigger fish are important commercial fishes growing to 30" and living 13 years.

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# Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water

Local writers share their experiences

| Thursday 5             |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Sun rise/set           | Moon rise/set |
| 7:33AM                 | 4:43PM        |
| 5:50PM                 | 6:40AM        |
| Moon Illumination 98%  |               |
| Friday 6               |               |
| Sun rise/set           | Moon rise/set |
| 7:33AM                 | 5:36PM        |
| 5:51PM                 | 7:33AM        |
| Moon Illumination 100% |               |
| Saturday 7             |               |
| Sun rise/set           | Moon rise/set |
| 7:33AM                 | 6:31PM        |
| 5:52PM                 | 8:19AM        |
| Moon Illumination 100% |               |
| Sunday 8               |               |
| Sun rise/set           | Moon rise/set |
| 7:34AM                 | 7:28PM        |
| 5:53PM                 | 9:01AM        |
| Moon Illumination 98%  |               |
| Monday 9               |               |
| Sun rise/set           | Moon rise/set |
| 7:34AM                 | 8:24PM        |
| 5:53PM                 | 9:38AM        |
| Moon Illumination 94%  |               |
| Tuesday 10             |               |
| Sun rise/set           | Moon rise/set |
| 7:34AM                 | 9:20PM        |
| 5:54PM                 | 10:10AM       |
| Moon Illumination 89%  |               |
| Wednesday 11           |               |
| Sun rise/set           | Moon rise/set |
| 7:34AM                 | 10:14PM       |
| 5:55PM                 | 10:39AM       |
| Moon Illumination 83%  |               |

## Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

Jan. 5 - Jan. 11

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

First Jan. 28 Full Jan. 6 Last Jan. 14 New Jan. 21

Best fishing days this month  
January 1-6, 21-31

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

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

### St. Marks River Entrance

|    |                      |                       |                     |                      |
|----|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Th | 12:06 am<br>▲ 3.1 ft | 7:34 am<br>▼ -0.8 ft  | 2:04 pm<br>▲ 2.7 ft | 6:54 pm<br>▼ 1.3 ft  |
| Fr | 12:46 am<br>▲ 3.2 ft | 8:09 am<br>▼ -0.8 ft  | 2:36 pm<br>▲ 2.7 ft | 7:33 pm<br>▼ 1.2 ft  |
| Sa | 1:23 am<br>▲ 3.2 ft  | 8:41 am<br>▼ -0.7 ft  | 3:06 pm<br>▲ 2.8 ft | 8:11 pm<br>▼ 1.0 ft  |
| Su | 1:59 am<br>▲ 3.2 ft  | 9:10 am<br>▼ -0.7 ft  | 3:37 pm<br>▲ 2.8 ft | 8:49 pm<br>▼ 0.9 ft  |
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| Tu | 3:09 am<br>▲ 3.1 ft  | 10:04 am<br>▼ -0.5 ft | 4:35 pm<br>▲ 2.9 ft | 10:07 pm<br>▼ 0.9 ft |
| We | 3:47 am<br>▲ 3.0 ft  | 10:31 am<br>▼ -0.3 ft | 5:04 pm<br>▲ 2.8 ft | 10:51 pm<br>▼ 0.7 ft |

### City of St. Marks

|    |                      |                       |                     |                      |
|----|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Th | 12:42 am<br>▲ 2.9 ft | 8:38 am<br>▼ -0.7 ft  | 2:40 pm<br>▲ 2.5 ft | 7:58 pm<br>▼ 1.2 ft  |
| Fr | 1:22 am<br>▲ 2.9 ft  | 9:13 am<br>▼ -0.7 ft  | 3:12 pm<br>▲ 2.5 ft | 8:37 pm<br>▼ 1.1 ft  |
| Sa | 1:59 am<br>▲ 3.0 ft  | 9:45 am<br>▼ -0.7 ft  | 3:42 pm<br>▲ 2.6 ft | 9:15 pm<br>▼ 1.0 ft  |
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### Shell Point, Spring Creek

|    |                      |                       |                     |                      |
|----|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Th | 12:21 am<br>▲ 3.0 ft | 7:57 am<br>▼ -0.9 ft  | 2:29 pm<br>▲ 2.6 ft | 7:11 pm<br>▼ 1.5 ft  |
| Fr | 1:01 am<br>▲ 3.1 ft  | 8:35 am<br>▼ -0.9 ft  | 3:02 pm<br>▲ 2.6 ft | 7:50 pm<br>▼ 1.4 ft  |
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### Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

|    |                      |                       |                     |                      |
|----|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Th | 7:45 am<br>▼ -0.6 ft | 1:56 pm<br>▲ 2.0 ft   | 7:05 pm<br>▼ 1.0 ft |                      |
| Fr | 12:38 am<br>▲ 2.4 ft | 8:20 am<br>▼ -0.6 ft  | 2:28 pm<br>▲ 2.1 ft | 7:44 pm<br>▼ 0.9 ft  |
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### St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

|    |                      |                       |                     |                      |
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| Sa | 1:03 am<br>▲ 2.4 ft  | 8:40 am<br>▼ -0.8 ft  | 3:34 pm<br>▲ 1.7 ft | 7:59 pm<br>▼ 1.2 ft  |
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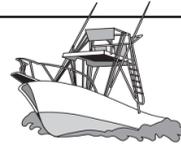
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Best hunting and fishing based on solunar times: MAJOR feeding periods are 2 hours long, centered on the solunar time. MINOR feeding periods are only 1 hour long, again centered on the solunar time.



## Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



We would like to wish everyone a very happy new year! It has been said that yesterday has passed, and tomorrow is not guaranteed, so we must live in today.

There are many things you can do to help make each day you go out on the water more safe. You can be prepared for the unexpected and know the steps to take should an emergency happen.

One of the best proactive things you can do is participate in a Vessel Safety Check. Vessels passing safety checks are awarded a U.S. Coast Guard / Auxiliary Decal that informs the Coast Guard / Auxiliary, Harbor Patrol, Sheriff, Police and other boating law-enforcement & safety agency's that your boat was in full compliance with all Federal and State boating laws during a safety check for that year. Best of all every

### Boating Emergencies

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can result in a citation if your vessel is inspected by the Coast Guard or other law enforcement agencies.

It is the mission of this program is to minimize the loss of life, personal injury, property damage and environmental impact associated with the use of recreational boats, through preventive means.

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](mailto:steve.hults@uscgaux.net).

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

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

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## Underwater Wakulla

By Rusty Miller

It's a new year.

It's 2023 and I hope you had a great Christmas and a good start for the New Year.

I had a sore develop on the bottom of my left stump so I had to stay out of the water so any bacteria would not get the wound infected. That means I have not been able to finish my side mount class. The good news is the wound is almost healed up and hopefully I will be back to my class in a couple weeks. I will continue to give you the results of my side mount training as I continue with the class.

So it's 2023 and that means a new diving season will begin for most of us in February and March. Here in North Florida most of us dive all year long. We have several springs within 2 to 2 1/2 hours to dive in. With the ocean water temperature at 62-64 degrees some still dive there. For me this time of year signals a new beginning to our dive season and scuba training.

Starting in January I will be taking advanced students through the rescue diving course. This is a specialty course designed to give a diver some basic CPR, first aid, and how to help a diver who might be experiencing some degree of difficulty in the water.

The rescue dive student has to endure 15 hours of PowerPoints without falling asleep. I covered some of this in an article earlier this year. These are very important classroom instructions because we cover the various types of issues they might encounter when they go diving. In the class room part we cover Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St. CPR, AED use and basic first aid.

Then we have the water training: we spend all day in the springs and this is where it gets fun only if you're the instructor or assistant instructor. Most instructors give the basics of rescue that only covers enough to get the rescue diver in trouble at best. When I teach my rescue open water the rescue student will have a good physical knowledge of how to rescue a much panicked diver and be able to recover a diver that has drowned at the bottom and start rescue breathing at the surface all the while swimming to the edge or boat.

Unless you have had an experience with a panicked scuba diver it's a very interesting experience and if you try to rescue a panicked diver without the proper training, you too will become a victim and most likely both of you will drown. I am doing a rescue class in January 2023 because I want divers to feel comfortable and trained in the event their skills are needed to help a fellow diver.

The classroom portion is four evenings for about three hours each evening and on the fourth evening there will be the CPR, AED, and first aid portion. This part of the class I will have an outside trainer come in so they will get a cert card that is good for two years.

The physical or water portion of the training will be on the Saturday at a spring. This open water training will be a great and even possibly a little scary for the student but it is in a very controlled environment. We actually have a great time and the student is a little more aware of the surroundings in the water when they are diving for fun.

Remember this is not a license to go looking for an issue but it should help them notice what's going on around them.

Enjoy the New Year that is before you and please continue to train more than open water, your life or someone else's life may depend on it.

Keep making bubbles.

## Gag grouper, triggerfish closed Jan. 1

From FWC News

Recreational harvest of gag grouper and gray triggerfish closes in Gulf state waters on Jan. 1, 2023. Recreational harvest of gag grouper for all Gulf state waters, excluding Monroe County, will open on Sept. 1, 2023. This modification of the Gulf gag grouper recreational season was approved by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) at its July 2022 meeting in order to reduce overfishing and improve gag grouper abundance. Recreational harvest of gray

triggerfish in Gulf state waters will open on March 1, 2023.

The FWC is committed to collecting critical recreational harvest fishing data to inform management of popular reef fish, including gag grouper. The State Reef Fish Survey provides the FWC with a clearer picture of stock health, so please make sure you are signed up as a State Reef Fish Angler. This designation is required for recreational anglers and spearfishers who intend to fish for or harvest certain reef fish species from a private vessel in Florida. To learn more about the State

Reef Fish Survey, visit [MyFWC.com/SRFS](http://MyFWC.com/SRFS).

For more information on recreational grouper regulations, visit [MyFWC.com/Marine](http://MyFWC.com/Marine) and click on "Recreational Regulations," "Reef Fish" and then "Grouper." For more information on recreational gray triggerfish regulations, visit [MyFWC.com/Marine](http://MyFWC.com/Marine) and click on "Recreational Regulations," "Reef Fish" and then "Triggerfish." You can also download the Fish Rules App to keep up to date on current recreational regulations while on the water.

# When procrastination stresses you out

By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

Do any of these scenarios describe you or your day?

You're stressed be-

cause your assignment is due at the end of the week.

You know you'd get more done at work—if you were more disciplined with your time.

You sigh deeply at the breakfast and lunch dishes, including the pot you need to cook dinner, still stacked in the kitchen sink.

Your face flushes with embarrassment as you sign in your kids late at school (again), which means you'll also be late for work (again).

The knot in your stomach grows bigger as the list of family and friends you haven't kept in touch with grows longer and longer.

How do these kinds of scenarios affect your life?

Because I've struggled with procrastination, I understand. You're tired of ending every day more and more stressed because of the time you've wasted. Most of all, you desire to feel God's pleasure instead of hoping deep down He'll not give up on you, even though

you're ready to give up on yourself.

Clearly, beating ourselves up for our I'll-do-it-tomorrow ways only makes it worse. But how do we conquer the lifetime habits of putting things off and mismanaging our time? How do we gain the will to do so and the commitment to stick with it?

Though I've improved over the years (thank You, God!), I still have room to grow. One thing that has helped me was learning to value each

day and asking God to help me feel excited about what I could accomplish before going to bed each night.

If you can relate to what I'm saying, perhaps this familiar verse could help you develop a more positive and hopeful mindset: "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24 ESV).

What if we seize the day and make the most of each one throughout this new year?

Imagine how it will

change us (including how we feel about ourselves) if we begin, right now, to rejoice in the miracle and possibilities of each day. Including the one we're living right now.

The day created by the One Who will never ever give up on us.

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## A resolution of the spirit

By **CHERYL CRUCE**

Happy New Year! The clock chimed at midnight as fireworks lit the night sky. The old year faded into the history book of life, and a fresh new year has begun. Festivities such as birthdays, anniversaries, and vacation destinations are marked on a new calendar with anticipation of future celebrations. And the cycle of life continues. We are

another day older. We are another year older. But are we another year wiser?

I am not one for making New Year's resolutions. I struggle with staying committed to my promise. More often than not, I will fall head-first into a landslide of disappointment. I want to say I will exercise more, be kinder, and break old habits. These are excellent aspirations to reach for. However, I need more than a one-day commitment. Something has to change within my person before I can support a shift toward a better me.

Anyone who wants to succeed in life's resolutions must have a strong beginning. When Plato said, "The begin-

ning is the most important part of the work," he spoke the truth. We must carefully map out our new start, strengthening ourselves for the journey. Our commitments cannot be surface deep without much thought of our being strong enough to follow through. Our pledges must be more than words spoken in a fleeting moment of time. Without careful planning, the one-day resolution becomes a failure. Regardless, the New Year is a time of new beginnings and vision.

Did you know Jesus talked about resolutions? Not necessarily declarations for a new year but for a new life. Jesus shared the wis-

dom of old garments and old wineskins. He said you do not tear a new garment to patch an old one because the fabric will not match, and the new garment will also be ruined. Similarly, if you pour the new wine into the old wineskin, the old skin will burst, and the new wine will spill (Luke 5:37). So, it is with us that we might resolve to receive the garment of righteousness and the wine of His spirit, whole and complete in Him.

What vision do you have for your life? Is it a new promotion, losing weight, or exercising more? Is it to be a stronger person, physically or spiritually stronger? Whatever the course, begin with a new wineskin; wear His garment.

Remember, the beginning is most important. Success comes when we follow the One who strengthens us. Did you know that a righteous man can falter and fall, but he will rise again? Those who do not continue in God's word fall into calamity, never to rise again. (Proverbs 24:16).

The New Year is not the only day of commitment. Every morning when we open our eyes, we are given a fresh start to become the new wineskin, to receive the new wine of grace. Follow the teachings of our Lord and allow Him to set the way for you. To rise again in His will. The Psalmist writes, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my

path (Psalm 119:105)." Allow the light of Heaven to illuminate and guide your steps every day.

Philippians 3:12-15 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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### OUT TO PASTOR

## The misconception of a new year

By **JAMES SNYDER**

Christmas is the best time of the year, especially when it involves family. It's the one time of the year that families get together to celebrate together.

Of course, at least from my perspective, it is also the most hectic time of the year.

This year, we had a special new family member, our second great-grandchild, born a week before Christmas.

As you might imagine, that little one was the center of attention. Everybody had to hold the little one at least once.

I could see the little one had absolutely no idea what was happening. Although these were wonderful memories for us, that little one will never remember this time together. But there will be other times, I assure you.

One daughter was taking pictures of just about everyone, which is important. The one picture she took, and I probably was the only one who understood, was between The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and that little great-granddaughter.

The beauty of that picture was there was the oldest and the youngest person in our family together. Don't let her know that I said this because I may not get any older.

It was a fun time, and when it was all over, everybody went home, even the family's newest member. The mother of the new baby had to spend a lot of time wrestling her from the great-grandmother.

Later that night, my wife and I sat together reflecting on our family get-together.

Sighing deeply, I said, "It sure has been a great year, hasn't it?"

Thinking deeply, which is the beginning of trouble, my wife said, "It was a great year." Then, after more deep thought, she continued, "But the New Year is going to be so much better."

Not learning from the past, I replied, "What's so new about the new year?"

She looked at me as though she had never seen me before, and with one of her sarcastic tones, she said, "It's a new year, and everything is going to be new."

"What do you think is going to be new about this coming New Year?" I responded.

"Everything will be new this coming year, and I can't wait to see all the new stuff."

Pausing for a moment, she then said, "Last year, we didn't even know at this time that we were go-

ing to have a great-granddaughter. She is new in our family."

Well, she had me on that one for sure. Maybe she was expecting another new great-grandchild this coming year. So I didn't pursue that.

"So," I said rather slowly, "what will be new this coming year?"

"Everything is going to be new this coming year." She said with a smile dancing on her face.

"Except for a new family member," I said to her, "everything this next year is going to be the same."

She could not let me get away with that and said most vehemently, "Everything is going to be new. Trust me."

I had her just about where I wanted her and was very careful in my next steps.

"So, tell me, how many months will there be this coming year?"

Looking at me, she smirked and said, "There will be 12 months this coming year. What are you talking about?"

"Well," I stuttered a

little, "weren't there 12 months this past year? This next year we will have the same 12 months as we had last year."

Looking at me, she said, "I think you're getting a little goofy here."

"And," I pursued a little more, "how many days of the week will there be in this new year? Will there be any more than last year?"

She stared at me, not knowing what to say.

"Also, there will still be 24 hours in every day. That's not going to change either."

I paused for a moment and then said, "When is your birthday this coming year?"

She told me and said, "It's the same as it was the last year, you silly boy."

"Oh," I said rather thoughtfully, "your birthday this year is the same as last year, so your birthday isn't new this year."

"But," she replied, "I will be a year older."

Looking at her I replied, "Weren't you a year

older this year?"

Finally, she began to understand what I was saying, and looking at me very quizzically, she said, "You sure have a stupid way of looking at things, don't you?"

Then she said something rather startling, "I guess you are right in this."

Well, I was rather stunned because that was new.

Pondering this conversation I was reminded of what wise old Solomon said. "The thing that hath been, it is that which

shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 1:9).

The secret to a happy life is enjoying what I have right now.

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## Church to hold revival

Special to The Sun

The First Pentecostal Church of Crawfordville will be having an old fashioned nightly revival beginning Monday, Jan. 9th at 7:30 p.m. This revival will be nightly until God says stop! Jimmy Griggs Sr. will be the evangelist for these services. Come join us on Sunday, Jan. 8th at 10:30 a.m. for the kick-off service!

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## Use the News

### 1. Hello, 2023

It's a new year, and people all over the world are looking to make a fresh start, improve their habits or set new goals. They often do this by making new year's resolutions in which they write out the things they want to achieve. The word "resolution" comes from the word "resolve," which means to decide firmly on a course of action. As a class, discuss resolutions you would like to make to improve your habits or achieve goals in the new year. Then search the newspaper or Internet for people in the news who might want to make new year's resolutions. Pick three and write out a resolution each might want to make — and why. Finish by writing out a resolution you would like to make and explain how you can make it come true.

Goals: Responding thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarizing points of agreement and disagreement; producing clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization and style are appropriate to the task.

### 2. History Every Day

American history is not just something that is celebrated on the Fourth of July. Websites like OnThisDay.com show that interesting and important things have happened almost every day in our history (click here). Just this week, for example, two famous people from American history were born — Betsy Ross and Paul Revere. And they were born on the same day — January 1 — in different years. Betsy Ross, who is said to have sewn the first American flag, was born on January 1, 1752 in Gloucester City, New Jersey and later lived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where the Declaration of Independence was signed. Paul Revere was born the same day in 1735 in Boston, Massachusetts and is famous for his "midnight ride" warning that "the British are coming" at the start of America's War of Independence. As Revere and Ross demonstrated, history is made every day in the United States and other nations. As we start a new year, team with a partner and use the newspaper or Internet to read a story about an event that could be remembered in the future as important to history. Use what you read to write a paragraph telling why you think this event is important and could be remembered.

Goals: Writing informative/explanatory texts to examine a

topic and convey ideas and information clearly; citing specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions.

### 3. Lego Love

For more than 70 years, Lego brick sets have been hugely popular with kids and adults all over the world. More than 600-BILLION pieces have been sold in different combinations, and they have inspired people to do some unusual things. They inspired Russell Cassevah to set two world records walking barefoot over paths of Legos (ouch!). And now they have inspired him to use Lego sets to cheer up children in hospitals across the United States, the Washington Post newspaper reports. Cassevah has established an organization called the Little Bricks Charity, and each year he uses donations to give away more than \$120,000

worth of Lego sets to kids being treated at 29 children's hospitals nationwide. Cassevah, a 38-year-old who has loved Legos since he was 4, sometimes builds with patients after delivering their Lego sets. "When I build with kids, my goal is to create fun memories and give them a voice and let them talk," he said. More than anything, he adds, they "laugh and have fun." People do many different things to help children or families in need. In the newspaper or online find and closely read a story about children or a family that could use some help. Use what you read to write a letter to the editor telling what kind of help is needed and how the community could provide it.

Goals: Writing opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information;

reading closely what a text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it.

### 4. High Flying Career

In the United States and around the world, older adults are living longer and more active lives. Consider the case of Bette Nash. At 86 years old, she is the longest serving airline flight attendant in the world. Nash, who took her first flight as a teenager in the 1950s, has been flying and serving passengers for more than 65 years, the Modern Met news site reports. She started her career in 1957 as an attendant for Eastern Airlines, which eventually became American Airlines. Nash still flies for American, and as a senior attendant she has been able to choose her preferred route from New York City, to Washington, DC to Boston, Massachusetts. She likes to have that route because it allows her to be home every night to care for her adult son,

who has a disability. She has no plans to stop flying "as long as I have my health." "It's just been the perfect career path," she says. "It's given my love of people an outlet, and I like to think I've given good service to others." Many careers provide opportunities for people who enjoy working with other people or the public. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read a story about one such career. Use what you read to write a letter to a friend telling what skills and personality traits are needed to be successful in this career. Which of these skills do you have?

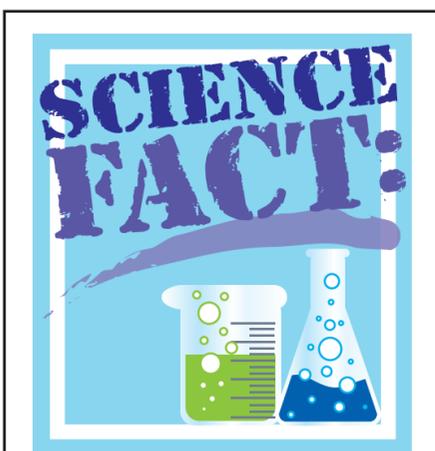
Goals: Conducting short research projects that build knowledge about a topic; producing clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization and style are appropriate to the task.

### 5. The Year in Pictures

It's often said that a

picture is worth 1,000 words. What that means is that pictures communicate and connect with people in a way that words do not. They SHOW how people feel in situations that are both painful and wonderful and they provide proof of problems that need to be solved. In December or January each year, newspapers and websites look back at the previous 12 months to give viewers a look at "The Year in Pictures." In the newspaper or online, find and study a "Year in Pictures" feature. Choose one photo from the feature or find a photo from today's news that tells a powerful story. Write a paragraph explaining how the picture tells a story more effectively than words could do alone. Share with the class and discuss.

Goals: Reading closely what written and visual texts say and making logical inferences from them.



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Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

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## Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park Wiregrass

By LYNN ARTZ and SANDY TEDDER



Wiregrass (*Aristida stricta*) is a densely tufted, native bunchgrass. It's the dominant groundcover in longleaf pine grasslands that once covered the southeast. Wiregrass grows up to 2 feet tall. Longer flower stalks bear tiny, brown flowers in fall. (See photo) Also called pineland threeawn, it feeds gopher tortoises. Songbirds and quail eat the seeds. The plants provide cover for birds, reptiles, and small mammals. Wiregrass is usually used in restoration but can keep wildflowers upright in a home garden or serve as a border. Do not plant near a house as it is highly flammable. This helps lightning generate the low-intensity ground fires that maintain the longleaf pine-grassland ecosystem. Wiregrass is growing in the meadow and the northwest garden at Sopchoppy Depot Park.

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