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Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hi: 74° Lo: 63° 47% Sunrise 7:22 AM Sunset 6:21 PM	Hi: 70° Lo: 46° 88% Sunrise 7:21 AM Sunset 6:22 PM	Hi: 57° Lo: 38° 40% Sunrise 7:20 AM Sunset 6:23 PM



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Constitutional carry bill

The Legislature is considering allowing carry of firearms without requiring a permit

By **ANDREW POWELL**
Center Square Contributor

Florida House Speaker Paul Renner, R-Palm Coast, held a news conference in Tallahassee last week to discuss a measure that would remove Florida requirements for a firearms permit and training to carry a concealed firearm.

Renner was joined by state Rep. Chuck Brannan, R-Lake City, state Sen. Jay Collins, R-Tampa, Hernando County Sheriff Al Nienhuis – who is the president of the Florida



Sheriffs Association – and Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey.

Law enforcement and the Legislature want law-abiding citizens to be able to exercise their rights to bear arms and

House Bill 543 expands this. The bill will also end “gun-free zones” and, if passed, Florida will become the 26th constitutional carry state.

“Central to the idea

of freedom, is the right that we can defend ourselves against physical attack as well as defend those that we love,” Renner said. “The Constitution did not give us those rights, our creator gave us those rights, but it does put it down on paper in the Second Amendment and the courts have interpreted that to mean an individual right to keep and bear arms for self-defense.”

Renner further added that these rights should be available to everyone, despite color,
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The home on Carousel Circle in the Gardens of Saralan where deputies responded to two bodies in the driveway on Saturday.

Two dead bodies reported in Saralan

Sheriff's office releases limited information citing Marsy's Law, but witness says it was a father and son

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office confirmed the deaths of two individuals at a home on Carousel Circle in Crawfordville on Saturday, Feb. 4, but did not release the name of the individuals, citing Marsy's Law.

Deputies were responding to a call at about 3:30 in the afternoon of a possibly suicidal individual and when they arrived on scene they found two deceased individuals in the driveway.

The investigation thus far does not indicate any ongoing threat to our community, the sheriff's office said.

According to a person on the scene, the deceased were a father in his 50s and a son in his 20s. It appeared the son killed the father and then killed himself – though that could not be independently confirmed.

Neighbors reported that sheriff's deputies had the street cordoned off and were at the house late into the night on Saturday and returned for more investigation on Sunday.

According to property records, the home belongs to Thomas Ryan Lytle. Neighbors said the two had lived there only a few months, which appeared to confirm property records that Lytle bought the home in October 2022 for \$315,000.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office at 850-745-7100, all calls can be made anonymously.

DISTRICT CHAMPIONS



War Eagles soccer are district champs again

The Wakulla War Eagles boys soccer team beat the Bay County Tornados 2-0 in a playoff game on Tuesday, Jan. 31, on a foggy night at J.D. Jones Stadium. The War Eagles scored goals by Chase Linville and Braeden Paul. The War Eagles then hosted South Walton on Thursday,

Feb. 2 for the district championship and won 1-0 on a goal by Paul. On Wednesday, Feb. 8, the War Eagles will seek to continue their playoff run against the Eastside (Gainesville) Rams at home beginning at 7 p.m. (Photo by Riddhi Patel)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Commemorative stamp

Author Ernest J. Gaines

Story & Photos By
RIDDHI PATEL

Wakulla County Christian Coalition held a stamp reveal and commemoration for the 46th Black Heritage Series stamp at the Crawfordville Post Office on the morning of Saturday, Feb. 4.

This year's honoree was Ernest J. Gaines, a distinguished author.

The event began with a song and prayer led by the Rev. Samuel Hayes. Following the prayer, former Wakulla County librarian Doug Jones was invited to share some history about the Black Heritage stamp series and about this year's honoree, Gaines.

Jones shared that Gaines' most notable works are “The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman” and “A Lesson



Retired librarian Doug Jones speaks on author Ernest J. Gaines at the post office on Saturday to mark the release of the commemorative stamp, top right.

Before Dying.” Gaines was the son of sharecroppers, born in 1933 on a plantation in Louisiana. Jones

said that Gaines' novels reflected his childhood and “explored the untold stories of rural African Americans.”



About Gaines, the U.S. Postal Service shared, “Adding a vital African American voice to American literature, Ernest J. Gaines brought worldwide attention to generations of men and women who asserted their own dignity in the face of racial oppression and violence.”

Jones noted that he

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Rotary Valentine Festival is set for Saturday

Staff Report

The festival season kicks off on Saturday with the Rotary Club of Wakulla's annual Valentine Festival and Parade.

This year also marks the return of a pre-festival run: a 1-mile Wak-Color Fun Run in partnership with the Wakulla County Health Department. Registration is at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday at the TCC Wakulla office. The race begins at 8 a.m.

With the closure of Hudson Park for renovations, the festival's vendors will be set up at Azalea Park.

The popular parade will kick off at 10 a.m. and follow the usual parade route from north of Azalea Park to near the Courthouse. Crawfordville Highway will be closed to traffic during the parade.

Correction

The headline on Cheryl Cruce's column last week was wrong, it was inadvertently copied over from the previous week's column. It should have been “Body and Soul.”

We regret the error.

Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park White Wood Violet

By LYNN ARTZ and SANDY TEDDER



White Wood Violets thrive in shady woods.

Although most violets are purple, colors vary and white-flowered violets also brighten the Florida landscape. White wood violet is the white form of the common wood violet (*Viola sororia*). Its flowers are white except for violet lines radiating from the throat of the flower onto the lower petal. Like all wood violets, its heart-shaped leaves feed the caterpillars of fritillary butterflies. This long-lived groundcover thrives in partly shady woods. It prefers humus-rich, moisture-retentive soils. It spreads by seed and vegetatively to form colonies. The whitest wood violets at Sopchoppy Depot Park are blooming now along the east border and in the northeast garden. Other wood violets with varied coloring are blooming in the northwest garden.

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Student of the Week

Weston Cybulski, 1st Grade at Shadeville Elementary School

Principal-Tim Wheeler, Teacher-Felicia Parks

Weston is a joy to have in class. He has worked hard to earn student of the week. Weston is very strong in math and loves math time. He is always very eager to help other students in need. Weston is a great classroom helper. We have all loved being able to watch Weston grow this year in first grade and cannot wait to see what else he can accomplish!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FEATURES A DIFFERENT SCHOOL EACH WEEK.



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 Lisa Craze, CFC
Wakulla County Tax Collector

NEW LICENCE PLATE COMING SOON.



This new license plate features the slogan "Don't Tread On Me" accompanied by a black coiled rattlesnake over a yellow background. Funds from the plate will benefit the Florida Veterans Foundation.

Currently this plate is not in stock as we are awaiting arrival of the plates from the state. If you would like to pre order then please complete the 0 dollar purchase and you will be placed on the waiting list.



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3 War Eagles sign on National Signing Day

Three Wakulla War Eagles signed football scholarships on Wednesday, Feb. 1, which was National Signing Day.

The three athletes were Andrew Huntsberger, offensive lineman who signed with Waynesburg University in Pennsylvania; Deondre Strong, an offensive lineman who signed with St. Thomas University in Miami Gardens; and Todd Williams, a defensive lineman who signed with Delaware. (Williams had been a commit to Tulane, but decommitted some weeks ago and went with Delaware.)

Huntsberger and Strong held their signing at the high school; Williams signed later in the day at a ceremony at his home.

Wakulla head football coach Scott Klees noted the team only had six seniors this year – five of the six will have an opportunity to play football at the college level. That includes running back Xavier Blake, who was offered an athletic scholarship to Bluefield



Andrew Huntsberger, center left, and Deondre Strong, center right, at the the scholarship signing ceremony at Wakulla High School on Wednesday, Feb. 1. Coach Scott Klees is standing. A third player, Todd Williams, held a signing at his home later in the day.

University in Virginia but with his high grades opted to go with an academic scholarship that gave him a full ride. Another senior, kicker Chase Linville, who was All-Big Bend Specialist player this year, was at

the signing ceremony this year and confirmed that he had received some offers but was waiting until after soccer season ends to be able to visit the schools.

Of the three who signed on Signing

Day, Klees noted that Williams was the all-time leader in sacks at Wakulla High School.

Klees praised Huntsberger and Strong for their work on the offensive line – Huntsberger as center, Strong played

guard.

Klees laughed that, besides his son, Haden Klees, who played quarterback, the coach was hardest on Huntsberger, who only had one bad snap all year – an incredible achievement,

Klees said, given how much the offense was in shotgun.

“He’s been a joy to have,” he said of Huntsberger.

Of Strong, Klees joked that he has a name that fits him, and said Strong could lift the whole weight room. Of his play, Klees encouraged people to look at Strong’s highlight reel – “He was a road grader.”

Klees said he expected both players to be potential starters as freshmen at their schools.

Klees expressed his appreciation for school administrators, teachers, and especially Amanda Camper in guidance for helping students with their scholarships.

He also praised Wakulla’s fans, who he noted “pack out every Friday night” during football season.

After the ceremony, Strong admitted he was a little nervous about this next step, but excited.

Huntsberger, too, said he was “excited to see what’s next.”

On the Horizon

Calendar of upcoming events for the week of Feb. 9

Thursday, February 9

- The Rotary Club of Wakulla County meets at the TCC Wakulla Center at 8:30 a.m.
- The Sopchoppy Depot Committee meeting will be held at the Depot, 34 Railroad Avenue at 4:30 p.m.
- The St. Marks City Commission meeting will be held at St. Marks City Hall at 6 p.m.
- The VFW Auxiliary Bingo Night will be held at 7 p.m. at 475 Arran Road in Crawfordville, every Thursday. There will be concessions and raffles.
- Hatha Yoga with Zoe at 9 a.m. and Yin Yoga with Nellie at 6 p.m. Classes are \$12, packages available at New Posh on 3079 Crawfordville Hwy. Please RSVP email at newposh3079@gmail.com or text/call at (850) 528-5838.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

Friday, February 10

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

Saturday, February 11

- The Wakulla Rotary Club’s 24th Annual Valentine’s Day Parade and Festival will be held at Azalea Park. The Wak-Color Run will begin at 8 a.m. and the parade will begin at 10 a.m.
- The Wakulla Community Theater Variety Show will be held in the Sopchoppy Auditorium at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 at Capital City Bank in Crawfordville or at McIver Flooring or \$20 at the door.
- The 35th Annual FLASH 6k/12k run will be held in St. Marks. More information can be found at <https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/StMarks/Flash12K6K>.
- 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.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

Sunday, February 12

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

Monday, February 13

- The Wakulla County Planning Commission Meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers.
- The Sopchoppy City Commission meeting will be held at Sopchoppy City Hall at 6:30 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.
- 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 Yoga with Lacey at 6 a.m. Hatha yoga at 9 a.m. and Restorative Yoga at 6 p.m. with Zoe. Classes are \$12, packages available at New Posh on 3079 Crawfordville Hwy. Please RSVP email at newposh3079@gmail.com or text/call at (850) 528-5838.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

Tuesday, February 14

- Valentine’s Day
- The Wakulla County Historical Society will begin a series of programs on old General Stores at the Wakulla County Public Library at 4:30 p.m.
- Sopchoppy Community Dinner is held every week at the Towles House at 6:30 p.m.
- Yin Yoga at 10:30 a.m. and Flow Yoga at 6 p.m. with Nellie. Classes are \$12, packages available at New Posh on 3079 Crawfordville Hwy. Please RSVP email at newposh3079@gmail.com or text/call at (850) 528-5838.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

Wednesday, February 15

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

Commemorative stamps

From Front Page

just finished reading “A Lesson Before Dying,” a novel that has won the National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction. “I consider it a privilege,” Jones said. “It is such a moving story.”

On the columns behind Jones, there were images of past Black Heritage Series stamps and the biographies of individuals who were honored. A drawing was held for a sheet of the Gaines stamps, and the winner of that drawing was Rev. Hayes.

The first-day-of-issue event, during which the stamp featuring Gaines was officially unveiled, was held on Jan. 23 at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this was the first Black Heritage Series stamp commemoration held in Wakulla County in approximately two years.

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Pre-qualified General Contractors are invited to bid on a General Contract for the Medart Elementary School Gutter Replacement in Crawfordville, Florida in accordance with Contract Documents. All bids must be a lump sum basis; segregated Bids will not be accepted.

PROJECT: Medart Elementary School Gutter Replacement
 BID DATE: February 23, 2023
 TIME: 2:00 p.m. local time
 WCS BID NO. 22/23-01

A Pre-Bid conference will be held on **February 16, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.** at 69 Arran Rd, Crawfordville, FL 32327, and all bidders or their representatives are encouraged to be in attendance. The Pre-Bid Conference date is subject to change.

The Wakulla County School Board will receive sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. local time on February 23, 2023. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. All qualified bidders are invited to attend the Bid Opening; Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at the following location:

Wakulla County School Board
 Administration Building (Board Room)
 69 Arran Rd
 Crawfordville, FL 32327

Drawings and Specifications may be obtained by contacting:

Emily Winston
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In accordance with the Instructions to Bidders upon receipt of \$50 (non-refundable) per digital set. All materials furnished and all work performed shall be in accordance with Drawings and Specifications. Each Bid shall be addressed to:

Mr. Michael Barwick
 Director of Facilities and Maintenance
 Wakulla County Schools
 Post Office Box 100
 Crawfordville, FL 32327

and be marked:

1. Bids for Medart Elementary School Gutter Replacement
2. (Name of Bidder)
3. (Address of Bidder)
4. (City, State, Zip Code)

All bids shall be delivered by a representative of the Bidder or by registered mail with return receipt requested. Bid security in the amount of five percent of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders.

The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and/or informalities in any Bid and to reject any or all Bids in whole or part, with or without cause, and/or accept the Bid that in its judgment will be for the best interest of the Wakulla County School Board.

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PUBLIC NOTICES:

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**THE CITY OF ST. MARKS
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Date: FEBRUARY 9, 2023 5:55 PM
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Location: 788 Port Leon Drive, St. Marks FL 32355

The City of St. Marks located at 788 Port Leon Drive, 9 AM to 4:30 PM M/F; Phone (850) 925-6224. Persons needing special access considerations should call the City Office at least 24 hours before the date for scheduling purposes. The Board Office may be contacted at (850) 925-6224.

February 9, 16, 2023

WAKULLA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
 PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FOR
 CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK SERVICES

Project Name: **WAKULLA WAR EAGLE CAREER ACADEMY**
 Project Location: **3237 COASTAL HWY, CRAWFORDVILLE, FLORIDA 32327**
 Bid Number: **21/22-02**

The Wakulla County School Board, Department of Facilities and Construction, requests qualifications from construction management at risk firms to provide services for this project. Construction budget estimate for this project is **\$16,000,000.00**. Construction start is **TBA**. Applicant must be a **licensed general contractor in the State of Florida** at the time of application. Further, if a corporation, the applicant must be registered by the Department of State, Division of Corporations, to operate in the State of Florida at the time of application.

The selection will be made in accordance with Section 287.055 Florida Statutes, the School Board Policies, SREF rules and procedures and criteria which may be obtained from **Michael Barwick**, at the address and phone number below.

Firms interested in being considered for this project may attend a Pre-request for Qualification meeting at the **Board Room at the Superintendent’s Office on February 16, 2023 @ 3:00 p.m.** Request for Qualification Procedures may be picked up prior to meeting at the **Wakulla County School Board/Facilities Office from Donna Chatham located at 126 High Drive, Crawfordville, Florida 32327**. In addition, interested firms must submit an application with the following information.

1. A letter of interest detailing the firm’s qualification to meet the above referenced selection criteria.
2. An Experience Questionnaire as referenced in RFQ, which may be obtained at the Pre-request for Qualification meeting from **Michael Barwick**, phone number (850) 926-0065.
3. The vendor must provide a current Florida Professional Registration Certificate for a Florida General Contractor License.

Submit 4 copies of your application to the Wakulla County School Board, **Robert Pearce**, Superintendent, **69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327**. Deadline date is **March 14, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.** The results of this selection will be posted at the Superintendent’s Office **69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327**, during regular business hours starting **April 17, 2023**. Any protest on the selection must be made within 72 hours. Contract negotiation and award will proceed with the selected firm.

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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.”

LETTERS FROM READERS

We must protect Wakulla Springs

Editor, The Sun:

Many things in local government have political sides and can be very divisive. Even here in Wakulla County. However, perhaps the one thing that enjoys broad consensus, if not unanimity, is the need to protect our water. More specifically, our local gem, Wakulla Springs.

A recent discovery by the Woodville Karst Plain Project research divers confirmed an even greater connection between sinkholes, the underground cave system and Wakulla Springs than was previously known. WKPP established the connection from “Chip’s Hole,” a sinkhole near the Bloxham Cutoff intersection with Crawfordville Highway, to Wakulla Springs. Now with more than 40 miles of mapped tunnels and over 30 surface connections identified, the underwater cave system that emerges at Wakulla Springs is the largest known underground river in the entire country.

With this latest revelation, now is the time to ensure our water resources are fully protected. Not only is this cave system unique to this region; it also lies below the rapid growth and development throughout Wakulla County. It’s more important than ever that we prevent pollution and destruction to this great resource vital

to our region’s well-being.

Back in the 2000s, when the WKPP research identified more connection of sinks, tunnels and Wakulla Springs than previously known, citizens took charge to significantly expand the “Wakulla Springs Protection Zone.” Working with regional experts, the zone boundaries were redrawn and adopted by the Wakulla Board of County Commissioners in 2008. This zone covers much, but not all of the springshed. In addition, there are very minimal environmental protections compared to other areas. Much more can and should be done. For example, regulations should limit pollution caused by various types of development within the zone and even more so over the cave system. After all, the same water that comes out at Wakulla Springs also serves as the drinking water for much of citizenry in the spring basin.

The county and region united many times over the years to protect our local gem, Wakulla Springs. Let’s all unite again to ensure our rapid growth doesn’t ruin one of the very assets that makes this region so economically viable and attractive.

Chad Hanson
Crawfordville

Celebrate Jack Rudloe’s 80th birthday

On Friday, Feb. 17, 2023 from 6 to 8 p.m., I will be celebrating my 80th birthday at Gulf Specimen Marine Lab and all my friends and supporters are invited. No presents please, but donations to the aquarium are welcome.

Reflecting on the 65 years I’ve spent in the Florida panhandle, I perused my first book, “The Sea Brings Forth” which I wrote when I was 22, which is full of my unbounding enthusiasm for nature which we still strive to share at our aquarium. It was written before the dredges started shredding the wetlands, the developers, polluters trashing the environment, before our lifelong, futile battle of trying to stop them. So here’s a passage from my first book.

“When I left the university I was penniless and absolutely without any useful skills that would be helpful in getting a job. All my past preparation for life had been academic, and if I had completed my schooling I would have chosen a career in science. But as it was, my only working experience was as a third-class laboratory assistant, washing Petri dishes, counting sea-urchin eggs, test tube after test tube, and keeping frog tanks clean and weeding out the dead tadpoles.

“But I was young and determined to survive; my world did not have to come to an end. There must be something I could do, something that I had a talent for. Then I remembered that on my last job, my professor-employer always bought frogs. He was studying the neuromuscular reactions of amphibians.

“That was the beginning of my career as a collector. In waist-deep swamp water where cottonmouth wa-

ter moccasins lurked, while swarms of mosquitoes feasted on me, I netted 22 large fat croaking bullfrogs. This professor desperately needed the frogs to continue his research, and he paid me nearly the same rate that he had paid the commercial biological supply companies. And so my first commercial enterprise netted me \$50...

“Then one day a zoologist inadvertently took me out of the woods and put me into marine collecting—he ordered two dozen live pink shrimp.

“I went to Carrabelle, a fishing village, and found a softhearted shrimper, Pea Picker and his captain, Nick Mosconis who consented to take me out shrimping with them. After that one night out on the bay I fell in love with the sea and with shrimping, and I never went back to the woods again. ... For a time I lived an adventurous, carefree life as an apprentice deck hand and an amateur biological collector...

“Eventually I gave up my carefree life as larger and more important orders came in for live specimens. When I had saved up enough money I made a small down payment on an old army barracks...(I)t was on the Gulf and I could buy specimens from the local crabbers. And I was in love with the landscape... The bay was bordered by tall, tall pine trees, massive branching water oaks heavy with drooping strands of Spanish moss, and ancient cypress swamps with big old alligators... As more orders came in, I repaired the roof and had shelves, sinks, and laboratory tables installed.”

And thus began Gulf Specimen Marine Lab.

On the airport controversy: Solution is to make airport private

Editor, The Sun:

Responding to Mr. F.J. Young’s letter in the February 2nd issue of The Wakulla Sun (“Air strip is a waste of taxpayer money”), all I can say to Mr. Young is that I hear him loud and clear. He’s frustrated that this airport controversy has been ongoing since Moses parted the waters and has no ending it seems until the Second Coming of Christ.

There is a simple solution to the calamity, besides canning their set-in-stone, so-called volunteer airport manager who should’ve been canned before he was allowed to volunteer himself. Why it hasn’t been brought to the fore years ago is unknown.

This partial solution is why not make it a private airport? As a private airport, the FAA, at the instant of privatization is then hands off. They are no longer a party to the controversy & glad of it. That leaves the county with

only one meddling governmental agency to worry with – the Florida Department of Transportation. Under skilled, knowledgeable handling, they could probably be sweet-talked into letting things be. The county could likely continue to get their fumbling mitts into it too if they desire. After all, it seems our little grass airstrip thrives on controversy, big or small. I prefer small.

As for me, I have a rather large project I’ve been working on intensely for the past six months. It will blow the doors off Wakulla County & reveal what Mr. F.J. Young wonders “is there something we’re not being told?” Stay tuned Mr. Young. It likely will arrive before the Second Coming and will be published here in Mr. Bill Snowden’s excellent enterprise called The Wakulla Sun.

Bill Catalina
Crawfordville

The airport is a public treasure

Editor, The Sun:

I was pleased to see the paper’s acknowledgement of the importance of the people’s airport (26 January, 2023). However, your statement that the airport is “really a grass strip for... Tarpine” is totally false and should be retracted. I was lucky to be in the vicinity of the people’s airport today, and I personally observed numerous operations – and not a single one of those operations involved aircraft based at Tarpine. Your coverage would better inform the public if you acknowledged that members of the Wakulla County community, who live at Tarpine, have donated nearly all of the volunteer manpower to maintain and support the county airport. Additionally, your coverage would be considerably closer to the mark if you advised the public that a large portion of the funding for supporting the county airport was until recently through a public-private partnership, and not from tax revenues at all.

This airport is a public treasure which was given to the people of Wakulla County over 60 years ago and has continued for the good of the whole community ever since. In addition

tion to necessary public services performed there - including emergency air ambulance, disaster relief, and search and rescue - this essential infrastructure also brings people and dollars and opportunity to Wakulla County. Good leaders of healthy communities know how important it is to support their community infrastructure, and there is simply no other public infrastructure anywhere in the county which costs so little and provides so much.

The people know this too, which is why over 80% of Wakulla County respondents in a recent independent public opinion poll somewhat or very strongly supported keeping the airport.

The Commissioners made the right call, 5 to 0.

Karl Kuersteiner
Ochlockonee Bay

Editor’s Note: Mr. Kuersteiner appears to have conflated a line in a news story last week that “The Wakulla Airport, which is a simple grass strip, is lumped in with larger airports in FAA requirements...” and a line from FJ Young’s Letter to the Editor that “I understand the Tarpiners, they want a free air strip.”

Glad for renewal of airport license

Editor, The Sun:

I am a Crawfordville, Wakulla County resident and a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association. I work with other aviation enthusiasts and community on three different aircrafts (an Ercoupe, a Long VariEze and a Weedhopper) at 2J0, the Wakulla County Airport. This airport is not just for Tarpine residents, it is an open public-use turf runway airport. In fact, the Tarpine residents devote many volunteer hours here at the airport, but with the recent uncertainty around the public airport, many pilots are investing elsewhere in the state for residence in counties that are not considering to close their transportation infrastructure.

As a supporter of the public airport 2J0 (the Wakulla County Airport), it is very good news to read that the Wakulla County Commissioners voted unanimously to renew the airport’s license through August of 2023.

I do feel that it is important to clear up the statement from Commissioner Chuck Hess that “We still have all the expense to upgrade the airport to meet (FDOT) requirements.” I would like to point out that state funds could be given to the county by FDOT in order to upgrade our airport. Just like with cars, airplanes pay tax when they buy gas. The county is currently missing out on receiving these funds, and the burden of fixing the airport does not have to be shouldered by the Wakulla County taxpayer.

By accepting these FDOT dollars, the Commission will be continuing the economic and life-saving potential that the Wakulla County Airport brings to our citizens. Here’s to hoping unanimous votes securing our public use airport’s future continue.

Randy Robinson
Crawfordville

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– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Polled at Crawfordville Quick Stop

How old were you when you had your first kiss?



ADAM MONK
CITY OF TALLAHASSEE

“I was seven or eight, I believe her name was Victoria.”



MIKE ROGERS
HOLLAND & PIGHT

“I believe I was eleven. It was summer after we moved to Panama City.”



JOSHUAH QUINNELL
FLOORING

“I could safely say that I was eleven.”



DAVID SPEARS
SPEARS ENGINES & TIRES

“Eight years old. Eight is my lucky number too!”



J.D. KELLER
CABINET GUY CABINETS

“Ooohhhh!!!”

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wakulla Station News

By Verna Brock

The big Valentine's Day Parade is on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 10 a.m., and it is always a popular event. The floats are always imaginative and the candy abundant. The next weekend, it will be the Wakulla Christian Coalition's African American History Celebration weekend, on Friday, Feb. 17th through Sunday, Feb. 19th. The parade will begin on Saturday at 10 a.m., and is always great fun. Both events will be followed by vendor fairs in Azalea Park.

A word of warning to our neighbors throughout North Wakulla County. My friend David Hinson returned home to discover a strange vehicle parked in his driveway, nose pressed

against his gate. What should he spot, but a couple of strangers emerging from the back of his property. He called his wife, Joyce, in his home, alerting her to make sure her doors were secured (sure enough, they tried to enter!) and then called the sheriff's office. The sketchy couple turned out to be previously arrested for B&E, but couldn't be arrested on this occasion since they stepped off of Hinson property by the time the deputy arrived. Their vehicle WAS impounded.

But the deputy warned my friends that these people are becoming a big problem in Leon, Wakulla and Franklin counties (probably others too). They stroll up to homes, checking for easy items to carry off for quick money to buy drugs (Meth). If

someone answers the door, they have a ready tale of woe, and ask for a few dollars to buy gas, fix a tire, etc. Call the sheriff's office anytime you spot someone prowling your neighborhood or property. Better safe than sorry!

What a blessing to celebrate the remarkable life of Donna Kendrick this past Saturday. My family was fortunate enough to have her teach both Alan and Anna in kindergarten, and I got to volunteer in her classroom weekly during those years. Wakulla has a plethora of extraordinary teachers, and Donna Kendrick was at the head of the class. Rise in glory, Donna, we miss you something awful.

Believe it or not, we are approach-

ing the time of year when parents are thinking about summer options for their school children. The good news is that 4-H will be having six weeks of camp, with all kinds of interesting subjects and activities. Call the Wakulla County Extension Office for all the delicious details!

Please keep Louis Hernandez in your prayers, as well as Pam Adans, Faye Sweeney, Pastor Steve Montgomery, and Hope Smith.

We had a great Sunday celebrating the amazing Norma Woodcock who is preparing to have a new adventure in Orlando. As a former bush pilot in Alaska when she was a young nurse, this will be a piece of cake. But we will sure miss her, and her awesome example of kickin' butt every day. It was so good to see several former members stop in to wish her well. Go with God, dear Norma.

Buckhorn News

By Ethel Skipper

We call February Black History Month. The most we hear about our history is what Martin Luther King Jr did. People seem to be comfortable reading or listening about what he did.

When I went to school, we did not hear anything about Black History. At my school we had used textbooks, and some of the books we were not allowed

to read. My cousin Letitia said the Black History she learned was World War I and II when black men had to fight – they wore guns but mostly were cooks. They served as though they were slaves. When the black servicemen returned home, they weren't treated with the same respect as other men.

2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall

humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Our thoughts might be different, our history seems different, but one thing's for sure – we are all God's people and He told us to love one another.

Skipper Temple Church invites you to Second Sunday, Feb. 12, at 11 a.m., for Family and Friends Day. The youth

will have their Black History Program on third Sunday, Feb. 19 at 11 a.m.

Happy birthday to Bernard Ross, Timothy Beard, Kellen Johnson, Ella Andrews, Patrick Rosier, Dionte Gavin, Furmesia Rosier, Mickey Rosier, Legend Fryson, Legacy Fryson.

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 prayer everywhere. Let us pray for each other daily.

Library News – Feb. 9

Thursday, February 9

Sphero Chariot Challenge 5pm
The Flowers BOD/ACC Committee 6:15pm

Friday February 10

Quilting Guild 9:30am

Saturday, February 11

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group 10am

Monday, February 13

Wakulla Christian Coalition 6pm

Tuesday, February 14

Book Bunch 10am

Dungeons & Dragons 2pm

Wakulla County Historical Society 4pm

Wednesday, February 15

Book Babies 10am

Knitting Group 4pm

Thursday, February 16

Veteran's Meetup 11am

The Parks HOA Covenant Review 6:30pm

Wakulla Amateur Radio Club 7pm

AFTER HOURS SPEAKER SERIES

All programs will take place at the Library at 6:30 p.m.

• Monday, February 13th – Michelle Hearn, Senior Curator for the Museum of Florida History, presents “The Florida Highwaymen – African American Landscape Painters”

• Wednesday, February 22nd – Michelle Hearn, Senior Curator for the Museum of Florida History, presents “Civil Rights in the Sunshine State”

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Our technology classes are FREE

and open to all Wakulla County residents. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Please call 850-926-7415 to register. All classes are taught by instructor Deanna Ramsey.

• Understanding File Management (Windows Users) Thursdays, February 23 & March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30th from 9-11am (Six-Part Class)

• Microsoft Excel Beyond the Basics - Thursdays, February 23 & March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30th from 11:30am – 1:30pm (Six-Part Class)

• Best FREE Online Resources for Genealogy – Thursdays, February 23 & March 2 & 9 from 2-4pm (Three-Part Class)

ANNUAL MARDI GRAS FUNDRAISER BALL

The Annual Friends of the Library Mardi Gras Fundraiser Ball will take place on Saturday, Feb. 18, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Wakulla County Community Center. This year's ball will feature catering by Harry's Seafood, live music provided by the Thursday Night Music Club, and amazing cocktails served up by the Yard Bar.

Tickets are \$50 per person and tables are available for sponsorship at different funding levels. Special Date Night two top tables which will include prime seating, a bottle of champagne, and two souvenir champagne flutes will be available for \$150.

Tickets and tables can be purchased at the Wakulla County Public Library via cash or check.

VARIETY SHOW

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Saturday, FEB 11th

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Outdoors

outdoor sports

HOME ON THE RANGE

Don't believe everything on YouTube



By MARJ LAW

Used to be, when you wanted to know an explanation of something, you'd break open your encyclopedia or you'd find a book at the library. These days, seems like the internet is the way to go.

If you want to read about your subject, you can find several responses. If you'd rather see and hear a demonstration, YouTube is a way to go.

So recently, Joe emailed me a link called "The 5 Guns New Gun Owners Most Regret Owning" on God, Family and Guns. Wow. What guns should a newbie not get? That's a really good question. I have my own ideas and am interested to see what Mark has come up with.

Will I agree with him? Does Joe agree? Do all three of us have differing opinions? What do we think after watching this episode?

Watching is a really good revelation that you shouldn't take as absolute fact anyone else's outlook on firearms. It's useful to hear other opinions, but what works the best for you is still the best for you. According to Mark, the first of the five worst handguns for newbies are Magnums.

The .357 and .44 Magnums are good examples. I agree.

This guy says the caliber is too big for a newbie. It's an "awful, terrible choice."

I agree here too, but if Newbie is watching this, I'd explain not that the

caliber is too big, but that the recoil of the gun will require strength and technique that will be hard to control for an inexperienced person.

The caveat is, according to Mark, that Newbie can shoot a .38 round in these magnum revolvers. Again, Newbie needs to understand why this is. Anyone can make assertions, but Newbie needs to know that this is one case (and don't think you can do this with just any gun), where you can load another caliber of round: the .38. Since the magnums are usually big and heavy guns, their mass will absorb much of the recoil with the .38 that you would have experienced when shooting the magnum rounds. So that's why. Newbie needs to know the "why" of it.

The next of the 5 worst guns for Newbie are the 1911s. 1911 refers to a configuration of handgun designed by John Browning. They have been around for decades, and can be wonderful guns. However...

Mark says the 1911s are too complicated for Newbie. Again, I'd suggest that Mark say exactly why this is so.

1911s are not revolvers. Revolvers are basically guns you point and shoot. They may have a safety lever, but they are fairly uncomplicated guns to learn to shoot.

1911s, though, are semi-automatic handguns. The learning curve is a lot higher on semis. Again, most of the question of why this is so is not addressed.

Newbie has to learn how to load a magazine and put it into the grip. Newbie has to learn about jacking the slide to load that first round. Newbie has to know how to handle it if a round doesn't feed, if it fails to fire or fails to eject a casing. In these cases, Newbie needs to know to keep the muzzle facing downrange and to drop the magazine. Newbie

Thompson 45 ACP

Good shooter. But high learning curve. Someone else can fieldstrip it!



1911 bushing wrench

Sig Sauer .380

A .380 that is: Easy in the hand Light trigger Low recoil



needs to open the slide and dump the casing out of the ejection port (if a round is there) and to inspect the chamber for a round lodged here.

Another complication is that fieldstripping a 1911 can be a real bear. You'll have to clean your gun one day, so learning to fieldstrip it can be a real treat. Not. On some, you start by opening up a paper clip and sticking it into a hole in the gun. On some, you take a wrench to the muzzle area of the gun to take out the bushing. When it comes to my Thompson .45 ACP, for example, I generously allow Joe to take it apart.

Another firearm Mark has an issue with is Glock's because he says they have no manual safety. He also mentions that the Sig P320 has no manual safety. These are both

striker-fired handguns, which means they do not have a hammer.

While he feels that it's important to have a manual safety, I do not. He is concerned that Newbie might put a finger on the trigger and because the gun has no manual safety, the gun could fire accidentally. In my opinion, it's not a steep learning curve to keep your finger off the trigger.

Personally, I would rather have no safety. For someone who has no training in any kind of military service, I did not learn the muscle memory of flicking off the safety before firing. In fact, at a time of extreme stress when Mr. Bad has broken down the door, I do not want to have to even think about whether that safety is on or off.

"Hey, Mr. Bad, would you give me a sec to check

my safety?" It's not going to happen. I want a gun that may have a grip safety, or a slightly longer trigger pull, but I don't want a safety on or off to determine if I can protect myself in a time of danger.

Another firearm Mark has a problem with are small .380s that pop and hurt the hand. Because of this, he feels that Newbie won't want to practice with the new gun. He says these guns are "not a pleasure to shoot."

Yes, some of the tiny, flat gripped .380s like the Ruger LCP or the Bodyguard can be a bit hard on the hand. However, I've shot several .380s that are quite easy and comfortable to shoot. Take the Sig Sauer P238. It fits nicely in my hand, has a light trigger and shoots without a lot of recoil. It is a pleasure to shoot.

So, in my opinion, it isn't fair to judge all .380s by a few. Newbie can read up on .380s and find one that won't hurt the tenderest of hands.

The last category of guns a newbie should not own are guns you can't fully operate. I agree with Mark on this. He says if you can't rack the slide, put rounds in the magazine, take the gun apart, or clean the gun, you should not own the gun.

I totally agree. In theory. However, take that Thompson .45 ACP. It's a really smooth gun even though it's a .45. I can load it, rack the slide and clean it.

Take it apart? With a bushing wrench? I don't have the strength or technique. But I do have Joe, who is very willing to fieldstrip the gun. Yay.

If you are willing to have someone else clean your gun, and you can handle everything else, there's at least one person in Wakulla County who will do it for a fee. For some people, it's well worth it. Bottom line is: does the gun get clean? Yes.

Gathering information before purchasing a gun is a fine idea. Mark clearly has his opinions. I have mine. Our opinions are not necessarily the same.

Look on the internet, ask experienced friends and go to a range that rents guns and try them out for yourself.

Only you will know what is best for you.

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

Constitutional carry bill

From Front Page

creed or political affiliation, and that the Legislature will be removing the "government permission slip" that prevents people from exercising their rights.

Hernando County Sheriff and Florida Sheriffs Association president Al Nienhuis said that criminals don't bother with getting permits for their

firearms before they commit crimes, so law-abiding citizens should not have to have one either.

Nienhuis also added that the actions of criminals should have no bearing on the rights of individuals.

"When somebody does commit a violent crime... they'll be held accountable but not at the expense of the freedoms of those individuals who want to

protect themselves," Nienhuis said.

Ivey added that the move towards constitutional carry shows that Florida is the "Freedom State" and thanked Gov. Ron DeSantis, Speaker Renner and the Legislature for making it happen.

"Our citizens have the right to protect themselves at all times," Ivey said.

Brannan said he applauds the joint efforts with lawmakers and law enforcement to make this bill come to fruition.

"The bill that I will file later today continues to advance Second Amendment freedoms through legislation known as constitutional carry," Brannan said.

Brannan added that those citizens who are already prohibited from having a firearm, will continue to be prohibited under this bill. Citizens will also still be able to apply for concealed carry permits, particularly for those who travel out of state with their firearms.



CALICO CRAB (*Hepatus epheliticus*)

Considered to be the most attractive crab in Florida, it lives in coastal areas from Chesapeake Bay to the Dominican Republic at depths to 150ft. Its brightly colored 3" carapace, often with an anemone on it, provides camouflage. It stays buried beneath the sand, with its eyes showing. When worms, small clams, fish or other prey appear, the crab pops up and shreds it with sharp pincers. The crab spawns in summer and females carry eggs until hatching. Crabs have five larval stages. Calico crabs are a favorite food of Ridley sea turtles.

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WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO

Retired Wakulla Springs State Park Ranger Bob Thompson, on his weekly wildlife survey at the park last week, took this photo of an anhinga as mist rose off the river.



Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water

Local writers share their experiences

Thursday 9	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:21AM	9:59PM
6:20PM	9:37AM
Moon Illumination 88%	
Friday 10	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:20AM	10:55PM
6:21PM	10:04AM
Moon Illumination 80%	
Saturday 11	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:20AM	11:54PM
6:21PM	10:33AM
Moon Illumination 72%	
Sunday 12	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:19AM	-----
6:22PM	11:05AM
Moon Illumination 62%	
Monday 13	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:18AM	12:55AM
6:23PM	11:41AM
Moon Illumination 52%	
Tuesday 14	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:17AM	2:01AM
6:24PM	12:24PM
Moon Illumination 41%	
Wednesday 15	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:16AM	3:08AM
6:25PM	1:17PM
Moon Illumination 30%	

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.	

Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

Feb. 9 - Feb. 15

Tide charts by tides4fishing.com

Best fishing days this month
February 1-5, 20-28

Thursday 9	
Minor Times	Major Times
8:52AM	2:09AM
9:14PM	2:30PM
Friday 10	
Minor Times	Major Times
9:19AM	2:50AM
10:10PM	3:11PM
Saturday 11	
Minor Times	Major Times
9:48AM	3:32AM
11:09PM	3:54PM
Sunday 12	
Minor Times	Major Times
10:20AM	4:17AM
-----	4:41PM
Monday 13	
Minor Times	Major Times
12:10AM	5:06AM
10:56AM	5:32PM
Tuesday 14	
Minor Times	Major Times
1:16AM	6:00AM
11:39AM	6:28PM
Wednesday 15	
Minor Times	Major Times
2:23AM	6:59AM
12:32PM	7:30PM

St. Marks River Entrance

Th	3:39 am	9:54 am	4:13 pm	10:25 pm
Fr	4:20 am	10:21 am	4:35 pm	11:06 pm
Sa	5:09 am	10:52 am	4:59 pm	11:56 pm
Su	6:12 am	11:30 am	5:28 pm	-----
Mo	1:01 am	7:42 am	12:17 pm	6:08 pm
Tu	2:28 am	9:41 am	1:28 pm	7:08 pm
We	3:58 am	11:19 am	3:12 pm	8:47 pm

City of St. Marks

Th	4:15 am	10:58 am	4:49 pm	11:29 pm
Fr	4:56 am	11:25 am	5:11 pm	-----
Sa	5:45 am	11:56 am	5:35 pm	-----
Su	1:00 am	6:48 am	12:34 pm	6:04 pm
Mo	2:05 am	8:18 am	1:21 pm	6:44 pm
Tu	3:32 am	10:17 am	2:32 pm	7:44 pm
We	5:02 am	11:55 am	4:16 pm	9:23 pm

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Th	4:04 am	10:27 am	4:39 pm	10:45 pm
Fr	4:45 am	10:52 am	5:00 pm	11:26 pm
Sa	5:34 am	11:21 am	5:24 pm	-----
Su	12:15 am	6:35 am	11:55 am	5:53 pm
Mo	1:17 am	8:00 am	12:39 pm	6:31 pm
Tu	2:42 am	9:55 am	1:40 pm	7:27 pm
We	4:17 am	11:36 am	3:11 pm	8:57 pm

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Th	3:31 am	10:05 am	4:05 pm	10:36 pm
Fr	4:12 am	10:32 am	4:27 pm	11:17 pm
Sa	5:01 am	11:03 am	4:51 pm	-----
Su	12:07 am	6:04 am	11:41 am	5:20 pm
Mo	1:12 am	7:34 am	12:28 pm	6:00 pm
Tu	2:39 am	9:33 am	1:39 pm	7:00 pm
We	4:09 am	11:11 am	3:23 pm	8:39 pm

St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

Th	3:50 am	10:12 am	4:29 pm	10:31 pm
Fr	4:36 am	10:40 am	4:53 pm	11:14 pm
Sa	5:29 am	11:08 am	5:18 pm	-----
Su	12:02 am	6:34 am	11:38 am	5:47 pm
Mo	1:04 am	8:04 am	12:08 pm	6:22 pm
Tu	2:25 am	10:23 am	12:41 pm	7:13 pm
We	3:55 am	8:31 pm	4:22 pm	-----

Dog Island West End

Th	4:01 am	10:29 am	4:49 pm	10:53 pm
Fr	4:50 am	10:57 am	5:09 pm	11:38 pm
Sa	5:42 am	11:22 am	5:31 pm	-----
Su	12:27 am	6:50 am	11:43 am	5:56 pm
Mo	1:30 am	9:08 am	11:51 am	6:27 pm
Tu	2:51 am	7:23 pm	-----	-----
We	4:16 am	8:54 pm	-----	-----

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.



The Auxiliary booth at this past weekend's Wildlife Heritage Outdoor Festival at the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge.

Underwater Wakulla

By Rusty Miller

'Tis the season.

This next weekend will be my pool sessions using my new harness and 50 cubic foot tanks on my side mount journey.

I'm really excited to get in the pool with the new configuration and finally get it set to my liking. After the short session in the springs last Saturday I have made some adjustments to my harness that should make it a lot better for me in the water.

I've added a couple of quick clips to the tank valve bungees, moved the lower tank connectors a little further out away from my lower back, and adjusted the harness to fit a little better. Hopefully when we get to the pool skills I won't have to worry about my equipment and can relax to concentrate on my skills. I will report on how that session went for me.

When I was working on my equipment to get ready for the pool and ultimately the open water portion I wanted to again remind all the divers that read this article that even though you might have had your equipment serviced in the last year or two you need to get it done soon. Once our dive season really kicks in high gear it will be difficult to get your gear serviced in a timely fashion. We all know that our regulators, if serviced yearly, will work without issues. So let's look at a piece of equipment that most divers really take for granted and rarely get serviced or even looked at by a technician on an annual basis.

I'm talking about your BCD. We use our BCs every dive and we may or may not take the time to really wash them down after we get done with our dives. I don't mean taking a garden hose and just getting them wet thinking we are getting the salt residue off - I mean a real cleaning like filling the bladder with soap and water and then thoroughly rinsing it out until the water no longer has soap bubbles in it when you drain it. Also, you should take a cap full of mouth wash and pour it in the bladder then fill it with air and let it set over night then dump it out and fill it with air again to let the inside of the bladder completely dry. You should store your BCD with some air in it and hang it up between dive trips.

When you treat your BC like it's an important part of your life-saving equipment it will last you for many years of diving. So the question I have been asked is the service interval for the BC and should it be done every year. Well if you have meticulously cleaned and stored it in the manner I gave you, it should be looked at by a competent technician every couple of years. If you have not taken the time to care for your BC then it should be inspected every year because there are several issues that will occur and usually they will happen during your dive. You will get a stuck inflation valve in the open position that can cause you to have a dangerous fast ascent or when you go to push the inflator button nothing happens and you have to orally inflate it.

The other issue you will have will be any of the three drain valves will start leaking the air that you are trying to put into your BC and then no matter how you try to inflate it there is no way it will work. The rarest problem you will have will be the bladder will start to split or literally fall apart on the inside because you have stored it un-inflated for several dive seasons that it basically disintegrates. The last several problems I have discussed usually happen long before the bladder goes.

If the first issues I have mentioned happen you can take it to a qualified dive shop technician and they can fix the issues relatively inexpensively. So my advice is to take it in when you get your regulators serviced and it will be detail-inspected for any leaks or inflation issues. Remember that your BCD is an almost if not as important part of your gear like your regulators are.

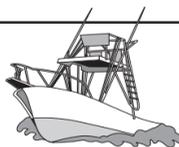
Until next time keep making bubbles.

Russell Miller NAUI #59999



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



Thank you to Tim Ashley for the image and article this week!

This past weekend, Flotilla 12 participated in the Wildlife Heritage Outdoors Festival. The event was held this past Saturday, Feb. 4, at St. Marks Wildlife Refuge.

This event marks the beginning of activities and happenings scheduled nearly every weekend throughout the 2023 year.

Several nonprofit organizations were on hand with tabletop displays showcasing their organization's mission emphasis and activities within the Wakulla County Community.

USCG Auxiliary members Jim Kenny, Phil Hill and Tim Ashley were in attendance offering printed information on boating safety for all types of vessels, on-the-water emergency procedures, environmental awareness

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of our local waters and historical awareness of the U.S. Coast Guard and USCG Auxiliary along the North Florida Panhandle coastline.

A good crowd came out to visit, despite initial chilly temperatures, to enjoy what turned out to be a beautiful sunny day.

Members of the Wakulla High School Band were on hand grilling burgers and hot dogs, making sure no one left hungry.

The Refuge continues

to be a national park where all can visit and be reminded of the natural beauty and witness where historical events have played a major role in the development of our community. There is always something new to see and experience within the park.

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Tolerating one another's weaknesses

By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

If I had as many children as God, I wouldn't last a day after seeing how they treat each other. Correction: I wouldn't

last five minutes. Make that five seconds.

Thankfully, God is infinitely long-suffering and immeasurably powerful. Our patient and powerful heavenly Father never grows weary of watching over us.

I, on the other hand, am human. I come up short in patience. And the only kind of supernatural power I've ever displayed was being able to keep my four young children's names straight as I called out one for mistreating his or her sibling.

I yearned for my children to learn what it means to bear (tolerate, endure) one another's shortcomings rather than mercilessly mocking each other and constantly tattling on one another. I prayed that one day they'd work harder at helping each other succeed than at spotlighting each other's weaknesses.

In a similar way, let's consider the way we fail to tolerate the weaknesses of our brothers and sisters in Christ—and how we fall short on

covering (protecting) one another when we err.

Each time we expose or pick on people's flaws, we perpetuate their shame and embarrassment. We fuel their growing disappointment with themselves. God's encompassing love for all His children not only sees the pain we cause, He also sees the destruction that happens in our own hearts when we behave in this way.

And if it pulls at our hearts when one of our children mistreats their sibling—whom we also

love, imagine how much it grieves our heavenly Father when we undermine one another.

During this season of love, let's focus on the first four words of 1 Corinthians 13:7 (ESV): "Love bears all things."

Let's decide to cover one another with love. Imagine what our world would look like if we finally accepted that the people in our lives will never be perfect and choose to tolerate their imperfections. And pray for them to have the grace to bear with ours

as well.

Sometimes the best way to love each other (besides praying for one another) is to remember we're all works in progress. Then perhaps we can move toward bearing with each other for more than five seconds at a time.

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The banquet table

By **CHERYL CRUCE**

Mom always found a way to prepare a meal we would enjoy as a family, including me, who was the pickiest of eaters. I remember being awakened to a breakfast of biscuits and cheese grits as a child. At the same time, lunchtime was a menagerie of leftovers served among giggles and hungry children ready to return to the yard to play. Rice and homemade bread were

the two main staples adorning the evening meal.

Much of my childhood was centered around the family table built by our Dad. The size and rectangle shape allowed for an easy serving of 10 people. To add a flare to the dining set, Dad topped the table with a Formica laminate, half in red and the other in white. Then he purchased red and white chairs to complete his creation. Deep in my memory, I can still see the images of my family gathered around simplistic settings of Melmac dishes and Mason jar glasses filled with southern sweet tea.

The table was more than a gathering place to nurture the body with food; it sustained

the home. Our parents discussed family issues, the needs of the neighbors, and world events. As children, we talked about the ballgame in the field behind the house and the forts we were building. Time seemed slower then. Conversations were kind, and eye contact was a learned skill. Today, time moves so quickly that we struggle to maintain a life schedule. It has been said, "A strong family has well-worn seats at the dinner table." Our lives could use a healthy dose of well-worn seats, for we have lost the art of the family table.

Jesus understood our need for the dining table and the benefits it produced for our spirit. When Matthew

was called to follow Jesus, Matthew threw a banquet feast inviting all to the table. There, the Pharisees questioned Jesus' motives for sitting with sinners. However, He responded that His purpose was to redeem sinful man (Luke 5).

Often in the scripture, Jesus gathered the people for mealtime. In Luke 9, we see the miracle of the five loaves and two fish feeding the multitude. We often read of the home of Martha and Mary and the breaking of bread. Jesus' final meal with His disciples came after His resurrection. Once again, the disciples fished all night, catching nothing; Jesus said, "Cast your net on the other side," and their boats

were filled. When Peter and the others arrived on shore, Jesus had prepared a breakfast of bread and fish (John 21).

With each meal served by Jesus, strength and healing came to those who would receive. Nevertheless, no meal would compare to the breaking of bread and pouring of wine that would become our Holy Communion. This table set by our Lord would be our ultimate healing table, representing our salvation in the Bread of Life and the redemptive power of His blood spilled from Calvary. When was the last time you gathered at the Lord's table where your redemption flows freely? Are the dining chairs less worn

these days? It is time we clean off the tables of our lives and gather again as a family, both physically and spiritually, for our Heavenly Father has built us a banquet table for all to gather around.

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

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

OUT TO PASTOR

By **JAMES SNYDER**

Over the years of marital bliss, we've not had many disagreements. She likes broccoli. I like Apple Fritters. We've never been able to come to any agreement with that. But, outside of that, everything has been rather smooth.

There's one controversy that has plagued our house for the last few years, and there doesn't seem to be any solution. There are some problems with no solutions, and I guess this is one of them.

The controversy I have is about my bathroom mirror; each of us has our bathroom with our own mirror. My mirror has some very significant issues with it.

For several years I have suggested that we replace my old mirror with a new one.

Once, I even suggested I would be glad to pay for the new mirror out of my Apple Fritter account, which was a mistake.

When I said that, she looked at me with a long pause and then said,

"You have an account for Apple Fritters?"

I knew I was in trouble for that; I guess I kissed my Apple Fritter account goodbye.

The controversy I had is that my old mirror portrays me as some old guy. I find it rather frustrating because I have some pictures of myself, and I don't look old at all.

As we discussed this, she said, "My mirror portrays me as I really am." She smiled one of her sarcastic smiles at me.

"Let me," I said, "go and look in your mirror to see if what you're telling me is really true."

I entered her bathroom and was surprised as I looked in her mirror and saw some old guy looking back at me.

Immediately I went out and said, "Hey, who's that old guy in your bathroom?"

She laughed and said, "I think it's you, but all I ever see is some old lady."

"I am not that old," I said.

I then went and got our family photo album, brought it back, opened it up, pointed to a picture, and said, "See, that's me."

She looked at the picture, then back at me laughingly, and said, "Yes, that's you when you were in high school."

I flipped a few pages and said, "There I am."

"That's our wedding

picture," she said with a smile.

By that time, I was just a little bit frustrated. If I look at those pictures and then look in the mirror, I do not see any resemblance whatsoever. How can that old rascal in the mirror be me?

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage could see that I was just a little bit discouraged. After all, pictures don't lie, but I think mirrors do.

"Don't you realize that as we grow and get older, our looks change?"

Looking at her, I was shaking my head and unwilling to reach her level of understanding.

"But," I complained, "I'm not that old looking, am I?"

Then she handed me a more recent photograph. It was me holding my granddaughter on the day of her birth. I looked at it as though I was looking out for the first time. When I first looked at it, I didn't see myself; rather,

I saw my great-granddaughter.

After looking at it for a few moments, I sat back in my chair and sighed deeply. "So, I am an old man."

"Well, my dear, you're not young anymore."

I stared at her for a few moments and then said, "Tell me, why do you look so good, and I look so old?"

"Because you're not looking in my bathroom mirror."

"Maybe," I said, "we could change bathroom mirrors?"

She started laughing and a few moments later, I joined her in laughing.

This was the first time I ever seriously looked at myself.

In the morning, when I go to the bathroom to comb my hair, shave, and brush my teeth, I ignore what's in the mirror. Maybe I ought to.

Thinking about this for a bit, I had a thought. Does it really matter how

old a person looks? After all the only cure for not getting old is dying.

I've noted lately that some of these Hollywood stars get facelifts, tummy tucks, and all sorts of changes to their body. I wonder if they do that for themselves or for the public that's looking?

Does it really matter how a person looks?

I believe the next time I'm in my bathroom, I'm going to have a little chat with that old guy in the mirror. I will say, "I don't care how old you look. You don't scare me." I had to rehearse that line a dozen times to get it right. I'm not sure I can trust that old guy in the mirror.

Of course, one of the great benefits is that I don't have to see how I look throughout the day. The people on the other side of my glasses have that to handle.

I have learned to appreciate what God said to Samuel in, 1 Samuel 16:7, "But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

God does not judge me by my outward appearance, but by my heart. If my heart isn't right with God nothing else really matters..

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• **Diane Monti Grantham**, 81, of Crawfordville, died Feb. 5, 2023. Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel 850-926-5919, www.familyfhc.com

• **Randall B. Henderson**, 57, of Sopchoppy, died Feb. 4, 2023. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• **Marvin Edward Hudson Sr.**, 75, of Crawfordville, died Feb. 2, 2023. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• **Alice Faye Jones**, 83, of Crawfordville, died Feb. 4, 2023. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• **Patrick John McCormick**, 61, of Monticello, died Jan. 30, 2023. Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel 850-926-5919, www.familyfhc.com

Sheriff's Report

Activity reported for the week of Jan. 27 to Feb. 2:

FRIDAY, JAN. 27

• Meghann Bookout contacted the Sheriff's Office regarding damage to the pool house located in the Guinevere subdivision. Bookout stated the damage was caused approximately four months ago and the incident was captured on surveillance video. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy James Williams investigated.

• Kelvin Arnold reported the theft of his 9mm Taurus handgun valued at \$450. Arnold advised he hasn't seen the weapon in several months. The weapon was entered into NCIC/FCIC as stolen. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Jeremy Creel investigated.

• Deputy Heather Will conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for ex-

cessive speed. The driver Katie Caldwell had a suspended driver's license with four prior convictions. During the investigation, Caldwell appeared to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol and Deputy Will subsequently began field sobriety exercises. After the exercises, Caldwell was placed under arrested for DWLSR and DUI and transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

SATURDAY, JAN. 28

• Deputies responded to U.S. Highway 98 and Evalinda Road in reference to a signal 11. During the incident a dump truck driver slowed and harassed the deputies. Sgt. Steven Parfitt conducted a traffic stop at the end of Sand Lake Road. The dump truck driver was very uncooperative during the stop. At one point during the interaction the driver approached, and chest bumped Sgt. Parfitt. He was taken into custody

and transported to the Wakulla County Jail for battery on law enforcement.

• Deputy Heather Will observed a white truck strike a stop sign at the corner of Ivan Church Road and Crawfordville Highway. The vehicle was stopped, and the driver, Dylan Bishop, was found to be intoxicated. Bishop was subsequently arrested for DUI and transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

SUNDAY, JAN. 29

• Michael Marshall was arrested after throwing a stick and shattering the front window of his neighbor's house. Deputies Heather Will and Dakota Haddock investigated.

MONDAY, JAN. 30

• Deputy Kory Smith responded to the sheriff's office front lobby in reference to a walk-in complaint of identity theft. The complainant, Michael Nash, stated that a suspect had set up an unauthorized email in his name. This

case has been forwarded to detectives for further investigation.

• Amanda Davis reported her 2007 Nissan Extera being stolen from the Dollar General in Panacea. Davis stated she noticed Jacob Sparks riding up on a bicycle as she was going into the store. She advised she remembered leaving the keys in her vehicle. Upon exiting the store her vehicle was gone and the bicycle Sparks was riding was outside the store. A canvas of the area yielded negative results until Detective Travis Hall came upon the vehicle which had returned to the Dollar General parking lot. Deputies and Florida Highway Patrol troopers returned to the store and arrested Sparks. Sparks reportedly told deputies that the owner told him telepathically to take her vehicle. Sparks was transported to the Wakulla County Jail without further incident.

TUESDAY, JAN. 31

• Deputy Tiffany Spears responded to the

front lobby of the sheriff's office in reference to a walk-in complaint.

Upon arrival Deputy Spears made contact with Amber Schmidt, who said someone entered her vehicle last night and stole some items, including some medication. The vehicle was left unsecured. Detective Buddy Spence responded to the scene to assist in the investigation. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

• Multiple deputies responded to an altercation at Azalea Park in which it was reported that a firearm was involved. Deputies were advised that several male juveniles had been involved in a fight at the park and that after the fight one of the juveniles had pulled a pistol and pointed it at the victim. The suspect had fled the scene prior to deputies arrival. Deputy Kendrick Gavin located a vehicle matching the description of the suspect on Trice Lane and conducted a traffic stop. The male juvenile suspect in the vehicle was

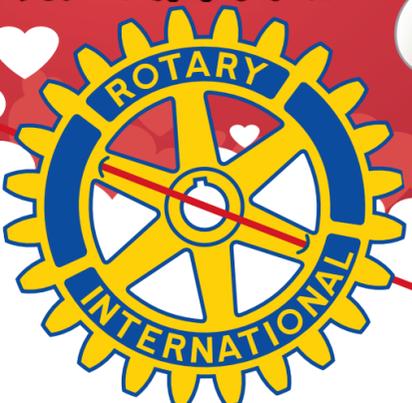
subsequently arrested and transported to the juvenile assessment center in Tallahassee. Deputy Rudolph Hinson investigated.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1

• Travis Carter reported someone pouring an unknown substance in his gas tank. Carter estimated it would cost approximately \$1,000 to have repairs completed on his vehicle. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy William Bennett investigated.

• Chelsie Rencher reported the unauthorized use of her debit card at the Dollar General located at 2660 Spring Creek Hwy. Video is available of the incident from the store's security system. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Jake Scott investigated.

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All participants must register. Tickets are limited to 250. All participants will be provided with a WakColor Run t-shirt, sunglasses and a bandana, while supplies last.

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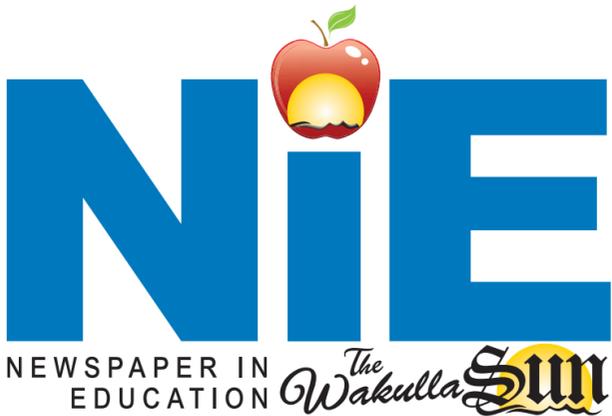
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Use the News

1. Brother Bowl

This Sunday is Super Bowl Sunday, and football fans all over the nation are gearing up to see whether the Kansas City Chiefs or the Philadelphia Eagles will win the National Football League championship. The Chiefs won a trip to the Super Bowl by defeating the Cincinnati Bengals 23-20, and the Eagles earned their spot by defeating the San Francisco 49ers 31-7. The game features the two top-ranked teams in the league this season, with each having won 16 of 19 games in the regular season and the playoffs. The game also is the first ever that will have two brothers playing against each other. The Eagles feature All-Pro center Jason Kelce, and the Chiefs have All-Pro tight end Travis Kelce. Jason is the older at age 35 while Travis is 33. Both went to the University of Cincinnati in the state of Ohio. While the Kelces are the first brothers to play against each other in the Super Bowl, two brothers faced each other as head coaches when John and Jim Harbaugh met in Super Bowl 47 in 2013. Jim was the coach of the San Francisco 49ers, and John was head coach of the Baltimore Ravens, who won. Every year newspaper and Internet reporters look for unusual stories to write ahead of the Super Bowl. In the newspaper or online, find and read stories about this year's Super Bowl. With a partner, brainstorm an idea for a story you would like to produce if you were a newspaper or TV reporter. Write a paragraph describing the story and why people would find it interesting. Follow Super Bowl news coverage this week to see if anyone does your story!

Goals: Engaging effectively in a range of collaborative discussions; conducting short research projects that build knowledge about a topic; writing informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.

2. Amazing Plush Toys

Teachers often do special things to connect with their students — both inside and outside of class. They show love and support in unusual ways, and students remember their kindnesses for their whole lives. In the South Pacific nation of Australia, an elementary grade teacher did something outside of class that her students will never forget. To show students how much she cared for them, she took drawings they had made and turned them into plush toys the students could keep. The teacher, who asked that her name not be used publicly, bought cloth and thread

with her own money and sewed them into one-of-a-kind “monster” toys unique to each child, the Modern Met website reported. The toys, which can be viewed here, looked like caterpillars, stars, dinosaurs and blobs, each matching a monster drawing a student had made. “There are teachers out there who do amazing things for their students,” one parent said. In every school, teachers do special things for students. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read a story about a teacher doing something special. Use what you read to design and write a thank you card as if you were the student who was helped. Fold a piece of paper in half and draw a picture for the cover and write a message for the inside. For added fun, design a thank you card for a teacher who has done something special for you or the class.

Goals: Using drawings or visual displays when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or points; producing clear and coherent writing in which the de-

velopment, organization and style are appropriate to the task.

3. Black History Month

February is Black History Month, and communities across the nation are celebrating the achievements of African Americans. Those achievements are happening in all fields — and are influencing all parts of American life. Search the newspaper or Internet to find African Americans influencing news and culture in different fields. See if you can find (1.) an African American politician, (2.) an African American athlete who led a team to victory, (3.) an African American woman who is a leader, (4.) a business owned by an African American, (5.) a TV show with an African American cast, (6.) an African American musician, (7.) a successful African American student and (8.) an African American writer or influencer for newspapers or the Internet. As a class, discuss these people and how they could inspire others by their achievements.

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Goals: Conducting short research projects that build knowledge about a topic; engaging effectively in a range of collaborative discussions.

4. High-Wire Act

Daredevils are always looking for new challenges and adventures. In the South American nation of Brazil last month, a tightrope walker looked to the skies in the city of Sao Paulo to set a new record for high-wire achievement. Brazilian Rafael Bridi set the record by walking more than 500 meters between two buildings more than 100 meters above ground. The 25-minute walk was a new distance record for a city in the Americas, the AFP news agency reported. The 510 meters he covered equaled 1,673 feet or about one-third of a mile. The 114-meter height of his tightrope equaled 375 feet or one-and-one-quarter football fields. Bridi, who is 35, is no stranger to challenges. In 2021 he walked between two hot air balloons more than 6,233 feet (1.2 miles) above ground. In 2020, he became the first man in the world to walk a tightrope above an active volcano

in the South Pacific nation of Vanuatu. People often take on unusual challenges or have unusual adventures. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read a story about a person who has done this. Use what you read to write a letter to a friend describing the adventure, what made it challenging and whether you would like to do something like it.

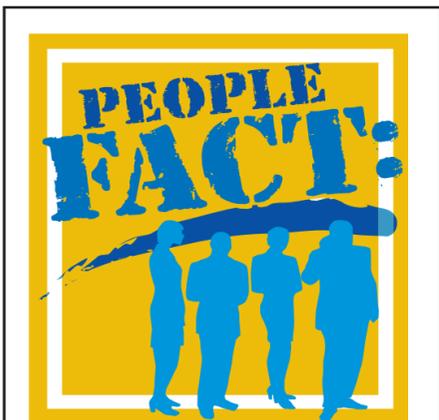
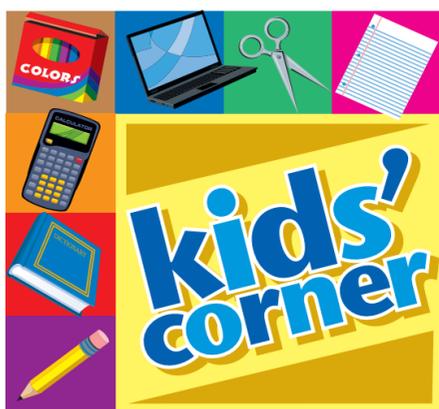
Goals: Reading closely what written and visual texts say and to making logical inferences from them; citing specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions.

5. World's Oldest

With exercise and better health care, senior adults are living longer and longer around the world. No one now alive has lived longer than Maria Branyas Moreira of the European nation of Spain. At almost 116 years old, Morera has been recognized by the Guinness World Records organization as the world's oldest person. She was born in the United States in the city of San Francisco, California on March 4, 1907, but moved to Spain with her family when she was

seven. She later married a Spanish doctor and raised three children. She outlived her husband and for the last 23 years has lived in a nursing home in the Catalonia region of Spain. She survived a case of the coronavirus at age 113 in 2020, and became the world's oldest person last month following the death of a French nun who was 118. The oldest American is Bessie Hendricks of Lake City, Iowa, a former school teacher who turned 115 in November. In an interview in 2019, Morera said she had lived so long as a result of living “an orderly life that is socially very pleasant ... a good life without excesses.” Seniors who live long lives often have advice for younger people. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read a story about a senior in the news. Use what you read to write out two pieces of advice this senior might offer to younger people.

Goals: Citing specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions; writing informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.



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ANSWER: GREETING CARDS

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someone who is the object of infatuation

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Rose
- SPANISH:** Rosa
- ITALIAN:** Rosa
- FRENCH:** Rose
- GERMAN:** Rose



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO. 22-CPA-85

IN RE: ESTATE OF RONNIE LYNNWOOD HAMILTON, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
You are hereby notified that an Order of formal administration has been entered in the estate of RONNIE LYNNWOOD HAMILTON deceased, Case Number 2022-CPA-85 by the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. The total cash value of the estate is estimated to be \$1,500.00, and that there is no known persons or entities to whom it has been assigned by such order.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Functions
- Records electric currents associated with contractions of the heart
- Trigonometric function (abbr.)
- Secret political clique
- Type of gibbon
- Nocturnal S. American rodent
- Famed American playwright
- Mesopotamian goddess
- Abba __, Israeli politician
- Long ridge of gravel and sediment
- A place to stay
- Actor Idris
- One who behaves in a rebellious way
- A way to measure movement
- Distinguish oneself
- Type of drug (abbr.)
- Basketball great Baylor
- Masses of salivary matter
- Calls balls and strikes
- Plant that grows along the ground
- A recreational activity in the air
- Consumes too much
- Island nation
- Pistol
- Mixtures of soul and calypso
- Ancient Greek City
- Similar
- Roughly trimmed tree trunk used in a Scottish game
- Semitic fertility god
- Born of
- Frogs, toads, tree toads
- School in the northeast (abbr.)
- Soviet Socialist Republic

64. "___ the Man" Musical, baseball player

CLUES DOWN

- Fiddler crabs
- Discount
- Partner to "flows"
- Ethnic group of Laos
- Beloved "Seinfeld" character
- Book of tickets
- The last name of "Her-mione"
- Type of TV package
- Helps to heal a cut
- Town in Galilee
- Actor Horsley
- "Hocus Pocus 2" actor Ed
- Bird-loving group (abbr.)
- They respond when someone is sick
- Emerged
- Midway between south and southeast
- Monetary unit of Afghanistan
- Unit of work or energy
- Indicates near
- Famed river
- For each
- News organization
- CNN's founder
- They ___
- Areas off to the side
- Satisfies
- A spare bed
- Legendary singer Diana
- Frothy mass of bubbles
- A kind of sorcery
- River in South Africa
- Philippine Island
- County in China
- S. American plant
- Beverage containers
- Edge
- Protein-rich liquids
- Moved quickly on foot

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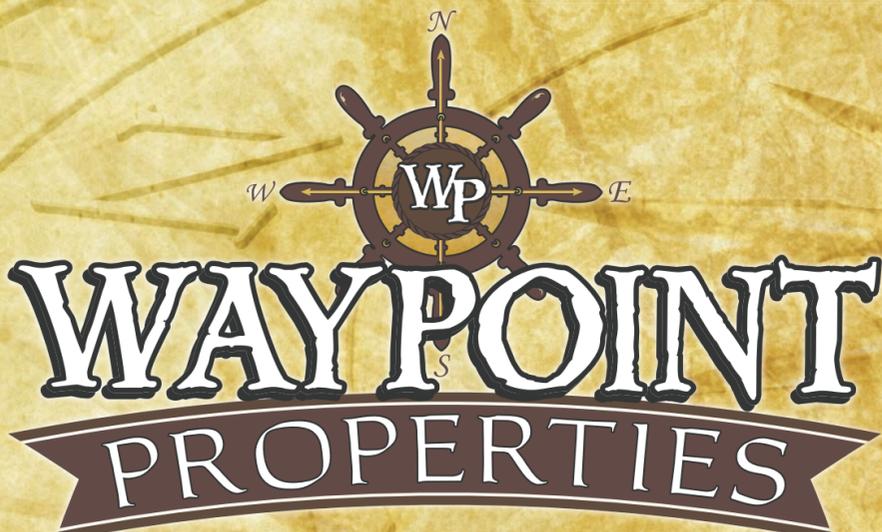
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