

Color Run is held on Saturday

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"It's a New Day"



Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PM Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms	Scattered Thunderstorms
Hi: 82° Lo: 67° 80%	Hi: 79° Lo: 66° 89%	Hi: 79° Lo: 66° 85%
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Questions about school security

Former student Molly Jones asks about ensuring student safety; district and partners talk about what they've done

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

Last Monday night's school board meeting was packed beyond standing-room only – people lined the long hallway outside the meeting room.

Most were there to support former Wakulla High student Molly Jones, now a senior at Florida State, as she spoke to the school board members about school safety.

"Our schools are under attack in America," Jones said.

Jones basically made three points: that the school board should declare the safety of students, teachers and staff as the No. 1 priority; to address weaknesses in school security, especially dealing with access; and have an independent third party specializing in school safety to review and make recommendations about current and planned facilities.

Isabella Taff, a junior at Wakulla High School,



Molly Jones, above right, brings up her concerns about school safety. Undersheriff Billy Jones and district School Safety Director Jim Griner discuss steps taken to protect schools. Below, School Resource Officers and Guardians line the wall.



said her youth pastor had asked a group of about 200 students if they felt safe at school. No one said yes, she said.

District personnel were aware that Jones planned to speak on school security – she had a Facebook post about it urging peo-

ple to attend the school board meeting in support. In response, the district's School Safety & Risk Management Director Jim Griner spoke on what has been done locally for security: cameras, fencing, swipecard technology, new radios,

threat assessments. Griner noted that, after the Parkland shooting in 2018, Sheriff Jared Miller and Superintendent of Schools Bobby Pearce met and agreed to have a School Resource Officer at every school; later, they added Guardians,

the red-shirted personnel armed with rifles who patrol campuses. "All they do is look for a bad guy," Griner said.

Griner introduced all the SROs and Guardians who work the campuses.

Undersheriff Billy Jones reiterated that

Sheriff Miller and Superintendent Pearce remained committed to school safety.

To the students in the audience, Jones said: "To hear you feel unsafe, I'll lose sleep over that tonight." He noted his children are students in Wakulla and his wife is a teacher.

Jones said the sheriff's office is "passionate about protecting our (school) faculty and citizens."

Amy Bryan, the district's director of mental health services, introduced four of the district's five social workers and talked about the focus on being pro-active. She said staff "look for any kid struggling in any area."

Jonathan Flagg, who teaches aviation at Wakulla High School, and focuses on teaching students to fly drones, said that students are using the drones for aerial surveillance of the

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FLAG FOOTBALL CHAMPS REUNITE



Hall of Fame players for the Palace Saloon flag football team in the 1970s and '80s: Steve Link, who was receiver, David Chapman was center and J.D. Jones was quarterback.

Palace Saloon team reunion set

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

They were the football powerhouse of their day.

From 1971 to 1985, they won eight state championships and four runnersup.

In 15 years, they weren't No. 1 or No. 2 four times when the season ended.

They were the Palace Saloon flag football team. And they are holding a reunion on April 29th at the home of J.D. Jones, who was quarterback of Palace Saloon during those years when he was also coaching Wakulla High School football to two state titles.

On a recent afternoon, Jones and fellow players Steve Link and David Chapman gathered to reminisce about those years.

All three of the men – Jones, Link and Chap-



Palace Saloon players in the late 1970s: J.D. Jones is 11, Link is 8, Chapman is 18. Mike Hockstein, 33, was team coach and manager of the Palace Saloon bar.

man – have been named to the Flag Football Hall of Fame, along with seven other players. In fact, the team itself was so dominant in the '70s and '80s that it has been honored at the Hall of Fame.

Jones joked that he didn't even know he had been inducted into the Flag Football Hall

of Fame until his son, Tanner, coaching in Perry at the time, was looking something up about flag football on the internet and found it – and then told his dad.

The three laugh about the number of FSU receivers who played for the team, such as Mike Shuman, who went on

to play for the San Francisco 49ers and played in the Super Bowl in 1981. There was Jimmy Everett, an FSU receiver who played with Palace Saloon on the one time they went to the flag football national championship.

Jones recalled the national championship

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Three crashes at one time on Hwy. 319

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

Troopers with the Florida Highway Patrol reported three crashes at one time recently on U.S. Highway 319.

The crashes occurred on Wednesday, April 19, around 6:30 a.m. on the highway south of Bloxham Cutoff.

According to the report from FHP, troopers were responding to a crash call and stopped at a crash and roadblock at Woodrich Road. The troopers soon realized it was not the crash that had been reported.

Another trooper responded to the original reported traffic crash.

Meanwhile, while working that crash another wreck happened when a vehicle tried to swerve around an ambulance and struck a car in the oncoming lane, and spun a stretcher into some pedestrians on the scene.

The first wreck happened as northbound traffic was stopped and an SUV driven by a 47-year-old Crawfordville man failed to stop and hit a pickup truck and a sedan. The driver was arrested for DUI. The driver had no injuries. The drivers of the pickup – a 55 year-old Crawfordville man – and the driver of the sedan – a 28-year-old woman – suffered minor injuries. A baby in the woman's car was not injured.

The second crash was also a driver colliding with stopped traffic. In that accident, a 36-year-old Crawfordville woman in an SUV collided with a pickup truck driven by a 23-year-old Crawfordville man and a sedan drive by a 43-year-old Crawfordville man. No injuries were reported to any of the drivers.

In the third crash, a 39-year-old Crawfordville man in a pickup truck was approaching the scene of the first crash – with emergency vehicles stopped in the roadway with lights activated, blocking the northbound lane.

The man reportedly traveled into the southbound lane to bypass the emergency vehicles when he collided with a southbound sedan, driven by a 16-year-old Crawfordville boy. The rear of the truck struck an empty EMS stretcher, which was pushed in the direction of multiple firefighters attending to the driver in the first crash. A pedestrian, reported as a 41-year-old man from Crawfordville, was struck by some debris in the crash. Two other pedestrians – a 26-year-old man and a 34-year-old man, both from Tallahassee – were struck in the legs by the stretcher, sustaining minor injuries.

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Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park Lanceleaf Coreopsis

By LYNN ARTZ, SANDY TEDDER and DAVID RODDENBERRY



Butterflies and other pollinators are drawn to the flower.

Lanceleaf coreopsis (*Coreopsis lanceolata*) is a spring-blooming wildflower with sunny yellow flowers. The tips of its petals are notched. A short-lived perennial, lanceleaf coreopsis readily reseeds. It attracts butterflies, bees, and other pollinators. Birds eat the seeds. Easy to grow, lanceleaf coreopsis typically reaches 1-2 feet tall in full to part sun and moist to dry, sandy soil. This wildflower is a terrific addition to butterfly gardens and wildflower meadows. Insects, diseases, and deer do it little harm. As its seeds resemble ticks, lanceleaf tickseed is another common name. Florida's state wildflower is *Coreopsis*. The state has a dozen native *Coreopsis* species. Lanceleaf coreopsis grows in the wild in the north half of Florida. Lanceleaf coreopsis is blooming now in the northwest garden and meadow at Sopchoppy Depot Park.

Student of the Week

Penelope Watters, 5th grader at Riversink Elementary

Principal: Catherine Cutchen

Achievements/Reason for Nomination:
Penelope is an outstanding student. Even with skipping kindergarten, she has maintained all A's in elementary school. She has an incredible work ethic that helped her achieve a perfect score on the FSA. She is one of our two Nalu house leaders. Penelope is also extremely talented in the arts. She was the first Wakulla County elementary school student to make the All State Choir. Penelope loves attending church and especially enjoys singing solos. Penelope is a member of our Odyssey of the Mind team that scored 4th at state recently. All these acknowledgments are great, but the most impressive quality is her character. She is respectful, kind, reliable, generous, caring, funny and responsible. I'm extremely proud to have Penelope as a member of our Otter family.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FEATURES A DIFFERENT SCHOOL EACH WEEK.



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Carson Falk wins Bassmaster High School tourney

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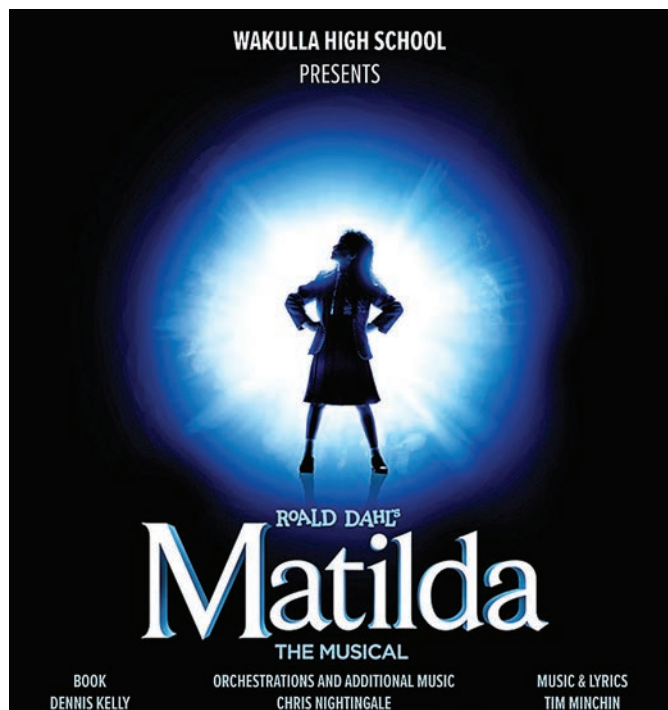
DAYTON, Tenn. — A beautiful spring day on famed Chickamauga Lake became even better for the Florida team of Carson Falk and Trey Blackmon III of Capital City Bass Hunters. In front of a large crowd, the dynamic duo was able to weigh a five-bass limit of 25 pounds, 3 ounces to best a huge field of talented high school anglers at the 2023 Strike King Bassmaster High School Series at Chickamauga Lake presented by Academy Sports + Outdoors. Although it was an eight-hour drive from the

Tallahassee, Fla., area, the pair was able to find water that looked and fished similarly to Lake Seminole, their home lake. “We started off on a bed fish this morning that we figured was around 4 1/2 pounds but we eventually had to leave it,” said 15-year-old Falk. “We stayed in the lower portion of the lake all day because it just set up perfectly for what we’re best at. It had clear water, stumps and grass which is a perfect combination.” During practice, Falk and Blackmon used large swimbaits like the Megabass Magdraft and Bass



Carson Falk, left, and team member Trey Blackmon III, right, fishing as Capital City Bass Hunters, with guide Brent Randall, center.

Mafia Dangerous. The big bass would follow the swimbaits out of the grass and as soon as the bass showed themselves, the anglers would quickly get the swimbaits back into the boat and mark a GPS waypoint in order to return on tournament day. “They were eating big crappie while also spawning on those grass flats,” Falk said. “We used your typical grass baits such as bladed jigs to catch the fish that previously followed our big baits. The conditions lined up perfectly and we were able to fish with our favorite baits and had a blast.”



‘Matilda’ at Wakulla High

Special to The Sun

Join the Wakulla High School Theater program for their presentation of Roald Dahl’s Matilda the Musical. Shows begin Friday, April 28th through Sunday, April 30th. The show time for Friday and Saturday is at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for Students and \$10 Adults.



Garden Club to send Coetzees to conference

The Wakulla County Garden Club is sponsoring two local high school students to attend an environmental conference on the University of Florida campus in June. Jack and Joey Coetzee will attend the SEEK Conference in Gainesville with 30 other high school students from across Florida. Jack and Joey live in Sopchoppy and attend Wakulla High School.

The SEEK conference is a 4-day program of talks, field trips, and hands-on activities about Florida’s natural environment. Students entering grades 9–12 are eligible to attend. The conference, organized by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, focuses on environmental conservation and stewardship. Participants also learn about careers in the environmental sciences.

The garden club nominated the Coetzee siblings to attend SEEK because of their volunteer work at Sopchoppy Depot Park last summer. Jack and Joey helped to maintain the park by weeding, watering, removing invasive species, and more. They also began the Flower of the Week series in The Wakulla Sun.

FGC interviewed and accepted both students to the SEEK conference. WCGC will pay their conference fees. “These fine young people will represent Wakulla County well,” said Betsy Rudden, President of the Wakulla County Garden Club. “We hope the conference is interesting, enjoyable, and inspiring for them.”

4-H Speech Contest winners at Riversink



Special to The Sun

Fourth and fifth grade students took the stage on March 29th for Riversink’s Annual Speech Contest. A variety of speech titles were presented including “Natural Hair Styles,” “Wal-Mart vs Publix,” “Let’s Go Exotic,” and “The Everglades.” Judges were impressed by the outstanding quality of the speeches this year! Speeches were judged by community members Jo Ann Daniels, Katie Hart, and James Vernon. Our top 4th grade speech was from contestant Danney Trim with her speech on “Cowboys”. Second

place overall went to Andie McKee with her speech on “Wakulla Springs State Park”. Our first-place overall winner went to Penelope Watters with her speech titled “Mirror Mirror on the Wall”. Riversink Principal Catherine Cutchen said, “Once again, Riversink students were so impressive with incredible speeches. Students did an exemplary job presenting on a variety of topics with such amazing poise.” Special thanks to Wakulla County’s 4-H Agent Dr. Rachel Pienta, Balloon Arch by Anne & Me Events, and photography by Chelsea Barnes.

On the Horizon

Calendar of events for the week of April 27

Thursday, April 27

- The Rotary Club of Wakulla County meets at the TCC Wakulla Center at 8:30 a.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, April 28

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

Weekend Events

- Two big events this weekend: Stephen C. Smith Regatta at Shell Point, and Rock the Dock fishing tournament in Panacea. Both events are Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday, April 29

- Hazardous Waste Day will be held at the community center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until capacity.
- Sopchoppy Opry at the historic Sopchoppy High School at 7 p.m. featuring Doug Jernigan. Tickets are \$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.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

Monday, May 1

- County commission meeting at 5 p.m. in the commission meeting room.
- 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 is available weekly for anyone with memory impairment at no cost from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Ellen Baptist Church.
- 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, May 2

- 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, May 3

- 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.
- 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.

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WAKULLA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD REQUEST FOR MECHANICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SHADEVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HVAC RENOVATIONS AND UPGRADES

The Wakulla County School Board is accepting proposals for Mechanical Engineering Services to provide planning, design and construction administration for Shaderville Elementary School HVAC Renovations and Upgrades. All those interested should submit (4) four copies of the following: Resume, SF330 Form or equivalent, list of references and qualifications to Robert Pearce, Superintendent of Wakulla County Schools, P.O. Box 100, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327 by 10:00 A.M. on May 12, 2023.

April 13, 2023

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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

County’s spring protection is a sham

Editor, The Sun:

This letter is to express my opposition to the proposed rule change to repeal and replace the Wakulla Springs protection.

No, I’m not going to waste words trying to convince you that Wakulla Springs is a world class gem, in dire need of protection, or that our drinking water and sea food depend on this world class gem, because I believe that your minds are made up and this proposed change to the regulations is a done deal. You have shown that, with the exception of Chuck Hess, you don’t care what citizens or others think about your atrocious environmental voting records, favoring developers and choking the county with subdivisions.

You sit through the meetings of irate citizens presenting valid information on why you shouldn’t approve them, and wait for their words to stop. Then you trample on Wakulla County’s Comprehensive Plan and invari-

ably vote in the developer’s favor. More than any other commission over the past sixty years, your poor decisions have choked the county with buildings and created traffic nightmares. You’re squandering our tax money on a golf course so you can spray it with sewage, ignoring the fact that it will likely contaminate the waters of Spring Creek, increasing nitrates that are harmful to marine life and may cause red tides.

Of course you’ll deny it, and claim that your minds are open and that you’re not marionettes dangling on the strings of your puppet masters, so prove me wrong. Vote against David Edward’s bogus proposed rule change to repeal and replace the existing Wakulla Springs protection. His proposal protects nothing but the profits of the oil company by actually reducing the legal protections that we already have.

Jack Rudloe
Panacea

Ordinance written to allow gas station

Editor, The Sun:

An open letter to the Wakulla County Commission:

Let’s be honest here, it’s clear that Ordinance 94-28 was rewritten with the intention of allowing a gas station at Bloxham Cutoff. Trying to suggest otherwise is simply a desperate attempt to deceive the people of our community. The new “Wakulla Springs Protection Regulations” section may sound impressive, but let’s not be fooled by the fancy wording. The reality is that the ordinance simply establishes some basic regulations to prevent the introduction of hazardous substances into the surface groundwaters and our Spring. These regulations are nothing new, and they are certainly not enough to justify the introduction of a gas station near Wakulla Springs. The Stormwater Management System Design Plan and Storage Tank Design Criteria Requirements may sound impressive, but they are already in place for any regulated business. In short, this ordinance does not provide adequate protection for Wakulla Springs, and it is insulting to suggest otherwise.

Why are there no setbacks required in this ordinance? Surely the “experts” are aware of Chip’s Hole on the “subject” property. And the WKPP cave divers just proved with a dye trace and an exploration that water flows from Chip’s Hole at Bloxham Cutoff straight to the Wakulla Spring in just seven days. A gas station/ carwash will be using and storing hazardous chemicals or substances that could negatively impact the water quality in Wakulla County and the surrounding communities.

To my knowledge, at least 13 counties in Florida have adopted setback requirements to protect springs. These counties include Alachua, Citrus, Hernando, Leon, Marion, Pasco, Seminole, Volusia, Gilchrist, Columbia, Suwannee, Hamilton, and Lafayette counties. The setback distances vary depending on the specific county and the magnitude of the spring, as well as the specific activity being regulated. Generally, setback distances can range from 50 feet to 200 feet or more. For example:

Alachua County has a Springs Protection Code that requires setbacks for certain activities within a specified distance of a spring or spring vent. Fertilizer application is prohibited within 200 feet of a spring or spring vent. Gas stations with car washes are required to be located at least 1,000 feet from the spring or spring recharge area.

Boulder County, Colorado: Gas stations with car washes are required to be located at least 500 feet away from water supply wells.

Brisbane, Australia: Gas stations with car washes are required to be located at least 150 meters from a groundwater source or aquifer.

Canterbury, New Zealand: Gas stations with car washes are required to be located at least 200 meters from a groundwater source.

Leon County has a Springs Protection Code that requires setbacks for certain activities within a specified distance of a spring or spring vent. Fer-

tilizer application is prohibited within 75 feet of a first-magnitude spring and 50 feet of a second-magnitude spring. The county also has setbacks for septic systems, stormwater ponds, and other activities that could potentially impact groundwater quality and quantity. Gas stations with car washes are required to be located at least 500 feet away from first-magnitude springs.

Setbacks are important to protect Wakulla Spring because they provide a buffer zone around Chip’s Hole, located at Bloxham, that can help to filter out toxins, and pollutants and prevent contamination. This buffer zone can help to protect the quality and quantity of the water that flows into Wakulla Spring, as well as the ecosystem that depends on it.

So, if the intention of the ordinance is to prevent the introduction of hazardous or toxic substances into surface or groundwaters, then why are setbacks not being implemented?

Why does the Proposed Ordinance dedicate one-third of its content to new installations of Underground or Aboveground Storage Tanks for Regulated Substances, without considering the existence of an already mapped submerged cave system?

Shouldn’t the Proposed Ordinance include provisions for “Sensitive Karst Areas” particularly land areas above or in close proximity to the mapped submerged cave system, and prohibit new underground or aboveground storage tanks in those areas?

What is the reason for the Proposed Ordinance’s lack of critical language for Environmental Management Plans and Karst Management Plans, and shouldn’t such plans be included in the ordinance?

Why is there a lack of attention paid to the mounting science and data on the country’s longest underwater cave system in the areas where growth is occurring, and what is the impact of treating all development with a status quo approach?

What was the consultation process for karst topography, and were any state agencies or relevant scientists consulted? Why does the Proposed Ordinance fail to acknowledge that Wakulla County, Florida is located in the unique Woodville Karst Plain? What is the reason for the Proposed Ordinance not referencing the Wakulla County Aquifer Vulnerability Assessment which is a requirement in the Wakulla County Comprehensive Plan?

Where does it address how people would be impacted by the potential danger posed by a gas station car wash in the area of the Chip’s Hole Cave System and the Wakulla Cave System?

In my opinion, the actions of the authors and staff who created this document are disingenuous and it is concerning. Their actions could put the health and safety of our drinking water and the people who live here at risk. In my opinion, the county has a responsibility to prioritize the protection of its citizens over anything else, including the interests of an oil company. The fact that this may not be the case is worrying.

Sue Damon
Crawfordville

Story shows airport used as intended

Editor, The Sun:

RE: “Emergency Landing at Airport” (Published April 20, 2023)

That’s a great story of how the airport is being used as it was intended: for light aircraft. The deed of grant for the property stipulated just that and

in 1963 light aircraft was defined as 6,000lbs. Folks, just stick to that and we will have no problems! May use of the airport by and for light aircraft continue unimpeded or misdirected.

L. James Parham
Ochlockonee Bay

Antiques Show and Tell is set

Wakulla County Historical Society’s 6th Annual Show and Tell will be held Tuesday, May 9, at 4:30 p.m. at the Wakulla County Public Library.

Back by popular demand! Our annual Show & Tell program! This is a great opportunity for those of you lucky enough to have a long family history in this part of Florida to bring in and show off those items handed down from earlier generations – and for the rest of us to see and learn about and admire them! Members

and guests are invited to display and talk about their items related to North Florida or Wakulla County history. Display tables will be set up for attendees to view your artifacts.

Bring those antique books, buttons, tokens, bottles or any object of historical value you’ve been storing in the closet, share your stories about them and enjoy viewing the artifacts of other collectors!

Call the Museum to reserve table space at 850-926-1110.



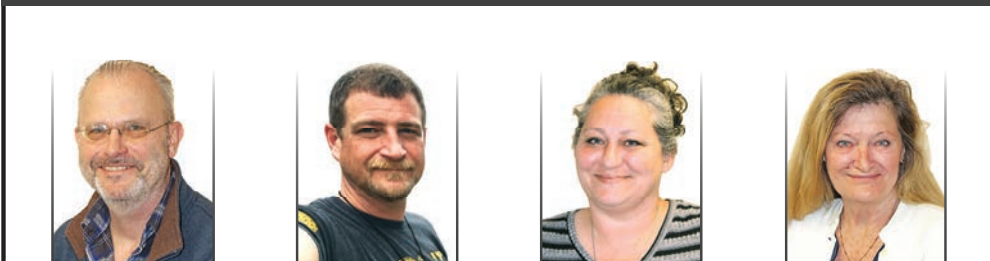
Harriet Rich, center, with friends from the senior center.

Happy birthday to Harriet Rich

Harriet Rich celebrated her 88th birthday last week and friends at the senior center surprised her with a birthday cake. Harriet is a longtime supporter of the newspaper and we’d like to wish her a happy birthday!

“It’s A New Day!”

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– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Polled at the Team Cone Ribs & Butts St. Jude Fundraiser at English Financial: What is your favorite food to smoke or grill?



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Wakulla Station News

By **VERNA BROCK**

I have been really loving the Springtime weather we're experiencing! Everything is greening up, Ed's veggie garden is producing, and I have so many weeds, I don't have nearly enough time to do everything I need to do. My Southern Magnolia trees are blooming, and the fragrance fills the air. Ahh, BLISS!

Ed had the opportunity to visit his sister, Joanne, this past week, in

Melbourne Beach. They had a lovely visit, but it reminded him, once again, why we live in Wakulla County. The traffic and congestion is unbelievable.

It has been a busy sports season for our grandchildren, with participation in soccer, softball, volleyball, and baseball. What a wealth of fun and competition for us all! It gladdens the hearts of parents and grandparents everywhere to cheer on our aspiring athletes.

For any interested folks reading this, the Community Traffic Safety Committee is meeting on Tuesday, May 9th at 11 a.m. sharp, at the Wakulla County Public Library. If you have any concerns, especially about the speed limit in Wakulla Station, you are welcome to attend.

Please continue to lift Faye Sweeney and the Mosely family in your prayers. Sweet baby Sebastian continues to grow at Shands, but he also continues to await a heart transplant. The Sloan-Peacock family needs our prayerful support as they grieve the loss of their baby girl,

Emersyn Mae. Prayers are also requested for Sue Thornton Austen, as well as her Mom.

During their visit, in celebration of a milestone birthday for Sue, Covid struck. After having a great week together, Sue tested positive, and her mom cut her visit short by a week. Not surprisingly, Mrs. Thorton has also tested positive. Both ladies are doing well, having had their vaccines and boosters, and are using Paxlovid to support their immune systems.

Obviously, your prayers are welcome!

Library News – April 27

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Thursday, April 27

Tech Learning Lab – 3D Doodle Pens! 5pm
Friends of the Library General Meeting 6pm
Friday, April 28

Quilting Guild 9:30am

Saturday, April 29

NWF Health Network-Foster/Adoption Class 9am
WCPL Presents: Star Wars Day 3-6pm

Monday, May 1

No Programs Today

Tuesday, May 2

Crafting Group 9:30am
Book Bunch 10am
Memoir Writing 10am
LEGO Club 6pm
Wakulla County Democratic Executive Committee 6pm

Wednesday, May 3

Book Babies 10am
Wakulla County Coalition for Youth Meeting 12:30pm

Knitting Group 4pm

Thursday, May 4

Tech Learning Lab – Virtual Reality! 5pm
The Flowers BOD/ACC Committee 6:15pm
The Parks HOA 6:30pm

WCPL PRESENTS: STAR WARS DAY

Join us for our annual Star Wars Day celebration! Journey through our walk-through experience where you will have a chance to battle storm troopers, complete the Kessel Run, and escape the Sarlac as well

as create a craft to take home, test your trivia skills, and enjoy some themed snacks. Keep an eye out for some of your favorite characters as well! Costumes strongly encouraged! Saturday, April 29th at 3pm at the library.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

- Saturday, May 27th for Memorial Day
- Tuesday, July 4th for Independence Day
- Saturday, September 2nd for Labor Day

Sheriff's Report

Activity reported for the week of April 14 to 20:

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

• Richard Collins reported a Comcast account opened in his name. The account had an outstanding balance of over \$800. Collins was unable to provide any possible suspects in this case. The case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Shayne Broxie investigated.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

• Jody Dyer reported two weapons being stolen from his residence. The weapons had been present prior to his home being cleaned by a service and on this date, he discovered the weapons missing. A suspect has been identified and one of the two

missing weapons was entered into NCIC / FCIC as stolen. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Ernesto Trujillo investigated.

MONDAY, APRIL 17

• A traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle for faulty equipment. The driver was identified as Eddy O'Neil Hartsfield. Hartsfield did not possess a valid driver's license and had four prior convictions. Hartsfield was placed under arrest and transported to the Wakulla County jail. Deputy Todd Kent investigated.

• A traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle for a seatbelt violation. The driver was identified as Angela Williams. Williams was discovered to be wanted out of Taylor County. Further investigation revealed Williams

did not possess a valid license and was in possession of narcotics. Also discovered were forged checks inside the vehicle. Detectives were notified and responded to the scene. Williams was placed under arrest and transported to the jail facility for the warrant, driving while license suspended or revoked, and possession of narcotics. The forged checks remain under investigation by Wakulla County detectives. Deputy Anthony Paul investigated.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

• Deputy Edwin Grove responded to the lobby in reference to a theft. The victim, Mary Barber reported hiring a cleaning crew from Tallahassee to clean her home. She said she discovered she was missing three rings worth \$1,020 after the cleaning crew left. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

• A traffic stop was conducted on a

vehicle for a stop sign violation. The driver was identified as Joseph McGuire. Further investigation revealed he had marijuana in his possession. The marijuana had a pre-package weight of 32.5 grams. McGuire was placed under arrest and transported to the jail facility. Deputy Todd Kent investigated.

• Deputy James Williams responded to a home on Dickson Street in Sopchoppy in reference to theft of medication. The victim was hospitalized for several days and upon arriving home she discovered her medications gone and a desk had been rifled through. The investigation revealed that entry was made through a previously broken window of the home. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

Report suspicious or illegal activity at 850-745-7100, or call 911 for emergencies.

\$15,000 raised for St. Jude

By **LYNDA KINSEY**
Of The Sun

Team Cone Distributing hosted a smoked Ribs & Boston Butts fundraiser at English Financial on Friday, April 21 to raise funds for St. Jude Children's Hospital.

The event was led by Kenny Kinsey of Cone with the help of Sheriff Jared Miller and Dale Evans of the Sheriff's Office, English Financial, and Miller Tree Service along with a team of volunteers.

Pre-orders were placed over the past month and 236 Butts and 256 ribs were purchased locally from Mack's Meats who extended them a very good deal for the fundraising event. They were given a spice rub marinade before being smoked starting on Thursday.

The smokers were brought in by Cone Distributing, Residential Elevators, Centennial Bank and Ryan Laird.

The volunteers worked in shifts on Thursday and throughout the night, and into Friday to fill all the orders.

According to Kim Boyer of Cone 70% of the sales were directly from Wakulla County and sales were up 30% from last year.

The Cone crew of North Florida have a little fun and friendly competition going in house with their office in Ocala which also holds this fundraiser – they think they surpassed Ocala this year bringing in nearly \$15,000.

Raffle tickets were being sold with the chance to win a Yeti Coolers and the winners were Justin Ward and Lindsey Barfield.



Kenny Kinsey working a grill on Friday

Outdoors

outdoor sports

HOME ON THE RANGE

.38 Chief's Special or 9mm Equalizer?



By MARJ LAW

Newbie isn't exactly a newbie anymore. She has shot a rimfire .22. Now that she's shot a S&W Victory, she's ready to branch out to a centerfire handgun. What should she choose as her next gun? It needs to be for defense. Anne's hubby wants her to have the S&W .38 Caliber Chief's Special. He bought this snub-nosed gun from a friend.

"It has great stopping power," he tells her. "Easiest gun to own. Easy to load. Point and shoot. Never jam. Piece a cake."

"Oh, great," I say to Joe. "Another guy telling a somewhat newbie to shoot a .38."

"Why not?" he replies.

"Well, for one, the trigger is a bear in double action."

"Doesn't bother me!" he smirks and looks at his large hands.

"It sure bothers me. And another thing. The recoil is hard. If Anne can manage to pull the trigger, she'll have the dickens of a time handling the recoil. And what if she has to shoot a second time? The recoil will have the gun pointing in the air and she'll have to take the time to aim again."

"Marj, the recoil doesn't bother me." Is he the tiniest bit smug?

"We're not talking about you: sturdy guy

with big hands. We're talking about a person who has shot a .22 and is moving to a higher caliber gun. How is she going to feel about the .38? Maybe she'd rather shoot my 9mm Equalizer."

"We're going to disagree on this one. I like my Chief's Special. It's all metal. But anyway, what else does Anne's hubby like about it?"

"He says it's easier to load than a semi-automatic. Okay, I think it is too."

"Yep. He's right."

"He says it's more reliable than a semi. Will never jam."

"That's only somewhat true," Joe begins. "If she keeps it in her purse and has the same Kleenex and broken wrappers and other junk you carry in your purse, these things could get caught up in the .38 and cause a malfunction." (Of course, he's being a little extreme.) "What else did he say?"

"Anne's hubby said it is easier to use because you just point and shoot. It's more simple than a semi. And yes, I do know there is more of a learning curve to a semi. But does he figure she's too stupid to spend a few more minutes learning the semi?"

"Nah," Joe replies. "She can learn, no sweat." "He also said the 158-grain bullet has more potential to cause damage than the 9mm caliber rounds. And it may, but I bet the recoil is even stronger with such a heavy bullet. When I shoot your Chief, I like to use the lighter weight Wadcutters. They don't produce as much kick. Most mature people don't want much recoil."

"Anne's hubby also said the .38 is easy to load," he remarks.

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"Yes, he did say that. And I'd have to agree. Then again, loading a semi's magazine is not rocket science. Those UpLulas have made loading semis very easy. And consider this: the Chief only holds 5 rounds!"

He replies: "I like my Chief. One shot is all I need for Mr. Bad. Might need another if he has a friend. Or if I miss on the first shot," he says smugly as if that's very unlikely.

"Since Anne hasn't had a lot of experience, what about those 5 shots? Does she think they are sufficient? If not, how long will it take her to reload the gun? Will she tell Mr. Bad: 'Oopsie! Give me a sec to reload?' I don't think so." "So, why don't you tell me all the reasons you think Anne should prefer the 9mm Equalizer?" Joe challenges.

"Let's start with trigger pull. It's about a 4-pound pull. Really light. I'll bet she'd be happy to practice with the 9. That .38 is no fun to practice with in double action. It has about a 10-pound trigger pull. Big difference. If she doesn't want to practice, then how good will her

aim be?

And those five rounds in the .38? Gimme a break. The Equalizer comes with three, count 'em, three magazines. They hold 10, 13 and 15 rounds. If Anne has a choice, does she want five rounds, or does she want the security of knowing she has 15 rounds? C'mon. That's a no-brainer.

And loading those rounds? Pop a round into the UpLula and press it in the magazine. Once you get the hang of them, UpLulas are so easy to use.

And recoil? You can hardly compare the 2 guns. A semi's slide absorbs a bunch of the recoil, so in most cases the semi has less kick than a revolver. Who wants recoil?

What if you want to carry your gun? The round cylinder of the revolver makes it less concealable than the semi. Anne is petite. She doesn't want a bulge imprinting under her t-shirt or stuffed inside the waistband of her pants. Or even in her purse.

Carrying a semi? Put that small semi into a

sticky holster and stuff it in your pants. It'll stay in place and it won't dig a red mark into your skin.

And power? ding to ammotogo.com, "The standard pressure for the .38 Special is roughly 17,000 pounds-per-square-inch (psi). However, the 9mm Luger has internal pressures of 35,000 psi. It's this higher internal pressure, the result of expansive propellant design and testing that makes the smaller 9mm (round) more powerful."

According to outdoorlife.com: "The 9mm is the king of the hill when it comes to handgun loads. ... It's reliable, low recoiling, and extremely accurate, not to mention affordable and attainable."

The article goes on to say: "Personally, I see no reason to look anywhere other than 9mm for self-defense purposes."

I agree. I'd put a 9mm round into my small concealable Equalizer and shoot it any day over that .38 revolver. It's more fun to shoot a gun that has a light trigger and low recoil.

I'm a pretty good shot, but I like the security

of knowing I have 15 rounds instead of 5 if self-defense becomes a necessity.

My friend Kate has shot some before, but not much. I ask her to shoot both the 9mm Equalizer and Joe's Chief's Special .38.

She finds the Equalizer to have an easy trigger pull and she thinks the trigger travel is quite short.

"How is the recoil?" I ask.

"It's fun to shoot," she replies. "The kick is very light."

"And what do you think of the .38?" I wonder.

"It has beautiful redwood grips. But to be able to shoot it without cocking the hammer, I had to use both index fingers to pull the trigger. That's a really hard pull! I think the difficult trigger would turn off a newbie. The .38 is heavy and cumbersome and has a heavy recoil."

So, would I advise Anne to choose my 9mm Equalizer over the Chief's Special .38 revolver?

No. A few years ago, 2 mature women came to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range. They both brought .38 revolvers.

We discussed safety rules, grip, stance and aim. I waited to see how they reacted.

Both hit the targets with no difficulty. They were happy.

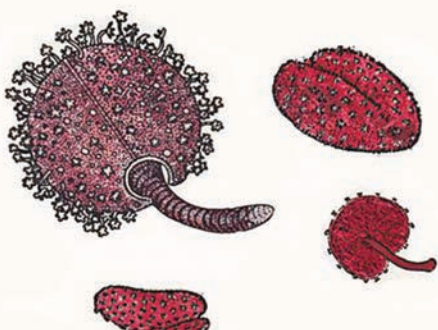
Yes, I vastly prefer the 9mm handgun as did my friend Kate. However, the best gun for Anne is the one she shoots the best, likes the best, and finds the most comfortable.

That's the gun for her.

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, took this photo of Anhinga in a tree.



SEA PANSY
(*Renilla mulleri*)

A sea pansy is a soft coral colony of polyps adapted for living in turbulent water. The colony can independently inflate/deflate the anchoring stalk or plumed top. When conditions are calm the colony inflates so all the polyps can feed on plankton. If currents are strong, the top deflates, and the stalk inflates, to avoid being swept away. If attacked, the top inflates, the stalk deflates and it catches a current to float away. Sea Pansy's are bioluminescent, glowing softly greenish at night.

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Waiting for that dream opportunity?



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

We pray for God to open doors of opportunity. But what if that hope-filled, potentially life-changing door slams shut? Or worse, what if the door opens

widely for one of our competitors instead?

Anxious moments. Sleepless nights. Long days. We experience these when we dream and pray with expectation that we'll land that dream job – as do all the other people who are vying for that same title or opportunity.

Can we compete without becoming greedy, ugly and mean-spirited? With our maxed-out emotions and adrenaline-pumping hearts, is it possible to succeed in a competitive environment while maintaining a Christ-honoring

posture?

When we focus on our desire and ambition, we can easily lose sight of God's will. We become so driven to improve our image and prestige that we fail to value the hopes and needs of our rivals.

Big doors can become big diversions if, in our excitement, we lose part of ourselves – often the part we like most. The part that reflects the God Who cares about others and their goals and dreams. We can end up sacrificing the part of ourselves that trusts our wise

heavenly Father's love for us.

Perhaps Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV) can keep our thoughts, motivations and emotions on the right path: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

How will you, Spirit-ed Achiever, handle it when the next door you think is yours opens for someone else? I'm a competitive person too, so I often struggle with this. Thankfully,

my heavenly Father understands me well and knows how to help me be the person He knows I want to be. The person who chooses to trust Him with everything.

Let's trust our wise, compassionate heavenly Father to bless whom He wishes, when He wishes, as He wishes. Think how much less stress we could have if we did this. How much less jealousy. How much less frustration.

The next time that big, beautiful door becomes someone else's opportunity, let's rest in knowing that, in

God's perfect timing, our turn will come. And while we're waiting, let's continue to work hard to improve our skills.

Peace. Rest. Fruitful days. These could be ours if we apply this week's verse whenever we're walking (or crawling) through a closed-door season.

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A room of peace



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

Some days, staying in comfortable sweats and a baggy T-shirt seems like a good idea – the kind of day where your favorite chair and a remote is the best place to be. However, certain days will lead one far from the comfort of the living room to the rooms of life that are anything but comfortable. I have

noticed that some rooms are void of people, and still, I do not feel alone. Then there are those rooms, when filled to capacity, loneliness is overwhelming.

I recently longed for those baggy sweats when I stepped through the door of a waiting room and watched a loved one go through the next door leading to a surgical unit. Finding a seat in the corner, I realized the area was wall-to-wall people. Plugging in my headphones, I felt the tug of aloneness on my spirit and contemplated the others, wondering if they thought it lonely also. I am amazed at how slowly the minutes go by when I pray

for God to increase my faith and bring healing beyond that recently closed door.

There is something about a mother's heart that wishes to take all the uncertainties away from their child regardless of their age. Max Lucado said, "Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want. Faith is the belief that God will do what is right." I struggle the most with the "God will do what is right" part of that quote. I know God sees from a much larger view than my limited human vision, and my desires are not always His plan. This leaves me anxious in a crowded, lonely room as I pray for peace.

Anxiety is taught to us through the world's perspective. Yet the scripture teaches us to trust the Lord from the bottom of our hearts and not to try to figure things out alone. If we listen to God's voice in everything we do and everywhere we go, He will keep us on the right path. (Proverbs 3:5-6). In the uneasiness of life, we are to pray to God. His peace transcends all understanding of man, guarding our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:6-7). This is much easier said than done.

Regardless of where we are or the situation at hand, God is not far from His children. According to the Psalmist,

we are the apple of His eye, and when we seek Him, He will be found. Have you ever wondered why Jesus walked the streets of Judea, Jerusalem, and Samaria instead of remaining in the Synagogues or Heaven? He wanted to be where the people needed Him, the calming force in their storms. He healed blind eyes, deaf ears, lame feet, and broken hearts. He invites us to His living room to be healed.

Jesus could have taken the high road; however, He chose the broken one to help us on our journey. He met Calvary's pain, praying not His will but the will of the Father to be done. You are not alone

in the room of life. I do not know your battles or what lies beyond the doors you are facing. I know Jesus has a room of peace prepared for you.

John 14:1,2,3b "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God[a]; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

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

OUT TO PASTOR

The princess hath thus spoken



By **JAMES SNYDER**

In December of last year, our second great-grandchild entered our family. Our first great-grandchild was a boy, and this one is a girl.

Like all our children, grandchildren and great-grandson, this great-granddaughter was a blessing to our family. If only children would stay young for the rest of their life! I have learned that the thing is to enjoy them while they are young.

Being retired, we have more time to spend with our grandchildren and great-grandchildren. I'm sure this is one of the great blessings that our Heavenly Father bestows upon us.

Because the mother of this great-grandchild, our granddaughter, is a working nurse, she went back to work following her maternity leave. That being the case, the grandma (mother) and great-grandma daycare operation kicked in.

These relationships get confusing, and I try to keep them separated. Still, the grandmother,

our daughter, is also a working nurse and therefore does not have that much time for the daycare operation.

The great-grandmother, which is the Matriarch-Hierarchy, has more time for the daycare operation. That means the great-granddaughter is in our home quite often during the week.

I was pretty pleased with this arrangement and was glad to have a little great-granddaughter in our home as much as possible. Of course, you can never have too many of these little great-granddaughters.

After a few weeks I began to understand life as it is; I assumed things, but not always understanding, how they came into being.

At our family gathering, the new great-granddaughter was there and we were having our family dinner. Then something began to happen that at first, I did not quite understand, but later began to comprehend the whole issue in a different light.

The little great-granddaughter was sleeping in her bassinet in one of our bedrooms. We were chatting around the table, and then suddenly, we heard it.

Waa, Waa, Waa, Waa, Waa.

Being a man, I didn't quite understand what

that noise was about. All of the ladies around the table got up and marched back to the bedroom with the little baby crying.

In a few moments, they all came out, and one was holding the baby while the rest were following. They all gathered in the living room, and I watched as they passed the baby around, and everybody had a chance to hold her.

It wasn't long before that little Princess stopped crying. And if I saw that right, if not smiling, at least she was snickering. At first, I did not quite understand what that was all about.

That was just the beginning.

Whenever The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage babysat the great-grandbaby, I noticed a similar routine.

The great-grandmother got the great-grandbaby settled down, fed her, then

quietly take her back, and put her in the bassinet in the bedroom. She fell asleep, and the great-grandmother tiptoed out of the bedroom and went to the kitchen to resume her work.

Then came that familiar sound from the bedroom.

Waa, Waa, Waa, Waa, Waa.

Before the second "Waa" got out, the great-grandmother turned her back on the kitchen and scooted back into the bedroom to bow before the great-granddaughter.

As she brought the little baby out, the baby looked at me and gave me one of her snickers. I am not sure, but I think she winked at me. Just do not let this get back to the great-grandmother.

So the great-grandmother cared for the baby, rocked it, and did everything babies need at that stage of life.

She finally went to sleep, and The Gracious

Mistress of the Parsonage took the baby back to its bassinet to sleep for a little while.

When she came back, I was tempted, but I did not yield to that temptation, to ask her what all that crying was about. I was tempted, but I did not yield to that temptation, to tell her what I thought was going on.

It did not take long for the little Princess to do it all over again.

Waa, Waa, Waa, Waa, Waa.

Again, the great-grandmother dropped what she was doing and went back, got the baby out of the bassinet, brought her out, and fixed up a bottle for her lunch. So all the time, the little baby was smiling and giggling and then looking at me and winked; it seemed that way, at least from my perspective.

What I saw was the little Princess taking

charge of her environment. How someone that young could know how to manipulate her environment is well beyond me. I should take a few notes from her.

As I was pondering this situation I could not help but think of what that wise old man, Solomon, said in, Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

That wise old man understood that what a child becomes is a result of training. Too often the child dominates the training chair which predicts what happens when that child is old.

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Obituaries

Dr. Lisa Ann (Watkins) Liseno

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our wonderful and beautiful daughter and sister Dr. Lisa Ann (Watkins) Liseno, 54, who passed away on March 12, 2023, after a fall in her home in Crawfordville, Fla.

She was born on May 1, 1968, in Sturgeon Bay, Wis., to Norm and Mabel Watkins.

Lisa was wickedly smart, funny, strong-willed, fiercely assertive in the face of injustice and cared deeply about others. She truly lit up the lives of all who had the good fortune to meet her and made friends everywhere she went. She loved swimming; great books and music; and her pet cats, George and Weezee.

She overcame a lot of adversity. She was stricken with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis when she was 8 and battled it her entire life. While it severely limited her mobility and caused her a lot of pain, it couldn't touch her spirit and didn't affect her glowing personality or her determination.

She got her bachelor's degree from Carroll College (now Carroll University) in Waukesha, Wis., with a double major in journalism and philosophy. She earned her master's degree in philosophy from Northern Illinois University and her doctorate in philosophy from Florida State University.

She was a faculty member at Florida State for more than 15 years and was most recently assistant dean at Florida State's Graduate School, director of the Program for Instructional Excellence and the Fellows Society, and faculty advisor for the Diversity and Inclusion in Research and Teaching Organization.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Liseno. They were married in September 2007 in Sturgeon Bay. Lisa served as vice president of John the Painter, the commercial painting business John started in Tallahassee, while she also worked at FSU. She ran the business for a few years after John passed away in January 2014 after a long battle with pulmonary fibrosis

and a lung transplant. The two were inseparable and shared many adventures riding John's Harley-Davidson. They were clearly the loves of each other's lives.

Lisa is survived by her parents, Norm and Mabel Watkins; her brothers, Dan (Sherry) Watkins and Steve (Kelly Leon) Watkins; sister Robin (Nick) Watkins-Mitchell; nephews Elliot Watkins and Ian Mitchell; nieces Cheyenne Watkins and Jasmine Mitchell; and numerous cousins, aunts and uncles.

A memorial service will be held May 20 in Crawfordville at the United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. with luncheon to follow.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to <https://everloved.com/life-of/lisa-liseno/> to be used for an FSU scholarship foundation in Lisa's name, or to the Arthritis Foundation (<https://www.arthritis.org/donate>) in her memory.

Skip Young with Family Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

DEATH NOTICES

• **Harold Robert Burse**, 90, of Crawfordville, died April 20, 2023. Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel, 850-926-5919, www.familyfhc.com

• **Curtis Clarence Hooker**, 22, of Crawfordville, died April 12, 2023. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• **Ouida McGill**, 74, of Crawfordville, died April 21, 2023. Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel, 850-926-5919, www.familyfhc.com

• **Ronald G. Vice**, 83, of Carrabelle, died April 24, 2023. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

Sherlock Springs hosts vendors

There was a steady stream of visitors at Sherlock Springs' Yard Sale Extravaganza over the weekend at the old equestrian center at the old camp. Vendors reported doing good business. (Photos by Lynda Kinsey)



Sherlock Springs owner Rich Abrams mans a booth on Saturday, April 22.



Glenda and Archie Simmons of Daddy's Smokehouse food truck.

Weekly Roundup: Entering the home stretch

By RYAN DAILEY
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Ron DeSantis this week signed one of his priorities and turned up the heat in his feud with Mickey Mouse, as the Legislature enters the home stretch of the 2023 session.

DeSantis signed a bill Thursday that eliminated a requirement for unanimous jury recommendations before judges can impose death sentences, with the change taking effect immediately. The House voted 80-30 to pass the bill last week, after it was approved by the Senate in a 29-10 vote on March 30.

The bill (SB 450) emerged after Nikolas Cruz last year received a life sentence in the 2018 shooting deaths of 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland. The life sentence came after a jury did not unanimously recommend death.

The new law will allow death sentences to be imposed after recommendations from eight of 12 jurors. In touting the legislation, DeSantis pointed to Cruz avoiding the death penalty.

"I'm proud to sign legislation that will prevent families from having to endure what the Parkland families have and ensure proper justice will be served in the state of Florida," the governor said.

The measure represents a change only to sentencing and leaves what is known as the "guilt phase" of murder cases untouched. Juries will still have to be unanimous in finding

defendants guilty before sentencing would begin.

Opponents of the measure have questioned its constitutionality and cited a history of Florida Death Row inmates being exonerated after evidence emerged in their cases.

Sen. Darryl Rouson, D-St. Petersburg, argued last month that "unanimity is the right balance when death is the final penalty."

"It's hard to reverse an execution, and I think the current state of the law is sufficient," Rouson said.

Lawmakers approved the unanimous-jury requirement in 2017 in response to rulings by the Florida Supreme Court and the U.S. Supreme Court. The Florida Supreme Court reversed course in 2020 and said unanimous jury recommendations were not needed, but the unanimous requirement stayed in state law.

COMING DOWN THE PIKE

Another significant death-penalty change could be coming after the Senate this week passed a bill (HB 1297) that would allow death sentences for people who commit sexual batteries on children under age 12.

DeSantis has backed the change as speculation builds that he is gearing up for a 2024 presidential run.

But the bill is at odds with legal precedent from the U.S. Supreme Court and Florida Supreme Court, which have blocked executing rapists. The U.S. Supreme Court in 2008 issued a key ruling known as Kennedy v. Louisiana.

Supporters of the bill

hope it could be a vehicle to get the high courts to reconsider. Senate sponsor Jonathan Martin, a Fort Myers Republican who is a former prosecutor, pointed to the Florida Supreme Court and the U.S. Supreme Court becoming more conservative after appointments in recent years.

"We have a completely different (U.S.) Supreme Court makeup," Martin told senators. "We have a completely different Florida Supreme Court makeup than when Kennedy v. Louisiana was issued. I know everybody in this room hopes that nobody is put to death for this crime. Because if someone is put to death for this crime, it means that a poor innocent child was raped."

The bill passed this week says the 2008 U.S. Supreme Court decision and a 1981 Florida Supreme Court decision were "wrongly decided."

Lawmakers also teed up a bill for DeSantis that targets investment strategies that the governor deemed "woke."

The bill (HB 3) would prohibit consideration of "environmental, social and governance," or ESG, standards in investing government money. It was a major priority of House Speaker Paul Renner, R-Palm Coast.

Republicans across the country have criticized ESG as an "agenda-driven" effort against investments in fossil fuels, arms manufacturers and prisons.

But the bill's opponents said it would cost the state money and hinder investment decision-making.

"Remember, the people that we're trying to attack

are not in the business of losing money and giving it away," Sen. Jason Pizzo, D-Hollywood, said during debate over the bill.

Meanwhile, lawmakers gave final approval this week to a proposed constitutional amendment that seeks to shift to holding partisan school-board elections.

The proposal (HJR 31) will go on the 2024 ballot and, if approved by voters, would do away with a requirement that school-board candidates run without party labels. Partisan elections could begin in 2026.

Similar measures have been considered by the Legislature in the past, but this year's version came after DeSantis took the rare step in 2022 of endorsing dozens of conservative school-board candidates in the non-partisan races. Many of those candidates went on to win and in some cases flipped boards to conservative majorities.

DISNEY FIGHT REIGNITED

Proposals intended to nullify development agreements involving the Walt Disney Co. began moving in the Legislature this week, as the rift between DeSantis and the entertainment giant deepens.

The House State Affairs Committee and the Senate Rules Committee approved amendments to broader development bills (HB 439 and SB 1604) that would override agreements Disney reached with outgoing board members of the former Reedy Creek Improvement District. The bills are ready to go to the full House and Senate.

Lawmakers in February gave DeSantis power to appoint a new board for the district, which has long played a vital role for Disney.

Under the bills, special districts would be barred from complying with development agreements executed three months or less before new laws take effect that change how district board members are selected.

STORY OF THE WEEK: Gov. Ron DeSantis on Thursday signed a

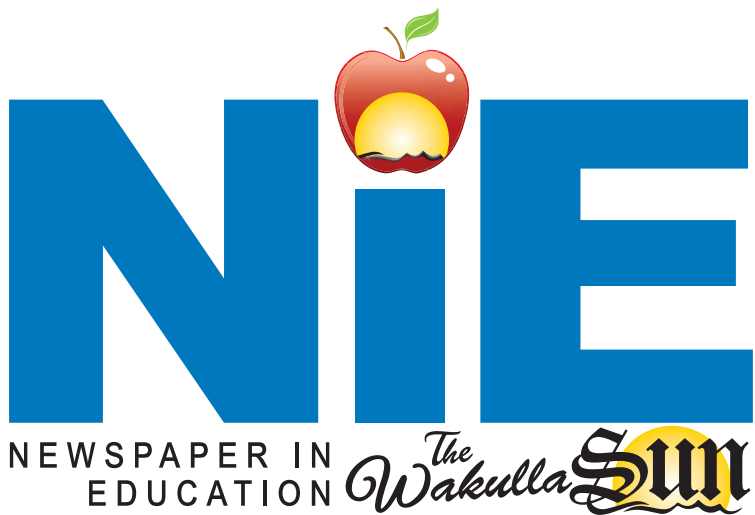
bill eliminating a requirement for unanimous jury recommendations before judges can impose death sentences.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "There is no statute of limitations on this crime (for victims). There is no end. It's always with you." — Senate Minority Leader Lauren Book, D-Davie, on her support for a measure that would allow the death penalty for people who commit sexual batteries on children.

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USE THE NEWS

1. Poetry Sharing

April is National Poetry Month, and this week the nation will wrap up its celebrations for 2023. The celebrations can be big events or small, planned events or informal gatherings, events in schools or events in the community. In the tiny town of Harrisville, New Hampshire, poetry lovers simply put up a sign on the bulletin board of the local general store, inviting residents to a “Poetry Sharing” at the town library. The hand-written invitation on the sign was a kind of poem itself. “O words so dear, / Come here! / Come near! ... ‘Tis time to gather with words! / Yes! ‘Tis daring / A poetry sharing!” The sign concluded with a Who and Why that could apply to all of Poetry Month — “Who: You and Friends. Why: Good for the Heart.” As a class, discuss poems you have read and liked and what things inspire people to write poetry (or raps, or rhymes, or songs). Then use the newspaper or Internet to find a story or photo that could inspire you to write a poem. Write a short poem based on what you find and read it at a “Poetry Sharing” with your classmates.

Goals: Demonstrating understanding of figurative language; applying knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts.

2. An Eagle Dad

It’s often said that some people have a natural instinct for being a parent. So, apparently, do some eagles. Meet Murphy, a 31-year-old male bald eagle living at a bird sanctuary in Valley Park, Missouri. For weeks, Murphy had been trying to hatch an egg in a nest he had built in his pen — not realizing the “egg” was actually a rock. Male eagles help females hatch eggs in the wild, so it was not surprising Murphy was trying. Except he never had done it before. Then fate gave Murphy a real chance to be a dad. A baby eaglet was brought to the sanctuary after falling from a nest, the New York Times newspaper reported. At first handlers kept the eaglet in a cage in Murphy’s pen so they could get to know each other. Then they let the eaglet out, and Murphy took to fatherhood almost immediately. When given a large fish, Murphy tore it apart and started feeding the eaglet, just as he would in a natural nest. Eventually, the gray, fuzzy eaglet will be released into the wild, but for now it’s getting great care from Dad. Spring and summer are the times of year wild animals and birds have babies and start raising their families. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read a

story about a wild animal or bird that is doing this. Use what you read to write a letter to a friend, telling what challenges the wildlife parents face to successfully raise their babies.

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

3. ‘Super Bloom’

It’s often said that “April showers bring May flowers,” but they have had to change the words this spring in the state of California. In that state WINTER showers — and snowstorms and blizzards — have brought an amazing display of APRIL flowers. Unusually heavy rain and snow this winter have produced a “Super Bloom” of wildflowers in hills and valleys and deserts from the Sierra Nevada mountains to the shores of the Pacific Ocean. The bloom has “painted” thousands of acres with reds and purples and yellows and

blues and attracted thousands and thousands of visitors. “Super Blooms” don’t happen every year, and there is no telling when the next will occur. In the meantime, “This is how we feed our souls,” said one California scientist. Last weekend, America observed Earth Day, a holiday when people celebrate the beauty of nature and the environment. In the newspaper or online, find and study photos of beautiful places, birds or animals in nature. Use photos you find to create an art collage (KOLE-ahj) showing different ways nature is beautiful. Give your artwork a title and share with the class.

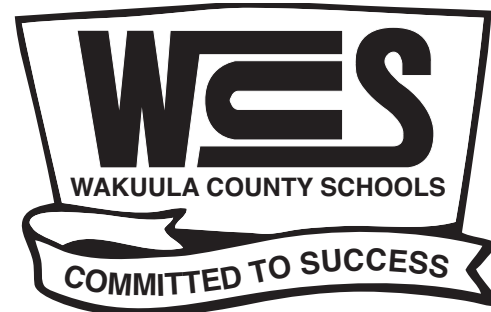
Goals: Integrating information presented in different media or formats to develop a coherent understanding of a topic; conducting short research projects that build knowledge about a topic.

4. 50 Flights on Mars!

When the Ingenuity helicopter made its first flight on the planet Mars, it made history as the first aircraft ever flown

on another planet. In the two years since then the little four-pound chopper has done things its inventors never imagined. This month, Ingenuity (IN-jen-OO-it-ee) successfully completed a record-breaking 50th flight on the planet that is next out from Earth in our solar system. Since arriving on Mars with the Perseverance rover in February 2021, Ingenuity has flown for more than 89 minutes and 7.1 miles, CNN News reports. America’s NASA space agency originally planned just five flights for Ingenuity, but the helicopter has proved tougher and more valuable than scientists had believed possible. After its first flights, its role has expanded to be a partner and scout for the journeys of the rover Perseverance, checking out places that rovers can’t go or helping plot safe paths to new destinations. NASA is now planning to send two more helicopters to Mars on future space flights. When scientists invented the Ingenuity helicopter, they put it together using parts and cameras from smartphones that anyone could buy in a store. In the newspaper or online, find and close-

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ly read a story about another new invention or product. Use what you read to write a paragraph telling what materials or parts were needed for the invention and how they were put together.

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

5. Shipwreck Mystery

Shipwrecks reveal a lot about the past, because water preserves artifacts that give a glimpse of life in earlier times. On the border between the United States and Canada in the northern Midwest, scientists may have solved a 100-year-old mystery with the discovery of a pair of shipwrecks on the bottom of Lake Superior. The shipwrecks were from a fleet of lumber vessels that sank in a violent, surprise storm in November 1914. From the day the ships went down, historians have been trying to determine exactly where the vessels sank — and why. This month, the historical society in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula announced

that it had found two of the fleet’s three boats using a remote underwater research robot, the New York Times reported. The steamboat C.F. Curtis was found some 500 feet below the surface, and the schooner barge Selden E. Marvin was found about 600 feet below. The two ships were discovered 25 miles off the shore in an area known as the “Graveyard of the Great Lakes.” More than 200 vessels are known to have sunk in the “Graveyard” area. Shipwrecks can reveal a lot about life in the past. What could ships of today reveal in the future? In the newspaper or online, find and study stories and photos involving vacation cruise ships from today. Use what you find to write a short paper detailing what future historians might conclude about today’s luxury lifestyles by studying the contents of cruise ships. Share with the class and discuss.

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



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What’s the Difference?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. Missing helmet by catcher. 2. Missing “S” on hat. 3. Plane in sky. 4. Ball on the ground

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1607: THE VIRGINIA COMPANY COLONISTS MAKE LANDFALL AT CAPE HENRY.
- 1803: THOUSANDS OF METEOR FRAGMENTS FALL FROM THE SKIES OF L’AIGLE, FRANCE.
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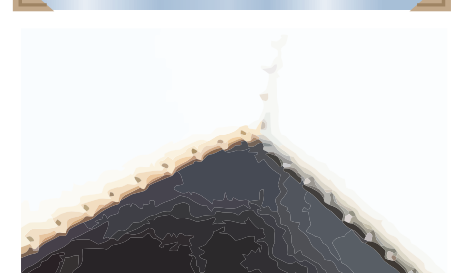
attacking player in various sports

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Net
- SPANISH:** Red
- ITALIAN:** Rete
- FRENCH:** Filet
- GERMAN:** Netz



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Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: SOCCER BALL

LETTER WRITING WORD SEARCH

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- COMPUTER
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- MESSAGE
- PENCIL
- PENMANSHIP
- PENPAL
- PLUME
- POSTAGE
- SCROLL
- SEALED
- SECRET
- SHEET
- STATIONERY
- TEXT
- WORDS

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. It's all over the beach
5. A cirque
8. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
11. Influential report author
13. Satisfaction
14. Recurring only at long intervals
15. Islamic calendar month
16. Neither
17. Gelatinous substance
18. American electronic music producer
20. Old computer system
21. Professional organization
22. Malaria mosquitoes
25. Not composed of matter
30. It's in the ocean
31. Peyton's little brother
32. French commune
33. Eyelashes
38. Equal (prefix)
41. Quality of little or no rain
43. One who beheads
45. Sung to

CLUES DOWN

1. Soviet Socialist Republic
2. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
3. Venomous snake genus
4. Uninteresting
5. Straightforwardness
6. Expression of wild excitement
7. Arrange in order
8. East Indian cereal

- grass
9. Hillsides
 10. Bird beak covering
 12. Baseball stat
 14. Edge of a surfboard
 19. Wrapping accessory
 23. Express approval
 24. Deduce
 25. Similar
 26. Born of
 27. Automobile
 28. Obligated to repay
 29. Live in
 34. Influential journalist Tarbell
 35. Set aflame
 36. OJ trial judge
 37. Scottish town
 39. African nation
 40. Egg-shaped wind instrument
 41. Mimic
 42. Frees
 44. In slow tempo
 45. Sword
 46. Related on the mother's side
 47. Mars crater
 48. Plant of the lily family
 51. Suitable in the circumstances
 52. Hillside
 53. Metrical foot
 54. Amazon river tributary
 58. Adult male human

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to Lyme disease.

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Guess Who?

I am a pop singer born in Michigan on April 27, 1988. I started performing as part of music groups in 2011, and by 2014 I was named an artist to watch. I'm known for my flute-playing abilities and body-positive stance.

Answer: Lizzo

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BASEBALL

War Eagles win 2 of 3 to improve to 13-9



By **KEITH ANDERSON**
WHS Baseball Coach

The War Eagles won 2 of 3 games this past week to improve to 13-9 on the season.

The WarEagle Varsity baseball team lost a close one up at North Florida Christian last Tuesday evening. The War Eagles carried a 5-3 lead into the bottom of the 7th inning, but North Florida strung two groundball base hits together to tie the game up, then end the game in walkoff fashion.

Starter Leaston Spears threw well for WHS, scattering 3 hits and 3 strikeouts in his outing through 4 innings. Hayden Wright went 2 innings giving up no hits, but allowed the winning runs on with an out in the seventh before Gavin Estep came in to close. Estep quickly struck a hitter out for the 2nd out, but then as luck would have it, two seeing eye

groundballs made it through the infield to tie and win the game 6-5 for North Florida. Parker Lawhon led the hitters going 3-3. Colby Zinser, Josiah Pierini, Reid Joyner, Garrett Veltkamp, and Michael Hurley all had hits in the game.

The War Eagles traveled to Bozeman High School to take on the Buck who are ranked No. 2 in the state in their classification.

Starter Gavin Estep dominated from start to finish striking out 3 with no walks in the 2-hit shut out. He only needed 70 pitches to throw the complete game and the Bucks only managed 3 base-runners who never got past first base.

The War Eagles racked up 9 hits. Michael Hurley led the hitters going 3-3. Parker Lawhon was 2-3, Colby Zinser was 2-4, and Sam Bruce also had a single. The big blow of the game came when second baseman Reid Joyner hit a towering 3 run homerun to the leftcenter gap to seal the 5-0 lead.

On Friday the War Eagles hosted Florida State University High School. War Eagle

starter Reid Joyner was removed in the middle of the first inning due to shoulder soreness.

Down a run, Jesse Nazworth came in the ball game and pitched the next 4 innings and a third innings with a solid relief appearance scattering 6 hits and giving up only 1 run. Sophomore submariner Hayden Wright came on in relief of Nazworth to throw 2 shutout innings giving up 0 hits striking out three. The War Eagles went to the 7th down 2-1. Michael Hurley led off with a single. Parker Lawhon sacrifice bunted him over to second. Colby Zinser singled the tying run in and moved up to second on the throw. That brought Freshman Sam Bruce to the plate. He hit a sharp single through the middle to score Zinser in walkoff fashion for the win 3-2. Hayden Wright received the win on the mound. The War Eagles racked up 9 hits on the evening. Colby Zinser, Sam Bruce, and Micael Hurley all had 2 hits each.

Brady Crum, Reid Joyner, and Josiah Pierini all chipped in a hit apiece.

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Wak-Color Run held to promote suicide awareness

After being cancelled twice due to bad weather, the third time was a charm for the Wakulla Color Run, held by the Wakulla County Health Department to promote suicide awareness. On Saturday, April 21, dozens of runners went from TCC Wakulla down Ochlockonee Street past Hudson Park to Cedar Avenue and around the loop at the Extension Office – getting showered with colored chalk.



PHOTO BY WILLIAM SNOWDEN

Runners, volunteers and health department staff all throw color to celebrate the end of the run.



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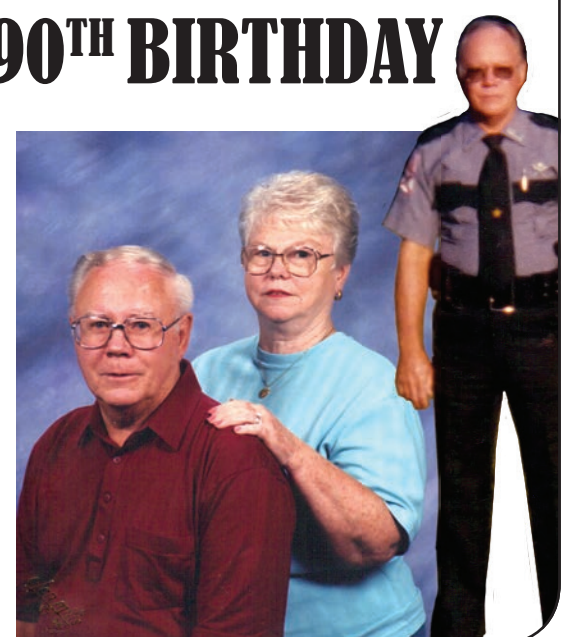
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