



Class of 2023 graduates

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The Wakulla Sun

"It's a New Day"



Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday Friday Saturday



Hi: 81° Lo: 68° 58%
Sunrise 6:36 AM
Sunset 8:34 PM



Hi: 83° Lo: 68° 56%
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Memorial Day observance



The annual Memorial Day ceremony of remembrance was held on the courthouse grounds on Monday, May 29. Naval JROTC cadets, above, lowered the flag to half-staff, and members of the VFW placed a memorial wreath. Army veteran and county commissioner Fred Nichols, left, was the keynote speaker. County Veterans Service Officer Winston Murphy, below left, organized the event and recited the names of every fallen soldier from Wakulla since the Civil War. There was a large crowd for the event, below right. (Photos by William Snowden)



Lawsuits filed over alleged attack at airport

Differing accounts of May 2019 confrontation between Randall Dick and airport manager Steve Fults

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

Two lawsuits were recently filed in Wakulla Circuit Court dealing with the confrontation between Randall Dick and volunteer airport manager Steve Fults outside a hangar back on May 2, 2019.

Dick was reportedly moving belongings out of the hangar and reportedly cut across the airport taxiway in a truck. Fults went to tell Dick to stop doing that.

Fults claims Dick tried to run over him in the truck, and that Dick came out of the truck with a crescent wrench. Fults took Dick to the ground and choked him out.

In a lawsuit filed a couple of weeks ago, Dick claims that he was "battered and strangled... to the point of unconsciousness, causing him serious physical and emotional injuries."

The suit was filed by Orlando attorney Elizabeth Hagood of the firm Hagood & Hagood.

At about the same time, Dick and friend Bill Catalina filed a pro se lawsuit against county commissioners and Administrator David Edwards, and the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office.

That lawsuit claims Catalina warned commissioners about Fults' behavior before the alleged attack on Dick, saying he was belligerent and bullying. The lawsuit claims actual damages of \$10 million, and asks the court to award unlimited damages for assault and battery and punitive damages.

Dick and Catalina are representing themselves in that lawsuit. (As a note, the lawsuit complaint in the pro se case refers to Fults throughout as "Defendant Fults," but he is not included in the listing of defendants.)

Catalina was not present at the confrontation between Fults and Dick, yet has for years pushed for some reaction from law enforcement and county government. There were never criminal charges filed in the matter – and that has outraged Catalina, who has railed against the detective who investigated the matter. Catalina reiterates in the new lawsuit that the sheriff's office did nothing to stop Fults from going on a weeklong cruise, though the investigation was open.

Back in 2019, shortly after the confrontation, then-Chief Prosecutor Brian Miller (now county judge) refused to prosecute the case due to a lack of evidence and independent witnesses.

Catalina and Dick filed a motion for injunction for protection against Fults, but then-Wakulla

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FEATURE STORY

Wakulla's unstoppable artist Kinsey Hough

The 12-year-old excels at art, loves fishing, and is learning to be an entrepreneur

By LINDA ANN McDONALD
Correspondent

Kinsey Hough is a 12-year-old local girl who enjoys sharing her artistic talent with one goal in mind: to benefit others.

Sharing a kind gesture to let them know she is thinking of someone – to bring a smile to their face, or to raise awareness for health conditions such as breast cancer and food allergies – is a driving force for Kinsey to create and share her art. Kinsey's love for Wakulla County and nature is obvious in her work.

A Wakulla native born to Kevin and Cindy Hough, Kinsey is a powerhouse of talent.

"I like all art," she says. "I like to wood burn, sculpt, air brush, paint (watercolor and acrylic, pastels, pen, pencils, oils, and charcoal). Sewing is fun, I can also make resin jewelry, Christmas ornaments, flower presses, wood carving and art with stamping."

With a long list of art skills and finished projects, Kinsey does not stop learning and pushing her art abilities to



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE SUN



Kinsey Hough, above right, and some of her artworks.

the next level.

"This summer I signed up for a pottery class to learn the pottery wheel," she says.

Kinsey's mother Cindy says of her daughter: "When she was little, my husband Kevin and I offered her crayons and paints, and she loved them. Kevin's mother, Sandy, is an artist herself and she would buy plastic art kits for Kinsey to try when she was little."

Kinsey adds: "My other grandmother,

Wanda Williams, would always support me, encourage me and critique me so I can always do better."

Kinsey has a passion for fishing which was inherited from both her grandparents and parents. A daddy-daughter fishing team named "Ride Teal Dark" with Kinsey and her father was established and started winning local fishing tournaments under that name.

"I have participated in Rock the Dock for consecutive years. This year in the

youth division I placed 3rd place for spotted trout, 2nd place for rock bass and 1st place for both youth and adults for the redfish with the most spots – the fish had 18 spots."

The "Ride Teal Dark" name was established for awareness to bring light to severe food allergy in which Kinsey lives with.

"Like pink brings awareness to breast cancer, teal represents food allergy,

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Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park Whitetop aster

By LYNN ARTZ, SANDY TEDDER
and DAVID RODDENBERRY



The white flowers attract native sweat bees.

Whitetop aster (*Sericocarpus tortifolius*) is a perennial wildflower of the southeastern U.S., including Florida. These summer bloomers have 2-5 narrow, creamy white petals. The white flower heads attract native sweat bees and make a nice addition to a mixed wildflower garden. Though rarely cultivated commercially, whitetop aster is easy to grow from seed. Other common names are Dixie whitetop aster and twisted-leaf white-topped aster. This native wildflower thrives in frequently burned, longleaf pine-wiregrass communities, being most numerous within longleaf pine stands that are 130-180 years old. For years, whitetop asters were placed in the genus *Aster*. However, DNA has shown that they are more closely related to goldenrods. Whitetop asters are blooming now in the wildflower meadow at Sopchoppy Depot Park.

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Harold Thurmond at his 90th birthday party with wife Janie, sons Brent and Duane and daughter Janna Currieo.

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Tonja and Don Guiford get their picture with Harold at his 90th birthday.

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A big hug for Richard Harden.



Former student Sharon Brown getting a hug from former principal Harold Thurmond.

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Lisa Craze, CFC
Wakulla County Tax Collector

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More than \$1 million has been raised through the sale of Florida Realtors "Support Homeownership for All" specialty license plates, which help fund affordable housing programs across Florida. The goal is to provide housing assistance to teachers, nurses and others unable to afford a home. Ninety percent of the proceeds from the sale of the "Support Homeownership for All" license plate goes to support affordable housing programs. Just 10 percent of the funds go toward marketing the plate.

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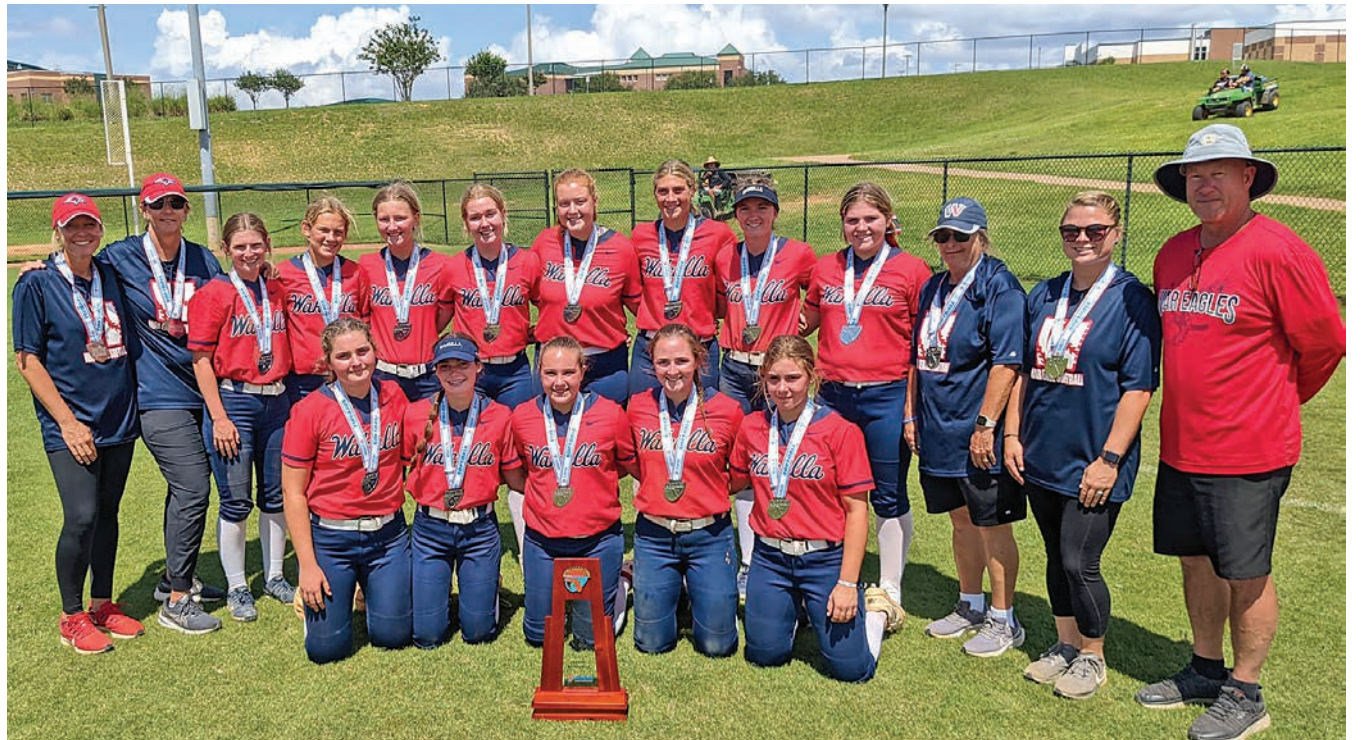


With retired Superintendent of Schools David Miller.

SPORTS

Lady War Eagles are state runners up in softball

The Wakulla High School Lady War Eagles traveled to Clermont last week to face Lake Wales for the state championship in softball. The team came up just short, falling to Lake Wales by a score of 7-2. But the prospects for the team are bright: the team is young, mostly freshmen and sophomores who are expected to challenge for the next couple of years.



Wrestler Jae T. Thaxton signs

Grappler signs with Lincoln Memorial University

By LINDA ANN McDONALD
Correspondent

Wakulla War Eagle Wrestler Jae T. Thaxton signed with Lincoln Memorial University on Tuesday, May 23rd.

Thaxton's outstanding wrestling statistics consisted of 163 career wins which included almost doubling the school's previous record of 15 tech calls to the new high of 27, 61 wins and 3 losses for the entire season and placed 7th in the State Tournament. Finishing his Senior Year with a 3.83 GPA, the road to success with Lincoln Memorial University is already underway.

Additional achievements for Jae T. include being active with the school's band for 4 years, ROTC for 2 years and A/B honor roll through out middle and high school. Thaxton plans on pursuing his academic career in mathematics.

Head Coach Will Paf-



Jae T. Thaxton with family and coaches at his scholarship signing.

ford said, "It was a pleasure to coach such an amazing kid and student athlete." Wakulla High's Principal Michele Falk said, "I have known Jae T. since he was young,

he has always been a great athlete, he is a coachable athlete and great to work with." She added, "I have watched him improve his work ethic from his first year

of wrestling up until his last match."

Cole Baggett, former star War Eagle wrestler, now a student of University of Florida and cheerleader for the col-

lege, said, "I have known Jae T. my entire life. We used to wrestle every day in practice and wrestle against each other in competition. Jae T. is a hard worker in and out

of the wrestling ring."

When asked about advancing to the next level after graduation, Jae T. Thaxton said, "It feels great I am making my family proud, and I am doing the right thing. It is great to put in the hard work and see the results." He also said, "I want to be a role model for my 2 younger brothers, and I want to thank my sister Lora for the endless emotional support."

Thaxton said, "I want to thank both my parents equally for not letting me quit when I was younger. They helped keep my goal in sight through the wins and the losses." Jae T. jokingly added: "I want to thank my younger brothers for the never-ending wrestling matches and never-ending fun."

"I will definitely take Wakulla County with me to the next level and I will take a little bit of the county with me wherever I go," Thaxton said.

VFW holds Memorial Day celebration



On Memorial Day, VFW members took the opportunity for the ceremonial burning of old flags.



National Guardsmen Usman Sayed, Andrew Wilson, and Taylor Drew at the event.



A cakewalk inside the VFW Post on Memorial Day.

Airport attack lawsuit

From Front Page

Circuit Judge John Cooper refused to grant it, instead telling the men to all avoid each other.

Catalina claimed he had video from a game

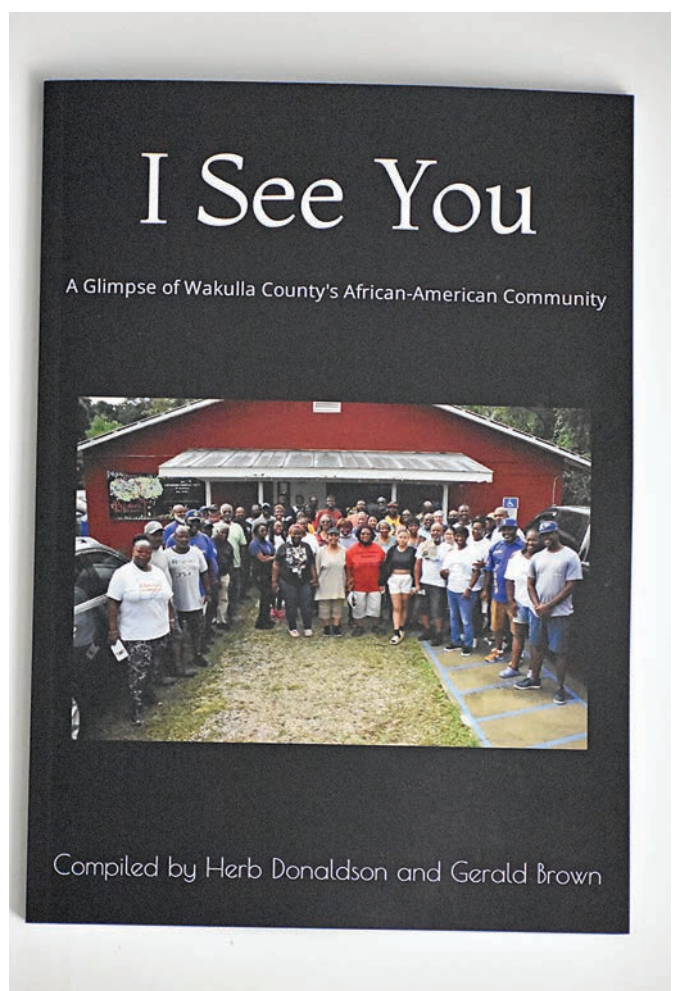
camera that showed Fults was the aggressor, but he has never turned it over. The sheriff's office requested the camera card and said they would get FDLE to extract the data off of it – but they

have never received it. At the time of the 2019 events, Fults was 57 years old, Dick was 66 and Catalina was 70.

At the county commission meeting on May 15, County Attorney Heather Encinosa indicated that the Florida Association of

Counties would defend the lawsuit.

Editor's Note: In full disclosure, Catalina has made donations to the Florida Press Foundation in support of The Wakulla Sun; and Fults has placed business advertisements in the newspaper.



'I See You' book event is Saturday

Special to The Sun

"I See You," a new book out this week, is a Glimpse of Wakulla County's African-American Community compiled by Herb Donaldson and Gerald Brown. Over a year went into getting this book out in time for the Palaver Tree Theater Emancipation Celebration.

Palaver Tree Theater is hosting a Book Fair Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the author and photographer on hand to sign copies of the book. The book is also available on Amazon.

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

Hearing without listening

Editor, The Sun:

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners has heard countless citizens express their concerns about the proposed “protection” ordinance currently being considered by the BOCC.

The proposal would repeal the current protections without prohibiting the placement of gasoline storage tanks directly over known caves and conduits to Wakulla Springs and our drinking water supplies.

While publicly stating their support of setbacks from known caves, the BOCC refuses to include them because the locations supposedly can’t be “certified.” Many counties, state and federal agencies accept the existing maps as well as the Vulnerability

studies, the BOCC however insists on some undefined “certification.”

I personally have used data provided by the Wakulla Karst Plains Project dive teams to install NWF-WMD permitted wellheads for the HVAC units at the Wakulla Springs State Park Lodge. The continued refusal by the Wakulla County BOCC to utilize widely accepted data and refusal to hold workshops with interested groups or include setbacks for regulated materials over known and otherwise widely accepted caves and conduits leads one to believe that while public comment is encouraged, it falls on deaf ears.

Respectfully,

Peter J. Scalco
Crawfordville

Commissioners never change

Editor, The Sun:

Digging through my computer archives I found this letter to the editor dated Wednesday, June 6, 2007, 6:54:40 AM which I never published, but here it is: “SPLAT! COMMISSIONERS NEVER CHANGE!”

“The famous 18th century writer Henry David Thoreau, described a lake called “Flint’s Point,” next to his beloved Walden’s Pond, where he often hiked down just to feel the wind blowing in his face, watch the waves and remember the life of mariners.

“Flint’s Pond! Such is the poverty of our nomenclature. What right had the unclean and stupid farmer, whose farm abutted on this sky water, whose shores he has ruthlessly laid bare, to give his name to it? Some skinflint, who loved better the reflecting surface of a dollar or a bright cent, in which he could see his own brazen face; who regarded even the wild ducks which settled in it as trespassers; his fingers [are] grown into crooked and horny talons from their long habit of grasping harpy-like..

“I go not there to see him nor to hear of him; who never saw it, who never bathed in it, who never loved it, who never protected it, who never spoke a good word for it, nor thanked God that He had made it. Rather let it be named from the fishes that swim in it, the wild fowl or quadrupeds which frequent it, the wild flowers which grow by its shores, or some wild man or child the thread of whose history is interwoven with its own; not from him who could show no title to it but the deed which a like-minded neighbor or legislature gave him—him who thought only of its money value; whose presence perchance cursed all the shore; who exhausted the land around it, and would fain have exhausted the water within in; who regretted only that it was not English hay or cranberry meadow-- for there was nothing to redeem it, forsooth, in his eyes-- and would have drained and sold it for the mud at its bottom.”

Walden’s Pond was published in 1854. If Mr. Thoreau lived in our time, he might have been pleased with the names that developers bestow on roads they carved through the wetlands like “Blue Heron Way,” “Blue Crab Lane,” and “Tarpon Boulevard”. But then when he saw that they were no different than the farmer he despised for trashing nature, he’d initially waste his time like citizens do now, by storming up to the Wakulla County Commission to speak his mind. When they told him his three minutes were up and if he persisted, he’d be dragged off in chains because the commission is owned and operated by land speculators, mortgage brokers, realtors and developers. But, like Thoreau’s Farmer Flint, what can you expect from realtors who care nothing about nature and seeks only the dollar.

Wakulla needs to quickly install another type of government free from the puppet masters because their

county commissioners are rushing to put in infrastructure and development that will supersede them when they are kicked out. They are doing an incredible amount of damage that will be felt years into the future. The four that our citizens mistakenly elected are influencing your future, your health and the environment. They are making decisions that clearly show they are not in your favor and do so with ignorance and prejudice.

It matters not what issues you bring before them, or how citizens plead with them not to grant further development in fragile areas. Therefore I propose that the four commissioners who cast the deciding votes over and over again wear the black hoods of executioners, as they condemn wetlands, fiddler crabs, mullet, shrimp and our way of life to death. It really doesn’t matter what I, or anyone else says: they sit before us at the commission meetings waiting for the words to stop, their minds made up. As they stare blankly into space, I’m sure that some of them have learned to meditate to pass the time. They don’t have to answer questions, or state why, but they can sure stifle free speech when they want to.

Unless you’ve filled out a speaker’s card in advance of an agenda item, once it’s taken up, no matter how outrageous it is, or whatever new and surprisingly horrible information gets revealed, you are forbidden to comment. Developers, attorneys, consultants and every proponent for a development on the other hand, generally get to drone on and on without regard to time limits. When I’ve objected to this, I have been escorted out of the commission room by sheriff’s deputies. In fact, it’s happened so often, that I have trouble finding my way out without a stern faced officer pointing the way.

When I first wrote this in 2007 Mr. Ed (the commissioner, not the talking horse) was going to present a new ordinance next week that will make speaking before the commission even more restrictive, supposedly relying on Robert’s Rules of Order. I haven’t read Robert’s rules yet, but I wouldn’t be surprised if it calls for the construction of a trap door that will drop citizens who are trying to protect the environment through the floor if they exceed three minutes.

Back then in 2007 I countered with Rudloe’s Rules of Disorder advising citizens come armed to the commission meetings with rotten tomatoes, but alas no one had the guts to make the leap. I no longer waste my breath going to commission meetings and wasting what precious time I have left on this earth, but instead voice my opinions to the public with my “weaponized” writing skills, and do my best to go ‘SPLAT!’ So Long Live Henry David Thoreau!

Jack Rudloe
Panacea

Something on your mind?

Email Letters to the Editor to editor@thewakullasun.com; or mail it or drop it by the office at 12 Arran Road, Crawfordville FL 32327.

On the Horizon

Calendar of events for the week of June 1

Thursday, June 1

- 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, June 2

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

Saturday, June 3

- “I See You” – a book about Wakulla County’s African-American Community compiled by Herb Donaldson and Gerald Brown, will be subject of a Book Fair Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the author and photographer on hand to sign copies of the book. The book is also available on Amazon.
- 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, June 5

- County commission meets in the commission boardroom at 5 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 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, June 6

- 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, June 7

- 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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William Snowden
Editor & Publisher
The Wakulla Sun

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◀ Question of The Week ▶

– Compiled by Linda Ann McDonald

Polled at VFW Post 4538's Memorial Day Celebration: What is your Memorial Day tradition?



MILLIE PIGOTT
RETIRED

"We go to the Memorial Service in Crawfordville and watch the National Celebration on TV. I have four siblings who have served."



STEPHEN PIGOTT
RETIRED

"The main thing is we make sure to attend the Wakulla service at the Courthouse. My dad served in World War II."



DAVID CLARK
PAST VFW COMMANDER

"Typically it is to attend the flag raising ceremony at the courthouse."



JOAN NILAND
RETIRED

"No. 1 thing is to attend the service at the courthouse. The gentleman did an excellent job and Fred Nichols gave a very nice speech."



SEAN GOLDER
VFW COMMANDER

"Joining in with friends and family in memory of our fallen heroes. Going forward we will be celebrating similarly at our new event at the VFW."

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wakulla Station News

By VERA BROCK

I hope everyone had a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend. It followed a busy week celebrating every kind of graduation, from VPK to University.

Just remember, all this prosperity has been underwritten by the men and women who fought to defend our liberties, many of whom gave the ultimate payment for their grateful nation. How appropriate we pause to honor their sacrifice, and that of their families.

The Brock family had a great time celebrating Avery Simmons and her VPK graduation (watch out, Kindergarten...here she comes!) as well as Harrison Rodgers graduating from 5th grade at Shadeville Elementary. These milestones are both joyful and wistful. Time is fleeting, leaving us all wondering how we got to this point.

To our Wakulla High School grads, we are so proud for each of you. Your achievements and ambitions make us so happy, and I know you will go far. Seems like yesterday your Moms and Dads were graduating and here

we are, ushering you into the wide, wide world!

Congratulations to the Wakulla Fast Pitch softball team, for a great effort that took them to the Championship game. Ladies, your accomplishment cannot be diminished by not bringing home that trophy this year. It was an amazing year, and next year will be even better.

I was so sad to learn of the untimely death of Library Director Robyn Hurst. Her dedication and amazing creativity breathed new life into our Public Library. She will be so deeply missed. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Also in need of prayers are the

family of James Hodges, the Howard Hobby family, the Lynn family, the Kendrick family, the Sloan-Peacock family, the Vickery family, the Carter families, and the Turner family.

Faye Sweeney continues to need our prayers, as well as baby Sebastian. He is doing better, but needs his lungs to strengthen in order to receive the much needed heart transplant.

His doctors have discovered a complication that causes his lungs to not expel carbon dioxide efficiently. Now that they know what they're dealing with, the doctors can help fix the problem. Prayer warriors, this beautiful child needs us!

Sheriff's Report

Activity reported for the week of May 19 to 25:

FRIDAY, MAY 19

- Deputy Michelle Stripling responded to CVS in reference to someone purchasing five \$250 gift cards with counterfeit bills. Store security video was not useful in identifying the suspect due to him concealing himself by wearing a hat and glasses. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

- A traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle for failure to maintain a single lane. Contact was made with the driver, identified as Jerry Vinzant. During the stop, Vinzant surrendered a small amount of marijuana. The marijuana was collected and turned in for destruction. Deputy Don Newsom investigated.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

- Deputy Todd Kent conducted a traffic stop at Highway 98 and Skipper Bay Road due to the driver, Shantasia

Rosier, having a suspended driver's license. During the stop, Rosier admitted to being in possession of marijuana. Rosier was placed under arrest for driving while license suspended or revoked (DWLSR) and possession of marijuana/paraphernalia.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

- Deputies got out with a disabled moped on Woodville Highway. Further investigation revealed it was stolen out of Tallahassee. The juvenile operator was able to provide proof he was not aware it was stolen at the time of purchase. The moped was collected and placed into the WCSO impound yard. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

MONDAY, MAY 22

- Jose Penate-Rodriguez reported his passenger side windows damaged on his 2009 Chevy Sliverado. Penate-Rodriguez advised he parked his truck in the 1400 block of Spring Creek Highway and departed for work.

Upon returning, he noticed the damage to his truck. Deputies arrived and discovered what appeared to be holes from a BB gun projectile on the vehicle windows and passenger side. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

- Deputy Arturo Cordoba responded to Fonigan Road in reference to a stolen vehicle complaint. Upon arrival Deputy Cordoba made contact with Charles Beach, who advised he allowed the suspect to borrow his Chevy Trail Blazer and now they will not return the vehicle. The vehicle was entered into NCIC/FCIC as stolen. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

- A investigative traffic stop was conducted on Spring Creek Highway. Contact was made with the registered owner identified as Yasmin Young who was found to not have a valid driver's license. During the traffic stop a small amount of marijuana was surrendered and turned in for destruction. Young

was issued a citation for DWLSR. Deputy Todd Kent investigated.

- Lisa Slaght reported being in an altercation with Louise Kruger. Slaght stated the argument over a television in which Kruger stated she could use. During this incident Slaght stated Kruger slapped her in the face. Contact was made with Kruger who stated Slaght was not allowed to use the television. As Kruger was retrieving the television Slaght grabbed her arm. Kruger stated she snatched away and accidentally struck Slaght. Slaght refused to file charges and signed an affidavit for non-prosecution. Deputy Dakota Haddock investigated.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

- Christopher McIntosh reported a theft of a ladder from a construction site. The ladder is described as a 24-foot extension style valued at approximately \$300. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Zach Munroe investigated.

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

Unstoppable Kinsey Hough

From Front Page

so we named the team Ride Teal Dark. Since my father is an avid angler, I learned how to inshore fish and freshwater fish for panfish. One of my favorite things to draw for my father is fish from the Wacissa River where he and his siblings grew up. When I paint for him, I think to myself how happy it will make him when he sees it."

Kinsey also shares that she likes the competitiveness of the Rock the Dock event and being close to home fishing local waters and helping the cause of Panacea Waterfront conservation.

Besides her wins at local fishing tournaments, Kinsey also made a clean sweep of prize ribbons from the North Florida Fair in 2022. "I brought home 12 first place ribbons and three second place ribbons for my art," Kinsey says. "My favorite entry was my redfish painting. I entered painting, sewing, carving, ornaments and two necklaces. After I won, I felt happy, and I can tell my art was getting better and it boosted my confidence. It makes me think about what I am going to enter next year."

Laughing, Kinsey adds, "When I win, I feel people actually like my art and it's not just me who enjoys my art."

Being active in bringing awareness to breast cancer in our community is something Kinsey wanted to participate in at Wakulla's "Think Pink" event at the Wakulla Senior Citizens Center where Kinsey made jewelry, auctioned it off and donated all proceeds back into the event.

"I like to give back to my community and support a good cause," Kinsey says. In addition, she actively supports Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Wakulla with her art.

In the fall of 2022, a business event called "Kreative Kids" was held at the Methodist Church off Shadeville Road with an invitation to local kids to be an entrepreneur. It was an opportunity Kinsey could not resist. Kinsey set up her table with her jewelry and ornaments and invited friends and family as visitors to the event and introduce her art to the community. "A lot of people bought my art for themselves and to give away as Christmas gifts for their family; that made me feel good, in a few



Kinsey Hough with the winning catch at Rock the Dock.

hours I made \$275. With this event, I

learned how to display my product and sharpen my selling skills."

Competitiveness and persistence are attributes proving beneficial for this unstoppable girl. After months and months of entering, a second-place win was finally earned from a Breyer horse photo contest. The Breyer horse photo was incorporated with a coloring contest of a Christmas scene.

"One time there was a lady in my church who seemed sad, I created a picture out of pressed flowers and brought it to her work with a card to give to her. The lady was very happy with my present."

When asked what she wants to do with her future, she says, "I want to make money from my art and build a shelter for animals and I would like to teach and sell art in Wakulla County. Also, since it is now the month of May, which is food allergy awareness month, I want to raise awareness in Wakulla County that 37,000 people live with this condition plus more are affected due to the dietary needs associated with this condition. I want the children and their families who have this condition like me to learn healthy habits."

Kinsey's art is viewable on YouTube at "Ride Teal Dark."

Outdoors

outdoor sports

HOME ON THE RANGE

Inadvertent discharge



By MARJ LAW

The phone rings. “Marj.” This is a familiar voice, but there’s silence for a moment. I wait. “I have a confession to make.” (Another pause.) “Oh?” “I shot myself.” “What? Are you hurt bad?” “Not too bad.” “What did you shoot?” “Got my index finger. In the joint.” “Oh, man, will it be OK?” “It was mostly a flesh wound. But it did bleed pretty good.” “Did you go to the hospital?” “Yes. And I’d already called and told the Sheriff’s Office.”

“So what’s going to happen to your finger?” “They bandaged it up. Since the gun was a .22, I got a lot of lead in it. And some bone fragments. Might need some surgery later.” “How’d this happen?” “Well, it was my wife’s gun,” he begins. (Sounds like a half-excuse, but I’m sure not saying that aloud since he was hurt.)

He was about to take the gun apart. “First, I dropped the magazine.”

Then, to take some guns apart, you need to pull the trigger. So, with the grip in his right (dominant) hand, he’s pulling back the slide with his left hand. The barrel is shortish, and his left index finger covers

the muzzle. He pulls the trigger.

“Bang!” “Ow ow ow!”

The finger that had covered the muzzle is wounded. He quickly grabs paper towels to mop the blood off the floor, wraps paper towels around his hand and goes to the hospital.

What could have prevented this near tragedy?

He knows what he forgot to do.

“Marj,” he assures me. “I do know the Big 4 Rules.

The Big 4 rules of Firearms Safety are:

- The gun is always loaded.

Even if you drop your magazine out of your gun, you must pull back the slide and inspect the chamber. Many guns can still fire without their magazines.

- Never point at anything you aren’t willing to destroy.

First, the muzzle must always be pointed in a safe direction. It is not safe if any part of your body or anyone else’s body is in front of the muzzle. You also need to be aware of what is beyond the direction of the muzzle.

- Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on your targets.

- Be sure of your target and what’s beyond it.

Could someone else have been hurt, or something else broken by this inadvertent discharge?

It’s my fault,” he confesses. “I knew better. Just wasn’t paying attention. You might want to write about this because it might help someone else avoid the same thing. Here are some pictures. Just don’t use my real name.”

And he’s right. Even those of us who have taken classes and shot for years have to be alert every moment we have a firearm in our hands. Or if someone nearby has a firearm.

Short-barreled guns require added attention to safety to prevent your fin-



gers from getting in front of the muzzle.

So, one day, I’m relating his story to some of our range friends who shoot regularly.

“That’s nothing,” says Emma. “You should hear what my husband did. Frank, you tell them.”

“I was about to clean my revolver too,” Frank begins. “I had left it loaded when I left the range. I don’t usually do that.”

“What happened?” I ask.

“I was in the bedroom. I must’ve pulled the trigger. The bullet hit another gun which was in a new pouch. The bullet ricocheted off that gun and hit me.”

“Oh, no! Where were you hit? Was it bad?”

“Well, it hit my upper middle thigh, and it hurt like heck and it bled. I

called Emma. She was 4 hours away from the house at that time. She told me to go directly to the hospital.

“I said again it hurts. She told me again to go to the hospital.”

“Did you?”

“Yes. It was a little embarrassing.” (I think that may have been an understatement.)

“They fixed me up,” he continues. “But then, two deputies came to the house and wanted to see where I was hit.”

“Yikes,” I say sympathetically.

“Yes, it was even worse because the deputies were both young women. Good thing Emma was home then.”

“Yeah, good thing,” agrees Emma.

“So, what is the most important thing you

learned from that awful experience?” I questioned Frank.

“Two things. One: I should have unloaded the revolver before leaving the range,” he says. “I don’t know why I didn’t that particular time.

“Two: I should have paid more attention to what I was doing.

“I know better,” he adds ruefully.

“Oh, and I made a hole in my brand-new gun pouch. It was a good one too.”

Both guys knew a lot better. This was a hard lesson because of inattention.

I spoke to a deputy at the WCSO range. He reiterated two of the Big 4 Gun Rules.

“Of course, they know their accidental discharges should not have ever

happened,” he explained. “The first rule is the gun is always loaded. Unloading a gun involves not just dropping the magazine, but also inspecting the chamber if it’s a semi-automatic handgun, and all the chambers if it’s a revolver. These men know that a gun does not fire by itself.

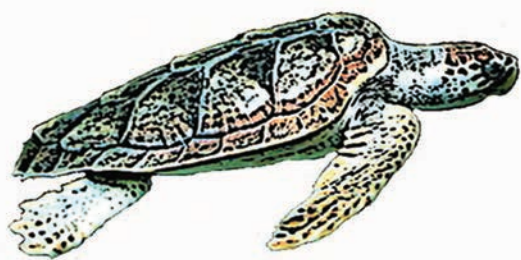
“Next rule is: never point a gun at anything you aren’t willing to destroy. The muzzle must always be pointed in a safe direction. Safe from you and from anyone else. These two rules of the Big 4 would have saved both men some pain.”

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

WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO



Retired Wakulla Springs State Park Ranger Bob Thompson, on his weekly wildlife survey at the park last week, snapped this photo of a juvenile Least Bittern.



LOGGERHEAD SEA TURTLE
(*Caretta caretta*)

The loggerhead turtle spends its early life in the sargassum seaweed bed hiding from predators like moray eels and crabs while hunting smaller creatures. Baby turtles concentrate magnetite in their brains forming a navigation “compass”. Adults eat jellyfish, sponges, corals, bivalves and gastropods. Females will fight and chase other females away from good feeding areas. Loggerheads can be stunned by cold and must migrate to warmer water or risk death. Florida has 20,000 sea turtle nests, more than anywhere else.

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Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water

Local writers share their experiences

Thursday 1

Sun rise/set
6:35AM
8:33PM

Moon rise/set
6:15PM
4:36AM

Moon Illumination 91%

Friday 2

Sun rise/set
6:34PM
8:34PM

Moon rise/set
7:21PM
5:12AM

Moon Illumination 97%

Saturday 3

Sun rise/set
6:35AM
8:34PM

Moon rise/set
8:30PM
5:53AM

Moon Illumination 99%

Sunday 4

Sun rise/set
6:35AM
8:35PM

Moon rise/set
9:39PM
6:42AM

Moon Illumination 100%

Monday 5

Sun rise/set
6:35AM
8:35PM

Moon rise/set
7:42AM

Moon Illumination 97%

Tuesday 6

Sun rise/set
6:34AM
8:36PM

Moon rise/set
11:42PM
8:48AM

Moon Illumination 92%

Wednesday 7

Sun rise/set
6:34AM
8:36PM

Moon rise/set



9:59AM

Moon Illumination 85%

Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

June 1 - June 7

Tide charts by tides4fishing.com

Best fishing days this month
June 1-3, 18-30

Thursday 1

Minor Times
3:51AM
5:30PM

Major Times
10:07AM
10:31PM

Friday 2

Minor Times
4:27AM
6:36PM

Major Times
10:57AM

Saturday 3

Minor Times
5:08AM
7:45PM

Major Times
11:24PM
11:53AM

Sunday 4

Minor Times
5:57AM
8:54PM

Major Times
12:23AM
12:54PM

Monday 5

Minor Times
6:57AM
9:59PM

Major Times
1:26AM
1:58PM

Tuesday 6

Minor Times
8:03AM
10:57PM

Major Times
2:30AM
3:02PM

Wednesday 7

Minor Times

9:14AM

Major Times

4:04PM

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

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

St. Marks River Entrance

Th	1:23 am	6:38 am	12:43 pm	7:43 pm
Fr	2:12 am	7:17 am	1:12 pm	8:25 pm
Sa	2:58 am	7:55 am	1:44 pm	9:07 pm
Su	3:44 am	8:33 am	2:20 pm	9:50 pm
Mo	4:29 am	9:11 am	2:59 pm	10:34 pm
Tu	5:14 am	9:52 am	3:42 pm	11:21 pm
We	6:00 am	10:37 am	4:28 pm	12:11 pm

City of St. Marks

Th	1:59 am	7:42 am	1:19 pm	8:47 pm
Fr	2:48 am	8:21 am	1:48 pm	9:29 pm
Sa	3:34 am	8:59 am	2:20 pm	10:11 pm
Su	4:20 am	9:37 am	2:56 pm	10:54 pm
Mo	5:05 am	10:15 am	3:35 pm	11:38 pm
Tu	5:50 am	10:56 am	4:18 pm	12:23 pm
We	6:36 am	11:41 am	5:04 pm	1:11 pm

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Th	1:42 am	6:57 am	12:56 pm	7:59 pm
Fr	2:29 am	7:36 am	1:26 pm	8:41 pm
Sa	3:16 am	8:14 am	1:59 pm	9:23 pm
Su	4:02 am	8:52 am	2:35 pm	10:08 pm
Mo	4:49 am	9:32 am	3:15 pm	10:55 pm
Tu	5:37 am	10:15 am	3:58 pm	11:43 pm
We	6:26 am	11:04 am	4:46 pm	12:34 pm

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Th	1:15 am	6:49 am	12:35 pm	7:54 pm
Fr	2:04 am	7:28 am	1:04 pm	8:36 pm
Sa	2:50 am	8:06 am	1:36 pm	9:18 pm
Su	3:36 am	8:44 am	2:12 pm	10:01 pm
Mo	4:21 am	9:22 am	2:51 pm	10:45 pm
Tu	5:06 am	10:03 am	3:34 pm	11:32 pm
We	5:52 am	10:48 am	4:20 pm	12:21 pm

St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

Th	1:34 am	6:43 am	12:21 pm	7:35 pm
Fr	2:21 am	7:17 am	12:49 pm	8:10 pm
Sa	3:07 am	7:49 am	1:20 pm	8:50 pm
Su	3:55 am	8:22 am	1:56 pm	9:34 pm
Mo	4:46 am	8:58 am	2:37 pm	10:22 pm
Tu	5:39 am	9:40 am	3:24 pm	11:14 pm
We	6:34 am	10:31 am	4:17 pm	12:09 pm

Dog Island West End

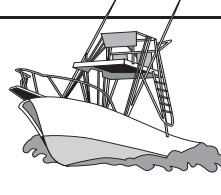
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Fr	3:09 am	7:54 am	12:56 pm	8:33 pm
Sa	3:59 am	8:27 am	1:36 pm	9:12 pm
Su	4:50 am	8:58 am	2:17 pm	9:55 pm
Mo	5:40 am	9:31 am	3:00 pm	10:44 pm
Tu	6:27 am	10:12 am	3:46 pm	11:38 pm
We	7:12 am	11:17 am	4:38 pm	12:34 pm

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



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



Thank you to Phil Hill for the following information as a follow-up to National Safe Boating Week. We also want to honor those in our armed forces who were remembered for their ultimate sacrifice this past Memorial Day.

Last week we discussed paperwork that could make your time on the water a pleasant experience. Now let's talk about life jackets. 81% of boating accident deaths are due to drowning. Of these accidents, 83 % of the victims were not wearing life jackets, yet 2/3 of these victims were said to be good swimmers. A properly fitting life jacket is required for each person aboard a recreational vessel. Life jackets must be Coast Guard-approved, in serviceable condition and the appropriate size for the user. On a vessel underway, children under 13 must wear an appropriate Coast Guard-approved PFD, unless they are below deck or in an enclosed cabin.

New life jackets feature information in four main categories, usually in separate boxes. At the top of the label, is sizing information. The sizing usually specifies a user weight range and chest size

Boating Emergencies

Coast Guard Station
Panama City (850) 234-4228

Coast Guard Station
Yankeetown (352) 447-6900

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

range. Proper fit is one of the most important considerations when choosing a life jacket. Check for fit by raising your arms above your head while wearing the life jacket and ask a friend to grasp the tops of the arm openings and gently pull up. The life jacket should not ride up over your chin or face. Ensure your life jacket fits properly with no excess room above the arm and neck openings. A snug fit in these areas shows the life jacket fits properly. The label inside the jacket will tell You: Performance, Buoyancy and Turning Information; Warnings, Intended Activity and Limitations of Use; Manufacturer, Certification and Approval Information; Care and Maintenance Instructions.

Remember life jackets must be accessible on your vessel and not in an out of reach lo-

cation. Make sure you have removed them from their original packaging. On a boat that is 16 feet or longer (excluding canoes and kayaks) you must also carry a throwable PFD. Keep this close to the helm for easy access. If you are interested in using an inflatable life jacket, make sure it is properly armed with an unused gas cylinder. These are only authorized for persons at least 16 years or older.

Life jackets have come a long way since the basic orange jacket from your youth. There are specific PFDs for kayaks and canoes that are easy to wear while paddling. Make sure to attach a whistle and a light to your PFD. This is a good idea for anyone on the water. Search for a jacket that is comfortable to wear. It is very hard to put on a life jacket in the water. Test yourself by

trying to put on your jacket in a pool. This may convince you to wear your jacket while on the water. Please have a great boating season and stay safe. Happy holiday!

Thanks to Sherrie, we will always remember safe boating is no accident! Check back next week for more safe boating tips!!

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

If you would like to learn more about vessel safety checks, please contact Steve Hults, Staff Officer for Vessel Examinations at hults@uscgaux.net.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed civilian volunteer component of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Coast Guard in nearly all mission areas. The Auxiliary was created by Congress in 1939. For more information, please visit www.cgaux.org.

Underwater Wakulla

By Rusty Miller

Hello, Wakulla.

I said in a previous column that open water training was very difficult and the main goal was to weed out anyone that might panic under certain stress. Keep in mind that with the early equipment you really had to make sure you knew what you were doing the whole time you were underwater. You didn't know when you were going to run low on air. When you did take your last breath you hoped that when you lifted the lever on your tank the technician who filled the tank did it correctly so you would have 500 psi of air left to get you to the surface.

Today, the training cycle has changed very dramatically and (this is a personal opinion) maybe not for the better. It seems that some of the certifying agencies have adopted a very condensed version of the training cycle. By that I mean instead of taking several weeks you can get your open water certification in as little as 3-4 days. I get the idea because it allows for the dive shop or independent instructor to do more students in a month than taking several weeks to get the students through. Is this better or worse for the industry overall, that yet remains to be seen. (End of personal opinion).

After your initial open water certification you can start to learn more about our underwater environment. I recommend furthering your diving education by taking more courses such as advanced open water. Advanced open water may differ from one agency to the next so find out what is better for you.

Then from there you can increase your knowledge with the specialties like underwater photography, intro to wreck diving, underwater hunting (spear fishing), collecting, cavern diving, and deep diving to name a few.

You can further your diving knowledge to the professional level in the scuba diving world like a dive master or instructor.

Now let's look at some of the equipment and how it has improved: If we look at the typical regulator (the first and second stage) we see several cosmetic features that have changed. The first stage has made leaps and bounds over their grandparents; they are made with the latest and best materials such as titanium, a higher grade of marine brass and a higher tougher grade of chrome plating. The second stage is a modern marvel of technology. It is made with a higher grade of reinforced plastic molding, higher grade of silicone, and more choices of mouth piece materials are available. The modern regulator package in most cases are assembled and tested to take the average divers abuse i.e. not rinsing them after every dive and storing them for long periods rolled up in the regulator bag. (This will be discussed in a later column)

The modern regulators can be equipped with some style of 1, 2, or 3 gauge console. They can have an AI transmitter attached to the first stage so you can monitor the vital information as it transmits to your computer such as; gas consumption, nitrogen build up and/or PO2, your descent and ascent rate.

In most of the older models you could only have an AI module or a console but not both. They would only give you either a piston or a diaphragm first stage. Now you have a true balanced piston or a balanced piston/ diaphragm first stage. There are a couple companies that offer a balanced piston/ balanced diaphragm with a balanced second stage.

You can see that the training has adapted to the equipment.

In the next column I will discuss in a little more detail some of the specialties and furthering your scuba education.

Until next time, remember: "An out of air emergency to a scuba diver is not as bad as an out of air emergency to a sky diver."

NOTE: This is a repeat of a column that appeared in March 2022.

FWC Law Enforcement Report

From FWC

This report represents some events the FWC handled over May 12-18 in the Northwest region. (There were no cases reported for Wakulla County.)

BAY COUNTY

- Officer M. Gore and Officer C. Jarrell responded to a single vessel, two occupant boating accident. After conducting the initial investigation, it was determined the passenger's hat blew off while they were underway. The operator

slowed the vessel, and the passenger jumped in to retrieve the hat. The operator put the vessel in reverse and left the helm. The vessel backed over the passenger resulting in serious injury. The passenger was transported to the hospital. Charges are pending and the investigation is ongoing.

- Officer M. Gore responded to a domestic dispute at St. Andrews State Park. A married couple were staying at the park campground. Both were drinking heavily when a verbal argument turned physical, with the fe-

male receiving minor injuries. After conducting a domestic violence investigation, it was determined the male subject was the aggressor. He was arrested for domestic battery and booked into the Bay County Jail.

GULF COUNTY

- Officer Gerber was conducting resource inspections when he observed two individuals fishing from the bank. The male subject returned to their vehicle to find his fishing license. During the inspection, Officer Ger-

ber discovered a .22 caliber rifle, methamphetamine, and drug paraphernalia inside the vehicle. The male subject is a convicted felon and was arrested for the violations. Additional charges are pending.

HOLMES COUNTY

- Officer J. Touchton instructed a hunter safety class in Bonifay about Florida hunting rules and regulations. There were approximately 12 people in attendance.

Do you want a marriage that inspires others?



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

a marriage like that!" Truth is, you probably do.

Bert and I struggle with many of the same issues most couples wrestle with, including our spiritual journey. It took many years before we finally made praying together a priority. Even now, we still miss some days, but we're much more consistent than before.

Yet, I can't ignore those of you who hate this week's column (and similar messages) because of the long, painful disappointment

you've experienced while waiting for God to give you "a marriage like that."

If reading this makes you chafe with frustration because it doesn't seem likely it'll happen for you, I understand. I've been there. Actually, I'm "there" in several areas of my marriage as I continue to wait on God.

I wish I could redo the earlier years of our marriage. I wonder if Bert and I would've prayed together sooner if I'd handled myself better. Not to mention

the strife we could have avoided. Worst of all, I'm ashamed of how poorly I represented God while berating Bert for not wanting to spend time with Him – in the way I thought he should.

It's easy to resort to nagging or browbeating when our spouses resist our good intentions. But how often does this really work? Satan would love to take something that's meant to bring us closer to each other (and to God) and use it instead as a tool to harass and divide us.

What would happen if we practiced Ephesians 4:1-2 instead? "Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love" (ESV).

I want to practice every line of this verse in my marriage. Don't you? Think what it would mean to our spouses if we loved them in this way.

Let's see how different our marriages would be if we bore

with each other humbly and gently in the areas in which we each fall short – and allowed the Holy Spirit (rather than ourselves) to change our spouses.

Perhaps the changes in our marriages will inspire others to work toward a marriage like ours!

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His good works



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

and begged God to give me one more chance the following Sunday.

Again, third row from the front, left-hand side, sitting beside my grandmother, Holy Spirit churned up the butterflies as the preacher gave the departing invitation. I closed my eyes and prayed for the opening of the doors. The following Sunday, no longer able to contain the stirring, I would walk to the altar to pray for salvation.

It has been 19,594-plus days since I made that walk of faith. The Bible presented to me in 1968 sustained me through my youth, becoming a constant companion during my Junior High years. However, high school was a

different story, and my trusted friend often rested on the corner of my dressing table as I struggled with my faith.

Today, the Bible has a favored spot on my desk, never too far from my reach. Its inside covers are still marked with decals of faith-based slogans that were popular in my youth. Small reminders are noted within its margins- scripted in my juvenile handwriting. Thumbing through its yellowed pages, I see times when I held to the Lord, trusting Him in everything. I also recognize those times when God clung to me as I wandered from His presence. And somehow, through it all, God has led me from a butterfly-ridden

little girl to where I am today.

Saint Augustine said, "Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe." I have not seen God; nonetheless, looking back, I can see the evidence of God in my life. Like many, my faith story has carried me on a journey of belief and, at times, unbelief. As I struggled with choices between right and wrong, I held to the promise that nothing could pull me from the Father's hand or the saving grace of Jesus (John 10:28-29).

The human heart will always be torn between doing right according to the holy scriptures and following one's will. In

the writings of the Apostle Paul, we learn of his constant battle between self and soul. He repeatedly spoke of wanting to do the good of God, that his spirit was willing, but his flesh was weak. Although Paul found his inner being delighted in the words of God, his mind frequently threatened to carry him from God's will and into his own desire (Romans 7).

The conflict Paul expressed is still present with us today. We all desire good; we all fall short of good. Hopefully, we can learn that God's grace is sufficient for each of us. The Psalmist writes that God teaches us to do His will, for His spirit is good, leading us to righteousness (Psalm

143). Perhaps now is the time to have the faith to believe what we cannot see. Let us step into the teachings of our Lord, proclaiming His good works through us.

2nd Corinthians 9:8-9 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "He has scattered abroad His gifts to the poor; His righteousness endures forever."

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

OUT TO PASTOR

Dizzy is as dizzy says



By **JAMES SNYDER**

ered the most severe level, I was not allowed to have any coffee for 12 hours before the test. I don't know about you, but I live on my morning coffee.

"You do know," I said to my doctor, "that without my coffee, I will be a mess?"

"That's all right, I've dealt with many people like that, and I plan to strap you down, and I will have a needle in my hand that I'm sure will direct your attention from your caffeine."

I was then escorted into a room with a nurse who told me I needed to remove my shirt and T-shirt so she could prep me.

I was nervous and told her, "That will cost you one dollar."

"What are you talking about?"

Looking at her seriously, I said, "I do not strip without getting paid."

It was then that my real stress test began. Nurses don't have a sense of humor.

I very cautiously removed my shirt and T-shirt and sat in the chair, and she came over and put all kinds of tabs on my chest. According to her, these tabs will be hooked up to lines that go to The Machine that will begin the test of my heart.

Getting all those tabs stuck on my chest in the right place took her

a while.

"You don't plan to electrocute me, do you?"

She looked at me with a sinister grin and said, "Time will tell."

Now my stress went up another notch.

This was just the beginning. According to the schedule, I had at least another 45 minutes under some machine that would be doing another level of stress testing.

I was escorted back to the room where this would occur and introduced to two young guys who would set me on this machine.

"I'm going to give you a shot of some medicine, and you might feel a little dizzy or lightheaded. Don't worry. It's part of the process."

That sure was easy for him to say he didn't have to go through all this nonsense.

"Just relax. You might hear noises, see things, lights, and so forth, but you're OK; everything is under

control."

I love it when a plan comes together, but this wasn't part of it.

I was put on the table, and then all of these cords were attached to the tabs on my chest. I was getting ready to go through that tunnel that was just behind me.

"You're going to be all right, and we have everything under control. Just relax, and maybe you even want to take a nap."

Right. I want to nap when somebody has hooked me up to cords I'm not sure what will happen. It's not that I don't trust doctors; I just don't trust doctors.

For the next 45 minutes, I was going through this machine, and I heard noises, saw flashes of light, and heard someone on the outside say, "Just breathe normally, and you might even just want to take a nap."

Then the stress test was over, and I could

put on my shirt and T-shirt. They said everything went through just fine, and the doctor would get to me sometime next week with the results. I was then ushered to the outside, where The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was waiting to take me home, which was the last level of my stress test.

As I walked out, a lot of people in the lobby area were waiting for their doctor's appointments. As I walked out, everybody looked at me, which brought me to another level of stress.

Feeling slightly dizzy, I looked back at them, then pointed both hands to my face and said, "I've just had a facelift. How does it look?"

For some reason, all the air was sucked out of the lobby, and even a couple laughed. Someone looked at my wife

and said, "Is that your husband?" She smiled and ushered me out of the room to the waiting Sissy Van.

Stress can be very stressful; at least, that's my experience.

I couldn't help but think of a verse of Scripture. "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:6-7).

I can try to handle everything on my own, or I can cast all my care upon the Lord. The choice is mine.

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Several years ago, I had a heart attack, which surprised my family and friends, who didn't know I had a heart. I was not sure I had a heart either until that day it attacked me.

What my heart had against me to attack me like that I still have not figured out.

Two years later, I have to go in for some tests, including a stress test.

The date was set for my test, and I wasn't supposed to drive myself because of the procedure, so The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage drove me to my appointment in her Sissy Van.

That alone was a stress test. Just riding in that Sissy Van prepared me for my stress test, and I don't believe the doctor could do anything more stressful.

I went to the cardiac place and prepared for the procedure that would last more than an hour.

The first level of stress, which I consid-

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Obituaries



Benny Morton Lovel

Benny Morton Lovel passed away on May 22, 2023. He was born March 11, 1930 in Cambria, Illinois to Helen Moore Lovel and Leo Holden Lovel.

Benny attended FSU. He spent many years in the automobile industry and was co-owner of Spring Creek Restaurant. In his earlier years he was part owner of one of the first outboard motor and boat stores in Tallahassee. He loved being on the water whether it was fishing or boat racing. He was avid sports fan, especially FSU. He was a member of Lake Ellen Baptist Church. Some of his fondest adventures with his family were camping trips, exploring, hunting and fishing, and Sunday afternoon drives. He loved to travel with the love of life Carolyn to Germany, Alaska, Mexico, Disney World and the foothills of Georgia. Anyone that

met Benny would be a friend.

He is predeceased by his wife of 52 years, Carolyn Brooks Lovel, and his special foster son, Jerry McDaniel.

Survivors include his three children, Leo Lovel (Mary Jane), Kenny Lovel (Starlett) and Julie Porter (Bruce); grandchildren, Ben Lovel (Tabi), Clay Lovel (Bree), Kris Lovel, Bradley Lovel (Priscilla), Nathan Porter (Nikki), Luke Porter, Victor Porter (Caitlin), Ca-Len Sherrill (Jon) and his beloved dog, Lady; 8 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were Saturday, May 27, 2023 at 11 a.m. at Lake Ellen Baptist Church. Skip and Trey Young along with Paula and Kimberly are assisting the family with arrangements. (850-926-5919, www.familyfhc.com)

DEATH NOTICES

• **Clarence Edwin McNeely**, 91, of Sopchoppy, died May 21, 2023. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• **Christopher “Chris” James Moultry Sr.**, 51, of Crawfordville, died May 24, 2023. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

BEREAVEMENT COLUMN

First things first



By **TRACY RENEE LEE**

My brother recently lost his wife to breast cancer. I spoke with him about a few things last night. I told him that he might begin to experience frustration or be impatient toward others because his needs during recovery will linger for quite some time. Friends and family will grow weary of his pain and think that he should get over his loss. They may become less tolerant and impatient for him to return to his normal

jovial self. The fact of the matter is that he was married to his wife for a very long time. His identity changed from that of a single man to that of a married man who loved and cherished his wife deeply. Everything about his life revolved and centered on the woman he loved. Now the center of his life, his wife, is missing. All that remains is her grave and the precious memories that break his heart, and leave him lonely and sad.

He lives in a very small town where there are no activities of distraction or opportunities for socialization. There are things that will help my brother through his recovery, and he has already accomplished the first two. The first task and first key for recovery are as follows.

ACCEPT REALITY

The first task of grieving is to accept the reality that your loved one is dead, that they are gone, and that they will not return.

The first key is recovery is to **DECIDE TO RECOVER**.

My brother is well beyond these first stages. He now suffers the aftermath of them. He realizes that his life has changed and he must adjust to these changes, and he is very motivated to end his suffering. He just isn't capable of changing with the snap of his finger. No one is.

He is focused on trying to nullify his pain. He is open to forming new attachments but he finds that his love for his wife interferes.

LONELINESS

Loneliness is frequently expressed by the bereaved, especially by those who have lost their spouses.

Social loneliness may be curbed through social support.

Emotional loneliness, however, is brought on by a broken attachment.

With such, a new attachment is the only remedy.

Certain survivors are unwilling to form new attachments and thereby endure severe loneliness indefinitely.

This behavior is more common among the elderly.

My brother lives very close to the cemetery where his wife is buried. He visits her grave multiple times daily. This is a good practice for him because it has propelled him past the realization that she is gone. He has

definitely accepted that she has passed away. This realization clears the pathway for him to move forward.

He has had her monument placed and on it is a piano keyboard. This is significant because he has memorialized her talent and love of music. He has temporarily suspended his jam sessions because it is too painful for him presently; however, as we were speaking last night, I told him that eventually, her music will bring him memories of joy.

He is progressing through the stages of grief recovery, albeit painful for him, in a timely and positive manner. I am watching him and trying to help him, but as I see the pain he suffers it inflicts pain within my soul for him. He will recover. He is surrounded

by family who love and care for him. It just takes time; painstakingly painful time.

My name is Tracy Renee Lee. I am a Certified Grief Counselor (GC-C), Funeral Director (FDIC), published author, syndicated columnist, Podcaster, and founder of the “Mikey Joe Children’s Memorial” and Heaven Sent, Corp. I write books, weekly bereavement articles, Podcasts, and Grief BRIEFS related to understanding and coping with grief. I am the American Funeral Director of the Year Runner-Up and recipient of the BBB’s Integrity Award.

For additional encouragement, please visit my podcast “Deadline” on Spotify and follow me on Instagram at “Deadline_TracyLee.”

Weekly Roundup: Off and running

By **RYAN DAILEY**
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — The wait is finally over.

Gov. Ron DeSantis this week put an end to a months-long tease about a possible presidential run and formally entered the race for the White House, pledging to be an “energetic executive” who “will get the job done.”

DeSantis made the announcement during a Twitter Spaces event with Elon Musk, the billionaire owner of the social-media site. Even before the event began, people questioned whether Twitter — which has been riddled with technical issues since Musk’s takeover of the platform last fall — could withstand the anticipated traffic.

Turns out, it couldn’t. The site, with more than 600,000 listeners trying to tune in, repeatedly glitched. The conversation with DeSantis eventually began after a more than 20-minute delay, with just a fraction of the initial participants connecting.

Early reports of the announcement focused more on the technical meltdown — labeled “embarrassing” by DeSantis detractors and “flattering” by supporters — than the content of his message.

DeSantis said one of his priorities as president would be an “overhaul” of agencies that oversaw the response to

the Covid-19 pandemic. His criticism of lockdowns and vaccination mandates has helped build his national political reputation with conservatives.

“These past few years have given me a new appreciation for the fragility of our freedoms,” DeSantis said.

DeSantis, whose team filed campaign paperwork earlier Wednesday with the Federal Election Commission, also used the online announcement to criticize the “legacy” media and “elites” whose “assumptions are never challenged.”

DeSantis’ tech troubles sparked a tongue-in-cheek barb from President Joe Biden, who tweeted a link to his campaign website with the line, “This link works.”

Trump’s campaign also took aim at DeSantis: “Glitchy. Tech issues. Uncomfortable silences. A complete failure to launch. And that’s just the candidate!” the Trump campaign said in a release.

Early polls have shown Trump leading DeSantis in the Republican primary fight, with other GOP candidates further behind. Trump, whose endorsement helped DeSantis get elected governor in 2018, contends DeSantis is being “disloyal” by mounting a challenge.

Trump has long viewed DeSantis as his top primary rival and

has used his Truth Social online site to insult and criticize DeSantis, including taunting the governor as Ron DeSanctimonious, which is often shortened to DeSanctus.

DeSantis didn’t directly address Trump during Wednesday’s interview with Musk. The governor will start barnstorming in early Republican battlegrounds next week, with public events scheduled in Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina.

THAT DIDN’T TAKE LONG

Hours before his presidential announcement, DeSantis signed into law a major elections bill — and immediately the legal battles began.

The bill (SB 7050), in part, cleared the way for the governor to enter the race for president without having to resign from office.

But the most-controversial parts of the bill are new restrictions on voter-registration groups.

Organizations such as the League of Women Voters of Florida, the NAACP and Hispanic Federation filed three federal lawsuits Wednesday and Thursday arguing that the restrictions violate First Amendment rights and will harm efforts to sign up Black and Hispanic voters.

The restrictions on “third-party” voter-reg-

istration groups include dramatically increasing fines for legal violations and preventing non-U.S. citizens and certain convicted felons from handling registration applications.

“The challenged provisions’ only aim, and indeed, only effect, is to limit the ability of 3PVROs (third-party registration groups) like LWVFL (the League of Women Voters) to register eligible Florida citizens to vote, and in so doing, persuade them to action by participating in the electoral process. Indeed, SB 7050 is part of a decades-long pattern of the Florida Legislature seeking to punish and deter the expressive conduct of third-party civic engagement organizations like LWVFL,” said a lawsuit filed by the League of Women Voters of Florida and the League of Women Voters of Florida Education Fund.

STORY OF THE WEEK: Ending months of speculation, Gov. Ron DeSantis formally announced his candidacy for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination during a glitch-riddled Twitter Spaces event.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “These onerous, overbroad, and vague requirements do not serve and cannot be justified by any compelling or legitimate state interest.” — Lawyers for the League of Women

Voters of Florida, in a lawsuit challenging an elections law (SB 7050)

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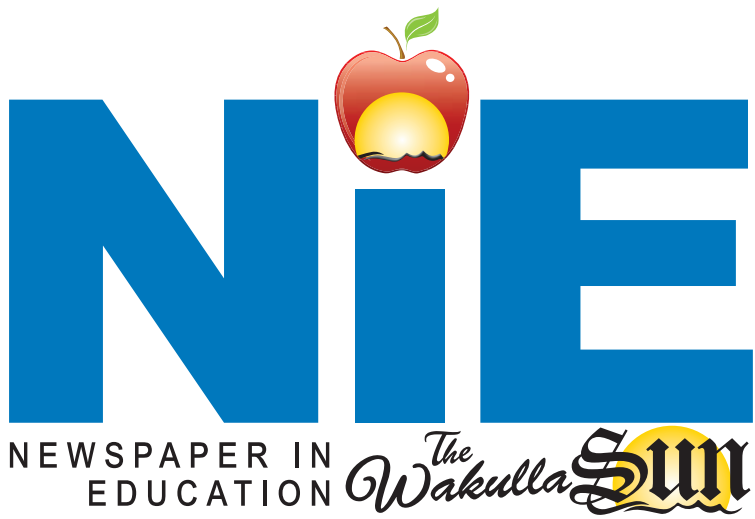
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USE THE NEWS

1. Outdoor Learning

For years and years, parents have been telling their children that it's good for them to "go outside and get some fresh air." Now schools are saying the same thing. In more and more states, outdoor preschools are being tried, and they have been growing in popularity with both teachers and parents. Long common in European countries like Denmark, Sweden and Germany, outdoor and nature preschools have more than tripled in number in the United States in the last five years, the Washington Post newspaper reports. At the same time, five states have introduced laws to support outdoor learning as an alternate to indoor preschool and childcare programs. With outdoor learning, children spend most of their time outside, where they get to learn from nature experiences, wildlife and changes in weather. Outdoor learning can lead to lower levels of stress and improve traits like leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, grit and perseverance, experts say. It also can improve academic performance, increase emotional health and boost motor skills and physical activity, among other things. "I see these kids thriving," said the director of an outdoor pre-school run by the Recreation and Parks Department in Baltimore, Maryland. "We let them play and respect the fact that they are learning through play." Outdoor learning has many benefits. With a partner, use the newspaper or Internet to find and study a photo of an outdoor scene. Use what you see to brainstorm a list of things students your age could learn by studying the outdoor setting. Stretch your thinking to include how you could use outdoor activities to improve math or language skills as well.

Goals: Closely reading written and visual texts to make logical inferences from them; citing specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions; conducting short research projects that build knowledge about a topic.

2. 'Super Fan' Journey

America's 63 National Parks are among the most popular natural attractions in the world. They have fans in every state and even have developed a following of "super fans" who seek to visit every single one. Two of the most recent people to achieve that milestone are a 93-year-old woman from the state of Ohio and her 41-year-old grandson. It took Joy Ryan and her grandson Brad Ryan seven-and-one-half years to complete their journey, but they finished it this

month with a visit to the National Park of American Samoa in the South Pacific Ocean. The park is the most remote of America's National Parks and the only National Park south of the Earth's equator, CNN News reported. It is located on a group of islands halfway between the U.S. state of Hawaii and the nation of New Zealand and features tropical scenery, rain forests, beaches and ocean reefs. "It was a long road to get here, but we couldn't have chosen a more epic place to conclude ... Grandma Joy's Road Trip!" Brad Ryan wrote on the Instagram Internet site. In completing their National Park journey, Joy Ryan became the oldest living person to visit every U.S. National Park. They were honored by the National Park of American Samoa when they arrived and received gifts and certificates of achievement from the National Park Service. "Their story is amazing, and we are grateful to be part of it," the Park Service said. Relatives and families often do unusual things that bring them

closer together. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read a story about relatives doing something unusual together. Use what you read to write a letter to a friend describing what the relatives did together, why they chose to do it and how it made them feel closer to each other. Share with the class and discuss things you would like to do with relatives that would bring you closer together.

Goals: Writing informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly; citing specific textual evidence when writing; responding thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarizing points of agreement and disagreement.

3. Pop-Up Libraries

It's often said that reading can take you anywhere, because books allow you to travel to places close to home and far away. In the city of Boston, Massachusetts, books themselves are doing some traveling, thanks to a new pop-up library program offered

through the city's Transportation Authority. The program makes electronic books from the Boston Public Library available at bus stops throughout the city at no charge — and users don't even need a library card. The "Browse, Borrow, Board" program allows bus riders at 20 stops to download books for free with electronic QR codes displayed on the sidewalks at bus stops of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. The codes allow bus riders to download up to five titles at a time for two-week periods. After two weeks, people can re-scan the QR code to register again and check out more materials. "This program builds on our efforts to make public transportation more enjoyable, while also connecting our residents to the resources that the Boston Public Library ... offers," Boston Mayor Michelle Wu said. Public libraries offer a wide range of books and materials for young readers, and they are a great resource for building reading skills during vacations and the summer months. As a class, discuss the types of books you like to read for fun or information. Then search the newspaper or

Internet for new books of the types you like. Pick three books you would like to read this summer and write a paragraph for each explaining why. Then use the Internet to find the website of a public library and find more books of the type you like to read. Can you download and read any of them electronically?

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.

4. No 'Frozen' Photos

The "Frozen" movies are among the most popular in the world — and that has made a tiny village very popular in the European nation of Austria. That's because the village of Hallstatt looks very similar to the scenery in the "Frozen" films, and thousands of people want to go there to take selfie pictures of themselves. Before the coronavirus epidemic, more than a million people a year would come to Hallstatt to take pictures in front of the sloping hills, wooden houses and the spire of the

church in the middle of town. Now Hallstatt officials are worried there will be too many visitors this summer and want to prevent "over-tourism." In response to complaints from the village of 750 people, the town has taken an unusual step to reduce the number of visitors. It has erected wooden barriers blocking the most popular view of the town for taking selfie photos, the AFP News group reported. "The only thing that would help" reduce the number of tourists "is if the photo point is no longer a photo point," Hallstatt's mayor told a local newspaper. Where would you like to go if you could visit a place featured in a movie you have seen? In the newspaper or online, find and closely read stories about this movie and real-life places connected to it. Use what you read and additional resources to make a chart of photos you would like to take of things or activities in this place if you visited. Share with the class.

Goals: Organizing data using lists, concrete objects, pictures, tallies, tables, charts, diagrams and graphs; conducting short research projects that build knowledge about a topic.



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9	8	20	

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7	3	6
9	5	2

Solution

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

R A N I B W P R O E

Answer: Brain power

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

CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. Sloping position
5. Descendant of a notable family
10. Following accepted norms
12. Root vegetable
14. Having a shape that reduces drag from air
16. Integrated circuit
18. Records electric currents of the heart
19. Used to anoint
20. Japanese city
22. After B
23. Muffles
25. Pass over
26. Vase
27. Soft touch
28. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
30. Patti Hearst's captors
31. Israeli politician
33. Degrade
35. Type of wrap
37. Polyurethane fabric
38. Avoids capture
40. Vegetarians avoid it
41. Decay
42. Soviet Socialist Republic
44. Vessel to bathe in

CLUES DOWN

45. Inches per minute (abbr.)
48. Frosts
50. Dipped into
52. Controversial replay system in soccer
53. Comforts
55. Needed for yoga
56. Ands/___
57. South Dakota
58. Printing system
63. Dramatic works set to music
65. Highest points
66. Social division
67. Used to treat Parkinson's disease

CLUES DOWN

1. Hill or rocky peak
2. Initial public offering
3. Type of light
4. Test
5. Flaky coverings
6. Former NFLer Newton
7. Part of the eye
8. Roman god of the underworld
9. Negative
10. Indiana pro basketball player
11. Replaces lost tissue

13. Denotes one from whom title is taken
15. Historic college hoops tournament
17. Hut by a swimming pool
18. Defunct European monetary unit
21. Feeds on insects
23. Adult male
24. Melancholic
27. Sheets of glass
29. Slang for famous person
32. Not good
34. "Ghetto Superstar" singer
35. The "World" is one
36. Used to make guacamole
39. Midway between south and southwest
40. Wet dirt
43. Ancient Egyptian name
44. Set of four
46. Strips
47. Wife
49. More dried-up
51. Socially inept person
54. Clusters on fern fronds
59. Bar bill
60. Prefix indicating "away from"
61. Very important person
62. Fiddler crabs
64. Special therapy

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Guess Who?

I am an actress born in California on May 29, 1989. I did runway modeling for Dolce & Gabbana as a teenager. I started in independent films and then went on to bigger roles. I am the granddaughter of a famous singer.

Answer: Riley Keough

Answer: Curds

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Angie Zace after receiving diploma.



Valedictorian Haley Taylor addresses the crowd.



Salutatorian Brianna Ly receiving her diploma before her speech to the Class of 2023.



WHS Alma Mater with vocalist Dawn Moody.

PHOTOS BY GERALD BROWN



Opening Statement by Benjamin Vaughn.



Friends take a selfie on graduation night.

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