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Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday Friday Saturday



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Hertz, Looney case delayed

The Florida Supreme Court issues a stay on Monday just as jury selection is getting underway in the death penalty case

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

The Florida Supreme Court issued a stay in the death penalty phase of the Guerry Wayne Hertz and Jason Looney murder trial just as jury selection was about to get underway on Monday, June 19.

Defense attorneys for Hertz and Looney filed motions at the Supreme Court on Sunday, June 18, requesting an emergency stay on grounds that the case should not be moving forward under the 8-4 standard for a jury recommendation for death.

In 1999, Hertz and

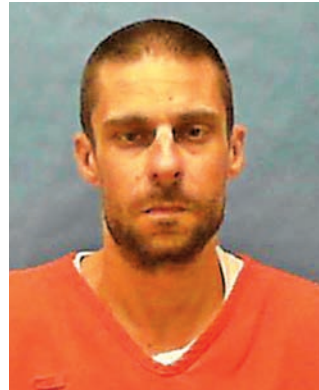
Looney were found guilty of the 1997 murders of Melanie King and Keith Spears. By a vote of 10-2, the jury recommended death, which was ordered by the court. Hertz and Looney have been on death row since 1999.

(A third man involved in the murders, Jimmy Dempsey, testified against Hertz and Looney at the trial in exchange for a sentence of life in prison.)

Since the conviction, the U.S. Supreme Court found that Florida's death penalty statute was inadequate because it failed to have jurors make a unanimous



Guerry Wayne Hertz



Jason Looney

finding that aggravating factors exist that would qualify the defendant for the death penalty.

The Florida Supreme Court weighed in that a unanimous jury recommendation for death is required. After a change

in justices, the new Supreme Court contended that decision was wrong. Prompted by Parkland school shooter Nikolas Cruz not getting a 12-0 recommendation for death, the state Legislature weighed in during

the recent lawmaking session and set the bar at an 8-4 jury recommendation for death.

Wakulla Circuit Court Judge Layne Smith had ruled the Hertz-Looney jury would face the 8-4 standard.

The Hertz-Looney attorneys asked the Supreme Court for direction on death cases going forward.

Assistant State Attorney Eddie Evans, who is heading the prosecution of Hertz and Looney, said that Attorney General Ashley Moody's office did not object to the motion – in consultation with the state attorney's office – in order to get

clarity on the matter.

(As chief Wakulla prosecutor back in 1999, Evans prosecuted the case with then-State Attorney Willie Meggs.)

The clerk's office had sent out jury summonses to 300 citizens, with 100 ordered to report on Monday morning, another 100 Monday afternoon, and 100 on Tuesday morning with the goal to seat 12 jurors and two alternates.

On July 26, 1997, Hertz, Looney, and Dempsey were bored and walking around looking for a way to get to Tallahassee. A woman who lived approximately

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New owner Rani Richardson recently re-opened Bo Lynn's in St. Marks. The iconic grocery store, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, closed in 2021 after the death of Miss Joy Brown, who bought it from founder J.T. 'Bo' Lynn.

Bo Lynn's re-opens

Story & Photos By
LINDA ANN McDONALD
Correspondent

Bo Lynn's Grocery Store in St. Marks has officially re-opened.

Once a nurse working in Orlando, new owner Rani Richardson decided to embark on a new life journey and come to Wakulla County. Although Richardson grew up in Alabama, she feels the appeal of the City of St. Marks: her mother was former principal of COAST Charter School in St. Marks and knows the love a small community has to offer.

Richardson bought the store from Miss Joy Brown's son Jeff Brown and granddaughter Bettina Brown in September 2022 to take on the historical building she felt "was sacred and worth saving."

Bo Lynn's Grocery Store was opened in 1936 by J.T. "Bo" Lynn and was later sold to Miss Joy in 1965 and was open until her death in 2021. The store was listed on the National



Bicyclists Cassie McGlynn, Scot Benton, and Lee Berger at Bo Lynn's. 'The store is back to life,' McGlynn says.

Register of Historic Places in 2017.

"It has always been a meeting place, community hub, groceries, hot food options, visiting options, and of course, lotto," Richardson says.

"The store is more open in area and a new fresh feel to the original counter, it was painted white with a new black countertop."

Richardson was adamant that "This will definitely stay" when asked about the future of the nostalgic front check-out counter.

"The store is a fun place to come through for happy hour or an impromptu gathering. If a golf cart stops, it is funny how they start accumulating. We know each other on a first

name basis here," Richardson says.

"I am committed to not changing it much and I made sure I held on to the heart and soul of what it has always been. Although the store is gently updated and caringly modernized, I didn't want to lose the old charm and I am careful to preserve the feel of it," Richardson says.

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City of Sopchoppy gets 'clean audit' from firm

Also, recommendations sought from engineering firm on needed improvements to city water system

By **MELISSA JAGGEARS**
Correspondent

The City of Sopchoppy's finances appear to be in good shape, according to an audit presentation at this month's City Council meeting, which was held on Monday, June 12.

Chris Salek, from James Moore & Company in Tallahassee, went over a preliminary report, concluding, "Sopchoppy has had a good year and shows a strong balance sheet; it's a clean audit."

Salek praised the city for its conservative approach to finances, including having low-risk investments. When the final audit is completed, it will be forwarded to the state for review.

In other matters at the meeting:

- The city is consulting with a civil engineering firm to study its water system. Baskerville-Donovan Inc. of Pensacola, is examining Sopchoppy's water pipes, tanks and wells to determine what changes or improvements may be needed to keep up with current and future demand.

Richard Delp, a consultant with BDI, said at Monday's meeting that the company is still running tests, including studies of how different water pressures flow through the current infrastructure. He does not have any firm recommendations yet.

Seth Green, Director of Sopchoppy's Public Works Department, said that he expects a "multi-faceted approach" will be needed to address the future needs of the water system.

City Commissioner Michele Harden said she hopes that the consulting firm will have some clear recommendations by next month's meeting.

- The Council also voted to give \$500 to North Florida Glory Softball, a group of several softball teams of girls up to age 18.

For teams that are eligible to enter a softball tournament, the entry fee costs about \$525 per team.

City Commissioner Fred McClendon spoke highly of the organization and all that they do for the girls. "They need and deserve all the help they can get," McClendon said.

Alison Delong, who represented the group at Monday's meeting, said about 70% of the girls are local, and about 30% are from surrounding areas. Delong thanked the council for the donation.

Editor's Note

Because of the Juneteenth holiday on Monday, June 19, there is no Sheriff's Report in this week's issue.

The report will return next week and include this week's law enforcement activity.

Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park Adam's Needle

By LYNN ARTZ, SANDY TEDDER
and DAVID RODDENBERRY



The tall flower stalk on the Adam's needle.

Adam's needle (*Yucca filamentosa*) is a small evergreen shrub that looks like it belongs in the southwest rather than Florida. Its sword-shaped leaves have sharp tips and thread-like filaments along their edges. In early summer, a tall flower stalk emerges to display nodding, cream-colored flowers. Hummingbirds and butterflies visit and yucca moths pollinate the blooms. Giant skipper caterpillars feed on the leaves. Also called beargrass, this slow grower prefers full sun and dry, sandy soil. Adam's needle grows in scrub, sandhills, and coastal dunes in much of Florida. Its cousin, Spanish bayonet (*Yucca aloifolia*), has stiffer leaves, multiple trunks, and gets much larger. Adam's needle is just 3 feet tall and makes a striking specimen. Adam's needle recently finished blooming near the entrance to Sopchoppy Depot Park.

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Class of 2003

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to mark 20 years since graduation. The reunion was held at the historic Lodge at Wakulla Springs State Park. (Special to The Sun)

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Hertz-Looney trial

From Front Page

500 yards from the Spears-King home said that, at approximately 2 a.m., Hertz came to her home requesting to use her telephone because "his truck had broken down." She refused and the three men resumed their walk up the road towards the home of King and Spears.

Acting as a decoy, Dempsey and Hertz knocked on the front door and asked if they could use a telephone. King gave them a cordless telephone and Dempsey pretended to make a call. When Dempsey started to hand the phone back to King, Hertz forced his way into the home at

gunpoint.

Looney entered after him and targeted Spears with his rifle. King and Spears were forced face down on their bed after being bound and gagged with duct tape. After stealing various items and loading the stolen goods into the victims' two vehicles, Hertz and Looney decided that they could not leave witnesses and then informed Dempsey of their plan.

King told the defendants that she would "rather die being burnt up than shot."

She then stated, "Please, God, don't shoot me in the head." Hertz replied, "Sorry, can't do that," before he shot her. Looney started firing and was followed by

Dempsey. Both King and Spears died as a result of the gunshot wounds.

After the shootings, the house was set afire. Looney drove away in the victims' Ford Mustang with Dempsey as a passenger, while Hertz drove the victims' white Ford Ranger.

Hertz, Looney, and Dempsey then drove to Daytona Beach where they were involved in a shootout after a police pursuit. Looney and Dempsey abandoned the Mustang and were arrested as they were fleeing the scene. Hertz suffered a gunshot wound to the head and paid \$100 for a cab-ride to his aunt's St. Augustine home. Hertz was arrested that day and police discovered Spears' 9mm gun in Hertz's bag.

Wakulla County Tax Collectors Office

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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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Bo Lynn's re-opens

From Front Page

"Miss Joy is hopefully happy to see it come back to life, to see the community hub, and see the people she loved still frequenting and enjoying the store."

"It is such a special place and I promise to take care of it. I figured if Joy could do it by herself, I will try it too; the store has only been open for 6 weeks and the community is slowly recognizing it is still the same special store it always has been," Richardson says.

"It is important to be consistent for the people who need food, coffee, groceries and a chair to feel welcome. There is

always food and conversation going, who knows where this is going to.

"It's always nice to know what to expect, good coffee, good service and great people. We offer breakfast Thursday through Sunday and new to the store is a single beer or wine by the glass and there is indoor and outdoor seating to enjoy."

Next to the store is Richardson's brother Ryan's food truck Ry Ry's Kitchen which offers barbecue Thursday through Sunday.

"Erin Farmer is a friend who helps me run the store. You can find me or Erin here every day, we are open 7 days a week," Richardson

stated.

Bicyclist Scot Benton, partner Cassie McGlynn and friend Lee Berger visited the store often before the new ownership.

"We used to come here a lot and when Miss Joy passed away, we would come down this road and see no action," says McGlynn. "We saw the remodeling of the store, gas tanks taken away... It took some time, but the store is back to life."

"The favorite thing of my new journey owning the store is the history that has been here – as long as it has – and it has always thrived. The second favorite thing is the community's response has been great, and embracing us," Richardson says with a smile.

Local Republican Party awards Freedom scholarships

By LINDA ANN McDONALD

The Wakulla Republican Executive Committee announced the five recipients of the first ever Wakulla Freedom Scholarships on Monday, June 12.

The \$1,000 scholarships were competitive, and recipients were selected based on their 2023 graduation from Wakulla public, private or home schools. Each recipient authored an essay on the importance of Freedom and how it affects the citizens of Wakulla County.

More than 2,000 Wakulla County students attend grades 7-12. The Wakulla Republican Executive Committee recognizes the value of the youth in our community, and we are committed to fostering education on civics that is pro-America, pro-Liberty, and pro-Freedom. Our goal is to provide the tools and experiences our youth need to gain perspective, resilience and a commitment to this nation we all love so much.

Recipients include Sydney Andres (Wakulla Christian School), Cole Hening (Wakulla High School), Britton Nichols (Wakulla High School),



Local GOP Chair Mike Watkins with school board member Josh Brown and the five scholarship recipients – Sydney Andres (Wakulla Christian School), Cole Hening (Wakulla High School), Britton Nichols (Wakulla High School), Braeden Paul (Wakulla High School), and Taylor Pierini (Wakulla Christian School) – with state Rep. Jason Shoaf and school board chair Melisa Taylor.

(Wakulla High School), Braeden Paul (Wakulla High School), and Taylor Pierini (Wakulla Christian School).

The scholarships has no limits; it can be applied to traditional post-secondary schools or to students pursuing a trade.

Cole Hening, scholar-

ship recipient said, "I am happy to be here; I have my eyes on being a Line-man and moving forward with my dreams."

Britton Nichols said, "I am honored, and I look forward to using my scholarship for my tuition for the 2-year plan to TCC and the transition 2 year plan

to FSU, I am deciding on majoring in Business." When asked what she will bring with her from Wakulla to her new school, Britton said, "I will treat my peers like I was treated in Wakulla County, which is with respect and kindness."

Braeden Paul will be attending Enterprise

State College playing soccer, Sydney Andres plans on going to Gulf State for Business and have her Realtor's license by October while Taylor Pierini will be going to TCC and FSU with an interest in Psychology.

Wakulla County Commissioner Mike Kemp,

who attended the awards ceremony, said, "This is one of the best things we have done to give our youth a better understanding of what Republicans stand for and what we stand for."

Commissioner Ralph Thomas said, "I think it's good the GOP can recognize the achievements of these young patriots. I hope where they decide to go, they continue to remember America, our Constitution, our Freedom and the importance of protecting this everyday."

Sherry Parks said, "We hope the students stay true to the core concepts our nation was built on and to not waive to popular misconceptions that are prevalent to our culture today."

Mike Watkins, local GOP chair said, "These young men and women are shining examples in our community and they are committed to protecting our freedom. They have put in the hard work to build their character, and their opportunity to further their education."

"Today we celebrate their success and we want to promote their pursuit of the American Dream," Watkins said.

Sheriff's office adds David Conn as mental health coordinator

NWF Health Network is funding the position

Special to The Sun

In the ongoing fight against substance abuse and mental health issues in our community, Sheriff Miller and the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, with the help of the NWF Health Network have added a new member to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office – David Conn, as a substance abuse and mental health coordinator.

The sheriff's office received funding through the NWF Health Network for a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Coordinator. With the help of NWF Health Network, this coordinator will be available to help residents who are seeking assistance with their substance abuse or mental health needs.

"Our goal is to implement a strategy that includes prevention, enforcement, and rehabilitation for citizens in need in our community," said Sheriff Jared Miller.

The new coordinator will meet with individuals seeking assistance and help to provide them with



Sheriff Jared Miller with David Conn and NWF Health Network CEO Mike Watkins.

the resources that best fit them as they choose their next step to recovery. These resources will be free and available to residents of all ages." This new position is responsible for assessing and coordinating substance abuse recovery and prevention programs, as well as mental health services, to meet the needs of the community.

"Everyone at NWF Health Network would like to thank Sheriff Miller for prioritizing this resource to the community. NWF Health Network is committed to making sure our families and kids get everything they need deal with and overcome substance abuse and mental health issues," said Mike Watkins, NWF Network CEO.

If you or a loved one is seeking more information regarding substance abuse programs or mental health services, please contact the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, 850-745-7100 and ask to speak with David Conn.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
PATRICIA GAIL WHITE,
DECEASED.

CASE NO. 2023-CP-66

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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The name of the Decedent, the designation of the Court in which the administration of this Estate is pending, and the file number are indicated above. The address of the Court is Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's Attorney are set forth below.

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The Decedent's death was on August 22, 2022.

The date of first publication of this Notice was June 15, 2023

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09B - Acoustical Ceilings	27C - Intercom System
09C - Epoxy Flooring	28A - Access Control System
09D - Tile, Carpet & Resilient Flooring	28B - Video Surveillance System
09E - Acoustical Wall Panels	28C - Fire Alarm System
09F - Painting	31A - Site
10A - Building & Site Accessories	32A - Fencing

Subcontractor Bid Proposals will be received until 2:00pm Eastern Time on June 29, 2023, at Allstate Construction, Inc., 5718 Tower Road, Tallahassee, FL 32303.

Pre-Bid Site Visit will be held on June 14, 2023, 10:00am Eastern Time at 3237 Coastal Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327.

Bid Proposal documents are available from Allstate Construction, Inc.

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Second oyster reef restoration experiments finished

From Apalachicola Bay System Initiative

In early May, the Apalachicola Bay System Initiative (ABSI) completed its second round of oyster reef restoration experiments. With the help of almost 20 local oystermen and women, they were able to effectively deploy 416 cubic yards of limerock, 416 cubic yards of concrete, and 96 cubic yards of shell into the Cat Point area of Apalachicola.

These materials were strategically deployed between 16 sites (50 ft x 26 ft) along the Cat Point region, approximately 2,000 feet southeast from the nearest shoreline. The 16 sites were further broken down into 4 areas with 4 distinct treatment types. Treatments were comprised of the following:

1. 2-6" limerock deployed 15" high
2. 2-6" limerock deployed 12" high with 3" of cured shell deployed on top
3. 4-6" concrete deployed 15" high
4. 4-6" concrete de-



PHOTO BY RAND ROMAS

An oysterman carefully dumps concrete pieces onto one of the offshore restoration experiment sites. The green site, marked out by a 16-foot PVC pole has 12 inches of concrete pieces and 3 inches of shell on top.

ployed 12" high with 3" of cured shell deployed on top.

The deployment will help to further clarify how substrate type (limerock, concrete, and shell) potentially affects oyster growth rates and mortality, spat settle-

ment, predator presence, and overall oyster health. ABSI aims to continuously monitor these 16 sites over the next 2 years. A deployment of this scale would not have been successfully completed in only five days if

it was not for the support and collaboration of local oystermen and women. ABSI is excited to monitor the sites and is looking forward to sharing their results with the public in due time!

The Apalachicola Bay System Initiative (ABSI) seeks to gain insight into the root causes of the decline of the Bay's ecosystem and the deterioration of oyster reefs. Ultimately, the ABSI will develop a management and restoration plan for the oyster reefs and the health of the Bay. Funded by Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., ABSI is developing a plan in concert with the agencies responsible for the management and conservation of the region, the stakeholders whose lives are tied inextricably to these waters, and the natural and social scientists whose research will help inform the resulting policy decisions. The scientific and logistical hub of ABSI is the Florida State University Coastal & Marine Laboratory located in St. Teresa, Franklin County.

Full moon climb at Carrabelle light

Special to The Sun

Join the Crooked River Lighthouse for a Full Moon Climb on Monday, July 3rd from 8 to 10 p.m. in Carrabelle.

Climb to the top of the tallest lighthouse on the Forgotten Coast and see breathtaking views of the bay and Carrabelle Beach under the glow of the full moon. Enjoy an after-hours visit of the Keeper's

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Advance reservations for a climb timeslot are required. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$3 for children.

All climbers must be at least 44 inches tall. For reservations or questions, call 850-697-2732.

Funded in part by the Franklin County Tourist Development Council.

LETTERS FROM READERS

Road work keeps cutting internet

Editor, The Sun:

Outside, the hawthorns, oaks, hickory trees, palms and pines stopped dripping. In fact, the vegetation is resting; it is calm and quiet after the hours-long midnight light show, constant thunder, gusting rain.

Had I experienced the thousands of lightning flashes per second in my 80 years on this earth? Without any access to research about my environment in North Florida, it is almost impossible to dig through the files in my brain. For now, I am emulating the calmness of the outside.

Inside the house—a different calmness. The only sound is from the radio. No flashing lights on the modem. No blue, no red and certainly no green. That is life without access to the worldwide web. It has been this way for a week. This is the second time road work in unit one of Wakulla Gardens has severed the telephone line.

Depending on whether I want to look up an exotic recipe, or have my morning Wordle fix, reality mirrors this morning's outside. All is calm, all is quiet.

It is too quiet. There is no certainty any more that the internet provider, or the workers digging deep holes in my access roads to Wakulla Gardens have a clue that we are back here in the woods. Are we beyond reach of the modern world? Maybe so. This might

be a good thing, right? "An agent will be back with you shortly." The concept of "shortly" means Century Link has gone bananas with its texts that are the only response to outage reports.

I am grateful that we have no children addicted to any electronic media. Yet my brain is addicted. The embarrassing realization pokes holes in my calmness. There is no more access to the international media I relish reading in the morning, or instant answers to INaturalist or Merlin to affirm what I am seeing outside.

Ooops, I spoke too soon. The Rusty Haw outside my picture window just caught a large branch from the Laurel Oak. The wood piles are teetering. A reminder that I may have to contact Century Link (again) to tell that company that I appreciate some of their workers trying for more than a week to discern what has been broken underneath the roads. I have no intention of paying their full monthly bill.

We have an outside antenna — when it storms, it is spotty at best. I may have to resort to NO television as well. Except for the weather forecasters. That way I will know when my forest will begin shaking off more moisture or limbs while I resurrect my yoga mat to straighten up.

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◀ Question of The Week ▶

– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Asked at Crawfordville Quick Stop on a rainy day: What do you like about the rain?



TAMMI COX
QUICK STOP

“Its good fishing weather! The fish come rolling in with the tide. My daddy taught me that a long time ago.”



CLIFF “TAZ” HANCOCK
CORNERSTONE TOOLS

“It waters all the plants, keeps nature and wildlife going. It fills Wakulla Springs. And my daughter, Issy, and I like to dance in it.”



CHUCK ROBINSON
I.T.

It keeps me from getting sunburned.”



CULLEN MORRIS
BIOLOGIST

“I like seeing the Sopchoppy River rise and back-up into the woods.”



WILLIE JEFFERSON
RETIRED

It helps all the crops grow.”

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wakulla Station News

By **VERNA BROCK**

I'm going to start with the best news first. Sebastian Mosley-Bennet received his new heart this past weekend and is doing really well. Family and friends are overjoyed, but everyone recognizes there is still a journey ahead. His family asks

that we remember the family of the donor child. It was their generosity in sharing their child's organs that has saved the lives of other babies. All of your loving prayers are so appreciated and welcome.

I hope everyone had a happy Father's Day this past Sunday. Ed and I celebrated, with me taking him out

to Sunday dinner!

I was very excited to read that the Wakulla County Public Library will be getting a slice of the funding pie in the near future. Having watched the library develop over the years, always growing with the county's needs, I can't wait to see what's coming. I know they are outgrowing their current digs, so this hasn't come a minute too soon.

Please continue to lift Clem Bun-

ker, the Carter families, the Lynn family, the Vickery family, the Kendrick family, the Hurst family, the Hobby family, the Hodges family and the Sloan-Peacock family in your prayers.

Thelma Watts was able to receive a pacemaker and is growing stronger, and Faye Sweeney continues to need our prayers.

Buckhorn News

By **ETHEL SKIPPER**

Hope everyone had a good Father's Day.

It always brings good memories back to me – I had a great father, we spent days, nights, weeks, months, years of time together.

He always had something to make you feel happy – words of encouragement or a good meal he had cooked.

My daddy taught us about life – my three sisters and three brothers.

I always wanted to be like my daddy because he had a way about him that made everybody feel like they were loved and cared for.

I am thankful to my Heavenly Father because He did what no earthly father could do – He died to save us and set us free from all our sin.

We can pray that, as believers in Christ Jesus, men and women, boys and girls everywhere will be saved from their sins.

During the rough times of life we can pray. We can pray when things

are going good in our life. Prayer is the Christian's greatest weapon, and it is the key that will open locked doors for us.

We should start our day with prayer and end with prayer. The Word says that we should always pray. When we pray, have faith and believe in God for what you ask you will receive.

It is time people of God united, not just in words, but in prayer.

Let us pray for world leaders and ask God for men and women who love Him.

We want to give a shout-out to the fathers for their participation

in the Special Fathers Day Service held at Skipper Temple Church on your special day. The Father's Day message was delivered by Deacon Larry Bell. Thanks to Elder Andrew Morris and all the fathers and everyone in the fellowship. May the Lord bless you real good.

Our prayers and concern goes out to all the sick and shut-in, those in hospitals, nursing homes, prison, the homeless, those who have lost loved ones and family members. Let us pray for one another, and reach out to those in need everywhere. Our prayer can reach places we won't go.

On the Horizon

Calendar of events for the week of June 22

Thursday, June 22

- 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 23

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

Saturday, June 24

- 3rd Annual Gage Pitman Rockin' Reds Fishing Tournament will be held at Woolley Park in Panacea from 9 a.m. to 4 pm. over the weekend.
- Sopchoppy Opry at the Historic Sopchoppy High School Auditorium featuring Tony Anderson and Easy Company starting at 7 p.m. Individual show tickets are \$15 each.
- St. Marks Community Market, sponsored by Discover St. Marks, will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 815 Port Leon Drive.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

Monday, June 26

- The Sopchoppy Lions Club meets the 4th Monday of each month at the Historic Sopchoppy High School at 6:30 p.m.
- 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 27

- 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 28

- 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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HOME ON THE RANGE

Perception of micro compact & compact handguns



By MARJ LAW

"This is so cool!" exclaims Ella. "I get to see four small guns in action, then shoot them myself!"

Ella has a Ruger Mark IV. She understands the rules of the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range, and has shot here a few times before. I am confident she will keep the muzzle of a gun pointing down range and will keep her finger off the trigger until she is ready to shoot. Of course, I'm confident that Joe and I are watching her as well.

"Those little guys are practically the same gun." She's looking at the Sig Sauer .380 P238 and the Sig 9mm P938 Scorpion. "And they're so tiny! I know they'll be super simple to shoot, because they are light and small. They'll fit easily into my carry purse. Which one is better?"

She's right. They are extremely similar when you're just looking at them.

For instance, the .380 weighs just 15 ounces, while the 9mm weighs 16 ounces. Pretty close, huh?

The .380's barrel is 2.7 inches, while the 9mm's is 3 inches. While the .380 is 5.5 inches overall, the 9mm is a bit longer at

6 inches.

They are both 1.1 inches wide. They are also both 3.9 inches tall.

So, yes, I'd say they both will fit nicely into most carry purses, and if you plan to carry on your body, they'll both fit in or outside the waistband.

Ella is a fairly new shooter. Her preconceived notion that because the size of the guns is so similar, that they will be also similar to shoot.

She holds the .380 and aims. Then she holds the 9mm and aims.

"They even feel the same in my hands!" she says happily. "Now, Marj. You shoot the .380. Then I'll watch Joe shoot the 9mm."

I'm shooting offhand. (That's my left. I'm very right-handed.)

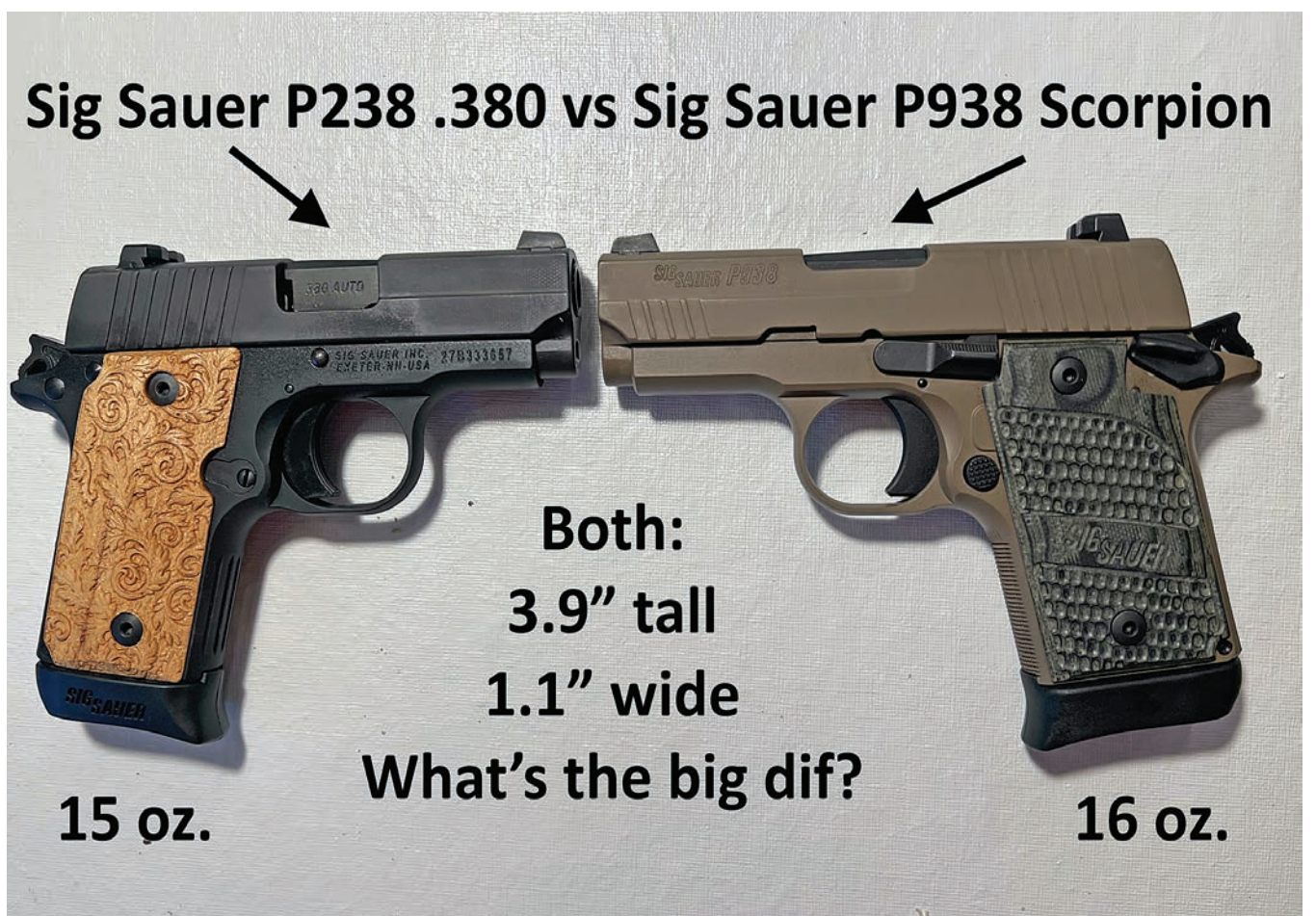
Since the .380 is mine, I know it has a light trigger pull and trigger travel is short. The recoil is easy, but you need to hold tightly. Short grips usually don't allow you to hold on with all your fingers. You have more control when your pinky and ring fingers can fit on the grip. Fortunately, my fingers are small and I have no problem with the grip.

We are shooting 5 rounds with each gun. We are shooting at small 5.5 inch targets.

I grip and aim the .380. Five shots.

Well, that's not so good. Only three of the rounds have hit the target. And they're not close to the x-ring. However, if we're looking at aiming for critical mass, staying on or close to a target this size isn't too bad.

I've done much bet-



ter. Sigh. Don't we shoot better when no one is watching?

Next, Joe shoots the very similar 9mm P938 Scorpion.

Well, it's surprisingly not so similar after all. Yes, he hits the target with all five rounds. However, the holes are scattered, and not near the x-ring. But hey, they're on the target! That's the bottom line.

"Your hands moved upwards quite a bit," notices Ella. "Looks like that gun has a lot more kick than the .380."

"Yes," agrees Joe. "It has more recoil than the next gun I'm going to shoot. I prefer the Sig Sauer 365 X-Comp. The 365 is also a 9mm gun, but is compact rather than micro. The barrel is barely larger than the P938 that I just shot. It's 3.1 inch versus the 3 inch Scorpion."

It's more than a half inch longer overall, and weighs 21.5 ounces

versus the Scorpion's 16 ounces. The height on the 365 is a full 5.2 inches versus that Scorpion's 3.9 inches. You'd have to decide whether you can or whether you want to fit this guy in a purse. However, you might not have a problem carrying it on your body.

While the other guns we shoot today are hammer guns, this 365 is striker-fired. No hammer. I don't usually prefer striker-fired guns, but I find this one to be very accurate. Also, it carries 17 rounds in the magazine. And it has a flat trigger. I like a flat trigger.

He aims. Shoots. Ah. All five rounds group tightly around the x-ring with one smack in the red bull's-eye. Nice.

Next, I shoot the Smith & Wesson Equalizer. It's also a compact 9mm handgun. It's a bit more than a half

ounce heavier than the 365 and has a barrel that is slightly more than a half an inch longer. Right out of the box, it comes with 10, 13 and 15-round magazines. You get an UpLula too!

Still shooting offhand, I plug all five rounds into the target. Ha! This time, I get a fairly close grouping with one in the x-ring.

"I'm not so sure I'd want to shoot that 9mm Scorpion," Ella comments. "I thought it would be as easy to manage as the .380 238. They are so close in size and the grip feels the same, but the 9mm packs so much more kick. I don't want that."

I'm looking for a defensive carry gun. After watching you guys, I'd consider the three other guns. If I decide to carry in my purse, it's the .380: hands down. For carry appendix style?

I can't decide between the Sig 365

X-Comp and the S&W Equalizer."

She takes her turn and shoots these two guns.

"Wow." Ella's impressed. "I like them both. Looking up pricing, I see that the S&W Equalizer with its 3 magazines and UpLula is about \$200 less than the Sig 365 with 2 magazines.

I like \$200 less. If you'd asked me which gun to choose an hour ago, I'd have gone with the Sig 938 Scorpion because it's more powerful than the .380. But it shoots a lot harder.

Since I'm looking for a defensive gun, I'll choose the Equalizer. I'll wear it instead of carrying it in my purse.

Size isn't everything."

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 an anhinga drying its wings on a cypress knee.



HAWKSBILL SEA TURTLE
(*Eretmochelys imbricata*)

Reaching about 150 pounds as an adult, this turtle prefers to be in coastal waters where it can easily find its favorite food, sponges. It's omnivorous and will also eat mollusks, jellyfish, fish, shellfish and algae. When they are young their shell is heart shaped but as they grow it becomes oval. The pattern on their carapaces is made from overlapping bony plates. Unfortunately these turtles are still being killed for their shell and eggs. They have become critically endangered, mostly due to the activity of humans.

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June 22 - June 28



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June 18-30

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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.

Thursday 22
Sun rise/set 6:36AM 8:41PM
Moon rise/set 10:24AM ----
Moon Illumination 17%
Friday 23
Sun rise/set 6:36AM 8:41PM
Moon rise/set 11:20AM 12:15AM
Moon Illumination 24%
Saturday 24
Sun rise/set 6:36AM 8:41PM
Moon rise/set 12:14PM 12:45AM
Moon Illumination 33%
Sunday 25
Sun rise/set 6:36AM 8:42PM
Moon rise/set 1:08PM 1:12AM
Moon Illumination 42%
Monday 26
Sun rise/set 6:37AM 8:42PM
Moon rise/set 2:02PM 1:38AM
Moon Illumination 52%
Tuesday 27
Sun rise/set 6:37AM 8:42PM
Moon rise/set 2:59PM 2:05AM
Moon Illumination 62%
Wednesday 28
Sun rise/set 6:37AM 8:42PM
Moon rise/set 3:58PM 2:33AM
Moon Illumination 71%

St. Marks River Entrance

Th	6:07 am ▲ 3.1 ft	11:06 am ▼ 1.7 ft	4:48 pm ▲ 3.7 ft	
Fr	12:06 am ▼ 0.4 ft	6:44 am ▲ 3.1 ft	11:53 am ▼ 1.7 ft	5:30 pm ▲ 3.4 ft
Sa	12:39 am ▼ 0.4 ft	7:22 am ▲ 3.0 ft	12:48 pm ▼ 1.7 ft	6:19 pm ▲ 3.2 ft
Su	1:15 am ▼ 0.7 ft	8:02 am ▲ 3.0 ft	1:53 pm ▼ 1.6 ft	7:24 pm ▲ 2.9 ft
Mo	1:58 am ▼ 1.0 ft	8:45 am ▲ 3.0 ft	3:09 pm ▼ 1.4 ft	8:52 pm ▲ 2.7 ft
Tu	2:49 am ▼ 1.3 ft	9:29 am ▲ 3.0 ft	4:25 pm ▼ 1.1 ft	10:32 pm ▲ 2.6 ft
We	3:47 am ▼ 1.6 ft	10:15 am ▲ 3.2 ft	5:32 pm ▼ 0.7 ft	11:59 pm ▲ 2.8 ft

City of St. Marks

Th	12:39 am ▼ 0.0 ft	6:43 am ▲ 2.9 ft	12:10 pm ▼ 1.5 ft	5:24 pm ▲ 3.4 ft
Fr	1:10 am ▼ 0.2 ft	7:20 am ▲ 2.8 ft	12:57 pm ▼ 1.5 ft	6:06 pm ▲ 3.2 ft
Sa	1:43 am ▼ 0.4 ft	7:58 am ▲ 2.8 ft	1:52 pm ▼ 1.5 ft	6:55 pm ▲ 2.9 ft
Su	2:19 am ▼ 0.6 ft	8:38 am ▲ 2.8 ft	2:57 pm ▼ 1.4 ft	8:00 pm ▲ 2.7 ft
Mo	3:02 am ▼ 0.9 ft	9:21 am ▲ 2.8 ft	4:13 pm ▼ 1.3 ft	9:28 pm ▲ 2.5 ft
Tu	3:53 am ▼ 1.2 ft	10:05 am ▲ 2.9 ft	5:29 pm ▼ 1.0 ft	11:08 pm ▲ 2.5 ft
We	4:51 am ▼ 1.4 ft	10:51 am ▲ 3.0 ft	6:36 pm ▼ 0.6 ft	

Shell Point, Spring Creek

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Sa	1:04 am ▼ 0.5 ft	7:40 am ▲ 3.1 ft	1:05 pm ▼ 1.8 ft	6:38 pm ▲ 3.2 ft
Su	1:42 am ▼ 0.7 ft	8:21 am ▲ 3.1 ft	2:16 pm ▼ 1.6 ft	7:52 pm ▲ 2.9 ft
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Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

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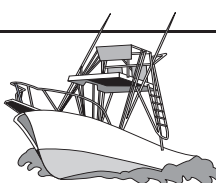
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Best hunting and fishing based on solunar times. MAJOR feeding periods are 2 hours long, centered on the solunar time. MINOR feeding periods are only 1 hour long, again centered on the solunar time.



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



We hope that all the fathers and father-figures out there had a safe and happy Father's Day!

Last week, we shared some information published in the 2022 USCG Boating Coast Guard summary of the recreational boating statistics. The report stated that "Most incidents occur in benign conditions—calm waters, light wind, and good visibility—under which you may least expect to end up in the water, which is why it is critical to wear a life jacket and engine cut-off switch at all times as they are designed to save your life," stated Captain Troy Glendye, Chief of the Coast Guard's Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety. The Coast Guard reminds boaters to ensure life jackets are serviceable, properly sized, correctly fastened, and suitable for your activity. Where boating instruction was known, 74 percent of deaths occurred on

Boating Emergencies

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vessels where the operator had not received boating safety instruction. The Coast Guard encourages all boaters take a boating safety course that meets the National Boating Education Standards before they go boating. The most common vessel types involved in reported incidents were open motorboats, personal watercraft, and cabin motorboats. Where vessel type was known, the vessel types with the highest percentage of deaths were open motorboats (47 percent), kayaks (14 percent),

and personal watercraft and pontoons (9 percent). The data is based on incidents that resulted in at least one of the following criteria: death, disappearance, injury that required medical treatment beyond first aid, damages to the vessel(s) or other property that equaled or exceeded \$2,000, or a loss of vessel. In addition to wearing a life jacket and taking a boating safety course, the Coast Guard recommends all boaters to attach the engine cut-off switch, get

a free vessel safety check, and boat sober. We will continue to highlight these statistics in the coming weeks. Safe Boating is everyone's responsibility. The trends are moving in the right direction and we want to continue to see these numbers decreasing. Thanks to Sherrie, we will always remember safe boating is no accident!

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

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

FWC Law Enforcement Report

From FWC

This report represents some events the FWC handled June 2-8 in the Northwest region. (There were no cases reported for Wakulla County.)

SANTA ROSA COUNTY

- On Memorial Day, Officers Burkhead and Roberson were patrolling Blackwater Wildlife Management Area when they noticed a truck parked with a male and a female on a closed road inside of the management area. When the officers went to address the violation, they found the registered owner of the vehicle to be currently on probation for numerous drug offenses. Officer Burkhead noticed that the female appeared under the influence of some unknown drug. The officers gained consent to search the vehicle and located a large bag of a white crystal substance as well as a glass smoking device under the seat. The male immediately admitted the substance was his. Upon further investigation, they found that the substance tested positive for methamphetamine and the amount to be over 14 grams in weight. The subject was arrested for possession of methamphetamine, trafficking of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and violation of probation. The subject was transported and booked into the Santa Rosa County Jail.
- Officers Burkhead and Pettey were conducting an investigation involving deer depredation permits. While interview-

ing with the subject, they noticed he never closed out a current deer depredation permit he was using the night before. The subject was charged with failing to produce and keep a copy of the permit in his possession as well as other deer depredation permit violations.
- Officers Burkhead and Wilkenson received a report regarding a vessel that had recently become derelict in Indian Bayou. The officers located the vessel and found it to be in a submerged and wrecked condition. The officers learned the vessel had been sold recently. When the officers located the person who was in last control of the vessel, they conducted an interview and found the subject had capsized the vessel and left it in the water in a wrecked con-

dition. Officer Wilkinson charged the subject with leaving a derelict vessel on state waters.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

- Officer Hahr was on patrol in the Pensacola Pass when he observed a charter vessel returning from the Gulf of Mexico. He stopped the vessel to check their catch, and the captain stated they had caught a blacktip shark. When inspecting the shark, Officer Hahr identified it as a spinner shark, a similar species, and provided information about the difference between blacktip and spinner sharks. The spinner shark was approximately 10" under the legal size and the captain was issued a citation for possession of the undersized shark.

Underwater Wakulla

By Rusty Miller

Prepare for hurricane season.

With the start of hurricane season we have had a couple of days of potential bad weather but not from the Gulf of Mexico like we normally expect this time of the year. It really showed me the unpredictability of nature here in Florida. It also showed me how really unprepared we are for some of the weird weather patterns that we get.

Besides me being a scuba diving instructor I am also a sergeant for the WCSO Reserve / SSO volunteer division and I am part of the storm patrol during the storms we get when they get ugly. This last round of storms were no different. We get called out when trees and power lines start coming down to be assigned in different areas in the county.

With that said, the weather service is tracking a couple of potential tropical depressions that could turn into tropical storms in the Atlantic. This means that if they develop then they could head to the Gulf of Mexico. Once in the Gulf, it's anybody's guess where it could head. The Gulf waters are warming up very quickly and that could be a potential problem for the Gulf Coast of Florida. Let's not forget we just went through Hurricane Ian.

This brings me to the main point of this article and that is preparedness for this hurricane season. Even with the mild storms we have gone through this last week it still brought damaging winds and possibly a tornado or two in Wakulla County. We have seen real damage from this and it can be devastating especially for one house that was heavily damaged by a falling tree. So the big question is how do you prepare for storms especially the tropical version?

Fortunately when it comes from the Gulf we are generally given a few days or even a week's warning of the oncoming storm or hurricane. This is not the time to just let it go and say it probably won't hit us here in Wakulla County. You should try to be prepared whether it hits here or not. I have lived in this county for 17 years and have been a volunteer for the Sheriff's Office about the same time and in the years I've lived here I have seen several bad tropical storms that could have potentially been devastating but at the last minute they might turn towards the west or make landfall just south of us.

With all the new construction of homes and neighborhoods going in along with the folks that are fleeing the north to live here I'm afraid when we do get a direct hit from a bad tropical storm or a category 3 hurricane it will be devastating for us. I strongly urge all of you especially you that have moved in Wakulla over the last year to contact the Sheriff's Office to get a hurricane preparedness brochure to help you be as prepared as you can be.

Please take this article to heart and stay safe through this new hurricane season of 2023.

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Time to conquer your procrastinating ways?

By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

Do you accomplish most of what you hope to each day? Or would you be thrilled to have one fully productive day each week – or at least once in your lifetime?

What we accomplish in any given day often depends on our circumstances. A CEO with mature, well-trained employees, for example, has more control over his or her schedule than a mother of mischievously energetic children. Considering your specific situation, are you pleased with the way you manage your time, or does procrastination consistently hinder you?

In previous columns, I've confessed my struggle with this chronic problem. I'm thankful for how much God has

accomplished in me, but I still have a way to go. Truth be told, I put off writing this article about procrastination for several weeks. Maybe you can relate.

What if I told you that if we've put our trust in Christ, God has already placed a spirit of self-control (self-discipline) within us? Second Timothy 1:7 (ESV) says, "For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." The NIV version of the Bible says God gives us "self-discipline."

What would happen

if we believed this about ourselves and thought of ourselves as disciplined people? What if, the next time you're tempted to give in to your old ways, you instead declared, "God has given me a spirit of self-control; therefore, I can behave like a disciplined person"?

If you're not ready to do this just yet, perhaps a good first step would be to go to your heavenly Father and acknowledge your struggle with time management. Ask Him to give you a heart of repentance (true sorrow for not using your

time wisely) and a desire to appreciate the opportunity each day holds. Then allow the Holy Spirit to give you the faith to believe that God truly has given you a disciplined spirit.

How would believing this change you? Would it make it easier to get up each day? Would it make you feel better about yourself when you go to bed each night?

Procrastination is a serious issue. Years ago, the panic I experienced when I feared that I'd never get control over it drove me

to my knees. It wasn't until I admitted my helplessness and asked God to change me that I began to experience victory. To this day, I continue to praise God for his powerful compassion. I pray you'll experience the same victory.

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A static-free life

By **CHERYL CRUCE**

Once upon a time, I was the proud owner of a transistor radio. It was red in color, had AM/FM capability, and was powered by a 9-volt battery. Nonetheless, the capability of the FM came with its own brand of static. I recall setting the radio in the window of my room on clear nights, adjusting the dial slowly to tune in a station. On

a really perfect night, my transistor would pick up Gulf 104 out of Tallahassee. If the reception lasted long enough, I would take out my reel-to-reel recorder, capturing the music for later use. I remember my excitement when I managed to tape John Lennon's "Imagine."

The song remains a favored melody even though I could not imagine the future of the little dial with magical numbers. Today, with satellites, earbuds, and the onslaught of cell phones, transistor radios have become obsolete. My grandchildren believe my generation was deprived. However, in the 1970s, my little red companion was

pretty groovy. It is what my ears and mind were accustomed to. It was all I knew; I found it satisfying.

Life changes, and the simplicity of time past cannot be regained. Forty-five years after graduation, a high school friend and I met at a local refuge to hike and enjoy the wildlife. The preserve is home to many species of birds, including the great bald eagle. I found myself amazed at how attuned she was to the sights and sounds of the trail. There was an innocence in how she introduced me to her personal sanctuary. She found solace among creation.

As the day wore on, we made our way to my truck for the drive home.

We conversed about life with the windows rolled down and the "satellite" radio playing. Then in mid-conversation, she said to listen. I heard nothing. She heard an eagle call to its mate. Turning around, we began looking for the source of what she was hearing. Eventually, we saw him perched high in an old pine tree, safe in his refuge.

My friend taught me a lot during our time together. Just as I was passing by the eagle, unable to hear its cry, I have often passed by my Lord, not hearing His voice. Yet, His voice calls after me, encouraging me to walk in His ways. I am the one who turns left and right, not

following after Him (Isaiah 30:21). Conversely, when my heart is tuned to His, I discover His presence (Isaiah 26:3). The Lord is near me (Isaiah 55:6). It is in Him that I find my refuge.

The soul of man requires the refuge of the Lord that the Psalmist writes about. The clatter of this world often causes His voice to be brushed aside, unheard by man. Regardless, God remains our strong tower, our ever-present help in times of trouble when we seek him. We are the ones who need to turn around and pursue Him.

Our lives are much like my transistor radio; we are not static-free. Neither is faith

static-free. We must fine-tune it with God's Word. Sometimes we need to adjust the dial, or we will find ourselves driving past the joys of our Lord. Perhaps it is time we clear the world's static and tune in to our Lord. God anxiously awaits our return to the stronghold to restore our hope in Him (Zechariah 9:12).

"But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all His deeds." Psalm 73:28

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

OUT TO PASTOR

If only I had it my way

By **JAMES SNYDER**

Every once in a while, I have a little thought giggling in my brain to the effect that if only I had it my way. I don't have it often, but I try to take it seriously when I do.

My personal history is that it turns out to be a disaster whenever I have everything my way. And, boy, have I had disasters in my life.

I often think of Frank Sinatra's song, "I Did It My Way." For the life of me, I do not know what that is all about. Maybe it worked for him, but it hasn't worked for me, at least not yet. If I did everything my way, I'm sure I would be locked up in jail or an insane asylum by now. I'm not sure which is worse.

Regarding this, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has several PhD.s in "Doing It My Way." If I were smart (and not saying I am) I would let her always have it her way.

There is only one

place I can have anything my way: my Personal Interior Castle, my office. I sit at my desk, look at my computer, surrounded by thousands of books. In this "safe place," I can have it my way every day.

Occasionally, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage will come into my Interior Castle and say something to the effect, "Would you like me to do any organizing in here?"

I smile as best I can and respond, "You can organize in here if you permit me to go to your craft room and organize there." I then chuckle, knowing she would never permit me to enter her craft room, let alone organize anything.

Don't let this get out, but a couple of times when she's away, I sneak into her craft room and move things around so she can't find them when she needs them. When she returns, she will go into her craft room, and I will stand outside to listen and hear her say something to the effect, "Now, where is that? I know it was right here when I left."

I have to be careful that, you know who, does not hear me chuckling.

She has her space to

do her thing her way, and I have my space to do my thing my way, and the twain shall never entangle themselves.

One of my great pleasures is that when she does something her way, and it turns out to be wrong. I have to keep my laughter under control in those circumstances.

We often go across town for appointments, and when we do that, I allow her to take her Sissy Van, and I ride along strapped in on the passenger side. Driving across town, she always decides which way to go.

Just recently, we had an appointment across town at some new location. We'd never been there before, so we had to be careful driving to that location.

When we got to a certain traffic light, I told her, "You need to turn right here on this street."

Looking at me, she

said, "I'm driving, and so I know where I'm going. I don't need any information from you. Sit back and let me do it my way."

With that, she turned left, and I could hardly hold my laughter because I knew where that street would end up.

Looking at me, she said, "Why are you laughing?"

"I was just thinking of a joke."

"Oh, yeah. What was that joke?"

I looked at her, and in a moment, I said, "Why was six afraid of seven?"

"I don't know, why was six afraid of seven?"

"Because," I said, "seven eight nine."

"So," she graveled, "that was the joke you were thinking of?"

It wasn't, but I had to use something to cover up my laughter.

All I had to do was wait, and when we

came to the end of this street, we would find out that we were at the wrong end of town. Oh, I love it when a plan comes together.

When she finally realized we were at the wrong end of town, she looked at me, "Don't you dare say what you're thinking."

Then she turned around and headed in the right direction.

My problem is that I caught her doing it her way, and it was the wrong way, and I can't exploit it. I have to pretend that it didn't happen. Oh, how I wish I could remind her of this mistake every time we are in the car.

Of course, I know if I do that, there will be heavy consequences on my side to deal with. Sometimes it's best to keep some things under lock and key. But I do confess there are times while she is driving that

I think of that mistake, and I can only smile.


Later that day, I was reminded of what the apostle Paul said. "Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness" (1 Corinthians 3:18-19).

My craftiness has never done well for me. I choose to trust God in every situation that is before me. After all, He knows best.


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• **Steven Wade Long**, 45, of Panacea, died June 12, 2023. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel.

• **Gladys Russ Crum**, 77, of Crawfordville, died June 13, 2023.

Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel.

• **Meloney Kay Simmons Chambers**, 56, of Panama City, died June 12, 2023. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

BEREAVEMENT COLUMN

Dealing with loneliness



By **TRACY RENEE LEE**

Yesterday my brother came to dinner, and our topic of conversation drifted to his recent loss. During our conversation, he said he could handle the loneliness but couldn't handle being without his wife. I thought our conversation would be an excellent introduction to understanding the loneliness imposed by losing a significant loved one.

There is a difference between loneliness and missing someone in particular. A lonely person lacks physical or mental stimulation. Thus, this person feels lonely. In other words, they are

alone by lack of social stimulation.

In contrast, a person who is missing someone specifically is more than lonely. Not only do they find themselves without physical or mental stimulation, but they carry the additional pain of emotional isolation. The loss of emotional fulfillment brings on an entirely different level of loneliness. It is a space of total and complete aloneness. This type of aloneness can induce emotional upheaval.

Consider the following examples to demonstrate the difference between these two types of loneliness.

- Suppose you have a general feeling of loneliness. In that case, it helps to do something with a group of friends or to get together with your family. You might go to a party and surround yourself with a lot of interesting people, or you might go to dinner with family members.

- On the other hand,

if you were to do the same thing but could not shake that yearning for someone specific, you are not merely lonely. In this scenario, you are suffering from an emotional deficit. Not only are you lacking social stimulation, but you are lacking emotional stimulation or fulfillment tied to your specific person.

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

Social loneliness may be curbed through social support. Emotional loneliness, however, is brought on by a broken attachment – 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.

New attachments can come in various forms. After a while, if one is will-

ing, one might find a new love interest. In cases where the survivor is not interested in a new love interest, they might redirect their attachments to new friendships or more intense relationships with those already within their circle of close friends, family, and associates.

For instance, when I was younger, my grandfather was murdered. My grandmother dedicated herself to her grandchildren. She would visit us for extended periods and be completely engrossed in our lives. She was our champion in all aspects.

Both of my grandmothers were utterly dedicated to their grandchildren, sacrificing their interests for ours, joining us for all special occasions, and living for our success and happiness. At times they would reminisce about their past lives with wonderful husbands. Still, they immersed themselves in our lives and were fulfilled

until death took them from us.

My brother misses his wife and is having a sad go of it. His grief is evident through his demeanor. His general carefree and fun attitude toward everything is dampened. I pray he will find a new attachment to pull him out of his desolation. If you are suffering the loss of a loved one and are consumed with loneliness and grief, I pray that you will find emotional support and recover as soon as possible.

Grief is a wild beast that desires to suffocate the life right out of us. If we are not proactive, its goals may overtake us. If you are suffering more than you can bear, please reach out to others. There are support groups, clergy members, grief counselors, and licensed therapists who can help. You do not have to suffer this alone. Although you may feel as though no one can understand what you are suffering, others have lost

their spouses, children, parents, pets, friends, and associates too. They are willing to be with you and help you through this dark path that you are walking. Reach out, and others will answer your call for help..

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: Wielding a big axe

By **RYAN DAILEY**
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Ron DeSantis signed a record-high state budget on Thursday, but not before axing more than a half-billion dollars from the spending plan — drawing criticism from some lawmakers and state officials whose projects were cut.

The governor, who largely has been on the campaign trail outside Florida after last month announcing his 2024 presidential run, didn't give any explanation for projects he slashed for the fiscal year that begins July 1. DeSantis' line-item vetoes put the state budget at roughly \$116.5 billion, representing a 6 percent increase from the current year.

Before putting his signature on the budget at a bill-signing event at the Pelican Yacht Club in Fort Pierce, DeSantis cast Florida's fiscal approach as the antithesis to that of President Joe Biden and large states run by Democrats.

"You're not going to see us have the type of problems that these other states have with fiscal insolvency, driving people away," DeSantis said. "I mean our tax base is expanding, business investments (are) terrific. And of course, this budget is in fantastic shape."

The governor used the appearance to tout "record" environmental spending, pay increases for state law enforcement officers and teachers, \$4 billion to hasten construction on road projects, and a third year of \$1,000 bonuses

for law enforcement officers and firefighters throughout the state.

DeSantis during the media event did not mention the numerous vetoes, instead releasing the list of cuts hours after his appearance.

The largest item on the chopping block was \$100 million for "Conservation And Rural Land Protection" easements, a program championed by Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson. The program, launched in 2001, involves purchasing conservation easements that allow landowners to continue farming and cattle operations in exchange for not developing the property.

Simpson, a Republican who served two years as Senate president prior to his election to the Cabinet post in November, criticized the governor's veto as harmful to the state's \$180 billion agriculture industry.

"There is no conceivable reason to target agriculture in a year when we have billions of dollars in reserves," Simpson, an egg farmer, said in a statement. "Agriculture was harmed today and so was the state of Florida."

The governor also slashed more than \$150 million in proposed education-related funding from the annual spending plan. The vetoes included proposed expenditures such as a pay raise for teachers working in juvenile-justice education programs and big-ticket construction projects at state colleges and universities.

Higher education projects targeted by

DeSantis included a proposed \$14.5 million renovation to Florida Gulf Coast University's Reed Hall classroom building and the construction of a new \$11 million Academic and Research Collaboration Center at the University of Florida, sought by Sen. Keith Perry, R-Gainesville.

DeSantis' action Thursday drew mixed reviews from Democrats.

Sen. Linda Stewart, D-Orlando, praised environmental funding included in the budget, as well as money for roughly \$29.9 million for various projects and organizations in her central Florida district.

"These projects will have large positive impacts directly in Central Florida, and provide many needed services, create job opportunities, and continue to make our community a safe place to call home," Stewart said in a release.

But House Minority Leader Fentrice Driskell, D-Tampa, said DeSantis' budget decisions would harm Floridians.

"This budget was written and passed unanimously by the Florida Legislature, and while no budget is ever perfect, this one did a lot of good for the people of Florida," Driskell said in a release. "Unfortunately, DeSantis cut half a billion dollars from projects to keep Floridians healthy, protect us from storms, and improve our schools and roads."

INKING THE DEAL

Florida Gulf Coast University's search for a new president appears to be coming to

a close after more than a year. The school's Board of Trustees on Tuesday approved a three-year contract for FGCU President-elect Aysegul Timur with a \$500,000 base salary.

Timur, who has served as vice president and vice provost for strategy and program innovation at the university, is in line to be the first woman to lead FGCU.

A News Service of Florida analysis of employment agreements for other university presidents hired since 2021 shows that Timur would be on the lower end of the pay scale compared to her recently named peers. Her contract still needs final approval from the state university system's Board of Governors.

University of Florida President Ben Sasse, for example, was given a five-year contract with a \$1 million annual base salary when he was installed as the school's leader in November.

Florida State University President Richard McCullough in 2021 inked a five-year contract that included a \$700,000 base salary.

Even a current interim president — Richard Corcoran, a former state education commissioner and state House speaker who was tapped in February to lead New College of Florida — gets a \$699,000 base salary. The presidents of Florida International University and the University of North Florida, both tapped for the roles last year, receive base salaries of \$650,000 and \$500,000 respectively.

FGCU conducted a previous effort to find

a successor to retiring President Mike Martin, but in November elected to reopen the search after the trustees were left with only one finalist.

A BREAK ON BILLS

Florida Power & Light customers will get a break starting in July.

State regulators Tuesday approved a plan that will trim FPL customers' bills because of lower-than-expected costs of natural gas used to fuel power plants.

The plan involves \$256 million in reductions that will start to be applied to FPL customers' bills in July, after regulators also approved \$379 million in reductions that took effect in May. Earlier in the year, FPL bills increased because of a combination of factors, including fuel costs and hurricane-related expenses.

"We are committed to keeping bills as low as possible for our customers," Armando Pi-

mentel, president and CEO of FPL, said in a prepared statement after Tuesday's commission approval. "With fuel prices moderating, we are pleased to pass along additional savings to our customers."

STORY OF THE WEEK:

Gov. Ron DeSantis trimmed \$510.9 million from a record-high state spending plan signed Thursday, with nearly one-fifth of the cuts coming from a single program designed to keep swaths of rural property from commercial and residential development.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Thirty-nine years and this process is finally over." — Debi Johnson, the sister of Karen Slattery, a 14-year-old babysitter who was murdered by Duane Owen in 1984. Owen was executed by the state Thursday for the murders of Slattery and Georgianna Worden.

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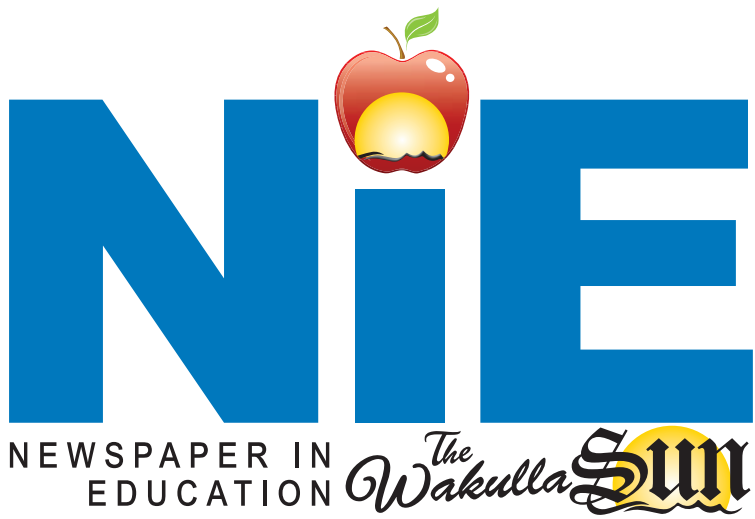
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USE THE NEWS

1. WASTE NOT

Food waste is one of the biggest environmental problems we face. When leftover food goes to a landfill, it breaks down and releases methane, a greenhouse gas that contributes to global warming. Rotting food can also pollute water and soil, and the energy and resources that created and transported the food are wasted too. To solve this problem, South Korea created a system where it is illegal to send food waste to landfills. Instead, they process it into useful products: Water is baked out and purified to go back into streams, solid food waste is dehydrated into a feed supplement for chickens and ducks, available for free to any farm, or used to create fertilizer. They also create biogas that is used to heat local homes.

Write a plan for how the United States could use some of the techniques from South Korea to solve our own food waste problems. What are the challenges and benefits?

2. A WIN FOR NATIVE CHILDREN

The Supreme Court recently decided in favor of maintaining the 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act, a federal law that requires states to notify Native American tribes when a child who's a member of the tribe or eligible for tribal membership is involved in an adoption case in the foster care system. Then, tribes are able to help place them with families within the tribe or other Native American families. The law was created to help correct historic wrongs created by the United States government: Prior to the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 to 35 percent of Native American children were placed with adoptive families or sent to group institutions, where they were cut off from their Native culture.

Using the newspaper or online, read more about the history of Native Amer-

icans in the United States in the twentieth century. Then, write a letter to a friend explaining what you learned.

3. REVERSE BAN

Illinois became the first state to enact a unique law after attempts to ban certain books from schools and public libraries has reached a record high across the United States. The new law will protect books of all perspectives—if

a public library bans or restricts a book because of "partisan" disapproval, the library will no longer be able to receive state funding.

Write a letter to your local or school librarian explaining why you think it is or isn't important to read books that are written from different perspectives and explore ideas different from your own and sharing what kind of books you've learned new things from.

4. A FIRST FOR THE U.S.

Civil rights attorney Nusrat Choudhury became the first Bangladeshi American and first Muslim female federal judge in the United States after being confirmed by the Senate with a narrow margin of 50-49 votes. Choudhury previously served as the legal director for the Illinois branch of the American Civil Liberties Union, an organization that takes on civil liberties cases in the US

for key issues like marriage equality, abortion rights, and voting rights.

Write a short article that explains the facts of this story and why it is significant for the US.

5. A POSER CAUGHT

A 28-year-old woman was arrested for posing as a 17-year-old in order to enroll in a Louisiana high school to learn English. Her mother was also arrested, both on counts of inuring

public records. The mother used a fake passport and birth certificate to enroll her daughter in the school, which the young woman attended for most of the 2022-23 school year. A tip to the school district about the student's age launched an investigation that ultimately led to both women's arrests.

Write down what other ways this young woman could've used to learn English and share your ideas with your classmates.

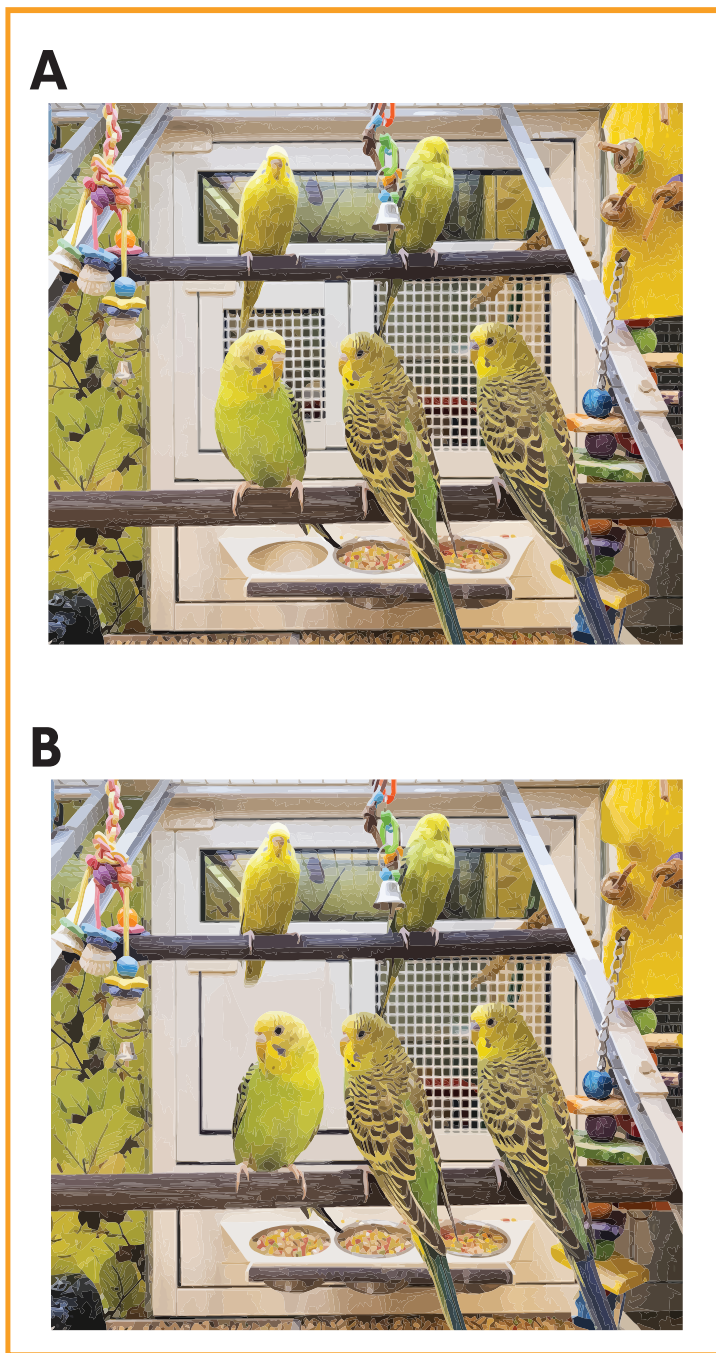


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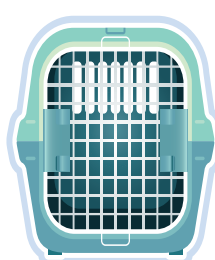
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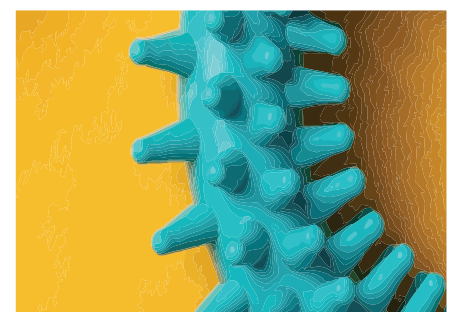
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- SENSITIVITY
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- STRESS
- SUDDEN
- TENSION
- THROBBING
- TRIGGERS

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

CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. Understand intuitively
5. Two of something
9. Not involving computer tech
11. Acclaimed
13. Undermine
15. The condition of being concealed or hidden
16. Irritate
17. The process of developing a theory
19. Ceramic jar
21. Not fresh
22. Dad's fashion accessory
23. Popular review site
25. New Mexico county
26. '___ death do us part
27. Fees
29. Takes with force
31. One-time Yankees rookie sensation
33. Gordon and Snider are two
34. Body parts
36. Arranges

CLUES DOWN

38. Fiddler crabs
39. Mimics
41. Witnesses
43. They ___
44. Lasso
46. Runs down
48. In response to
52. Bird-like dinosaur
53. Metamorphic stages
54. Conditions of incapacity
56. Sodas are sold in these units
57. Break away from
58. Ethereal
59. Boggy

10. Girls
11. Unbeliefs
12. Force unit
14. Expired trade agreement
15. Went alone
18. Animal noises
20. Woman who graduated from a specific school
24. The very top
26. Organs in males
28. Earnings
30. Z Z Z
32. Reddish browns
34. A salt or ester of acetic acid
35. A place to get off your feet
37. More disreputable
38. Kidney condition
40. Cease moving
42. Quick
43. Extra seed covering
45. "Survivor: Panama" winner
47. Six
49. One who inspects lamps
50. Small parrot
51. Primordial matter of the universe
55. ___ fi (slang)

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the sea.

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARGARET BARWICK FALK, DECEASED.

CASE NO. 2023-CP- 65

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of MARGARET BARWICK FALK, deceased, whose date of death was July 23, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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The date of the Decedent's death is July 23, 2022.

The date of first publication of this Notice is June 15, 2023

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June 15, 22, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL HENRY FALK, SR., DECEASED.

CASE NO. 2023-CP- 64

NOTICE TO CREDITORS -SUMMARY ADMINISTRATION

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THIS ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the Estate of MICHAEL HENRY FALK, SR., deceased, Case No. 2023-CP-64 by the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327; that the Decedent's date of death was April 18, 2020; that the total value of the estate is approximately \$750,000; and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such Order are:

SABRINA MICHELE FALK- 194 Bottoms Road, Panacea, FL 32346
 MICHAEL HENRY FALK, JR.- 5503 Coastal Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327

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The date of the Decedent's death is April 18, 2020.

The date of first publication of this Notice is June16, 2023

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Health department holds Walk & Adopt

By LINDA ANN McDONALD
Correspondent

The Florida Department of Health in Wakulla County (DOH-Wakulla County) Healthy Communities program and Minority Health are partnered with Wakulla Animal Services to host a Walk and Adopt event on Saturday, June 17.

The event was geared toward hypertension and migraine awareness as well as the opportunity to adopt an animal from the Wakulla Animal Shelter. The distance of the walk was approximately half a mile.

“Walking the dogs is an opportunity to lower stress and exercise while giving love and attention to the animals who need a home,” said Health Educators Cristina Martin and Kayleen Pafford of DOH-Wakulla. “We love to see folks in our community getting out and walking, getting healthy, and we also hope to have an empty animal shelter due to this event. The dogs are happy to be walked and for the cat lovers, there is a room full of kittens at the shelter that will gladly play with you. All animals are ready to be adopted and waiting for their forever home.”

Certificates of ‘Paw-ticipation’ were distributed to those who participated in the walk



Haley Carlton and Cristina Martinez holding a shelter animal, at the table are Lauren Rivers, Kayleen Pafford and standing are Tonya Hobby, Commissioner Quincee Messersmith, Liz Jessup, Amelia Morse and Donna Clark.

which included a photo of themselves with the animal they befriended that day.

Cristina Martin and Kayleen Pafford participated in the event to bring awareness for hypertension and migraine

awareness. Health Department Administrator Tonya Hobby said, “This is a great opportunity for Wakulla to get out, get healthy and learn more about health conditions that are prevalent in certain populations within

our community. We are grateful to have such great partners like the Animal Shelter and the Sheriff’s Office to assist us in our efforts of health outreach to our community residents.”

Six out of 10 American adults have at least

one chronic disease, and four in 10 adults have more than one chronic disease. Chronic diseases are those that go on for a long time and often don’t go away completely. They are among the most common and costly health problems; howev-

er, we often know how to prevent them.

Chronic diseases affect people of all ages, races, socioeconomic statuses, and ethnicities.

High blood pressure, also called hypertension, is blood pressure that is higher than normal. Your blood pressure changes throughout the day based on your activities. Having blood pressure measures consistently above normal may result in a diagnosis of high blood pressure (or hypertension).

As the third most common disease in the world, migraine affects 1 in 4 households in the U.S.

Migraine is a neurological disease with no cure. Symptoms vary from person to person, but the most common include head pain, sensitivity to light and sound, nausea, brain fog and dizziness. Even if you don’t live with migraine, chances are someone you love lives with this invisible disease. From relationships to careers to mental health, migraine can disrupt every aspect of a person’s life.

You can reach Cristina Martin at Cristina.Martin@flhealth.gov or Kathleen Pafford at Kayleen.Pafford@flhealth.gov or calling DOH-Wakulla at (850) 926-0400.

Palaver Tree holds Juneteenth concert

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From the Magnolia Monthly: Judge A.L. Porter

By ELIZABETH SMITH

(An excerpt from the article “Judge A. L. Porter” from the September 1964 Magnolia Monthly written by Elizabeth Smith.)

When he came to Wakulla County, Judge Porter had always intended to go back to Texas, but when people knew he had taken law he was asked to take the Florida bar exams. He took the exams with 500 other applicants and passed them. Then the chairman of the board of county commissioners sought him for the office of prosecuting attorney, a job he took even though the schoolboard offered him a higher salary for the next year with time off for the days court was in session.

Judge Porter was the county attorney from June 1926 to June 1932, when Governor Doyle Carleton appointed him the county judge, which he served until 1960, when he declined to run again, and the office was won by George Harper of Crawfordville.

As an attorney, the judge remembers one incident with humor, tho it didn't seem funny at the time it happened. He was prosecuting 3 men for butchering a cow they had stolen. They had buried all the unusable parts and a deputy had found the remains and made a case out of it. The judge had vigorously attended the case and he thought the defendants, especially one big red-headed man, would resent his prosecution and fight.

After the case was over, and the judge had just got out of bed from



Wakulla County Courthouse after it was completed in 1949.

an attack of influenza, he met the red-headed fellow on the steps of the courthouse one morning casually sharpening a ten-inch knife on the sole of his shoe. He said to the judge, “Will you step around the corner a minute? Id’s like to talk to you.” Trembling halfway from the flu, and half-way from the invitation, Judge Porter said, “Just a minute, I have to go to the courthouse a moment.” The fellow agreed and the judge went into the sheriff’s office (the sheriff was L. I. Cooper) and asked to borrow his gun. The sheriff wouldn’t let him have it, and the Judge didn’t want to tell him why, so he went back out of the door shaking in anticipation. When he got around the corner of the building, the fellow

stood there with his knife in his hand and said, “I just wanted to tell you that so-and-so has owed me \$7.50 for the past 3 months for some work I done for him and I wonder if you’d collect it for me.”

Among his other public duties, the judge was a school trustee in the late 1920’s and early 1930s when the schools were a group of one-room buildings scattered all over the woods. He helped consolidate the Crawfordville school which had 3 rooms, and the people said he wouldn’t be able to fill them all up in 40 years.

During the Depression the problem of public works came up, and under the Civil Works Administration the county trustees and the

state planning commission couldn’t decide on whether to build public schools or public roads. The county board at that time was composed of F. B. Becton, Sopchoppy, S. W. Revell, Sopchoppy, L. L. Pararo, Crawfordville, Walter Page Sr., Wakulla, and the judge. They argued all of one day with one of the planning commissioners in Tallahassee, a former road supervisor, because Wakulla County wanted more schools instead of roads. One of the older men on the commission finally said, “If they want schools, give ’em schools. They can’t do a d—n thing for fellow like me but they can do something for the rising generation.”

So Crawfordville and Sopchoppy got the

schools they have now. The job was supposed to be remodeling the old buildings, but Crawfordville’s remodeling resulted in quadrupling the size of the former school and the only original part left were the window sashes in one of the classrooms. People said the new building wouldn’t be filled up with kids for a century.

During the Depression Judge Porter also served on the council of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration as treasurer. The money for local work came from Tallahassee at irregular intervals. He remembers that men would walk 5 to 10 miles to work for \$1 a day. A sewing room was set up in a building behind Moody Pearce’s old

house so women could work. A ditching program to control mosquitoes was instituted, and outhouses on cement foundations were erected.

Judge Porter remembers that when he came to Wakulla County there was no electricity except for people who had Delco plants (A Delco Plant was a generator that ran on kerosene and was hooked to a series of batteries such as those found in a car.) People went by ferry over the Ochlocknee River to Carabelle.

Judge Porter married Hazel Harvey of Crawfordville in 1927. They have one son, Bob, who works for the State Board of Prisons. The judge is listed in the “Who’s Who in the South and Southwest”, was president of the Chamber of Commerce for 3 years, president of the Second Judicial Bar Association, and a member of the Wakulla County Welfare Association and the American Legion.

The judge is gratified at the improvement in law observance in the county since he first came here. He thinks the improvement in juvenile delinquency is spectacular because juvenile crime is increasing in the rest of the nation. He thinks that the schools, churches, and economic improvements have helped the children locally. The judge has always wanted peoples’ respect and confidence and he feels that he has got more than he has been entitled to. He feels that people in Wakulla County have been especially good to newcomers. He knows, because one he was one.



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