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Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Election suit over after 3 years

Appeals court rules for Ed Brimmer in lawsuit over 2020 property appraiser in which Colby Sparkman lost by 3 votes

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

The First District Court of Appeal in Tallahassee last week upheld the Wakulla Circuit Court judge's ruling finding that Ed Brimmer was properly elected as property appraiser in 2020.

The DCA's ruling was released Tuesday, July 18, and said simply "Per curiam affirmed," which means that the appeals court affirms the trial court's decision without issuing an opinion or explanation of its own.

In February of last year, Wakulla Circuit Judge Ron Flury granted a summary judgment to the Wakulla County Canvassing Board and Property Appraiser Ed Brimmer finding that Colby Sparkman, who was a candidate for property appraiser against Brimmer in the 2020 election but who

lost by four votes, presented no evidence that he would have won the election but for alleged misconduct.

The judge noted the lawsuit is "based on the treatment of 12 ballots out of 9,104" ballots cast in the race. The 12 ballots represented the number of votes rejected by the canvassing board because the signature on the vote-by-mail ballot did not match the signature on file.

Sparkman's attorney, Mark Herron, argued at a hearing held by Zoom back in February 2022 that the 12 ballots were not able to be cured because of misconduct by the supervisor of elections and the canvassing board. That included not telling voters whose ballots were rejected the correct amount of time they had to cure the problem, and telling Sparkman that he should not contact the 12 voters.



The 2020 candidates for Wakulla Property Appraiser included Colby Sparkman, left, and Ed Brimmer.

But Judge Flury wrote that, during the election, a total of 53 ballots had signature problems. "Of those 53 ballots," the judge wrote, "41 were cured."

One of the 12 ballots, belonging to Debra Russell, was cured in a timely manner, but because of the narrow vote margin, she asked that her vote not be counted because it would reveal how she voted. The canvassing board accepted her appeal and did not count her vote.



"No evidence has been presented that shows the precluded ballots favored any particular candidate," Judge Flury wrote in his order. "Factually, the mathematical probability of a change in the result here is nonexistent."

At the hearing last year, attorneys Leonard Collins, representing Brimmer, and Wayne Malaney, representing the canvassing board, acknowledged that errors were made with the election, but contended there was no fraud and

no effort to help one candidate or another.

The judge agreed: "There is no evidence to suggest that there was an ulterior nefarious motive that actually drove the canvassing board's decision. There is no reason to overturn the will of the people as expressed in the election results presented."

Sparkman appealed the judge's decision in March of 2022.

In the meantime, Sparkman did get a settlement in his lawsuit for wrongful termination. Sparkman was a deputy property appraiser under Brad Harvey, who was removed from office by Gov. Ron DeSantis after his arrest in 2018 on embezzlement and fraud charges. Harvey has pleaded no contest to the charges and faces a maximum sentence of 30 years when he is sentenced in September.

After Brimmer was installed in office in Jan-

uary 2021, he subsequently fired Sparkman for cause.

Much of the controversy in the case arises from Sparkman being told not to contact any of the 12 voters with the rejected ballots. He asked for and was given the names of the voters and acknowledged in deposition that he had called one, but couldn't remember who it was.

A voter called County Administrator David Edwards with concerns about Sparkman calling voters, and Edwards called two canvassing board members - County Judge Jill Walker, and County Commissioner Quincee Messersmith. Both said the issue would be brought before the canvassing board and then-Supervisor of Elections Buddy Wells.

Edwards walked over to Wells' office and confronted the elections

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Sgt. Rob Holloway, kneeling, with kids of Wakulla County sheriff's deputies at the St. Marks Community Market.

Fired Chiles coach may join War Eagle coaching staff

Kevin Pettis and son Trey might join coaches at Wakulla High

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Staff Report

Kevin Pettis, who was recently fired as head football coach at Chiles High School may join the coaching staff of the Wakulla War Eagles under head coach Scott Klees.

Superintendent of Schools Bobby Pearce noted that Pettis was offered a teaching and coaching position at Wakulla High School, but he reportedly turned the teaching position down to stay with Leon County Schools. He may still join coaches next month if cleared of all open investigations.

Pettis was let go as coach at Chiles in June after an investigation into alleged violations of athletic policies.

Pettis' son, Trey, was also on Chiles coaching staff and voluntarily stepped down. Trey Pettis is being hired as a parapro at Wakulla Institute and will join the staff as a War Eagle coach.

Team Blue Line visits St. Marks

The non-profit supports law enforcement officers injured on the job

By **LEGION TAYLOR**
Reporter

A charity known as Team Blue Line set up a booth at the St. Marks Community market on Saturday, manned in part by Sgt. Rob Holloway, a policeman who was shot in the line of duty.

On April 12th, 2020, while pursuing suspects in a high-speed car chase near Carrollton, Ga., the suspects fired at Holloway's car and he was struck in the head. After the incident, he was in the hospital for months, and due to Covid restrictions his wife couldn't go to work and come back

to see him, so she chose to stay by his side rather than working for those months.

The community gathered around them, however, with co-workers donating leave time so his wife wouldn't be suffer unreasonably, and even the roofing company they had hired took it upon themselves to redo the roof the way they had been contracted to, entirely free of charge. When The holloways would have missed seeing their son graduate from highschool, the school allowed it to be livestreamed and let their son be the first to walk the stage, so they

could watch it from the hospital room.

When Sgt. Holloway was informed he might never walk again, Team Blue Line dedicated their time and money into remodeling his bathroom to make it more easily accessible for him to use after getting home from the hospital.

Though Holloway has been steadily recovering and is fully capable of walking under his own power, he says that the handrails installed around his home thanks to Team Blue Line are very helpful whenever he feels weak or light-headed.

When asked what

Team Blue Line does, he said that they "Stand for something good, that protects the community from evil."

While still small, quality of life improvements such as these can make large impacts on the lives of officers who were injured or disabled in the line of duty.

Team Blue Line also assists the families of those who gave their lives on the job, often paying tuition for their children to go to a private school and get a high-quality education.

The charity can be found at teamblueline.org for more information or if you'd like to donate.

Wakulla Springs' Amy Conyers is gone

Staff Report

Amy Conyers, who has been the park director at Wakulla Springs State Park for nearly six years, is no longer in the position as of last week.

Efforts to contact Conyers for comment were unsuccessful.

According to her LinkedIn page, Conyers had been park manager since November 2017 with an ending date of July 2023.

Conyers had been with the state Department of Environmental Protection for 18 years, including at Lafayette Blue Springs State Park, Troy Spring State Park, and Wes Skiles Peacock Springs State Park.

Her LinkedIn page says she is "looking for a new role and would appreciate your support. Thank you in advance for any connections, advice, or opportunities you can offer. #OpenToWork"

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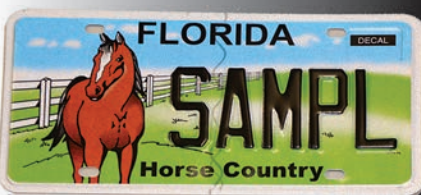

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Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park Scareweed

By LYNN ARTZ, SANDY TEDDER and DAVID RODDENBERRY



Scareweed is listed as a threatened species.

Sopchoppy Depot Park displays native wildflowers to inspire use. A few wildflowers are included for preservation. Now showing pale-yellow flowers in the northwest garden, Baptisia simplicifolia is a Florida endemic restricted to 5 counties in the panhandle. Its entire global range is 400-2,000 square miles with only 2,500-10,000 plants. Baptisia simplicifolia is listed as “threatened,” a species in rapid decline, due to development and fire exclusion. Fortunately, most of its population is on protected land, mainly the Apalachicola National Forest. Regardless, infrequent fire remains a threat and a 10-30% decline is predicted. Commonly called scareweed, this legume grows 1½-3 feet tall in open upland pinelands. It is pollinated by bumble bees and feeds the caterpillars of duskywing butterflies. In winter, the dry plant breaks off and becomes a tumbleweed.

UPS Store holds ribbon-cutting



The Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting for the UPS Store on Tuesday, July 18. The UPS Store has many services to offer our community a few being notary services, freight services, mailbox services, packing services, printing and document finishing, moving supplies and packaging materials. (Photo special to The Sun)

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American Legion honors Vietnam-era veterans

By MARJ LAW
Special to The Sun

On Monday, July 17th, Post Commander Roxanne Dressel led our Jake Pigott Memorial Post 114 in recognizing, thanking and honoring veterans who supported our country during the Vietnam War. Joining with the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, Post Commander Dressel awarded our local veterans with specially designed Vietnam Veteran lapel pins in honor of their service.

This tribute represents the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. 49% of our own Legion members served as some of the 9,000,000 Americans who sacrificed their lives or part of their lives in service of our armed forces during the Vietnam War.

Beginning on Memorial Day of 2012, the Commemorative Partner Program is a hometown-centric, veteran-focused initiative designed to assist the people of the United States to give thanks and



Vietnam-era veterans honored at the ceremony by the American Legion Post 114 last week.

to honor Vietnam veterans and their families where they live, meeting five national objectives of the Commemoration:

- for those who fought, including prisoners of war or listed as missing in action,
- for their service and sacrifice and to honor

the families of these veterans,

- to highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the war as well as contributions of agencies and organizations that served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces,
- to pay tribute to

the contributions made on the home front; to highlight advances in technology, science, and medicine related to military research conducted during the Vietnam War, and

- to recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by our allies during

the war.

Every person who served during this period earned and rightly deserves our profound thanks.

American Legion Post 114 meets at 6:30 pm on the 3rd Monday monthly in the Wakulla County Public Library's main

meeting room. Combat service is not required to become a member of the Legion. Veterans having served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and honorably discharged are eligible for membership.

Poker club donates to hospice

Special to The Sun

The WaSop Poker Club at Wakulla Moose Lodge #2510 was excited to gift Big Bend Hospice with a check for \$1,027 to benefit the patient-families in Wakulla County. The poker club is comprised of Moose Lodge Members and has games every Monday and Tuesday night. They have room for 20 players each week and have a consistent group that attends. The buy in money that is col-

lected is then donated to a local charity of choice. The charity of choice for the funds raised in June 2023 was Big Bend Hospice. The Wakulla Moose Lodge #2510 has been proud of supporters of Big Bend Hospice in the past, including purchasing meals for patient-families at Thanksgiving time.

Kara Walker, Volunteer Coordinator, was honored to be presented with the check and to speak to the club about

how the funds will be raised and the current need for volunteers in Wakulla County. Funds that are donated to Big Bend Hospice are used for a variety of patient needs, including purchasing Ensure, space heaters, AC units, etc. If you are interested in learning more about how Big Bend Hospice serves the community or becoming a volunteer, please reach out to Kara Walker at kmwalker@bigbend-hospice.org.



Members of the WaSop Poker Club present a check to Kara Walker of Big Bend Hospice.

Election lawsuit ends

From Front Page

supervisor “cussing and raising Cain,” according to Wells’ depo-

sition. Wells said he overreacted to Edwards’ concerns by instructing then-Deputy Super-

visor of Elections Joe Morgan to call Sparkman and order him not to call voters.

It was later acknowledged by Wells that that was a mistake, that Sparkman was

entitled to call voters to alert them to problems with their ballot if he wanted to.

The election night had more drama when Sparkman was initially declared the election winner by 16 votes before Wells realized that a number of precincts had not been counted in the race. After those votes were

tallied, Brimmer was declared the victor by four votes.

After a recount by the canvassing board a few days later, the margin was narrowed to three

votes for Brimmer. Ben Lovel was a third candidate for property appraiser along with Brimmer and Sparkman.

Correction

An article last week on a proposed ordinance before county commis-

sioners indicated Sue Damon helped organize the forum and opposition. Damon said this was not true. We regret the error.



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July 22 nd	Panacea	Panacea Plaza, 1353 Coastal Hwy
July 29 th	Sopchoppy	City Hall, 105 Municipal Ave
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Subcontractor Bid proposals will be received until 2:00 pm Eastern Time on August 10, 2023, at Allstate Construction, Inc., 5718 Tower Road, Tallahassee, FL 32303.

Pre-Bid Site Visit will be held on August 1, 2023, 10:00 am Eastern Time at the project site, located at 550 Wakulla Park Drive, Crawfordville FL 32327.

Bid Proposal documents are available from Allstate Construction, Inc. Email: jwright@allstateconstruction.com Phone: 850-514-1004

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July 27, Aug. 3, 2023

Opinions

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Americans with Disabilities Act – still more work to do



By **SUSAN KABOT**
Florida Developmental
Disabilities Council

This Wednesday, July 26, marks the 33rd anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Did you know that 27 percent of adults in the United States have some type of disability? And as we are living longer, this number will surely increase. Fifteen percent of all public school students have a disability

requiring special education programs.

Since its passage, we have seen many advances in both opportunities and the accommodations necessary to help those with disabilities succeed. Everyone has seen designated parking spaces, larger public bathrooms, and cut-outs in sidewalk curbs to support people with physical disabilities. But what about those with more invisible disabilities like mental health disorders and autism that often result in unusual, and sometimes dangerous, behavioral symptoms? What have we done to support them?

Despite advances in housing, transportation, and employment accommodations, peo-

ple with disabilities live in poverty at a rate twice as high as those without disabilities—25 percent versus 12 percent. Part of the discrepancy is because people with disabilities are less likely to be employed, and if they are employed, it may be part-time employment or they may be underemployed, not meeting their full potential. Less than 40 percent of people with all types of disabilities are employed, compared to 65 percent of those without a disability.

We can and must do better! Family members and individuals with disabilities report not having information about what programs and services are available to them. Many young people exiting

the school system sit at home because they have not received appropriate planning to assist them in finding an appropriate job, even though schools are required to aid in the transition to post-secondary activities including education and vocational training.

We must all take responsibility for our most vulnerable citizens and support legislation that increases options for individuals with disabilities and ensures that they are informed about the array of accommodations available to them. We must assist those who need help to register and access the programs they are eligible for, and we must help potential employers discover the gifts and abilities of those

with disabilities, instead of the challenges.

On the 33rd anniversary of the ADA, let's all make it our responsibility to reach out and provide support to someone with a disability—whether it is a family member, neighbor, or coworker—we can all make their lives a little easier, and our lives a little richer.

Susan Kabot, Ed.D., CCC-SLP is the Chief of Programs and Research at the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc. She was a member of the Council for 10 years, including 5 as chair, before joining the staff in 2021. Dr. Kabot spent over 35 years at Nova Southeastern University developing and supervising

programs for children and young adults with autism, including early intervention, preschool, and college support. She continues to teach courses in autism and developmental disabilities at the undergraduate, master's, and doctoral levels. A member of the Autism Society of America, she currently serves on their Panel of Professional Advisors.

The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council (FDDC) affects policy and services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, and their supports through education, advocacy, and partnerships. For more information, visit the FDDC website at fddc.org.

LETTERS FROM READERS

Opry is celebrating 23 years

Editor, The Sun:

The Sopchoppy Opry will celebrate its 23rd anniversary on Saturday, July 29 in historic Sopchoppy High School Auditorium. Musical guests for this special occasion will be Todd Allen and his FTD Band of Panama City Beach.

The Opry's inaugural performance in July 2000 was staged to determine if there was still a fan base for traditional music - classic country, bluegrass, Gospel and early rock/roll in the area. The show quickly grew in popularity and what began as an experiment turned into a monthly event that has lasted for 23 years and 275+ performances to date. New fans are discovering the music performed there and the Opry now has a solid list of season ticket holders. Fans from surrounding areas attend and there are occasional foreign visitors as well. Numerous bands and individuals have entertained over the years and all attest to the fine acoustic quality of auditorium and the warm reception of the Opry audiences.

Deemed 'the little opry that can' by the press, the Sopchoppy Opry had a rather inauspicious beginning. 'It was a nail biting time', remembers Callie Quigg, the Opry's General Manager. "We had planned for weeks: the publicity was complete, bands rehearsed and volunteers enlisted. What we had not factored in was the likelihood of a thunder and lightning storm that would hit the Sopchoppy area about three hours before show time! Electricity was

knocked out for the whole city and not expected to be restored in time for the show. Florida Power reported that a major transformer at the Sopchoppy substation had been hit by lightning and the nearest replacement was in Madison, Florida, about three hours away." Opry Publicist Jesse Quigg added that "When I heard the mournful sound of 'Ashokan's Farewell' being rehearsed by the band's fiddle player on stage, it seemed to represent the fate of our fledging show. But just as our disappointment reached a peak, a miracle happened! Bill Stephens, Sopchoppy Water System Director at the time, reported that a transformer had been located close by and would be installed in time (for the show)! By 7 pm, fans were lined up out to the street and the historic auditorium filled up! When the curtains were opened, the auditorium exploded with applause as the band took the stage".

Along with being 'just the best place for good music', in Sopchoppy, net proceeds from the shows have been the major source of matching funds for restoring this historic school. Several grants have been awarded the Wakulla County School Board by the Florida Division of Historic Preservation. To date, restoration is approximately 75% complete and the latest grant award is in process.

Jesse Quigg
Sopchoppy Opry

Teach our history

Editor, The Sun:

My friends and family will no doubt shake their heads, and say "There she goes again!" But I feel compelled to add my two cents worth to the current debate over the new teaching standards for Black History curriculums in Florida. What I am learning concerns me, as I am a firm believer in teaching the truth in history. There is much to celebrate, but also much to rectify in our collective past.

The analogy that best represents my thoughts on the matter is not original to me. I do believe it is an excellent illustration of how to approach our country's racial conundrum. When Ed and I bought our home nearly 50 years ago, there was much to love. The house was, and is, unique, special, and very dear to our hearts. But there were issues that had to be addressed if the house was going to continue to stand strong. If we wanted the house to survive for our children and grandchildren, many repairs and renovations had to be made.

We did not say, "Well, these problems are not our problems... we didn't cause them. Not our fault. Not our responsibility". No. We tucked in and did the necessary work to preserve the house in all of its Florida Cracker House glory. Now, nearly 100 years old, this old house still needs constant upkeep

and attention. We do it because the house is worth the effort.

Perhaps the reader can see the connection I am making, but to be sure, let me be absolutely clear. Our nation is beyond special, unique and dear to us all. It has much about it that is inspiring, important and beloved. But no nation is perfect. Our forefathers did many things right, but they also made terrible mistakes. If we want our nation to stay strong, to survive for another 250 years, we must recognize and rectify those mistakes.

To acknowledge the sins of the past is not to condemn ourselves in the present. Our responsibility, today, is to do the work of repair. That cannot happen if we choose to literally whitewash our collective history. We did not personally commit those sins, but we have both the power and the responsibility to repair the damage done in the past. Let us do it because the nation and our people are worth the effort.

It is my deepest desire that we can come together to celebrate ALL of our history, so that we can be proud of the progress achieved and dedicated to moving forward together, one nation, one brotherhood, under God.

Respectfully,

Verna Brock
Wakulla Station

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◀ Question of The Week ▶

– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Asked at Crawfordville Quick Stop:

What is the first thing you would buy if you won the Lottery?



CLARK KULLMAN
HITOUCH

"I would buy up the acreage in Wakulla and donate it for parks and conservation."



JENNIFER WALKER
SELF-EMPLOYED

"I would buy my mom a new house."



RYAN KIMBERL
SONIC

A new Ford truck."



DREW REDMAN
BRIDGE SUPERINTENDENT

"I would take care of the family first."



MATHEW HOGUE
G&G CONCRETE PUMPING

A house and land."

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wakulla Station News

By **VERNA BROCK**

The old saying, attributed to Mark Twain, "Everybody talks about the weather, but no one does anything about it," seems to be especially relevant this summer.

Here I am again, writing about the heat and humidity, wishing we could fix our climate woes in a hurry. It seems the entire globe is feel-

ing the effects of climate change. Raging fires in Canada, California and Greece. Extreme flooding in New England, Italy and Turkey. Of course, I am aware there have been hot summers before, but this does seem to be a developing trend.

The nightly news not only keeps us abreast of every temperature rise and heat index, it provides lots of helpful hints and information about

how to combat the ill effects of overheating. I feel sorry for the folks who are required to work out in the heat every day, as I can barely spend an hour in my garden. I realize I am no spring chicken, but YIKES! Dealing with this is really challenging.

If you must be outside, remember to use sunscreen, stay hydrated, and take frequent cooling breaks. It is very distressing to hear of folks collapsing (even dying) from heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Common sense precautions can prevent a

world of hurt.

Baby Sebastian experienced his first outing from Shands this past weekend, and Mom reports he was taking it all in. He is getting closer to discharge, as the doctors work to calibrate his anti-rejection med.s. Your prayerful support is so appreciated and so important!

Thank you for your continued prayers for the Tim Givens family, as well as for all our friends and neighbors dealing with loss and sadness.

Sheriff's Report

This report is for activity July 14 to July 20:

FRIDAY, JULY 14

- Michael Aylin advised while he was at Walmart, unknown females stole a Stihl backpack blower and hedge trimmers from his enclosed trailer. Aylin got into his vehicle and followed the suspect vehicle through the parking lot. The suspects relinquished the items by throwing them outside of their vehicle, and then departed the scene prior to deputies' arrival. Total estimated value of items is \$1,400. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Edwin Grove investigated.

- Michael Fort noticed his Green Roadvo electric assist bicycle missing from his carport. Fort is unsure when the bicycle was taken. Fort was unable to provide serial numbers at the time but will later. Total estimated value is \$1,300. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Donald Newsome investigated.

SATURDAY, JULY 15

- A traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle for an expired tag. The driver was identified as Wilmer Pec-Quileb, who did not have a valid driver's license. Pec-Quileb was placed under arrest and transported to the jail facility for never having possessed a valid driver's license. Deputy Anthony Paul investigated.

- Sonni Greenwood reported unauthorized charges against her credit card. A subject in New Jersey ordered an Apple watch using her information. Greenwood did not order this item, nor did she authorize anyone to use her account. This report was written

for informational purposes only. Deputy Donald Newsome investigated.

SUNDAY, JULY 16

- Tiffany Tindal reported Michelle Reams being on her property after being served a trespass on Feb. 2. Tiffany provided video footage of Reams on the property. Reams was located at her camper on the neighboring property. She was arrested for trespassing after warning and resisting without violence. Deputy Jake Scott investigated.

- Deputy Donald Newsome responded to the Sopchoppy City Park in reference to an unknown male approaching Timothy Herring, asking if he wished to buy drugs. Herring stated he told the unknown male no and the male proceeded to throw a bag of white powder at him. The white powder was tested for several different types of substance, but no positive results were obtained. The unknown substance was seized for destruction. The area was canvased for the unknown male, but without success.

MONDAY, JULY 17

- An employee with the Dollar General on Shadeville Road reported an unknown intoxicated male causing a scene at the store. The unknown male was upset with the store clerk for refusing to sell him two cans of beer. After getting the man calmed down and to leave the store, the man got in his vehicle and almost caused a wreck with another individual as she was pulling into the store parking lot. An altercation between the driver and the unknown male suspect ensued prior to deputies' arrival. Witness statements and store video surveillance footage was retrieved and submitted

into the case file. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Dustin Matthews investigated.

- Late in the evening of July 17th a white male suspect armed with what appeared to be a black pistol robbed the Dollar General in Medart. The suspect took several cartons of cigarettes as well as several thousand dollars in cash from the store and fled the scene. Deputies and detectives along with troopers from the Florida Highway Patrol and Wakulla Correctional Institution K9 officers responded to search for the suspect. This case is being actively investigated by detectives with the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office.

TUESDAY, JULY 18

- Deputy Arturo Cordoba responded to Jenny Lynn Drive in reference to the complainant being threatened by the homeowner. Upon arrival Deputy Cordoba made contact with an Inspector from the Wakulla Building Department. The victim advised while he was issuing a citation to the home-

owner Robert Teegen, Teegen became belligerent and started threatening him. The victim stated Teegen postured like he was going to hit him, so he went back to his vehicle. Teegen followed him back to his vehicle, still making threats. Deputy Cordoba subsequently arrested Teegen and transported him to the Wakulla County Jail.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

- Kelly Westberry was arrested after taking items from the Dollar General on Woodville Highway. Westberry was also found to be on probation and on pretrial release out of Leon County. Also located during the investigation was Michael Lane who was arrested for an outstanding warrant out of Volusia County. Deputy Donald Newsome investigated.

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

Library News – July 27

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Thursday, July 27
STEAM 4pm
Friends of the Library
General Meeting 6pm
Park Homeowners Association Meeting 6:30 pm
Friday, July 28
Quilting Guild 9:30am
An Evening at Hogwarts 6pm
Saturday, July 29
No programs today
Monday, July 31
No programs today

Tuesday, August 1

No childrens programs
Crafting group 9:30am
Wakulla Democratic Executive Committee

Wednesday, August 2

No childrens programs
Knitting group 4 pm

UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSURE

- Saturday, Sept. 2 for Labor Day

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HOME ON THE RANGE

New semi-auto handguns that don't work right



By MARJ LAW

Over the last more-than-decade, I've seen brand new handguns that just didn't work right from at least six reputable manufacturers. What's with that?

Failure to feed, failure to fire, failure to extract, failure to eject, stovepipes, pips... All these frustrating things can happen to new guns.

You've shelled out several hundreds of dollars. What do you do?

Since Joe and I belong to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) range, and if we haven't figured an answer, we'll go to the range office. The deputies behind the desk have seen a lot and have a tremendous wealth of knowledge about guns. They're really approachable and happy to share what they know. Talking it over with one of the deputies is a fine first step.

One of them may have an answer. But sometimes, it's the gun. There's a mechanical problem.

It's fortunate that every one of the manufacturers I mentioned above guarantee their new guns. Yes, you do have to send it back, and no, unlike a car, you don't get one to use while you wait. Drat.

Waiting can take from 2 to 6 weeks in most cases. When you return your gun, be sure to put in a cover letter what you observed when you tried to shoot. Remember to include your address, email and phone number. And really importantly, include

the serial number of your gun.

When your gun is returned, the manufacturer's repair person indicates what he/she discovered and what was accomplished to ameliorate the problem.

Did you figure the problem out yourself? Did you take your new gun to the gunsmith you like? Unhappily, messing with the gun without sending it back to the original manufacturer can void your warrantee. With something this expensive, you don't want to void your warrantee.

Most gun sellers and manufacturers will suggest a "break in" period for your new gun. This means they want you to shoot 200-300 rounds through it. Running ammunition through your gun may work minor kinks out.

Maybe not.

Some handguns are picky about ammunition. You'll notice if you're buying a 9mm round for example, that it's usually possible to find it in 115, 124 or 147-grain bullet weight. Your gun may balk at a lower or higher-grain bullet. Try a few of each to find what your gun likes best.

Picky? Some guns prefer certain brands of ammunition. Go figure. Try out a few before you decide there's a real problem with your gun.

Feel up your ammunition. Rounds from one brand we've tried recently have a waxy, sort of sticky coating. We bought several boxes of them and they all felt gross. The gun thought so, too and didn't shoot well. We got rid of those.

Seems like .22s are particularly particular. .22 rounds tend to be smoky and dirty, and the powder can be inconsistent. Joe says to watch out for some of the foreign brands. These rounds can leave a lot of lead in your barrel. Did you shoot a bunch and then notice the gun was beginning to have



problems? Clean the .22 handgun and try again. If cleaning's your problem, it's easily addressed.

If you're adept at ferreting out problems with any caliber of handgun, look up your gun on the internet. If you've had a problem, maybe others have experienced it as well. They may have answers for you.

Recently, I was shooting a 9mm handgun and it wasn't working well. Joe thought it might be a recoil spring problem. What? In a new gun?

This was not addressed in the owner's manual.

Joe thought the recoil spring might be too heavy for the ammunition we were using. I generally purchase 124-grain rounds for my 9mm guns. While the gun can certainly be used for defense, I was shooting at paper targets and didn't need super-duper strong rounds. The gun wasn't shooting well.

We fieldstripped the

gun. For some reason, the recoil spring was painted red at one end. Why was that?

Well, come to find out some 9mm guns are meant primarily for law enforcement or military defense. They expect a defensive round such as a hollow point, NATO or a +P will be shot in these guns. When you fieldstrip your gun, look at the end of the recoil spring. You may see a spring with red painted on one end. This is a spring you'll want when shooting those strong rounds.

On the other hand, if you plan to use your gun for lighter target loads, like I was using that day, you may need a blue-tipped recoil spring inside.

When we saw the red tipped spring in our target gun, Joe thought the color might be a clue. He came up with the thought that the red on the spring might be indicative of strength. Sure enough, when we talked to John in the range office, he had

found out that same information on the computer. Apparently, red springs are for the hotter loads, and blue springs are for the lighter ones.

Who knew? Yes, it would have been helpful to have seen this information in the manual.

Is your problem a stovepipe? This is when the casing of your spent round is standing straight up in the ejection port. Looks like a stovepipe. It didn't get ejected from the gun.

Drop the magazine and pull back the slide to let the casing out. Check the chamber to make sure it is empty too.

Try shooting again. Another stovepipe? Try again. Does it keep happening?

Ask a few experienced friends to shoot your gun. This is important. If three friends get stovepipes too, then you won't be accused of "limp-wristing" your gun. If you're accused of limp-wristing, generally someone means you're not holding the gun suffi-

ciently firmly and that you, quite frankly, can't handle your gun.

You don't want to hear those words. If several people have the same problem, it's not you. It's the gun. Send it back to the manufacturer.

Sometimes a brand new semi-automatic handgun doesn't work well. If you are going to send it back, remember to send it to the manufacturer and not to the gun shop that sold it. The warrantee is with the manufacturer.

The downside is that you'll be parted from your new gun for a while. The upside is that we've found the manufacturers to be honest.

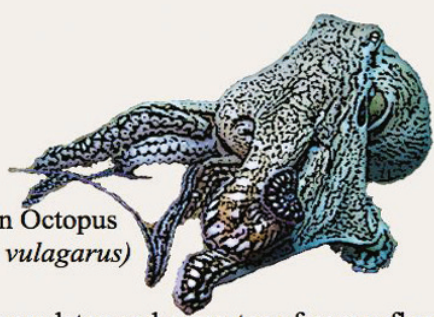
Try to be patient. You will get your gun back.

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, shot this photo of paper wasps on a nest.



Common Octopus (*Octopus vulgaris*)

A fearsome predator and a master of camouflage, the common octopus grows to 3ft and lives 2 years. They hunt at dawn in coastal waters up to 350ft using a secreted nerve poison to paralyze prey and a hard beak to crack shells. They hide in crevices and can squeeze their bodies through tiny spaces and making then escape artists. They change color or squirt a cloud of black "ink" to confuse attackers. Females lay up to 500,000 eggs but most are eaten as plankton. Octopi can learn complex tasks like opening a jar. They are also an important protein source for humans.

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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.

St. Marks River Entrance

Th	2:42 am	8:45 am	4:50 pm	11:37 pm
	▼ 1.8 ft	▲ 3.3 ft	▼ 0.6 ft	▲ 2.8 ft
Fr	3:54 am	9:53 am	6:04 pm	1:02 am
	▲ 3.0 ft	▼ 2.3 ft	▲ 3.6 ft	▼ -0.2 ft
Sa	12:56 am	5:13 am	11:10 am	7:06 pm
	▲ 3.0 ft	▲ 3.0 ft	▲ 3.6 ft	▼ -0.2 ft
Su	1:55 am	6:23 am	12:19 pm	7:59 pm
	▲ 3.2 ft	▼ 2.3 ft	▲ 3.8 ft	▼ -0.6 ft
Mo	2:43 am	7:23 am	1:20 pm	8:48 pm
	▲ 3.4 ft	▼ 2.1 ft	▲ 4.1 ft	▼ -0.8 ft
Tu	3:23 am	8:15 am	2:14 pm	9:32 pm
	▲ 3.5 ft	▼ 1.9 ft	▲ 4.4 ft	▼ -0.8 ft
We	4:00 am	9:04 am	3:06 pm	10:12 pm
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City of St. Marks

Th	3:46 am	9:21 am	5:54 pm	11:37 pm
	▼ 1.7 ft	▲ 3.1 ft	▼ 0.5 ft	▲ 2.8 ft
Fr	12:13 am	4:58 am	10:29 am	7:08 pm
	▲ 2.6 ft	▼ 1.9 ft	▲ 3.1 ft	▼ 0.2 ft
Sa	1:32 am	6:17 am	11:46 am	8:10 pm
	▲ 2.8 ft	▼ 2.1 ft	▲ 3.3 ft	▼ -0.2 ft
Su	2:31 am	7:27 am	12:55 pm	9:03 pm
	▲ 3.0 ft	▼ 2.0 ft	▲ 3.6 ft	▼ -0.5 ft
Mo	3:19 am	8:27 am	1:56 pm	9:52 pm
	▲ 3.1 ft	▼ 1.9 ft	▲ 3.8 ft	▼ -0.7 ft
Tu	3:59 am	9:19 am	2:50 pm	10:36 pm
	▲ 3.2 ft	▼ 1.7 ft	▲ 4.0 ft	▼ -0.8 ft
We	4:36 am	10:08 am	3:42 pm	11:16 pm
	▲ 3.3 ft	▼ 1.4 ft	▲ 4.1 ft	▼ -0.6 ft

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Th	3:08 am	9:12 am	5:15 pm	11:37 pm
	▼ 2.0 ft	▲ 3.5 ft	▼ 0.5 ft	▲ 2.8 ft
Fr	12:05 am	4:19 am	10:20 am	6:26 pm
	▲ 2.9 ft	▼ 2.2 ft	▲ 3.6 ft	▼ 0.1 ft
Sa	1:15 am	5:33 am	11:31 am	7:26 pm
	▲ 3.1 ft	▼ 2.3 ft	▲ 3.8 ft	▼ -0.3 ft
Su	2:09 am	6:39 am	12:36 pm	8:18 pm
	▲ 3.3 ft	▼ 2.3 ft	▲ 4.0 ft	▼ -0.6 ft
Mo	2:56 am	7:38 am	1:34 pm	9:06 pm
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Tu	3:38 am	8:31 am	2:28 pm	9:51 pm
	▲ 3.6 ft	▼ 1.9 ft	▲ 4.5 ft	▼ -0.8 ft
We	4:16 am	9:22 am	3:20 pm	10:32 pm
	▲ 3.7 ft	▼ 1.7 ft	▲ 4.6 ft	▼ -0.7 ft

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Th	2:53 am	8:37 am	5:01 pm	11:29 pm
	▼ 1.3 ft	▲ 2.5 ft	▼ 0.4 ft	▲ 2.1 ft
Fr	4:05 am	9:45 am	6:15 pm	12:01 am
	▼ 1.5 ft	▲ 2.5 ft	▼ 0.1 ft	▲ 2.1 ft
Sa	12:48 am	5:24 am	11:02 am	7:17 pm
	▲ 2.4 ft	▼ 1.7 ft	▲ 2.9 ft	▼ -0.4 ft
Su	1:47 am	6:34 am	12:11 pm	8:10 pm
	▲ 2.4 ft	▼ 1.6 ft	▲ 2.9 ft	▼ -0.4 ft
Mo	2:35 am	7:34 am	1:12 pm	8:59 pm
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Tu	3:15 am	8:26 am	2:06 pm	9:43 pm
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We	3:52 am	9:15 am	2:58 pm	10:23 pm
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St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

Th	2:37 am	8:57 am	4:57 pm	11:37 pm
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Fr	12:21 am	3:48 am	9:50 am	6:02 pm
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Sa	1:40 am	5:09 am	10:50 am	6:58 pm
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We	4:20 am	8:55 am	2:44 pm	10:07 pm
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Dog Island West End

Th	1:51 am	9:01 am	5:10 pm	11:37 pm
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Fr	10:00 am	6:21 pm	12:01 am	7:08 pm
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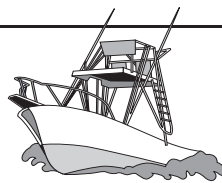
Best hunting and fishing based on solunar times. MAJOR feeding periods are 2 hours long, centered on the solunar time. MINOR feeding periods are only 1 hour long, again centered on the solunar time.

Thursday 27	
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12:52AM	7:24AM
3:04PM	7:51PM
Friday 28	
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Saturday 29	
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5:19PM	9:50PM
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Minor Times	Major Times
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Monday 31	
Minor Times	Major Times
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8:13PM	12:32PM
Wednesday 2	
Minor Times	Major Times
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Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



Thanks to Bob Asztalos for the images!

Crew member were out and about conducting a routine safety patrol and continuing with member training. While we never want to use our skills in a crisis, we work to be semper paratus, always ready.

When we are out on the water, it is a great opportunity to practice navigating with a chart. You never know when a boat may lose power, causing the GPS to go out. If you have spent much time in our waters, you know there are many areas that have low depth that can become dangerous in low tide.

Another area that we practice regularly is the Person in the Water drill. At any time, the coxswain may throw the ring life preserver overboard and yell "person in the water." Crew must navigate how to retrieve the ring as if it were a person. On board, the person at the helm relies on spotters to help direct them to the person. Another prepared the heaving line to toss

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Safety patrol crew.

to the person to assist them to the boat.

One critical element in this drill is to remember to cut the engine when the person is 'rescued' and assisted back on board. This eliminated the accidental engage-

ment of the propeller, a very dangerous situation for anyone in the water.

This is also an important reminder for those who go out tubing and water skiing. As people come to the stern to reboard, make sure the

engine is off.

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

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Underwater Wakulla

By Rusty Miller

Empire Mica B

Hello Wakulla

I'm picking up where I left off on my Empire Mica dive on July 7.

We made our way out to the Empire Mica and Kelly lowered the anchor on the port side of the wreck. On the first dive we swam to the stern of the wreck and swam around the massive boilers. We ascended to our safety stop and then back on the boat. We had some fruit and sandwiches that Kelly and crew provided for us.

After about an hour and a half we put on our gear and jumped back into the water. We descended down the anchor chain but this time George and I went to the bow of the wreck to see what was there.

After exploring that end we made our way a midships and found the massive spare prop that the Mica carried. It was impressive to say the least.

That is where I encountered the biggest amberjack I have seen. It was around 70-inches long and at least 2-feet in diameter. If I had a spear gun and shot it he probably would have pulled me to Cuba.

The AJ didn't move because he was in a place that with me above it he couldn't move anywhere. So I slowly moved away and he slowly swam off.

Along with the AJ there were some really big red snapper and gag grouper. I looked at my computer and it was going into deco so we had to make our way back to the anchor chain and we had to extend our safety stop for a few extra minutes until the computer gave the OK to surface.

Once we got back on the boat we secured our tanks and gear for the three hour trip back to Panama City.

I look back on the few times over the years that I have dove the Empire Mica and am saddened by what the ocean has done to it over the years.

This trip I saw a collapsed outline of one of the historic ships to come through our part of the Gulf in over 80 years.

It's still a fantastic dive and if you have a chance to dive it I would highly recommend it. It should be on your list of dives to make.

Keep making bubbles.

- Russell Miller, NAUI instructor #59999

FWC Law Enforcement Report

From FWC

This report represents some events the FWC handled June 30-July 6 in the Northwest region. (There were no cases reported for Wakulla County.)

BAY COUNTY

• Officers Christian Jarrell, Nicole Basford, and Travis Basford were on patrol in Bay County when they responded to call regarding a hit-and-run boating accident in Grand Lagoon. The officers arrived on scene and contacted the vessels involved in the accident. The operator of the strik-

ing vessel was displaying signs of impairment. After a brief boating accident investigation, a boating under the influence investigation was conducted on the operator of the striking vessel. Standardized field sobriety tasks were conducted, and the operator was determined to be boating under the influence. The operator was placed under arrest and transported to the Bay County Jail.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

• Officers Lugg and Burkhead were on vessel patrol in Pensacola Bay when a pontoon boat passed them under Bob

Sikes Bridge at a high rate of speed with several people on board. As the subject passed the officers, he took both hands off the steering wheel while the vessel was still underway. The officers stopped the vessel for careless operation and located an empty beer can under the operator's feet. When asked, the operator, who was under the age of 21, admitted to drinking alcohol. Officer Burkhead conducted field sobriety tasks on the operator, who performed poorly on the tasks and showed several signs of impairment. The officers placed the subject under arrest for operating

a vessel while under the influence of alcohol. The subject agreed to provide a breath sample in which the results were over the legal limit for blood alcohol concentration. The subject was transported and booked into the Escambia County jail.

GULF COUNTY

• Officers responded to a search and rescue on St. Joe Bay the night of July 4. A small jon boat with a male and female passenger was overdue. The vessel was located a few hours later stranded due to low tide. The vessel was escorted in to awaiting family members.

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Is your marriage going in the wrong direction?



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

Husbands, do you dread coming home? Wives, do you hate to see your husband's car pulling up the driveway at the end of the workday? Or if you're both working,

do you no longer look forward to sharing about your day over dinner?

Marriage is hard. And when you're in a bad place in your marriage, the last thing you want to do is read a column about how to be a better husband or wife. Especially when you're convinced an article telling your partner how to be a better spouse would be much more helpful.

Yet, here you are. And here I am. You need encouragement. You crave a miracle. And I need inspiration on how to share what's in my heart without losing half my

readers.

Remember on your wedding day when you pledged to love and cherish your beloved for the rest of your life? How long did that last?

Don't worry. I hear you loud and clear: "What about my spouse's promises to me?" And round and round it goes. Both of you are miserable and neither is willing to be the first to do what it takes to get your marriage moving in the right direction.

But what's the alternative? Do you really want to continue in the direction you're heading? To what end? Divorce?

Or to stay married, but be so miserable that you wish you'd never gotten married in the first place?

How would it change your marriage if, today, you decided to change that direction? Rather than waiting for your husband or wife to take the first step, ask God for the grace to pray Psalm 139:23 (ESV): "[O God], see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!"

What would happen if you allowed God to show you the areas in which you are wrong? To show you any behavior that

isn't pleasing to Him? Then, to lead you back to His ways?

I'm not minimizing your spouse's shortcomings. But isn't there something better than simply winning another argument? What if, even in the midst of your worst fight, you took a step back and began bridging your way to peace – and perhaps a miracle?

I know you want to be a better spouse – the husband or wife your partner thought they married. The husband or wife you thought you'd be.

I find it easier to write about being a good

spouse than to be one. But in my six decades of life, I've learned a few things. In the next few weeks, I'll share them with you. I hope and pray the lessons I've learned will make your journey a little easier.

But until next time, take that first step toward healing your marriage by asking God to reveal any "grievous way" in you.

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Soar to new heights



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

After receiving my bachelor's in social work, I began applying to different seminaries to pursue my degree in Divinity. One afternoon I was speaking with a woman in admissions at a college I was interested in. As she explained the coursework and hours involved, I could feel my anxiety rising. There would be 95 hours of academic work to com-

plete. Most would be online; however, I would be required to spend time on campus.

Her voice drifted into the background of my thoughts as she spoke of courses like Greek and Hebrew. What was I getting myself into? I was starting a new career when most people my age were retiring. At some point, my thoughts gained their voice, and I began to speak of multiple reasons why I could not attend. Words like time, family responsibility, age, inability to navigate online classrooms, and not being smart enough poured from my being. There was a moment of silence, and then she spoke, "Why decide to lose before the race begins."

She was right! I had given every reason I would fail without considering reasons for success. Zig Ziglar said, "Your attitude, not your aptitude, will determine your altitude." My attitude had only considered my inabilities, not my abilities. I had not considered how God would lead me to the right decision, giving me knowledge and discernment. My altitude was quickly plummeting like a falling star whose light was extinguished. I needed to reset my attitude.

My reset came through reading the scripture. In committing my studies to the Lord, He would help me find success (Proverbs 16:3). I had no reason to fear academic challenges be-

cause God would lead me. If I found myself troubled, I could trust Him to strengthen, help, and lift me with His righteousness (Isaiah 41:10). My faith in Him would determine the heights of my altitude. Nevertheless, I would have to apply considerable work to my aptitude.

The same philosophy applies to everyday life and our decision to soar or plummet. I know life is not perfect. There will always be outside circumstances that occur. Some days feel like a month of Mondays with no end. Yet when we claim the promises of God over our lives, even a Monday can become a day filled with possibility. Possibility? Yes! Because all things are

possible through Christ Jesus, who strengthens us (Philippians 4:13), including Greek and Hebrew.

In our lives, we will always need the strengthening of Christ. A dear friend recently gave me a refrigerator magnet that reads, "Not today, Satan." Honestly, days will come when we need to proclaim, "Not Today," asserting our faith in Jesus. Through Jesus, we can reach new possibilities and heights with God. Spiritually speaking, plummeting stars can regain their light and be reset in our sky when we trust the Lord.

I do not know where you are today or what you are facing. I do know you do not have to face anything alone. When

you listen to His voice and do what is required, every tool you need to succeed will be found (1st Kings 2:3). That is a promise He has made to each of us. Make the choice; choose today to soar beyond man's limitations and into God's presence.

Jeremiah 29:11-13 For I know the plans I have for you says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. You will find me when you seek me if you look for me in earnest.

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

OUT TO PASTOR



By **JAMES SNYDER**

Have you ever had the feeling that you've been hoodwinked? You can't point out the specifics, but something deep inside suggests you have been.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I had a wonderful vacation at St. Augustine, one of our favorite places to go.

Something happened toward the end of our vacation that led me to suspect I was hoodwinked, but I couldn't unwind the situation yet.

The toilet in our bathroom had clogged, and The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage went to the front desk to get a plunger.

She brought the plunger back to our room and for several minutes tried fixing our toilet. I heard her in there working on it, but she didn't seem to be able to fix it, which surprised me.

I walked by the bathroom, looked in, and said something stupid, "Can I help you with that?"

The problem with that question was the response from my wife. "Yes, you can. Come in here and see if you can unplug the toilet."

I had no expectation of fixing this problem; I just wanted to sound friendly. After a few severe plunges, all of a sudden, the toilet was unplugged and working perfectly.

Looking at me, my wife said, "Wow, you fixed it. You did a great job."

Not realizing or noticing the hoodwinked element of what she was saying, I smiled and responded, "I'm so glad I could help."

Driving home the next day, she mentioned several times that she was truly grateful for the wonderful job I did with the toilet.

After an hour of driving and listening, I sensed something was wrong. I could not put my fingers on it, but I felt something was wrong somewhere in the atmosphere I was living in.

We returned from our trip, unpacked, and returned to our routine.

The next day about the middle of the morning, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came to my office and said, "I was wondering, could you come and help me with something?"

A leg on one of her tables needed to be replaced, and she could

not unscrew the bolt that held it together.

Looking at me, she said, "Do you think you could unscrew that bolt for me?"

I have screwed up many things, but very few have I unscrewed. So I picked up the wrench, and after several minutes of struggling, I finally got it loose. I smiled at my wife and said, "There you are, my dear." Then I walked back to my office.

For the next several days, she called me to help her fix something, and most of them I could not fix. Maybe I can unscrew a screw or a bolt, but that's the extent of my fix-it ability.

At supper that night, she smiled at me and said, "I still can't get over how you fixed that toilet on our vacation."

As she smiled at me, I saw some twinkle in her eye that caused me to think something was amiss. I'm not skilled in the hoodwinking busi-

ness, but I was beginning to think that the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was. She is excellent in many things, and I'm beginning to understand that if anybody can hoodwink me, it is her.

Am I being hoodwinked? And if so, what do I do about it?

I had to think this thing through in developing a plan that would work. She can see through many things, so I had to develop something to the far right of her seeing ability.

I devised a plan but did not think I could go through with it. After all, there would be a lot of plotting and, eventually, a drop or two of blood. But it might be worth it if I do it correctly.

Not too long after, she called on me for another fix-it project. I had gone over this plot in my mind 100 times and was hoping it would work.

She appeared at the

door of my office one morning and asked, "Can you help me fix something? I've been working on it all morning. I just cannot get it right." Then she flashed a smile at me.

I flashed a smile back and followed her to her latest fix-it project. She had a dresser on the back porch she was trying to fix. One drawer was stuck, and she could not get the screw out to enable the drawer to come out.

She handed me the screwdriver and said, "I just can't get that screw out."

I sighed very deeply because I knew that it was now or never. I bent over with the screwdriver to be a little bit out of her sight, and as I was working on the screw, I pinched my left thumb so that it would start to bleed, and then I yelled, "Ouch."

I turned around and showed her my bloodied thumb, and boy, was it paining. She looked at me rather frightened and said, "Come with me to the bathroom, and I'll fix your thumb."

Some things are worth it.

I couldn't help but think of a verse in the Bible, "For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing" (1 Peter 3:17).

Sometimes it is better not to correct something but rather "suffer for well doing." I'm still trying to learn that.

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Obituaries



Janet Fossler Allen

Janet Fossler Allen, 71, of Crawfordville, passed away at her home on Thursday July 20, 2023.

DEATH NOTICES

• **Bonah Commander**, 64, of Crawfordville, died July 22, 2023. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• **Linda Parker**, 81, of Carrabelle, died July 18, 2023. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

She was born on Feb. 15, 1952 in Fort Lauderdale to Emil and Helen Fossler. At 14 she met a young neighbor to her cousin, Herbert "James" Allen. They were married a short 5 years later in Margate on Aug. 15, 1970. James and Janet made a home in Wakulla County on the small plot of land where they raised their children, livestock, and many family pets.

Janet devoted most of her professional life to Shadeville Elementary School serving as administrative secretary, supporting thousands of students and four principals. After a brief retirement, she returned as the school's bookkeeper before fully retiring in 2016. Janet loved to read books and her beloved Bible. She dabbled in quilting; something gained genetically from her mother.

She most enjoyed visits and vacations with her children, but more importantly her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She would spend hours with them reading books, playing cards, and just about anything else they would want.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, James Allen; her brother, John A. Fossler; three children, Tim (Jenny), Jennifer (Joe), and

Travis (Diana); her heart's biggest treasures, her six grandchildren: Sylvia, Sharee, Quaid, Thomas, Emilia "Millie," Isla Grey, and her four great-grandchildren Haidyn, Piper, Harper, and Bentley who will carry her in their memory. Janet will also be remembered and survived by many in-laws, cousins, nephews, nieces, and hundreds of friends.

She was known for her work ethic, kindness, and her unwavering love of friends and family. Mama, Grandma, Memaw, Sis, Sugardoll... no matter what we knew you by, we love you and miss you dearly.

Please join us for a celebration of life at the Wakulla Church of Christ; Wednesday, July 26 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers please consider making a memorial donation in honor of Janet to the Pulmonary Hypertension Association. www.phassociation.org

Skip and Trey Young along with Paula and Kimberly are assisting the family. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel, Crawfordville. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com.

• **Carol Ann Paulk**, 65, of Carrabelle, died July 19, 2023. Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel. 850-926-5919, www.familyfhc.com

• **Linda Sharpton**, 75, of Tallahassee, died July 21, 2023. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com.

Weekly Roundup: Dispute over standards

By **RYAN DAILEY**
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — New academic standards adopted by the state Board of Education this week that guide instruction about African American history have riled critics — including numerous teachers and Democratic lawmakers — as state officials defended the changes.

The new standards, approved by the state board Wednesday, are designed to guide lessons from kindergarten through high school.

"As age-appropriate, we go into some of the tougher subjects, all the way into the beginnings of the slave trade, Jim Crow laws, the civil-rights movement and everything that occurred throughout our history," state Education Commissioner Manny Diaz Jr. said.

For example, the kindergarten standards focus on teaching students about important historical figures.

"Recognize African American inventors and explorers (i.e., Lonnie Johnson [inventor], Mae C. Jemison, George Washington Carver)," the kindergarten standards require.

One part of the high-school standards directs students to describe "the contributions of Africans to society, science, poetry, politics, oratory, literature, music, dance, Christianity and exploration in the United States from 1776-1865."

Ahead of what was nearly an hour of pub-

lic comment, Diaz also pushed back on assertions by groups such as the Florida Education Association teachers union and the NAACP Florida State Conference that the standards "omit or rewrite key historical facts about the Black experience" and ignore state law about required instruction.

Members of the public who spoke out against the standards echoed some of the organizations' criticisms and pointed to specific parts of the proposed curriculum.

"These new standards present only half the story and half the truth. When we name political figures who worked to end slavery but leave anyone who worked to keep slavery legal nameless, kids are forced to fill in the blanks for themselves," said Carol Cleaver, an Escambia County science teacher.

Multiple Central Florida Democratic state lawmakers also were present at Wednesday's meeting, joining educators who addressed the board in questioning the standards.

Rep. Anna Eskamani, D-Orlando, pointed to part of the middle-school standards that would require instruction to include "how slaves developed skills which, in some instances, could be applied for their personal benefit."

"I am very concerned by these standards, especially ... the notion that enslaved people benefited from being enslaved. It's inaccurate and a scary stan-

dard for us to establish in our educational curriculum," Eskamani said.

Sen. Geraldine Thompson, a Windermere Democrat, took issue with another part of the standards, citing a section requiring high-school instruction that "includes acts of violence perpetrated against and by African Americans but is not limited to 1906 Atlanta Race Riot, 1919 Washington, D.C. Race Riot, 1920 Ocoee Massacre, 1921 Tulsa Massacre and the 1923 Rosewood Massacre."

Thompson's Senate district includes Ocoee, where Black people were killed on election day in 1920 by a mob of white residents. The violence took place after Moses Norman, an African American resident, was denied the right to vote.

Thompson objected to wording in the standards that said violence was perpetrated "by" African Americans.

"When you look at the history currently, it suggests that the massacre was sparked by violence from African Americans. That's blaming the victim. When in fact, it was other individuals who came into the Black community and killed individuals, burned homes and schools and lodges," said Thompson, a former teacher and college administrator.

But Paul Burns, chancellor of the Department of Education's Division of K-12 Public Schools, disputed many of the criticisms of the new standards.

"For the folks in the media and in the teachers union who are watching, we want you to please pay close attention because you've

been peddling, really, a false narrative," Burns said.

'BUREAUCRATIC MORASS'

The Florida Rights Restoration Coalition and other plaintiffs this week filed a federal lawsuit accusing Gov. Ron DeSantis and other officials of failing "to realize the promise" of a 2018 constitutional amendment aimed at restoring voting rights of felons who have completed their sentences.

Calling Florida a "national embarrassment," the lawsuit described a "bureaucratic morass" encountered by felons trying to find out if they are eligible to vote.

The issue is rooted in a controversial 2019 law that DeSantis and the Republican-controlled Legislature passed to carry out the constitutional amendment. The law said voting rights would be restored "upon completion of all terms of their sentence including parole or probation." It also required felons to pay "legal financial obligations" — fees, fines and other court costs — associated with their convictions before they could be eligible to vote.

Wednesday's lawsuit accused state and local officials of thwarting the intent of what was known as Amendment 4, which 65 percent of Florida voters supported.

"The defendants have used the legislative process, criminal enforcement and taxpayer dollars to frustrate the will of Florida voters, as expressed in their overwhelming support for Amendment 4, to return the franchise to more than 1.4 million citizens in Florida," the 74-page lawsuit, filed

in the federal Southern District of Florida, said.

Defendants include DeSantis, Secretary of State Cord Byrd, supervisors of elections, county clerks of court, members of the state Commission on Offender Review, Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner Mark Glass and Department of Corrections Secretary Ricky Dixon.

The lawsuit, in part, asks a judge to order the state "to establish a reliable statewide database that allows people with prior felony convictions" to determine whether they have outstanding legal financial obligations or are eligible to vote.

TAKING ON TURNOVER

Amid heavy turnover, New College of Florida officials are in the process of filling 36 faculty positions ahead of the fall semester.

New College has secured signed offer letters for 15 incoming visiting faculty members as it seeks to address what Provost Brad Thiessen called a "ridiculously high" level of turnover compared to previous years.

A presentation given Monday to a committee of the New College Board of Trustees detailed various reasons that faculty members will be "out for at least one semester."

For example, six fac-

ulty members have retired, six have resigned and six took leave without pay. Another 16 faculty members will be out for reasons such as being assigned research leave or being on family leave.

The current vacancies would account for about a third of the small liberal-arts school's total faculty, as the most recently published information on the New College website said the campus had 94 full-time faculty members. Fall classes are scheduled to begin Aug. 28.

STORY OF THE WEEK: The State Board of Education on Wednesday approved new academic standards for instruction about African American history, after numerous teachers from across Florida objected to the changes and asked the board to put the proposal on hold.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Florida cannot have safe and secure elections if people do not have clarity ... and the state needs to own up to its responsibility." — Desmond Meade, executive director of the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition, on a lawsuit challenging the state's implementation of a constitutional amendment aimed at restoring felons' voting rights.

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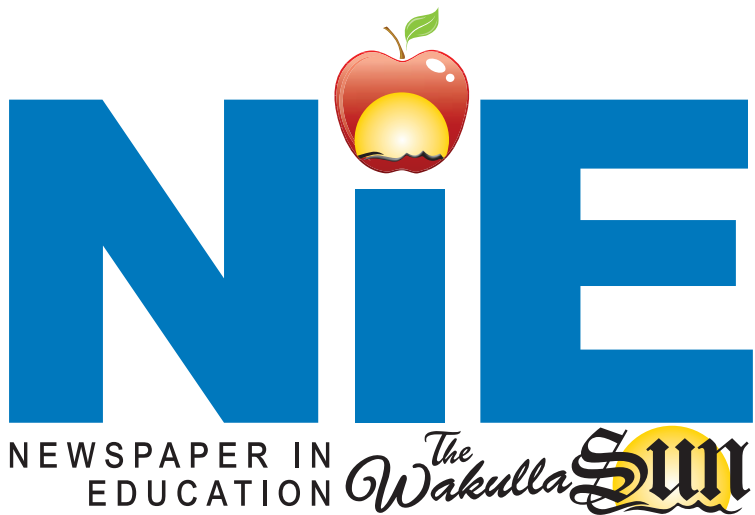


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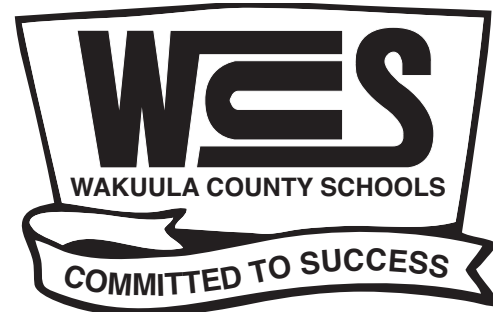
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USE THE NEWS

1. DEVASTATING DELAY

Effects from the current heatwave have been felt all over the world. Passengers of a flight that was scheduled to go from Las Vegas, Nevada, to Atlanta, Georgia, felt the heat when their plane was delayed for more than three hours waiting for takeoff. The temperature inside the plane reached over 100 degrees as it sat in the 114-degree Las Vegas heat. Three people fell ill from the extreme heat inside the plane and had to be taken off for medical treatment and the flight was eventually cancelled. Write a letter as if you are the president of Delta responding to the news coverage about the flight delay and how the extreme heat affected passengers.

2. TORNADO TROUBLE

A tornado in North Carolina could lead to medication shortages at hospitals across the United States. The tornado touched down near Rocky Mount, North Carolina, where it ripped the roof off a factory owned by Pfizer, a company that makes medicines. The factory makes drugs used in surgeries and to treat infections; while Pfizer does make the Covid-19 vaccine, it isn't made at the North Carolina factory. While Pfizer works to fix the building, there will likely be shortages of the medications in hospitals across the US who depend on the company. Write a short news article about the incident that informs people about the effect of the tornado and what could happen in the future as a result.

3. DOG DAY AFTERNOON

More than 500 golden retrievers and their owners met in the Scottish Highlands to celebrate anniversary of the first litter of golden retriever puppies, which were born in 1868. The event was part of the Guisachan Gathering, a five-day festival hosted by the Golden Retriever Club of Scotland every five years and held on the grounds where the first litter was born. Golden re-

trievers are the third most popular dog in the United States (can you guess the first two?) and were a cross between the flat-coated retriever and the now-extinct tweed water spaniel. If you were a journalist, write an article about this event, write down who you would talk to (like attendees, event organizers, etc.) and what questions you would ask them in order to get both important facts and personal anecdotes to put your story together. Think about outside sources that you

could also look to for information.

4. A PLANET PAIR

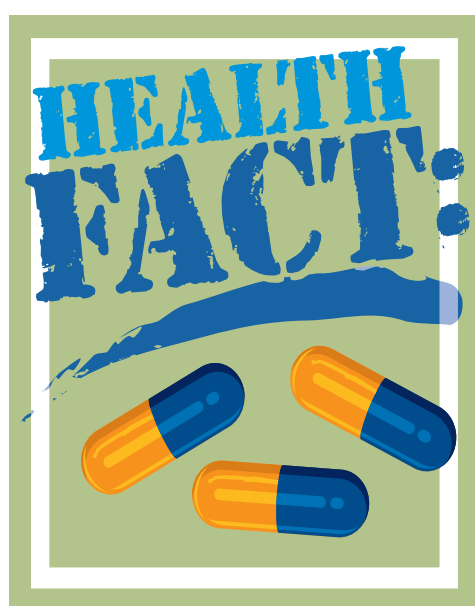
Astronomers recently reported new evidence of two planets sharing the same orbit around their star. They discovered a cloud of debris following the same orbit of a planet in the constellation Centaurus, which is 370 light-years away from Earth. It's believed that the cloud of debris is either a planet being formed or the remains of a planet that has broken apart. While sci-

entists have seen a planet sharing its orbit with asteroids, this is the first possible evidence of two planets paired together. Think about how our position in relation to the sun affects the planet—whether it's day or night, what season it is, how hot or cold it gets. If a planet were circling in the same orbit as Earth but was always on the opposite side of the sun, how might life on that planet be different? Write down some ideas and share with your classmates.

5. NO SHADE

As the actors' and writers' strikes continue in Hollywood, NBCUniversal is being investigated for their landscaping choices. A row of Ficus trees that stood over the writers' picket line, providing shade from the California sun, were cut back and left with only branches and a few leaves. A spokesperson for NBCUniversal said the trees were trimmed for safety before the start of "high-wind season," but the city of Los Angeles is inves-

tigating whether the trees were trimmed without a permit. The writers' guild and actors' union called it a tactic meant to make picketing more difficult in the extreme heat. Write a short paragraph about the perspectives of both sides in this story: Why do you think picketing, or a group standing together and protesting with signs, chants, etc., is important for people who are on strike? Why do you think a company might want to stop their workers from picketing?



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 Published on July 27, 2023

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 DIANE G. HARRELL, DECEASED.
 CASE NO. 2023-CP-68

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
 You are hereby notified that an Order For Summary Administration has been applied for in the Estate of DIANE G. HARRELL, Deceased, Wakulla Circuit Probate Case No. 2023-CP-68 with the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, the address of which is Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327; that the decedent's date of death was August 13, 2022; that the estimated net value of the estate is ZERO after funeral and estate administration expenses and homestead and exempt property are removed; and that the estate is being assigned 100% to BARNEY HARRELL, JR., the decedent's surviving spouse, whose address is P.O. Box 291, Sopchoppy, FL 32358.
 ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
 All creditors of the decedent's estate and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate other than those for whom provision for full payment has been made in the Order Of Summary Administration must file their claims and demands with this Court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN F.S. 733.702. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIODS. ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DEATH IS FOREVER BARRED.
 DATE OF DECEDENT'S DEATH - August 13, 2022.
 DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE JULY 20, 2023.

WILLIAM H. WEBSTER Attorney at Law P.O. Box 4 Hosford, FL 32334 850 443-6901 billwebsterlaw@yahoo.com ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
 BARNEY HARRELL, JR PETITIONER P.O. Box 291 Sopchoppy, FL 32358
 July 20, 27, 2023

NOTICE OF FINAL AGENCY ACTION TAKEN

Notice of Final Agency Action Taken by the Northwest Florida Water Management District
 Notice is given that Environmental Resource permit number IND-129-312692-1 was issued on July 7, 2023, to Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare, Inc. for the construction of a new surface water management system. The project is located south of the intersection of US 319 and McCallister Road in Crawfordville, Wakulla County.

The application file is available online and can be accessed through the District's e-Permitting Portal at: <https://permitting.sjrwmd.com/nwepemitting/jsp/Search.do?theAction=PermitNumSearch>. If you have any questions or are experiencing difficulty viewing the electronic application, please contact us at (850) 951-4660.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the District permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, or may choose to pursue mediation as an alternative remedy under Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, and Rules 28-106.111 and 28-106.401-404, Florida Administrative Code. Petitions must comply with the requirements of Florida Administrative Code, Chapter 28-106 and be filed with (received by) the District Clerk located at District Headquarters, 81 Water Management Drive, Havana, FL 32333-4712. Petitions for administrative hearing on the above application must be filed within twenty-one (21) days of publication of this notice or within twenty-six (26) days of the District depositing notice of this intent in the mail for those persons to whom the District mails actual notice. Failure to file a petition within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right(s) such person(s) may have to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., concerning the subject permit. Petitions which are not filed in accordance with the above provisions are subject to dismissal.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the District on the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceedings, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.
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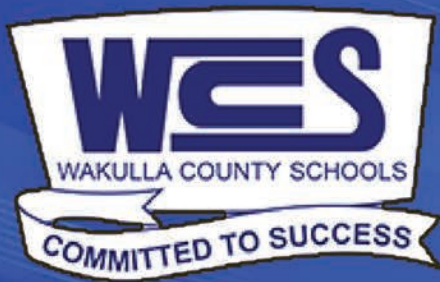
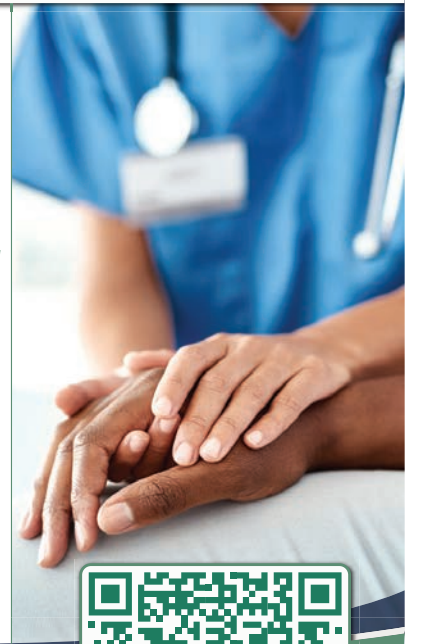
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On the Horizon

Calendar of events for the week of July 27

Thursday, July 27

- Rotary Club of Wakulla meets at TCC Wakulla 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. RSVP to 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, July 28

- Christmas After Dark, a fundraiser for the Wakulla Senior Center, will be held at the senior center from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$60, available at Wakulla Sun office.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 8 p.m. every Friday at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

Saturday, July 29

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

Monday, July 31

- Wakulla County School Board meeting for budget hearing at 5:45 p.m. at the School Board Office.
- County Commissioners Historic Preservation Committee meeting, 4 p.m. in the county administrative conference room.
- 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, at New Posh on 3079 Crawfordville Hwy. RSVP to 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, August 1

- Sopchoppy community dinner is held every week at the Towles House at 6:30 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

Wednesday, August 2

- Gentle Yoga and Stetching Class, Wednesday, First Class - 11 a.m. Wakulla Community Center. Bring a Mat. Come early to sign in. Chair Yoga participants welcome. \$2. Per class.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

Upcoming: Thursday, August 3

- Music Bingo, First Thursday each Month. 30 Palms, St. Marks. Proceeds to benefit Florida Wild Mammal Association.

Christmas After Dark

6 PM - 9 PM

July 28, 2023

Benefiting Wakulla Senior Center
33 Michael Drive, Crawfordville

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