

Robert and Kenny Manning are dedicated to improving their community

By KRYSTAL SHEPPARD Correspondent

Wakulla County has no shortage of what I like to think of as power couples, or civic minded couples who work together to enhance the lives of other people in the community everyday. One such couple is Kenny and Robert Manning. Robert grew up in Wakulla, and although they actually live on the Leon County side of the county line, the couple feels called to honor those roots. Much of their time is spent giving back to their community of friends and family here in Wakulla, as they continually work to

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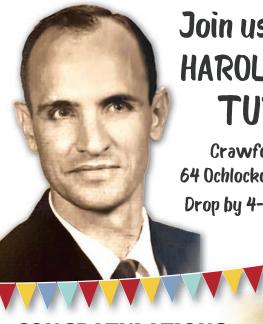
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# 10 commandments from a dog's point of view



#### **By JOANN SANDERS**

The spring and summer months are a very in the household busy time for animal shelters, and Wakulla nance Animal Services is certainly no exception!

At the time of this writing, your local shel- or facilities ter is working hard to find loving adopters for 13 dogs and 11 cats who don't have a place to call pet home, and that number is only going to rise with the onset of summer.

shelter The cent months, an alarm- imal being surrendered. ing trend that is causing who work so tirelessmals. "Code Red" means man in some way. the animals at the shelter are in danger of be- caretaker and owner was ing euthanized at any time because either they have been there the longest with little to no interest, or they are owner-surrenders who have been left at an already overcrowded facility.

It's a scary and stressful time for a small rural shelter with very few kennels, and unless responsible pet ownership is taken seriously, the threat of euthanasia will continue to loom large.

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With rare exception, real worry for the staff most of the animals who end up at shelters have ly on behalf of the ani- been let down by a hu-

A human's role as beautifully expressed by Stan Rawlinson, the UK's leading Dog Behaviorist and Obedience Trainer, when he wrote:

#### The 10 **Commandments from** a Dog's Point of View

My life is likely to last 10 to 15 years; any separation from you will be painful for me. Remember that before you buy me.

Give me time to un-

lock me up as punishment. I am not capable can't hit back, but I can grow old and need love, one of our staff memof understanding why. bite and scratch, and I care, comfort, and at-I only know I have been really don't ever want to tention. rejected. You have your do that. work, entertainment, have you.

have to look at my tail.

Be aware that howevforget it, and if it's cruel, dog-tired. it may affect me forever.

Please don't hit me. I I get old. You too will Animal Services and let

and friends, but I only for being uncooperative, "I can't bear to watch" obstinate, or lazy, ask or "Let it happen in my Talk to me sometimes. yourself if something absence." Everything is Even if I don't under- might be bothering me. easier for me if you are Tuesday to Friday from stand your words, I do Perhaps I'm not get- there. Remember, re- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and understand your voice ting the right food, or gardless of what you do, Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 and your tone. You only I've been out in the sun I will always love you. too long, or my heart is getting old and weak. It er you treat me, I'll never may be that I am just pain for a pet who has volunteer for Wakulla

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You can help ease the been let down in the Animal Services. Take care of me when past. Drop by Wakulla

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# Wakulla Senior Center update

#### By CHRIS RUSSELL

Nearly 5,000 Wakulla County senior citizens are at-risk of going hungry in 2023!

What an inspirational lead-in for the latest update on the happenings at the Wakulla Senior Center, right?

Factually, the opening sentence is 100% correct. Realistically, the Senior Center Staff, the Wakulla Senior Citizens Council, and a host of volunteers have done, and will continue to do, everything in our power to make sure this does not actually come to fruition.

Thus far, we have been able to ensure that every senior citizen in Wakulla County who wants a healthy and nutritious lunch is provided one each weekday.

However, due to an unprecedented reduction in the grant funding we utilize to provide meals to our seniors, we no longer have the dedicated funding needed to provide 5,000 individual lunches to local

seniors this year.

Troubling, yes. Monumental, yes. Can you help us overcome this challenge, yes - keep reading below.

The Wakulla Senior Center is developing a Senior Lunch Sponsorship Program to help us ensure that no Senior in Wakulla County goes without a hot lunch.

The concept is quite simple: on average it costs \$3 for each lunch served and lunches are served five days a week. In turn, if you'd like to sponsor a week's worth of senior lunches for an individual, you would donate \$15, a month's worth of lunches will run \$60, and for \$720, you could ensure that a senior citizen in our community receives a weekday lunch for a whole year.

The Senior Center serves close to 15,000 Senior lunches annually and to be brutally honest with you, without the support of our community, our ability to continue to do so will not be sustainable long term.

to Sponsor a Senior's Lunch, please contact the Wakulla Senior Center Executive Director, Ms. Sandi McDaniel at 850-888-1015; stop by the Wakulla Senior Center to make a donation; or mail your Sponsorship to Wakulla Senior Citizens Council Inc., 33 Michael Dr., Crawfordville FL 32327 (in the memo line please denote Senior Hot Lunch Sponsor).

Or, if you'd like, just go to WakullaSeniorCenter.com and utilize the donation button that is readily available on the website.

How about some good news by-gumby: The Wakulla Senior Citizens Council Board of Directors welcomed Ms. Tonya Hobby as the newest Board Member this past month.

Many folks in our community know what an asset Tonya is to our county and we are excited that she has joined the team.

Keeping the good For those wishing news rally going, we are also excited to advise that our Monday Movie Day continues to be a huge hit with our seniors. If you'd like, come on by any Monday to catch a movie, eat some popcorn, and swish a soda.

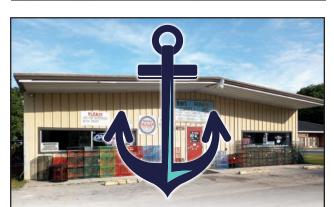
As always, we encourage you to visit our website at WakullaSeniorCenter.com and to check out our Wakulla Senior and Wakulla Transportation Facebook pages to get updates on weekly happenings, scheduling, services provided, and a whole slew of other useful information.

If you'd rather give us a call, please feel free to contact us at (850) 926-7145.

Until next time, I hope you are enjoying our beautiful Spring here in Wakulla County.

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Chris Russell is a Board Member of the Wakulla Senior Center.



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### The Mannings

#### From Front Page

improve lives, spread the word of God and empower others.

Both of the Mannings have recently retired from long term careers, but when asked how they like being retired Kenny laughed and told me she has no idea yet, because for her nothing has slowed down and she remains just as busy as before. Robert said he loves being retired because as busy as they continue to be in their outreach programs, he enjoys focusing on that and not having to also get up and go to work every day.

The couple has raised a total of 13 children, and now have seven grandchildren to enjoy. Their grands consist of five boys and two girls, ranging in age from the youngest who is 5 to the oldest who is now 21. Kenny says their grandchildren are her world, and Robert joked that what started as Nana and Papa's house has evolved into Nana's House with Papa's chair in it.

Kenny, who was recently honored by the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Crawfordville Chapter as Community Partner of the Year, is the outreach coordinator for their church, Grace and Truth Ministries. She organizes all outreach efforts in Wakulla County, and over the

years the Mannings have worked with the church to provide a variety of services to the community such as relief for those who suffered damage during hurricanes and supporting Big Bend Hospice's work with the elderly.

She is also one of the event coordinators for Operation Wakulla and Be A Hero to Our Heroes annual F.R.E.S.H. Back To School outreach event that brings businesses and members of the community together to provide everything students need to prepare them for the return to school, including free health screenings, clothes, haircuts and backpacks filled with school supplies. The Mannings said it is a group effort, and expressed their appreciation for the other people who have been instrumental in putting the event together: Cheryl Randolph, Glenda Washington, Dianne Woodard, Aaron and Joceline Hayden, Dorothy McHenry and her late husband Vince McHenry. They also said that thanks to the amazing efforts of Cam "Sunshine" and Bill Show, what began as only a handful volunteers filling backpacks has grown to the point that they sometimes have to redirect volunteers to other efforts because they have so



help. This year's Fresh Back To School event is just around the corner, with drive-thru backpack and school supply distribution scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon on July 15 in St. Marks, July 22 in Panacea, July 29 in Sopchoppy and on Aug. 5 in Crawfordille - that event, at the community center, will include vendors, free physicals and free haircuts as well as backpacks and school supplies.

Long time members of the Wakulla County Christian Coalition, the couple has been a driving force behind planning and organizing many of the coalition's public events over the years. Some of these annual events are the celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday in January with a prayer breakfast at Hudson Park and a commemorative ceremony at the MLK monument on the courthouse lawn; the Scholarship Gala in February; the Black History parade and festival in the park; and

Reading Chain at the library. With Jeannie Jones and Bossie Hawkins being the only remaining active original members of the Christian Coalition, the recent loss of valued long time member Hugh Taylor, and the addition of some new members with fresh new ideas, the WCCC is in the process of working on some reorganization.

In partnership with Herb Donaldson of Palaver Tree Theater they have created what they call "A Seat at the Table" because, in Kenny's words, "Everyone has a right to sit at the table." The group has monthly meetings, to which they invite guest speakers from local agencies to sit at the table with members of the community for an old fashioned discussion and an opportunity to speak. The belief is that communication is key, and having a casual, open, honest and respectful dialog, like they used to do in the old days,

the African American is the best way to see another persons point of view, encourage understanding and alleviate assumptions, even if you don't necessarily agree. Previous guest speakers have included members of the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office; as well as Supervisor of Elections Joe Morgan. Property Appraiser Ed Brimner has been invited to join them at the table for their next regular monthly meeting. He will discuss key features of his role as property appraiser, explain how it effects the community and answer any questions. Upcoming events at Palaver Tree Theater include Emancipation Days 2023, beginning with a Wakulla Family Reunion on May 20. For more information visit the facebook page or website. www.palavertreetheater.org

The Mannings are also active members of the 2nd Infantry Regiment U.S. Colored Troops Living History Association, whose motto is "Re-enacting the past with hope of shaping the future," working to educate others on the African-American perspective of the Civil War and the Battle of Natural Bridge through authentic and accurate living history demonstrations and battle re-enactments.

Kenny and Robert Manning believe that if you want a friend you have to make yourself friendly, and that we should all "Be a Hero to our Heroes."

The Mannings' neice, Studio 88 Dance Productions owner Lauren Holley, said of them: "My Auntie Kenny and Uncle Robert are the most caring and selfless people I know. The way they give back to the community is so admirable. They care for others and love thy neighbor just as the Bible says and we should all aspire to be more like them."

#### STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART

Keep the lamp at my feet, Keep my mind stayed on thee

Guard my steps, each and everyone, Thru you JESUS, All things can be done!

Give to me strength, For this flesh is so weak I'm desperate O' God, hear my plea! As I cry unto thee!

I forget not thy works Thou hast wrought in me, But let me not forget, from whence I came By thy mighty hand! I was delivered from all my shame! Hear my prayer O' Lord! To be a woman, after your own heart! And honor Thy Holy Name Tony Duncan Amen and Amen! -All Glory Given to Jesus





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# Sheriff's Reserve Unit is looking for volunteers



**By JARED MILLER** Wakulla Sheriff

From the Desk of Sheriff Miller:

If you were to take a poll of the community and ask about the functions of the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, I'm sure you would get a wide range of answers.

Most people know that Road Patrol Deputies patrol the streets answering calls and enforcing fice. laws, and that our Detectives spend their days investigating various crimes which have been committed.

One of the area's that is often unknown by the public is the role the WCSO Reserve Unit plays at the sheriff's office and within our community. It's safe to say that the Sheriff's Office and our role in the community would be very different without this group of dedicated individuals working here.

For may not know what during active times, the Reserve Unit is, it is an all-volunteer unit of the Wakulla County Sheriff's Of-

The WCSO Reserve Unit contains both volunteers who are sworn deputies as well as non-sworn SSO's or Sheriff's Safety Officers.

The WCSO Reserve Unit regularly assists with almost every function of the Sheriff's Office completely free to the citizens of Wakulla County, all the while working other jobs in their private lives.

Reserve Deputies can often be found assisting our Road Patrol Division to those that add extra manpower or when we have manpower shortages.

They also assist

Warrants Division large. with serving court paperwork and are in invaluable asset during major storms in our county.

However perhaps the greatest services the WCSO Reserve Unit provides to our county is the work they do with the many parades and festivals Wakulla County has.

Almost every community event held in Wakulla County with exception of a small few require either general security, traffic control or both. As much as possible these events are staffed

with our Civil and the community at to serve our com-

Almost fail when you see a sheriff's office member at a parade or festival, they are their unpaid and volunteering their time to serve our community.

Over the course of a year, reserve members donate thousands of hours in service to our county.

This is certainly a labor of love, because as mentioned earlier most of our members have full time jobs, they work in addition to their volunteer hours.

Please know we by members of the are always on the reserve unit. This is look out for new done at no cost to members who wish

munity through the without reserve unit. I

> f you have prior experience as a sworn law enforcement officer, being a Reserve Deputy allows you a way to maintain vour law enforcement standards and keep your training up to date.

> If you or someone you know may be interested in becoming a Reserve Deputy or volunteering as a Sheriff's Safety Officer, please contact Lt. Yarbrough at 850-745-7186 or jyarbrough@wcso. org.

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# **Eating for better bone health**



By SAMANTHA KENNEDY

As we age, our bodies undergo various changes, including a decrease in bone density, which puts us at a higher risk of developing osteoporosis. Osteoporosis is a condition that weakens the bones and makes them more susceptible to fractures. This condition is especially prevalent in older adults, and it can significantly affect their quality of life. However, there are some foods that can help reduce the risk of osteoporosis in older adults.

#### **Dairy products**

Dairy products are rich in calcium, which is essential for strong and healthy bones. Calcium is the primary mineral that makes up the bones, and getting enough of it in your diet can help prevent bone loss. Older adults are advised to consume at least three servings of dairy products per day, including milk, cheese, and yogurt. It is also important to choose low-fat or fat-free dairy products to reduce the risk of heart disease.

#### Leafy greens

Leafy greens are another great source of calcium, and they also contain other essential vitamins and minerals, such as vitamin K, which helps with bone metabolism. Some of the best leafy greens for bone health include kale, spinach, collard greens, and Bok choy. These greens can be incorporated into your diet in a variety of ways, such as adding them to salads or smoothies.

#### Fatty fish

Fatty fish, such as salmon, tuna, and mackerel, are excellent sources of vitamin D and omega-3 fatty acids, which can help reduce the risk of osteoporosis. Vitamin D helps the body absorb calcium, while omega-3



Dairy foods like cheese, milk, and yogurt are good sources of both calcium and vitamin D, which are two nutrients that help improve bone health.

fatty acids can reduce inflammation and promote bone growth. Older adults are advised to consume at least two servings of fatty fish per week. If you are not a fan of fish, you can also get vitamin D from fortified foods, such as milk and cereal, or by spending some time in the sun. About 10 minutes of sun exposure a day can help boost vitamin D production in the body.

#### Nuts and seeds

Nuts and seeds are rich in several nutrients that are essential for bone health, including calcium, magnesium, and phosphorus. Some of the best nuts and seeds for bone health include almonds, sesame seeds, chia seeds, and pumpkin seeds. These can be added to salads, oatmeal, or eaten as a snack. These seeds are also rich in fiber, which

is important for digestive health.

#### Fortified foods

In addition to natural sources of calcium and vitamin D, there are also many fortified foods that can help reduce the risk of osteoporosis. These include orange juice, cereal, and tofu, which are fortified with calcium and vitamin D. It is important to check the label of these products to ensure that they contain enough of these nutrients to make a difference.

In conclusion, osteoporosis is a significant health concern for older adults, but it can be prevented by consuming a diet rich in calcium, vitamin D, and other essential nutrients. Incorporating dairy products, leafy greens, fatty fish, nuts and seeds, and fortified foods into your diet can help reduce the risk of osteoporosis and promote healthy bones. However, it is important to note that diet alone is not enough to prevent osteoporosis, and older adults should also engage in regular exercise and avoid smoking and excessive alcohol consumption. By taking these steps, older adults can improve their bone health and maintain their independence and quality of life.

For more information about nutrition and osteoporosis, please contact Samantha Kennedy at (850) 926-3931.

Samantha Kennedy is Wakulla County Extension Director.x

# **On the Horizon** The monthly calendar of events

#### Monday, May 1

• The Wakulla County Commission will meet at 5 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

• Intro to Tai Chi held at the Community Center from 9 to 10 a.m, every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. All ability levels are welcome; please wear comfortable clothing. For questions call Rich or Terri Bushman at 850-228-9214.

The Wakulla Respite
Program will be available for anyone with memory impairment at no cost from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake
Ellen Baptist Church every Monday.

• Hatha yoga at 9 a.m. and

#### Wednesday, May 3

Muffins with Moms Prenatal Support Group will meet at 9 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 10 a.m. at the Wakulla County Health Department. Contact Liz Neighbors at 850-888-6078 or elizabeth. neighbors@flhealth.gov for more information.
A Line Dance class will be held at 1 p.m. at the Wakulla Senior Center every Wednesday.

#### Thursday, May 4

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER.
The VFW Auxiliary Bingo Night will be held at 7 p.m. at 475 Arran Road in Craw-

fire department from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Local vendors will be selling homemade and homegrown items and food vendors will be there. • Vegas Casino Night will be held at the Moose Lodge in Panacea featuring craps, roulette, blackjack and poker. Happy hour at 5 p.m. Games are from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$40. Steak dinner available for \$20. Live music from Allie Cats. For information, call 850-984-2510.

• Women's Fishing Class at Sherlock Springs, 2335 Bloxham Cutoff, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For ages 18 and older. \$25 per person. For more information, 850-294-9949. May Cake Raffle, a fundraiser for the Wakulla Senior Citizens Center, will be held on Facebook.
The St. Marks City Commission meeting will be held at St. Marks City Hall at 6 p.m.

• The Sopchoppy Depot Committee meeting will be held at the Depot, 34 Railroad Avenue at 4:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, May 13

• Wakulla Night of Joy, formerly Special Needs Prom, will be held at the Lodge at Wakulla Springs from 5 to 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 14

men and women, regardless of the type of cancer. Spouses, caregivers, and friends are welcome. For more information, call 850-926-6050.

#### Thursday, May 18

• Mommy and Me Art Class at the Lodge at Wakulla Springs at 6 p.m. Taught by instructor Sue Scott. Cost is \$35. For information, call 850-688-3727..

#### Saturday, May 20

• Wakulla County Horseman's Association show will be held at 1757 Lawhon Mill Road. All shows start at 11 a.m. and the Jackpot starts at noon. Entry Fees are \$25 for Jackpot; exhibitions are \$3; club classes are \$6 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. Membership is \$25 for single and \$40 for family. • The Sopchoppy Lions Club meets the 4th Monday of each month at the Historic Sopchoppy High School at 6:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, May 25

• Graduation at Wakulla High School will be held at J.D. Jones Stadium at 8 p.m.

#### Saturday, May 27

• Sopchoppy Opry at the Historic Sopchoppy High School Auditorium featuring Doug Jernigan - Fiddle and Steel Show starting at 7 p.m. Individual show tickets are \$15 each.

• St. Marks Community Market, sponsored by Dis-

Restorative Yoga at 6 p.m with Zoe, every Monday. Packages available for \$12 at New Posh on 3079 Crawfordville Hwy. **P**lease RSVP email at newposh3079@ gmail.com or text/call at (850) 528-5838.

#### Tuesday, May 2

• The Wakulla County Charter Review Commission will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Marks Room at the Wakulla County Community Center.

• Sopchoppy Community Dinner is held every week on Tuesday 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, every Tuesday. fordville, every Thursday. There will be concessions and raffles.

• The Rotary Club of Wakulla County holds its weekly meeting at the TCC Wakulla Center at 8:30 a.m, every Thursday.

• Hatha Yoga with Zoe at 9 a.m. and Yin Yoga with Nellie at 6 p.m, every Thursday.

#### Friday, May 5

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

#### Saturday, May 6

• Panacea Farmers Market will be held in Downtown Panacea next to the Panacea Kids Fishing Derby at Woolley Park will be held from noon to 3 p.m. It's free. The first 200 kids who check-in will get a free rod and reel and a T-shirt.
The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group will meet at the Wakulla County Public Library at 10 a.m.

#### Monday, May 8

- The Wakulla County Planning Commission Meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers.
- The Sopchoppy City Commission meeting will be held at Sopchoppy City Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 11

• MOTHER'S DAY.

#### Monday, 15

- The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners will meet at 5 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.
- The Wakulla County School Board meets in the school administration building at 5:45 p.m.
  The American Legion Post 114 will be meeting at

the Wakulla County Public Library at 6:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, May 18

• The Wakulla County Cancer Support Group will meet in the Education Center of the Crawfordville United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. This group meeting is for Monday, May 22

cover St. Marks, will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 815 Port Leon Drive.

#### Monday, May 29

• MEMORIAL DAY – Banks, government offices and many businesses will be closed.

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# **Being real in real life**



By GREG GAST

Being real is about taking the time and making the effort to be genuine with yourself and others. It can make a big difference to your sense of self-worth and in your quality of life.

state the aim of being own way. real is best summed up by a quote by Kierkegaard, "To be God, some to enjoy, that self which one release and satisfy truly is."

The questions are, life?" "What am I striving for? "What is my purpose?"

These are the questions we all ask ourselves at one time ris investigated the or another during our lives. Sometimes of life of people in six calmly and meditatively, sometimes in agonizing uncertainty or despair. They are questions which individual must ask and answer for

Some people believe it is to glorify every sensual desire. While others regard "What is my goal in the best way is to achieve, to gain material possessions, status, knowledge, and power.

In 1956 C.W. Morpreferred pathways different countries. He came up with five dimensions value that appear to be responsible for individual choices.

1. A preference for

self-restrained participation in life, appreciating and conserving what man has attained.

2. Delight in overcoming obstacles. It involves a confident initiation of change, either in resolving ness to this source. personal and social problems, or in overcoming obstacles in the natural world.

3. The value of a self-sufficient inner life with a rich and heightened self-awareness. Control over persons and the above is not an things is rejected in favor of a deep and sympathetic insight is ever completed. It

The best way to themselves, in their a responsible, moral, into self and others. 4. A values a receptivity to persons and to nature. Inspiration is seen as coming from a source outside of the self, and the person lives and develops in devoted responsive-

> 5. A value that stresses sensuous enjoyment, self-enjoyment. The simple pleasures of life, an abandonment to the moment, a relaxed openness to life.

> It is evident that easy direction to move, nor one which

is a continuing way of life. I offer it to you for your consideration.

Let me know what you think...

Send your questions to Real Life Counseling, 3295 Crawfordville Hwy., suite #4, Crawfordville FL 32327 in care of Gregory E. Gast, MS, LMHC, NCC. Your name will be changed and the answer to your question will appear in an upcoming issue of The Wakulla Sun.

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The Summer Camp schedule is brought to you by the Wakulla County Coalition for Youth and The Wakulla Sun.

It's time to relax and have some needed downtime. Wakulla County Coalition for Youth is proud to sponsor this Summer Camps section. Recognizing that young people seek to find their place in the wider world through many ways and means, the community hopes the following Summer Camp listings hit the intended mark with many Wakulla youth.

\*LIBRARY KEY June & July Programs WAKULLA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY TUESDAY BOOK BUNCH 10:00-11:00AM This program is for 2 1/2 to preschool & includes stories, music & take home crafts that go with the summer theme.

TUESDAY ROYAL READERS 2:00 - 3:00PM This program is for children in grades K-2, features stories & crafts or activities focused around the summer theme.

LEGO CLUB 1st & 3rd TUESDAY 4:00-5:30PM Lego Club is designed to provide kids with an enjoyable activity that stimulates & develops spatial intelligence. They will build whatever leaps into their imaginations!

Book Babies Wednesday 10:00-11:00AM An interactive summer themed story time & playgroup designed for infants, toddlers and their caregivers.

MYTHICAL READERS Wednesday 2:00-3:00PM This program is for children in grades 3-5, features books and activities focused around a central theme.

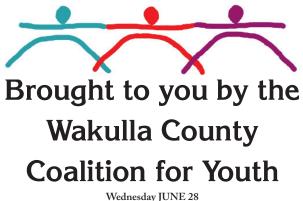
WEDNESDAY STEAM STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. Kids will learn through hands on fun and building. All ages

Programs are free thanks to the Friends of the Wakulla County Library 4330 Crawfordville Highway Crawfordville, FL 32327 (850) 926-7415 www.wakullalibrary.org Questions? Email: rsahar@mywakulla.com Tuesday IUNE 6 Book Bunch 10:00-11:00 AM Roval Readers 2:00-3:00 PM LEGO Club 4:00-5:30 PM Wednesday JUNE 7 Book Babies 10:00– 11:00 AM Mythical Readers 2:00-3:00 PM Friday JUNE 9 \*Therapy dogs will be here tomorrow 9 (Saturday)10AM-12PM Tuesday June 13 Book Bunch 10:00-11:00 AM Royal Readers 2:00-3:00 PM Wednesday JUNE 14 Book Babies 10:00-11:00 AM Mythical Readers 2:00-3:00 PM Thursday JUNE 15 STEAM 4:00-5:00PM The Doc Magic Show 7:00 PM @ The Library Tuesday JUNE 20 Book Bunch 10:00-11:00 AM Royal Readers 2:00-3:00 PM LÉGO Club 4:00-5:30 PM Bits N Pieces Puppets 7:00 PM @ The Community Center Wednesday JUNE 21 Book Babies 10:00-11:00 AM Mythical Readers 2:00-3:00 PM Tuesday JUNE 27 Book Bunch 10:00-11:00 AM





Please note: most camps require reservations Camps fill up fast!



Book Babies 10:00-11:00 AM Mythical Readers 2:00-3:00 PM Thursday JUNE 29 STEAM 4:00-5:00PM

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - CRAWFORDVILLE TWIST & TURNS **JUNE 22 - JUNE 30** 9am - Noon Address- 3086 Crawfordville Highway Phone- 850-926-7896

**GULF SPECIMEN AQUATIC ADVENTURES** SUMMER CAMP https://gulfspecimen.org/ Members \$190 - Non-Members \$200.

Week 1- JUNE 12 - JUNE 16 NATURES HOME - HABITATS 8:30 - 4:30 Ages 6 - 10 Week 2 JUNE 26 - JUNE 30 PRESERVING OUR SEAS - CONSERVATION 8:30 - 4:30 Ages 6 - 10

WAKULLA COUNTY 4-H UF IFAS Extension University of Florida Camp Location : Wakulla County Extension Office 84 Cedar Avenue, Crawfordville FL 32327 We accept youth entering first grade to eighth grade for most of the

camps 4-H Camps operate Monday - Thursday 8:30 to 4:30 CAMPS are 9a.m. to 4p.m. Early drop off at 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. - Late pick up from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. available for additional fees. TO REGISTER GO TO: http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/wakulla/ If you have any problems or questions with registration, please contact Christy Pearson 850-901-7092 email: christinepearson@ufl.edu

> CRAFTY CREATION WEEK JUNE 12 - JUNE 15 AGES: 5-13 Cost \$200. per child

A full week of arts and crafts. Activities will focus on creativity, imagination, and self expression. Crafts will be designed to improve fine motor skills and teach basic crafting techniques with various media. All artist welcome.

#### FUN WITH FOOD WEEK **IUNE 19 - IUNE 22**

Ages: 5-13 Cost: \$200. per child Activities will focus on basic cooking skills and nutrition. Campers 8 years and over will have the opportunity to learn grilling techniques and will be introduced to the 4-H Food Challenge contest curriculum. Family and Consumer Science agent, Samantha Kennedy will help guide the week of cooking activities. \* please note that meats, fruits, spices, herbs, nuts, soy and milk will be used in these activities.

#### PLANTS, BEES & TREES WEEK

\*See LIBRARY KEY under June Wakulla County Public Library Tuesday JULY 11 Book Bunch 10:00-11:00 AM Royal Readers 2:00-3:00 PM BJ's Party House 7:00 PM @ The Community Center Wednesday JULY 12 Book Babies 10:00-11:00 AM Mythical Readers 2:00-3:00 PM

> Thursday JULY 13 STEAM 4:00-5:00PM

Friday JULY 14 \*Therapy dogs will be here SATURDAY 10AM-12PM

Tuesday JULY 18 Book Bunch 10:00-11:00 AM Royal Readers 2:00-3:00 PM LÉGO Club 4:00-5:30 PM Phil Meyer Magic 7:00 PM @ The Community Center

> Wednesday JULY 19 Book Babies 10:00– 11:00 AM Mythical Readers 2:00-3:00 PM

Tuesday JULY 25 Book Bunch 10:00-11:00 AM Royal Readers 2:00-3:00 PM Animal Tales 7:00 PM @ The Community Center

> Wednesday JULY 26 Book Babies 10:00-11:00 AM Mythical Readers 2:00-3:00 PM

> > Thursday JULY 27 STEAM 4:00-5:00PM

Friday JULY 28 An Evening At Hogwarts 6:00-8:00PM @ The Library

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> ANIMAL ADVENTURE WEEK JULY 10 - JULY 13 Age: 5 - 13 Cost: \$200. per child

Activities will explore all different types of animals. Campers will learn about the classification of animals, animal habitats, migration, and wildlife ecology. Educational opportunities for all ages. Live animals present throughout the week. Please list any animal allergies.

#### FARM ADVENTURE WEEK JULY 17 - JULY 20

Age: 5-13 Cost \$200. per child Programming will center on where food comes from, livestock, and different types of farming. Activities will center around products local to Florida. Campers will be introduced to the 4-H Agricultural Judging competition curriculum. 4-H Agricultural Judging contest is held annually at North Florida Fair. Animals will be discussed as food.

TARGET SPORTS WEEK JULY 24 - JULY 27 Age: 8 - 13 Cost : \$250 per child Campers will be introduced to the sports of archery and air rifle. Activities will focus on learning hand and eye coordination, proper techniques

<u>UR ADVENTURE</u> Non -**Members:** Week 1- June 12 - 16th \$200 Natures Home - Habitats Week 2- June 26 - 30th **Members:** Preserving our Seas - Conservation Week 3- July 10 - 14th Creatures of the Blue - Marine Animals

#### Time Ages 8:30am 6 1:30pm

\$190

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The total camp would be a total of 3 weeks, every other week. Each week, the child will be able to re-register if the guardian chooses to, but the pay listed on the flyer is just for a single week. The ages, time, and website are on the flyer.

The guardian can go to our website to find the registration form and method of payment. **Registration deadlines are as follows:** 

Week 1: June 8th · Week 2: June 22nd · Week 3: July 6th

**IUNE 26 - IUNE 29** Ages: 5-13 Cost: \$200. per child Activities will focus on learning about plants, trees, and their importance to the environment and economy. Campers will learn about herbs, vegetables, and basic plant identification. \* please note that plants, peanuts, herbs, bees, and honey will be used in activities

SPECIALTY CAMP 2023 WAKULLA 4-H TEEN LEADERSHIP CERT CAMP JUNE 12 - JUNE 16 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Age: 12-18 Cost: \$100 per youth Instructors: Dr. Rachel Pienta & Samantha Kennedy in partnership with WCSO Emergency Management Wakulla County Extension Facility - 84 Cedar Avenue, Crawfordville

### JULY

**GULF SPECIMEN AQUATIC ADVENTURES** SUMMER CAMP https://gulfspecimen.org/ Week 3 -JULY 10 - JULY 14 CREATURES of the BLUE - MARINE ANIMALS 8:30 - 4:30 Ages 6 - 10

and improving self-confidence. Contact Christy Pearson, Wakulla County 4-H Program Assistance for any questions. 850-901-7092 christinepearson@ufl.edu An equal Opportunity Institution

4-H SPECIALTY CAMPS KITCHEN CREATION CAMP JULY 5-7 10 am -3 pm Age: 10-12 Cost : \$100. per child Wakulla Extension Office - Instructor - Samantha Kennedy <u>skennedy@ufl.edu</u> - (850) 926-3931 ext. 1 Online registration will be required at 4honline.com first before making payments. https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in

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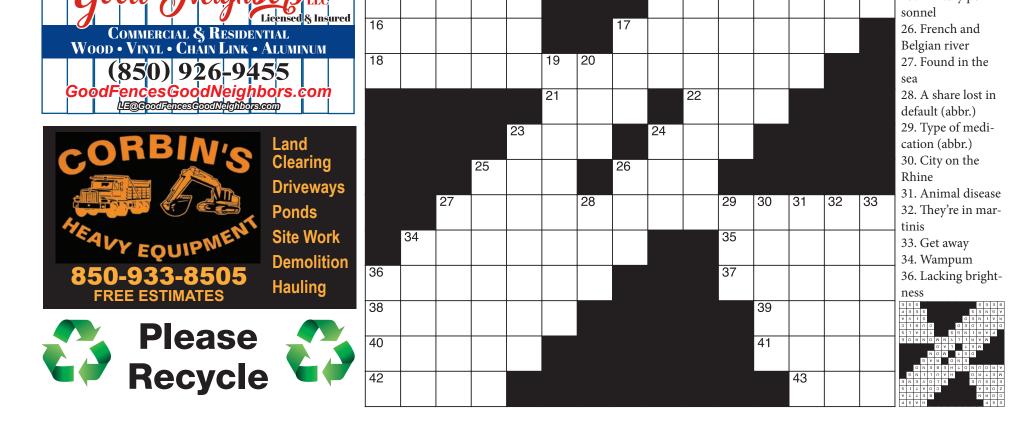
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