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Heather Bryan

The new executive director for the Wakulla Chamber of Commerce

By LEGION TAYLOR Reporter

Heather Bryan joined the Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce as its new executive director in November of 2022, replacing longtime Executive Director Petra Shuff. Though the learning curve was difficult to handle and the job itself is very different from what she had been doing at the public library, Bryan says she's finally feeling settled in.

At the library, Bryan was coordinating literacy programs and trying to improve the community through the avenues of education, helping parents understand why teaching literacy skills before their children begin school is so vitally important. She worked there for seven years, and says, "I was gonna be at the library until I retired... That's just where my passion was."

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Heather Bryan in front of the chamber offices in the old courthouse.

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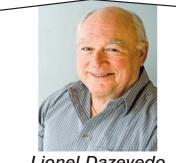
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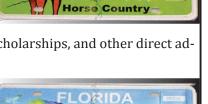
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Protect your dog from summer heat

By JOANN SANDERS

recent weeks, In Wakulla Animal Services has received many calls for service regarding dogs left unattended in parked vehicles. This practice is never safe, but with summer in full swing it can be especially deadly. Hun- 90-degree day the temdreds of pets die each perature in a car with year from being left in a hot car, a very sad statistic when you consider how each one of these deaths could have been prevented. According to an article entitled "How kill a dog in as little as pate and can result in animal control with per- a feast for his senses! to Keep Your Dog Safe in 15 minutes." the Summer Heat", pub-



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Joann Sanders is a Animal Services.

Term vs. permanent life insurance



By BRIAN ENGLISH

According to industry experts, most people don't have enough life insurance. The American Council of Life Insurers recently reported that average coverage equals \$183,780, which is equivalent to approximately 3.5 years in terms of income replacement (with the median income being \$54,132 in 2022, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics). That's only half the recommended 7-year threshold.1,2 Furthermore, almost half of consumers said that their households would be in immediate or near-immediate financial trouble if the primary wage earner died today.3 When considering life insurance, one of the most important factors to understand is the difference between term and permanent insurance. Here's an inside look at both

term, such as 10, 20, has limited access to expenses, including or 30 years. Unlike other types of life insurance, it does not accumulate a cash value. If the policyholder dies during that term, their beneficiaries receive the benefit from the policy. When the contract ends, so does the coverage.

This limited term leads to term life insurance's main advantage: price. Generally, term life insurance costs less than permanent life insurance, especially if the purchaser is younger. This has the potential to free up funds for other household expenses.

Permanent insurance remains in place as long as the the funds.

Which Should You Choose?

Term life insurance can be designed to provide protection against upcoming expenses, such as putting children through college. Permanent life insurance, on the other hand, can be more useful for covering long-term financial needs, such as estate planning.

Many people find that they have a combination of shortand long-term needs. In such circumstances, it may be prudent to have both types: a basic level of permanent life insurance supplemented by a term policy. A review of your situation may

mortality and other charges. If a policy is surrendered prematurely, the policyholder also may pay surrender charges and have income tax implications. You should consider determining whether you are insurable before implementing a strategy involving life insurance. Any guarantees associated with a policy are dependent on the ability of the issuing insurance company to continue making claim payments. Term or Perm?

In 2021 people purchased more permanent life insurance policies than term life insurance policies. However, term policies account for approximately 74% of the face amount of the policies issued.3

Hot enough for you?



By AL HARTMAN The Old Pro

Hope you all had a good Fourth.

If you are fishing a lake, stream or on a river, get out early or get out late. Early is before daybreak and late is a hour before dark. If fishing the Gulf inshore, like the flats, go early or late. After 10 o'clock your gonna get all the catfish you can catch. The Trout and Redfish are heading upstream because of the heat. If fishing the reefs and deep water, you can fish all day.

In case you didn't already know, the bay scallop season started July 1st. Check on the FWC website for regulations. They are fun to catch and I love the look on someone's face when the little buggers scoot.

didn't chase it and she told me, "I didn't want to get bit." I used to go a lot, but when I got home and cleaned my catch, I decided for \$5 to \$6 a pound at the market it is worth the money to me. Best to clean them while you are still on the water. Remember to keep a sharpe eye out for sharks. There have been a lot of attacks on the east coast and a few in the Gulf. Remember Florida is the shark-bite capitol of the U.S.!

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If you are going out in a boat remember to have all the safety gear that is required. If you need it you'll be glad you have it. If you have children on board, put the safety vests on them before they get in the boat.

Check the FWC safety list to make sure you have all that's is required. If needed you will be glad you did. And you could also be fined it you don't have it!

I hope you have good and safe day on the water.

Term and Perm

Term life insurance is temporary; it provides a death benefit for a specific



Term Insurance

policyholder makes payments. In addition, permanent policies are designed to build up "cash value," a cash reserve accumulates that with the policy. Typically, this cash reserve pays a modest rate of return. However, the policyholder

help determine what type of life insurance is appropriate.

Several factors will affect the cost and availability of life insurance, including age, health, and the type and amount of insurance purchased. Life insurance policies have

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In today's fast-paced and demanding world, stress has become an all-too-familiar companion for many individuals. The pressure to perform, meet deadlines, and juggle personal responsibilities can leave us feeling overwhelmed and anxious. Mindfulness, the practice of being fully present and aware of the current moment, offers a powerful antidote to stress. By cultivating mindfulness, we can gain greater control over our thoughts and emotions, leading to reduced stress levels and improved overall well-being. In this article, we will explore four mindfulness tips that can help us effectively manage stress.

Embrace the present moment. One of the core principles of mindfulness is to embrace the present moment without judgment. Stress often arises from dwell-

Mindful stress relief

ing on the past or worrying about the future. By redirecting our focus to the here and now, we can break free from the cycle of stress. A simple yet effective way to achieve this is through mindful breathing.

Start by finding a quiet space and sit or lie down comfortably. Close your eyes and bring your attention to your breath. Feel the sensation of the breath entering and leaving your body. If your mind starts to wander, gently redirect your focus back to your breath. Engaging in this practice for just a few minutes each day can help rewire your brain to stay anchored in the present moment, reducing stress and increasing mental clarity.

Cultivate gratitude. Gratitude is a potent mindfulness tool for combating stress. When we practice gratitude, we shift our attention away from what is lacking in our lives to what we already have. This shift in perspective fosters feelings of contentment and happiness, effectively reducing stress and anxiety.

beautiful sunset. Keeping a gratitude journal can also be beneficial, as it allows you to document and revisit these positive aspects of your life regularly. As you consistently practice gratitude, you will notice a gradual decline in stress and a greater sense of overall well-be-

ing. Practice mindful movement. Physical activity is an excellent way to manage stress, and when combined with mindfulness, its benefits are even more profound. Engaging in mindful movement practices, such as yoga or tai chi, not only enhances flexibility and strength but also helps calm the mind.

During these activities, concentrate on the sensations in your body, the rhythm of your breath, and the flow of movement. By keeping your attention on the present moment while you exercise, you create a mental space that allows stress and worries to dissipate. Moreover, mindful movement encourages a mind-body connection, promoting

to information overload and heightened stress levels. Mindfulness involves being fully present in the real world, not just in the virtual one. To reduce stress, it is essential to set boundaries with technology and limit screen time.

Allocate specific periods during the day to disconnect from your phone, computer, and other electronic devices. Use this time to engage in mindful activities, such as taking a walk in nature, reading a book, or spending quality time with loved ones. By reducing our exposure to the constant stream of information, we can create mental space and experience greater calm and balance.

Incorporating mindfulness into our daily lives is a powerful strategy for reducing stress and nurturing overall well-being. Remember, mindfulness is a skill that improves with practice, so be patient with yourself as you embark on this journey toward a stress-free existence.



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Heather Bryan

From Front Page

She only changed career paths once multiple people told her that the chamber position was something she'd be really interested in. After speaking with them, she felt that it would allow her to serve our community better than at the library.

'You can feel when the universe shifts and says 'OK, it's time for something different," she says. And with the number of people who said that she should apply for the job, she felt that she should. Weeks later, she had the job. "I couldn't be more impressed with the professional growth that taking the leap does for you". Overall, she's thankful for the opportunity and very happy that she took the leap that she did.

Starting out at the Chamber of Commerce, however, wasn't easy. Bryan admits there was some pressure on her, starting out in a job that had been done so well for so long by the same person. Shuff, though, stuck around for a few weeks after Bryan took the position to help her learn the ropes, easing her into the work she would be doing rather than letting her dive in unassisted.

"Everything that she was teaching me, whether it was something on the computer from membership to the website to just the different ins and outs of things, she would show me how she has done it... and she would always end it with 'You may find a better way to do it, and that's OK."

This friendliness and openness to change and new things made her feel much more comfortable with her new responsibilities, and

knowing that there's someone she can call on for help when she needs it makes her much more confident in herself. Though she does admit that there is some pressure on her to live up to Petra's legacy, she feels confident that she's doing everything she can - "to be better than I was yesterday, and knowing that when I leave here... I've left it better than when I got here."

Bryan replaced Shuff just two weeks before the 2022 Business Excellence Awards ceremony in November, and was still being trained when the event took place. Since then, she's gotten much more comfortable coordinating events for the chamber.

She is excited to plan the Business Excellence Awards this year. "Event planning is one of my favorite things," she says. Though she will have worked at the Chamber of Commerce for only a year by the time the awards are set, she is already dedicated to making sure that this year's ceremony is the best yet, trying to improve upon the designs that were left to her from years prior.

"It's going to be an event that I don't think anybody's gonna want to miss,".

The way the awards will be given, as well as the awards themselves, will be different, she says, as well as "making it more of a exclusive red carpet kind of feel" in order to make the event more memorable and exciting for the members.

Every day, she comes in to work trying to make life better and easier for the members of the Chamber of Commerce, in ways such as streamlining the sponsorship process to make

it easier, and making it possible to make payments with credit cards easier and more remote. The sponsorships specifically are being changed so that every event that businesses could potentially sponsor is put together in a packet and handed out in January. That way, the chamber can be as transparent as possible with its members, which she thinks is vitally important. Slowly, she plans to implement changes that will better the community and its businesses for years to come.

"No, we don't have a marquee sign up with all the changes we've done, but they're coming.'

She says she's very excited for the future of the chamber, and the things that they'll soon be able to offer to their members.

Bryan loves this county and its people, and is excited to see where the county goes as new people continue to flood in from all across the country. She loves the memories of the Wakulla County she grew up in, but she loves what Wakulla is now and what it will grow into in the future just as much. She and the chamber members are working on marketing solutions to bring these new people into the fold, to assimilate them into the rich culture that has developed over many decades here in Wakulla. She says that she



AND JESUS



Heather Bryan, center, is introduced to Chamber members at a November luncheon by then-Chamber President Greg James and Executive Director Petra Shuff.

loves the small town feeling that Wakulla has preserved, how everyone knows everyone and it's sometimes difficult to go places without seeing a familiar face, and that she hopes that feeling will be preserved as the county continues to develop and progress.

She also says that she wants to get more involved with the outer communities, such as St. Marks and Sopchoppy, as most businesses that are part of the chamber are from Crawfordville. She wishes to be more out and about and getting businesses to cooperate together with things like the Community Markets in St. Marks, Panacea, and Sopchoppy, so that businesses all across the county can grow and flourish no matter their location or size.

Another project the Chamber is working on is called Leadership Wakulla, a project of Chamber President Amy Geiger to help cultivate the young people who are the future of the community.

The Leadership curricula will have future leaders enroll in a class for one day a month. Then, at that class, they can learn from experts in the county, people like the sheriff or the people who run the Sopchoppy Theater. That way, anyone who wants to can have a

well-rounded idea of how the county runs and what it has to offer its people, allowing both newcomers and people who have grown up in the county to better understand what makes Wakulla County special.

Bryan hopes that through her efforts and the collective efforts of the community, we can continue to grow positively and never lose sight of the things that make Wakulla important to its residents. "I wouldn't have it

any other way."

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Take steps to protect your personal information



By JARED MILLER Wakulla Sheriff

This month I'd like to talk about ways you can help protect yourself, your personal information, and avoid being the victim of fraud.

As with any crime you cannot completely help becoming a victim, but there are steps you can take to help protect yourself during this season and throughout the year.

In a broad since, it's important for everyone to keep personal information such as So-

cial Security and credit card numbers safe. Please remember that your bank, credit card company, or government agencies will never call you out of the blue and request this information from you over the phone (or via email). These agencies if doing legitimate business will already have your personal information and would not require you to provide it to them.

А common scam now is for a scammer to contact you via phone and say they are from a bank, or government agency. They state there is some sort of problem with your account but before they can fix it, they'll need you to verify your personal information. That information could be anything from your bank account, credit card information, or

vour Social Security number depending on the scam. There is also another common scam where a suspect makes contact via phone and reports they are either a law enforcement officer or someone with the clerk's office. They inform you that you have an active warrant, and you need to pay a fine to have the warrant removed. Please know that claims such as this are never legitimate - judicial order or arrest warrants cannot be cleared up over the phone or by cash payments.

If you receive these calls do not give out this information. If you believe you are being scammed, hang up. If you have a question for the agency, or are doing legitimate business with them, they all will have phone numbers or emails posted on their websites they can be contacted at. Additionally, always report suspicious or fraudulent activity to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office by Calling 850-745-7100.

A good rule of thumb when it comes to fraud is, if it sounds suspicious or too good to be true, it probably is. If you receive a phone call or email requesting credit card or personal information, and the caller/writer is either making threats (arrest, foreclosure, etc) or making promises which seem to good to be true, please end that communication to protect yourself.

Make sure you are careful about providing personal information. Limit the number of websites and phone apps you provide credit card and personally identifying information, as even if they are legitimate, they always run the risks of being hacked.

Though aggravating, stolen credit card information can be dealt with. However once your Social Security information becomes compromised, there is no way to get that information back.

It is a mistake that, as many know, can continue to haunt you for many years to come. Many forms and applications still have places to input this information, but often it is no longer required.

Only give out your Social Security number to agencies/businesses with which you wish or need to do business, and which the use of your Social Security number is explicitly required to do business.

Again, this is to lim-

it the number of people who have access to, or number of places your personal information is located to help avoid theft.

Lastly if you currently carry your Social Security card in your purse or wallet, I advise you to take it out and store it some place safe in your home. There simply is no need to carry it on a day-to-day basis and doing so only creates an opportunity for it to be stolen or lost.

If you believe you have been the victim of identity theft, any sort of fraud, or know of suspicious or criminal activity, as always, I ask you to call WCSO at 850-745-7100 and speak with one of my deputies or detectives.

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On the Horizon The monthly calendar of events

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.

• Yin Yoga at 10:30 a.m. and Flow Yoga at 6 p.m with Nellie, every Tuesday.

Wednesday, August 2

• 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.

• Wakulla County Coalition for Youth meets Wednesday, Aug. 2 at 12:30 p.m. at the public library. Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 6:30 p.m. every wednesday at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St. •Gentle Yoga and Stetching Class, every Wednesday, 11 a.m. Wakulla Community Center. Bring a Mat. Come early to sign in. Chair Yoga participants welcome. \$2. Per class.

Thursday, August 3

The Sopchoppy Depot Committee meeting will be held at the Depot, 34 Railroad Avenue at 5 p.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.

The Rotary Club of Wakulla County meets at the TCC Wakulla Center at 8:30 a.m. every Thursday.
Hatha Yoga at 9 a.m. and Restorative Yoga at 6 p.m. every Friday at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonees St.

Saturday, August 5

• The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group will meet at the Wakulla County Public Library at 10 a.m. • Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Saturday at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St. • The Panacea Community Garden Farmer's Market will be August 5th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Downtown Panacea. • FRESH backpack giveaway at the Wakulla County Community Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monday, August 7

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners meets at 5 p.m. in the commission chambers.
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 Restorative Yoga at 6 p.m with Zoe, every Monday 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. every Monday at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

• Middle Schools will hold their open houses from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

• Wakulla High School will hold the open house for new enrollees, as well as 9th and 10th graders, from

The American Dream

5 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, August 8

• 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.

• WEC Pre-k holds their open house from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

• Elementary Schools and MES Pre-k hold their open houses from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

• Wakulla High will hold their open house for 11th and 12th graders from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 10

• St. Marks City Commission meets at City Hall at 6 p.m.

• First day of school year in Wakulla County. It is an early release day.

Saturday, August 12

• The Sopchoppy Community Market will be held in Depot Park from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monday, August 14

The Wakulla County Planning Commission meets at 6 p.m. in the commission chambers.
The Sopchoppy City Council meets at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.
The American Legion Post 114 will be meeting at the Wakulla County Public Library at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 17

• The Wakulla County Cancer Support Group meets

the Crawfordville United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. This group meeting is for men and women, regardless of the type of cancer. Spouses, caregivers, and friends are welcome. For more information, call 850-926-6050.

in the Education Center of

Friday, August 18

• Football season kicks off with an exhibition game in Madison County between the Wakulla War Eagles and Madison Cowboys at 7 p.m.

Saturday, August 19

• The 1st Annual West Florida Paddler's Swap and Shop Meetup will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Magnuson Hotel Wildwood Inn, on Highway 98.

Monday, August 21

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners meets at 5 p.m. in the commission chambers.
The Wakulla County School Board meets in the school administration building at 5:45 p.m.

Friday, August 25

• First football game of the season with Wakulla War Eagles traveling to Tallahassee to face the Chiles Timberwolves at 7 p.m.

Monday, August 28

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



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with Zoe every Thursday. Classes are \$12, at New Posh on 3079 Crawfordville Hwy. RSVP to newposh3079@gmail.com or text/call at (850) 528-5838. • The Lower Bridge Boat Ramp reopening will be held at 10 a.m.

Music Bingo, First
Thursday each Month, at
30 Palms in St. Marks. Proceeds benefit the Florida
Wild Mammal Association.
Alcoholics Anonymous
meets at 6:30 p.m. every
Thursday at the American
Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

Friday, August 4

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 8 p.m.









The eastern cicada killer is an impressive wasp



By ERIK LOVESTRAND

As I walked across the side vard, I noticed a small pile of white sand with a ³/₄ inch hole nearby. My first thought was "vole," which I wrote about in my last Sun Monthly article. Too small for a mole and definitely not made by dung beetles. For no particular reason, I filled in the hole and packed the dirt tightly with my finger. A couple of hours later I walked out to the shed and I noticed the hole was open again. And that was when I saw the culprit. A female eastern cicada killer wasp was pushing sand out of the hole onto the mound. On the ground next to the hole was her still living but paralyzed namesake, a large cicada. As I moved closer for some photos, she spooked and picked

up her cicada and went airborne. After making a short flight to check me out she came back and landed near the burrow to continue her digging.

At over 1.5 inches long, these large, "hunting wasps" are indeed impressive. Particularly when you see one flying while carrying a cicada at least twice its size. These native wasps were often misidentified as the non-native Asian giant hornet (aka: murder hornet) during a media frenzy of 2020, fueled by the discovery of a colony of giant hornets in Washington state. Murder hornets come by their nickname honestly as they are known to predate honeybee colonies by biting off the heads of the bees with their large, powerful jaws. The colony in Washington was exterminated by scientists hoping to head off a permanent establishment in the U.S.

The more I investigated the life history of the eastern cicada killer, the more fascinated I became. Females are generally much larger than males with good reason. When a mated female provisions her offspring,



A female cicada killer with a paralyzed cicada nearby.

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males typically get one cicada in their burrow chamber and females get two. Incredibly, cicada killer moms control which eggs are fertilized and which ones are not. Unfertilized eggs always produce males and fertilized produce females. Burrows can be nearly four feet long and have many branches and Sometimes chambers.

several different females will use the same burrow system.

Males emerge before females and keep watch near a burrow site (usually where they developed). When a virgin female emerges she is quickly mated and soon begins the monumental task of digging a burrow and hunting for cicadas to nourish her offspring.

just enough venom to immobilize them without killing them. Upon completion of supplying a brood chamber with food for her larva, she lays a single egg on the last cicada and proceeds to close the chamber. The main tunnel may also be closed when egg laying is complete but not always. Larval development is rapid and they are ready to spin a cocoon in about one week. They will overwinter in their cocoon and then pupate in the spring. Hatching usually happens in June or July in our area and the newly emerging wasps dig upward to the soil surface to begin the cycle again. All of the wasps die each year after their short life span of 2-6 weeks.

Cicada killers present no real danger to hu-

Cicadas are stung with mans unless you have a serious allergy to wasp stings and just happen to step on one with bare feet. As with all bees, the males have no stinger. Females do have the capability to sting but like all solitary bees and wasps, they do not exhibit colony protection behaviors. Even if you were somehow stung, they only rank a 2.5 out of 4 on the Schmidt Insect Sting Pain index. Although they are basically harmless, I would wager that they may be responsible in part for a few cases of people hurting themselves, due to their significant "intimidation factor."

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