



The Wakulla Sun



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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mostly Cloudy	AM Clouds/ PM Sun	Partly Cloudy
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One Section

Wawa approved

Planning commission give OK to gas station under conditional use rules

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

The planning commission voted last week to approve a conditional use for a Wawa convenience store and gas station to be located on Crawfordville Highway on a parcel between the old and new Whiddon Lake Road.

Planning commissioners voted unanimously, 7-0, to approve the store at their meeting on Monday, April 8. The matter does not go to the county commission.

It was the first gas station approval since the controversy over the gas station sought by Southwest Georgia Oil to be located at the Crawfordville Highway-Bloxham Cutoff intersection – on a parcel that cave divers

had identified as having an underground tunnel where water flowed from Chip's Hole sink to Wakulla Springs.

At one point, hundreds of people attended a county commission meeting to object to the gas station's location.

That controversy was resolved by the land being purchased by the state for conservation, and Southwest Georgia Oil doing a land swap to locate the station on the other side of Bloxham Cutoff.

In response to the controversy, county commissioners changed the process of approval for gas stations – making them conditional uses under commercial zoning, meaning the planning commission could vote to reject the applica-

tion for conditional use if there were concerns.

Facing heightened scrutiny, Wawa officials said at the meeting that they had done electrical testing of the parcel – as well as soil borings – to determine there are no underground caves or conduits on the property. The surveyor for the project said the electrical testing found no indication of voids to a depth of 70 feet.

The gas station will have underground storage tanks, and Wawa's engineers described the company's leak protection and detection system that goes above and beyond federal and state requirements.

Planning Commissioner Chad Hanson said he appreciated the level of detail that was

received, but expressed concern "about the lack of public presence here."

Besides Wawa officials and other people with business before the planning commission, there were no citizens in attendance at the meeting. Hanson also urged county commissioners to review and update the springs protection ordinance, which was approved in 1994. The full planning commission voted several months ago to urge county commissioners to address concerns about the ordinance.

The planning commission is chaired by Andrew Riddle, and members at the meeting were Hanson, Mark Mitchell, Rhonda Carroll, Leonard Donaldson, Kent Malik and Robin Tyler.

Motorcyclist killed at U.S. 98 and Spring Creek

A passenger on the bike is in critical condition after wreck

Staff Report

A 49-year-old Monticello man riding a motorcycle on U.S. 98 was killed in a crash on Saturday, April 13, around 6 p.m., according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

A passenger on the motorcycle, a 48-year-old woman from Monticello, was transported to Tallahassee Memorial in critical condition, FHP reported.

According to the report, the motorcycle was traveling east on 98 near the Spring Creek Highway intersection and attempted to pass a pickup truck that was slowing to make a left turn onto Spring Creek.

The motorcycle went into the westbound lane to overtake the truck and struck the driver's side of the truck. The driver and passenger were thrown off the motorcycle and the driver was pronounced dead at the scene. Neither was wearing helmets.

The driver of the truck, a 19-year-old female from Sopchoppy and a 15-year-old female passenger from Crawfordville, were uninjured.

FHP does not release the names of people involved in crashes.

PAWS DOGWASH



PAWS held its Pamper Your Pooch dog wash on Saturday morning, and among the canine friends getting cleaned up that day was "Meika," a Lab-Doberman mix owned by Neil Payton. Pictured with Meika are PAWS volunteers

Teresa Corbett, Allie Bruce and Cassandra Manuel. The event is a fundraiser for PAWS for its projects including the spay-neutering of feral cat populations within Wakulla County. (Photo by Linda Ann McDonald)

SOPCHOPPY WATER

Water rates to go up for Sopchoppy

City will also set residential connection fees at \$7,200

By LEGION TAYLOR
Reporter

The Sopchoppy City Council passed two ordinances to increase water rates and capacity fees inside and outside of the city limits of Sopchoppy.

For years, Sopchoppy has had a lower rate for residents within the city limits.

The rate increases are a result of a bill during the recent legislative session to require water rates to be equal for all users regardless of whether or not they live inside the providing city. Though the bill didn't pass during session, city commissioners sought to prevent a more sudden increase when/if the bill does pass – with the ordinance to equalize the rates, which will go into effect on Oct. 1st, the start of the next fiscal year.

The first ordinance, passed at the city commission meeting on Monday, April 8, increases the rates for water usage both inside and outside the city limits, bringing the cost up to a base charge of \$25.65 per month, and \$3.65 per 1,000 gallons for all usage exceeding 3,000 gallons per month.

This is a significant increase for residents of Sopchoppy, as their monthly rate is \$16, but is less drastic for those users who live outside the city limits, as they already pay \$22 a month for their water.

A second ordinance that passed will charge \$7,200 for each new residential or equivalent connection to the water system. This will not affect those who already are on the water system, and is intended to help pay for the improvements and expansions that are needed on the water system.

The charge is mostly intended to impact new subdivisions and developments that would put great strain on the water system, and because systems such as the one Spchoppy owns is required by law to expand to meet demand, these fees will help ensure that the funding for said expansions is always there.

There are exemptions for affordable housing, as long as the owner of the home meets the proper standards and files an application for deferral.

Both of these ordinances are part of the plans to update and expand the Sopchoppy water system, and will help to fund those much-needed improvements in the future.

CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENT

Angie Nichols running for school board

Educator says she will focus on accountability and transparency

By ANGIE NICHOLS
Candidate

Last year I began thinking of ways that I could help make a difference in the school system and return to my educational roots. After a great deal of prayer and discussion with my family, I am excited to announce my candidacy for the Wakulla County School Board District 2!

With 22 years of experience as an educator at both the Elementary and Middle School levels, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges and opportunities our schools face. As a parent of four children who attended Wakulla County Schools from Pre-K through High School, and a grandparent of two little ones who will soon be part of the school system, I am committed to making sure that our children



Angie Nichols

have every opportunity to succeed.

I grew up in Tallahassee and attended Rickards High School where I met my husband, Fred Nichols. We later moved to Wakulla because we both had relatives here

and felt that this would be the ideal place to raise our own family. In 2004, our oldest son started preschool via the "Readimobile" – a school bus that had been transformed into a classroom! This was our first expe-

The Wakulla Sun offers candidates the opportunity to announce their candidacy, and tell voters the issues that are important to them.

rience with the Wakulla County School System as parents, and we were not disappointed! Our four children: Bryson, Colton, Cameron, and Britton kept us actively involved at Medart Elementary, Wakulla Middle, and Wakulla High School until 2023 when our youngest graduated.

My teaching career began in Leon County where I taught for six years. My children were all attending school in Wakulla at that time and my biggest hope was to teach at their school one day. In 2006, my dream

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Student of the Week

Lilian Brown – 7th grader at Wakulla Middle School

Principal: Simeon Nelson

Achievements/Reason for Nomination: Lillian has been selected Student of the Week for Wakulla Middle School because she is an amazing student. She is kind to her peers and teachers, completes all her work, a talented musician, and an excellent writer. Lillian's favorite subject is Band. She plays in the WMS Symphonic, Jazz, and Concert Bands. Her chosen instrument is the clarinet. Lillian is also a Library TA for Mrs. Byars, our Media Specialist. She knows a lot about books and how a Library is set-up and operates. She is also a million-word reader this year. Outside of school, Lillian likes to Read, Draw and Craft. We are happy that Lillian is on our campus and that we still have another year with her. She is going to do great things in her life. Great job, Lillian!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FEATURES A DIFFERENT SCHOOL EACH WEEK.



Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park

Golden Alexander

By LYNN ARTZ, DAVID RODDENBERRY, and SANDY TEDDER



Golden alexander (*Zizia aurea*) is a care-free perennial gaining popularity in butterfly gardens. Clusters of dainty yellow flowers form large flat flowerheads at the tops of upright stems. The tiny golden flowers offer nectar to short-tongued pollinators between early spring and early summer blooms. Like other carrot family plants, golden alexander feeds the caterpillars of black swallowtail butterflies. It is also important to native bees, including a mining bee whose females eat only its pollen. Golden alexander thrives in moist soil in full-to-part sun but can grow under trees. It stands 1-3' tall and 1-2' wide and is stunning when massed. The finely serrated leaves turn purplish in fall. Planted beneath the pindo palm in the northeast garden last fall, five small young golden alexanders are blooming now at Sopchoppy Depot Park.



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Ryan Ladwig's Eagle Scout project at Shell Point

Story & Photos By
LINDA ANN McDONALD
Correspondent

Ryan Ladwig is a Troop 5 Boy Scout who identified a need in his Wakulla County community and by demonstrating leadership skills and upholding the Boy Scout Promise of Duty to Other People, Ryan worked with his team to build pathways that lead to the two pavilions and connect to the sidewalk and parking lot of Shell Point Beach.

"I heard about elderly grandparents who were watching their grandchildren play on the beach from the parking lot because they could not access the beach due to their immobility," said Ryan when asked what prompted him to leap into action to serve his community.

Now, because of Ryan and his team's hard work, beach visitors with mobility restrictions such as wheelchairs and mobility aids, can now access the beach with ease.

Chris Shook, Ryan's Scout Master said, "It is great to see Ryan's leadership put into



Parents Glenn and Crystal Ladwig with their son Ryan at his Eagle Scout project at Shell Point Beach.

practice from scouting, it is also great to see the younger scouts learning by example."

Ryan added, "I want to thank my Scout Master Henry West for everything."

Proud parents Glenn and Crystal Ladwig said, "We couldn't be any prouder, we moved here from Tallahassee not too long ago, since Ryan moved to Wakul-

la, it took him only one week and right away he attended one meeting and one event and Ryan was plugged in with a great group of Scouts. It is great to watch him conquer the hard tasks and work towards his Eagle Scout ranking."

Wakulla County Assistant County Administrator Somer Pell noted that the Planning

& Community Development Department approved the beach's new walkway project and Pell offered her assistance with the native plants that are planted to help beautify the walkways.

Chris Shook shared that Boy Scouts meetings ages 6-18 years old are held on Tuesday nights from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Crawford-

ville United Methodist Church. Anyone is welcome to join. You can call 850-443-9492. Other Scouts ages K to 5th grade can still call Chris Shook and he will direct them where to go and who to call.

The three promises of the Scout Oath:

DUTY TO GOD AND COUNTRY: Your family and religious leaders teach you to know and

serve God. By following these teachings, you do your duty to God.

Men and women of the past worked to make America great, and many gave their lives for their country. By being a good family member and a good citizen, by working for your country's good and obeying its laws, you do your duty to your country. Obeying the Scout Law means living by its 12 points.

DUTY TO OTHER PEOPLE: Many people need help. A cheery smile and a helping hand make life easier for others. By doing a Good Turn daily and helping when you're needed, you prove yourself a Scout and do your part to make this a better world.

DUTY TO SELF: Keeping yourself physically strong means taking care of your body. Eat the right foods and build your strength. Staying mentally awake means learn all you can, be curious, and ask questions. Being morally straight means to live your life with honesty, to be clean in your speech and actions, and to be a person of strong character.

Post office works to Beat the Heat



By **AMY GERLEMAN**
Crawfordville Post Master

This year as our carriers prepare for delivering in our hot summer weather, we entered the Southern Area's Beat the Heat Competition.

The competition will be judged on overall creativity, strong and informative messaging, identifying heat as a risk to employees, high-light indoor heat hazards, engaging communication, and facility participation. First prize winner will receive an ice maker for the facility, second prize is a water bottle station,

and third prize is a \$750 gift card for the facility. We had many customers ask what we were doing or celebrating... hopefully it will be a win! Focusing on the hazards of working outdoors or the hazard of heat indoors is always a major focus for us in the Postal Service. Summer weather comes on fast and lasts so long, especially here in Florida. Heat stress, heat strokes, and heat exhaustion are all things that must be watched for carefully when you are working in the heat. We tried to draw a little more attention to the heat risk factors while having a little fun in the process.

Cadena wins Best Youth

Special to The Sun

Wakulla 4-H Shotgun Club member Emiliano Cadena participated in the 16th Annual Bustin' Clays event with Sheriff Grady Judd fundraiser on Saturday, April 6, at Tenoroc Sporting Clays in Lakeland. Emiliano is a state-ranked 4-H competition skeet, trap, and sporting clays shooter. At the Bustin' Clays event, Emiliano won the Best Youth Award with a 48 out of a possible 50 score.

The Bustin' Clays event is part of Polk County Sheriff's Charities, Inc. and has become one of the most visible and fun shooting events in Central Florida. Proceeds are used to support scholarships and meet needs in the local community throughout Polk County.

This annual event also honors the memory of Noah Jeffries. Noah was accepted to attend the Polk County Sheriff's Academy of Florida and would have started his training in 2018. Noah first met Sheriff Grady Judd at the age 13, when he was the high-overall winner at a sporting clays competition. Sheriff Judd spoke at Noah's memorial service on October 12, 2017 and at that time,



Emiliano Cadena with his trophy.

posthumously swore him into office as a Polk County Sheriff's Deputy.

The Wakulla 4-H Shotgun Clubs practices at the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Shooting Range in Sopchoppy. The club will accept new members in August 2024. For more information, contact the Wakulla County Extension office at 850-926-3931.

Nichols

From Front Page

came true! I was hired as a 1st Grade Teacher at Medart Elementary School. I will never forget going to the District Office and meeting with former Superintendent David Miller, who made me feel so welcome. I would later see Mr. Miller and other School Board Members as they visited my classroom during Open House. At that moment, I knew that I was part of a team and not just a name on a payroll roster. This was one of the reasons that so many of my college classmates had wanted to work for the Wakulla School District.

While teaching at the Elementary level I gained my Gifted Endorsement and my Reading Endorsement. I later transitioned to the secondary level where I taught at both Wakulla Middle and Riversprings. In 2021, I made the difficult decision to leave teaching. Unfortunately,

I had watched my salary diminish each year due to the rising costs of insurance premiums and the lack of pay increases. For the past year, I have attended School Board Meetings and heard many other Wakulla County teachers express the same concerns that led me to leave a career that I loved. It broke my heart that the district that had once attracted so many prospects was now losing teachers to neighboring counties. This was one of the reasons that I decided to step out of my comfort zone and into the race for School Board.

As an educator with 22 years of experience, I know the importance of building a strong foundation. I believe that we need to get back to the basics and focus on the ABCs: Accountability and Transparency, Better Budgeting, and a Commitment to the Children. As a School Board member, I will ensure that decisions are made transparently, with input from parents, teachers, and the community.

Our students deserve accountability at every level. I will work tirelessly to maximize funding so that our Teachers and Staff earn the salary that they deserve and have affordable health insurance. I will also advocate for classroom essentials, teacher training, and student support services. Our children are the heart of our community. I pledge to prioritize their well-being, safety, and educational success. As a parent with four children and a grandparent of two little ones, I know the importance of investing in our children. I am dedicated to working to ensure that our students feel safe, valued, and have every opportunity to succeed.

Sixteen years of my teaching experience has been in Wakulla County. I was blessed to work with some of the most amazing Teachers, Staff, and Administrators in the state. I ask for your support on August 20th so that I can be YOUR voice on the School Board and help make a difference.



Date: April 20th at 7 pm

**Location: Mt Beasor Baptist Church
29 Winthrop Avenue
Sopchoppy, Florida**

**Contact Information
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Opinions

THE FIRST AMENDMENT

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Congratulations to Wakulla High School Honor Court



This year’s Honor Court for Wakulla High School: top row, Georgia Gumphrey, Joy Li, Taylor Thorne, Lily Mc-Millan, Andriess Stallings, Zamora Travis, Jordyn Hatfield, and Haley Perry; bottom row, Riley Carraway, Robert

Bunch, Wyatt Ayers, Murray Breithaupt, Parker Lawhon, Salutatorian Noah Alford, Valedictorian Hayden Peacock, Nathan Braverman, Legion Taylor, Matthew Ayotte, and Owen Mercure. Not Pictured is Kyra Ferreira.

On the Horizon

Calendar of events for the week of April 18

Thursday, April 18

- The Wakulla County Cancer Support Group meets in the Education Center of 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.
- The second “Get to know your iPhone” tech class will be held at the Wakulla County Public Library from 9:30 a.m. to noon.
- Rotary Club 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 are concessions and raffles.
- Rotary Club meets at TCC Wakulla at 8:30 a.m. every Thursday.
- Gentle Yoga at 9 a.m. and Yin Yoga at 6 p.m. 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.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30

p.m. every Thursday at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

Friday, April 19

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

Saturday, April 20

- A Celebration of the Arts will be held at the Wakulla High School Auditorium at 10 a.m.
- The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus and Ladies Circle are hosting a Shrimp Boil Dinner and 50/50 Drawing at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church from 6:10 to 8:10 p.m.
- Wakulla Christian School is holding a Daddy-Daughter Dance from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Sopchoppy High Gym, tickets are on sale online at WakullaChristian.com.
- LifeWalk 2024 will be held at the Wakulla Community Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Palaver Tree Theater is hosting “Night

Life Bingo”, a 21+ event, from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight.

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Saturday at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.
- The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group will meet at the Wakulla County Public Library at 10 a.m. every Saturday.

Monday, April 22

- The Wakulla County Commission meets at 5 p.m. in the commission chambers.
- The Wakulla County Recreation Advisory Committee will hold a public meeting at 4 p.m. at the Wakulla County Community Center.
- Yoga with Nellie, Restorative yoga at 9:30 a.m. and 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 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

Tuesday, April 23

- The Wakulla County Commission holds a budget workshop at 2 p.m. in the commission chambers.

• A Full Moon Event will be held at Crooked River Lighthouse in Carrabelle from 7 to 9 p.m.

- 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.
- Yoga with Nellie, Restorative yoga at 9:30 a.m. and 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.

Wednesday, April 24

- The Wakulla County Audit Committee meets at the county Administrative Conference Room at 10 a.m.
- A line dance class is held at 1 p.m. at the Wakulla Senior Center every Wednesday.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.
- Gentle Yoga and Stretching Class, every Wednesday, 11 a.m. Wakulla Community Center. Bring a mat. Come early to sign in. Chair Yoga participants welcome. \$2 per class.

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< Question of The Week >

– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Polled at the Wakulla Senior Citizens Center:

What is your favorite food or meal?



JOE DUNCAN
Retired teacher

Salisbury steak, with mashed potatoes, and green beans.”



KATHY DUNCAN
Retired teacher

I like Italian food, pastas and red sauces.”



ROSEMARY FOSTER
Retired

I do like steak and lobster. I don't get it much anymore. I need someone to take me out to a restaurant.”



MARION LUNDQUIST
Retired

“Fresh fish. I love grouper, shrimp, fish dips... It all has to be fresh.”



GUS PERES
Retired

Meatloaf, the one they make here is very good. I like it with mashed potatoes and green beans.”

Wakulla Station News

By **VERNA BROCK**

Never let anyone tell you miracles don't happen. Some of us know miracles large and small happen every day. This past week I got to witness a pretty big one, and I need to thank each and every person who prayed for our dog Beau. He had his back surgery last Wednesday, and was unbelievably normal by Friday when we brought him home.

He went from verging on paralysis to wanting to run and jump like a puppy. NOT that we let him! He will spend a few weeks on a leash, despite his unhappiness with the situation. But the gratitude we feel for every prayer and good vibe is deep and wide. Thank you all.

Speaking of prayers, please keep the family of our good friend Warner Garrison in yours. Warner has gone on to the Lord. Betty Reeves also died

last week. Both these saints were one time members of the Wakulla United Methodist Church, and dearly loved.

Lorrie Gallamore's sister, Sondra Martin, is in need of our prayers as she recuperates from a serious illness. Deborah Giles continues to need our prayers, as does her sister Cindy Blackstock. Jimmy Gainey, Leah Pearson, Thelma Watts, Clem Bunker, and Cary Newton each covet your prayers as they deal with health issues.

Happy birthday wishes to Kelly O'Neil, John and Judy Collomy, and Sue Austin this month.

Once again, we celebrated the Second Sunday Sing at the Woodville U.M.C. with a performance by the Foggy Bottom Boys and a fellowship supper. You could travel the world and not find better music or food!

May 5th will be Homecoming at the Woodville U.M.C., and everyone is invited to join the congregation for the celebration. Y'all come!

Sheriff's Report

This report is for activities April 5-11:

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

- Anthony Hobbs reported losing his boat trailer tag. Hobbs believes the tag fell off his trailer while at the New Port boat ramp. The tag was entered into NCIC/FCIC as lost. Deputy Dakota Haddock investigated.

- Samuel Pittman discovered items from a package had been stolen. The package was cut open and three Sam's Card valued at \$300 had been taken. Pittman was able to cancel the cards pri-

or to them being used. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Dakota Haddock investigated.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

- Deputy Edwin Grove responded to Shields Marina in reference to a lost/stolen trailer tag. The complainant advised his tag was gone when he returned from fishing. The boat trailer had been moved by employees into the overflow lot. The tag was entered into FCIC/NCIC.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

- Lt. David Pienta conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle being operated by James Hollis Jr. It was determined Hollis did not possess a valid driver's license. Hollis was placed under arrest and transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

- Deputy Zac Munroe responded to Walmart in reference to a theft that had already occurred. Contact was made with an Asset Protection Staff member who stated he observed a black male and female pass the last point of sale with a basket of items. When confronted the male stated he had paid for one of the items, a hoverboard. He took the board and left the store. Staff was

able to get a picture of the vehicle the male was driving. The male was possibly identified by Walmart staff from other Tallahassee stores. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

MONDAY, APRIL 8

- Malachi Xavier Roberts was observed operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license. A traffic stop was made and it was learned that Roberts has never possessed a driver's license. Roberts was placed under arrest and transported to the Wakulla County Jail without incident. Lt Mike Alexander investigated.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

- Melissa Gail Spiers reported an unknown person in a White Chevrolet Silverado crew cab doing burnouts in the parking lot area of Piggott Asphalt & Sitework. This incident was captured on video surveillance and provided by the complainant. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Norman De Guzman investigated.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

- Charles Porter received an email advising

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Thoughts on a good grip, Part 1



By MARJ LAW

I've been reading several articles on how to grip your handgun. One in particular is by Richard Nance on the site Guns & Ammo. While it is full of good information, it seems to have been written for people who have been shooting for a long time and who want to polish up their already good skills.

I'm saying this because Richard uses big words, and also terms that he assumes we understand already.

While I appreciate his knowledge, I'm wondering how the new shooter can understand this article. Even though I myself have been shooting for many years, there are places where I'm reading the article aloud to Joe and asking: "What exactly, does he mean by this? And what does this word mean? Why is he saying this? Let's ask Newbie what she gets from this article!"

So, since Nance's information is well worth considering, I'm going to re-present his article so that Newbie can begin his/her shooting experience by using his thoughts.

"Our hands are the interface between you and your pistol. The grip you establish and maintain largely determines how fast and accurately you can shoot. When firing a single shot, just about any grip will do, but

when the goal is to hit the target multiple times in rapid succession, grip becomes critical."

Why "multiple times"? Newbie says: "I just want to hit the target!"

Nance has other ideas. He knows that hitting Mr. Bad is not sufficient to neutralize the threat. Mr. Bad might keep coming at us, even if he has been hit once, or Mr. Bad may have evil friends with him; also wanting to do great harm to us. This is why Nance is cautioning us to learn how to hit that target "multiple times in rapid succession."

Newbie thinks: "Oh. Right. One shot might not save me."

Now Nance proceeds to tell us how to grip the gun for accuracy and rapid following shots.

First, he says to "grip as high along the backstrap as possible" and "the closer you grip to the bore line, the better your body will absorb recoil..." He goes on to say "There can be no gap between the web of your hand and the tang of the pistol."

My Newbie friend says: "What's a backstrap? What's a bore line? Where's the tang?"

Let's talk backstrap and tang.

In plain English, the backstrap is the back of the grip closest to you. It has a curve at the top. This curve is the tang. So, you grip high on the backstrap until your thumb (the web between thumb and forefinger) is gripping the tang. Your thumb must be securely all the way up into the tang. If you don't seat your grip firmly here, you'll lose control of the gun causing muzzle flip.

The muzzle of the gun is the front part of the gun containing the barrel and the front sight. You want this part to



stay steady on your target. If it flips, you won't be hitting the target very well.

Nance also says to keep the bore line close to your body to help reduce recoil. Newbie says: "I know recoil is kick, but where is the bore line?"

The bore line is an imaginary line from the muzzle of the gun going through the barrel to your grip. If your hand is securely in the tang, it will be close to this bore line. So, placing the web of your hand firmly into the tang will contribute to holding the gun steady and reducing recoil.

Newbie says and demonstrates while pointing her unloaded gun in a safe direction: "Okay, now I get it. Here's my hand high in the top of the backstrap. This is the tang. My hand is as close to the bore line as it can get!"

Now Nance suggests flagging your thumb as if

you "were trying to hitch a ride."

Newbie grins. "I can do that!" and she places her thumb forward on the frame of the gun.

Then, for optimal recoil control, Nance says to align the gun with your forearm. The reason for this is it aligns the gun with your large bones and muscles, giving your gun good support. Your gun needs to stay steady and not move when you shoot.

When shooting, the top part of the gun, the slide, will move forward with the shot and then will come rapidly back toward you. With proper alignment of the gun and your forearm, the slide will cycle smoothly forward and back. If there is no alignment of gun and forearm, the slide and frame will wobble together as the slide returns, so the slide can't cycle fully and both slide and frame wobble.

You've heard the term "limp-wristing?" Without

aligning the gun to your forearm, that resulting wobble is "limp-wristing." This wobble could also result in a failure of the gun to feed the next round or a failure to eject the casing.

Newbie says: "A guy at the range said I was limp-wristing my gun. He didn't sound very nice. I guess I wasn't holding the gun and aligning it firmly. I know my arm jerked backwards with the recoil."

Nance warns us of a gun that has a grip too wide for the shooter and of a shooter who doesn't have the strength to pull the trigger. What the shooter does to compensate is to rotate his hand counterclockwise to reach further into the trigger.

Newbie: "So, if it works to reach the trigger, why knock it?"

Because, Nance clarifies, turning your hand like this aligns the gun to the base of your thumb. This area is weaker than

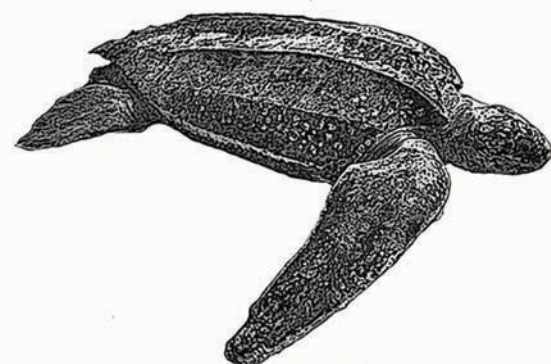
your forearm. Since the base of your thumb is weaker, you won't be as able to manage the recoil. Again, not managing recoil can result in "limp-wristing," failure to feed the next round, or failure to eject the casing of your round. Nance stresses: "the base of your thumb is a sorry substitute for your forearm from a recoil management standpoint."

Another way to lessen recoil is to lock your wrists. Nance explains how to acquire a proper locking grip.

Newbie wonders: "How do I place both hands? What makes for a good grip?"

We will learn along with Newbie in Thoughts on a Good Grip, Part 2, next week in The Wakulla Sun.

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



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At his weekly wildlife survey at Wakulla Springs last week, retired park ranger Bob Thompson snapped this shot of a Green Heron with a minnow.



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Moon Illumination 75%	
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Moon Illumination 83%	
Saturday 20	
Sun rise/set 7:03AM 8:07PM	Moon rise/set 5:26PM 5:25AM
Moon Illumination 89%	
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St. Marks River Entrance

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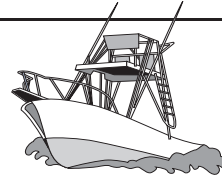
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Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



This past weekend Flotilla 12 held our monthly meeting.

After the meeting, Bob Asztalos provided Team Coordination Training (TCT) for the membership. TCT is a training program aimed at changing the way risk levels are evaluated and how we work as teams.

By focusing on six key aspects to TCT, multiple areas are evaluated to determine if the team is adequately prepared and has the proper ability to respond to various situations. It is always a priority that teams responding do not create a more dangerous situation. During the meeting, we had two potential members attend.

The Division meeting will be held April 27th in Pensacola. The next Ramp Day will be Saturday, May 25th at the Fort in St. Marks. If you are interested in getting a vessel safety check. Check back next week for details about vessel safety checks.

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

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Underwater Wakulla

By Rusty Miller

New dive site in Panama City Beach.

Hello, Wakulla:

I wanted to let you know there is a brand new dive site off of Panama City Beach. It is called the "Deep Stim." She is a 190-foot long research vessel and was sunken on Jan. 30, 2024.

The bottom depth is about 120 feet and based on sonar she looks to have settled more upright. It looks like the garage deck is about 100 feet deep and the top of the bridge is about 50 feet deep.

I'm not sure of the width of the beam on her but I would imagine she's at least 30-45 feet.

I believe she's about 36 miles offshore southwest of St. Andrews Pass, which would make sense because of the depth. I don't know if you can penetrate any part of the wreck because very little has been published about her. If you go on one of the dive boat charters, then prepare for a full day and three-tank diving.

You have to have your advanced certification or higher to make those dives and have a dive computer to use. I would recommend using 32% nitrox or less. At 32% is safe if you use a nitrox dive computer. Standard air is suitable for that depth, but you will have a little less bottom time than on 32%.

Currently the water temperature is 69-70 degrees, so it's a bit chilly even with a 5mm wetsuit. I would wait until around the middle of May when the water temperature gets close to 80 degrees and then you would be comfortable in a 3mm shorty wetsuit.

The only concern I would have is the visibility. Last summer the visibility was never really beyond 20-30 feet.

Normally it's much better than that, but when you have good visibility it usually means pretty good surface current.

I plan on making that dive at least once or twice this summer. I will then be better informed so I can do a much more detailed article in the future.

Until then, keep making bubbles.

Russell Miller NAUI Instr#59999

FWC Law Enforcement Report

From FWC

This report represents some events the FWC handled March 29 to April 4 in the Northwest Region. (No cases were reported in Wakulla County)

BAY COUNTY

- Senior Officer D. Palmer was patrolling the Econfina Wildlife Management Area and found evidence of two subjects who entered the area of Blue Springs, which is closed to hunting, fishing, and trapping. Officer Palmer located the subjects, who were hunting wild turkey. Citations for

hunting in a closed area were issued to both subjects and warnings were issued for quota hunt permit violations.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

- Officer McHenry was patrolling an area where he located bait and observed a recently killed wild turkey. He located a subject hiding in the woods. After speaking to the subject, a second recently killed wild turkey was found. Upon further investigation, Officer McHenry found both wild turkeys were shot over bait. The subject was charged for the violations.

GULF COUNTY

- Officers Lipford and Gerber were on patrol and checking wild turkey hunters when they observed one individual hunting within 100 yards of a game feeding station with bait present. The individual was issued the appropriate citation.

WALTON COUNTY

- Throughout the 2023-24 deer hunting season, Officer Yates received several complaints from a landowner having issues with a subject allowing his hunting dogs to pursue

wildlife on his property without his permission. Officer Letcher and Reservist White assisted Officer Yates with a season-long investigation uncovering five separate documented incidents of the subject allowing his hunting dogs to pursue deer through the complainant's posted property. At the conclusion of the investigation, the subject was cited for five counts of violation of hunter responsibility, allowing dogs to pursue or molest wildlife on the lands of another without written permission, and one count of driving with a suspended/revoked license.

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When we revel in our ‘enemy’s’ downfall

By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

“I’m here today to apologize for the personal mistakes I’ve made and the embarrassment I’ve caused my family and community ... I’m announcing my resignation from

Congress ...”

We’ve heard far too many speeches from politicians who found themselves in front of a microphone, confessing their transgressions because of their immoral behavior.

It’s hard not to be cynical about whether these politicians feel genuine remorse. There’s no doubt that their skeptics feel strong emotions as they observe the demise of their political “enemies.” But do any of these feelings include compassion or grace? Or are the cynics too busy celebrating the downfall of their rivals?

Then again, how many of us (the body of Christ) offer prayers for those who have fallen? Do we pray for God to bring healing and restoration to their lives, marriages, souls? Tragic incidents like these don’t limit themselves to national politics. We often deal with similar scenarios within our local communities and, sadly, in our churches.

What do we gain when we revel in the demise of our political enemies or social rivals? What does our giddiness at their downfall say about us? Most importantly, how does our pleasure in

watching our adversaries (or fellow church or community members) squirm define us as representatives of the body of Christ?

This week, we’ll focus on the first part of 1 Corinthians 13:6 (ESV). But first, let’s read the verse in its entirety: “[Love] does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.”

Though you may try to hide it, do you find yourself sometimes enjoying someone’s downfall?

If so, how can we practice compassion when others – including those we’re not crazy

about – bring humiliation to themselves and their families? How can we demonstrate God’s ways and His love?

We can begin by asking God to show us the times we’ve rejoiced during another’s time of shame. Then ask His forgiveness for being unloving and invite Him to help us recognize when we’re tempted to do so again.

We could also ask our heavenly Father to give us a humble heart and help us remember how many times we’ve blown it and how much it hurt when others shamed us. How many

times we, too, needed grace and mercy.

Some of our actions may, in comparison, have been worse. The words, “There but by the grace of God,” come to mind as I consider that in the right circumstances, we could be the ones who find ourselves “in front of a microphone.”

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Our Northern Star

By **CHERYL CRUCE**

Writing has always been a significant part of my life. My first poem was about my sister’s cat, Tiger, and his antics on the Gulf shores. Sitting under the willow tree and listening to the cry of the seagulls and the waves lap the shoreline inspired me. I consider writing a gift of the Lord and a very therapeutic tool.

I often ponder where I would be without the

presence of my Lord, as He is my true Northern Star. His scripture serves as a compass, guiding me towards a better way of life. I find hope and peace within His word, which reveals many hidden mysteries.

Like many of you, I sometimes find myself between the proverbial “rock and a hard place.” I find the Word of God genuinely beneficial. Once, as I studied the Book of Daniel, I discovered four truths that have helped me face many obstacles in my life.

When King Nebuchadnezzar ordered his men to capture young, intelligent, and good-looking men from the tribe of Judah, Daniel, Mishale, Hananiah, and Azariah were among

the many captured that day. These young men were to be trained in the ways of the Chaldean people. The first order of business was a name change. Daniel’s new name was Belteshazzar, Hananiah’s was Shadrach, Mishael’s was Meshach, and Azariah’s was Abednego (Daniel 1:6-7).

Truth #1: The enemy will always try to change your name. The Lord says you are the head; the Enemy says you are the tail. God has named you “above all things.” The enemy changes your name to “beneath all things” (Deuteronomy 28:13). The Lord has called you victorious. The enemy calls you a failure. The king changed the names of the four young men but

could not change their hearts from serving God. Stay focused on God, and don’t let anyone change who you are created to be.

Truth #2: The young men remained obedient to the Lord. When they had an opportunity to eat from the king’s table, they chose to stay at the Lord’s table. Often, we are tempted by things in this world that contradict God’s ways. Concentrating on Biblical truth will keep us from the enemy’s temptations and strengthen us. The Lord will reward obedience with wisdom and understanding (Daniel 1:8, 17).

Truth #3: Our first action should be praying to God when faced with seemingly impossible situations. Daniel

was given the order to know and interpret the king’s dream or be put to death. Daniel trusted that God would give him the knowledge and discernment necessary to succeed. He and his three companions prayed for a resolution to their predicament. While Daniel slept that night, God revealed the answers he needed to understand King Nebuchadnezzar’s dream. As a result, their lives were spared, and they were greatly rewarded (Daniel 2).

Truth #4: It is important to praise God in all situations, good or bad. According to Psalm 22:3, God is present in the praises of His people. Daniel and his friends praised God for hearing their prayers,

and we, too, should praise the Lord even when facing challenging circumstances. By offering our praises, we can find guidance from God, who is like a Northern Star guiding us homeward. He knows us by name and has created us to walk in His presence. So, let us walk with Him today in obedience, prayer, and praise and be known as His redeemed ones.

Psalm 119:11-12 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Praise be to you, Lord; teach me your decrees.

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

OUT TO PASTOR

And then there was broccoli

By **JAMES SNYDER**

Sometimes, bad days are a blessing in disguise, but you don’t know it at the time.

Last week, for example, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage had plans to spend three days in St. Augustine with her daughter and granddaughter on a thrift store drive. They would visit all the thrift stores in the area and buy whatever they could at a good price.

“You don’t mind if I and the girls go to St. Augustine for three days,” the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage asked.

Asking me a question like that does two things for me.

First, it allows me to have lunch at nearby restaurants.

Second, it allows me to do things against The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage’s rules and guidelines without her knowing.

For three days, I will be left to my own rules and guidelines. What in the world more could I ask for?

As I was processing this, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said, “And by the way your meals are already prepared and in the refrigerator.”

Well, that wasn’t expected.

After all the preparation on both sides of the aisle, she was ready to take off with her daughter and granddaughter for a three-day thrift store extravaganza. She kissed me goodbye, and out the door she went, and my three-day celebration had just begun.

I went to the kitchen, got a fresh cup of coffee, took it to my easy chair, set back, and just thought about what I was going to do during the next three days. I sat there thinking about all of the opportunities that were before me.

At lunchtime, I went to the refrigerator to see what lunch was waiting for me. When I opened the door, I was literally surprised. The refrigerator was jammed full of lunch, dinner, and breakfast food already for me. Every item was labeled either breakfast, lunch, or supper, so I knew which one to take

and at what time.

Being the contrary person I am, instead of eating the lunch package, I ate the supper package. As I chomped on the delicious meal, I chuckled, knowing that I was in charge of my life.

I didn’t care about the tags on the food; I just grabbed what was handy, and that was what I was going to eat at the time.

At the beginning of the second day, I noticed something. The labels were not exactly correct. The breakfast label was on the supper package, the lunch label was on the breakfast package, and the supper label was on the lunch package. She made it very distinct and did an excellent job at it.

On the first day, I snuck out in the afternoon and got a cheeseburger, fries, and Diet Coke. I’m not sure if it was lunch or supper, but I enjoyed it.

By midmorning, when I was working at my desk on the second day, a thought fluttered into my head. That thought was about an Apple Fritter. This would be an excellent time for me to sneak over to Publix and get one. I could do that, and she would never know the difference.

I kept thinking about that and wondered how I could accomplish it. After all, everybody at Publix knows my wife and knows that she doesn’t want me to eat any Apple Fritters. I tried it once before and got caught, and so I wasn’t going to do it again.

It didn’t stop me from thinking about those wonderful Apple Fritters. What harm would I do to sneak one into the house, but The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage wasn’t home and wouldn’t find me out?

I was eating the food from the refrigerator, and on the third morning I noticed a box in the back of the fridge. I pulled the box out, and on the top of the box was the word broccoli. I almost had a heart attack when I saw it and was afraid to open it.

Why did she put a box of broccoli in the refrigerator for me to find when she was away? Maybe she thought I would take that broccoli and throw it away. Or maybe she thought I would see it and do nothing with it.

I’m not that kind of person, so I pulled the box out. I was going to throw the broccoli away and put something else in it just to be funny,

but when I opened the lid, inside were Apple Fritters.

In the box was a note on which she wrote, “You deserve a break today, just don’t break a leg.”

I could not help but think of that Bible verse, “Can two walk together, except they be agreed?” (Amos 3:3).

As I munched on those Apple Fritters I thought about what it means to “be agreed.” Certainly The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I “walk together.” That has been true since our marriage. The important thing is that we agree sometimes to disagree.

Our difference is what makes us a great team. My weakness is her strength and her weakness is my strength.

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Obituaries



Tina Marie Johnson

Tina Marie Johnson, 68, passed away peacefully on March 30, 2024, at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. She was born on June 21, 1955, in Corpus Christi, Texas, to her loving parents Delfa Cantu and Joseph

Benson.

Tina was preceded in death by her beloved husband Paul Johnson, with whom she shared many cherished moments until his passing on November 4, 2022. They were united in marriage at their home in Crawfordville, FL, in 2000, celebrated by close friends and family.

Tina also recently mourned the loss of her dear brother, William Benson, in 2023, with whom she shared a deep and cherished bond.

Tina will be missed by her stepson, Adam (Sarah) Johnson, and their two children, Owen and Emily, as well as her stepdaughter, Erin (Jason) Jawad, and her son, Quentin. Her love and guidance enriched their lives in countless ways.

Known for her warm heart and infectious laughter, Tina was a pillar of

her community, church, and family. She had a deep love for all creatures, especially her faithful companions, Gizmo the dog and Sammy the cat.

Tina's professional journey was marked by her passion for connecting with people. For many years, she served as a waitress in the Crawfordville area, where her friendly demeanor and genuine interest in others endeared her to countless patrons. More recently, Tina found joy in managing their Airbnb property, where she excelled as a Super Host year after year. She took pride in creating memorable experiences for her guests and sharing the beauty of her home and surroundings.

Her love for nature and the outdoors was evident in her care for their picturesque property and home. Whether tending to her garden or ex-

ploring the trails nearby, Tina found solace and happiness in the embrace of the natural world.

Above all, Tina will be remembered for her ability to light up any room with her presence. Her laughter was contagious, and her kindness touched the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing her. Tina had a gift for making everyone feel welcome and valued, and her memory will continue to live on in the hearts of those she touched.

Tina Marie Johnson leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and kindness that will be cherished by her family, friends, and community. While we mourn her passing, we take comfort in knowing that she is now reunited with her beloved husband, Paul, in eternal peace.

DEATH NOTICES

• **Sonia Renee Bowling-Pitchford**, 69, of Crawfordville, died April 10, 2024.

• **Norman Elliott**, 84, of Carrabelle, died April

14, 2024.

• **William Hunt Epperson Jr.**, 81, of Crawfordville, died April 7, 2024.

• **Elisa Gagliano**, 73, of Crawfordville, died April 13, 2024.

• **Robert Michael Levan**, 70, of Crawfordville, died April 11, 2024.

• **Joseph Henry "Joey" Rickards**, 35, of Carrabelle, died April 10, 2024.

• **Imogene Sanford**, 85, of Crawfordville, died

April 14, 2024.

• **Gregory Willis**, 71, of Crawfordville, died April 13, 2024.

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Weekly Roundup: Pronouns and pedagogy

By **RYAN DAILEY**
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE – A federal judge this week rejected arguments by the state that a law restricting teachers' use of their preferred pronouns is a "pedagogical" decision and blocked enforcement of the measure against one educator, saying it violates the First Amendment.

The controversial 2023 law restricted educators' use of personal pronouns and titles in schools, with violations potentially punishable by teachers being stripped of certifications and hefty financial penalties for school districts.

Chief U.S. District Judge Mark issued a preliminary injunction Tuesday that blocked enforcement of the law against Katie Wood, a transgender Hillsborough County teacher who is a plaintiff in the lawsuit. Walker, however, denied an injunction sought by plaintiff AV Schwandes, a nonbinary teacher fired last year by Florida Virtual School.

Walker also said the injunction would apply only to Wood — not statewide, as the plaintiffs' lawyers sought.

Walker, who has presided over a slew of other high-profile cases challenging Florida laws, in Tuesday's decision pointed in part to what he characterized as the state's track record in curtailing speech.

"Once again, the

state of Florida has a First Amendment problem. Of late, it has happened so frequently, some might say you can set your clock by it," Walker's 60-page ruling began. "This time, the state of Florida declares that it has the absolute authority to redefine your identity if you choose to teach in a public school."

Attorneys for the Florida Department of Education and other defendants had asked Walker to dismiss the lawsuit, arguing that the Legislature has discretion to "promote the state's pedagogical goals and vindicate parental rights."

Walker rejected the state's arguments that the pronoun restriction was a "pedagogical" decision and, as a result, protected from First Amendment scrutiny.

The judge wrote that Wood used her preferred pronouns before the law went into effect and that the "threat of mandatory discipline" prevents her from using them now.

"This is a classic speech injury — Ms. Wood spoke in the past and wants to speak in the future, but she is deterred by a credible threat of discipline. This court concludes that Ms. Wood has submitted sufficient evidence to establish an injury-in-fact," Walker wrote.

Walker also decided that neither teacher "has demonstrated a likelihood of success"

on allegations that the law violates a federal employment law prohibiting discrimination.

"The record before this court does not indicate that Ms. Wood was transferred, demoted, or passed over for training or promotion. Further, Ms. Wood has not asserted that the prestige or responsibility of her position as an educator has been diminished," Walker said.

HEAT WAGE

Amid a debate about whether the bill is good for Florida's business environment or bad for its workers, Gov. Ron DeSantis on Thursday signed into law a measure that will prevent local governments from imposing wage requirements on contractors and requiring heat-exposure protections.

DeSantis' office announced the bill's signing (HB 433) in a news release Thursday night.

The heat and wage restriction bill was backed by business groups and underwent a series of changes in the closing days of the session. It received final approval from the House and Senate on March 8, the final day of the session.

Bill Herrle, Florida director of the National Federation of Independent Business, issued a statement Thursday night that said the bill will help "create a stable environment where owners can grow their businesses."

"Small business own-

ers don't have the time or the resources to navigate a confusing and contradictory array of local ordinances that go beyond (what) the state already mandates," Herrle said.

The measure is known as a "preemption" bill, as it would take away authority from local governments.

The part of the bill dealing with heat restrictions came after the Miami-Dade County Commission last year considered a proposal to require construction and agriculture companies to take steps such as ensuring that workers have access to water and giving them 10-minute breaks in the shade every two hours when the heat index is at least 95 degrees, according to a House staff analysis.

More than 90 organizations, such as the Center for Biological Diversity, Earthjustice, the League of Women Voters of Florida, the Farmworker Association of Florida and the NAACP Florida State Conference signed on to letters to DeSantis opposing the bill and seeking a veto.

"Floridians feel it getting hotter and understand how difficult and dangerous it is to labor in the sun and heat," opponents said in an April 2 letter. "Preempting local governments' ability to protect workers from climate-caused extreme heat is inhumane and will have enormous negative economic impacts

when lost productivity is taken into account."

STORY OF THE WEEK: A federal judge on Tuesday blocked Florida education officials from enforcing a law requiring a transgender teacher to use pronouns that align with her sex assigned at birth, saying the law violated her First Amendment rights.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "So, the question before this court is whether the First Amendment permits the state to dictate, without limitation, how public-school teachers refer to themselves when communicating to students. The answer is a thunderous 'no.'" — Chief U.S. District Judge Mark Walker.

tobe7encouraged faith column Trimming the "fat" ...

Greetings Wakulla citizens! Have you recently looked back on your days and thought "why am I so tired?" Then looked at your schedule and was amazed at your "busyness?" I have!

I investigated what Scripture says concerning "time management" and as usual He hit it out of the park! You see, recently my Husband and I added something to our schedule at the end of our day to do together...the gym, working out. I do enjoy working out! I am unable to in the afternoon so after work it is, or so I thought. Not so, then I thought early in the morning, at 4:30. I spend my mornings with God and will not allow anything to get in the way of my time with Him is why 4:30a.m.. Nope!, nobody can function the way God intends for us to with 18-hour days!! Back to working out at home!

1 John 2:16 For all that is in the world— he desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life— is not from the Father but is from the world.

The world's way is for us to stay VERY busy as to be distracted! When we are too busy in our heads, we are unable to hear God! I relate well to Martha, and I have chosen to be more like Mary! Thank You God for opening my eyes! **Luke 10:38-42** Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

I must remember what God says to do and that is to keep

Him number 1!! I believe if I had not, I would not have heard Him concerning my schedule chaos! I am now rested and energized for my at home work-out this morning!! WOOHHOOOO!!!

Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. **1 Peter 5:7** Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

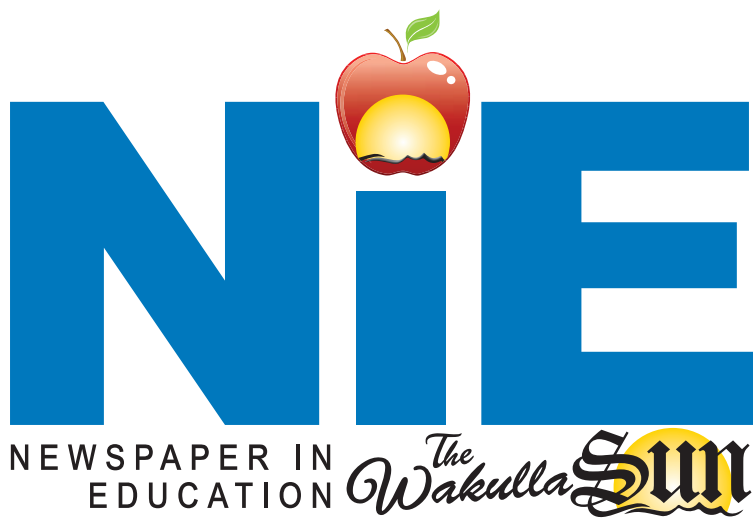
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If you do not know Jesus and want to, say this out loud... **Romans 10:13** For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. **Jesus, I am a sinner I know, I repent and turn away from all that I did as a sinner, I renounce their hold on me. I believe in faith God sent You to become my sin, on the Cross, to cleanse me from them and now make me new. I believe You died and rose on the 3rd day so that I may live and become Your Righteousness. I now give you my life and live for You! By God's Grace I am now Born Again. WOOHHOOOO!!!** Welcome to the family! Your life just got EXCITING!!! The next step is to be water baptized (**1 Peter 3:21, 1 Corinthians 6:11**) so that our old self will be buried. It is important now to get involved in a Spirit filled full Gospel church and dive in and learn all about who you now are becoming. Congratulations my friend!

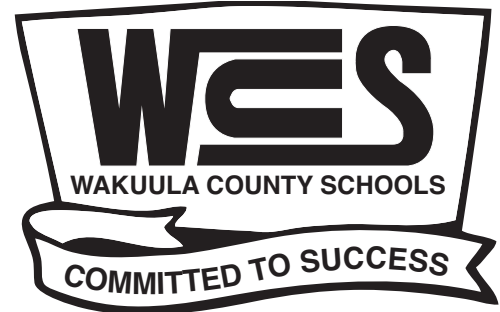
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USE THE NEWS

1. A NEW JOB

A dog named Roger in Taiwan was training to sniff out drugs that people might be bringing into the country, but he was too friendly to people, so he was taken out of the program. Recently, a strong earthquake hit Taiwan and caused lots of buildings to collapse. Roger found a new job, sniffing for people that might be trapped under buildings or other rubble. He's one of four search and rescue dogs that helped the local fire department search for people, but he became a star for his playful personality during the difficult time. At a news conference, he even tried to bite on a reporter's microphone. Using this story as a basis, write and illustrate your own comic strip about Roger.

2. LUNCHABLES IN TROUBLE

The packaged snacks Lunchables have been popular with generations of kids and are even available at some schools as a lunch option. However, a new report shows they may not be the healthiest for kids, even when compared to similar snack-pack products from other companies. Lunchables have higher levels of sodium and even lead than other snack-packs. The company also made special packs for schools to meet government requirements of protein and whole grains but two of the packs – Turkey & Cheddar Cracker Stackers and Extra Cheesy Pizza – have even more sodium on the nutritional facts than the grocery store ones. Write your own paragraph of 3 to 5 sentences about why it's important to know what's in your food and make sure you're eating a

well-balanced diet.

3. A NEW VERSION OF AN OLD CLASSIC

Game company Mattel is making a new version of its Scrabble word game that's been around for more than 75 years. They say the new version is "collaborative" and more accessible for players. It's called Scrabble Together and it will have a faster pace and be easier for people who find word games intimidating, or scary. It was made in response to a survey that shows peo-

ple are becoming less competitive in younger generations, so people can work together toward a fun goal in this new version. Are you a competitive person or do you prefer working together? Have you played a board or card game where you work with other players instead of competing against them? Think of a competitive game you like to play and make your own version of the rules that's collaborative instead!

4. STUCK ON A BEACH

Three men were stranded on a deserted island in the Pacific Ocean but were rescued thanks to a message they put in the sand. They were fishing when they hit a coral reef and their boat got a hole in the bottom of it, which made it start to sink. They knew they wouldn't be able to make it back to where they set out from, so they brought their boat to an island nearby. They survived for more than a week and to attract attention from rescuers, they used the leaves from palm trees to spell out "help" in giant letters on the beach. Their plan worked

when searching planes spotted their message and came to their rescue. What would the most important things be to do if you're stuck on a deserted island? Write down 3 to 5 things that you think would be important to do first and discuss them with your classmates.

5. A BLOSSOMING NEW PROMISE

Recently, more than 140 Japanese cherry blossom trees were removed in Washington, DC, so the area around them can be restored. The mayor of Tokyo gave the Unit-

ed States 3,000 cherry blossom trees in 1912 as a symbol of the relationship between the US and Japan, and they became an important tourist attraction for Washington, DC, when they bloomed in the spring. Now, Japan's prime minister has pledged 250 new cherry trees to replace the ones that had to be removed. The gift is in honor of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, which will take place in 2026. Write a summary of this story that includes at least three facts that you learned and draw a picture to go with it.



THIS ACTIVITY CAN RELIEVE STRESS AND DECREASE BLOOD PRESSURE, RESULTING IN A RELAXED FEELING.

ANSWER: LAUGHING

Crossword Puzzle

1		2	3				4
		5					
		6					
7				8		9	
				10			
11							

ACROSS

- Silliest, craziest
- Account of (abbr)
- To a great extent
- Smiles slightly
- Either __
- Not any
- Response to a situation

DOWN

- Happy sound
- Calm, pleasant place
- Midday
- Unlucky number
- Boy child

Answers:
Across
1. Looniest 5. AO 6. So 7. Grins 9. Or
10. None 11. Reaction
Down
1. Laughter 2. Oasis 3. Noon 4. Thirteen
8. Son

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ITALIAN: Ridere

FRENCH: Rire

GERMAN: Lachen



APRIL FOOL'S DAY FALLS ON THE FIRST DAY OF APRIL. IT IS A DAY WHEN MANY PEOPLE PULL PRANKS ON OTHERS OR TRY TO MAKE THEM LAUGH.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: WOMAN LAUGHING

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 HICCUP
 JOKING
 LAUGH
 LOL
 MOOD
 POSITIVE
 RELIEF
 SMILE
 SNICKER
 SNORT

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

CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- Midway between south and southeast
- For each
- Airborne (abbr.)
- Photographs
- They ___
- It's important in respiration (abbr.)
- Monetary unit
- Cool!
- A son of Jacob
- Cut off
- Devour
- Agent of one's downfall
- Best
- Network of nerves
- Partner to "oohs"
- Origins
- Sewing utensil
- Alias
- Swiss river
- Greek mythological figure
- Type of whiskey
- Lay to rest
- "Rule, Britannia" composer
- Select jury
- Feeling
- Action regarded as morally wrong

- Makes angry
- Act incorrectly
- Defensive nuclear weapon
- Class of escort aircraft carrier
- To what degree
- Buzzing insect
- The human foot
- "The Leftovers" actress Dowd
- A place to stay
- Sun up in New York

CLUES DOWN

- An involuntary muscular contraction
- Earnest
- Cuts out surgically
- Can't move
- Baseball stat
- British soldier
- Traditional medicine plants
- Political party controlled by managers
- Hebrew prophet
- Supporter
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Liberty Mutual mascot
- Georgia rockers
- A place where building is done
- Large, deep-bodied fish
- Clothing retailer
- Supplement with difficulty
- Annoy constantly
- Founder of Babism
- Indigenous person in parts of Asia
- Sea eagle
- Leave behind
- Time of day
- Colorless crystalline compound
- They lay out course requirements
- A diamond has three
- Algerian coastal city
- Remove cover
- Rechristened
- Distinctive practice
- Defunct phone company
- Turkish officer of high rank
- Eliminate from the body
- Witness
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Founding Father Franklin

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to laughter.

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Guess Who?

I am a football coach born on February 16, 1952 in Tennessee. I played tight end in college for Wesleyan University. I've coached a number of teams, but led one NFL team to victory at the Super Bowl six times.

Answer: Bill Belichick

Answer: Comic

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SCRAPLAND DIRTWORK, LLC

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In the County of Wakulla
Intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporation of the Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. **Published on April 18, 2024**

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice under Fictitious Name Law, pursuant to Section 856.09, Florida Statutes. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, The Salty Donkey II, LLC, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

THE SALTY DONKEY

Located at 99 Rock Landing Rd., Panacea FL 32346
In the County of Wakulla
Intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporation of the Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. **Published on April 18, 2024**

NOTICE OF SALE

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Notice is given pursuant to Florida Self-Storage Act, Florida Statutes, Chapter 83, Part IV, that ABC STORAGE will hold a sale by sealed bid on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at 3743 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville FL 32327, of the contents of Mini Warehouse containing personal property of:

---FINAL NOTICE---
JAMES DALTON SKEENS

Payment must be made before Saturday, April 20, 2024 by 12:00 noon before the sale date of April 20, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. The owners may redeem their property by payment of the outstanding balance and costs by contacting ABC Storage at (850)508-5177. Or by paying in person at the warehouse location. **April 11 & 18, 2024**

NOTICE OF ACTION

0404-0425 TWS NOA
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2022DR137

JESSICA LANE, PETITIONER, AND ROBERT LANE, RESPONDENT.

NOTICE OF ACTION- MODIFY PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION TO MODIFY PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

TO: JESSICA LANE, 90 Harry Morrison Rd. Crawfordville FL 32327. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action for **DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE WITH CHILDREN** has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Robert Lane, whose address is 47A Dispenette Dr. Crawfordville FL 32327, on or before **APRIL 26, 2024** (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court at 3056 Crawfordville Hwy. Crawfordville FL 32327 before service on Petitioner immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.**

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanction's, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this **March 26, 2024.**

{{County Court Seal}}

Greg James
As Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Jessica Peak
As Deputy Clerk

Published April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024

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 NORMAN BARWICK, DECEASED.

CASE NO. 2022-CP-142

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of NORMAN BARWICK, deceased, whose date of death was September 6, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327. The names and addresses of the personal representative and her attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The decedent's date of death was September 6, 2022.
The date of first publication of this notice is April 11, 2024

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Sports

BASEBALL

War Eagles win three more, improve to 15-3-1



By **KEITH ANDERSON**
Baseball Coach

The War Eagles hosted Liberty County on Tuesday, April 9th. The War Eagles got behind early and were losing 7-0 in the top of the third inning. The War Eagles bats came alive in the bottom of the third scoring 8 runs to go up by one. The Bulldogs would not go away quietly scoring 2 in the fourth to take the lead again

to make it 9-8. The War Eagles came in and scored 2 in the bottom half of the frame to go up 10-9. The War Eagles would tack on 3 more in the sixth to seal the game 13-9 for the win. Every batter in the lineup had a hit. Owen Klees led the offense with 4 RBIs. Brady Crum and Josiah Pierini each had two hits and both had a double. Sam Bruce and Michael Hurley also had a double a piece. Parker Lawhon, Haden Klees, Gavin Gautreau, and Jed Hoffman also had a hit a piece. Will Chipman got

the win in relief. Jesse Nazworth also pitched in relief throwing 3 shutout innings and striking out six. He also worked out of a bases loaded, no-out jam to end a Bulldog threat in the 5th. The War Eagles hosted Madison County on Thursday, April 11th and had another come from behind victory after giving up 3 runs in the first inning, then pulling out an 8-3 victory. Starting pitcher Gavin Estep settled down after the first inning to throw another 5 shutout innings scattering 6 hits and striking out 9 in

a dominant performance. Jesse Nazworth came took the mound in the 7th throwing a shutout inning to finish the game. The War Eagles once again swung the bats well pounding out 12 hits. Leading hitter and right fielder Michael Hurley went 4-4 with 2 RBIs and 2 stolen bases to lead the charge. Haden Klees and Brady Crum both were 2-4 with 2 RBIs. Gavin Gautreau was 2-3 and Jed Hoffman delivered a big RBI single going 1-3. Parker Lawhon also added a single. The War Eagles

traveled up to Lincoln Saturday, April 13 to play 6A First Coast High School from Jacksonville. The War Eagles won 9-2 behind the strong pitching from starter Leaston Spears, reliever Will Chipman, and closing the game in the 7th Owen Klees. The War Eagles were led at the plate

by Haden Klees going 2-4. Parker Lawhon had a two out single to score 2 runs. Josiah Pierini had a solo homerun to tie the game at 2 a piece in the fourth inning. The War Eagles are currently ranked 8th in the state in 4A and should move up this week with these 3 strong wins.

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SEALING SUNNY SMILES PROGRAM
New Mobile Dental Program | A School-Based Assessment and Sealant Program

Meet our team:



Brandy Lawhon
Brandy is our licensed dental hygienist. She received her degree in 2000 from Tallahassee Community College and continued her studies at St. Petersburg College. Brandy is proud to serve as a dental hygienist for 24 years working with children and adults. She believes that doing what you love and what inspires you is a gift and she feels blessed to do just that. She is a life-long resident of Wakulla County and currently lives in Sopchoppy with her husband of 23 years. She has two grown sons and 2 fur babies. Brandy says "I am grateful to be working in my hometown and the surrounding areas and look forward to serving our parents and children."



Elizabeth Jessup
Graduated Tallahassee Community College Dental Assisting program 1998 and has been a dental assistant 27 years. She has enjoyed working with children and oral surgery has been her favorite specialties in dentistry. Elizabeth says, "working with patients has been very rewarding professionally and gives a purpose to be of help to the community." Dentistry has become a passion to Elizabeth to explore working with people through outreach and giving quality care that people otherwise wouldn't have access to through our Outreach program and resources.

WORM GRUNTIN' FESTIVAL

Sopchoppy's annual event drew a huge crowd for fun and festivities on Saturday.



Kids try gruntin' for worms with a staub and piece of iron.



The crowd of visitors on Rose Street to see vendors.



Nelson Martin weighs a worm gruntin' competitor's harvest.



DJ Butch pauses from entertaining the crowd with his son Kyler to point out the Wakulla Sun photographer.



Worm Gruntin' Queen Wilhelmina Morrison



Kris Calloway and Sedita Cayson share a laugh

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