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# A NIGHT OF TERROR

In July 2022, commercial fishermen were hit by barges at night while sleeping

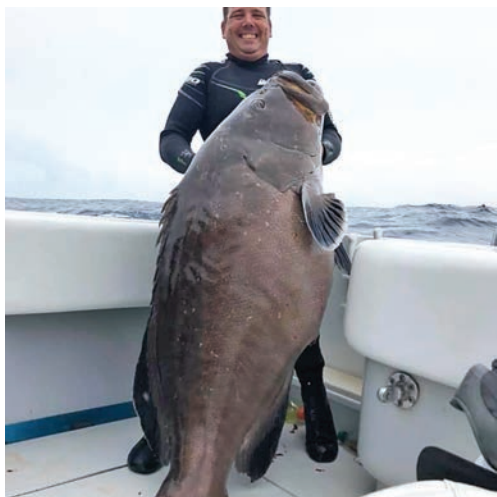
By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**  
Editor

*Editor's Note:* This story is based on court records, a U.S. Coast Guard accident report, and other public records. The two fishermen involved in the case declined to be interviewed.

Two commercial fishermen – Adam Plouffe of Panacea and Capt. Tommy Merrell of Carrabelle – were fishing in Gulf on July 27, 2022.

Plouffe, with a reputation for big catches, had set upon a mess of fish in the Humpty Dumpty, a boat owned by Merrell. Plouffe contacted Merrell by radio and told him his coordinates and to come to the area so they could both fish the area in the morning. Plouffe put out 250 of anchor-line and Merrell, aboard another of his boat's, Eli's Inheritance, arrived at the location and tied up on the port stern of the Humpty Dumpty. The two fishermen and a deckhand ate dinner and then laid down to sleep.

A couple of days earlier, the tug Lady Terea arrived in Panama City and took over two empty barges and picked up two crewmembers – first mate and deckhand – for a 28-day hitch. The tug left the Port of Panama City bound for Tampa with the two stretched to 500 feet of cable connected to a 65-foot cable bridle to the first barge



The tugboat Lady Terea, top, crashed into the Humpty Dumpty fishing boat manned by fishermen Adam Plouffe, left, and Tommy Merrell, above.



and 300-feet of plypro line connected to a 45-foot cable bridle on the second barge.

According to a statement by Plouffe, the fishermen went to sleep around 10:30 p.m. He woke up around 12:15 a.m. and checked the boat. And again around 2:30 a.m.

Around 3:30 a.m., he said, "We were woke up

by stuff getting ripped off the Humpty Dumpty roof." The crew jumped up to see what was going on. "We tried to run to the back deck but we were getting thrown everywhere and I was getting smashed into the door frame. I landed on my back in the floor, got back up and was able to turn the spreader/deck lights on and I heard

Capt. Tommy Merrell yelling we are getting run over. At that time I turned the radio on and started yelling Mayday over and over again."

Plouffe started the boat's engine but was thrown from the wheel. Merrell grabbed the wheel and floored the boat yelling at the deckhand to cut the rope.

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## ST. MARKS

# Former mayor files suit against city officials for defamation

Paul Sheddman claims city manager, city commissioners spread false information that led to his removal

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**  
Editor

Paul Sheddman, former mayor of the City of St. Marks, filed a defamation lawsuit last week against city officials, claiming they made false claims against him that led to him being removed as mayor in November of last year.

The lawsuit was filed against the City of St. Marks and City Manager Zoe Mansfield and her assistant Ethel Jefferson, both officially and personally; against city commissioners Steve Remke, Sharon Rudd, Paula Bell and John Gunter; and citizen Sharon Palmer.

Palmer is accused of circulating a petition in the city with several complaints about Sheddman and demanding that he resign or be removed.

The lawsuit was filed in Wakulla Circuit Court on Monday, May 6 by Panama City attorney Jean Marie Downing.

Sheddman, who was still a sitting city commissioner, submitted his resignation as of Tuesday, May 7.

While the newspaper had come across the lawsuit already in the normal

course of checking new cases, Sheddman sent an email to the editor to make sure the newspaper was aware of the case. "The lawsuit, Sheddman wrote, "is in response to the deeds, actions and words that focused on and centered around the removal of the Mayor that occurred on November 9, 2023 commission meeting."

In his lawsuit, Sheddman claims City Manager Zoe Mansfield has mismanaged public funds – saying utility monies were being improperly comingled

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Former St. Marks Mayor  
Paul Sheddman

# Headed to Harvard

Taylor Thorne is Wakulla's first student to attend Harvard

By **LEGION TAYLOR**  
Reporter

Taylor Thorne, A senior at Wakulla High, has committed to attending Harvard University in the fall. This achievement will make her the first person to attend Harvard from Wakulla High, and the second person to attend an Ivy League from Wakulla High.

Throughout high school, Taylor has been involved with a number of clubs and extracurriculars such as volleyball, environmental club, and she was elected president of the National Honor Society (NHS) at Wakulla High.

While president of NHS, Taylor helped to organize the color run and zombie run, which were fundraisers that helped to raise money for the Angel Tree Fund and for more picnic benches to be put outside the cafeteria for students to use. The Angel Tree Fund, or An-



Wakulla High Senior Taylor Thorne

gel Closet, is a program set up to help students in need get certain necessities, and is run mostly by the guidance office at Wakulla High.

As a member of the Varsity Indoor Volleyball team at Wakulla

High, she was made one of three co-captains her senior year, and helped lead the team to a district championship. During her many seasons playing travel beach volleyball Taylor has won two bids to the

junior national tournament. She was also named the one of two Student Athletes of the Year for Wakulla High.

Aside from structured Extracurriculars, she has also participated in some of the environmental cleanups that have taken place in Wakulla and Tallahassee.

Though she was accepted to both Harvard and Columbia, her top two colleges of choice, she decided to commit to attending Harvard. "I decided on attending Harvard because it has the best resources, opportunities, and faculty, especially since I'm planning on attending medical school" Taylor says, "And the proximity to family in New York was really convenient. I think I'll have access to the best education possible."

While at Harvard, she plans on pursuing a degree, or "concentration" as Harvard calls them, in neuroscience.

## Wakulla High's graduation is Friday night

Special to The Sun

Wakulla High School Class of 2024 Graduation is scheduled for Friday, May 17 at 8 p.m. at the football stadium.

(If canceled due to inclement weather, graduation will be at the stadium at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 18. The superintendent will determine.)

- Parking opens at 6 p.m.
- Field seating gate opens at 6:45 p.m.
- Seniors will receive 10 tickets at graduation practice.
- All spectators must have a wrist band ticket to enter for graduation
- PLEASE NO NOISE MAKERS, LARGE SIGNS, COOLERS OR LARGE BAGS.
- Disability seating areas are located on south side of bleachers on both visitors and home side.
- SPECTATORS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE FIELD BEFORE, DURING, OR AFTER THE CEREMONY.

## Corrections

A story in last week's issue, "4-H Speech Contest held in Wakulla" misidentified the youth in the accompanying photo, it was Daniel Class, not Jace Perez.

Additionally, the story should have noted that the cash prizes for winners were memorial scholarships in honor of Aimee Sachs.

We regret the errors.

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# Student of the Week

**Kerrigan Jamison – 6th grader at Riversprings Middle**

Principal: Josh Sandgren

**Achievements/Reason for Nomination:** Kerrigan Jamison is a 6th grader at Riversprings Middle School. Kerrigan is a member of the Bear's Band as she plays the French horn. In her free-time, Kerrigan enjoys reading and is a dancer with Wakulla Dance Academy. Kerrigan is a hard-working student keeping up her grades. Kerrigan's favorite part about being at RMS is being in band. RMS is a better school because of students like Kerrigan! Go Bears!



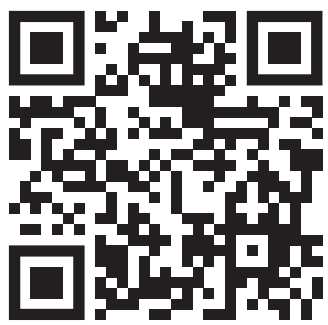
STUDENT OF THE WEEK FEATURES A DIFFERENT SCHOOL EACH WEEK.

# Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park Indian pink

By LYNN ARTZ, DAVID RODDENBERRY, and SANDY TEDDER



Indian pink (*Spigelia marilandica*) provides a burst of color in early summer with upward-facing trumpet-shaped flowers of vivid scarlet. The flowers flare at the top to display a bright yellow star shape. The spectacular flowers attract hummingbirds which are their main pollinator. A shade-loving clump-forming perennial, Indian pink grows 1-2 feet tall and blooms best in light shade. Indian pink is found in upland woods in half-a-dozen north Florida counties including Wakulla. It is fire and drought tolerant but does not tolerate plant competition. Available commercially, Indian pink is a delightful addition to a woodland garden. To extend the month-long bloom time, remove spent flowers as they wither. Indian pinks are blooming now along the northeast path and among the azaleas behind the music stage at Sopchoppy Depot Park.



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# KWCB's recent Hazardous Waste Day was a 'tremendous success'



KWCB volunteers at the Hazardous Waste Day.

**By TAMMIE NASON**  
KWCB Director

Wakulla County residents came out for Keep Wakulla County Beautiful's Household Hazardous Waste Day event held on April 27.

The event, aimed at promoting safe disposal of hazardous household materials, saw a turnout of 145 vehicles, all eager to do their part in keeping the environment clean and safe.

The event, which took place at the Wakulla County Community Center, saw residents bringing in various hazardous materials for proper disposal.

Among the items collected were 75 gallons of old gas, 110 gallons of non-latex paint products, 200 aerosol cans, 165 gallons of flamma-

ble liquids, 55 gallons of corrosive liquids, 200 lbs of flammable solids, and 300 lbs of toxic solids, including insecticides.

Additionally, 30 lbs of propane, a container of arsenic, and 2 lbs of pool chemicals were also collected.

This impressive turnout showcases the community's commitment to environmental stewardship and responsible waste management.

"As a token of appreciation, participating residents were provided Coreopsis seeds, the Florida native state flower, by donation from the Sarracenia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society," said Tammie Nason, Executive Director for Keep Wakulla County Beautiful. "Proper disposal of hazardous household waste is cru-

cial for protecting our environment and public health, and events like these provide residents with a convenient and safe way to dispose of these materials."

The event not only served as an opportunity for residents to responsibly dispose of hazardous materials but also raised awareness about the importance of recycling and proper waste management practices. By providing a designated drop-off location for these materials, Keep Wakulla County Beautiful continues to play a vital role in preserving the natural beauty of Wakulla County.

"We want to thank all the residents, Waste Pro, Wakulla Road & Bridge employees, and volunteers who participated in this event and encourage

everyone to continue practicing responsible waste management year-round," said Nason.

Volunteer Ashlee Barton brought along her camera and caught some photos, capturing the community spirit and dedication to environmental preservation. KWCB looks forward to sharing these images with the community and celebrating the success of the event.

Keep Wakulla County Beautiful's Household Hazardous Waste Day event serves as a shining example of how communities can come together to protect the environment and promote sustainability. With each resident's contribution, Wakulla County moves one step closer to a safer, greener environment.



## Eagle Scout honored

County Park Director Cody Solburg presented Eagle Scout Ryan Ladwig with a commendation for his project constructing pathways at Shell Point Beach for people with monility issues, such as wheelchairs, that allow them to access the beach with ease. The award was presented at the county commission meeting on Monday, May 6. The Wakulla Sun featured Ladwig and his project in a story in the April 18th issue. (Photo by William Snowden)

## Mayor's suit

From Front Page

with property taxes and other general revenue funds that led to the city's current financial crisis in which city commissioners had to increase utility rates 75%.

Mansfield declined to comment about the lawsuit.

Sheddan also notes a May 30, 2023 meeting with Mansfield in which he expressed concerns about the condition of St. Marks River Park's restrooms after the three-day holiday weekend. Mansfield reportedly told Sheddan that she requires volunteers to get cleaning supplies from her.

"After learning of Mansfield's policies, (Sheddan) adamantly expressed his opinion that her policies were unsatisfactory."

In November, Sheddan made clear he would call for Mansfield's termination if she did not resign.

About a week before that meeting, City Attorney William Garner informed Sheddan that Mansfield and city manager assistant Ethel Jefferson had hired an attorney, Marie Mattox, and Garner questioned Sheddan about a "yelling incident" at the office - referring to the May meeting.

Sheddan denied yelling at or threatening Mansfield or Jefferson.

Garner told Sheddan that Mansfield and Jefferson said they felt unsafe coming to work because of Sheddan's threats.

Sheddan missed the Nov. 9, 2023 city commission meeting because of a family emergency and was informed the next

day that the city commission had voted to remove him as mayor.

The lawsuit claims that he then learned of a petition presented at the meeting by citizen Sharon Palmer that accused Sheddan of, among other things, shouting down citizens at meeting and berating city staff.

Sheddan claims the petition's claims are based on false statements by Mansfield and Jefferson. He notes a story was written by the newspaper that is accessible to the world on the internet.

Sheddan claims to have suffered harm to his reputation with the small town community of St. Marks and in the world due to the news story.



### Wakulla Senior Citizens Council, Inc

The Wakulla Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is requesting proposals for accounting/booking services. The purpose of the Request for Proposal is to obtain accounting services for the period beginning January 1, 2025 -December 31, 2025.

The full RFP can be obtained by contacting Executive Director Lara Edwards. [L.edwards@wakullaseniorecouncil.com](mailto:L.edwards@wakullaseniorecouncil.com) or 850.212.3184

Deadline is June 3, 2024

May 16, 23, 2024

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### NOTICE OF DELINQUENT TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR 2023

AS PROVIDED BY CHAPTER 197.016, ACTS OF 1972, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES ASSESSED FOR 2023 ARE NOW DELINQUENT AND BEGINNING WITH APRIL 1, SUCH TAXES ARE DRAWING INTEREST OF 1-1/2% PER MONTH. ALSO, BEGINNING MAY 1, SUCH TAXES HAVE A 25% COLLECTION FEE PLUS THE PROPORTIONATE COST OF PUBLISHING THIS NOTICE. UNLESS THE AMOUNT SET OPPOSITE EACH NAME BELOW, WHICH INCLUDES THE COST OF THIS ADVERTISEMENT AND PENALTIES AND FEES, ARE PAID BY MAY 31, 2024, WARRANTS WILL BE ISSUED HEREON DIRECTING LEVY UPON AND SEIZURE OF THE TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE TAXPAYERS.

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# Opinions

THE FIRST AMENDMENT

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

## LETTERS FROM READERS

### Economic Development Council rejects Wakulla Springs Alliance as member

**Editor, The Sun:**

Anthony Gaudio, chair of the Wakulla Springs Alliance, shared this correspondence with the Wakulla Economic Development Council:

Letter to the Wakulla County Economic Development Council

The Wakulla Springs Alliance (WSA), recognizing substantial overlap in interests with the Wakulla County Economic Development Council's (EDC) Vision Statement and Mission Statement, respectfully requests membership in the Wakulla EDC. Our organization finds common cause with each of the goals and strategies listed in the Wakulla County EDC's Strategic Plan and believes that membership in the Wakulla County EDC would mutually serve

to strengthen and benefit both of our organizations. A vibrant, sustainable economy with high paying jobs and clean industry is the best bulwark against any short-term decisions that could unwittingly damage the precious natural heritage of Wakulla County and its number one tourist destination, Wakulla Springs. WSA's membership is committed to protecting the economic and social lifeblood of Wakulla County – Wakulla Springs. We look forward to partnering with the Wakulla County EDC to share this special place with the wider world and working together to foster responsible economic development that sustains the county's unique natural resources and way of life.

Sincerely,

**Anthony Gaudio**  
Wakulla Springs Alliance Chair

In response:

Anthony, thanks for your groups interest in EDC. Our executive board has decided pass on your organizations request to join our group.

John Shuff

In response:

John,

Thank you for letting WSA know of your Executive Committee's decision. Our board will be disappointed in the outcome since they regard WEDC membership as a way to begin working with the development community on projects of mutual interest.

The fact that one of your Platinum Level investors is the WC-

BOCC, using community generated funds, coupled with the fact that the majority of WSA members are residents of Wakulla County, makes this decision on your part not only shortsighted but has the effect of excluding an important segment of the community.

A thriving natural infrastructure, including a healthy Wakulla Spring, is necessary to support the county's economic welfare into the future. Protecting it and other natural places should be an important factor in any economic development initiative taken by the WEDC, since businesses and people are attracted to Wakulla County because of its pristine natural resources, including Wakulla Springs.

**Anthony Gaudio**  
Wakulla Springs Alliance

### Question about whether commissioner's job presents a conflict

**Editor, The Sun:**

As a relatively new resident of Wakulla County, I felt it was my duty to review the backgrounds of candidates who have filed to run for elected offices. Most seem qualified and well-intentioned.

However, one item on Ralph Thomas's bio caught my attention: Mr. Thomas and his wife are in the mortgage loan business. During several

of the Commission Meetings I have attended, Mr. Thomas has voted to change zoning designations from agricultural to residential. This seems like an obvious conflict of interest because approval will increase the number of residential properties available for construction and the number of potential mortgage loan customers.

Hopefully Mr. Thomas does not sell mortgage loans to buyers of new homes resulting from zoning chang-

es. However, a simple way to avoid this appearance of impropriety would have been to recuse himself from voting on these types of items.

Commissioner Thomas should explain to voters his reasoning for not recusing himself and provide proof that he and his wife have not benefited from his previous votes.

**John Parks**  
Crawfordville

**Ralph Thomas responds:** I decided it wouldn't be productive to simply respond with my opinion, so I requested a formal opinion from the Florida Ethics Commission. I am happy to provide that as my response upon receipt. I spoke to Mr. Parks last week and had what I thought was a very productive conversation.

## On the Horizon

### Calendar of events for the week of May 16

#### Thursday, May 16

- The Wakulla Affordable Housing Advisory Committee is holding a Public Meeting at 10 a.m. at the Wakulla County Fire Rescue Conference Room at 318 Trice Lane in Crawfordville.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 54 Ochlockonee St.

#### Friday, May 17

- Wakulla High School Graduation at J.D. Jones Stadium at 8 p.m.
- Artulla, a weekend art event benefiting the Friends of Wakulla Springs, starts at the Lodge at Wakulla Springs. Further details and RSVP at thelodgetatwakullasprings.com.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 8 p.m. every Friday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

#### Saturday, May 18

- The Sopchoppy Community Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Sopchoppy Depot Park
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Saturday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

#### Monday, May 20

- The Wakulla County Commission meets at 5 p.m. in the commission chambers.
- The Sopchoppy City Commission meets at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.
- The Wakulla County School Board meets in the school administration building at 5:45 p.m.
- The American Legion Post 114 will be meeting at the Wakulla County Public Library at 6:30 p.m.
- 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.
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#### Tuesday, May 21

- The Sarracenia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society will meet at the Wakulla County Public Library at 6:30 p.m.
- The Wakulla County One Cent Sales Tax Committee public meeting will be held at 2 p.m. at the County Commis-

sioners Administration Conference Room.

- 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 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, May 22

- The Wakulla Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group is holding a Public Meeting at 9 a.m. at the Wakulla Community Center.
- 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 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.

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## Polled at the Crawfordville Quick Stop: What were your plans after your high school graduation?



**KRISTY SNYDER**  
Home Health Provider

**“To go to work!”**



**JIMMY CHRISTOPHER**  
Framers

**“I just wanted to go to work.”**



**PHILLIP HARVEY**  
Retired Mason

**“That was a long time ago, I graduated in ‘72.”**



**KIM BENES**  
WHS Cafeteria

**“We went to Great Adventures... then off to work.”**



**JAMES DOUIN**  
Duke Energy

**“I pretty much just wanted to go to work as a lineman.”**

## Sopchoppy News

By DJ BUTCH

Whatz up from Sopchop! Always good vibes. Friday May 10th was the scheduled food drive but it had to be canceled due to the weather. The Historic Sopchoppy School is where they line up and distribute the food to the community. This is put on by the Sopchoppy Congregational Holiness Church and Second Harvest Food Bank. Also several Sopchoppy locals come out to volunteer and help. It's really beautiful to see. This

is giving back to the Community. It helps many families in the area.

I saw that some of the ditches are being cleaned up in the City. That is really good for the flow of water. Sopchoppy is a low area so proper drainage is very important. Also I saw DA lawn Service cleaning up downtown and it looked amazing. I appreciate everything everyone does to keep Sopchoppy beautiful.

Some things in life are worth more than money. Sopchoppy is a perfect example of that. The family atmo-

sphere, beautiful rivers, wildlife. You can't put a price on peace. Enjoy the little things for one day you might realize they were the big things. Stop and breathe. Take a walk and listen to the birds. Get tuned into nature and its beauty. We are blessed to be surrounded by nature. Stop chasing money and realize that happiness is in front of you. Spend time with your children and enjoy all these gifts from God. Because Sopchoppy is most definitely a sacred place. I'm thankful for the community that raised me. A lot of the true Sopchoppy have passed on. However they raised us and a few of us are still here. Keep

the love flowing, protect Sopchoppy values. Sopchoppy is a family and always has been. I thank God for my city.

I am the DJ for Low Tide Bar under Trident restaurant in Panacea every second Friday of the month. If you have not experienced Trident or Low Tide then I highly recommend that you do. The owners Jesse and Tyler are from Sopchoppy. What they have done with the restaurant is absolutely amazing. The food, service and views are unmatched.

City Board meeting is Monday at 6:30. I plan on attending to see if anything interesting happens.

## Wakulla Station News

By VERNA BROCK

Friends, we are truly living in strange times. I don't even know where to begin. I suppose the tornado outbreak last week is the spot. I truly hope everyone came through Friday's crack-of-dawn storm reasonably safe and whole. We at Casa Brock were very blessed, but our neighbors in Woodville were not so fortunate.

Ed and I drove through Woodville on Friday afternoon, and the devastation was shocking. Utility lines were down and covered with broken trees everywhere. Linemen were in full force, working to repair and restore service. Gulf Hardware had half its metal roofing peeled back and blown away (some coming to rest on the nearby elementary school property!).

Our daughter, Emma, works at the Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Building on Apalachee Parkway. Part of its roof, which was being replaced, was blown away. Damage and debris was strewn up and down the road as far as the eye could see. FSU and College Town took a direct hit, leaving destruction everywhere.

WCTV has published an overlay map of the tracks of the three (three!) tornadoes that erupted Friday morning, and one clearly tore straight through Woodville. At this writing, most of our neighbors have power and internet back, but a long row to hoe to get their properties back to normal. Please keep our neighbors in your prayers.

Friday morning, folks were streaming into Wakulla Station to fill up

their gas tanks, since there was no power in Woodville to keep gas stations functioning. The Woodville UMC had to cancel last Sunday's morning service, as well as the 2nd Sunday Sing, due to the lack of power and general chaos wrought by the storm. At this point, the bank, gas stations, and restaurants seem to be open for business, though Food Giant suffered some losses while waiting to have their electricity restored.

Imagine the surprise of a light show Friday evening, courtesy of Old Sol. I never imagined the Northern Lights would EVER be visible in Florida. But Friday night we were treated to hues of pink, purple, and fuchsia filling the horizon. Ed and I tried to have a repeat experience on Saturday and Sunday nights, to no avail.

But we DID see (with some astonishment) the string of StarLink satellites traveling overhead. There they were, all in a straight line like tiny ce-

lestial ducklings, 50 bright dots moving across the heavens. We assumed the sight had to be satellites. Stories of alien sightings indicate aliens are far more stealthy, avoiding calling attention to themselves. The satellites definitely were not stealthy! I did confirm on Google that StarLink launches its satellites in large batches, all at once. It was a very cool sight indeed.

Enjoy this brief respite from the exhausting, often unrelenting, summer heat that will soon descend upon us. It won't last long.

My yard is ripe with the scents of magnolias, Confederate jasmine, roses and gardenias, and the cooler weather is much kinder to these tender blooms. All together, being outside is such a pleasure right now.

Please remember our friends in need of prayers for health and comfort. The world also needs our prayers for peace, now more than ever.

## Sheriff's Report

This report is for activities May 3-9:

### FRIDAY, MAY 3

- An employee with CVS was contacted by phone call in which the suspect stated they were from CVS Corporate. The employee was on the phone with this subject for multiple hours. During this time the alleged corporate personnel member had the CVS employee activate multiple gift cards totaling approximately \$16,000. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

- Deputy Edwin Grove responded to an address on Renee Street to Aaron Swain having warrants out of Leon County. During a search incident to arrest, a small baggie of meth was discovered in Swain's pocket. Swain was taken into custody and transported to the jail facility without incident.

- Deputy Nick Gray responded to Tram Circle and made contact with Lynn Vickers, who stated her purse was stolen from her grocery cart while

shopping at Walmart. Vickers' purse contained several hundred dollars in cash, along with other items of value. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

### SATURDAY, MAY 4

- A truck with a boat trailer was towed after complaints that it was blocking multiple vehicles while at the boat ramp at the fort in St. Marks.

- Deputy Heather Will responded to the Stow Away storage center and made contact with Chiquita Daniels, who stated she arrived at her storage unit and discovered it had been burglarized. Daniels stated approximately \$1,000 in miscellaneous tools were stolen. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigations.

### SUNDAY, MAY 5

- Deputies Don Newsome and James Godwin responded to the Wildwood RV Park and made contact with Jonathan Ullcom, who stated he paid \$1,784 on or about

April 15th for RV repairs and the suspect has refused to complete the agreed upon repairs. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

### MONDAY, MAY 6

- Deputy James Williams was dispatched to Bloxham Cutoff Road in reference to a possible fraud. Upon arrival Deputy Williams made contact with Jo Barksdale, who said she had been communicating (via telephone) with someone saying they were with the Federal Trade Commission, and they were doing an investigation. They further advised that she should not contact law enforcement. Upon further investigation it was determined to be a "scam."

- Deputy Ernesto Trujillo responded to the Dollar General on Woodville Highway in reference to someone taking items without paying. Upon arrival Deputy Trujillo made contact with Rosemary Colvin, who advised two females entered the store with no items and then later left the store with a shopping bag with items but did not go through the checkout

line. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

### TUESDAY, MAY 7

- Deputy James Williams responded to Centerline Road in reference to someone spinning up the complainant's yard. Upon arrival Deputy Williams made contact with Martin Causseaux, who said that sometime last night someone came onto his property and spun up his yard causing ruts and damage to his driveway. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

- Deputy Montgomery responded to Harvey Mill Road in reference to someone damaging the complainant's gate. Upon arrival Deputy Montgomery made contact with William Harvey, who stated when he drove by his property, he noticed someone had damaged his gate. Harvey advised when he got out to investigate the lock and chain was also broken. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

- A traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle for no

tag displayed. The driver Joshua Sparks was discovered to not possess a valid license. Sparks was placed under arrest and transported to jail. Deputy Dakota Haddock investigated.

- Walmart Asset Protection reported observing nail salon employee Ban Dinh taking items without purchase. Dinh was taken into custody and transported to the jail facility. Deputy Zac Monroe investigated.

### THURSDAY, MAY 9

- Deputy Anthony Paul conducted a vehicle stop for an obstructed view of tag. During the car stop the driver fled from the vehicle. After a brief foot pursuit, the suspect was apprehended. The suspect was identified as Richard Allen Sanders.

Further investigation revealed Sanders' license was suspended and he was in possession of Fentanyl and other pill form medication. Sanders also had two warrants for failure to appear for burglary charges from Levy County. Sanders was arrested and taken to the Wakulla County Jail.

- Edward Bond reported someone stealing tools from a house he is remodeling. Taken was a set of sockets and a 4.5 hp outboard motor. Bond estimated both items at approximately \$400. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Payden Surrence investigated.

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## HOME ON THE RANGE

### Sig Sauer's P238 and the 365 .380



By MARJ LAW

If the Great Gun Fairy were to drop down and offer you the choice between 2 micro compact handguns, which would you choose?

You can opt for either the Sig Sauer P238 with pretty carved grips or the newer Sig Sauer 365 .380 with a pretty rainbow finish. They are both .380 caliber guns. They'll both fit in your purse. They're both micro compact and easy to manage. Which is the better choice?

The P238 has been around for well over a decade. It's a hammer-fired gun. (One strike against it for me, but Joe prefers hammer-fired guns.) The 365 is a striker-fired gun. (One plus for it in my book, and agin' it in Joe's.)

These are really small handguns. The P238 is 3.9 inches high, where the 365 is 4.2 inches. The P238 has an overall length of 5.5 inches, and the 365 is 5.8 inches long. The P238's barrel is 2.7 inches and the 365's barrel is 3.1 inches long.

Both the P238 and the 365 have stainless slides. The P238 has 2 big white dot rear sights and an equally large white front

dot sight. The 365 has SIGLITE night sights. They are small night sights in the rear, and a SIGLITE front sight surrounded by green fiber optics.

The P238 is a smidge lighter at 15.2 ounces, while the larger 365 weighs in at 15.7 ounces. Robert Farago, in his 2010 gun review of the 238 says: "The gun's light enough to stash in a pocket, yet heavy enough to make it a perfectly controllable pistol."

The single-stack P238 holds six rounds, while the double-stacked 365 comes with a 10-round magazine. However, you can find a 12-round magazine for the 365, and that is what we have in the gun today.

Today's P238 has pretty carved wooden grips: not standard, but available. The 365 is the model with the Rainbow finish and has the not-standard but obtainable, 12-round magazine.

Joe and I are visiting the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range again on a Wednesday. It's our good fortune that my friend Tam is here too. The three of us will shoot these two guns for:

- ease of slide pull,
- ease of trigger,
- light trigger travel,
- easy recoil,
- and grip that fits the hand.

Both Tam and I have small hands and Joe has large hands.

We rate on a 1-5 scale. A 1 means it is easy or we like it, and a 5 means it is difficult or hard and we do not like it.

Racking the slide on the P238 is easy for all of us. We give it a 1. Racking the



slide on the 365 is harder. Tam and I give it a 2.5. Joe thinks it is easier and gives it a 1.5. (He's stronger than we are!)

Trigger pull on the P238 is easy for all of us. The 3 of us give both pull and travel a 1 or a 1.5. Trigger pull on the 365 is a 2 to 2.5 for Tam and me. Joe rates it a 1.5. At home, later, Joe put each gun on the Lyman Digital Trigger Gauge. The P238's trigger pull came in at 5.14 ounces, and the 365's at 6.11 ounces. You can see that they both are similar and light.

Trigger travel is short and crisp on the P238. Trigger travel on the 365 is longer. We give it a 2.5. Travel isn't so clean and crisp on the 365. It's a bit grainy.

Recoil is different. The P238's recoil is a 2.5 for Tam and me, where Joe finds it a 1.5. The 365 has a lighter felt recoil. Tam and I give it a solid 2. Joe puts it at 1.5. Easy.

Grip? Well, the single-stack P238 is small and narrow: great for Tam and my small hands. We

also like the grip on the 365. The fit is very ergonomic. The zigzag of 365's double-stacked magazine allows for a narrow tang. This makes the grip feel small even though it is double-stacked. Both Tam and I find it comfortable and give it a 1 for a great grip.

Joe, with his larger hands, still likes the P238's grip. He gives it a 2. Even though he has "pinkie dangle," he finds the gun quite controllable.

Accuracy? We all found both handguns to be very accurate at the target 21 feet away. These micro compact guns are made for short distance accuracy. Probably no one has a room much longer than 21 feet long, so if Mr. Bad were to break down the door and threaten bodily harm, accuracy of 21 feet should be sufficient.

Each of us take 3 shots with the larger 365. You can see that the groupings on this 8" target are quite reasonably tight and we are happy with our shooting. We shoot the P238 with similar results.

### Sig Sauer 365 Rainbow Titanium .380

So, which gun is better?

My concern with the P238 is that it's a hammer-fired gun. Joe trained on the 1911 hammer-fired gun in the Navy. He was trained to flick his thumb down on the safety and then pull the trigger. He likes a safety. He also likes the 1911's smooth triggers.

Well, a lot of us were not service trained. I worry that I might not remember, in a time of great stress, to flip off the manual safety. I might even forget whether it is on or off. At a highly stressful time, when life is at stake, I don't want to have to think. I just want to hurry and neutralize the threat.

As Farago explains: "The average shooter won't think/know/remember to switch the safety on and off during practice... They'll only use the Sig's safety when they're done at the range, for holstering. When push comes to shove they may forget to switch the safety off. Oops."

In length, the P238 seems a lot shorter be-

cause the beavertail sticks out so far, while the length of the 365 is all slide. Remember, the 365's barrel is 3.1 inches, and the P238's is 2.7 inches. The 365 has the feeling of a larger gun, even though it's just a little longer, a little higher, a tiny smidgen narrower, and it weighs just a little bit more.

Tam and I shoot both well, and even with large hands, Joe does too.

So, "Come on!" says the Gun Fairy. "You must make a choice!"

Based on shootability and accuracy, both guns are quite evenly matched.

But let's not get frivolous here. To make the profound choice, the wood carved grips on the P238 can coordinate with your shoes, belt or purse. The 365 Rainbow's colors will match just about any color dress or T-shirt you own.

Thank you, Gun Fairy!

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



CALICO CRAB  
(*Hepatus epheliticus*)

Considered to be the most attractive crab in Florida, it lives in costal areas from Chesapeake Bay to the Dominican Republic at depths to 150ft. Its brightly colored 3" carapace, often with an anemone on it, provides camouflage. It stays buried beneath the sand, with its eyes showing. When worms, small clams, fish or other prey appear, the crab pops up and shreds it with sharp pincers. The crab spawns in summer and females carry eggs until hatching. Crabs have five larval stages. Calico crabs are a favorite food of Ridley sea turtles.

Eukarya, Animalia, Arthropoda, Malacostraca, Decapoda, Aethridae



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On his weekly wildlife survey at Wakulla Springs, retired park ranger Bob Thompson snapped this shot of a Least Bittern.

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Apalachicola	1 Hr., 53 Min.	2 Hrs., 38 Min.
Cat Point	1 Hr., 13 Min.	2 Hrs., 31 Min.
Lower Anchorage	1 Hr., 36 Min.	2 Hrs., 3 Min.
West Pass	1 Hr., 26 Min.	2 Hrs., 39 Min.

#### St. Marks River Entrance

Th	3:53 am	10:52 am	4:18 pm	10:04 pm
	▼ 1.0 ft	▲ 2.7 ft	▼ 1.8 ft	▲ 2.5 ft
Fr	4:51 am	11:32 am	5:36 pm	11:38 pm
	▼ 1.1 ft	▲ 2.9 ft	▼ 1.4 ft	▲ 2.6 ft
Sa	5:37 am	12:04 pm	6:28 pm	
	▼ 1.2 ft	▲ 3.1 ft	▼ 0.9 ft	
Su	12:37 am	6:15 am	12:33 pm	7:09 pm
	▲ 2.8 ft	▼ 1.3 ft	▲ 3.3 ft	▼ 0.5 ft
Mo	1:24 am	6:48 am	12:58 pm	7:46 pm
	▲ 2.9 ft	▼ 1.4 ft	▲ 3.4 ft	▼ 0.2 ft
Tu	2:05 am	7:19 am	1:22 pm	8:21 pm
	▲ 3.1 ft	▼ 1.5 ft	▲ 3.6 ft	▼ -0.1 ft
We	2:43 am	7:49 am	1:47 pm	8:55 pm
	▲ 3.2 ft	▼ 1.6 ft	▲ 3.7 ft	▼ -0.3 ft

#### City of St. Marks

Th	4:57 am	11:28 am	5:22 pm	10:40 pm
	▼ 0.9 ft	▲ 2.5 ft	▼ 1.6 ft	▲ 2.3 ft
Fr	5:55 am	12:08 pm	6:40 pm	
	▼ 1.0 ft	▲ 2.7 ft	▼ 1.3 ft	
Sa	12:14 am	6:41 am	12:40 pm	7:32 pm
	▲ 2.4 ft	▼ 1.1 ft	▲ 2.9 ft	▼ 0.8 ft
Su	1:13 am	7:19 am	1:09 pm	8:13 pm
	▲ 2.6 ft	▼ 1.2 ft	▲ 3.0 ft	▼ 0.5 ft
Mo	2:00 am	7:52 am	1:34 pm	8:50 pm
	▲ 2.7 ft	▼ 1.3 ft	▲ 3.2 ft	▼ 0.2 ft
Tu	2:41 am	8:23 am	1:58 pm	9:25 pm
	▲ 2.9 ft	▼ 1.4 ft	▲ 3.3 ft	▼ -0.1 ft
We	3:19 am	8:53 am	2:23 pm	9:59 pm
	▲ 3.0 ft	▼ 1.4 ft	▲ 3.4 ft	▼ -0.3 ft

#### Shell Point, Spring Creek

Th	4:06 am	10:53 am	4:34 pm	10:28 pm
	▼ 0.8 ft	▲ 2.9 ft	▼ 1.8 ft	▲ 2.7 ft
Fr	5:03 am	11:37 am	5:51 pm	11:55 pm
	▼ 1.0 ft	▲ 3.1 ft	▼ 1.4 ft	▲ 2.8 ft
Sa	5:52 am	12:11 pm	6:43 pm	
	▼ 1.1 ft	▲ 3.3 ft	▼ 0.9 ft	
Su	12:54 am	6:33 am	12:41 pm	7:24 pm
	▲ 3.0 ft	▼ 1.3 ft	▲ 3.4 ft	▼ 0.5 ft
Mo	1:41 am	7:08 am	1:09 pm	8:01 pm
	▲ 3.1 ft	▼ 1.4 ft	▲ 3.6 ft	▼ 0.1 ft
Tu	2:23 am	7:41 am	1:34 pm	8:37 pm
	▲ 3.3 ft	▼ 1.5 ft	▲ 3.7 ft	▼ -0.2 ft
We	3:03 am	8:11 am	1:59 pm	9:12 pm
	▲ 3.4 ft	▼ 1.7 ft	▲ 3.8 ft	▼ -0.3 ft

#### Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Th	4:04 am	10:44 am	4:29 pm	9:56 pm
	▼ 0.7 ft	▲ 2.0 ft	▼ 1.3 ft	▲ 1.9 ft
Fr	5:02 am	11:24 am	5:47 pm	11:30 pm
	▼ 0.8 ft	▲ 2.2 ft	▼ 1.0 ft	▲ 2.0 ft
Sa	5:48 am	11:56 am	6:39 pm	
	▼ 0.9 ft	▲ 2.4 ft	▼ 0.7 ft	
Su	12:29 am	6:26 am	12:25 pm	7:20 pm
	▲ 2.1 ft	▼ 1.0 ft	▲ 2.5 ft	▼ 0.4 ft
Mo	1:16 am	6:59 am	12:50 pm	7:57 pm
	▲ 2.2 ft	▼ 1.0 ft	▲ 2.6 ft	▼ 0.1 ft
Tu	1:57 am	7:30 am	1:14 pm	8:32 pm
	▲ 2.3 ft	▼ 1.1 ft	▲ 2.7 ft	▼ -0.1 ft
We	2:35 am	8:00 am	1:39 pm	9:06 pm
	▲ 2.4 ft	▼ 1.1 ft	▲ 2.8 ft	▼ -0.2 ft

#### St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

Th	4:01 am	11:05 am	5:15 pm	10:25 pm
	▼ 0.7 ft	▲ 2.2 ft	▼ 1.4 ft	▲ 2.1 ft
Fr	5:00 am	11:30 am	6:05 pm	11:52 pm
	▼ 0.9 ft	▲ 2.4 ft	▼ 1.0 ft	▲ 2.2 ft
Sa	5:47 am	11:53 am	6:43 pm	
	▼ 1.0 ft	▲ 2.5 ft	▼ 0.7 ft	
Su	12:52 am	6:25 am	12:14 pm	7:14 pm
	▲ 2.3 ft	▼ 1.2 ft	▲ 2.7 ft	▼ 0.3 ft
Mo	1:38 am	6:57 am	12:35 pm	7:42 pm
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#### Dog Island West End

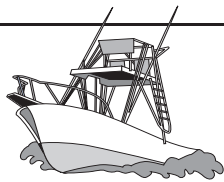
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Best hunting and fishing based on solunar times. MAJOR feeding periods are 2 hours long, centered on the solunar time. MINOR feeding periods are only 1 hour long, again centered on the solunar time.



## Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



Thank you to Duane Treadon for the following article and Linda Olson for the images.

This has been quite the week. We are thinking of everyone who was impacted by the storm that ravaged our area this past week. Our monthly Flotilla meeting was impacted to, but to a much lesser extent than many. We were to hold our meeting at the Leon County Eastside Branch Library however, they were without power. We still met at the library under the shade of an oak tree living the Coast Guard motto, Semper Paratus, always ready.

Given the circumstance the meeting was still well attended. Several members in attendance, like many, were still without power at their homes and others not in attendance were attending to storm-related damage.

Discussion during the meeting consisted of a review of the Division Meeting held at Pensacola Naval Air Station (mentioned in previous article) that included comments about the new Division air assets based out of Panama City. When fully functional this air asset will fill a void in air response time to our area. Currently the closest air assets are based out of Mobile, Alabama and Clearwater.

The meeting closed with several awards being presented. Mike

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Mike Casey with his certificate, above; Phil Hill with the Gilbert Champion Award, below.



Casey received a certificate signed by the National Commodore, Gus Formato, in recognition of his completing all requirements to become BQ (Basic Qualification). Member Phil Hill was also recognized by the National Commodore for his service as Flotilla Commander in the previous year. Phil Hill was also recognized by the members of the Flotilla as the Gilbert-Champion Award for his dedicated service to the Flotilla and Auxiliary. Bravo Zulu to Mike and Phil on their recognition for

outstanding service and performance.

This week also begins National Safe Boating Week. The tip to kick off this week is to label your gear with your name and a valid phone number. This includes your boat, kayaks, canoes, paddle boards, life jackets and watercraft. If items are found adrift, it allows the owner to be contacted can prevent an unnecessary search effort. The Auxiliary can provide you with "If Found" stickers to attach if needed.

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

Please contact us for more information about our safe boating classes or learning more about getting involved in the Auxiliary, check out our website at www.uscgaux.net follow us on Facebook @ Apalachee Bay Flotilla 12 or contact our Flotilla Commander Jim Kenny at jimc809@gmail.comt.

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## Underwater Wakulla

By Rusty Miller

### Aging and diving 2.

Continuing from last week: I was going through the beginning years of my diving career.

The equipment was state of the art for the 1950s and '60s but as humans we seem to try to test the boundaries of the available technologies. With the late '60s came a breakthrough to push the equipment another step forward. That was the single hose regulator, the big difference was there now a second stage instead of a double hose and mouth piece. It was amazing, it had a single black plastic button in the middle of the front plate, it was connected to a thick diaphragm so when you pressed it it would purge the housing but not very well.

The first stage worked but not very well, it was a downstream regulator and that meant it only worked well when you stayed horizontal or vertical but if you rolled over on your back or ended up head down it required more effort to breathe. There still was not a submersible pressure gauge and the depth gauge was an iodine-filled tube that was very fragile and the tube would break if you went below 100 feet. I actually saved up my paper money \$150 to buy it. Once you got used to it, it really wasn't bad. The other issue was if you breathed too hard it would start to shut down and made it difficult to breathe until you slowed your breathing.

The mask was a big oval tempered glass with a rubber skirt and chrome-plated band that held the glass in. It was a big volume type mask and took a minimum of two breaths to clear. The fins were very heavy and made from ballistic rubber from ScubaPro and if taken care of they would last for decades in fact I still use the pair I bought in 1969. The next improvement was the SS backplate that you would weave the canvas strap through and SS bands would secure the tank to the back plate. The weight belt was made from the same canvas but it had a quick release similar to today's release.

You still had the Mae West horseshoe collar that you could inflate at the surface only in an emergency to keep your head above the surface but it only floated you after you ditched all your equipment. Moving to the mid-70s the equipment took a major leap forward with the advance of the BCD (buoyancy compensating device). It's not what you might think, they developed a large horseshoe with an inflatable bladder inside that would connect to the web harness that you already had. It did have an oral inflator but was very difficult to use and took lots of practice to get comfortable with.

By the 1980s and '90s the regulators had very dependable submersible pressure gauges and a good depth gauge, in fact neither of those gauges have changed in the last 40 years accept maybe the size of them. The regulators were designed so you could breathe well no matter the position you were underwater. Then for a decade there really was no innovation in the equipment only little gadgets and things to play with or make you look like you're a professional diver. Where the real innovation came from was the cave diving folks. If it wasn't for the need for better equipment for cave divers we would still be using the old style equipment.

Next week I will delve into the physical stuff that has what I believe has gone soft in our current time. Until then keep making bubbles.

Russell Miller NAUI #59999

## FWC Law Enforcement Report

### From FWC

This report represents some events the FWC handled April 19 to 25 in the Northwest Region. (No cases were reported in Wakulla County)

### JACKSON COUNTY

- Officer E. Meade received information about a deer illegally killed a year ago. Officer Meade conducted an interview with a subject who admitted to killing an antlered

deer prior to hunting season. Officer Meade charged the subject with taking deer during the closed season.

### GADSDEN COUNTY

- Officers Keels and Hildebrand and field

trainee B. Johnson II conducted a field day for students at the Greensboro Elementary School where they displayed an alligator and FWC patrol vessel to approximately 300 students and teachers.

# Practice believing the best of others

By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

“Peter wants a divorce,” my friend Stacey said, taking quick breaths.

It pained me to see her

struggling to keep from falling completely apart. “I’m so sorry.”

When our eyes met, her mascara was long gone. “It hurts, Sheryl. And what makes it worse is knowing some people will believe Peter when he says I’m the one at fault. I can’t handle this.”

Her words pierced my heart as I imagined the added anguish she’d suffer from those who didn’t know the whole truth.

How often do we find ourselves the object of false judgment? On the flip side, how often are

we the ones telling lies about someone?

These questions remind me of the second part of 1 Corinthians 13:7 (ESV): “Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”

The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition, expands “believes all things” this way: “[Love] is ever ready to believe the best of every person.”

How can we practice believing in and seeing the best of someone, especially when the conversation turns against

them?

First, we can decide beforehand not to start or listen to rumors. Second, when a conversation heads in the wrong direction, we can redirect it by saying something like, “Oh, I hope that’s not true. But just in case, I’ll put (name of person) on my prayer list.” This is better than remaining silent because sometimes our silence implies our agreement.

What about believing the best of those we see every day? If our husband makes a costly

investment mistake, do we lose faith in him, or do we continue to believe in his ability to succeed? If a friend constantly shows up late, do we focus on that one (albeit irritating) flaw, or will we ask God to help us recall (and believe in) their good qualities?

Refusing to listen to rumors or form negative opinions about others takes effort. But when we choose to believe the best of someone – and help others do the same while faithfully praying for them – we can pre-

vent that person from falling into a depth of despair that could lead to devastating consequences.

Knowing somebody still believes in them (and that they’re worth defending) could give a person the hope and dignity they need to persevere.

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## Becoming family

By **CHERYL CRUCE**

Isn’t it strange how quickly age creeps up on us? It seems like 16 was my greatest wish yesterday, and today, the 60s are flying by at an accelerated speed. Not only are the numbers changing, but the face of the family is also changing.

Once, we were Mom, Dad, and children sitting around the dinner table. Today, we are the

parent/grandparent of adult children raising their families.

Time and distance separate us faster than we dreamed possible.

I realized how much I missed spending time with my siblings during a recent trip to visit our oldest sister and her family down south. My sister, who is closest to my age, lives in the old family home near me. We try to alternate the direction of our visits; one month, we will travel south, and the next month, we will head west to visit our other siblings.

Regardless of how much our family has changed over the years, we are still family, and gathering together is worth the effort. The

journey to and from is filled with laughter as my sister and I sing along (out of key) with songs from the ‘70s playing on the radio. The road trips involve 10 hours of travel and 2 hours of visiting, which means we spend 12 hours catching up on old memories and making new ones. Our family bonds are strong and lasting.

Just like the bonds of family, there are also bonds of faith that connect people. In my case, it is the community of believers in my church. We come from different backgrounds and walks of life, but our shared faith brings us together as a family of God. Attending church services and events,

participating in group activities, and volunteering for community service projects have all helped me to build solid and lasting relationships with my fellow church members. Through these bonds, I have found a sense of belonging and support that is as important to me as my family relationships. Being part of a community that supports and uplifts one another in their faith is beautiful.

It is a unique love the Heavenly Father has given us, calling us His children (1 John 3:1). Regardless of where we travel in this world, we are family. As believers in Jesus, we hold citizenship in the Kingdom of Heaven, which is

built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. Jesus is our cornerstone (Ephesians 2:19-22). If we were worth the effort that He suffered on Calvary to make us family, then isn’t He worth the effort of our joining a family of believers, sharing His message of love?

Reflecting on the importance of family and the bonds that connect us reminds us of the need to also join with a spiritual family of God. Let this day be the day you become a part of a loving community of believers, receive our Lord’s grace, and share that grace with others. It is never too late to experience the joy and love of being a child of Heavenly Father. I am

sure somewhere near you is a Body of Believers waiting to embrace you into the family of God. Will you not make the effort today?

John 1:11-13 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – 13 children born not of natural descent, nor human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

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### OUT TO PASTOR

## Back in the saddle again

By **JAMES SNYDER**

Finally, those five weeks of being sick are over, and my life is getting back to normal. Whatever normal is.

Five weeks is a long time to be sick, spend time in bed, and not know if it’s morning or evening. There was a period when I was about ready to set up camp in the bathroom. That would’ve been a lot easier for me and less stressful.

But getting back to normal is a great delight. I’m unsure what I lost during those five weeks, but you can be sure I won’t try to find out. What is behind me is behind me for good!

My first morning, I was in my office trying to figure out where I was and what project I was working on. Being at my desk behind my computer and working was a good feeling. I really didn’t know how much I enjoyed it until it wasn’t there anymore.

I guess being sick can have a positive aspect. While I was sick, I wasn’t able to do the work that I wanted to do. That’s always a terrible place to be. But now that I’m over that, I’m sitting at my desk, looking around in my office, and looking at all the books I have on my shelves. Oh, it’s a wonderful feeling.

Have my books missed me as much as I missed them?

But that’s behind me; now, I need to press forward.

Another aspect of getting back in the saddle again are the meals that The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage prepares. I’m not sure what she prepared while I was sick; I have very little recollection of what they were. At my first breakfast, I took a deep breath and realized how delicious my breakfasts actually were. I’m looking forward to lunch with a great deal of anticipation.

I was starting to get back into my production routine, which took me a little while. After a little time, I was back into my routine. There is so much to do, and so much joy in doing it.

One afternoon I was sitting at my desk working on a project and a

thought kept coming to mind. This thought just would not go away.

I got up and got a cup of fresh coffee, hoping that would solve my little problem. I sat down at my desk and got back to work, and wouldn’t you know it, that thought was still bouncing back and forth in my mind.

I had enough to do to occupy my entire mind for the day, but for some reason, this little thought kept working its way into whatever I was doing at the time.

Don’t get me wrong, I enjoy thoughts that come to me whenever they come. I want something fresh and new to invade my mind. But this thought was a little bit of a rascal.

Finally, I had enough, so I sat back in my chair and focused on this thought: “Wouldn’t an Apple Fritter be a nice reward for getting back in my saddle?”

I will never know where that thought came from, but instead of rejecting it, like I should’ve, I embraced it. All I could think of for the rest of the afternoon was that Apple Fritter.

I couldn’t remember the last time I had an Apple Fritter, but I believe when I did have one, I got into trouble.

According to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, Apple Fritters are not on my diet. According to her, I’m on a very strict diet.

I kept telling this thought, “You better not let The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage hear what you’re saying to me.” I don’t think that thought was listening to me; he was only listening to himself.

The idea of munching on a fresh, warm Apple Fritter was marinating in my mind. Nothing in the world can match that kind of deliciousness.

In a couple of hours, that thought bought me hook, line, and sinker. All I could think about was a fresh, warm Apple Fritter with a nice hot cup of coffee. That picture just glowed in my mind as I thought about it.

My problem was, how do I get an Apple Fritter? I’m sure The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage would not be part of this kind of thing. She would rather I had a stalk of broccoli (yuck) than a nice Apple Fritter.

The more I thought about this Apple Fritter, the more I yearned for it. After all, I spent almost five weeks with some kind of sickness, I

should have something to reward me for getting through it all.

My project is, how do I present this to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage? How do I present it in such a way that she will bite into it and let me have an Apple Fritter?

I hope this thought has friends who can help me think through this project.

That afternoon a Bible verse came to mind.

Philippians 4:8, “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”

Some thoughts just aren’t worth the time or energy. I need to control my thinking and think thoughts worthy of God.

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# Obituaries



## Sondra Martin

Sondra Beth Martin, 57, of Sopchoppy, passed away on April 18, 2024.

Sondra was a member Shady Sea Baptist Church. She loved her family, the outdoors and the beach. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and helping with the church food pantry.

She is survived by her mother, Vernie Hodges; children, Courtney and Joshua Martin; sister, Lorie Gallamore; and grandchildren, James, Journey, Jacen, Jaylyn Faith, Jaxson and Josiah.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, June 1, 2024, at 10 a.m. at Shady Sea Missionary Baptist Church in Spring Creek.

Skip and Trey Young, along with Paula and Kimberly are assisting the family with arrangements. 850-926-5919, www.familyfhc.com

## DEATH NOTICES

• **Linda F. King**, 70, of Crawfordville, died May 9, 2024.

• **Betty Mock**, 91, of Carrabelle, died May 10, 2024.

• **Cheryl Puzon**, 76, of Crawfordville, died May 9, 2024.

• **David Stone**, 73, of Crawfordville, died May 9, 2024.

• **Elisha Jerime Tilley**, 29, of Crawfordville, died May 8, 2024.

Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel.  
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## Weekly Roundup: A question of privilege

By **RYAN DAILEY**  
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE – An appeals court heard arguments this week in a challenge to a judge's ruling that Gov. Ron DeSantis' administration has "executive privilege" that shields it from releasing records.

The case could have far-reaching implications for Florida's public-records laws, as an attorney for the plaintiff argued that no other chief executive in the state's history has claimed such an exemption.

The appeal stems from a public-records request, filed by someone identified in court documents as J. Doe, seeking information from DeSantis' office about people involved in discussions about appointing Florida Supreme Court justices. In a subsequent lawsuit, Leon County Circuit Judge Angela Dempsey rejected the public-records request on a series of grounds, including executive privilege.

The plaintiff's attorney, Phil Padovano, argued before a three-judge panel of the Tallahassee-based 1st District Court of Appeal that a 1992 constitutional amendment about public-records access did not include a carve-out for the governor.

"The concept of executive privilege has no application whatsoever in the field of public records. It never has. The right to examine a public record is a fundamental constitutional right that is subject only to the exceptions that are created by statute," Padovano, a former judge on the appeals court, said during Tuesday's hearing.

Padovano added that the Legislature in the ensuing decades had not passed any law that would have provided such an exemption and that it is "not the place of a circuit judge" to create

one.

In an Aug. 25, 2022, interview, DeSantis told conservative commentator Hugh Hewitt that a group of "six or seven pretty big legal conservative heavyweights" had helped him screen candidates for appointment to the Florida Supreme Court. The records request sought to find out who was in on those conversations.

Nathan Forrester, a state senior deputy solicitor general, told the appeals-court panel that executive privilege encompasses "documents whose disclosure would threaten the confidentiality that is necessary to perform an enumerated constitutional duty."

But Judge Clay Roberts questioned Forrester about whether such privilege would apply to correspondence between the governor, the governor's chief of staff and the governor's general counsel.

"Just emails back and forth talking about policy matters. You would agree that all those are public records, or do you think that there is an executive privilege that makes them exempt" from the constitutional amendment, Roberts asked.

"At that level of generality, I'm not prepared to say that they would all be covered," Forrester said.

### TAKING ON 'TAKEOVERS'

A series of bills signed by DeSantis included a measure that seeks to crack down on participants in "street takeovers."

The bill, passed during the legislative session that ended March 8, targets "coordinated" events where 10 or more vehicles are involved in street takeovers. It will increase fines and potential jail time for people who participate.

The bill, in part, in-

creases maximum fines for first-time offenses from \$1,000 to \$2,000. People who commit second offenses within a year could face third-degree felony charges, up from first-degree misdemeanor charges.

Rep. Kiyan Michael, a Jacksonville Republican who co-sponsored the bill, said in February the issue is a "public safety" problem that occurs from Jacksonville to Miami. She also said current penalties have not been a deterrent for many people.

Other supporters of the bill said during legislative debate that popular culture fueled the rise of such takeovers.

Rep. Doug Bankson, an Apopka Republican and bill co-sponsor, said in March that life-threatening street racing is increasing statewide because of popular video games and movies.

The "young population are emboldened to emulate what they're seeing on the screen, whether it be the movie screen, TV screen or computer screen," Bankson said. "The problem is that life does not allow a do-over with a simple push of a button."

The law will take effect July 1.

### STORM SEASON SAVINGS

Emphasizing a sales-tax "holiday" for hurricane preparedness supplies, DeSantis on Tuesday signed an annual package of tax breaks.

The package (HB 7073) is expected overall to trim state and local revenue by \$439.6 million during the upcoming 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Lawmakers included a series of sales-tax holidays in the package to help shoppers save on hurricane-preparedness items, back-to-school supplies and recre-

ation-related purchases.

"You could have a busy hurricane season and nothing could hit Florida. You could have a low hurricane season and have one hit us. So, really, whether it's high or low, it's really a question about (being) prepared," the governor said during a bill-signing event.

The package includes two periods where sales taxes will be waived for storm-related items. The first preparedness holiday will start June 1, at the start of the hurricane season, while the second will be from Aug. 24 to Sept. 6, just before the peak of the storm season.

The holiday for back-to-school items is slated to run from July 29 to Aug. 11, and the outdoor recreation holiday will span the month of July. The governor also approved a holiday around Labor Day on tools and other work supplies.

**STORY OF THE WEEK:** In a case that could have far-reaching implications for the state's public-records laws, an appeals court heard arguments Tuesday in a challenge to a judge's ruling that "executive privilege" shields Gov. Ron DeSantis' administration from releasing records.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

It doesn't make any sense that the governor of Florida could convene a secret meeting to help him appoint justices to our Supreme Court and that somehow the records of that meeting — I mean, just what happened, who went where — could somehow evade the constitutional right to access public records." — Phil Padovano, attorney for the plaintiff in a case seeking access to public records from Gov. Ron DeSantis' administration

## tobe7encouraged faith column Grace be to You...

Greetings Wakulla citizens! Thank you for your time today! The Scripture that sparked this column is **Ephesians 2:8-9** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. When we hear "we have been saved by grace through faith," grace being the operative word, what comes to your mind? During my study time, "grace" came up a lot, this really sparked something inside me! I thought to myself exactly what I just asked you! I did not have an exact answer, too vague! So, I started digging for God's exact answer concerning "grace."

It is important to first remember to be justified there is only ONE WAY, this is being born again through Christ. **John 3: 3** "Jesus responded and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless someone is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Now in **Romans 5:1-2** "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we also have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we celebrate in hope of the glory of God." it states here seeing that we are now justified (just as if we'd never ever sinned) through our faith in the 1-Death 2-Burial 3-Resurrection of our LORD Jesus Christ, we now have God's peace upon us because Jesus is the atonement for every sin we have ever committed! Atonement means "An individual's reconciliation with God by means of repentance and confession of one's transgressions."

Before God's grace; **Ephesians 2:1-2** As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. (NIV) Because of God's grace; **Ephesians 2:4-7** But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages

he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. (NIV)

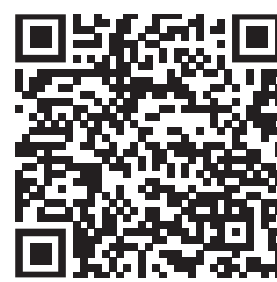
Let us remember this when someone we come across or even ourselves do something stupid/rude/disrespectful...be gracious, show kindness even if you want to slap them or yourself. If we do screw up and are unkind...REPENT! This is what He requests when we sin because we will sin!! Be genuine, God knows the intentions of our hearts! **Acts 3:19** Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

We hope this causes you to hunger for more of Him, Deb Quimby-Quackenbush

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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. WOOOHH-HOOOO!! 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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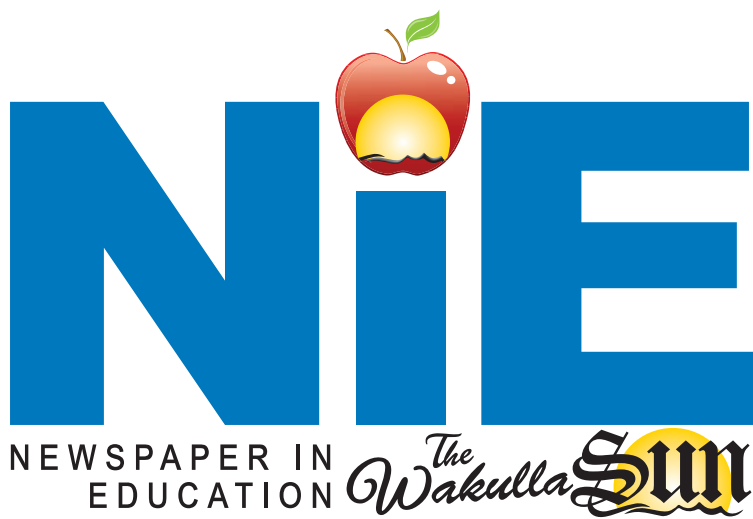
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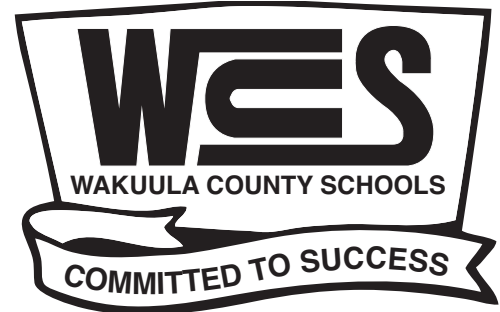
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## USE THE NEWS

### 1. GARDEN GALA

Celebrities from all over the world put on over-the-top outfits last weekend for the famous Met Gala, an annual party at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Every year has a theme for guests to interpret and base their outfits on – this year was “Garden of Time.” It’s a fundraiser for the museum’s Costume Institute, and this year, they raised \$26 million from the event. Tickets cost \$75,000 each! The Costume Institute collects clothing and accessories from the 1600s to today, preserving and displaying them for visitors or storing them for future generations. Draw a design of an outfit for this year’s Met Gala theme, “Garden of Time,” being as creative as your imagination can be! Write a few sentences that describe your design to go along with your drawing.

### 2. SCOUTING AMERICA

The Boy Scouts of America are officially changing its name to be more inclusive of all young people. The new name is Scouting America, and it will officially become the new name on the Boy Scouts 115th anniversary on Feb. 8, 2025. The organization started letting girls into its troops in 2018. They dropped “boy” from the official name then, but many people still refer to it as the Boy Scouts. Many girls in the organization say the name change is helping them feel more included. Are you or anyone know you know involved in Scouts? If you could ask a scout troop leader or scout participant any questions about the organization, what they do, and about the new name change, what would you ask? Write a list of at least 10 questions you’d ask

them to help you learn more about Scouting America.

### 3. SUPERSTAR SONG CONTEST

This month, an annual song competition will pick the top pop song in the world. It’s called Eurovision, and almost 40 countries send acts that perform in the live contest that hundreds of millions of people around the world watch on TV. The country who won the year before usually hosts, so this year’s event will take place in Sweden after “Tat-

too” by Loreen, a pop singer from the country, won last year. The famous pop band ABBA got their start on Eurovision, winning 50 years ago with their song “Waterloo.” If you were going to write a song for a contest like Eurovision, what would you write about? Try your hand at writing lyrics of a pop song and share your ideas with your classmates.

### 4. SLEEP STRUGGLES

More than half of Americans report being on their

phones within an hour of going to sleep, which could be bad for their sleep. The brain interprets any light as sunlight, which keeps it from releasing melatonin, the hormone that helps us sleep. Looking at social media can keep the brain from relaxing, too. What are your favorite ways to relax? Do you have time for your brain to relax away from screens before going to bed? Write down your usual bedtime routine and how you could change it to be more relaxing (away from screens!) so your body is ready for sleep.

### 5. MORE CLEAN ENERGY

As people, companies, and governments try to be more friendly to the environment, the way we get our electricity is very important. Electric cars are replacing traditional cars that use fossil fuels, which emit gases that hurt our atmosphere and lead to global warming, but electric cars have to be charged! Power plants that produce electricity can also burn coal, which releases harmful gases, too, so people are trying to change to better sources. Last year, the world hit a mile-

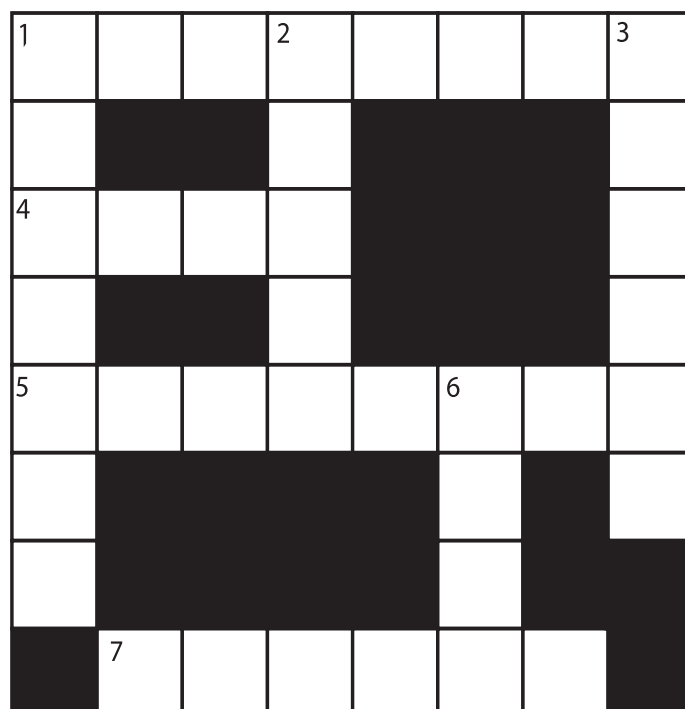
stone: 30 percent of the world’s electricity was produced by “clean” sources, ones that aren’t harmful to the environment. These sources can be solar – using the sun – wind, or hydroelectric, a scientific way to say “powered by water.” More solar and wind farms have been built around the world in the last few years and in 2023, twice as much electricity in the world came from solar power than coal. This is a big step toward making our planet healthier! Write a summary of this story, including at least five facts.



THIS FOOD IS MADE FROM A FILLED DOUGH MADE FROM CORN, WHICH IS WRAPPED IN CORN HUSKS OR BANANA LEAVES AND STEAMED.

ANSWER: TAMALES

## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- Arts, customs, and behaviors of a social group
- Person who operates something
- With others
- Menu items

### DOWN

- Nation
- A number; trio
- Salty or spicy
- A place one lives

Answers:  
Across  
1. Cultures 4. User 5. Together 7. Dishes  
Down  
1. Country 2. Three 3. Savory 6. Home

## THIS DAY IN...



## HISTORY

- 1865: THE INTERNATIONAL TELEGRAPH UNION IS ESTABLISHED IN PARIS.
- 1902: GREEK ARCHAEOLOGIST VALERIOS STAIS DISCOVERS AN ANCIENT MECHANICAL ANALOG COMPUTER.
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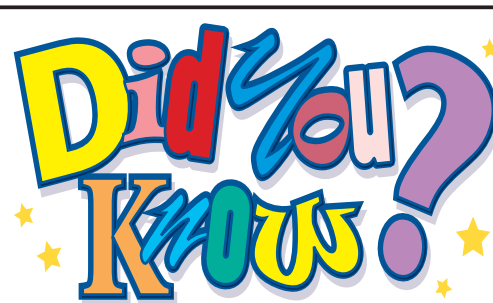


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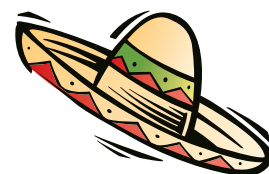
the customs and achievements of a particular people



- ENGLISH:** Celebrate
- SPANISH:** Celebrar
- ITALIAN:** Festeggiare
- FRENCH:** Célébrer
- GERMAN:** Feiern



THE WORD “SOMBREIRO” IS DERIVED FROM THE SPANISH WORD “SOBRA,” WHICH MEANS “SHADE” OR “SHADOW.”



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: TACOS

# MEDITATION WORD SEARCH

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 Y G Q M P S K P E A C E F U L M B V D H  
 V R G Y M C W D B F B T Z H W D P M E O

## WORDS

- ASHRAM
- AWARENESS
- BODHI
- BUDDHISM
- CHAKRA
- CHANT
- CREATIVE
- DHARMA
- ENERGY
- ENLIGHTENMENT
- GROUNDING
- HINDUISM
- KARMA
- MANTRA
- MEDITATION
- MENTAL
- MINDFULNESS
- NIRVANA
- PEACEFUL
- REST
- SANSKRIT
- TRANQUILITY
- VISUALIZATION
- ZEN

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

## CROSSWORD

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Geological time
4. Ooze
9. A set of eight
14. Obstruction
15. Swiss mathematician
16. Philosophy
17. The night before
18. A timid person
20. Unifies
22. Gangs
23. Alternative name
24. Acumen
28. Cathode-ray tube
29. Tantalum
30. Soluble ribonucleic acid
31. Humiliate
33. Earthy pigment
37. Air Force
38. Adult males
39. Stiff untanned leather
41. Before
42. Atomic #18
43. Beer mug
44. Nostrils
46. Type of chef
49. Midway between north and east
50. They \_\_\_
51. Splits
55. Walk in a timid manner

58. Preserved animal skin with hair
59. Popular donut shop item
60. You smear it on bagels
64. Don't know when yet
65. Equal to 10 amperes
66. Synthetic acrylic fiber
67. One point south of due east
68. Of mixed ancestry
69. Home of the Pyramids
70. A way to change color

### CLUES DOWN

1. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
2. Untangle
3. One from the U.S.
4. Academic terms
5. San \_\_\_ Obispo, in California
6. Not healthy
7. Self-assessment questionnaire (abbr.)
8. Arugula genus
9. VIII
10. Makes a monarch
11. Tormentor
12. Commercials
13. Sprinkle
19. Make a mistake
21. Freshwater fishes
24. Vermont town
25. Man-made device
26. Entrap
27. Places to store important things
31. Accumulate
32. Greek mythological nymph
34. Gregory \_\_\_, American dancer
35. Denotes past
36. Becoming popular again
40. Indicates position
41. Came before
45. An extra seed-covering
47. Cheerful
48. Deli sandwich staple
52. Skateboarders love them
53. Mandela's party
54. Sierra lake
56. Nickname for Elizabeth
57. Remove from record
59. Employee stock ownership plan
60. Former NFLer Newton
61. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
62. Work unit
63. Town in Cambridgeshire

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## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to laughter.

E B T R H A

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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!  
**Here's How It Works:** Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

## Guess Who?

I am a TV personality born in Washington, D.C. on May 13, 1964. While a student at Northwestern, I had an interest in drama, not comedy. I gained fame as a funnyman thanks to my work on Comedy Central alongside Jon Stewart, and eventually starred on my own show.

Answer: *Breath* Answer: *Stephen Colbert*

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## 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 BILLY C. HUDSON, SR., DECEDENT

CASE NO. 2024-CP-000047

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of BILLY C. HUDSON, SR., deceased, whose date of death was December 15, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against 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 date of first publication of this notice is May 9, 2024.

Attorney for Personal Representative:	Personal Representative:
<u>/s/ Michael A. Paasch</u> Michael A. Paasch Attorney for Petitioner Florida Bar Number: 852805 DINSMORE & SHOHL LLP 225 E. Robinson St., Suite 600 Orlando, FL 32801 Telephone: (407) 425-9044 Fax: (407) 423-2016 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:michael.paasch@dinsmore.com">michael.paasch@dinsmore.com</a> Secondary: <a href="mailto:nancy.darville@dinsmore.com">nancy.darville@dinsmore.com</a>	<u>/s/ Lisa Hudson Ferguson</u> Lisa Hudson Ferguson 2700 Braselton Hwy. Suite 10-218 Dacula, GA 30019

May 9, 16, 2024

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

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WINIFRED VIRGINIA WALDROP, DECEASED.

CASE NO. 2024-CP-142

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of WINIFRED VIRGINIA WALDROP, deceased, whose date of death was March 23, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327. The names and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's Attorney are set forth below.

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

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The date of the Decedent's death is March 23, 2024.

The date of first publication of this Notice is May 16, 2024.

WILLIAM H. WEBSTER Attorney at Law (FBN- 0195393) ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE P.O. Box 4 Hosford, FL 32334 850 443-5901 <a href="mailto:billwebsterlaw@yahoo.com">billwebsterlaw@yahoo.com</a>	STEPHANIE MARIE BENNETT Personal Representative 423 Revadee Spears Road Crawfordville, FL 32327
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# Sports

## BASEBALL

### War Eagles' season ends with playoff loss to Arnold



By **KEITH ANDERSON**  
Baseball Coach

The Wakulla War Eagles entered the start of the playoffs this past week with a 20-5-1 record and receiving the No. 4 seed in the region hosting No. 5 seed Suwannee on Wednesday May 8th.

The War Eagles won the dramatic victory 6-5. Gavin Estep started on the mound throwing well going 4.1 innings scattering

5 hits striking out two. Will Chipman earned the win, coming in when the War Eagles were trailing, throwing 2.1 innings, giving up 1 hit and striking out 3.

The War Eagles battled all game but found themselves trailing 5-4 in the bottom of the 7th inning with the season on the line.

With one out in the bottom of the seventh, Jed Hoffman had a clutch 2-strike single to put the tying run aboard. After another flyout, the War Eagles were down to their last out. With Hoffman on first, Senior shortstop Haden Klees stepped to the plate. After swinging through the



War Eagles celebrate Haden Klees' 2-run walkoff homer against Suwannee on Wednesday.

first pitch, the Suwannee hurler threw a breaking ball over plate and Haden Klees drove the ball deep over the left center

wall for a walkoff, season-saving 2-run homer.

Parker Lawhon had a huge game offensively with 2 hits, Sam

Bruce and Garrett Veltkamp also had a hit a piece in the game.

The War Eagles then traveled to No.

1 seeded Arnold High School in Panama City for the region semi final game. The War Eagles saw their season end with a 5-0 loss to a very good Arnold team.

The two University of Florida commits that pitched for Arnold kept the War Eagles on their heels all night scattering 4 hits.

Sam Bruce had two hits, Parker Lawhon and Garrett Veltkamp each had singles.

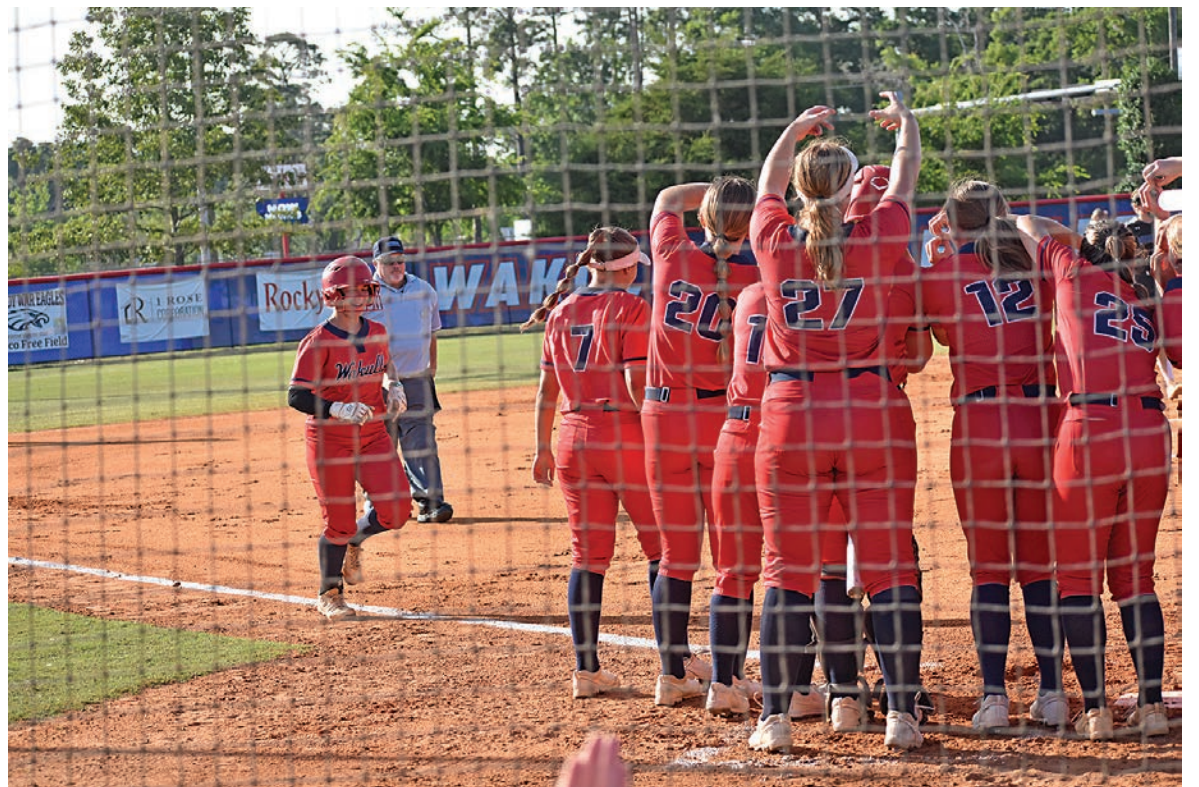
Starter Leaston Spears threw 4 innings. Jesse Nazworth and Will Chipman also threw in relief.

The War Eagles ended a great season with a 21-6-1 record.

## SOFTBALL

### Lady War Eagles blank Menendez, 10-0

No. 1 seed Wakulla faces No. 4 West Florida in Regional Semifinal on Tuesday, May 14



Lady War Eagles celebrate their 10-0 win, above, with a score in the 6th inning that invoked the mercy rule. At right, Abigail Lawhon gets a hit.

PHOTOS BY GERALD BROWN

## Terror

### From Front Page

"The back of the boat was going under water being pushed by a huge barge," Plouffe said in a statement. "We were able to get loose as we were getting out from under this huge barge, (the deckhand) was smashed by the barge hitting the fish box as he was cutting the rope."

The Humpty Dumpty got out from under the barge, but the other boat, Eli's Inheritance, was going under water and being pushed by the barge.

Merrell was on the radio yelling "Mayday!"

A radio operator on the tug answered: "Apparently no one else can hear you." (The barge had destroyed the Humpty

Dumpty's attenas.)

Merrell informed him that he had hit them and they were sinking.

"Are you kidding me?" came back the answer.

Merrell told him to call the Coast Guard.

Merrell then started calling coordinates and preparing emergency equipment.

The tug boat came back: "I didn't see your lights."

With the radio not working, Plouffe grabbed a satellite phone – the only person he could reach was his grandfather, Ronald Fred Crum, and gave him their coordinates and told him to call the Coast Guard, FWC and Sea Tow.

Merrell checked the boat and the rudder, prop shaft and exhaust were all leaking. While they couldn't manage much speed, the boat

wasn't leaking as much if they kept moving forward.

They slowly moved forward towards land, taking on water, and unsure if they could make it back to port.

A Coast Guard helicopter out of Clearwater showed up after a couple of hours. Then Sea Tow. Then the FWC.

They limped in to the dock at Carrabelle. An ambulance took the deckhand to Tallahassee Memorial.

A civil case was filed in the Eastern District of Louisiana, in New Orleans, by the owners of the tug petitioning for exoneration from or limitation of liability.

The owner of the tug

claimed that any damage done was not due to any fault, neglect or negligence and denied the tug struck the boats.

But a watchstander out of District Eight Command Center observed the track lines of the tug cross the Humpty Dumpty. Sector Mobile contacts the tugboat's owner LA Carriers dispatch and contact the First Mate.

An hour after hitting the boat, the First Mate goes below to wake the tug's Master to tell him to contact the Coast Guard.

The Master "contacts the Command Center and is shocked when the details of the previous hour were dictated," according to the Coast

Guard report. "At this time, the Master takes over the helm and conducts a jackknife turn to check the towline to see if they are dragging a vessel. Once the towline was cleared, the (tug) started to aid in the search of the vessel." At 5 a.m., the tug was instructed to continue its voyage and it returned to Panama City to conduct drug and alcohol testing and interviews with Coast Guard investigators.

The capsized Eli's Inheritance was found by an airplace and coordinates were given to Merrell. On July 29, the boat was recovered, hauled out of the water and made available to inves-

tigators.

"All three crewmembers onboard the fishing vessel sustained injured that required medical assistance and prescribed pain medicine," according to the report.

The Coast Guard report found the crash happened due to the First Mate's failure to see the anchored fishing boats on the water or using radar.

It also noted the failure of the Humpty Dumpty to maintain a night watch.

Merrell and Plouffe sued LA Carriers and the tug Lady Terea in federal district court in New Orleans and recently settled out of court for an undisclosed sum.

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# SUMMER CAMP GUIDE

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## Wakulla 4-H Summer 2024 Day Camps

All camps will be held at the Wakulla County Extension Office, 84 Cedar Ave, Crawfordville, FL 32327, EXCEPT Teen Fit Camps which will be held at 2315 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327.

Age requirements vary by camp. Please check dates, times, fees, and age requirements before registering. Camp registration will open March 4, 2024. Online registration required.

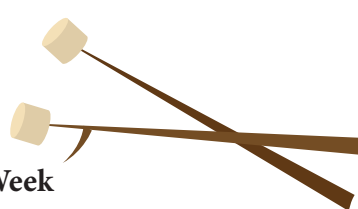
For more information about Wakulla 4-H Summer Programming, contact Christy Pearson at 850-901-7092 or christinepearson@ufl.edu.

### Crafty Creations Week

June 10-13

Ages 6-12

Cost: \$200 per child



### Beyond the Crayon Week

July 8-11

Ages 8-13 ONLY

Cost: \$200 per child

### Animal Adventures Week

June 17-20

Ages 6-12

Cost: \$200 per child

### Fun with Food Week

July 15-18

Ages 8-13 ONLY

Cost: \$250 per child



### Farm Adventures Week

June 24-27

Ages 6-12

Cost: \$200 per child

### Archery Week

July 22-25

Ages 8-13 ONLY

Cost \$250 per child



### Kitchen Creations Camp

Instructor: Samantha Kennedy

July 1-3, 10 AM to 3 PM

Ages 10-15 ONLY

Cost: \$150 per child

### 4-H Teen Leadership & Public Safety Careers Camp

Instructor: Dr. Pienta & Partners

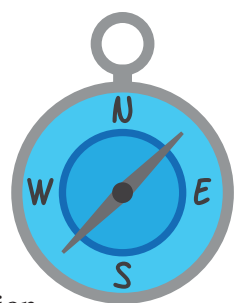
July 22-26, 9 AM to 4 PM

Monday to Friday

Ages 13 - 17 ONLY

Cost: \$150 per child

Scholarships awarded by application



### Sew Much Fun Camp

Instructor: Samantha Kennedy

August 5-7, 10 AM to 3 PM

Ages 8-15 ONLY

Cost: \$100 per child

### 4-H Teen Fit Camp

Instructor: Rochelle Thayer

Week 1 - June 10-13, 8 AM to 5 PM

Week 2 - July 8-11, 8 AM to 5 PM

Monday to Thursday

Ages 11- 18 ONLY

Cost: \$150 per child per week

Scholarships awarded by application.



## Wakulla County Public Library

Adventure Begins at Your Library Summer Reading Program  
A FREE Summer of Fun for Children and Families! June 4th – July 26th

The library offers weekly age-specific programs designed to encourage a life-long love of reading. Look for Special Guests and their locations on the calendar provided!

Join us at the library each week for a variety of summer activities! See Calendar of Events for dates and times.

### About the Florida Library Youth Program

WCPL is a long time participant in the Florida Library Youth Program (FLYP). FLYP was developed to encourage a life-long love of reading.

Our summer program includes programs and performances designed to encourage reading. The best part is that all of these wonderful programs are offered FREE to Wakulla County residents thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Friends of the Wakulla County Public Library.

### Book Bunch

Tuesdays 10:00-11:00am

at The Community Center

No program on July 2

This program for preschool aged children includes stories, music and crafts that go with the summer theme.

### Book Babies

Wednesdays 10:00-11:00am

No program on July 3

An interactive summer themed story time and playgroup designed for infants, toddlers and their caregivers.

### Adventure Seekers

Wednesdays 2:00-3:00pm

This program for children in grades K-2, features stories and crafts focused around the summer theme.

### Trail Blazers

Thursdays 2:00-3:00pm

No program on July 4

This program for children in grades 3-5, features books and crafts/activities that are focused around a central theme.

### Conservation Warriors

Thursday, June 6th & 20th; July 11th & 25th at 4pm  
Local conservation experts from St. Marks and Fish & Wildlife Conservation come to teach about our local wildlife and aquatic ecology. Kids will learn through hands-on fun and knowledge building from local experts! Open to all ages!

### Lego Club

1st & 3rd Tuesday 4:00-5:30pm

Lego Club is designed to provide kids with an enjoyable activity that stimulates & develops spatial intelligence. They will build whatever leaps into their imaginations!

## Gulf Specimen Marine Lab Aquatic Adventures Camp

Week 1 - June 10th - 14th 8:30am - 4:30pm

Week 2 - June 24th - 28th 8:30am - 4:30pm

Week 3 - July 8th - 12th 8:30am - 4:30pm

Ages 6-11 ONLY

Cost: \$200 for members \$220 for non-members

Learn more at <https://gulfspecimen.org>

### Manga Club

Thursday, June 13th & 27th;

July 11th & 25th 5:00-6:00pm

This club is intended for middle and high school aged young adults. We'll explore different topics such as manga and anime art, influences (in literature, film & tv), classic Japanese manga vs. modern manga, and maybe try an Asian inspired snack.

### Phil Meyer Magic

Tuesday, June 4th 7:00-8:00 pm

### Bits N Pieces Puppets

Tuesday, June 11th 7:00-8:00 pm

### DoDads Lab

Tuesday, June 18th 7:00-8:00 pm

### Tiger-Rock Martial Arts

Tuesday, June 25th 7:00-8:00 pm

### Quite-A-Catch Ron Anglin Show

Tuesday, July 9th 7:00-8:00 pm

### Animal Tales

Tuesday, July 16th 7:00-8:00 pm

### An Evening At Hogwarts

Friday, July 26th 6:00-8:00 pm

### Therapy dogs will be here

Friday, June 14th & July 12th 10am-12pm



## Apalachee Bay Yacht Club Youth Sailing Camp

This camp is ideal for youth who love being on the water and are interested in learning an activity or enhancing skills they may already have.

No previous sailing experience is required but campers must pass a swim test administered the first day of camp.

Sail Camp is being taught by qualified instructors and yacht club volunteers who have all passed background checks.

All Sailors will get a U.S. Sailing Learn to Sail Right! manual, Small Boat Certification Book, and a long-sleeve sun shirt.

### Sail Camp 2024 Schedule

WEEK 1 June 3 - 7 9am-3:30pm

WEEK 2 June 10 - 14 9am-3:30pm

WEEK 3 June 17 - 21 9am-3:30pm

WEEK 4 June 24 - 28 9am-3:30pm

WEEK 5 July 8 - 12 9am-3:30pm

WEEK 6 July 15 - 19 9am-3:30pm

Cost per week: \$300 for non ABYC members

\$250 for ABYC members

\$25 discount for additional registrants

What to Expect:

All sailors must pass a swim test on the first day of camp in order to sail on the water during camp. All sailors will be signed in and out by a guardian each day.

Sailors will need to bring:

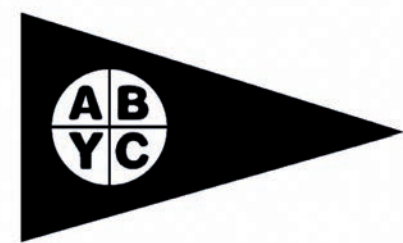
1. A bag lunch and refillable water bottle each day.

2. SUNSCREEN (please apply before drop-off).

3. Watershoes 4. A towel

5. Sailing life jacket. ABYC does have some life jackets available for use.

Apalachee Bay Yacht Club, 69 Harbour Point Drive, Crawfordville, FL 32327



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