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Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Partly Cloudy Hi: 92° Lo: 70° 6% Sunrise 6:36 AM Sunset 8:33 PM	Partly Cloudy Hi: 90° Lo: 72° 35% Sunrise 6:36 AM Sunset 8:33 PM	AM Showers Hi: 84° Lo: 71° 36% Sunrise 6:36 AM Sunset 8:34 PM



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Memorial Day



VFW members salute after the wreath-laying ceremony at the Memorial Day observance at the courthouse.

The annual observance at the courthouse draws a large crowd

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

A large crowd gathered on the courthouse lawn on Monday morning for a Memorial Day observance led by Wakulla Veteran Service Officer Winston Murphy.

Of fallen veterans who died in service of our country, Murphy said: "We owe them more than can ever be repaid, but we must try." And those efforts should be directed at improving our nation, holding to democracy, 'In honor of those who accepted death for the love of their country.'

County Commissioner Mike Kemp, an Army National Guard veteran and retired sheriff's deputy, was keynote speaker and he spoke of the blessing of freedom that citizens have a result of sacrifice of those who gave all.



Commissioner Mike Kemp, above, was the keynote speaker. Winston Murphy, below.

More photos of Memorial Day events on Page 13. A list of all of Wakulla County's war dead since World War I on Page 10.



Someone stuck a knife in a pelican's beak

Florida Wild Mammal rescued the bird at Shell Point

Story & Photos By
SUE DAMON
Special to The Sun

On the evening of May 15, a pelican was spotted on a Shell Point dock with a hunting knife lodged in its bill. Concerned residents contacted the Florida Wild Mammal Association (FWMA), who advised them to call back if the pelican was still there the next day.

The following morning, the injured pelican appeared again. Armed with a net and baitfish, the FWMA tried valiantly to capture it, but the wary bird flew away each time.

One FWMA volunteer, Nick, borrowed a kayak and paddled from Walker Creek Drive to the Village neighborhood, then to Royster Drive and back, trying to corral the pelican. As the team began to run out of baitfish, a neighbor offered shrimp and the chase continued.

The pelican was not impressed with the shrimp, but a gaggle of nearby seagulls felt differently. Another neighbor came to the rescue with baitfish from their freezer.

Finally, the FWMA team decided it was time for a new plan: using a cast net. Dylan Mercer, who happened to be working nearby, offered to help.

Although Mercer hadn't thrown a cast net in a decade, he stood ready, waiting for the pelican to return to the dock. When it did, Dylan stood still until the bird turned its back. Then, with a picture-perfect throw, he flung the net forward and captured the bird.

The FWMA took the pelican in for treatment, affectionately naming him "Mr. P."

Mr. P was found to have significant injuries. It was clear that the knife had been deliberately stabbed through the middle of his bill. His beak was severely damaged, but fortunately, there was enough blood flow to keep the beak alive.

The FWMA started Mr. P on a course of antibiotics to prevent infection, which is critical for recovery.

According to the FWMA, it is not uncommon for pelicans to be attacked in Wakulla County. Their team has seen pelicans with slashed throats, wings intentionally broken, and even cases where they were fed firecrackers. This was the first documented instance of a pelican surviving a knife lodged in its beak.

The FWMA team remains hopeful for Mr. P's recovery and eventual release into the wild. His case underscores the importance of respecting the natural world that we are all so blessed to enjoy in Wakulla County.

If you would like to support the FWMA team, please consider donating at fwma.org. Your generosity can make a significant difference in the lives of animals like Mr. P.

Correction

Last week's Question of the Week did not update the previous week's question. We are re-running the Question from last week with the correct question and answers.

We regret the error.

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Student of the Week

Jettsen Medley – 6th grader at COAST Charter School

Achievements/Reason for Nomination:
Jettsen is a 6th grader at C.O.A.S.T Charter school. Jettsen is a wonderful student with a brilliant mind and a bright future! He is someone who could outsmart anyone when it comes to history, especially geography. He always stays on top of his school work and does so with an incredibly positive attitude. He is never afraid to ask questions or participate in class. Jettsen always has a great attitude and a smile on his face. He is always a helping hand to his teachers and his classmates. In his free time, Jettsen loves learning about geography, watching videos and playing games. C.O.A.S.T and the sixth grade class are so lucky to have him!


STUDENT OF THE WEEK FEATURES A DIFFERENT SCHOOL EACH WEEK.



Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park

Spiderwort

By LYNN ARTZ, DAVID RODDENBERRY, and SANDY TEDDER



Ohio spiderwort (*Tradescantia ohiensis*), the most common in our area, is also called day-flower because its charming one-inch flowers open in the morning and last just one day. The showy 3-petaled bluish-purple flowers have bright yellow anthers and attract native bees. Long-tongued bumblebees are their most important pollinator. Other visitors include halictine bees and syrphid flies. This erect native perennial blooms profusely in the spring and early summer, then off and on into the fall. It grows in clumps 1-2 feet tall with grass-like leaves and favors moist meadows in full sun. If spiderwort sprouts in your lawn, you can easily relocate it to form nice clumps in a casual or wildflower garden. It is striking in mass when in bloom. Ohio spiderwort is blooming now in the meadow at Sopchoppy Depot Park.



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Multiple drug arrests by sheriff's office, task force

Special to The Sun

Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Detectives and the Crime Suppression Unit, alongside detectives of the Leon County Sheriff's Office, the North Star Multijurisdictional Drug Task Force, and Agents of the Homeland Security Investigations executed two residential Search Warrants as part of "Operation Heartbreaker" on Thursday, May 23.

The Search Warrants were the result of an extensive, multi-month investigation by Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Detectives and the Crime Suppression Unit into large-scale Methamphetamine distribution in Wakulla County.

During the investigation, Detectives identified Maura Evans of Medart as selling large amounts of methamphetamine from her residence. Upon execution of the search



Maura Evans



Summer Harris



Matthew Stuart



Austin Smith



Brian Taff



warrant on Evans' residence, 40.8 grams methamphetamine, 1.7 grams cocaine, ecstasy, prescription medication, suspected LSD, a large

amount of cash, a shotgun and ammunition were located. Evans and Austin Smith were inside the residence and taken into custody for

multiple felony warrants ascertained from this investigation.

Additionally, the investigation identified Matthew Stewart of Panacea as selling large amounts of methamphetamine from his residence and a search warrant was obtained. Upon execution of the search warrant, 11.8 grams Methamphetamine, 6.7 grams cocaine, prescription medication, suspected LSD, and multiple firearms were located. Stewart was taken into custody on multiple felony warrants obtained

from this investigation. Jared Harvey was present at Stewart's residence and taken into custody for Possession of Methamphetamine.

During the investigation, arrest warrants were obtained for Brian Taff and Summer Harris. Both were located and taken into custody.

PUBLIC NOTICES:

For our readers' convenience, The Wakulla Sun provides this Public Notice Section for all Public Notices not published in the Legal Notice section of the newspaper.



More Public Notices appear on Page 10

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING AN APPLICATION FOR FINAL PLAT

The Wakulla County Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners will hold public hearings to consider the proposed application for final plat approval described below. Public Hearings are scheduled before the **Planning Commission on Monday, June 10, 2024, beginning at 6:00 P.M.**, and before the **Board of County Commissioners on Monday, June 17, 2024, at 5:00 P.M. unless otherwise noted below or as time permits.** All public hearings will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.



1. Application for Final Plat Approval: FP24-05
 Applicant: Humphries Real Estate Development, LLC
 Agent: Urban Catalyst Consultants, Inc./William Colbert
 Proposal: create 99-lot residential subdivision – Hamptons II Subdivision
 Tax ID Number: 00-00-055-000-09929-000
 Existing FLU Map: Urban Core (FLUE Policy 1.2.9)
 Current Zoning: PUD (Section 5-50, LDC)
 FEMA Flood Info: "X" zone on Panel 0250E
 Parcel size: 10.01+/- acres
 Location: 62 Hampton Way, abutting the Hamptons multi-family development to the south

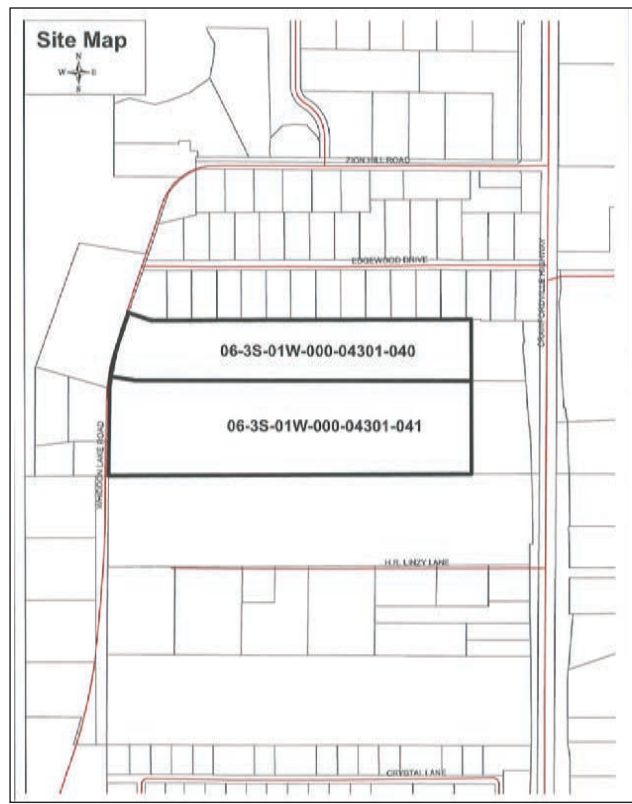
Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, June 10, 2024 @ 6:00 PM
BOCC: Monday, June 17, 2024 @ 5:00 PM

If an individual wishes to submit documents or other materials related to a matter before the Planning Commission for consideration by the Planning Commission at a public meeting, they are strongly encouraged to submit copies of all such documents or other materials to the Wakulla County Office of Planning and Community Development at least 3 days prior to the date of the meeting so that they can be provided to the Commission Members. If an individual wishes to bring documents or other materials for consideration by the Planning Commission that were not previously provided to the Wakulla County Office of Planning and Community Development in accordance with the preceding sentence, they must bring at least twelve (12) copies of each such document to the meeting.

Copies of applications, draft ordinances, and any related public record files may be viewed at the County Planning Department located at 11 Bream Fountain Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM M-F; Phone (850) 926-3695. Any person desiring to appeal a decision of a County Board must ensure a verbatim transcript or copy is made of the testimony and exhibits presented at said hearings. Persons with a disability needing a special accommodation should contact the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Office at least two (2) days prior to the meeting at (850) 926-0919; Hearing and Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771; or email at ADAResult@mywakulla.com. May 30, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY PLAT

The Wakulla County Planning Commission proposes to consider the following request for a time extension of the previously approved Preliminary Plat and has scheduled a Public Hearing before the **Wakulla County Planning Commission on Monday, June 10, 2024, beginning at 6:00 P.M., unless otherwise noted below or as time permits.** All public hearings will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.



1. Application for Preliminary Plat Approval: PP22-03
 Applicant: Pafford Properties & Construction, Inc.
 Agent: Edwin Brown & Associates, Inc./Wade Brown
 Proposal: time extension on a 44-lot residential subdivision – Greystone
 Tax ID Number: 06-3S-01W-000-04301-040 & 06-3S-01W-000-04301-041
 Existing FLU Map: Rural 3 (FLUE Policy 1.2.6)
 Current Zoning: PUD (Section 5-50, LDC)
 FEMA Flood Info: "X" zone on Panel 0250E
 Parcel Size: 45.39+/- acres
 Location: west side of Crawfordville Highway, abutting the southern boundary of Edgewood Subdivision

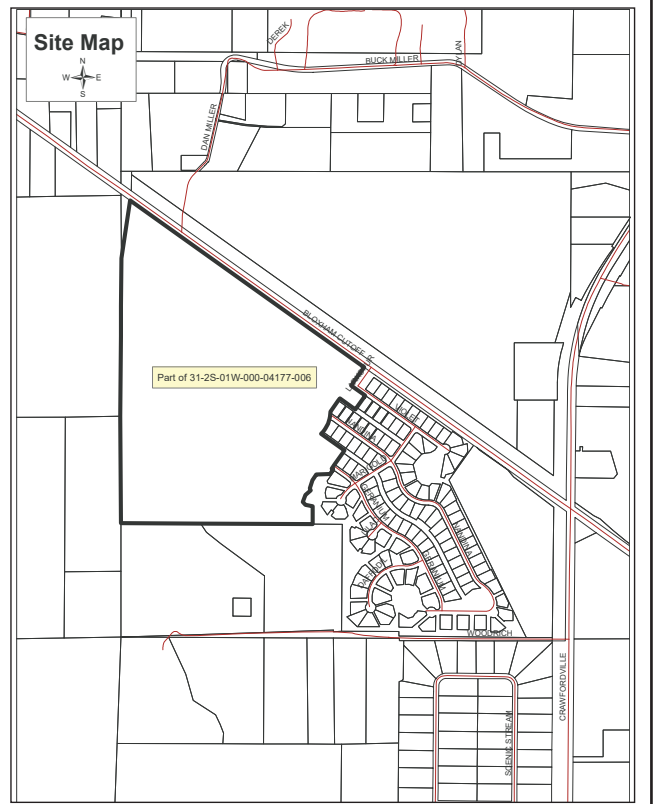
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1. Application for Preliminary Plat Approval: PP22-07
 Applicant: Flowers Property Development, LLC
 Agent: Ben Boynton
 Proposal: time extension on a 59-lot residential subdivision – Flowers Phases II-IV
 Tax ID Number: part of 31-2S-01W-000-04177-006
 Existing FLU Map: Rural 3 (FLUE Policy 1.2.6)
 Current Zoning: PUD (Section 5-50, LDC)
 FEMA Flood Info: "A" & "X" zones on Panel 0100E
 Parcel Size: 54.0+/- acres
 Location: south side of Bloxham Cutoff Road, west of The Flowers Phase I Subdivision

Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, June 10, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

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Opinions

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Wakulla to host human trafficking conversation

From the Survive and Thrive Advocacy Center

Wakulla community members are invited to participate in an interactive discussion with local experts on how to disrupt human trafficking and create a strong and healthy community.

The Survive and Thrive Advocacy Center is partnering with the Department of Health – Wakulla and Wakulla County Coalition for Youth for a Human Trafficking Community Conversation on Wednesday, June 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the TCC Wakulla Center, located at 2932 Crawfordville Highway.

STAC focuses on supporting human trafficking survivors and educating community members in Wakulla and six neighboring counties.

“Human trafficking isn’t an issue that only happens in large cities,” said STAC Executive Director Robin Hassler Thompson. “It’s a daily reality in our rural areas, too. Fewer services and support systems are available to victims, and traffickers may be familiar faces. These thoughtful conversations and shared experiences connect people and empower attendees to make a difference at the local level.”

Participants will also learn how to spot human trafficking in Wakulla County, discover new ways of thinking about this human rights issue and discuss how to implement positive changes. Special guests include Human Trafficking Subject Matter

Expert Jamie Rosseland and STAC Community Services Advocate Graciela Marquina.

The Community Conversation will also include STAC’s portable mural “From Surviving to Thriving” from Nipa Thakkar Eason. The Tallahassee artist says the mural represents the resilience and strength of human trafficking survivors in the Big Bend and beyond. It will be displayed at the TCC Wakulla Center through the end of June.

This event is open to anyone who is interested in learning how they can make a difference to help prevent human trafficking in Wakulla County and surrounding areas. RSVP by Monday, June 10, at <https://surviveandthriveadvocacy.org/events/community-conversation-wakulla-county/>. There is no cost to attend the event, and lunch will be provided.

If you suspect trafficking or need help outside the area:

Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year: 1-888-373-7888 or visit humantraffickinghotline.org.

Survive and Thrive Advocacy Center was founded in 2015 to assist human trafficking survivors and empower communities with the tools to recognize, report, and prevent trafficking. As a member of the National Human Trafficking Hotline, STAC assists sex and labor trafficking survivors of all ages and educates the community. For more information, visit surviveandthriveadvocacy.org or call 850-597-2080.



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On the Horizon

Calendar of events for the week of May 30

Thursday, May 30

- 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.
- Yin Yoga at 6 p.m. with Nellie 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 31

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 8 p.m. every Friday at 54

Ochlockonee St.

Saturday, June 1

- The Panacea Community Garden Farmer’s Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Panacea.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Saturday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Monday, June 3

- The Wakulla County Commission will meet at 5 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.
- The Wakulla Respite Program will be available for anyone with memory impairment at no cost from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Ellen Baptist Church every Monday.
- Yoga 101 with Nellie at 6 p.m.

Classes are \$12, packages available at New Posh on 3079 Crawfordville Hwy. RSVP to newposh3079@gmail.com or text/call at (850) 528-5838.

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Tuesday, June 4

- A Women’s Discussion Group will be held at Palaver Tree Theater at 6:30 p.m.
- Sopchoppy community dinner is held every week at the Towles House at 6:30 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee St.
- Yoga Flow with Nellie at 6 p.m. Classes are \$12, packages available at New Posh on 3079 Crawfordville Hwy. RSVP to newposh3079@gmail.com.

com or text/call at (850) 528-5838.

Wednesday, June 5

- Muffins with Moms Prenatal Support Group will meet at 9 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 10 a.m. at the Wakulla County Health Department. Contact Liz Neighbors at 850-888-6078 or elizabeth.neighbors@flhealth.gov for more information.
- A line dance class 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 are you doing for the Memorial Day holiday?



NIKKI ROBISON
Teacher

“Probably will be working on remodeling the house and grill out later.”



WILLIAM DAVID PAUL
Lost Creek Concrete

“We’re going to work and have a family barbecue after. We will always honor the fallen and all vets.”



KAYLEE BLAKESLEY
Stay-at-Home Mom

“Barbecue with the family and go to the beach.”



GEORGE WEAVER
Retired FSU Professor

“Most likely my wife and I will pontoon down the Wakulla River.”



MERILEE DICKENS
Waitress

“To be honest, I will probably do laundry.”

Wakulla Station News

By **VERNA BROCK**

I hope everyone had a good holiday weekend. Memorial Day is a particularly meaningful celebration, designed to help us remember and honor those brave soldiers, airmen and sailors who have given the full mea-

sure of their devotion to our country.

Please keep Thelma Watts in your prayers, as well as Mary Jo Dowling, Jimmy Gainey, Mike Harrison, Sarah Kane, and all the folks who continue to recover from the havoc wrought by the tornado outbreaks across North

Florida and the country as a whole.

Next Sunday, Methodists will celebrate Communion. The Wakulla U.M.C. will have a delicious potluck dinner following the 10 o'clock service, and everyone is invited to join us. Hope to see you there!

Summer vacation is upon us, and children are out and about with their bikes, skateboards, and other toys.

Please be extra focused as you travel our byways and highways of Wakulla. A little care goes a long way.

At this writing, there are just a handful of spots available in 4-H summer camps. These week-long camps run the gamut from cooking to equine activities to shooting sports. If your child is interested, call the Wakulla County Extension Office for more details.

BIRDING AT THE REFUGE

Walking on Tram Road

By **DON MORROW**

I walked out Tram Road at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge last week, starting out under light fog just before sunrise.

Tree frogs were calling, along with Northern Bobwhites, Common Grackles, and a pair of duetting Northern Cardinals. Things were slow at first, but then I started seeing Common Yellowthroats, Yellow-throated Warblers and Blue-gray Gnatcatchers.

I was hunting for Eastern Wood-Pewee, one of the refuge's summer flycatchers. Because my geriatric ears can no longer detect softer, higher-pitched bird calls, I would need to see a pewee and I had planned to walk a mile down the road to search for them.

I can still hear most birds and I picked up the sounds of Red-bellied and Pileated Woodpecker, the distant gowping call of a Yellow-billed Cuckoo, as well as the sonorous cooing of Mourning Doves.

Pewees like pine woods. They sit on exposed branches as they wait for flying insects and frequently change position. I was scanning the woods as I walked, looking for movement or silhouetted birds. Several times I got excited, but when I got my binoculars on a moving bird, I found only an East-

ern Bluebird, Downy Woodpecker or more gnatcatchers.

It wasn't bad birding. I heard Yellow-throated Vireo, Green Heron, Summer Tanager and Yellow-breasted Chat. A Wood Duck flew by and I found a Red-cockaded Woodpecker working its way up the trunk of a pine.

Just over a mile down the road, I turned back. By this time the fog had burned off and the sun was fully out. It was beginning to warm up.

Walking back, I was getting mostly the same species, but added White-eyed Vireo and watched a rather bedraggled adult Carolina Chickadee feeding a plump juvenile bird.

I heard a cuckoo calling from somewhere just off the road. I watched as it flew in and landed on a branch. It was facing a second cuckoo. They seemed to kiss, but I was likely seeing a male feeding a female. The second bird flew to a nearby branch, pointed her tail downward and then raised and lowered her tail several times. This is a typical pre-mating display for a female cuckoo.

The male bird flew down to a shrub about 10 feet from me and sat there for a few minutes before flying away. The pair had not attempted to mate. Perhaps they were early in pair formation or maybe my presence had put them off.



Yellow-billed Cuckoos are summer residents and breeders at the refuge and spend winters in the Amazon basin.

Yellow-billed Cuckoos are slender foot-long birds, brown above and white below with rufous-edged flight feathers and prominent white spots on the underside of their tails. They are summer residents and breeders at St. Marks and winter down in the Amazon basin.

Cuckoos are usually difficult to see as they hunt for prey, moving slowly through the canopy from branch to branch. They eat large insects – caterpillars, beetles, and grasshoppers. They will also eat lizards and tree frogs and late in the season supplement

their diet with fruit.

I never did find a pewee that morning, but I was not disappointed. There are pewees out there. They nest in the pines along Tram Road every summer. I will find them on another summer walk.

The excitement of Spring migration is over, but there is still a lot happening down at St. Marks. You should come down and go birding.

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Chamber News

PHOTOS BY LYNDA KINSEY



The Chamber of Commerce held its monthly networking luncheon on Wednesday, May 22, catered by Kast Net.



Chamber member Zoe Mansfield won the cash drawing at the luncheon, held at the community center.



Chamber director Heather Bryan and luncheon MC Mary Wallace draw a ticket for winner of a door prize.

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HOME ON THE RANGE

Length, width or weight?



By MARJ LAW

“Just for the fun of it, let’s see how three guns with different length barrels compare when shot at 7.5 yards,” suggests Joe. “We’ll use the same inexpensive 115-grain 9mm Luger full metal jacketed ammunition on all.”

I’m up for trying out new guns. My first thought is that the longer the barrel, the better he’ll shoot. Will this turn out to be so? Then I’ll shoot all three as well.

Joe brings out the three guns he plans to compare.

“But they’re all hammer guns,” I complain. He well knows I prefer striker-fired guns.

“Them’s the breaks,” Joe says happily. He prefers hammer-fired guns. “All three are the genius of John Moses Browning. And I say that in the most venerable way.”

I sigh. “OK. What are we shooting today?”

He pulls out a:

- 1911 Kimber Government model with a 5 inch barrel,
- a Springfield Ronin Commander model with a 4.25 inch barrel, and

- a Rock Island Officer model with a 3.5 inch barrel.

First of all, the length can make a difference with accuracy. The weight of the gun can make a difference as well, because the mass of the gun can absorb some of the recoil, and thus help us to shoot more accurately.

Now, if it’s length as your criteria, the Kimber would win hands down.

But if mass is your criteria, the Ronin is the heaviest of the three; even with a barrel shorter than the Kimber’s.

And if thickness of the barrel is most important to you, the Rock Island wins out. It has a nice, thick, heavy bull barrel.

Which is not to discount that Ronin’s barrel is thicker than most, but not so thick as the Rock Island.

Personally, I’d bet that Joe is going to prefer the Kimber. After all, it’s a Kimber: right? And how many men (and some women) just about genuflect when they hear the name?

I’m going to bet on the Ronin. It has a shorter barrel, but that barrel is a lot thicker than the Kimber’s.

And next, I’ll bet on Rock Island because it has the heaviest barrel of all, even though the barrel is shorter than the others.

So, sorry Kimber. I like a heavy barrel more than a longer one.

Let’s talk overall weight, unloaded.

- Kimber weighs 38 ounces,
- Ronin 40 ounces, and
- Rocky 34.6 ounces.



Notice that though Kimber is three-quarters of an inch longer than Ronin, Ronin is heavier. Rocky, with its very heavy bull barrel, weighs the least, but remember Rocky is three quarters of an inch shorter than Ronin and 1 and a half inches shorter than the Kimber.

Will the heavier but shorter Ronin show more accurately than the Kimber?

For a bit more history, Kimber comes with a 9-round magazine, Ronin with a 9-round mag and Rocky with an 8-round mag. Frames and slides of all three handguns are made of metal. All three are considered 1911 models. This means grips are 18 degrees off perpendicular, and they all have grip safeties as well as manual safeties. Triggers are called “bowed” and are not hinged. They go straight back.

“That’s why they are the finest triggers in the world,” Joe pontificates smugly.

Well, yes, the 1911 triggers do feel crisp and not grainy, and are reasonably light and have short travel. But a trigger

isn’t the only criteria for a good handgun. I still prefer a striker-fired gun; even if the trigger isn’t quite so smooth.

Anyhow, we’re both going to shoot today. Joe starts out with five shots on each gun. Upper left are the results from Kimber, upper right is Ronin and lower left is Rocky.

Kimber has a double in the x-ring, two in the 8-ring and one in the 9-ring. (If the hole touches the higher-level ring, it’s considered the higher number.)

Ronin (upper right) has a nice grouping of three with two in the x-ring and one in the 9-ring. Since the other two shots are barely on the target, I believe that’s shooter’s error. I think it reflects on unfocused shooting and not on the ability of the gun.

Joe shoots a x-ring with the Rocky and the other four shots are in the 9-ring. Notice this lower target is the smaller 6 inches, where the other two targets are 8 inches in diameter. He’s shooting low here, but they show a good tight grouping.

Next, I shoot three

rounds each with each handgun; all in the same 8 inch target. I get three bullseyes: one with each gun. Next are: three in the 9-ring and two in the 8-ring. One is barely on the target. That was an “oops!”

Likeability?

Kimber and Rocky have grips that are wide front to back. Since Joe has a large hand, he likes the grips. I find the Kimber too wide for comfort, and the Rocky even wider.

Ronin has a narrower grip. This gives me a more controlled hold, and Joe also says that even though the grip is narrow, he still has great control of the gun.

Trigger pull on the Electronic Lyman Digital Trigger Pull Gauge is:

- 5 pounds, 4 ounces for Kimber,
- 4 pounds, 13 ounces for Ronin, and
- 5 pounds, 4 ounces for Rocky.

These are all easy, clean pulls on single-action guns. It is easy to rack the slides on each of them.

Everyone I talk to wants to know about recoil. “How hard is it?”

they ask. “Could I practice on it comfortably for an hour?”

Rocky has the hardest recoil. It’s not a hard recoil: it’s simply the most recoil of all three guns.

We noticed no failure-to-feeds or failure-to-ejects. We had no feeding problems at all.

It might be nice to say that one of these guns is better than the others. Since all have similar trigger pulls, all have easy-to-rack slides, and not-too-hard recoils, the best gun for you will be the best gun that fits in your hand. Ronin fits my hand the best. Joe has no problem with any of the grips.

Bottom line is: I like the Ronin with its thick barrel the best. Joe likes all three guns, but I have a sneaking suspicion that he prefers the Kimber.

“It’s extremely steady in my hand,” he reports. “It has a great balance.”

And, not to be superficial, it sports the name: Kimber.

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



FLAME STREAKED BOX CRAB
(*Calappa flammea*)

A bright 4” carapace identifies this burrowing crab. It draws water through its gills and is often seen spouting it out of its head like a fountain. A fierce predator, it uses scissor-like claws like a can opener. It has a tooth on the right claw and can’t open left handed snails. It prefers sandy bottom warm areas at mouths of estuaries and salt marches from the Bahamas to the coasts of Gulf of Mexico. It counts on its bright color for camouflage as it is a favored food of finfish.

Eukarya, Animalia, Arthropoda, Malacostraca, Decapoda, Calappidae



WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO

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



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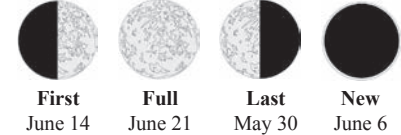


Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

May 30 - June 5



Tide charts by tides4fishing.com



Best fishing days this month June 6-21

Thursday 30	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:36AM	2:02AM
8:32PM	1:27PM
Moon Illumination 53%	
Friday 31	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:35AM	2:35AM
8:33PM	2:31PM
Moon Illumination 41%	
Saturday 1	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:35AM	3:06AM
8:34PM	3:37PM
Moon Illumination 30%	
Sunday 2	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:35AM	3:38AM
8:34PM	4:43PM
Moon Illumination 20%	
Monday 3	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:35AM	4:11AM
8:35PM	5:51PM
Moon Illumination 12%	
Tuesday 4	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:35AM	4:48AM
8:35PM	7:00PM
Moon Illumination 5%	
Wednesday 5	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:34AM	5:31AM
8:36PM	8:09PM
Moon Illumination 1%	

For tides at the following points add to Dog Island Listings:

	High Tide	Low Tide
Carrabelle	28 Min.	25 Min.
Apalachicola	1 Hr., 53 Min.	2 Hrs., 38 Min.
Cat Point	1 Hr., 13 Min.	2 Hrs., 31 Min.
Lower Anchorage	1 Hr., 36 Min.	2 Hrs., 3 Min.
West Pass	1 Hr., 26 Min.	

St. Marks River Entrance

Th	2:02 am ▼ 0.2 ft	8:51 am ▲ 3.1 ft	2:20 pm ▼ 1.7 ft	8:02 pm ▲ 3.1 ft
Fr	3:03 am ▼ 0.5 ft	9:46 am ▲ 3.2 ft	3:54 pm ▼ 1.3 ft	9:55 pm ▲ 2.9 ft
Sa	4:04 am ▼ 0.9 ft	10:36 am ▲ 3.4 ft	5:14 pm ▼ 0.7 ft	11:32 pm ▲ 3.0 ft
Su	5:03 am ▼ 1.2 ft	11:21 am ▲ 3.6 ft	6:19 pm ▼ 0.2 ft	
Mo	12:47 am ▲ 3.1 ft	5:57 am ▼ 1.5 ft	12:04 pm ▲ 3.8 ft	7:14 pm ▼ -0.3 ft
Tu	1:49 am ▲ 3.3 ft	6:46 am ▼ 1.7 ft	12:45 pm ▲ 4.0 ft	8:05 pm ▼ -0.7 ft
We	2:41 am ▲ 3.3 ft	7:31 am ▼ 1.8 ft	1:25 pm ▲ 4.1 ft	8:52 pm ▼ -0.8 ft

City of St. Marks

Th	3:06 am ▼ 0.1 ft	9:27 am ▲ 2.9 ft	3:24 pm ▼ 1.5 ft	8:38 pm ▲ 2.8 ft
Fr	4:07 am ▼ 0.5 ft	10:22 am ▲ 3.0 ft	4:58 pm ▼ 1.2 ft	10:31 pm ▲ 2.7 ft
Sa	5:08 am ▼ 0.8 ft	11:12 am ▲ 3.2 ft	6:18 pm ▼ 0.7 ft	
Su	12:08 am ▲ 2.7 ft	6:07 am ▼ 1.1 ft	11:57 am ▲ 3.3 ft	7:23 pm ▼ 0.2 ft
Mo	1:23 am ▲ 2.9 ft	7:01 am ▼ 1.3 ft	12:40 pm ▲ 3.5 ft	8:18 pm ▼ -0.3 ft
Tu	2:25 am ▲ 3.0 ft	7:50 am ▼ 1.5 ft	1:21 pm ▲ 3.7 ft	9:09 pm ▼ -0.6 ft
We	3:17 am ▲ 3.1 ft	8:35 am ▼ 1.6 ft	2:01 pm ▲ 3.8 ft	9:56 pm ▼ -0.7 ft

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Th	2:31 am ▼ 0.3 ft	9:26 am ▲ 3.1 ft	2:54 pm ▼ 1.8 ft	8:29 pm ▲ 3.0 ft
Fr	3:33 am ▼ 0.7 ft	10:19 am ▲ 3.3 ft	4:26 pm ▼ 1.3 ft	10:26 pm ▲ 2.9 ft
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Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Th	2:13 am ▼ 0.1 ft	8:43 am ▲ 2.3 ft	2:31 pm ▼ 1.2 ft	7:54 pm ▲ 2.3 ft
Fr	3:14 am ▼ 0.4 ft	9:38 am ▲ 2.4 ft	4:05 pm ▼ 0.9 ft	9:47 pm ▲ 2.2 ft
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Mo	12:39 am ▲ 2.3 ft	6:08 am ▼ 1.1 ft	11:56 am ▲ 2.9 ft	7:25 pm ▼ -0.2 ft
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St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

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Dog Island West End

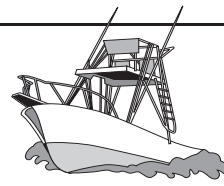
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Best hunting and fishing based on solunar times. MAJOR feeding periods are 2 hours long, centered on the solunar time. MINOR feeding periods are only 1 hour long, again centered on the solunar time.



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



Thank you to Tim Ashley for sending in images of our Safe Boating Week Vessel Examinations!

This is the second of a two part article highlighting the Coast Guard's recommendation for safe boating this summer.

The Coast Guard recommends mariners heed the following safety tips below to help ensure their safety while on the water:

- Always wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket while underway. In 2022, Drowning was determined to be the leading cause of deaths in boating accidents. 86% of those drowning cases, the individuals weren't wearing a lifejacket. People don't typically have time to locate and don a life jacket during an actual emergency.

- Make sure your life jacket is properly fitted. People can slip out of ill-fitting life jackets when they hit the water, which decreases their chances of survival.

- Don't drink and boat. Aside from wearing a life jacket, not drinking and boating is one of the easiest ways to prevent accidental deaths on the water. Alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents; where the primary cause was known, it was listed as the leading factor in 16% of deaths. People operating vessels under the influence of alcohol, drugs or impairing medication pose a serious threat to you and anyone else aboard.

- Make a VHF radio your go-to means of communicating in an emergency. Cell phones may go out of range or lose battery power when needed most. Make sure you familiarize yourself with how to use it.

- Take a boating safe-

Boating Emergencies

Coast Guard Station	
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Coast Guard Station	
Yankeetown	(352) 447-6900
Coast Guard Auxiliary	
Apalachee Bay (Flotilla 12)	(850) 942-7500
or	(850) 284-1166



Auxiliarists conduct a vessel safety check at the St. Marks Boat Ramp.

ty course. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is one of many organizations that offer valuable boating safety courses ranging from electronic navigation to boat handling. Click here to register for a boating safety course.

- Get a vessel safety check. The Coast Guard Auxiliary provides free boating safety checks. Get a free safety inspection from the Coast Guard Auxiliary to make sure you have all the gear and safety equipment required by your state and federal laws. Click here to find one near you.

- Look at the weather and tides before you head out. It might look like a nice day, but squalls and shifting tides can change suddenly.

- File a float plan. Tell someone where you're going and when you'll be back. Float plans provide a starting point to help find you if some-

thing happens.

- Dress for the water, not for the weather. Check water temperatures before you go out and dress accordingly.

- Know your navigation rules. Know how to properly navigate waterways and maintain lookouts to keep yourself and everyone else around you safe.

- Locator beacons can help us find you faster. Attaching a functioning EPIRB to your boat, or a PPIRB to your life jacket, and knowing how to use them can help rescuers find and help you. In order to be most effective, these should be registered with the owner's information and emergency contacts.

- Label kayaks and paddlecraft. The Coast Guard often comes across adrift paddlecraft, and when they are properly labeled, it is easier for rescue personnel to confirm if there is an actual distress and

save countless hours of searching when a person is not in distress.

- Check out the Coast Guard Boating Safety app. You can file a float plan, request assistance, request a vessel safety check, and report pollution and hazards to navigation.

- Rip currents can occur wherever there are breaking waves. They don't pull people under water but can pull even the strongest swimmer far out to sea. People caught in a rip current should swim parallel to the shore until they are outside of the rip current, and then swim toward the shoreline.

For more recreational boating statistics from 2022: <https://www.uscgboating.org/library/accident-statistics/Restrictions-Boating-Statistics-2022.pdf>

Thanks to Sherrie, we will always remember safe boating is no accident!

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.com

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Underwater Wakulla

By Rusty Miller

Aging and diving 4.

To continue from last weeks article: It is Jan. 27, 2014 and for the past couple of weeks I had been having a muscle cramp on the left side of my chest. The laptop that I had in my backpack was heavy compared to what we have now and I always carried it slung over my left shoulder so I thought I had a pulled muscle because it only hurt when I carried my backpack, this was also at the time when the National Weather Service in Tallahassee was saying we were going to have an ice storm overnight.

I got an email from the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Reserves for us to go and get our patrol cars gassed up so we could make our way out to any traffic hotspots the next morning. I had my wife take me to where our cars were parked and my battery was dead, so I hooked up the jumper cables to it to try to start it. I started getting a cramping pain but this time it was worse. It did subside and my car finally started. My wife wanted to know why I was rubbing my chest, I told her it was just a pulled muscle, she didn't buy it.

She said we should go to the fire station on Trice to have them check me out but in typical male fashion I assured her it was OK. I did promise her that I would go to my doctor the next afternoon because if it did ice up it would be gone by then. We didn't have and ice storm so we went to see my doctor. I explained what had been going on and they hooked me up to the EKG and found nothing wrong but they sent me to the ER at TMH immediately to have more tests to rule out the heart. After being there for hours the doctor came back and said they could not find anything wrong with my heart and that it could be just a pulled muscle.

They were getting ready to send me home and then the cardiologist came to see me. He said that all seems good but when I told him I was getting sick to my stomach he then asked if I ever had a heart catheter test done before and I said no. He said I will get one the next morning and that I was staying overnight. The next morning they took me to the cath lab and put me on the table, the doctor gave me a cocktail of drugs so I literally felt nothing. I did see on the monitor how he threaded the probe into the entrance of my heart. When he released the dye that is when it hit hard, I couldn't breathe and it felt like I was going to die. He immediately stopped and had the nurse put a couple of nitro pills under my tongue – talk about a rush. The doctor told me know that four arteries were completely blocked and the fifth one was 98% blocked.

So the next morning they performed bypass surgery. It was about a 9-hour operation and I woke up in the ICU my hands strapped to the side rails of the bed with a breathing tube the size of a fire hose down my throat, needless to say there is a reason they tie your hands to the railing of the bed. My wife was right next to me assuring me it was alright. They released me from the hospital after 10 days. Then I began my two month recovery process. The good news was I didn't have a heart attack and the surgeon said my heart had no fat on it and it looked like a 35-year-old's heart in a 57 year old man. When I saw my cardiologist doctor he assured me I could do everything that I was doing before the surgery and after 9 months he signed off on my waiver to keep on instructing scuba diving.

On my 5 year checkup things looked great. So it's been a little over 10 years and I'm still teaching strong. There was a big surprise for me in 2018. So stay tuned. Until then, keep making bubbles

Russell Miller NAUI #59999

If you're feeling hopeless



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

After I battled depression and an eating disorder for more than two decades, many (including mental health professionals) believed I might never get well. My hope was fading.

Then the phone rang.

"Hi, Sheryl," my sister Kathy said. "I want you to live with me until you get back on your feet."

Tears of gratitude streamed down my face. Kathy wasn't giving up on me. Her invitation represented the type of love found in this week's section of 1 Corinthians 13: "[Love] hopes all things" (1 Corinthians 13:7 ESV). Or as the Amplified Bible, Classic Edition, states: "[Love's] hopes are fadeless under all circumstances."

My sister's gesture gave me the courage to hope again.

A few weeks later, I met Joan at the church I attended in my new city.

She kept me laughing and never allowed the stress of my instability to keep her from including me in her life. I'm also thankful for my other siblings' encouraging phone calls, especially Teri's, who often visited and sent care packages while I was in one hospital after another. And I'll always remember Aunt JoAnne, who never stopped praying for and encouraging me to get the help I needed.

I've dedicated this week's column to these special people – and to many others who stood with me as I fought to break free from that long, painfully dark season.

To those who believed in an all-powerful God for Whom nothing is too difficult – even when "nothing" included me.

I know I wouldn't be enjoying healthy relationships (including my marriage to Bert), working for Wave 94, leading the Women of the Word Group, writing this weekly column and managing all life's stresses if it wasn't for those who refused to give up hope for me so many years ago.

Life is complicated and often stressful. When we're blessed to have people who love us with the God-kind of love – people who refuse to believe we're hopeless even when

we believe we are beyond hope – our lives become more manageable.

More hopeful.

If you feel hopeless today, talk to your pastor or a local ministry leader who can connect you with people who'll encourage you. Or perhaps volunteering at a like-minded church or community outreach will spark meaningful friendships. (I realize stepping out to do these things seems frightening, but I hope you'll ask God to give you the courage you need.)

If you're in a stable place, consider allowing God to use you to be there for someone else.

This isn't always easy, especially when they push you away, but persevere in finding ways to stay in touch. Something as simple as inviting them to watch a lighthearted Netflix movie with you can help create a non-presuring, safe climate – and an open door into their lives.

And, hopefully, an open door to show them how much God loves them.

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The legacy of mom's prayer closet



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

Her name was Nikki. She was a tiny, solid black kitten found on the side of the road. I am not even sure how Mom managed to spot Nikki that fateful day, but she did. Nikki was soaking wet from the elements and covered in fleas. With her eyes matted shut and a broken, gravelly cry, she barely sounded like a kitten. There was little chance

of her survival, even with intervention.

The first time I saw the kitten, she was wrapped in a scarf and snuggled safely in Mom's hand. Nothing short of a miracle was needed to bring life to Nikki. Nonetheless, the kitten gained strength after many round-the-clock feedings and much tender loving care. One night, I remember hearing my Mom pray, "Lord, Please do not let this baby die in my hands," and I watched as she performed CPR. Miraculously, Nikki survived that night and many more. Nikki grew to be a favored pet in our home for many years.

I always considered Nikki one of those miracles Mom had the faith

to ask God for. Mom had immense faith, and I will always believe her prayers carried a lot of weight at the gates of Heaven. After the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord Jesus, He explained the power of prayer to His disciples. Jesus said that any request they made in His name, He would grant, which would, therefore, glorify the Heavenly Father (John 14:13). That was the weight of Mom's prayers; she believed the words of Jesus.

Mom's prayer closet was quite warm, to say the least. She did not hesitate to ask God for anything, from her most minor request to her greatest need. Somehow, she learned to accept God's timing within

her prayer life. In the waiting, she continued to pray, thankful for His presence in all circumstances. Her prayer closet taught her to seek and accept God's plans for her life (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

In her prayer closet, she learned to accept when God said "no" to some of her most vital, heart-wrenching prayers. I remember her faithful prayers of healing for my brother. Nevertheless, six years after his cancer diagnosis, her oldest son passed from this life. In her grief, she understood that God's ultimate healing came on the Kingdom side of Heaven. Even though her son passed from this world, she knew he lived eternally with

the Father. I watched as she held to her faith. She knew God's ways were higher than hers, and His understanding reached beyond her human comprehension (Isaiah 55:8-9).

Amid joy and sorrow, Mom's prayer closet remained a sanctuary of hope and comfort. As a young woman, she learned to release the anxieties (Philippians 4:6) of this world as she raised her family and taught us to pray. In her later years, age-related dementia led to memory loss and confusion, but it never stole her ability to pray.

In her final days, she would hold the hand of her children and grandchildren to pray her old, familiar prayer. "God

bless them as they travel. Put a hedge of protection around them, angels at their wheels, and help them to return safely to their homes." Today, we continue to travel countless miles sheltered beneath the power of her prayers. And of all the gifts she left to us, I will remain grateful for the legacy of Mom's prayer closet.

Matthew 6:6 When you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

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

OUT TO PASTOR

My only exercise is jumping to conclusions



By **JAMES SNYDER**

Over the past few weeks (or was it months?) I've been recovering from some health issues. They were not that serious, just annoying. I spent one day in the hospital and the rest of the time in bed, which is not the kind of vacation I want.

During all that time, I've not had much time to exercise. I asked about it when I was at the Doctor's for my last examination. I said, "Doctor, what should I do about exercising? I haven't been able to do much of that during my sickness."

Looking at me rather grimly, he said, "If I were you I would exercise daily."

Smiling at the doctor, I said, "Thank You, I appreciate that."

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage drove me to the doctor's appointment and was

now driving me back to the house. While driving, she looked at me and said, "Well, do you think you're going to start exercising now? What are you going to do first?"

I just looked at her and laughed.

"What are you laughing about?" She said.

"Did you hear what the doctor said? He said he would exercise daily for me."

Looking at me with her eyes rolling in her head, she said, "This is why I have to come with you when you go to the doctors. You never hear what the doctor says. That is not what he said."

"You heard it as well as I did," I said, "he said, 'If I were you, I would exercise daily.'"

Still rolling her eyes, she said, "That is not what I heard him say."

I was still chuckling, and then she said, "I think you have some loose marbles rolling around in your head."

Smiling at her, I said, "Thank you, my dear, for recognizing that I have some activity in my head."

I must say that jumping to conclusions is a great way to exercise. And it solves a lot of

problems.

I had one exercise project that I wanted to do. I wanted to run to the store and get an Apple Fritter and run back. Now the problem with that is, my energy is not up to the place where I can run that far. And, sneaking out of the house at this time would not work for me at all.

I have been jumping to conclusions for as long as I can remember. That is because I don't let people say everything on their mind. If I think I know what they're saying, I jump immediately to what turns out to be the wrong conclusion.

If I look at my life, I can blame a lot of my problems on my habit of jumping to conclusions. If only I would just let people say everything on their mind and wait until they're done to make some kind of a decision.

I remember many years ago when I met the young lady who is now The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. We were riding along in a van with some of the other young people at the Bible school we were going to.

Just before we got back to the dormitory, she said to me quietly, "Wouldn't it be nice to

be married?"

I did not know what she was talking about because I was too naïve then, so I jumped to the conclusion and said, "That would be wonderful."

I was the last in the Bible school to know I had become engaged. I jumped to a conclusion I had no understanding about.

Under the circumstances, that was probably the best conclusion I ever reached. It just took me a long time to understand what it meant.

I jump to conclusions because I think I know what that person is talking about. I wouldn't get into so much trouble if I weren't so smart.

A dumb person would usually say, "What do you mean?" And then wait for the explanation.

A smart person would think he knows what that person is talking about and jumps to conclusions.

I come from Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Dutch have a saying that goes like this: "Throw Papa down the stairs..." There's a pause, and after the pause, they finish it by saying, "His hat."

If you don't listen to the whole sentence,

you're liable to throw Papa down the stairs. But if you listen to the entire sentence, you will throw his hat down the stairs.

There are times when I don't listen to the entire sentence.

In my Bible reading, I discovered a verse dealing with this.

Proverbs 25:8-9, "Go not forth hastily to strive, lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame. Debate thy cause with thy neighbour himself; and discover not a secret to another."

I get into trouble when I respond "hastily" to what I hear. I need to slow down and listen to the whole sentence, not just what I want to hear.

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Weekly Roundup: 'Tis the season

By **RYAN DAILEY**
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE – Florida is in for a whopper of a hurricane season, according to experts who rolled out predictions during a week in which state officials also begin to repeal renewable-energy goals as they carry out a law recently signed by Gov. Ron DeSantis.

Echoing earlier predictions about the six-month season that will start June 1, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Thursday pointed to warm ocean waters and forecast up to 25 named storms, with up to 13 reaching hurricane strength and four to seven packing Category 3 or stronger winds.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has high confidence in its projections for the hurricane season that starts next week, with experts pointing to warm ocean waters and forecasting up to 25 named storms.

Mark Wool, warning coordination meteorologist at the National Weather Service's Tallahassee office, said Thursday that the "ingredients" are lining up for a potential slew of named storms.

"All of the ingredients are there. We still have those near-record warm waters out in the Atlantic tropical-development areas that were there last year, and we no longer have (the climate pattern known as) El Niño," Wool said. "We actually like to have an El Niño during hurricane season, because it increases wind shear over the development areas."

Meteorologists in other parts of the country also have agreed on the potential severity of the upcoming storm season.

The NOAA forecast released Thursday was similar to a Colorado State University Department of Atmospheric Science forecast of 23 named storms and 11 hurricanes. Experts at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Arts & Sciences, meanwhile, forecast an eye-opening 33 named

storms.

Officials also have growing concern that rapid intensification of storms is becoming more frequent, resulting in less time for preparations and evacuations.

The private meteorology company AccuWeather warned Wednesday about rapidly intensifying storms, which gain wind intensity of at least 35 mph in 24 hours or less.

"Over the last couple of years, there have been many examples where this has been exceeded. We've seen 40 mph, 50 mph, even 60 mph increases in a 24-hour period," AccuWeather Lead Hurricane Forecaster Alex DaSilva said in a prepared statement.

With the possibility that the 2024 hurricane season could surpass 2023's fourth most-active season on record, utility companies are among those bracing for potential disasters.

Armando Pimentel, president and CEO of Florida Power & Light, told members of the state Public Service Commission on Tuesday that the utility has to prepare for storms that could quickly intensify because "we no longer feel comfortable that a Category 1 is going to stay Category 1."

"That wasn't the case 20 years ago," Pimentel said. "And maybe it's a bunch of flukes that have happened over the last couple of years. But we need to be well prepared."

RENEWABLE REVERSAL

Renewable-energy goals put in place in 2022 are on the chopping block, as a proposal published Wednesday by the state Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Office of Energy seeks to roll them back.

The goals have called for utilities to gradually increase the amount of renewable energy that they produce or buy until reaching 100 percent renewable energy in 2050.

But the Office of Energy's proposal would repeal a rule that includes the goals, saying it is "no

longer necessary."

The proposal is designed to carry out a controversial law signed last week by DeSantis. The measure (HB 1645) includes deleting part of a law that directed the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to establish "goals and strategies for increasing the use of renewable energy in this state."

When it takes effect July 1, the measure also will remove references in state law to reducing greenhouse-gas emissions, bar potential offshore wind-energy generation and call for encouraging a "cost-effective and affordable energy supply."

Opponents of the new law have argued that Florida should not reduce the emphasis on addressing climate change.

The Cleo Institute, which works on climate-change issues, said on its website that "Florida's legislative shift underscores a growing divide between state policies and public concern over climate change, emphasizing immediate energy costs over long-term environmental sustainability."

But DeSantis in a post last week on the social-media platform X said state officials are "restoring sanity in our approach to energy and rejecting the agenda of the radical green zealots."

INCOMING INTERIM

The Northwest Florida State College Board of Trustees on Tuesday tapped Cristie Kedroski, a senior vice president at the school, to serve as interim president as a search begins to find a replacement for outgoing President Devin Stephenson.

The trustees selected Kedroski after a discussion that started with Chairwoman Lori Kelley recommending the board authorize negotiating a contract with Vice President of Academic Affairs Henry Mack to serve as interim president.

Mack previously was a senior chancellor at

the state Department of Education overseeing the Division of Florida Colleges and was a finalist last year to become president of Florida Gulf Coast University.

Trustees set parameters on Kedroski's potential contract that would include a base salary of up to \$250,000 and benefits that are available to Kedroski in her current position.

Also, the contract could preclude her from applying to become permanent president.

While discussing candidates, trustee Jon Ward said the ideal interim president should "have a long-standing history" with the college. Mack was appointed vice president of academic affairs for Northwest Florida State College in December. He also was briefly named interim president of Broward College in October, but the school changed course and hired someone else after an inability to reach agreement with Mack on a contract.

"I think past performance and past action is a future indicator of what we might be facing. I think we have a safer choice. Personally, I would like to see Dr. Kedroski being appointed interim president, and hopefully Dr. Mack will be OK with staying as vice president of academic affairs," Ward said.

STORY OF THE WEEK: With insurers, utilities and emergency-management officials bracing for the coming months, experts continue to predict a highly active hurricane season for Florida and other areas of the Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "While climate change as science doesn't necessarily indicate we're going to be getting more tropical cyclones on average, we are predicting that there will be more of the major hurricanes and more of a category 4s and 5s." — Mark Wool, warning coordination meteorologist for the National Weather Service's Tallahassee office.

Obituaries

DEATH NOTICES

• **Clark D. Rodgers**, 77, of Sopchoppy, died May 24, 2024.

• **Hubert J. Sullivan**, 69, of St. Marks, died May 18, 2024.

• **Helen Jeanelle Ward**, 77, of St. Marks, died May 20, 2024.

Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

tobe7encouraged faith column A Heart of Sorrow...

Greetings Wakulla citizens! Thank you for your time today! I come today with a heart of sadness. My ears have become very sensitive to the ways of us, God's children. We speak of the places we go and pay attention to, these are places and things we, God's children, should not be interested in at all! We say we live for Him, that we are saved in and through Him. But!! Are we allowing Him to truly come into us and change us from this world to Him and His ways?

This is **Psalm 51**. This is one of the greatest passages in the entire Bible concerning confession and forgiveness. This was written after David committed adultery with Bathsheba and had her husband killed in battle. This is where my heart is for myself and all my sisters and brothers!

Let's remember God has given us this day to live for Him and His ways. His ways bring us to peace, joy, healing, love, and abundance for ourselves, to also share with others.

Psalm 51:1 Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Your compassion, blot out my transgressions. ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. ³For ⁴I know my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against You, You only, I have sinned, And done what is evil in Your sight, So that You ⁵are justified ⁶when You speak, And ⁷blameless when You judge. ⁸Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. ⁹Behold, You desire truth in the ¹⁰innermost being, And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom. ¹¹Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; ¹²Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

¹³Make me to hear joy and gladness, Let the bones which You have broken rejoice. ¹⁴Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁵Create ¹⁶in me a clean heart, O God, And renew ¹⁷a steadfast spirit within me. ¹⁸Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. ¹⁹Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And sustain me with a willing spirit. ²⁰Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners will ²¹be converted to You. ²²Deliver me

from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation; **Then my tongue will joyfully sing of Your righteousness.** ²³O Lord, ²⁴open my lips, That my mouth may declare Your praise.

²⁵For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering. ²⁶The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. ²⁷By Your favor do good to Zion; ²⁸Build the walls of Jerusalem. ²⁹Then You will delight in ³⁰righteous sacrifices, In burnt offering and whole burnt offering; **Then ³¹young bulls will be offered on Your altar.**

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:** ¹³for "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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PUBLIC NOTICE



The Florida Department of Corrections intends to enter into a contract for the continued lease of office space at 3278 Crawfordville Highway, Unit B, Crawfordville, FL. This location houses a Department's Probation and Parole Office, an administrative office that supervises adult Probation & Parole offenders. The new lease is set to commence on October 1, 2025. Questions or concerns regarding this proposed lease may be directed to the Department of Corrections representative as noted herein.

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This public Notice has been placed in accordance with Section 945.28, F.S.
May 30, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING A REQUEST FOR VARIANCE

The Wakulla County Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners will hold public hearings to consider the following application. Public Hearings are scheduled before the **Planning Commission on Monday, June 10, 2024, beginning at 6:00 P.M.**, and before the **Board of County Commissioners on Monday, June 17, 2024, at 5:00 P.M. unless otherwise noted below or as time permits.** All public hearings will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.



1. Request for Variance **VAR24-07**
Applicant: Vernon Dale and Joi Hope
Agent: Vernon "Joe" Dale Hope II
Proposal: floodplain variance
Tax ID Number: 23-5S-02W-123-02816-08A
Existing FLU Map: Urban Fringe (FLUE Policy 1.2.7)
Current Zoning: RSU-1 (Section 5-28, LDC)
FEMA Flood Info: "AE" zone on Panel 0370E
Parcel size: 0.55+/- acres
Location: 20 Fishing Fool Street

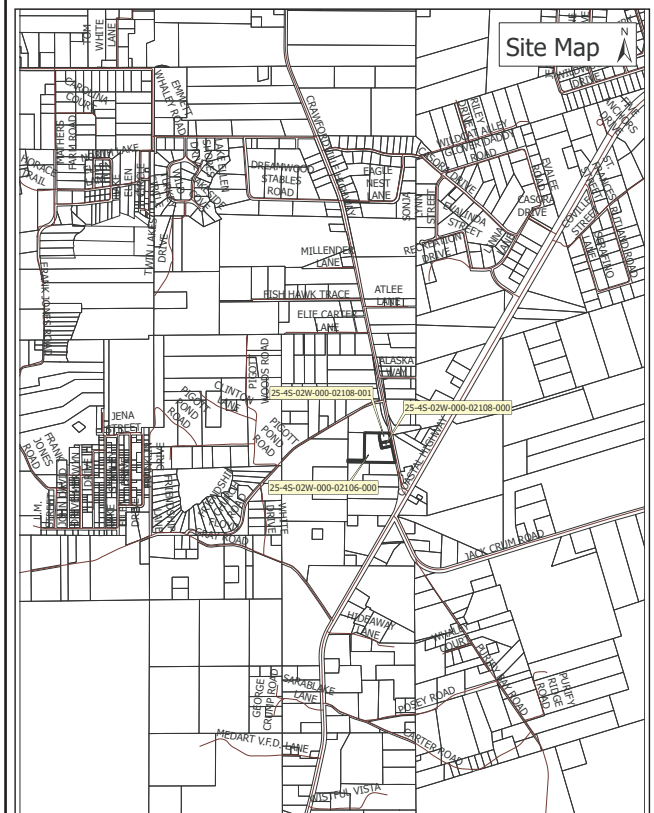
Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, June 10, 2024 @ 6:00 PM
BOCC: Monday, June 17, 2024 @ 5:00 PM

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Copies of applications, draft ordinances, and any related public record files may be viewed at the County Planning Department located at 11 Bream Fountain Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM M-F; Phone (850) 926-3695. Any person desiring to appeal a decision of a County Board must ensure a verbatim transcript or copy is made of the testimony and exhibits presented at said hearings. Persons with a disability needing a special accommodation should contact the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Office at least two (2) days prior to the meeting at (850) 926-0919; Hearing and Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771; or email at ADAResult@mywakulla.com.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING AN APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF ZONING

The Wakulla County Planning Commission and Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners proposes to consider the following application and/or adopt the following by ordinance and has scheduled Public Hearings before the **Wakulla County Planning Commission on Monday, June 10, 2024, beginning at 6:00 P.M.** and before the **Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners on Monday, June 17, 2024, beginning at 5:00 PM**, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard. All public hearings will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.



AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WAKULLA COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, ORDINANCE NO. 85-4, AS AMENDED; CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION AND OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS FROM RR-1 TO C-2 FOR PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" TO THE ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

1. Application for Change of Zoning: R24-07

Applicants: Rita and Kent Kuyper, Monica Ferguson, and Donald Whaley

Agent: Monica Ferguson

Proposal: rezone from semi-rural residential to general commercial

Tax ID Numbers: 25-4S-02W-000-02106-000;
25-4S-02W-000-02108-000;
and 25-4S-02W-000-02108-001

Existing FLU Map: Rural 2 (FLUE Policy 1.2.5)

Current Zoning: RR-1 (Section 5-27, LDC)

Proposed Zoning: C-2 (Section 5-38, LDC)

FEMA Flood Info: "X" zone on Panel 0360E

Parcel size: 8.26+/- acres

Location: 4716 Old Crawfordville Highway, 4712 Old Crawfordville Highway, and 4708 Old Crawfordville Highway

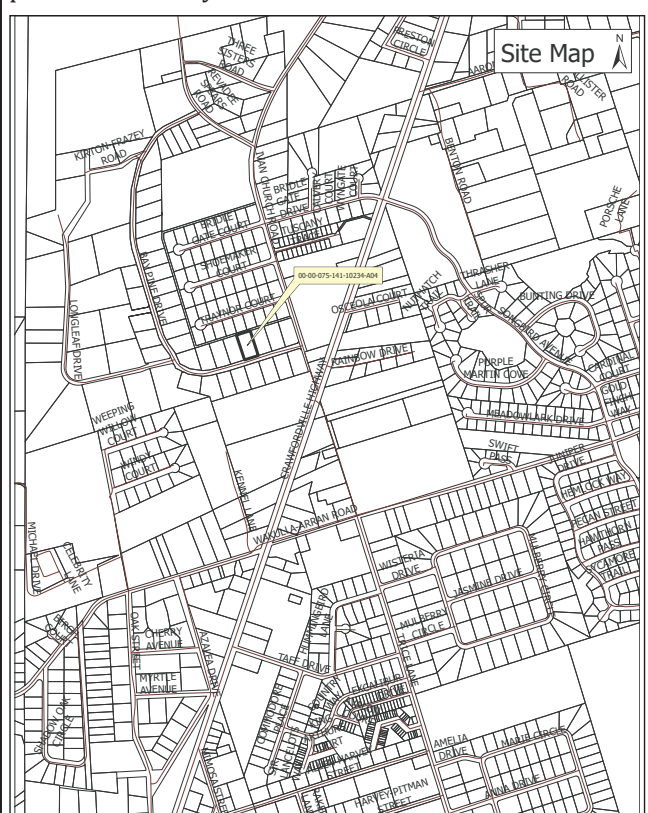
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY USE

The Wakulla County Planning Commission proposes to consider the following application. A Public Hearing is scheduled regarding the following before the **Planning Commission on Monday, June 10, 2024, beginning at 6:00 P.M., unless otherwise noted below or as time permits.** All public hearings will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.



1. Application for Temporary Use Permit: TU24-02

Applicants: William W. and Sylvia J. Causseaux

Proposal: Family Enclave Application

Tax ID Number: 00-00-075-141-10234-A04

Existing FLU Map: Urban Fringe (FLUE Policy 1.2.7)

Current Zoning: RR-1 (Section 5-27, LDC)

FEMA Flood Info: "X" zone on Panel 0250E

Parcel Size: 1.0+/- acres

Location: 247 Bay Pine Drive – The Pines Unit 1, Lot 4, Block A

Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, June 10, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

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

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA LEE OSGOOD, DECEASED

CASE NO.: 2024 CP 52

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of VIRGINIA LEE OSGOOD, deceased, whose date of death was March 10, 2024, File Number 2024 CP 52 is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Wakulla County Judicial Center, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida, 32327. The names and addresses of the personal representative and of the personal representative's attorney are set forth below and the lawyer-client privilege in Section 90.5021 applies with respect to the Personal Representative and any attorney employed by the Personal Representative.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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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 23, 2024.

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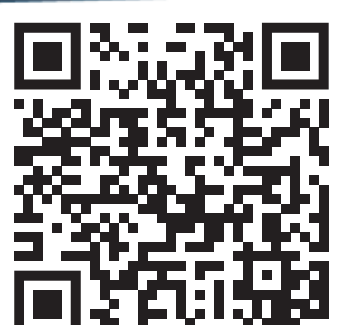
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Legion holds flag ceremony

After fixing the flagpole at Eden Springs a couple weeks ago, the local American Legion held a flag ceremony at the facility on Memorial Day. The flag that was raised had flown at the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C. on May 29, 2017 in honor of veterans at Eden Springs and donated by Family Funeral Home. (Photo By Legion Taylor)



Enjoying food at the VFW's event.



Visiting vendors.

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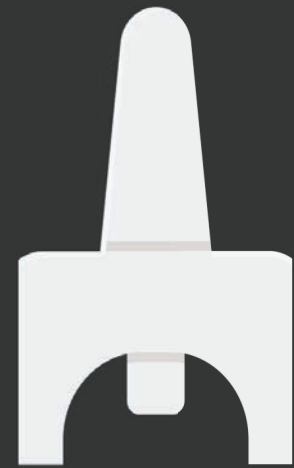
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Candidate forum held at Palaver Tree



Palaver Tree Theater held the first candidate forum of the political season on Thursday, May 23. Most candidates for local political office - including a couple with no opposition as of yet - turned up to take questions from the audience. While candidate petitions were due by noon on May 13, candidates can still qualify for office by paying the fee to run - that qualifying period is June 10-14.

The Wakulla Sun will hold candidate forums after the qualifying period ends and it's clear who all the candidates for office will be. So far there are three candidates for superintendent of schools, two for property appraiser, a contested seat on the county commission, and a couple of contested school board races. (Photos by Gerald Brown)



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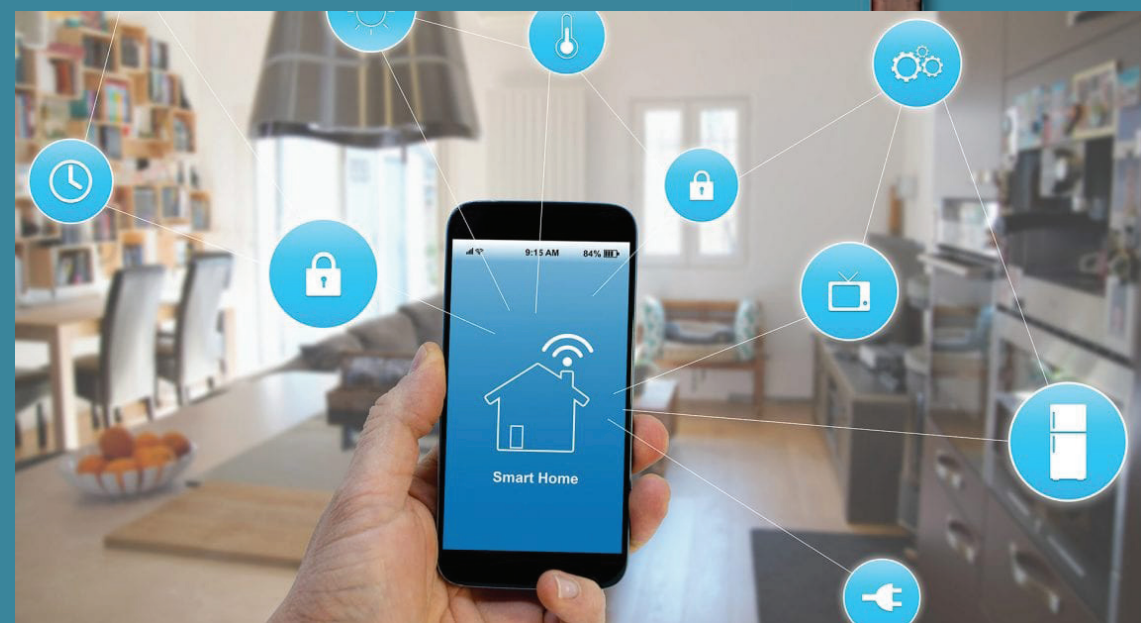
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