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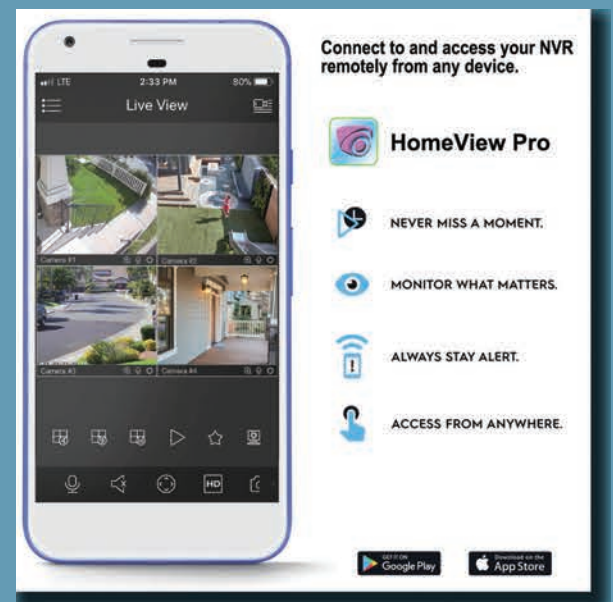
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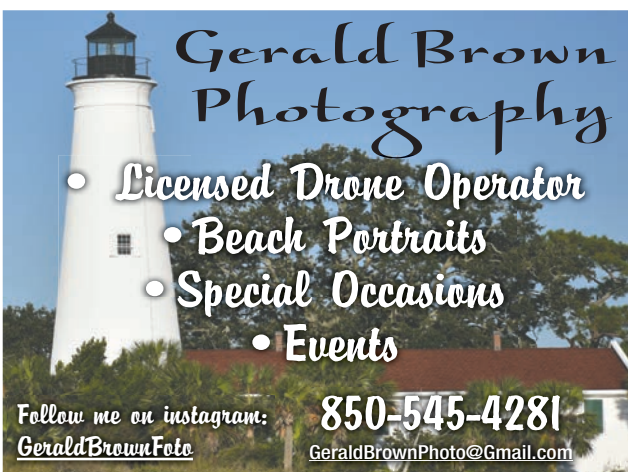


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WORLD ALZHEIMER'S DAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

Raising awareness of Alzheimer's



By **SAMANTHA KENNEDY**
Extension Director

Almost two years ago, my mom was diagnosed with dementia. It was the first time I had ever experienced something like that so close to home and it was scary and confusing and heartbreaking to see someone I love so much change so drastically. To see her struggling and not know how to help her beyond just being there for her.

Two years later, it still is scary and confusing and heartbreaking. However, the support and knowledge I have gained in that time have really helped me better understand how best to support my mom as she continues to deal with her new reality.

As September rolls around each year, the world unites to observe World Alzheimer's Month, a crucial global initiative aimed at raising awareness and challenging the stigma surrounding dementia. This

month-long campaign serves as a powerful reminder of the growing impact of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia on individuals, families, and communities worldwide.

Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia, a collective term used to describe various symptoms of cognitive decline, such as memory loss, confusion, and difficulties with thinking and problem-solving. It is a progressive neurological disorder that typically affects people over the age of 65, although it can also impact younger individuals.

The disease is characterized by the build-up of abnormal proteins in the brain, leading to the death of brain cells. This deterioration affects the person's ability to carry out everyday activities, and eventually, they may require full-time care. Despite being one of the most significant health challenges of our time, Alzheimer's disease is often misunderstood, and misconceptions can lead to stigma and social isolation for those affected.

World Alzheimer's Month plays a vital role in addressing these challenges by encouraging conversations about dementia. This global

campaign highlights the importance of early diagnosis, support for those living with dementia, and the need for more research into treatment and prevention.

This year's focus is on the importance of recognizing the warning signs of dementia and seeking help promptly. Early diagnosis can significantly improve the quality of life for those affected, allowing them to plan for the future, access necessary care and support, and participate in clinical trials for new treatments.

Throughout September, organizations and communities around the world organize events, workshops, and public awareness campaigns to educate people about dementia. These activities aim to demystify the condition, provide resources for caregivers, and promote understanding and empathy towards those living with Alzheimer's. In many countries, landmarks are illuminated in purple – the color associated with Alzheimer's awareness – to show solidarity with those affected.

Despite the progress made in raising awareness, significant challenges remain. Alzheimer's disease continues to be underdiagnosed,

particularly in low- and middle-income countries where access to healthcare is limited. Additionally, there is still no cure for Alzheimer's, and current treatments only address the symptoms rather than the underlying cause of the disease.

However, there is hope on the horizon. Advances in medical research are paving the way for new treatments, and global initiatives like World Alzheimer's Month are helping to reduce the stigma associated with the disease, making it easier for individuals and families to seek help.

World Alzheimer's Month is a time for reflection, education, and action. It is an opportunity for the global community to come together to support those affected by Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. By raising awareness and fostering understanding, we can create a more inclusive and supportive world for everyone impacted by this devastating condition.

For more information about this and other mental health-related topics, contact Samantha Kennedy at the UF/IFAS Wakulla Extension office at 850.926.3931 or skennedy@ufl.edu.

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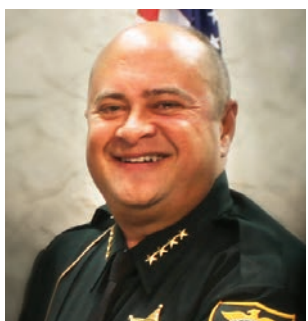
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By **JARED MILLER**
Wakulla Sheriff

I would like to start off this month's article with a heartfelt thank you to the citizens of Wakulla County. I am honored to have been elected to serve another term as Sheriff of Wakulla County and am truly humbled by the level of support that the community showed me.

Serving as the Wakulla County Sheriff for the past eight years has been a privilege, and I am excited and honored to be able to continue in this position.

Generally, in my monthly articles I like to provide information or tips that citizens can do to help reduce crime or protect themselves. However, this month I want to talk to everyone about a couple of things I will be doing in the coming years.

First and foremost, my administration is going to continue to stay as involved as possible in our community. I firmly believe that one of the main ways to truly reduce crime in a community is for local law enforcement to be involved and connected with citizens in a personal way.

My administration and I work very hard to make sure that citizens have positive interactions with WCSO members, beyond calls for service.

I promise in the next four years that my staff and I will continue to be as involved as possible in our wonderful community as we have been the previous eight years I've been Sheriff.

My staff and I are not just employees of

WCSO, we are members of this community along with the rest of Wakulla's Citizens. I promise we will continue to forge and develop positive relationships with our citizens.

Second, I want to reaffirm my commitment to an open-door policy and transparency. I made it a goal of mine when I came into office during my first term to be accessible and approachable by the citizens I serve.

In my two terms as Sheriff, I feel that I have upheld this commitment. However, we do have a lot of new residents to our community, and we just ended a somewhat contentious election cycle.

Please If you have suggestions, comments, or concerns regarding the Sheriff's Office or our community reach out to me and my

staff.

We are a growing community, and we need the help of the citizens to make sure Wakulla County remains one of the safest counties in Florida.

Once again let me say thank you for trusting me with another term as Sheriff of Wakulla County. I am excited to continue working with and for the citizens of our great county.

I am so thankful to live and work in a community that supports the sheriff's office as much as ours does and I look forward to the next four years working to keep our community safe and prosperous.

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Jared Miller is sheriff of Wakulla County.



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Real life choices



By GREG GAST

“Optimists are right. So are pessimists. It’s up to you to choose which you will be.” -Havery Mackay

Healthy decision-making can be difficult. It impacts our thoughts, feelings, and behaviors.

I’m talking about the choice to think for yourself. The choice to be happy or miserable. The choice to believe whatever you want to believe. Or the choice to have any perspective you want on life.

We all have a choice. We were born with the gift of free will. So even if your life is not ideal, you still have a choice in how you respond to it, how you feel about it, and how you perceive it.

It is a matter of perspective: How you see the world around you. Past choices,

environments, and mental conditioning often color our choices. But you have a choice. You can choose to live limited by your past or your surroundings, or you can make a choice to not let these things affect how you see the world today.

Staying open-minded and not letting your past control your current mindset is what is important. You never know what can happen.

Remember that you miss 100% of all the shots in life you don’t take. It is in the choice of how you re-

spond to and think about your life that will determine the type of life you will have.

What is your inner belief system about yourself and the world?

Do you think the world is good or bad?

Are you optimistic about the future?

Do you deserve a good life?

Do you think outside of the box?

Do you allow your thinking to be controlled by the media, authority figures, or society?

Do you question things often?

Do you ask why?

So here it is! You can question anything and everything, And please do! You have the freedom to do the research you need to do to find real answers to your real questions. There are no rules. You have the choice in how much you let others tell you what you can and can’t, should and shouldn’t do.

You have a choice in how you respond. There are multiple ways to look at every situation, so why not choose the most empowering, enlightening, and enlivening

option?

So let this be a reminder that we all have a choice. We can choose our thoughts, our beliefs, and our actions. We are free to see life as either good or bad, positive or negative, a burden or a lesson. Your life will be good if you focus on the good and it will be bad if you focus on the bad.

Your CHOICE.... Let know what you think.

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Louis Lamarche

From Front Page

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Wakulla County's Fire Chief Louis Lamarche III is a prime example of both a Wakulla hero and a Wakulla public servant.

"I live, eat, breathe fire," says Lamarche.

Lamarche was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, later moving to Pensacola at 2 years old to again move to Tallahassee at the age of 10, finally making his permanent move to Wakulla in 2003.

Lamarche married his wife Amy, formerly known as Amy Marks, who is from Wakulla.

Lamarche completed his Fire Fighter Paramedic education at Chipola College, emerging as a Fire Officer II

and a Fire Training Instructor working in Lynn Haven, Bay County, Florida and working for Franklin County EMS for 4 years.

"My family is the most important thing to me," he says while turning and pointing to a framed family photograph mounted on the wall in his office. "I have one daughter, Naomi, and two stepchildren, Caitlyn and Kaleb Weaver – they are my family."

For fun, Lamarche says, "I like fishing – anything on the water, camping outdoors and trips to the mountains."

"I am a behind the scenes guy personality, but when it comes to the Fire Department, I am the first in line," he says.

He came to the Wakulla County Fire Department in 2003, later earning the position of Fire Chief in 2016.

"Wakulla is a great place to work," he says. "I love working

here, the community is very supportive, the county administration and the county commissioners are great. It is exciting to see where we came from as a small county and to watch us growing as a community is rewarding."

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"Right now, we are looking to grow the

administrative side a little more and develop a community paramedic program, the project is in its early stage right now. It is all in effort to mitigate the number of ambulance calls and keep treatment local, the ambulances will treat on scene."

Keeping the health and the needs of the community as priority, Lamarche says, "In the future, we will evaluate the needs of the county, the partnerships with health providers and evaluate the gap in health care and see what the needs are and move forward from there; it is a slow

process but we are focusing on treating on scene, this way we don't have to take low activity calls to the hospital and it keeps resources in the county."

Assistant Chief Richard Lewis along with Lamarche said, "Another component of this new project is the social worker component of the community health worker; this will enable us to assist the Wakulla community on a new level."

"I know when I get to sit back and retire, I will know I had something to do with it and I will be proud," Lamarche says with a smile.



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

Tuesday, Sept. 3

- The Wakulla County Commission meets at 5 p.m. in the commission chambers.
- 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 or text/call at (850) 528-5838

Wednesday, Sept. 4

- Muffins with Moms Prenatal Support Group meets 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.

- Wakulla County Coalition for Youth meets at the Chamber office (old Courthouse) at 12:30 p.m.
- A line dance class is held at 1 p.m. at the Wakulla Senior Center every Wednesday.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Thursday, Sept. 5

- 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.
- The Rotary Club of Wakulla County meets at the TSC Wakulla Center at 8:30 a.m. on Thursdays.
- 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, Sept. 6

- War Eagle football: The War Eagles travel to Tallahassee to play the Chiles Timberwolves.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 8 p.m. every Friday at 54 Ochlock-

onees St.

Saturday, September 7

- 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, September 9

- Wakulla county commissioners will hold a special meeting at 2 p.m. in the commission chambers.
- The Wakulla County School Board meets in the district office at 5:45 p.m.
- The Wakulla Planning Commission meets at 6 p.m. in the commission chambers.
- The Sopchoppy City Commission meets at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.
- The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group meets at Lake Ellen Baptist Church at 9:30 a.m every second Monday of the month.
- 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.
- 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.

Tuesday, September 10

- Wakulla Historical Society presents a reunion of coaches at 5 p.m. and a panel discussion at 6 p.m. at the Wakulla High School gym. Coaches include David Miller J.D. Jones, Randy Anderson, Diane Eakin, Frances Knight and others.

Wednesday, September 11

- 9/11 Memorial Service will be held at the sheriff's office beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 12

- St. Marks City Commission meets at the St. Marks City Hall at 6 p.m.

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Saturday, September 14

- The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group will meet at the Wakulla County Public Library at 10 a.m. every second Saturday of the month.
- The Sopchoppy Community Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Sopchoppy Depot Park.

Monday, September 16

- The American Legion

Post 114 meets at the Wakulla County Public Library at 6:30 p.m every third Monday of the month.

- Crawfordville Woman's Club monthly meeting is the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 64 Ochlockonee St., in Crawfordville. Call (850) 566-5727 for more information.

Thursday, September 19

- "Hour of the Wolf," a play by Anthony Lamarr White, will be performed at 8 p.m. at Palaver Tree Theater, 59 Shadeville Road. Tickets are \$15.
- Chamber of Commerce After Hours Networking will be at Civic Brewing in Sopchoppy from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- 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.

Friday, September 20

- War Eagle football hosts FAMU DRS at J.D. Jones Stadium at 7 p.m.
- "Hour of the Wolf," a play by Anthony Lamarr White, will be performed at 8 p.m. at Palaver Tree Theater, 59

Shadeville Road. Tickets are \$15.

Saturday, September 21

- Keep Wakulla County Beautiful's Coastal Cleanup 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet at Woolley Park in Panacea.
- Rotary Club of Wakulla's Boots & Bingo fundraiser will be held at 3Y Ranch from 5 to 11 p.m.
- "Hour of the Wolf," a play by Anthony Lamarr White, will be performed at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Palaver Tree Theater, 59 Shadeville Road. Tickets are \$15.

Tuesday, September 24

- Code Enforcement Board meets at 5:30 p.m. in the commission chambers.

Friday, September 27

- War Eagle football hosts the Suwannee Bulldogs at J.D. Jones Stadium at 7 p.m.

Saturday, September 28

- St. Marks hosts a community market every fourth Saturday of the month at 815 Leon Port Drive from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Saturday, August 31

- The Sopchoppy Opry will hold a gospel program with South Bound and guests performing at 7 p.m. at the old Sopchoppy High School. Tickets are \$15.



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22. Mountain pass
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26. Escaped quickly
29. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
31. Wings
32. Political action committee

CLUES DOWN

34. Touches lightly
35. Stood back from
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25. Tax collector
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28. Native religion in China

29. Promotional materials
30. A shot in a film production
31. Afflict in mind or body
33. A passage with access only at one end
35. Breathing devices
36. Employ for wages
37. Kids' TV channel (abbr.)
39. Popular Boston song
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43. Selling at specially reduced prices

44. Atomic #18
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Retiring earlier than expected? What to know



By **BRIAN ENGLISH**

Many Americans, through circumstances beyond their control, find themselves needing to retire earlier than anticipated. Whatever the circumstances, it's difficult not to feel wrongfooted and hurried by the situation. However, it's important to get yourself back on track as soon as possible. Here are some things to consider as you make the transition:

DON'T MAKE FAST DECISIONS

When dealing with a sudden transition like this, it can be tempt-

ing to make some sort of hasty decision. But reacting too quickly might hinder your ability to reorient yourself. Unless something is truly urgent, it's often best to give yourself some space to think about your new life and carefully consider all your available choices. Take the time to organize your thoughts and to put your important documents in order. At the end of that period, you can look at things in a cool, calm way.

WORK, IF POSSIBLE

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) states that 56 percent of workers aged 50 and over have faced some sort of unplanned departure from work for various reasons, ranging from health issues or caring for an infirm relative to redundancy. Finding yourself out of work in your 60s can be discouraging, but it's also true that age is not the

barrier it once was. In fact, it's not unusual for companies to seek an experienced hand to be a consultant or to train the next generation working in a particular field. While it may be part time or even temporary, if you are able to work, you may find great satisfaction in that opportunity, not to mention additional income.

WHAT TO CONSIDER WITH TAX-DEFERRED ACCOUNTS

Your retirement strategy likely includes some form of tax-deferred account. If so, making withdrawals is one choice to consider. For example, if you are not working, you may be in a lower tax bracket than before. But keep in mind that penalties might apply, depending on your age.

This article is for informational purposes only and is not a replacement for real-life advice. Make sure to

consult with your financial and accounting professionals before accessing any tax-deferred account.

SOCIAL SECURITY A FACTOR?

The longer you delay taking your Social Security payments, the greater they will be. While Americans have an opportunity to start taking payments as early as age 62, the payments will not reflect the amount you

could be getting at full retirement age. Starting at 62 may be a consideration for those who need the income or have some other urgent need, such as being in poor health.

Making an unexpected change can bring changes to your overall retirement strategy. However, it's important to remember that it's likely your financial professional has worked with other people in similar circumstances. This might

be one of those times when it's good to have someone who can help provide some guidance.

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Wakulla's Fort Stansbury

By Elizabeth Smith. Originally published in the January 1969 issue of the Magnolia Monthly.

Fort Stansbury (or Stansberry) can be found on maps of Leon County made in the 1840's but its life was short, and few but dedicated archeologists have found its location. After Wakulla County was formed out of the southern half of Leon County in 1843, the fort's location was put on Wakulla County maps, but by then it was already going out of existence.

The fort, which was apparently started in 1840, was a hastily erected log enclosure and used to help subdue the southern Creek, or Seminole, Indians during the Second Seminole War. During Indian raids on settlers' cabins, tribes were urged (and forced) to migrate to reservations in Arkansas, and the tale of the Seminole exodus is as sad as that of the later Cherokees and the "Trail of Tears" which led to the settling of Oklahoma Territory. In the Seminole migration, Fort Stansbury played its part.

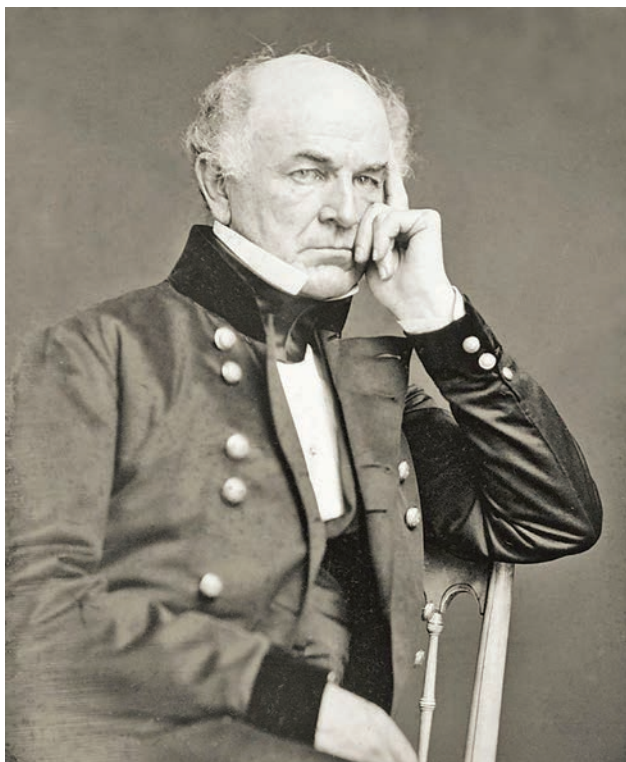
The fort is mentioned briefly in a description by a clergyman (name unknown), who was visiting in Tallahassee in 1841. In an article published by Horace Greeley in his THE NEW YORKER newspaper for August 21 of that year, the minister tells of boarding the cars of the St Marks Railroad and traveling ten miles southward before getting off and being met by soldiers on horseback who take him to the fort. According to his description, the fort had originally been a settler's home, and the owner had left because of the Indians. "This we found to be a more desirable residence than we could have expected. It was a large log house, and under the hands of the officers it had acquired an appearance of refinement. Of course I am speaking comparatively. I do not wish to have it understood that in winter or in rainy weather one would find much protection under a roof so open to the sky, or from logs which lie so invitingly agape for the wind to enter." Nevertheless, the visitor enjoyed the cool breeze coming thru the cracks and did not have to suffer the inconveniences of bad weather.

The clergyman mentions also that he had arrived on pay day when each soldier stepped up to a table to receive his wages for the month, apparently with little concern. He is then taken

by an escort of soldiers to the Wakulla River where a boat is prepared for him to travel up the river to its source at Wakulla Springs.

For reasons unclear, the fort is also closely associated with Port Leon, the town founded on the St. Marks River shortly before it enters Apalachee Bay, halfway between St. Marks and the lighthouse. Port Leon was a town laid out by Territorial Gov. Richard K. Call beginning in 1840 and it was destroyed by a hurricane in 1843. The town's duration was that of the fort, and the location of Stansbury is about halfway between Port Leon and Tallahassee. An author named Alonzo deMilt wrote in his book, "The American Wanderer", that his family arrived from New York to live at Port Leon in 1840 and when most of the family was wiped out by yellow fever that same year, he went to see an officer at the fort who had known his family in the North. Troops leaving from Fort Stansbury often shipped out from Port Leon. There may have been some of Territorial Gov. Richard K. Call's handiwork in this matter, for to encourage people to use the extension of the Tallahassee Railroad from St. Marks to Port Leon, he refused to allow passengers (but not freight) to get on or off the train at St. Marks after a railroad bridge had been built from the St. Marks across the river to Port Leon in 1839, three years after the tram line had been constructed from Tallahassee to St. Marks. Call had also scouted along the St. Marks River for signs of unrest among the Seminoles in the latter 1830's, with his aide, Prince Archille Murat, and may have debated the wisdom of putting the fort where was located.

Probably the most interesting and well-known officer to serve at Fort Stansbury was Ethan Allen Hitchcock (see cover) a New Yorker who spent half a century in the service of his country and writing about it in a book, FIFTY YEARS IN CAMP AND FIELD. His tale begins with the War of 1812, involves many frontier skirmishes with the Indians, and concludes with his position as a Union general in charge of prisoner-of-war exchanges during the Civil War. He was by that time a white-haired, elderly man.



Fort Stansbury was under the command of Lt. Colonel Ethan Allen Hitchcock from October 1842 until January 13, 1843. He was a general when this photo was taken in 1850.

Col. Hitchcock was a scholar and a diarist who was called to serve at Fort Stansbury in the summer of 1842. It took him 30 days to travel from New York City to Tallahassee, going by way of Pittsburg, Lexington, Nashville, and Macon, and using every conveyance of the time, including railroad, canal boat, steamboat, stage, and for the last 100 miles, horse and wagon. On the long journey he read the works of Shakespeare and Plotinus, and wrote over 200 pages in his diary.

The Yankee officer reached Fort Stansbury in October, 1842, and found the log structure in the middle of a field. He soon converted the former settler's house into a cantonment in the form of a parallelogram, with a large area for parades and exercises. With him was the U. S. Third Army (later Cavalry) Regiment, mostly northerners, who were given such a thorough course of instruction and so perfected their drills that the unit commanded attention for years and distinguished itself in the Mexican War.

Two local companies of volunteers also offered their services, but Hitchcock said he would send for them when needed.

In his diary Hitchcock noted, "There is something indescribably solemn and grand in the moaning of the wind through the tall pines among which my post is situated." He has little time to say much else, for he is called upon to persuade a Seminole chief, Pascofa, to go with his immediate tribe to Arkansas.

Pascofa had been

raiding homesteads along the Apalachicola River and a particularly brutal murder involving the Perkins family in Washington County caused settlers to leave there in the summer of 1842. Gov Call appealed to Pres. Tyler for help, and this was the reason Col. Hitchcock and the Third Regiment were sent to Fort Stansbury.

However, Hitchcock's negotiations with Pascofa were delicate. The Indians, perhaps for good reason, thought that migration meant sending them to their deaths, and they resisted every effort made to repatriate them. In order to keep from giving away their hideouts in the swamps, they sometimes killed their children to keep them from crying out and giving away their presence. Gov. Call's militia could not even locate an Indian after the Perkins massacre, but Hitchcock made contact with Pascofa and said he would meet with him at some point safe from meddling by settlers or Florida troops.

In January, 1843, the two men agreed on a location between Fort Stansbury and Ocheesee north of Apalachicola. This was the bank of the Ochlockonee River, and Hitchcock arrived there by steamboat to confer with the tribal leader. When Hitchcock pointed out with obvious sincerity that Pascofa's tribe would be taken by boat nearly the whole way to Arkansas and given new land beyond the settlers' reach, and no one would be mistreated, Pascofa was finally won over. His band of Seminoles were taken to Cedar Keys on the steamboat "William Gaston" and from there

went to New Orleans and up the Mississippi River to Arkansas.

Col. Hitchcock returned to Fort Stansbury where he wrote that he had "four companies in log huts and six in tents", more than 600 at full strength. Gov. Call gave him a party in Tallahassee, along with his officers, in February with several hundred people in attendance. In March Hitchcock and the Third Infantry, their job in Florida completed, were transferred to the Jefferson Barracks near St. Louis, and then were shipped the same route as that taken by Pascofa and his tribe the month before.

John Sprague, one of the best chroniclers of the Seminole Wars, spent some time at Fort Stansbury, but does not remember it with much fondness. Met were wet to the skin from hacking their way thru the swamps, after which the burning sun dried them out before they became wet again, with the result that many soldiers suffered from fever and dysentery. Sprague mentions that the first casualty at Fort Stansbury occurred among the enlisted men.

Most of the archaeological work at Fort Stansbury has been done by Stanley Olson of Tallahassee under

the auspices of the archeology department at Florida State University.

Working through the early 1960's and describing his finds in the fourth quarterly issue of "American Antiquity" for 1965, Dr. Olsen stated that he found no fort burial ground, but turned up uniform buttons made of cast pewter, from outfits obviously outdated that had been issued to the men. An eight-foot fireline plowed through the area also uncovered broken pieces of black glass and clay pipestems. A jacket button of the Artillery Corps indicates the fort may have been equipped with some heavy guns. Navy personnel coming into Port Leon or St. Marks may have stopped at the fort, for a brass button of a U. S. naval officer was also located.

But for all its relevance to the Seminole Wars, there is little left to tell of Stansbury as the second most important fort in Wakulla County.

The Wakulla County Historical Society Museum is in the Old Jail at 24 High Drive in Crawfordville. We are open to the public on Thursdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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I would that thou wert cold or hot,
Thou sayest "im rich"
But thou art not!

When I come into the church
What do I find?

Oh wretched, miserable, poor and blind!

I counseled thee to buy of me
Gold tried in the fire
So that you would be set apart
From the lost, from the swine in the mire!

Thy nakedness adds to your shame
Should you and this world,
Be one in the same?

Be zealous! therefore repent! repent!
Should The Lord thy God relent?

Behold, I stand at the door and knock
Is this my church, I built on the rock?

Open the door and I will come in,
To deliver thy nakedness,
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I will sup with you,
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Damselfly love



By **ERIK LOVSTRAND**

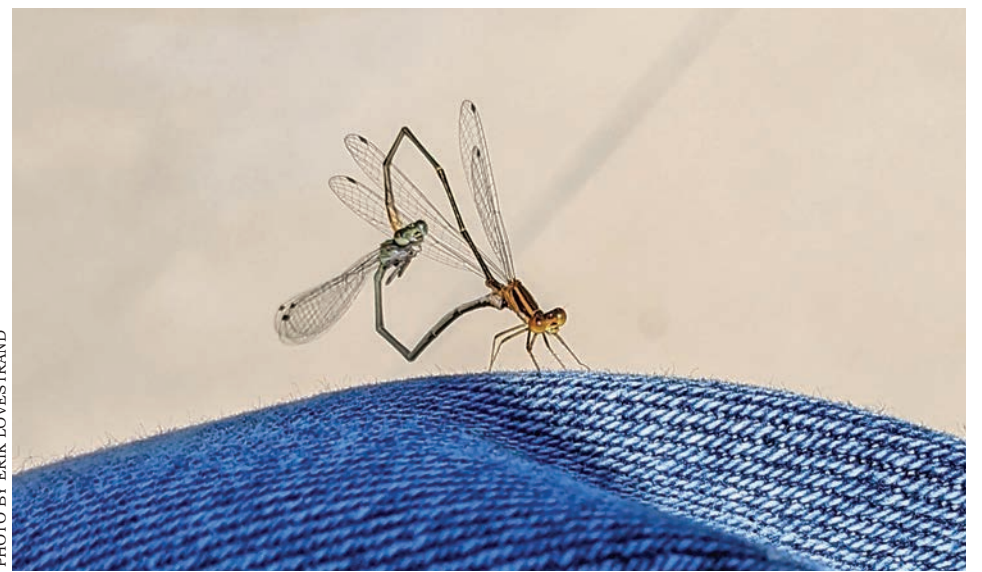
One thing about nature that you can be sure of is, you ain't seen nothin' yet. Just around that next corner is something that you have never seen before in your life. It doesn't matter if you are the most seasoned, highly educated naturalist on the planet. There are oodles of delightful discoveries that you have yet to make. Sometimes you happen upon them in your roaming about. Other times they just

come to you. That was the case with the two damselflies pictured with this article. Now, I have seen plenty of damselflies before and even observed them flying in tandem with the male's tail tip attached near the female's head. However, I had never before observed a mating pair completely "hooked-up" like this. Literally out of the blue, they landed on my knee while I was sitting by the pool. Without even thinking about the fact that it might be considered a rude invasion of privacy, I whipped out my cell phone and got a decent pic (darn paparazzi are everywhere).

With the world of information available at our fingertips, it didn't take long to find

an explanation for the heart-shaped mating configuration of these winged beauties. Once the male has attached to the female's head or prothorax, she bends here abdomen down and connects the tip of her tail under the base of his abdomen. This is where she is able to collect his gametes that will fertilize her eggs. Shortly after mating, she will deposit her eggs somewhere near or in the water so her hatching larvae have access to the aquatic environment where they will live until they emerge as adults.

This particular species of damselfly has several different colors or morphs. It seems that there is a genetic component to this feature but there is also a time factor. As they go



A pair of damselflies who dropped in for a visit with the author.

through life, they exhibit color changes related to their age also. I have observed orange, copper, blue, and green colored individuals. The biology and life history of damselflies is much more complex than what I have shared here, of course.

Some scientists have made careers of collecting data and learning about this fascinating group of insects. I wonder, however, if it was not a detailed fact that sparked their curiosity to learn more, but instead an encounter with a heart-

shaped pair of beautiful, winged jewels that came to them out of the blue one day.

Erik Lovstrand is a UF/IFAS regional Sea Grant agent in Wakulla, Franklin and Gulf counties.

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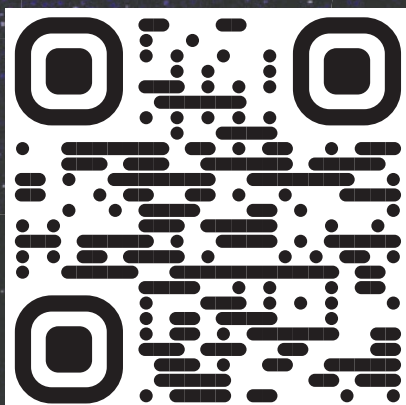
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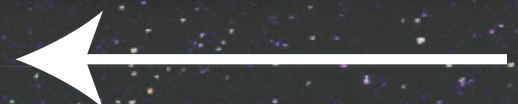
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The Old Pro



By AL HARTMAN
The Old Pro

Spinylobster season started Aug. 6 and runs until Mar. 31. Most people go down south but they are in the Gulf in our deep waters. And I have seen some monsters. Bulldozer lobsters are plentiful and there is no limit on them. You just have to know what to look for to find them.

Gulf Amberjack season has changed. It is Sept. 1, not Aug. 1, because they have been overfished.

If you are in the Lionfish challenge be aware it closes Sept. 2.

Well, get out there if you can handle the heat. Stay hydrated, wear your safety vest and keep an eye on your passengers.

Happy Hunting and Fishing.

Al Hartman can be contacted at redmanldpg@aol.com.

Greetings Wakulla citizens and thank you for your time today! When you think of "treasure", what comes to your mind? Probably something like...diamonds, coins, pearls and maybe some rare literature or paintings? Notice the word in the title... "Redeemed?" well, some would say that IS a treasure. Let us dive in this shall we?!

In Proverbs 2:4-5 it is written "If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will discern the fear of the LORD, And discover the knowledge of God." So, you were willed some old documents that are very old and worn. You read them and discover that these papers show you now own property somewhere and it is rumored that your lineage attached to said property buried their valuables, no banks around at that time. The property never was built on, still totally raw earth. You then would be VERY ENCOURAGED to go to that property and investigate it, wouldn't you say?!

You then would spend your time and money "looking or seeking" for that said

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"treasure," makes total sense right? Now back to the word in the title, "Redeemed." The definition of the word "redeemed" is 1) Granted redemption or salvation 2) Saved from the bondage of sin. WOW!!! The web's dictionary lines up with what God says IT IS!! In God's Word it is written in Ephesians 1:7 "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace,." This continues through verse 12. Now this IS TREASURE as in Proverbs 2:4-5!

As in Proverbs 2:4-5, the Word speaks about discerning the fear of the LORD as part of this fabulous Treasure as well. To "discern" the fear of the LORD is to use good judgement in what you see and wisdom to be able to act accordingly. The "fear" is not for you to be afraid of Him, be in awe of Him! Because when you screw up, and you will, the Cross, the Blood the LAMB shed for you on that Cross, caused you to be able to ask Jesus to be The LORD of your life! God then immediately sends His own Spirit to live in you! He is

the One that will guide you and help you when you screw up so that you will not live in sin! He, Holy Spirit will convict your heart to REPENT until you REPENT! If you do not... uh oh!! God turned His own back to Jesus while on that very Cross when Jesus TOOK EVERY SIN MAN WOULD COMMIT and HAD COMMITTED, such as the curse Adam and EVE caused! Jesus became sin that NEVER SINNED!! EVER!! So, if you stay in sin do you think God will not turn His back on you??

This is where His grace comes in!! The Holy Spirit WILL REMIND YOU of what sin needs repentance that you may be in! His sweet, soft voice will speak to you, not as in a thought that pops in your head. No, His voice will cause you to listen inwardly, like "did you hear that?" But it is you asking you if you heard it! He IS AMAZING! The Holy Spirit will NEVER condemn you, try to guilt you! Guilt and condemnation are satan's tools! The Holy Spirit will ALWAYS LEAD YOU TO JESUS!

Do not be afraid of God! He has set you up for success if you will meet

His requirements. Remember Proverbs 2:4-5, starts out by giving you something to do, "If you seek", see? You have stuff to do, and boy will you be BLESSED by doing what He requires!!! Think of your Bible as a "TREASURE Map," you will become such a contagious child of God that Wakulla County will be blessed as well! Everyone will want WHO you have my friend! Be encouraged, Deb Quimby-Quackenbush, tobe7encouraged@gmail.com

If you do not know Jesus and want to, say this out loud and believe... 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 believe in faith that God sent You to be my sin on the Cross, to cleanse me from all my sin 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. Your next step is to be water baptized (1 Peter 3:21, 1 Corinthians 6:11) CONGRATULATIONS!

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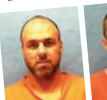
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Hertz, Looney to return for retrial

The two were found guilty of the Spears-King murders 25 years ago, will have a re-do of the death penalty phase of their trial. **By WILLIAM BROWDER**



Heavy security at hearing. The court is expected to hear the case on Sept. 10. The trial is expected to last several weeks.

Brad Harvey pleads to charges

The former property appraiser is charged with embezzling money from the office; he will be sentenced in September. **By WILLIAM BROWDER**



Harvey, 57, pleaded guilty to embezzling \$100,000 from the office. He was sentenced to 18 months in prison.

Election suit over after 3 years

Appeals court rules for Ed Brimner in lawsuit over 2020 property appraiser in which Colby Sparkman lost by 3 votes. **By WILLIAM BROWDER**



The court ruled in favor of Brimner, overturning the 2020 election results.

St. Marks to raise sewer rates 75%

by WILLIAM BROWDER. Members of the Charter Review Committee at a meeting last week at the community center.



Two drownings in separate incidents on July 4th

A man died while scuba diving; a child drowned in a home pool. **By WILLIAM BROWDER**



The child was found in a pool in a residential area. The cause of death is under investigation.

Fired Chiles coach may join War Eagle coaching staff

Kevin Pettis and son Trey might join coaches at Wakulla High. **By WILLIAM BROWDER**



Pettis was fired from his coaching position at Chiles High School.

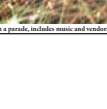
Charter review discusses spring protection

Members of the Charter Review Committee at a meeting last week at the community center.



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