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Wakulla County Extension Director

By LINDA ANN McDONALD
Correspondent

Clayton Bania is referred to as a Plant Doctor. Receiving his doctorate degree in Plant Medicine from the University of Florida, Bania is serving as the County Extension Director, and Agent of Horticulture and Small Farms at UF/IFAS Extension in Wakulla.

Bania looks forward to working with the Wakulla community to make it a better place to live through providing education in agriculture, horticulture, leadership, and entrepreneurship.

"Because Florida is changing as a state, where even Wakulla was primarily agriculture, I will be working through these changes keeping agriculture as primary focus," he says. "However, I will be working equally heavy on developing and



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Clayton Bania in front of the mural at the extension office.

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Volunteering in retirement



By **BRIAN ENGLISH**

“This generation got no destination to hold...

We are volunteers of America”
– “Volunteers” by Jefferson Airplane

Those of a certain age will recall these Jefferson Airplane lyrics as a call to action, though for a different period and place.

Even with the passage of time and through a lifetime of changes, the desire of baby boomers to make an impact on the world has not diminished.

Retirement is no longer about the hammock or unending hours of golf. It is a period of rejuvenation, second chances, and renewed growth.

For many, this new phase includes contributing their time and talents to an organization in need.

BEFORE YOU START

An important first step is to engage in

honest self-assessment. Inventory your skill set and interests. This will help identify what sort of volunteering opportunities are the best match for you.

Determine the commitment you are willing to make. Is this something that you want to devote 5-10 hours a week to, or are you willing to commit to more time?

Is this something you want to do locally, around the nation, or even the globe?

Will this volunteering be done individually, as a couple, or as a group?

SURVEY THE WATERS

There are plenty of resources to get a good view of the opportunities that exist.

One place to start is by asking friends, family, and colleagues. Another option is to use one or more of the many tools created to help identify volunteering ideas that may deserve your consideration.

For instance, the AmeriCorps website is one such tool run by the federal government.

You may also want to take a look at the Volunteer-Match website.

Another approach may be to pick charities that you support and check out their volunteer opportunities.

Don't be afraid to call them since some opportunities may not be advertised.

If you do choose to volunteer during retirement, you may find that you will receive as much as you give.

Brian can be reached at (850)

926-7487.

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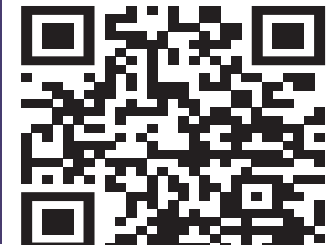


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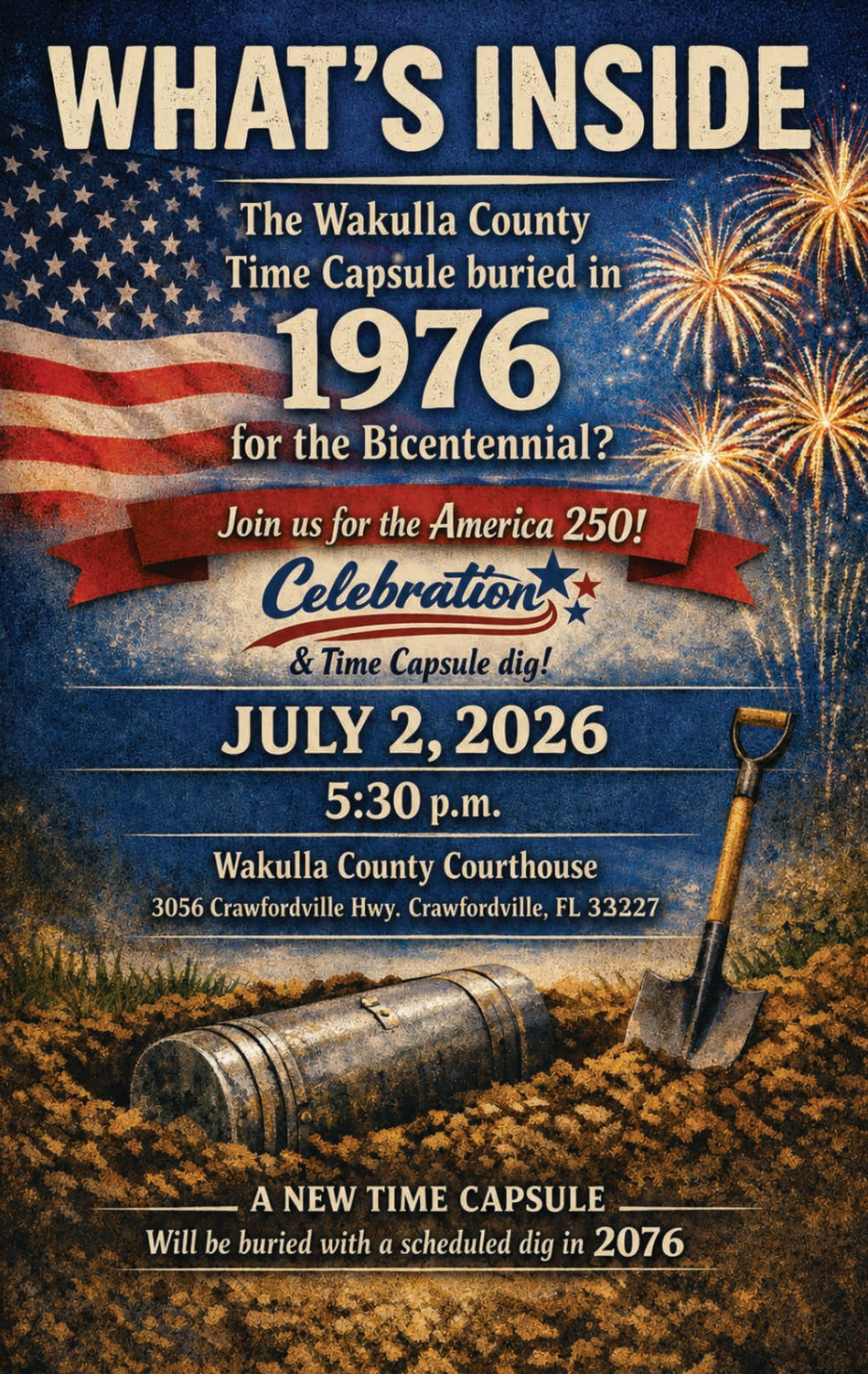
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Inventions
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1776

-According to The Na-
tional Mail Order Associ-
ation, Benjamin Franklin
invented and conceptual-
ized mail order cataloging
in 1744.

-The Franklin stove was
invented by Benjamin
Franklin in 1742.
- 1749/50 Lightning
Rod or Franklin Rod-
Dr. Franklin had finally
proven that lightning was
a form of electricity when
the metal key received an
electrical charge from a
bolt of lightning, attribut-
ed to Benjamin Franklin.

Benjamin Franklin in-
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do something you’ve never done.”
– Thomas Jefferson

Bla Bla...
BLAH...
Fun Facts!

- For centuries Americans celebrated IndependenceDay event on their own, It was not until 1941 that Congress established the Fourth of July, or Independence Day, as a national holiday.
- The names of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were withheld from the public for more than six months to protect the signers. If independence had not been achieved, the treasonable act of the signers would have, by law, resulted in their deaths.
- Truth of Fiction? The origin of Uncle Sam probably began in 1812, when Samuel Wilson, a meat packer who provided meat to the U.S. Army, stamped the meat shipments with the initials U.S. Someone joked that the initials stood for “Uncle Sam.” This joke eventually led to the idea of Uncle Sam symbolizing the United States government.
- Presidents John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe all died on the Fourth. Adams and Jefferson died on the same day within hours of each other in 1826.
- In 1776, there were 2.5 million people living in the new nation.

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MISS INFORMATION FUN PAGE By Lynda Kinsey

Content contributor William Diekman

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nists survive. They kept fruits edible through
the winter by drying in the sun or by hearth fire,
packing into heavy sugary syrups to inhibit bacteria,
pickling in spiced vinegar, or storing them in cool,
dark places or cellars. Drying sliced apples, peaches,
& berries were laid out on racks in the sun or by the
fireplace. Removing the moisture prevented the
growth of mold and bacteria. The dried
fruit would then be rehydrated in
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“Trendy” garden technique you use or read about lately, they
were doing it in 1776. They just didn’t have a name for it.
Free-ranging chickens were often allowed into the gar-
den areas to eat destructive bugs and caterpillars.
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the UK in the 1600s

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TRIVIA

Declaration of Independence

1. What date was the Indepence actually voted on?
2. Who thought that July 2nd would be the actual day celebrated?
3. Who was the oldest signer of the Declaration of Independence?
4. Who signed it first?
5. How old were the two youngest signers - Thomas Lynch Jr. and Edward Rutledge from South Carolina?
6. The official signing took place weeks later on what date?

ANSWERS:

1. July 2, 1776
2. John Adams
3. Benjamin Franklin, he was 70
4. John Hancock
5. Both were just 26 years old
6. August 2 (3?))1776

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or destroyed, surviving
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The most famous ar-
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after only one issue
because it was pub-
lished without a license
and featured contro-
versial content.

-The Boston
News-Letter, which
debuted on
April 24, 1704, is
recognized as the first
continuously pub-
lished newspaper in
the colonies.

“...every post is honorable in which a man can serve his
country.” A Letter to Benedict Arnold | September 14, 1775
- George Washington

SPORTS

Name three sports invented in the
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Basketball, Volleyball and Football.

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-New Hampshire is famous for 1776 because it be-
came the very first American colony to adopt its own
independent constitution and establish a government
completely free from British rule on January 5th,
1776

-What is New Hampshires motto?
“Live Free or Die”

- George Washington is universally recognized as the
greatest hero and indispensable leader of the Ameri-
can Revolution.

-Benedict Arnold is universally considered the big-
gest and most infamous traitor of the Revolutionary
War.

-Several famous spies operated during the American
Revolution, including Nathan Hale, James Armi-
stead Lafayette, and the operatives of the Culper Spy
Ring.

-In 1776, the region transitioned from being called
“British America” and the “Thirteen Colonies” to
the United States of America. Prior to the Dec-
laration of Independence, the rebelling territories
were officially referred to by the Second Continental
Congress as the United Colonies.

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Enjoy the sun safely this summer by protecting yourself from harmful UV rays. Wearing hats, sunglasses, and sunscreen of at least SPF 30 will help reduce the risk of skin cancer and other sun damage.

Protect your skin this summer



By SAMANTHA KENNEDY
Extension Office

As we enter the peak of summer in Florida, it is important to remember how intense the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays can become. Continued exposure to UVA and UVB rays without the use of proper protection can lead to skin cancer.

Melanoma is the most serious type of skin cancer. It begins in cells called melanocytes, which give skin its color. Over the past several years, cases of melanoma have increased, and experts believe that too much exposure to the sun plays a major role.

Doctors group melanoma into several main types based on how it looks and

how it grows. The most common type is superficial spreading melanoma. This kind usually spreads across the top layer of the skin before growing deeper. It can appear as a flat or slightly raised spot with uneven colors or edges.

Another type is nodular melanoma, which is more dangerous because it grows quickly and moves deeper into the skin earlier. It often looks like a raised bump that may be dark brown or black.

A third type is lentigo maligna melanoma. This type is often found in older adults and develops in areas that get a lot of sun, such as the face or neck. It may take many years to become serious.

The fourth main type is acral lentiginous melanoma. This form is less common and appears on areas like the palms of the hands, the soles of the feet, or under the nails. It is not always linked to sun exposure, but it can still be dangerous.

Even though these types are different, many melanoma cases are connected to UV radiation. UV rays come from the sun and from tanning beds. Scientists have found that UV radiation can damage skin cells and lead to cancer. In fact, a large number of melanoma cases are linked to UV exposure. The good news is that people can take steps to protect themselves. Most skin cancers are caused by too much UV exposure, but simple habits can lower the risk.

One way to stay safe is to avoid direct sunlight during the middle of the day, when UV rays are strongest. Wearing long sleeves, hats, and sunglasses can also help protect your skin.

Using sunscreen is another important step. Experts recommend using a sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher and reapplying it every two hours when outside. Sunscreen helps block harmful UV rays and lowers the chance of

developing skin cancer. Research also shows that regular sunscreen use can help reduce the risk of melanoma over time.

Checking your skin regularly is also important. Look for new moles or changes in existing ones, such as changes in size, shape, or color. Finding melanoma early makes it much easier to treat.

In the end, melanoma is a serious disease, but it is often preventable. By learning about the different types of melanoma and protecting your skin from UV rays, you can greatly lower your risk and stay healthier.

For more information about this or other health-related topics, please contact Samantha Kennedy at (850) 926-3931.

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FROM THE WAKULLA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Canoe trip on the St. Marks River, 1885

By Elizabeth F. Smith, published in the Magnolia Monthly in September 1971 edition

Dr. Irving Leonard of South Tamworth, N.H., found the original diary of this canoe trip on the St. Marks River in the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., along with sketches (see HISTORIOGRAPHY) of various buildings along the river which no longer exist. In order to see the Munroe papers, readers must get permission from Roy P Basler, Chief of the Manuscript Division. According to Charles E. Stowe, who wrote LIFE OF HARRIET BEECHER STOWE, N.Y., 1890 (in collaboration with Kirk Munroe) Charles Beecher lived in Newport for 15 years.

Dr. Leonard has added much to the history of the St. Marks River through his research. – Ed.

In her diary for January 10, 1885, Mary Barr Munro wrote: “Left Tallahassee at 8:30 a.m. Five miles out the engine (of the Tallahassee Railroad) broke down. A Mr. Danman and Ed Hopkins were going down to New Port to hunt. Both tall gentlemen. Got to St Marks about noon. Found the canoe all right and soon had her in the water. Then began the loveliest trip I have ever taken. Oh, the river, it is so lovely! Very narrow but a deep river. The bank lined on both sides with the loveliest foliage and everything so still and



A drawing from Munroe’s book WAKULLA of which about a dozen exist in Wakulla County, though the title refers to Newport, not to the county. – Note on the illustration by Elizabeth Smith.

beautiful. We stopped for lunch at what Mun (ro) called the half way log, the very tree under which he used to read my letters. Oh, how happy I was! Mr. Denman and Hopkins passed us as we were eating in a skiff owned by a Negro. On our way we noticed a litter diver (a diving bird – Ed.) in the water and Mr. H had a shot it and promised me the skin. After lunch we went up the river very slow-

ly and I saw the cypress landmark there, a house and the jail and the Pugson pier, the planking of which is all washed away. We made fast the canoe and then, after climbing a fence and going through a gate, we came to the main street where the grass grows. A few Negro houses, past the church and so on to Mr. Beecher’s. There we found a ready welcome and the nicest of homes and

the every nicest people I have met. Oh, it is so lovely, so lovely! Kirk’s pictures of the place are very good and, although I was not allowed to go into it, and his bed was in the room in which we had. Mr. Beecher read some WAKULLA aloud and together we had a lovely time. It is rather singular that Newport is somewhat like what I had expected and that I should have come here on Jan. 10.,

the day on which the Elmer Mill was opened, but neither Mr. or Mrs. Beecher are the least bit what I had thought them to be. Jan. 11, 1885. Up pretty early. After prayers Kirk took me to see “Go Bang”, which is on the other side of the river. We went all through the house and in the garden Kirk found a lovely rose. We stopped on our way to get a drink of sulphur water at the

spring and then walked through a lovely field to “Go Bang.” When we got back we found that Sunday School had “took in,” and so hurried and went over to hear Mr. Beecher. The congregation was colored all except ourselves and Mr. Denman and Hopkins. After a little lunch we went for a walk to the large spring. (The site of Newport Springs two miles above Newport. A

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By **JARED MILLER**
Wakulla Sheriff

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terways are a special part of life here in Wakulla County. As we enjoy these natural resources, it is important that we all do our part to keep them safe, clean, and respectful for everyone. One of the first things to remember is proper parking at boat ramps, landings, and water access areas. Please park vehicles and trailers only in designated areas and avoid blocking roadways, driveways, boat ramps, or emergency access points. Improperly parked vehicles and trailers can create safety hazards and delay emergency responders who may need quick access to the water. Boaters should also be mindful of swimmers, tubers, kayak-

ers, paddleboarders, and others enjoying the water. Slow down when approaching people in or near the water, give them plenty of space, and always operate your vessel with care. A fun day on the water can turn dangerous quickly when boaters are distracted or moving too fast around others. Please obey all posted no-wake zones. These areas are in place to protect people, docks, shorelines, wildlife, and vessels. Wakes can cause damage, create dangerous conditions, and disturb those who are trying to enjoy a peaceful day on the river or bay. Slowing down shows respect for your neighbors and helps protect our waterways.

Wakulla County is also home to incredible wildlife, including manatees, birds, fish, and other native species. Boaters should stay alert and watch carefully for manatees and other wildlife in the water. Give wildlife plenty of room, never harass or chase animals, and help preserve the natural beauty that makes our county so unique. Another important reminder is to never operate a boat or vessel while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Boating under the influence is dangerous and illegal. Sun, heat, wind, and motion can increase the effects of alcohol, making it even harder to safely operate a vessel. Plan ahead, have a sober operator, and make sure every-

one gets home safely. We also ask everyone to respect private property. Do not trespass on private docks, seawalls, boats, or waterfront property. Many families live along our rivers and coastal areas, and their property should be treated with the same respect you would expect for your own. Our deputies want everyone to have a great time on the water, but safety and courtesy must come first. By parking properly, respecting other people, following no-

wake rules, watching for wildlife, staying sober while operating vessels, and respecting private property, we can all help make Wakulla County’s waterways safer and more enjoyable. Enjoy our rivers, bays, and coastal waters. Take pride in our Sportsmen’s Paradise, look out for one another, and help keep Wakulla County a safe and beautiful place to live, visit, and enjoy. Jared Miller is Wakulla County Sheriff.





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Clayton Bania

From Front Page

providing educational programs in leadership and entrepreneurship for our community.” Bania wants to share his primary passion for farming and actively work in the community. “I want to help residents with their lawns with residential lawn service by addressing what type of grass is present or needed, answer questions such as ‘What is this tree in my yard?’

“Anyone can call our office, and we will go out to the property for a technical visit to access their grass and soil,” he says. “From there, we can develop a plan of action.”

Lawn and garden pests are also something Bania and his team can help with. “I like to solve the homeowner’s problems and seeing their light bulb go on, when they fully understand – and when it is all said and done, it’s one of the great things about my job.”

Bringing free economic opportunities to the table for Wakulla, Bania says, “From an economical position, I can educate folks on how to grow fruits, for example, and provide classes on canning and preserving. The homeowner can then turn around and sell the products they grew and processed from their farm for income.”

Assisting Wakulla economically, Wakulla’s Extension Office has also helped by participating in the IRS

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. This program offers free, IRS-certified tax preparation for eligible individuals and families. “Ninety percent of the people who took advantage of this opportunity were from the senior center. We partnered with Florida State University and University of Florida, and worked with Extension Agent Samantha Kennedy with oversight from the IRS to help our community.”

Bania enjoys his job at the Extension Office because it is a different problem every day, and by solving it, he helps his community – providing a sense of satisfaction for him.

Bania’s strong, technical agricultural background includes working in Maui, Hawaii as a Senior Operations Manager growing for Bayer AG, where he worked in corn breeding. He said, while working at Bayer, this is where the corn is three times more efficient, and he was always looking to improve things. However, his love of family and Florida drew him back home. Living out his dream of being a farmer, Bania now resides in Sopchoppy and will be farming there.

His career also includes managing a tower hydroponic farm in St. Petersburg. “I really liked this, building parts and improving the system.”

In 2017, he worked as a farm manager at a strawberry



Bania kayaking. For fun, he’s rebuilding a ‘73 Volkswagen Beetle.

nia worked as an adjunct professor in biology and field botany. During this time when he wasn’t on campus, his passion for agriculture led him to work on Saturdays for small farms and farmers’ markets, learning the economic side of agriculture business.

“While I was teaching, I realized I wanted a job that is directly impacting the community in relation to plants,” he says. “I also want to fuse biology and technology together to grow food better, safer, and quicker.”

For fun, Bania is currently rebuilding a ‘73 Volkswagen Beetle. “I love to build things as a hobby,” he says. “It has always been fun for me to learn and practice technical things.”

“We offer a plethora of services at the Extension Office, and I encourage Wakulla to take advantage of the amazing things going on here, it’s both educational and fun.” Bania says.

u-pick farm managing 20,000 strawberry plants. Here is where he learned how to deal with unforeseen adversity when his plants ran into issues with invasive disease.

“Looking back, here, I had to pay for a scout to access the plant disease, and this experience helped lead me to pursue education for plant medicine,” he says. “I really like the applied research portion of the Doctor of Plant Medicine at UF.”

Bania also brings teaching and education experience. Ba-

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Real life patriotism



By GREG GAST

Being a patriot means having love, loyalty, and a sense of duty towards one's country while working to improve it and respecting its laws and values.

A patriot is generally inclusive and oriented toward care of the nation without hostility toward others.

True patriots do not serve egoism or greedy self-interest.

George Washington called them the impostures of pretended patriotism only to deceive us and further their selfish aims.

Most Americans are proud to be American. Among adults aged 60 and older – whether liberal, moderate, or conservative – 90% are proud to be American.

Patriotism is a complex psychological phenomenon.

Socially, patriotism fulfils psychological needs like those met in family relationships, such as security, attachment, and recognition.

Behaviorally, it reinforces the sense of belonging and connectivity through rituals, symbols, and national narratives.

The psychological

impact is shaped by the social and political environment, cultural narratives, and individual experiences.

It is mentally positive when it fosters a sense of security, social cohesion, and personal freedom. But excessively rigid forms can contribute to stress or anxiety when national ideals are seen as compromised.

Mark Twain stated, "Loyalty to country – always. Loyalty to government – when it deserves it."

If one acts in a way that creates and upholds the good of his fellow countrymen, rather than purely one's own self-interest or some form of the political-industrial complex then that person may qualify as

a patriot.

When those with political and economic power wield patriotic symbols, ceremonies and platitudes to divide us against our common humanity, they are not patriots.

Patriotism transcends party lines. It is not blind loyalty to a political figure or faction, but to the ideals upon which the country was founded.

A true patriot loves their nation not only in times of triumph, but through its growing pains and imperfections.

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On July 4th, amid fireworks, parades, and barbecues, Americans come together to celebrate Independence Day—a celebration of political sovereignty and foundational values that have shaped the nation's identity. Beyond the festivities lies a profound opportunity to reflect on the spiritual ideals that influenced the Founding Fathers as they forged a path towards freedom. This day invites us to explore the mixture of religious ideals with the birth of a nation, highlighting how faith and freedom intersected to create a unique landscape of religious diversity and tolerance in America. The freedom of religion in the United States finds its roots in the First Amendment of the Constitution, which asserts, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." This foundational principle aligns with Biblical teachings that emphasize the importance of religious

freedom and individual conscience. The Founding Fathers knew of the significance of having and maintaining religious freedom when the United States was being established. George Washington wrote to the United Baptist Chamber of Virginia in 1789, affirming the importance of religious freedom, stating, "If I could have entertained the slightest apprehension that the Constitution framed by the Convention . . . might possibly endanger the religious rights of any ecclesiastical Society, certainly I would never have placed my signature to it." Thomas Jefferson, in his letter to the Danbury Baptist Association in 1802, articulated the principle of religious freedom, stating, "Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between Man & his God, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship, that the legitimate powers of government reach actions only, & not opinions, I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should 'make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,' thus building a wall of separation between Church & State." In the midst of celebrating Independence Day, we are

reminded that true freedom extends beyond earthly rights and liberties. The essence of religious freedom finds its ultimate fulfillment in the concept of salvation offered through faith. As Christians, we understand that through the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ, we are liberated from the bondage of sin and granted eternal life with God. In John 8:36, Jesus declares, "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." This promise resonates deeply on July 4th, as we cherish our civic freedoms and also recognize the profound spiritual freedom found in Christ. As we reflect on the values of justice, equality, and liberty that underpin our nation, let us also embrace the truth that salvation offers the ultimate freedom — a freedom that transcends temporal boundaries and secures our eternal destiny with God. Thus, as we celebrate Independence Day, may we also celebrate the spiritual freedom found in Jesus, which brings hope, joy, and peace to our hearts and nation.

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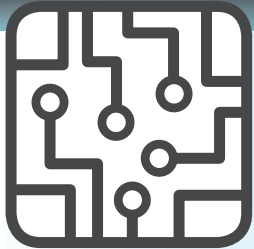
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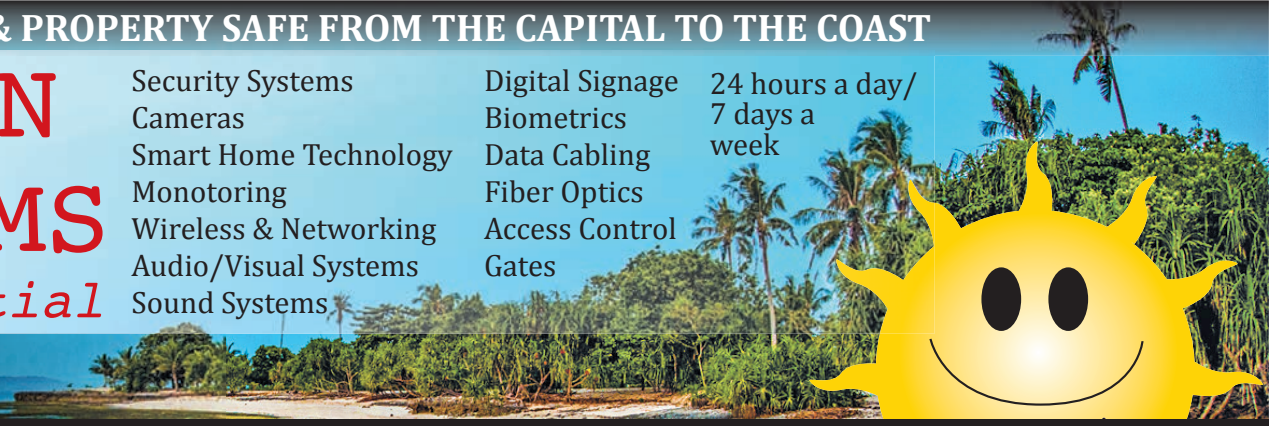
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The calendar of events for July

Wednesday, July 1

- 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.
- 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, July 2

- America250! celebration from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the courthouse grounds. The time capsule buried in 1976 will be opened and a new time capsule to be opened in 2076 will be buried.
- The Rotary Club of Wakulla County meets at the TSC Wakulla Center at 8:30 a.m. on Thursdays.
- 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.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, July 3

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

Saturday, July 4

- FOURTH OF JULY • St. Marks Fourth of July Celebration will be held beginning at 4 p.m. with vendors and food trucks. Fireworks over the river at dark.
- Sopchoppy Fourth of July Festival will begin with the annual parade at 4 p.m. through downtown, then music and fireworks at the City Park.
- The Panacea Community Garden Farmer's Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Panacea.

Sunday, July 5

- Wakulla Giving Hands food giveaway will not be held because of the Fourth of July holiday.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Monday, July 6

- The Wakulla County Planning Commission meets at 6 p.m. in the commission chambers.
- The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group meets at Lake Ellen Baptist Church at 9:30 a.m. every second Monday of the month.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. every Monday at 54 Ochlockonee St.
- Gentle Yoga and Stretching Class with Margaret every Monday at 11 a.m. First Baptist Church CLC Building in Crawfordville. Bring a mat.

Tuesday, July 7

- Keep Wakulla County Beautiful Awards Banquet will be held at the community center beginning at 6 p.m. The event will honor people, businesses and organizations that work with KWCB to make an impact.
- 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.

Wednesday, July 8

- Wakulla County Industrial Development Authority meets in the county administration conference room at 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 9

- St. Marks City Commission meets at the St. Marks Yacht Club at 6 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, July 10

- Wakulla Springs Robot 3-D Mapper, featuring the Sunfish, the robot craft mapping 45 miles of Wakulla Springs caves, will show its work at Wakulla Environmental Institute from 1 to 5 p.m.

Saturday, July 11

- The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group will meet at the Wakulla County Public Library at 10 a.m. every second Saturday of the month.
- Live at Palaver Tree featuring Live Gravity with show at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 advance; \$20 day of show.

Sunday, July 12

- Wakulla Giving Hands holds a food giveaway every Sunday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the facility across from Medart Elementary on Highway 98.

Monday, July 13

- County commission meets at 5 p.m. in the commission chambers. The Sopchoppy City Commission meets at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.
- 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.

Wednesday, July 15

- Tourist Development Council meets in the county administration conference room at 9 a.m.
- Wakulla Chamber of Commerce presents a luncheon program on the State of Education that will feature Superintendent Rick Myhre at the community center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, July 18

- FRESH Back-to-School drive-thru backpack giveaway will be held at COAST Charter School in St. Marks from 9 a.m. to noon.
- Wakulla STEAM Maker Derby for kids and adults to race derby cars will be held at the livestock pavilion at the extension office from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monday, July 20

- School board meets at the district office at 5:45 p.m.

Saturday, July 25

- FRESH Back-to-School drive-thru backpack giveaway will be held at Panacea Plaza in Panacea from 9 a.m. to noon.
- Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway, sponsored by Spirit & Truth Christian Fellowship Ministries, will be held at the church, 4390 Crawfordville Hwy., beginning at noon while supplies last.
- St. Marks Community Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in St. Marks.

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- 4. Extracts through heating and melting
- 10. Express delight
- 11. More curvy
- 12. Expression of uncertainty
- 14. Indicates before
- 15. Daughter of Hera and Zeus
- 16. Southwestern CA city
- 18. Unified
- 22. Less attractive

tive

- 23. Base of jellies
- 24. A large and noisy party
- 26. He was traded for Luka
- 27. Wolverine genus
- 28. "Happy Days" actress Moran
- 30. Root of taro plant
- 31. Student environmental group (abbr.)
- 34. Silk garments
- 36. Unique

power

- 37. Ray Liotta cop film
- 39. Leak slowly through
- 40. Notion
- 41. Atomic #55
- 42. Fixed in one place
- 48. About heat
- 50. Type of baseball pitch
- 51. Seedless raisin
- 52. Large wading birds
- 53. Similar
- 54. Time zone
- 55. Atomic #34
- 56. Program

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- 59. Contrary belief
- 60. "To the ___ degree"

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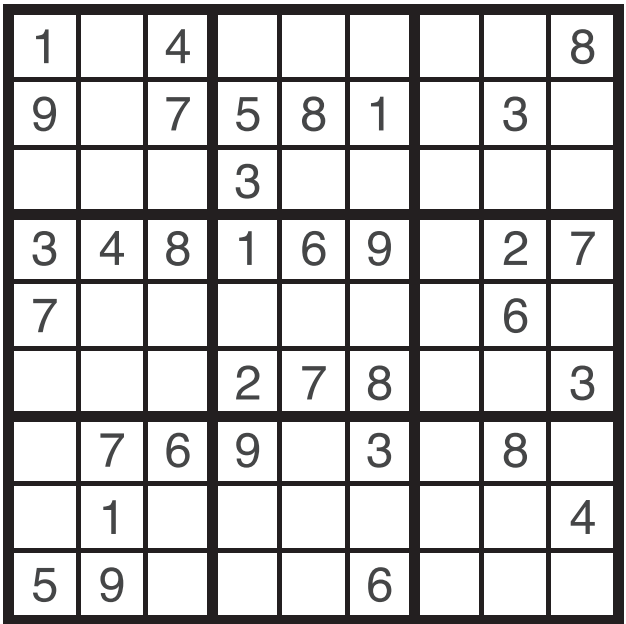
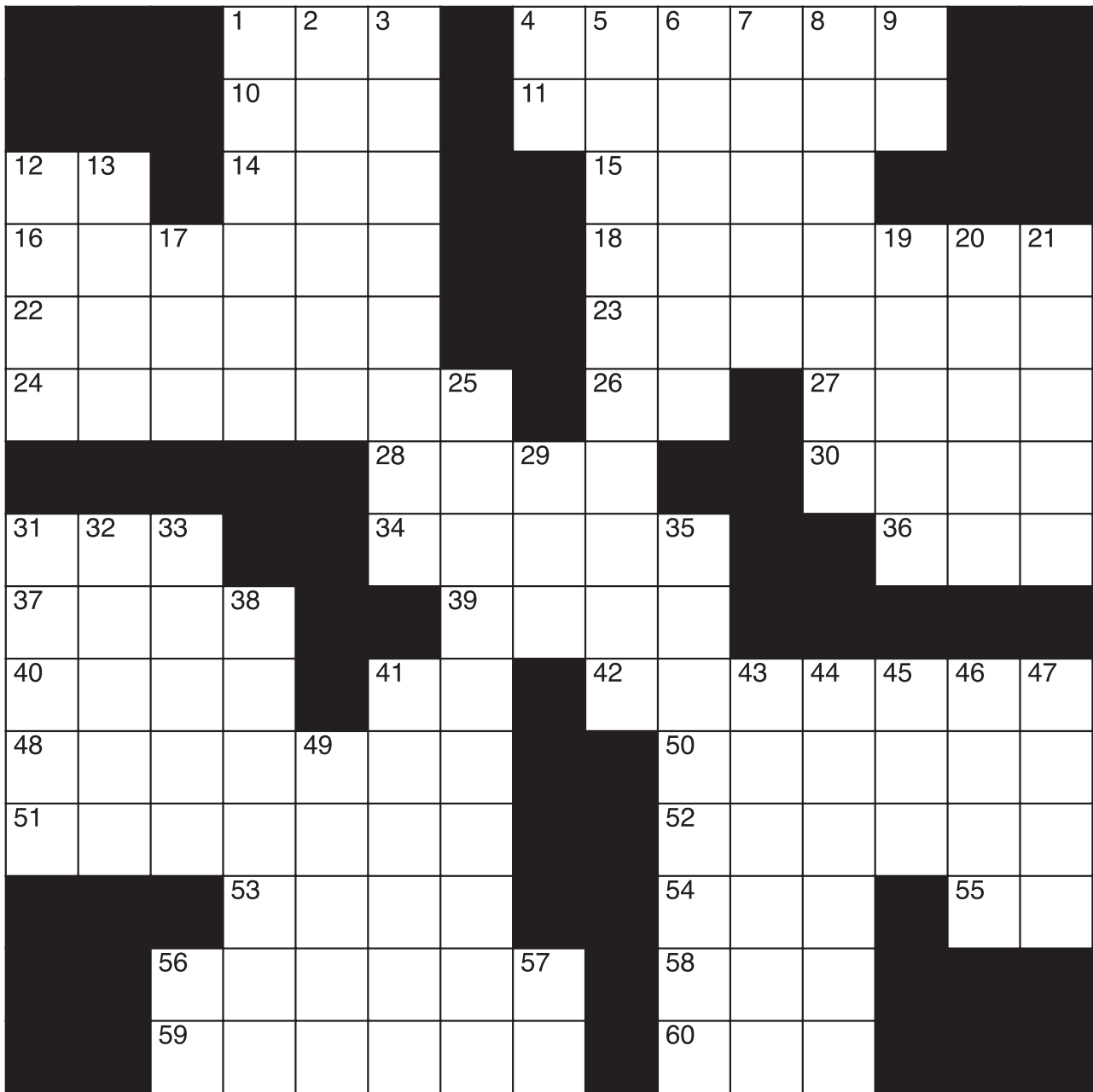
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- 5. Tropical American trees
- 6. Leveled
- 7. Published false statement
- 8. Adolescent
- 9. Junior's father

ther

- 12. Aurochs
- 13. Not low
- 17. Boxing's GOAT
- 19. Short musical composition
- 20. Small immature herrings
- 21. Eavesdropper
- 25. Parcels of land
- 29. Anger
- 31. Irritations
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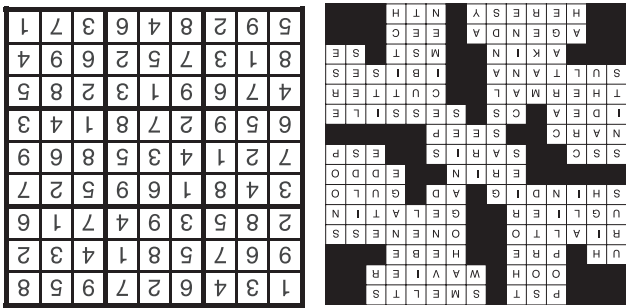
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- 43. Smaller portion
- 44. Sew
- 45. Belonging to a thing
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- 47. Scottish language
- 49. Producer
- 56. Exclamation of surprise
- 57. Russian river



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It's time to celebrate America 250! and the time capsule



By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

This year is the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America.

In addition to the usual Fourth of July

fireworks and festivities at Sopchoppy and St. Marks, there's going to be something a little different on the courthouse grounds a couple of days before that: digging up a time capsule buried in 1976 for the Bicentennial.

And then burying a new time capsule to be opened in 50 years, in 2076.

Thanks to Clerk of Court Greg James for chairing this committee and bringing together people interested in it.

I looked up stories on the time capsule from the bounds volumes of the newspa-

per from 1976 and found a story from November 1976 where the main issue before county commissioners was where to bury the time capsule. The site selected was the flower bed in front of the courthouse.

("It was one of the shortest and least controversial meetings in recent months," the article said.)

A month later, a story in the Dec. 23, 1976 issue, noted that the time capsule was originally going to be buried for 100 years, but that was reduced to 50 years – and a second time capsule was add-

ed.

Some of the items placed in the capsules range from a J.C. Penney's catalog to a savings passbook from Wakulla State Bank in which then-bank vice president Walter Dodson noted the account had been created with \$100 in it.

There was a \$2 bill, a brochure from the Panacea Blue Crab Festival and a Bicentennial necktie, brochures of Wakulla County and Wakulla Springs, a copy of the historical publication Magnolia Monthly, and a Wakulla War Eagle button. Plus various business

cards and menus from local restaurants.

What survived? What condition is this stash of stuff in? We'll find out on July 2 on the courthouse grounds at 5:30 p.m.

The only surviving person at that ceremony from 50 years ago is retired Sheriff David Harvey, who was sheriff-elect at the time and just 26 years old. He is scheduled to be at the capsule-opening ceremony, as are members of the Wakulla High School Class of 1976 and the Class of 2026.

Local civic groups have been asked to submit items for the

time capsule that's being buried that day.

If you'd like to send a message to the future, we're going to print an America 250! section in the newspaper that will go in the capsule.

You can write a note to future generations sharing what life is like now or a photo of your family to be opened in 50 years by contacting Lynda Kinsey at (850) 962-8019.

July 2 promises to be a dramatic day.

William Snowden is the editor and publisher of The Wakulla Sun.

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JULY 6-23, 2026
MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY
MEAL TIMES
BREAKFAST 7:45 AM- 8:45 AM
LUNCH 11:30 AM- 12:15 PM

SHADEVILLE ELEMENTARY
JUNE 1-25, 2026 MONDAY THROUGH
THURSDAY
MEAL TIMES
BREAKFAST 8:00 AM- 9:00 AM
LUNCH 11:30 AM- 12:15 PM
WEEKEND MEALS FOR FRIDAY, SATURDAY.
AND SUNDAY WILL BE PROVIDED
ON THURSDAYS
FROM 2:45 PM- 3:15 PM.

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JUNE 1-30, 2026
MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY
JULY 1, 2026 WEDNESDAY
NO MEALS PROVIDED JULY 2, 2026
JULY 6-23, 2026
MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY
DELIVERY TIMES
LUNCH
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

WAKULLA MIDDLE SCHOOL
JUNE 8-30, 2026, MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY
JULY 1, 2026 WEDNESDAY
CLOSED JULY 2 TO OBSERVE
THE JULY 4 HOLIDAY
JULY 6-16, 2026, MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY
MEAL TIMES
BREAKFAST 7:45 AM- 8:30 AM
LUNCH 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM
WEEKEND MEALS FOR FRIDAY, SATURDAY. AND
SUNDAY WILL BE PROVIDED ON THURSDAYS
FROM 2:45 PM- 3:15 PM.

RIVERSINK ELEMENTARY
NO MEALS WILL BE OFFERED THE WEEK OF JULY 4TH
JULY 6-23, 2026
MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY
MEAL TIMES
BREAKFAST 8:00 AM- 9:00 AM
LUNCH 11:30 AM- 12:15 PM
WEEKEND MEALS FOR FRIDAY, SATURDAY. AND
SUNDAY WILL BE PROVIDED ON THURSDAYS
FROM 2:45 PM- 3:15 PM.

WAKULLA MIDDLE SCHOOL
JUNE 9-30, 2026 TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY
JULY 1, 2026 WEDNESDAY
NO MEALS PROVIDED JULY 2ND
JULY 7-23, 2026, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY
DELIVERY TIMES
TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
THURSDAY 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

CHILDREN MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE WEEKEND MEALS.

Canoe trip on the St. Marks River, 1885

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smaller spring, now clogged, was in the roadside park immediately past the present bridge over the river in Newport – Ed). And then to the Elmer Mill.

Oh, it is such a lovely country! On our way back to the spring we found a little toad and, as we wished to see if it could swim we took him back to the spring and put him in the water where, lo, all the little fish

in the water began to eat him. He fought bravely and Kirk threw a sprig to him on which he jumped and was saved. Then we wandered out to a flat and Kirk smoked. Then back to the Beechers and for the evening Mr. B. read some more WAKULLA and were very happy.

Monday, Jan. 12, 1885. Up early. Mrs. Beecher put us up a nice lunch and we got some chickens from her and started off for a day on the

river. It was a perfect day, even prettier than yesterday. We were to meet Mr. Denman and Hopkins up the river. Kirk paddled to the mill pond where we both tried to sketch the old mill. Then on we went, and the river became more and more lovely. Finally we saw the skiff and soon saw Mr. Denman, and there we all went ashore for lunch. They had killed only one duck and caught one fish which was fired and

I had half of it to eat. It was a very happy lunch and one I will not forget in a hurry. Got home at sundown. Passed the hunters on the way but they had only added the one little squirrel to the game bag.

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1885. From New Port, to Tallahassee. Up early and started back to St. Marks. Got here in time to go down to the old fort and had quite a visit. Then the train came in with-

out passenger car and we were forced to go back in a box-car. It was a funny ride. The engine took fire and we had to stop at a creek to have it put out. Mr. Wheeler was a jolly little fellow and did all he could to make it pleasant for us. When we got to the depot we took a carriage....."

Charles Beecher, brother of Harriet Beecher Stowe, was Superintendent of Education in Florida during Reconstruction days. His sister, who wrote UNCLE TOM'S CAB-

IN, spent her winters in the 1870s at Mandarin on the St. John's River, but visited Charles at his home, as did his sister-in-law, Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher, who wrote about her visits in FLORIDA SCENES. Their niece, Mary Barr, married Kirk Munroe, a prolific writer of adventure stories for teen-agers which appeared in HARP-ER'S WEEKLY and were then published in book form in the 1870s and 1880s with re-prints during World War I.

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The most common method your doctor will recommend to treat your chronic pain and/or nerve issues is with prescription drugs that may temporarily reduce your symptoms. These drugs have names such as Gabapentin, Lyrica, Cymbalta, and Neurontin, and are primarily antidepressant or anti-seizure drugs. These drugs may cause you to feel uncomfortable and have a variety of harmful side effects.

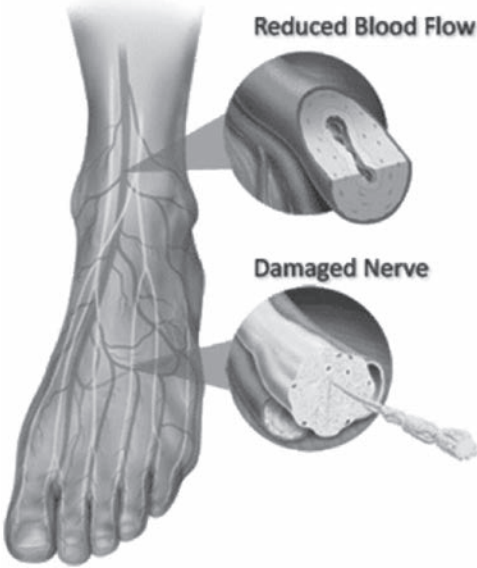
Chronic pain and/or other nerve issues is a result of damage to the nerves often causing weakness, pain, numbness, tingling, and the most debilitating balance problems. This damage is commonly caused by a lack of blood flow to the nerves in the hands and feet which causes the nerves to begin to degenerate due to lack of nutrient flow.

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- Mitch Anderson, Russellville, MO

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- Mark Kerstner, Lohman, MO

"The staff are very compassionate, capable and friendly!"

- Hazel Rea, Russellville, MO

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- Stanley Neuner, Jefferson City, MO

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- Richard Rackers, Jefferson City, MO

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Canoe trip

Children still enjoy his long out-of-print books, including FLAMINGO FEATHER and WAKULLA. The latter was written when Kirk and his wife visited the Beechers as de-

scribed in the diary above. Munroe was an amateur canoeist who organized clubs wherever he visited for any length of time. The Beecher plantation was a frame house standing at the corner of two

streets in Newport but was torn down at some unknown date. There is only an empty lot under large live oak trees where the house used to stand. Newport was a thriving town in the 1850s but started to decline even before the Civil

War. Dr. Leonard, who provided the notes from Mary Munroe's diary, is a retired collage teacher and an authority on Kirk Munroe.

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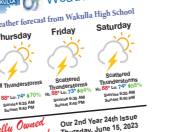
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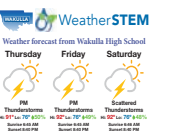
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Notable quotes from American presidents

Americans will celebrate the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the United States throughout 2026. Many a notable leader has influenced the country in its 250-year history, and the following are some notable quotes from American presidents over the course of the nation’s history.



“If we can but prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people, under the pretense of taking care of them, they must become happy.”

— Thomas Jefferson, 1802

“Peace is the best time for improvement and preparation of every kind; it is in peace that our commerce flourishes most, that taxes are most easily paid, and that the revenue is most productive.”

— James Monroe, 1817

“Officeholders are the agents of the people, not their masters.”

— Grover Cleveland, 1886

“In the history of mankind, many republics have risen, have flourished for a less or greater time, and then have fallen because their citizens lost the power of governing themselves and thereby governing their state; and in no way has this loss of power been so often and so clearly shown as in the tendency to turn the government into a government primarily for the benefit of one class instead of a government for the benefit of the people as a whole.”

— Theodore Roosevelt, 1903

“Governments do not make ideals, but ideals make governments.”

— Calvin Coolidge, 1926

“No government is perfect. One of the chief virtues of democracy, however, is that its defects are always visible and under democratic processes can be pointed out and corrected.”

— Harry S. Truman, 1947

“Mankind must put an end to war — or war will put an end to mankind.”

— John F. Kennedy, 1961

“A president’s hardest task is not to do what is right, but to know what is right.”

— Lyndon B. Johnson, 1965

“American has never been united by blood or birth or soil. We are bound by ideals that move us beyond our backgrounds, lift us above our interests and teach us what it means to be citizens.”

— George W. Bush, 2001

“Change will not come if we wait for some other person, or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.”

— Barack Obama, 2008 (delivered while campaigning for president in an election Obama ultimately won)

Notable facts about the American Civil War

The American Civil War is the deadliest conflict in United States history. Though the precise number of casualties remains unknown, a 2011 analysis from demographic historian Dr. J. David Hacker estimated that three quarters of a million people lost their lives during the American Civil War. Dr. Hacker’s research was met with praise by Civil War historians, and his estimate is just one of many notable facts about this pivotal conflict in American history.

► The National Park Service notes incomplete and destroyed enlistment records from the Confederate Army complicate efforts to determine how many soldiers fought in the American Civil War. However, historians estimate the total number of soldiers is somewhere between three and four million. The NPS notes nearly 2.7 million combatants enlisted for the Union Army, while estimates for the Confederate Army range between 750,000 and a little more than 1.2 million.

► The American Battlefield Trust reports that the Battle of Shiloh, also known as the Battle

of Pittsburg Landing, featured unprecedented carnage over two days in April 1862. The battle enabled Union troops to penetrate the Confederate interior, but the cost was steep, producing more casualties than any conflict on the American continent to date. By the time the battle ended, more than 13,000 Union troops had died while Confederate losses neared 11,000.

► American Civil War nurse and eventual founder of the American Red Cross Clara Barton was tending to a wounded soldier during the Battle of Antietam in September 1862 when a bullet ripped through her sleeve. Though Barton was unharmed, the bullet

killed the man she was trying to help.

► Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. is best remembered for his lengthy tenure on the U.S. Supreme Court, which began in 1902 and ended in 1932, when Justice Holmes was 90 years old. But long before Justice Holmes took a seat on the bench of the Supreme Court, he was a combatant in the American Civil War, during which he was injured on three separate occasions.

► Kentucky Senator John J. Crittenden had two sons who became major generals during the American Civil War. Though that’s notable on its own, it’s even more so given that Senator

Crittenden’s sons fought on opposite sides. A third son served in the Union Army as well, attaining the rank of colonel, while two of the Senator’s grandsons also fought in the conflict, with one fighting for the Confederate Army and the other serving in the U.S. Navy under Union Rear Admiral David Farragut.

► President Abraham Lincoln’s famous Gettysburg Address in 1863 is well-known for its brevity. But Edward Everett, who spoke before President Lincoln at the dedication ceremony of the Gettysburg National Cemetery, spoke for more than two hours.



UNITED STATES TRIVIA

Test your knowledge of the history of the U.S.

1. How many original colonies were there?

2. Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?

3. Which explorer is America named after?

4. In what year were women finally granted the right to vote in the U.S.?

5. Who are the only two non-presidents to appear on widely used U.S. currency?

6. What are the three branches of the U.S. government?

7. If someone requests your John Hancock, what are they referring to?
8. Who was the first woman to serve on the United States Supreme Court?

9. Which Civil Rights figure led the Montgomery Bus Boycott in 1955?

10. True or False? Apple Pie was invented in the U.S.

11. Who was the first U.S. astronaut in space?

12. What is the United States motto?

13. When was Washington established as the capital of the United States?

14. Which state was the first admitted to the Union?



Answers: 1. Thirteen 2. Philadelphia 3. Amerigo Vesputci 4. 1920 5. Alexander Hamilton and Benjamin Franklin 6. Legislative, Executive and Judicial 7. Signature 8. Sandra Day O'Connor 9. Martin Luther King, Jr. 10. False; it originated in England 11. Alan Shepard 12. "E pluribus unum." 13. 1790 14. Delaware

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