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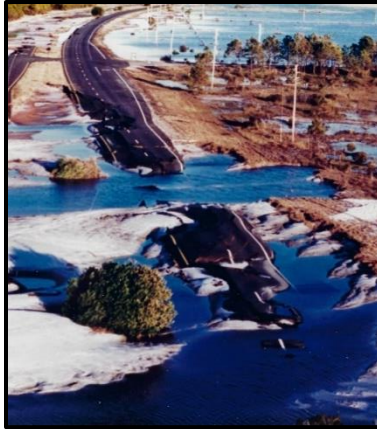
ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Our June meeting will be held on **Monday, June 14, 2021** starting at **7 pm**. For our June meeting, members will have the option of attending the meeting in-person at the Convention Center on Okaloosa Island, or attending over the internet by **Zoom**. In a few days OILA members will receive a Zoom meeting invitation by e-mail, with instructions on how to join the meeting.

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WIND AND WAVE BLASTS FROM THE PAST



**Hwy 98 Between Fort Walton
Beach & Destin After Hurricane
Opal – Oct 5, 1995**



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - David Sherry

June 14, 2021 OILA Meeting, Guest Speaker Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel, Attend In-Person or by Zoom – Okaloosa County Commissioner Ketchel will be our guest speaker at the June 14 OILA membership meeting. Commissioner Ketchel will speak on Okaloosa Island topics including NuShore temporary groins for the beach, Brooks Bridge replacement, north side accessway #2 (aka the boat basin) project, and median landscaping. The Commissioner may bring members of County staff to assist with details regarding some items.



Commissioner Ketchel will then answer audience questions as time permits. Please, only one question per person until everyone who wants to ask a question has taken a turn.

You can attend this meeting in-person at the Convention Center on Okaloosa Island, or by Zoom. We will provide a Zoom link as usual for the meeting. For those attending in-person, the County no longer requires masks or social distancing at the Convention Center. Our thanks to Okaloosa County for providing use of the Convention Center for this meeting.

This will be our last membership meeting until September 13.

North Side Accessway #2 – At its May 18, 2021 meeting, the Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners voted to approve development of north side accessway #2 to include 20 parking spaces, a kayak launch, and other features. The property has been posted (see following photos) so that a development order may be issued.



Fireworks on Okaloosa Island every Wednesday Night – The fireworks are back this summer. There are fireworks shows on Okaloosa Island every Wednesday night at 9:00 PM, now through August 11. The fireworks are launched from the south end of the Okaloosa Island fishing pier and are visible from the beach and from many beachfront balconies. Enjoy!

Little to No “June Bloom” so far this year – For those of us who enjoy the Okaloosa Island beach and the Gulf of Mexico, this has been a very good year with little to no algae bloom so far. As of early June the water is still crystal clear and beautiful.

Have a great Summer! - David Sherry

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June 2021 OILA Meeting Agenda

DATE: Monday, June 14, 2021

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Virtual meeting via Zoom and in-person at Convention Center.

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call of Board Members:

David Sherry

III. Speaker



Carolyn Ketchel, Okaloosa County Commissioner District 2, will speak on “All Things Okaloosa Island” as outlined below:

“All Things Okaloosa Island”

- Greeting
- Okaloosa Island Systems
- NuShore Beach Re-Nourishment
- Brooks Bridge Update
- Boat Basin Restoration Update
- Median Landscaping Update

IV. Adjournment

**JOIN THE LEASEHOLDERS!
LET YOUR OPINIONS BE
HEARD!**



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ISLAND RAINFALL FOR MAY, 2021

May 2021 Rainfall: 5.9 Inches



May 2.... 0.5 inches	May 10.... 0.2 inches
May 4.... 0.8 inches	May 11... 1.2 inches
May 5.... 1.5 inches	May 12.... 1.0 inches
May 6.... 0.5 inches	May 29.... 0.2 inches

May Avg Rainfall.....**4.0** inches
Variance to Average.....**+ 1.9** inches

June Avg Rainfall.....**6.1** inches
June Record High.....**102° F** (1969)
June Record Low **48° F** (1984)
June Avg Water Temperature...**81° F**

July Avg Rainfall.....**8.5** inches
July Record High.....**107.°F** (1980)
July Record Low **55 ° F** (1967)
July Avg Water Temperature.....**83° F**

YTD Variance **+ 2.40** inches

Year to Date Rainfall.....**25.9** inches
Avg Annual Rainfall **65.1** inches

STRANGER THAN FACT – A RIFLE ATTACHMENT WHICH ENABLED A WEAPON TO FIRE AROUND CORNERS – “THE KRUMMLAUF”



During WW II, for house to house fighting in urban areas, the German munitions manufacturers developed a deadly rifle that could shoot around corners.

Called the Krummlauf (translates to “curved barrel” in English) the gun had a curved barrel attachment and a mirror sight that enabled a soldier, while remaining

hidden, to spray the street with bullets. The barrel could be quickly adjusted to fire either to the left or the right. Curved-bore rifles were patented as far back as the American Civil War, but the Krummlauf, used during the street fighting in Stalingrad, was the first round-the-corner firearm ever issued for actual combat.

OKALOOSA ISLAND FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

(left to right)
Kevin Thurman,
 Commander,
 VFW Post 7674,
Captain Doug Brown –
 Okaloosa Island
 Fire District,
Carolyn Ketchel,
 Okaloosa County
 Commissioner –
 District 2 and
Ray Strawn
 Chief, Okaloosa
 Island Fire
 District



**OKALOOSA ISLAND FIREFIGHTER,
 CAPTAIN DOUG BROWN,
 RECOGNIZED BY VFW POST 7674**

Thank you to VFW Post 7674 for recognizing **Captain Doug Brown** with a Public Service Award for his ABOVE and BEYOND actions with the Okaloosa Island Fire Department in the areas of education, leadership and training. Also, on September 10, 2020 Captain Brown was a key player in the heroic rescue of a victim caught in a rip-current.

We were pleased Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel was on hand for the presentation.

"LET'S HELP THOSE WHO HELP US!"

The Island Garden Club is spearheading a calendar sale fundraiser to purchase auxiliary equipment for the Okaloosa Island Fire Department which serves the residents as well as visitors with Advanced Life Support care on all calls. Annually, 82% of the call volume represents calls for non-residents, including calls responded to at hotels, condominiums, and motor vehicles. This volume has increased 33% over the past five years, almost exclusively the result of additional tourist activity: Without a tax increase to island residents.

The fundraiser is to provide \$6,000 to purchase two video laryngoscopies ... specifically Rusch Airtraq A-390 WiFi Camera which offers flexible viewing options to facilitate intubation from any position. This is time saving, especially important with difficult airways.

The calendars feature professional photographs of OIFD firefighters and their pets as well as pertinent safety information such as the beach flag warning system. Island businesses have an opportunity to showcase their company on a monthly page for \$250. The back page will feature names of \$100 contributors. The cost of the calendar is \$20.

We are asking that you consider contributing to this worthwhile project, either as a sponsor or a purchaser of this keepsake calendar. Business owners are being asked to display the calendars allowing visitors an opportunity to participate through the purchase of a calendar.

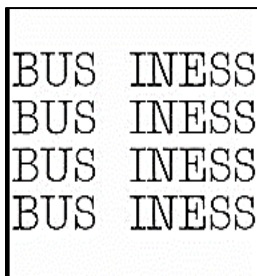
To place an order or to have a question answered contact Kathy Foster (fosterpk@gnt.net or 850-244-4490) or Paula Hudson (pnh2859@aol.com or 850-321-2043)



WUZZLE PUZZLES

- What is a Wuzzle Puzzle? It is a puzzle consisting of combinations of words, letters, figures, or symbols positioned to create disguised words, phrases, names, places, etc. Are you ready to take the challenge and figure out the "disguised" meaning of these wuzzles? Good luck. The answers are available on the last page of this newsletter.

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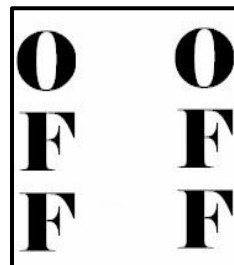
Wuzzle No. 2



Wuzzle No. 3



Wuzzle No. 4



Wuzzle No. 5



WUZZLE PUZZLES ANSWERS

Wuzzle No. 1



OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Wuzzle No. 2



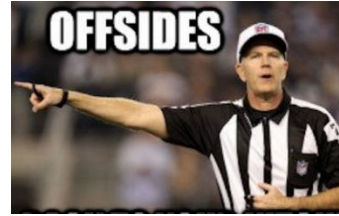
GO BACK IN TIME

Wuzzle No. 3



TRIATHLON

Wuzzle No. 4



OFF SIDES

Wuzzle No. 5



HAND-IN-HAND

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY - JUNE



June 5, 1783 - The first sustained flight occurred as a hot-air balloon was launched at Annonay, France, by brothers Joseph and Jacques Montgolfier. Their 33-foot-diameter globe aerostatique ascended about 6,000 feet.

June 7, 1892 - George T. Sampson of Dayton Ohio patents the first clothes dryer, using a rack and heat from a stove.



THE GOOD OLD DAYS OF MAILING YOUR CHILDREN BY U.S. PARCEL POST ENDED ON JUNE 6, 1919

When the US postal service began parcel deliveries in 1913 it wasn't long before some ingenious parents cottoned on to the idea of mailing their children. A 10-month old baby boy, the child of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Beauge from Batavia, Ohio, was posted for the cost of 15c in stamps, though his parents did insure him for \$50. In the most famous case 5-year-old May Pierstorff was mailed via train from her home in Idaho, the stamps stuck to her coat.

The practice is not as callous as it first appears, postmen were trusted local officials whom rural people usually knew personally. May Pierstorff was herself sent with a cousin who was a postal clerk. Nevertheless, the US postal service tried to shut the practice down and had to issue a directive on **June 6, 2019** that no humans were to be carried in the mail.

June 10, 1943 - In Argentina, Laslo and Georg Biro file a patent for the ballpoint pen.

Actual Pen



June 15, 1215 - King John set his seal to Magna Carta, the first charter of British liberties, guaranteeing basic rights that have since become the foundation of modern democracies around the world.

June 19, 1917 - In the midst of World War 1 the British royal family renounced German names (Saxe-Cobur Gotha) and titles and adopted the name of Windsor.

June 25, 1903 - British satirist George Orwell (1903-1950) was born at Montihari in Bengal (as Eric Arthur Blair). He is best known for two works of fiction Animal Farm (1944), and 1984 (1949).



Yes, Big Brother is Watching!

June 26, 1952 - Soap opera "The Guiding Light" moves from radio and premieres on television. It runs until 2009.

June 27, 1859 - The song "Happy Birthday to You" was first sung.