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OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS
ASSOCIATION

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Our February 2023 meeting will be held on **Monday, February 13, 2023** starting at 7 pm. For our February meeting, members will have the option of attending the meeting in-person at the Okaloosa Island Firehouse (104 Santa Rosa Blvd) 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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REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT – Ed Henderson

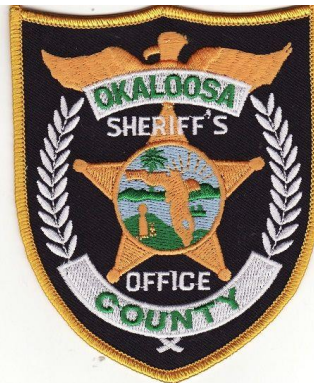
Happy February OILA Members!

It's hard to believe February is already here!

We have scheduled an important event with Crime Prevention Manager, **Ashley Bailey** and Community Resource Deputy, **Shane Binger** who will be reviewing OCSO calls from 2022. Photos follow:



Ashley Bailey



Shane Binger

They will discuss best way to report information to the Sheriff's Office, house cameras and security tips, and free services. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer suggestions to help keep our Island safe and maintain our family atmosphere.

If time allows, I would like to have the new committee for Island Issues introduce themselves and briefly state their mission and possibly take a few questions. We still face challenges to our beloved Island that will have major impact to our quality of life. The Santa Rosa Blvd project is not a done deal. Have you emailed the County Commissioners regarding your feelings on this? I have been unsuccessful in having Commission Ketchel address our group, perhaps your email to her would state how much it would mean to you if she did so. Are you discussing this with your neighbors and having them join OILA to be a participant in keeping Okaloosa Island the family atmosphere that brought you here?

We can make a major impact as I truly feel my mission as President to bring OILA as ONE is being accomplished; awakening a Sleeping Giant; but we need to increase our membership, our volunteers and our mission.

My term will expire in June and I'm asking you to contact me and your Board with any ideas, thoughts and concerns for future programs.
Best to you and yours!!!

TRIVIA CRAWLER:

Polar bears are not actually white. They appear white because their fur is made up of hollow, transparent, pigment-free hairs, which scatter the reflect visible light, in much the same way as snow crystals do. Underneath the fur, a polar bear's skin is black, which is how the animal appears if photographed with film that's sensitive to ultraviolet light.



BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

A CIVIL WAR VETERAN WAS WOUNDED BETWEEN THE EYES WITH A MUSKET BALL SURVIVED AND LIVED TO AGE 88



There are many incredible war stories of survival that defy all logic or explanation. **Jacob Miller's** survival was nothing short of miraculous. Miller, a native of Logansport, served in Company K of the 9th Indiana Infantry during the Civil War. In one of his numerous battles, Miller was struck squarely in the forehead with a bullet, which tore a jagged hole and entered his brain, allowing doctors to view the pulsations of his brain. The wound never healed. Jacob Miller died Jan. 13, 1917 at the age of 88.



TOTAL RAINFALL FOR JANUARY 2023: 3.6 Inches

Jan 4 ...**0.4** inches
 Jan 12....**0.7** inches
 Jan 18....**0.2** inches
 Jan 22....**1.4** inches
 Jan 25....**0.8** inches
 Jan 30....**0.1** inches
 Avg Rainfall for January - **5.0** inches.
 Variance to Average: **- 1.4** inches

February Avg Rainfall.....**5.8** inches
 February Record High.....**80° F** (1980)
 February Record Low**11° F** (1951)
 Feb Avg Water Temperature..... **64° F**
 March Avg Rainfall.....**5.8** inches
 March Record High.....**80° F** (1957)
 March Record Low**4° F** (1985)
 March Avg Water Temperature...**66° F**
 YTD Variance **- 1.4** inches
 Year to Date Rainfall..... **3.6** inches
 Avg Annual Rainfall**65.1** inches



ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2023: The OILA Architectural Review Committee (ARC) received and reviewed the following during January 2023 and upon review and adherence to the OILA Covenants, has approved the following project(s):

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Owner/POC/Address</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>In-Compliance & Approved</u>
01/08		3	R. Savage 306 Barracuda Ave WAYMAR Condo	Replace North and South decks	Yes
01/11		4	B. Jierski Island Princess Condo	Exterior Restorations Walkways, Balconies, Handrails	Yes
01/16		6	Owners Assoc. Aqua Villa Condo	Roadside Window Remove/Replace	Yes

Special Notes: The OILA ARC instructions for your project are located on the OILA website:

[Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association - OILA - Architecture Review](#)

Please read and follow the instructions for submission of an OILA ARC application:

1. OILA ARC review package:
 - 1.1. Completed OILA ARC application,
 - 1.2. Survey plat of the property,
 - 1.3. Overlaid illustration of the project on a copy of the survey plat.
 - 1.4. Other supporting documents* (drawings, plans, specifications, etc.) (*If these are large files, they can be submitted separately).
 - 1.5. (Combine the files into one file for submission to the ARC, either in MS Word or Adobe PDF format.)
2. Email the completed ARC application file to the OILA ARC for review at OILAARC@yahoo.com.

The ARC applications will be reviewed in the order they are received and the review will be completed within 2 weeks of a completed application. (Note: The ARC no longer holds meetings in-person/zoom meetings the 1st and 3rd Thursday's of the month)

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 page 10 of this newsletter.



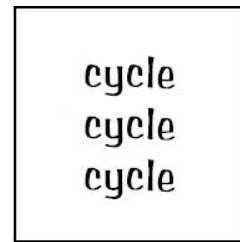
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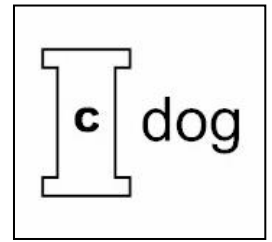
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Wuzzle No. 3



Wuzzle No. 4



Wuzzle No. 5

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Draft February 13, 2023 Meeting Agenda

DATE: Monday, February 13, 2023 **TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: For our February 2023 meeting, members will have the option of attending the meeting in-person at the Okaloosa Island Firehouse (104 Santa Rosa Blvd) or attending over the internet by Zoom.

- I. Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. Roll Call of Board Members:** Ed Henderson
- III. Guest Speakers: Ashley Bailey**, Crime Prevention Manager for the Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office, and **Community Resource Deputy, Shane Bininger**, for the Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office Department.
- IV.** Time Permitting, Introduction of the New OILA Ad Hoc Committee to Address Important Island Issues and Increase OILA Membership.
- V. Announcements**
- VI. Adjournment**



OKALOOSA ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

The Island Garden Club will have it's next meeting on Wednesday Feruary 8th 10:00 at the El Matador. The speaker this month is our own Kathy Foster Master Gardener. Kathy will be presenting a program on rhizomes, tubers and bulbs. Plan to arrive at 9:30 for the social with great food and great friends.

For more information contact

Susan Wall 205-907-0393

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY – FEBRUARY

February 4, 1941 — Roy Plunkett received a patent in for "tetrafluoroethylene polymers, " better known as TEFLON.

February 6, 1917 — Sunmaid raisins were trademark registered.

February 8, 1587 – Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots was beheaded at Fotheringham, England after 19 years as a prisoner of Queen Elizabeth I.



February 11, 1847 - American inventor Thomas Edison (1847-1931) was born in Milan, Ohio.

February 12, 1924 - First presidential radio address: Calvin Coolidge

February 14, 1929 - The St. Valentine's Day massacre occurred in Chicago as seven members of the Bugs Moran gang were gunned down by five of Al Capone's mobsters posing as police

February 15, 1898 - In Havana, the U.S. Battleship Maine was blown up while at anchor and quickly sank with 260 crew members lost. The incident inflamed public opinion in the U.S., resulting in a declaration of war against Spain on April 25, 1898, amid cries of "Remember the Maine!"

February 23, 1896 - The Tootsie Roll goes on sale in America.

February 24, 1857 — The first perforated United States postage stamps were delivered to the government.

February 27, 1950 – The 22nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, limiting the president to two terms or a maximum of ten years in office.

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE



State Road 285 to close for missions next week

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. -- The 96th Test Wing will conduct testing on the Eglin range complex requiring the closure of State Road 285.

Testing will take place from Feb. 7-10, 2023. The road will be closed between the scheduled times on the following dates:

- Feb. 7 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- Feb. 8 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- Feb. 9 between 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Feb. 10 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The road will not be closed for more than a 90-minute period. Note, the road may be closed for several periods within the time frame.

WUZZLE PUZZLES ANSWERS

Wuzzle No. 1



Flat Tire

Wuzzle No. 2



In Ground Pool

Wuzzle No. 3



High Chair

Wuzzle No. 4



Tricycle

Wuzzle No. 5



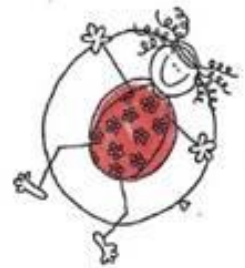
Seeing Eye Dog

CRAFT SALE

SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 11th

10:00 TO 1:00



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