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CANDIDATE FORUM

for County Commission Candidates

Thursday, Sept. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m.

at The Wakulla County Community Center

Remaining school board candidates and county judge candidates welcome to speak.

War Eagles fall to Mosley, 38-28

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FSU ranked for first time since 2018

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WAKULLA WeatherSTEM

Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PM Showers/Wind	Rain	AM Showers
Hi: 78° Lo: 63° 31%	Hi: 74° Lo: 63° 74%	Hi: 81° Lo: 63° 38%
Sunrise 7:30 AM Sunset 7:25 PM	Sunrise 7:30 AM Sunset 7:24 PM	Sunrise 7:31 AM Sunset 7:23 PM

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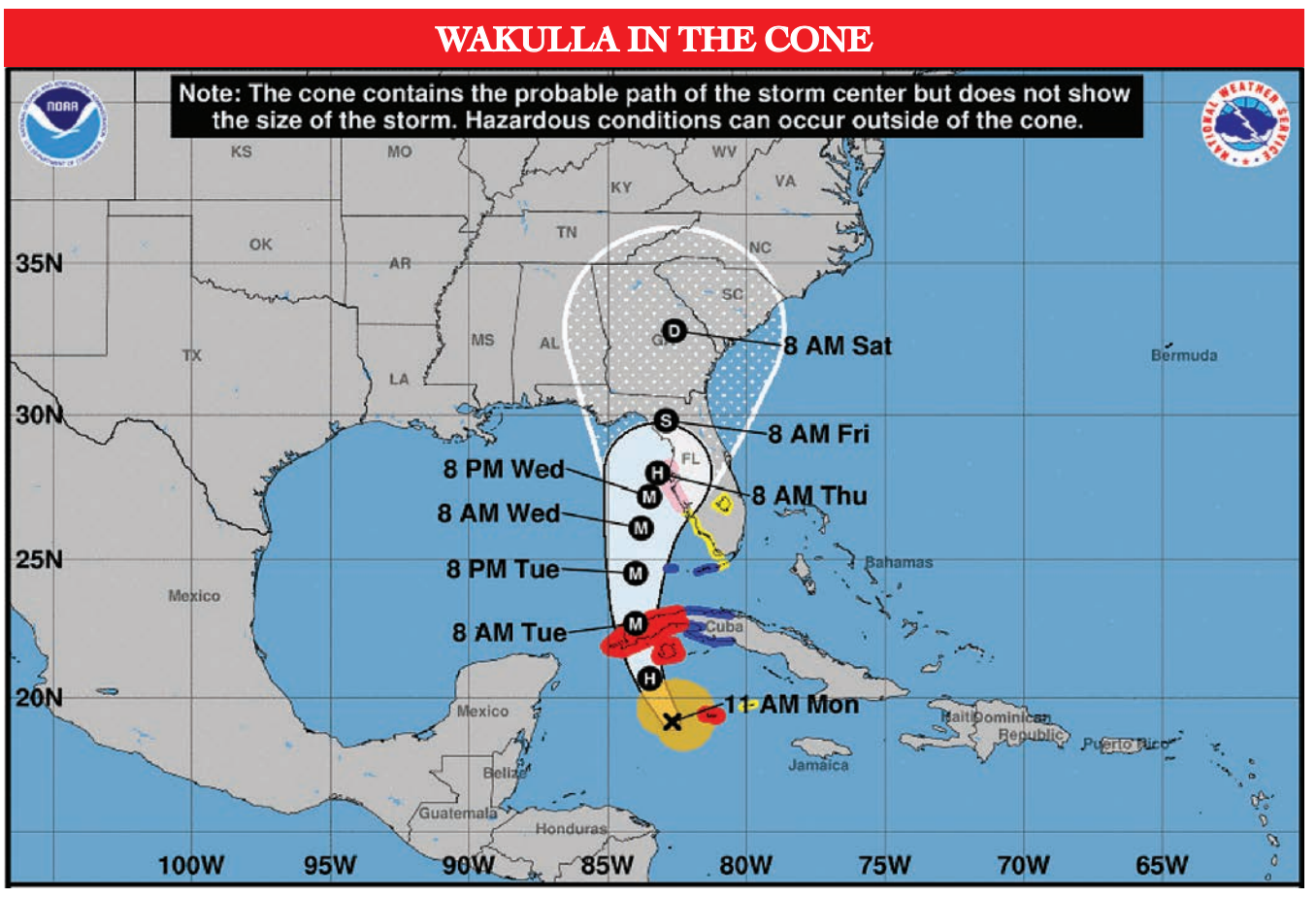

The probable path of Hurricane Ian, as of Monday at noon.

Hurricane Ian

The storm is expected to be a major hurricane, make landfall this week

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

Florida is bracing for Hurricane Ian later this week.

As of Monday, Sept. 26, the storm was south of Cuba with sustained winds of 80 mph and moving northwest at 13 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Wakulla Emergency Management Director Jennifer Nagy said the Wakulla Emergency Operations Center was opened on Monday at 8 a.m. at a level 2 status.

It was announced that sandbags are available at the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office with a limit of 10 per person.

Gov. Ron DeSantis has declared a state of emergency for all 67 counties in the state.

On Monday, it was anticipated that the hurricane would make landfill on the Gulf Coast around central Florida on Thursday morning – but that is subject to change as the storm heads north.

Check for updates at thewakullasun.com.

PHOTO BY LYNDA KINSEY

Unity in the Community

Ecclesia Outreach Ministry held its 9th annual Unity in the Community event on Saturday, Sept. 24. Honorees included Marsha Tucker, at left, for the Heart of Wakulla award, but she was ill and could not attend. Other honorees included Robin Fogt of the Ochlockonee Bay UMC Food Bank for Assisting Those in Need award; Dr. Dave Pierce for the Giving Back award; William Snowden of The Wakulla Sun for the Strong Leadership award; Mother Hattie McGrew for the Acts of Kindess award; and the late George and Arata Franklin for a Special Recognition accepted by their children, Audrey Franklin Coles, Corine Triplett, and Pastor Eddie Franklin. The event was organized by the Rev. Renita Dixon, at the podium.

Plans for golf course are discussed

Golfers Justus Jones, George Crumb, and Matthew Rau

County holds briefing last week with local golfers to discuss future

By CHARITY TUMBLESON
Reporter

Wakulla County held a gathering on Friday to discuss plans for the future of the Wildwood golf course, which is undergoing renovations with a new design for playing and to take in up to 1 million gallons of treated wastewater.

The county bought the golf course earlier this year to use it as a aquifer recharge basin to dispose of the Advanced Wastewater Treated water from the Otter Creek sewage treatment plant.

Commissioners Quincee Messersmith and Ralph Thomas, and County Administrator David Edwards attended the gathering on Friday to speak. Three local golf teams were in attendance the boys and girls team in the Wakulla High School and the Wakulla Christian golf team.

It was revealed that the facility will be renamed as the Wakulla County Golf Course, formerly known as Wildwood.

"The state has given us $4.9 million towards the irrigation system which is huge because it cost between 7 and $8 million to build this golf course," Edwards said. "This will be a brand new golf course, there's nothing going to be old about it. Everything you see here other than the trees that are standing will be gone. You'll be playing on a brand new golf course, hopefully, this time next year."

Gina Williams, the golf course superintendent who oversees the health of the golf course, said: "Anytime any of you want to come out and see the golf course and see what we're doing, feel free to call. We're here every single day."

Some of the changes being made include a majority of the new golf course holes will be running north to south for better play.

The audience recognized a few of Wakullas golf players in attendance that played in the Big Bend Golf Tournament.

At one of the major area golf tournaments held at Southwood Golf Club, 13 Big Bend and eastern panhandle teams competed for the Big Bend Championship. It held over 70 individual golfers where a Maclay senior, Lee Poppell shot a 7-under 65 to win the individual title by six strokes. He was closely followed by Wakulla senior Justus Jones, who shot the only other under-par score of 1-under 71.War Eagle sophomore Matt Rau placed 8th with a solid 76 and Wakulla Christian freshman George Crumb finished in the top 25, a solid 88.

St. Marks to hold forum

A meet-and-greet for candidates for St. Marks City Commission will be held at Wakulla River Park from 4 to 6 p.m. All six candidates running for city commissioner seats are invited.

There are three seats up for election: Seat 1 is incumbent Richard Chichetti running against Daniel Albers. Seat 4 is between Paula Bell and Joe Crousore. And seat 5 is between Ryder Rudd and Murray Stokes.

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Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park

American Beautyberry

By LYNN ARTZ and SANDY TEDDER

American beautyberry (Callicarpa americana) is a native shrub with dazzling magenta "berries" in the fall. Easy to grow, it will lure wildlife to your yard. In late spring, clusters of pink flowers on long, arching branches attract native bees. More than 40 species of birds consume the fruit. Its leaves feed the caterpillars of spring azure butterflies and snowberry clearwing moths. The fruit is edible and can be used to make jam. Beautyberry grows 4-8 feet tall by 3-6 feet wide in full sun and many soils. This perennial shrub is worth planting as a single specimen, along borders, and in front of evergreens. Nine beautyberries were planted last fall along the southeast fence near the children's playground at Sopchoppy Depot Park. Though still young, these shrubs are displaying their beautiful berries now.

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I graduated college in New Bern, North Carolina. I've also spent some time in California volunteering with the American Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces. I have worked in healthcare and office management throughout the last six years.

My husband and I have been happily married for over ten years and have two beautiful kids. I spend time with my family every minute I get. They are my "why" in everything that I do. I love to relax on the beach, try new foods, and travel to new places with them. My family and I have a genuine history. We enjoy taking the scenic route any chance we get. After over a decade apart, my family and I moved to the Wakulla area to be closer to loved ones in South Georgia and North Florida. We have spent time in the Carolinas and California. We have traveled up-and -down, East and West, and can say from experience that nothing truly compares to the charm that the deep south has to offer.

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Sun to host forum on Sept. 29

The Wakulla Sun will hold a candidate forum on Thursday, Sept. 29 at the community center from 6 to 8 p.m.

The focus will be on county commission candidates. They are:

For District 2: Fred Nichols (R) and John Quinton (D).

For District 4: Patricia Dyszer (write-in), Sam McGrew (D) and Quincee Messersmith (R).

Submit your questions to editor@thewakullasun.com.

We will also hear brief statements from the remaining school board candidates, Eddie Hand and Dod Walker; as well as candidates for county judge, Eddie Evans and Brian Miller.

Get ready for upcoming elections

By JOE MORGAN
Elections Supervisor

The General Election is nearly upon us, and a lot of work is being put in now so that you can cast a ballot either early, by mail, or in person on Election Day. It is important to know that if you are not registered by Oct. 11th, you will not be able to cast a ballot in the General Election. You can go online to www.wakullaelectionfl.gov and register, you can come down to our office and fill out a voter registration application, or you can call us at 850-926-7575 and we will mail you an application it really is just that easy.

Some important dates to remember in the upcoming November General Election are as follows. Deadline to register is October 11th, Early Voting will begin on October 29th and run through November 5th from 8 am to 6 pm daily. We will have two conveniently located places to go to Early Vote. One place will be our office at 3115-B Crawfordville Hwy Crawfordville FL 32327 or 491 Crawfordville Hwy. Crawfordville FL 32327 (Riversink Volunteer Fire Department). Deadline for us to mail you a Vote by Mail ballot is October 29th, and of course Election Day will be on November 8th from 7 am to 7 pm with voting at your precinct that day.

The ballot will be a little longer than our Primary ballot simply because most races did not have opposition in the Primary and therefore did not go on that ballot. This ballot will have the United States Senator, Representative in Congress District 2, Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Chief Financial Officer, Commissioner of Agriculture, State Senator District 3, County Commissioner District 2, County Commissioner District 4, Justice of the Supreme Court which will have five Justices, First District Court of Appeal will include five Judges, County Court Judge Group 1, School Board District 1, three Constitutional Amendments, a Wakulla County Ordinance, a School Board Resolution, and if you live in the City limits of St. Marks you will have three City Commissioner races, or the City Limits of Sopchoppy you will have two City Commissioners running in which you will be able to vote for two in that contest.

There is a lot to be educating yourself on this ballot. I encourage you to reach out to the candidates to get your questions answered. We will be mailing out sample ballots to every household in the next 2-3 weeks so please be on the lookout for this. It will have all the contests on it including the 2 local ordinances. Remember too, if you do not know where your precinct is located you can go to our website www.wakullaelectionfl.gov/Voter-Information/Voter-Lookup, put in your name address and it will tell you what precinct you are in! Then, click on upcoming elections and it will give you the exact location of the precinct. So, get election ready and we will see you at the polls! Joe Morgan, Supervisor of Elections, and staff.

Joe Morgan is Wakulla County Supervisor of Elections.

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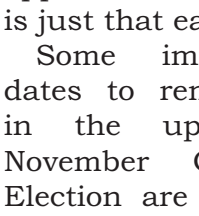
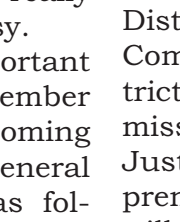
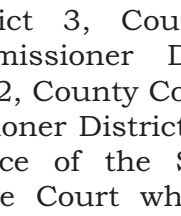
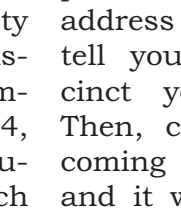
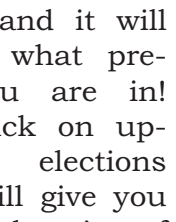

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LETTERS FROM READERS

Optimist Club says thanks for support

Editor, The Sun:

Dear Editor,

The Wakulla Coastal Optimist Club would like to thank all the citizens and business partners who supported our recent fundraiser campaign. Our club has been helping young people in Wakulla since 1971. Because of the pandemic we were not able to hold our Fall Fashion Show or have any other dinners or events in order to avoid Covid outbreaks. This recent Mail-in Fundraiser was very successful and will enable us to be able to provide graduating high school seniors with scholarships again this year. Special thanks to Al Pasini, The Carter Family in memory of Bob Myhre, Centennial Bank, Coastal Gems Real Estate, Coastal Trailer & Hitch, CWR Contracting, Inc., English Financial Group, Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Bob and Nancy Fuerstenau, Great Southern Demolition, Greg and Karen James, Guardian Public Adjusting, David Harvey and Associates, Jan and Lloyd Holtman, Lube Expert, McIver Flooring and Supplies, Panacea Waterfronts, Posey's Up the Creek Restaurant, Riverside Café on the River, Inc., Rocky's Wakulla, Diana Sellers, Talquin Electric Cooperative, Taylor Accounting, Tidewater Investments of Wakulla, LLC., and Waypoint Properties. These outstanding people and businesses have been very generous and showed true support and compassion for Wakulla's kids. We hope that everyone will support them in return.

Jo Ann Daniels
Coastal Optimist Club of Wakulla

Dod Walker leaves parents out

Editor, The Sun:

Since the Wakulla Sun published "Supporting Dod Walker for school board" (Letter to the Editor, Sept. 15), we, the parents, county employees and teachers who have actually had the insufferable experience of working with or under Dod Walker have come forward in support of Eddie Hand for school board. This is our combined response to their fairy tale story.

In an effort to promote their candidate for Wakulla County School Board, his little menagerie of supporters highlight the biggest and one of many problems that make Walker unfit for this position. As the letter rambles on about his so-called accomplishments which, by the way, sound so much like an establishment insider laundry list of "How to win a seat on a School Board" that it reeks of the 'Good Ole Boy' candidate smell. Money, money, money, sure that's what we need, sure sounds like a Democrat's way to approach a problem. But just one look at this letter tells you what Walker thinks of parents and their critical role in their children's education…NOTHING. There is not one mention of parents or parental involvement, input or discussion in this entire letter. In fact, in recent articles on Walker at the candidates forum he makes it a point to say parental input during the school board meetings is inappropriate. There is a segment of the school board meetings that allows parents an opportunity to speak. This small window of opportunity seems to be too much for Walker to endure since he apparently would like any critical thought concerning parents' opinions to be quashed and kept out of the public eye. If this is what you get from Walker, no transparency, back room decisions and a door slammed in your face if you're a parent, then you can have it, not us, not the parents of Wakulla County.

We do, however, have a candidate who actually is a parent. A parent who spends time listening and reacting to what their child experiences in our schools. He is a parent who would be proud to represent teachers, students AND PARENTS. He is Eddie Hand.

Eddie is a parent who believes in parental input and cooperation in the development of education. As far as financial management experience you would be hard pressed to find someone with the responsibility of a $10.5 million budget every year as Eddie has in his 16 years with the Florida Department of Corrections Health Services Department. He is a licensed Foster Parent which requires demonstration of commitment and capacity. Eddie intends to have an open door policy with parents and to make their concerns a priority.

All across Florida during this election cycle we have seen parents rising up to be represented in what they view as an increasingly intolerant unresponsive school board system of dictators. Our beloved Governor, Ron DeSantis has made it a point to support and endorse parents of school age children for school board positions and has repeatedly called out establishment candidates as working against the wishes of parents. We think, no, we know it's time to have a school board member who WILL listen to our parents and provide for teachers and manage our schools finances.

We think it's time to give Wakulla a hand, Eddie Hand.

Toni Beckstand
Starlet Ripstien
Nancy Ellenburg
Tim Caldwell
Bonnie Phillips
Diane Wieczorek
Albert Allen
Sheila Blevins
Brenda Hicks
Allan Hendrix

Historical Society meets Oct. 13

Editor, The Sun:

Dear WCHS Members and Friends,

On behalf of the Wakulla County Historical Society, I would like to invite you to attend our Annual Dinner Meeting on Thursday, Oct. 13 at the Shrine Club, 4141 Crawfordville Hwy. Our program will be a presentation on the Hartsfield Survey. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30. We have not been able to have these dinners for the past two years, so we hope to see many of you there this year.

The meal catered by The Kast Net will include roast beef with gravy, baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed vegetables, rolls, tea and cupcakes. The cost is $22 and we are requesting prepayment. Checks should be made payable to WCHS. Payments can be mailed to the Historical Society at P.O. Box 151, Crawfordville FL 32326, or come by the Museum at 24 High Drive in Crawfordville. Please RSVP to Arlene Vause by Saturday, Oct. 8.

Included on our agenda will be the election of officers and Board of Directors for the 2022-2023 year. Following are the nominees: Officers: President – Brent Thurmond, Vice President – Jennifer Raker, Treasurer – Debbie Jay, Secretary – Arlene Vause. Board of Directors: Cathy Frank, Cal Jamison, Gayla Kittendorf, Mary Ann Laird, Ryan Laird, Tanya Lynn, Rita Sparkman. Associate Directors: Diane Curlee, Randy Lewis, Mark Perrin, Karen Taylor, Susan Payne Turner.

I want to say a special thank you to all of our members, contributors and volunteers. Through your support and efforts, we are making great progress in preserving Wakulla County's rich heritage.

With warmest regards,

Brent Thurmond
President

Something on your mind?

Email Letters to the Editor to editor@thewakullasun.com
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< Question of The Week >

– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Polled at the Unity In The Community Awards Event

If you could make one thing better – what would it be?

CORINE TRIPLETT
HAPPY TIME

"Have more love and fellowship in the community and in church."

AUDREY FRANKLIN
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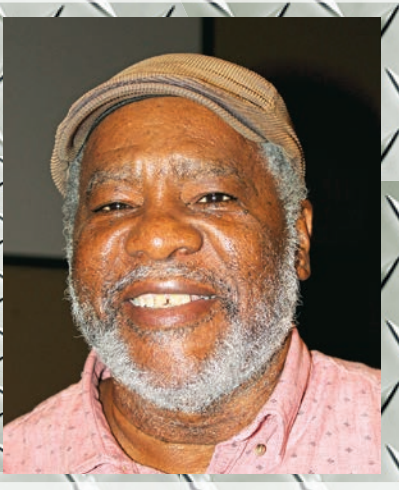
"I would love to see more compassion in the political arena for the people."



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"For everyone to have a giving heart and to serve others."

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"Continue to grow with the Unity in the Community – better conversations make for better community."

JENZELL ALLEN-DIXON
JUVENILE CORRECTION OFFICE

"We need to listen to understand and not just to respond. We need to process."

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wakulla Station News

By VERNA BROCK

I don't know about y'all, but I am sensing a great deal of anxiety, or as Ed says, hurricane PTSD out there. I was at Dollar Tree yesterday, picking up cough drops for my Dad, and EVERYONE was angsting over Hurricane Ian. I mean, total strangers parked in the aisles, discussing the odds and the fear of a direct hit. This is probably a good thing, in that we all need to be aware and prepared for the worst. Batten down the hatches, everyone!

I spent most of Saturday putting out signs for my Church's Homecoming celebration this coming Sunday, Oct. 2nd, at 10 a.m. After that, I visited all my neighbors in the new subdivision across the street from me. Wakulla, we are so fortunate to welcome these terrific new neighbors! I was so happy to meet them and offer the hand of friendship.

Faithful readers of this column already know everyone is welcome to join us for the Wakulla United Methodist Homecoming and 25th anniversary of the building of our log cabin sanctuary (on the bike trail). Our District Superintendent, the Rev. Wayne Wiatt, will be our guest speaker. After the service there will be a covered dish dinner, and I hope you will join us for a great day of celebration and fellowship. It promises to be a great time for all. I want to see you there!

I continue to work on getting the speed limit reduced on Woodville Highway. There is no way on God's green earth it should be 45 MPH, transitioning to 55 MPH here in the now bustling metropolis of Wakulla Station! Seriously, people think that speed limit sign is an invitation to go 65 MPH at least.

I feel like I take my life in my hands every time I venture out to tend my flower beds or try to exit my driveway! My neighbors and I need some relief from those folks who just can't wait to get somewhere else. Please. Before someone is killed for no good reason.

Buckhorn News

By ETHEL SKIPPER

We are all getting older – they call it aging. The transition between young and old can begin in the blink of an eye.

It can begin the moment you buy your new house, and your realize that you cannot keep it up. Everyday we are getting older. Weeks seem to get shorter, birthdays come sooner than ever.

How you experience getting older depends on whether you have a healthy attitude toward life. A positive attitude can make dealing with midlife easier.

Surround yourself with loving, positive, active people. Spend time with those people in your life who are important to you.

The cultural imperative that how we look determines how valuable we are to ourselves – our men, our women, and our world.

Don't fear aging – with a long life you will get there.

Our prayers and concern goes out to all the sick and shut-in, those in hospitals, nursing homes, and prison. Let us pray for each other.

Cadets volunteer at Coastal Cleanup

Capt. Bradley Martin and Master Sgt. Robert Lane head the Wakulla High School's NJROTC Program, which assisted with the 37th annual Coastal Cleanup on Sept. 17th, 2022. Our program has worked on Shadeville Highway for 17 years and removed 3,200 lbs of litter! This year, we removed a total of 242 lbs (199 trash, 43 recyclables) of litter. This event makes a huge impact on our community by keeping oceans debris-free, protecting wildlife, and keeping the area beautiful. The Coastal Cleanup is an international program with over 17 million volunteers. In total, 348 million pounds of trash has been kept from our seas. NJROTC is grateful to be a part of those numbers!

Homecoming events are set

Homecoming week is October 3rd – 8th. The Homecoming theme this year is Dance the Night Away.

Dress up day for homecoming week are as follows:

Monday 10/3 - Disco Dance: Dress up in your best 70s attire to kick off Homecoming week!

Tuesday 10/4 - Costume Dance: Dress up as your favorite character.

Wednesday 10/5 - Luau Dance: Come in your best Hawaiian look!

Thursday 10/6 - Outdoor Dance: This is our Class Color Day: Seniors- Black, Juniors- White, Sophomores- Blue, Freshmen- Red, Faculty and Staff- Yellow.

Friday 10/7 - Pre-Game Dance: Sprit Day! Dress up to show your School Spirit.

The Powder Puff Game will be on Wednesday October 5th during 6th & 7th period. Students can purchase their tickets to attend from Coach Jones for $1.

The Homecoming game against John Paul II is Friday, October 7th starting at 7 pm.

The Homecoming Dance will be on Saturday, October 8th from 7-10 pm at the WHS Practice Field. Students can purchase their tickets for $10 starting Monday, September 26th through Thursday, October 6th from Ms. Shiver during their lunch.

Only WHS students are allowed to attend the homecoming dance.

Go War Eagles!

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HOME ON THE RANGE

Thoughts on holsters for women

By MARJ LAW

Home on the Range

If you've bought yourself a carry gun, chances are you are planning on carrying it for self-protection. Now that you have a sub-compact or a micro-compact gun, you'll want to figure the best way to keep this gun with you for easy access if that day should ever come.

Dang. Go to the local gun shop and look at the amazing wall of holsters! What to do?

You could find a really attractive carry purse. It'll have a separate compartment for your gun. This will keep the small items in your purse from wedging into the muzzle or under the trigger, and it'll cover the trigger safely. Velcro will place your gun at the correct angle for pulling it out when necessary. Wow! Now you have a fashion statement and a safe way to carry.

But is it safe? Do you ever part yourself from your purse? Do you hang it on a chair when you go out to eat? Is it in the food basket at the grocery store? Is it hanging on the door of a restroom stall?

When you part yourself from your purse, you're parting yourself from your protection. This also allows any Mr. Bad around to whiz by and swipe your purse. And your gun. Now it's into the wrong hands. And yes, it's your responsibility what happens next. If you do decide to use a carry purse, will you commit to keeping it on yourself every moment?

I can't promise that, myself. So, now it's time to figure how to carry on your person.

Some holsters rate high on the "cool" factor. I think guys in particular like to think women are buying those bra holsters. Imagine, a woman reaching under her shirt to teach Mr. Evil a lesson. She's bad. She's bad.

And while the imagination is having a field day, the bra holster presents difficulties. Is the bra sturdy enough to hold the weight of a gun, or is it cute and lacy? Will it hold your gun at a correct angle for quick access? Will you be able to remove it super fast? Is the bra of sufficient protrusion to disguise a gun? The gun must not be visible. Women's clothing is often made of lightweight fabric. If you can see the outlines of a gun, it's "imprinting." Then it's not concealed at all.

"Just a minute, Mr. Bad," you'll say. "Let me reach into my shirt and flip the snap so's I can yank out my gun?" Too many things to do in a moment of sheer horror!

And although a thigh holster also makes you know you're Ms. Super Bad, you'll likely find it is also not the most quickly accessible one. Spread, lift your skirt, fumble for the grip? And try walking with it! Even a small gun is bulky between your legs. Doesn't that sound uncomfortable?

And uncomfortable? I've never worn a more uncomfortable holster than an ankle holster. Who wants to drag a gun around your ankle?

We're in Florida. Imagine a nice thick tight belly band. Yes, it can give easy access and correct positioning, but seriously, in Florida? What an uncomfortable way to sweat off weight!

So, what considerations do you, a woman in Florida, need to be comfortable with when wearing a gun?

Since we've considered with the bra, ankle, and belly band holsters, you want something that won't sweat the weight off you. That's what you go to the gym for. And you don't want your new gun's finish to be deteriorating in salty sweat.

The holster must be directed to protect and cover the trigger, while still being accessible. Your gun must be held firmly in place. You want the holster not to hamper your range of motion or to feel bulky, itchy or uncomfortable. This might rule out the cute corset, bra, ankle and thigh holsters.

I wouldn't go with clothing holsters, either. Why? Well, will you be wearing the same leggings every day? No. So, when you practice your quick draw from say, 4 different items of clothing, will you spend 4 times as much to practice accordingly?

Holsters can be worn IWB which means inside the waistband or OWB which is outside the waistband. How many women's pants have belt loops? Most men have belt loops, but not women. If you don't wear a belt, then you can wear the gun in a holster inside your waistband. Since it will be next to your skin, you want it to feel soft and comfortable.

That kinda rules out Kydex and hard leather holsters. Some leather holsters, though, do have soft leather near the body. I still think it's too hot and prefer the "sticky" holsters. A guy at one of the gun shows was touting sticky holsters saying that they will stay in your pants when you draw your gun.

Really? I took him up on it. He gave me a holster and a fake gun to put in it. I put it in my waistband and yanked that gun out.

Whaddaya know? The holster stayed right there in my pants! And it wasn't because the pants were tight, either!

For women, I'm sold on sticky holsters. They are comfortable and soft and are as unsweaty as you get.

Now, where are you placing your gun? Women have different curves than men, so this will make a difference in how you carry.

The natural sway behind your back is one spot. However, if you get overpowered before you can take your gun out, you might get thrown on your back. A hard clap of metal won't do your spine any good.

If you're able to reach back easily and comfortably, you might be able to move it a coupla inches from your spine into that

curve of your back. That could work.

You might place it at the waist of your drawing hand. Can you pull this shoulder upwards with no difficulty? This is another possible spot. Go with your natural curves.

I personally like the appendix carry on the opposite side as the drawing hand. This is a comfortable spot, and easy on the shoulder.

For any carry spot, you need to remember always to keep your finger off that trigger until you mean to fire. When appendix carrying, for instance, if you have your finger on the trigger, you could accidentally shoot the person next to you. Same if your finger is on the trigger in any other position.

Remember to grip your gun high into the beavertail. You want control of your gun from the second you begin to draw.

When you carry, make sure you have practiced shooting your gun. Make sure you have practiced drawing your gun from its holster. I have only 1 carry gun and 1 carry holster. They work the same way every time I draw. I don't have to consider where I'm carrying or how to get to my gun. It's always the same.

The best way to carry your gun is the way that is safest and most comfortable to you. It's your body.

Your gun.

Your holster.

Your life.

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

WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO

Retired Wakulla Springs State Park Ranger Bob Thompson, on a wildlife survey at the park, snapped this photo of an tricolor heron fishing in the river shallows.

SOUTHERN FLOUNDER

(Paralichthys lethostigma)

Flounders are a type of "flat fish". As the young larvae develop, one eye migrates across the head so both end up on the same side. They lie flat, eyes up, and can change their color to blend in. They hide from predators and ambush small fish prey with their studded teeth. They are tolerant of temperatures from 50-90F and salinities of 0-36 ppt. They weigh from 1-2 lbs and grow to 36" in their five year life span.

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a peek into life on and under the water

Local writers share their experiences

Thursday 29	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:29AM 7:24PM	11:11AM 9:54PM
Moon Illumination 14%	
Friday 30	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:29AM 7:23PM	12:18PM 10:39PM
Moon Illumination 23%	
Saturday 1	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:30AM 7:22PM	1:26PM 11:34PM
Moon Illumination 33%	
Sunday 2	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:30AM 7:21PM	2:31PM ----
Moon Illumination 44%	
Monday 3	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:31AM 7:20PM	3:30PM 12:34AM
Moon Illumination 56%	
Tuesday 4	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:32AM 7:18PM	4:21PM 1:42AM
Moon Illumination 67%	
Wednesday 5	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:32AM 7:17PM	5:06PM 2:51AM
Moon Illumination 77%	

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

	High Tide	Low Tide
Carrabelle	28 Min.	25 Min.
Apalachicola	1 Hr., 53 Min.	2 Hrs., 38 Min.
Cat Point	1 Hr., 13 Min.	2 Hrs., 31 Min.
Lower Anchorage	1 Hr., 36 Min.	2 Hrs., 3 Min.
West Pass	1 Hr., 26 Min.	2 Hrs., 39 Min.

Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

Sept. 29 - Oct. 5

Tide charts by tides4fishing.com

First	Full	Last	New
Oct. 2	Oct. 9	Oct. 17	Oct. 25

Best fishing days this month

September 25–30, October 1–9, 25–31

St. Marks River Entrance

Th	4:09 am ▲ 4.0 ft	11:01 am ▼ -0.1 ft	5:28 pm ▲ 3.7 ft	10:49 pm ▼ 1.4 ft
Fr	4:37 am ▲ 4.0 ft	11:48 am ▼ 0.0 ft	6:22 pm ▲ 3.4 ft	11:24 pm ▼ 1.7 ft
Sa	5:11 am ▲ 4.0 ft	12:48 pm ▼ 0.1 ft	7:31 pm ▲ 3.0 ft	
Su	12:07 am ▼ 2.0 ft	5:54 am ▲ 3.8 ft	2:05 pm ▼ 0.3 ft	9:03 pm ▲ 2.8 ft
Mo	1:09 am ▼ 2.2 ft	6:57 am ▲ 3.6 ft	3:38 pm ▼ 0.4 ft	10:43 pm ▲ 2.9 ft
Tu	2:49 am ▼ 2.3 ft	8:50 am ▲ 3.4 ft	5:02 pm ▼ 0.3 ft	11:53 pm ▲ 3.0 ft
We	4:44 am ▼ 2.1 ft	10:56 am ▲ 3.5 ft	6:07 pm ▼ 0.2 ft	

City of St. Marks

Th	4:45 am ▲ 3.7 ft	12:05 pm ▼ -0.1 ft	6:04 pm ▲ 3.4 ft	11:53 pm ▼ 1.3 ft
Fr	5:13 am ▲ 3.8 ft	12:52 pm ▼ 0.0 ft	6:58 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	
Sa	12:28 am ▼ 1.5 ft	5:47 am ▲ 3.7 ft	1:52 pm ▼ 0.1 ft	8:07 pm ▲ 2.8 ft
Su	1:11 am ▼ 1.8 ft	6:30 am ▲ 3.6 ft	3:09 pm ▼ 0.3 ft	9:39 pm ▲ 2.6 ft
Mo	2:13 am ▼ 2.0 ft	7:33 am ▲ 3.3 ft	4:42 pm ▼ 0.3 ft	11:19 pm ▲ 2.7 ft
Tu	3:53 am ▼ 2.1 ft	9:26 am ▲ 3.1 ft	6:06 pm ▼ 0.3 ft	
We	12:29 am ▲ 2.8 ft	5:48 am ▼ 1.9 ft	11:32 am ▲ 3.2 ft	7:11 pm ▼ 0.2 ft

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Th	4:27 am ▲ 4.1 ft	11:20 am ▼ 0.0 ft	5:52 pm ▲ 3.7 ft	11:10 pm ▼ 1.6 ft
Fr	4:54 am ▲ 4.1 ft	12:08 pm ▼ 0.1 ft	6:49 pm ▲ 3.4 ft	11:45 pm ▼ 1.9 ft
Sa	5:27 am ▲ 4.0 ft	1:10 pm ▼ 0.2 ft	8:04 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	
Su	12:28 am ▼ 2.3 ft	6:08 am ▲ 3.9 ft	2:33 pm ▼ 0.4 ft	9:47 pm ▲ 2.9 ft
Mo	1:33 am ▼ 2.5 ft	7:08 am ▲ 3.6 ft	4:11 pm ▼ 0.4 ft	11:27 pm ▲ 3.0 ft
Tu	3:24 am ▼ 2.6 ft	9:10 am ▲ 3.4 ft	5:35 pm ▼ 0.3 ft	
We	12:28 am ▲ 3.2 ft	5:22 am ▼ 2.3 ft	11:22 am ▲ 3.5 ft	6:38 pm ▼ 0.2 ft

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Th	4:01 am ▲ 3.0 ft	11:12 am ▼ -0.1 ft	5:20 pm ▲ 2.8 ft	11:00 pm ▼ 1.0 ft
Fr	4:29 am ▲ 3.0 ft	11:59 am ▼ 0.0 ft	6:14 pm ▲ 2.5 ft	11:35 pm ▼ 1.2 ft
Sa	5:03 am ▲ 3.0 ft	12:59 pm ▼ 0.1 ft	7:23 pm ▲ 2.3 ft	
Su	12:18 am ▼ 1.5 ft	5:46 am ▲ 2.9 ft	2:16 pm ▼ 0.2 ft	8:55 pm ▲ 2.1 ft
Mo	1:20 am ▼ 1.6 ft	6:49 am ▲ 2.7 ft	3:49 pm ▼ 0.3 ft	10:35 pm ▲ 2.1 ft
Tu	3:00 am ▼ 1.7 ft	8:42 am ▲ 2.5 ft	5:13 pm ▼ 0.2 ft	11:45 pm ▲ 2.3 ft
We	4:55 am ▼ 1.5 ft	10:48 am ▲ 2.6 ft	6:18 pm ▼ 0.2 ft	

St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

Th	4:11 am ▲ 3.2 ft	10:59 am ▼ 0.0 ft	5:42 pm ▲ 2.9 ft	10:52 pm ▼ 1.5 ft
Fr	4:40 am ▲ 3.3 ft	11:47 am ▼ -0.1 ft	6:42 pm ▲ 2.6 ft	11:20 pm ▼ 1.8 ft
Sa	5:12 am ▲ 3.2 ft	12:46 pm ▼ 0.0 ft	8:02 pm ▲ 2.4 ft	11:44 pm ▼ 2.1 ft
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Mo	6:47 am ▲ 3.0 ft	3:43 pm ▼ 0.2 ft		
Tu	8:31 am ▲ 2.8 ft	5:14 pm ▼ 0.2 ft		
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Dog Island West End

Th	4:27 am ▲ 2.9 ft	11:27 am ▼ 0.0 ft	6:17 pm ▲ 2.5 ft	11:09 pm ▼ 1.7 ft
Fr	4:56 am ▲ 2.9 ft	12:19 pm ▼ 0.0 ft	7:19 pm ▲ 2.3 ft	11:34 pm ▼ 2.0 ft
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Best hunting and fishing based on solunar times: **MAJOR** feeding periods are 2 hours long, centered on the solunar time. **MINOR** feeding periods are only 1 hour long, again centered on the solunar time.

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10:26AM 9:09PM	2:54AM 3:20PM
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MinorTimes	Major Times
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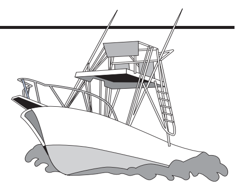
Tuesday 4	
MinorTimes	Major Times
12:57AM 3:36PM	7:49AM 8:19PM
Wednesday 5	
MinorTimes	Major Times
2:06AM 4:21PM	8:47AM 9:15PM

Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



Several weeks ago we shared information about hurricane and storm preparedness. It is a bit late to review that again with Ian close to us in the Gulf. Equally important to preparing for a storm, is to be mindful after a storm passes.

After a storm, many want to get out and assess damage and go to check on your watercraft. It is critically important that you monitor local warnings and do not drive or wade into moving waters. The currents can be increasingly strong and pose a severe risk.

If you do venture out onto the water, there is an increased risk for items that may have been washed out into the rivers and shallow waters. Items can also float into deeper waters and remain submerged just below the surface. It is best to use caution and report any hazards you may encounter.

Navigational aids may also shift based on how the storm impacts our area. Using slower speeds and caution when navigating is sound practice. If you notice an aid has been damaged, moved or is missing, please report it to Coast Guard Station Panama City at (850) 234-2475.

Thanks to Sherrie, we will always remember safe boating is no accident. As always, it is best to be prepared for the unexpected.

Please contact us for more information about our safe boating classes or learning more about getting involved in the Auxiliary, check out our website at www.uscgaux.net follow us on FaceBook @ Apalachee Bay Flotilla 12 or contact our Flotilla Commander Phil Hill at pnkkhill2000@yahoo.com

If you would like to learn more about vessel safety checks, please contact Steve Hults, Staff Officer for Vessel Examinations at steve.hults@uscgaux.net.

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

Underwater Wakulla

By Rusty Miller

Second student dive.

As I promised last article here is the second dive:

After we got back on the boat after the first dive the same student that got nauseated was once again not feeling good so we put a life jacket on him again and let him float in the water while on our surface interval, he felt much better.

The surface interval was finished so we all suited up and jumped back in the water. During the surface interval the captain moved the boat to the bridge span 14. We descended down the anchor line to the top of the span; it was 57 feet to the top. I swam around to monitor the students/new divers and saw them doing a great job with their buoyancy and staying close together.

The bridge span 14 was part of the old Hathaway Bridge it joined Panama City to Panama City Beach a few decades ago. I remember this particular span because shortly after they sunk it I brought a bicycle down to rest on it when the expanded metal base was intact. When the Hathaway Bridge was still in place you would drive over it and the expanded metal roadway; your tires would make it vibrate causing a hum, they called those types of bridges singing bridges. Well someone replaced my original bike over the years with a different bike so the tradition lives on.

While I was swimming along the spans I noticed about a 6-foot barracuda swimming alongside of me about 3 feet from my right side. When I stopped it stopped, it swam with me for about 10 minutes then got bored and disappeared into the water column. I surfaced after everyone else and climbed back onto the boat.

Once on the boat I congratulated the new divers and proceeded to talk with a fellow instructor on the port stern of the boat. The dive master of the boat hollered to me that one of the divers was lying on the floor of the boat and was presenting. That means that there is a possible DCS victim, I immediately got there to him and it was the student now diver lying there with his arms folded and hands curled up to his chest. His pupils where pinpoint small and would not react to the light or when he closed his eyes and opened them quickly.

His speech was slurred and he was complaining of a tingling sensation all over his body. We immediately started administering pure O2 and started taking his vitals.

I yelled to the captain to call the Coast Guard and let them know what was happening. They instructed the captain to get underway as quickly as possible and to go to the St. Andrews Park boat dock. That was the closest one to us.

With the O2 the diver started to feel better but not out of the woods yet. While in transit the diver started feeling much better but was still cramped up and tingling.

Well I'm out of space so I will give you the rest of the story next article.

So keep the bubbles flowing.

Russell Miller #59999

On the Horizon

Calendar of upcoming events for the week of Sept. 29

Thursday, September 29

• Candidate forum, hosted by The Wakulla Sun, will be held at the community center from 6 to 8 p.m. Candidates for county commission have been invited to answer questions, and candidates for school board and county judge, who were at earlier forum, can give short statements.

• The VFW Auxiliary Bingo Night will be held at 7 p.m. at 475 Arran Road in Crawfordville. There will be concessions and raffles.

• The Wakulla County Cancer Support Group will meet in the Education Center of the United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. For more information, call 850-926-6050.

Friday, September 30

• The Wakulla War Eagles host the Rickards Raiders at J.D. Jones Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 1

• The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group will meet at the Wakulla County Public Library at 10 a.m.

• Unity in the Community will be held at the community center from 2 to 4 p.m.

Monday, October 3

• County commissioners meet in the commission boardroom at 5 p.m.

• The Wakulla Respite Program will be available for anyone with memory impairment at no cost from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Ellen Baptist Church.

• The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group will meet at Lake Ellen Baptist Church at 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 4

• St. Marks candidate meet-and-greet will be held at Wakulla River Park from 4 to 6 p.m. All six candidates running for city commissioner seats are invited.

• Sopchoppy Community Dinner is held every week at the Towles House at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 5

• A Line Dance class will be held at 1 p.m. at the Wakulla Senior Center.

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Want to know God better?

By SHERYL H. BOLDT

How much value do we place on knowing our heavenly Father? Do we actively pursue a relationship with Him, or do we seek Him mostly when we need His help?

Consider the incredible advantages of knowing God well. Wouldn't you like to obey Him more consistently, be comforted when you feel hurt or alone and be better equipped to love others?

Don't we want to experience God's strength and presence through every trial, be freed from the cycle of poor choices, and manage our emotions better?

As in any relationship, if we want to know God, we must purpose to do so. Philippians 3:10 (AMPC) describes the richness we experience when we determine to know God on a deeper level:

"[For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly]."

I love to imagine what knowing our Savior this closely would be like. How would this change my relationship with Him? How would knowing Him this way change me?

What about you? Do you crave the joy of knowing "the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly"?

Imagine the excitement of having a relationship with God that is so intimate that He reveals Himself in ways you never thought possible. Consider the freedom you'd feel as your relationship with Him becomes more important than your "right" to hate or hold a grudge. Think about the joy you'd experience as He empowered you to conquer that addiction to drugs, pornography or alcohol.

As we grow in our relationship with our Lord, we feel less stress because we're no longer convinced that we know what's best for us. We begin to trust God's way, instead.

I believe that the wisdom and joy we'll experience will be worth far more than any effort we invest – and everything we may have to give up. How about you?

Let's pray: Father, help us to know You. Help us make it our determined purpose to be more deeply and intimately acquainted with You. Take us to the place where we can experience the incomprehensible joy of knowing the very wonders of Your Person. Amen.

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Let creation testify

By CHERYL CRUCE

It was one of those days when silence felt good. There was no need for music or conversation. The sky was ice blue, contrasting with the warm sunlight that peered through the white cumulus clouds. My spirit was searching for peace as I followed the twisting road of the countryside that was fast becoming my new home. Lifting my eyes toward the sky in prayer, I witness a bird drifting upon the wind.

Upon further observation, I realized it was no ordinary bird. Slowing my truck to a stop, I reached for my camera to capture the majesty of an eagle in flight. He was effortlessly circling above me, using the wind as his momentum. I laid the camera down, not wanting to be distracted from the vision before me. My spirit breathed in the beauty, the silence, and the moment's serenity. I was spellbound.

Then it happened; the eagle broke his flight and soared across the tops of the trees to my left. I lost sight of him for a split second until he resurfaced above the wooded area, swooping across the road in front of me. Commanding the flight of excellence, he tilted his body sideways and disappeared into the thicket of trees to my right. I never saw him again.

I am aware of scripture that teaches God's invisible qualities are seen in creation. The eternal power and divine revelation are seen and understood to be a witness of the righteous God we serve (Romans 1:20). On that day, I saw God's strength and glory witnessed in nature through the eagle's flight. And today, I recall that moment to bring healing to my spirit.

How is it that in one moment, we can feel the closeness of God, and in the next moment, Satan can rear his head and still from us the joy of our salvation? How can we feel empowered one moment and defeated the next? Like the Psalmist, we are human. We stumble, and we fall. Yet we never fall beyond the grace of God.

Scripture reminds us that we will renew our strength if we wait upon the Lord (Isaiah 40). It is in the power of God that we will soar like an eagle, our strength rekindled in Him.

If it is the eagle's flight that reminds us of God's strength, then it is the smallness of the sparrow that reminds us of God's grace. For there will be days when like the eagle, we are in command of our journey on earth. And there will be days when like the sparrow, we feel small and inconsequential. Yet, even in the sparrow, we discover encouragement, for she will find a home for herself and her young resting near the altar of our Lord (Psalm 84).

The Psalmist often wrote of being near the altar of grace as he reminded himself to trust in the God of creation despite the circumstances of life.

So often, we find faith difficult as the storm waves of life sweep over us. Nonetheless, like the Psalmist, we must remember the days of old when we experienced the blessings of God as He carried us along the shore of life.

Today if you are strong, be encouraged to soar through the heavens. However, if you feel small like the sparrow, go to the altar of the Lord and find your resting place.

Matthew 10:29,31 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

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Obituaries

DEATH NOTICES

• **Joseph Leon Buice III,** 82, of Sopchoppy, died September 15, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• **Sara Lee Ann Weaver,** 43, of Tallahassee, died September 24, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

Blessing of the Animals is Sunday

Special to The Sun

Christ Church Anglican will host The Blessing of The Animals on Sunday, Oct. 2.

Everyone is welcome to bring their pet to be blessed by Father Jim Needham. Come enjoy music, light refreshments, and check out the pet vendors and enter for a drawing give-away.

The event starts at 6 p.m. and will be held on the church lawn at 3383 Coastal Highway, Crawfordville in Medart.

All types of pets welcome.

For more information or if you have questions you may contact Becky Gast at 850-528-2276.

Celebration set to honor Pastor Ethel Mae Skipper

Special to The Sun

It has been 40 years since Dr. Ethel Skipper accepted the call to preach the gospel, and she has been pastoring for 34 years at Skipper Temple in Sopchoppy. There will be a service to celebrate this occasion on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 3 p.m. at Skipper Temple in Sopchoppy.

The service can be viewed on Zoom at Meeting ID: 847 9151 1677 passcode 537630 Dial in 1 646 931 3860.

This year's tribute to Pastor Skipper is fitting, given her love for God, her church and her native community of Sopchoppy. She is blessed to have her four daughters and one son working closely with her in the ministry.

"She is a very, very wise woman, very knowledgeable and she still inspires us at almost 86 (years of age)," granddaughter reports. "She still teaches, does revivals, she has a strong ministry. She is known for her anointed voice of wisdom. We like to say she is called, anointed and appointed."

She enjoys making a joyful noise in the house of God. She encourages all believers to be known by their love for one another.

Minister Shryl Dennis of Abiding Presence, Philadelphia, Penn., will deliver the message. Greetings and words of encouragement will come from many family members and friends. Cashapp gifts: $SKIPPERTEMPLECHURCH.

Pastor Skipper and Deacon Willie Skipper have been married 69 years and they have a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Their desire is that the generations to come will all be saved and live in obedience to God.

Rubio visits Wakulla

U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio held a grassroots rally in Wakulla on Saturday, Sept. 24, visiting the Seineyard at Rock Landing. He was joined by local Republican officials including state Rep. Jason Shoaf, and county commissioners Quincee Messersmith and Ralph Thomas. (Photo special to The Sun)

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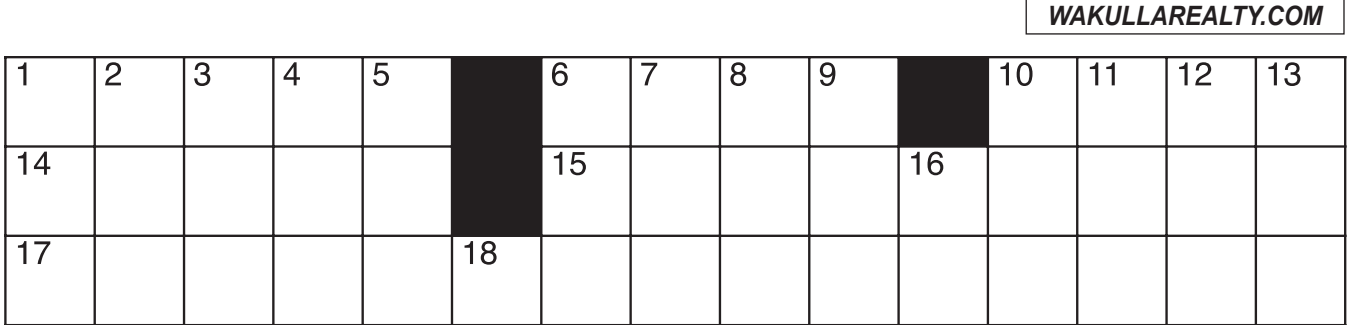
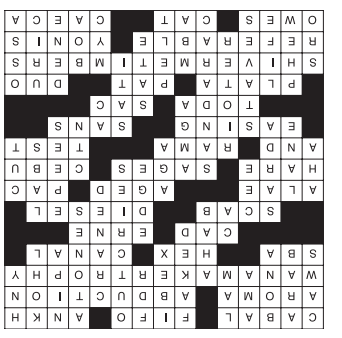


CLUES ACROSS
1. Secret clique
6. Earliest in and out
10. Ancient Egyptian symbol of life
14. Olfactory property
15. Kidnapping
17. Golf prize
19. Helps little firms
20. Cast a spell on
21. Panama is one
22. Dishonorable man
23. Sea eagle
24. Part of the healing process
26. Vin's last name
29. Wings
31. Made older
32. Political device
34. Looks like a rabbit
35. Gurus
37. Philippine Island
38. Not or
39. Hindu model of ideal man
40. Exam
41. Making less difficult
43. Without
45. Dravidian ethnic group
46. A baglike structure
47. Buenos Aires capital La __
49. Dab
50. Singers who perform together
53. Pirates' saying
57. OK to allude to
58. Somaliland diplomat
59. Has to pay back
60. Felix is one
61. Intestinal pouches

CLUES DOWN
1. Harsh cries of a crow
2. Type of horse
3. __ fide: authentic
4. Doctors' group
5. Fugitives are on it
6. Forged
7. Wild goat
8. Influential American president
9. Calls for help
10. Repents
11. Palm tree with creeping roots
12. Black powder used in makeup
13. Happy New Year
16. Stretched out one's neck
18. Whale ship captain
22. Atomic #20
23. Border
24. River that borders India and Nepal
25. After B
27. Fencing swords
28. Where researchers work
29. Expression of satisfaction
30. Broadway actor Nathan
31. Heavy, heat-retaining stove
33. A way to eliminate
35. Type of tree resin
36. Russian river
37. Children's TV network
39. Troublemaker
42. Averts or delays
43. Self-immolation by fire ritual
44. It cools your home
46. Satisfy to the fullest
47. Stinks!
48. Popular board game
49. Attack by hurling
50. A vale
51. Type of acid
52. Tasmania's highest mountain
53. No seats available
54. Licensed for Wall Street
55. Family of genes
56. Constrictor snake



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Use the News

1. A Very Special Refugee

The war in Ukraine has brought renewed attention to the plight of refugees who have fled their homes due to conflict, hunger, poverty and other factors. There now are more than 100-million people who are refugees worldwide, according to the United Nations and relief agencies, including more than 7-million from Ukraine, 6.8-million from the war-torn Mideast nation of Syria and 2.7-million from the Asian nation of Afghanistan, which recently saw the return to power of the extremist Taliban group. To call attention to the needs of refugees, a 10-year-old refugee from Syria has been traveling the world. Like many refugee children, she was traveling without parents, yet has met more than 1-million people. Her name is Little Amal — which means "hope" in the Arabic language — and she is unlike any other refugee. That's because she is a 12-foot-puppet created specially to tell the story of refugee children. Over the last year she has traveled throughout the continent of Europe, and now she has arrived in New York City in the United States. "Little Amal represents all of the children who have had to leave their home in search of safety," said Amir Nizar Zuabi, organizer of the Little Amal project. "She forces us to see that their plight demands our attention." More than half of the world's refugees are women and children. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read stories about women and children who are refugees. Use what you read to write an editorial outlining the most significant needs they have and how those needs could be addressed by the United States and other nations.

Goals: Writing opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information; reading closely what a text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it.

2. Sing It!

Each year the Emmy Awards honor the best shows and performances on television. Earning one is a really big deal, and winners always seek to make their acceptance speeches memorable. When Sheryl Lee Ralph won this month for best supporting actress in a comedy series, she did something that no one will soon forget. She sang a powerful song about the struggles of Black women. "I am an endangered species / But I sing no victim's song / I am a woman, I am an artist / And I know where my voice belongs," she sang, covering lines from a song by jazz singer Dianne Reeves called "Endangered Species." Ralph won for her portrayal of a school teacher in the show "Abbott Elementary," becoming the first Black actor to win in her category since Jackée Harry won in 1987 for her role in the show "227." "I've been singing that song for years because I think of myself — as an artist, as a woman, and especially as a woman of color — I'm an endangered species," Ralph told the Los Angeles Times newspaper after the awards show. Though she won her Emmy as an actress, Ralph is no stranger to music. She was nominated for a Tony Award when she performed in the Broadway musical "Dreamgirls" in the 1980s. At awards shows, winners often give memorable acceptance speeches. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read a story about someone who gave such a speech. Use what you read to write how the speech could inspire others. For fun, brainstorm an acceptance speech you might give if you were to win a big award.

Goals: Producing clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization and style are appropriate to the task; citing specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions.

3. Maya Discovery

Thousands of years ago, the Maya people developed a highly advanced civilization in southern Mexico and Central America. The Mayans created cities, had great achievements in art and astronomy and developed the only known writing system of the ancient Americas. This year, a discovery on a cattle ranch in Mexico is shedding new light on a long-lost Mayan kingdom that archaeologists have searched for years to find. Ruins uncovered on the ranch may have been the capital city of the Sak Tz'i' kingdom, a small but influential dynasty in southern Mexico near the modern-day border with Guatemala. The settlement, which is being excavated this summer and fall, may be 2,500 years old and contains artifacts, buildings, temples and even a sports facility, the New York Times newspaper reported. The prize discovery of the excavation is a 2-by-4-foot wall panel inscribed with hieroglyphic picture writing showing battles, rituals and rulers dancing with ceremonial costumes and weapons. The discovery of ancient artifacts can shed light on how people lived and worked in ancient times. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read a story about one of these discoveries. Use what you read to write a paragraph detailing what scientists learned about ancient life from these artifacts. Then write a paragraph detailing what future scientists could learn from items and artifacts found in your family's home today. Share with the class and discuss.

Goals: Writing informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly; citing specific textual evidence when writing or speaking.

4. Threats to Our Trees

In the United States and around the world, trees play an essential role in the health of the Earth. They clean and cool the air, they produce oxygen to breathe, they provide food and shelter for wildlife and people, they control soil erosion and they combat global warming by removing the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide from the air. In the United States, however, trees are in trouble from droughts, wildfires, increasing temperatures, invasive insects, new diseases and threats from climate change. Now a pioneering study of trees in the Lower 48 states of the U.S. has warned that as many as 1 in 6 U.S. trees are in danger of becoming extinct. The new study is the first to list and assess the health of all 881 tree species native to the Lower 48 U.S. states, the Washington Post newspaper reports. It covered everything from giant redwoods on the West Coast to pine trees in the East to cypress and live oak trees in the South. Insects and diseases pose the greatest risks, the researchers found, especially as climate change weakens the natural defenses of trees, such as the ability to produce resin to close wounds in the bark. "It's easy to feel gloom and doom because … the scope of the crisis is really, really great right now," said Murphy Westwood, a lead author of the study. "… We have a narrow and rapidly closing window to take action." Trees do many things to keep the Earth healthy. In the newspaper or online, find and study stories or photos of trees and forests in your community or state. Use what you study to brainstorm an informational video showing how these trees benefit the environment or your community. Create a "storyboard" showing each image, in the order they would appear, and tell why each is important for telling the story.

Goals: Writing narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events; citing specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions.

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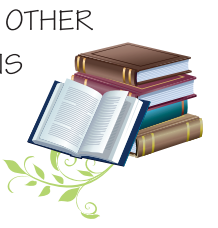

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: BOOK SPINES

FARM SAFETY WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to food safety.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: **25 = E)**

A. **15 9 3 22 22**
Clue: Cool down

B. **9 25 13 11**
Clue: Warm up

C. **11 9 25 24 5 14 5 25 11 25 24**
Clue: Measures temperature

D. **16 13 15 11 25 24 3 13**
Clue: Microorganisms

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell
something pertaining to food safety.

S W E S H A

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8			5	2			6	
		7			6			8
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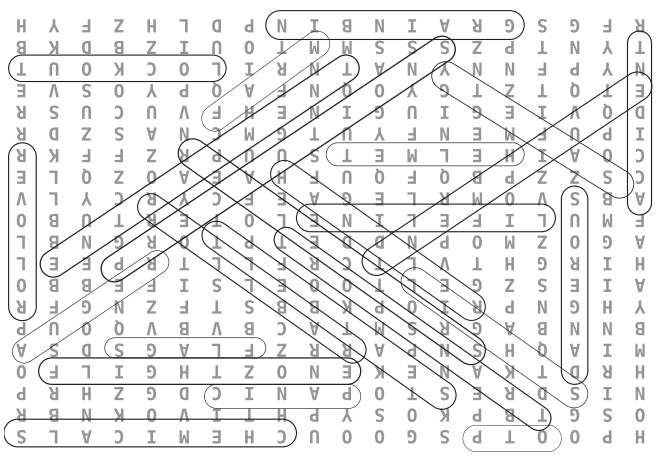
Answers: A. chill B. heat C. thermometer D. bacteria

Answer: Washes *Answer: Halsey*



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FOLLOW THE SUN.

FSU enters the Top 25

By BOB FERRANTE
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Trey Brenson returned the opening kickoff against Boston College for a touchdown.

After a 44-14 win over Boston College on Saturday night, Florida State is ranked 22nd in the USA Today coaches' poll and No. 23 in the AP poll — the first time the Seminoles have been ranked since the opening week of the 2018 season.

The Seminoles (4-0, 2-0) have won their first four games, something the program hasn't done since 2015.

This is the first time FSU has been ranked during the season since mid-September 2017, when the No. 12 Seminoles lost to NC State following a season-opening defeat to Alabama.

FSU will play host to No. 21 Wake Forest on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. (ABC).The Seminoles will also play a string of ranked teams in October, including No. 5 Clemson and No. 10 NC State.

Georgia is the top team in both' polls, followed by Alabama, Ohio State and Michigan.

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Sheriff's Report

Activity reported for the week of Sept. 16 to 22:

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16

• Deputy Michelle Stripling responded to the Sheriff's Office Annex reference a battery already occurred. Upon arrival contact was made with Tammy Vaillancourt, who said she was in her home on Sept. 12 when she received a notification of motion from her security camera. Vaillancourt observed an unknown white male standing in her yard looking in a window. She then walked out of her residence and walked around the house. The male grabbed her by the wrist, but she headbutted and kicked him to break free. The male then ran into the woods. Vaillancourt only wanted the incident documented and signed an affidavit for non-prosecution.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

• Lt. David Pienta responded to the area of Port Leon Drive and Highway 98 in reference to a possible road rage incident. Lt. Pienta made contact with Sergio Navarro, who said someone was tailgating him so when he tapped his brakes to let the person know they were too close, the driver became very aggressive and passed him, then abruptly stopped in the roadway. Navarro advised the driver exited his vehicle and started to approach Navarro's vehicle. Fearing for his safety, Navarro removed his firearm from his glovebox. The other driver then returned to his vehicle and left the scene. Lt. Pienta was unable to locate the other driver in this case.

SUNIDAY, SEPT. 18

• Paul Kinney reported that he discovered his golf cart had been stolen. Kinney stated the golf cart is a green in color EZ-GO electric style valued at $2,000. Kinney did not have any serial numbers for the golf cart therefore in was not entered into NCI/FCIC as stolen. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Kendrick Gavin investigated.

MONDAY, SEPT. 19

• Deputy Jake Scott responded to Sweetwater Circle in reference to fraud. Contact was made with Theresa and Michael Allen. Theresa stated her mother is being scammed by someone claiming to be four-star General Paul LaCamera based in Korea. The individual has talked the victim into sending several thousand dollars thus far. The victim refuses to believe it is a scam and has moved her money around to keep her kids from looking at the account. The money has been sent to supposed investment accounts. The victim's children have power of attorney for the victim. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 20

• Deputy William Bennett responded to Rock Landing Road about a disturbance. Pamela Holderby stated Mickey Rymer held a knife to her and threatened her, but she refused to get off the boat. Mickey's boat was approximately 200 yards offshore anchored. Both parties were intoxicated. With the assistance of FWC, Deputy Ernesto Trujillo was also on scene made contact with both parties on the boat. Neither person had any marks, both claimed different stories, and Pamela stated Mickey had tossed the knife off the boat. A search of the boat was conducted for the knife by FWC.

• Deputy Michelle Stripling responded to Grapevine Drive about the theft of a cell phone. Contact was made with the juvenile victim and his mother Anna Woolf. Woolf said her son had dropped his iPhone 13 on the bus and did not realize until a few minutes later. Contact was made with the bus garage and the bus footage was observed by school staff. The video showed other juveniles pick the phone up and leave with it. The juvenile received an Instagram message around 6 p.m. stating other students at the school had taken the phone, and one of them was trying to sell it for $200. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 22

• Tina Nichols reported the theft of plants out of her garden. Nichols stated 10 Aloe plants were taken. Nichols valued all the plants at approximately $300. A possible suspect has been identified. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Kendrick Gavin investigated.

Please remember to always report suspicious or illegal activity at 850-745-7100, or call 911 for emergencies.

Dear Wakulla,

It is with a grateful heart that I say THANK YOU to every voter who put your confidence in me to become a member of the Wakulla County School Board representing District 1. Even though our efforts fell short, I am so proud of what was accomplished. Your vote, your voice, gave notice that Wakulla County wants to be better.

I'd like to thank everyone who helped along the way. Whether it was voting, financial support, encouragement, hands-on help, marching in a parade, or waving in the rain with me to encourage voters, you are appreciated.

Running for a local political office is an incredible journey of growth, and I'm grateful for the experience . Our students deserve the very best, and I'm encouraged by the local residents I've spoken with along the way. I look forward to taking what I've learned and continuing to serve Wakulla youth.

All the best, Gwendolyn Manning-Staten

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This week's game:
Friday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m.
Wakulla War Eagles host the Rickards Raiders at J.D. Jones Stadium.

War Eagles fall to Mosley, 38-28

By CHRIS SAVARY
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WEEKLY WAR EAGLE GAME HIGHLIGHTS on the Wakulla Report, Wolf 103.1, ESPN 97.9 and WAVE 94.1!

The Wakulla War Eagles faced a home matchup with the Mosley Dolphins on Friday, Sept. 23 at J.D. Jones Stadium – the game was a back-and-forth, evenly matched affair before Mosley pulled away from Wakulla in the fourth quarter.

The Dolphins won 38-28, handing the War Eagles their first loss of the season.

Head Coach Scott Klees said on Monday that, after watching the tape of the game, that his team made mistakes, a lot of mistakes, "But they continued playing up to the last whistle. They played hard, they continued to fight – and as long as they have that attitude, you have a chance to keep improving."

Klees said he would be looking at how the team responds after the loss. "It's gonna be interesting to see," he said. "Every team is different.

In the first quarter Mosley received the opening kick and drove down the field to score a touchdown to go up 7-0 early, but the War Eagles answered on the first series with a 10 yard touchdown run from Jeremiah Thomas and the extra point from kicker Chase Linville.

Mosley scored again late in the 1st quarter on a 22-yard touchdown reception to take a 14-7 lead but the War Eagles answered again with a 1-yard touchdown run from junior quarterback Hayden Klees to tie the game 14-14 at the end of the first quarter.

The action continued in the 2nd quarter as Mosley scored on a breakaway 55 yard touchdown catch and extra point to take a 21-14 lead on the War Eagles.

Later in the 2nd quarter Wakulla answered with a 24-yard strike from Klees to receiver Samron Brinson to make it 21-21.

Mosley scored again with 33 seconds before the halftime break on a 4 yard touchdown rush to take a 28-21 lead over the War Eagles into the half.

The War Eagles received the ball to start the second half but failed to convert the opening drive into points.

With 9 minutes to go in the third quarter Mosley extended the lead with a 10 yard touchdown reception to make the score 35-21.

Wakulla would not be done though, and drove the ball into the end zone to cap off a drive late in the third quarter to make the score 35-28.

In the fourth both defenses held control until Mosley put the game away with a 22 yard field goal to make the final score 38-28.

The Wakulla War Eagles fall to 3-1 on the season.

Defense - Dalton Avera 4 solo tackles 1 assisted tackle and 1 fumble recovery

Offense - Samron Brinson 8 receptions for 120 yards and a touchdown

Overall - Xavier Blake 4 kickoff returns for 165 yards with a long of 85 and 11 carries for 63 yards with 42 yards on 4 receptions.

PHOTOS BY KEN FIELDS

War Eagle receiver Samron Brinson hauls in a 24-yard touchdown pass.

NEXT UP: RICKARDS

The War Eagles are scheduled to host the 2-3 Rickards Raiders on Friday night – depending on Hurricane Ian.

Coach Klees said that we will see a team very similar to Mosley when we face the Raiders adding they have multiple Division 1 prospects.

Rickards has an Oklahoma commit who is receiver and kick returner who is the fastest guy th War Eagles have played this year. There's another Division 1 commit who lines up in the slot, plays some quarterback and is on defense.

"They're gonna do what Mosley did – so we're gonna see how much we've improved," Klees said.

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COACH Scott Klees

FROM THE COACH

Scouting report: Rickards has Division 1 commits, including an Oklahoma commit who will be the fastest player the War Eagles have seen this year.

Keys to victory: Tackle well, fly to the ball on defense. On offense, take what they give us, and control the clock.

Last week: Not the War Eagles best game against a very, very good Mosley team.

Quarterback Haden Klees scores on a 1-yard run.

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