



# VOTE Quincee Messersmith For County Commissioner Nov. 8

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Paid for by Quincee Messersmith for Wakulla County Commission, District 4, Republican.

## War Eagles fall to NFC, 38-35

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## Masquerade ball held for FWMA

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Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunny	Partly Cloudy	AM Showers
Hi: 79° Lo: 57° 55%	Hi: 80° Lo: 60° 16%	Hi: 78° Lo: 61° 38%
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\$1 One Section

# Constitutional amendments

### An explanation of the three proposed amendments on the November ballot

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN  
Editor

There are three proposed Constitutional amendments on the General Election ballot. All amendments must get three-fifths of votes to be approved.

**Amendment 1 limits increased taxes for improvements made to property to protect homes from flood damage.** The amendment is in response to the threat to Florida homes from rising sea levels.

A yes vote would authorize the Legislature to pass laws to exempt flood resistance improvements from being considered for increases in property assessments. Some of the improvements considered are "elevating structures, filling basements, and waterproofing," as well as improvements "to allow for stormwater runoff, waterproofing basements,

installing check valves capable of preventing water backup, and elevating furnaces, heaters, and electrical panels."

If it passes, the amendment would take effect Jan. 1, 2023.

**Amendment 2 is to abolish the Constitution Revision Commission.** Amendments can get on the ballot in several ways, including a vote of the Legislature, a petition drive by citizens, or the Constitution Revision Commission, which meets every 20 years and whose members are appointed by the governor, Legislature and the Florida Supreme Court. The CRC last convened in 2017-18 and proposed a series of amendments that "bundled" some together into one question, drawing criticism from some.

**Amendment 3 creates a new \$50,000 home-**

**stead exemption for some public employees.**

The exemption would apply for "classroom teachers, law enforcement officers, correctional officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, child welfare services professionals, active duty members of the United States Armed Forces, and members of the Florida National Guard." The exemption is in addition to the current \$50,000 exemption already in law, and would not apply to assessments for school taxes.

It is estimated the exemption would cost local governments more than \$85 million in lost revenue. The state would make up for the losses in fiscally constrained counties, such as Wakulla.

If it passes, the amendment would take effect on Jan. 1, 2023.

## When tragedy struck



Nelson Martin was inspired by local historian Mays Leroy Gray's story on the wreck that appeared in The News in 1992.

### A new historical display on the 1926 GF&A train wreck is at the Sopchoppy Depot

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN  
Editor

Nelson Martin has created a historical display on the October 1926 train wreck in which the GF&A engine crashed into a new Overland car that had stalled on the tracks, killing several members

of one of the prominent Wakulla families – the Ferrells.

The story was researched and written by local historian Mays Leroy Gray and appeared on the front page of The Wakulla News in January 1992.

Inspired by the story, Martin contacted Gray

and got his permission to do a condensed version of Gray's story and added some photos to illustrate the display.

According to Gray's story, on Oct. 28, 1926, members of the Ferrell family took a trip to a poultry farm in Gossitt Mill to buy chickens and turkeys for Thanksgiv-

ing and Christmas.

On the trip were Sarah Emma Ferrell, her daughter Jonnie M. Ferrell Sutton and her husband, Ira Sutton; and Annie C. Moore Gerrell, wife of Emmett Ferrell Sr.

They planned an afternoon outing in Ira's

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## RVs will be required to have yearly inspection

By CHARITY TUMBLESON  
Reporter

At last week's county commission meeting, the board approved an ordinance to tighten regulations on travel trailer parks, including requiring annual inspections on RVs to ensure they are road ready.

The commission took the action on Monday, Oct. 17.

During Citizens to be Heard, resident David Damon brought police call records of one RV park over a three-year period, pointing out the number of calls to the park was more than average.

"It's amazing how many times these (deputies) have to go down there to one of these RV parks and they pay very little for those services and their property taxes," Damon said. "So who pays the rest of it? The taxpayers of Wakulla County."

Damon said the commissioners were giving RV parks a free ride.

Commissioner Ralph Thomas responded that the ordinance on the agenda was specifically regarding an inspection for RVs that are licensed and roadworthy, "and that kind of lumps people that are legal and haven't built additions on, that's the whole ball of wax and that doesn't fully address what the ordinance is before us today."

The ordinance requires all RVs within travel trailer parks be fully licensed with the current registration and ready for highway use,

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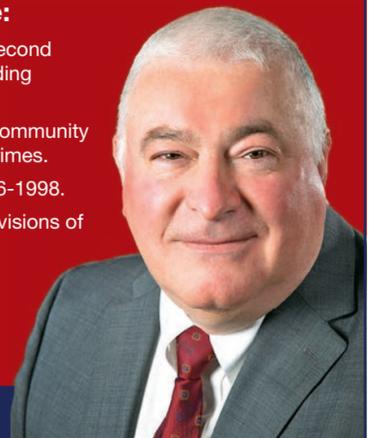
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# COUNTY JUDGE

PROVEN EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE

Legal Background and Service:

- General Counsel for the State Attorney's Office, Second Circuit, which includes Wakulla and the 5 surrounding counties.
- Assistant State Attorney since 1992 keeping our community safe by prosecuting those who have committed crimes.
- State Attorney Office's Wakulla Division Chief 1996-1998.
- Over 100 jury trials in both the criminal and civil divisions of the court.
- 30 year member of the Florida Bar.
- Served 20 years on the Sopchoppy City Council.
- Currently serving as a deacon in his church.



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Paid by Eddie Evans for Wakulla County Judge, Group One.

## Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park Mistflower

By LYNN ARTZ and SANDY TEDDER



Mistflower (*Conoclinium coelestinum*) is an eye-catching wildflower that blooms during late summer into fall. Its clusters of sky-blue flowers attract many pollinators, especially butterflies, moths, and long-tongued bees. Found naturally along wood edges, stream banks, moist meadows, and roadside ditches, this native perennial grows 1-3' tall. Mistflower is known by many common names including blue mistflower, wild ageratum, pink eupatorium, hardy ageratum, and blue boneset. It should not be confused with the smaller, non-native, annual ageratum (*Ageratum conyzoides*) sold as a bedding plant for flower gardens. Mistflower is perfect for a wildflower garden in a moist, partially shaded setting. It is blooming now along the north edge of the woodlands and swale at Sopchoppy Depot Park.

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## Student of the Week

Alyssa Smith, 5th grader at Medart Elementary

Principal: Stan Ward

**Achievements/Reason for Nomination:** Alyssa is a super citizen, honor roll student with great attendance and a leader who serves on our safety patrol team. She is always willing to help no matter the task. Thank you, Alyssa, for being a positive asset to Medart Elementary!



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# Sheriff's Report

Activity reported for the week of Oct. 14 to 20:

## FRIDAY, OCT. 14

- Tyler Toles reported being in a verbal altercation with an unknown male at the Corner Store. The other party was identified as Michael Baze. Both parties stated the other was responsible for the altercation, it was verbal only, this report was written for information only. Lt. Brent Sanders investigated.

- While serving a trespassing warning, suspect Christopher Benton was run in the NCIC/FCIC system. An outstanding warrant was discovered and Benton was arrested. During the search of his person, methamphetamine was reportedly found. Benton was transported without further incident. Deputy Anthony Paul investigated.

- Heather Lane reported that someone was stealing her mail.

Lane advised she went to her residence to pick up her mail which included her EBT card. Lane reported the suspect (a roommate) denied it was there, stating she returned her mail to the sender. Lane states she has since observed someone using her accounts. Deputy Rudolph Hinson investigated.

## SATURDAY, OCT. 15

- Jeremy Hayes called stating his boat is docked near Lynn Circle. He stated he is having an ongoing issue with someone urinating on his boat. Hayes advised he set cameras a few days ago to catch the suspect. Hayes advised on this date the suspect returned and again urinated on his boat. Hayes was able to provide a description of the vehicle and a tag for the vehicle the suspect was driving. He was also able to provide a video of the suspect. This case has been sent to detectives for further

investigation. Deputy Rudolph Hinson investigated.

## SUNDAY, OCT. 16

- Deputy Kory Smith was contacted by Stephen Smith, owner of Domino's Pizza at 2615 Crawfordville Hwy. Smith advised he had been contacted by citizens stating cars (signs) had been driving recklessly around the county. After further investigation the cars reported did not match any of his current drivers. Smith realized three of his Domino topper signs were missing. This case has been forwarded to detectives for further investigation.

- Deputy Dylan Causseaux was conducting a stand-by for a child exchange, near Summer Lane. While on scene, Deputy Causseaux observed a white male subject asleep in the passenger's side of a vehicle on scene. Deputy Causseaux ob-

served what appeared to be a glass pipe sitting in the subject's lap. Upon further investigation the subject was identified as Javier Calderon. Calderon was detained as part of the investigation. Deputy Causseaux allegedly located a small amount of cocaine in Calderon's possession during the investigation. Calderon was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cocaine.

- Deputy Tiffany Spears conducted a traffic stop on a car for an inoperable brake light. Upon contact with the driver Matthew Willis, he was found to have a suspended driver's license. During a search of Willis's back pack a single .5 mg clonazepam was found. Willis was transported to the Wakulla County jail for possession without a prescription and driving while license suspended or revoked (DWLSR).

## MONDAY, OCT. 17

- Deputy Heather Will conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle. Heather Hart was the driver and sole occupant. During the stop it was learned that Hart's driver's license was not valid with multiple prior convictions for DWLSR. Hart was arrested and transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

## THURSDAY, OCT. 20

- WCSO deputies along with units from Wakulla County Fire Rescue responded to Sonic because of a fire. An employee advised when they began to turn the equipment on at the start of shift, the building filled with smoke. The damage to the building is estimated at approximately \$10,000. No foul play is suspected in the fire at this time.

- Leann Baker was arrested and charged with damaging a Tablet that was property

of the Wakulla County Jail. Baker is a current inmate at the Wakulla County Jail.

- Jennifer Finch reported someone keyed her vehicle sometime during the hours of 4:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. Damage is estimated at approximately \$2,500. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Lt. Vicki Mitchell investigated.

- Deputies responded to the Stop N Save at 2984 Crawfordville Hwy. in reference to an alarm. Upon arrival deputies found the front door busted. Upon viewing video surveillance, it was determined a burglary had occurred. WCSO detectives and CSI responded to the scene to assist the investigation. The juvenile suspects have been identified and are in custody.

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

## Tragedy on GF&A

From Front Page

new Overland automobile.

Annie Moore Ferrell was experienced driving the family Model T Ford and wanted to learn to drive Ira's Overland car.

After they went to the farm, the got in the Overland car for their return trip to Ivan along the rutted road.

As they reached the railroad crossing – a rough, rutted crossing, obscured by dense woods – Annie slowed the car and carefully began to cross the steel rails. To her horror, the motor stopped and the car stalled.

As Gray wrote:

“As they looked to their right, in the direction of Arran, the frightened passengers saw the unmistakable profile and heard the approaching sound of a steam locomotive pounding over steel rails: 260 tons of steel and freight moving at 30 miles per hour, arrow-straight in their direction...

“With its drivers churning, its chime whistle at full blast and its distress warning echoing for three miles throughout the woodlands around Gossitt Mill, the steam locomotive continued to bear



Nelson Martin investigating the remains of the 1926 Overland in August.



An example of a 1926 Overland automobile.



A GF&A train at Carrabelle station in 1906.

down upon the railroad crossing and the stalled automobile.”

Annie and Ira frantically tried to start the engine.

“With a terrifying crash, the GF&A train smashed into the right passenger side of the new Overland car with great violence, causing death and destruction.”

Sarah Ferrell and her daughter Jonnie Sutton were killed instantly and Annie Ferrell died three days later. Ira Sutton survived with many broken bones by holding on to the train's cowcatcher.

At the station in Springhill, Mr. Desse Cook was waiting for the train to pick up a boxcar loaded with turpentine and rosin from his still. “I never saw the train moving so fast,” he said. “The train engineer was continuously blowing the steam whistle, long mournful blasts, a sound of distress.”

Family members were buried in the Sutton-Ferrell cemetery near Ivan. The inscription says: “She faltered by the wayside and the angels took her home.”

The remains of the Overland car are still in the woods where they were pushed off the train tracks.



## Stone Crab Feast

At the St Marks Fall Festival Stone Crab Feast held on October 22, people crowded the streets of St Marks to celebrate fall and the opening season for stone crabs, selling out completely. Local vendors were there selling food and raffles were held. (Photo by Charity Tumbleson)



## Hillbillies at WHS

Join Jed, Granny, Elly May, Jethro and the whole gang for a heaping helping of laughs as Wakulla High School presents The Beverly Hillbillies! Join us for this hysterical one act show Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults. This production received a “Superior” score at the District 1 One Act Competition in Panama City this past weekend which advances 23 students to attend the State Festival in March. This is one not to be missed! So come out and see us, ya hear?

## New RV rules

From Front Page

equipped with road-worthy wheels or a jacking system, be attached to the site with only quick-disconnect type utilities, and have no permanent attachments such as additions, rooms, stairs, or porches.

The requirements are county-wide – formerly, the requirements were for RV parks in a flood hazard area.

There would also be an annual inspection process to ensure all vehicles within RV parks are compliant

with the ordinance.

During the discussion, Wakulla Property Appraiser Ed Brimmer, noted that policies have been changed this past tax year, and that RVs are now being assessed.

Another concern brought up by RV Park owner Walt Dickson, was that RVs on a property should go by the same rules held to the RVs at RV parks.

In other matters:

- County Administrator David Edwards gave some updates, saying the sidewalk

work for Ivan Church Road has been completed and that there are plans for the sidewalk to be extended to Bridlegate at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 319, and for a crosswalk to be put in.

- At a workshop held before the regular meeting, the board discussed its 2023 legislative priorities:

Included in appropriation requests were a Emergency Operations Center for \$6.3 million; fire and rescue ladder truck for \$1.2 million; a new fire station outside of Shell Point for just over \$1 million; funding for a

new library facility for \$800,000; and a new county government complex for \$800,000.

For state-funded programs, the county is requesting continued funding under the state Department of Environmental Protection's water protection grant programs, small county outreach programs, small county road assistance programs, county incentive grant programs, Florida recreation development assistance programs, and the state Department of Economic Opportunity rural infrastructure grants.



## Opry is Saturday

The dynamic duo of Sonny & Linda Morris with the Country Gold Band will return to the Sopchoppy Opry Saturday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. in historic Sopchoppy School Auditorium. Also appearing, Southbound Band with Glenda Sue Bradley and Joan Cox. Tickets are \$15 and may be reserved at (850) 962-3711 or purchased at the door. For more information about this show and the Sopchoppy Opry go to sopchoppyopry.com.

# Opinions

THE FIRST AMENDMENT

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

## LETTERS FROM READERS

### Don't vote for Quincee Messersmith

**Editor, The Sun:**

Commission Chair Quincee Messersmith is deeply involved in our community and a genuine delight to talk to. When she was elected four years ago, there was reason to have high hopes for her time in office. But unfortunately, she has become a pawn of the Wakulla political establishment and consistently failed those who elected her.

Commissioner Messersmith's record can be summarized as “higher taxes, faster growth.” She has repeatedly championed property tax hikes while refusing to support impact fees on new subdivisions. As a result, we – the taxpayers – now heavily subsidize infrastructure for developers while roads and services go underfunded for the rest of us.

Development can be a good thing, but Wakulla County is being gobbled up by poorly planned subdivisions. Commissioner Messersmith has supported nearly all of them: those that dump traffic into neighborhoods and school zones, those that pollute our water, and those that hoodwink home buyers with shoddy construction. Sadly, Messersmith is a reliable rubber stamp for reckless, unchecked growth, no matter its impact on our community.

Commissioner Messersmith has also been involved in questionable county business. She voted to spend nearly \$500,000 on overpriced property from former commissioner Jerry Moore, a supporter of hers. (The commission's intention was to build a wastewater dumping site, but the land – which was hardly vetted before the purchase – was later deemed un-

usable.) More recently, as Commission chair, Messersmith oversaw a surprise sewer moratorium when the system was overwhelmed by all the new subdivisions that she and her colleagues approved.

Finally, Messersmith refuses to tell voters her position on a critical issue: the proposal to build a 16-pump gas station above the main Wakulla Springs groundwater cave. The company hoping to build it, Southwest Georgia Oil Company, has a history of catastrophic spills and has already been found grossly negligent once for contamination in Wakulla County. Messersmith claims that she cannot take a public position because the hearing would be “quasi-judicial,” but this is false. (Florida law and state supreme court precedent clearly show that changes to a county's comprehensive plan are legislative, not quasi-judicial. See Martin County v. Yusem, 1997.) I hope she'll clarify her position but must assume for now that she plans to vote for this proposal, which threatens our fishing industry, drinking water, and tourism economy.

I honestly like Commissioner Messersmith, but her actions are misguided and wildly out-of-touch. Thankfully, her opponent, Sam McGrew – a small business owner and fifth-generation resident – wants to reign in reckless growth, protect our water, stand up for taxpayers, and introduce impact fees on subdivisions. It's time for new leadership.

**Donna Burmeister**  
Shell Point

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Since the above letter was negative, and with early voting underway, Commissioner Messersmith was given an opportunity to respond. Her answer to the letter is below.

### Quincee Messersmith responds

**Editor, The Sun:**

Dear Donna,

I would hope that someone with your professional background (Retired Geologist at Florida Department of Environmental Protection and worked at Gulf Oil) and intellect (Studied Geology at University of Florida) would want to get involved in the process all of the time and not just during the election cycle.

I have been and always will be deeply involved in the community. The truth is, those like yourself have become a pawn of the handful of dissenters in this county that have a hidden agenda to throw temper tantrums when they choose to ignore the law.

Higher taxes and faster growth seem to be the flair of this campaign cycle, and that could not be further from the truth. In the whole state of Florida, there are only eight counties that have lower taxes! Faster Growth? What is that? Please consider doing your research about the policies and procedures to any change in the comp-

plan. When citizens care enough to be involved, they would know that traffic studies, environmental impact and education population measures are all included in the planning and zoning process.

In closing, I don't claim, I know that I cannot and will not take a public position on a quasi-judicial issue. Misguided and wildly out-of-touch is the perfect analogy of what those of you have claimed can change through editorials, propped candidates and other means to disguise the truth because it doesn't fit your mantra. To address your concerns, we already have an impact fee ordinance, there is no such thing as reckless growth, our effluent water is being treated to some of the highest AWT standards available, and our taxes are some of the lowest in the state. These are just a few of the reasons we choose to call Wakulla home.

Please let me know if there are any other concerns that you have.

**Quincee Messersmith**

### Voting for Dod Walker for school board

**Editor, The Sun:**

I am writing this letter in support of Mr Dod Walker for school board district 1. I have known Mr Walker for more than 30 years. I worked with him at Wakulla Middle School where I was teaching physical education and he was Assistant Principal. In that time, I found that he has the reputation of being firm, but fair.

In 2000, Mr Walker was appointed Principal of the newly built Riversprings Middle School. Because of his vision, he wanted to make

Riversprings a place where teachers, students, and parents could be proud.

With no regrets, I joined his team, because I knew his vision of success was No. 1 on his list of priorities. I believe the same effort and skills that he used to lead Riversprings will be the same if elected, I strongly feel if given a chance, he will do what it takes to continue the improvement of our district!

Sincerely,

**Frances (Coach) Knight**  
Crawfordville

### Amendment 2 should be rejected

**Editor, The Sun:**

In November, voters will be asked to decide whether to abolish one of Florida's important ways citizens can directly have their voices heard. If passed by 60 percent of Florida's voters, Amendment 2 would abolish the constitution revision commission, a board of citizens, appointed by the governor, legislative leaders, and the supreme court chief justice, that meets every 20 years to review the state's constitution and makes recommendations for change.

As one of the only states with a CRC, Florida gives its citizens a rare and innovative opportunity to play an active role in democracy. Enshrined in the state constitution, the 37-member CRC travels the state to hear about the issues that matter most to Floridians and proposes constitutional amendments that go right to the ballot for a public vote. Since 1968, the CRC has convened only three times, most recently in 2017-18.

The third CRC met and placed seven measures on the ballot on issues ranging from ethics to dog racing, offshore drilling to rights of crime victims. (An eighth was removed by the courts for a misleading title.) All the measures passed. So why are we trying to change this—to essentially silence citizens? The argument is that several of the measures contained more than one item, called ‘bundling,’ and thus were confusing. But apparently voters did not agree. Perhaps more telling is that the legislature does not like having another entity that can put constitutional changes on the ballot. Certainly,

this view is consistent with recent legislative measures to curb the use of the initiative process—a second way citizens can directly address issues that perhaps the legislature wants to avoid.

It is noteworthy that both the initiative and the CRC were placed in the 1968 constitution to respond to a frustration that there was no practical way around a legislature entrenched against reform. Such reforms flowing from the first two CRCs included requiring the state to make adequate provision for an efficient, safe, secure, and high-quality public education system, a local option for merit selection of trial judges, streamlining the state cabinet to four officials (including the governor) and setting up a system of public financing for statewide candidates.

A 2019 LeRoy Collins Institute survey found that Floridians like having a body other than the Legislature listen to the people and propose updates to the state's fundamental document. While few recognize the CRC by name, an overwhelming majority – 87% – favor having a commission doing what the CRC does.

The LeRoy Collins Institute has long supported the CRC and continues to do so. The CRC follows the advice of Thomas Jefferson who thought that every generation should have the ‘solemn’ opportunity to update its constitution. This solemn duty should not be lightly revoked. Please vote No on Amendment 2.

**Dr. Carol Weissert**  
FSU Political Science Professor

### The changing face of Wakulla County

**Editor, The Sun:**

These two pictures were taken at the same spot off Rehwinkel Road. One two years ago, the other now.

**Neil Hostnick**



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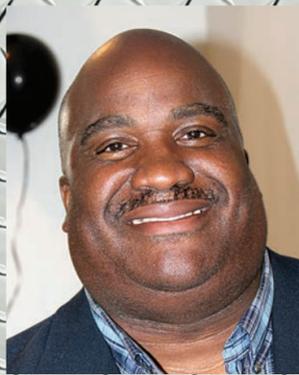
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### Polled at 30 Palms FWMA Feathers and Fur Masquerade Ball Fundraiser: What do you like best about this event?



**JAIME HANSELMANN**  
THE SHACK

“The vibe, the energy, the costumes and masks. Everyone is having such a good time.”



**RAY JOHNSON**  
WAKULLA SHERIFF'S OFFICE

“Hanging out with good friends and seeing a lot of people I had not seen for awhile.”



**DR. KEN FRAZIER**  
RETIRED VET

“All the money goes to save the animals, protecting the animals. It's a worthy event.”



**MISTY BYRD**  
OWNER OF 30 PALMS

“The fact that these women came together, worked so hard and so well together as a committee.”



**JORDAN WEBSTER**  
ESTHETICIAN/ELECTROLOGIST

“The venue is stunning and the event is immaculate. The women who put this together are fantastic human beings.”

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Wakulla Station News

By **VERNA BROCK**

Folks, we have less than two weeks (Nov. 8th) to vote! This is the “BIG ONE”, the general election, and every vote counts. So whether you vote early, by mail or “in person” on election day, be prepared to exercise the power our forefathers and mothers fought and died to give you.

I wish you could have been at my house last Saturday night. You could've watched Ed and I doing our dead level best to coax our crazy cat out of a VERY tall oak tree. At 10 p.m.. In the cold. She managed to get herself up, but couldn't decide how to come down. Ed finally provided our very tall extension ladder, and we ambled off, with a prayer, to

bed. Sunday morning, in the light of day, Ed climbed the ladder and plucked her out of the tree. That was one happy kitty, gratefully finding her kibble and a cozy spot to curl up sound asleep!

If you drive through Wakulla Station nowadays, be sure to observe the speed limit. The Sheriff and the Highway Patrol are out in force to

encourage strict observance of the law. Please remember lots of people actually live here, and respect our neighborhood.

Keep the family of Steve Vickery in your prayers, as he passed away unexpectedly this month. Also, please keep Sheryl Grimes in your prayers. She has been dealing with the loss of her husband Don, as well as moving into a new apartment in Tallahassee.

### Buckhorn News

By **ETHEL SKIPPER**

Our God offers hope when there is no hope. And hope is all one needs sometimes.

The assuring knowledge that God is there and that He cares. And from that hope our soul can emit praise to the one who is called Savior and God.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the

evidence of things not seen.

We all hope for better things. Our faith in God, and faith within ourselves prepares us for a greater walk with the Lord. Our goal as Christians should always be to glorify God in our daily life.

We hope that the world will get better, that people will stop killing each other, hating, and doing all those bad things.

We have faith in God. He lives in

us. We are controlled, directed and led by the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8-9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

It is not enough to have the Holy Spirit. The Spirit must have us and be in us. We have an obligation to be the Holy Spirit. When we allow God to lead us, the Spirit will empower

us to obey and be more like Him. We cannot do this on our own.

Romans 8: 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

We should praise the Lord at all times, because without Him we can do nothing.

Our daily prayers go out to all of the sick and shut-in, those in the nursing homes, the hospitals, prison, homeless, and all in need of a blessing of help.

### Library News – Oct. 27

**Thursday, October 27**  
Friends of the Library General Meeting 6pm  
Wakulla Democratic Executive Committee 6pm  
Animal Tales Creepy Critters 7pm  
**Friday, October 28**  
Quilting Guild 9:30am  
**Saturday, October 29**  
StoryWalk & Trick-or-Treat Trail @ Azalea Park 5:30-8:30pm  
**Monday, October 31**  
No Programs Today  
**Tuesday, November 1**  
Forgotten Coast Homeschool Co-op 9:15am  
Book Bunch 10am  
Community Traffic Safety Team 10am

LEGO Club 4pm  
**Wednesday, November 2**  
Book Babies 10am  
Wakulla County Coalition for Youth 12:30pm  
Knitting Group 4pm  
**Thursday, November 3**  
Wakulla Rotary Club 8:30am  
Advanced Kids Coding 5pm  
The Parks HOA Covenant Review 6:30pm

**WCPL PRESENTS: ANIMAL TALES CREEPY CRITTERS!**

Join us as one of Animal Tales' naturalists presents their Creepy Critters program which focuses on those less cuddly and icky creatures

whose importance is often taken for granted. This program features arachnids, insects, and snakes to illustrate that such undesirable critters serve an extremely important purpose to the environment. Animal Tales is an insured, USDA and Fish and Wildlife Licensed business. Be prepared to get up close and personal with unique animals like you've never seen. This program will take place at the Wakulla County Public Library on Thursday, October 27th at 7pm.

**TRICK-OR-TREAT STORY WALK**

The time has almost come! Are your costumes and your candy buckets ready? Join us, Saturday, Octo-

ber 29th from 5:30pm to 8:30pm at Azalea Park for a great Halloween story and lots of safe trick-or-treating. Be on the lookout for the library staff, uh, I mean the classic movie monsters, who will be running the library booth for great photo ops. Please consider making donations of bags of individually wrapped candy as we prepare for this amazing event.

**UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

- Friday, November 11th and Saturday, November 12th for Veteran's Day
- Thursday, November 24th to Saturday, November 26th for Thanksgiving
- Friday, December 23rd and Saturday, December 24th for Christmas

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## HOME ON THE RANGE

### What to look for in a handgun



By MARJ LAW

“What should I look for when buying a new handgun?” asks Newbie. “There’s got to be some things that everyone should look for.”

It depends. There’s no one gun for everyone. The things you look for may depend on whether you are large-boned or small-boned. Big guys usually prefer different features than small women. Young people usually have different wants than mature people. People who have been shooting for quite a while have honed down their likes to specific details. It all depends on the person himself.

Recently, I asked two men and three women what they look for in handguns. All five have been shooting for 10 years or more.

Sally, who has sturdy bones, looks for a wide grip to fit her large hands. She likes high stippling for added control when her palms are sweaty. And aren’t we in Florida? Sweaty hands happen here.

She has heard of a gun that can be converted from a .22 to a 9mm handgun. These are rare, and you have to search hard to find

them. Modular guns have become popular, though, and she may find a way to have a versatile gun.

Sally likes the curved trigger, saying it gives her better control and helps to prevent her from sticking her index finger too far into the trigger. And sights? She wants the red dot holographic sight. Of course, red dot sights do not come with most guns. They can be a pricey addition.

A pretty gun is important to her. She has to carry it and practice with it, right?

I ask Joe what he likes. He is big boned and fairly tall.

“I like a palm swell in the grip,” he replies. “It fits my hand better and it gives me more physical contact with the grip. This gives me good control to stay on target for subsequent shots. When it comes to the trigger, I like one with a 3.5 or 4.5-pound pull.”

“For sights, I prefer the big white dots. Two in the back, and one in the front. I’m more used to the white dots than the red or green fiber optic sights.”

“Oh, and I look for a hammer gun.”

He thinks he means it, but one Christmas Santa brought him a Sig Sauer P320. It’s a striker-fired gun. Joe loves it. Oops! No hammer! He’s going to the dark side. I like the striker-fired guns.

The next person I ask is Rick.

“What do you like in a gun?”

“I like finger grooves in the grip,” he replies. “Also I like it to have a



palm swell. And for the trigger, I like a trigger that curls; not a flat trigger.

“I look for 9mm handguns because of their ammunition. Traditionally, the 9mm ammunition has been easier to find and it is less expensive. Some ammunition is hard to obtain and it’s a lot more expensive. People should be aware of the availability of ammunition for their guns before they buy.”

“I prefer a hammer gun to a striker-fired gun, and I want a picatinny rail for accessories like a flashlight or laser under the barrel or a red

dot sight over the barrel. “And, speaking of sights, I want my guns to have night sights.”

Me, I’ve got my own preferences, and Joe and I have lively discussions over our different likes. Nobody yet brought up take-down ability. Some guns are just darn difficult to break down. And the day will come when you have to field-strip your gun either to clean it or to fix something that has gone wrong. So, I look for a gun that is easy to take down.

I prefer, like Joe does, a trigger pull of 3 to 4.5 pounds. If you’re going

to be practicing at the range for an hour or so, you want to be able to pull that trigger. Again and again. If you can only pull it once comfortably, then you won’t be practicing very long! The trigger shouldn’t have much travel time, either. And it should have a short reset in case you need to pull it more than once. Mr. Bad may have friends.

If it’s for carry, I like my tiny Sig Sauer P238 .380. Wearing it appendix style with a “sticky” holster, a short person doesn’t have much room when he/she sits down. Although I’d rather have

a 9mm for greater power against Mr. Bad, I still have not found one small enough that fits my other criteria. Maybe a Sig Sauer P938 or an H&K VP 9 SK will fit the bill. Trying them out first will help make that decision.

I like a gun with big fat white dots: 2 rear and 1 front. Big dots are easier to see than others. But if I had my druthers, well, I’m waiting for a Sig Sauer Romeo 7 with a green chevron. The green seems crisper than a red dot, and I like the point where you aim.

Glenda is petite. She wants a gun that has a slide that is easy to pull back. Some slides are quite stiff.

Her gun has to have very little recoil. She wants good control of her gun. Less recoil allows better control, as does palm swell on the grip. This is why she wants palm swell, too.

She has a small hand, so she prefers a gun with a small grip.

She prefers a pretty gun. So do Sally and I.

“That’s kind of superficial, wouldn’t you say?” asks Joe.

“Not at all,” replies Glenda. “What better way to keep Mr. Bad from bothering anyone again?”

First, he has to admit he was shot by a female.

Even worse, he was shot by a female toting a pink gun!

Oh, the shame and humiliation!”

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 last week, snapped this photo of a Double-crested Cormorant.

**EASTERN BEADED CHITON**  
(*Chaetopleura apiculata*)

Chitons are tiny (<0.5”) primitive mollusks with eight shell plates or “valves”. Chiton use unique scraping teeth to crush shells and eat attached algae. Some species eat solid rock! The teeth have a magnetite cover interlaced with sodium and magnesium. Engineers are fascinated by the strong material. There are over 1000 different species, many of which are larger and beautifully colored. Some larger species are also edible.

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# Water Ways

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Thursday 27	
Sun rise/set 7:47AM 6:54PM	Moon rise/set 10:06AM 8:35PM
Moon Illumination 5%	
Friday 28	
Sun rise/set 7:48AM 6:53PM	Moon rise/set 11:16AM 9:28PM
Moon Illumination 12%	
Saturday 29	
Sun rise/set 7:48AM 6:52PM	Moon rise/set 12:24PM 10:27PM
Moon Illumination 20%	
Sunday 30	
Sun rise/set 7:49AM 6:51PM	Moon rise/set 1:26PM 11:34PM
Moon Illumination 30%	
Monday 31	
Sun rise/set 7:50AM 6:50PM	Moon rise/set 2:20PM ----
Moon Illumination 41%	
Tuesday 1	
Sun rise/set 7:51AM 6:49PM	Moon rise/set 3:06PM 12:42AM
Moon Illumination 53%	
Wednesday 2	
Sun rise/set 7:51AM 6:48PM	Moon rise/set 3:46PM 1:51AM
Moon Illumination 64%	

## Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

### Oct. 27 - Nov. 2

Tide charts by [tides4fishing.com](http://tides4fishing.com)

Best fishing days this month  
October 25-31, November 1-8, 23-30

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.

St. Marks River Entrance				City of St. Marks				Shell Point, Spring Creek						
Th	3:03 am ▲ 4.0 ft	10:05 am ▼ -0.6 ft	4:39 pm ▲ 3.7 ft	9:50 pm ▼ 1.5 ft	Th	3:39 am ▲ 3.7 ft	11:09 am ▼ -0.5 ft	5:15 pm ▲ 3.4 ft	10:54 pm ▼ 1.4 ft	Th	3:22 am ▲ 4.1 ft	10:26 am ▼ -0.6 ft	5:03 pm ▲ 3.7 ft	10:12 pm ▼ 1.6 ft
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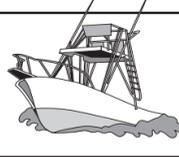
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Best hunting and fishing based on solunar times: MAJOR feeding periods are 2 hours long, centered on the solunar time. MINOR feeding periods are only 1 hour long, again centered on the solunar time.



## Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



The Coast Guard Auxiliary Recreational Safe Boating put out the following information regarding cell phones.

The Coast Guard does not endorse cellular phones as a primary means of distress notification in the maritime environment. Cell phones have several shortcomings in the maritime environment that can delay search and rescue authorities.

During a search and rescue (SAR) case, the Coast Guard attempts to broadcast as much information as possible about the case. These broadcasts provide information to mariners that may be in the vicinity of the SAR case so that they can respond appropriately. A cell phone limits communications between the Coast Guard and the mariner in distress, because other possible rescuers in

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the area are not immediately made aware of the SAR case. In contrast, a marine radio call allows all other mariners in the area to overhear the distress call and respond if possible.

Most cellular phones are designed for a land-based service. Their off-shore coverage is limited and may change without notice.

Locating a cellular caller can be difficult. If you don't know your position precisely, the Coast Guard may have

difficulty locating you. Having a working VHF radio, an EPIRB or PIB and filing a float plan are critical to your safety, should you need assistance.

For more information, visit U. S. Coast Guard Navigation Center's webpage <https://navcen.uscg.gov/maritime-telecommunications>.

Thanks to Sherrie, we will always remember safe boating is no accident.

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](http://www.uscgaux.net) follow us on Facebook @ Apalachee Bay Flotilla 12 or contact our Flotilla Commander Phil Hill at [pnkhill2000@yahoo.com](mailto:pnkhill2000@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](mailto:steve.hults@uscgaux.net).

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## Underwater Wakulla

By Rusty Miller

### Fall and winter diving.

October is winding down, the nights are getting cooler, and the afternoons are getting dryer. This means open water checkout dives in the ocean will end after Oct. 30th. I will be having an advanced class on the weekend of Oct. 29th and 30th with the (3) advanced ocean dives on the 29th.

Does this mean that we are done with scuba classes? No, it means we will be doing our open water checkout dives in the various springs. The four main springs I like to use for my early fall and winter checkout dives are the west side springs, Morrison Springs in Walton County, and the Vortex Springs in Ponce De Leon, they are about a 2 1/2 hour drive from Crawfordville. The east side springs are the Blue Grotto in Williston and Devil's Den springs in Williston. Both of these springs are about 2 hours from Crawfordville.

Each of these springs offer different landscapes under water. Morrison Springs offers 68 degree water and a large area to do the basic open water skills even with a large amount of other divers. It has a medium size bowl to get down to about 30-35 feet. There is a rather large tree that is positioned across the top of the bowl and it's about 20-25 feet under water. You can then descend further down to the entrance of the cave. You will start to feel the flow of the water out of the cave system before you get to the large tree lying across the bowl. It will tend to push you back away from the cave entrance rather forcefully. Remember that unless you have a cave diving certification you cannot enter into the cave.

When I first started diving in Morrison Springs there was not the pavilion or stairs that go down to the beach or were there any boardwalk system or floating platforms. You could park on the sandy parking lot then you could just walk to the edge of the water. The spring had little soft shell snapping turtles that would swim around your feet. When our daughters where 8 and 9 years old they would try to grab the little turtles, then one turtle didn't like being messed with and literally chased my 9 year old out of the water and back onto the beach. It stayed there at the water's edge waiting to get her if she came back in. We still laugh about to this day and both of my daughters are in their early 40s.

When we first started diving Morrison Springs, the cave entrance was in about 45-50 feet of water but over the years the bowl has filled in with the sand from the walls so that now at the entrance it is smaller and it is only about 30-35 feet deep. The only reason there is an entrance is the flow is powerful enough to keep it from getting completely covered up.

The only real downside to Morrison Springs is the river. When we have had several days' worth of rain in that area the river will back up into the springs and the only clear spot will be at the mouth of the cave where the water flow is at its strongest. You can go on the Walton County recreation website and they will tell you the clarity based on a number scale 1-5 (1) being absolutely clear with (5) being almost zero visibility.

Next week I will take you in your mind to the Vortex Springs just a few miles down from Morrison Springs. Until then continue to make bubbles

Russell Miller #59999

## On the Horizon

### Calendar of upcoming events for the week of Oct. 27

#### Thursday, October 27

- Rotary Club of Wakulla meets at TCC Wakulla at 8:30 a.m.
- The VFW Auxiliary Bingo Night will be held at 7 p.m. at 475 Arran Road in Crawfordville. There will be concessions and raffles.
- Animal Tales at the Wakulla Public Library with naturalists presenting creepy critters to illustrate the role of less desirable critters at 7 p.m.

#### Friday, October 28

- The Wakulla War Eagles host the Suwannee Bulldogs at J.D. Jones Stadium for district championship. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.
- 2nd Annual Halloween Rock n Roll Bonfire at the Palaver Tree Theater starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person. There will be live music, and prize for best costume.

#### Saturday, October 29

- Storywalk at Azalea Park from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This event is free to attend and there will be a storybook walk and candy being passed out around the parks and food trucks will be present.
- Intro to Tai Chi at the Community Center from 9 to 10 a.m. All ability levels are welcome; please wear comfortable clothing. For questions call Rich or Terri Bushman at 850-228-9214.

- Sopchoppy Opry at the Historic Sopchoppy School Auditorium with Sonny and Linda Morris starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and can be reserved at 850-962-3711.

#### Sunday, October 30

- Medart Assembly's annual Trunk or Treat from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. free food, games, and candy. All are welcome

#### Monday, October 31

- Happy Halloween!
- 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.

#### Tuesday, November 1

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

#### Wednesday, November 2

- A Line Dance class will be held at 1 p.m. at the Wakulla Senior Center.
- Intro to Tai Chi held at the Community Center from 9 to 10 a.m. All ability levels are welcome; please wear comfortable clothing. For questions call Rich or Terri Bushman at 850-228-9214.

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# Want to experience ultimate fulfillment?



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

Want to experience ultimate fulfillment?

How many years does the average person live on earth? How many years do they live in heaven or hell?

Do these back-to-back questions give you pause? Do they make you consider how you want to live your minuscule dot of time on earth before entering into the never-ending forever-ness of eternity?

Let's talk about how we can have a fulfilling life here on earth while keeping eternity in mind.

Think about when we're most satisfied. Isn't it when we care about others' well-being ahead of our own? In light of this, how can we experience a truly

fulfilled life while also becoming increasingly excited about heaven? Persecution.

Not the answer you were expecting?

When we risk persecution while sharing our faith, we experience ultimate fulfillment – ultimate love for others and an ultimate expectation of heaven. Each time we're willing to suffer for our faith, our commitment to others – and to Christ – intensifies.

Persecution, even with its unexpected benefits, isn't pleasant to think about. Rather

than brushing aside the thought, however, we'd be wise to take a serious look at it. It's entirely possible that Christians in America will experience increasing persecution.

Let's ask God to help us hate the thought of anyone spending one minute, much less all eternity, in hell more than we fear persecution. To consider people's souls (even the ones who are persecuting us) as more valuable than our physical lives. To endure disappointment, inconvenience and hardship, when

necessary, in order to reach the lost. And to be willing and ready to accept ridicule from the very ones we're trying to share Christ with.

In Matthew 5:44 (ESV), Jesus makes it clear how He feels about this, "I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

As we obey this verse, we bear a resemblance to our Savior. We start to look like the One Who died for the people we're witnessing to. Trusting God when we're persecuted will enable us (individually

and as the church) to experience life differently.

Best of all, we'll live in joyful expectation of one day standing face-to-face with our Redeemer – something we'll enjoy throughout the never-ending forever-ness of eternity.

Talk about ultimate fulfillment.

*Sheryl H. Boldt is a sales executive for Wave 94 and author of the blog, www.TodayCanBeDifferent.net. Connect with her at SherylHBoldt.Wave94@gmail.com.*

## Pray with a humble heart



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

It was a time when I was seriously ill. I had just received a chemo treatment and stopped at Walmart on my way home for a couple of items. I was puffed from the steroids, and my hair had long since fallen out. I was pale, and I was weak.

On three separate occasions, I was face to face with a man I did not know. Finally, as I

neared the checkout, he stood before me. He said, "Three times I felt the need to pray for you, and three times I passed you by." He continued the conversation by asking permission to pray for me.

Standing in the checkout line, I bowed my head as he placed his hands on my shoulders. It was the only time I heard the silence in Walmart. Tears fell from my eyes, and a warmth filled my being as he prayed. The words of this stranger brought me comfort. My spirit was thirsty for a touch from God. I was still sick when I opened my eyes, but I felt safe and grateful.

If it is true that prayer can move mountains,

then there was a noticeable shift in the landscape of my soul the day a stranger prayed for me. Prayer is the greatest gift we can ever give ourselves or someone else. Nonetheless, it is the most overthought and overly complicated act known to man. And yet, prayer should be the most accessible, natural act of human existence. Prayer is a simple conversation between the Father and His child that begins with a humble heart.

We read about a humble heart of prayer in scripture. John the Baptist had been the one crying in the wilderness, preparing a way for Christ the Lord. As Jesus stepped into His ministry, John's min-

istry began to lessen. John's prayer would be that Jesus increased as he decreased (John 3:30). John humbly recognized the need for Jesus in the people's lives.

Mother Teresa walked this same path of humbleness, for she prayed, "Lord, help us to spread Your fragrance everywhere we go. May our lives only be a radiance of Yours."

I had an opportunity to witness this exact reflection of humble prayer as I hosted a men's prayer breakfast. During prayer time, I heard an elderly gentleman pray, "Lord, let me walk so others see you coming." They were simple words, but they carried the strength of a humble heart that

served the Lord. I often use these words when I pray.

We may never change the world completely, but through prayer, we can change our hearts. And we can become the pebble in the pond that causes the ripple effect of peace and healing. I have never seen the stranger from Walmart again. However, I have never forgotten his gift of prayer to me. The gentleman from the prayer group has journeyed to Heaven; his prayer remained as a gift, and now I have given it to you.

Take this simple gift of prayer and walk so others see Jesus coming. Become the fragrance of the Father and the calming of the

storm. Pray for our children, our schools, and each other. Pray for our country and government. Pray for the soldiers, law enforcement, and first responders. Pray for the drug addict, the lost, the broken, the lonely, and the scared. Pray for forgiveness. Pray for grace. And pray with a humble heart.

James 5:16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

*Cheryl Mixon-Cruce is Pastor of Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Church and Sopchoppy United Methodist Church.*

## Obituaries

### DEATH NOTICES

- **John Edward Bentley**, 90, of Crawfordville, died October 19, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com
- **John "Johnny" D. Fletcher Sr.**, 77, of Crawfordville, died October 19, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com
- **Howard Benjamin York**, 54, of Land O' Lakes, died October 16, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

## Gospel at Mount Beasor on Saturday

### Special to The Sun

Pastor Bruce Taylor and the congregation at Mount Beasor Baptist Church in Sopchoppy extend a warm invitation to all for an evening of Gospel music and fellowship on Saturday, Nov. 5 at 6 p.m.

Featured singers will be the Shepherds, one of the most enduring and loved musical families in Gospel music today. Traditional hymns and songs written and recorded by the group will be performed including the popular hit "There's a Miracle In



The Shepherds will perform at Mount Beasor on Saturday.

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Mount Beasor Baptist Church is located at 29 Winthrop Avenue in Sopchoppy.

There is ample and

secure parking at the church and transportation is available.

Call 850-510-0619 or 850-962-3711 for additional information.

## Participate in Veterans Day Parade

### Special to The Sun

We are gearing up for the Veterans Day Parade and need to get the word out. I have attached the Flyer and the signup form they can email the information to: contact@

vfw4538.org or they can fill it out online at <https://tinyurl.com/VF-W4538P>.

The parade will be held on Nov. 5 beginning at 10 a.m. The parade lineup will be at 9 a.m. at Hudson Park.

## Ducks Unlimited plan oyster roast

### Special to The Sun

Wakulla Ducks Unlimited is planning a Fire & Ice Bash Oyster Roast on Friday, Oct. 28th, at 6 p.m. at the Skybox. Tickets are \$100 and available at <https://ducksunlimited.myeventscenter.com/event/102822->

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Your ticket includes your entry to the eight gun and two cooler raffles, oysters and a barbecue dinner and draft beer for the night. Email Wakulla-du@gmail.com or call Sara Clark 850-510-4897 or April Posey 850.445.3047

## Hallelujah Festival at Mount Olive

### Special to The Sun

Mount Olive Primitive Baptist Church #2 Youth Department will hold a Hallelujah Festival on Monday, Oct. 31 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

There will be food, games and prizes for the whole family.

The church is located at 8 Spring Creek Hwy. in Crawfordville. Pastor is Samuel Hayes.

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Starting salary is \$12.50 per hour. To apply, send a Wakulla County application to Human Resources, P.O. Box 1263, Crawfordville, FL. 32326. Applications may be obtained by visiting our website at [www.mywakulla.com](http://www.mywakulla.com) or at the County Administrator's office located at 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327. Questions may be directed to Deborah DuBose at 850.926.0919 Ext. 707. Drug screening is required. Veteran's preference will be given to qualified applicants. Wakulla County is an AA/EOE. Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. Friday November 4, 2022.



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
**LIBRARY SPECIALIST**  
**Wakulla County Library Services**

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners is seeking qualified applicants for a full-time benefitted position of Library Specialist in the Wakulla County Library Services department.

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Starting salary is \$14.74 per hour. To apply, send a Wakulla County application to Human Resources, P.O. Box 1263, Crawfordville, FL. 32326. Applications may be obtained by visiting our website at [www.mywakulla.com](http://www.mywakulla.com) or at the County Administrator's office located at 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327. Questions may be directed to Deborah DuBose at 850.926.0919 Ext. 707.

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
**Revenue Collections Department**

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners is seeking qualified applicants for a part-time position of Administrative Assistant in the Wakulla County Revenue Collections department.

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Starting salary is 15.00 per hour. To apply, send a Wakulla County application to Human Resources, P.O. Box 1263, Crawfordville, FL. 32326. Applications may be obtained by visiting our website at [www.mywakulla.com](http://www.mywakulla.com) or at the County Administrator's office located at 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327. Questions may be directed to Deborah DuBose at 850.926.0919 Ext. 707.

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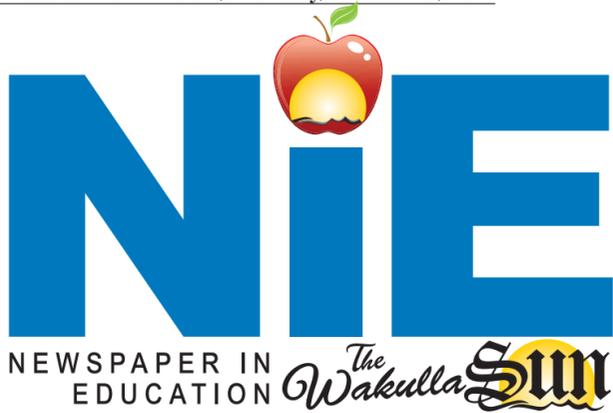
**CLUES ACROSS**

- A way to communicate
- Historic city
- Not the same
- Hitting a horse to clear a jump
- One hurt the Titanic
- Fine dense cloth
- Architectural structure
- Where Serena works
- Stringed instrument
- Estimate
- Where sailors work
- Popular Terry Pratchett novel
- Popular slow cooked dish
- Twisted Sister's Snider
- "Office Space" actor Stephen
- Put the ball in the net
- Ancient Greek city in Thrace
- High school math subject
- Looked into
- Rhode Island rebellion
- A pea is one type
- You can put it on something
- Where golfers begin
- Make a mistake
- Semitic Sun god
- Ancient Greek City
- Beheaded
- A place to stay
- Inanely foolish
- Most unnatural
- "Dennis" is one
- Soothes
- Exam
- Leaked blood
- Gradually receded
- Ripped open
- College grads get one
- Amino acid
- Unruly gathering
- Legislative body
- Resembling pigs
- Russian assembly
- Take over for
- Put in advance
- Satisfy
- Felt
- Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- Witnesses
- Some build hills
- de Armas and Gasteyer are two
- Ancient people of Scotland
- Cheerless
- Unwell

**CLUES DOWN**

- Triangular bone in lower back
- Building toy
- Pointed end of a pen
- Insect repellent
- College army
- Highly spiced stew
- Exploited
- Main course
- A bottle that contains a drug
- The most worthless part
- Everyone needs one nowadays
- Japanese wooden shoe
- Antelopes
- A way to cut
- Brooklyn hoopsters





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## Use the News

### 1. Wild Ocean Adventure

In a popular nursery rhyme, children learn that if you “row, row, row your boat / gently down the stream / merrily, merrily, merrily / life is but a dream.” It’s unlikely an adventurer from the European nation of Ireland thought much about that old familiar rhyme when trying to row alone across the Atlantic Ocean. Damian Browne’s journey was neither merry nor dreamlike, and it took 112 rough days to cover 3,000 miles from New York City to Galway, Ireland. In between, Browne battled towering waves, high winds and near-tragedy when a storm in the middle of the night tipped over his 20-foot custom rowing boat three times. And did we mention the 42-year-old Browne can’t swim? “That was scary,” he told the Washington Post newspaper. “Those hours were the longest of my life.” On October 4 he rowed into Galway Bay in Ireland, becoming the first person to row from New York to Galway without backup. He received a hero’s welcome. People often challenge themselves to do difficult or amazing things. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read a story about a person who has done this. Use what you read to write a letter to a friend telling what this person has done and what were the biggest challenges or obstacles to the achievement.

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

### 2. Changing Colors

In many parts of the country, one of the most spectacular sights in the fall season is the change in color of the leaves on trees. As the weather cools and the days grow shorter, leaves turn from deep green to brilliant shades of orange, yellow and red. So what causes leaves to turn colors? Cooler days and longer nights play key parts. But so does a substance called chlorophyll (KLORE-o-o-fill). In the summer months chlorophyll produces food for broad-leaved trees by using sunlight, water and the gas carbon dioxide to create sugars and starch that help trees grow. It also gives tree leaves their green color. In the fall, as days grow shorter, the chlorophyll stops working and eventually breaks down, revealing the yellow and orange colors it had hidden from view during the summer months. Writers often look for colorful adjectives to describe fall leaves. Use the newspaper and Internet to look for adjectives you could

use to describe such leaves. Write the letters of the alphabet down the side of a sheet of paper. Then see how many adjectives you can find in the newspaper or online that start with these letters and would describe fall leaves. Finish by writing a “Fall Color” poem using these adjectives. Share with the class.

Goals: Identifying multiple language conventions and using them; recognizing nouns, verbs and modifiers; applying knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts.

### 3. Sprinting Robot

With advances in technology, robots are becoming stronger, faster and more lifelike every year. One of the latest examples is Cassie, a two-footed robot that has been trained with artificial intelligence to run races. In 2021, Cassie successfully completed a 5K race in about 53 minutes, staying upright on her two feet the whole time. This year, Cassie set

a new world robot record for running a 100-meter race. Her time was 24.73 seconds — almost triple Usain Bolt’s world record of 9.58 seconds, the Washington Post reported. But researchers at Oregon State University were thrilled at how well Cassie performed and kept her balance. “This is the first big step to humanoid robots doing real work in the real world,” said a researcher who helped train and program Cassie. Robots are being used for more and more things in business, manufacturing, science and the military. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read a story about a robot being used in one of these fields. Use what you read to write a letter to the editor describing the benefits of using robots for some tasks.

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

### 4. Elephant Ancestors

Elephants are the world’s largest land animal, and they have been around for a long time. In fact, researchers in the South American nation of Chile recently unearthed the fossil remains of an extinct relative of today’s elephants that may have lived 12,000 years ago! The remains were found near a lake in southern Chile and showed that some ancestors of modern elephants were almost as large as ones living today. Researchers estimate the ancient elephant weighed 8,000 pounds or more and was nearly 10 feet tall at the shoulder. The largest modern elephant — the African bush elephant — can grow 10 to 13 feet tall and weigh as much as 13,000 pounds. Researchers believe the Chile elephants may have been killed by human hunters working in groups. Scientists and fossil hunters are constantly learning more about ancestors of modern animals. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read a story about something scientists have learned about

the ancestors of a modern species. Use what you read to prepare an oral report telling what scientists have learned about this ancestor, how they learned it and why it is important. Use photos from the newspaper or Internet to illustrate your report.

Goals: Conducting short research projects that build knowledge about a topic; citing specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions.

### 5. Special Pet Service

For pet owners, dogs are loving and loyal companions for years and years. But when adults get older and have to move to assisted living or nursing homes, they often can’t take their dogs with them. In the state of California, an unusual rescue service has been set up to give such senior adults peace of mind about what will become of their pets. The service is called Peace of Mind Dog Rescue, and for 13 years it has been providing homes for dogs whose elderly owners could no longer care for them. It

also finds homes for older dogs in animal shelter to provide caring families for them. The rescue service has found homes for more than 3,000 dogs and has helped more than 2,000 pets stay at home with their owners, the Washington Post reported. “We want to give dogs — and their owners — dignity in their older years,” said co-founder Carie Broecker. “Once a dog comes to us, we oversee them for the rest of their lives.” People often come up with unusual ways to help animals. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read a story about a person or group doing this. Use what you read to create a story board in the style of a comic book to show how people helped the animal. Give the people and the animal names that fit their roles or situations.

Goals: Using drawings or visual displays when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or points; reading closely what a text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it.



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ANSWER: DOWN SYNDROME

## What’s the Difference?

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A



B



Answers: 1. Boy's shirt is darker 2. Crayons on table 3. Item missing in background 4. Braces on wrist on the right

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## How they SAY that in...

**ENGLISH:** Baby

**SPANISH:** Bebé

**ITALIAN:** Bambino

**FRENCH:** Bébé

**GERMAN:** Baby



EVERY OCTOBER PEOPLE CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT DOWN SYNDROME, HOW SERIOUS SYMPTOMS CAN BE AND HOW MUCH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TO HELP THOSE DIAGNOSED.



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ANSWER: INFANT

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# War Eagles fall to NFC, 38-35

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**  
Editor

The Wakulla War Eagles lost to the North Florida Christian Eagles, 38-35, in a battle on Friday night.

Wakulla Head Coach Scott Klees took responsibility for the loss, saying "I have to do a better job as head coach."

Klees said there was a miscommunication with the team on the fake punt play that scored a touchdown for NFC. "There's no way that pass should have been completed," Klees said.

Still, he said, he was "super proud" of his team, though he acknowledged there were some mental mistakes.

Wakulla's special teams and defense didn't play well, Klees said, but said of his offense that "They played about as well as they can play."

The O-line faced a stiff defense that stacked the box knowing Wakulla was going to run, and still blocked well.

Proof of that is in the stats for running back Xavier Blake, who ran 32 times for 183 yards, 3 TDs and a 2-point conversion.

The War Eagles did miss injured QB Haden Klees, out with a broken collarbone, who had been fourth overall in the state in passing yards. Younger brother Owen, the backup, did a good job and threw the ball when needed. But Coach Klees said this week he's going to have to open the play book this week and

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War Eagle receiver Samron Brinson hauls in a 45-yard long pass for a touchdown against North Florida Christian.

roll Owen out against Suwannee for the district championship. "We need to get him out of the box."

**GAME RECAP**

Wakulla kicked off the

NFC. On their first offensive play, the Eagles took it 80 yards for a TD to go up 7-0.

Wakulla responded with a grind it out drive that was capped by a 20-yard Xavier Blake

TD. The extra point was blocked.

At start of the second quarter, Wakulla took the lead on a 45-yard strike from freshman quarterback Owen Klees to receiver Samron Brinson.

NFC came back with a drive of their own to score and re-take the lead at 14-13 before halftime.

Brinson took the second half kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown. War Eagles go for 2 and Blake

scores to go up 21-14. NFC scored on a fake punt to tie it at 21.

On their next drive, NFC got as far as the Wakulla 2 but had to settle for a field goal to make it 24-21.

Next drive, NFC scores on an 80-yard run to go up 31-21.

In the 4th quarter, Klees connected with receiver Jeremiah Thomas to NFC 15. A few plays later, Blake scored to cut the lead to 31-28.

Next drive, Wakulla attempts a field goal, it's no good, but penalty on NFC for jumping over the center. Blake scored from the 10 to put Wakulla back in the lead 35-31 with 3:48 left.

NFC returned the kickoff to the Wakulla 30 and scored a few plays later to go up 38-35.

Wakulla gets the ball back with 53 seconds left but an interception seals the win for NFC.

Final: NFC 38, Wakulla 35.

**NEXT UP:  
SUWANNEE**

Wakulla faces the Suwannee Bulldogs on Friday night with the district championship - and a first round home game for the playoffs - on the line.

"It's the most important game of the year so far," says Coach Klees. "We need our fans to come out."

Suwannee has a very good defense, but the offense is average, Klees said. The O-line will need to play well and defense will need to tackle.

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**FROM THE COACH**

**Scouting report:** Suwannee Bulldogs have a very good defense and they will be leaning on it. The offense is average.

**Keys to victory:** No turnovers. The offensive line needs to play well and the defense will need to tackle well.

**Last week:** The War Eagles fell to 7-2 on the year against a still undefeated North Florida Christian team. A win would have added to Wakulla's power rankings.

**COACH Scott Klees**



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Big defensive end Todd Williams, a Tulane commit, adds to his sack total against NFC.

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