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Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday Friday Saturday



Mostly Sunny Hi: 82° Lo: 57° 66%
Sunrise 7:53 AM Sunset 6:49 PM

Sunny Hi: 81° Lo: 63° 66%
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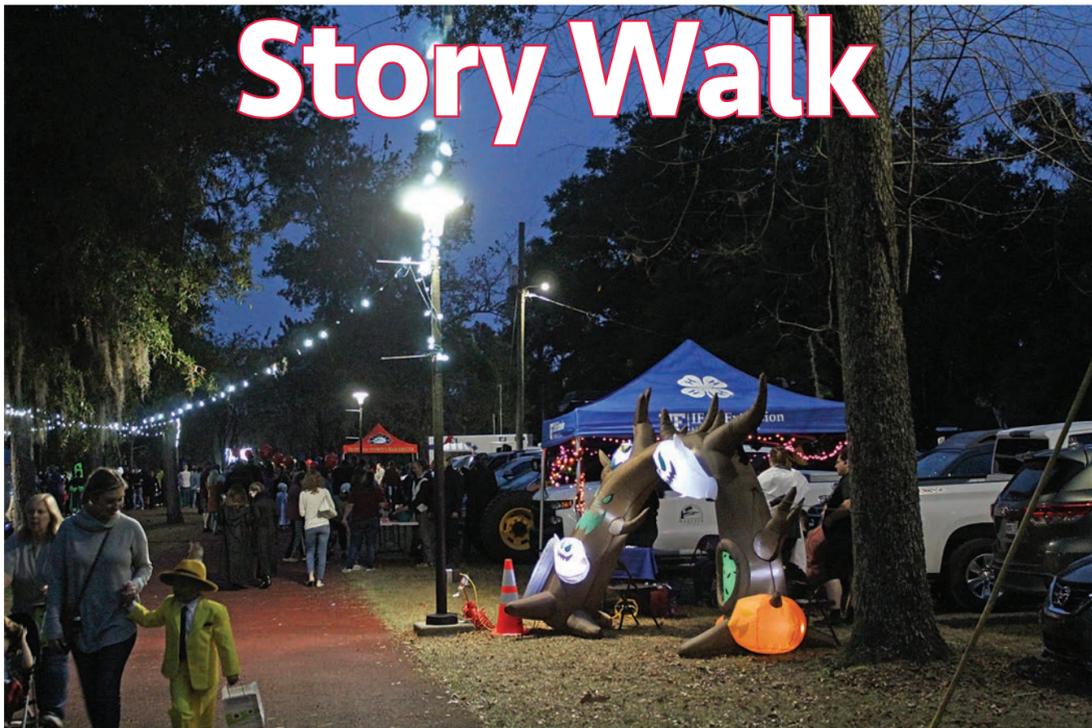
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Story Walk



The Wakulla County Public Library's seventh annual Trick-Or-Treat Story Walk was held at Azalea Park on Saturday. Many booths were set up at the park giving out candy to costumed trick-or-treaters. More photos appear on Page 14. (Photo by Charity Tumbleson)

**Three designated
as Schools of
Excellence**

By DANIEL LILLY
Special to The Sun

Crawfordville Elementary School, Shadeville Elementary School and Wakulla High School are on the list of Florida Department of Education's recently released "Schools of Excellence."

To be designated a "School of Excellence," a school must meet an 80% threshold of possible points earned in the FDOE school grade designation for at least two of the last three school years.

Crawfordville and Shadeville both earned 79.9% of the possible points for elementary schools for the 2021-22 school year.

Both elementary schools earned "A" school grades for the 2021-2022 school year, and all three schools earned "A" designations for the past two measured school years.

Some areas that schools are graded on are the percent of students at or above grade level in English Language Arts (ELA), Math, Social Studies, and Science on standardized state tests.

High schools have extra areas graded such as College Dual Enrollment courses passed, Advanced Placement scores, Industry Certifications earned, and Graduation Rate.

Another key factor in earning 80% or above of possible school grade points is measuring student growth from year to year. These Learning Gains show student achievement in Reading/English Language Arts and Math.

The "School of Excellence" designation allows "administrative flexibility" spelled out by FDOE. This gives CES Principal Alena Crawford, SES Principal Timothy Wheeler, and WHS Principal Sabrina Falk more control over class sizes and reading requirements, to name a few areas.

Says Superintendent Bobby Pearce, "It is an honor for these three schools to be recognized. Just as in years past, receiving this recognition speaks to the idea that every child can learn. All our faculty and staff are outstanding at helping every child show academic, social, and emotional growth from year to year."

NEW BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Crawfordville Rentals opens



Crawfordville Rentals Owner Robert Gates with General Manager Julie Frederick.

By CHARITY TUMBLESON
Reporter

Robert Gates, the owner of Crawfordville Rentals, opened up back in September. He always knew he wanted

to live in St. Teresa ever since he was a child.

"I've lived in 28 cities on five continents in 25 years," he says. "I knew I wanted to live by my grandfather's fishing camp since I was 10

years old."

Gates' grandparents lived in St. Teresa and he would visit them often as a child. Gates and his wife Karen Bartley, who's a physician, moved to St. Teresa five

years ago, six weeks before Gates' 50th birthday.

"I've wanted to open a rental business in Crawfordville for five years," Gates said. After

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Editor's Note

In order to include the results of the Nov. 8 election, The Sun will print a day later than usual. Because of this, the paper will appear in news racks on Wednesday evening and subscribers may receive the paper a day late next week.

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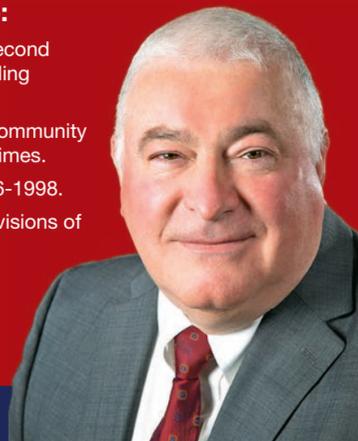
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- Assistant State Attorney since 1992 keeping our community safe by prosecuting those who have committed crimes.
- State Attorney Office's Wakulla Division Chief 1996-1998.
- Over 100 jury trials in both the criminal and civil divisions of the court.
- 30 year member of the Florida Bar.
- Served 20 years on the Sopchoppy City Council.
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Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park Florida Tickseed

By LYNN ARTZ and DAVID RODDENBERRY



Coreopsis is Florida's state flower. Florida tickseed (*Coreopsis floridana*) is one of 12 *Coreopsis* species native to Florida. Florida tickseed is found only in Florida. Present throughout the state, except the northern Panhandle, Florida tickseed is most common in central and south Florida. This perennial grows 2-4' tall and is a robust bloomer in the late fall. Its bright yellow flowers have a distinct deep golden hue. The sunny blooms attract pollinators, especially butterflies. One of our taller *Coreopsis* species with larger flowers, it is often overlooked as sunflowers are blooming at the same time. Florida tickseed occurs naturally along wetland edges and in roadside ditches. This member of the aster or daisy family is blooming now along the pond edge at Sopchoppy Depot Park.

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Student of the Week

Breland Smith, 7th grader at Riversprings Middle School

Principal: Josh Sandgren

Breland is an extremely hard worker in the classroom bringing home all As and only one B for the first nine weeks. Breland is a team leader for the Lady Bears Soccer Team as well as a Keeper for the ASG travel soccer team in Tallahassee. She runs cross country and plans to run track again this year for the Bears. When she isn't playing soccer, she likes to draw and is active in her church youth group. Breland's favorite part about being at RMS is all the friends she has made. RMS is a better school because of students like Breland! Go Bears!



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Scouts attend overnight adventure at space center



Special to The Sun

Cub Scouts attend Overnight Adventure at Kennedy Space Center

In an adventure of intergalactic proportions, Wakulla's Cub Scouts Pack 5 spent an incredible night exploring, discovering and dreaming at a one-of-a-kind Overnight Adventures program at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Merritt Island on October 22.

About 50 Scouts and chaperones from Wakulla slept underneath a 363-foot-long Saturn V moon rocket. This is the world's largest rocket and it actually went to the moon!

The Scouts were inspired by various educational exhibits, space documentaries, hands-on challenges, a scavenger hunt, exciting space simulator experiences, and some even got to meet a real NASA astronaut.

Interested in joining Cub Scouts? Contact Cubmaster Jacob Blakesley at jblakesley50140@gmail.com to learn more about getting started in the exciting world of scouting!



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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.”

Businesses need to file Tangible Personal Property return



By **ED BRIMNER**
Property Appraiser

“...In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.”
-Ben Franklin

As I hope you know by now, Florida Statutes makes the Wakulla County Property Appraiser's Office legally responsible to report current property market values to taxing authorities. The assessment for Tangible Personal Property (TPP) is part of this process. To ensure our county commissioners and school board members can correctly set tax rates, we need Honest and Impartial Assessments.

What is Tangible Personal Property? TPP is everything, other than real estate, used to operate a business. It includes furniture, fixtures, computers, tools, machinery, signs, equipment, supplies, leased equipment, and any other equipment used in a business to earn income.

Who must file a Tangible Personal

Property Tax Return? Everyone who owns a business, whether a corporation, LLC, or as a self-employed agent or contractor, has until April 1 to file a Tangible Tax Return. All businesses, including agricultural businesses, are required to file an initial TPP return, regardless of sales revenue. Luckily, for small businesses this is a relatively easy process.

Many Wakulla County businesses have never filed a TPP return. Most businesses who haven't filed don't know there is a requirement to file. Your Property Appraiser's office is updating our TPP files, and we need every business owner to file a DR-405 TPP Return.

The Good News! The first \$25,000 of TPP is exempt from all business taxes. This \$25,000 exemption is automatic if you file your return before April 1 each year. For most small businesses, there are no taxes due. If assets are less than \$25,000, no filing is required after the first year's filing.

The Bad News. Florida Statute 193.183(3) requires you to lose your \$25,000 exemption if you don't file by April 1. You will also lose the exemption if you don't file and this office files for you. Also, if you don't file your TPP return and

this office files for you, you cannot challenge the value assigned by this office. Of course, I want you to get the full exemption so please don't wait to file.

“Why file if my total TPP is less than \$25,000 since this is exempted from taxes?” Because Wakulla County is a small county, the State provides additional funding to us each year. The formula for determining Wakulla County's share of funds provided to small counties includes the total amount of exempted Tangible Personal Property. Accurate accounting of business-owned exempted TPP taxes results in additional State funds for Wakulla County. The State has given Wakulla County millions of dollars which results in lower overall taxes for everyone. Each TPP account is important!

Mr. Chuck Turner is responsible for running our TPP assessments. He is responsible to document local businesses and ensure they have filed their initial returns in accordance with Florida Statutes. He can be reached at (850) 926-0500.

Our goal remains Honest and Impartial Assessments.

Ed Brimner is Wakulla County Property Appraiser.

Endorsing John Quinton

Editor, The Sun:

I am writing in support of John Quinton, candidate for Wakulla County Commission District 2. I first met John at a FarmShare pickup, where he was getting food for his two church's food pantries (pre-COVID). I learned that he was also instrumental at setting up weekly community dinners in Sopchoppy for anyone who could attend.

I ran into John again this year at a Back to School supply distribution, and found him as a volunteer to be very respectful and engaging with all those he interacted with. In private conversations, he stated his opinion but also listened to those of others.

When I learned of John's can-

didacy for County Commission, I wanted to know more. He is extremely concerned about Wakulla County - both the people and the environment. He has worked to educate himself on options available to make sure growth in our beloved county is thoughtful and well-planned. I believe he is open to new information as it comes forward, but that he will always put the needs of Wakulla County and its residents first.

I believe it is time for our County Commission to not be beholden to developers or other special interests. I urge you to vote John Quinton for Wakulla County Commission on November 8th.

Cheryl Phoenix

LETTERS FROM READERS

Growth, development and impact fees

Editor, The Sun:

I feel compelled to raise my voice again regarding the subjects of impact fees and the perceived run-away growth in our county, let's do growth first. I have justly been accused of getting into the weeds early and often so let's jump right in with a few, simple, “inconvenient truths” that dispel the no more growth arguments that keep popping back up every election cycle.

First, more than 65% of our county is owned by the state or federal government and will NEVER be developed, period. And 85% of our coastline belongs to the federal government - Won't Be Touched. These two facts are a major reason why I live here; I love the wilderness and know it will always be with us.

A large part of the remaining 35% is designated as wetland and will also not be developed so we are probably looking at a scenario of about 20 to 25% of the county being developed. I personally find that to be acceptable and will be necessary if we want our community too more fully serve our residents - think medical trauma center and maybe a Home Depot, etc.

Publix did not come as a public service to us, they came because there were enough people here to support their business plan and, I promise you, medical trauma centers also have business plans that require a certain number of people so they are profitable. So we could, in a few years, have the best of both worlds if we will continue to support the growth policies that are called for in our comprehensive plan.

On to Impact Fees and Development!

The no growth element in our community also wants you to believe that developers are foisting financial burdens on the county, and our citizens, while walking away with gobs of money. Full disclosure here, I am a developer also, not too intense, but a little here and there!

When we develop property we pay for cultural resource, transportation, school accessibility, and

stormwater studies just to find out if a development is feasible, and we pay fees to the county which pays for staff time to review our proposal. Property Development entails lots of risk from the administrative side and financing side. But regarding impact fees and paying our way, here are a couple more “inconvenient truths” you won't hear from the no growth side. We, as developers, pay for all the new roadways, water systems, stormwater systems, electrical systems, and sewer systems including lift stations all built to county and state specifications. We hopefully recoup our costs when we sell lots, typically to a builder. When the builder pulls his building permit he pays a sewer hook-up fee and a water connection fee, these fees are for maintaining the distribution systems and plant, in the county and is, for lack of a better word, an IMPACT FEE. There I said it, we already pay them! Funds that are actually labeled Impact Fees are hard to spend because they have to be spent in the area they were collected in and within a certain amount of time - try to make that work with a Florida Department of Transportation funding timeline!

In closing please know that our comp plan was a joint effort between citizens, the county, and the state. It is not easy to change and must be adhered to by our commissioners. When I see and hear comments about how our commissioners did this or that, typically most of them are just following the rules, that we helped set, keeping our tax dollars out of court and avoiding getting in trouble with the state which could affect funding we get from the state.

We can propose changes to the plan but it is a long and expensive process (think tax dollars) so be careful what you ask for!

Our country was founded and has prospered following the rules of law, I applaud most of our current commissioners for doing just that! Defending Wakulla!

John Shuff
Crawfordville

Taxpayers need to know

Editor, The Sun:

Has anybody heard anything about the \$195,000 that went missing? No, now it has been swept under the rug and an insurance claim has been filed and that's the end of that.

The golf course was purchased for a sewer spray field, that's how the county commission and top employees got the money approved for the purchase. The golf course have more than 700 sprinkler heads already piped and ready to spray water. I wanted everyone to remember that in the paper they reported (County Administrator) David Edwards saying, ‘Throw the switch, Chuck,’ to show all taxpayers that they were using the golf course as a spray field. But everyone needs to know that they have not sprayed one gallon of water on the golf course but have destroyed all the existing piping and said it was going to cost \$4.5 million in federal grants to replace it before it can be used for what it was purchased for.

A grant is tax money, just on the federal level. It is still your money.

On top of that, the county commission and top employees have closed it down and it will not be open for three years so it's not going to be used for what it was purchased for. If Wakulla County needed a spray field that bad, why was it used like it was when it was purchased?

The county commission approved the purchase of 100-plus acres close to U.S. Hwy. 98 and Spring Creek Road for a spray field. This land was purchased before they even researched it to make sure it could be used for a spray

field. I heard that it was going to be used for a \$500,000 garden. It has been more than four years ago that the county put over \$400,000 on a sewer pump and the individuals who OK'd the money did not have receipts to show where the money was spent. There was \$18,000 missing, just like the \$195,000 that went missing. It shows that money goes missing every year and what happens is there is an insurance claim made and no one cares where the money went. This is what we have in our county commissioners.

I understand they are looking for the \$195,000 in Texas. It is not in Texas. That money is south of the Wakulla County Courthouse.

When you go to vote on Nov. 8th, I hope you remember this letter and think about that there has been \$400,000 unaccounted for; \$18,000 unaccounted for; \$195,000 unaccounted for; \$1.4 million spent on a golf course not being used for what it was purchased for; and \$500,000 spent on 100 acres that cannot be used.

All this happened in the last five years. It doesn't take a CPA to add this up. We need to replace everyone that had anything to do with this and we can start on Nov. 8.

Wakulla needs a change badly. The county commissioners don't care about Wakulla County and when they all get all they can get from the county they're going to do what other commissioners did and move away and leave us with what they have done.

We need people with common sense and values that will protect what the Good Lord gave us.

Stephen Harper
Crawfordville

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◀ Question of The Week ▶

– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Polled at Wakulla County Public Library's Story Walk at Azalea Park: What is your favorite Halloween candy?



LAKEN KYLE
AGE 5

“Chocolate.”



GRAYSON CARTER
AGE 7

“Skittles.”



ASHTON CARTER
AGE 6

“Reese's Peanut Butter Cups.”



A'LYRAH NAZWORTH
AGE 4

“Tootsie Rolls.”



KARTER GAVIN
AGE 10

“Snickers.”

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wakulla Station News

By Verna Brock

I am writing this on Halloween, and hope everyone will have a fun and safe haunting. My grandson, Harrison, got the news he has THE FLU this morning, which made me recall my own Halloween adventure many years ago, as a kindergartener.

Way back then, in 1960, the measles was running rampant across the country, and through my kindergarten class at Thunder Bay Elementary School in Alpena, MI. But my brother and I were very eagerly anticipating an evening of trick or treating. Alas, after a very hot bath, I emerged covered in a head-to-toe red rash, and was immediately put

to bed for two weeks in a dark, silent room. No Halloween candy that year. My brother and I both survived without incident, but I am very grateful my children and grandchildren have had access to inoculations!

That year saw so many children infected, as well as their pregnant mothers, there was an epidemic of children and babies left with every kind of damage from the virus. In the years after this outbreak, communities were inundated with children needing special accommodations. Believe it or not, this led to the advent of activist mothers and “mainstreaming in education” legislation.

Funding was made available to teach special-needs children with-

out ostracizing and hiding them away. This change in philosophy and approach has changed awareness throughout the world, all for the better. Kudos to those parents who fought to make a change in society for all of our children!

Faye Sweeney and Pam Adams have returned from their trip to leaf-peep in the mountains, feeling refreshed in body and spirit. From all accounts, the foliage is stunning this year.

Please keep the family of Betty Jean Manning in your prayers. She has shaken off her Earthly shackles, and resides among the angels now. A mother of eight, with many grandchildren and great-children, Ms. Betty was a shining example of

Christian charity and steadfastness,

Your continued prayers for Sheryl Grimes, Barbara Vickery and my friend Paul Clark are much appreciated. Also in need of prayers are my friends David and Sheila Vick, as they recover from the flu.

Be careful out there folks, it's shaping up to be a rough flu season. But inoculations for the flu are also readily available for everyone and can help protect you from a really unpleasant few days (if not worse).

Election Day approaches, and Ed and I have voted. I can attest that it was a painless experience, with our Wakulla Elections Office running smooth as silk! I am very impressed with Joe Morgan and his team. They are professional, friendly, and on top of the whole process. Make sure you have a plan to vote!

KWCB holds Hazardous Waste Day

By Tammie Nason
KWCB

On Saturday, Oct. 22, Keep Wakulla County Beautiful along with Wakulla County, Jefferson County Solid Waste, Florida DEP, US Ecology, WastePro, Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, and 35 volunteers held the Household Hazardous Waste Day event at the Wakulla Community Center. 146 vehicles came through which is down quite a bit from previous events.

WastePro provided dumpsters for televisions and other waste that residents brought through that was determined to not be hazardous material. The WCSO handled the prescriptions and were on hand in case traffic help was needed to keep everyone safe. Several of our county employees from the Road & Bridge staff were out assisting with this event in addition to KWCB Board members, Commissioner Quincee Messersmith, Interact students from Wakulla High, and volunteers from Rivertown Community Church(RCC).



Volunteers helping residents at the drive-thru for hazardous waste.

The totals collected are not available to report at this point as we are awaiting the totals of hazardous materials collected from Jefferson

County and US Ecology.

Our next event for Household Hazardous Waste Amnesty Day will most likely be in April. The date will

be published once we get confirmation from all the involved entities.

As a reminder, since we still get a lot of these items coming through-

- Did you know that if you pop the lid on latex paint and let it dry out, it can go right in the trash? To expedite drying time, try cat litter or shredded newspaper.

- Did you know the added hazardous component of alkaline batteries, mercury was eliminated in the 1990? Since then, waste characterization studies have shown that nearly all of the old mercury alkaline batteries have already been disposed of. Nearly all of the alkaline batteries in use in Florida today have no added hazardous components. Under state law and regulations, alkaline batteries can be disposed of in the trash.

- Did you know oil and scrap metal can be disposed of at the transfer station at no charge?

Tammie Nason is Executive Director of Keep Wakulla County Beautiful.

Crawfordville Rentals

From Front Page

navigating insurance and getting maintenance support, the business opened.

“We've got a strategic partnership with Leppos up out of Midway, which we're doing long-term rents and then we turn around and do short-term rents and that's allowed me to partner with them to get their maintenance support which takes the risk off of me,” Gates said.

The team at Crawfordville Rentals consists of General Manager Julie Frederick and Store Manager Rosario Reyes.

Frederick's dad, who is a physician assistant at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, met Gates' as a patient.

“We kind of all just got together that way. I was looking for work and he was thinking about opening this, and it's such a huge need so we were like let's do it,”

Frederick said.

Reyes, the store manager, just graduated from college and is “going full at it. She's got all the equipment down pat and has been working it,” Frederick said.

Crawfordville Rentals has a full line of Dewalt battery-operated power tools, air compressors, and generators, and is starting a new automotive tool line.

Crawfordville Rentals also offers larger equipment through their partnership with Leppo Rents, Bobcat of Tallahassee.

In the future, the business plans to make do-it-yourself videos. “So we'll be joining the chamber of commerce at the first of the year. Right now we're still starting to get a feel for everything. We're just very excited about being here and reaching out,” Frederick said.

Crawfordville Rentals is also veteran-owned and offers a 10% discount to veterans. Gates served in Iraq, and also volunteers four days out of the month with Wakulla Fire Rescue as an EMT.

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Outdoors

outdoor sports

HOME ON THE RANGE

Shooting .38 revolvers or 'wheel guns'



By MARJ LAW

It's a beautiful Sunday: neither too hot nor too cold and no rain's in sight. Today we are going to shoot with our friend, Rick. We're shooting two .38 revolvers.

You might recall that I'm not fond of .38 revolvers. Especially those short-nosed ones which are so popular to men who want to give their wives defensive handguns.

"This is the S&W Chief's Special. It will fit your small hand and it'll never jam! It will fit in your purse because the gun is less than 7-inches long," they say. "All you do is point and shoot!"

True. If you've cocked the hammer first. Both the Smith & Wesson .38 Chief's Special Model 36 and the Smith & Wesson K-38 Masterpiece Model 14 can be shot either single action or double action. Cock the hammer first and you have single action. You don't ask the trigger to do more than to release the hammer.

If you don't cock the hammer first, you're telling the trigger to do two actions: to cock the hammer and then to release it. So, you're

making the trigger harder to pull because you're making it work harder. And the trigger will make you pay for giving it more work.

Shooting that .38 Chief Special he likes so much isn't as easy as he says. If you do not cock that hammer first, trigger pull is about 11 pounds, 3 ounces. That's a lot. Pull, pull, ouch.

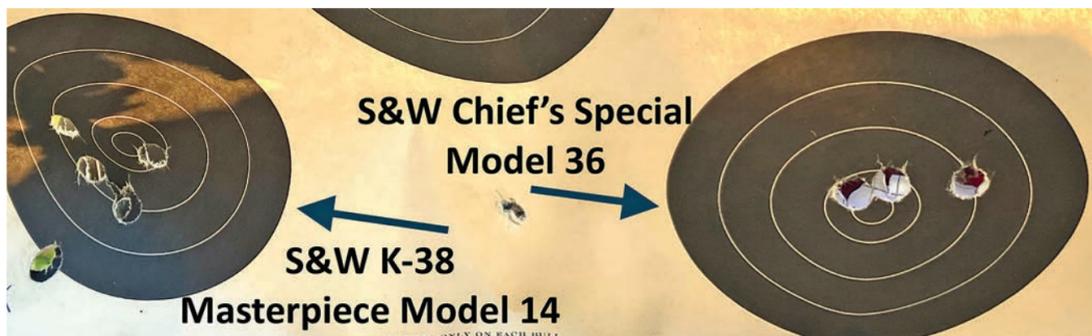
Yes, you can cock the hammer first. Then the trigger won't complain so much and trigger pull will be only about 4 pounds. You can do 4 pounds. But you can't leave a gun lying around with a cocked hammer. It's not safe. Almost anyone can pull that 4-pound trigger.

Who is visiting your house? Any children around? Adults who know little about guns? Adults with little common sense?

You won't want to leave any guns lying around your house anyway, but seriously, a gun with a cocked hammer? Just can't do it.

When Mr. Bad knocks your door down, you'll have to shoot that "point and shoot gun that will never jam" in double action. Yes, with the 11-pound trigger. Have you trained shooting the .38 at the range with an 11-pound trigger? Probably just a very few times. It's so much easier to cock the hammer first, then pull the trigger. This is what you'll end up doing when you practice at the range.

But real life isn't like that. When Mr. Bad comes charging in, you will point and shoot. With that 11-pound trig-



ger that you've only tried two or three times. Will you stake your life on shooting the gun with so little practice?

That's the Chief's Special.

Now, the Smith & Wesson K-38 Masterpiece doesn't claim to be a small point and shoot gun. The Masterpiece is a target gun: not one made to carry as a defensive gun.

It has a 6-inch barrel and is 11.5 inches in length. Again, you can shoot it in either single or double action. But, because you are practicing shooting paper targets at the range, you have plenty of time to cock the hammer first. The trigger won't be working too hard, so you won't have to pull it very hard either.

Once you've cocked the hammer first, then pulled its trigger, the trigger will be about 4 pounds. You can do this all day long.

These are the two guns we're taking to the range. We plan to shoot at 20 feet and at 45 feet. Joe, Rick and I will shoot three rounds with each gun at these distances.

"45 feet?" Joe snickers to me. "You can't hit the broadside of the barn with a base fiddle shooting the Chief's Special at that distance!"

This is one time I won't argue. He knows I'm not fond at all of this snub-nosed .38 and that I won't shoot it unless necessary.

"How about we shoot both guns in single action?" I suggest, thinking the 4-pound trigger pulls will make shooting easier.

"Sure," he replies. (He probably intended to do this anyway.)

I've brought a tape measure to the range and mark off 45 feet. Oops! Those targets are a heck of a long way away! Maybe it's best to let the guys shoot. I'll

watch.

At 45 feet, well, I'm glad I don't shoot. Neither guy has shot either gun recently, so it doesn't go very well. Each take three shots.

They shoot at the 20-foot line next, again with three shots. This time, the Masterpiece with its 6-inch barrel gets all six shots in its target, while the Chief has three. The longer barrel wins out.

The Chief's barrel is 1.875 inches long and it weighs 19.5 ounces. As it says on the Smith & Wesson site, "Designed with the needs of law enforcement officials in mind, the Chief's Special proved to be a popular revolver for personal protection due to its size and weight."

Yes, it's small and might fit in a purse. But today, it doesn't shoot so accurately as the Masterpiece. Today, length seems to make a difference. However, these are just two guys shooting.

Anything can happen on a different day.

If you have the Chief and Mr. Bad comes to the door, remember to cock that hammer first or be prepared for a hard trigger pull.

And the Masterpiece?

As Luis Valdez reports in *The Truth About Guns*: "The Model 14 was built to be a target gun first and foremost." He goes on to say: "Are there better guns today? Yes, of course there are. But that doesn't mean guns like the Model 14 and Model 15 are worthless or useless. No, I think they're still good at being used for home defense or kept in a business in case a client with ulterior motives tries to make a forced five finger discount transaction."

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

Amberjack season ended Nov. 1

From FWC News

The recreational harvest of greater amberjack in Gulf of Mexico state and federal waters closed Nov. 1, with the last day of harvest being Oct. 31.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) issued an executive order to modify the 2022-23 recreational season for greater amberjack in state waters of the Gulf of Mexico during its July

Commission meeting. This modification was consistent with emergency measures implemented by NOAA fisheries for Gulf federal waters to help prevent quota overages and future quota paybacks.

Learn more about recreational fishing at MyFWC.com/Marine by clicking on "Recreational Regulations" or download the Fish Rules App at Instagram.com/FishRulesApp or Facebook.com/FishRulesApp.



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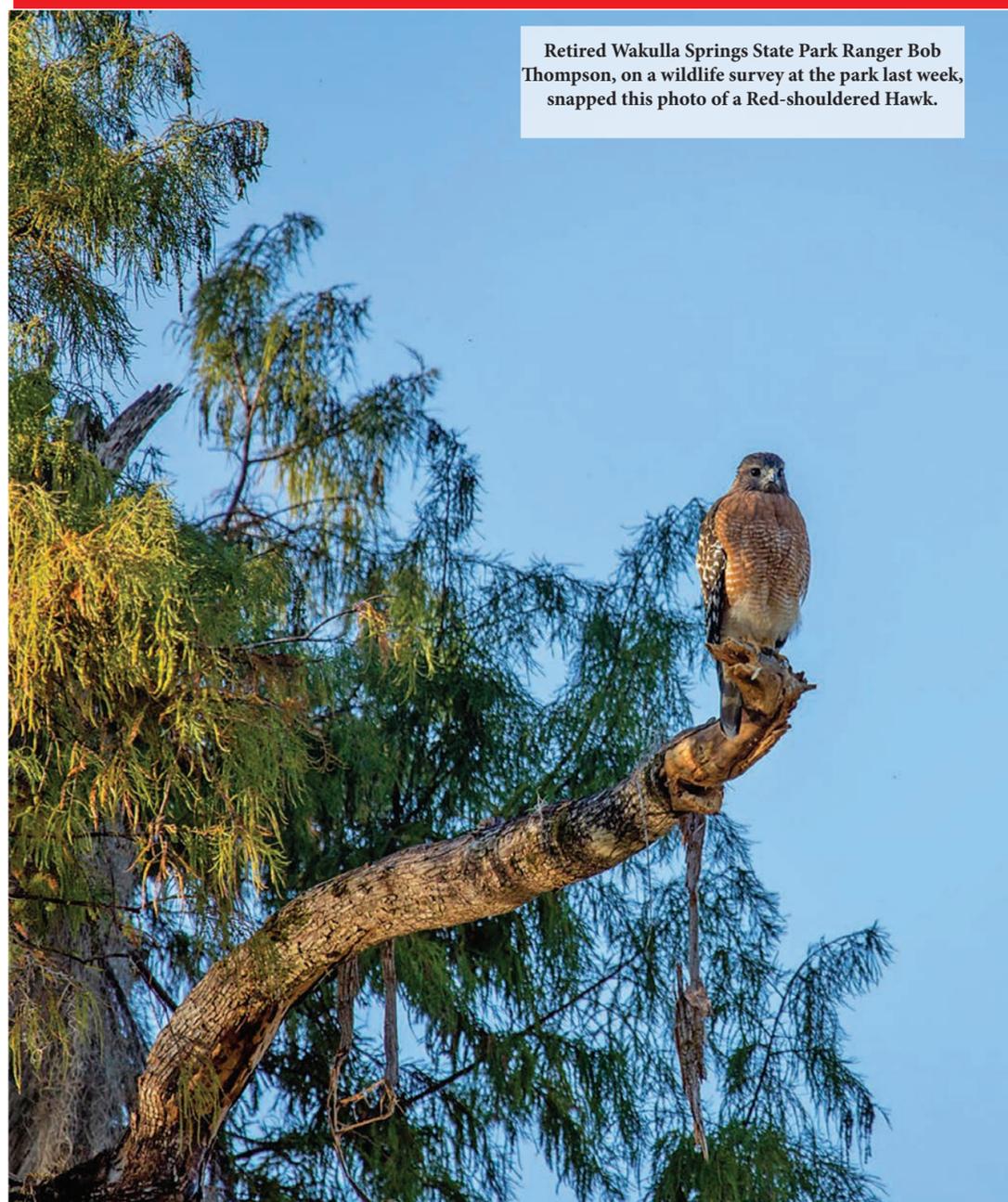
(*Hepatus epheliticus*)

Considered to be the most attractive crab in Florida, it lives in costal areas from Chesapeake Bay to the Dominican Republic at depths to 150ft. Its brightly colored 3" carapace, often with an anemone on it, provides camouflage. It stays buried beneath the sand, with its eyes showing. When worms, small clams, fish or other prey appear, the crab pops up and shreds it with sharp pincers. The crab spawns in summer and females carry eggs until hatching. Crabs have five larval stages. Calico crabs are a favorite food of Ridley sea turtles.

Eukarya, Animalia, Arthropoda, Malacostraca, Decapoda, Aethridae



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 Red-shouldered Hawk.

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Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water

Local writers share their experiences

Thursday 3	
Sun rise/set 7:52AM 6:48PM	Moon rise/set 4:20PM 2:57AM
Moon Illumination 74%	
Friday 4	
Sun rise/set 7:53AM 6:47PM	Moon rise/set 4:51PM 4:00AM
Moon Illumination 83%	
Saturday 5	
Sun rise/set 7:54AM 6:46PM	Moon rise/set 5:22PM 5:02AM
Moon Illumination 90%	
Sunday 6	
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Moon Illumination 96%	
Monday 7	
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Moon Illumination 99%	
Tuesday 8	
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Moon Illumination 100%	
Wednesday 9	
Sun rise/set 7:57AM 6:43PM	Moon rise/set 7:35PM 9:03AM
Moon Illumination 99%	

Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

Nov. 3 - Nov. 9

Tide charts by tides4fishing.com

Best fishing days this month
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

Th	4:48 am ▼ 1.6 ft	11:02 am ▲ 3.1 ft	5:34 pm ▼ 0.6 ft	11:55 pm ▲ 3.2 ft
Fr	5:58 am ▼ 1.0 ft	12:16 pm ▲ 3.3 ft	6:23 pm ▼ 0.7 ft	
Sa	12:31 am ▲ 3.4 ft	6:50 am ▼ 0.5 ft	1:12 pm ▲ 3.4 ft	7:04 pm ▼ 0.9 ft
Su	12:02 am ▲ 3.6 ft	6:34 am ▼ 0.0 ft	12:59 pm ▲ 3.5 ft	6:39 pm ▼ 1.1 ft
Mo	12:32 am ▲ 3.7 ft	7:15 am ▼ -0.3 ft	1:42 pm ▲ 3.5 ft	7:10 pm ▼ 1.2 ft
Tu	12:59 am ▲ 3.7 ft	7:52 am ▼ -0.4 ft	2:21 pm ▲ 3.5 ft	7:40 pm ▼ 1.3 ft
We	1:25 am ▲ 3.8 ft	8:29 am ▼ -0.4 ft	2:59 pm ▲ 3.4 ft	8:09 pm ▼ 1.4 ft

City of St. Marks

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Shell Point, Spring Creek

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Dog Island West End

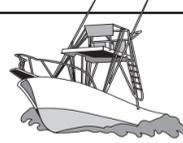
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Best hunting and fishing based on solar times: MAJOR feeding periods are 2 hours long, centered on the solar time. MINOR feeding periods are only 1 hour long, again centered on the solar time.



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



Thank you to Duane Treadon for submitting the following article and image.

This past weekend members Tim Ashley, Norma Hill, Phil Hill and Duane Treadon traveled to the Air Force Armament Museum at Eglin Air Force Base for the Fall Division Meeting. Former members of our Flotilla Fran Keating and Raye Crews were also at the meeting, it was good to see them and reconnect! The meeting was started by Division Commander Sheresa Waller.

Flotillas from across the Division gave reports on their activities for the year, including patrols, program visits, vessel exams, and public education. Another topic discussed, our new Alternate Work Uniform. This work uniform consists of tactical 5.11 pants and a tactical polo shirt. The uniform resembles those worn in the public safety field and are reported to be more comfortable and easier to obtain. The 8th Coastal District is one of a few districts that are authorized to wear the new uniform as it is being tested for full

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Flotilla 12 members at Eglin Air Force Base

role out to the Auxiliary nationwide.

The final activity of the meeting was election of the 2023 Division Commander and Vice Commander. Member Doug Ritchie of Flotilla 14 Destin was the only candidate for Division Commander and was

elected by the Board to that role. For Vice Commander former member of our flotilla and now a member of Flotilla 17 Pensacola Raye Crews and Mike Fitzgerald of Flotilla 19 Panama City were running. After the voting it was announced that Mike Fitzgerald

would serve as the 2023 Vice Commander. Congratulations Doug and Mike, we look forward to working with you in 2023.

While attending the meeting, members were able to enjoy the museum.

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 pnkhill2000@yahoo.com

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Underwater Wakulla

By Rusty Miller

Last ocean dive of the season.

I had an advance class over this last weekend in Panama City Beach and Morrison Springs. On Saturday morning we met at the dive shop at 10 a.m., and then we went to the dive boat and loaded up the tanks and gear.

The boat captain gave the briefing before we headed to the dive site. The weather was iffy at best; it was overcast and misting rain off and on when we headed out.

As we were headed to the site the water was getting rough. The captain and I discussed if we were heading 10-12 miles out to the deeper water, we were going to make our first dive in 100-110 feet of water. The farther offshore we went the rougher the water got so we decided to stay about 5 miles out. The water had 4-5 foot swells so the boat was rolling pretty well when we anchored at the dive site Black Bart.

The bottom is 79-80 feet deep so that meets our deep dive requisite for our first dive. We had a few divers that fed the fish from the side of the boat so the captain and I worked to get everyone in the water as quickly as possible to help them feel better.

We descended down the anchor rope to the wreck and then to the bottom.

The conditions weren't the best at 15-20 foot visibility and about a 3 knot current running from the stern to the bow of the wreck. I dove with one of my advanced students and when we were headed to the stern we spotted a sea turtle just swimming around the bottom.

After 25 minutes my student was down to 1000psi so we rode the current back to the anchor rope then we started up to our safety stop.

Once on board the boat the captain said the water was probably going to get rougher so we decided to come into the bay and dive the Spanish Shanty barge.

This barge was used to haul tar to the various areas along the Gulf coast. Its final resting place is in the bay between Shell Island and St. Andrews Bay area in 18-21 feet below the surface with 15-20 foot visibility.

It has been there for a very long time and most of the barge has been buried by the years of sand. It is however a very mature site for aquatic life. You will see octopus, Lots of sea urchins, sea turtles, and a wide variety of other marine life with an occasional dolphin swimming around.

This dive we were able to stay a little longer but everyone was getting cold so we made our way back to the boat and called it a day.

I should note here that the water temperature was at 72-74 degrees so this was the last dive in the Gulf that I will be bringing students to for the rest of the dive season until the first of May 2023.

Next week I will continue my series on the fall, winter diving for my classes that will carry through may 2023.

Until then make bubbles and see you in the clear waters.

On the Horizon

Calendar of upcoming events for the week of Nov. 3

Thursday, November 3

- 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 Rotary Club of Wakulla County will hold its Friendsgiving breakfast at the public library at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, November 5

- Annual Veterans Day parade will be held at 10 a.m. on Crawfordville Highway past the parks. A ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. at the Community Center.
- Panacea Farmers Market held in Downtown Panacea next to the Panacea fire department from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Local vendors will be selling homemade and homegrown items and food vendors will be there.
- Intro to Tai Chi held at the Community Center from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. All ability levels are welcome and wear comfortable clothing. Any questions can be directed to Rich or Terri Bushman at 850-228-9214.

Monday, November 7

- The county commission meets in the commission chambers at 5 p.m. A workshop regarding the Broad-

band Study and Implementation Plan will be held beforehand at 3 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, November 8

- Election Day. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Sopchoppy Community Dinner is held every week at the Towles House at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 9

- Intro to Tai Chi held at the Wakulla County Community Center from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. All ability levels are welcome and wear comfortable clothing. Any questions can be directed to Rich or Terri Bushman at 850-228-9214.
- A Line Dance class will be held at 1 p.m. at the Wakulla Senior Center.
- The Wakulla County Garden Club will be meeting at the Wakulla County Public Library hosting presentations and workshops about gardening in Wakulla soil at 12 noon.

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Is it time to have that conversation with God?



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

After giving in to temptation, how would you fill in the blanks of this sentence: “The reason I chose to (name the behavior) is because I (state your reason)?”

Would your story change depending on to whom you were justifying your actions? How would you rationalize your behavior if you were talking to your spouse? Or your child?

Would you choose your words differently if you were having this conversation with God? Yikes.

It’s hard to tell God, in all honesty, the reason we gave in to temptation. When we choose (once again) that sin or bad habit over Him, our excuses simply can’t hold up. Just picturing this conversation

with our heavenly Father gives us a clearer perspective about our choices, doesn’t it?

Unless we’ve allowed our conscience to be seared (the result of continually sinning to the point that our conscience no longer warns us), we feel guilty and ashamed when we try to minimize or lie about our actions to the people who love us.

Unfortunately, this same guilt and shame often keeps us from going to the One Who can give us the grace to see our choices differently. Honestly.

Yet, the idea of having this conversation with God can still intimidate us. No wonder. A healthy, reverent fear of God is a good thing. We never want to romanticize God as being a that’s-okay-and-now-let’s-hug kind of God. We dare never to minimize His holiness.

Almighty God is magnificently loving and full of compassion and mercy. But He’s also undeniably holy and demands respect for His Word. Because of His nature, our heavenly Father hates anything that threatens

to harm us, including our own destructive choices.

Considering all this, would Psalm 51:10 (ESV) be a good prayer for you? “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”

Let’s ask God to give us a greater appreciation for His love and a healthier respect for His Word. Let’s invite Him to renew a right spirit within us, especially if we’re already developing a seared conscience. And most importantly, let’s give Him permission to re-

veal the lies we tell ourselves when we justify our actions.

If it’s time for you to have an honest conversation with God, please do so soon. After you’ve had that conversation, consider having another one (or two) with some of the people who love you.

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.

Push the reset button



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

A hot September afternoon with high humidity caused me to leave work early and head home for a calm and relaxing evening. However, as I stepped through the front door, I discovered that the day’s heat had intruded upon my plans. I turned the thermostat down even though I realized the situation was

doomed. We settled in for a long night of tossing and turning beneath ceiling fans and open windows.

The cool morning water was a welcomed invitation as I started the day. Also welcoming was the voice of the HVAC technician, who promised he would be there as soon as possible. A few moments after his arrival, there was a rush of air as well as the onset of a thermostat. He said he only needed to lift the cover and push the reset button, and with that, he walked away with more money in his pocket than I had in mine. Since then, I have learned that many items have a reset button.

Rich Quakenbush, my mentor of many years, had wanted to write a book titled “Push the Reset Button” after his retirement. Rich believed this proverbial button was inside man’s spirit, and a flip of the switch could change the direction of one’s destiny. During his ministry, he helped many people find the restart of life. He also helped me find my place of new beginnings.

My reset came in realizing God’s love is more significant than any insecurities I may have had. The standards of society and the words of others affected my self-belief, and I allowed doubt to rule my life. I could not understand

how The Father of creation would be mindful of me. And yet, in all of His amazing grandeur, He is. This revelation of being loved by God did not come easy; it was a process that took time.

One day, I began recognizing the criticisms of this world for what they are – lies of the enemy. I started exchanging these lies for God’s vision over my life. If the world stated I was behind, I resolved in my spirit to be in the lead. If the world saw me beneath a situation, I saw myself on top of it (Deuteronomy 28:13). When I struggled in school or felt I did not measure up, I listened to God’s voice that stated, “I am more than an overcom-

er” (Romans 8:37). I began to understand God’s desire to prosper me and not to cause me harm (Jeremiah 29:11). My life took a dramatic turn for the better. I found the reset button. You have one too.

Saint Augustine said, “Faith is to believe what we do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.” When we learn to see ourselves through the eyes of the Father, we will understand the reward of grace. It is time we turn off the world’s voice and listen for the words of mercy. Self-doubt has no place in His creation, we are all fearfully and wonderfully made in His image (Psalm 139), and we are

loved. We are a new creation in Christ Jesus; The brokenness of yesterday has passed away (2 Corinthians 5:17). Let us have the faith to lift the cover of this world and press the reset button of our lives. In doing so, we will change our destiny and become the people He created us to be.

Isaiah 43:18-19 “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”

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

Obituaries



Michael ‘Mike’ Allen Sasser

Michael “Mike” Allen Sasser, 78, of Sopchoppy, passed away peacefully at home with his family on October 27, 2022.

He was born in Lake Wales and grew up in Crystal River. He was a U.S. Navy veteran on the U.S.S. Midway. Mike moved to Sopchoppy 36 years ago with wife Linda Sasser where they raised their family and were always involved with school activities. Together they also fostered many children, adopting two. He worked at St. Marks Powder where he jokingly referred to his job title as

“Parts Replacer.” He enjoyed hot rods, carpentry, antiques, and playing darts. Mike had a witty personality, was a jokester, and he loved being a grandfather.

He was predeceased by his wife, Linda Sasser; father, Joseph DeBusk; mother, Ruth DeBusk; brothers, George DeBusk, Wayne DeBusk, and Joseph DeBusk; and sister, Doris DeBusk.

Survivors include his beloved partner in life, Sandy Miller; children, John Sasser (wife Jill), Sharon Sasser (husband Joe Sweat); sisters, Gail (husband Ted Bradley), Susan Thornock, and Bertha Eileen Capps; and four grandchildren, Seth and Meghann Sasser, and Cora and Solomon Sweat; and also many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022, 5 to 7 p.m. at Family Funeral Home in Harvey Young Chapel. The Funeral Service will be Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022, 10 a.m., at Family Funeral Home in Harvey Young Chapel. Interment will be at the Tallahassee National Cemetery.

Skip & Trey Young are assisting the family with their arrangements. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com.

Gospel at Mount Beasor on Nov. 5

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



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secure parking at the church and transportation is available.

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

Homecoming at Panacea Full Gospel

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Come join us for our Homecoming Revival at Panacea Full Gospel Assembly from Wednesday, Nov. 9 through Friday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m.

nightly featuring Brother Lindon Frost.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, a Gospel sing will be held featuring Reborn from Tennessee at 7 p.m.

Homecoming Service

will be held Sunday, Nov. 13 at 11 a.m. with Brother Don Anderson.

Lunch following and singing after.

The church is located at 8 Taylor St. in Panacea.

DEATH NOTICES

• **Zona M. Green**, 86, of Crawfordville, died October 29, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

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• **Laura Daughdrill Oakes**, 91 of Crawfordville, died Oct. 29, 2022. Family Funeral

Home at Harvey-Young Chapel 850-926-5919, www.familyfhc.com

• **Sharron Maie Taylor**, 78, of Sopchoppy, died October 26, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• **James “Jim” Craig Wilson**, 74, of Crawfordville, died October 26, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

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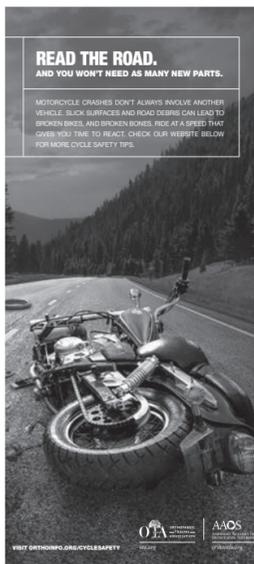
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Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- Nuclear undersea weapon
- President of Syria al-__
- Partner to flows
- "Snow" in Welsh
- Famed Mexican painter
- Song
- ticks outward from the crown
- Doddering
- Resist authority (slang)
- Antsy
- Wrath
- Spills the beans
- Past
- The woman
- One has 24 hours
- Talk
- It can sting
- Astronomy unit
- Halfway
- Chinese dynasty
- Australian river
- Software to transfer audio (abbr.)
- Fabric
- Crucifix
- Defunct European economic group
- "Hotel California" rockers
- Michael Knight's car
- Actress Ryan
- A digital tape recording of sound
- Insecticide
- Scientific instrument
- Golden-__ corn
- Israeli city __ Aviv
- Sword
- Ottoman military title
- Aromatic plants
- Cold wind

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- Large, semiaquatic reptile (slang)
- Political unit
- Indiscreetly reveal secrets
- Comfort food dish
- Actress Zellweger
- Romanian city

CLUES DOWN

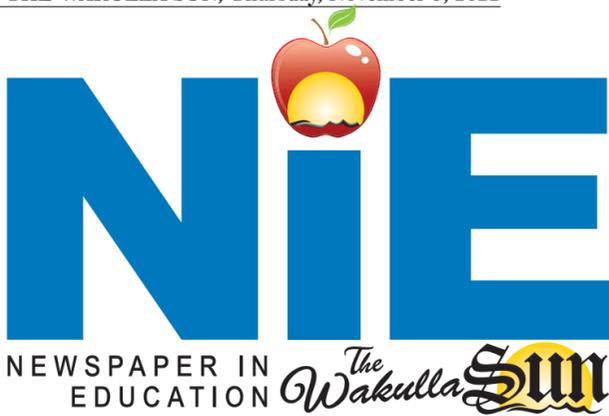
- One point east of southeast
- Italian monetary unit
- Warship prison
- Tropical American tree
- Alias
- Normal or sound powers of mind
- English county
- Not compatible with
- Female deer
- Not late

- La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood
- "Jupiter's Legacy" actress Leslie
- Impudence
- Advises
- Founder of Babilism
- A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- Male parent
- A type of plug
- Capital of Vietnam
- Fungal disease
- Shelter
- Finished
- Excrete
- Unhappy
- Partner to cheese
- Coffee receptacle
- Spend time dully
- Makes full
- Snakelike fish
- Take in solid food

- __ student, learns healing
- A way to take away
- Impart a lesson to
- "Transformers" actress Fox
- Spiritual leader
- Every one of two or more things
- Indian city
- 17th stars
- Weapon
- Amounts of time
- Isodor __, American Nobel physicist
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Witness

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Please Recycle



Use the News

1. What's Your Costume?

Halloween was this week, and in communities all over the nation people were planning their costumes. Some dressed up in spooky, scary or funny costumes. Others pretended to be superheroes, sports stars or characters from books or movies. Still others dressed as celebrities or people in the news. In the newspaper or online, find and study stories, ads and photos involving Halloween costumes. Then talk as a class about costumes you or your classmates wore. Finish by drawing a picture of a costume you would like to wear, and writing a paragraph explaining why.

Goals: Engaging effectively in a range of collaborative discussions; using drawings or visual displays when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or points; producing clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization and style are appropriate to the task.

specific textual evidence when writing or speaking.

3. Seeing Double

In Europe's ancient Roman Empire, Janus was the god of beginnings and endings and was represented as having two heads — one looking backward and one looking forward. In a nation that was once part of the Roman Empire, a rare and unusual tortoise could also look forward and backward at the same time if it chose to. The tortoise, also named Janus, has two heads! It also has two hearts, two pairs of lungs and two distinct personalities, according to officials at the Natural History Museum in the city of Geneva, Switzerland. Janus just turned 25 this fall, and museum officials are celebrating his unusual life. Janus hatched at the museum in 1997 and likely would have died in the wild, because he cannot retract his heads inside his shell for protection. Museum officials, who

believe Janus is the oldest two-headed tortoise in the world, take care of his every need, Reuters News reports. They feed him organic salad, give him daily massages and provide daily baths in green and chamomile teas. They also treat his heads with Vaseline gel to keep them getting sore when they rub together. Odd or unusual animals are often in the news. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read a story about an animal that is unusual in some way. Use what you read to write a TV news report telling the story of this unusual animal and how it deals with its unusual qualities. Choose photos from the Internet or newspaper to go with your story.

Goals: Writing narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events; reading closely what a text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it.

4. Green Skyscraper

Large cities have a

hard time providing green space for residents and people who work there because their buildings are so close together. In the Asian city-state of Singapore, a new skyscraper is providing green space by opening up floors to plants and trees hundreds of feet off the ground. The unusual design uses the 17th to 20th floors of the 51-story tower to provide a "green oasis" for residents and workers along with the public, CNN News reports. The "oasis" contains more than 80,000 plants and trees, most of them native to the hot weather of Singapore. On top of that the CapitaSpring tower features a tree-shaded plaza on the ground floor and a 4,500-square-foot farm on its roof, where visitors can see workers growing fruits, vegetables, herbs and edible flowers for the building's three restaurants. With a height of 919 feet, the CapitaSpring tower is one of Singapore's tallest skyscrapers. Cities all over the world are trying to provide more green space for residents and workers. In the newspaper or online, find

and closely read a story about one such effort. Use what you read to write an editorial giving your view on the value of green space to communities, and suggesting green spaces that your community might build or provide.

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.

5. Pizza Hut Slice

In pizza restaurants around the nation, hungry people have long been able to walk in, order a single slice, have it heated up and walk out with a satisfying snack. Pizza Hut has not been one of those restaurants — until now. The pizza chain has just introduced a new menu item called Pizza Hut Melts, which offers customers a variation on the single slice. The Melts are actually two slices of Thin 'N' Crispy pizza folded together and filled with toppings and cheese.

The "slices," which cost \$6.99, come in four different versions, including pepperoni, buffalo chicken, chicken bacon with parmesan cheese, and a "meat lover" special, CNN News reported. All are served with a marinara or ranch dressing sauce for dipping. "Melts were designed for a pizza party of one, giving guests the option to enjoy the delicious taste of pizza without having to order a whole pie," the company said. Restaurants and other businesses are always offering new items to appeal to customers. In the newspaper or online, find a story or ad of a restaurant or business offering something new. Think like a consumer reporter and write a paragraph or personal column telling how you think people will respond to this new item.

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. The Queen's Bears

When England's Queen Elizabeth II celebrated 70 years as queen last June, she charmed her nation and the world by filming a comedy skit with the beloved children's book character Paddington Bear. After the Queen died this fall at the age of 96, hundreds of people left stuffed Paddington Bears and teddy bears outside her royal residences as gestures of love and respect. Now the Queen's royal family has announced that those bears will be put to good use. More than 1,000 of them have been collected and will be donated to a charity serving children. The bears will be professionally cleaned and donated to Barnardo's, a charity that provides support and protection services for children in need. Founded in 1866, Barnardo's is England's largest children's charity. "Those involved in the project hope the ... bears will be much loved for many years to come by children supported by Barnardo's, whilst understanding the story behind the bears," Queen Elizabeth's family said. Many groups and people do special things to help children and families in need. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read a story about groups or people doing this. Use what you read to write a letter to the editor telling what help these groups or people are providing, and why it is important to children and families.

Goals: Writing informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly; citing



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ANSWER: PICTURE BOOKS

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Solution

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

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Answer: Great book

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AUTHOR

a person who writes a book

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Picture

SPANISH: Imagen

ITALIAN: Immagine

FRENCH: Image

GERMAN: Bild

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- Fred Nichols (REP) monetary \$10,530 in-kind \$1,409.50 expenditures \$6,498.48
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- Quincee Messersmith (REP) monetary \$15,190.00 in-kind \$1,045.00 expenditures \$2,940

School Board District 1

- Eddie Hand (NP) monetary \$3,155.00 in-kind \$1,202.72 expenditures \$2,218.58
- Dod Walker (NP) monetary \$8,150.00 in-kind \$72.00 expenditures \$4,810.71

County Judge

EDDIE EVANS

REPORT 8/27 - 9/9 CONTRIBUTIONS

- 9/2: Ellis P Smith, Tallahassee, attorney, \$50.00
 - 9/2: Sarah J Shearer, Panacea, businessowner, \$100.000
- Total Contributions \$150.00

IN-KIND

- 8/27: Leslie Fearington, Tallahassee, attorney, \$55.00
 - 9/6: Leslie Fearington, non-profit event, \$100.00
- Total In-Kind Contributions \$155.00

EXPENDITURES

- 8/29: The Wakulla Sun, advertise, \$345.00
 - 9/8: The Wakulla News, Advertise, \$646.00
- Total Expenditures \$991.00

REPORT 9/10-9/23 CONTRIBUTIONS

- 9/18: Leslie Fearington, \$100.00
 - 9/23: Liz Bovis, Destin, retired, \$1,000.00
 - 9/23: John M Bovis, Santa Roda Beach, attorney, \$1,000.00
- Total Contributions \$2,100.00

IN-KIND

- 9/23: Caroline Fearinton, Tallahassee, car magnets, \$187.25
- Total In-Kind Contributions \$187.25

EXPENDITURES

- 9/19: Shepard Accounting & Tax, Crawfordville, accounting, \$500.40
 - 9/20: The Wakulla News, \$47.00
- Total Expenditures \$547.40

AMENDED REPORT 9/10-9/23 EXPENDITURES

- 9/18: Anedote, cc fee, \$4.30
 - The Wakulla Sun, \$625.00
- Total Expenditures \$629.30

REPORT 9/24-10/7 CONTRIBUTIONS

- 10/7: Sharon Oberlin, Crawfordville, R/N, \$1,000.00
 - 10/7: Michael McGuckin, Crawfordville, attorney, \$1,000.00
 - 10/7: O McCaul, Tallahassee, attorney, \$500.00
- Total Contributions \$2,500.00

EXPENDITURES

- 9/24: Happy DIY Shop, Crawfordville, \$198.94
 - 10/3: The Wakulla Sun, adv, \$1,425.00
 - 10/3: The Wakulla News, adv, \$1,425.00
- Total Expenditures \$3,048.94

BRIAN MILLER

REPORT 8/26- 9/9 CONTRIBUTIONS

- 8/30: John Leace, Tallahassee, Attorney, \$500.00

- David Miller, Tallahassee, Retired, \$1,000.00
 - 8/31: Janice Miller, Tallahassee, Retired, \$1,000.00
 - 8/31: Marsha Cantrell, Tallahassee, Retired, \$50.00
 - 8/31: Phil Smith, Tallahassee, Attorney, \$50.00
 - 9/9: Rusty McKeithen, Crawfordville, Roofer, \$250.00
- Total Contributions \$2,850.00

EXPENDITURES

- 8/30: Donorbox, Online donation processing fees, \$89.93
 - 8/31: Capital City Bank, Crawfordville, Service charge, \$10.00
 - 9/1: Donorbox, \$22.30
 - 9/1: Rotary of Wakulla, Advertising, \$100.00
 - 9/2: The Wakulla Sun, Advertising, \$1,025.00
 - 9/2: Kimberly McCloy, Tallahassee, Social media, \$163.28
- Total Expenditures \$1,410.51

REPORT 9/10-9/23 CONTRIBUTIONS

- 9/22: Lynn Thompson, Crawfordville, Attorney, \$250.00
 - 9/23: Rowland Brown, Tallahassee, Investigator, \$1,000.00
 - 9/23: Susan Brown, Tallahassee, Nutritionist, \$1,000.00
 - 9/23: Sandra Koon, Tallahassee, Retired, \$300.00
- Total Contributions \$2,550.00

EXPENDITURES

- 9/15: Lamar of Tallahassee, Advertising, \$1,664.82
 - 9/15: Squarespace, Website hosting, \$23.00
 - 9/22: The Wakulla News, Advertising, \$925.00
 - 9/22: The Wakulla News, Event advertising, \$100.00
 - 9/22: Signs & Vinyl by Bri, Signs, \$716.58
 - 9/22: Donorbox, \$11.30
- Total Expenditures \$3,440.70

REPORT 9/24-10/7 CONTRIBUTIONS

- 10/2: David Piatt, Orlando, Retired, \$500.00
- Total Contributions \$500.00

IN-KIND

- 9/30: Brian Miller, Halloween event supplies, \$91.02
- Total In-Kind Contributions \$91.02

EXPENDITURES

- 9/24: The Wakulla Sun, Advertising, \$345.00
 - 9/30: Capital City Bank, Service charge, \$10.00
 - 9/30: Donorbox, \$22.30
- Total Expenditures \$377.30

County Commission District 2

FRED NICHOLS

REPORT 8/27-9/9 CONTRIBUTIONS

- 9/2: Dale Wise, Blairsville, GA , Retired, \$100.00
 - 9/6: Maurice Langston, Hosford, Pastor, \$200.00
- Total Contributions \$300.00

EXPENDITURES

- 9/7: Gulf Coast Lumber, Materials to build signs, \$132.46
- Total Expenditure \$132.46

REPORT 9/10-9/23 CONTRIBUTIONS

- 9/12: Wakulla County Republican Committee, Political Party, \$1,000.00
- Total Contributions \$1,000.000

EXPENDITURES

- 9/14: Happy DIY shop, Signs for campaign, \$214.68
 - 9/19: Gulf Coast Hardware, Crawfordville, \$134.19
- Total Expenditures \$348.87

REPORT 9/24-10/7 CONTRIBUTIONS

- 10/7: JoeRock, LLC, Perry, Business, \$500.00
 - 10/7: Lucy Allen, Fort Valley, GA, Individual, \$100.00
 - 10/7: JB Pybus, Panacea , Individual, \$50.00
 - 10/7: Marcia Mathis, Sopchoppy , Individual, \$250.00
 - 10/7: William Poole, Crawfordville , Individua, \$100.00
 - 10/7: Albert Pasini, Crawfordville , Retired, \$250.00
- Total Contributions \$1,250.00

EXPENDITURES

- 9/27: Bryson Nichols, Tallahassee , Construction building of signs, \$200.00
- Total Expenditure \$200.00

REPORT 10/8-10/21 CONTRIBUTIONS

- 10/11: Parrish Builders, Inc., Tallahassee , Business, \$300.00
 - 10/17: Byrd Family Properties, LLC, Panama City, Business, \$250.00
- Total Contributions \$550.00

EXPENDITURES

- 10/10: Amazing Mail, Printing and flyers, \$355.30
 - 10/9: Tallahassee Heat Baseball, Crawfordville, Sponsorship for baseball team to travel, \$125.00
 - 10/18: Amazing Mail, Flyers, \$112.75
 - 10/18: Wakulla Sun, Newspaper ad, \$857.56
 - 10/17: Fred and Angie Nichols, Reimbursement for fuel related to door to door visits, \$200.00
 - 10/18: Wakulla News, Newspaper ads, \$500.00
- Total Expenditure \$2,150.61

JOHN QUINTON

REPORT 8/27-9/9 CONTRIBUTIONS

- 9/2: Leah Wiley, Tallahassee, Exec Dir.nonprofit, \$200.00
- 9/2: Leah Wiley, \$200.00

- 9/9: David Damon, Crawfordville, construction, \$200.00
- Total Contributions \$600.00

EXPENDITURES

- 8/29: Wix.com, website hosting, \$34.00
 - 8/30: Target Print & Mail, Tallahassee, printing palm cards, \$161.22
 - 9/6: Straight Talk Wireless, wireless service, \$37.29
 - 9/7: Anedo, service fee, \$0.60
- Total Expenditures \$233.11

REPORT 9/10-9/23 CONTRIBUTIONS

- 9/10: David Roddenberry, Sopchoppy, retired, \$100.00
 - 9/12: North Florida Victory, Tallahassee, Political Comm. (Federal or State), \$750.00
 - 9/19: James Hallowell, Crawfordville, Individual, \$50.00
 - 9/16: Mike Sims, Atlanta, Individual, \$20.00
 - 9/12: David Damon, Crawfordville, Individual, \$200.00
 - 9/12: Dana Peck, Panacea, retired, \$100.00
 - 9/12: Bill Peebles, Tallahassee, retired, \$250.00
 - 9/12: Dana Peck, \$100.00
- Total Contributions \$1,570.00

EXPENDITURES

- 9/20/: Anedot, transaction fee, \$0.30
 - 9/14: Anedot, \$11.20
 - 9/13: Anedot, \$0.30
 - 9/21: Altrua Global Solutions, Tallahassee, radio ad, \$496.00
 - 9/21: Target Print & Mail, campaign literature, \$153.69
 - 9/19: Wix.com, website, \$12.00
 - 9/15: Office Depot, Tallahassee, campaign literature, \$33.80
 - 9/13: Target Print & Mail, Tallahassee, campaign literature, \$189.81
 - 9/13: Kellie Keys, Crawfordville, reimbursement for Office Depot Printing - campaign literature, \$26.37
 - 9/14: Amazon.com, American flags, \$45.99
- Total Expenditures \$969.46

REPORT 9/24-10/7 CONTRIBUTIONS

- 10/2: John Quinton, Candidate to Themselves, \$1,000.00
 - 10/1: Jane Jones, Crawfordville, retired, \$100.00
 - 9/26: Garad Harrell, Union Grove, AL, Engineer, \$500.00
- Total Contributions \$1,600.00

EXPENDITURES

- 9/26: Kellie Keys, Crawfordville, , Flyer Printing Reimbursement, \$38.70
 - 9/28: Anedot, transaction fee, \$20.30
 - 10/5: Anedot, Transaction fee, \$4.30
 - 9/26: Wix.com, websit, \$34.00
 - 10/3: Google, advertising, \$24.04
 - 10/3: Straight Talk Wireless, \$37.22
 - 10/5: Office Depot, Tallahassee, Printing and supplies, \$60.29
 - 10/5: Altrua Global Solutions, Tallahassee, advertising, \$256.00
 - 10/6: Target Print & Mail, Tallahassee, Printing, \$166.41
- Total Expenditures \$641.26

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VOTE Quincee Messersmith For District 4 County Commissioner



I am seeking reelection to the Wakulla County Commission, District 4 where I have lived for the last 23 years, and I humbly ask for your consideration for support and your vote in the November general election.

It is both encouraging and inspiring to be a part of the efforts and decision-making process that make Wakulla a great place to live, to raise our children, and to retire.

As your County Commissioner, I have taken the time to know the issues. To remain “accessible and involved”, and make knowledgeable, positive decisions that have been for the benefit of all residents.

I believe that when we look around, whether we are fishing from the newly renovated fishing pier at Woolley Park, camping at our Newport Campground, or enjoying one of our many trails, we all have a lot to be thankful for.

Wakulla’s fabric of life is too special to stop quilting now. I humbly ask for your support and vote on November 8th. For those who love Wakulla County, I’m Quincee Messersmith.

You may reach me at 850-933-8371 or q.mmissioner@gmail.com



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

Contributions & Expenditures

County Commission District 4 PATRICIA DYSZER

ALL REPORTS CONTRIBUTIONS

• \$0.00
Total Contributions \$0.00

EXPENDITURES

• \$0.00
Total Expenditures \$0.00

SAM MCGREW

REPORT 8/27-9/9 CONTRIBUTIONS

• 0.00
Total Contributions \$0.00

EXPENDITURES

• 8/27: Lowe’s, Tallahassee, Marketing and signage materials, \$304.66
• 8/27: Lowe’s, Tallahassee, Marketing and signage materials, \$11.80
• 8/27: Happy Diy Shop Llc, Crawfordville, Marketing Signs, \$63.77
Total Expenditures \$380.23

AMENDED REPORT 8/27-9/9 IN-KIND

• 9/3: Samuel A McGrew, Candidate to Themselves, candidate made a check to WYCA for banner, \$300.00
Total In-Kind Contributions \$300.00

REPORT 9/10-9/23 CONTRIBUTIONS

• 9/13: JR Armour, Tallahassee, Retired, \$50.00
• 9/13: New Business America, Panama, Business, \$100.00
• 9/15: County of Wakulla, Business, Refund, \$50.00
• 9/15: Verna L Brock, Crawfordville, Retired, \$100.00
• 9/15: Janice McGrew, Crawfordville, Banker, \$25.00
• 9/15: Carrie Hess, Crawfordville, Retired, \$480.00
• 9/12: David Damon, Crawfordville, Sales, \$200.00
Total Contributions \$1,005.00

EXPENDITURES

• 9/15: Happy Diy Shop Llc, Crawfordville, Marketing Material, \$625.95
• 9/14: Wix.com, Website, \$29.00
• 9/14: Wix.com, \$6.00
• 9/14: Wix.com, \$15.95
• 9/20: Anedot, Processing Fees, \$0.60
• 9/22: Facebook, Marketing, \$10.00
Total Expenditures \$687.50

QUINCEE MESSERSMITH

REPORT 8/27-9/9 CONTRIBUTIONS

• 8/29: Frances T Pybus, Panama, Retired, \$100.00
• 8/29: W Steven Brown, Panama, Retired, \$250.00
• 8/29: Dallas Marshall, Saint Teresa, Retired, \$100.00
• 8/29: John W Shuff III And Petra Mar,

Crawfordville, \$250.00
• 8/29: Byrd Family Properties LLC, Panama City, Real Estate, \$500.00
• 8/29: Robert Estevez, Panama, Commercial Gaming Manager, \$100.00
• 8/29: Metro Electrical Services Inc, Tallahassee, Business, \$500.00
• 9/7: Matthew Simpson, St. Marks, Cloud Architect, \$500.00
Total Contributions \$2,300.00

EXPENDITURES

• 9/9: Anedot, Inc, Service Charge, \$20.30
Total Expenditures \$20.30

REPORT 9/10-9/23 CONTRIBUTIONS

• 9/13: Jeffrey B Cannon, Panama, Driveway Supplies/Hauling, \$200.00
• 9/13: Hoover Fiberglass, Crawford-

Total Contributions \$500.00

EXPENDITURES

• 9/29: Anedot, Inc, Service Charge, \$20.30
Total Expenditures \$20.30

School Board District 1

EDDIE HAND

REPORT 8/27-9/9 CONTRIBUTIONS

• 8/27: Tim Caldwell, Panama, Independent Business, \$250.00
• 8/31: Rebecca Gast, Crawfordville,

REPORT 9/10-9/23 CONTRIBUTIONS

• 9/20: Anthony D McCoy, Tallahassee, Psychologist, \$100.00
Total Contributions \$100.00

EXPENDITURES

• 9/19: Darlene Robert, Tallahassee, Embroidery for Hats, \$121.00
• 9/22: Dollar Tree, Crawfordville, Supplies for Meet and Greet, \$5.35
Total Expenditures \$126.35

REPORT 9/24-10/7 CONTRIBUTIONS

• 9/24: Brenda Hand, Grand Ridge, Individual, \$50.00
• 9/24: Frances Kay Harvey, Tallahassee, Individual, \$20.00
• 9/25: Greg Marr, Jr, Crawfordville, Individual, \$100.00
Total Contributions \$170.00

IN KIND

• 9/24: Casey Grove, School Nurse, Use of Snow Cone Machine, \$125.00
Total Expenditures \$125.00

EXPENDITURES

• 9/27: Nancy Ellenburg, Crawfordville, Reimbursement for Meet and Greet Supplies, \$113.23
• 9/28: Amazing Mail Solutions, Crawfordville, Door Hangers, \$208.65
Total Expenditures \$321.88

REPORT 10/8-21 CONTRIBUTIONS

• \$0.00
Total Contributions \$50.00

EXPENDITURES

• 10/21: Walmart, Crawfordville, Supplies for Events, \$9.76
Total Expenditures \$9.76

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REPORT 8/27-9/9 CONTRIBUTIONS

• \$0.00
Total Contributions \$0.00

EXPENDITURES

• 9/9: Paxton Media, The Wakulla News, \$269.00
Total Expenditures \$269.00

REPORT 9/10-9/23 CONTRIBUTIONS

• \$0.00
Total Contributions \$0.00

EXPENDITURES

• 9/20: Happy DIY Shop LLC, Crawfordville, signs, \$271.25
• 9/12: Paxton Media, The Wakulla News, ad, \$386.25
Total Expenditures \$657.50

REPORT 9/24-10/7 CONTRIBUTIONS

• \$0.00
Total Contributions \$0.00

EXPENDITURES

• 10/6: The Wakulla News, \$269.00
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ville, Fiberglass, \$60.00
• 9/13: J Lee Vause, Crawfordville, Retired, \$150.00
• 9/13: Wakulla County Republican Comm, Crawfordville, Affiliated Party Committee, \$1,000.00
• 9/22: Kevin Patten, Crawfordville, Data Specialist, \$100.00
• 9/22: Lisa A Maxwell, Tallahassee, Governmental Consultant, \$250.00
• 9/22: Redfish Jim Enterprises LLC, Tallahassee, Governmental Consulting, \$100.00
• 9/22: Kristina S Peeples, Crawfordville, Pharmaceutical Representative, \$200.00
• 9/22: Susan E Carey, Crawfordville, Retired, \$100.00
• 9/22: Laurie C Shelfer, Tallahassee, Pharmaceutical Representative, \$250.00
• 9/22: Darren Anthony Kidd, Tallahassee, Agriculture, \$200.00
Total Contributions \$2,610.00

EXPENDITURES

• \$0.00
Total Expenditures \$0.00

REPORT 9/24-10/7 CONTRIBUTIONS

• 9/27: Rusty Pigott, Crawfordville, Construction, \$500.00

Individual, \$100.00
• 8/31: Michelle Stone, Grand Ridge, Individual, \$25.00
• 9/4: Keith Wallace, Crawfordville, Individual, \$50.00
• 9/9: Lauren Dye, Crawfordville, Individual, \$20.00
Total Contributions \$445.00

IN-KIND

• 8/30: Crazy Spirit Boutique, Crawfordville, Printing Company, Labor Discount for Advertising Materials, \$706.00
• 8/31: Nancy Ellenburg, Crawfordville, Rental of Venue for Event, \$20.00
• 9/1: Nancy I Ellenburg, Crawfordville, Supplies for Event, \$37.90
• 9/2: Courtney Wahl Photography, Tallahassee, Photography Session, \$75.00
Total In-Kind Contributions \$838.90

EXPENDITURES

• 8/30: Crazy Spirit Boutique, Crawfordville, Advertising Supplies, \$228.00
• 8/31: Donorbox, Online Donation Processing Fee, \$3.91
• 9/2: Donorbox, \$1.41
• 9/8: Donorbox, Online Donation Processing Fees, \$1.21
• 9/9: Amazon.com, Materials for advertising, \$32.08
Total Expenditures \$266.61

Story Walk



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Sheriff's Report

Activity reported for the week of Oct. 21 to 27:

FRIDAY, OCT. 21

- Deputy Dakota Haddock responded to a home on Powhatan Street reference criminal mischief. Contact was made with victim William Cox, who stated someone had busted out the back windshield of his car during the night. Cox was able to provide a possible suspect in this case.

- Deputy Michelle Stripling responded to Homestretch Lane in reference to illegal dumping. The complex manager reported a white male driving a Chevrolet truck dumping trash and large items in their Dumpster. She said he does not live in the complex

and this is not the first time the man has been seen using the Dumpster. An attempt was made to locate the subject in order to serve him a trespass warning unsuccessfully.

SUNDAY, OCT. 23

- Deputy Anthony Paul responded to Timberwood Court reference a theft. Contact was made with Andrew Carter, who stated two boat decals were stolen. Carter was able to provide a possible suspect in the case. The decals were entered into FCIC/NCIC. A stolen tag form was provided to Carter.

- Deputy Anthony Paul responded to Country Way in reference to the theft of a motorcycle. The victim stated he was gone from his residence overnight

and upon his return he found his 2022 Suzuki was damaged. The victim identified two possible suspects in the case. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

MONDAY, OCT. 24

- Rachel Lopez reported while at Hudson Park an unknown male showed up asking where his cell phone was. Lopez advised she briefly spoke to him advising she did not see his cell phone. The male, who was later identified as Charles Aikens, asked Lopez for her phone. When she refused, he forcefully took the phone. Before leaving the area, Aikens threw the phone back at her after she said she was calling the cops. When Aikens threw the phone, the phone landed on the

concrete and broke. Aikens was located nearby and placed under arrest for robbery by sudden snatching. Deputy Kendrick Gavin investigated.

TUESDAY, OCT. 25

- Deputy Arturo Cordoba responded to the Duke Energy substation at 816 Crawfordville Hwy. in reference to a possible burglary. Upon arrival Deputy Cordoba made contact with Scott Brantley, who advised someone cut the chain-link fence and removed several spools of copper wiring. Brantley advised the missing wire value was estimated at \$10,000. Detectives were notified and Detective Travis Hall responded to the scene. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26

- Deputy Heather Will conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for an expired tag. Contact was made with the driver Mary Beaty, who was found to have a suspended driver's license with four prior convictions for driving without a license. Mary was arrested and transported to the jail without incident.

- Deputy Edwin Grove responded to Panacea Pizza in reference to the report of a theft. The business owner, Walter Sutcliffe, reported a pressure washer was taken from the rear of the building. Sutcliffe was able to provide two suspects who were loitering in the area earlier in the evening. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

THURSDAY, OCT. 27

- Deputy Dakota Haddock responded to Steele Court reference a theft. Contact was made with complainant who advised he had two packages delivered on Friday, Oct. 21. The packages were delivered to the wrong address. The packages were delivered to another nearby address. UPS was able to verify via GPS where the packages were delivered. Deputy Haddock made contact with the residents at the suspected address who denied receiving any packages. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

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

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Above, FSU's Lawrence Toafili makes a catch and takes it to the end zone. At right, running back Trey Benson takes on a would-be tackler.



Two golfers headed to regionals

By **WINDY JONES**
Golf Coach

Mackenzie Anderson and Riley Davis place top 10 overall in FHSAA Girls Golf Districts to advance to Regionals

On Tuesday October 25, the Wakulla High School Girls Golf team competed in the Class 2A Region 1 Dis-

trict Tournament in Lake City.

Wakulla placed 4th overall as a team out of 9 teams.

Mackenzie Anderson and Riley Davis advanced to the Regional finals as individuals. Mackenzie shot an 87 with a Birdie on her first hole and placed 6th overall. Riley Davis

shot a 99 placing 9th. A total of 31 girls competed in the District match. The Regional Tournament is Tuesday November 1st at Quail Heights Country Club in Lake City. As a coach I am super proud of our team and the effort that was put into this season.



Above, Golfers Mackenzie Anderson and Riley Davis with Coach Windy Jones. Below, Team Members and Grade: Riley Davis (12), Abbott Gauger (11), Mackenzie Anderson (10), Jessalee Core (9), and Floor DeGraff (10)



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War Eagles lose to Suwannee, 22-14

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

The Wakulla War Eagles had the district title slip away from them on Friday night, as they got beat by the Suwannee Bulldogs, 22-14.

Wakulla, at 7-3, is still in the playoffs, but don't yet know who they play or where.

The War Eagles have a bye week this week, and much of their playoff fate will be determined by other teams finishing out the final week of the regular season.

"Give Suwannee all the credit, they played well," said Head Coach Scott Klees. He noted that Suwannee dominated time of possession in the first half.

"We were down 19-14 in the second half, and just couldn't get anything going on offense," he said.

And the Wakulla defense played good in the second half, Klees said, giving up only a 4th quarter field goal.

"I'm extremely proud of this team," Klees said. "Now we have a week to rest up, get healed up, and get ready for next week."

He expected the team to practice through Thursday, and give them Friday off.

The rankings and playoff games are expected to be set this Sunday afternoon by the FHSAA. Wakulla will find out its playoff opponent then.



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



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War Eagle receiver Samron Brinson scored both of Wakulla's touchdowns, including this catch just before halftime.

the game for Wakulla: QB Owen Klees connects with receiver Samron Brinson for an 80-yard TD. Kicker Chase Linville adds the extra point. 10 seconds into the game and War Eagles up 7-0 over Suwannee.

Suwannee's first play is a pass for 70 yards, horse collar penalty is half the distance to the goal. Two plays later, Bulldogs push in for TD. Extra point is wide left. Wakulla 7, Suwannee 6.

Suwannee takes the lead on a 29-yard field goal: Bulldogs are up 9-7. Ensuing kickoff is muffed by Wakulla recovered by Suwannee at the 25, which sets up a 42-yard field goal: Suwannee up 12-7.

Suwannee set up by a great run by their RB Marquavious Owens shrugging off Wakulla defenders, spinning to 16. Three plays later pass play for TD. Suwannee up 19-7.

Later, Suwannee misses a 25-yard field goal. Wakulla takes over with 1:50 left in the half.

On a scramble by QB Owen Klees, Targeting and unsportsmanlike penalties on Suwannee set up Wakulla at 15. Klees throws ball into back of the end zone for Samron Brinson for TD. Wakulla cuts into Suwannee lead, it's 19-14 at halftime.

It was a scoreless third quarter.

And in the fourth, Suwannee's kicker nailed a 49-yard field goal.

Final: Suwannee 22,

GAME RECAP

First offensive play of



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Photos, clockwise from far left: The War Eagle Marching Band makes some noise to stir up the crowd; quarterback Owen Klees scrambles from a defender; Chase Linville, playing corner, makes a great defensive play on a Suwannee pass.



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