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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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\$11 million Triumph to pay for county radio system

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

On November 3, 2022, the Triumph Gulf Coast Board of Directors at their meeting in Destin voted to initiate negotiations for the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioner's grant proposal to purchase and build a new county-wide emergency communications system.

The proposal, presented to Triumph by County Commissioner Ralph Thomas, requested grant funding of up to \$11 million for the project with a county capital contribution of \$1 million.

Triumph Gulf Coast is a nonprofit corporation that administers funds recovered for economic damages from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The Board administers the allocation of funds for the recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the eight Northwest Florida counties disproportionately impacted by the oil spill, including Wakulla.

"The funding for this



EMS Chief Marvin Walters, Public Safety Director & Fire Chief Louis Lamarche, County Commissioner Ralph Thomas, County Administrator David Edwards, County Commissioner Quincee Messersmith, Emergency Management Director Jennifer Nagy, Intergovernmental Affairs Director Michelle Metcalf, state Sen. Lorraine Ausley's Legislative Assistant Tracy Williamson, county Public Information Officer Kinsey Miller, and Triumph Board Member Leslie Weiss.

emergency communications system is imperative to the continued safety of our citizens and efficiency of our emergency response and public safety agencies," said County Administrator David Edwards. "The new system will increase coverage throughout Wakulla and enhance our communication capability with feder-

al, state, and local public safety and first responder agencies."

The current microwave-based system was installed in 2001 and has slowly deteriorated and become incompatible with those used by partnering public safety agencies. The county began pursuing funding for the project in 2015.

"I would like to thank Triumph Board Member Leslie Weiss for advocating for the safety of our citizens," said County Commission Chair Quincee Messersmith. "I would also like to thank all of the county officials and state representatives who attended the meeting in support of our proposal."

Woman ordered held for attempted murder

Blanche Lofton asked for release from jail after her husband, whom she allegedly shot at, dies of natural causes

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

A Louisiana woman, who came to Wakulla County to ask her husband for help and then shot at him a couple of times, appeared in court last week to ask a judge to release her since her ex-husband has died of natural causes.

The woman, Blanche Lofton, 52, appeared by Zoom before Wakulla Circuit Judge J. Layne Smith in a motion hearing on Wednesday, Nov. 9. Judge Smith ordered Lofton to remain in jail without bond on attempted murder charges.

The alleged victim, 57-year-old Victor Lovett, died on Oct. 22.

Wakulla Chief Prosecutor Brian Miller, who was elected the night before as the new county judge, admitted to the court that there are problems with the prosecution of Lofton for attempted murder since the victim has died. Miller told the court that he needed time to determine if other witnesses, such as deputies who responded to the call, and excited utterances made by Lofton when she was interviewed by deputies and reportedly admitted shooting at him, will allow the prosecution to move forward.

Meanwhile, Lofton's attorney, Assistant Public Defender Matt Ream, told the court he intends to file a Stand Your Ground motion to claim that she was justified in shooting at Lovett because he had rammed his truck into her SUV and was pushing it towards her as she stood outside the vehicle.

Judge Smith urged Ream to file the motion as soon as possible and a hearing was tentatively set for Dec. 7.

At the hearing last week, Ream asked the court to consider releasing Lofton on her own recognizance and allow her to return to Louisiana with her mother and sister, who were in the courtroom.

Miller argued that Lofton had no ties to the community and thus had no reason to return to Wakulla to face charges. He asked the court to hold her without bond or to set a high bond of \$100,000 to \$250,000 to ensure her return.

Lofton could be heard on the Zoom link responding to Miller's arguments, saying "I will be back."

Judge Smith noted that Judge Ron Flury, who held the Wakulla circuit assignment back in June, held a hearing to determine that Lofton should be held without bond. Judge Smith said he gave weight to Judge Flury's decision.

"Please, I want to go home," Lofton begged tearfully. "I want to pick up my husband and I want to go home."

She could be heard sobbing when her pleas were turned down.

Back in April, Lofton drove from Baton Rouge and confronted her husband at some property he was working off Summerwind Circle and Woodville Highway.

According to the arrest report, Lovett and Lofton had been separated for several months, and he had moved to Florida and bought property in the area with plans to live there. He had filed for divorce against Lofton in Louisiana.

He told deputies that "Lofton has been texting and calling him in an attempt to manipulate him into giving her money." He said he rarely responded to her texts, which a deputy confirmed by looking at the thread.

Before driving to his property, Lofton had texted Lovett that she was in Tallahassee at an area motel and asked him to come see her. He refused.

Lofton then drove to Lovett's property. He had a log blocking the driveway, and she drove her Lincoln SUV over the log. Seeing her approach, Lovett said he got in his F350 dually truck to leave and she blocked him. He asked her to move her vehicle, but she refused, so he put his truck in gear with the intention of pushing her SUV out of the way.

"Lofton began cussing at Lovett and went into her vehicle and retrieved a silver and black handgun and fired it at Lovett as he was sitting in his truck," according to the arrest report. She was allegedly



Blanche Lofton

Shells and Tails

Sopchoppy Festival celebrates oysters and mullet



Visitors go for oysters and mullet dinners at Oyster Boss.

On Saturday, Sopchoppy hosted its Oyster and Mullet festival, Shells and Tails, which included a mullet fry, local oysters, arts and crafts vendors, food trucks, a beer garden, historical displays, mullet toss, and contests. Mayor Lara Edwards spoke at the opening ceremony and local

musicians Heartland gospel singers and Rockulla played on stage. In addition to our local talent, reggae group Positive Vibes Redeemed and the Funky Taters from Tallahassee came and played at the event. (Photos by Charity Tumbleson)



Arts and crafts vendors at the Depot Park.



Positive Vibes Redeemed performing on stage.

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**Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park
Frostweed, or white crownbeard**

By LYNN ARTZ and SANDY TEDDER



Frostweed (*Verbesina virginica*) is a showy wildflower that blooms during late summer through fall. Also called white crownbeard, its large clusters of white flowers attract native bees and butterflies. This long-lived perennial prefers dappled shade and grows 4-6' tall. It occurs throughout the state along moist forest edges and can form large colonies. Frostweed is best planted in a naturalized setting or as a transitional plant between wild and manicured areas. Planting in dryer soil with more sun can keep the plant more compact and yield more blooms. During wintry weather, the stems exude water that freezes into interesting shapes and gives the plant its common name. Frostweed is blooming now along the west fence in the shady woods at Sopchoppy Depot Park.

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Student of the Week
Harli Spence, 4th grader at Riversink Elementary
Principal: Catherine Cutchin

Harli Spence is a 4th grader at Riversink Elementary School. Harli has a 4.0 grade point average and maintains an E in citizenship. Harli is a level 2 cheerleader with Wakulla Elite. She also plays softball with the recreation team Velocity. Harli loves watching movies with her mom and hunting or fishing with her dad. Harli's favorite subject is math. Harli loves Riversink because of the teachers that help her learn. Harli was especially fond of the marshmallow experiment she recently did in Ms. Stokley's class. Harli always has a positive attitude, works hard and is an EPIC OTTER!

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Gulf Specimen releases rehabbed sea turtle



From left to right: Danielle Taylor carries Beauty the green sea turtle to the water; Gulf Specimen founder Jack Rudloe nudges her towards the water; Beauty swims away.

By **CHARITY TUMBLESON**
Reporter

Beauty, a green sea turtle, was released on Wednesday, Nov. 2 at Alligator Point. Beauty had been caught by a fisherman at Alligator Harbor and had

surgery to remove a hook caught in her throat. The surgery was done at Gulf World Marine Institute in Panama City and she was able to heal at Gulf Specimen Aquarium in Panama City. The green sea turtle is the largest hard-shelled sea turtle. They are herbivores eating

mostly seagrasses and algae, which gives their fat a greenish color which is where their name derives from. Classified as endangered, green turtles are threatened by overharvesting of their eggs, hunting of adults, being caught in fishing gear, and a loss of nesting

beach sites. Jack Rudloe founder of the Gulf Specimen Aquarium wished the turtle well on her journey back into the sea as Danielle Taylor released Beauty back into the ocean. Beauty was a little reluctant at first but after a little nudge, she decided to get into the water.



Crunch Project at Crawfordville Elementary

Special to The Sun

Second graders at Crawfordville Elementary School had an amazing opportunity to participate in a garden project called "Crunch!"

This project was supported by our community Food and Nutrition Programs at the IFAS Extension Office in Wakulla County. Students planted radish seeds and then took on the role of caretaking and observing the plant growth.

After thirty days the students harvested their radishes and finished the project with a celebration of the growing process and a taste testing to see how many students liked the radishes. For many it was their first experience trying a radish. The learning and hands-on experience given with this project was an enjoyable way to support science and health standards.



Employee, teachers of month recognized by school board

By **DANIEL LILLY**
Of the School Board

Missy Hudson is October Employee of the Month from Transportation. Mr. Hudson came to Wakulla County Schools when her children started school, wanting to be off when they were out of school she became a bus driver, then paraprofessional, before becoming routing secretary.

Mrs. Hudson said of what is enjoyable about her job, "I like that there is not a single day that is the same, you never know what is going to happen from day to day. One thing that I have learned over the years is that when that child takes their first step on that school bus and walks through the doors of their school, they are entering one of the best school systems that there is. I am proud to be an employee in Wakulla County Schools."

Mrs. Patricia Jones said of Hudson, "It is a pleasure to bring to your attention Mrs. Missy Hudson as employee of the month from the Transportation Department. In the 2 years working with Ms. Hudson, she has proven herself very capable of handling a very busy office and she carries out her duties with efficiency and dispatch. She is trustworthy, dependable and handles parent calls with grace and a good attitude. In addition, she has learned the bus routing program and in November will be embarking in a new area of the Transversa Bus Routing System, which will be a challenge however I know she can handle the new system. She has been most helpful in seeking information that is required in keeping FTE reports up to date. She constantly is reminding bus drivers of the importance of their record keeping of the students they are transporting and communicates with me daily with the number of students on buses. For all these



Missy Hudson



Adrian Johnson



Stacy Pfeifer

reasons and more, she is a valuable transportation secretary."

Congratulations to Missy Hudson, Wakulla County Schools October Employee of the Month.

Adrian Johnson is Medart Elementary School's October Teacher of the Month. Mrs. Johnson has been at Medart Elementary School since 2019, and prior to that she worked at Wakulla Education Center Pre-K.

Now a mustang, Mrs. Johnson says of what she enjoys the most about her job "Sitting with my students and listening to their adventures. One of my students told me he was going to bring me some deer meat. Well, he went out and got him a deer! He had it processed and brought me a pack

of meat and it was good!"

Mr. Stan Ward, Principal of Medart Elementary School was adamant that Mrs. Johnson was a welcome addition to the MES team. "Mrs. Johnson has been a great addition to our Medart Kindergarten team. Her demeanor and personality allows for her students to learn and grow throughout the school year. She controls her students using the softest, most patient teacher voice I have ever heard, and her students respond almost immediately! We are fortunate that she is a part of our Mustang team."

Congratulations to Adrian Johnson, Medart Elementary School's October Teacher of the Month!

Stacy Pfeifer is Wakulla Middle School's Teacher of the Month for October. She has been a teacher at Wakulla Middle School since 2019 and worked at the school as a paraprofessional prior to becoming a teacher.

Pfeifer said of what she enjoys most about her job, "The most enjoyable thing about my job is seeing the students have that "aha" moment of understanding, the excitement that they show knowing they understand a math concept is priceless."

Principal Simeon Nelson said of Mrs. Pfeifer, "We are very lucky to have Stacy Pfeifer on our staff. She is a dynamic and vibrant teacher and always has her students' best interests in mind. She volunteers for many extra curriculums for Wakulla Middle and leads our Student Government. She always asks questions on how to best serve her students and is a fierce collaborator with her peers. Stacy is a true Wildcat at heart and gives her all every day for our students."

Congratulations Stacy Pfeifer, Wakulla Middle School October Teacher of the Month!

Walkers Crossing at Sopchoppy Opry

Special to The Sun

Walkers Crossing with Paul Donaldson, Travis Oats and Amy Johnson will be the special guest for the November 19

Sopchoppy Opry! This dynamic trio will play the second hour following house band, South Bound. Call (850) 962-3711 to reserve your tickets or purchase them at the door.



Opinions

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Remembering elections of old



By WILLIAM SNOWDEN

This past election night at the supervisor of elections office, Nick Routa and I were recounting the good ol' days of elections – back decades ago when the

Supervisor of Elections office was still in the courthouse.

Nick is with Inspired Technologies and he's been on hand for elections as the computer consultant going back to when Sherida Crum was supervisor of elections.

Back in those days, before the internet, there was a lot more election night drama as people came to the courthouse to find out election results. They gathered on the courthouse lawn as darkness fell, milled about, talking.

Nick recalled how the results were on a television set on a cart rolled out the front door of the courthouse connected to a cord that was run out the window.

As the votes came in and were tallied, the TV would show the updated count and, as a reporter, you had to be ready for the candidates in a race who would approach, shake hands, and one offer congratulations to the other. The goal was to try to snap a picture of that moment. I remember snapping just such a photo, years ago, and I can't remem-

ber who the candidates were, only that I was using a camera with film and the sun was setting, it was getting dark and the picture was blurry.

Nick and I recalled the hand recount at the courthouse of the county commission race between Lynn Artz and Maxie Lawhon for county commissioner – just a handful of votes separated the two candidates.

I remembered, a few years later, the contentious race between Sheriff David Harvey and challenger Charlie Creel. The votes from

Sopchoppy were late coming in and Judge Jill Walker, as head of the canvassing board, announced to everyone in attendance at the supervisor's office that absentee ballots were going in to the total and would show, online, that all precincts were reporting – when in fact they weren't because, again, Sopchoppy.

Some TV stations, not reporting in person by relying on the website, reported Creel had won.

Later, when the Sopchoppy ballots did come in and gave Harvey just

enough votes for a win, a slew of conspiracy theories began circulating about ballot-stuffing in Sopchoppy.

It wasn't true, as I interviewed an election observer who was at the Sopchoppy precinct.

Nick laughed recalling that the reason Sopchoppy was late coming in was because the poll workers wanted to wash the crock pots they'd cooked in before driving to Crawfordville.

Fun stuff.

William Snowden is editor and publisher of The Wakulla Sun.

Apalachicola oyster update from community advisory board

Special to The Sun

October was a busy month for Apalachicola Bay System Initiative! On Oct. 18th, the Community Advisory Board (CAB) met at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve facility.

The meeting began with reports from the CAB working groups and subcommittees followed by a science update from ABSI Principal Investigator, Dr. Sandra Brooke. This science update includes: results of oyster surveys on ABSI restoration sites and proposals for next restoration experiment.

Next, CAB member and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission representative Devin Resko provided an update on the FWC and NFWF Oyster Bay Restoration Phase II project. If you have any questions or comments, please email Devin at devin.resko@myfwc.com.

Then, Dr. Ed Camp, University of Florida Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, spent the majority of the meeting providing an overview of stock assessment models and simulation models (a “what if?” analysis). Ed is an interdisciplinary scientist who focuses on the ecology



The ABSI team and Shantz Lab have been recovering, photographing, and deploying artificial reef structures across the bay. Each structure is made with calcium carbonate, similar to oyster shells, and concrete. The Reef Balls are hollow structures that provide large open spaces for oyster settlement while the Layer Cakes have smaller spaces that may provide refuge from predators but plenty of surface area for oyster recruitment.

and human dimension aspects of managing fisheries & aquaculture.

A few hours after the Community Advisory Board concluded, ABSI hosted an Oystermen's Workshop to present the science behind current ABSI restoration experiments and FWC restoration projects. Seven oystermen participated in the meeting and gave feedback on the restoration plans and potential management options for the oyster fishery.

Finally, on Oct. 19th, ABSI hosted its first Community Workshop to present information and data from ABSI restoration experiments and FWC restoration projects, and to allow time and

space for members of the public to express comments and questions about the status of the Bay. Thank you to everyone who came out to the Oystermen's Workshop and the Community Workshop! We are planning another Community Workshop in early 2023 – stay tuned for updates.

To ensure complete transparency, the entire history of the deliberations from each of the 23 meetings (19 CAB meetings and 4 Oystermen's Workshops) since March 2020, including copies of all presentations and meeting recordings, are available on the ABSI Community Advisory Board website.

On the Horizon

Calendar of upcoming events for the week of Nov. 17

Thursday, November 17

- The Wakulla Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Business Excellence Awards at the Wakulla Springs Lodge with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. \$35 per person. THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT.
- The St. Marks City Commission meeting will be held at City Hall at 6 p.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.
- The Rotary Club of Wakulla County will have their weekly meeting at the TCC Wakulla Center at 8:30 a.m.
- The Wakulla County Cancer Support Group will meet in the Education Center of the Crawfordville United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. This group meeting is for men and women, regardless of the type of cancer. Spouses, caregivers, and friends are welcome. For more information, call 850-926-6050.

Saturday, November 19

- Sopchoppy Opry will be held at the historic Sopchoppy Gym. Walkers Crossing with Paul Donaldson, Travis Oats and Amy Johnson will be the special guest. Tickets are \$10 per person. Show starts at 7 p.m. and the Opry Cafe and ticket office open at 5:30 p.m.
- “The Hot Tamale Southern Soul Review” featuring Hot Tamale will be performed at Palaver Tree Theater starting at 7:30 p.m.. Tickets are \$10 per person.
- The Wakulla County Horseman Association jackpot and show at the Wakulla County Equestrian Center. Exhibitions start at 11 a.m.
- Small business Saturday Fall Extraganza and free kids scavenger hunt will be held at Azalea Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shop local small businesses, writers, artists,

crafters, and bakers. Kids can participate in a free scavenger hunt around the park. After completing the scavenger hunt, come collect a prize from Auntie Jyo's booth.

- 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.

Monday, November 21

- 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 American Legion Post 114 will be meeting at the Wakulla County public library at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 22

- The BOCC will hold a public meeting in the Commission Chambers at 5 p.m. to consider a purchase and sale agreement for a piece of property on Woodville Hwy. for potential use as a fire/EMS station.
- Sopchoppy Community Dinner is held every week at the Towles House at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 23

- The 2nd Annual Community Thanksgiving from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Azalea Park. If you or anyone you know is in need of a free Thanksgiving meal please stop by and pick up a plate.
- 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.

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◀ Question of The Week ▶

– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Polled at Crawfordville Quick Stop

What do you like to do on weekends this time of year?



DALLAS HANCOCK
RETIRED

“Watch football.”



SUZANNE HAWKINS
CLERK'S OFFICE

Spend my time outside with the grands.”



ISAAC HAMILTON
CASHIER

“Chill with friends or sleep.”



JOHN SHELTON
CLERK

“I like to go to karaoke.”



MIKE SMITH
MEEKS ELECTRICAL

“Coach baseball.”

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wakulla Station News

By **VERNA BROCK**

Congratulations to all the candidates who put themselves out there for election. It's a given that everyone can't win, but anyone can run a thoughtful, civil campaign. I have often said every person should run for office at least once. It is an incredible learning experience for sure. It's also nice not to be inundated with mailers and non-stop commercials for a while! Although I confess, I will miss those two gents sitting on a tailgate... made me chuckle Every.Single.Time.

I had the pleasure of attending a special recognition for veterans and

their spouses on Friday at Lakeshore Tapestry Senior Living. My parents reside there, as do a number of men and women who served with honor. The facility had a moving ceremony, as well as a delightful luncheon for all residents and their guests. My father was career military, (retired from the Coast Guard) as were a number of people recognized for their service. We all really appreciated the effort made to say “Thank you.”

One especially nice part of the morning was a group of young men from FAMU who volunteered to assist residents as they maneuvered in and out of the building for the flag

raising ceremony. Members of an organization known as “Progressive Black Men,” these fellows were very attentive and respectful of all of the residents at Tapestry. It was a real pleasure to meet them, and learn a little about their organization.

I have noticed that the Crawfordville Publix is the new place to run into long-lost friends and neighbors. No such thing as a quick sprint in and out, at least not for me! But I sure do enjoy catching up with old friends there.

Please keep my friend Mary Dyal, of Woodville, in your prayers. She tragically lost her beloved grand-

daughter Gabby last week, to a horrific car crash. A young man ran a red light, hitting Gabby directly. On her way to work, Gabby was killed instantly. Only 30 years old, she was completing her degree and was engaged to marry. There is no way to prepare for this kind of loss, and the Dyal family needs our prayers.

Please continue to lift up Barbara Vickery and her family, as well as Sheryl Grimes, and Cindy Blackstock. Pastor Steve Montgomery came through his surgery to repair his broken leg very well, though he still has a bit of a trek to go before he's completely back on two feet. I know he would appreciate your prayers too.

Don't forget to send me your news!

Library News – Nov. 17

Thursday, November 17

Veteran's Meetup 11 a.m.
Advanced Kid's Coding 5p.m.
The Parks HOA Covenant Review Committee 6:30 p.m.
Wakulla Amateur Radio Club 7 p.m.

Friday, November 18

Quilting Guild 9:30am
3D Printing Class 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 19

TMH READ Therapy Dogs 10 a.m.
Sons of Confederate Vets 5 p.m.

Monday, November 21

American Legion 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 22

Forgotten Coast Homeschool Co-op 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, November 23

Knitting Group 4 p.m.

Thursday, November 24

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FREE LEGAL HELP FROM LEGAL SERVICES OF NORTH FLORIDA

Join Legal Services of North Florida at the Wakulla County Public Library on Tuesday, December 13th from 4-7pm for a FREE legal clinic to assist with disaster issues, title clearing, probate, contractor disputes/liens, insurance coverage disputes, FEMA assistance, family issues, and more. Walk-ins are welcome and assistance is provided on a first-come, first-

served basis and is based on lawyer availability. Please bring documentation & paperwork related to your legal question. Masks are required.

HEALTH INSURANCE OPEN ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE

Join navigators from the Big Bend Area Health Education Center as they provide free, unbiased help applying for and enrolling in federal marketplace health insurance plans. December 15th, 2022, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. here at the Wakulla County Public Library. Please call Big Bend AHEC for more information 850-224-1177.

AFTER HOURS SPEAKER SERIES

The Wakulla County Public Library is seeking speakers for a new program series. This will be an evening, adult program. We are seeking speakers on topics such as science, nature, history, health, safety, finance, the humanities, etc. If you are interested in speaking at one of these evening programs, please fill out our interest questionnaire at <https://forms.gle/Rt4B95toyWpp5Gys8>.

Upcoming Holiday Closings

- Thursday, Nov. 24th to Saturday, Nov. 26th for Thanksgiving
- Friday, December 23rd and Saturday, December 24th for Christmas



Adrian Fogelin and Craig Reeder of Hot Tamale.

Hot Tamale show at Palaver Tree

Special to The Sun

On Saturday, Nov. 19, the popular musical duo Hot Tamale will be performing a theatrical stage show titled “The Hot Tamale Southern Soul Review” at the Palaver Tree Theater in Crawfordville.

The show will include a selection of musical numbers that celebrate the great Southern tradition of Rhythm & Blues music, and will feature guest artist Scott Buchanan of the wildly popular dance band Lil' Grizzly. There will be songs by Robert Johnson, Ray Charles, BB King, Ma Rainey, Wilson Pickett, etc., plus some bluesy original tunes by Hot Tamale.

The Hot Tamale Southern Soul Review will start at 7:30 p.m. at the Palaver Tree Theater, 59 Shadeville Rd. in Crawfordville. Admission is \$10.

Attempted murder

From Front Page

saying to him, “Mother-(expletive), I will kill you!”

He had to duck below the dashboard to avoid being shot.

Lovett said he had a firearm in the truck, but didn't want to use it against her.

As he was moving the log to leave the property, she reportedly kept the gun aimed at him and demanded to see his cell phone to check for phone calls and text messages from other women.

“While being held at gunpoint,” the report states, “he showed Lovett his phone.”

She got back in her car after that, and Lovett got a tow strap on the log and, using his truck, pulled it away while he used his phone to call 911.

When deputies arrived, they saw two bullet holes in the truck's windshield. A partial projectile was located in the window frame.

She was located in her SUV on Summerwind Circle driving towards Woodville High-

way. A deputy pulled in front of the vehicle to block it and ordered her to exit the vehicle with her hands up.

As she exited the vehicle with her hands raised, she allegedly told the deputy: “I don't have it on me; it's in the car. He tried to ram me!”

After being given a Miranda warning, she told deputies that she got her 9mm after Lovett struck her vehicle with his truck, and allegedly admitted to firing several shots.

Deputies found the handgun on the passenger seat under a pillow. Two shell cas-

ings were also found in the car.

An odor of alcohol was detected on her, and deputies found a Bud Light Platinum in the center console.

Deputies also found several glass pipes and other drug paraphernalia.

Lofton faces charges of attempted murder, false imprisonment, discharging a weapon in public, and possession of narcotic equipment.

At her hearing in June, prosecutors revealed her criminal history includes convictions for domestic violence and DUI.

Kiersten Smith

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Outdoors

outdoor sports

HOME ON THE RANGE

Favorite range bag items



By MARJ LAW

“So, Joe,” I ask, “Besides the must-haves ‘eyes,’ ‘ears,’ and targets, what’s your favorite item in your range bag?”

He thinks for a minute.

“Well, I like to protect my guns with silicone-impregnated bags. They’re like socks for your guns. The silicone keeps moisture away and the sock protects from scratches.”

He pulls out the sock covering his Colt Peace-maker. You know, the “gun that won the west?” That big ol’ .45-caliber revolver?

I kid you not. The Colt’s silicone sock is pink. Pink. Ahem.

He sees me trying to suppress a smirk.

“Well, do you see any rust?” he may be a bit defensive. “Any scratches?”

Of course, the Colt is in immaculate condition.

Silicone socks are cheap. Rust ruins the value of your gun, so OK. FYI: you can find them in black too. If you find one for a long gun, and you have two handguns, you can split the long piece in two, sew up the back edge and make two for the price of one.

My favorite extra tool is the Uplula. The Uplula is a gizmo that helps you load your magazines. If you have a mag that holds 15 rounds, by the time you’ve shoved in 4 or 5 rounds, your thumbs will

complain big time. At least mine do.

“Master Chief Gunner’s Mate Henry Bighthumbsby would have my head for using a cheater like an Uplula. I use my thumbs. What if you’re in a combat situation? Are you going to hunt around for an Uplula to load your magazines?”

Let’s see. When was the last time I was in combat? Like, never. If I’m carrying, my gun is loaded. Mr. Bad isn’t going to wait while for you to load your gun.

So, I have an Uplula for a single stack magazine and another Uplula for a double stack magazine. My unabused thumbs are grateful.

“What’s another favorite range bag item?” he asks me.

I dig around in the big black hole of my bag.

“Aha! This is it! I love my baby knocks!”

These are really cheap small binoculars. I bought them several years ago at the flea market in Tallahassee. I like them a lot because they bring the targets up close and personal. This is super good when you’ve made several shots and you want to know how well you are doing. Since the range is “hot,” you can’t walk up to look closely at the target so these little knocks bring the target right to you.

Which brings me to targets. I’m willing to buy the ones that change colors. They are so much easier on the eyes, so they would be next on my favorite items.

Since Joe buys the cheap paper targets, he brings a good stapler. Seems like every time we visit the range, someone needs a stapler, so it’s good to have one in your bag. Sometimes he uses wide masking tape too, to put up his targets.

I keep extra sets of



“ears” in their little bags. These are the tiny squish-in-your-ear plugs. Since many relatives have gone deaf early in life, I always use these ear pillows along with the big earmuff type hearing protection. If someone else wants to try them, I usually have 5-6 new sets available.

Since red dot sights are now so plentiful, and people are using them, it’s a good idea to keep their extra batteries around. Newer sights are on the market that come on when you move the gun and they turn off when the gun has not been moved for a period of time, so you are less likely to need batteries than in the past.

The same is true for your hearing protection. Many ear muffs need batteries. These muffs suppress the loud noise of the gun firing, and at the same time, they allow you to hear your neighbor talking to you. They only work well if you remember to turn them off when

not in use. Newer ones, thank goodness, turn off by themselves. But if you have the older kind, and if you yourself are older, well, keep extra batteries.

Microfiber cloths are super useful. Cheap, too. You might want to use one to cover the shooting bench where you lay down your gun. You can use one to wipe off your sights. You can fold one over, stitch 2 sides and thus form a shooting glasses case. Those glasses get scratched much more quickly than you like, so a covering is practical. And you can wipe off the dirt and oils from your glasses with them as well.

You’ll thank yourself many times for keeping a small first aid kit in your bag. Even when you’re trying to be careful, you can get pinched by the metal in your gun. Pull back the slide and get part of a finger caught in the chamber. Pop in your magazine and get pinched between the mag and the

frame. You’ll be surprised how much a small pinch hurts, so keep anti-bacterial cream and bandaids handy. Oh, and wipes. You need to clean your boo-boo before bandaging.

Last, I like to keep 5x7 notecards and a pen in my bag. There’s always someone new at the range who you may want to call again. They may have questions you want to research. Yes, we all seem to have cell phones, but I still want pen and paper.

Finally, there’s one more practical item I’d like to share. This is a device that keeps humidity out of the place where you store your gun. I have one that is called a “large canister gel desiccant.” It’s a round metal jar that you place in the oven to dry for about 3 to 4 hours.

Silica beads inside are pink. They turn green when they are dried out. When you have your gun stored in a small space, placing this desiccant here will help to prevent

any rust from forming on the metal. For instance, a friend of mine kept her gun in a bag on the floor of her closet.

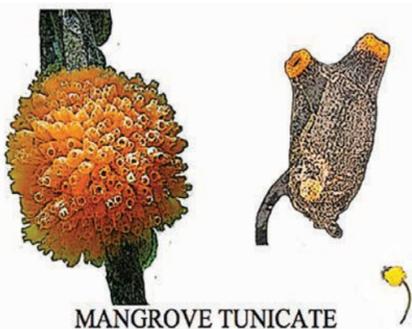
Bad idea. The closet didn’t have sufficient ventilation, and her gun pitted with many tiny rust flowers. I’m surprised that this cannister works so well, and even use it in an antique china cabinet. Gets those musty smells right out.

When packing your range bag, always remember your ear and eye protection. You must have these when you visit the Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office range. The other objects suggested here make range life easier.

Choose which fit your needs.

And color? There’s life beyond pink.

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



MANGROVE TUNICATE
(*Ecteinascidia turbinata*)

Individuals cluster making bright orange colonies coating docks while eating plankton. These small animals can reproduce sexually or asexually. Eggs are held in a pouch for 7-9 days. Swimming larvae with a spinelick notochord swim like fish larvae survive on yolk. After dispersing they must find a suitable place to attach and transform. Adult tunicate concentrate the toxic metal vanadium to discourage predators. They also produce an anticancer drug. Small amphipods (shrimplike animals) often live inside adult tunicates.

Eukarya, Animalia, Cordata, Ascidiacea, Enterogona Perophoridae

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WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO



Retired Wakulla Springs State Park Ranger Bob Thompson, on his weekly wildlife survey at the park last week, snapped this photo of Double Crested Cormorants.

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Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water

Local writers share their experiences

Thursday 17

Sun rise/set: 7:04AM 5:39PM
Moon rise/set: 12:40AM 2:09PM
Moon Illumination 41%

Friday 18

Sun rise/set: 7:04AM 5:39PM
Moon rise/set: 1:37AM 2:38PM
Moon Illumination 32%

Saturday 19

Sun rise/set: 7:05AM 5:38PM
Moon rise/set: 2:33AM 3:07PM
Moon Illumination 23%

Sunday 20

Sun rise/set: 7:06AM 5:38PM
Moon rise/set: 3:32AM 3:36PM
Moon Illumination 14%

Monday 21

Sun rise/set: 7:07AM 5:38PM
Moon rise/set: 4:33AM 4:08PM
Moon Illumination 8%

Tuesday 22

Sun rise/set: 7:08AM 5:37PM
Moon rise/set: 5:37AM 4:43PM
Moon Illumination 3%

Wednesday 23

Sun rise/set: 7:09AM 5:37PM
Moon rise/set: 6:45AM 5:26PM
Moon Illumination 0%

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

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

Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac
Nov. 17 - Nov. 23

Tide charts by tides4fishing.com

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

Thursday 17

Minor Times: 11:55PM 1:24PM
Major Times: 6:13AM 6:35PM

Friday 18

Minor Times: 12:52AM 1:53PM
Major Times: 6:56AM 7:17PM

Saturday 19

Minor Times: 1:48AM 2:22PM
Major Times: 7:39AM 8:01PM

Sunday 20

Minor Times: 2:47AM 2:51PM
Major Times: 8:23AM 8:45PM

Monday 21

Minor Times: 3:48AM 3:23PM
Major Times: 9:09AM 9:33PM

Tuesday 22

Minor Times: 4:52AM 3:58PM
Major Times: 9:59AM 10:25PM

Wednesday 23

Minor Times: 6:00AM 4:41PM
Major Times: 10:53AM ----

St. Marks River Entrance

Th	2:31 am ▼ 1.7 ft	7:59 am ▲ 2.5 ft	3:11 pm ▼ 0.8 ft	10:00 pm ▲ 2.8 ft
Fr	3:48 am ▼ 1.4 ft	9:42 am ▲ 2.9 ft	4:05 pm ▼ 0.9 ft	10:37 pm ▲ 3.0 ft
Sa	4:43 am ▼ 0.9 ft	10:51 am ▲ 2.3 ft	4:50 pm ▼ 0.9 ft	11:07 pm ▲ 3.1 ft
Su	5:28 am ▼ 0.4 ft	11:45 am ▲ 3.1 ft	5:30 pm ▼ 1.0 ft	11:34 pm ▲ 3.3 ft
Mo	6:09 am ▼ -0.1 ft	12:34 pm ▲ 3.4 ft	6:08 pm ▼ 1.1 ft	
Tu	12:01 am ▲ 3.5 ft	6:49 am ▼ -0.5 ft	1:21 pm ▲ 3.5 ft	6:43 pm ▼ 1.3 ft
We	12:29 am ▲ 3.6 ft	7:30 am ▼ -0.9 ft	2:07 pm ▲ 3.5 ft	7:19 pm ▼ 1.4 ft

City of St. Marks

Th	3:35 am ▼ 1.6 ft	8:35 am ▲ 2.3 ft	4:15 pm ▼ 0.8 ft	10:36 pm ▲ 2.6 ft
Fr	4:52 am ▼ 1.2 ft	10:18 am ▲ 2.5 ft	5:09 pm ▼ 0.8 ft	11:13 pm ▲ 2.8 ft
Sa	5:47 am ▼ 0.8 ft	11:27 am ▲ 2.7 ft	5:54 pm ▼ 0.8 ft	11:43 pm ▲ 2.9 ft
Su	6:32 am ▼ 0.4 ft	12:21 pm ▲ 2.9 ft	6:34 pm ▼ 0.9 ft	
Mo	12:10 am ▲ 3.1 ft	7:13 am ▼ -0.1 ft	1:10 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	7:12 pm ▼ 1.0 ft
Tu	12:37 am ▲ 3.2 ft	7:53 am ▼ -0.5 ft	1:57 pm ▲ 3.3 ft	7:47 pm ▼ 1.1 ft
We	1:05 am ▲ 3.4 ft	8:34 am ▼ -0.8 ft	2:43 pm ▲ 3.3 ft	8:23 pm ▼ 1.3 ft

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Th	2:38 am ▼ 1.8 ft	8:13 am ▲ 2.6 ft	3:25 pm ▼ 0.7 ft	10:07 pm ▲ 2.9 ft
Fr	4:01 am ▼ 1.4 ft	9:59 am ▲ 2.7 ft	4:19 pm ▼ 0.8 ft	10:46 pm ▲ 3.1 ft
Sa	5:00 am ▼ 0.9 ft	11:09 am ▲ 2.9 ft	5:06 pm ▼ 0.8 ft	11:19 pm ▲ 3.3 ft
Su	5:47 am ▼ 0.4 ft	12:04 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	5:46 pm ▼ 0.9 ft	11:49 pm ▲ 3.4 ft
Mo	6:28 am ▼ -0.1 ft	12:53 pm ▲ 3.3 ft	6:24 pm ▼ 1.1 ft	
Tu	12:17 am ▲ 3.6 ft	7:09 am ▼ -0.6 ft	1:41 pm ▲ 3.5 ft	7:01 pm ▼ 1.2 ft
We	12:47 am ▲ 3.7 ft	7:51 am ▼ -0.9 ft	2:27 pm ▲ 3.5 ft	7:38 pm ▼ 1.4 ft

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Th	2:42 am ▼ 1.3 ft	7:51 am ▲ 1.9 ft	3:22 pm ▼ 0.6 ft	9:52 pm ▲ 2.1 ft
Fr	3:59 am ▼ 1.0 ft	9:34 am ▲ 2.0 ft	4:16 pm ▼ 0.6 ft	10:29 pm ▲ 2.2 ft
Sa	4:54 am ▼ 0.7 ft	10:43 am ▲ 2.2 ft	5:01 pm ▼ 0.7 ft	10:59 pm ▲ 2.4 ft
Su	5:39 am ▼ 0.3 ft	11:37 am ▲ 2.3 ft	5:41 pm ▼ 0.7 ft	11:26 pm ▲ 2.5 ft
Mo	6:20 am ▼ -0.1 ft	12:26 pm ▲ 2.5 ft	6:19 pm ▼ 0.8 ft	11:53 pm ▲ 2.6 ft
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St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

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Fr	4:32 am ▼ 1.2 ft	9:50 am ▲ 2.0 ft	4:16 pm ▼ 0.6 ft	10:39 pm ▲ 2.3 ft
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Su	5:43 am ▼ 0.3 ft	11:54 am ▲ 2.3 ft	5:38 pm ▼ 0.8 ft	11:25 pm ▲ 2.6 ft
Mo	6:14 am ▼ -0.1 ft	12:42 pm ▲ 2.5 ft	6:12 pm ▼ 1.0 ft	11:49 pm ▲ 2.7 ft
Tu	6:47 am ▼ -0.5 ft	1:28 pm ▲ 2.6 ft	6:44 pm ▼ 1.2 ft	
We	12:16 am ▲ 2.9 ft	7:23 am ▼ -0.8 ft	2:14 pm ▲ 2.6 ft	7:16 pm ▼ 1.3 ft

Dog Island West End

Th	3:44 am ▼ 1.5 ft	7:36 am ▲ 1.7 ft	3:08 pm ▼ 0.6 ft	10:21 pm ▲ 1.9 ft
Fr	4:45 am ▼ 1.2 ft	9:40 am ▲ 1.7 ft	4:08 pm ▼ 0.7 ft	10:37 pm ▲ 2.0 ft
Sa	5:29 am ▼ 0.8 ft	10:59 am ▲ 1.9 ft	5:05 pm ▼ 0.9 ft	10:59 pm ▲ 2.1 ft
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Mo	6:40 am ▼ -0.1 ft	1:18 pm ▲ 2.1 ft	6:40 pm ▼ 1.2 ft	11:56 pm ▲ 2.4 ft
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Best hunting and fishing based on solunar times: MAJOR feeding periods are 2 hours long, centered on the solunar time. MINOR feeding periods are only 1 hour long, again centered on the solunar time.



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



We are finally getting a taste of cooler weather, a welcome change for many! It is important to be aware of the dangers this change poses when out on the water.

Hypothermia occurs when your body loses heat faster than it can produce it. It is well documented that cold water can rob the body of heat 25 times faster than cold air, making time a critical element if you should fall in the water. When your body temperature drops below normal, hypothermia can begin.

Many people dress in layers when heading out this time of year, allowing them to adjust as the air temperature rises. These layers can become dangerous however if you were to fall into the water or become wet. Cold, wet clothing can cause your body to lose heat much quicker than if you were dry or able to remove the wet clothing. Water can

Boating Emergencies

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become trapped in coveralls and boots, leading to increased difficulty remaining afloat if you are in the water and regaining warmth if out of the water.

If you choose to go out in colder water, fishing, hunting or for pleasure, be sure you know how to re-enter your boat or watercraft should you fall overboard. Practice re-entry while wearing your life jacket, you don't want the first time to be when you are in a crisis.

Keep your phone in a water-resistant case or float bag should you be-

come submerged it can be a lifeline. Consider purchasing an emergency locating beacon and other visual distress signals. File a float plan – if you change plans, let someone know. Carry dry clothing or a blanket in the event you need them.

Most importantly, wear your life jacket – it is the single most important tool is helping survive cold water immersion.

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 follow us on Facebook @ Apalachee Bay Flotilla 12 or contact our Flotilla Commander Phil Hill at 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.

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Underwater Wakulla

By Rusty Miller

Fall and winter diving continued part 3.

Here are the eastside springs we use for the late fall, winter, and early spring. Let's start with the Blue Grotto.

Blue Grotto is located on U.S. Highway 27 just 11 miles west of Williston. From Wakulla you get on U.S. Highway 98 eastbound to Perry, then turn right onto U.S. Highway 19 south. You will drive to Chiefland and then turn left onto Highway 27 towards Williston.

There is a road sign when you are close to your right turn but don't be fooled you turn a little past the sign, if you turn at the sign you will be in someone's driveway.

Once you make the correct turn you will drive almost a mile down a dirt road then on your right you will see the gated entrance to the Blue Grotto. You will then see a small office/shop on your right just past the entrance. When you get parked you go to the office porch and you will see a few tables and chairs, those are not for your comfort but you use them to fill out the required paperwork. You then have to watch a video on the TV about Virgil and the other requirements needed to dive the Grotto.

Once you finish the paperwork and video you go into the office/shop to turn in the paperwork and pay the entrance fee of \$48. They do have veterans and Law Enforcement Officer discounts available.

A note here, if there are several divers (four or more) you can call in advance to secure a pavilion at no charge or you can take a tarp and set your equipment on it to keep the sand out of the regulators.

If I know well in advance that we are going to the Grotto, I will reserve a pavilion so everyone can have space to assemble their gear and a place to picnic.

Now that your vehicle is unloaded you are ready to set up your gear. After your gear is set up you should walk to the Grotto to look around. They have rebuilt the floating dock and have added two stairwell entrances to the water. The dock will allow you to practice your giant stride entry or you can take the stairs into the water.

The temperature of the water is a constant 72 degrees year round so if you step off the dock your shock will be quicker than entering the water slowly.

The features of the spring are a little different than, say, the Vortex springs because this spring is not a flowing spring. It is a still spring, since a long time ago the actual spring caved in they now have a lift pump system that actually makes the spring flow.

When you look above the cavern you will see a waterfall, that waterfall is man-made to keep the spring circulating and clear; it's pretty ingenious. They also have several platforms beneath the spring at various depths to practice your skills.

The most important skill you need to dive the Grotto is your buoyancy control. As I stated earlier the spring does not have your typical flow so there is a lot of sediment that will be kicked up by divers with poor buoyancy control.

They do have a celebrity turtle named Virgil. Yes, she has lived there for about 40 years or so and loves to interact with the divers.

Please remember she needs to breathe air and can hold her breath a long time but not indefinitely so please under no circumstance grab her and keep her from the surface. If you are cavern -certified you should not penetrate all the way to the bottom because it then becomes cave-like conditions and the depth is about 110 feet.

Blue Grotto is a great dive and I highly recommend it.

Until next week, make bubbles.
Russell Miller #59999

It's manatee awareness month

From FWC News

November is Manatee Awareness Month, an important time for boaters to go slow and lookout below to watch for manatees as they travel to warmer water sites around the state.

Manatees depend on water generally warmer than 68 degrees Fahrenheit to survive the winter, so in the fall they travel to Florida springs, power plant discharges and other warm-water sites.

While manatees are large, they can be difficult to see in the water. That is why it is important to follow guidelines and follow all manatee protection zones; look out while boating; wear polarized glasses and always give them space. Manatee protection zones are marked by waterway signs and maps of manatee protection zones are available online at MyFWC.com/Manatee by clicking on "Data and Maps."

During the colder months, seasonal manatee zones require boaters to slow down in certain areas to prevent manatees from being injured or killed by motorboats or personal watercraft. Boat strikes continue to be a major threat to Florida manatees. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) law enforcement officers are on patrol in state waters to inform boaters of the seasonal manatee speed zones and take appropriate enforcement actions. Boaters are reminded to abide by the regulatory signs they see on the water.

Remember, disturbing manatees at warm-water sites can cause them to swim out of protected areas and into potentially life-threatening cold water. Manatees are a protected species and it is illegal to feed, harass, disturb or harm them.

Physically handling a distressed or stranded manatee can cause more harm. Instead, report



injured, distressed, sick or dead manatees to the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922) or by dialing #FWC or *FWC on a cellphone so trained responders can assist.

The FWC and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service continue to investigate and respond to an elevated number of manatee deaths along the Atlantic coast of Florida. The FWC and USFWS take manatee conservation seriously by actively implementing science-based conservation measures that are making a difference for manatees and habitat. Learn more about how officials are responding to this event by visiting MyFWC.com/Manatee and clicking on "Learn More" in the banner at the top of the page.

Resources for boaters, educators and other interested members of the public are available at MyFWC.com/Manatee. What should you do if you see a manatee? The Viewing Guidelines page provides helpful tips on respectfully viewing manatees, additional guidelines for boat and personal watercraft operators, and information on what you can do to help these amazing aquatic mammals.

Thanking God for His watchful care



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

Have you ever written a letter of thanksgiving to the One Who loves you most? A few years ago, I wrote a letter to God to thank Him for His watchful care over me. This is what it said:

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for this minute. By the time I've finished writing this letter, many more will have passed. Each one that ticks by reflects Your patience, sovereignty, and work in my life.

I'll never know (unless You choose to reveal it to me when I meet You face-to-face) what tragedies You've withheld for my sake in the time I've already lived. Likewise, I have no idea what the next minutes will hold.

But right now, I want to thank You for every

minute, including those You still have planned for me. Minutes that will allow me another chance to learn from my mistakes. And (with Your help), do better the next time by correcting and making right a poor choice, an unkind word or a sloppily done project.

Thank You, also, Father, for each moment in which I wait for You to send another creative thought and opportunity my way. Another minute to live the life You have customized just for me.

I'm tremendously thankful, Lord, each

time Your mercy, love and wisdom get me through difficult and disappointing moments. Without You watching over me minute-by-minute, I'd be hopelessly lost. And hopelessly hopeless.

You are a powerful and sovereign God, yet You remain a devoted Father. You are more than wonderful. Thank You for all You are to me, every minute of every day.

I love You, God.
Your grateful daughter,
Sheryl

What about you?

Would you like to thank God for a specific need He's met or a time you felt His nearness?

First Peter 5:7 reminds us of our heavenly Father's constant involvement in our lives: "Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully" (Amplified Bible, Classic Edition).

Maybe reflecting on Peter's reassuring message will inspire you to write your own letter.

If you've never done

this, or if it's been a while since your last letter, take a moment and jot down what you've wanted to say to God for a long time. As you express your gratefulness, delight in the truth that Almighty God – your heavenly Father – does indeed care about you watchfully.

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Thankful for solace in the storm



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

I speak a lot of my past because the memories help me realize where God's hand has carried me. The stories are my testimony that bears witness to the God I serve. Today's writing is a treasured memory that taught me to trust within the storm.

It was late one evening as the storm approached. Our Mom had taken my older sib-

lings to the family car. She wrapped a blanket around me, and my Dad lifted me, carrying me from the house to her awaiting arms. Moments later, we arrived at Lakeside Baptist Church, where I was, once again, carried through the wind and rain.

I was a child of 4 years when Hurricane Dora hit the shores of Jacksonville and crossed our state. As I settled down on the front pew next to my Mom, my eyes wandered to the sanctuary's altar, and I drifted off to sleep, lulled by the comfort of her voice singing to me. I felt safe; I was safe in that little country church.

Like many, I have faced natural storms

and spiritual hurricanes. Honestly, there have been times when I grappled with weakened faith and questioned God's presence. I have doubted my salvation and known the unworthiness of my heart. I have spent many moments in prayer for a loved one, only to reside in a time of grief afterward. I have seen children struggle, no cure to be found, and I have questioned the fairness of it all. I have known disillusionment, brokenness, loneliness, disease, and despair. However, today grace encompasses my life because I have come to know His worthiness, not mine.

We have all faced the storms of the natural realm and the winds of

spiritual hurricanes; life happens. Nevertheless, we do not wrestle against the natural world but with spiritual forces and principalities that cannot be seen with the naked eye (Ephesians 6:12). We wrestle with these domains when we place our faith in anything other than the God who created us. I cannot tell you that tomorrow will be a day without despair. I will tell you that God desires to comfort you. "The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." (Exodus 14:14).

Wherever you are today, the Lord wishes to be with you. Do not weather the storm alone. If you are sitting bedside with a loved one, invite your Father in. If

grief has gripped your heart, allow His strength to carry you. When you hurt for your children, also know that you are His child; God will provide a way. There is no place we can go from His presence (Psalm 139). He will carry us through the winds and rains of life, taking us to the sanctuary of His grace. Our Father sings over us, quieting us with His love (Zephaniah 3:17).

In this season of Thanksgiving, let us be thankful for solace in the storm, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. The song says, "I thank Him for the storms He's brought me through, Cause if I never had a problem, I wouldn't know that He could solve

them, I wouldn't know what faith in His Word could do" (Through it All, Andrae Crouch). Understand that your Heavenly Father is with you through all things. He will never leave or forsake His children. Trust in His Word today, for we are never alone. You are not alone.

God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

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

Big Bend Hospice offers new palliative care program

Special to The Sun

To kick off their 40th Anniversary celebration, this Fall Big Bend Hospice will launch its new palliative care program, Transitions Supportive Care (TSC). Since 1983, BBH has positively impacted the way our community experiences serious illness or grief – one family at a time. TSC will be an extension of that holistic approach to provide quality healthcare to the whole person, including their physical, spiritual, and emotional needs as patients and families work through difficult medical decisions.

"Five years ago, our leadership began a strategic look at how we could diversify to better serve our community," says Bill Wertman, CEO. "We knew serving more people with expanded services would be a big part of our future, and to do that, we needed to begin creating a clinically integrated network."

While hospice and palliative care focus on pain management, differences between the two are based on a patient's prognosis, goals, and the decision to continue to treat a serious or life-limiting illness. Hospice is for people facing a terminal illness with a prognosis of six months or less who have chosen not to seek curative treatment. Palliative care

does not have a prognosis timeline restriction and can be pursued at any stage of the illness, including seeking curative treatment.

Palliative care is a good option for people not yet ready or who don't qualify for hospice but need some of the same emotional support, pain management, and education as hospice patients. Like hospice, palliative care is available to people of all ages with any serious or life-limiting illness. Palliative care is often covered by Medicare, Medicaid, and most private insurance. Every financial situation is different, so it is recommended you contact your insurance company to find out about any copays or deductibles. Transitions Supportive Care will be available to the community in the Fall of 2022. Just as BBH helps each person define "quality of life", a Transitions Supportive Care Nurse Practitioner (NP) assists patients and families create individualized care plans honoring their goals and wishes. Collaborating with the patient's primary care provider and other specialists, the NP also helps manage challenging symptoms associated with serious illness(s) whether they be physical, psychosocial, or socioeconomic.

A Licensed Clinical Social Worker is avail-

able to provide specialized support, including education and counseling, to help patients and families cope with the challenges associated while living with a serious illness. The point of community-based palliative care is to maintain a person's life at home or place of residence, as studies show people prefer to be in their own environment. The Social Worker can assist in maximizing a patient's quality of life, optimizing function, and providing attention beyond medical care that supports their goals and preferences.

What differentiates Transitions Supportive Care from most palliative care programs is the Community Navigation component. Just as important as the clinical services, Navigators can help facilitate and connect patients and families with community resources, which can

help to address nutrition deficiencies, caregiver burnout, housing, or facility coordination, and assist with the challenges often encountered when applying for community services.

One of the most important patient benefits offered through Transitions Supportive Care is assistance in navigating the health care system in our community. This includes patients moving between hospitals, homes, and other facilities. TSC staff can coordinate efforts of all

the providers to ensure a patient's personal plan of care is met.

Over the past decade palliative care has been one of the most rapidly growing fields of healthcare in the US. The benefits from palliative care shown in multiple clinical trials include: an increase in patient and provider satisfaction, equal or better symptom control, more discernment of and honoring choices about place of death, fewer and less intensive hospital admissions in the last months

of life, less anxiety and depression, less caregiver distress, and cost savings.

"Transitions Supportive Care will give those in our community seeking care access to a higher quality of life while pursuing curative treatment," says Wertman. "It's important for us to continue our 40-year legacy and soon we will be known for providing more than hospice care – we will be providing excellent care regionally in a post-acute model of healthcare."

Obituaries

DEATH NOTICES

• **Desmond Earl Allemang**, 66, of Crawfordville, died November 14, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• **Ann Ellen Roseman**, 70, of Crawfordville, died November 10, 2022. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com


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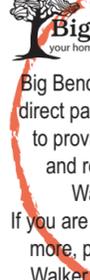
CLUES ACROSS

- Greek mountain
- One dependent on something
- Gratitude
- Glazed ceramic ware
- Paddling
- Step
- More greasy
- Upper-class young woman
- Light beige
- Belief in a supreme being
- Indigenous people of Scandinavia
- A beloved princess
- Transfer property
- Field force unit
- Automated teller
- When you hope to get there
- Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- Politicians Fischer and Conroy are two
- Blood type
- Stringed instrument
- Curses
- Barbary sheep
- Belonging to a thing
- Supporters
- Leaf-footed bug
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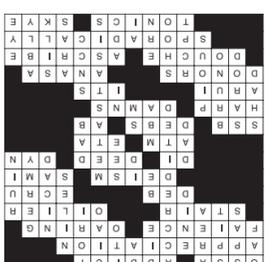
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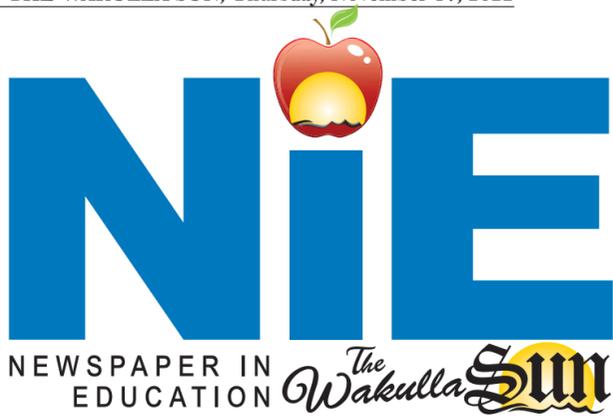
CLUES DOWN

- Klutz
- Relaxing places
- Expel saliva
- The extended location of something
- Certified
- Cease to exist
- Powerful legal pro
- The OJ trial judge
- Popular greeting
- "90210" actress Spelling
- __ Blyton, children's author
- "This Is Us" star Fitch
- Battery cell with a nickel alode
- Full of bacteria

- Remains of an old building
- Exist
- It gets you into places
- Witness
- The spreading of a disease to another part of the body
- Father
- Touch gently
- Licensed for Wall Street
- Herring-like fish
- Lute used in N. Indian music
- Mirabel shouldn't talk about him
- Atomic #62
- Religious
- Silvery-white metal (abbr.)

- Influential civil rights organization
- Acknowledgment (abbr.)
- Turn away
- Kidney disease (abbr.)
- Smooth-feeling fabric
- Competently
- Sea eagle
- General's assistant (abbr.)
- It helps you see
- Emerging technology





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Use the News

1. Election ‘Firsts’

Every election writes a new chapter in American history. And sometimes those chapters include historic “firsts” for the country and its states. In the 2022 election there were many “firsts” across the nation. The states of Arkansas, Massachusetts and New York elected their first women as governor. The state of Maryland elected its first Black governor and its first Black lieutenant governor. The state of California elected its first Latino U.S. Senator, and Oklahoma elected the first Native American as a U.S. Senator in almost 100 years. In races for the U.S. House, the states of Illinois and Colorado elected their first Latina women as House members, Michigan chose its first Indian American and Pennsylvania elected its first Black woman. Vermont chose the first woman for U.S. House in its history, and Alabama elected its first woman as a U.S. Senator. As a class, discuss the importance of people achieving “firsts” in politics. With a partner, use the newspaper and Internet to find and closely read a story about someone who achieved a “first” in this month’s election. Write a letter to the editor, telling how this person achieved this “first,” why it is significant and how it could inspire others.

Goals: Writing informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly; conducting short research projects that build knowledge about a topic.

2. Who’s Most Valuable?

The Major League Baseball season is over, and fans of the Houston Astros are celebrating their victory over the Philadelphia Phillies in the World Series. But there is still some exciting baseball news to come. This week, the Major Leagues will announce which players have been voted the Most Valuable Players in the National and American Leagues, along with the Rookies of the Year, Cy Young Award winners for top pitchers and the Managers of the Year. The rookies will be honored Monday, the managers on Tuesday, the Cy Young pitchers on Wednesday and the MVPs on Thursday. Most Valuable Players aren’t just sports stars. In every field or situation in life there are people who are the “most valuable” to their schools, businesses, neighborhoods or communities. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read a story about a person who is “most valuable” in their work or life. Use what you read to design an award certificate,

honoring this person for his or her achievements and telling why.

Goals: Conducting short research projects that build knowledge about a topic; producing clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization and style are appropriate to the task.

3. Finding Lost Pets

Anyone who has ever owned a pet knows how heartbreaking it can be when a dog or cat goes missing. In King Country in the state of Washington, pet owners can get help finding their pets from a popular — and highly successful — Facebook page. The page, which is called Lost Dogs of King County, has more than 34,000 members and a 92 percent success rate reuniting people with lost dogs (and the occasional cat), the Washington Post newspaper reports. When an owner reports a pet missing, all those volunteers jump into action. They organize search parties, put

up Lost Pet signs and distribute photos and pet names on the Internet. “About 30 people post about missing dogs every day,” said the woman who runs the Facebook page. “We look into each and every one. If there’s a dog out there that needs help, that’s where my heart is. We do everything we can to help reunite them.” The Lost Dogs Facebook page is a creative way to use the Internet and social media to help the community. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read a story about another person or group using the Internet to help others. Use what you read to write a letter to a friend detailing how using the Internet is an effective way to provide help in this situation.

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.

4. Amazing Brady

Record

In a 23-year career in the National Football League, quarterback Tom Brady has set more than three dozen NFL records. Now at age 45, he has set a record that may never be broken. In a game in which he led the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to a win in the last minute of play, Brady became the first NFL quarterback to record a combined 100,000 career passing yards in the regular season and playoffs. Brady also holds career passing records for just the regular season — at more than 87,067 yards — and for just the playoffs — at 13,049 yards. He has 6,000 more regular season yards than second-place Drew Brees and his playoff total is nearly double that of runner-up Peyton Manning, the New York Times newspaper reported. In his record setting game, Brady passed for 329 yards and a touchdown to lead the Buccaneers to a 16-13 come-from-behind win over the Super Bowl champion Los Angeles Rams. To reach 100,000 career passing

yards, Tom Brady had to perform at a high level for many years. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read a story about another person who has performed at a high level for many years. Write a paragraph telling what skills and personal qualities were needed for this person to be successful for so long.

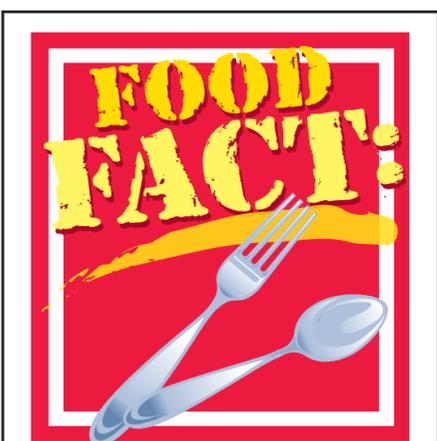
Goals: Reading closely what a text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; citing specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions.

5. Rain & Snow, At Last!

California and other western states have been hard hit by droughts, lack of rain and wildfires this year. But an early winter storm last week finally brought an end to fire season in California. More than four feet of snow fell in the mountain regions of the state, while lower elevations got 5 or more inches of rain. The early November rain is a welcome change from recent years, which have

seen devastating fires well into autumn due to dry and warm conditions, the Washington Post reported. Roughly 360,000 acres of land — more than 560 square miles — have burned in the state this year, destroying more than 770 homes. California’s rainy season usually starts in November, though it has not been as wet in recent years as in the past. “It’s not especially common for us to be getting significant precipitation this early in the season,” said one weather expert. “We are getting off to a good start this year.” Weather can help people or harm people. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read stories about weather harming or helping. Use what you read to design a poster comparing how weather can help people or harm people. Present your poster to the class.

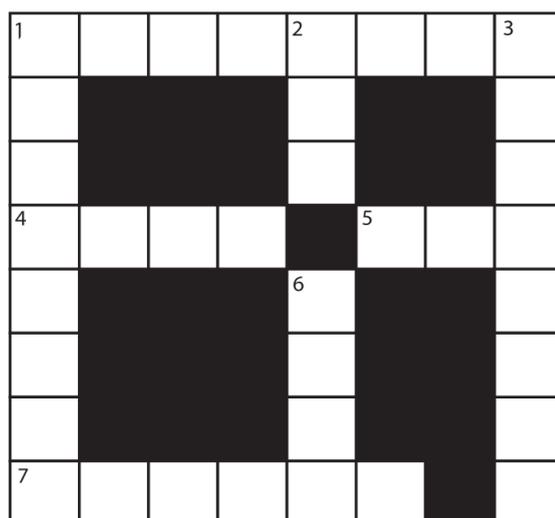
Goals: Using drawings or visual displays when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or points; reading closely what a text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it.



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ANSWER: TURKEY

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ACROSS

- Least perceptible
- Notion
- Metal container
- Seasoned and tasty

DOWN

- Relatives
- Brewed drink
- Gratified
- Structure that closes an entrance

Down
1. Families 2. Tea 3. Thankful 6. Door

Across
1. Faintest 4. Idea 5. Can 7. Savory

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ANSWER: STUFFED TURKEY

War Eagles fall in playoff game

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

The Wakulla War Eagles lost to the Catholic High School Crusaders in Pensacola in the first round of the playoffs on Friday night, 45-21, ending their season.

It was the third straight loss for Wakulla, and they finished with a 7-4 record.

Head Coach Scott Klees said he was proud of his team and how hard they fought this season.

But it was sad thinking of what could have been a few weeks ago when Wakulla was 7-1 and ranked No. 2 in the state, which was before junior quarterback Haden Klees was injured a dislocated collarbone.

Klees did appear in a limited role Friday night – he came in in the second quarter to attempt a fade pass to receiver Samron Brinson that fell incomplete. And when his younger brother, freshman Owen Klees, limped off the field after a sack in the third quarter, Klees came in and made a terrific 32-yard throw to Brinson, who climbed the ladder to grab it over a taller defender, and came down with a touchdown.

But Klees was obviously told not to take any chances – he threw the ball away when pressured and never tried to scramble or run. Prior to his injury, he was an effective runner, getting what he could and then sliding.

The War Eagles' high-



War Eagle Jeremiah Thomas outruns Pensacola Catholic defenders on a 50-yard run to the end zone for a touchdown.

PHOTO BY WILLIAM SNOWDEN

light reel for the game would also include Xavier Blake's run for a touchdown, and Jeremiah Thomas busting a 50-yard run for a touchdown.

"We just couldn't finish, we couldn't get over the hump," Coach Klees said of the end of the season.

But the coach noted the team is young with only a handful of seniors, so they'll be even better next year.

Some year-end stats for the team (not including the playoff game):

- QB Haden Klees completed 117 of 187 passes for 1,948 yards,

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a 62% completion rate, with 21 touchdowns and only three interceptions.

- Running back Xavier Blake, one of the few seniors on the team, had 163 carries for 1,228 yards and nine touchdowns.
- Receiver Samron Brinson caught a touchdown in every game, which Coach Klees noted was the first time in his 21 years of coaching he's ever had that happen. Brinson ended the year with 37 receptions for 750 yards and 14 touchdowns.

- Receiver Jeremiah Thomas wasn't far behind with 33 receptions for 740 yards and six touchdowns. And on defense he led the team in interceptions with five.

- Defensive end Todd Walker, a senior, had 13 sacks this year and, as has been noted before, has committed to Tulane.

- Tanner Lanier, leader of the defense, had 100 tackles this year.

Also singled out for their work in the trenches were

- Offensive lineman Deondre Strong, a senior, who Coach Klees said "played well this year."

- And defensive lineman Cody Walker, also a senior, who Coach Klees said "had an unbelievable year."

Coach Klees also praised his assistant coaches for their efforts. "They really worked hard and got after it," he said of his coaching staff.



War Eagle Marching Band have a smile at the game in Pensacola.

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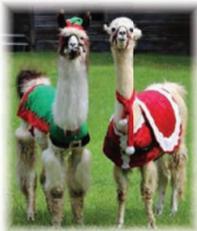
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Andrea Carter given volunteer award

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN

Andrea Carter was named volunteer of the year for her work writing grants for the Wakulla County Historical Society, but was unable to attend the group's banquet last month, so she was presented the Anne Quick Stewart Award a couple of weeks ago by historical society treasurer Arlene Vause.

The grants Carter worked on and received funding for include \$120,000 for the Richardson Cemetery, which the historical society owns and is still used.

Richardson is a bi-racial cemetery with the oldest grave going back to 1828. It includes graves of slaves, Confederates and World War



Historical Society treasurer Arlene Vause presents Andrea Carter with the group's volunteer of the year award.

I veterans. The grant is to restore the old graves, some of which are believed to be unmarked. Another grant is for \$50,000 grant for work towards restoring the old jail, which is used as a history museum.

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Sheriff's Report

Activity reported for the week of Nov. 4 to 10:

FRIDAY, NOV. 4

• Michael Dubois reported a window being busted in his shed. Dubois estimated the window at approximately \$100. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Jeremy Creel responded.

• Mary Laird reported the theft of her phone. Laird was working for the voter's poll when she realized her phone was missing. Laird estimated the phone at approximately \$800. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Heather Will responded.

SATURDAY, NOV. 5

• Deputies were attempting to locate Andrew Lazzell at a home on Kickapoo Street due to an arrest warrant for burglary. He was apprehended as he ran out of the back door of the home trying to flee deputies. During a search after his arrest, methamphetamine was allegedly found on him. Lazzell was arrested and transported to the Wakulla County Jail without issue. Deputy Wade Wright investigated.

SUNDAY, NOV. 6

• Johnny Ward Jr. reported a theft from his home. Ward stated several watches, cologne, clothing and money had been taken. Ward was able to provide a possible suspect in the case. Ward valued all property at approximately \$1,509. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Heather Will investigated.

• A traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle for no tag displayed. The driver Willis Adams did not possess a valid license and was found to have prior convictions for driving while license suspended or revoked. Adams was placed under arrest and transported to the jail facility. Deputy Wade Wright investigated.

MONDAY, NOV. 7

• Deputy Michelle Stripling responded to a home in the Flowers subdivision in reference to the report of Criminal Mischief. Upon arrival the victim Cory Haas advised he and two of his neighbors went to dinner in Tallahassee this evening. Haas said when he got home he noticed his truck had been keyed. The truck had paint damage on the front, back, and both sides. The damage was estimated at \$5,000. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

TUESDAY, NOV. 8

• Customer service at Publix turned in a phone that had been found in the parking lot. The phone had no sim card and there was no information on the phone. The owner could not be located and the phone was placed into property for safe keeping. Deputy Dustin Matthews investigated.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9

• Deputy Anthony

Paul conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle. The tag attached to the vehicle was not assigned to it. The driver, Richard Peckham, admitted he put the tag on the truck because he did not have a title for it. The tag was seized as evidence and Peckham was given a Notice to Appear in court for tag attached not assigned to the vehicle.

• Deputy Dakota Haddock conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle. The driver, identified as Wilson Price, had a suspended license out of Georgia with three prior convictions. Wilson was placed into custody and transported to the jail without incident. The vehicle was turned over to a passenger with a valid license.

THURSDAY, NOV. 10

• Deputies Heather Will, Dakota Haddock and Sgt. Eddie Webb responded to Summer Lane in reference a disturbance. A citizen observed occupants inside a silver truck in a verbal dispute driving on Woodville Highway, then turning onto T.W. Wood. The vehicle was located in the yard of 5 Summer Lane with both individuals still sitting in the vehicle. Occupants Javier Calderon and Hollie Hodges advised they were in a

verbal dispute. During the investigation Deputy Haddock observed a small clear baggie with a white powdery substance on the floor board

by Hollie's feet. Hollie and Javier were placed into double-locked hand restraints. During a search of the vehicle multiple glass smok-

ing pipes were located. Deputy Will located a small clear baggie with 1.4 grams of suspected cocaine between the driver seat and center

console. Both subjects were placed under arrest for possession of cocaine and drug paraphernalia and transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

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