



Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday Friday Saturday



Mostly Sunny

Hi: 95° Lo: 74° 5%

Sunrise 7:10 AM
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Edwards honored



David Edwards, center, with EDC Coordinator Beth Chicchetti, EDC members Kevin Vaughn, Amy Geiger, Rich Exline, John Shuff, Jessica Revell, Steve Cushman, coordinator Julie Dennis, and County Commissioner Quincee Messersmith.

County administrator receives EDC's Champion award

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

Aug. 16.

EDC members credited Edwards with his support for the economic growth of the county.

John Shuff, the first recipient of the award three years ago, said of Edwards: "When I think of David and economic development, I think of two words:

laser focus."

At a past EDC luncheon at SunBlest nursery several months ago to promote Opportunity Park to Tallahassee real estate agents, Edwards was adamant that Wakulla County was eager for industrial growth and jobs and ready to work with

companies that would locate here.

Accepting the award, Edwards commented that he is "blessed to be doing what I'm doing." His past work in private enterprise doing development work was about taking, he said. "But I wanted to give

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Aldi makes offer to buy Winn-Dixie

Staff Report

Aldi's, the German-based grocery company, has made an offer to buy Southeastern Grocers, the Jacksonville-based company that owns Winn-Dixie and Harveys supermarkets.

If regulators approve the deal, it's expected to close in 2024.

In addition to the Winn-Dixie store in Crawfordville, there are 400 Winn-Dixie and Harveys supermarkets, primarily in the southeast - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Aldi, a discount grocer, has proposed converting some of the stores to its brand - and cutting costs by having limited selection and self-bagging.

Aldi expects to have 2,400 U.S. stores by the end of the year.

Planning board advises BOCC to update springs ordinance

The ordinance, passed in 1998, is said to be 'antiquated'

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

The Wakulla County Planning Commission approved a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners that they look at updating the current springs protection ordinance, which is more than 30 years old.

The recommendation is just that - a recommendation, as the planning commission is only an advisory panel to the county commission.

The debate on the issue took about 45 minutes at the planning commission meeting on Monday, Aug. 14, with Planning Commissioner Chad Hanson initially making a motion that the springs protection ordinance, passed in 1998, is in need of revision. His original motion suggested that the county commission hold workshops that bring together different groups to discuss the matter - state officials from the state Department of Environmental Protection, for example, and the Florida Geological Survey along with hydrogeologists and cave divers from the Wakulla Karst Plain Project, which has mapped miles of underground rivers that flow to Wakulla Springs.

The motion was eventually edited back to the planning commission recommending the coun-

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Dairy Queen opens



The DQ parking lot and drive-thru is filled on the first day in business before the lunchtime rush.

The new restaurant is located across from Hudson Park

Story & Photos By
LEGION TAYLOR
Reporter

The anticipated opening of the new Dairy Queen in Crawfordville went spectacularly on Monday, Aug. 21, as the soft opening event suggested it would.

The soft opening on Saturday, which the owners invited around 200 people to, allowed them to both give a sampling of what the Dairy Queen would be like once it opened, and test that their systems and their workers were capable of handling large crowds. It went well, and indicated that the opening on Monday would go smoothly.

Retired Sheriff David Harvey picked Dairy Queen because he feels it's a unique brand, and is set apart from the other fast food chains that



Junior Sanders, owner David Harvey, Mrs. Barwick, the Rev. Barwick, owner Rhonda Harvey and Owners Maria and John Lentz at the restaurant's soft-opening on Saturday.

Crawfordville has.

"The one fast food that I've always felt was... American, that's Dairy Queen," he said.

Harvey emphasized that this Dairy Queen is one of, if not the only, locally owned fast food restaurant in Crawfordville.

In order to ensure that it's local, he made sure to hire many workers from Wakulla High School, as that way not only is everyone working at the business living in Wakulla, they also are providing jobs to help the youth build vital work experience.

"We're so honored to be able to bring 60 to 75 jobs to Wakulla County and provide yet another place for the youth to be able to come and enjoy a safe treat with their families," said Maria Lentz, Harvey's business partner.

Both said they firmly
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Bicyclist hit by TPD officer in Crawfordville

Staff Report

A bicyclist was struck by a Tallahassee Police officer's vehicle in Crawfordville on Friday, Aug. 18, around 9:20 a.m. on Crawfordville Highway, near Walgreens.

The bicyclist was LifeFlighted in critical condition to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

The police officer suffered no injuries, according to FHP. The officer was also reportedly not at fault for the accident.

FHP does not release names of people involved in accidents it investigates citing its interpretation of Marsy's Law, the constitutional amendment intended to protect crime victims.

OPINION: Bring back the county's proposed ordinance without the storage tank regulations and keep the soil testing requirements for commercial sites with underground caves. Snowden column, Page 4

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Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park Starry Rosinweed

By LYNN ARTZ, SANDY TEDDER and DAVID RODDENBERRY



Starry rosinweed attracts butterflies and bees.

Starry rosinweed (*Silphium asteriscus*) is a star in the wildflower garden due to its long blooming season. The bright yellow, daisy-like flowers appear in late spring and continue to delight through the summer well into fall. This 3-to-5-foot-tall perennial thrives in full sun, adapts well to dry soil, and readily reseeds. Starry rosinweed attracts butterflies and bees. Songbirds eat the seeds. It is moderately resistant to deer. This is one of the best plants for gardens striving to provide nectar and pollen for pollinators. Starry rosinweed is blooming now in the northern gardens at Sopchoppy Depot Park. It's large, yellow blooms atop tall, slender stalks brighten the park's frontage for all traveling along Rose Street as well as park visitors.

Student of the Week

Jacob Langford – 12th Grade, Wakulla High School

Principal: Michele Falk

Jacob Langford was nominated by our Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair Instructor William Usherwood and Media Specialist Victoria Pope. Jacob is a senior in our CTE program and has successfully earned four certifications including two from our Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair courses. Mr. Usherwood said of Jacob, "He has done an AWESOME job turning his scholastic career around in the last two years and has proved to be an exceptional Teacher Assistant thus far." Ms. Pope further compliments Jacob on his willingness to assist teachers and fellow classmates alike. Jacob is an excellent choice for Wakulla High Schools first Student of the Week for the 2023-24 school year, because he exemplifies the characteristics of an outstanding War Eagle!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FEATURES A DIFFERENT SCHOOL EACH WEEK.



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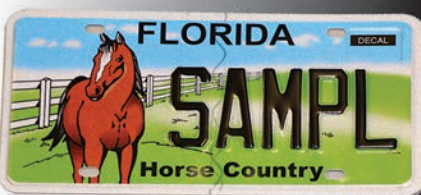
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Veteran Cecil Strickland awarded Quilt of Valor

SPECIAL TO THE SUN

On Thursday, Aug. 17, a Quilt of Valor was presented to local veteran Cecil Strickland.

Strickland is an U.S. Air Force veteran, a technical sergeant, who served in Vietnam. He is a resident of Panama.

Strickland was nominated by the Commander of American Legion Post 114 on behalf of the Post.

The presentation

was held during the Veterans Meetup, held monthly on the third Thursday at the Wakulla County Public Library's main meeting room.

The Quilts of Valor Foundation began in 2003 when Founder Catherine Roberts had a dream - literally. Her son was deployed to Iraq.

A Quilt of Valor has to be quilted, made with hand or machine quilting and of quali-

ty materials. They are crafted with specific quality materials that are consistent with the Foundations' core value of promoting excellence. All QOV's must be "awarded" not simply passed out - saying, "Thank you for your service, sacrifice and valor in serving our nation."

More Quilts of Valor information can be found at their website: <https://www.QOVF.org>



Sopchoppy drafts plan for expanding water service

By LEGION TAYLOR Reporter

The Sopchoppy city commission meeting last week was fairly short, and dealt with a few issues ranging from maintaining the park to creating a new master plan for the expansion of the water system.

A new master plan for Sopchoppy's water system is going to be drafted, as decided at the meeting. All commission members were in favor of a new plan, as their last plan was designed before Wakulla started to experience all the recent growth,

and can no longer keep up. This new plan will involve updating and adding new pumps, expanding water mains, and running water lines to new developments in Crawfordville.

The plan will cover the next 20 years of growth, and will hopefully make dealing with all the new construction and people much easier on everyone, said city Public Works Director Seth Green.

In other matters before the city commission:

- Visit Wakulla is working with members of the community in

Sopchoppy to have the city declared as Wakulla's "Trail Town," a designation that marks it as the hub for ecotourism in the county. The hope is that this will bring more people in to explore the natural beauty of Wakulla County, and open up access to more grants from the state.

The representatives from Visit Wakulla along with a few community members will be going to Mount Dora in the near future to hopefully finalize the process. Signs and displays that will be used to advertise and display useful information are likely going to be

revealed to the public at Depot Days Sept. 9th.

- The budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year was approved, with one slight change: City commissioners allocated \$150,000 to the purchase of new property to put a well on, which is up from the \$100,000 at a prior meeting. Otherwise, no changes were made at the meeting and the budget was approved.

- The sheriff's office requested to use the Depot Park for an outreach event on Oct. 21, which the commission approved.

- The City has re-

ceived requests from home builder D.R. Horton to trade several acres of land that cannot be developed in order for a certificate of lawful development that would allow Horton to go ahead with planned construction. Though the land could be used as a potential pump site, the haste with which Horton wants to go through with this process raised some red flags for the commissioners. They decided to inspect the property and wait before making any decisions on the matter.

- The commission discussed making park

maintenance a paid position, but they weren't sure if it counted as a full-time job. Combining the job of park maintenance with duties like mowing the grass and cleaning the old gym was suggested, but they still were unsure. They decided to talk to those who would be affected by this change, and make a decision when they felt better informed.

- Office hours for the city of Sopchoppy are being adjusted. The new hours are as follows: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday.

Kayak swap and sale is held on Saturday at Magnuson

SPECIAL TO THE SUN

The first annual West Florida Paddle Sports Swap and Shop event was held Saturday, Aug. 19 at Magnuson Wildwood Inn.

As part of the event, a giant print of the new Sopchoppy Hub Trail Map was unveiled. This is the premiere public presentation of a fine art piece, revealing Sopchoppy's hub position among all the miles and miles of paddling, hiking, and cycling trails in South Wakulla County -- a region comprised primarily of National Forest (74%) and State Parks!

Nothing like this compilation existed until the Friends of the Sopchoppy River, with the cartographers, plus Magnuson's Wildwood Inn, and others,

developed this deeply layered guide for the community's convenience. Sixteen copies will be mounted at trail heads around the region, showing visitors where the parking, put-ins, and trail routes are - and where they can have the most fun, whether hiking, on bicycles or paddling! The map shows trail heads and names, and locations, coordinates, distances, and significant land features!

The event also featured pool demonstrations with Tony Harts' Kayak Fishing Seminar followed by the Florida Paddling Association's demos on safety and tricky maneuvers!

Amanda Lee offered her Ochlockonee, Sopchoppy, and Crooked River excursion videos and talk, featuring a free raffle of gifts from AKASO.



Photos from the swap and shop event, clockwise from above right: The Sopchoppy Hub Trail Map on display; Elizabeth Hughes and Liz Carter; and kayaks and paddleboards on display. (Photos by Linda Ann McDonald)



Class of '73 reunion

Members of Wakulla High School's Class of 1973 held their 50th reunion on Saturday night at the Shriner's

Club where they were joined by retired Superintendent of Schools William Payne, center. As was noted at the reunion, Payne signed the Class of '73's diplomas.

(Photo by Gerald Brown)

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Opinions

THE FIRST AMENDMENT

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Bring back the county’s earlier ordinance

Forget the storage tank regulations and get the soil testing requirements for commercial sites with underground caves



By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

Everybody wants to protect Wakulla Springs and the aquifer that provides our drinking water. Everybody.

County commissioners too – though they get blasted by citizens who feel they aren’t doing enough to stop threats to the water as presented by the proposed Inland gas station at the intersection of Bloxham Cutoff and Crawfordville Highway.

The controversy is on hold right now as county commissioners have passed a resolution asking for Florida Forever to buy the property from Southwest Georgia Oil for conservation.

Although the coun-

ty staff did present an ordinance that would have created more stringent requirements on the site – such as deeper soil borings to determine what was underground, along with studies by specialists to look at if the land was suitable for development. Much of the proposed ordinance dealt with siting of petroleum storage tanks, which the state Department of Environmental Protection told staff would be a pre-emption of its authority.

DEP told the county that they could take over tank inspections for 2 years and then they could start passing tank regulations – something the county is not inclined to do.

Ultimately, the county threw its collective hands up and walked away from the proposed ordinance.

(A citizen-written ordinance was later proposed but it was rejected by commissioners because it proposed setbacks from the underground caves and nobody – at this point – can certi-

fy the limits of those caves, which are 100 feet and more underground. For setbacks to be legal, a surveyor above ground needs to be able to put up stakes with red flags that mark the edge of those caves.)

I propose the county salvage the other part of the ordinance that dealt with more stringent requirements. Have the requirements be invoked for commercial development on land where underground caves have been identified. For example, divers

with the Wakulla Karst Plain Project mapped underground caves along the corners of the Bloxham-319 property. That would invoke the more stringent requirements as sensitive lands without having to do an above ground survey of underground caves.

I don’t know if it would work, I only make the proposal and ask commissioners to consider it.

William Snowden is editor and publisher of The Wakulla Sun.

LETTERS FROM READERS

Nominate for Unity in the Community

Editor, The Sun:

The Ecclesia Outreach Ministry, Inc. and Community Partners will present Unity in the Community: Celebrating the Heart of Wakulla County on Sept. 9 at the community center.

You can nominate individuals, businesses, organizations, social service organizations, community leaders, public servants or groups who embody the Heart of Wakulla County. Your nominee should demonstrate

a heart for people, acts of kindness, strong leadership, a history of giving back or assisting those in need and a love for our community. In 500 words or less, describe how your nominee best embodies the Heart of Wakulla. Nominations will be received during the month of August.

Please provide your contact information for follow up purposes.

The Rev. Renita Dixon
Ecclesia Outreach Ministry

Something on your mind?

Email Letters to the Editor to editor@thewakullasun.com; or mail it or drop it by the office at 12 Arran Road, Crawfordville FL 32327.

Letter hit the nail on the head

Editor, The Sun:

Ana Garner’s letter (“Commissioners, prove us wrong,” Letters to the Editor, Aug. 3) hit the nail on the head. I thank her for all the information she gave us.

Thank you for calling out the county commissioners and the county administrator David Edwards has really let us down. How many more subdivisions do we need we dont even have four lane highway yet.

And I found there are 200 more homes being built in a new subdivision. When does this end? I’m sure this is all about money how much

more do you need to line your pockets on the backs of our citizens of this county. Maybe you commissioners should should go and take the pulse of the county and see how we feel.

Commissioners will have built homes everywhere before they get out of office.

I’m ashamed of our commissioners how could yall do this to our county. When I talk to people its always about the growth and they dont like it its too much.

Juanise Hoover
Crawfordville

On the Horizon

Calendar of events for the week of August 24

Thursday, August 24

- Rotary Club of Wakulla meets at TCC Wakulla at 8:30 a.m.
- The VFW Auxiliary Bingo Night will be held at 7 p.m. at 475 Arran Road in Crawfordville, every Thursday. There will be concessions and raffles.
- Hatha Yoga with Zoe at 9 a.m. and Yin Yoga with Nellie at 6 p.m. Classes are \$12, packages available at New Posh on 3079 Crawfordville Hwy. RSVP to newposh3079@gmail.com or text/call at (850) 528-5838.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

Friday, August 25

- High school football regular season kicks off with the Wakulla War Eagles traveling to Tallahassee to take on the Chiles Timberwolves at 7 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 8 p.m. every Friday at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

Saturday, August 26

- Sopchoppy Opry presents an evening with the Highway 59 Band at the historic Sopchoppy School auditorium beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and available at the door.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.
- The St. Marks community market will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00

- p.m. at 8:15 Port Leon Drive
- Monday, August 27**

- The Wakulla Respite Program is available weekly for anyone with memory impairment at no cost from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Ellen Baptist Church.
- Hatha Yoga at 9 a.m. and Restorative Yoga at 6 p.m. with Zoe. Classes are \$12, at New Posh on 3079 Crawfordville Hwy. RSVP to newposh3079@gmail.com or text/call at (850) 528-5838.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

Tuesday, August 29

- Sopchoppy community dinner is

- held every week at the Towles House at 6:30 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

Wednesday, August 30

- Gentle Yoga and Stetching Class, Wednesday, First Class - 11 a.m. Wakulla Community Center. Bring a Mat. Come early to sign in. Chair Yoga participants welcome. \$2 per class.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.
- A Line Dance class is held at 1 p.m. at the Wakulla Senior Center every Wednesday.

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◀ Question of The Week ▶

– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Polled at Wakulla High School 50th Class Reunion:

Who were you hoping to see here tonight?



DELLA HATTERY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

I was hoping to see more of the classmates, I didn't know that so many in our class had passed."



BETSY SMITH
HORTICULTURIST

"I am so excited and grateful for all who I get to see tonight. It is a good turnout."



CALVIN OSBORN
BLACKWATER INDUSTRIES

Not any one person, just a great opportunity to reminisce as a group."



DIONNE JACKSON
RETIRED

"Jeb Oliver, and he's here. We used to talk so much back in school. Also the many other classmates that I don't get to see all the time."



YVONNE PORTER

Hoping to see all the people who come in from out of town that I don't get to see that much!"

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wakulla Station News

By **VERNA BROCK**

As I write this, we're beginning a full week of near 100 degree temperatures, and floods, fires and earthquakes(!) are ravaging the West Coast and Hawaii. I know everyone is lifting prayers for the folks from Maui to Northwestern Canada who are facing these disasters.

Please remember my former boss, Cheryl Turner and her family in your prayers too. She was the director of Wilderness Coast Libraries for close to 20 years. I learned this past week she is receiving palliative care for a very serious illness.

On a brighter note, Clem Bunker was feeling well enough to attend church this past Sunday and join a

group for lunch at the Breakfast Station. We celebrated the birthdays of David Hinson and Cindy Blackstock, and had a great time of fellowship and good food.

On Saturday Ed and I were able to lunch at Wakulla Springs, and purchased two of the old chairs from the Lodge Restaurant. If you would like your own small piece of Wakulla Springs, reach out to the Friends of Wakulla Springs who are selling the chairs. All profits will benefit the Springs, so it is an absolute win-win. You can find them online at Facebook. Check it out!

I learned last week, from Linda Alexander, that there is a request to change the Comprehensive Plan and zoning on a piece of property at the

corner of Shell Point Road and Hwy. 98 (the Coastal Highway). The proposal seeks to allow an RV Park with over 150 spots on roughly 13 acres. It would include a possible convenience store, pickleball court, entertainment pavilion.

However much this may seem reasonable, it overlooks the presence of the Richardson Cemetery on this same property. Ground radar has discovered an additional 28 unmarked graves beyond the parameters of the cemetery, and it is possible there are more burial sites.

This cemetery is one of the oldest in Wakulla County, and dates to pre-Civil War history. It is the oldest integrated cemetery in the county, and members of both Black and White families continue to be interred there. The RV Park, just by the nature of its purpose, would be a huge

intrusion on funerals. Plus, there is a great concern for any graves that may exist there.

If you share these concerns, please plan to attend the appeal hearing at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 5th (the Tuesday following the Labor Day holiday). This corner property has been the subject of at least two prior attempts at unsuitable development over the past 30 years, and public outcry helped prevent a travesty from occurring. If you can participate, please do.

Believe it or not, it is time to sign up for the Blue Crab Festival Parade! If your organization, church, or business wants to join the parade, go to the Blue Crab Fest website and fill out the application. It will be on September 30th, which is really just around the corner. You can also reach out to any Coastal Optimist Club member (including me) for more information.

Sheriff's Report

This report is for activity Aug. 11 to 17:

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

- The Rent-A-Center assistant manager reported two subjects had not paid for their furniture. The suspects had both purchased a television and sectional couch and quit paying for them. They made several payments but have stopped paying as of April. The total amount owed is \$3,428.32. An affidavit for prosecution was signed for both subjects. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Lt. Gibby Gibson investigated.

- The Publix manager reported the theft of food on two different occasions by the same suspect. The manager started the subject entered the store, grabbed some lobsters and packages of steaks on two different times. Each time the subject would shove the meat down his pants and exit the store. Video footage was collected and an affidavit for prosecution was signed.

tion was signed. A total loss was estimated at approximately \$200. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Dakota Haddock investigated.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

- Jessica Wiggins reported being struck while getting her nails done at the salon. Wiggins stated Minh Huynh grabbed her arm and squeezed her hand extremely hard over a dispute about pricing. An independent witness verified Wiggins' statement. Huynh was placed under arrest for battery and taken to the jail facility. Deputy Zac Monroe investigated.

- Deputy Michelle Stripling conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling in the wrong lane on Crawfordville Highway. The driver, Cortlynd Fruggiero, was arrested for reckless driving and transported to the Wakulla County Jail without incident.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

- A vehicle was towed from the Old Fort Boat Ramp in St. Marks as a result of illegal parking. The vehicle and trailer were turned over to Hobby Brothers for the owner to retrieve at their expense.

- Deputy Michelle Stripling responded to a home on Old Woodville Road in reference to a theft. Upon arrival, Jessica Mattingly reported the suspect took a quart of oil and a wrench out of her yard. She said the suspect also borrowed a motorized bike from her and refused to return it. A possible suspect in this case has been identified. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

- Deputy Ernesto Trujillo responded to 30 Home Stretch Lane in reference to a lost wallet. Upon arrival Deputy Trujillo made contact with Helenia Flournah, who advised she lost her wallet yesterday while at Walmart.

- Deputy Ernesto Trujillo responded

ed to 106 Harvey-Melton Road in reference to a theft complaint. Upon arrival Deputy Trujillo made contact with Rouse Pigott, who advised sometime today someone stole his generator from the property. Crime Scene assisted and responded to the scene to process evidence. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

- Deputy Austin Rivers conducted a traffic stop for speeding through a school zone. During his interaction with the driver the odor of marijuana was coming from the vehicle. The driver relinquished two marijuana cigarettes. The driver received a warning for speeding and was released from the scene. The confiscated marijuana was turned over to Property and Evidence for destruction.

Report suspicious or illegal activity at 850-745-7100 or call 911 for emergencies.

Edwards honored

From Front Page

back through government."

He thanked his staff for their hard work. Those at the event included Planning Director Somer Pell, Intergovernmental Affairs Director Michelle Metcalf, planner Brandon Geiger, Public Information Office's Kinsey Miller and Elizabeth Hughes, and the new golf superintendent Shane Bass.

Last year's recipient of the award, Robert Parrish, who brought Publix to Crawfordville, said he is working to bring TMH Urgent Care to the parcel on Crawfordville Highway across from El Jalisco, plus some 60,000 square feet of medical office space behind Publix. He noted that a family medical practice based in Tallahassee planning to open in Tallahassee in the spring found that 25% of its patients and one-third of its staff lived in Wakulla.

"The homes are the driving force behind the growth in this county," Parrish said, adding that companies look at head counts and roof tops when deciding where to locate.

Dairy Queen opens

From Front Page

Both said they firmly want this Dairy Queen to feel more local than other fast food chains, so that it serves the community of Wakulla and Crawfordville before it caters to beach traffic or people otherwise passing through.

"We're excited about supporting the community."

They also said they want to use this business to support youth and youth activities, and are working on youth sports days, where certain days any player on a team at the schools or the rec park can come in wearing their jersey and be given free ice cream. Programs like this are something they are trying to make a priority, in order to give back to the community

as best they can.

According to Lentz, this Dairy Queen also fits into the development plans for the expansion of the highway, as the hope is that a crosswalk will be put across the road extending to Hudson Park once the road has been finished through downtown Crawfordville.

Harvey specifically mentioned that long-term he wishes to help make Crawfordville walkable, and that the Dairy Queen will hopefully fit into that plan.

Lentz also stated that this Dairy Queen building will be the first of its kind, a coastal spin on the traditional look. Likely this is because of its location along Crawfordville Highway, where most of the beach traffic is for our area of the gulf.

Planning board

From Front Page

-ty commission look to "amend or replace" the ordinance, 94-28. That motion passed unanimously.

Much of the debate centered on Hanson's earlier motion to bring officials together in public hearings to work something out. Planning Commission Chair Andrew Riddle said he could not support that motion, expressing that it went beyond the planning commission's purview.

Planning Commissioner Leonard Donaldson questioned the need for a formal motion and recommendation, saying Planning Director Somer Pell could communicate the board's concerns.

Pell gave a history of the ordinances were brought before the county commission to deal with the proposal to locate a gas station at the corner of Bloxham Cutoff and Crawfordville Highway, a site where cave divers have identified underground caves.

Outdoors

outdoor sports

HOME ON THE RANGE

The new Ruger Security .380



By MARJ LAW

I see a video on the internet of a guy talking about this new little Ruger Security .380. He reports the slide is so easy to pull back, that he can do it with two fingers! And this doesn't include his thumbs. Hahaha.

Many videos about handguns are made by healthy young 30-something men. You know the type: maybe ex-Marine, big boned, nothing will ever kill them types...

Do you, a small-boned woman or man, or a mature person, believe this guy on the video? Might be easy for him. Probably not so simple for you.

So, I get this little .380 because I do like a gun that's easy to use. But jack the slide with two fingers? Sure.

I lift it out of the box. I grab the grip and the slide and, using my shoulders as leverage, rack that slide.

Zip! It flies back! I yanked it too hard!

I try again with less strength. Zip! Back it goes! How 'bout that?

This time, I pull the slide using only thumb and index finger.

Zippy-do again!

Now, can it be pulled back just by using index and ring finger?

Yes, it can!

This is the easiest slide I've ever racked. "Hey Joe, try this!"

and I demonstrate racking the slide with two fingers.

"Nuh-uh," he says, not believing, and he takes the gun and racks the slide himself. Zip! Back it goes!

Now we're both impressed. But the next question is: how will it perform at the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range?

First, here's the gun. The Ruger Security .380 is small and has barrel length of 3.42 inches. Despite the small size, this little guy comes with both a 10 and a 15-round magazine.

The Security's back sight is u-shaped and the front sight is bright green fiber optic.

You don't see the hammer, but there is one and it is internal. It has a safety-bladed trigger, and it has a manual safety on the frame.

It weighs 19.7 ounces and is 1.02" wide and about 6.5" long altogether. Pretty small. And the grip is just fine for small hands like mine.

I give the gun to Joe again and ask him how he likes the grip. Joe has big hands.

"Well, I got pinky dangle," he says.

So, I put in the 15-round magazine with the extra little-finger extension.

"This is comfortable."

While he's holding the gun, he asks: "OK to take it apart?"

"Sure!" I watch as he pulls the slide so the two half-circle cut-outs from the frame and slide form a full circle. He reaches with fingernails and picks out the pin that is now partially exposed. He pulls the slide off the lower.

The Ruger Security .380 Note: racking the slide with 2 fingers!



It can't be that easy. "Put it back together!"

He does, and then he hands it to me.

I move the top and bottom circles together. Sure enough, you can see the top of the pin exposed.

Are my fingernails hard enough to dig this pin out?

Yes! Wow! Then I slide the top off the frame. Dang, that's easy! We give the rails a bit of grease, clean the innards, then put the Security back together and head out to the WCSO range. Remember to always check and clean your new gun. It may have super goop as a rust preservative. That needs to go. Or, the gun might be dry and need some oil or light grease.

We have checked it and now we're at the range.

I shoot first, rating the gun from 1 to 5,



with 1 being "easy" or "like" and 5 meaning "difficult" or "don't like."

Trigger pull is a tad harder than I expect. I give it a 2.5. Trigger travels some; not too long. It gets a 2.5 as well. Fortunately, as the trigger travels, I do not feel any grittiness.

Recoil? That gets a 2. When 5 is the hardest, a 2 is pretty nice. There's not much of a kick.

Grip? This little gun with its 10-round magazine is fine for small hands. Fits me well. I give it a 1.5 for a good-size grip. As we noted earlier, the 15-round

magazine fits Joe. Racking the slide? This gets a 1 from me. I've never seen a slide like this.

My first shots hit all around the 8-inch target, but at least they make the target. After that, I get better, then manage a couple bulls eyes. These are great for the ego and help you know that your sights don't need adjusting. The rear sights on the Security can be drifted right or left, as wanted. That's called windage.

The Security shoots nice and flat as I become used to it.

Joe is next. He gives the trigger a 2 for difficulty and a 2 for travel. Those are pretty good scores: a bit lower than mine because he is quite a lot stronger. He doesn't like the grip as well because I have put the 10-round magazine in it, but he'd like the 15-rounder.

Joe gives that slide a 1, for being as easy as a slide can be.

Like it? Sure do! I like the slide, small grip, lightish recoil, lightish trigger and easy break down. Oh, and the trigger is fast for a quick 2nd shot, in case Mr. Bad has a bad friend.

If you're a newbie I'll bring the Security .380 to the WCSO range for the next couple weeks on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. if you'd like to see it.

Truly, the Ruger Security .380 has the best slide I've ever racked.

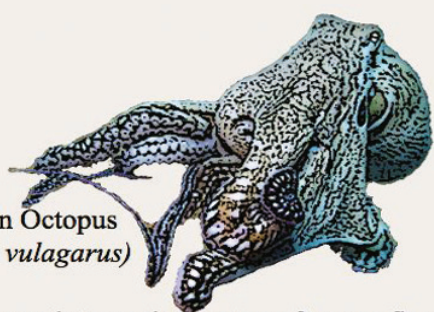
Marj Law is the former director of Keep Wakulla County Beautiful who has become an avid shooter in retirement.

WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO



Retired Wakulla Springs State Park Ranger Bob Thompson, on his weekly wildlife survey at the park last week, shot this photo of a great egret wading in the river.

Common Octopus (*Octopus vulgaris*)



A fearsome predator and a master of camouflage, the common octopus grows to 3ft and lives 2 years. They hunt at dawn in coastal waters up to 350ft using a secreted nerve poison to paralyze prey and a hard beak to crack shells. They hide in crevices and can squeeze their bodies through tiny spaces and making then escape artists. They change color or squirt a cloud of black "ink" to confuse attackers. Females lay up to 500,000 eggs but most are eaten as plankton. Octopi can learn complex tasks like opening a jar. They are also an important protein source for humans.

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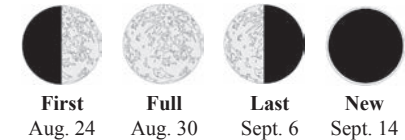
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Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

Aug. 24 - Aug. 30



Tides charts by tides4fishing.com



Best fishing days this month August 16-30 | September 14-29

Table of tides for Dog Island Listings from Thursday 24 to Monday 28.

For tides at the following points add to Dog Island Listings: Carrabelle, Apalachicola, Cat Point, Lower Anchorage, West Pass.

Tide chart for St. Marks River Entrance.

Tide chart for City of St. Marks.

Tide chart for Shell Point, Spring Creek.

Tide chart for Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay.

Tide chart for St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

Tide chart for Dog Island West End.

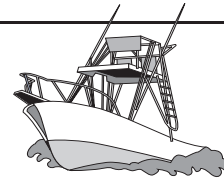
Best hunting and fishing based on solar times. MAJOR feeding periods are 2 hours long, centered on the solar time. MINOR feeding periods are only 1 hour long, again centered on the solar time.

Summary table of Minor and Major Tides for each day from Thursday 24 to Wednesday 30.



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



A quick look at the National Hurricane Center shows us that the tropics are waking up! The motto of the Coast Guard is Semper Paratus, always ready.

To help you navigate what preparedness means, think about what you would need to be safe if you did not have access to food, water or medicine for up to a week.

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ber of your family in a zip lock bag can be a welcome comfort if you are in flood prone areas. While all of this may seem unnecessary, it is better to be prepared and not need the supplies than be without after a disaster.

of tropical-storm-force winds. In a Hurricane Warning, hurricane conditions are expected in the specified area of the warning. Because hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, the hurricane warning is issued 36 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.

To assess your risk, visit NOAA at noaa.gov/hurricane-prep 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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FWC Law Enforcement Report

From FWC

This report represents some events the FWC handled Aug. 4 - Aug. 10. (There were no cases reported for Wakulla County.)

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

While conducting marine fisheries enforcement at the 17th Avenue Boat Launch, Officer Lugg pulled into the parking lot and observed an individual taking fishing gear and equipment out of his truck bed and loading it into a trailered vessel as if the vessel was about to launch from the ramp. Officer Lugg then

observed the vehicle/trailer suddenly exit the boat launch at a high rate of speed into heavy traffic going northbound on 17th Avenue. Officer Lugg attempted to catch up to the vehicle to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle/vessel for not displaying a trailer tag. The vehicle maneuvered in different directions in what appeared to be an attempt to avoid being followed. After a brief search, Officer Lugg located the vehicle pulled over. The officer observed the operator standing next to the vessel with a black trash bag and multiple fish lying on the deck of the vessel. Officer Lugg

conducted a traffic stop and after speaking with the operator, observed oversized black drum, undersized red snapper, and lane snapper on the deck. All violations were cited accordingly.

SANTA ROSA COUNTY

Officers Bower and Valdez were on patrol conducting resource inspections. The officers located a subject kayak fishing in the Santa Rosa Sound. After contacting the subject, they located an undersized speckled trout and two safety violations. The subject did not have a personal floating device or whistle on board and

was aware of the regulations on speckled trout. The subject was issued citations and a notice to appear for the violations. Lieutenant Corbin and Officers Bower and Valdez were on patrol conducting resource inspections in Pensacola Bay at night. The officers observed a vessel without navigational white light displayed. A vessel stop was conducted and during the inspection, Officer Valdez located an oversized redfish measuring 34 inches. The operator of the vessel was issued a warning for his navigation light and was issued a notice to appear for the oversized redfish.

Underwater Wakulla

By Rusty Miller

Second dive.

Hello Wakulla

I am continuing on from last week's diving to our second dive site. We pulled anchor and the boat captain moved the boat to the second site: the Dan Safety Barge.

I have written a little about the barge in earlier articles but every time I dive that site I'm always greeted with something a little different. On this dive I didn't have to worry about students so I decided I would take my nearly new GoPro Hero 9 camera in the GoPro underwater case. I have to say at this point that I am not an underwater photographer by any stretch but I bought a GoPro 8 and case last May during the Amazon Prime days for \$150. I used it one dive and the videos were pretty good. Unfortunately when I went on a very memorable dive later in the summer and saw the biggest stingray in my life the camera wouldn't come on when I pressed the on button. I sent it back and within a few weeks they sent me a new GoPro 9 to replace it.

Now back to my dive. I had the GoPro 9 mounted on an aluminum frame that allowed me to hold it with both hands to keep it steady so I made several pretty good videos at the DB. The fish I saw were incredible, the were thousands of feeder fish that swam in a large dance so when they swam over the top of you it would literally block out the sunlight.

There were several species of parrot fish and many different species of Wrasses (yes I had to look up the spelling too). There were several different colored starfish but the one that stands out was a black and white one the size of a dinner plate.

I was swimming to the top of the barge and several of the sea fan soft coral looked very healthy and seemed to have grown a few inches since my last visit. I believe this is attributed to the boat captains and divers staying well above the top of the wreck as not to damage them with their fins.

After taking some video of the top of the wreck I started down the other side, as I was descending another diver got my attention and we went back to the top of the wreck to look at an unusual pair of snails with white shells with black spots on one of the sea fans. I have never seen this type of sea snail there before. I got some video of them so if you come by the dive shop on a Tuesday or Wednesday I can show you and you might be able to identify them.

I swam around the wreck again to see if there was anything else that was unusual when I noticed that I was the only one down there because the other divers had ascended back to the boat. I decided it was time for me to ascend back to the boat to end our afternoon of diving.

Until next time keep making bubbles.

- Russell Miller, NAUI instructor #59999

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One habit that will transform our life

By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

What would your future self tell you about the choices you're making today?

Our lives reflect every choice we've made. A year from now, what

will our choices reveal? How about in ten years? Are we allowing sin to steal our relationships? Damage our reputation? Compromise our testimony?

If our noses grew like Pinocchio's every time we lied, would we be more motivated to change our behavior? If we sprouted nasty warts every time we cheated on a test, stole from a colleague or betrayed a friend, wouldn't we do whatever it took to prevent more warts from emerging?

But it doesn't work this way.

Our physical features don't usually change because of sin, but our soul certainly does. Sin causes our soul (our core, the essence of who we are) to become calloused to the voice of the Holy Spirit.

To prevent this from happening, we must take deliberate action. Stockpiling God's Word in our minds and hearts helps us remain tender to God's mind and heart. Then our desires will be the same as His, and so will our actions.

Psalm 119:11 (ESV) says, "I have stored up your word in my

heart, that I might not sin against you." Other translations use words like "treasured" or "hidden" for the word "stored." (Don't you love the mental picture "treasured" brings to mind?)

The more we read, meditate on and memorize the Bible, the less we'll be deceived by temptation. Some of you can testify to this, which is why you remain faithful to treasure God's Word in your heart.

Perhaps you've done this in the past, but it's been a while. Why

not take steps to hide God's Word in your heart again?

If we allow dust to grow on our Bibles, how healthy will our relationships be? How might our reputations look? What kind of testimony would we have? Not good, right? But if we dust off our Bibles and immersed ourselves in them, it will transform our lives.

The year is more than half over. At the start of the year, many of us resolved to live differently. Thankfully, if we put godly habits in place, we can still end

this year strong.

But if we don't spend time in God's Word, we deprive the Holy Spirit of a powerful weapon to help us fight sin and temptation. And the consequences will be far worse than a Pinocchio nose or nasty warts.

If you don't believe me, ask your future self.

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Our identity

By **CHERYL CRUCE**

Life was so much easier before the password was created. Coming from what is now the older generation, I will admit that the special characters, numbers, and capital letters do nothing but complicate my life.

Add a username with said characters, and my mind automatically shuts down. I understand that usernames

and passwords have come to the forefront for the sake of progress. However, how many other identities have I allowed to be attached to my being?

Becoming who I am today has taken 63 years of character-building ups and downs in life. I want to be known for who I am created to be.

Know me for my joys and my scars. Know me by my victories and my losses. I have no desire to change the password to identify myself. I am not ready to be identified by a little plastic card in my wallet or who the world says I should be.

An ancient Chinese Proverb reads, "Tension is who you think you should be. Relaxation is

who you are."

I have often found myself buried in a world of stress and confusion, trying to be what I believed I should be or what my surroundings expected of me. Conversely, when I removed the mask of expectation, I uncovered a greater life. I discovered a natural relaxation in becoming who God created me to be.

Does that mean my life is perfect? No! It only means I am permitting the labels of this world to be carved away from my being.

The carving away concept is not a new idea. The Disciple John used the metaphor of the vine and branches. His writings proclaimed God as the gardener and

Jesus to be the vine. We are the branches that grow from His grace.

John speaks of a pruning process we all go through, where the old is cut away so that the new can yield the fruit we are formed to produce. The trimming of our character may be painful, but it is necessary to become who we are created to be (John 15).

There is a process of faith that happens when we consent to God's pruning away the characteristics of the world. Failure is no longer a part of our identity because the Word of God says we are more than conquerors (Romans 8:37).

We are not losing the race because we are

athletes reaching for the prize Jesus has won for us (Philippians 3:12-14). We are not bound to addictions of this world; we are set free from the law of sin and death through His grace (Romans 8:2). We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us (Philippians 4:13).

We all need the strengthening of Jesus. God does not want us to be identified with the brokenness of this world.

As long as our username and password remain in His truth, we will continue to be overcomers and find Christ's strength. No one can steal our identity, for we are identified through Him. We will rise above our circumstances

through faith in Jesus one step at a time. When we trust Him to create in us the person we are called to be, we will find relaxation in our true selves. We will rise above the identity of this world.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: [a] The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, giving us the ministry of reconciliation. God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ.

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

OUT TO PASTOR

Memories can be so memorable

By **JAMES SNYDER**

In growing older, I noticed a strange phenomenon. The older I get, the more I forget. I remember things that happened in my youth and the pressure of those memories is, are they true, or am I just making them up? I have nobody to verify those memories.

I don't think I will try to verify those memories because it may get me into trouble I don't need to.

Last week, for example, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage stumped me with one of her infamous questions.

"Do you know what next Monday is?"

I looked at her, smiled, scratched my head, and said, "No, who's birthday is it?"

Keeping up with family birthdays is not my strong suit. My wife has 11 siblings, and I have two siblings; with all their children and grandchildren, there must be hundreds of birthdays. I have trouble remembering my birthday at times, let alone family members.

"You don't know what next Monday is?"

"Oh," I said, "I just remembered, it's our daughter's birthday."

I didn't like the look she threw in my direction, but I caught

it, and she said, "Her birthday was last week."

OK, I'm in trouble. I have no idea whose birthday it is, and I have no way of finding out. I must succumb to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage's agenda.

"What is next Monday's celebration?" I said with a worried look.

"You really don't know, do you?" She looked at me as though I had committed the unpardonable sin.

Thinking about it, I said, "I don't have another doctor's appointment on Monday, do I?"

Then she did something that I'd never seen her do before. She flashed her wedding ring in my direction.

"Oh no," I said in desperation, "it isn't our wedding anniversary is it?"

"Yes it is, and do you know which one?"

I can balance my checkbook but cannot balance wedding dates. Looking at her with a smile, I said, "Is it our 30th anniversary?"

"If you don't get your act together it might just be our last!"

Then she said, "Let

me give you a clue. Our oldest daughter just turned 51. Does that ring a bell?"

I did remember that she was born one year after our wedding, so I turned to my wife with a smile and said, "Oh, my dear, it must be our 52nd wedding anniversary."

It is incredible how fast time flies, particularly when you are busy.

I met my future wife at a Bible Institute I attended in September 1970. That seems such a long time ago. Then in December of that year, we went to a function with schoolmates, and coming home, we sat in the back part of the bus. We were chattering and having a good time.

Then this young girl looked at me and said, "Wouldn't it be great to get married?"

Not being girl-smart, I didn't get the drift of that conversation, but I smilingly said, "That sure would be very great." Then we laughed all the way home. She got the joke, but I did not.

Walking down the school hall one week later, many people looked at me, smiled

and said, "Congratulations." I had no idea what they were talking about.

Then one of them said, "I guess you're happy that your girlfriend is getting married." Then he laughed as he walked away.

I was happy she was getting married, but what about our relationship? I thought we had something. Now what do I do?

Someone else congratulated me, and I finally said, "Who is she marrying?"

"Oh you silly boy, she's going to be marrying you." Then they walked away laughing as though it was the joke of the week.

Why was I the last one to know I was getting married?

Later that week, I spent time with her and said, "Have you heard the rumor that is going around about you?"

"Yes, I have; I'm the one who started it."

"Well," I said hesitantly, "maybe you should've told me first."

"Oh, you silly boy," she said, "don't you remember we talked about it on our way back from that event in December?"

I had to stop and think because I wasn't quite sure what she was talking about.

"Don't you remember we both agreed that it would be great to get married?"

I then remembered that conversation; I didn't understand its meaning at the time. Silly me, I thought getting married meant you made a proposal and were conscious of it.

The story develops and on Feb. 14, 1971, I officially proposed marriage and gave her the engagement ring. The wedding took place on Aug. 14 of that year. We barely knew each other a year before we tied the knot and got married. Maybe that's

why it lasted so long.

It is hard to believe that was 52 years ago.

Reflecting on this memory, I remembered what Solomon said. "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil." (Proverbs 31:10-11).

I don't think it was an accident when I found the woman that was to be my wife. It was a work of the Lord in both our lives.

For 52 years, not only have we been married, but we have also been serving the Lord together.

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• **Shawn Story, 64, of Crawfordville, died Aug. 12, 2023.**
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• **Brenda Gail Dailey, 73, of Sopchoppy, died Aug. 14, 2023.**
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BEREAVEMENT COLUMN

When a child is lost



By TRACY RENEE LEE

The loss of a child is absolutely the most horrific experience a family can endure. There are so many things that are lost. The experience of watching your sweet babe grow into a toddler, his first steps, words, and the joys and wonders of childhood are suddenly gone.

Additionally, the experiences of adolescence, the first date, first crush,

first kiss, first break-up, and the joys of becoming a young adult are lost too. Then there's college, the wedding, grandchildren, and much more that we take for granted. Then suddenly, all is lost. Without notice, the grim reaper snatches our beloved babies from us, our joys become heartache, and the world is never the same.

Families that lose a child suffer so much. None of us can begin to comprehend the pain, guilt, anguish, self-doubt, and self-loathing that a parent who has lost their child suffers. Neither do any of us want to experience such tragedy. Why is it that when something so tragic happens, a particular group

of people want to speculate and share their darkness of blame and ridicule? I don't understand it.

I live in an amazing community. The people are down-to-earth and loving and have pulled together to support many people who have suffered tragedy. I am grateful for their gentle love and support for those who suffer. It is one of the reasons I chose to move back to this particular area after my husband retired from the military.

However, others living in the larger cities outside our community could be more supportive. As a funeral director, one is privy to certain confidential information, and it is sad to see peo-

ple who do not have any information speculate about the tragic loss.

This week, I have a tragic case at my funeral home. I have known this family for many years. They are such sweet people who serve others and who serve God. They have always been there for me whenever anything has gone awry. They have rescued me and comforted me when I needed it. They are wonderful people with generous hearts.

When you know someone who you can't say a cross or negative word about, how do you shield them and help them through such tragic and unkind circumstances? The best thing is to look to our Savior for our ex-

ample.

"So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." John 8:7

I have served many families who have lost children. I was even my own grandson's funeral director. The loss of a child is absolutely the most horrific experience a family can endure.

Please reflect on how you would feel if such tragedy struck your family and take into account the admonitions of our Savior. After reflecting, I'm sure you would rather offer support and grace, as He did, rather than casting stones, as some do.

My name is Tracy Renee Lee. I am a Certified Grief Counselor (GC-C), Funeral Director (FDIC), published author, syndicated columnist, Podcaster, and founder of the "Mikey Joe Children's Memorial" and Heaven Sent, Corp. I write books, weekly bereavement articles, Podcasts, and Grief BRIEFS related to understanding and coping with grief. I am the American Funeral Director of the Year Runner-Up and recipient of the BBB's Integrity Award.

For additional encouragement, please visit my podcast "Deadline" on Spotify and follow me on Instagram at "Deadline_TracyLee."

Weekly Roundup: State swats at abortion clinic

By RYAN DAILEY
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — In a move that attorneys for an Orlando abortion clinic argued might force it into "bankruptcy or closure," state health regulators this week ordered the clinic to pay a \$193,000 fine for violating a law that requires women to wait 24 hours before having abortions.

The fine amounted to nearly three times the penalty recommended by an administrative law judge.

The state Agency for Health Care Administration issued a final order Monday requiring the Center of Orlando for Women to pay a \$1,000 fine for each of 193 violations shortly after the law took effect in April 2022.

The agency's decision came after Administrative Law Judge J. Bruce Culpepper this spring issued a recommended order that said the clinic should pay a \$67,550 fine — \$350 for each violation. But under administrative law, the recommended order had to go to the Agency for Health Care Administration for a final decision.

Monday's final order, signed by Agency for Health Care Administration Secretary Jason Weida, said "the record is devoid of any reasons why respondent (the clinic) could not comply with the law prior to May 9, 2022, which was the date it first began complying with it."

The law, which initially was passed in 2015 but went into effect last year after a lengthy legal battle, requires women to receive information from doctors about abortions and then wait at least 24 hours before

having the procedures.

The clinic's attorneys had sought to pay a fine that was lower than what the administrative law judge recommended.

In a document filed in March at the state Division of Administrative Hearings, a lawyer for the clinic proposed paying a \$19,300 fine — \$100 for each violation — and said a \$193,000 fine "would likely force the clinic into bankruptcy or closure."

The Orlando clinic also argued that it repeatedly sought clarification from the health care agency in April 2022 and early May 2022 about when the law would take effect but did not receive information.

In his recommended order calling for a \$67,500 fine, Culpepper pointed to "certain extenuating and mitigating facts that should be considered when assessing the gravity of the Center's violation ... and in turn, the appropriate and reasonable fine to levy upon the Center."

But Monday's final order by the Agency for Health Care Administration said, for example, that the clinic's "office manager admitted she knew about the law, yet did not change respondent's operating procedures to comply with it."

KEEPING THE BOSS SAFE

The cost of providing security for Gov. Ron DeSantis and his family ballooned during the past fiscal year while the governor was gearing for his presidential run, according to a report released by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement this week.

The report, published Tuesday, showed that

Florida spent more than \$9.876 million during the 2022-2023 fiscal year on protecting and transporting the DeSantis family and visiting officials. That figure represents a 25 percent increase over the year before, when it cost \$6.097 million to protect the governor.

About \$9.4 million of the costs in the 2022-2023 fiscal year, which ended June 30, went to guarding and transporting DeSantis and his family and protecting the governor's mansion in Tallahassee.

The biggest cost increases involved the governor, with \$5 million going toward salaries of law-enforcement officers who provided security for him and \$3.04 million for costs tied to transportation.

By comparison, \$2.375 million during the 2021-2022 fiscal year went toward law-enforcement pay for guarding DeSantis and \$2.391 million was tied to transportation.

DeSantis formally announced his presidential bid May 24, but he spent chunks of the year traveling the country, including to promote his book "The Courage to Be Free: Florida's Blueprint for America's Revival."

curity details for people outside the first family also rose.

Those expenditures included 97 separate protective details that cost \$457,242, up from 74 details in the previous fiscal year that totaled \$154,095.

Among the biggest costs for visiting dignitaries was a \$117,053 price tag related to DeSantis' inauguration in January. Also, the state faced security costs for people attending a Republican Governors Association conference in November in Orlando.

MOVING ON

DeSantis' festering feud with the Walt Disney Co. hasn't fizzled out, but comments from the governor this week indicated that one party in the fight might be over it.

DeSantis on Monday said Walt Disney Parks and Resorts should drop a federal lawsuit that claims retaliation by the state and accept changes to a special district that long benefited the theme-park giant.

In a CNBC interview focused on the economy, the governor said the state has "basically moved on" from issues surrounding the chang-

es to the former Reedy Creek Improvement District.

The Legislature this year replaced the Reedy Creek district with the Central Florida Tourism Oversight District. The changes have led to state and federal lawsuits, with Disney alleging the changes are retaliation for its opposition to a 2022 law that restricts instruction on sexual orientation and gender identity in Florida schools.

"Your competitors all do very well here. Universal. SeaWorld. They have not had the same special privileges as you have," said DeSantis when pressed on what he'd say to Disney CEO Bob Iger about the federal lawsuit.

"So, all we want to do is treat everybody the same and let's move forward. I'm totally fine with that," DeSantis said. "But I'm not fine with giving extraordinary privileges, you know, to one special company at the exclusion of everybody else."

DeSantis has featured his stand against Disney in his presidential campaign, including accusing Disney of supporting the "sexualization" of children.

Iger during a media

appearance last month called those claims by DeSantis "preposterous."

Meanwhile, the state is seeking dismissal of the federal lawsuit filed in April by Disney. In the lawsuit, Disney argues its First Amendment rights were violated and business harmed by a "relentless campaign" of retribution orchestrated by DeSantis and other officials for opposing the 2022 law.

STORY OF THE WEEK:

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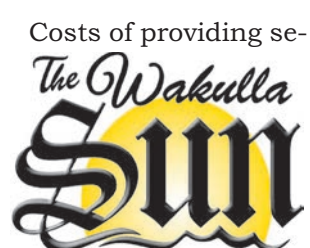
QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"The BOG's (Board of Governors) investigation delay puts FAU (Florida Atlantic University) into a disadvantaged position. It makes FAU look dysfunctional and unprofessional." — Rebecca Lautar, an associate dean at Florida Atlantic University, on the school's stalled search for a new president.



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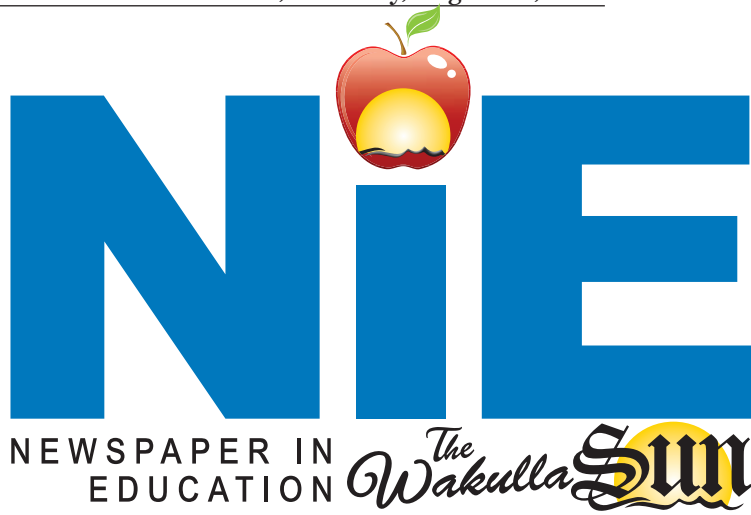
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USE THE NEWS

1. STORM WARNING

A large, powerful storm headed toward the Baja California Peninsula and Southern US last week, causing the National Hurricane Center to issue its first ever tropical storm watch for Southern California. Storms are named when their winds reach 39 miles per hour, they're called a hurricane at 74 miles per hour, and upgraded to a major hurricane at 111 miles per hour. This storm, Hurricane Hilary, has winds close to 130 miles per hour. It was expected to be a weaker hurricane when it reaches the west coast of Mexico, then downgrade to a tropical storm before reaching California. Research online about how the names of storms are decided. Then, write a short article explaining the process.

2. A NICKEL FOR EVERY TIME...

Indonesia is the unlikely hub for producing electric vehicles in the world. They have the earth's largest reserves of nickel, a mineral needed for batteries for electric cars and motorcycles. However, they've become caught in the tension between the United States and China. The country's ability to harvest and refine nickel depends on Chinese technology and investments, which has put Indonesia at odds with the United States at a time when they're ramping up production of electric vehicles. The Biden Administration has offered tax credits for producing electric cars, but only for cars made with parts and materials produced in the country or by countries friendly to the US, which doesn't include those close with China. Write down ideas of how the United States could still encourage building electric cars – should they make an exception to the tax break rules for nickel from Indonesia? Should they look for other sources of nickel or other materials to make batteries from?

3. AIDE IN TROUBLE

An aide for Representative George Santos impersonated House Speaker Kevin McCarthy's former chief of staff in fundraising emails and phone calls for Santos' campaign. He's now been charged with identity theft, false statements, and wire fraud, which is a fraud crime that involves the internet, telephone, or other electronic media. He was fired when Rep. Santos learned of his actions and now faces legal consequences for his actions in 2021, which could include at least two years of prison time. Write a paragraph explaining why impersonating someone else is wrong, especially when it's in a political campaign or used for fundraising.

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4. BATTERYGATE

Apple was recently sued for slowing down older iPhones in order to get people to buy newer ones. The lawsuit took place in 2020, but those who were part

of it will finally see the payout – about \$65 per person, for a total of between \$310 million and \$500 million from the company. The issue was mainly with iPhone batteries and when some users had their batteries replaced, their phone's performance issues were solved. After the lawsuit, Apple admitted it slowed down older phones because as the batteries got older, they could cause the phones to suddenly shut down. Apple reached a settle-

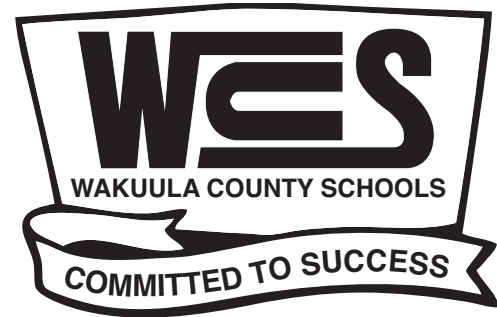
ment in the lawsuit, but still denied they did anything wrong. Write a short paragraph on whether you think Apple was right or wrong for slowing down their old phones and why.

5. MEDICATION SHORTAGE

As a new school year starts, some kids are struggling in the classroom and in friendships because of medication shortages. There's been a shortage of drugs that treat attention deficit hyper-

activity disorder for almost a year, causing parents to either switch their kids to other medications that may be less effective for them, or skip doses entirely to keep pills for when they're most needed. Write a paragraph about why you think it would be difficult for someone to do well in school or maintain friendships when they have attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. How could you support a friend who's struggling?

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It's time for War Eagle football!

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PHOTO BY GERALD BROWN

War Eagle Jeremiah Thomas picks off a Madison pass and returns it to midfield. On the next play, the War Eagles would score on a pass from Haden Klees to Delvon Zanders.

Team is looking to make a championship run

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

This year's War Eagle team is loaded with weapons.

And speed. "There are big hopes," says Head Football Coach Scott Klees, who adds: "I think we have the ability make a run for a state championship."

A talented team and some high expectations. The potential drawback is whether the team has the depth behind the starters to make a run.

How good the back-



Wakulla Head Football Coach Scott Klees

ups play with determine how far the War Eagles can go in the season and playoffs.

Last year's run ended when then-junior quarterback Haden Klees (son of the coach) suffered a season-ending injury – a broken collarbone. (Well, not completely season ending: he did come in for a series or two later in the season with that broken collarbone when backup QB Owen Klees, his younger brother, was taken out of a game after the referee thought he may have suffered concussion. With no other real option, Coach Klees sent Haden into that game and says now that

he could feel his wife's eyes from the stands boring into him. Haden was pressured in that game but threw the ball away rather than take any hits – much to the coach's relief.)

Before Haden's injury, the War Eagles were 7-1, ranked No. 2 in the state, and with Haden among the top quarterbacks in the state for passing. In only eight games, he amassed some gaudy numbers throwing for almost 2,000 yards and 20 touchdowns.

Haden, who has committed to Samford Uni-

versity, says he's ready.

(And Coach Klees says this year Owen is ready to step in if his brother goes down. "Owen's ready to go," Klees says. In most programs, Owen would be the No. 1 quarterback, the coach says.)

A lot of the passes thrown last year went to receiver Samron Brinson, who had 707 yards receiving and 13 touchdowns.

"He faced double-coverage from other teams," Klees says. "They knew the ball was coming to him – and he still got

open!" Both Haden Klees and Brinson were named to the watchlist for this year's All-Big Bend Offensive Player of the Year.

On the other side of the ball, linebacker Tanner Lanier is on the watchlist for Defensive Player of the Year. Last year, he had 108 tackles and 5 sacks.


"On defense, Tanner Lanier is leader," Klees says. "We'll go as far as he takes us."

Playing both sides of the ball as receiver and

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FROM THE COACH



COACH Scott Klees

Scouting report: Chiles has a good defense with 9 of 11 players returning. They also have a new QB who's the real deal, one of the fastest kids in Tallahassee.

Keys to victory: No turnovers, that's most important. And play physical.

Last week: The scrimmage with Madison showed areas of play that need improvement.

PRESEASON SCRIMMAGE

War Eagles show team speed against Madison Cowboys

Varsity was down 28-22 in a half marred by turnovers; but second string and JV played well in second half to go up 35-28

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

The Wakulla War Eagles varsity showed team speed but were down 28-22 to Madison in the first half.

The varsity played the first half, then second-string guys played the third quarter, and JV played the fourth

quarter.

Head Coach Scott Klees was pleased that all 90 kids in the football program got some playing time.

There were mistakes, as is to be expected early in the season. The varsity had three turnovers – including a fumble and an interception that

were returned for scores.

"You can't turn over the ball," Klees said. "We had some late snaps, some bad route running at times.

"We see what needs to be fixed," the coach said, "and we'll see how much we can improve over this next week."

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Six players to watch this season



COLE PITTMAN
Right Tackle

Coach Klees praises Cole Pittman for his hard work ethic: “Hard-nosed, hard-working kid. Just comes to work.” Not a star, doesn’t get a lot of attention, Klees says, but “He’s a special kid. He makes us go.”

Game he’s looking forward to: “Chiles. It’s the first game.”

Nickname: “Pip.”

Favorite Team: “Alabama.”

Favorite Player: “Julio Jones. We have the same birthday.”



TANNER LANIER
Linebacker

The senior linebacker is leader of the defense. Last year he had 108 tackles and 5 sacks and was named to the All-Big Bend Defensive Team. He’s named as possible All-Big Bend Defensive Player of the Year.

His goal this year: “Getting Coach Klees his first (championship) ring.”

Game: “The Disney one.”

Team: “Florida Gators.”

Player: “Anthony Richardson.”



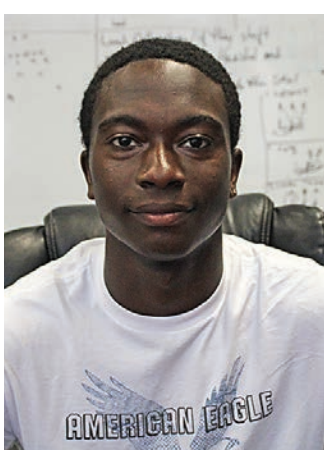
KANE TUCKER
Lineman

While some War Eagle linemen are small, this senior lineman is big – 6’6” and 250 pounds – and he should be easy to spot on the field.

Goal: “I want the line to really improve, to dominate and really show it.”

Game: “Balboa (from California, at Disney). To play a team that’s very foreign to us is good for team-building.”

Nickname: “Big red.”
Team: “FSU.”



Samron Brinson
RECEIVER

Named, along with Haden Klees, as potential All-Big Bend Offensive Player of the Year, he finished last year with 13 TDs and 707 receiving yards.

Goal: “State championship. The games we lost last year we shouldn’t have lost... To stay healthy.”

Game: “The ones we lost. And the playoffs.”

Team: “49ers.”
Player: “Davante Adams.”



Haden Klees
QUARTERBACK

In 8 games last year, he threw for almost 2,000 yards and 20 TDs. Then he broke his collarbone. He says he’s worked on his flexibility to try to prevent injury. He is a commit to Samford University.

Goal: “To win a state championship.”

Game: “The district games. They’re most important.”

Team: “Samford Bulldogs.”
Player: “Joe Burrow.”



BRADLEY KELLY
Running Back

The senior is a bruising running back who runs over defenders instead of juking. He’s bulked up some in the offseason, up to around 210 pounds.

Goal: “Going to state. We’re all on the same page with that one.”

Game: “Orlando. It’s different. Something we haven’t done since I’ve been on the team, other than Bainbridge.”

Player: “Saquon Barkley.”



First play in the preseason game: War Eagle Nehemiah Chandler returns the opening kickoff for a touchdown.
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Students in the student section. Stands were packed.

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Quarterback Haden Klees scrambles out of the backfield.

War Eagles show team speed against Madison

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The first play of the game was a 75-yard kickoff return by Nehemiah Chandler.

Madison and Wakulla exchanged punts, then on the next series a Madison pass was intercepted by Jeremiah Thomas and was returned to midfield. Next play: quarterback Haden Klees connects with receiver Delvon Zanders for a perfect pass for a touchdown to put Wakulla up 14-0.

But the Cowboys are

tough, and they came back with a quick drive and scored a touchdown on a sweep play. They went for 2 and scored to make it 14-8.

At the start of the second quarter, Klees was scrambling and had the ball knocked loose – it was recovered by a Cowboy defender for a scoop and score. Again, the Cowboys went for 2 and made it to take a 16-14 lead.

On the next series, War Eagle receiver Samron Brinson caught his first pass of

the game and showed how quick and elusive he is, dodging defenders and breaking tackles until he was finally taken down on the Cowboy 11. Unfortunately, a couple of plays later a fumble gives the Cowboys the ball at the 5.

On the War Eagles’ next offensive series, a pass on the sideline was picked off and returned for a touchdown. (Coach Klees said the receiver was supposed to run an out pattern and instead went up.) Cowboys again went for 2,

but the attempt was no good. Madison up 22-14.

The Cowboys tried a squib kick and it was picked up by Samron Brinson and returned for a touchdown. The War Eagles went for 2 and made it to tie the game at 22 all.

Klees praised the kickoff returns by Chandler and Brinson, saying they were great runs, but he also praised other members of the special teams unit for the great blocking that set up the

runs.

But minutes later, the Cowboys scored on a 75-yard run to put them back on top. Went for 2 but didn’t make it.

Halftime score was 28-22. Seconds came in for the third quarter: Backup quarterback Owen Klees threw a 15 yard touchdown pass. War Eagles went for 2 but didn’t make it. Score tied at 28 all.

In the fourth, the JV teams played and the War Eagles scored again to go up 35-28 over the Cowboys.

The team is looking to make a championship run

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defensive back is Nehemiah Chandler, who is a Georgia Tech commit as a defensive back.

Slot receivers include Jeremiah Thomas, who made second-team All-Big Bend last year on both offense and defense, and Delvon Sanders. And more receivers in Gabe Carter and Devontae Roberts, who played at Rickards last year but is back at Wakulla.

And running the ball is

runner who tends to take on tacklers. (Klees says Kelly’s running style reminds him of Jerome Bettis, aka “the Bus.”) “Any of these guys can play,” Klees says. “The problem is getting each of them enough touches.”

He adds that this is, by far, the fastest team he’s ever had. And he clarifies that he means overall team speed.)

A Klees-coached team is typically physical. Asked about that, the coach pauses and admits, “Right now, we’re not.”

But, he says, he’s working on it.

A game circled on a lot of player’s schedules is the Thursday night, Aug. 31 game in Orlando against Balboa High School from San Francisco. The game will be played at the Austin-Tindall Sports Complex in Kissimmee.

Balboa was California state champs two years ago and made a run in the playoffs last year, Klees says.

He notes that the Balboa linemen average 6’3” and 300 pounds.

Klees says that the first couple of weeks of the regular season are going to be a learning curve for players and coaches. That’s normal, but it’s exacerbated by four new assistant coaches on the staff – and Klees is still down two coaches.

SEASON OPENER AT CHILES

This is going to be a big game, Klees says of the season opener against the Chil-

es Timberwolves. Nine of the 11 starters on Chiles’ defense returned – and they are very good on defense.


While the Timberwolves lost some players on offense, Klees says they have “a new quarterback who’s the real deal. He’s one of the fastest kids in the Tallahassee.”

“We’ll have to play at a high level to win,” he says.”

Klees is expecting a tough game again.

“The game last year came down to overtime,” he said.

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1 Gabe Carter



2 Bradley Kelly



3 Delvon Zanders



4 Amonta Harris



5 Devontae Roberts



6 Samron Brinson



7 Nehemiah Chandler



8 Tanner Lanier



9 Marcus Gardner



10 Haden Klees



11 Jeremiah Thomas



13 Jesse Turner



14 Sion Ransom



15 Owen Klees



16 Brandon Burton



17 Jakari Ward



18 Jedd Hoffman



19 Brady Jackson



20 Herschel Blackmon



23 Chris Smith



25 Luis Quintonilla



27 Ashton Harris



28 Kayden Johnson



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- Thu, 8/31 vs. Balboa (San Francisco), at 7 p.m. in Orlando
- Fri, 9/8 at 7 p.m. vs. Munroe (Quincy) at WHS.
- Fri, 9/15 at 7:30 p.m. vs. Seminole County at WHS.
- Thu, 9/21 at 7 p.m. at Mosley (Lynn Haven).
- Fri, 9/29 at 7 p.m. at Rickards.
- Fri, 10/6 at 7 p.m. vs. St. John Paul II at WHS.
- Fri, 10/13 at 7:30 p.m. vs. Taylor County at WHS.*
- Fri, 10/20 at 7 p.m. at North Florida Christian.
- Fri, 10/27 at 7:30 p.m. at Suwannee. *

* – District game

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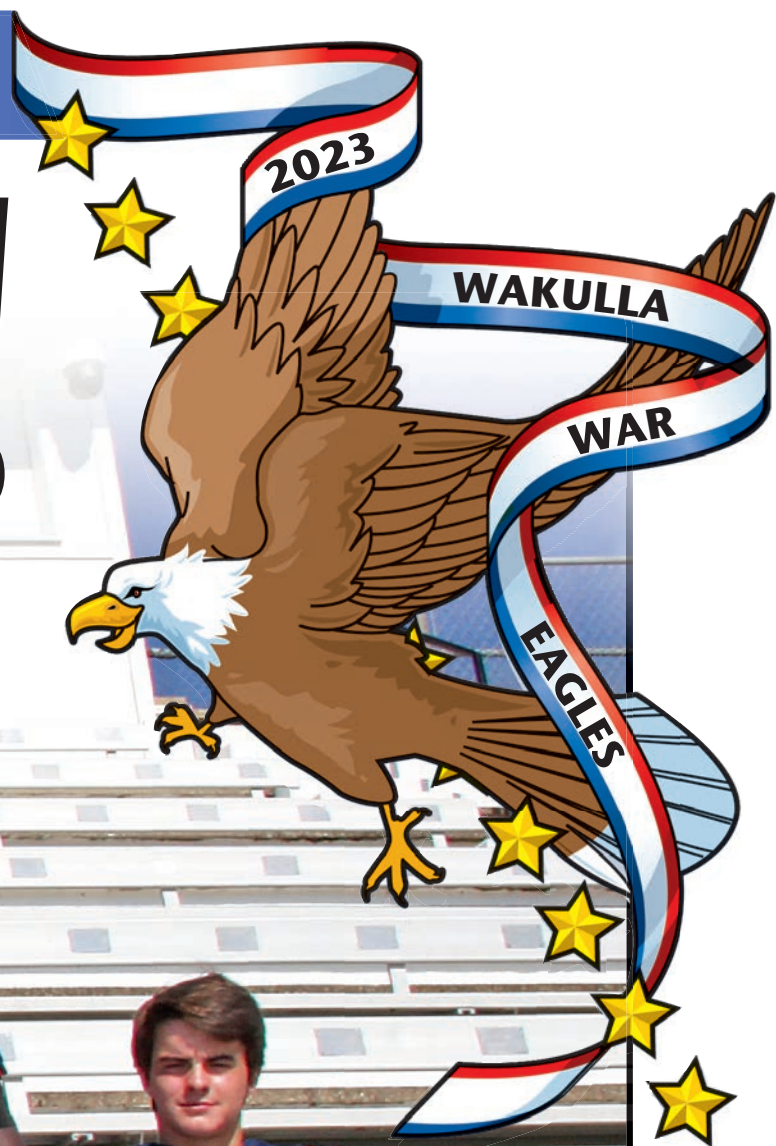


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- Wed, 8/30 at 7 p.m. vs. Gadsden County at WHS.
- Thu, 9/7 at 7 p.m. vs. North Florida Christian at WHS.
- Tue, 9/12 at 7 p.m. at Munroe (Quincy).

- Thu, 9/14 at 7 p.m. at Taylor County.
- Wed, 9/20 at 7 p.m. vs. Mosley (Lynn Haven) at WHS.
- Thu, 9/28 at 7 p.m. vs. Chiles at WHS.
- Thu, 10/5 at 7 p.m. vs. Florida High at WHS.
- Wed, 10/11 at 6:30pm at Rickards.

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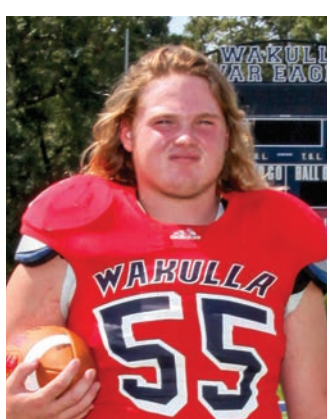
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