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Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

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Solution for gas station issue?

Commissioners vote unanimously to require conditional use permit for new gas stations in the county

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

As county commissioners grappled with whether to hold some sort of workshop with state officials to talk about the issue of commercial development over underground caves, County Commissioner Chuck Hess suggested a way to require greater scrutiny: make gas stations a conditional use.

Once the change goes through, it would mean

that a gas station would not be a use-by-right of commercial zoning, as it is now.

Hess' motion was sparked by the ongoing controversy over the proposed construction of a gas station at a corner of Crawfordville Highway and Bloxham Cutoff. The project is proposed by Southwest Georgia Oil Company.

Cave divers have indicated there are underground caves under that property that flow from Chip's Hole to



County Commissioner
Chuck Hess

Wakulla Springs.

That proposal is currently on hold as the

county has approached Florida Forever, the state land-acquisition program that buys environmentally sensitive lands.

Hess proposed that, going forward, gas stations would have to get granted a conditional use permit by the planning commission, which would determine if the location of the gas station is appropriate.

Denial of the conditional use – or a citizen challenge to the granting of a permit – would

be appealed to the county commission.

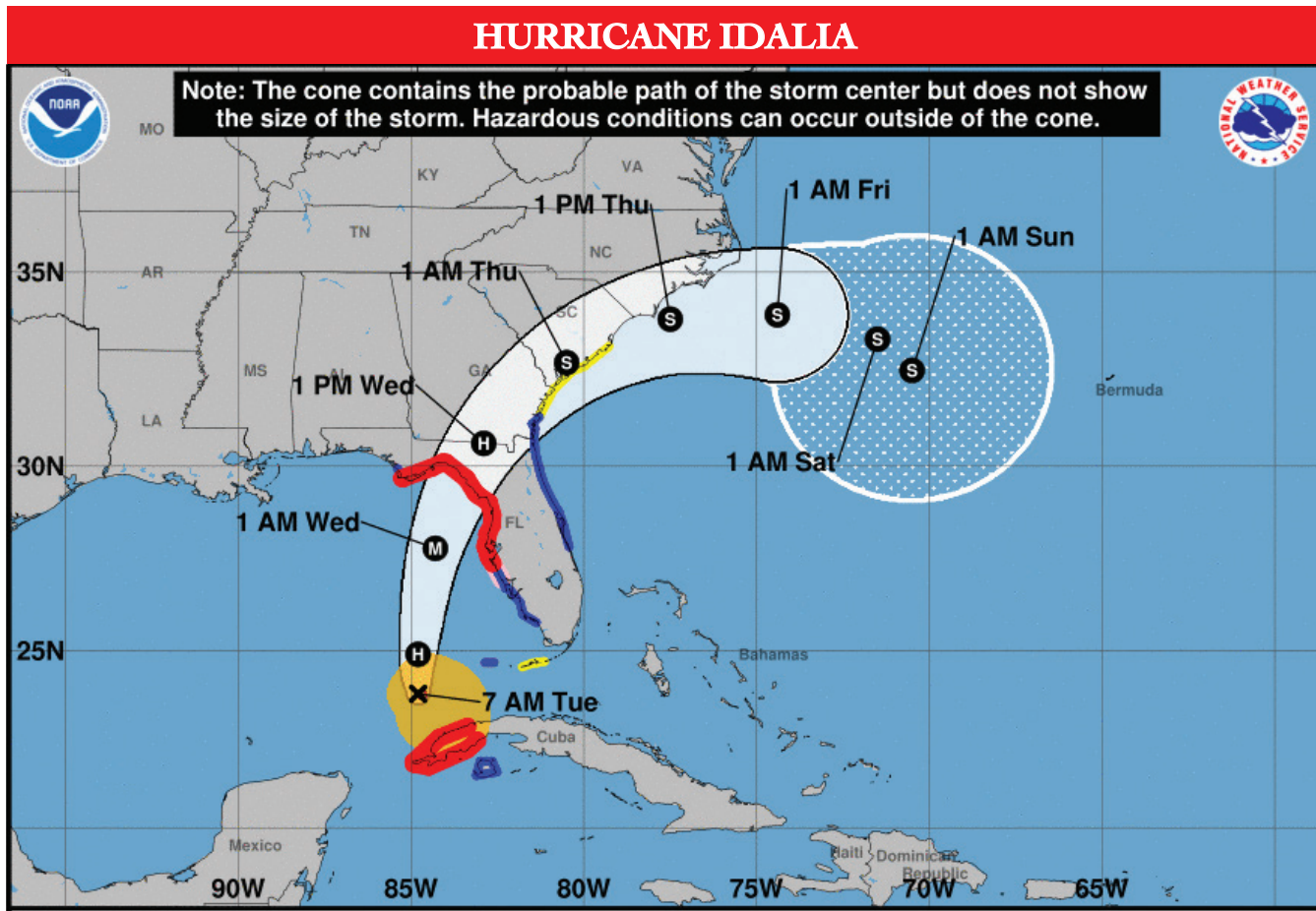
Hess made a motion at the county commission meeting on Monday, Aug. 21, for the ordinance to be drafted and advertised – an effort to speed up the approval process for the ordinance. It was unanimously approved by commissioners.

Wakulla Planning Director Somer Pell anticipated the ordinance would be drafted and go to the county attorney for review and be advertised

in the next couple of weeks. It would go to the planning commission for review, and then two public hearings before the county commission.

Pell confirmed there are two proposed gas stations in the pipeline: Mack's Meats in Shadeville is proposing building a new grocery market with fuel pumps at its location on Shadeville Road; and a site plan has been submitted for a convenience

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The National Hurricane Center's likely path of Idalia as of Tuesday.

STORM WARNING

Hurricane may become Category 3 when it arrives on Wednesday

By **JIM TURNER**
News Service of Florida

Rapidly growing in strength, a potentially devastating hurricane remains on a path to hit Florida's Gulf Coast.

At tropical-storm strength Monday morning with maximum sustained winds of 65 mph, Idalia was forecast to make landfall as a Category 3 hurricane in the northeast gulf's Big Bend region Wednesday morning, knocking out power and pushing water ashore up to 11 feet in some areas.

State Emergency Management Director Kevin Guthrie said during a news conference that the storm is moving at a "strengthening intensity," and people north of Tampa Bay will be affected regardless of the forecast "cone."

President Joe Biden on Monday approved an emergency declaration and ordered federal assistance in responding to the storm. Gov. Ron DeSantis submitted a request for aid Sunday night to the White House. Evacuation orders

were expected to be issued in Gulf Coast counties, particularly those with barrier islands.

DeSantis, who has shifted focus from his presidential campaign as the storm nears, said there doesn't appear to be "anything to prevent (Idalia) from continuing to strengthen."

"We've seen this before with something like Hurricane Michael, that continues to gather strength," DeSantis said, referring to a 2018 storm that caused massive damage in parts of Northwest Florida. "So, this is going to be a major impact and Floridians should expect that this storm will be a major Category 3-plus hurricane. So, please prepare accordingly."

A storm reaches hurricane strength when maximum sustained winds hit 74 mph. A Category 3 storm produces maximum sustained winds of at least 111 mph.

Duke Energy Florida, which provides electricity in many areas that could be affected by the storm, said Monday it was mobilizing 4,500 workers

to help restore power. That included bringing in crews from other states.

"Duke Energy is actively monitoring Idalia's path, intensity and timing, and staging resources in safe locations to respond to outages as soon as it's safe to do so," Todd Fountain, Duke Energy Florida storm director, said in a prepared statement.

DeSantis increased to 46 the number of counties under a state of emergency, up from 33 when a declaration was first issued on Saturday. The counties stretch from Collier County in Southwest Florida to Bay County in the Panhandle.

The National Hurricane Center posted information that said as the storm moved into warm waters of the southeast Gulf of Mexico, conditions were conducive for "rapid intensification," and the system should keep growing until landfall.

"Idalia is now forecast to become a major hurricane before it reaches the gulf coast of Florida," the hurricane center said. "The risk continues to increase for life-threatening

storm surge and dangerous hurricane-force winds along portions of the west coast of Florida and the Florida Panhandle beginning as early as late Tuesday."

Tropical-storm-force winds extended outward up to 70 miles from the center of Idalia.

The track remained close to computer models, commonly referred to as spaghetti models, that showed the storm making landfall between the central Panhandle and Tampa.

"It should be emphasized that only a small deviation in the track could cause a big change in Idalia's landfall location in Florida due to the paralleling track to the west coast of the state," the hurricane center said.

A storm-surge watch was in effect from Chokoloskee, south of Everglades City, north to Indian Pass in the Panhandle. A hurricane watch was in effect from Englewood in Southwest Florida to Indian Pass. A tropical storm watch was in effect south to the lower Florida Keys, west of the Seven Mile Bridge.

Teacher hiring 'pause' underway except for large classrooms

Will resume hiring after October survey of number of students

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

The Wakulla County School Board approved a pause in hiring for new teachers until October, when the fall survey of students in classrooms will determine how much state money districts receive.

Superintendent of Schools Bobby Pearce said that there will be exceptions – for example, the need for a math teacher at the high school level is critical, he said.

Teachers with significantly larger classes will receive a stipend, Pearce said.

He added that the pause is being done with an eye on the district's budget, and that the pause could enable the district to give employee pay raises.

The pause is enabled by the state no longer sanctioning districts for class size violations, Pearce noted.

The district – like districts state-wide – has faced a teacher shortage. Pearce commented that having brought in some "exchange teachers would have been nice," but that's off the table after a contentious school board meeting several months ago when citizens and teachers turned out to complain about foreign teachers being

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Superintendent of Schools
Bobby Pearce

School board receives master board certification

Special to The Sun

The Wakulla County School Board Members and Superintendent were recognized for earning the Certified Master Board distinction by the Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) at the Wakulla County School District office in Crawfordville, FL Monday, August 22, 2023. Carolyn Sanders, Membership Services Associate, presented the award.

To earn this distinction, a majority of the district's board members and the superintendent must be present for 20 training hours including a Master Board Forum. The leadership curriculum is designed to offer meaningful learning

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Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park Marsh rattlesnake master

By LYNN ARTZ, SANDY TEDDER
and DAVID RODDENBERRY



The plant grows in marshes, swamps and in ditches.

Marsh rattlesnake master (*Eryngium aquaticum*) is a striking wetland wildflower. Numerous tiny flowers form a spiky, ½-1-inch ball with a pale bluish white to cornflower blue and sometimes purple color. The distinctive flowerheads sit atop erect, branched stems 3-to-5-feet tall. Marsh rattlesnake master occurs naturally in sunny marshes and swamps, in wet prairies and bogs, along pond edges, and in ditches in scattered counties across Florida. In home landscapes, it is suited to low spots, rain gardens, water gardens, and ponds. It does not tolerate drought. Too much shade and too fertile soil produce taller, sprawling plants. Also called corn snakeroot, this showy perennial attracts many pollinators and is especially important for native bees. Marsh rattlesnake master is blooming now near the pond at Sopchoppy Depot Park.

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Student of the Week

Dennis Parker – 5th Grade, Riversink Elementary School

Principal: Catherine Cutchin

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK FEATURES A DIFFERENT SCHOOL EACH WEEK.

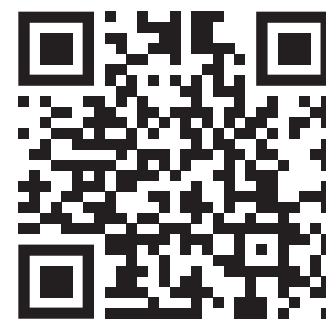
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Shell Point artist Ginger Tillman's work displayed

By **MELISSA JAGGEARS**
Correspondent

Beloved local artist Ginger Tillman was recently honored in Shell Point for her paintings of the beach and area landmarks, as well as her service to the art community. A group of about 28 people gathered at the beach on Tuesday, Aug. 22, to watch the unveiling of a print of one of her most popular paintings.

During her career, Tillman, now 85, painted several versions of the original Seafarer's Chapel in Shell Point, which once stood where the current public beach bathroom stands today. Friends of the family obtained permission to reproduce Tillman's painting on a 4' x 8' metal sheet and asked the county to attach it to the outside wall of the bathroom building for all to enjoy.

Several friends and family members spoke highly of the artist, who was unable to attend due to poor health. Harriett Rich of Shell Point said she has known Tillman for 30 years through a community art class she regularly attended.

"She is the absolute best artist I have ever seen," Rich said. "She would teach us tips to make things look real. And she made life fun wherever she went."

Tillman's son Dan, of Crawfordville, said he recalls watching his mother paint one version of the chapel in particular. "I was about 10 years old and remember sitting on the golf cart watching



PHOTOS BY GERALD BROWN



Shell Point residents, top, at the Tuesday unveiling of the Ginger Tillman painting of the old Seafarer's Chapel at the public bath house. Above, Tillman's son Dan, his daughter Tylher and his wife Ginger.

her paint," he said. "We have that painting in our home."

His wife, also named

Ginger, said the family affectionately calls her "Ginger Jr." Their daughter, Tylher, also attend-

ed the ceremony. Dan's brother, Britt, of Wakulla Station was not able to attend.

distressed boaters.

Over the years, Tillman had some of her paintings printed on notecards to sell at fundraisers. Proceeds from the notecard sales, as well as fish fries and many other events, raised about \$6,000, which helped to build the current chapel at the end of Shell Point Road.

Tillman, originally from Jasper, Florida, moved to Shell Point full-time in 1980, with her husband and children. She was a fifth grade teacher at Crawfordville Elementary for 13 years, where she also taught art. She served as a member of Christ Church Anglican in Crawfordville and enjoyed dancing with the Wakulla Wigglers through the county's senior center.

Tillman's husband of



A family photo of Tom and Ginger Tillman from years ago.

Friends recalled when a "crowd" of about six people would attend services at the old chapel, sitting on donated sofas. The building was also used as a cafe and as a Coast Guard Auxiliary emergency radio center that handled calls from

more than 60 years, Tom, passed away last year. Her grandson, Taylor, also passed away last year from a car accident at age 24.

Tillman now resides in an assisted living center in Tallahassee.

Studio 88 dancers travel to Dollywood

By **KRYSTAL SHEPPARD**
Staff Writer

Competition dancers from Studio 88 Dance Productions of Crawfordville wrapped up their summer break with a trip to Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. The dancers spent a fun day at the Dollywood theme park together, followed by a performance as the opening act for the Country Tonite Theater, along with a Country Tonite workshop, Q&A and backstage tour of the show.

Studio owner and dance instructor, Lauren Holley, said "Dollywood has to be at the top of our favorite theme park list. The kids enjoyed the thrilling rides, entertaining shows, and delicious food, but most importantly, time with each other. They watched the Country Tonite Theatre show with stars in



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE SUN

Studio 88 dancers, above, on stage at the Country Tonite Theater in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee; and the dancers, left, visiting Dollywood.



their eyes. We are so thankful to have had the opportunity to be a part of such an amazing production, it was a wonderful weekend for our dancers!"

Studio 88 Dance Productions upcoming 2023/2024 dance sea-

son has just begun, but there is already a full calendar of upcoming performances scheduled.

Local performances will include the Blue Crab Festival, Valentine's Day and African American Heritage Cel-

ebration parade and performances.

Dancers will also participate in the Empire National Dance Competition in Valdosta, Georgia, and the Ignite Dance Competition in Jacksonville.

The annual recital for all Studio 88 dancers, including both recreational and competition dancers, will be held in June 2024 and the company dancers plan to finish the season with a cruise and performance in July of 2024.

Studio 88 Dance Productions is a platinum award-winning dance studio that helps young dancers discover their full potential and develop their love for dance.

Contact the studio at (850)926-6088 or visit their website www.dancestudio88.com for more information or to register for dance classes.

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Opinions

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LETTERS FROM READERS

New beach volleyball team

Editor, The Sun:

Did you know we have a beach volleyball program for both kids and adults right here in Wakulla County? VOLLEYiQ is a locally owned business that has been offering first rate coaching to volleyball enthusiasts for the past 3 years. VOLLEYiQ wrapped up its summer season with a beach volleyball tournament at Medart Park. Players from all around came to compete in the Endless Summer Tournament.

Players arrived early in the morning to hear music playing to get everyone pumped up. Knowing the heat that we have been experiencing has been unprecedented, VOLLEYiQ took all the necessary precautions. Industrial fans and tents were set up to combat the high temperatures. Fruit and water were available to all who needed it. They even had ice cold pop-sicles for the players.

Representing Wakulla County were Olivia Barksdale, Taylor Mercer, Sophia Stolk, and Hailey Carroll. While all current players on the WMS volleyball team and members of The Wakulla Aces Volleyball Club, the girls have continued their dedication to the sport by training with VOLLEYiQ. Final standings after a hot day in the sun put

Olivia Barksdale and Taylor Mercer in 2nd for their pool and Sophia Stolk and Hailey Carroll in 3rd.

Due to an overwhelming interest in beach volleyball, VOLLEYiQ will begin a fall session registration in September. Sessions will begin in October and run through the end of the year. For more information, please go to <https://www.volleyiqfl.com> and elevate your game!

Dana Stolk
Crawfordville



PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE SUN
 Sophia Stolk playing beach volleyball.

School medication dispensing is concern

Editor, The Sun:

This letter is to inform you of a medical situation regarding my 6 year old son that occurred on November 8, 2022 at Shadeville Elementary.

On November 8, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. I arrived to eat lunch with my son at school. My son went to the clinic to receive his prescribed medication and there was a data entry operator in the clinic who did not identify my Son's full name or date of birth and she was ready to dispense an open bottle of another child's controlled substance medication that she grabbed from the locked medication drawer to my son. I intervened and asked my son, "What's wrong?" He said, "I don't know. I am waiting on this lady to give me my medication."

The data entry operator asked was I his mom? I said, "Yes." She said, "I have never done this before and I was asking your son did he take these two controlled substances plus his prescribed medication and he said, 'I don't know.'"

I said, "Ma'am, he is 5 years old and he doesn't know the name of his medicine, plus you have the wrong medication, my son does not take that."

If I had not been there that day, this could have been BAD and my son may not be here today.

I filed a complaint with the school principal and human resources on Nov. 9, and my Husband and I visited the School Board meeting about this on Dec. 12.

I had to ask the school principal if he could please not allow this employee to return to the clinic and could he please place photos on the medication baskets for another form of identification, the principal was very good about making sure these two requests were completed, and to my knowledge he has not allowed this employee to return to the clinic per our request.

Eight months has passed by since we presented the incident to the school board and not one board members has

reached out to us about this situation..

The Wakulla school board policy 5.62 is: Each school principal shall designate a staff member(s) to administer prescribed medications. The staff member(s) shall be trained annually by a licensed nurse or licensed physician. Only staff that has been designated by the principal and have received training shall have access to the medication.

The purpose of this letter is to inform the parents of Wakulla County that Wakulla County School board voted on Aug. 21 to continue the Department of Health contract for clinical services. Are you aware that the Wakulla county school board will not obtain a RN or LPN for elementary school or middle school students, but they have an LPN for the high school due to funding? The Wakulla County School Board pays the Department of Health \$25,162.75 quarterly which is July-September, October-December, January-March, and April-June, this is a total of \$96,651.00 for school health services.

Parents and/or guardians: I am here to tell you, when your child is given the wrong medication because a Wakulla County School Board "trained" employed is dispensing controlled substance medication, instead of a licensed nurse dispensing medication to your child and something BAD happens-- you can thank the Wakulla County School board for the medical error because it's all about "funding" and apparently the school board fails to defend the children and their parents about this. The Wakulla County School board members can't afford an RN or LPN to work in the schools, but I bet they can afford a lawsuit when that amount will be larger than the salary of an LPN or RN!

School board members I will leave you with these words: When you know better ; you do better!

You can make effort or you can make excuses, but you can't make both.

Sherra L. Reatherford
Crawfordville

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.

On the Horizon

Calendar of events for the week of August 31

Thursday, August 31

- The Wakulla War Eagles have the second game of the season, traveling to Orlando to take on the Balboa Buccaneers at 7 p.m.
- 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, September 1

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 8 p.m. every Friday at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

Saturday, September 2

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.
- The Panacea Community Garden Farmer's Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in downtown Panacea.

Monday, September 4

- LABOR DAY – Banks, schools and government offices will be closed.
- 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.

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Tuesday, September 5

- County commission meets at 5 p.m. in the commission chambers. A 4 p.m. budget workshop is set. An appeal of a planning matter is set for 3 p.m.
- 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.

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Wednesday, September 6

- 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.
- Muffins with Moms Prenatal Support Group meets at 9 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 10 a.m. at the Wakulla County Health Department. Contact Liz Neighbors at 850-888-6078 or elizabeth.neighbors@flhealth.gov for more information.
- 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 afternoon of Monday, Aug. 28, at sheriff's office sand bag event:

What are you doing to prepare for the storm?



JOHN SCHANKWEILER
CDL DRIVER

“Gettings for the generator. I have food and plenty of water already.”



SON THOMPSON
WAKULLA ROAD & BRIDGE

“Bagging sand bags for the public.”



CURTIS RASMUSON

“We're in Spring Creek so we are putting plywood on the windows and boarding up the glass doors, getting sand bags here today.”



JIMMY DAVIS
RENT-A-CENTER

“Getting water and food supplies, boards for the windows if needed, batteries for the lanterns and some candles.”



HEATHER STALLINGS
CUSTOMER SERVICE

“We live on Dickerson Bay so we are getting sand bags, moving coats and furniture. We have food. Charging every electronic my teenager has.”

COMMUNITY NEWS

Buckhorn News

By **ETHEL SKIPPER**

Man has a duty, and that is to fear God and keep His commandments; his is the whole duty of man. (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

A wise man will hear will increase learning, and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.

The Book of Ecclesiastes concludes with two reasons for fearing God and

keeping His commandments: one, it is our duty; and two, the Lord will hold us accountable for every good, evil, and secret deed performed.

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Someone asked, What must one do to find happiness in life?

The Word implore us to live a life

worthy of the calling you have received from God.

I encourage each of you as followers of God to rise up to his calling for such a time as this. We are called to be not just believers, but doers of the Word. Not just disciples, but apostles of faith.

This is not just a call to action, but a call to spiritual arms. Gird ourselves with the word of God. Let our light shine.

Happy birthday wishes to Mother Dovia Robinson, Sept. 26; Xavier Ash, Sept. 1; Ezella Rosier, Sept. 3; Antionetta Easter, Sept. 6; Helyy Richardson, Sept. 10; Leroy Wood, Sept. 13;

Shante Grimmet, Sept. 13; Crystal Green, Sept. 19; Nathaniel Smith, Sept. 25; Ka Kyus Hines, Sept. 18; and Sierra Beard, Sept. 8. Remembering Mother Doris Rosier Mackey on Sept. 1, her 100th birthday.

Let us pray for all the sick and shut-in, those in the hospital, nursing homes, those in prison, the homeless, those that have lost family and loved ones.

Let us remember the Rev. Rodney Smith in the passing of his aunt. Continue to pray for our county and everyone. Pray for our children's safety. Let us pray for each other and be blessed.

Wakulla Station News

By **VERNA BROCK**

Articles to this paper must be submitted to meet the deadline for printing (Mondays, at noon), which means I must write well ahead of upcoming events.

Right now, as I write this, there is a storm churning in the southern Gulf of Mexico. Slow moving, the expectation is that it will quicken once it reaches the warmer, deeper waters further north. Prognosticators are hedging their bets on just where Hurricane Idalia will come ashore, as well as how powerful she may be.

But the Governor has begun planning, and asked that thirty counties have hurricane watch/preparations begun.

Now is the time to stock up on water, batteries, non-perishables and gas for your generator. Everyone stay safe and aware.

My neighbors and I have watched with curiosity the construction of the new Dollar General Market Store on the corner of Woodville Highway and Bloxham Cutoff. It opened two weeks ago, and the young lady who manages it is an energetic, enthusiastic and friendly representative of the company. Still being stocked, this large store will eventually carry many choices of fresh, frozen and canned goods. It also has a wide assortment of household goods, decor, health items and entertainment. Be sure to stop in and check them out.

A concerned citizen contacted me about the traffic at the intersection of Crawfordville Highway and the Coastal Highway (U.S. Hwy. 98). Since school started this year, she has witnessed three different southbound vehicles, at different times, do a U-turn at the light in order to go north. In all these instances, there was an orange light, which indicates the driver has the right of way ONLY if there is no on-coming traffic. She expressed concern that Wakulla drivers are unfamiliar with orange signals, as well as proper turning etiquette. Just remember the adage, “Better safe than sorry!”

This past Saturday 4-H had its Fall Open House at the Extension Office, and had a great turn out. This year they are offering a number of clubs, including an equine care and infor-

mation club, a cooking club, and a shooting sports club. Kudos to Rachel Pienta and the great staff of the Extension Office for bringing 4-H back to Wakulla County, and making it a spectacular success. If you're interested in participating in one of these exciting and fun clubs, call Wakulla Extension at 850.926.3931 for more information.

Please continue your prayers for Sebastian Mosely and his family. He is steadily improving and living in a transition home, instead of the hospital. So happy for them as he grows stronger and closer to moving home to Crawfordville!

Happy birthday to Thelma Watts, Caylee Cox and Cale Cox. Hope you all have many more.

Sheriff's Report

This report is for activity Aug. 18 to 24:

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

- A pilot attempted to land his waterplane on the Sopchoppy river. The craft skipped and then flipped over and broke apart. The pilot sustained minor injuries. Passenger had no injuries. FAA, GFC, DEP and FHP assisted in the recovery and investigation.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

- An employee at Goodwill reported Lauren Williams trespassing at the store after being issued a trespass warning on July 4th. Williams had left the area upon deputies arrival. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Shayne Broxie responded.
- Deputy Ernesto Trujillo responded to White Tail Drive in reference to a theft complaint. Upon arrival Deputy Trujillo made contact with Helena Batts, who advised someone stole her father's Ranger side-by-side from the residence. Upon further investigation the Ranger was recovered at a home on Dempsey Drive. Wendy Shields was placed under arrest and transported to the Wakulla County Jail without incident.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

- Asset protection staff at Walmart reported a suspicious person hanging around Walmart. The investigation revealed Joshua Turbeville had allegedly stolen several items from Walmart. Turbeville was placed under arrest and transported to the Wakulla County Jail. Deputy Heather Will investigated.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

- Deputy Stripling conducted a traffic stop for failure to yield the right of way. The driver, John Sorrie, was found not to have a valid driver's license. And the tag had been expired for over two years. Sorrie was arrested and transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

- Deputies responded to Purify Bay Road in reference to a vehicle fire. Upon arrival the vehicle was fully engulfed. Wakulla Fire-Rescue responded and extinguished the fire. Contact was made with the owner, Harold Robison, who had left his vehicle at a co-worker's residence and carpooled to work. Robison responded back to the residence and advised his 2002 F-150 didn't have any issues he knew of and he had just parked it. The truck was a total loss.
- Deputy Dustin Matthews responded to Squaw Road in reference to a fraud complaint. Upon arrival

Deputy Matthews made contact with Sarah Stains, who advised while she was looking at her bank statement, she noticed an unauthorized charge was made on her account. She advised someone using her card to order on Walmart.com in the amount of \$139.71. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

- Deputy Ernesto Trujillo responded to Dempsey Drive in reference to a possible stolen vehicle. Upon arrival Deputy Trujillo made contact with Ana Schwimmer, who advised she had her mechanic tow her car to his shop (in Tallahassee) over a month ago and now he is refusing to give the vehicle back. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

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HOME ON THE RANGE

Battle of three .380s



By MARJ LAW

Well, I know which .380 I like best. It's the Sig Sauer P238 that I've had for over 8 years. It's small, shoots easily, fits in my purse, is highly concealable and... it's pretty.

Don't knock pretty. Joe found me some gorgeous pale-yellow carved wooden grips. My hand closes around these grips in a comfortable familiar way. There will never be a little gun as fun to practice hand/eye coordination as this. Josh Wayner in The Truth About Guns agrees. He calls the P238 "the Rolex of carry guns."

But wait! New guns have come on the market! New .380s that are easy to shoot! But will they measure up to the Sig? We're about to find out. And this report is not from a large group of people: it's from my experience shooting all 3 at the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) range.

My friend Gladys brings along her Smith & Wesson .380 Shield EZ, and I have my trusty Sig P238 and a new and very inexpensive Ruger Security .380. I mean inexpensive as in downright cheap, except that the

word "cheap" comes across as a derogatory term and I mean no disrespect at all to this new Ruger. Wait 'til you find out more.

I shoot my Sig P238 first. Yep. Fits my small hand. Now, on a scale of 1–5, with 1 being easiest or "like it," and 5 meaning hard or "don't like it," I rate trigger pull and trigger travel. Both get a 2. Not bad.

Recoil is a tad more, and it gets a 2.5. Of course, I love the grip and it gets a 1.

Jacking the slide? Pretty easy. It gets a 1.5.

So, you see, the Sig is an easy little guy. How do I shoot? Um, well I hit the 8-inch target on each of the 5 shots, but they are spread all over. Frankly, I expect to shoot a bit better, but maybe I'm not warmed up.

Next, I shoot the Ruger Security. Again, trigger pull and trigger travel both get a 2. Recoil is a bit easier: probably because this gun is larger than the Sig and so its mass is absorbing some of the kick.

Grip? This one is great for a small hand as well. It gets a 1.5.

Slide? This is the slide you can jack with only 2 fingers. Yay for the slide. Haven't met an easier slide.

Accuracy? No brag: just fact. I get a nice tight group, with the first shot in the x-ring and the next shot on the line of the x-ring. That's so satisfying.

Finally, it's the S&W Shield EZ .380. It's EZ because it's so darn easy to load. Just like many .22s, you pull a button downward on the magazine and



drop in your rounds. "modestly priced." Big difference in cost! Rounds in the magazine? Sig has 6 and you can find an extendo-mag that will hold 7. Smith & Wesson holds 8 rounds, and 2 magazines come with it. Ruger holds... What is this? The Ruger comes with both 10 and 15-round magazines. Big difference! Weight? Sig is 15.2 ounces, unloaded. Smith & Wesson is 18.3 ounces and Ruger is 19.7 ounces. Size? Sig is 5.5" overall, S&W is 6.7" and Ruger is 6.52". S&W is 1.04" wide and the Ruger is 1.02" wide. When you put the Ruger and the S&W side by side, they appear to be very close in size. Hammer? All 3 guns are hammer-fired guns. You can see the hammer on the Sig, but the other 2 have internal hammers. Remember, sometimes you can't see the hammer, but it can still be a hammer-fired gun. Others are striker-fired. It's helpful to be able to tell the difference so you don't have to depend on another person's assertion. Safety? The Sig has a manual safety on the frame. The S&W has a grip safety but no manual safety. The Ruger has both a trigger safety and a manual safety. Other models may have safeties as well. Ammunition? I use reloads from a trusted reloader in all 3 handguns. All 3 guns shoot them well. Likeability? If the Great Gun Fairy were to drop from the sky and offer me one of these .380s, I'd ask for the Sig because of its concealable size and the narrow grip. Then I'd want to ask for the S&W for its easy loading. Last, I'd ask for the Ruger because of its 10 and 15-round magazines and also for its extremely easy-to-rack slide. Finally, I'd ask for the Ruger because of the Gun Fairy is offering, I don't want to seem to be really grabby and the Ruger is by far the cheapest. Ahem. I mean the least expensive. So, remember: Ruger for the slide, S&W's easy mag. Sig for the size that fits best in my bag. If you'd like to see it and if a storm doesn't come our way, I'll be bringing the Ruger Security .380 to the range again next Wednesday around 10 a.m.

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

SANDY SEA SQUIRT
(*Molgus occidentalis*)

There are 3000 types of tunicates and this is one of the largest of them. It is a filter feeder. It has a sac-like body with two spouts, one for taking water in and one for expelling it. Sea Squirts have both male and female body parts and release both eggs and sperm. The fertilized egg developed into a swimming larvae with a spine-like notochord. Eventually the larvae settles on the sea bottom and transforms into the adult for of tunicate.

Eukarya, Animalia, Tunicata, Ascidiacidea, Pleurogona., Molgula

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WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO

Retired Wakulla Springs State Park Ranger Bob Thompson is on a birding expedition. Here's a past photo of a white ibis .

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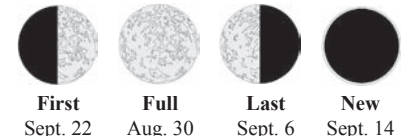


Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

Aug. 31 - Sept. 6



Tide charts by tides4fishing.com



Best fishing days this month
September 14-29

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

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

St. Marks River Entrance

Day	3:22 am	8:56 am	3:08 pm	9:45 pm
Th	▲ 3.7 ft	▼ 1.0 ft	▲ 4.5 ft	▼ -0.1 ft
Fr	3:51 am	9:42 am	3:57 pm	10:18 pm
Sa	4:17 am	10:26 am	4:45 pm	10:48 pm
Su	4:42 am	11:12 am	5:34 pm	11:15 pm
Mo	5:05 am	12:00 pm	6:27 pm	11:39 pm
Tu	5:29 am	12:56 pm	7:30 pm	
We	12:03 am	5:55 am	2:08 pm	9:03 pm

City of St. Marks

Day	3:58 am	10:00 am	3:44 pm	10:49 pm
Th	▲ 3.4 ft	▼ 0.9 ft	▲ 4.2 ft	▼ -0.1 ft
Fr	4:27 am	10:46 am	4:33 pm	11:22 pm
Sa	4:53 am	11:30 am	5:21 pm	11:52 pm
Su	5:18 am	12:16 pm	6:10 pm	
Mo	12:19 am	5:41 am	1:04 pm	7:03 pm
Tu	12:43 am	6:05 am	2:00 pm	8:06 pm
We	1:07 am	6:31 am	3:12 pm	9:39 pm

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Day	3:40 am	9:15 am	3:22 pm	10:05 pm
Th	▲ 3.9 ft	▼ 1.1 ft	▲ 4.6 ft	▼ -0.1 ft
Fr	4:09 am	10:02 am	4:11 pm	10:38 pm
Sa	4:37 am	10:48 am	5:00 pm	11:08 pm
Su	5:04 am	11:34 am	5:49 pm	11:36 pm
Mo	5:29 am	12:23 pm	6:42 pm	
Tu	12:02 am	5:56 am	1:19 pm	7:45 pm
We	12:30 am	6:24 am	2:29 pm	9:13 pm

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Day	3:14 am	9:07 am	3:00 pm	9:56 pm
Th	▲ 2.8 ft	▼ 0.7 ft	▲ 3.4 ft	▼ -0.1 ft
Fr	3:43 am	9:53 am	3:49 pm	10:29 pm
Sa	4:09 am	10:37 am	4:37 pm	10:59 pm
Su	4:34 am	11:23 am	5:26 pm	11:26 pm
Mo	4:57 am	12:11 pm	6:19 pm	11:50 pm
Tu	5:21 am	1:07 pm	7:22 pm	
We	12:14 am	5:47 am	2:19 pm	8:55 pm

St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

Day	3:33 am	8:56 am	2:55 pm	9:44 pm
Th	▲ 2.8 ft	▼ 1.3 ft	▲ 3.6 ft	▼ 0.0 ft
Fr	3:56 am	9:42 am	3:50 pm	10:19 pm
Sa	4:20 am	10:30 am	4:46 pm	10:52 pm
Su	4:46 am	11:19 am	5:43 pm	11:22 pm
Mo	5:13 am	12:10 pm	6:44 pm	11:48 pm
Tu	5:42 am	1:06 pm	7:55 pm	
We	12:08 am	6:16 am	2:15 pm	9:47 pm

Dog Island West End

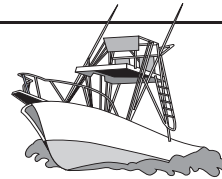
Day	4:00 am	9:22 am	3:16 pm	10:00 pm
Th	▲ 2.6 ft	▼ 1.2 ft	▲ 3.1 ft	▼ 0.2 ft
Fr	4:19 am	10:06 am	4:13 pm	10:36 pm
Sa	4:41 am	10:55 am	5:10 pm	11:10 pm
Su	5:04 am	11:46 am	6:06 pm	11:39 pm
Mo	5:28 am	12:36 pm	7:04 pm	
Tu	12:02 am	5:53 am	1:26 pm	8:36 pm
We	12:11 am	6:20 am	2:28 pm	9:13 pm

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



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



The past week brought a tropical system into our area and we are likely to have with more on the horizon. While we do not always get an impact from the weather in our region, the increased wave action in tidal changes can create challenges in navigation.

Boating after a large weather event, such as a hurricane, it is important to be familiar with the area you are boating in. Buoys can and do get moved, beached, or go missing. Using added caution and being aware there may be debris in the water are critical in the days following a storm.

This can make navigating the shallow channels challenging for our region. Our closest ATON (aids to navigation) team

Boating Emergencies

Coast Guard Station Panama City	(850) 234-4228
Coast Guard Station Yankeetown	(352) 447-6900
Coast Guard Auxiliary Apalachee Bay (Flotilla 12)	(850) 942-7500 or (850) 284-1166

is in Panama City, making it critical that when we notice a problem we report it.

It is also important that when out on the water, you maintain a good look out and slow down until there has been sufficient time for the debris to clear our waterways and any problems with buoys are fixed.

For more information on storm preparedness and safety, 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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Underwater Wakulla

By Rusty Miller

Questions about regulators.

Let's discuss the "regulator rental vs. buy" question. Here are the cons of buying:

Buying Cons:

1. You have to maintain the service on the set of regulators that you buy; the average yearly cost is \$145-\$175 depending on the type and brand of the regulators.
2. You have to properly rinse, dry, and store them in an indoor environment.
3. You have to make sure that you do not use more than 40% oxygen when diving with them.

Renting Pros:

1. You can generally rent regulators at your diving destination.
2. You don't have to worry with the annual maintenance of the regulators.
3. You don't have to worry about where to store the regulators.

Renting Cons:

1. The rental regulators are usually on the low end of the performance spectrum.
2. You're using regulators that have been rented by people before you.
3. They are usually older styles because most shops don't buy new ones very often.
4. Depending on your destination they can be priced higher to rent.

You see there is a lot to consider when it comes to buying your first set of regulators.

One of the other tough questions that my students ask is about buying second-hand or used regulators on the internet.

Let's look at that because with the economy the way it is people want to save as much of their hard earned money as possible.

You see a set of regulators on the net for what seems like a low price. If they are new then beware because a lot of regulators that look good are really junk regulators because they are some off-brand name and are made using cheap components.

I would suggest you call a reputable dive shop and ask them about that particular brand.

Let's say you see a used set of regulators on the internet for a low price and it's a recognized name brand. You should call the individual who is selling them to find out what year were they made, when was the last service on them with the receipt, and why are they selling them for such a low price.

If you will look very carefully and ask the right questions then you should be able to find what you want for the right price.

Remember that your life depends on what you use in the open water.

This is a repeat of a column that appeared in August of last year.

FWC Law Enforcement Report

From FWC

This report represents some events the FWC handled Aug. 11 - 17 in the Northwest Region. (There were no cases reported for Wakulla County.)

SANTA ROSA COUNTY

Officers Ramos and Ates were on night patrol and observed two subjects giggering and attempting to take flounder. The vessel they were using did not display required navigational lights. The officers conducted a boating safety and resource inspection and asked the subjects if they had any fish. One of the subjects replied they had a flounder and took it from a small cooler and showed the officers, implying it was the only fish on board. Officer Ramos continued investigating and discovered the subjects were also in possession of a red drum they had giggered, which is an illegal method of harvest

for this species. Officer Ates issued the subject a notice to appear for the violations.

Cases from the North Central Region:

DIXIE COUNTY

Officer Specialist Sheffield and Lt. Ward observed an airboat approaching a local boat ramp in Dixie County. Once the airboat was loaded onto a trailer, subjects began to move fish from the vessel to a cooler. A marine resource inspection was conducted, and it was determined the operator of the vessel was in possession of several undersized black drum and flounder. There were also multiple vessel safety and registration violations. Officer Specialist Sheffield issued the appropriate citations.

SUWANNEE COUNTY

Senior Officer Davenport initiated an investigation into possible title fraud on a vessel he had stopped for an inspection

on the Santa Fe River. After observing the vessel's hull identification number had been tampered with, the vessel was seized. In the following weeks, Officer Davenport conducted multiple interviews involving individuals from several different states. With the help of FWC Investigations, Officer Davenport was able to determine the subjects filed false information on Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles paperwork to obtain a homemade vessel title. The vessel's hull identification number was also tampered with to remove it from the vessel. Two felony charges and one misdemeanor charge were filed with the Suwannee County State Attorney's Office.

Officer Cline followed up on two individuals who were illegally camping on Suwannee River Water Management District lands. The individuals were initially issued warnings for multiple violations with the un-

derstanding that all litter was to be cleaned up. The officer checked multiple times over a span of two weeks to verify if the litter had been cleaned up. Officer Cline found a variety of litter, which exceeded 15 pounds, was left behind and he filed the appropriate charges.

TAYLOR COUNTY

Officer Rowe received a call regarding a missing subject. The only information the officer received was a 75-year-old male subject left at around 9 a.m. to go fishing. Officer Rowe and Lieutenant Loyed began a search and after looking for five hours, they found the subject just inside Dixie County on the edge of the Steinhatree River. The subject had a medical condition and slipped down the embankment and did not have the strength to get back to his vehicle. He was transported to a local hospital for severe dehydration and observation.

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Working with purpose – in honor of Labor Day



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

Your deadline for that report is one day closer than it was yesterday. Yikes! While desperately trying to put a dent

in the research project you should have started weeks ago, a co-worker walks past your office door.

You can practically hear him smiling.

Curious, you chase him down the hall. “Hey! How’s your part of the report coming along?”

“Handed it in this morning,” he answers with that noisy smile.

“This is the last time I wait until the last minute,” you mutter as you walk back to your office. And you mean it – every bit as much as you

meant it last month. And the month before that.

Does this scenario ring too true?

What happens in the time between, “I’ll start earlier” and “Yikes!”?

We begin with good intentions. We say, “I’ll get to it first thing in the morning.” Then the whole day passes with no progress. Whether we mismanage our time or feel the project is too intimidating, another week goes by, and we’ve nothing to show for it – except more anxiety.

Discouragement and fear play a big part in this. When I go through a dry spell at work (not closing enough sales), I busy myself with other tasks rather than getting back on the phone. And when I hit a wall writing my screenplay because the project seems so daunting, I avoid my laptop.

What would happen the next time we fail to follow through on a task, if we stopped focusing on the project and started focusing on the One we ultimate-

ly serve? Look at Colossians 3:23 (ESV): “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.”

Would doing our tasks out of devotion to our heavenly Father change the way we approached our work? Not to mention the outcome of the project itself? What if we commit to begin working on our projects in a more timely manner and seeing it through to the end – all the while, asking God to equip us for the tasks?

In honor of Labor Day,

consider this thought: Whether or not we’re ahead of a deadline or right on top of it, if we work as unto the Lord, it’ll be less stressful. It may even provoke a smile in us. I suspect God will be smiling too.

I love hearing God smile. Don’t you?

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Shelter from the storm



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

Hurricane preparedness has been grilled into my being for as long as I can remember. Mom would prepare the inside of our home while Dad cared for the outside. Loose items were moved into the storage shed or secured by being anchored down. Before the discovery of bottled water, sinks, bathtubs, and an abundance of saved milk jugs would be filled

to their brim. Batteries were refreshed in the transistor radio while candles were placed in a central location. Finally, our board games were gathered for family entertainment.

Somehow, I always felt safe in the storms; our parents were there to protect us. Conversely, when Hurricane Dora overwhelmed our region, we were sent fleeing in the middle of the night for shelter in the sanctuary of our church. I recall being carried through the howling winds as the rain poured upon us. I remember snuggling beneath a warm blanket with my head on Mom’s lap as her sweet voice sang me into a peaceful sleep.

Looking back, I real-

ize the danger the storm imposed. As the winds and rains moved across the region, our town suffered much damage, as did many others. Maybe it was the naïve mind of a child, but I do not recall experiencing any fear during that time. I remember the safety and the strength of Daddy’s arms carrying me through the night. I remember the comfort of Mama’s love and care for us. I can still hear her voice singing through the night, but for the life of me, I cannot hear the sound of the winds raging outside our sanctuary.

So, it is with the Father’s love. His greatest joy is being with His children. Scripture teaches us of a Heavenly Father

who is like a mighty warrior living among us. He is God, our protector, carrying us through life’s difficulties. His love is strong enough to calm our fears as He rejoices over us with singing (Zephaniah 3:17). His voice is harmonious as it echoes throughout the sanctuary, quieting our spirit with His eternal love.

The Scripture teaches us that we do not wrestle against the things of this world but against the powers of darkness in heavenly realms (Ephesians 6:12). Our battles are often against fear, grief, anger, and the lies of the enemy. Sometimes, our most arduous struggle is watching the pain of a loved one as they struggle. However,

these fiery darts of the adversary are quenched when we reach for the shield of faith (Ephesians 6:16).

There is a surreal knowledge in knowing our faith brings us to the presence of God’s protection. The Psalmist writes about those who seek refuge beneath the shadow of the Father’s wings. Poetic? Maybe, nonetheless, He is our hiding place; His promised faithfulness is our armor against the terrors of the night and this world’s brokenness (Psalm 91). God will fight the battle for His children if we trust in Him (Exodus 14:14).

As children, we gave our care to our parents because they understood the storm’s strength. As

children of God, we yield our care to Him, for only God understands the force of the enemy raging against us. Our best preparedness is seeking the Father through His word, speaking to Him in prayer, and allowing Him to be the Lord of our lives. In doing so, we will find the safety of His sanctuary and shelter from the storm.

Psalm 121:7-8 The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

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

OUT TO PASTOR

What’s so bad about a knucklehead?



By **JAMES SNYDER**

As I got older, the least little thing brought back memories from a lifetime ago. From some of the memories, I must have had an incredible boyhood. Too bad I can’t live it again. I might improve those memories. Who knows.

For some reason, I remembered the word “knucklehead.” I’m not sure if it’s still being used today, but it was back when I was young.

One memory I have is my mother saying, “Are you acting like a knucklehead or what?”

I was surprised that my mother noticed my thespian skills. I’m anxious to appear on Broadway soon.

One time, I asked her what a knucklehead was. She stared at me as usual and said, “Go into the bathroom and look in the mirror.”

I was afraid to do

that because I did not understand what she meant and was fearful of what I might find.

My mother and father often would say, “Would you stop acting like a knucklehead?”

Not knowing what they meant and not knowing what a knucklehead was, how can I stop what I don’t know I’ve started?

At the time, I thought my parents were making this up. I thought it was their way of manipulating me to do what they wanted. After all, isn’t that what parents are supposed to do? It was working with me.

When they started calling me this, I had some negative feelings. But the more they called me this, the happier I became. What’s so bad about being a knucklehead?

I learned quite a lot about being a knucklehead when I was young, which has enabled me to have more fun than I did then. I don’t think being a knucklehead is that bad. There are some good aspects to it.

Watching the news and seeing what’s happening in our country today, being a knucklehead would be sever-

al steps up the ladder of sanity.

Most politicians today do not rise to the level of being a knucklehead. And I’m unanimous in this. A knucklehead would sure be an improvement.

I don’t remember what I was doing the other day because my day was all over the place, and nothing seemed to work. No matter what I did, the more my day fell apart. I was about to retire for the day and call it quits when The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage approached and said, “Are you acting like your mama’s knucklehead?”

That incident reminded me of all those things about being a knucklehead. Somebody needs to write a book on acting like a knucklehead. It must take a lot of skill and talent to “act” like a knucklehead.

I am surprised The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage saw all those thespian skills in me that my parents did. It’s not that I’ve been trying to keep it a secret; I didn’t think she was noticing.

How can you get through life the way it is today if you don’t

have some level of knucklehead-itis?

I had a few days to think about this and concluded that acting like a knucklehead does great good in a person’s life. For example, if somebody thinks I’m “acting like a knucklehead,” they don’t think I’m as bad as I am. After all, it is just an act. Right?

I was out for lunch the other day, and looking at my menu, I couldn’t think of what I wanted. Usually, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage does the choosing. Everything looked great, but I wasn’t hungry and needed to decide what to order.

The waitress asked if she could help me and what she could get me for lunch. I just stared at her.

Looking at me in confusion, she asked, “Is there anything I can do to help?”

“No,” I said, looking back at my menu, “I’m

just having a knucklehead spasm.”

“I don’t know what that is. Do you have them often?”

Looking back at her with a smile, I replied, “Only when I’m awake.”

At the time, she didn’t know if I was joking or falling off my rocker. That is the best way I found to keep a person who’s serving you at attention. Most people seem to be afraid of knuckleheads.

It seemed like I was getting away with it for a while, and then The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came. She asked if I could go with her to the shopping mall.

I responded, “I can’t right now because I’m acting like a knucklehead and I need the time.”

Then she sparked, “I don’t think you are acting right now.” That’s all she said. Believe me, I wasn’t sure how to take that.

She says I’m acting

like a knucklehead at one time, and then the next time, she tells me I’m not acting. Oh boy. If I wasn’t a knucklehead, I really wouldn’t be able to handle this.

As I thought about this, a Bible verse came to mind. Proverbs 3:5-7, “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.”

When I try to solve my problems my way, it never works out. Sooner or later, it falls apart. Learning to trust God in all things is the way to victory in all things.

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• **James Earl Musgrove**, 90, of Crawfordville, died August 27, 2023. Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel, 850-926-5919, www.familyfhc.com

• **James A. Rutter Jr.**, 80, of Carrabelle, died August 24, 2023.

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• **Patricia Wavine Wood**, 75, of Tallahassee, died August 19, 2023. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

BEREAVEMENT COLUMN

Facing grief at church



By **TRACY RENEE LEE**

Returning to gathered worship after losing a loved one can be daunting. The anticipation of face-to-face interactions may impose anxiety over anticipatory questions that cause discomfort and pain. Although everyone wants to see you back on your feet, the reality is that you probably feel as though you are suffering sea legs on dry land.

The familiar rhythms of life may now seem foreign to you. Conversations and time at work,

school, clubs, and even with friends and family have most likely become awkward and unwieldy. Core family commitments like church attendance also levy additional stress into your already drowning coping strategies.

Attendance and participation in activities that are unnecessary for survival become overwhelming and unwelcome. American culture is focused on happiness and popularity; it is anti-grief-based. The songs on our radios begin with tragedy and end in triumph in less than three minutes. We dress up for social engagements and hurry in and out with animated greetings and smiles as though we don't care in the world.

In church, we are presented with a pathway to heavenly happiness and quickly pass over

any pains suffered along the way. We concentrate on the glory of salvation and forget that the road to get there is paved with trials that inflict real and wretched pain. We focus on the healings and the healed rather than investigating and understanding the anguish suffered before these glorious blessings were realized.

Focusing on the prize is an excellent strategy if you are not called upon to bear true agony. If tragedy strikes you, a pre-plan for coping and recovery is a good strategy. Coping skills, support networks, and navigational abilities add up to better recoveries than just focusing on the end game of everything will be alright.

We may try to keep grief at arms' length, but we cannot keep it out of our lives indefinitely. Eventually, we will experience our frailties when significant loss knocks us straight on. At that moment, we seek Jesus like we never have before. The problem is that, most likely, he's at church with all of those well-wishers.

So how do we seek Jesus and avoid the intolerable pain of everyone wishing us well? The answers are reasonably straightforward. We seek him through knowing him before tragedy strikes. If we know Him and communicate with Him before tragedy hits us, we will recognize Him when we are wrought with pain.

Death often ushers in a faith crisis. My experiences with loss have taught me to lean into my faith rather than doubt or back away from it. Anger, anguish, and pain tempt me to lash out and pull away from Jesus, but I

have never found those actions to promote recovery. In my life, I have found that allowing the Good Shepherd to shepherd me back to a place where I can live again is my best recovery tactic.

Allowing others to minister to you during your recovery is a great blessing. Friends and family want to help even from a step away. When others ask if there is something they can do, invite them to pick up a few chores from your list of responsibilities; grocery shopping, laundry, yard work, washing the car, and meal preparation are a few tasks that are easily assigned and require little one-on-one contact. A simple thank you card thanks others for their services and allows you to feel their love without time together. It also helps you feel the

Savior's love through the care and kindness his followers show.

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: Fight continues over property law

By **RYAN DAILEY**
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE —Legal wrangling over a new Florida law that restricts people from China from owning property in the state continued this week, as attorneys representing four Chinese people and a real-estate brokerage launched an appeal of a federal judge's ruling.

The attorneys filed a notice that is a first step in asking the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to overturn a ruling by U.S. District Judge Allen Winsor, who rejected issuing a preliminary injunction against the law.

The plaintiffs contend the law violates equal-protection rights and the federal Fair Housing Act.

"Florida's law legitimizes and expands housing discrimination, in violation of both the Constitution and the Fair Housing Act," Ashley Gorski, a senior staff attorney at the American Civil Liberty Union's National Security Project and a lawyer for the plaintiffs, said after Winsor's Aug. 17 ruling.

The notice filed this week did not detail arguments the plaintiffs will make at the Atlanta-based appeals court.

The overall law (SB 264), approved by the Legislature and Gov. Ron DeSantis this spring, affects people from what Florida calls "foreign countries of concern." Those nations are China, Russia, Iran, North Korea, Cuba, Venezuela and Syria.

But the lawsuit focuses on part of the measure that specifically puts restrictions on people from China who are not U.S. citizens or permanent U.S. residents. That part of the law prohibits people "domiciled" in China from purchasing property in Florida, with some exceptions. Such people each would be allowed to purchase one residential property up to two

acres if the property is not within five miles of a military base and they have non-tourist visas.

In denying an injunction, Winsor wrote that the plaintiffs had not "shown a substantial likelihood of success" on the issues in the case. The judge, an appointee of former president Donald Trump, cited U.S. Supreme Court precedents that he said "held that states could deny aliens ownership interests in land within their respective borders absent an arbitrary or unreasonable basis."

Winsor also wrote that the law is "facially neutral as to race and national origin."

"It would apply to a person of Chinese descent domiciled in China the same way it would apply to a person not of Chinese descent domiciled in China. And its application would never turn on a person's race," the judge's order said.

But during a July hearing, Gorski told Winsor the state has relied on "pernicious stereotypes" to conflate people from China with the Chinese government.

A LEVEL PAST 'LOCAL'

As a larger debate continues over attempts to remove or restrict access to books in schools, state education officials on Wednesday approved a rule that could help set the stage for special magistrates to hear disputes about issues such as parents' objections to school-library books.

Special magistrates could be administrative law judges or people appointed by the state education commissioner who have at least five years of administrative law experience.

Paul Burns, chancellor of the state Department of Education's Division of K-12 Schools, said during a meeting of the State Board of Education that the spe-

cial magistrate process would be used "if a dispute could not be resolved locally."

The rule includes laying out a process for parents to request a special magistrate "to determine whether a school district properly considered a parental objection" to materials in classrooms or school libraries.

To get a special magistrate involved, parents would have to fill out request forms and demonstrate that objections were first filed with their local school boards. Parents also would have to prove that "the school board has either ruled on the objection or has failed to timely process the objection" and describe how the district didn't properly establish or follow policies to resolve the objection.

Special magistrates would issue recommendations about "whether a parent has demonstrated that the school district has failed to create an adequate policy" or a district "has materially failed to follow that policy." The recommendations would go to the state education board.

State Board of Education Chairman Ben Gibson said disputes

over library and classroom materials should be solved at the local level.

"I think the point here with this rule is that we want these decisions to be made locally. We want these decisions to be made in consultation with the parents, the teachers, the superintendent and the school board," Gibson said before the rule was approved.

But critics described the rule as one-sided, favoring people who have requested that materials be removed from classrooms or libraries.

Amy Perwien, an opponent of the rule, said she is a parent of public-school students and that her "parental rights are being trampled by lone book objectors who may not even have children in our public schools."

"This law refers to a parent disagreeing with a school board's decision. However, the Department of Education has written a rule that only allows the book objector to file an appeal. The proposed rule skews the appeal process to those who have viewpoints based in ... limiting speech," Perwien

said.

The rule stems from a controversial new law (HB 1069), which, in part, expanded a prohibition on instruction about sexual orientation and gender identity in schools

RESTROOM RULE RATIFIED

The state education board this week also approved a separate rule that requires Florida public colleges to update policies on restrooms and changing rooms to have separate facilities "based on biological sex" at birth.

The rule, which applies to the 28 schools in the state college system, stems from a law (HB 1521) signed by DeSantis in May — which supporters dubbed the "Safety in Private Spaces Act" but LGBTQ-rights advocates labeled as discriminatory.

Under the rule, college restrooms and changing facilities will have to be "designated for exclusive use by males or females," or unisex restrooms or changing facilities will have to be available. The requirements will apply to "all facilities on

all campuses" including campus housing.

The measure calls for colleges to establish disciplinary procedures for administrators and instructional employees who violate the rule. The disciplinary actions could include verbal warnings, written reprimands, suspensions without pay and termination. The rule requires that a second violation "must result in a termination."

STORY OF THE WEEK: A battle about a new Florida law that restricts people from China from owning property in the state is headed to a federal appeals court.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "These threats of bathroom investigations, forced firing of personnel, and restrictions on dormitories in the Florida College System will only worsen the current culture of fear and intimidation against the transgender community." — former state Rep. Carlos Guillermo Smith, senior policy adviser for Equality Florida.

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USE THE NEWS

1. IN HOT WATER

Octopuses aren't social creatures—they don't usually live, swim, or hunt for food in groups. So scientists were surprised to find a group of thousands of octopus grouped together on the ocean floor off the coast of California. Researchers discovered the reason: a natural egg incubator. The octopus were gathered around the base of an extinct underwater volcano, which lets off heat and helps their eggs hatch faster. The octopus stand watch over their eggs, using their many legs to push away predators like snails and shrimp, until they hatch. The eggs in this location hatched after 21 months, much faster than the four or more years other deep-sea octopus eggs take to hatch. Write a short paragraph about why you think it would be better for octopus if their eggs hatched faster and if they were in a larger group when protecting their eggs.

2. SPOTLESS

A rare baby giraffe was born at a zoo in Limestone, Tennessee, recently. The young female was born without the spots typically seen on a giraffe, which help the animals blend into their surroundings in the wild. Research found only three giraffes reported to have been born without spots—the most recent in 1972. The zoo posted photos of the yet-unnamed baby giraffe with the hope of encouraging people to look into helping giraffes in the wild. Their numbers have dropped by around 30 percent in the last 30 years. Think about the way the zoo used the birth of this rare giraffe to turn attention to wildlife conservation on social media. Think of a cause you're passionate about and write down ideas of something in your own life that you could use to draw attention to your cause—things like using a birthday party theme or Halloween costume to spread awareness.

3. PARTY ANIMALS

The Republican debate last week marked the start of the activities leading up to the 2024 presidential election. With all the political talk, you may notice two symbols that pop up frequently: a donkey to represent the Democratic Party and an elephant to represent the Republican Party. Those sym-

bols have been used to symbolize America's political parties for longer than any of us have been alive—but why? The answer is an editorial cartoonist from the 1800s named Thomas Nast. In his highly detailed drawings for Harper's Weekly from 1862 to 1886, Nast often used animals to represent politics, pointing out its messiness and chaos. While he wasn't the first to use the donkey or elephant for the parties, his cartoons cemented them in Americans' minds. Looking up some of Nast's political cartoons here is

a good place to start. Pick one and see what symbols you can identify in it. Write a paragraph with your ideas about what Nast might be trying to convey.

4. MOON LANDING

India recently became the first country to successfully land a space craft near the south pole of the moon. It's only the fourth country to land on the moon and now the first to explore the area that has interested scientists, as they believe it may hold frozen water. It comes just days after Russia's lunar land-

er crashed attempting to land in the same region. Now, India's lander will conduct experiments and analysis of the moon's surface for the next two weeks. Write a paragraph about why you think it is important to know if there is water on the moon's surface and what that could mean for humans going to the moon in the future.

5. A DARING RESCUE

Eight people, including seven students, were rescued from a cable car that transports them ev-

eryday from their mountainside village in northwest Pakistan to a more populated area where they attend school. Two of the cables supporting the car snapped, leaving the group dangling for 12 hours while a military crew worked to rescue them by helicopter and zip line. Prior to the cable car, students had to walk for two or three hours down a mountainside, cross a river, and climb up the opposite mountain, then walk two more miles to reach their high school. With the cable car, the journey takes just ten minutes, and between

400 and 500 residents of the 30,000-person village use it to commute every day. Many of the cable cars built in rural Pakistan are privately owned and made from existing materials, rather than new construction and technology. Write down ways you can think of that transportation in rural Pakistan could be made safer for remote communities in the mountains. Do you think it would be better to improve and regulate existing cable cars or come up with a new solution entirely? Share your answers with your classmates.

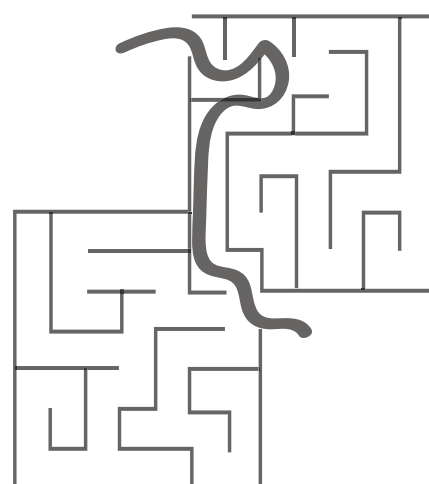
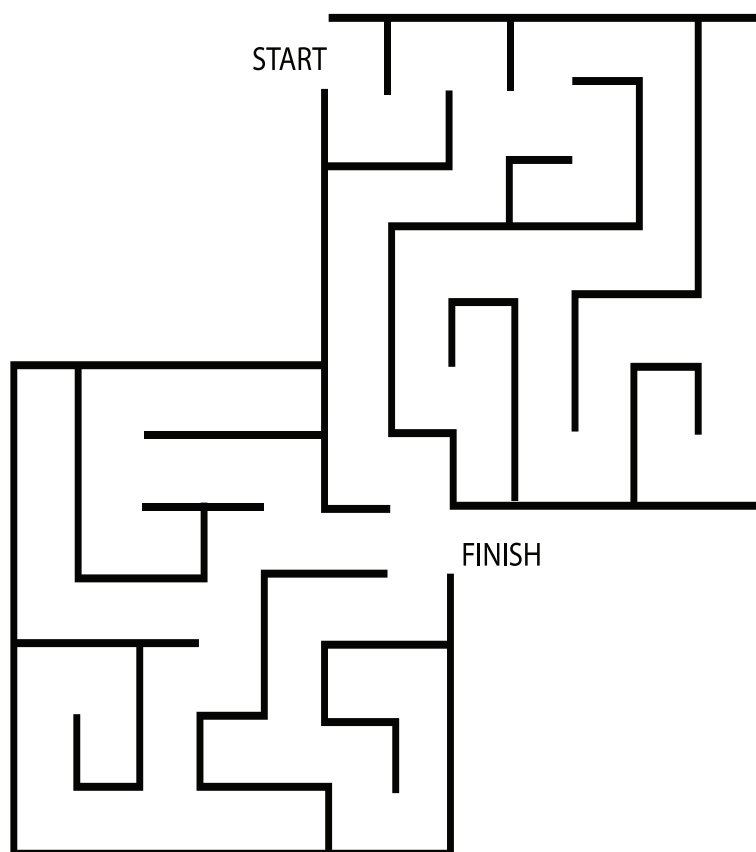


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Teacher 'pause'

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brought in to teach classes.

The president of the company that does the teacher exchange program watched Facebook video of the meeting posted by participants and told Pearce the company would not bring teachers to Wakulla out of concern about xenophobic comments made at the

meeting.

Pearce noted that Franklin County now has five exchange teachers, and speculated some of those teachers might have been designated for Wakulla prior to the company's withdrawal.

He noted that one teacher at the high school is simultaneously teaching two classrooms of students in math – 40 to 45 stu-

dents – bouncing between the two classrooms, and projecting her lessons on screens.

There are also some overcrowded classrooms – for example at Wakulla Middle School. Those teachers with significantly larger classes are receiving extra money.

The district faced a teacher shortage of about two dozen teachers before school started. Pearce said the number of open positions is somewhat

skewed – and he offered an example that there are currently eight substitute teachers in classrooms waiting for clearance from the state to be recognized as actual teachers.

And Pearce said it is not a hiring freeze, just a pause.

"After we see the final FTE in October and see what the budget looks like," he said that the school board could consider employee pay raises.

Master school board

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sessions concentrating on student achievement through the five pillars of the FSBA Governance Model: vision, accountability, policy, community leadership and relationships.

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These board-superintendent teams have shown their commitment to alignment of a shared vision to ensure the desired results for their district," commented FSBA Director of Leadership Services, Tina Pinkoson.

The Master Board Distinction is one of several leadership development programs

offered by the Florida School Boards Association to ensure board members obtain a well-rounded and thorough understanding of his or her policy-making job responsibilities.

More information about all FSBA leadership development offerings and recipients can be found on their website, FSBA.org.

Gas station issue

From Front Page

store with fuel sales at the intersection of Wakulla Arran and Cajer Posey roads.

After county commissioners voted unanimously in support of Hess' motion, Commission Chair Ralph Thomas announced that things are moving forward with Florida Forever purchasing the Southwest Georgia Oil Company land. He said that the local legislative delegation – Rep. Jason Shoaf, R-Port St. Joe,

and Sen. Corey Simon, R-Tallahassee – are involved.

"This might end up being a win-win for everybody," Thomas said.

Prior to Hess' motion, Commissioner Fred Nichols was making the case for a workshop with the state officials from the Department of Environmental Protection and Northwest Florida Water Management District. Nichols said he wanted DEP and NWFWM to tell the county what steps they can take to regulate gas

station locations – since county officials were told that the proposed ordinance that included regulations on fuel storage tanks was preempted by DEP regulations. (DEP told county officials that they would have to take on fuel tank inspections for 2 years and then could seek more stringent regulation of fuel tanks. County commissioners rejected that offer.)

Nichols made a motion to hold a workshop indicating he was frustrated with the work county staff had spent on a past ordinance – only to be told by

the state that it was a pre-emption. He said he wanted to sit down with state officials and figure out what could be done.

Commissioner Mike Kemp was in agreement that such a workshop was needed.

County staff was skeptical that state officials would attend such a meeting. Instead, they suggested an informational hearing to have state officials discuss what their agencies do.

Commissioners indicated they liked that idea and gave staff direction to work to set up such a hearing.

Wakulla beats Chiles, 21-17

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To start the 4th quarter, Wakulla faces 4th and inches at Chiles 33, and Kless picks it up on a quarterback sneak. War Eagle drive finishes with pass from Klees to Samron Brinson in the back of the end zone. Wakulla back on top of Chiles 21-17.

The Timberwolves try to start a drive as time is running out – it ends when War Eagle Devontae Roberts intercepts a pass with 1:27 left that sealed a Wakulla victory.

War Eagles go into victory formation and run out the clock.

Final: Wakulla 21, Chiles 17.

UP NEXT: THE BALBOA BUCCANEERS FROM SAN FRANCISCO

The War Eagles travel to Kissimmee on Thursday to the Austin-Tindall Sports Complex to play Balboa High School from San Francisco.

State champs in California two years ago, the Balboa Buccaneers are big, says Coach Klees. The front line averages 6'3" and 300 pounds. "That's average," he says.

He anticipates the Buccaneers will try to use their size and come right at the War Eagles – and the War Eagles are going to have to use their speed.

But this is Balboa's first game of the season so Wakulla's coaches don't have film on the Buccaneers.

"So it's gonna be basic defense and offense until we can figure out" what they're doing, Klees said.

Klees noted a few players got banged up against Chiles – "hopefully nothing too serious," he says. And he's anxious to get some players back who have been out, including lineman Kane Tucker.

Of the trip, Klees says he's excited to get on the road and go to Central Florida. After the game, coaches and players plan to visit a water park on Friday and have some fun.

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Officials gather to celebrate Sopchoppy's designation as a trail town.

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The Florida Department of Environmental Protection recently welcomed the City of Sopchoppy as a newly designated Florida Trail Town. The designation became official on Aug. 22 at a meeting of the Florida Greenways and Trails Council in Mount Dora

A Trail Town is a community located along or in proximity to one or more long-distance non-motorized recreational trails. It is defined by the Office of Greenways and Trails as a vibrant destination where people come together. It is a place where trail users can venture off hiking, biking, equestrian, or paddling trails to enjoy the amenities and unique heritage of the community, benefiting

the town economically and socially.

"I want to give a special thanks to Dr. Liz Carter for her immeasurable effort and energy in pursuing this designation for the City of Sopchoppy. We are proud to be the smallest city to have received this designation from the Florida Greenways and Trails Council. Sopchoppy is positioned strategically within the county for residents and visitors to benefit from the miles of cycling, hiking, and paddling trails," said Lara Edwards, Mayor of Sopchoppy.

To recognize Florida's Trail Towns, DEP's Office of Greenways and Trails works with interested communities on self-assessments to gauge their strengths and weaknesses in relation to their trail systems

and amenities. Once an application is completed, town candidates are considered for approval by the legislatively established Florida Greenways and Trails Council. Designated Trail Towns are featured on the Office of Greenways and Trails website and receive plaque signage that can be placed at trailheads and town gateways.

"Wakulla County has an amazing variety of trails, with Sopchoppy being the hub for them all," said Dr. Elizabeth "Liz" Carter, President of Friends of the Sopchoppy River, "From Sopchoppy, folks can connect to literally hundreds of miles of hiking, biking, and paddling trails, and we are looking forward to sharing our community with even more trail users."

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Next Game:

Thursday, August 31 at 7 p.m.

Wakulla War Eagles travel to Kissimmee to take on the Balboa Buccaneers from San Francisco



War Eagles beat Chiles, 21-17

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

“It was a great high school football game,” said Wakulla Head Coach Scott Klees of his War Eagles 21-17 win over the Chiles Timberwolves on Friday night.

“We didn’t play our absolute best,” he acknowledges. “But when you don’t play your best and still win, there’s a lot of room to go and get better as a football team.”

The War Eagles didn’t have a lot of success with their running game, for example. And Klees said his team has struggled with the center position – snaps have been a problem, especially in shotgun.

“It’s a good thing our quarterback plays shortstop on the baseball team,” Klees joked, noting that QB Haden Klees, coach’s son, was scooping up balls from all over.

One positive takeaway from the game was the confidence the War Eagles showed as a team when they were trailing late. “They didn’t flinch at all,” Klees said. “They went back to work and had a drive to take back the lead.”

Klees attributed the attitude to having a “senior-led team.”

QB Klees went 16 of 22 passing for 218 yards and 3 touchdowns. As an example of the muted running game, Klees

was the top rusher with 48 yards on 7 carries.

Receiver Samron Brinson had 7 catches for 96 yards and 2 touchdowns – including the game winner.

The defense was led by Devontae Roberts, who had 10 tackles, 3 assists and an interception that sealed the War Eagle win.

Jeremiah Thomas was also a big contributor: On defense he had 9 tackles and an interception; and on offense he had 3 receptions for 72 yards.

Kicker Luis Quintonilla was also praised by Coach Klees: “He made every extra point. And on kickoffs, he squibbed it – and when they started moving up, he kicked it deep.”

GAME RECAP

Chiles kicked off to Wakulla to start the game. And the War Eagles first drive was perfect: five plays, each for more than 10 yards, capped by a 30-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Haden Klees to receiver Samron Brinson. The drive took less than 2 minutes and Wakulla was up 7-0.

After exchanging punts, Chiles mounts a drive and gets inside the Wakulla 10. On a 3rd and goal inside the 5, Chiles QB sacked for a 3 yard loss. Timberwolves kick a field goal to cut the Wakulla lead to 7-3.



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Samron Brinson celebrates after catching a touchdown pass that put the War Eagles ahead over the Chiles Timberwolves.

Another Wakulla punt, then a Chiles fumble is recovered by Wakulla. Pass to Jeremiah Thomas then Samron Brinson. Third and 10 at 20. Offsides on Chiles makes it 3rd and 5. Klees runs for it. 1st and goal at 6. Third and goal from half-yard out. Pass to Delvon Zanders in the back of the end zone. Extra point makes it Wakulla 14 Chiles 3

with 9:54 remaining in the second quarter.

Chiles threatens again, but War Eagle Jeremiah Thomas intercepts a pass at the goal line returns it to the 23. Wakulla tries a fake punt on 4th and 10 but it comes up 5 yards short of a first down. Chiles ball at Wakulla

45. Chiles lines up for a 35-yard field goal - don’t think it was intended to be a fake, think the holder bobbled the hold and tries to run – he’s tackled for a loss with less than 2 minutes left in half. Score at halftime: 14-3. In the 3rd quarter, busted coverage by War Eagles on a pass play gets

a Chiles touchdown, and the Wakulla lead is cut to 14-10.

After a Wakulla punt is returned to the War Eagle 25, and Chiles takes advantage of the short field, driving into the red zone and then scoring on a run from the 4. It’s the Timberwolves first lead of the night: 17-14.

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FROM THE COACH

Scouting report: Balboa is big. Anticipate they’re going to use their size and come right at us.

Keys to victory: As always, no turnovers. Play physical. And spread it out to use team speed.

Last week: Great high school football game between Wakulla and Chiles to start the season. Showed up some shortcomings, like in running game, but also a lot of team confidence.



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Nehemiah Chandler tries to get to the outside after a catch.



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Jeremiah Thomas picks off a Chiles pass at the goal line.