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War Eagle Nehemiah Chandler runs after a catch. See Page 14

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Our 2nd Year 44th Issue
Thursday, November 2, 2023

\$307 MILLION ERROR

Overvaluation of lot on tax roll leaves Wakulla County with a \$2.4M hole in the budget, and schools with \$1.6M hole

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

Wakulla County Property Appraiser Ed Brimmer met with county and school officials on Monday, Oct. 23, to notify them of a huge error in the tax roll: a 50x100 foot vacant lot in Crawfordville had been mistakenly assessed at more than \$307 million.

The lot's actual taxable value is \$7,500.

Brimmer said he was devastated by the magnitude of the mistake. "Other than a death in

the family, I couldn't feel worse - I just feel terrible."

Both the Wakulla County government and Wakulla County School Board built budgets with \$4.1 million in taxes that the \$307 million value draws - and now Wakulla County has a \$2.4 million hole in its budget, and the school board has a \$1.6 million hole.

"Thank God we have reserves," said County Administrator David Edwards on Tuesday. His plan to deal with



Property Appraiser Ed Brimmer's office mistakenly valued a vacant lot at \$300 million. Its actual taxable value was \$7,500. The mistake was discovered by Tax Collector Lisa Craze when preparing to send out tax bills.



the error is to dip into the county's reserves for about \$1.2 million, to delay hiring any new

positions for at least six months, and potentially using money in the Revenue Stabilization

Fund - the fund created years ago to cover shortfalls in the old jail-bed program.

An emergency meeting on the county's audit committee was called for Friday, Oct. 27.

Superintendent of Schools Bobby Pearce said the district is entitled to state monies to cover most of the error. The district does have reserves as well.

But Pearce said the \$1.6 million shortfall would affect ongoing contract negotiations with the teacher's

union as the district's fund balance will not be what it budgeted.

The school board has an executive session scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 26 to discuss teacher negotiations and the error will be discussed at that meeting, Pearce said.

In letters to the county and school district, Brimmer attributes the mistake to human error by an employee in his office.

Apparently, the employee took the assessed value of the

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Commissioners to freeze new hires

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

County commissioners held an emergency meeting on Monday because of the \$2.4 million hole in their budget and decided to follow the recommendations of the county's audit committee to freeze new hiring.

The county audit committee - made up of constitutional officers - met Friday morning to discuss the situation and come up with recommendations.

On Friday, Wakulla Sheriff Jared Miller, who has asked for nine new positions this year including four new road deputies, made the motion for the hiring freeze even as he stressed it was temporary. Sheriff Miller said it may become necessary for him to come back to the county and say he needs those new positions immediately.

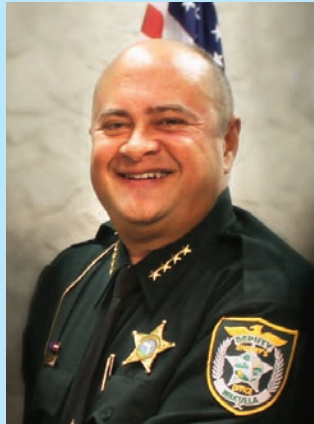
"I'm gonna help as much as I can," the sheriff told the group. "But I'm not gonna tell you we can do without the positions."

The county was also intending to add nine new firefighter positions this year. The 18 new jobs were, as County Commission Chair Ralph Thomas said at the meeting, an intention by the commission to focus on public safety this year.

Thomas stressed that public safety remains a priority for the board.

The audit committee will also begin meeting monthly starting in January to focus on financial issues related to the \$307 million overvaluation of a vacant lot on the county tax roll that led to shortfall in the county budget, and a \$1.6 million hole in the school board budget.

The nine hires at the sheriff's office were



Sheriff Jared Miller had planned to hire nine positions at the sheriff's office, including four road deputies. Those plans are now frozen, as well as the county's plan to hire nine new firefighters.

projected to cost some \$766,000 this year. The nine fire-rescue hires would be paid for from both MSBU levies and 47% from the general fund - which would about \$400,000 from the general fund. Those nine positions would cost a total of more than \$1.1 million.

Additionally, at the Monday county commission meeting, County Administrator David Edwards announced that there are eight new non-public safety positions that would not be filled, sav-

ing another \$564,000.

The total savings of the hiring freeze would be \$1.6 million, though that is still short of the \$700,000 needed to fill the hole.

And it is a recurring hole - not a one-time deficit - as the expenses are pay and benefits.

Constitutional officers including the sheriff, Clerk of Courts Greg James, Property Appraiser Ed Brimmer, Supervisor of Elections Joe Morgan and Tax Collector Lisa Craze attended the meeting

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Fatal car crash at Spring Creek and Highway 98

Man killed was Stephen Walker, a Jefferson County commissioner

Staff Report

A 59-year-old Monticello man, Stephen Walker, was killed Sunday afternoon in a car crash at the intersection of Spring Creek and Highway 98. Walker was a county commissioner in Jefferson County.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, just before 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29, Walker was driving west on Highway 98 in an SUV when a pickup truck driven by a 31-year-old Tallahassee man failed to stop at the stop sign and hit the SUV.

"Both drivers were transported to TMH where (Walker) was pronounced deceased," according to the FHP report.

Wakulla County Sheriff's Office and Wakulla Fire-Rescue also responded to the crash.

The Community Traffic Safety Team has pronounced the Spring Creek-Highway 98 intersection as the most dangerous intersection in Wakulla County. There was a fatal crash several months ago in which two women in a car were killed when another car failed to stop.

Charter Review has 5 proposals to put on ballot - maybe more

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

The county's Charter Review Committee met last week and came up with a few more recommendations for possible changes to the county Charter to be considered by voters next year.

One is for an amendment to the county charter the county commission to hold a study on impact fees every five years.

Another proposal is to require new development to preserve live oaks and longleaf pines larger than 6 inches in diameter, and other signature trees larger than 12 inches in diameter, unless located within the development footprint and no other reasonable configuration is possible.

The third is a limitation on RV parks to create a maximum density of 5 units per acre. Currently the Commercial Travel Trailer Park designation allows 10 per acre.

The meeting on Monday, Oct. 23, ended with the committee planning to hold a couple of public hearings on the proposals this month before the issues go on the ballot next year.

But committee chair Chris Russell received a request from a member to bring up two additional proposals and a final meeting has been set for Thursday, Nov. 2 at the community center at 6 p.m. Reportedly, the two items being brought

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LIBRARY'S ANNUAL STORY WALK



It's become the biggest community event in the county: the Wakulla County Public Library's annual Story Walk at Azalea Park. It's a trick-or-treat extravaganza that, last year, drew a crowd estimated at 8,000. This

year, with a newly renovated Hudson Park, it was even bigger. There were costumes, candy, stories, and more candy. More photos appear on Page 13. (Photo by Gerald Brown)

Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park Savannah Aster

By LYNN ARTZ, SANDY TEDDER
and DAVID RODDENBERRY



Savannah asters grow in wet pine savannahs in the panhandle.

Savannah asters (*Symphotrichum chapmanii*) are wetland wildflowers barely noticed until fall. Then large showy purple flowers appear atop thin stems 1-3 feet tall. The eye-catching flowers have thin, bright lavender petals around yellow centers. The colorful flowers are spaced widely on each plant. Savannah asters grow in wet pine savannahs in the panhandle of Florida and three counties in southern Alabama. In recent decades, their natural habitat has been drained for residential and agricultural use and their populations have declined. Savannah asters are now rare in both states with fewer than 100 occurrences remaining. Also called Chapman's aster and Savannah grass-leaf aster, this wildflower is not in commercial cultivation. Savannah asters grown from seeds collected in the wild are blooming now at the pond edge in Sopchoppy Depot Park.

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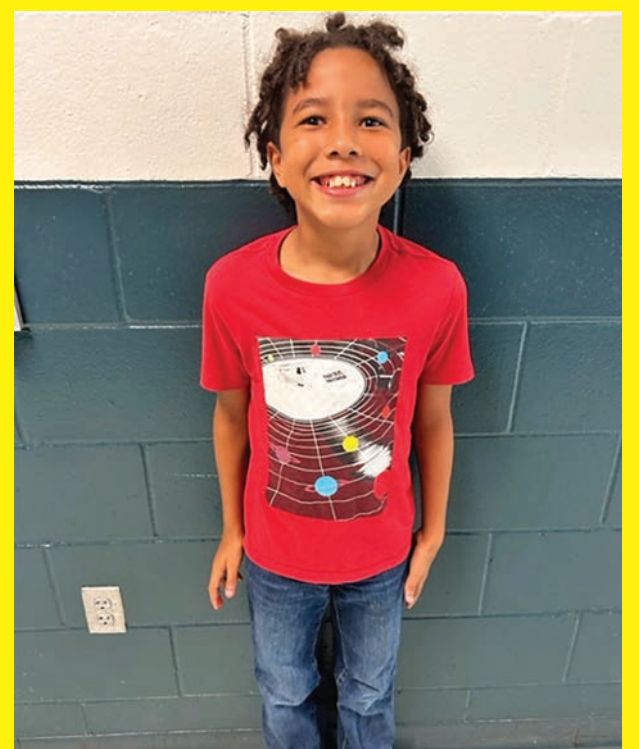
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Student of the Week

Josijah Lighter – Crawfordville Elementary School

Principal: Alena Crawford

Reason for nomination: Josijah is a dedicated and hard-working student. He actively participates in classroom discussions and activities. He is willing to work with his peers to problem solve and complete tasks. Josijah is a motivated learner and has a drive to learn more each day. He scored a perfect score on his end of the year FAST assessment in May and was recently recognized by the commissioner of education for this outstanding accomplishment.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK FEATURES A DIFFERENT SCHOOL EACH WEEK.

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Battle Ball XI Battle for Bennie is held

By **LINDA ANN McDONALD**
Correspondent

Battle14 hosted the Battleball XI event at the Wakulla County Recreational Park on Friday, Oct. 27 to raise funds for a child named Bennie Mott, who has been diagnosed with Medulloblastoma.

Medulloblastoma is a type of brain tumor that primarily affects children. It originates in the cerebellum, which is responsible for coordination and balance. Treatment typically involves surgery to remove the tumor, followed by radiation therapy and chemotherapy to target any remaining cancer cells. Early diagnosis and treatment are essential for the best outcomes.

Donny Bennett along with his best friend and co-founder Pete Sands, who both shared dark times and through salvation found Christ, created the nonprofit organization to B.A.T.T.L.E. - Believe, Accept, Testify, Together, Love, and Encourage.

Battleball XI is the first event Sands could physically attend and he said, "I am very excited to see what a vision was years ago come into fruition. Anytime you are

helping a cause, the people affected, the positive that comes from helping, it is great to see all the encouragement and to be able to plant the Word of God as seeds to those who attend the event."

Wayne Baker, who was explaining the rules of the game to the umpires of the event said, "This has been a great event since the first Battleball. Battle14 came up with a fundraiser that would bring the community together to help families as well as play a competitive, yet safe game of ball. We want to encourage the families being loved on and to keep battling." Baker also said, "We want to keep the fun entertaining and family friendly. After each competition, we meet together to tweak the good and the bad so we can make it more fun and more competitive."

The event sold out all fields at the Wakulla County Rec Park as well as all nine adult teams and six junior teams with 10 people on each team.

Being a family friendly event, Bennett announced at the game's introduction, "There is no smoking, no drinking and no vulgarity, there is now a deputy assigned here to enforce this, we



Rejects Adult Champs, above, and junior champs Wakulla Youth Baseball, below.



come here for a faith-based event, and we will keep it that way."

Bennett, founder of Battle 14 said, "It is really special to do a fundraiser for a young kid who does not know anything about the fundraiser - all he sees and all he knows is there is a big group of people who came out who love him and want to help him."

Boston butts and barbecue pork plates served

through a drive-thru fashion in the rec park's parking lot as well as a chance to win a shotgun was provided by Blackwater Septic's Casey Miller and his family and friends, along with cakes, raffles and different opportunities to raise funds was provided by many different Wakulla community members to help raise funds for the Mott family.

Prior to the start of

Battleball XI, the event was prayed over by Brother Kyle Johnson and the National Anthem was performed by River of Life's church

praise team member Jessica Sheffield.

DJ Butch volunteered to bring his DJ services and music by playing Christian based music throughout the event.

Brooklyn Mott, Bennie's mother said, "This is amazing, there are no words, it is so humbling coming to an event with true testimony, with the perfect timing and grace of God for our family. With the obstacles on top of the cancer, everything has lined up so perfectly it is amazing, God is good, all the time."

Battleball XI adult winners are the Rejects team with American Threads as runners up along with Wakulla Youth Baseball as the Jr Division champs with Coastal 28 as the runners up.

Anyone interested in Battleball, or interested in donating or becoming monthly partners can contact Donny Bennett at battle14all@gmail.com or call (850) 528-5019.

PUBLIC NOTICES:

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Charter Review Committee

From Front Page

forward by committee member David Damon are citizens right to clean drinking water, and something dealing with the Medart landfill.

At a previous meeting, the

Charter Review Committee voted to propose a public safety ordinance that would regulate interactions between citizens and motorists - basically intended to prohibit panhandling.

Another proposal would have the Charter Review Committee be

appointed to review the charter every six years, instead of eight.

All of the proposals will be the subject of public hearings on Nov. 14 and Nov. 28 at the community center and then presented to the county commission in December. The proposals will then appear on the ballot next year for voters to approve or reject.

County to freeze new hires

From Front Page

along with numerous county staff members.

The group, including County Administrator David Edwards, tried to look at all options and sources of revenue to cover the budget shortfall.

Some of those options looked at included:

- County reserves
- The anticipated \$1.7 million in fund balance (surplus) at the end of the year
- Possibility of using the county's \$30 million line of credit that it opened to pay for the numerous infrastructure projects that

require the county to pay before they can be reimbursed by state grants.

- Using the reserves of each constitutional office, which collectively total some \$4 million, although the county would have to pay it back.

- Another possibility is the unwinding of the lower millage that the county commission passed. Chairman Thomas said there is a method to do it, but added: "Politically, it's the last thing I want to do."

- Property Appraiser Brimmer vowed to cut \$100,000 from his budget, including by not filling a vacant position.

Tax Collector Craze noted that she had not sent out tax bills yet - she intended to do it Monday so that property owners had their tax bills on Nov. 1 and could take advantage of the 4% discount for early payment during the month.

If the tax bills were going to change, that would be an expense of several thousand dollars to reprint them, Craze said.

As the meeting concluded, Chairman Thomas stressed that "Wakulla County is not broke. We have enough money to meet our obligations."

"Knowing what we know now," Clerk of Court James added, "we would not have recommended hiring 18 positions and reducing the millage rate."

\$307 million error on tax roll

From Front Page

land of \$7,500 and multiplied it by its \$41,000 value and came up an assessed value of \$307,500,000 for the small lot.

The error was not caught by Brimmer's office or by the state Department of Revenue when it approved the tax roll.

Wakulla County Tax Collector Lisa Craze caught the error on Monday while pulling samples of the tax roll before sending out tax bills.

Craze was immediately concerned about the \$4.1 million tax bill on a vacant lot. She noted that no entity in Wakulla County has a tax bill of more than \$1 million.

The most valuable property

in Wakulla County is the Publix Shopping Center at \$14 million; Walmart center is valued at \$7 million; and St. Marks Powder is valued at \$4 million.

Brimner acknowledged "serious ripple effects of this error." He vowed to make to make budget cuts within his office, including not filling a vacant position and not accepting a pay raise for himself, and no office travel for conferences.

"It's gonna be painful for the county," he said, "and we're gonna share the pain."

A retired U.S. Air Force officer, Brimmer recounted that when there was an airplane crash, no one was crucified for the error so that everyone felt free to come forward with the

truth. "If there's a lesson to be learned, we want to learn it," he said.

After an initial interview at the Sun office, Brimmer called back later and added that the person responsible for the error is being suspended without pay for a period of time and is being removed from supervisory responsibilities.

Brimner also announced that he would cut his office's budget by 10% reiterating that an open position in the office would not be filled.

A new software system is being installed in the property appraiser's office and Brimmer said his first question when the office begins training on Monday will be how to set up a tripwire to prevent something like this from ever happening again.

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Proposals are requested from Pre-Qualified Construction Managers by H2Engineering, Inc. on behalf of Wakulla County School Board:

WCSB PROPOSAL NO.: 22/23-04
PROJECT NAME: SHADEVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HVAC RENOVATIONS AND UPGRADES
PROPOSAL DUE DATE: Wednesday, November 29, 2023
TIME: 2:00 P.M.

A Pre-Request for Qualification Meeting will be held on November 14, 2023 at 2:00p.m. at 69 Arran Rd, Crawfordville, FL 32327, in the School Board Room. All firms or their representatives are encouraged to be in attendance. The Pre-Request for Qualification date is subject to change.

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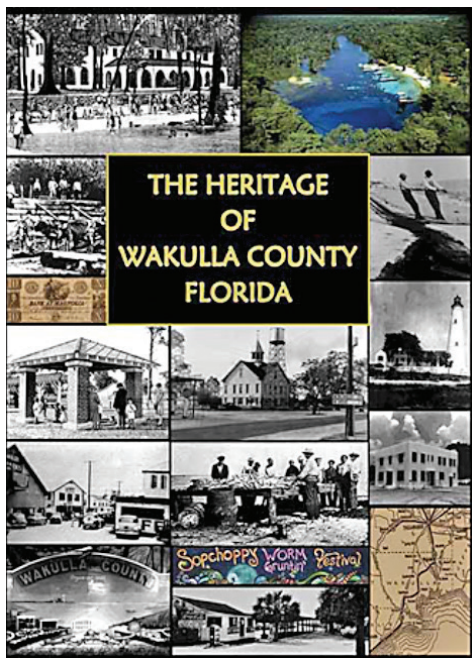
Editor, The Sun:

Dear WCHS Supporters,

After over a year of work re-producing the text and black and white photos in the originally published 2009 book, The Heritage of Wakulla County, by the Wakulla County Historical Society, we are pleased to announce that we are taking pre-orders of the 2023 edition of the book.

In early 2022, the WCHS Board of Directors voted to re-publish the content of the 2009 book, which has not been available for purchase for several years and only reference copies remain at the WCHS Old Jail Museum. The 2023 book will have a collage cover of color, black and white and sepia photos of communities, industries, buildings, and interests unique to Wakulla County, as shown below, but with the same black and white photos and text on the interior pages.

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pected to be available for Christmas and Holiday shopping.

The price of the 2023 edition is \$50, plus tax and shipping, if applicable, (\$10 less than the 2009 book price). Books will be available for purchase at the Old Jail Museum, 24 High Drive, Crawfordville; at the Dec. 2nd WCHS Open House and at festivals in which WCHS participates.

Sincerely,

WCHS Board of Directors

School board member responds to story

Editor, The Sun:

Re: “School board members says budget didn’t pass,” front page, Oct. 26 issue:

Today I was surprised, and to be honest, a little affronted at the perception of the board meeting as reported by Bill Snowden, of the Wakulla Sun. During the October board meeting, I expressed my concern about the minutes of our September 11th Final Budget Hearing. During the Final Budget Hearing, I felt when the chair “considered a motion for levies as presented in the second resolution,” as a board member, I was voting on the levies as presented in the second resolution, not the final budget.

The newspaper reports that I did not listen to the recording of the hearing, and was speaking “my truth” and feelings in regard to the meeting. This is a misinterpretation of information. I have yet to listen to the “official” recording because I have audio and visual recordings of the Final Budget Hearing. Although my video isn’t “official” it showed me all I needed to know.

I have compared our Final Bud-

get Hearing to that of Leon County’s September 7th meeting; the wording of their meeting compared to ours. I did this because our attorney (on consult) is the attorney present for ALL of LCSB’s meetings. Opal (our attorney) will be advising the board in our upcoming meeting to help clarify my concern. It was also under her advice that I was obligated to inform my fellow board members of my concerns, which is what started this whole process to begin with.

This isn’t about being right or wrong. This isn’t about whether or not the budget “would” have been approved. This is about having the opportunity to ask questions. This is about being open, honest and transparent with the community about how I felt as a board member when voting on an item. It is about being able to air frustration about the lack communication of the budget to the board. It is about not being able to answer my constituent’s questions when they ask where their tax dollars are being spent. It is about the ability to speak up and speak out!

Laura Lawhon

Wakulla County School Board

On the Horizon

Calendar of events for the week of Nov. 2nd

Thursday, November 2

- The Wakulla County Charter Review Commission will hold a public meeting at 6 p.m. in the Sopchoppy room of the Wakulla County community center
- Wakulla Community Theater’s Grease opens at 7 p.m. at the Historic Sopchoppy Auditorium. Tickets are on sale now at McIver’s Flooring.
- The Wakulla County Tourist Development Council meets at 2 p.m. in the Wakulla County Community Center.
- 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.
- Yoga with Nellie, Yin yoga at 9:30 a.m. and 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, November 3

- Communities of Apalachee Bay, inc. is holding their “Beach Jam” event at Shell Point. Food trucks will open at 5:15 p.m. and music will start at 6:45 p.m.
- Wakulla Community Theater’s Grease shows at 7 p.m. at the Historic Sopchoppy Auditorium, Tickets are on sale at McIver’s Flooring.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 8 p.m. every Friday at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

Saturday, November 4

- Wakulla Community Theater’s Grease shows at 7 p.m. at the Historic Sopchoppy Auditorium, Tickets are on sale at McIver’s Flooring.
- The Panacea Community Garden Farmer’s Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Downtown Panacea.
- The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group will meet at the Wakulla County Public Library at 10 a.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at

6:30 p.m. at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

Sunday, November 5

- Wakulla Community Theater’s Grease shows at 2:30 p.m. at the Historic Sopchoppy Auditorium, Tickets are on sale at McIver’s Flooring.

Monday, November 6

- The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners meets at 5 p.m. in the commission chambers.
- 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.
- Yoga with Nellie, Restorative yoga at 9:30 a.m. and 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 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

Tuesday, November 7

- 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.
- Yoga with Nellie, Restorative yoga at 9:30 a.m. and 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.

Wednesday, November 8

- The Wakulla county Code Enforcement board will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the county commission chamber
- Gentle Yoga and Stretching 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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– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Polled at St. Marks Brew Fest Crafts & Drafts:

What is your favorite Beer?



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Wakulla Station News

By **VERNA BROCK**

By the time you read this, Halloween will have come and gone, along with All Saints Day. I hope children of all ages have/had a great evening of trick or treating in the personas of their choice. I remember the costumes of my own childhood 50-plus years ago. There was something unforgettable about the plastic masks that barely held together to the end of the festivities. They were swelteringly hot, with peep-holes that never actually lined up with actual eye sockets. But every kid in the neighborhood spent weeks planning what costume they would wear, discussing all the pros and cons of being Batman, Wonder Woman, Superman or

Deputy Dawg.

Sometimes we would find ourselves creating our own costumes... hobos, clowns, pioneers, ghosts and witches, cowboys and cowgirls...anything we could cobble together when parents ran out of time or money. I once wore an old blue pillowcase, cut up to resemble Wilma Flintstones' ensemble, in the second grade. I made a pretty convincing Wilma, I must say!

Honestly, I really don't think times have changed all that much. Who doesn't look forward to dressing up as someone entirely different and racing through the neighborhood laughing and demanding treats? As a parent, and now as a grandparent, it still seems like an innocent celebration of childhood joy. I hope everyone

got to share in the excitement this year.

I had the privilege of visiting the St. Marks Lighthouse last Friday, with Sue Austin and her mother, Mary Jane Thornton. We spent a couple of hours enjoying the peace and quiet of the refuge, looking for scarce Monarch butterflies. We probably spotted less than 20, as well as some skippers and a gorgeous Osprey perched in a pine tree near the lighthouse.

Finding ourselves in need of sustenance and refreshment, we repaired to the Riverside Cafe. The food was fresh and hot, the Coca-Colas quenched our thirst, and we got to see our old friend (and proprietor), Stan West. The ever-present, always clever grackles took advantage of every crumb and morsel left behind, snatching stray French fries left unattended for even a moment. Their

bright black eyes seemed to shine with intelligence, and I swear you could see the wheels turning.

Following lunch we took a tour of the Old Fort Museum and the little town, and marvelled at how St. Marks has grown. I encourage the reader to visit, if you haven't been there in a while.

Try to catch a performance of "Grease" if you get a chance. It looks like it's going to be an outstanding show, and I can't wait to see it!

As always, your prayers are coveted for those who are suffering loss, illness, violence, and disaster. There seems to be a never ending supply of these things, but there are also many things for which we can be grateful. The beauty of God's creation, the love of friends and family, and so many simple pleasures at our fingertips everyday.

Buckhorn News

By **ETHEL SKIPPER**

Words of the Lord: He said I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. (Jeremiah 31:1) The Lord saith, the people which were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest. The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee. Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt

again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry.

Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock. (Jeremiah 31:10) They shall come with weeping and with supplications will I lead them. I will lead them and cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, they shall not stumble. For I am a Father to Israel and Ephraim is my firstborn. The restoration of Israel is a

time of joy. Faith is always the main ingredient of any aspect of living out our relationship with God. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

We want to give a thank you to all that showed their loving kindness during our 35 years of pastoring.

Tallahassee's No. 1 Church of Christ Written in Heaven celebrated their Pastor Elder Lucille Brown with an appreciation on Sunday, Oct. 22. Speaker was Dr. Pastor Elmira Davis.

The Fifth Sunday union meeting of the Church of Christ W.I.H. West Florida Diocese will be held at Shiloh

Church in Gretna. Host Pastor Elder A. Matthew.

Church of Christ Written in Heaven 84th Holy Convocation will be Nov. 7-12 in Waycross, Ga. Now is the time for registration.

Happy birthday to Mrs. B. Jefferson on Oct. 30; Roosevelt Ross, Nov. 11; Isaiah Hines, Nov. 5; Apryl Bailey, Nov. 10; David Andrews, Nov. 14; Sylvia Holmes, Nov. 16; Sanchez Rosier, Nov. 13. Enjoy your special day!

Let us remember the sick and shut-in, those in the hospital, nursing homes, prison, the homeless, all in need of prayer – let us pray for each other.

Sheriff's Report

This report is for activity Oct. 20-26:

FRIDAY, OCT. 20

• Robert Pilkington reported his personal information had been hacked. Pilkington stated his information had been used to open a Verizon account. Pilkington stated he never authorized this account and wished to pursue charges. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Austin Rivers investigated.

• A traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle for faulty equipment. The driver identified as Elizabeth Biggs was found to have synthetic marijuana in her possession and miscellaneous drug paraphernalia. Biggs was placed under arrest and transported to the jail. Deputy Todd Kent investigated.

SATURDAY, OCT. 21

• Brenda Sanders reported a residence on Dempsey Road being on fire. Upon arrival the structure was fully engulfed. Fire personnel extinguished the

blaze and the cause was determined to be from a faulty wire. The homeowner advised there was no insurance on the home. The Red Cross was contacted to offer assistance to the residents. Deputy James Cooper investigated.

• Kaitlyn Manning reported an unknown subject spray-painting a store's garbage can. Manning wished to file charges and signed an affidavit for prosecution. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation. Deputy Dakota Haddock investigated.

SUNDAY, OCT. 22

• Sgt. Eddie Webb responded to Susquehanna Trail in reference to Matthew Jenkins making threats. Upon arrival, Jenkins was located standing in the road gesturing at people to come fight him. As Sgt. Webb exited his vehicle, Matthew began to approach. The deputy gave him a verbal order to sit down and wait. Jenkins responded with "I'm not f***ing sitting down." Jenkins was given another chance to comply, he again refused. Jenkins was

eventually taken to the ground by Sgt. Webb and handcuffed. Contact was made with the victims who stated they were stopped on Spokane Trail talking when Jenkins sat down a liquor bottle and began to scream at them. Matthew told them he was going to "F***ing kill them and beat their ass." The victims left the scene to their residence down the road. Jenkins followed on his bike and stepped onto their property continuing the threats. One of the victims told Jenkins to leave and he continued to refuse and make threats. The victims got in their vehicles and fled to a friend's house down the street. Jenkins then began to argue with neighbors telling them to "come get some." Jenkins was arrested and charged with assault, disorderly contact, trespass after warning and resisting arrest.

TUESDAY, OCT. 24

• A Wakulla County employee reported damage to the fence and grass area at the Rec Park on Old Woodville Road in Wakulla County. The complainant advised this is an ongoing issue with juveniles coming to the park after hours and damaging things. Deputy Matt Hinson investigated.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25

• Deputy Heather Will conducted a traffic stop at Crawfordville Highway for a shattered windshield. The driver, James Mayo, did not possess a valid driver license. He was arrested and transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

• Deputy Todd Kent conducted a stop on an electric bicycle for no back or front light. Contact was made with the operator, Joanna Ross. During the stop Ross gave consent to search her backpack and methamphetamine was allegedly located inside the bag. Ross was transported to the jail without incident.

THURSDAY, OCT. 26

• A traffic stop was conducted on a trailer for no tag displayed. The driver, identified as Angel Ramirez, was discovered not have a valid driver's license. Ramirez was transported to jail without incident.

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HOME ON THE RANGE

Learning from a friend



By MARJ LAW

One of the most enjoyable and interesting perks to writing about different handguns and range experiences is that many people invite me to shoot their guns. I'm always fascinated by new guns and old ones too.

The other day, Greg shared with me his Beretta 3032 Tomcat Inox .32 ACP at the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range.

The Tomcat is tiny at 3.7 inches tall, 4.92 inches long and 1.1 inches wide. At 14.5 ounces, it's actually light, even though the slide is stainless steel and the frame is aluminum. For such a small gun, it seems solid and almost heavy for its size.

Greg knows that Joe and I help out newbies and mature people on Wednesday mornings. So one day, he brings his Tomcat to the range. He knows that a lot of range visitors are looking for guns that are easy to handle. Some are arthritic and have hand problems. This can make it difficult to rack the slide. Some find loading a gun to be frustrating. Many are looking for a handgun that is easy to use with a light trigger and low recoil.

So, this day Greg shows me the Tom-

cat. It is different than any gun I've shot. The major difference is in loading.

Usually, when you have a semi-automatic, you load the magazine and then you have to rack the slide. (This means that you pull the slide toward you, which in turn moves a round up from the magazine and into the chamber.) Unfortunately, the act of manipulating the slide can be difficult. On some guns, this can require a lot of hand and arm strength. A lot of people don't have the strength needed for their handguns.

The Tomcat, Greg demonstrates, has a barrel that tilts upward with the flip of a lever. Now, the barrel's rear side is in the air. To load a round, you just pop it into the barrel. Push the barrel back down, and you can shoot that round.

Loading the magazine into the Tomcat is remarkably easy too.

"You can load the mag with one hand," Greg says.

"How can you do that?" I wonder. "Your hands are a heck of a lot larger than mine."

Greg takes the filled magazine. Placing his fingers on the top of the Tomcat's slide, he pushes the mag in the grip with his thumb.

I'm not so sure that my hand is big enough to span the gun and load the magazine as well. However, it does work because the gun's height is so short that, yes, you can hold the gun and load it at the same time.

Now, in most semi-automatics, once the magazine is loaded into the grip it's time to rack the slide. The act of racking the slide moves a round into the



Baretta 3032 Tomcat
Inox .32 ACP

chamber. But, with the Tomcat, you don't rack the slide because you have already flipped up the barrel and poked a round in the chamber. This has negated the need to rack the slide, which makes the Tomcat easier to load than other handguns.

One of the first things a newbie will ask after "Is it hard to rack the slide?" is: "Does the gun have much recoil?" Even though this gun is very small, the stainless barrel and aluminum frame give it a heavier weight than most of the newer polymer guns. Weight and mass of a gun absorbs recoil, so the Tomcat has quite a soft recoil.

Next, we'll hear: "Is it hard to pull the trigger?"

The Tomcat is a hammer-fired gun. It can be shot in either double or single-action. In double action, the trigger has to both cock and then release the hammer. In single action, the

trigger just releases the hammer. So, if you cock the hammer first so the trigger doesn't have to, you'll find it much easier to pull the trigger. That's single action. However, if you don't first cock the hammer, you're making the trigger work harder. That's double action. And you'll pay for it in trigger pull. Double action in the Tomcat means a long and very stiff trigger pull.

So, the answer is: "Trigger pull is fairly easy in single action when you've cocked the hammer first. Trigger travel is short and the pull is quite light."

The Tomcat, therefore, is easy to load. It has low recoil. You don't have to rack a slide. Once you cock the hammer, trigger pull is light and short.

This small handgun is not a distance gun. If you can shoot the target in the first position at 7.5 yards, that's

pretty good. If Mr. Bad has broken into your house with evil intent, it's rare that he'll be any further away than the 7.5 yards. Who has a hallway longer than that?

The Tomcat is single-stacked and holds 7 rounds in its magazine, with 1 loaded in its barrel. You can find handguns that hold more, but they'll be larger and less concealable.

If you haven't cocked the hammer and therefore the gun can only be shot in double action, it's a safe gun to carry. It's highly unlikely that a gun with a 10 to 15-pound trigger could go off without serious intent. The long hard trigger pull is a safety feature in itself, and the Tomcat also has a manual safety on the frame.

The Tomcat's magazine release button is, for me, in an unusual spot. It's located in the lower part of the grip, close to the back of

the gun. When holding the Tomcat in my right hand, I'd probably dump the magazine by pushing the mag release button with my left thumb.

Besides being small, there isn't much on the Tomcat that will snag on anything in purse or pocket. However, guns are more stable and less likely to be fouled by purse or pocket debris if fitted properly in a holster.

The Tomcat's front sight is a slightly elevated rectangle, while the rear sight is a square with the top cut out. When you align the front and rear sights, you make a flat plane. When shooting, the bull's-eye should sit directly in the middle of this flat plane.

Yes, the sights can be difficult to see as they're all black and low. This is a close quarters defensive handgun. If you ever have to protect your life with it, you won't have time to aim: you'll just point and shoot. However, if you wish to create some muscle memory, you can take French white nail polish and highlight the sights to aid in practice.

You can always look up a gun on the internet, but holding it in your hands, loading it, and shooting it are entirely different than reading about it.

Thanks to our friend Greg, I had a great time learning about this tiny Tomcat at the WCSO range.

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



HONEYCOMB COWFISH
(*Acanthostracion polygonus*)

The scales of this fish fuse together to create an armor, and the two horns over its eyes. It feeds on marine invertebrates such as shrimp, sponges or tunicates. They live in shallow clear water reefs and grow up to 10" long. Little is known about their reproduction. Each male has two females in a polygamous family group. They are considered a delicacy in the Caribbean but they can cause ciguatera poisoning by eating and concentrating the toxins of dinoflagellates resulting in serious illness in humans.



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WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO



Retired Wakulla Springs State Park Ranger Bob Thompson, on his weekly wildlife survey at the park last week, snapped this photo of a red-shouldered hawk perched in a Spanish-moss draped tree.

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Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac Nov. 2 - Nov. 8

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

Best fishing days this month: November 13-27.

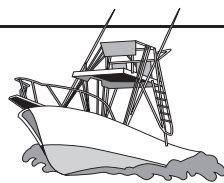
Day	St. Marks River Entrance	City of St. Marks	Shell Point, Spring Creek	Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay	St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.	Dog Island West End
Thursday 2	Th 4:13 am ▲ 3.7 ft, 12:05 pm ▼ 0.1 ft, 6:50 pm ▲ 2.7 ft, 11:10 pm ▼ 2.0 ft	Th 4:49 am ▲ 3.4 ft, 1:09 pm ▼ 0.1 ft, 7:26 pm ▲ 2.5 ft	Th 4:31 am ▲ 3.8 ft, 12:25 pm ▼ 0.0 ft, 7:03 pm ▲ 2.8 ft, 11:24 pm ▼ 2.0 ft	Th 4:05 am ▲ 2.7 ft, 12:16 pm ▼ 0.1 ft, 6:42 pm ▲ 2.0 ft, 11:21 pm ▼ 1.4 ft	Th 4:13 am ▲ 3.0 ft, 12:03 pm ▼ -0.2 ft, 7:17 pm ▲ 2.1 ft, 10:44 pm ▼ 1.9 ft	Th 4:22 am ▲ 2.7 ft, 12:17 pm ▼ -0.1 ft, 7:56 pm ▲ 1.9 ft, 10:23 pm ▼ 1.9 ft
Friday 3	Fr 4:48 am ▲ 3.4 ft, 1:02 pm ▼ 0.8 ft, 7:56 pm ▲ 2.5 ft, 11:58 pm ▼ 2.1 ft	Fr 12:14 am ▼ 1.8 ft, 5:24 am ▲ 3.2 ft, 2:06 pm ▼ 0.4 ft, 8:32 pm ▲ 2.3 ft	Fr 5:06 am ▲ 3.6 ft, 1:21 pm ▼ 0.3 ft, 8:05 pm ▲ 2.7 ft	Fr 4:40 am ▲ 2.6 ft, 1:13 pm ▼ 0.4 ft, 7:48 pm ▲ 1.9 ft	Fr 4:53 am ▲ 2.8 ft, 1:01 pm ▼ 1.1 ft, 8:36 pm ▲ 2.0 ft, 11:11 pm ▼ 1.9 ft	Fr 4:57 am ▲ 2.5 ft, 1:06 pm ▼ 0.1 ft
Saturday 4	Sa 5:32 am ▲ 3.1 ft, 2:14 pm ▼ 2.1 ft, 9:18 pm ▲ 2.5 ft	Sa 1:02 am ▼ 1.9 ft, 6:08 am ▲ 2.9 ft, 3:18 pm ▼ 0.7 ft, 9:54 pm ▲ 2.3 ft	Sa 12:13 am ▼ 2.1 ft, 5:49 am ▲ 3.3 ft, 2:28 pm ▼ 0.6 ft, 9:21 pm ▲ 2.6 ft	Sa 12:09 am ▼ 1.5 ft, 5:24 am ▲ 2.3 ft, 2:25 pm ▼ 0.6 ft, 9:10 pm ▲ 1.9 ft	Sa 5:43 am ▲ 2.6 ft, 2:12 pm ▼ 0.4 ft, 9:30 pm ▲ 2.0 ft, 11:45 pm ▼ 2.0 ft	Sa 5:37 am ▲ 2.3 ft, 2:03 pm ▼ 0.3 ft
Sunday 5	Su 12:19 am ▼ 2.1 ft, 5:41 am ▲ 2.8 ft, 2:34 pm ▼ 0.9 ft, 9:30 pm ▲ 2.6 ft	Su 1:23 am ▼ 1.9 ft, 6:17 am ▲ 2.6 ft, 3:38 pm ▼ 0.8 ft, 10:06 pm ▲ 2.4 ft	Su 12:31 am ▼ 2.2 ft, 5:57 am ▲ 2.9 ft, 2:41 pm ▼ 0.7 ft, 9:33 pm ▲ 2.7 ft	Su 12:30 am ▼ 1.5 ft, 5:33 am ▲ 2.1 ft, 2:45 pm ▼ 0.7 ft, 9:22 pm ▲ 1.9 ft	Su 6:02 am ▲ 2.3 ft, 2:33 pm ▼ 0.5 ft, 10:23 pm ▲ 2.1 ft	Su 5:24 am ▲ 2.1 ft, 2:21 pm ▼ 0.5 ft, 11:04 pm ▲ 1.9 ft
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Tuesday 7	Tu 3:51 am ▼ 1.6 ft, 9:59 am ▲ 2.7 ft, 4:33 pm ▼ 1.0 ft, 10:54 pm ▲ 2.9 ft	Tu 4:55 am ▼ 1.5 ft, 10:35 am ▲ 2.4 ft, 5:37 pm ▼ 0.9 ft, 11:30 pm ▲ 2.7 ft	Tu 4:05 am ▼ 2.0 ft, 10:09 am ▲ 2.7 ft, 4:41 pm ▼ 0.8 ft, 11:03 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	Tu 4:02 am ▼ 1.2 ft, 9:51 am ▲ 2.0 ft, 4:44 pm ▼ 0.7 ft, 10:46 pm ▲ 2.2 ft	Tu 4:40 am ▼ 1.4 ft, 9:57 am ▲ 2.1 ft, 4:39 pm ▼ 0.7 ft, 11:06 pm ▲ 2.3 ft	Tu 5:06 am ▼ 1.5 ft, 9:32 am ▲ 1.8 ft, 4:36 pm ▼ 0.8 ft, 11:13 pm ▲ 2.0 ft
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Best hunting and fishing based on solunar times. MAJOR feeding periods are 2 hours long, centered on the solunar time. MINOR feeding periods are only 1 hour long, again centered on the solunar time.



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



Many thanks to Norma Hill for the following article and images.

The Coast Guard made a big splash in Panama City on Friday with the christening and launch of its new offshore patrol cutter (OPC), the Argus.

Numerous guests and dignitaries were on hand to witness the huge vessel as it transitioned from sitting on land to floating in the bay. One of those guests included the sponsor of the ship, retired U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Captain Beverly Kelley. Captain Kelley became the first woman to command a Coast Guard vessel in 1979 with her command of the 95-foot patrol boat Cape Newagen.

The Argus will not only be making history with its 360-foot size and advanced technologies, but it is named for the historic Revenue Cutter Argus which began its service for the newly formed United States of America in 1791.

To witness this momentous event, attendees were both on shore and watched from their boats, jet skis, and even kayaks in the bay. USCG and USCG Auxiliary vessels, including members from Flotilla 12, were patrolling the perimeter to keep boaters at a safe distance. During this time, boaters who

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



Pre-launch, above, and the big splash!



were employees of Eastern Shipbuilding Group proudly stated, “I helped build that.”

The Argus definitely made a big splash with its entry into the water for the first time. The waves that followed pointed out why it was good to keep vessels at a distance for their safety.

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 pnkhil2000@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

The final ocean dive of 2023.

This last weekend I had my final ocean dive for scuba classes, not that I will not be doing anymore classes but the last dives in the ocean with classes.

We will be going to the various springs in North Florida for certifications. Saturday I took my class to Morrison Springs to do their underwater skills. The spring was crystal clear and cold (68 degrees). Fortunately everyone had at least a 3mm-5mm thick wetsuit on.

After the skills were completed we dove around the bowl in front of the cave entrance. When everyone was cold we got out for about a 30 minute surface interval and then we headed back into the water to complete the skills and swim around. When everyone was really cold we called it a day and headed home.

Sunday morning we met at the boat dock at 8 a.m. central time to board the Big Blue Boat for our ocean adventure for the next 5 hours. Our destination was the Dan Safety Barge, the maximum depth is 65 feet to the sandy bottom so it give me and my students a measure of safety knowing they cannot dive deeper than they are supposed to.

The visibility was 15-20 feet so it's been that pretty much all summer this year. The water temperature at the surface was about 72 degrees while the bottom temperature was 77 degrees. It made for an interesting wake-up call when you first stepped of the platform into the water.

Down on the barge there still were some big amberjacks and angel fish, plus thousands of small silver baitfish swimming around. It was time for the students to make their way back up the anchor chain so my dive master was escorting them up I remained on the wreck to find there where three tiny little lionfish hiding along the top edge of the barge.

I thought about killing them but they were so small that I just observed them and how they reacted when I would get close but not to close to them. The boat dive master/captain took some really nice video of them.

It was time to start my way to the surface and get back on the boat. When the captan got the anchor up and headed back to the dock was kind of sad for me because I will have to wait until May of 2024 before I go back into the ocean diving again, unless I decide to get a drysuit and then there will be no end of diving in the ocean.

Until then keep making bubbles.

Russell Miller #59999

FWC Law Enforcement Report

From FWC

This report represents some events the FWC handled Oct. 13-20 in the Northwest Region. (There were no cases reported for Wakulla County.)

BAY COUNTY

Officer N. Basford and Officer Gore were on patrol when they heard shooting coming from a field where dove

hunting takes place. They entered the area and conducted resource inspections on hunters. Two subjects were sitting together hunting. During the inspection, they were found to be in possession of eight doves over the bag limit. The individuals were issued citations..

OKALOOSA COUNTY

Officers Valdez and Burkhead were on patrol near Destin Harbor when they

observed a vessel docked with fishing gear on board. Officer Valdez conducted a resource inspection and located a juvenile blue marlin on board the vessel. Officer Valdez measured the blue marlin and found it was less than half the legal-size limit of 99 inches. Officer Valdez interviewed the subject who caught the blue marlin and found he did not report the blue marlin to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration as required for that species of billfish. Officer Valdez wrote the individual a notice to appear citation.

SANTA ROSA COUNTY

Officers Valdez and Burkhead received a complaint from an employee of Blackwater State Park regarding an individual who had been trespassed from all state park property. The officers located the individual walking through a parking lot on state park property. The officers placed the subject under arrest for trespass after warning and transported him to the Santa Rosa County Jail.

Washing dishes with a cheerful heart



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

Cleaning the kitchen, scrubbing toilets and mopping floors often feels like an interruption to my schedule. And my attitude while doing these chores often

shows, especially when I'm exhausted. One day, in the midst of a particularly grumpy time, God used an email to prick my conscience.

One of my blog visitors emailed me saying, "I'm setting a goal to consistently respond in a cheerful voice to my husband, even when I feel very tired."

Sheila's message challenged me.

What if I tweaked Sheila's goal and decided (with God's help) to be consistently cheerful while I did my household chores? Even when I'm very tired.

Would you like to join me in changing the way we respond to our spouse's requests or how we perform our responsibilities, including household tasks, weary or not?

Colossians 3:17 (ESV) says, "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." If we allowed this verse to motivate us, we could extend this thought to every relationship – including those at work, church and school.

This verse depicts the

attitude I want to emulate: to do everything with a thankful (cheerful) heart– as if I represented God Himself.

Imagine if we spoke every word and performed every task as if we were literally representing the ultimate Servant, Jesus Himself. I assure you, I'd really have to depend on God's presence within me to accomplish this – especially when I add the "giving thanks" part when I'm dog-tired.

Can you envision what this attitude could do for a marriage? For every relationship? Not

to mention how living out Colossians 3:17 would give us a higher perspective about our words and our tasks. Doing everything in Jesus' name would produce a cheerfulness that's real, not forced. It could even give us a little extra energy when we need it.

Think how practicing Colossians 3:17 could change our day. How representing Christ in all we do could change ... us.

I truly believe we experience satisfying joy and peace as we pursue a higher level of service.

Do you crave this kind of joy and peace? I sure do.

Each time we're tempted to grumble when we have to clean the kitchen at home, redo a project for our boss, scrub the toilets at church or head a committee at school, let's make it our goal to do it all with a grateful (and cheerful) heart, in Jesus' name.

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On a 'Son' day morning coming down



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

Maybe it is the innocence of my youth that recants the stoic pastors dressed in dark suits, white shirts, and black ties. I do not remember much about their sermons, but I remember hearing them read from the scripture. Whatever the message of that day, it was enough to bring me to the altar of salvation. (Thank you, Brother Clyatts).

Like the stoic preach-

ers, the men and young boys also wore a suit and tie. The boys would fidget with their neckties during services. The women wore dresses with pleats and matching high-heeled shoes, while the little girls wore dresses with matching lace socks.

"Sunday-Best" was the requirement for the day. It was the 1960s; the businesses were closed, the streets were rolled up, and everyone attended worship.

Sundays were also a day with the most incredible fried chicken ever tasted. Occasionally, Mom would prepare a basket of bologna sandwiches and grape Kool-Aid while Dad gathered the cane poles. Then, we would head out for an after-

noon of fishing from the edges of a dirt road. The Sabbath was set aside for church, family, and rest. In some way, fishing in those old creeks back home was the best kind of restfulness.

In the song "Sunday Mornin' Comin' Down," Kris Kristofferson sings, "There's something in a Sunday that makes a body feel alone." There may be some truth in his words. I miss the Sundays when the streets were barren; those days, we took the time to breathe, to exhale the work week. I miss the back of Daddy's pickup truck and Mama's fried chicken. The fried bologna sandwiches and old cane poles are a nostalgic part of my childhood. They are the bittersweet

memories that can make a body feel alone.

However, life events are only temporary. Conversely, the good gifts of life come from a God who is fixed and unchangeable. There is no variation in His purpose of grace (James 1:17). Alone, we are not strong enough to work through the losses, illnesses, and disappointments of this life. Regardless of what we want to believe, we are not that strong. We need a God whose grace is always sufficient. His strength carries us through our weakened moments (2 Corinthians 12:9). Often, we are carried to Him on the prayer of a believer.

Therefore, our faith has a purpose, that is, to love one another as

we are loved, to become a part of His family.

When Jesus was questioned about His family, He replied, "These who do the will of the Father are my family" (Matthew 12:50). We are not to abandon our gathering together, for in it we find encouragement to remain faithful (Hebrews 10:25). In our gathering we are never alone for we strengthen one another through our presence.

The choice of gathering becomes ours. We can allow excuses and old hurts to continue to pull us from a fellowship of faith, or we can rise above the noise of this world and return to our Father's house. There is a body of believers that need your faith and your talents.

Remember, every good gift is from God above; be that gift today; a body should never feel alone on a "Son" day morning coming down.

So then, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. So we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually members of one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together (Galatians 6:10, Romans 12:5, & 1 Corinthians 12).

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

OUT TO PASTOR

Do I need a new mask for Halloween?



By **JAMES SNYDER**

The older I get, the less patience I have for holidays. I certainly am not a holiday guru in any sense of the word.

When I was younger, my favorite holiday was Christmas because of all the presents I got. I could never get enough gifts for Christmas.

When I got older, got married and had children, I realized that somebody had to pay for those Christmas presents, and I was elected for the job. Holidays really cost a lot, and usually, it's the father that pays the bill.

I suppose my least favorite holiday is Halloween. I'm unsure who came up with this idea, and I don't have the time to research it and find out. If I knew its roots, I might like it less than I do today.

People dress up in scary costumes and go door-to-door collecting candy on Halloween. But what does candy have to do with it?

Today, a holiday is celebrated every month and sometimes every week. Who has the time to invent all of these holidays, and who has the time to celebrate them all?

Don't get me wrong, no holiday in the year upsets me, and I don't care how many holidays somebody else celebrates. I'm only concerned about celebrating my holiday.

Some people think their birthday is the best holiday of the year.

That was true for me for several years until I realized I was getting one year older every time I celebrated a birthday.

I wonder if I missed celebrating my birthday a year would I get any older? It's worth a try.

A year ago, I tried that and it worked out pretty well until, on my birthday, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage brought me a birthday card she made in her craft room and then

wished me a happy birthday. If she wishes me a happy birthday, it must be my birthday.

One of the things about birthdays is that the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage's birthday is two days after mine. Now I know why she makes me a birthday card: to remind me that her birthday is coming up.

I've been tempted to make her a birthday card, that just might end the matter because my craftsmanship crashed the day I was born.

Not only is her birthday two days after mine, but it is also two years before mine. I used to remind her of that, but I have grown accustomed to living healthy.

We celebrate Valentine's Day because that was the day I proposed marriage to her, even though I had no idea what I was doing.

I like some holidays, for instance, Easter Sunday, which I prefer to call Resurrection Sunday. That's a holiday I like to celebrate.

I used to like Christmas until I started to pay the bill for all the

gifts under the tree. When the children were young, I could buy them something they would like, not caring about the price.

As they got older, they got more sophisticated in the gifts they wanted. I use the word "sophisticated" because that has everything to do with money. The more a gift cost, the better it was received.

Because I grew up in Pennsylvania, I like to remember Groundhog Day with Punxsutawney Phil. I'm not sure who came up with this holiday, but it's probably the stupidest of the year. And yet, it is celebrated across the country.

The Halloween holiday is quite exciting now that the kids have grown up and moved into their own homes and families. We do have kids in the neighborhood who come by dressed in Halloween costumes, looking for candy. They don't have to beg when they come to my house; they just stand there, and I can't give it out fast enough. How much do the parents understand that

candy is not healthy for their children?

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is not too excited about Halloween, but I always buy bags of candy I hide so she can't see them. And my goal is to give them all away to kids that come to the door. What she doesn't know does not hurt me.

Usually, I dress up in some scary costume to give the candy to the kids to come to the door.

I like to stay current, so the other day, I asked The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage a very serious question that I don't think she took seriously. I looked at her and said, "Do you think I need a new mask for Halloween this year?" Now, that was a very serious, straightforward question.

Looking at me as usual, she said, "Oh, no, you silly boy. The mask you're wearing now is good enough for this Halloween."

She walked away before I could tell her I was not wearing a mask.

I was thinking about this matter of celebra-

tion when I remember a verse of scripture I read recently. Psalm 95:2, "Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms."

The thing I need to celebrate each day is my relationship with God. Nothing is more important to me daily than to recognize all that God has done for me throughout my life. I have so much to be thankful for in my life and not a day should pass in my life that I should not be thankful to God for something.

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Obituaries

Grady Lee Gibbs Jr.

Grady Lee Gibbs Jr. was born in Hattiesburg, MS, on December 17, 1951 and died on October 28, 2023 in Tallahassee. Grady was a 1969 graduate of Petal High School (MS), and a Viet Nam veteran. He was a tugboat captain for over 40 years on the Mississippi River and in Venezuela, hence his nickname "The Captain."

Grady loved people, and never met a stranger. He had an infectious laugh, and always had a joke or story to share. He was an awesome cook – his Galactic Gumbo was renowned in the area. Always up for a rousing game of Scrabble, Cribbage or Backgammon, he played for blood – just ask his family. He was an active leader in Alcoholic Anonymous, Farm Share, served as a trustee of Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Church and was a supporter of the local animal shelter. He lived life on his own terms and left it the same way.

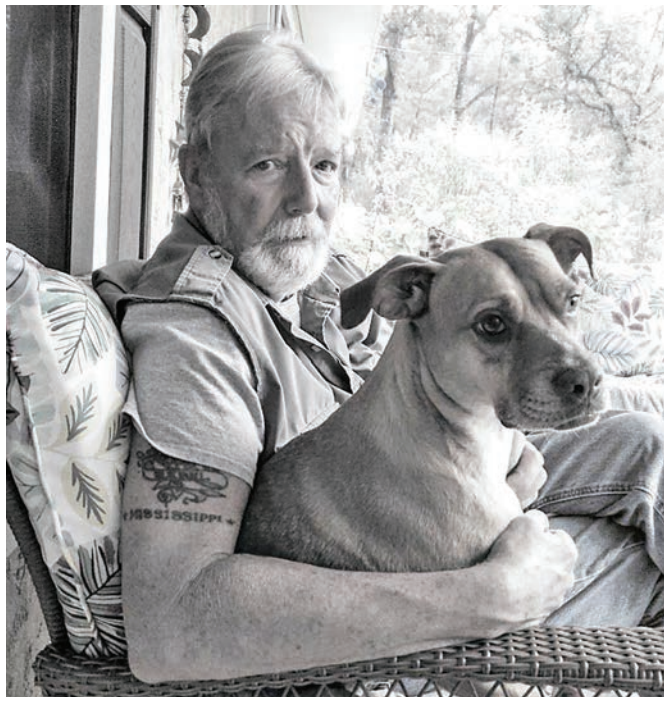
He is survived by the love of his life, Debbie Register, his best friends Tracey Phillips and

Victor Bateman, his sisters Ann Gibbs and Guinn Plummer (Tommy), brother Walter Brewer (Eula), niece Amber Pearce, and great nephew, Landon Pearce, aunts Billie Patterson and Katherine Howington (Don), a number of cousins, and a ton of close and supportive friends.

He was predeceased by his father, Grady L. Gibbs Sr.; his mother, Rai Gibbs; and his brother, John Gibbs.

A celebration of life will be held Sunday, November 5 at 1 p.m. at the Sopchoppy City Park, 252 Park Avenue, in Sopchoppy. Dinner on the ground will be held to honor Grady's love of good food. The family will provide the meat and drinks. Those attending are invited to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Alcoholics Anonymous, 54 Ochlockonee Street, Crawfordville FL 32327 or the Wakulla County Animal Services, 1 Oak Street, Crawfordville FL 32327.



DEATH NOTICES

• **Leonard "Butch" Tabor**, 74, of Crawfordville, died October 19, 2023. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• **Reginald "Reggie" William Faircloth**, 66, of Woodville, died October 27, 2023. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

Weekly Roundup: Sports betting gets boost

By **RYAN DAILEY**
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Online sports betting in Florida could be back in play after the U.S. Supreme Court this week gave the go-ahead to an appeals court's ruling that allowed a multi-billion dollar gaming deal to move forward.

The gambling agreement between the state and the Seminole Tribe of Florida was inked in 2021, and included allowing the tribe to offer sports betting statewide. But the deal, known as a compact, faced legal challenges from Florida pari-mutuel companies.

In one of the cases, the the U.S Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia over the summer upheld a decision by the U.S. Department of the Interior to allow the compact to go ahead.

Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts earlier this month had granted the pari-mutuels' request for a stay as the companies sought a review of the appeals court's ruling. But on Wednesday, justices lifted the temporary hold.

Gary Bitner, a spokesman for the Seminole Tribe, heralded the Supreme Court's move.

"The denial of the stay by the U.S. Supreme Court is very good news. The Seminole Tribe of Florida is heartened by this decision," Bitner said.

The pari-mutuels' lawsuit centered on an argument by the companies that the gambling deal violated the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, or IGRA, because it authorized gambling off tribal lands. U.S. District Judge Dabney Friedrich in November 2021 agreed with the companies, but the appeals court this summer overturned her decision.

Bob Jarvis, a professor at the Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law, said Wednesday's decision signaled the Supreme Court would not take up a challenge to the appeals-court ruling.

"There is no reason for the Supreme Court to take this case up, and they will not take this case," Jarvis told The News Service of Florida.

Jarvis, however, said Wednesday's decision doesn't mean gamblers will be able to place sports bets in Florida soon. The Seminoles are trying to fend off the separate challenge to the compact at the Florida Supreme Court, which hasn't decided whether it will consider the case or refer it to a lower court.

While the compact addresses a series of issues, the lawsuit has centered on part of the deal that would allow gamblers to place mobile sports wagers anywhere in the state,

with bets handled by computer servers on tribal property. The deal said bets "using a mobile app or other electronic device, shall be deemed to be exclusively conducted by the tribe."

The pari-mutuel companies, West Flagler Associates and Bonita-Fort Myers Corp., also have filed a lawsuit at the state Supreme Court, arguing that the sports-betting plan violates a 2018 state constitutional amendment that required voter approval of casino gambling. That case remains pending.

MOODY SUES META

Florida's attorney general is trying to protect Sunshine State kids from excessive screen-time, alleging in a lawsuit filed this week that the parent company behind some of the world's most popular social-media apps purposely keeps kids addicted to the platforms.

State attorney General Ashley Moody filed a federal lawsuit Tuesday against Meta, the parent company of Instagram and Facebook, alleging that the apps use "manipulative" features aimed at maximizing the time young people spend on social media.

"We have been investigating for years the intentional development of online social media to addict chil-

dren, to get them online, keep them online and then profit from that," Moody said this week in an interview with The News Service of Florida.

The lawsuit, in part, points to features such as an "infinite scroll" design and auto-play features that attorneys for Moody asserted are particularly harmful to young people.

In addition to arguing that Meta has intentionally made social media addicting, the lawsuit alleges the company has deceptively downplayed negative impacts to mental health of teens and other young people.

The 38-page lawsuit contends that Meta has violated a law known as the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act, which prohibits "unfair methods of competition, unconscionable acts or practices, and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce." The lawsuit also alleges the company violated the federal Children's Online Privacy Protection Act.

Moody's office is seeking an injunction against Meta to prevent future violations of the state and federal laws and to award civil penalties and attorney fees for "willful violations" of the Florida law.

Moody's lawsuit came on the same day that 33 states filed

a similar lawsuit in California against the company, Meta, which defended itself by saying it has tools to protect minors who use the platforms.

In a statement provided to the News Service, Meta pushed back on the allegations in both lawsuits.

"We share the attorneys general's commitment to providing teens with safe, positive experiences online and have already introduced over 30 tools to support teens and their families," a spokesperson for the company said. "We're disappointed that instead of working productively with companies across the industry to create clear, age-appropriate standards for the many apps teens use, the attorneys general have chosen this path."

RODRIGUES TARGETS GROUP

The chancellor of Florida's university system is calling on schools to disband chapters of the group National Students for Justice in Palestine amid the war between Israel and Hamas.

Chancellor Ray Rodrigues on Tuesday wrote in a letter to the presidents of Florida's 12 state universities that the group released a "toolkit" that referred to Hamas' initial attack on Israel this month as "the resistance" and said Palestinian students "in exile" are part

of the movement.

In the letter, Rodrigues cited a Florida law that prohibits providing materials in support of a designated foreign terrorist organization. Rodrigues said at least two universities have National Students for Justice in Palestine chapters.

The letter did not identify the universities, but Instagram accounts exist for chapters at the University of Florida and the University of South Florida. In calling for the chapters to be disbanded, Rodrigues said they could be restarted in ways that comply with state law.

STORY OF THE WEEK: The U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday gave the go-ahead to an appeals-court ruling that could help lead to the Seminole Tribe of Florida offering online sports betting throughout the state.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "It's no surprise to parents that children cannot stay off their phones. This has been shown to be very addictive to children across the United States. It's caused mental health problems and sleep problems." — State Attorney General Ashley Moody, who filed a lawsuit this week accusing Meta of intentionally addicting children to social-media platforms.

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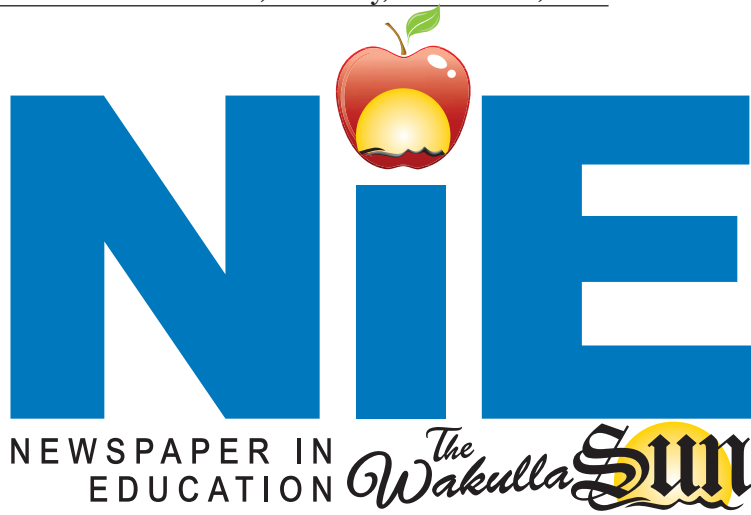
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USE THE NEWS

1. PANDA BEARS HEADED HOME

There are only a few weeks left to see the three giant pandas at the National Zoo in Washington, DC. Mei Xiang, Tian Tian, and their cub Xiao Qi Ji will return to China in mid-November. President Richard Nixon arranged a zoo exchange program with the Chinese government about 50 years ago, but the deal comes to an end this winter. After the current trio return to China, the National Zoo plans to negotiate another giant panda program with the China Wildlife Conservation, but until then, the last giant pandas left in the United States will be at the Atlanta Zoo. China has sent 65 pandas to 19 countries through cooperative research programs—they return to China when they reach old age, and any cubs are sent to China at age 3 or 4. Using reference books in your classroom or the internet, research giant pandas, including where they live in the wild, what they eat, and how many are left in the world. Why do you think it would be beneficial for China to send their giant pandas around the world? Write a paragraph about what you think, using at least 2 facts you learned from your research in your answer.

2. STATUE TRANSFORMED

A statute of Robert E. Lee, who was a general for the Confederacy during the Civil War, was melted down to be repurposed into new works of art. The statue was the subject of a deadly protest in Charlottesville, Virginia, in 2017, when it was suggested that it be taken down. The Charlottesville City Council voted

in 2021 to donate the statue to the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center, a Black history museum, to repurpose it into works of art that “express the city’s values of inclusivity.” Two groups sought to preserve the statue, but a judge ruled that it should be turned over to the heritage center as planned. Write a paragraph that summarizes the facts of this story.

3. EXPENSES RISING

Many Americans are struggling to

save money right now. About 66 percent of adults say their household expenses, like costs of housing, food, electricity, and more, have gone up in the past year, but only 25 percent say their income has gone up in the same time period. Only 15 percent say their household savings have gone up from last year. About 25 percent of people also say they aren’t confident they can keep up with their expenses. One of the big factors is inflation, which is where the cost of items increases,

but people’s income doesn’t increase at the same rate. Explain what inflation is, in your own words, and write an example from real life.

4. PUMPKIN PRO

With Halloween happening this week, the New York Times interviewed a professional pumpkin carver. Adam Berton carves more than 100 pumpkins each fall, etching into the orange gourds instead of cutting straight through them like a typical jack-o’-lantern. He appeared on Food Network’s “Halloween Wars,” helping

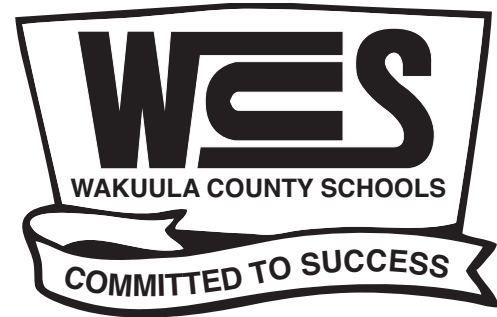
his team win the competition show in 2015. There are fewer than twenty professional carvers like Berton in the United States. For most of the fall, he does live events, like at the New York Botanical Garden, where he carves pumpkins in front of audiences. Look up examples of Adam Berton’s pumpkin carvings online. Then, write down at least five questions you’d ask if you were interviewing him about his pumpkin work.

5. BIRDS OF A FEATHER

A flock of swans in Florida are de-

scended from a pair of mute swans given by Queen Elizabeth II to the city of Lakeland in 1957. Every year, members of the flock are rounded up for an annual physical, where a veterinarian examines them, checking their weight and making sure they’re healthy. The flock is now 50 swans large and has become an icon of the city of Lakeland. Read more about the swans in this article from last year, then write a paragraph that summarizes the facts of this story. Draw a picture to go along with it!

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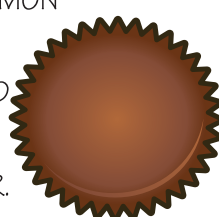
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CLUES ACROSS

1. A way to drop
4. Bits per inch
7. Ghosts
12. Presents
15. Noises
16. Honorable fourth name in ancient Rome
18. Elevated railroad
19. A way to drench
20. The Tarheel State
21. Lilly and Manning are two
24. Where golfers begin
27. Harvester
30. Unit of subjective loudness
31. Jewish calendar month
33. Dash
34. Armed conflict
35. Daisy __: Broadway actress
37. Jump
39. Get free of
41. A written proposal or reminder
42. Organic chemistry reactive structure
44. African country
47. Cool!
48. Used to treat Parkinson's disease

49. __ route
50. Ed Murrow's home
52. Lethal dose
53. Give cards incorrectly
56. A treeless grassy plain
61. Famed R.L. Stevenson novel
63. In an incisive way
64. Mark Wahlberg's screen partner
65. Criticize

CLUES DOWN

1. Mountain in the Julian Alps
2. A domed or vaulted recess
3. Trade agreement
4. Larger
5. Edged
6. Data
7. Something curved in shape
8. Root mean square (abbr.)
9. Farm state
10. Pre-1917 emperor of Russia
11. Short-term memory
12. Indigenous peoples of central Canada

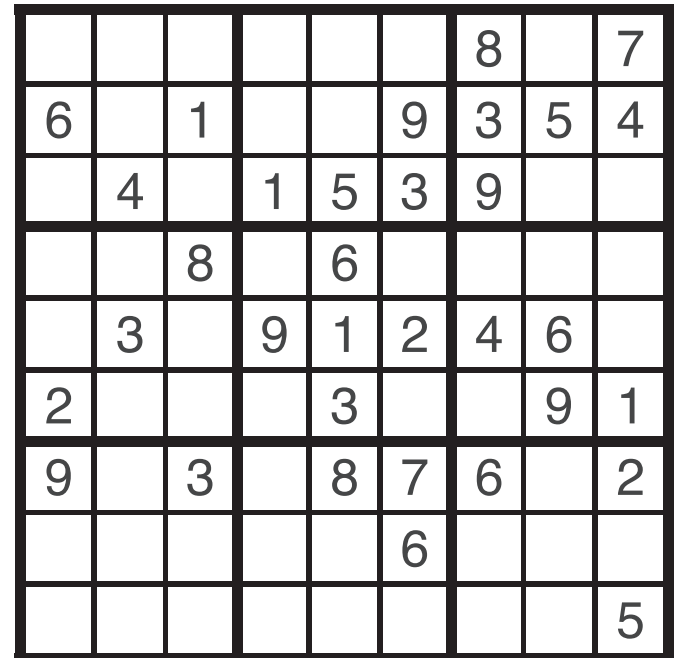
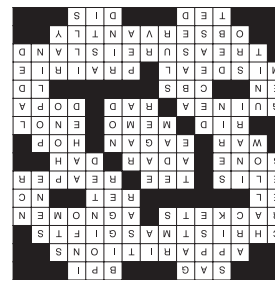
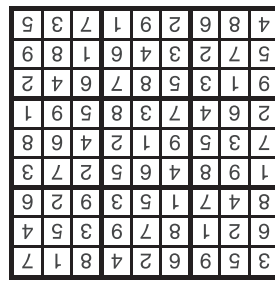
13. Honor as holy
14. Monetary unit of Samoa
17. Company that rings receipts
22. City in Finland
23. Small finch
24. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
25. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
26. Very willing
28. Partner to "ooohed"
29. Turntable
32. Major Hindu deity
36. Move head slightly
38. Plain-woven fabric
40. Die
43. Shipped as cargo
44. Something highly prized
45. Individual thing or person
46. Humbled
51. Speak indistinctly
54. No seats available
55. Financial obligation
56. Green vegetable
57. Tough outer skin of fruit
58. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
59. Troubles
60. Singer Charles
62. Camper

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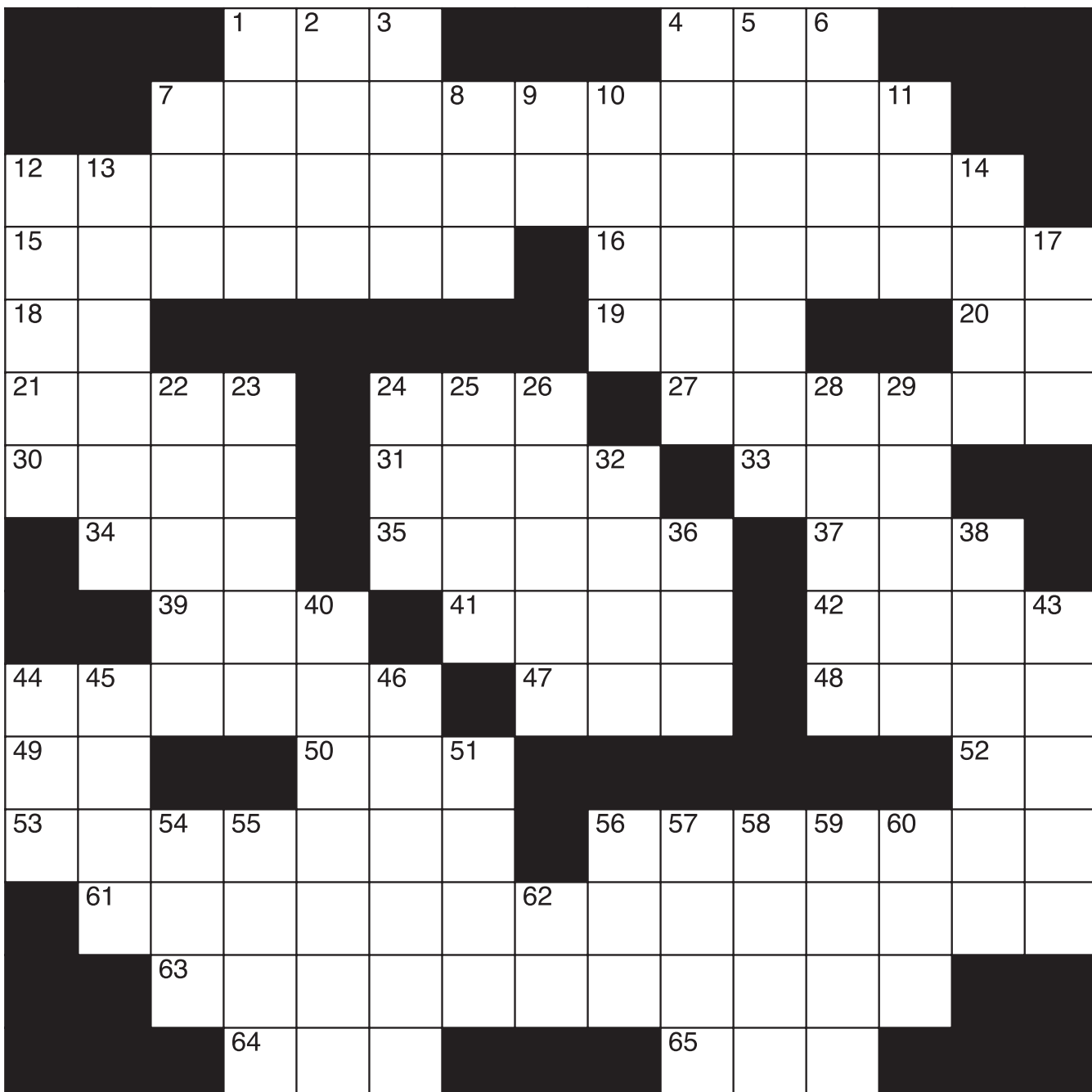
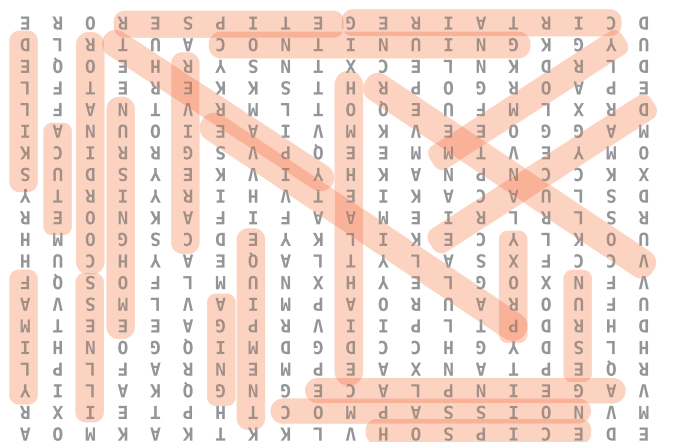


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Wakulla beats Suwannee, 24-21

War Eagles finish the regular season undefeated and have a bye week before the playoffs start next week

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

The Wakulla War Eagles got out of Live Oak with a tough 24-21 win over the Suwannee Bulldogs to end the regular season undefeated, a bye week in front of them, and a playoff game next week at home against an opponent yet to be named.

Wakulla Head Coach Scott Klees noted his team was down 14-0 at one point to Suwannee. "I'm proud of our guys," he said. "They didn't flinch. They could've quit, you know, said 'This is just not our night.' But they didn't. They just kept chipping away."

One challenge was an 80-yard touchdown pass called back for offensive pass interference for Wakulla receiver Nehemiah Chandler supposedly pushing off the defender.

Later in the fourth, there were back-to-back defensive pass interference calls against Wakulla – one on a play in which Wakulla defensive backs broke up a pass, and the very next play an interception by Chandler. The calls had Wakulla fans angrily yelling at referees.

Coach Klees said he was pleased with how the regular season went. "We controlled what we could control."

Winning the district championship by beating Suwannee and Taylor means that Wakulla will have at least one home game in the playoffs – with an opponent that has yet to be determined. The playoff schedule will be released this weekend, and it should have the War Eagles playing at J.D. Jones Stadium on Nov. 9.

The ultimate goal is the same, Klees said. To win a state championship.

GAME RECAP

Suwannee took the

opening kickoff. First offensive series, the Bulldogs drive the field, scoring first on a 20 yard touchdown pass. It's 7-0 with 7:22 in 1Q.

Wakulla was forced to punt on its first offensive series. Suwannee started at the 40. And the Bulldogs score on a 60-yard run up the middle. Wakulla down 14-0 with 4:44 in 1Q.

Wakulla faces 4th and 1 on their own side of midfield. And Jeremiah Thomas breaks a run to Suwannee 14. Wakulla kicker Luis Quintonilla kicks a 30-yard field goal to put the War Eagles on the board. It's 14-3 with 1:11 remaining in the first quarter.

Suwannee drives to Wakulla 35, drive stalls, attempt a field goal but it's no good. Wakulla starts at their 20 and connect on 25-yard pass play. Wakulla has 4th and 3 at Suwannee 7, quarterback Haden Klees pressured, scrambles, finds Nehemiah Chandler in the end zone. Wakulla cuts the Suwannee lead to 14-10.

Wakulla had a scoring opportunity with the ball at the 2, but on 4th down, Klees ran and couldn't get into the end zone. At halftime, Wakulla trailed 14-10.

In the second half, Wakulla took the kickoff but the drive stalled. Suwannee's first possession had a long pass and the receiver was wrestled down at the 4. The Bulldogs ran a quarterback sneak but it was fumbled and recovered by Wakulla. The War Eagles were intercepted at the 40 on the next play. But the Bulldogs were stymied and had to punt. Then came the 80-yard touchdown pass to Chandler that was called back for offensive pass interference.

First play of fourth quarter is a 50-yard pass from Klees to Samron Brinson for a touchdown. Extra point makes it 17-14, Wakulla's first



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War Eagle receiver Nehemiah Chandler tries to get away from the Suwannee Bulldog defense.

lead of the night.

Later, Brinson's second touchdown as he caught a long pass from Klees around the 20, walked a tightrope along the sideline to stay in bounds and then dives for the end zone. Wakulla up 24-14 over Suwannee with 6:48 left in the game.

Suwannee pass is intercepted at the goal line by Devontae Roberts. Wakulla takes over inches from goal. Klees pass to Brinson who makes a leaping catch at 30. There's only 3:30 left.

But Suwannee keeps fighting and they drive and score a touchdown with .7 seconds on the scoreboard. Extra point cuts Wakulla's lead to 24-21.

An onside kick as time expired. Final: Wakulla 24, Suwannee 21.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Overall Player of the Week was Devontae Roberts: on offense he had 4 catches for 48 yards; on defense, he had 7 tack-



Running back Jeremiah Thomas gets into open field. He had 100 yards rushing on the night, plus another 56 yards with receptions coming out of the backfield.

les, a fumble recovery and an interception.

Offensive Player of the Week was Samron Brinson, who had 8 receptions for 175 yards and two touchdowns.

Defensive Player of the Week was Tanner Jordan with 7 tackles.

Special Teams Player of the Week was punter Owen Klees who had 4 punts all over 40 yards. Quarterback Haden

Klees ran 7 times for 51 yards, and threw for 331 yards and 3 touchdowns. For the season, that puts him over 3,000 yards passing and 44 touchdowns.

Running back Jeremiah Thomas rushed 11 times for 100 yards and had 7 catches for 56 yards.

And kicker Luis Quintonilla ends the season with a perfect record on extra points and going 4-for-5 on field goals.

heal up.

War Eagle receiver Del Zanders was out with a leg injury that happened the previous week against North Florida Christian. Klees was hopeful Zanders might be back.

It might also mean that running back Bradley Kelly may return from his medical condition. When he went out, Jeremiah Thomas was shifted from receiver to running back.

Defensive lineman Antonion Eglton suffered an arm injury against Suwannee and it's hoped he will be good for the playoffs.

INJURY REPORT

Coach Klees anticipated that the week off may give time for his team to

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The War Eagle marching band having fun in the stands.



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