

Racers rescued

Warrior Adventure Race competitors were lost in kayaks on the coast

By LINDA ANN **McDONALD** Correspondent

Warrior Adventure Racing hosted a soldout Sea-to-Sea Florida race which started on Thursday, Feb. 22 in St. Marks.

The day's race was on foot down the rail trail and an endurance race from the boat ramp at Fort San Marcos and ending at the Aucilla boat ramp at Mandalay.

After three race contestants were identified as not on course and with cold weather conditions worsening, there was no time to waste.

By use of their professional boating expertise and extreme knowledge of the local water, Charter Captains Leif Lundquist of Viking Coastal Charters out of St. Marks and Aucilla Outlaw Charters Captain Joel Baldree turned into instant heroes when they located and brought back to safety the three lost race contestants. One man in kayak solo and a mother/daughter team together in a canoe were the vessels lost.

"The guy in the kayak was probably on the verge of death," said Capt. Lundquist. "He didn't know who he was, he was lethargic, he tried to stand up and he would fall down, he must have fallen at least three or four times. His face was white, and his throat was black and



Sea-to-sea racers loading up in kayaks at St. Marks on Thursday.

gray. We put him in the airboat and strapped his kayak to the airboat.

"The kayaker had no expressions when he was saved, he just kept saying "thank you, thank you.' Then he would say, 'Who are you? Who are you? Are you from the race?" Lundquist replied: "No, sir, we are the redneck 911 here to get you out of here."

Lundquist was operating a safety boat to make sure the contestants make it around the lighthouse. "I was supposed to have the day off, the race people went to Shields Marina to rent a boat. by the race's insurance standards they must have a safety boat, but no one had the qualifi-Turn to Page 16



Increase in fiscally constrained distribution

Wakulla will receive an additional \$625,500 over last year in payment as fiscally constrained county **By WILLIAM SNOWDEN** Editor

Property Appraiser Ed Brimner put out a news release this week noting that the county will receive an additional \$625,500 from the state, monies received by fiscally constrained counties.

The county is facing a \$2.4 million shortfall in the budget because of a \$307 million valuation error by the property appraiser's office for a vacant lot in Lake Ellen. The additional money from the state would appear to be enough to plug the \$600,000 hole still in the county budget.

Anticipating a larger budget this year, county commissioners had approved nine new positions in the sheriff's office - most of them road deputies - as well as additional firefighters and other county employees. Those positions were immediately frozen by commissioners when they realized they faced a major hole in their budget.

Brimner's release appears as a column on this week's Opinion Page, page 4.

At a recent county audit committee meeting, Brimner noted that property tax values in the county were up \$142 million so far this year from \$2.046 billion last year to \$2.187 billion as

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Teen critically injured in crash on **Shell Point Road**



Fishermen rescue some racers on Thursday night.

School board revisits policy

Chair Cale Langston wants to reevaluate required transport for teams

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN Editor

In the discussion portion of last week's school board meeting, Chair Cale Langston informed fellow board members that he is investigating the requirement that sports teams and clubs be transported by school personnel and vehicles.

Langston said he was looking into the matter over concern that some teams and clubs - newly recognized as Tier 1 organizations not required to pay rent for facilities want parents to transport the students.

For example, Langston noted that one travel team plays in Tampa and Atlanta - and that parents, not the district, had been responsible for travel in the past.

Langston said he had talked to other districts about the matter, and had contacted the Wakulla district's insurance provider to see if there would be an issue.

There was no action taken on the issue at the meeting on Monday,



School Superintendent Bobby Pearce with school board members: Chair Cale Langston, Melisa Taylor, Laura Lawhon, Josh Brown and Eddie Hand.

drawn.

Feb. 20. But other school board members indicated they were supportive of the change.

Then discussion shifted to a proposal put forth by school board member Melisa Taylor and withdrawn before the meeting that would have prohibited public comment at workshops.

Members Laura Lawhon and Eddie Hand brought up the withdrawn policy, though Taylor questioned why it was under discussion since it had been with-

Taylor did say, however, that "Some school board members have been adversarial with district staff for political

reasons." Lawhon said she thought she was being referred to in Taylor's comments.

Hand said he was "very dissatisfied" with the proposal being taken off the agenda, calling it a "chicken move." Hand indicated he felt the proposal should have been put to a vote.

Lawhon made a call for more collective work by the board, and Taylor responded: "My biggest problem is that the board is not working together."

The meeting closed with Lawhon claiming a citizen appearing at a school board meeting was accosted by a district staffer who questioned why they were there. Asked after the meeting who was the citizen, Lawhon said she couldn't divulge the name of the person without permission.

Staff Report

An 18-year-old Crawfordville teenager was critically injured in a car crash near the intersection of Shell Point Road and Live Oak Island Road on Wednesday, Feb. 21, around 3 p.m., according to Florida Highway Patrol.

The car was traveling north on Shell Point Road approaching the intersection with Live Oak Island and ran off the roadway to the right and onto the east shoulder, then over-corrected to the left causing the car to rotate across the road onto the west shoulder where it struck a utility pole, ejecting the driver, who was not wearing a seat belt.

The injuries suffered by the male teen were reported as critical, and the teen was transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital by Survival Flight.

FHP does not release names of those involved in crashes.

Troopers were assisted on scene by Wakulla Fire Rescue and the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office.

Fatal deer disease limited to one case

News Service of Florida

After a deer killed in June in Holmes County tested positive for a contagious fatal disease, it remains the only detected case in the state, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Executive Director Roger Young said Wednesday.

But for now, the commission will continue to test deer for chronic wasting disease.

The effort includes an "enhanced surveillance zone" in Holmes, Jackson and Washington counties, where deer must be tested before being processed for food or going to taxidermists.

"We have more than 1,000 samples collected from within the enhanced surveillance zone that have been tested with no additional positive cases," Young said during a commission meeting in Tallahassee. "So, from 1,000 tests from this past season and before, we still only have one positive (chronic wasting disease) case, which is great news."

Young said a meeting is planned for April to outline "potential future management actions."

The disease is described as similar to mad cow disease, with deer becoming emaciated and often being found isolated and trembling.

While not considered harmful to people, the





Student of the Week

Ellie Morales – 4th grader at Shadeville Elementary

Principal: Tim Wheeler

Achievements/Reason for Nomination: Her teachers say: "She is a perfect example of the type of student every teacher wants in the classroom. She is very determined, responsible and motivated to learn each and every day. Ellie is respectful and kind to everyone she meets. She is always willing to help others and is a great leader and example to her peers. Beyond her classroom achievements, Ellie is a member of Shadeville's Odyssey of the Mind Team, which recently won first place at regionals and is headed to the state competition in Orlando. We are so proud to call Ellie an outstanding Shadeville Warrior!"

-Ms. Bray and Ms. Garrett Keep up the great work, Ellie, we are proud of you!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FEATURES A DIFFERENT SCHOOL EACH WEEK.





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Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park Soldier orchid



By LYNN ARTZ, DAVID RODDENBERRY, and SANDY TEDDER

Soldier orchid (Zeuxine strateumatica) is a small orchid native to Asia that popped up in the northeast garden at Sopchoppy Depot Park. This terrestrial orchid arrived from China in 1927 in a shipment of centipede grass seed and is now naturalized throughout the southeast. For about 2 weeks in late winter, 6-8-inch-tall stalks emerge bearing whiteand-yellow, self-pollinating flowers that small flies will visit. This orchid prefers moist, rich soil in full or part sun, needs a special bacterium around its roots, and is hard to transplant. Also called lawn orchid, this perennial acts more like an annual. We landscaped Depot Park with plants native to our area -- and we battle invasive nonnatives like camphor trees. However, this nonnative appears randomly and does not seem to disrupt natural habitats.



Revenue goes to the Wildlife Foundation of Florida to preserve open space and wild-

life habitat, promote conservation, improve wildlife habitat, and establish open space for the perpetual use of the public. State statute specifically requires that 75 percent of the license tag funds from the "deer tag" be used to fund programs and projects within the state that "preserve open space and wildlife habitat, promote conservation, improve wildlife habitat, and establish open space for the perpetual use of the public. The remaining 25 percent may be used for promotion, marketing and administrative costs directly associated with operation of the trust.



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Riversprings' Odyssey of the Mind team advances

Special to The Sun

The Riversprings Middle School Odyssey of the Mind team has been busy this semester competing in Regionals and State Competitions. Odyssey of the Mind allows students to use their natural creativity to solve problems and find original solutions. Odyssey of the Mind centers around teamwork, budgeting, time management, public speaking, and collaboration. The Riversprings Middle School Odyssey of the Mind team participated in the Regional Competition at Bucklake Elementary School on February 17, 2024. The RMS Bears took two teams: "The Classics...Opening Night Antics" and "Deep Space Structure". Both teams are Division II teams. The Opening Night Antics, comprised of Ella Zak, Laci Yarbrough, Amillia McCullough, Madilyn Waters, Annaleyse Roland, Delayna Stewart, and Jenny Carnevale, placed first in their division for this problem and will advance to State Competition in March. The Deep Space Structure team comprised of Cadence Dow, Noah Morey, Roedy Wells, Makena Glassner, Annabelle Armstrong, Harrison Rodgers placed first in their division for their problem. The captains of both teams Ella Zak and Cadence Dow are excited to lead their teams to the state competition on March 30.

PUBLIC NOTICES:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

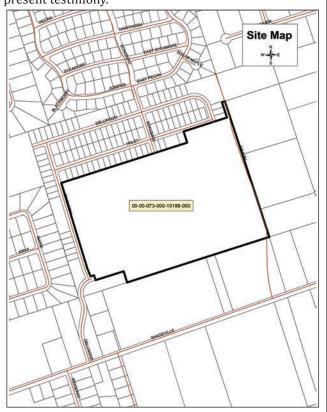
The Wakulla County Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners propose to consider the following and adopt the following by ordinance. Public Hearings are scheduled regarding the following before the Wakulla County Planning Commission on Monday, March 11, 2024, beginning at 6:00 PM, unless otherwise noted below or as time permits and before the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners on Monday, March 18, 2024, beginning at 5:00 PM, unless otherwise noted below or as time permits. All public hearings will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.

Application	for	Comprehensive	Plan	Text
Application Amendment:			CP	24-03
Applicant:			Wakulla (County



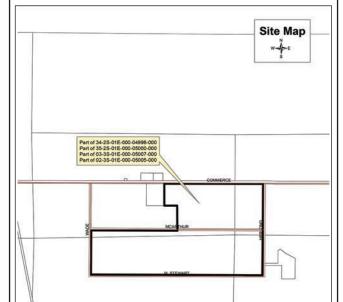
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY PLAT

The Wakulla County Planning Commission proposes to consider the following application. A Public Hearing is scheduled regarding the following before the **Planning Commission on Monday, March 11, 2024, beginning at 6:00 P.M., unless otherwise noted below or as time permits.** All public hearings will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING AN APPLICATION FOR FINAL PLAT

The Wakulla County Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners will hold public hearings to consider the proposed application for final plat approval described below. Public Hearings are scheduled before the **Planning Commission on Monday, March 11, 2024, beginning at 6:00 P.M., and before the Board of County Commissioners on Monday, March 18, 2024, at 5:00 P.M. unless otherwise noted below or as time permits.** All public hearings will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.



Proposal: Consider adoption of an ordinance amending the Comprehensive Plan Pertaining to the Public Schools Facility Element and Capital Improvements

Element

Hearings Required:

Planning Commission: Monday, March 11, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.

Board of County Commissioners: Monday, March 18, 2024 @ 5:00 P.M.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING AND REVISING POLICY 2.3.1 OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ELEMENT OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 18-24, AS AMENDED; AMENDING AND REVISING POLICIES 1.8, 1.9 AND 7.1 OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 18-21, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABLITY AND EFFECT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND FOR FILING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

If an individual wishes to submit documents or other materials related to a matter before the Planning Commission for consideration by the Planning Commission at a public meeting, they are strongly encouraged to submit copies of all such documents or other materials to the Wakulla County Office of Planning and Community Development at least 3 days prior to the date of the meeting so that they can be provided to the Commission Members. If an individual wishes to bring documents or other materials for consideration by the Planning Commission that were not previously provided to the Wakulla County Office of Planning and Community Development in accordance with the preceding sentence, they must bring at least twelve (12) copies of each such document to the meeting.

Copies of applications, draft ordinances, and any related public record files may be viewed at the County Planning Department located at 11 Bream Fountain Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327, 8 AM to 4:30 PM M/F; Phone (850) 926-3695. Any person desiring to appeal a decision of a County Board must ensure a verbatim transcript or copy is made of the testimony and exhibits presented at said hearings. Persons with a disability needing a special accommodation should contact the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Office at least two (2) days prior to the meeting at (850) 926-0919; Hearing and Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771; or email at <u>ADARequest@mywakulla.com</u>. February 29, 2024

1. Application for Preliminary Plat Approval:

Applicant: Shadeville of Wakulla County, LLC

Agent: Urban Catalyst Consultants, Inc./William Colbert

Proposal: create 218-lot residential subdivision –

Wesley Park Subdivision Phases 2 & 3

00-00-073-000-10188-000
Transitioning (FLUE Policy
LDR (Section 5-68, LDC)
"X" zone on Panel 0250E
64-15+/- acres

Location: north side of Shadeville Road, abutting the southern boundary of Wesley Park Subdivision Phase 1

Hearings Required:

Planning Commission: Monday, March 11, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

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FOLLOW THE SUN.



1. Application for Final Plat Approval: FP24-01

Applicant: N.G. Wade Investment Company

Agent: Edwin Brown & Associates, Inc./Wade Brown

Proposal: create 37-lot industrial subdivision – Commercial Quarter at Opportunity Park

Tax ID Numbers:	part of 34-2S-01E-000-04998-000; part of 35-2S-01E-000-05000-000; part of 03-3S-01E-000-05007-000; & part of 02-3S-01E-000-05005-000
Existing FLU Map:	Industrial (FLUE Policy 1.2.11)
Current Zoning:	PUD (Section 5-50, LDC)
FEMA Flood Info:	"X" & "A" zones on Panel 0125E
Parcel size:	184.42+/- acres
Location, south aid	a of Commone Dlud botwoon Wado

Location: south side of Commerce Blvd, between Wade Drive and Herlong Drive

Hearings Required:

Planning Commission: Monday, March 11, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

BOCC: Monday, March 18, 2024 @ 5:00 PM

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Opinions

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

THE FIRST AMENDMENT

Fiscally constrained distribution up



By ED BRIMNER Property Appraiser

The Florida Department of Revenue recently announced Wakulla County is receiving \$2,006,736 in Fiscally Constrained County funds in 2024. This is a \$625,529 increase from the \$1,381,207 received in 2023. Why is Wakulla receiving this money from the State of Florida and why did it increase?

The legislature provides citizens and businesses with many tax breaks including Homestead exemption for homeowners and Tangible Personal Property (TPP) tax breaks for businesses. The Wakulla County Property Appraiser constantly searches for people and businesses who can benefit from these breaks to both inform them and assist with the required forms. Legislators recognize these tax breaks might mean small counties are unable to raise enough

funds to operate their in no new taxes for the governments. With this in mind, they passed additional laws to partially compensate "Fiscally Constrained Counties" due to the state-mandated tax breaks. Since Wakulla County is a "Fiscally Constrained County, the State is providing \$2,006,736 to partially hold Wakulla County harmless for state-mandated 2023 tax breaks.

One source of increase is business TPP. The first \$25,000 of a business's TPP is tax free. Historically, it appears Wakulla County made little effort to track small businesses whose TPP filing would be less than \$25,000. After all, why make small businesses fill out another form that resulted in no taxes and is a bureaucratic waste of time. But is it a waste of time? As it turns out, the State essentially reimburses the lost taxes due to the \$25,000 exemption for businesses in Wakulla County. In 2021, I assigned Mr. Chuck Turner the responsibility to locate every business in Wakulla County, no matter how small, and ensure they filed a TPP return as mandated by State law. Since then, hundreds of new TPP accounts have been established that resulted

business owners while increasing our Fiscally Constrained County distribution from the State. Despite paying no taxes on the first \$25,000 of a business's TPP value, small businesses establishing a TPP account with this office results in large dividends to the county coffers.

As the Wakulla County Property Appraiser, my goal is to provide Honest and Impartial Assessments. This office is responsible for providing assessments for both Real Property and business Tangible Personal Property. We also track all exemptions and annually apply for distribution of fiscally constrained county funds. Accurate tracking of these exemptions results in higher distributions and better funding for our county.

If we can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at (850) 926-0500 or stop by to meet with a member of our staff. You can also visit our updated website for information associated with your property in Wakulla County at mywakullapa.com.

Ed Brimner is Wakulla County property appraiser.

LETTERS FROM READERS

No shortfall with impact fees

Editor, The Sun:

January ("Rental controversy: The school board approves, 3-2, raising cost of renting school facilities," front page):

Mr. Josh Brown (School Board member) and I have shared a few vigorous discussions regarding the role of the school board and who is the property taxpayer advocate. I've long advocated a school board composition that represents the best interests of the taxpayer because a majority of our property tax bill goes to the schools.

school board whines and squeals as to what the children need. Mostly, it's not what the students desire but rather a utopic shopping list desired by the candidates. But, I digress.

The school board got it right on the rental issue. The school board's job is to maximize the assets to instruct and provide education for the students. As a taxpayer, I want my property taxes utilized fully for those two purposes. In Florida, we have had vigorous debates regarding what should be taught to stu-

dents up to the 3rd grade and this is good. The school board is Reference the article on 25 held accountable, by the taxpayer, to be good stewards of public funds designated for education. Yes, sports is part of the education national process. However, sports is not to be a revenue-stream for ancillary groups or activities not directly associated with the curriculum.

If the community-at-large desires another recreational field, such as the one in Medart, then that is the responsibility of the vaunted Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), not the school board. The precedent Every new candidate for the has been established, by the BOCC, to develop and operate venues for recreational purposes. It is not the responsibility of my school district tax dollars to subsidize or support an external group of sports enthusiasts, regardless of their tax status or good intentions.

> If a business model cannot be sustained without support or subsidies of tax dollars, I would strongly recommend you revisit your business model.

> > **Robert Franco** Ochlockonee Bay

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 February 29

Thursday, February 29

• Rotary Club of Wakulla meets at TCC

ets are \$10 online or \$15 at the door. • Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 8 p.m. every Friday at the American onee St.

Sunday, March 3

• The Battle of Natural Bridge Anniversary and Reenactment will be held at Natural Bridge Battlefield Historic State Park from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with the battle reenactment taking place at 2:30 p.m.

Citizens Academy will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. To sign up or for more information, contact Lt. Jeffrey Yarbrough at jyarbrough@wcso.org.

• 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 Ochlock-

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 are concessions and raffles.

• Gentle Yoga at 9 a.m. and Yin Yoga at 6 p.m. with Zoe every Thursday. Classes are \$12, at New Posh on 3079 Crawfordville Hwy. RSVP to newposh3079@gmail.com or text/call at (850) 528-5838.

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

Friday, March 1

The Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Church is having a Baked Ziti Dinner Fundraiser from 5 to 7 p.m. Plates cost \$15 for Adults and \$8 for Children. • Palaver Tree Theater is hosting Johanna Imhoff with Jashan Nagpal at 8 p.m. TickLegion, 54 Ochlockonee St.

Saturday, March 2

• The Apalachicola National Forest Cleanup will be held from 8 a.m. to 12 noon in Hudson Park.

• The Battle of Natural Bridge Anniversary and Reenactment will be held at Natural Bridge Battlefield Historic State Park from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., with a skirmish on the battlefield at 3 p.m.

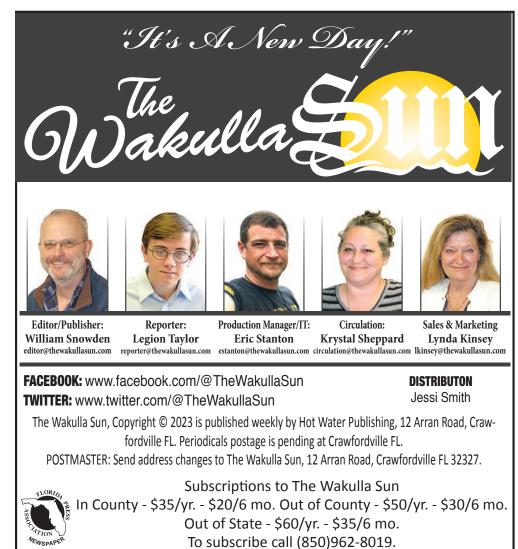
• The Panacea Community Garden Farmer's Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Panacea.

• Palaver Tree Theater hosts Folk n' Blues by Hot Tamale at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 online or \$15 at the door.

• The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group will meet at the Public Library at 10 a.m.

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30

p.m. at the American Legion, 54 Ochlock-



Monday, March 4

• 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, March 5

• The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office

onee 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, March 6

• 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.

• A line dance class is held at 1 p.m. at the Wakulla Senior Center every Wednesday.

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonee St.
- Gentle Yoga and Stetching Class, every Wednesday, 11 a.m. Wakulla Community

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< Question of The Week >

- Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Polled at Cabs And Counters Chamber Mixer: If you were to have a kitchen renovation, what is a must-have for you?



B&V Golf Carts

"Cabs And Counters

actually designed my

kitchen a few years ago.

Between Anne and my

wife it looks like it is right

out of a magazine all the

way down to the knobs

and hinges and all the fine details."



HEATHER BRYAN Chamber Executive Director

"We remodeled a couple of years ago and I had to have my pot filler, double ovens and our large island."

MARIANNE DAZEVEDO Exit Realty

"We're working on a little house right now so I need an efficient and spacious looking space with lots of light."

HOLLY DUGGER "Non-slamming cabinets, a dishwasher, a dish washer and a dish washer!"

Wakulla Station News

By VERNA BROCK

The Chill Spot

"I would like a

place for a mini

wine fridge."

end? The weather was nearly perfect, with a fast shower we needed, and then sunny days.

park watching grandchildren (mine and everybody else's!) play baseball and soccer on Saturday. As usual, I forgot sunscreen after so many months of winter spent indoors, but ed in learning more. am only a little bit pink. And it is so worth it! Wakulla County's most hapmornings at the Recreation Park.

March is right around the corner, as in tomorrow. There are so many cool and fun things coming up. Starting with the Battle of Natural Bridge have a child interested in participatin Woodville all weekend long, you can ing. experience an historical commemoration on Friday, Saturday or Sunday, (March 2nd, 3rd, & 4th) If you have dinner at the Wakulla United Methnever been, you are missing an amazing reenactment and should go at lowing the 10 a.m. Communion serleast once.

This coming Thursday, March 7th, Wow! How great was this past week- the Coastal Optimist Club has invited special guest speaker Richard "Rick" Myhre, candidate for Wakulla Superintendent of Schools, to join us I enjoyed several hours at the rec at noon at Myra Jean's Restaurant. We look forward to meeting him, and hearing his ideas about educating our children in sometimes challenging times. Please join us if you're interest-

4-H Summer Camps will open for pening place is definitely Saturday registration next week, and they will fill soon. Camps are on a first come, first serve basis, so check out the 4-H registration on the Wakulla County Extension webpage right away if you

> There will also be a covered dish odist Church this coming Sunday, folvice. Come join us for a great time of

worship, fellowship and food.

will be the celebration of our very own for bragging rights, as well as an op-Wakulla County with Wakulla Won- portunity to compete at the national derful. Designed to be a showcase for level. We are so blessed to be able to local Wakulla vendors and our coun- field several teams. ty's history, it is always a fun time.

the annual Woodville Founder's Day more details on this event soon. Festival from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. There will be a wide variety of historical prerepresenting every epoch of North to recover, as well as Thelma Watts. Florida history. There will also be over 40 (as of today) vendors with wonderyou are interested in participating, prayerful support. The family of Ray Festival page on facebook for more in- our prayers at this difficult time. Cinformation.

St Patrick's Day is the 17th of standing in the need of prayer March, which is a Sunday. I am planning on braised corned beef and sauteed cabbage with onions. Can't wait!

We are well into the Lenten season, with Holy Week and Easter approach-

ing quickly. That same weekend the Wakulla Odyssey of the Mind teams The following Saturday, March 9th, will be competing in the state finals

The Woodville United Methodist On Saturday 16th, The J.Lewis Hall Church is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt Recreation Park in Woodville will host again this year, and I will publish

Please continue to keep Clem Bunsenters, performers and reenactors ker in your prayers as she continues

Ms. Norma Woodcock is recovering ful arts, crafts and wares for sale. If from a fracture, and also needs our check out the Woodville Founders Day Butler, recently passed away, needs dy Blackstock's sister, Deborah Giles, is facing serious health issues and

> Happy birthday wishes to Pastor Steve Montgomery, Becky Cox and Louis Hernandez.

Library News

Library News Feb. 29th-March 6th • Quilting Guild 9:30 am

February 29th

- Creative Writing 10am
- Homeschool History 12:30pm
- The Parks HOA 6:30pm

March 1st

- Intro to Coding using Scratch for Kids 5pm

March 2nd

- Dr Seuss Themed Open House 9-1
- March 3rd
- Closed

- March 4th • Closed
- March 5th
- Book Bunch 10am
- Lego Club 4pm
- Wakulla Democratic Executive Committee 6pm

March 6th

- Book Babies 10am
- Garden Club Board Meeting 1pm
- Knitting Group 4pm

Upcoming Holiday Closings

- March 29th & March 30th for
- Good Friday and Easter
- May 25th for Memorial Dav

Gala held as fundraiser for Wakulla Christian

Story & Photos By LINDA ANN McDONALD Correspondent

Denim and Diamonds Gala. Wakulla Christian School's first ever Parent Teacher Organization fundraising event was held on Friday, Feb. 23 at the Wakulla Community Center. The event was held in effort to raise funds to expand the school's campus.

The event's guest speaker was Donny Bennett Jr. who delivered his influential message of "Burdens, Beacons and Hope."

"After a lot of prayer, Bennett was chosen amongst multiple candidates to bring the message because he is a Christian, invested in children and sewn into the community.", said Brittany Gray, PTO member and event hostess. Bennett is also the community's Fellowship of Christian Athletes Leader, Battle 14 and fundraising Battle Balls sports events.

"Wakulla Christian School is at a event and students) they are bea-



Above, Cindy Sullivan, Sponsor, Brittany Gray, event hostess, Jessica Crisp, event hostess, Kathy Gray, guest. At right, speaker Donny Bennett Jr.

pivotal moment where it has a burden, (the school's need to expand), but with beacons (referencing the Bennett in his speech said, PTO, sponsors and guests of the



cons, beacons to show light for the school's mission."

Bennett utilized a light to point in the direction of Jesus and a sword to help illustrate and drive his message home.

"At the end, there is always hope, without hope there is nothing."

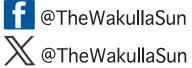
Deborah Fell, principal of Wakulla Christian School said, "We appreciate everyone ce came out tonight to help with Wakulla Christian School and its bright future."

Vice president of the PTO Ne'Shoni Love-Beane said, "I love that the event is successful, it was a lot of work and with it being the first event, we learned a lot of lessons. I am glad we built a great foundation for future generations and with the success of this event, we can pour it back into our school."

The glittery gala was catered by Carrabba's, and a large variety of gift baskets were silently auctioned off.

Anyone wishing to donate or inquire can contact PTO@wakullachristian.com

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HOME ON THE RANGE



By MARJ LAW

Who remembers the advertisement: "a silly millimeter longer?"

This was an ad made in 1967, according to a guy named Alex on The Retro Site. He further explains that in reled gun with its short 1967: "the rage in cigarettes was to make them longer. Chesterfield was one of the biggest brands at the time and they countered with the "Silly Millimeter Longer" as the brand and catch phrase."

Of course, what they better.

I hear the same thing gun with the longer barrel is supposed to be better and the most important too. accurate.

fice range.

509 and I have a FN Reflex.

inches long. Joe mainmore accurate because, has the longer barrel by rounds. hey, he has the longer more than half an inch.

barrel. a longer sight radius," he says (like this ends the charge has built up the discussion.)

the distance between the front and back sights.

According to our friends at Wikipedia: "The longer sight radius gives you more space to properly line up your shot."

OK.

So, you've had three cups of coffee this morning. Your hands are shaky. You're aiming at the red X-ring on your target. Notice how the sights on the gun are twitching with every jerky movement? You line up as best you can and shoot at the target. Let's take that 509 as an example to see what happens.

Now, hold a short-barsight radius. Here comes the Reflex. Because of the short distance between front and back sights, you'll probably notice that your shots one has their hands on "Although it doesn't grip. He's just not crazy to the X-ring than with are further apart on the your back. You're on the show from the rear of about the grip, but I like the 509? target. Your caffeine edge of a cliff. There's a the gun, this Reflex has it a lot. rush shows that the lon- big difference if he gives an internal hammer." ger distance on the 509 you a quick push versus were implying is that the gives you the ability to if he keeps his hands on right. I lock back the give it a 2. Joe finds it to lug around one that is longer the cigarette, the line up your shot more your back and gives a slide and look at the even easier (he's a lot wider and half a pound accurately.

However, sight radius about handguns. The isn't the only consideration.

For instance, Joe and ger barrel will also in- our 8-inch targets. I are visiting the Wakul- crease the bullet's vela County Sheriff's Of- locity because it has testing if the longer "sil- A "1" means it is easy, to know if the gun has a more time to propel ly millimeter" theory is or we like it, and a "5" lot of recoil. He has brought a FN the bullet before it's correct. released. While there

Reflex. All that power in 26.9 ounces. Newbie is sitting near distance in the 509, er-fired," I say to Joe. my smaller hand. I give than the 509. giving the bullet more

A longer barrel



nice long shove.

So, now...

sight radius and the mer-fired. Length of barrel is longer barrel, we expect the 509 will "beat" the the guns by trigger pull, and trigger travel are rack? Back to Wiki: "A lon- Reflex in accuracy on length of trigger pull quite easy. Both of us

The reason I'm com- don't like it. are benefits to both long paring these two is that His 509 has a longer and short-barrel pistols, they are both made by shorter Reflex. We like kick as does the Reflex. and the nice trigger. barrel at 4 inches. My long-barrel pistols stand the company FN. They the trigger pull, and we Reflex's barrel is 3.3 far ahead in accuracy." are both 9mm hand- think the distance the Besides having a wid- guns. Their magazines trigger travels is quite tains his shots will be er sight radius, the 509 hold either 10 or 17 short. Both pull and slide? I find it a 2.5, silly millimeter longer:

The Reflex is a lot each of us. The projectile (bul- lighter at 18.4 ounces. We rate recoil next. "Length isn't the only let) is travelling further It's a micro-compact. Often, shorter guns are easy, but recoil is consideration," I object. down the barrel on the The 509 is a compact have more recoil, and we stronger on the smaller her. "This'll be a carry "My longer barrel has 509 than it will on the gun and weighs in at both agree this is true Reflex.

know? There's the fir- it a 1.5. Between the longer ing pin. Yep. It's ham-

Like always, we rate travel, recoil, grip, and Here is where we're ease of pulling the slide. means it is hard or we

reled 509.

Again, trigger pull

We both like the grip,

giving it a 2. distance get 2s from while Joe gives it a 3. It's it's more than a half not too difficult.

Overall, both triggers better?"

comfortable on larger hands.

Keep in mind this is simply a sample of two people, and we're wondering if the longer barrel is going to make a difference in our shooting these two handguns.

The top two targets belong to Joe. Left is the Reflex and right is the 509. You can see that his grouping is much better with the 509. Yes, he does get all bullets on the target when shooting the Reflex, but notice how the grouping is not tight; the holes are scattered. On the right, with the 509, he has a tight grouping of 3.

When I'm shooting the Reflex, 4 shots are somewhat grouped. On the right, my shots are closer with the 509.

Shall we ditch the Reflex because we're closer

Guess it all depends. Ability to jack the Both guns are pretty Drat. He's usually slide? I find it easy and accurate. Do you want underside. What do you stronger) and he gives heavier? Do you have large or small hands? On to the longer-bar- Are you really worried about recoil? Do you want an easy slide to

If the Great Gun Fairy give pull and travel a 2. comes down and offers Kick? Everyone wants me either of these handguns, I'll take the Reflex. I don't like recoil, and it Joe gives the 509 a 2, does have a fairly suband I give it a 2.5. I feel it stantial one, but I love First, we shoot the has almost as much of a the grip, the easy slide

"What about that longer barrel on the 509?" Ease of racking the she'll ask. "It's not a inch longer. Isn't longer

"Not for me!" I'll tell

us

"Riiiiight," she says, imitating Bill Cosby. the muzzle. "What's a sight radius?" The sight radius is

It's like when some-

and stayed the longer both handguns. "Strik-

He grins, knowing it a 1.5, while Joe gives er-fired guns.

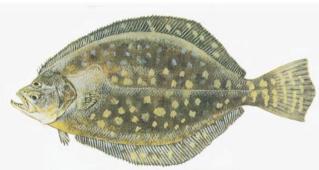
on the Reflex. We give

I look at the back of the Reflex a 3 for kick. on the Reflex is signifi-Grip? The Reflex fits cantly easier to jack

The Reflex's grip is speed as it comes out of my preference for strik- it a 3, even though we more comfortable on has become an avid put in the longer mag- smaller hands, and the shooter in retirement. "Nope," he corrects. azine to give him better 509 is wider and more

gun; not a lugging gun. We both find the slide I'll take the Reflex."

> Marj Law is the former director of Keep Wakulla County Beautiful who



SOUTHERN FLOUNDER

(Paralichthys lethostigma) Flounders are a type of "flat fish". As the young larvae develop, one eye migrates across the head so both end up on the same side. They lie flat, eyes up, and can change their color to blend in. They hide from predators and ambush small fish prey with their studded teeth. They are tolerant of temperatures from 50-90F and salinities of 0-36 ppt. They weigh from 1-2 lbs and grow to 36" in their five year life span.

Eukarya, Animalia, Cordata, Actinopterygii Pleuronectiformes, Paralichthyidae

Sulf Specimen Marine Laboratory



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a peek into life on and under the water

Local writers share their experiences

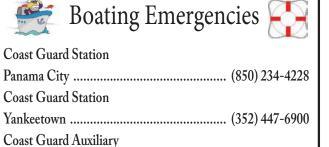
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Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports By Carolyn Brown Treadon

Every year, we try to take time to remind boaters of the importance of pre-underway checks. As the weather is improving and summer is fast approaching - now is a great time to start making sure your boat is ready.

After sitting through the winter, or even for



the water.

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 Face-Book @ Apalachee Bay Flotilla 12 or contact our

Underwater Wakulla **By Rusty Miller**

Another season of saltwater diving!

Are you ready for another season of saltwater diving?

Here in North Florida it has been another mild winter and now we are moving into our spring temperatures. Within a few weeks the ocean temperature should be in the 70s. Currently it is around 62 degrees. In comparison to last March the water temperature was only 60 degrees so it should be a little warmer this year.

Last summer it seemed that the water off of Pan-

a few weeks or months, things can become drained, corroded, or inoperable. It is important one can predict an accibefore leaving home.

prevent you from ever with no lights. leaving the docks – crank up your engine and let is in good working order. 20 minutes with a hose with our heat and huattachment to get water midity, they can mildew flowing. Watch for the quickly! Double-check discharge, is it flowing that you have enough in freely? Different insects good working condition can quickly start build- for everyone onboard. ing nests preventing Visual distress signals good water flow.

plan to be out into the quick visual inspection evening, make sure your - paying attention to exlights are working. No practice.

or(850) 284-1166 Lastly, before you

to check things out even dent or technical difficul- head out, let someone ties - you don't want to know your plans. Where learn more about vessel A dead battery can get caught out after dark are you launching from, safety checks, please

it run for at least 15- Check your life jackets, assistance. such as flares can also Even if you do not become corroded. A ber safe boating is no Auxiliary was created running and anchor piration dates - is good the water's edge can help visit www.cgaux.org. you have a great day on

Apalachee Bay (Flotilla 12) (850) 942-7500 Flotilla Commander Phil Hill at pnkkhill2000@ vahoo.com

If you would like to rough area you plan to contact Steve Hults, Staff Make sure your radio explore and when you Officer for Vessel Examexpect to be back. Even inations at steve.hults@ if you do not use a for- uscgaux.net. mal float plan, communication is important The Coast Guard Aux-

and can be life-saving if iliary is the uniformed something goes wrong civilian volunteer comand you are in need of ponent of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Thanks to Sherrie, Coast Guard in nearly we will always remem- all mission areas. The accident! Pre-planning by Congress in 1939. For before even making it to more information, please

FWC Law Enforcement Report

From FWC

accordingly.

This report represents some events the FWC handled Feb. 2-8 in the Northwest Region. (No patrolling at the Ochlock-Wakulla County)

FRANKLIN COUNTY

and saw a recreational hunter produced a piedals onboard returning to shot it. Appropriate cita-Ten Foot Hole Boat Ramp. tions were issued. Officer Hartzog observed

GADSDEN COUNTY

• Officer H. Keels was cases were reported in onee River and Highway 90 boat ramp when he observed two individuals dressed in camouflage loading two kayaks. He · Officer Hartzog was approached the two inconducting patrol on Bay dividuals to conduct a Avenue in Apalachicola resource inspection. One nia when he observed two a vehicle. The vehicle vessel with two individu- billed grebe and said he

offshore fishing gear and received information that resource inspection on ing for deer. Two rifles stopped the vessel for a subject killed an ant- the vessel. The two indi- were located \. After fura resource inspection. lered deer during closed viduals had two shotguns ther investigation, it was During the inspection, season. Officer Fernbach in the boat as well as five determined an antlerless the subjects were found and Officer L. Glover ring-necked ducks. In deer had been killed out to possess over their dai- drove to the subject's Leon County it is legal of season. The subject ly bag limit and out-of- residence to conduct an to take ducks only on was charged with night season gray triggerfish. interview. The subject Wednesday, Saturday, hunting and the illegal The violations were cited admitted to harvesting and Sunday as well as take of an antlerless deer.

a an antlered deer and holidays listed in the FWC taking the antlers and hunting regulation guide. deer hide to a taxidermist The two individuals were in Georgia. The violation issued citations for taking was addressed accord- ducks geese or coots in viingly and was direct filed olation of listed seasons. through Gadsden County State Attorney's Office.

LEON COUNTY

was patrolling Lake Iamo- a spotlight coming from subjects in camouflage stopped for several secclothing and waders in a onds while shining a field. boat with duck hunting The officer conducted a decoys out. He pulled vehicle stop and the driv-• Officer M. Fernbach alongside to perform a er admitted he was shin-

SANTA ROSA

COUNTY

• Officer R. Bower was • Officer Hildebrand on patrol and observed ama City Beach was calmer but not as clear as it should have been. We where lucky to get 20-30 foot visibility when in summers past it was normally 40-80 foot visibility. So it will probably be a crap shoot this summer. Regardless, any day of diving is better than work.

Back to my question of are you ready, there are two things that need to be ready for scuba diving. The first one is your equipment from your personal gear - i.e mask, snorkel, booties, and fins to your regulators. Let's check out your personal gear first.

Your mask: If you haven't used your mask since your last dive last summer you will need to take it out of your gear bag and check several key areas.

Look at the strap to make sure it's free of any little cracks when you stretch it out, if it is then you need to replace it.

If it's got mold on it then replace it.

If the part of it that goes in the frame of the mask where you pull the strap to adjust it is slightly torn, replace it.

Look at the lens to make sure sure it is clear and not scratched or cracked, if it is then you will need a new mask.

Look at the silicone skirt around the frame to make sure there are no cracks or punctures for a possible leak path. The only thing you can really replace will be the strap itself.

Now look at your snorkel, if the mouthpiece is cracked or torn it's time for a new one.

Look at your booties to make sure they are not torn and that the zipper is not locked up by salt. Sometimes you can soak them in warm fresh water and it will dissolve the salt deposits and the zipper will work free, if it doesn't then its time to get new booties.

If you are using a dive computer that requires replacement batteries then hopefully you stored it without the batteries installed, if not you run the risk of the batteries off gassing and corrosion on the contacts.

Sometimes you can take a small wire brush and clean them.

If you stored it properly then put new batteries in it and it should work fine.

I will cover the rest of your equipment next week.

Russell Miller #59999



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The critical season before Easter



By SHERYL H. BOLDT

What are you doing to prepare your heart for Easter?

Today, you can do something that will change the way you celebrate Resurrection will also bring a clearer focus to your life and noticeable peace and joy.

Before I go into more detail, let me review a little of my backstory for those who are new to my column:

Years ago, anorexia nervosa totally consumed me. My only thought was how to lose another pound. The disease cost me everything, including my family, one job after another, my health and my sanity. I knew I had crossed the line when my desire to be thin became more

Sunday. This practice important than my desire to please God.

> Romans 8:5-6 (ESV) illustrates this well: "For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace."

Note the contrast. Which mindset best describes you?

It's not hard to see what my mind was set on those many years ago. I missed out on so

obsessing on things of minds and souls. Lent the flesh (death). Had I chosen to live according to God's Spirit (life and peace) even half as much as I pursued death, perhaps my first marriage wouldn't have ended in divorce, and I could have raised my children.

What is your mind set on? If it's "on the things of the flesh," what are you missing out on? What have you already missed out on?

We have entered the beautiful and significant season of Lent – a per-

much by spending years to God with our hearts, is a season to help us prepare for Easter, regardless of our church denomination.

> At the beginning of each week during the rest of this Lenten season, let's decide what we're going to do to prepare our hearts for Easter. Maybe we could join a Bible Study, have a quiet time with God every day or pick a daily verse to meditate on.

During our time with God, let's ask Him to help us take an honest look at what fills fect time to draw nearer our thoughts (and what

drives us) - and pray for His help where needed.

If we do this, weekby-week we'll experience greater focus, peace and joy. Most of all, we'll know our heavenly Father on a deeper level and feel closer to our Savior. Then we can celebrate Resurrection Sunday like never before.

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The safety of His higher ground



By CHERYL CRUCE

Many of us gathered as a family several years ago for fun and festivities at a local zoo. Excitement rang through the air as we walked to the observation deck above the encampment of the silverback gorilla, watching him mill around below us. Some were amazed at how small he looked from our viewpoint. Others were captivated by how his

silver coat glistened in rated by only a few feet, the sunlight. Still, others noticed how unbothered he was by our intrusion into his world. Then, something caught the animal's attention, and he moved to the viewing glass on the lower deck.

Gathering the children, we hurried toward the new location to get a better glance at the creature that had fascinated us. Four-year-old Rowen, the youngest of the group, pushed through the adults to find a place beside the glass. The new location changed our perspective of the Suddenly, Silverback. what had been small and far away was now very large and up close.

From a distance, the creature appeared harmless; now, sepa-

the potential danger became evident. His immense head and teeth measured well against the strength seen in his massive arms and hands. The muscles that lined his back and legs showed a power we had not seen from above. What once looked cute and harmless was now immeasurable and frightening.

Rowen, who had been the most excited to view this creature up close, now squatted beside the glass, cupping his tiny hands to block his vision of the animal. The trembling image of my grandson soon caught the eye of his mother, who made her way to his side. Reaching her hand toward him, she said,

"I've got you, buddy." As she led him through the crowd and to the higher ground, Rowen began to regain his confidence in the security of her presence.

That day, I gained a valuable lesson as I watched my daughter take her son to the safety of higher ground. there Metaphorically, are a lot of Silverbacks in this world that appear harmless from the observation deck. Their beauty allures us to a second look when temptation begins to make Often, our decisions. it is a wrong choice in a moment of weakness that affects the rest of our lives.

Satan uses temptation to lure us away from the protection of

our Heavenly Father. The Apostle Paul struggled with the alluring nature of sin. Paul's greatest desire was to do what was right, yet temptation plagued him. He spoke of his inner being delighting in the law of the Lord while the sinful nature of his mind fought against him. Paul knew his only hope was in the saving grace of Jesus (Romans 7:14-25).

Our hope is also found in the Lord Jesus. That day, Rowen could have stayed in fear; however, he heard his mother's voice and reached for her hand. Wherever we are in life, our Father is calling our name. He has reached out His hand to save us. Therefore, the choice to reach up becomes ours.

It is time to find our confidence in His salvation by letting go of what causes us harm. His greatest desire is to lead us to the safety of His higher ground.

91:1-2&14 Psalm Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

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

OUT TO PASTOR





more ice cream I need.

problems I have, the entered the store, and ordered some ice cream. Discovering that ice I looked at the menu for cream is my comfort a while to order the right food has really made a ice cream. I saw some mint chocolate chip ice cream on the menu. I haven't had mint chocolate chip ice cream in I can't remember how long. So I ordered it, took it to the table, sat down, and began working on it. I was only three bites in when it finally occurred to me that I wasn't even thinking about my problem at that time. All I was thinking about was how delicious this ice cream was. This mint chocolate chip ice cream was so delicious I couldn't think of anything else. When I finished my mint chocolate chip ice cream dish, I couldn't remember my problem. Unfortunately, when I got in my car and started driving away, the problem finally came back to me. But when it did, it didn't seem as serious as it did before the ice cream. Something had happened. It's not every day that I learn something new about myself, but this was one of those days. I don't know how many kinds of ice cream there are, but I have worked it out so that every problem I face is associated with some flavor of ice cream.

The harder the prob- bowl of chocolate fudge have a very easy prob-

lem, the darker the ice ice cream, and looking cream. If I have vanilla at me, she said, "I'm not ice cream, that means I sure if this is chocolatev enough to fix your prob-

Dr. James L. Snyder lives in Ocala with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Telephone 1-352-216-3025, e-mail

By JAMES SNYDER

Like everybody else, I face problems almost every day. Or maybe I should say, my problem faces me.

Every Monday, when I get up, I say to myself, "How many problems will I have this week? How many will I solve?" Unfortunately, myself never replies back.

Problems are part of life, but it's tough for me to get used to problems. Every time I almost solve one problem, two or three new ones pop up. There are times when I hesitate to get up on a Monday morning.

Recently, I discovered something related to my problems. No matter my problems or where they come from, I have discovered that a bowl of ice cream solves most of them.

This is a recent discovery for me. I only wish I would've known it 50 years ago. Since I know it now, I will use it for my benefit. The more

lot of difference in my life. And it has taken me quite a while to get The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage to understand this about me.

She knows much about me, even more than I know about myself. But this one thing about ice cream is relatively new, and she hesitates to acknowledge it.

Whenever a problem pops up, I usually get frustrated and bent out of shape trying to figure out how to deal with it. Sometimes I do figure it out, but more often, I do not. Then I discovered something that has changed my attitude for all time.

That discovery is that ice cream is a way of helping me deal with a problem that I might have. Oh boy, this has been a learning curve for me.

I discovered this not too long ago when I faced a problem I just didn't know how to take. I was driving down the street when I noticed a relatively new ice cream store on my right side. Looking at it, I thought to myself, "What will it hurt if I stop and have some ice cream?"

I pulled into the parking lot, walked over,

lem to solve. But if I have a really difficult problem, I must have chocolate fudge ice cream.

When I got home that evening, I updated The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage on my discovery.

"Guess what I learned about myself today," I said with a big smile.

"I give up; what did you learn about yourself today that I don't already know?"

Clearing my throat, I said, "I have learned that I need ice cream to deal with any problem that comes my way."

"Well," she said sarcastically, "that's one good excuse to get your ice cream."

"Oh no," I said enthusiastically, "I really mean that ice cream helps me solve my problems.'

I tried to explain to her that every flavor of ice cream helps me solve a particular problem. I'm not sure she believed me, but I was going to prove that that was true.

Later that evening, after supper, we watched TV in the living room, and then she went out into the kitchen. When she returned, she had a



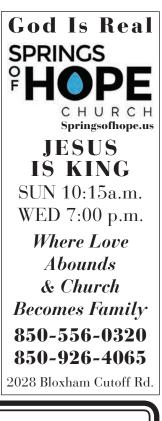
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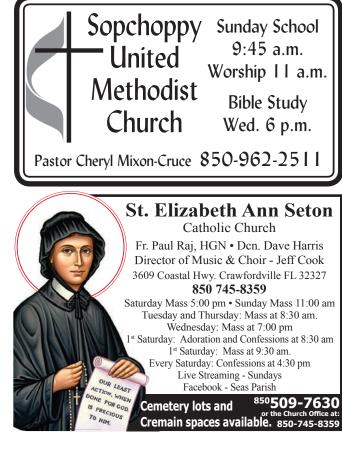
Munching on my ice cream I thought of a Bible verse. Philippians 4:6-7, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Nobody can live without problems. That's just life. But, as a Christian, I have a special resource called prayer. My prayer connects me with God's peace "which passeth all understanding."

There is no problem that in anyway compromises God's peace that He has for me.

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SERVICES: Sunday School 10:30 am Morning Worship 11:30 am Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:30 pm

Obituaries



DEATH NOTICES

Laura Stephens Taylor

Laura Stephens Taylor, 66, of Crawfordville, passed away after a brief illness on, February 22, 2024.

She was a native of Gadsden County, Alabama. Laura worked for the Florida Department of Revenue for over 30 years. She was a devoted Christian & Caregiver and a member of Ivan Assembly of God Church.

She will be remembered by her sons, James Vernon, Joey Vernon, Luke Taylor, and Chris Stephens; mother, Mildred Stephens, sister, Donna Holm and husband Steve; brother Chuck Stephens; and seven grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her father, John Samuel Stephens Sr.; and brother John Samuel Stephens Jr.

Funeral services will be Saturday, March 2, 2024, starting at 11 a.m. at Family Funeral Home in Harvey Young Chapel and the family will receive friends at 10 a.m. one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Whiddon Lake Cemetery.

Skip & Trey Young along with Paula and Kimberly are caring and assisting the family. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel, 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

• Steven Thomas Trent, 67, of Crawfordville, died February 24, 2024. Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel, 850-926-5919, www.familyfhc.com

Weekly Roundup: Leaders' priorities prosper

By RYAN DAILEY News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Legislature this week passed a bill that is designed to keep minors under 16 from being on social-media platforms, this year's top priority of the House speaker.

But with Gov. Ron DeSantis expressing doubts about the measure, lawmakers could be hedging against a potential veto.

The House on Thursday voted 108-7 to pass the measure (HB 1), a little more than two weeks before the 2024 legislative session's scheduled March 7 conclusion. The Senate signed off on the bill earlier in the week, meaning the governor would have to take action on the bill within seven days.

DeSantis has made several statements in recent weeks questioning the legality of the bill, that it could get the governor's veto pen. If it does, lawmakers could come back to the table before the end of session to reconsider the measure. Republican supermajorities in both chambers also could potentially override a gubernatorial veto — an option not exercised by state lawmakers in nearly 15 years. Speaking about the bill before the House passed it Thursday, De-Santis suggested the bill could have potential implications for Floridans' parental rights. The governor pointed to the bill affecting 14- and 15-year-olds.

I think, answers the concerns that a lot of folks have," DeSantis said. "Because I do think parents are concerned about social media and what goes on there. And I do think they think it's a problem. But I also think that for people that are in high school, it's not as simple. I think you've got to have some parent involvement."

The measure would place various requirements on social-media companies, including preventing children under 16 from creating accounts on at least some platforms. The bill also would require platforms to terminate existing accounts that they know or have "reason to believe" are held by minors younger than 16 and allow parents to request that minors' accounts be terminated.

The restrictions would apply only to companies leading to speculation that meet certain criteria, including issues related to algorithms, "addictive features" and allowing users to view the content or activities of other users. House Speaker Paul Renner, R-Palm Coast, made the measure a major priority for the 2024 session. Reporters on Thursday asked Renner whether he expected DeSantis to veto the measure. "I don't know, I don't know what the governor is thinking," the speaker said. Renner also touted the bill, saying that "we worked with everyone, really all stakeholders, from the first moment." "We've taken a little bit more time to get to where we are. But we

get there in a way that, think we have a really good product, we're really excited about it, both being effective and constitutional," Renner told reporters.

> Meanwhile, tech industry groups such as the Computer & Communications Industry Association, have signaled the bill likely would face a court challenge if signed by De-Santis.

The association said in a statement this week that the bill "puts young Floridians at risk by restricting their First Amendment right to access information and forcing companies to collect additional sensitive data on internet users."

GETTING FIT

Bills that are part of a major health plan that is a priority of Senate President Kathleen Passidomo, R-Naples, also got final approval in the Legislature this week.

The measures (SB

day, after the Senate last month voted overwhelmingly to approve the bill.

Rep. Mike Beltran, R-Riverview, cast the House's only dissenting votes on the bills, dubbed the "Live Healthy" plan.

The main bill, SB 7016, includes \$717 million in spending. Among other things, it would provide money for increased residency slots for doctors and put additional dollars into loan-forgiveness programs for health-care professionals.

The bill also seeks to take workforce-related steps such as helping clear the way for foreign-trained physicians to practice in Florida, and includes issues such as trying to shift patients away from hospital emergency rooms for non-emergency conditions.

The other bill, SB 7018, includes providing \$50 million a year for a revolving-loan fund program for health-innovation projects. The program would provide loans with a maximum interest rate of 1 percent, with priority given to applicants such as rural hospitals and organizations that provide care in medically under-



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zens!

Words...

Jeremiah 17:10 "I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give to each man according to his ways, According to the results of his deeds.

John 14:15 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."

WOW! Powerful! Often the mind gets all the credit for our actions and the words we speak. This topic can become deep in the mind if we allow it to. As we sit here, look into our hearts not ship with our Creator ... Faour minds that want to reason everything out!Romans

Greetings Wakulla citi- dissatisfied with the way we are in our lives, give Him a Let us start off with His chance to prove to you He is faithful to do what He says. He will cause Fruit to grow in our lives! Peace, Joy, Kindness, Gentleness and so on. Remember how Jesus treated the people, His people, the Jewish people that sent Him to the Cross .. with Kindness, Mercy, and LOVE! Now that is a Harvest of Fruit! We would not have Salvation if it were not for the Jewish people! Let us thank God for them!

> I hope this article causes each one of us that reads this to go deeper in our relationther God, our Savior, and Holy Spirit.

"I don't think it (the bill) is there yet. Hopefully we'll be able to 7016 and SB 7018) carry a hefty price tag and are designed to bolster the state's health care workforce as more people are projected to move to the Sunshine State.

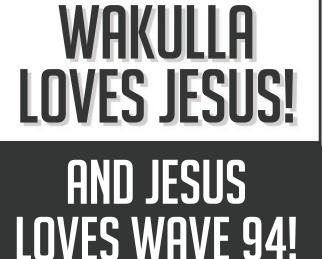
With little discussion, the House voted 117-1 to pass the two bills Thurs-



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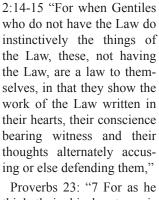
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thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee." (KJV)

kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds."

within, out of the [c] hearts of people, come the pray this in Faith, amen! evil thoughts, acts of seximmorality, ual murders, acts of adulcent behavior, [d]envy, slander, [e]pride, and foolishcome from within and defile the person."

heavy, isn't it?! This is so worthy of sharing due to where our souls may be headed! This is why it is so particularly important we encourage each other in His Words not our opinions of His Words! I know for sure my words will not help you at all! They will only cause your mind to get involved and screw things up!!

As we begin our day that He gives us, seek Him, His Words and He is faithful to cause our hearts to change. He is the only way! If we are

For those of us that do not know Jesus as our LORD and Savior...confess out loud this prayer, "Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that You are the Son of God, and the only way to God, that You died on the cross for my sins, and rose again from the dead. I am sorry for sins I have done. I turn away from all of them now, I turn to You Lord Jesus, for mercy and forgiveness. I trust You to forgive me now and by faith I open my heart to You, and Revelation 2:23 "And I will I receive You as my personal Savior, I now confess You as my Lord. I have now done what You require, and I trust You, that You will do what only You can do. That You will save me, give me eternal life, and make me a Mark 7:21-23 "For from child of God and I thank You for it. In the name of Jesus, I

PRAISE GOD!! We NOW thefts, belong to Him!! The next step is to be water baptized tery, 22 deeds of greed, (1 Peter 3:21, 1 Corinthians wickedness, deceit, inde- 6:11) so that our old self will be buried. It is important now to get involved in ness. 23 All these evil things a Spirit filled full Gospel church and dive in and learn all about who you now are This is very deep and becoming. Congratulations my friend!

Shalom,

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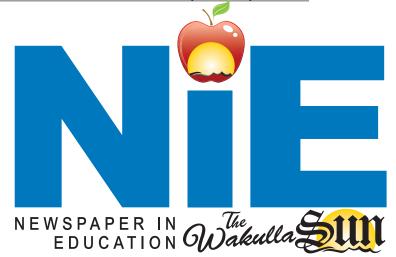
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USE THE NEWS

1. OCEANFRONT ISSUES

coast are sinking the Atlaninto tic Ocean. It's at a slow rate, only a few centimeters per decade, but that amount can still cause problems for buildings, sidewalks, and roads. At the same time, sea levels are also rising around 3.3 millimeters per year. In places that are at sea level, the sinking and rising waters can make flooding worse, especially during big storms or hurricanes. One of the biggest reasons areas are sinking is because people are pumping too much water out of the ground. Groundwater is taken out to water plants, for use in factories and other industrial situations, and for drinking water. However, it can take hundreds of thousands of years for deep sources of rainwater to refill and while it's gone, the soil can compress and cause the land above it to sink. Write a summary of this story, including at least five facts you learned.

you see any differences in how the Parts of the east people in your life get news information based on their age or other factors? Write a paragraph of at least 5 sentences on this topic.

3. NEW SPECIES ALERT

A new species has been discovered in Japan: the look like based on skeleton sea squirt. They're look up a picture found about 15 to 30 feet deep in really looks like! the water off the coast of Kume Island, Japan. The 2-centimeter-long creature was first

on television? Do noticed by researchers in 2018 and they've been studying them ever since. This year, it was formally given a taxonomic description, or name for its species and genus to identify where it belongs in the animal kingdom. Draw a picture of what you imagine this strange underwater creature would panda its name. Then, of it to see what it

4. MOON PHASES **MAKE HISTORY**

The lunar lander

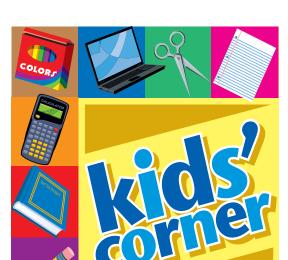
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Odysseus touched work on the moon! like we do (nor do last week, carrying one send artwork Instead, they have with it equipment to space or want to for NASA and an- be the first artist a U-shaped tissue other interesting whose work was The artist is Jeff Write a paragraph unique Koons, who is fa- about what you that your ideas with

Whales after known for their singing. from make can travocean and are one lunar nicate with others. However, up on the Odys- know exactly how seus lander and they make these became the first sounds. They don't answers to some of art- have vocal cords your questions!

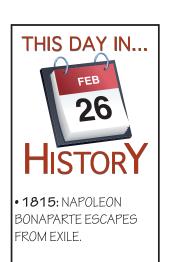
they have teeth!). voice boxes with and a pad of fat and muscle that's just to whales. Scientists now think they sing by pushing the tissue against the fat and muscle "cushion," but they need to do are more research to be sure. Write a summary of this story and then write down some things you want learn to about whales-for example, how big they are or what they don't eat. Then, use research online or in books to find the



What's the Difference?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

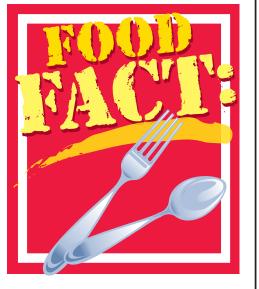




2. BREAKING **NEWS**

People are getting more and more of their news on Instagram instead of traditional media outlets, like newspapers, news websites, and television news shows. Some traditional news sources have popular Instagram feeds where they share stories in a photo caption or video format. Other accounts feature people talking to the camera like influencer, an sharing headlines and giving their own opinions on the stories. Think about how your family gets news information – do they use social media, read the newspaper in print or online, watch local or national news





THIS TYPE OF STORE IS WHERE MOST PEOPLE BUY THEIR FOOD AND OTHER SUPPLIES.



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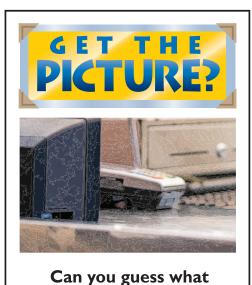
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the bigger picture is? ANSWER: CHECKOUT COUNTER

Sheriff's Report

This report is for activi- without incident. Deputy ty Feb. 9th to 15th:

FRIDAY, FEB. 9

responded to Helena St. driver was identified as and made contact with Jacqueline Gajus, who have a valid license and stated an unknown subject entered her driveway tions. Wells was placed and punctured/flattened under arrest and transthe rear tires on her vehicle. The damage caused Deputy Dakota Haddock was estimated at \$400. investigated. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

• Bruce Thiessen had a fire going in the fireplace conducted a traffic stop when it suddenly got out on a vehicle for no trailof control. Fire person- er lights. Deputy Rivers nel were able to save the made contact with the home and damages were driver and sole occupant estimated at approximately \$50,000. Deputy Dakota Haddock investigated.

SATURDAY, FEB. 10

• Deputy Heather Will responded to Commodore Place and made contact has three active domes- following with John Hinsey, who stated someone has been using his debit card information to purchase firearms. Kenneth was cal citizens. groceries via Instacart. Hinsey was able to provide a possible suspect in this case. Hinsey signed SR) and violation of court fell prey to Allen's dean Affidavit for Prosecution. This case has been seizing the firearms, two ing engaged his sersent to detectives for fur- grams of marijuana and a vices for RV repairs, ther investigation.

conducted on a vehicle marijuana was seized for rant. Upon approaching over to a licensed driver. the vehicle, the odor of and paraphernalia was male walked on her propvestigated.

to Whirlwind Trail and was intoxicated and unmade contact with Mar- cooperative with depu-Asia Copeland was on his under arrest due to his

Austin Rivers investigated.

• A traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle • Deputy Edwin Grove for faulty equipment. The Lisa Wells. She did not has three prior convicported to the jail facility.

MONDAY, FEB. 12

• Deputy Austin Rivers Kenneth Bryan, who ad- tectives of the Leon vised he had weapons in County Sheriff's Ofthe vehicle upon contact. fice and the Wakulla Wakulla Communication County Sheriff's Office operators advised Bry- have successfully apan had a suspended li- prehended cense with two prior con- old Charles Allen, the victions. Deputy Rivers owner of was also advised Bryan see Mobile RV Repair, tic violence injunctions investigations against him. All three fraudulent prohibit him from owning impacting multiple loplaced under arrest for driving while license sus- ranging in ages, inpended ro revoked (DWL- cluding some over 65, order injunction. While ceitful practices. Havmetal smoking pipe were these individuals made • A traffic stop was located in plain view. The due to the registered own- destruction. The vehicle er having an active war- and trailer were turned

• Deputy Zac Munroe marijuana was emanat- and Deputy Todd Kent ing from the vehicle. The responded to the area driver, Garrett Cardin, of Hickorywood Drive in was placed under arrest reference to a suspicious after methamphetamine, person. The complainant marijuana, methadone advised an intoxicated located inside the vehicle. erty and was refusing to Deputy Anthony Paul in- leave. Contact was made with the male, identified • Deputies responded as John Brenkus. He vin Miller, who stated ties. Brenkus was placed

in the residence all day. of deputy's patrol vehi- arrest and transported to This case has been sent cle. Contact was made the Wakulla County jail investigation.

to Isle of Paradise in ref- deputies were speakerence to a female with a ing with Ellington, some responded to Walmart in illegal activity at 850knife chasing two males. drug paraphernalia was reference to a theft that 745-7100 or call 911 for Upon the deputies' ar- observed in plain view. had already occurred. emergencies. rivals contact was made A probable cause search Deputy Kent made con-

lights had been turned on with Jessica Carter lo- was conducted of Elling- tact with Asset Protection vehicle. Ellington advised Munroe investigated. WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14 he was in fear for his life when Carter was chasing • Deputies responded him with a knife. While

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THURSDAY, FEB. 15

• Deputy Todd Kent

and some bed linens had cated outside the resi- ton's person and belong- who provided surveilbeen moved. There were dence. Carter was being ings. During the search, lance video and stateno signs of forced entry to uncompliant to the dep- methamphetamine was ments. Asset Protection the residence and noth- uties on scene. Carter located in Ellington's advised a male and feing was missing. Davis was secured in handcuffs bag. Both Ellington and male entered the store also has a "dog" that was and placed in the back Carter were placed under and attempted to leave with approximately \$90 worth of unpaid items. to detectives for further with John Ellington who without incident. Depu- All items were recovered locked himself inside a ties Todd Kent and Zac on-scene by Asset Protection. This case has been sent to detectives for further investigation.

Report suspicious or

Business owner arrested for fraud in two counties

Special to The Sun

In a joint effort, de-48-year-Tallahasextensive into activities

The victims, 11



Charles Allen

deposits and payments to Allen, only to discover that he failed to complete any of the promised repairs and refused to refund their money upon request.

On Thursday, Feb. 15th, the Leon sheriff's office's Financial Crimes detectives arrested Allen on charges including two counts of

Larceny from Persons over 65 years of age, two counts of Grand Theft \$750 or more, but less than \$5,000, and four counts of Organized Scheme to Defraud \$300 but less than \$20,000.

The collaborative effort continued on Friday, Feb. 16, as Wakulla's Criminal Investigations Division secured seven arrest warrants, charging Allen with seven counts of Grand Theft \$750 or more, but less than \$5,000.

On Monday, Feb. 19, Leon deputies arrested Allen on the warrants from Wakulla County. Subsequently,

he was transferred into the custody of Wakulla County deputies to face charges in their jurisdiction.

Both the Leon County Sheriff's Office and the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office reassure the public of their dedication to safeguarding citizens from such fraudulent schemes and encourage anyone with additional information related to this case to come forward by contacting Leon's Financial Crimes unit at 850-606-3300 or Wakulla's Criminal Investigations Division at 850-745-7100.



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PUBLIC NOTICES:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING A SMALL-SCALE MAP AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND AN APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF ZONING

The Wakulla County Planning Commission and Wakulla Proposed Zoning: County Board of County Commissioners proposes to consider the following applications and/or adopt the following by ordinance and has scheduled Public Hearings before the Wakulla County Planning Commission on Monday, March 11, 2024, beginning at 6:00 P.M. and before the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners on Monday, March 18, 2024, beginning at 5:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard. All public hearings will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.

FEMA Flood Info: Parcel size:

HDR (Section 5-69, LDC) "X" & "A" zones on Panel 0250E 4.99+/- acres

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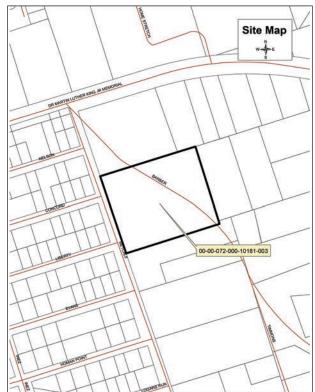
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The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners is Seeking a Member to Serve on the Historic Preservation Committee

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners is seeking a volunteer to serve on the Wakulla County Historic Preservation Committee. This Committee was established to review and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on matters related to the designation, regulation, and administration of historical, cultural, and architectural resources in Wakulla County.

The BOCC is seeking one (1) member who must be a resident of Wakulla County from the disciplines of architecture, history, architectural history, planning, prehistoric and history archaeology, folklore, cultural anthropology, curation, conservation, landscape architecture or related disciplines; or who can demonstrate special interest, experience, or knowledge in history, architecture, or related discipline.

Interested persons should submit a cover letter explaining their interest in serving on the Historic Preservation Committee and provide a resume or other detailed information related to professional experience, education, background, knowledge, etc., which shall also include the person's name, address, telephone number, and email address no later than March 15, 2024. Please e-mail your information to Ashley Rowland-Yost, Planner, ayost@mywakulla.com or by fax to 926-1528.



AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING, REVISING, AND REPLACING IDENTIFIED PORTIONS OF THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NUMBER 2018-23, AS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON JUNE 18, 2018, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND FOR FILING; AND **PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

1. Application for Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment: CPM24-01 Applicant: Tidewater Investments of Wakulla, LLC Agent: Edwin Brown & Associates, Inc./Wade Brown Proposal: Adoption of Amendment to Future Land Use **Designation - Small-Scale** Tax ID Number: 00-00-072-000-10181-003 **Existing FLU Map:** Urban Fringe (FLUE Policy 1.2.7) Urban Core (FLUE Policy 1.2.9) Proposed FLU Map:

RR-1 (Section 5-27, LDC)

Location: 38 Barber Road, abutting the eastern boundary of Greiners Addition to Crawfordville Subdivision

Hearings Required:

Planning Commission: Monday, March 11, 2024 @ <u>6:00 PM</u>

BOCC: Monday, March 18, 2024 @ 5:00 PM

2. Application for Change of Zoning: R24-03

Tidewater Investments of Wakulla, LLC Applicant:

Agent: Edwin Brown & Associates, Inc./Wade Brown Proposal: rezone from rural residential to high density residential

Tax ID Number:	00-00-072-000-10181-003
Existing FLU Map:	Urban Fringe (FLUE Policy 1.2.7)
Proposed FLU Map:	Urban Core (FLUE Policy 1.2.9)
Current Zoning:	RR-1 (Section 5-27, LDC)
Proposed Zoning:	HDR (Section 5-69, LDC)
FEMA Flood Info:	"X" & "A" zones on Panel 0250E
Parcel size:	4.99+/- acres

Location: 38 Barber Road, abutting the eastern boundary of Greiners Addition to Crawfordville Subdivision

Hearings Required:

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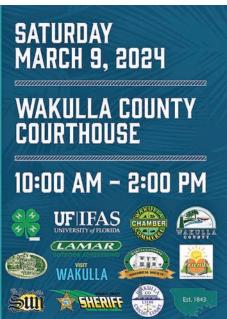
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Current Zoning:

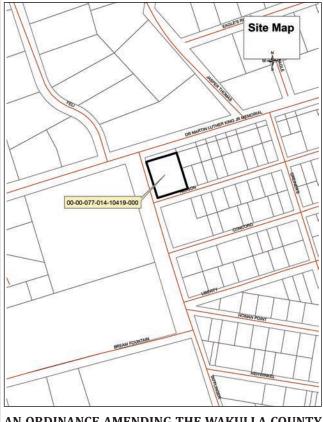
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING AN APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF ZONING

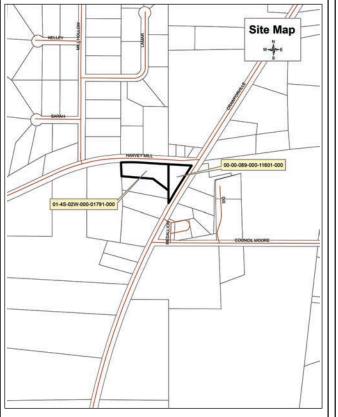
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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WAKULLA COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, ORDINANCE NO. 85-4, AS AMENDED; CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION AND OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING AN APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF ZONING

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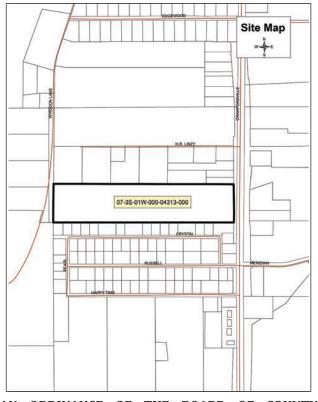
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Additional public notices appear on pages 3, 11 & 16.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING TRANSMITTAL OF A LARGE-SCALE MAP AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP

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FROM RMH-1 TO HIC FOR PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" TO THE ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

1. Application for Change of Zoning: R24-02										
Applicant:	Cypress Electrical Systems, Inc.									
Agent: Edwin Brow	wn & Associates, Inc./Wade Brow	'n								
Proposal: rezone from mobile home residential to high intensity commercial										
Tax ID Number:	00-00-077-014-10419-00	00								
Existing FLU Map:	Urban Fringe (FLUE Policy 1.2.7)									
Current Zoning:	RMH-1 (Section 5-43, LD	C)								
Proposed Zoning:	HIC (Section 5-66, LD	C)								
FEMA Flood Info:	"X" zone on Panel 0250	Ε								
Parcel size:	0.61+/- acro	es								
Location: southeast corner of Dr. MLK Jr Memorial Road										

and Rehwinkel Road intersectionn

Hearings Required:

Planning Commission: Monday, March 11, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

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1. Application for C	hange of Zoning:	R24-01
Applicant:	Sum	mit Star, LLC
Agent:	S	edita Cayson
Proposal: rezone from commercial	m rural residential to lo	ow intensity
Tax ID Numbers:	01-4S-02W-000 & 00-00-089-000	
Existing FLU Map:	Urban Fringe (FLUE	Policy 1.2.7)
Current Zoning:	RR-1 (Sectio	n 5-27, LDC)
Proposed Zoning:	LIC (Sectio	n 5-67, LDC)
FEMA Flood Info:	"X" zone on	Panel 0225E
Parcel size:	2	2.20+/- acres
Location: 3328 Craw	fordville Highway, sout	hwest

Location: 3328 Crawfordville Highway, southwest corner of Harvey Mill Road and Crawfordville Highway intersection

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1. Application fo Amendment:	or Comprehensive Plan Map CPM24-02
Applicant: Paff	ord Properties & Construction, LLC
Agent: Edwin Bro	wn & Associates, Inc./Wade Brown
Proposal: Transm Use Designation	ittal of Amendment to Future Land
Tax ID Number:	07-3S-01W-000-04313-000
Existing FLU Map:	Rural 2 (FLUE Policy 1.2.5)
Proposed FLU Map:	Rural 3 (FLUE Policy 1.2.6)
Current Zoning:	AG (Section 5-25, LDC)
FEMA Flood Info:	"X" zone on Panel 0250E
Parcel size:	31.50+/- acres
Location: west side o	f Crawfordville Highway

Location: west side of Crawfordville Highway, abutting the northern boundary of Golden Gate Forest Subdivision

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NO FINAL ACTION ADOPTING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING. February 29, 2024

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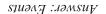
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Guess Who?

I am a professional born in Arkansas on February 27, 1980. I come from a famous family of politicians, and at one point I lived in the White House. I hold Master's degrees from prominent schools and a Ph.D. from Oxford.

Answer: Chelsea Clinton



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BASEBALL

War Eagles start season undefeated at 3-0



By KEITH ANDERSON Baseball Coach

The Wakulla High War Eagles started their season with 3 wins this past week.

On opening day, Tuesday, Feb. 20th, the War Eagles hosted Godby defeating them 10-0 the season.

Senior Leaston Spears started on the mound for WHS. Receiving the win, he threw 3 shutout innings giving up 2 hits and striking out 4.

Jesse Nazworth closed the final 2 innings also giving up only 2 hits, striking out 4 throwing 2 shutout innings.

The War Eagles were led by senior catcher Brady Crum who crushed a 2-run single going 1-2 with 2 walks.

Parker Lawhon, Michael Hurley, Gavin

in a hit. Owen Klees reached base safely in each at-bat drawing three walks and stealing 2 bases.

On Thursday, Feb. 22, the War Eagles traveled to district foe Taylor County. The War Eagles jumped out to an 8-0 lead in the fourth, but had some defensive miscues that led to a 7-run inning for the bulldogs. The War Eagles settled down and held on to win 11 - 10

start for WHS throwing Gautreau, and Garrett 3 shutout innings scat-

notching the first win of Veltkamp all chipped tering 3 hits and striking out 3.

> Jesse Nazworth came in during the chaotic 4th inning to settle things down. The senior hurler pitched masterfully. He threw 3 and 1/3 innings giving up only 2 hits and striking out five. After 2 errors in the bottom of the 7th, Nazworth showed his experience and poise striking the last hitter out with the tying and winning runs in scoring position.

WHS cranked out 9 Will Chipman got the hits in the affair. Haden Klees was 3-4 with a double and 2 RBIs.

Parker Lawhon and Michael Hurley were both 2-3. Lawhon had a triple and Hurley added a double. Owen Klees and Garrett Veltkamp both had a hit.

On Friday, Feb. 23, the War Eagles hosted Brookwood School from Thomasville. The War Eagles jumped out to an early lead scoring 4 runs in the first inning and never looked back winning 13-0 in five innings. Starter Gavin Estep

was dominant getting the win throwing 4 shutout innings scattering 3 hits and striking out 5.

Connor Nazworth came on in relief in the top of the fifth to throw a scoreless inning striking out 2.

Josiah Pierini and Sam Bruce had multiple hits both going 2-2. Bruce had a double. Pierini had the big blow with a towering three run homer to left center.

Haden Klees, Brady Crum, Garrett Veltkamp, Gavin Gautreau, and Jed Hoffman each had a hit.

The War Eagles are 3-0 on the year.

WRESTLING

Wakulla places 2nd at regional championship 8 wrestlers qualify for state championship in Kissimmee

By WALT JACOBS Special to The Sun

Most wrestling tournaments take coaches, wrestlers, parents, and fans on an emotional roller coaster ride and the FHSAA 1A Region 1 wrestling championship in Wewahitchka was no exception.

Excitement, disappointment, gratitude, sadness, and joy were all experienced over the two-day competition.

Sophomore sensation Brady Jackson, after his state qualifying win over North Bay Haven's Jack Mulix, fell to his knees, looked toward heaven, and folded his hands in gratitude. Auston Ryals leapt for joy into the arms of an elated Coach Will Pafford after the Junior punched his ticket radiantly smiled knowing his pin of Stanton's Elias Spurlin in the blood round earned him his first trip to Kissimmee.

When Troy Thaxton, Wakulla's only champion on the day, pinned Episcopal's Mikah Ikeda in the semifinals, the War Eagle coaches and fans in attendance erupted in jubilation.

With a win over Rocky Bayou's Thomas Pluhar, freshman phenom Matthew Thaxton joined his brother Troy as a state qualifier.

Upon seeing Nate Jacobs in the consolation side of the bracket, a shocked Wewahitchka coach and tournament director Tracy Malcolm encouragingly said to Jacobs, "Tomorrow I'd better be handing you a medal." From there, in dominating fashion, Jacobs pinned his way through the rest of the tournament thereby securing third place and a return trip to Kissimmee. Kohl Pippin added to

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Wakulla wrestlers after their performance at the regional championship.

siastically stated, "It was

his impressive resume' by becoming a three-time state qualifier with a 4-2 decision over Suwannee's Sam Ballard.

a great day for WHS wrestling. The kids showed up and did amazing." Pafford continued, "Putting 8 through to the state tournament and bringing home a regional runner up trophy was a huge accomplishment. I am so proud of this team."

Time would fail us to regale you with stories of every deserving Wakulla Wrestler who have enprovide us with a place to properly proclaim the exploits of the 2023-24 War Eagles who persevered in the world's oldest and greatest sport. To all of you, whether you have won or lost, I salute you.

2024 FHSAA 1A Region 1 results

113-Matthew Thaxton: 4th place

126-Troy Thaxton: 1st place

138-Brady Jackson: 2nd place

144-Aaron Robinson: 4th place

150-Nate Jacobs: 3rd place

157-Auston Ryals: 4th place

215-Kohl Pippin: 2nd place

285-Adleigh Caquimbo: 4th place

District 2 rival Suwannee High led the team race with 202 points followed by Wakulla at 2nd with 170 points. North Bay Haven, Fernandina Beach, and Florida High rounded out the top five.

to the State Champion ship for the first time.

Aaron Robinson, who is usually reserved at tournaments, could not conceal his delight as he

On the strength of four pins, Senior Adleigh Caquimbo punched his ticket to state for the very first time.

Coach Pafford enthu-

dured the arduous demands of wrestling and possessed the courage to stand in the center of a mat. Nor will the precincts of the printed page

TRACK & FIELD

Wakulla Middle Wildcats excel at meet

By SAMANTHA ISAACS **Track Coach**

The Wildcats are back on the track and ready to set the pace!

On Friday, Feb. 23rd, the WMS team traveled to the Jesse Forbes Invitational at Godby High School, where they let their presence be known!

Coach Samantha Isaacs says, "The first meet of the season is always a high-stress situation. It's the first exposure for our new athletes and can be very overwhelming for them. For our seasoned athletes, the adrenaline is pumping full force as they hit that track ready to show off. It was an outstanding night, I couldn't have asked for a better showcase to see where our kids stand and give them an idea of their room to improve. It's going to be a fun season!"

The girls wrapped up in 6th place overall, with a few stand-out runners. 6th grader Javeyah Cohen took 16th in the 100m dash with 14 seconds.

LaTroya Williams, 8th grade, place 17th in the 800m run at 3:18. Madison Bridges blew us away in the 100m hurdles with an outstanding time of 20 seconds, and took 5th overall. Madison also placed 4th overall in the Long Jump for girls with a 4.15m jump.

Makyia McGriff placed 11th in the 200m hurdles with a time of 39sec and 9th overall in the Long Jump with 3.87m.

Another new athlete to the team, 8th grader McKenna Peddicord placed 3rd overall in girls shotput with an impressive throw of 8.91m, which is just shy of qualification for the FLYRA State Meet by .09m.

Girls relay teams placed 4th for the 4x400m with a 5:19 finish for McKey Nunn, LaTroya Williams, Claire Blackwell, and Sophia Stolk. The 4x800m relay placed 6th with Nikayla Fruggiero, Jordan Harris, LaTroya Williams, and Sophia Stolk.

Per our usual, we have a group of 8th grade boys who are going to blow it out of the water this year. Boys took 7th place overall



Boys 4x100m Team Jones, Callaghan, Porter, Norton.

and had some outstanding results.

Returning athlete and state qualifier Trace Callaghan hit a few state marks last night. With an impressive time of 24 seconds, Trace left the competition in the

dust in the boys 200m individual. He shattered the record for our school and will take that time to state in May. Trace also made the mark for the boys triple jump at 10.7m, coming in 2nd overall.

Holden Stroud finished with 29.59 in the boys 200m, 10th overall in boys discus with a 20.43m throw, and 12th overall in the 100m hurdles at 19.39sec.

7th grader Demitris Norton placed 13th overall in the boys 400m with a 1:02. We expect to see some great things out of Norton this season as he's led by his 8th grade teammates to be better.

Kyler Jones, 8th grade, placed 12th overall in long jump at 4.7m.

Liam Porter also placed in Long Jump, 10th place, with a 4.85m jump.

Boys 4x100m relay team once again shows up to show off with Trace Callaghan, Kyler Jones, Demitris Norton, and Liam Porter pulling in 4th place with a state qualifying time of 49 seconds.

In case we haven't seen their names enough, Trace Callaghan, Kyler Jones, Demitris Norton, and Liam Porter put themselves back on the track for the 4x400m relay, and left everyone slackjawed with a 4:06 finishing time and coming in 1st overall.

Come see the Wildcats in action yourself on March 5th at Wakulla High School and show them some love as they keep pushing themselves to the best version they can be.

Racers rescued

From Front Page

cations to rent a boat so they called me."

Lunquist was talking to his airboat buddy from JR's Aucilla River Store and Aucilla Outlaw Charters Capt. Joel Baldree, and got a call from the race outfitters that it was 20 minutes from being dark, and the couldn't see some of the folks on the GPS.

"I told them I am over an hour away now; the tide is going low and still dropping, the wind is blowing 25 mph and it's cold."

of the area, Lundquist was able to spring into action and get the proper boat and equipment. "Because the tide was so low, I knew I had to put together a different rig, I couldn't use my boat, I called Joel about using his airboat. I got to Joel, got his airboat and I got to JR's in Aucilla in 30 minutes."

Using his familiarity

It's close to 25 miles from the boat ramp at the fort to the Mandalav Boat ramp in Aucilla.

Capt. Joel Baldree came prepared for the weather by wearing

three layers of clothes for warmth, he ended up shedding his outermost layers for the two women he rescued.

Lundquist said, "When we got to the boat ramp one of the guys from the race had an app that tracked all the contestants and as soon as we got the coordinates, we were able to locate the missing boaters. We then went to locate the girls, once we looked at the area, we were able to go straight to them. We were advising the girls to push towards the shore so we can get in the shallow water to get in the marsh and towards the land

and we can find them. "The women were hap-

py, they were thanking us, they were a mother and daughter team," Lundquist said. "The daughter mentioned she was always worried when her mother went out on races that something would happen, so for this race, the daughter decided to join her mother in the canoe and this is what happened."

The entire rescue mission took about an hour once the captains got the boat on plane. "We got to the boat ramp at 7:30 and back at JR's at 10 p.m.," Lundquist said. "We were on the water about an hour and

a half total rescue time."

Lundquist is a member of the Boater Safety Council and is certified by the National Safe Boater Council and teaches people how to drive boats properly and safely.

"Kayaks and canoes do not do well in the big water, they are not made for it," he said. "It was a very risky thing to do."

"There were three people out there making the wrong turns in direction, we found them, they were only lost - they did not want our help in order to keep going and stay in the race; they continued on with the race."

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When asked how it feels to be a hero and rescue people, Leif said "I don't feel different, when someone is in danger, it is nothing out of the ordinary for me to help someone."

Warrior Adventure Racing can be viewed from a philosophical or life perspective as a form of personal challenge and self-discovery. It often involves physically and mentally demanding activities, such as endurance sports, navigation, and problem solving, that push participants to their limits and require teamwork.

Weekly Roundup

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served areas.

Passidomo has said the bills are needed, at least in part, to meet health needs as the state continues to grow. For example, one of the bills includes providing money to expand medical residency programs to try to keep more new doctors in Florida.

WHAT'S HAPPENIN', CHAPLAIN

The House also on Thursday passed a bill that would allow school districts to authorize volunteer chaplains to provide "support, services and programs" to students in public schools, amid a debate about whether the bill would be constitutional.

Under parts of the proposal (HB 931), chaplains would have to meet background screening requirements, and school districts or charter schools would have to get parental consent before students could receive chaplains' services.

Supporters of the measure say allowing chaplains would add another tool to help schools address children's mental-health issues.

Several House Democrats and the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida have argued the bill is unconstitutional. "Courts have repeat-

edly ruled that it is unconstitutional for public schools to invite religious leaders onto campus to engage in religious activities, such as prayer and religious counseling, with students," Kara Gross, legislative director and senior policy counsel for the ACLU of Florida, said in a prepared statement.

The measure would need approval from the Senate before it could go to Gov. Ron DeSantis. Passidomo and Senate bill sponsor Erin Grall, R-Vero Beach, said Thursday they think the bill would pass constitutional muster.

"I think that it actually is squarely within the Constitution. Not only would parents have to consent to the consultation with a specific chaplain. But there's also, they can't prevent any specific chaplain from being a part of the program either, based on religion. So, these are the bare minimum guidelines to participate," Grall, an attorney, said.

STORY OF THE WEEK: Florida lawmakers Thursday gave

final approval to a bill that seeks to keep children under age 16 off social-media platforms, as Gov. Ron DeSantis continued to raise concerns about the measure.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "These (social media) companies know what they are doing is wrong. They have not acted. We will." - State Rep. Tyler Sirois, a Merritt Island Republican who sponsored the social-media proposal

Fiscally constrained

From Front Page

of Jan. 16. That too will relieve some of the financial strain faced by the county next year.

At the county commission meeting on Feb. 20, commissioners approved a budget amendment that reflected the lower-than-budgeted revenues.

The original budget estimate for the county was \$17.64 million. At the Feb. 20 meeting, commissioners approved a budget amendment with actual revenues of \$15.5 million.

At the meeting of the audit committee a couple of weeks ago, Clerk of Courts Greg James and County Administrator David Edwards noted that holding off on hiring new deputies would save \$900,000 this year – and the same amount for holding off hiring new firefighters. There are a number of other county positions coming open - for example, to staff the new Wakulla Sands golf course.



Additional public notices appear on pages 3, 11 & 12.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

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"That leaves about a \$600,000 deficit," the clerk noted.

Fatal deer disease

From Front Page

disease can result in death to deer within four months.

The positive test in June was the first known case of a deer in Florida having the disease, which has been found in 30 other states including Alabama and Mississippi.

With no simple treatment or vaccine for chronic wasting disease, deer farmers have expressed concern that a single positive test could require the eradication of entire herds, which in some cases represent millions of dollars in investments.

Florida has monitored the issue since 2002. In 2021, the state placed certain limits on importing deer carcasses into Florida. People can bring in deboned meat, finished taxidermy mounts and clean hides and antlers.

Notice of Meeting City of Sopchoppy

The City Commission of the City of Sopchoppy will hold a meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the commission chambers located at City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, FL. The purpose of the meeting is to review and discuss the City of Sopchoppy Comprehensive Plan as part of the Evaluation and Appraisal process and to transmit proposed EAR based Plan amendments. The amendments will address data and analysis suggesting changed conditions and changes to State law.

Persons wishing to comment may do so in person at the workshop or by writing to the City Commission at P.O. Box 1219, Sopchoppy, Florida 32358. Action will be taken at the meeting to transmit proposed amendments to the Department of Economic Opportunity and reviewing state agencies.

If an individual decides to appeal any decision made by the commission with respect to this meeting, a verbatim transcript may be required. If so, the individual should make provision for a transcript to be made at the meeting, (RE: Florida Statute 286.0105). Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the city at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting Ashley Schilling at the above address or 850-962-4611. February 29, 2024

will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.

Application	for	Comprehensive	Plan	Text
Amendment:			CP	24-04

Applicant:

Wakulla County

Proposal: Consider transmittal of an ordinance creating Policy 7.6, Future Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan

Hearings Required:

<u>Planning Commission: Monday, March 11, 2024 @</u> 6:00 P.M.

Board of County Commissioners: Monday, March 18, 2024 @ 5:00 P.M.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, **CREATING POLICY 7.6 OF THE FUTURE LAND** USE ELEMENT OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 18-24, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY AND EFFECT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND FOR FILING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.

Application for Land Development code Text Amendment: Applicant:

Wakulla County

Proposal: Consider adoption of an ordinance amending Section 5-11.1 of the Wakulla County Land Development Code

Hearings Required:

Planning Commission: Monday, March 11, 2024 @ <u>6:00 P.M.</u>

Board of County Commissioners: Monday, March 18, 2024 @ 5:00 P.M.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO SMALL SITE PLAN, PROCEDURE FOR APPROVAL; AMENDING SECTION 5-11.1 OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE PERTAINING TO SMALL SITE PLANS, PROCEDURES FOR APPROVAL, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR THE APPROVAL OF QUALIFING DEVELOPMENTS UNDER THE LIVE LOCAL ACT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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FOLLOW THE SUN.

'Mooseland's Got... Talent?' finishes run at Moose Lodge

By LYNDA KINSEY Staff

The Wakulla Moose Lodge in Panacea hosted its 8th Annual Mystery Dinner Theater & Show with a sold out house over three nights of shows - "Mooseland's Got... Talent?" ran February 17th, 18th and 24th.

More than 75 guests enjoyed a roast beef dinner with garlic potatoes, salad and dessert at the Moose while watching the characters play out their roles and trying to figure out who was the murderer.

The cast of 15, all played by Moose members, walked around the seated guests and dropped little hints about their character that may – or not – help in choosing who the culprit may be. Or who's going to get killed.

Herb Donaldson of Palaver Tree Theater directed the play and Moose member Kay Cannon was the Coordinator/Producer. The team started rehearsing back in October of last



The cast, top. Liz Blais as Clara Voyant, above.

year with their lines, costumes and designing the set.

Production is possible due to the premier sponsor for the event, Prime Meridian Bank along with sponsorship by Ameris Bank.

Proceeds from the show benefits Palaver Tree Theater, Wakulla High Drama Class, and a variety of Moose Charities.

"There were many raves about the food and said people thought that this was the funniest show yet," said Kay Cannon. "We look forward to bringing you a new show next year."

2024 cast: Sonya Guthries (Ryanna Seacrest), Tracie Singletary Tina Twirler), Gloria Rowley (Forgetmeknot), Sally Gandy (Starr Lite), Ty Jester (Simon Sez), Barbara Coppola (Stella Kutz), Tyler Patrick (Earl Custode), Shirley Cox (Lucy Cox), Susie Jester (Ellie Mae Shucker), Phillis Dunaway (Luna Natella Lies Sumac), Denise Crawford (Magical Mable), Liz Blais (Clara Voyant), Janice Salgoda (Rosanne Barstool) , Gale Passenier (Gale Storm), Arthur Hart ("Mac" MacMillan) and Tim Griffith (Himself).





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Sonya Guthries as Ryanna Seacrest and Denise Crawford as Magical Mabel.



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