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Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Partly Cloudy Hi: 73° Lo: 50° 19% Sunrise 7:29 AM Sunset 5:41 PM	Sunny Hi: 66° Lo: 38° 5% Sunrise 7:29 AM Sunset 5:41 PM	Sunny Hi: 57° Lo: 35° 3% Sunrise 7:29 AM Sunset 5:41 PM



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Thursday, December 19, 2024

County gets \$20M

Money is for economic development to attract two businesses to Opportunity Park

By JOHN SHUFF
Of the EDC

Wakulla County and Wakulla's Economic Development Council were awarded \$20 million in grants to attract two large Florida manufacturers to Opportunity Park.

In 2014 a small group of three Chamber of Commerce members decided to form a separate entity so that we could concentrate on attracting good jobs to Wakulla County. Our mission has been and continues to be this: Good jobs foster stronger families which will in turn develop a stronger community.

Not only did we want to diversify our economy to develop an alternative to being a bedroom community, but we also wanted



Members of Wakulla Economic Development and some county staff traveled to the Triumph Gulf Coast meeting in Panama City last week.

an economy that was not so heavily weighted on tourism. We wanted our neighbors' children to not have to leave home to find a good job, giving them an opportunity to raise their children here in Wakulla

County. About 4 years ago we felt we had learned enough about Economic Development to ask our county government to work with us. We are a very unusual Econom-

ic Development Organization in that we are funded with roughly 50% government funds and 50% private donations from the business community. Most EDOs are

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Jury recommends death penalty for Hertz by 10-2

He was charged with the 1997 murders of Keith Spears and Melanie King

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

After a week of testimony, it took a 12 person jury only an hour to return a recommendation that Guerry Wayne Hertz should face the death penalty for a double murder.

Hertz, along with co-defendants Jason Looney and Jimmy Dempsey, was convicted in 1999 of the murder of Melanie King and Keith Spears that took place back in July 1997 in a home invasion robbery.

The new jury and the jury from 1999 both recommended death by a vote of 10-2.

Hertz' conviction for the murders was never at issue - only the penalty phase was being re-done and the question for jurors was whether the crime deserved death or life in prison.



Guerry Wayne Hertz

The 27-year-old case had been sent back for a rehearing on the penalty phase by the Florida Supreme Court initially over whether a unanimous jury verdict was required for a death sentence. Subsequently, after the Parkland school shooter failed to receive a death sentence for that crime because of a lack of unanimous recommendation by that jury, the Florida Legislature changed the law at the urging of Gov. Ron DeSantis to require a minimum 8-4 vote to recommend death.

The penalty phase got underway with jury selection on Friday, Dec. 6, 2024, which was the 25th anniversary of the first day of the Hertz-Looney trial back in 1999. The third defendant, Dempsey, was a witness for the state in return for a sentence of life in prison.

Hertz lead defense attorney David Collins of Monticello seemed to put a large stake on impugning Dempsey's testimony, casting him as unreliable and self-serving.

Dempsey took the stand on Thursday, Dec. 12, as he recounted the events of that day, July 26, 1997, when the three men forced their way into the Spears-King home using the ruse that their vehicle had broken down and they needed to use the phone. Once inside, they bound the couple with duct tape, including their eyes and mouths, and then ransacked the home - finding guns and cash, plus other items that they stole.

Dempsey, who has used his time in prison to attend seminary and earned a title of "field pastor" and now works with hospice patients in the state prison hospital, recounted being threatened by Hertz as he told him that they had to get rid of the evidence.

Gasoline and lighter fluid was spread around the home. King smelled it and asked if they were going to burn the house down, Dempsey said. She added: "Please don't shoot me in the head."

Hertz, armed with a .380 pistol with a laser sight, reportedly replied: "Sorry, can't do that" and shot her. Then Looney began shooting with a rifle. And then Dempsey, armed with a .38 revolver, fired twice into Spears.

On the stand, Dempsey told the jury: "I felt devastated." He began to sniffle and cry and added: "It didn't make any sense."

In cross-examination, Collins noted Dempsey said he felt devastated and then went to Hertz' house where they split the money they found and then drove the cars to Daytona Beach to party.

That next morning, Daytona Beach Shores police saw the stolen black Mustang stuck in the beach sand and being pulled out. They followed the car, driven by Looney with Dempsey as a passenger, and a white Ford Ranger truck, driven by Hertz, and tried to stop the stolen Mustang and a pursuit began.

When Looney spun out the Mustang in a neighborhood, police tried to capture the men, but the truck approached and hit one of the policemen, striking him with a side mirror and knocking him to the ground. The officer began firing at the truck.

Looney and Dempsey were later captured in Daytona Beach, but Hertz, wounded, escaped. He paid \$100 for a cab ride to an aunt's house in St. Augustine. Hearing that he was in trouble with the police, the aunt turned him in.

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MINERAL SPRINGS DONATED



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Owners Allen and Misty Byrd have offered to donate the historic Panacea Mineral Springs to Wakulla Coun-

ty in exchange for the county's maintenance of the property. County commissioners voted unanimously at their meeting on Monday, Dec. 9, to accept the land, and are attempting to close before the end of the year.

Unity in the Community

The 11th annual event recognizes those who make a difference locally

Story & Photos By
LINDA ANN McDONALD
Correspondent

Ecclesia Outreach Ministry and Community Partners hosted the 11th annual Unity In the Community Event at Wakulla County's Community Center.

The goal of the event is to unite the community as one body and to encourage Wakulla citizens to embrace the unique qualities and natural elements within the county's borders. Each year, the ministry celebrates those individuals who have demonstrated having a heart for people, who have shown strong leadership, who have a history of giving back to others and the community, and who are a continual blessing to others by acts of kindness.

This year's recipients include Capt. Jeffrey Yarbrough of Wakulla Sheriff's Department with the Heart of Wakulla award, Mother Cathney Rosier took home the Acts of Kindness



Ethel Skipper and Andy Bowman talk history at the dinner

Award, Strong Leadership was presented to Pastor Samuel and Mother Vera Hayes, Nichols and Sons Seafood earned the Special Recognition Award, Assisting Those in Need was awarded to

Andy Bowman of Wakulla Fire Rescue and the Giving Back Award went to Mother Bobbery Smith Rosier.

Dr. Kenneth Rosier and his

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Student of the Week

Jonah Hicks - 10th grader at Wakulla High School

Principal: Michele Falk
Achievements/Reason for Nomination: Wakulla High School selected Jonah Hicks as its December Student of the Week. Jonah is an active member in many extra-curriculars at WHS. He takes part with SOAR Student Council, Junior Optimist International, and Interact. He was selected by the Guidance Department for his dedication to improving student life on campus. Adding to his list of accomplishments, Jonah holds a 4th Degree, Level 2 Black belt in Taekwondo. Jonah exemplifies a rare blend of confidence and strong leadership qualities. He's the type of student who doesn't just climb mountains; he extends a helping hand to bring others along on the journey. Rather than seeking the spotlight, Jonah leads by example, encouraging his peers through his actions. His favorite teachers are Señor Juan Barcelo-Gonzalez for Spanish and AP Art History and Mr. Dennis Whaley for Algebra 2. Señor Barcelo-Gonzalez says of Jonah, "Jonah's bright and enthusiastic demeanor enlivens every classroom he enters." Jonah's quiet strength and ability to uplift others make him not just a standout student, but a true asset to WHS. Congratulations to Jonah Hicks for representing Wakulla High.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK FEATURES A DIFFERENT SCHOOL EACH WEEK.

Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park Scarlet sage



By LYNN ARTZ, DAVID RODDENBERRY, and SANDY TEDDER

The bright red tubular flowers of scarlet sage (*Salvia coccinea*) are loosely arranged in whorls around an upright square stem. The showy 1-inch flowers extend from the flower spike at 90-degree angles and attract hummingbirds, butterflies, and bees. This easy-to-grow native has an exceptionally long flowering period. An annual to short-lived perennial, it vigorously self-seeds and the seeds can germinate throughout the year. Scarlet sage grows 1-3 feet tall in full sun in dry, sandy soil but is very adaptable. It is drought-tolerant and tolerates salty wind and some salt spray. Its pungent foliage makes it fairly deer resistant. Also called red salvia or tropical sage, this charming wildflower deserves a place in any butterfly garden. Scarlet sage continues to bloom even now near the entrance to Sopchoppy Depot Park.



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All of the Unity in the Community award recipients together.



Col. Ray Johnson with Capt. Jeffrey Yarbrough



Dr. Kenneth Rosier

11th annual Unity in the Community

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family, who received the Acts of Kindness Award for his mother, Mother Cathney Rosier, said, “This is a great event to have.” Rosier boasted of his mother calling her a “celebrity cook” and a “doctor” for her children. He finished his speech about his mother with “Acts of kindness is something she did well.”

Pastor Samuel and

Mother Hayes said, “What I learned about Wakulla, I learned from working at Sears Department Store, I never knew I’d be a pastor in Wakulla; it’s a great place to be a part of.”

The couple were also designated as a good example of a Godly marriage.

Capt. Yarbrough said, “I am honored and humbled to recognize for the Heart of Wakulla Award and I

am proud to be included and recognized with award winners of the past.”

Savannah Fleming, Wakulla Firefighter and Paramedic along with the Fire Rescue team said, “Chief Bowman is an excellent example of assisting those in need; he is always going the extra mile for others.”

Pastor Ethel Skipper of Skipper Temple Church said, “It’s really thoughtful to get the

community together to recognize the outstanding people.”

A powerful religious message was sung by the Rev. Dr. Renita Allen-Dixon, the hostess of the event. Music was performed by Aaron Hayden, Minister of Music. Dr. Amber Williams was the presiding host, and dinner was provided to those in attendance

PUBLIC NOTICES:

For our readers’ convenience, The Wakulla Sun provides this Public Notice Section for all Public Notices not published in the Legal Notice section of the newspaper.

An Additional Public Notice appears on Page 11A



Notice of Public Meeting:

The Wakulla County Industrial Development Authority will hold a Public Meeting on Wednesday, **January 15, 2025** at 4:00p.m. in the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Conference Room, 3093 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL., (850) 926-0919.

Purpose of Meeting:

To Discuss Financing & Refinancing of Projects for Public Purposes, and for the Purpose of Fostering Economic Development Pursuant to Ord #2016-5.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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 & Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771; or email at ADARrequest@mywakulla.com

Dec. 19, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held before the **Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners** regarding the following proposed resolution **on Monday, January 6, 2025, beginning at 5:00 PM, or as soon as the matter may 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 be heard.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 125.379, FLORIDA STATUTES, CREATING AN INVENTORY LIST OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE COUNTY WHICH IS APPROPRIATE FOR USE AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING, PROVIDING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Copies of the proposed resolution and any related public record files may be viewed at the County Planning Department located at 11 Bream Fountain Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM M-F; Phone (850) 926-3695. Any person desiring to appeal a decision of the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at the hearing must ensure a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. Persons with a disability needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Office at least two business (2) days prior to the hearing at (850) 926-0919; Hearing and Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771; or email at ADARrequest@mywakulla.com.

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Notice of Public Meeting:

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners has scheduled a Public Meeting of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee on January 16, 2025, at 10:00 AM in the Wakulla County Fire and Rescue conference room at 318 Trice Lane in Crawfordville, FL. Interested parties are invited to attend and participate.

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 & Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771; or email at ADARrequest@mywakulla.com

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE WAKULLA COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

The Wakulla County Planning Commission and Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners proposes to consider the following ordinance. Public Hearings are scheduled before the **Wakulla County Planning Commission on Monday, January 13, 2025, beginning at 6:00 P.M. and before the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 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. All affected parties may appear at the public hearings, be heard, and submit evidence and written comments on the application.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 7-21 OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, ENTITLED APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF FINAL PLAT TO MODIFY THE TIME LIMITATIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR FINAL PLAT; AMENDING CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE II; PROVIDING CERTAIN FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Copies of applications, draft ordinances, and any related public record files may be viewed at the Wakulla County Planning and Community Development 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 & Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771; or email at ADARrequest@mywakulla.com.

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County gets \$20M

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fully funded by government as growth increases the tax base to help fund government services.

While we are still not able to call out the actual entities we are working with, per state statute, we refer to them as Project Boomer and Project Safety. We will maintain this courtesy to their privacy until we have a signed and sealed agreement between each of them, the county, and the Industrial Park owners.

Boomer, if signed, will ultimately bring about 100 jobs to the county. Each project, per the terms of the grant, must pay 15% higher median wages than the median wage in Wakulla.

Safety will bring 300 jobs to the county with the same wage guidelines.

The grant funds that we hope will incentivize these two firms come from two sources; \$4.5 million from the state Rural Infrastructure Fund and was awarded to Wakulla by Gov. DeSantis on Dec. 6. for Project Boomer. This fund is used to help Florida rural counties compete with larger counties and other states. On Dec. 11, \$13.5 million was awarded by Triumph for Project Safety and Triumph also awarded \$2.1 million for Project Boomer to augment the RIF grant award.

Thanks goes out to all our supporters, our coordinators, our county commissioners and, a special call out to county staff members Melissa Corbett and Michele Metcalf.



Notice of Public Meeting:

The Wakulla County Historic Preservation Committee is holding a Public Meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 4:00p.m. in the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Conference Room, 3093 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL., (850) 926-0919.

Purpose of Meeting:

To review and make recommendations to the BOCC on matters related to the designation, regulation and administration of historical, cultural and architectural resources in the County based on the criteria set forth in Ordinance #13-04.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO ZONING DISTRICT AND SIGN REGULATIONS; AMENDING THE LIST OF PROHIBITED, USES WITHIN CERTAIN ZONING DISTRICTS; AMENDING SECTION 5-64 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATING TO CRAWFORDVILLE TOWN CENTER ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 5-65 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATING TO CRAWFORDVILLE COTTAGE COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 5-66 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATING TO CRAWFORDVILLE HIGH INTENSITY COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 5-67 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATING TO CRAWFORDVILLE LOW INTENSITY COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 6-18(g) OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATING TO COUNTY SIGN REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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Opinions

THE FIRST AMENDMENT
 “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.”

Yes, Virginia – there is a Santa Claus

Eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the editor of New York's Sun, and the quick response was printed as an unsigned editorial Sept. 21, 1897. The work of veteran newsman Francis Pharellus Church has since become history's most reprinted newspaper editorial, appearing in part or whole in dozens of languages in books, movies, and other editorials, and on posters and stamps

DEAR EDITOR: I am 8 years old.

Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

Papa says, 'If you see it in THE SUN it's so.'

Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA O'HANLON.

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this

great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees

Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the super-natural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

LETTERS FROM READERS

Operation Santa donated gifts to more than 160 families, 400-plus kids

Editor, The Sun:

"The day of giving and seeing the families satisfy the children's Christmas dreams."

That's why we do what we do.

There were 160+ families and over 400+ children were served today by Operation Santa Wakulla!

Crissy Cornelius is our Director of Operation Santa, and she spent countless late nights to make sure every family was fulfilled. She is the heart and soul of operation Santa!

From the start of the distribution line with our wonderful volunteer Judy! To Martha Stoffel (secretary of Operation Wakulla) checking families and calling out numbers.

Santa, played by myself, helped with the children load up the cars.

Seeing the families with tears and gratitude is why I help Santa out every year, whether it's speaking at lunches and out reach in the community, I enjoy being president of a non profit that constantly gives back to this wonderful community.

If it wasn't for Crissy, and the volunteers we couldn't be this successful. Even the young kiddos helping hand out stuffed animals: Henry St-

offel, Tatum Stoffel and Gage Hand. Running all our fundraising, by Ms. Tayna Hand, helps gets the funds we need to buy gifts.

We want to thank all the sponsors of Operation Santa: Prime Meridian Bank, Rivertown Community Church, the Lions Club, Lowe Legal & Title, San Marcos Grill & Cantina, Women of the Moose, the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, Donkey's, Zaxby's, Air Con of Wakulla, Val Lahart, and Pafford Properties & Construction.

And thanks to all the adopters who adopted families.

My biggest achievement and joy was allowing a young child see Santa personally today as well.

It's the spirit of giving, and we as a team, can hang our hats up knowing no child will go without Christmas this year!

We look forward to continuing to support Wakulla county in 2025. stay tuned!

Thanks,

William Stoffel

President - Operation Wakulla

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.

Library News

By LINDA OAKS

Library News December 19th-26th

Thursday, December 19th

- Veteran's Meetup 11am
- Future Pathways 2:30pm
- Teen Manga Club 5pm
- Wakulla Amateur Radio Club 7pm

- Friday, December 20th
- Quilting Guild 9:30am

- Saturday, December 21st
- No Programs
- Sunday, December 22nd

- Closed Monday, December 23rd
- No Programs

Closed December 24th and 25th for Christmas Holiday.

On the Horizon:

Calendar of events for the week of December 19

Thursday, December 19

- The Chamber of Commerce is holding an After-Hours Networking event at The Shack and Beach Trader in St. Marks from 5:30 to 7:30 p.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.
- Yin Yoga at 6 p.m. with Nellie 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 54 Ochlockonee St.

Friday, December 20

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon at 8 p.m. every Friday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Saturday, December 21

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Saturday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Monday, December 23

- The Wakulla Respite Program will be available for anyone with memory impairment at no cost from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Ellen Baptist Church every Monday.
- Yoga 101 with Nellie at 6 p.m. Classes are

- \$12, packages available at New Posh on 3079 Crawfordville Hwy. RSVP to newposh3079@gmail.com or text/call at (850) 528-5838.
- Gentle Yoga and Stretching Class, every Monday, 11 a.m. Wakulla Community Center. Bring a mat. Come early to sign in. Chair Yoga participants welcome. \$2 per class.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Tuesday, December 24

- Christmas Eve – watch out for reindeer-pulled sleighs after dark.
- 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 54 Ochlockonee St.
- Yoga Flow with Nellie at 6 p.m. Classes are \$12, packages available at New Posh on 3079 Crawfordville Hwy. RSVP to newposh3079@gmail.com or text/call at (850) 528-5838.

Wednesday, December 25

- MERRY CHRISTMAS!
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

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– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Polled at the Wakulla County Public Library's Story Time with Sheriff Miller:

What are you asking Santa to bring you this Christmas?



JUSTICE CLARK
6 yrs. old – Kindergarten

“A camera, a green one. I want to take pictures of birds.”



NOVA CLARK
3 yrs. old – Pre-School

“Presents, I want toys in the presents.”



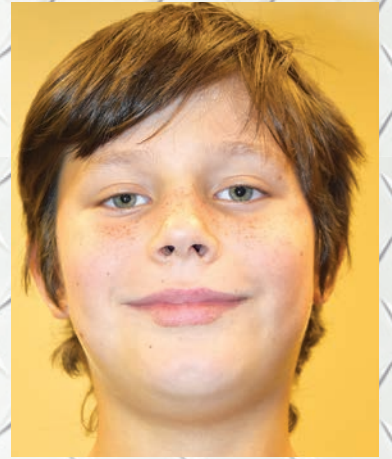
MAKENA BURGESS
6 yrs. old – 1st grade

“A camera that you can show the pictures on ... and my two front teeth.”



JOHNNY WARD
4 yrs. old – Kindergarten

“A drone, I'll fly it in the sky!”



BLAZE CARRAWAY
9 yrs. old – 3rd grade

“A Nintendo Switch with games.”

Wakulla Station News

By **VERNA BROCK**

The past week or so I've noticed how bright and beautiful the Fall colors are, to the point they seem more spectacular than usual. I'm guessing it has something to do with the way our "Fall to Winter" weather has played out this year. Cold, wet, then warm-ish to cold again...somehow it all worked to our seasonal benefit! Whatever caused this burst of brilliance, I am grateful.

This time next week we'll all be celebrating Christmas, or recovering from

the celebration. I look forward to this time of year, despite the hustle, bustle and stress that comes with it. My grandchildren are still young enough to get excited, I mean REALLY excited, opening presents and handing out everyone else's gifts from under the tree. A Brock Christmas can best be described as organized bedlam, with lots of shouts, laughter and exhilaration. This follows a family potluck dinner with all the holiday faves.

By the end of the day, everyone is happy and ready for a lovely nap. Considering that everyone was up at

the crack of dawn to see what Santa left (or preparing for the day), a nap is always a welcomed way to pause and refresh.

This coming week we look forward to Christmas Eve services: the Woodville United Methodist will be joined by the Wakulla UMC congregation on Tuesday, at 6 p.m. to take a moment to savor the true meaning of the season. Please consider connecting with friends and family to celebrate the newborn savior. We will partake of Communion, and the Lord's table is open to all.

I hope you each have a great week getting ready for the holiday, full of goodwill and joy. Holidays can often

cause us to reflect on those who are gone, as well as events that may remind us of times good or sad. Taking time to breathe, rest, and contemplate the truly important things in life can help manage stress and sadness. Reach out to loved ones and rejoice in the here and now as much as possible. I pray God's grace supports and comforts us all.

Please remember the following folks in your prayers: Myrtle Dean, Scott Causey, Sammie Pruitt, Deborah Giles, Anna le Grant, Pastor Tommy Stone, Molly Claire Stephens, and Mary Jane Thornton. Let us all lift this world, and pray for peace.

Buckhorn News

By **ETHEL SKIPPER**

I want to share with my readers some of the news I read: Social Security checks will get a small bump. When the first 2025 Social Security checks arrives next month, it will include a 2.5% increase.

You cooks that need another dish for leftover turkey, nothing is better than a pot of turkey and homemade dumpling. Dark meat works better.

I went to the 11th annual Unity in the Community celebration. It was well attended. The goal is to united

the community as one body and encourage our citizens to embrace the unique qualities and natural elements within our borders each year. We celebrate those individuals who have demonstrated having a heart for people, those who have shown strong leadership, those who have a history of giving back to others and who are a continual blessing to others by acts of kindness.

All thanks goes to the Rev. Dr. Renita Allen-Dixon of Ecclesia Outreach Ministry.

We wish happy birthday greetings

to our family and friends: Charity Paschal on Dec. 8, Reggie Boulware on Dec. 12, Garly Clary on Dec. 14, Shamela Rosier on Dec. 14, Bruce Simmons on Dec. 18, Deacon Willie F. Skipper Sr. on Dec. 23, KEvin Hines on Dec. 27, Flelis Hines on Dec. 31.

The Rosier Family is blessed to have heavenly memories and wishes a birthday greeting to Teresa Maria Simmons Johnson on Dec. 5, Gwen Johnson on Dec. 5, Brother John Rosier Sr. on Dec. 10, Mother Mary Rosier on Dec. 17, and Deacon George Green and Mother Lelia Green.

The 5th Sunday Union meeting of the Church of Christ will be in Quincy on Dec. 27 through 29th. Host

Pastor Sarah Battle. Everyone is invited to attend the services.

Macedonia Church of Christ welcomes the community to come fellowship on Sunday as they share memories of Midwife Mother Mary E. Green. The Chair is Deacon Georgia Green.

Our prayers and blessings go out to all the sick and shut-in, to those in need of help in all ways, those in the hospital, nursing home, prison, the homeless, and all in need of a blessing everywhere. Pray for our our president of the United States and world leaders. Be thankful and bless the name of the Lord.

Sheriff's Report

MONDAY, DEC. 9

- Deputy Munroe responded to a residence on Shadeville Road where the resident reported she had answered an ad on Facebook with opportunities to make large amounts of money. The company then had her open several credit card accounts, and allowed access to her computer for business purchases. The resident reported being scammed out of approximately \$7,500. Case forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.

- Deputy Godwin met with a resident on Wakulla Arran Road who reported fraudulent activity against her bank account. The resident advised she has been scammed out of approximately \$150,000 since May of this year. Case forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.

TUESDAY, DEC. 10

- Deputy Deguzman responded to the Sheriff's Office lobby and spoke with a citizen who reported she received a call from individuals who advised her they were employees with the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office

and they told her she had a warrant for not appearing for jury duty. She was advised she would have to pay cash to get rid of the warrant and went to multiple banks to pull out money. The victim lost over \$12,000 on the scam. Case forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.

- Deputy Sullivan responded to Walmart in reference to a retail theft already occurred. Asset Protection reported a male and a female rang up multiple items at a register with an employee and canceled payment. The two began walking out and left the scene in a black Chevy truck. Approximately \$1,335.86 in merchandise was stolen. Case forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.

- Deputy Rivers conducted a traffic stop on a white Ford truck for an expired tag on Wakulla Springs Road, and made contact with the driver, Jerome Murray, who was found to be driving while license suspended or revoked (DWLSR) with 11 previous convictions and was deemed a habitual traffic offender. The vehicle was also found to have the attached tag unassigned to the vehi-

cle. Jerome Murray was arrested and charged with DWLSR Habitual Offender, and Attached Registration License Plate Not Assigned, and was transported to the Wakulla County Detention Facility.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

- Deputy Buckhalt conducted a traffic stop on Wakulla Springs Road. The driver, identified as Tomas Baltazar Gaspar, provided a Guatemalan ID card when his driver's license was requested. A driver's license check was conducted for Gaspar in all states, producing negative results. Gaspar was placed under arrest for operating a vehicle without a license, and transported to the Wakulla County Detention Facility.

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

- Deputy A. Williams responded to 85 Bottoms Road for an active house fire. Upon arrival house was fully engulfed in flames. House was a total loss. Later in the night the flames rekindled and caught back on fire, and deputies and Fire Rescue returned and extinguish the fire. Case forwarded to the Criminal In-

vestigations Division.

- Deputy Irvin responded to a residence on Revadee Spears Road in reference to a burglary. The resident advised someone broke in the sheds on the property causing damage. Also, there were multiple cars on the property which are inoperable but the windows were smashed, and other property was damaged as well. On call Crime Scene was notified and processed the scene. Case forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.

- Deputy Buckhalt responded to Publix in reference to a battery. Upon arrival contact was made with the victim, who advised she was kicked by an unknown male after he attempted to park his vehicle. A witness was found and the male was positively identified. Investigation continuing by Road Patrol.

Deputy Kittrell responded to Triplett Road in reference to a theft of copper from an air conditioning unit. Case forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.

Please report suspicious or illegal activity at 850-745-7100, or call 911 for emergencies.

Outdoors

outdoor sports

HOME ON THE RANGE

Accessories you want but don't need



By MARJ LAW

"Marj showed me how to use her UpLula, and I want one!" Lara is at the gun show on the Tallahassee Fairgrounds with her husband Mark.

"Well Lara, Joe says Master Chief Strong Thumbs would call you a 'wuss' if you used an UpLula and not your thumbs. That's what I'll do. I'll use my thumbs. So, you don't really need an UpLula," Mark replies virtuously.

Lara is insistent. "If Marj can use an UpLula, then so can I. It's too hard to push the rounds into the magazine without one."

"Yeah, but Joe says..."

"Well," Lara interrupts, "Marj let me shoot her guns and we used the UpLula. I'm going to get me one. And they're only about \$35. That's not much for loading in comfort."

Mark sighs. "I knew I shouldn't have suggested that we go to the gun show this weekend. We're going to end up spending money."

Then he sees a box. "Hey Lara, look at this. It's a laser."

"A laser? What do you need that for?"

"A laser is super cool," Mark assures her. "You mount it on the bottom of your gun. The laser points exactly where you plan to shoot."

"Mark, do you really need a laser? I hear you need a special mount to put a laser on your gun!"

"No, Lara. This is the best part. My gun has a mount under the barrel. I can attach a laser to it. So, all it will take is this laser. Not needing a mount will save about \$40. And I can install it myself using Red Loctite," he adds happily.

Lara is not impressed. "My UpLula is only about \$35, but your laser is running about \$58. That's quite a difference for something you don't really need."

But Lara can see that Mark keeps looking at the laser. "Okay," she gives in. "Purchase the laser. But we came to the gun show to look and learn: not to buy things we don't need."

"You're right," Mark is satisfied now that he has gotten his laser. "We'll just look from now on."

They walk around the tables. "Oh, look!" Lara nudges Mark. "It's a green dot! Marj has a green dot on her Equalizer! I shot so much better with her green dot reflex sight. You know, Mark, it's all about shooting accurately and I can defend myself much better with that green dot than I can with three white dot sights."

"You just told me you didn't want to purchase



anything we don't need and we don't need a green dot sight. They're around \$230! That's almost one third of what we spent for your handgun!"

"Yes, they're kind of expensive," agrees Lara. Then she gazes up at Mark and smiles her winning grin. "But I know you want me to be safe."

"You also shot Joe's Kimber Mako. It had a red dot reflex sight. Don't you want the red dot?"

"No. I think the green is crisper than the red. And I shot the Equalizer better than any of the other handguns."

Mark can't argue with that. He scratches his head. "You know, Lara, I shot the Kimber best of all, and it had a red dot. I like the red dot better," he muses.

"OK. You'll take the red dot and I'll take the green dot," sang Lara to the tune of Loch Lomand. "And I'll get a bullseye before you!"

"You do notice," begins Mark. "We've just spent about \$500, and we only came to look!"

"Well, I know we don't have to have the sights and the UpLula, but we really want them. We

won't spend another penny," promises Lara.

They walk around the tables some more. Mark stops and picks up a handgun.

"Look at the grips on this gun!" he passes the gun to Lara.

"You don't need another gun!" protests Lara.

"No, I don't, but aren't these grips great! I bet they're made out of rosewood."

"Pretty," agrees Lara. "But I still say you don't need another gun."

"No," Mark is thinking. "When we get home, I want to show you a site on Facebook. It's a site called Exotic Grips by Esmerelda. You can get ironwood, rosewood, cocobolo, and many other special woods."

"I bet they're expensive, too," warns Lara.

"They kinda are," Mark agrees. "But imagine my gun without those ugly black polymer grips. I could put on grips even prettier than the ones on the gun I'm holding."

"Good thing Esmerelda doesn't have a table here then," Lara is relieved. Who knows what exotic wood grips Mark would have found?

A vendor stops Lara.

"Do you have a holster for your gun?" he asks her.

"Well, no. Not yet."

"Then I want you to try this Elite Survival Systems holster. Put your gun in it and place it under the waistband of your pants."

"But it doesn't have an attachment to my belt or waistband!" she worries.

"That's the good thing about it! The silicone bumps will keep it in your pants even when you pull out your gun! Here. I have a fake gun. We'll put it in a holster and you pull it out the gun!"

"Wow." Lara is surprised. "You're right. I tell you the make of my gun, can you tell which holster I need?"

Of course, for another \$30, Lara walks away with her new holster.

Mark catches up with her. "I see you have another bag. What did you buy this time that we don't need?"

Lara shows him her holster. "But I won't buy another thing," she promises.

"Good. It's Christmas and we really shouldn't spend anything else."

Lara stops beside a gun that has gold plated controls. They stand out brightly against the dark wood grips.

"Hey, Mark," she says, then looks around. Mark is standing by a gun safe almost as tall as he is.

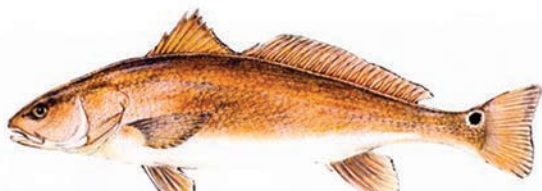
"Mark, we do not need a safe this big for our two guns!" she admonishes. "This one is so large, you could hide a body in it!"

"OK. We do not need one this size. Yet. But you do have to agree that we need a safe for our guns. For just \$70 we can buy this one that will fit both our guns. You can unlock it by fingerprint or by key. This is a safety measure for us, for visitors and for our family. We must have a safe."

Lara has to agree, but worries that their wallet is getting thinner and thinner. While Mark buys the gun safe, Lara continues down the aisle.

Mark catches up with her. "I see you have yet another bag," he observes. "What did you buy this time?"

"Mark, you know I grew up in New Hampshire," she replies. "The state motto is 'Live Free or die.'" "So?"



RED DRUM
(*Sciaenops ocellatus*)

If it hits like a freight train, and tries to wrap your line around the pilings, it's probably a Redfish. Otherwise known as Red Drum, they have a beautiful coppery color with one tail. Rarely a fish may have two or none. Young grow in estuaries, feeding on crustaceans, small fish and mollusks for 4 years before migrating nearshore. During the Aug-Nov spawning, they move into brackish and tannin stained inshore waters. There they turn into the rich bronze they get their name from. Red drum can be killed by a cold snap in shallow waters. They can reach 4 ft.

Eukarya, Animalia, Cordata, Actinopterygii, Perciformes, Sciaenidae



WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO



On his weekly survey of Wakulla Springs, retired park ranger Bob Thompson shared this photo of a night heron.

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Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

Dec. 19 - Dec. 25



Best fishing days this month
December 30, 31

Thursday 19
Sun rise/set: 7:28AM / 5:40PM
Moon rise/set: 10:08PM / 11:04AM
Moon Illumination: 79%
Friday 20
Sun rise/set: 7:28AM / 5:40PM
Moon rise/set: 11:05PM / 11:35AM
Moon Illumination: 71%
Saturday 21
Sun rise/set: 7:29AM / 5:41PM
Moon rise/set: 11:59PM / 12:02PM
Moon Illumination: 62%
Sunday 22
Sun rise/set: 7:29AM / 5:41PM
Moon rise/set: --- / 12:28PM
Moon Illumination: 52%
Monday 23
Sun rise/set: 7:30AM / 5:42PM
Moon rise/set: 12:53AM / 12:53PM
Moon Illumination: 43%
Tuesday 24
Sun rise/set: 7:30AM / 5:42PM
Moon rise/set: 1:46AM / 1:19PM
Moon Illumination: 34%
Wednesday 25
Sun rise/set: 7:30AM / 5:43PM
Moon rise/set: 2:40AM / 1:47PM
Moon Illumination: 25%

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

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

St. Marks River Entrance

Th	3:28 am ▲ 3.2 ft	10:54 am ▼ 0.3 ft	5:26 pm ▲ 2.6 ft	10:32 pm ▼ 1.2 ft
Fr	4:13 am ▲ 2.9 ft	11:30 am ▼ 0.5 ft	6:03 pm ▲ 2.5 ft	11:28 pm ▼ 1.2 ft
Sa	5:06 am ▲ 2.6 ft	12:06 pm ▼ 0.5 ft	6:42 pm ▲ 2.5 ft	
Su	12:37 am ▼ 1.1 ft	6:16 am ▲ 2.3 ft	12:46 pm ▼ 0.9 ft	7:24 pm ▲ 2.5 ft
Mo	1:57 am ▼ 0.6 ft	7:56 am ▲ 2.0 ft	1:34 pm ▼ 1.2 ft	8:11 pm ▲ 2.5 ft
Tu	3:16 am ▼ 0.6 ft	9:45 am ▲ 2.0 ft	2:34 pm ▼ 1.4 ft	9:02 pm ▲ 2.5 ft
We	4:23 am ▼ 0.3 ft	11:04 am ▲ 2.2 ft	3:39 pm ▼ 1.6 ft	9:51 pm ▲ 2.6 ft

City of St. Marks

Th	4:04 am ▲ 3.0 ft	11:58 am ▼ 0.3 ft	6:02 pm ▲ 2.4 ft	11:36 pm ▼ 1.1 ft
Fr	4:49 am ▲ 2.7 ft	12:34 pm ▼ 0.1 ft	6:39 pm ▲ 2.3 ft	
Sa	12:32 am ▼ 1.1 ft	5:42 am ▲ 2.4 ft	1:10 pm ▼ 0.4 ft	7:18 pm ▲ 2.3 ft
Su	1:41 am ▼ 1.0 ft	6:52 am ▲ 2.1 ft	1:50 pm ▼ 0.8 ft	8:00 pm ▲ 2.3 ft
Mo	3:01 am ▼ 0.8 ft	8:32 am ▲ 1.9 ft	2:38 pm ▼ 1.1 ft	8:47 pm ▲ 2.3 ft
Tu	4:20 am ▼ 0.6 ft	10:21 am ▲ 1.9 ft	3:38 pm ▼ 1.3 ft	9:38 pm ▲ 2.4 ft
We	5:27 am ▼ 0.3 ft	11:40 am ▲ 2.0 ft	4:43 pm ▼ 1.4 ft	10:27 pm ▲ 2.4 ft

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Th	3:47 am ▲ 3.3 ft	11:22 am ▼ 0.5 ft	5:48 pm ▲ 2.6 ft	10:52 pm ▼ 1.3 ft
Fr	4:34 am ▲ 3.0 ft	11:58 am ▼ 0.2 ft	6:25 pm ▲ 2.6 ft	11:49 pm ▼ 1.2 ft
Sa	5:27 am ▲ 2.7 ft	12:34 pm ▼ 0.2 ft	7:02 pm ▲ 2.6 ft	
Su	12:55 am ▼ 1.0 ft	6:35 am ▲ 2.3 ft	1:13 pm ▼ 0.5 ft	7:43 pm ▲ 2.6 ft
Mo	2:10 am ▼ 0.8 ft	8:06 am ▲ 2.1 ft	1:58 pm ▼ 0.9 ft	8:27 pm ▲ 2.6 ft
Tu	3:25 am ▼ 0.5 ft	9:46 am ▲ 2.0 ft	2:50 pm ▼ 1.1 ft	9:13 pm ▲ 2.7 ft
We	4:33 am ▼ 0.2 ft	11:06 am ▲ 2.2 ft	3:48 pm ▼ 1.4 ft	10:00 pm ▲ 2.8 ft

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Th	3:20 am ▲ 2.4 ft	11:05 am ▼ 0.2 ft	5:18 pm ▲ 1.9 ft	10:43 pm ▼ 0.9 ft
Fr	4:05 am ▲ 2.2 ft	11:41 am ▼ 0.1 ft	5:55 pm ▲ 1.9 ft	11:39 pm ▼ 0.9 ft
Sa	4:58 am ▲ 2.0 ft	12:17 pm ▼ 0.1 ft	6:34 pm ▲ 1.9 ft	
Su	12:48 am ▼ 0.9 ft	6:08 am ▲ 1.7 ft	12:57 pm ▼ 0.6 ft	7:16 pm ▲ 1.8 ft
Mo	2:08 am ▼ 0.7 ft	7:48 am ▲ 1.5 ft	1:45 pm ▼ 0.9 ft	8:03 pm ▲ 1.9 ft
Tu	3:27 am ▼ 0.5 ft	9:37 am ▲ 1.5 ft	2:45 pm ▼ 1.0 ft	8:54 pm ▲ 2.0 ft
We	4:34 am ▼ 0.2 ft	10:56 am ▲ 1.6 ft	3:50 pm ▼ 1.1 ft	9:43 pm ▲ 2.0 ft

St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

Th	3:25 am ▲ 2.5 ft	11:02 am ▼ 0.6 ft	5:55 pm ▲ 1.8 ft	10:36 pm ▼ 1.2 ft
Fr	4:21 am ▲ 2.3 ft	11:44 am ▼ 0.2 ft	6:28 pm ▲ 1.8 ft	11:48 pm ▼ 1.1 ft
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Dog Island West End

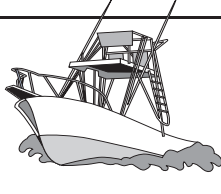
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Best hunting and fishing based on solunar times. MAJOR feeding periods are 2 hours long, centered on the solunar time. MINOR feeding periods are only 1 hour long, again centered on the solunar time.



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



The following information... The air temperatures in our area are starting to drop and that means the water temperatures are also dropping.

Current water temperatures in the St. Marks River area are about 59 degrees. According to the American Boating Association, in water between 60-70 degrees, exhaustion or unconsciousness can set in within 2-7 hours.

It is important to remember to dress for the water temperature, not just the air temperature. Wearing a life jacket increasing your chances of survival if you do find yourself overboard. The shock of falling into cold water can induce paralysis in arms and legs, swim failure can occur during prolonged exposure. A life jacket can keep you afloat when your body cannot. It can also help you conserve energy can add a layer

Boating Emergencies

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

of insulation. A bright colored life jacket makes you much easier to spot by those looking for you.

If you do fall overboard, wet clothing will draw out your body heat much faster. It is good practice to have a set of dry clothing should you need to change.

As TK Wilkinson, from the US Coast Guard Heartland Safe Boating points out, every paddler should carry a dry set of clothing in a watertight bag. Capsizing is always a possibility.

US Coast Guard boat crews wear hypothermia protective equipment at a water temp of 60°F or less. If they are being proactive, we need to take this risk seriously ourselves! You can check the current water temperature with a quick internet search before you head out for a day on the water.

As Sherrie says, safe boating is no accident!

Please contact us to get your own "If Lost Please Contact" stick-

er(s). for more information about our safe boating classes or to learn more about getting involved in the Auxiliary. Check out our website at www.uscgaux.net follow us on FaceBook @ Apalachee Bay Flotilla 12 or contact our Flotilla Commander Phil Hill at pnkkhill2000@yahoo.com

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Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

Please welcome Jani Ripatti and Toni Jarvinen from Vantaa, Finland. December 16, 2010

These two gentlemen traveled nearly 5,000 miles to Wakulla County for training in our beautiful Florida caves. They are both rebreather divers.

They are not the first students I have hosted at Wakulla Diving Center from Finland this year. Over the past few years I have trained many folks from Europe in both rebreather and cave diving. We anticipate many more European students in the future now that we have an expanded diving dedicated facility here in Wakulla. Unfortunately, they will not likely dive in Wakulla County on this trip.

A recent group of visiting cave divers from Finland staying near High Springs told Joni and Toni not to bother going to Wakulla County as they could not dive there.

Indeed, because of restrictive policies for diving only in our Wakulla County state park, I must travel 1,000 miles during the next eight days of training to reach caves sites that I can train with them.

I will travel to Marianna's Blue Spring Park in Jackson County, Madison Blue Springs State Park in Madison County, Peacock Springs State Park near Mayo, Little River near Branford, Manatee State Park, and Ginnie Springs near High Springs just to name a few sites.

And they will pay their entrance fees, purchase food and fuel, and supplies while not in Wakulla County.

Toni and Jani know all about Wakulla Springs State Park, as this cave-rich public park has been featured in countless underwater projects from movies such as Tarzan, Creature from the Black Lagoon and Airport '77 to paleontology and diving physiology research, and cave exploration by the U.S. Deep Cave Team and Woodville Karst Plains Project.

They rather expected to dive in our back yard. I had to explain that Wakulla Springs State Park has a policy against the public diving in their caves unless they are pre-approved well in advance, by a select committee, and then allowing very limited access to one site, unless they participate on an exclusive permitted project.

I failed to convince them that Peacock, Manatee and Madison State Parks that have equal access policies for cave diving, are any different than Wakulla Springs State Park.

Opening Wakulla Springs State Park to diving in the main basin even just to open water and cavern-trained divers could generate upwards of \$100,000 per year with little or no adverse impact on the beauty of the park. Opening the caves to qualified cave divers would increase that number significantly. At a time when the State Parks are economically stressed, such income would certainly be greatly appreciated. But more importantly, the economic impact on Wakulla County business (mine included) would exceed \$2 million. At a time where Wakulla County businesses are failing for lack of tourist traffic, why are we turning away people like Toni and Jani?

I have told my students that one day they would be able to complete a life-time achievement here in Wakulla County, much like hikers do when traversing the Appalachian Trail.

Today, few hike the Maine to Florida trail in one trip due to its considerable length. Instead, they purchase a log that is signed off when they complete portions of the trail until they complete the entire journey piecemeal.

We have a similar trail, albeit underwater, that begins just south of Tallahassee, passes through Wakulla Springs State Park and ends in the Gulf of Mexico.

Cave diving enthusiasts from around the world will come to Wakulla County to work on this achievement, completing segments as their vacations permit.

We will all prosper from the resulting economic impact. But for now Toni and Jani remain frustrated and confused, as do we all.

Editor's Note: This was the fifth Underwater Wakulla column written by Gregg Stanton back in 2010.

FWC Law Enforcement Report

From FWC News

This report represents some events the FWC handled Nov. 29-Dec. 5 in the Northwest Region.

WAKULLA COUNTY

• Officer S. Gray was patrolling the St. Marks River and observed an individual fishing on the boat ramp dock at the old fort. Officer Gray proceeded to conduct a resource inspection on the individual. It was determined the individual did not have a valid fishing license and had a confirmed warrant out of Bay County. He was placed under arrest and booked into the Wakulla County Jail. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Officer Brett Dean assisted.

• Officer M. Fernbach was patrolling around Apalachicola National Forest and observed a ladder stand attached to a tree and a cellular trail camera placed in front of it. Officer Fernbach observed a large quantity of whole kernel corn placed in front of the camera. The officer's investigation led him to a subject who admitted to placing the bait on public land. The subject was subsequently cited.

• Officer M. Fernbach was on patrol in the Apalachicola National Forest when he observed an area of forest that appeared to be brush hogged. While walking in the cut trails, Officer Fernbach observed a large amount of whole kernel corn scattered over the area. Officer M. Fernbach was able to

locate the subject who cut the vegetation and dispersed corn in the area. The appropriate citations were issued to the individual.

• While on joint enforcement agreement (federal JEA) vessel patrol, Officer Specialists Gray and Nelson conducted a stop on a vessel returning from offshore fishing. During the resource inspection, 15 undersized flounder, two undersized black seabass, two undersized triggerfish and a gag grouper (closed by executive order) were discovered. Appropriate notice to appear citations were issued.

JACKSON COUNTY

• Officer Carr responded to a night hunting complaint off

Dipper Road. Once on scene he interviewed the subject and after investigating the area, he charged a subject with unlawful possession of an antlerless deer, taking deer after legal shooting hours, and no hunting license. Two warnings were also issued for no hunter safety course and failure to log the harvested deer.

• Before the start of general gun season, Officer Forehand found an area in Econfina Creek Wildlife Management Area that had been baited with corn. On opening morning, Officer Forehand visited the bait site again and found a subject hunting from a stand over the baited area. The individual was issued a citation for placing grain in the WMA.

Making this Dec. 26 better than last year's



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

In the past, the day after Christmas was one of my least favorite days of the year.

My feelings had less to do with saying goodbye to the “hap-happiest season of all” and

more to do with how I lived the weeks leading up to Christmas Day. I’m ashamed to say that during these years, my focus wasn’t as much on Christ as it was on my desperate need to have the warm and fuzzy Christmases I saw in most Christmas movies.

Because I had spent multiple Christmases alone or in a hospital behavioral health (mental) unit battling major depression and eating disorders, I tried to compensate for past Christmases, especially those I’d spent without my children. A deep sadness

and escalating anger overshadowed the joy of the Christmas season.

I deeply desired to move beyond my hurt-filled past, but I didn’t know how.

Thankfully, those years are long gone. But if I’m not careful, I still find myself clawing for that perfect Christmas, making my emotional needs the reason (or at least my focus) for the season.

Perhaps you can relate, at least a little bit, to what I’m saying. Maybe you get so caught up with the hustle and bustle of the holiday that you un-

intentionally keep Baby Jesus in the manger.

Or perhaps you focus more on the gift-giving (and receiving) part than on your Savior.

Maybe your circumstances or loss – your “story” – is much, much more heartbreaking than mine.

The good news is that we can celebrate the rest of this Christmas season with great joy – and honor God the way He so mightily deserves.

Read Matthew 2:11 (ESV): “And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down

and worshiped him.” How would it change our Christmas if we would “see” Jesus for all that He is: our Lord, our Redeemer, our Provider, our Hope?

How would it change this Dec. 26 if we drew near to the King of kings and “fell down and worshiped Him” in our hearts throughout the rest of this holy season and into the new year?

The more we draw near to and worship Him, the more we’ll become aware of how much He loves us and has intervened in our circumstances. The more we become aware

of all He has done for us – and in us – the more we’ll experience healing from our pain and anger. Eventually, we’ll experience a joy we haven’t known for a long time.

And perhaps the day after Christmas will no longer feel empty but instead reflect the joy and healing found in drawing near to Jesus.

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If only we believe



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

It is Christmas, and a winter chill has decided to greet the landscape with a blanket of frost or snow. Afghans decorate couches and recliners for warmth as fireplaces push back the cold. Children are excited about the jolly old elf who magically delivers the best toys underneath the Christmas tree.

Christmas is a time

of excitement and good cheer. As a child, I would watch my Mom put together a silver Christmas tree, each limb fitted into place and decorated with red balls. As a final touch, a red, green, yellow, and blue light rotated beneath the tree, reflecting the colors of the season. Butterflies would churn in my stomach as I awaited the magical morning when the gifts would appear. I remember lying in my bed, unable to sleep, as I listened for the sound of reindeer on the rooftop. I am amazed at how quickly my childhood passed by.

The silver Christmas tree with a rotating light remains an essential decoration in my home

today. It is a childhood memory I have held onto. The red ornaments faded over the years and have been replaced with newer ones. The meaning of Christmas has also changed. I no longer listen for the reindeer hooves on my rooftop.

Nonetheless, I still have the desire to receive that special gift underneath the tree. I have grown through the years of telling my children that Santa Claus would soon be here. I used to enjoy the excitement in their eyes as they found it hard to sleep.

I miss those days with them; however, I enjoy watching them share the magic with my grandchildren.

So goes the seasons of

life; it changes so quickly. I would love to have one more Christmas with my mom and dad or one more day with my children underfoot. Yet, we cannot go back to yesterday. We can look forward to tomorrow, to a time when all longing will cease.

In the scripture, we learn of a time when King David and Bathsheba lost a child. King David knew he could not bring his son back to this world; David’s response to his grief was to prepare his heart for the day when all longing would end (2 Samuel 12:14-3).

In this lies our hope as well, the preparation of our hearts. We celebrate Christmas with a tree,

gifts, and good cheer. However, the most incredible gift given was laid in a manger made of stone.

King David could not bring his son back to life, yet generations later, a son would be born, bringing eternal life to all who would believe.

When we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we celebrate the end of all longing. We celebrate a kingdom where all sadness and grief subside. We observe an eternal life where the hope, peace, joy, and love of advent are endless. Christmas is a time of preparing our hearts to meet those who have gone before us.

Jesus, the baby, born at Christmas, grew to be a man who became

a great teacher, spending three years of His life sharing the Kingdom of God. The seasons of His life changed as well.

If we only believe, his life, death, and resurrection prepare us for eternal life. And that is the constant that remains every Christmas season.

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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

OUT TO PASTOR

A surprised pre-Christmas gift special



By **JAMES SNYDER**

Like everyone, I enjoy the Christmas holiday from beginning to end. It’s my favorite time of the year. The most important thing is the family gathering in the celebration.

I enjoy everything about Christmas except that I’m not so fond of Christmas shopping. That is not something I enjoy.

Buying gifts for people is a challenge for me. And mostly, I don’t know how to get a present for The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage because she has everything she needs.

Something happened this week that encour-

aged me in this line. I got a pre-Christmas gift that I was not expecting.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was using a paper cutter for her Christmas card work in my office. All of a sudden, I heard her groan in agony. She doesn’t do that unless something terrible happens.

She walked out carrying one of the paper cutting boards. I asked what was going on, and she told me that it broke while cutting some paper.

“I’m just going to throw it away and use another board.”

“Wait a minute,” I said, “maybe I can fix it for you?”

It took her a while to calm down from laughing at me. Then she said, “What, you fix something?” and continued laughing.

I thought that this was a good time to catch her in something. She graciously handed me the cutting board and showed me where it was broken. But it wasn’t

actually broken. One of the levers popped out of its socket, and it was almost impossible to put it back in.

That’s why the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage gave up and was ready to throw it away. She didn’t have time to work on that project.

She handed it to me, walked away snickering, and I began looking at the little board, trying to figure out what I could do.

I have a stellar reputation for being unable to fix anything. Sure, I can fix some of my writing projects, but outside of that, I am no Mr. Fix-It Man.

I thought about this for a while, thinking it would be an excellent opportunity to challenge that image of me. What would happen if I could fix this little cutting board and hand it back to her?

Looking at that cutting board, I didn’t know where to start. You have

to know where to start in order to fix something, and I needed to figure out how to begin this project.

Thinking to myself, I saw this as a great opportunity for me. So I struggled, looked at the board from front to back, and tried to understand how it worked. I came close to giving up.

I saw one of the levers that had popped out of the socket, so I needed to figure out how to pop it back in. I couldn’t see anything broken on the board, so I didn’t understand how it came out. According to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, she let it fall; when it fell, one lever popped out.

After fiddling with it for several minutes, I suddenly saw how it could be fixed. I was surprised at myself. But with a little twisting and turning, I could pop that lever back in where it belonged. When I did

that, the board was back to normal. I’m not sure I was.

I was so happy I didn’t know what to do, and I certainly didn’t want to sing. But I called The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and said, “Oh, my dear. Would you please come in here for a moment?”

She showed up quickly, and I handed the cutting board back to her and said, “I fixed it for you so now you can continue using it.”

She looked at me, then at the board I had just handed her, and in a low tone, she said, “How in the world did you fix that?”

Getting an early Christmas present is a very wonderful thing. I could not have gotten a better one than this.

As I was musing over this great gift, I couldn’t

help but think of the greatest gift in the world.

The verse that came to mind was John 3:16, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

Christmas is the celebration of God’s greatest gift coming into the world. During this illustrious celebration, I do not want to forget what God’s gift has done for me. The gift from God is “everlasting life” that comes to those who believe in Him.

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Obituaries

DEATH NOTICES

• **Roy Lamar Barton**, 95, of Sopchoppy, died December 15, 2024.

• **Douglas Joseph Bongiovani**, 69, of Crawfordville, died December 10, 2024.

• **Billy Wayne Cooper Sr.**, 76, of Crawfordville, died December 5, 2024.

• **Mary Ann Daniels**, 81, of Crawfordville, died December 10, 2024.

• **Raymond “Scrunch” Porter**, 86, of Panacea, died December 12, 2024.

• **David M. Raker**, 64, of Crawfordville, died December 13, 2024.

• **Diane Katherine Saulea**, 77, of Crawfordville, died December 5, 2024.

Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com.

Weekly Roundup: Filling up the bench?

By **JIM TURNER**
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE – Florida senators returned to the Capitol this week to receive overviews as they prepare for the 2025 legislative session.

A big part of their job during the session will be to craft a budget for the fiscal year that will start July 1. And the Florida Supreme Court added to the budget puzzle this week when it called for creating 50 new judgeships across the state.

The Supreme Court recommended adding 23 circuit judges and 25 county judges, along with more judges on the 6th District Court of Appeal. The recommendation came after the release in June of a study, the Florida Judicial Workload Assessment, that cited a need for 55 additional circuit-court judgeships and 29 county-court judgeships.

The new judges, if approved and funded by the Legislature, would be spread from Miami-Dade County to the Panhandle. The recommendation for two more appellate judges came after the Legislature in 2022 created the Lakeland-based 6th District Court of Appeal while increasing the number of district

appellate courts from five to six.

“In its request, the (6th District of Appeal) chief judge noted that the district court began its work on January 1, 2023, with nearly 1,700 transferred cases from two other district courts, and that filings in the district court continue to grow,” the Supreme Court said in Thursday’s opinion. “According to the chief judge, the current judge complement is insufficient to keep pace with this growing workload.”

BEAR HUNT EYED

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on Wednesday directed officials to bring forward proposals for the first sanctioned bear hunt in nearly a decade.

Proposals are expected to be completed by a May commission meeting, giving staff members time to compile data from ongoing studies about bear populations and gather more public input.

“We’ve had internal discussions with respect to hot-spot areas throughout the state, and whether that is something you look at first,” commission Chairman Rodney Barreto

said. “If we’re going to go down that road, maybe we need to look at several proposals.”

Bear hunting has long been controversial in Florida. The only approved hunt in recent decades occurred in October 2015, when a weeklong hunt was halted after two days as the bear death count quickly exceeded projections.

TOURISM HELP WANTED

Visit Florida President and CEO Dana Young, who oversaw tourism-marketing efforts as House leaders pushed for the agency’s closure and helped guide a tourism rebound after Covid-19 slammed the industry, announced Tuesday she will step down from the post after six years.

“I am very proud of the work we have done (and will continue to do) at Visit Florida, maximizing return on investment for Florida taxpayers,” Young said in a prepared statement.

The state estimates annual tourism has grown from 126.1 million visitors when Young took the post in 2019 to 140.6 million last year.

GUN DEBATES GEAR UP

During the 2025 session, lawmakers could consider controversial gun-related bills that were filed this week by two lawmakers who are running in special elections for congressional seats.

State Rep. Joel Rudman, R-Navarre, proposed a bill (HB 31) that would allow Floridians to openly carry firearms. The proposal also seeks to repeal a “red-flag” law that allows authorities to take guns from people found to pose a “significant danger” to themselves or others.

Rudman will leave the House because he is running in a special election to replace former Congressman Matt Gaetz, R-Fla.

Meanwhile, Sen. Randy Fine, a Brevard County Republican who will exit the Legislature mid-session as he runs to succeed outgoing U.S. Rep. Mike Waltz, R-Fla., introduced a bill (SB 94) to repeal a law that prevents people under age 21 from buying rifles and other long guns.

Both measures were part of wider efforts passed by the Legislature after the 2018 mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland.

AMESTY CLEARED

Prosecutors dropped four criminal charges against former state Rep. Carolina Amesty, a Windermere Republican who faced allegations including forgery.

Amesty, who was indicted by a grand jury in August on charges related to her actions as administrator of the family-run Central Christian University in Orange County, called the move by outgoing State Attorney Andrew Bain to drop the case “a just and correct decision.”

Amesty lost a re-election bid last month to Rep. Leonard Spencer, D-Gotha.

Bain was appointed to the job last year in Orange and Osceola counties after Gov. Ron DeSantis suspended State Attorney Monique Worrell. Worrell won back the job in the Nov. 5 election, though Bain will remain in the position until next month.

A spokesman for Bain said the charges against Amesty “were non-violent, diversion-eligible offenses” and that she had completed terms including 30 hours of community service.

DRIP, DRIP DRIP

The Florida Department of Management Services this week filed a lawsuit against a contractor and two other firms because of water leaks in renovated underground parking garages at the Capitol.

The lawsuit, filed in Leon County Tuesday, said “complaints from state officials who parked their vehicles at the property of water leaks and dripping onto their vehicles, as well as noticeable puddles of water throughout the property.”

The renovation project, which started in 2014, included waterproofing and addressing structural issues in the House and Senate garages.

STORY OF THE WEEK: The Florida Supreme Court recommended adding 50 judges in the state.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “We had several of our groves that were damaged so heavily that there is not enough fruit to harvest,” Senate President Ben Albritton, a citrus grower from Waucho, on damage caused by Hurricane Milton to the citrus industry.

Jury recommends death for Hertz

From Front Page

After his arrest, Hertz reportedly told a paramedic in the ambulance that, if he had been awake when police arrived, they would never have taken him alive.

The prosecution team, Assistant State Attorney Eddie Evans, who was second chair at the trial 25 years ago with then-State Attorney Willie Meggs, and Wakulla Chief Prosecutor Andrew Deneen, sought to prove a series of aggravating factors: that Hertz was on probation for burglaries at the time he committed the murders, that the murders were committed at the same time

as burglary, arson and robbery, and that the murders were committed for financial gain.

The jury found that those aggravators had been proven by the state.

The defense sought to present mitigating circumstances – and put on evidence about Hertz’ childhood: his parents, both deaf and hearing impaired, were petty criminals committing thefts to pay for drugs. His mother got pregnant in an effort to save Hertz’ father, Guerry Wayne Hertz Sr., from going to prison for theft. The baby was born with a club foot, and suffered grueling surgeries complicated by the lack of regular

care by his parents.

The family was homeless much of the time, living in a van. Hertz as a child was described as dirty and wearing dirty clothes.

Psychologist Gregory Pritchard testified that Hertz had a brain abnormality in which his ability to process language and communicate was poor, and believed due to having a deaf mother and hard-of-hearing father.

Dr. Pritchard also said he diagnosed Hertz as being borderline personality disorder – a series of traits such as aggression and manipulation by adults with an inability to conform their behavior

to social norms.

Pritchard also noted that at the time of his arrest, Hertz was 20 years old but had the maturity of a 14-year-old.

Much of the cross-examination of Dr. Pritchard by the state focused on whether Hertz was a leader or a follower. Much of the state’s contention is that Hertz was the de facto leader of the group.

In closing arguments on Monday, Dec. 16, Evans defended the state’s use of Dempsey, noting that without his testimony there would have been no picture of what happened in the Spears-King home that night.

Collins, in his closing,

countered that Dempsey was lying to get himself a better deal. Dempsey was the real leader, Collins contended – he was the smart one, and Hertz wasn’t smart enough to be the leader.

Collins urged the jury to sentence Hertz to life in prison. “It ain’t right,” he said in his heavy Southern drawl. And it’s more not right to make you make that decision. Make him spend the rest of his life in prison.”

The jury was charged and out around 4 p.m. They were back in around 5 p.m. with a decision.

After the decision was read by Judge Smith, the defense asked the 12 jurors to be polled to confirm that this was their verdict.

They all said yes.

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CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Thou ___ do it
6. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
9. Brainstem part
13. Town in New York state
14. Little (Spanish)
15. Continent
16. Retch
17. Short-billed rails
18. Small period of time (abbr.)
19. Confused
21. A team needs one
22. Woman in ancient times
23. Republican Party
24. Spanish be
25. "The Godfather" character Johnny
28. Not around
29. City in Zambia
31. A type of beginning
33. Numb
36. Gurus
38. Small, gray-headed crow
39. Vehicle type
41. Disorders
44. One point east of southeast
45. Indian soldier
46. Tree type
48. Midway between south and southeast
49. It cools your home

- 51. Corn comes on it
52. Ship's deck
54. A way to bake
56. Improvised
60. Butterfly genus
61. Baseball fields have them
62. Designated space
63. Discharge
64. Two of something
65. Once more
66. Part of your face
67. Tax collector
68. Cassia tree

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One-time Aaron Rodgers target
2. Wings
3. Overly studious person
4. They protect your valuables
5. The Volunteer State
6. Non-hydraulic cement
7. Horse mackerel
8. Jackson and Diddley are two
9. Splendid displays
10. Mountain in NE Greece
11. A daughter or your brother or sister
12. German surname
14. Having more than one husband at a time

- 17. Romanian city
20. Energy
21. Makes less hot
23. Gas diffusion electrode
25. Former CIA
26. Set an example for others
27. Support of a particular person
29. One from the Big Apple
30. Mountain range
32. Violate the sanctity of something
34. Supervises flying
35. Talks
37. Persian male given name
40. Born of
42. Forcibly take one's possessions
43. Discounts
47. Knockouts
49. Posh Colorado destination
50. Form of therapy
52. British rock band
53. Type of virus (abbr.)
55. The U. of Miami mascot is one
56. Volcanic crater
57. Middle Eastern nation
58. Sinn __, Irish organization
59. Ethiopian lake
61. Bits per inch (abbr.)
65. Equally

Crossword puzzle grid with numbered starting points for clues.

WORD SCRAMBLE

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Answer: Brain Answer: Jennifer Connelly

Word search grid for the Guess Who? puzzle.

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WRESTLING

Wakulla wins Talon vs. Tooth rivalry

By **WALT JACOBS**
Correspondent

The high schools of Wakulla and Suwannee have engaged in some epic battles over the course of their storied histories. Wakulla enjoyed success for a number of years, but for the past two seasons the pendulum has swung back in favor of Coach John Wainwright and company. Last Thursday night, the schools faced off yet again in what has been billed as the Talon vs Tooth rivalry match, and the No. 7 War Eagles, led by Coach Nate Litowsky, looked to upset the No. 4-ranked Bulldogs.

In the opening match, Wakulla freshman Brayden Hodges had the arduous task of wrestling senior Eli Joliceur who is ranked No. 1 in the state at 106 pounds. Hodges gave a courageous effort but ultimately lost by technical fall in the second period. In duals like these, where every point matters, surrendering 5 points instead of 6 is considered a small victory.

At 113 and 120 pounds, Suwannee forfeited to Wakulla giving the War Eagles a 12-5 lead.



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Nate Jacobs vs Arthur Vanderpool

Matthew Thaxton added 6 more points for Wakulla with a pin over Tyler Phynney in the second period.

William Harvey continued the offensive with a win over Seth Dykes by tech fall.

Wakulla's Colt Sanders and Troy Thaxton added pins of their own over Jonathan Gonzalez and Jose Garcia respectively.

At 150 pounds, Nate Jacobs notched a major decision over Arthur Vanderpool to add to the War Eagles' lead. At this juncture, although

Wakulla led 39-5, the War Eagles still had work to do to preserve the win. Mathematically, Suwannee was still in it, but would need 5 pins and a technical fall in the final six matches to pull off the comeback.

The War Eagles seized victory at 165 pounds, when a pivotal match between Wakulla's Gavin Mitchell and Torynn Johns ended in a 12-4 major decision. Although the match ended in Suwannee's favor, the Bulldogs would not be able to

score enough points in the remaining matches to come back.

At 215 pounds, Blake Barodte scored the final six points for Wakulla when he pinned Joe Charron. The final score was Wakulla 45, Suwannee 32. There will be more at stake when the two schools meet again at Wakulla High for the FHSAA 1A District Duals Championship on Dec. 30th.

ALL HAIL QUEEN KENDAL, THE QUEEN OF THE SOUTH

idman, the 2024 Alabama State runner up. For her overall performance, Haynie was also named the tournament's most outstanding wrestler.

YULEE DUALS

On Dec. 13th, the boys wrestling team traveled east to participate in the Yulee Duals. The two-day event culminated with the War Eagles becoming the tournament champions.

Wakulla went 10-0 over the weekend and did so in dominating fashion.

Day 1 Results

- Wakulla 57, Episcopal 11
- Wakulla 38, Steinbrenner 30
- Wakulla 84, Raines 0
- Wakulla 60, Ridgeview 18
- Wakulla 83, Terry Parker 0
- Wakulla 70, Mandarin 10

Day 2 Results

- Wakulla 62, Beachside 14
- Wakulla 45, Steinbrenner 26
- Wakulla 54, Fletcher 15
- Wakulla 43, Yulee 29

The Lady War Eagles traveled to Alabama on December 13th and 14th to participate in what has been proclaimed the "best high school girls wrestling tournament in the South." Competitors from all over the southeast converged upon Enterprise High School to decide who would wear the crown and bear the title Queen of the South.

At 107 pounds, Emma Riggs picked up 2 wins over the weekend. Her first was a 1:16 pin over Mirabella Matson of Gulf Shores. Riggs picked up her 2nd win with a 59 second fall over Branlyn Patterson of Dadeville. Riggs' efforts earned her 10th place in the weight class.

Julia Baggett also placed 10th at 132 pounds. She notched victories over Madison King of Robertsdale (Fall 3:27) and Isabella Tran of Choctawhatchee in sudden victory.

At 107 pounds, Kendal Haynie once again put on a dominant display of wrestling going 5-0 (4 pins and 1 tech fall) en route to a first place finish. In the finals, Haynie wrestled and pinned Molly Se-

WRESTLER of the WEEK



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KENDAL HAYNIE



Kendal Haynie, at left, was crowned Queen of the South. She is seen in action against Suwannee, above.

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QUEEN PHOTO BY THOMAS HAYNIE



"Our freshman phenom, Kendal Haynie again showed why when she steps on the mat people pay attention. She rolled like a seasoned warrior, landing a 5-0 record on her way to not just the literal crown, but also the most outstanding wrestler award. She is building not only a tremendous high school record, but a reputation of excitement and excellence rare in such a young wrestler. We can't wait to see how far she can go. Wakulla vs the World, Go War Eagles."

- Coach Benny Litowsky

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- Coach Nate Litowsky

Matthew Thaxton vs Tyler Phynney.



William Harvey vs Seth Dykes



Section B

MERRY Christmas



OPERATION SANTA

Operation Santa held its annual Christmas distribution on Saturday, Dec. 14. more than 160 families and more than 400 children received presents, according to president William Stoffel. (Photo by William Snowden)

Family Funeral Home hosts annual Tree of Remembrance



Attendees at the service at Harvey-Young Chapel on Thursday, Dec. 12, sing along with Brady Castle of Lake Ellen Baptist Church.

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Gingerbread house contest

Mary Wallace of Capital City Home Loans and Heather Rybak of Rybak Realty teamed up again this year to offer a fun fundraiser to help with Operation Santa and to add some friendly competition in creating Gingerbread Houses.

The seven houses were on display during the holiday in the lobby of Capital City Bank and were quite detailed. People could stop in and place their vote or when they were visiting their bank. Entries and judging were open to the entire county.

Prizes will be awarded for the winner and by random entries for those who participated in the voting.

There were 11 who made the donation

to enter the contest which include Shuggy's Cookies, Wakulla County 4-H, Zaxby's, Waypoint Properties, Home Sweet Home Realty, Prime Meridian Bank, Law Office of Anderson, Givens and Fredericks PA., Sonya Hall of Wakulla Realty, The Lodge at Wakulla Springs, Shepard Springs Animal Hospital. Seven participants brought in the houses for display.

Gift basket prizes were donated by Barns' Spirits, Donkey's, Asini's Woodfire Grill, The Salty Donkey, The Kast Net, The Lodge at Wakulla Springs and Shuggies Cookies. A \$375 donation was made to Operation Santa.



Gayle Myers & Seth Beckstead hang an ornament in remembrance of Barno Beckstead who just passed away on Sept. 16, 2024



Inspirational songs shared by members of the Crawfordville First Baptist Church Choir.

Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year
From Our Family to Yours!

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It's Christmas in Sopchoppy!



Santa Claus arrives in Sopchoppy by firetruck, left, and then met with children to get their Christmas wish list, right.



Even the Grinch was there for the Christmas parade.



Children swarm the parade route for candy tossed to them.



Decorated golf carts in the parade, above and at right.



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Happy Holidays From Our Family to Yours



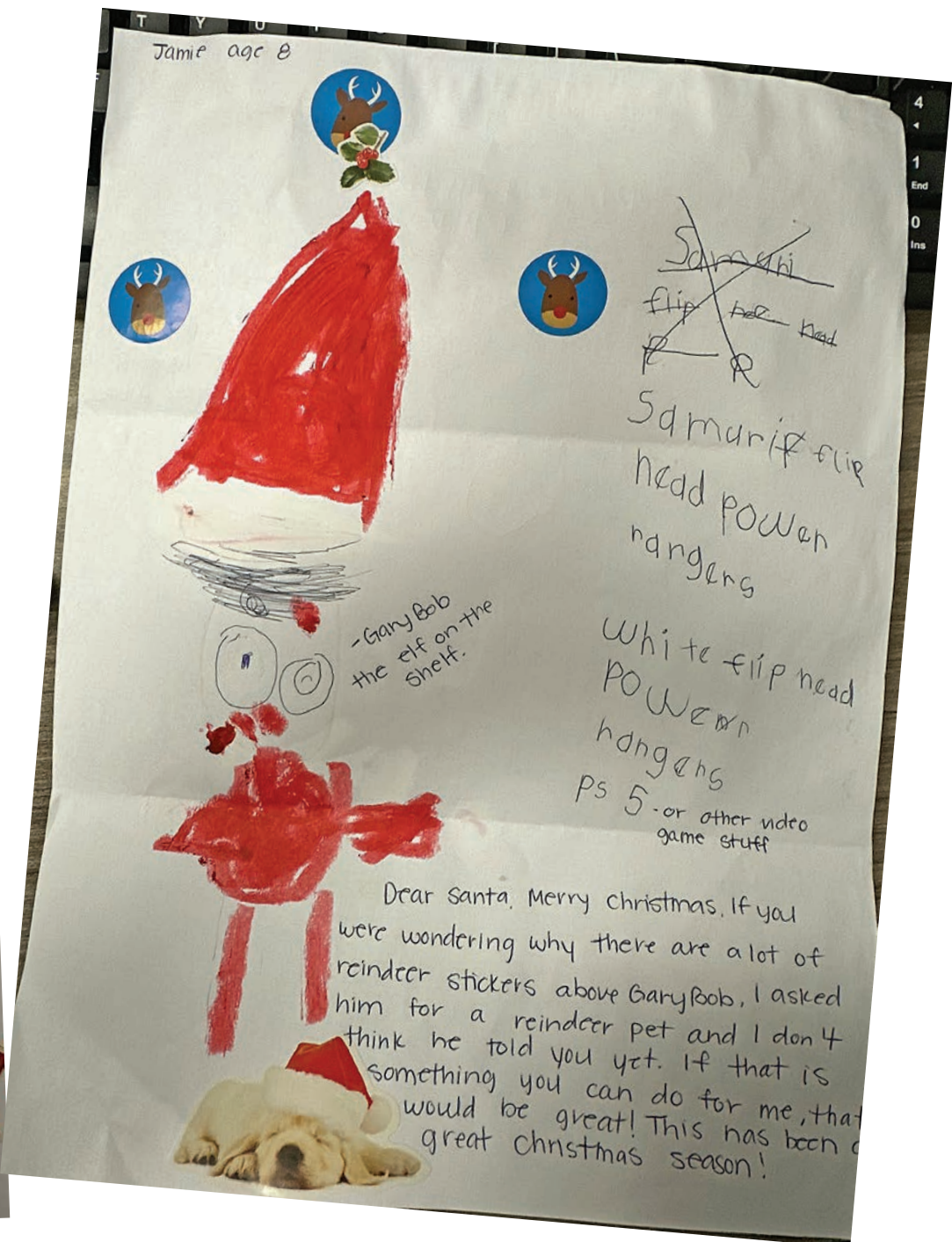
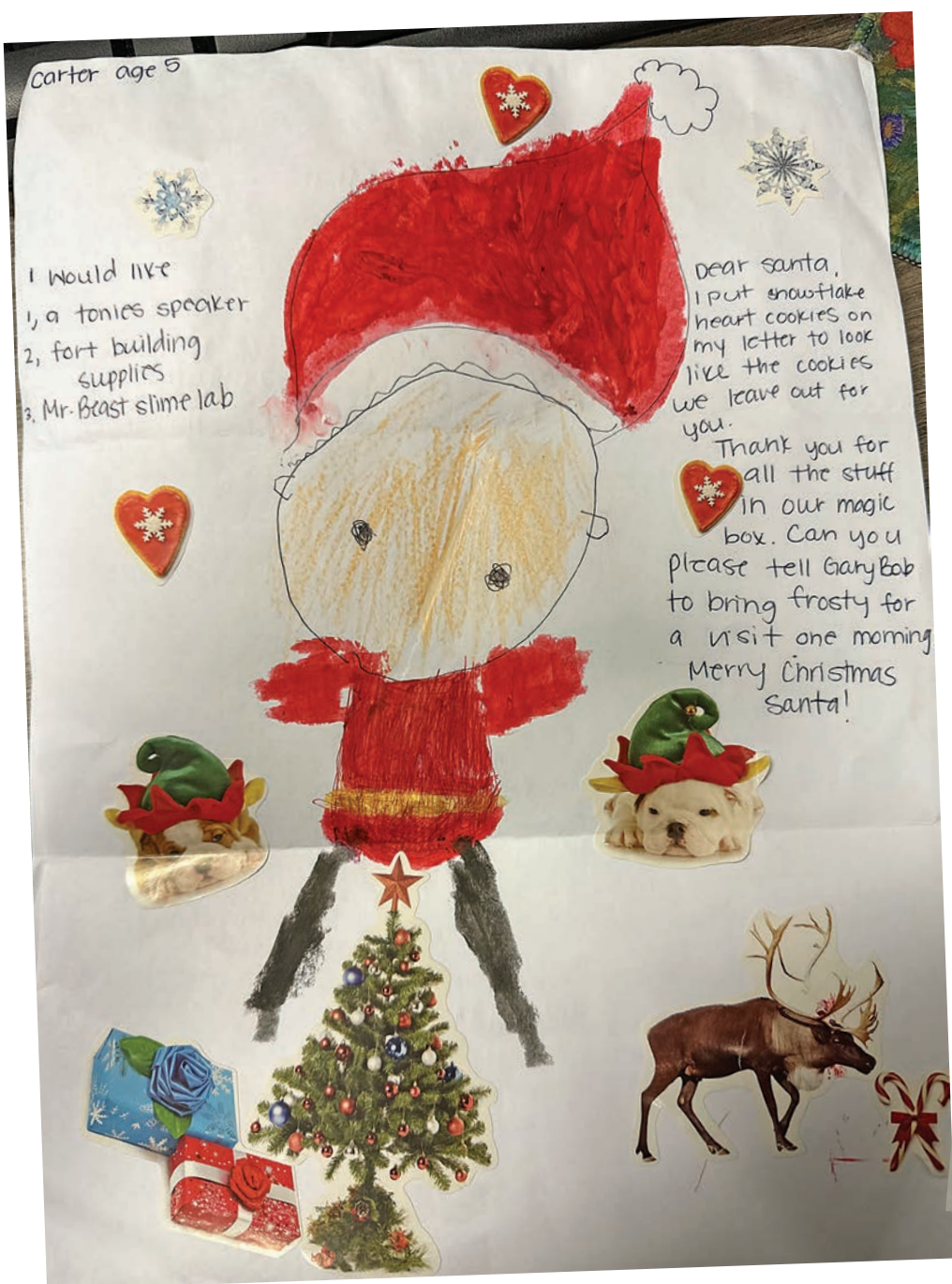
LETTERS TO



Here are some of the Letters to Santa received this year in the Courthouse mailbox. Thanks to Santa's elves for sharing.

Santa

and holiday greetings



Dear Santa,

My name is Gracie

I am 6 years old.

I live in Crawfordville

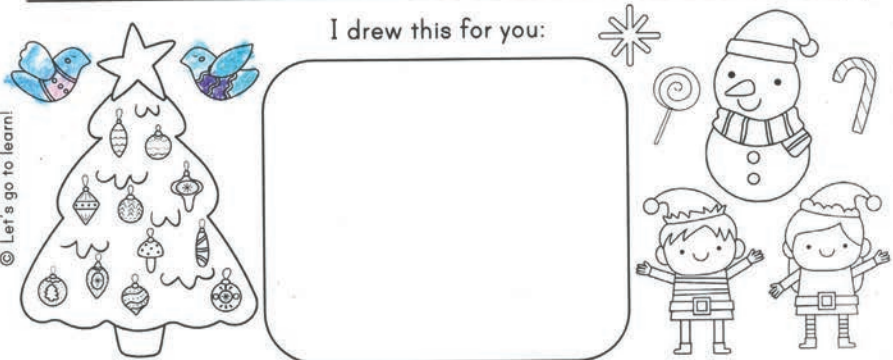
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Nice Naughty A bit of both!

For Christmas I would really love:

A Barbie doll.

I drew this for you:



Thank you so much!

Date: _____

Dear Santa,

My name is Brayden C.

I am 6 years old.

I live in Crawfordville

This year I have been:

Nice Naughty A bit of both!

For Christmas I would really love:

a PS5 and a dog.

I drew this for you:



Thank you so much!

Date: _____



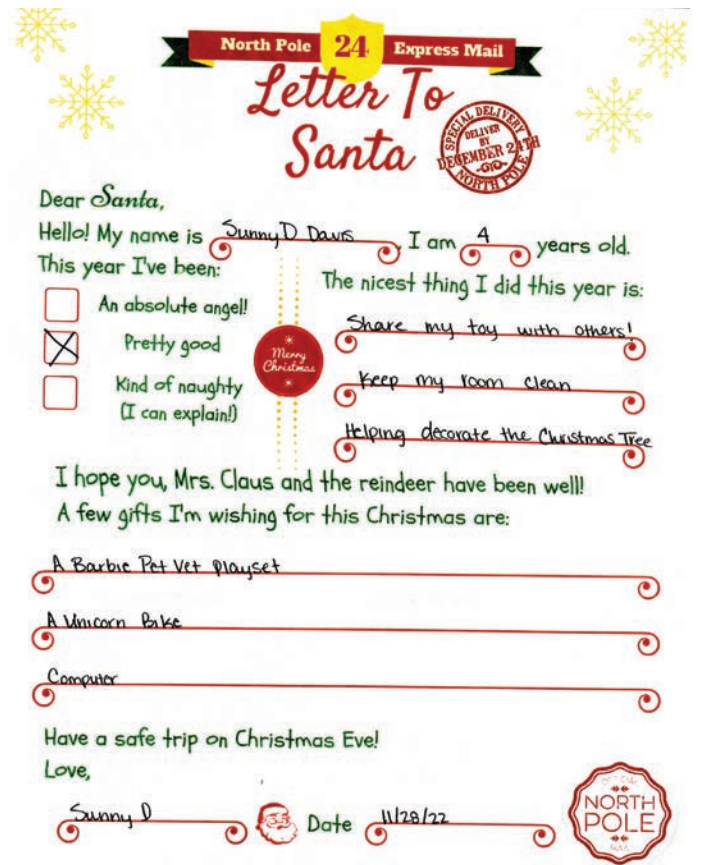
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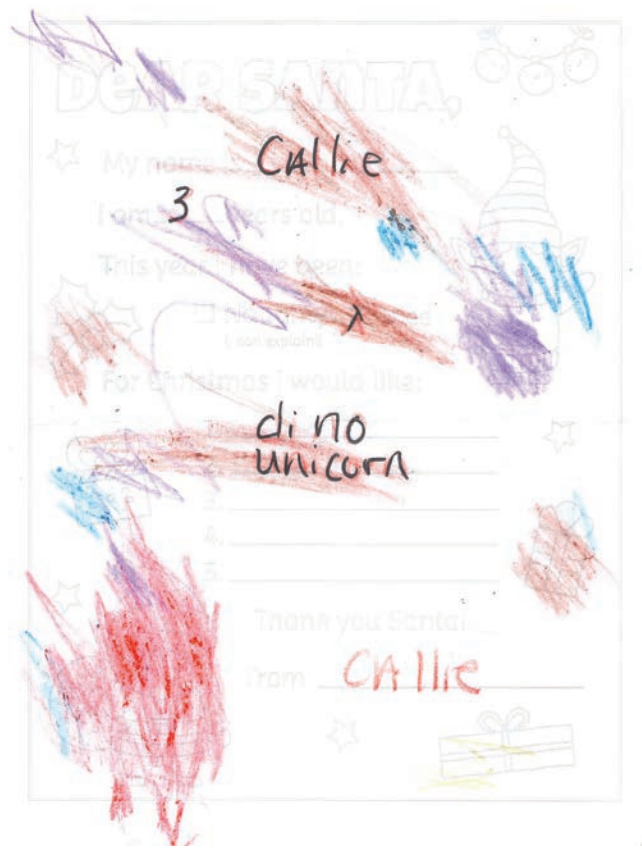
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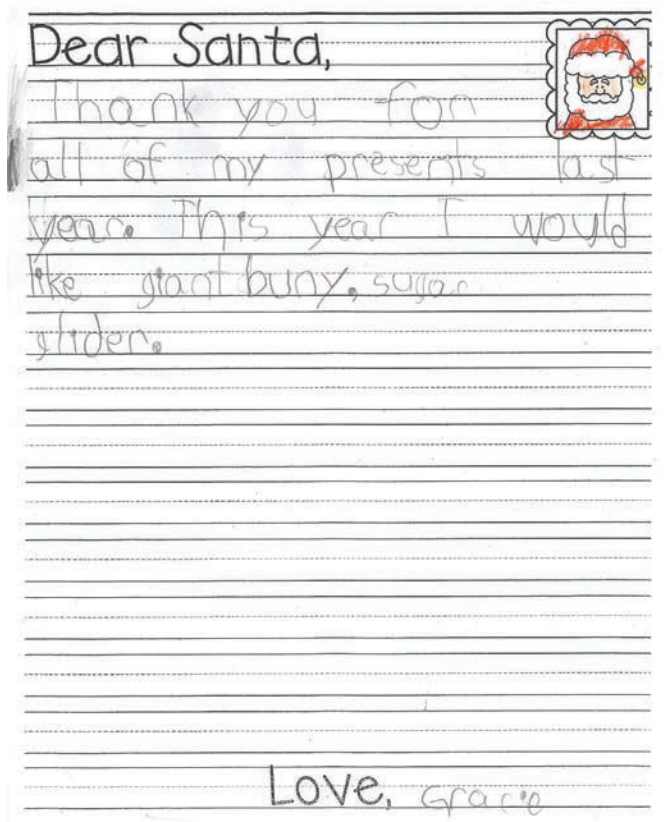
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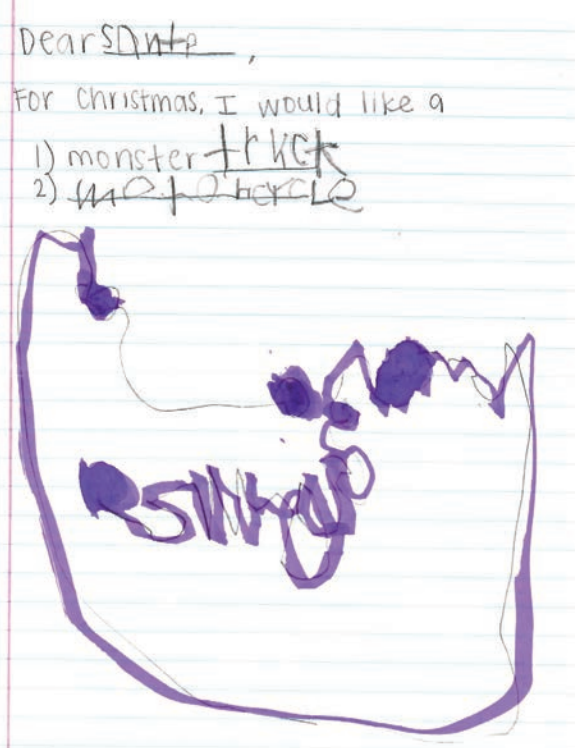
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School Board Members - Cale Langston, Laura Lawhon, Angie Nichols,
Joshua Brown, and Eddie Hand



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 2 foiskas
 3 E E I s u h e r
 4 hebens
 5 ask r a h s i n p a p p
 6 1 e 9 0 T r e e n o

Harper
 E S u h e r
 E s u h e d

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas, I wish for:
 - Chef dog Toy.
 - Hatchamal Cat.
 - Roller Skates
 - Dog house with Kitchen
 - Brand new scooter

I will be sure to leave out cookies and milk along with carrots for your reindeer.

Love,
HARPER

Dear Santa,
 I have been the best!
 Every day I do my best
 at school. Would you please
 bring me a halo Alien Rocket Launcher,
 a cat plushie, and a
 Bed Crab?
 Sincerely, Oscar



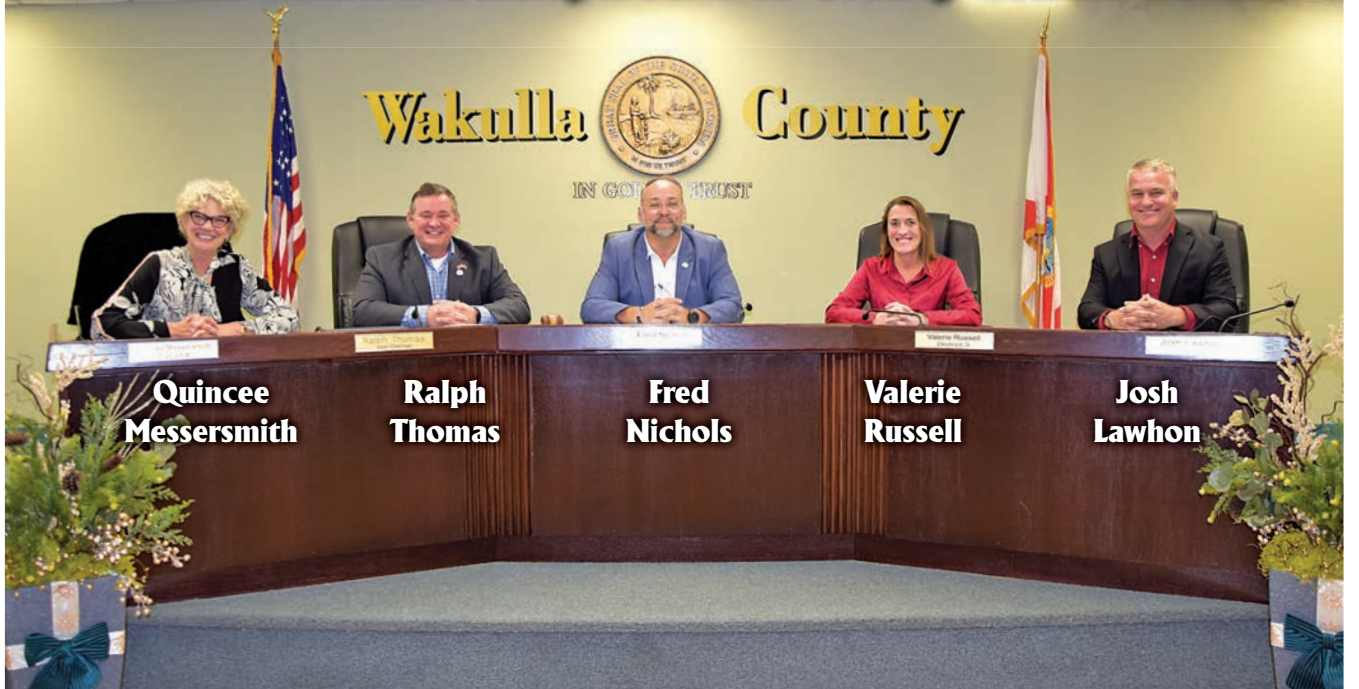
From the Staff at the Wakulla County Clerk's Office

Dec 1, 2023
 Dear Santa Claus,
 I have been the best!
 Every day I do my best
 at school. Would you please
 bring me a halo Alien Rocket Launcher,
 a cat plushie, and a
 Bed Crab?
 Sincerely, Oscar



From the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners

- Dear Santa,
 - I would like a
 - cry baby house, a
 - Minnie mouse
 - purse, and a
 - squish mellow.
 - I have been such
 - a good girl.
 - Love,
 - London T



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Lisa Craze, CFC
 Wakulla County Tax Collector

Dear Santa,

My name is HAYDEN

I am 5 years old.

I live in Crawfordville

This year I have been:

Nice Naughty A bit of both!

For Christmas I would really love:

4 FURBY
wheel toy
PUPPY dog

I drew this for you:



Thank you so much!

Date: _____

Dear Santa,

My name is ALYCE

I am 5 years old.

I live in Crawfordville

This year I have been:

Nice Naughty A bit of both!

For Christmas I would really love:

ART SET art set
COLORING coloring set

I drew this for you:



Thank you so much!

Date: December 10th

Dear Santa,

I love you. I would please like a purple Furby for Christmas.

Love,

6 Wenmae
Alex



Dear Santa,

This year I'd like...

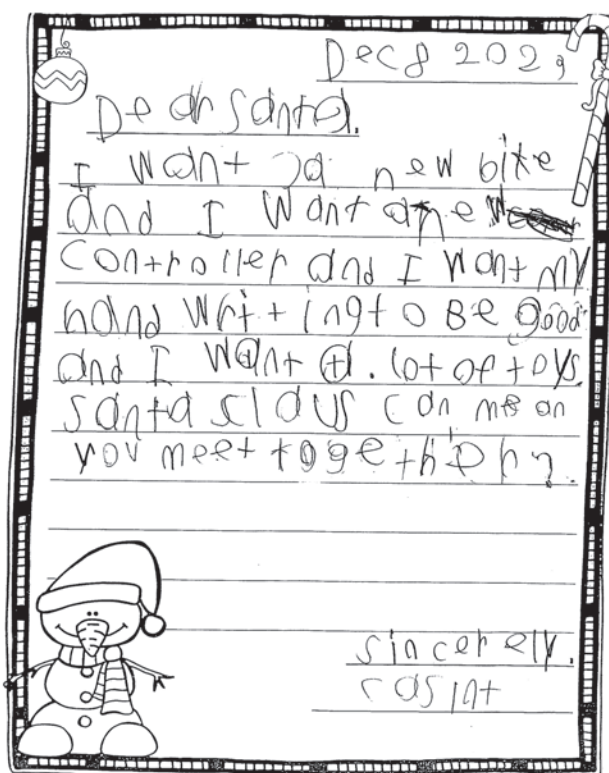
- Robot
- Pet (turtle)
- transformer
- Christmas hat
- Cool car (you know what I like)
- Peppa pig boat
- Pet shark
- Ninja turtles costume

I have been a good, sweet, boy! Sometimes it's hard because I'm only 2! Thanks Santa!

✓ Austin
Jansson



Sheriff Jared Miller, Judge Brian Miller, Supervisor of Elections Joe Morgan, Property Appraiser Ed Brimner, Superintendent of Schools Rick Myhre, Clerk of Court Greg James, Tax Collector Lisa Craze



Dear Santa,

Hope you are well in the North Pole. For Christmas I would like a Princess doll house, a princess nail polish kit and a playdough ice cream stand. Please say hi to Rudolph and give him a kiss for me



Love,
Elizabeth



Dear Santa,

My name is HARMONY

I am 5 years old.

I live in CRAWFORDVILLE

This year I have been:

Nice Naughty A bit of both!

For Christmas I would really love:

A PINK STAINLESS STEEL

Stanley

I drew this for you:

Thank you so much!

Date: DECEMBER 19

Dear Santa,

My name is RIVER

I am 6 years old.

I live in CRAWFORDVILLE

This year I have been:

Nice Naughty A bit of both!

For Christmas I would really love:

a toy car

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I drew this for you:

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I drew this for you:



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Date: December

Dear Santa,

My name is ANNAOLIVIA

I am 5 years old.

I live in Crawfordville

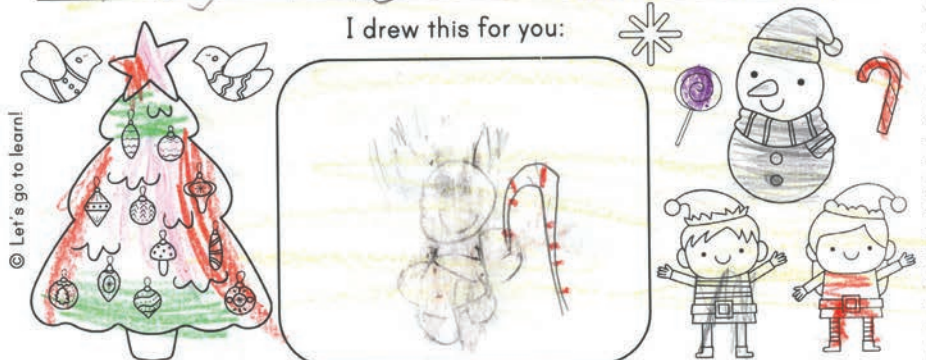
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Nice Naughty A bit of both!

For Christmas I would really love:

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Date: Dec 19

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My name is Shelby

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This year I have been:

Nice Naughty A bit of both!

For Christmas I would really love:

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I drew this for you:



Thank you so much!

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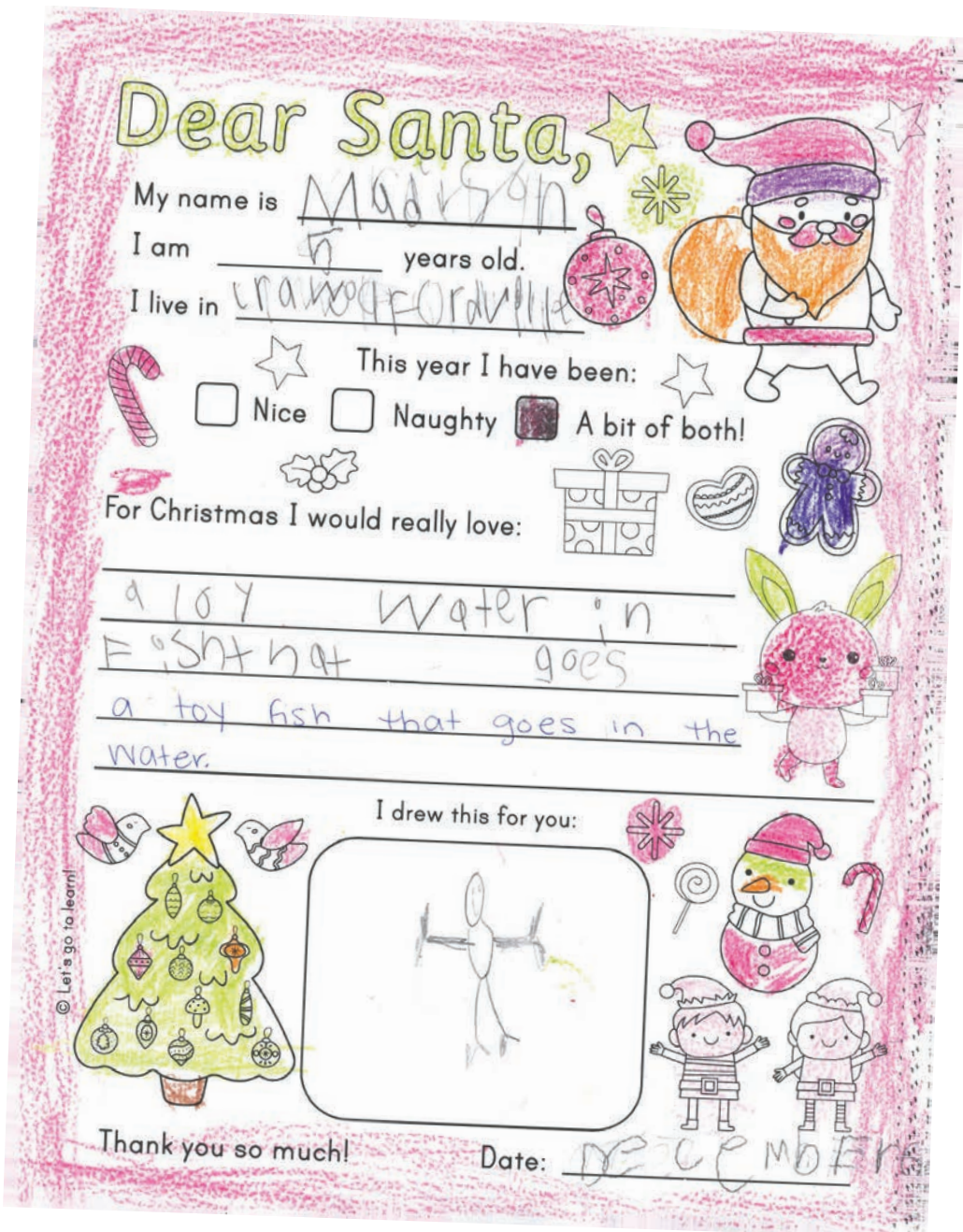
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To All A Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!

Wishing you the gift of love, the gift of peace and the gift of happiness during this time of Celebration

JOE MORGAN

FROM THE WAKULLA COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OFFICE



WAKULLA COUNTY
SHERIFF

Merry Christmas

JARED Miller
SHERIFF

and the
Wakulla
County
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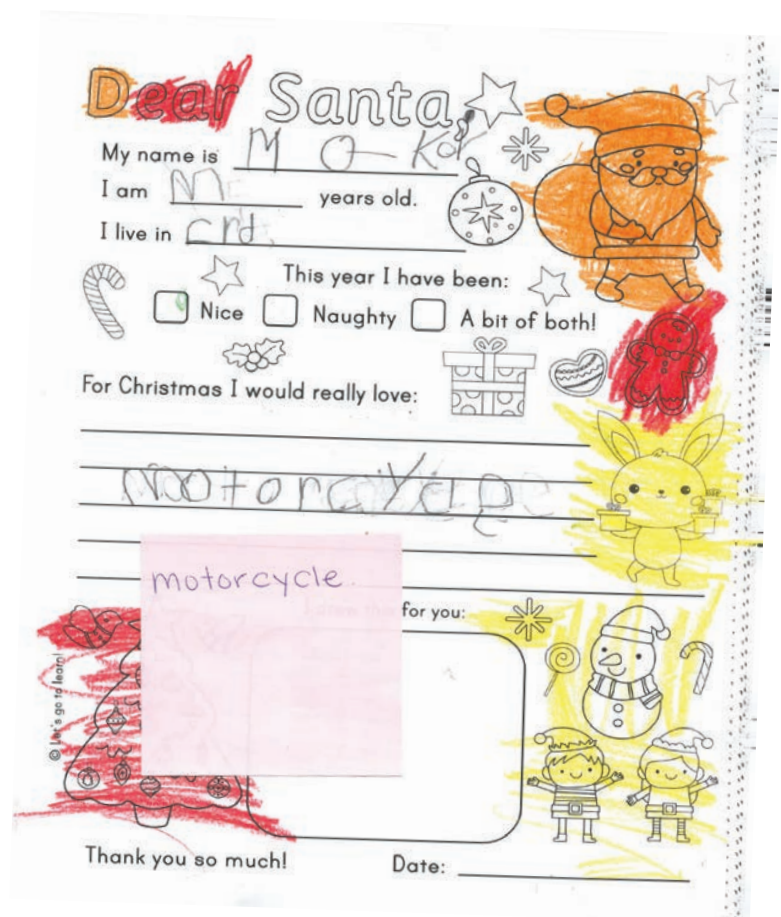
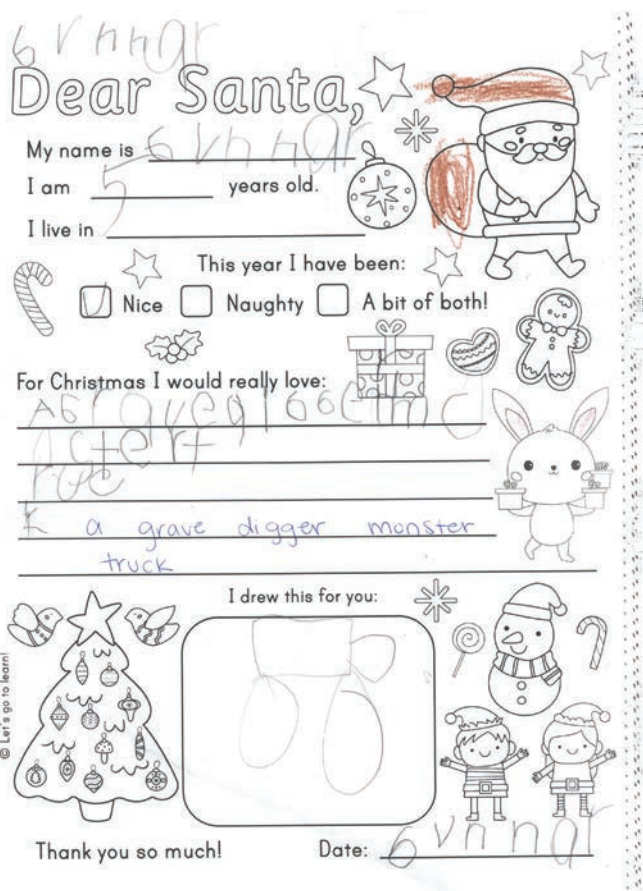
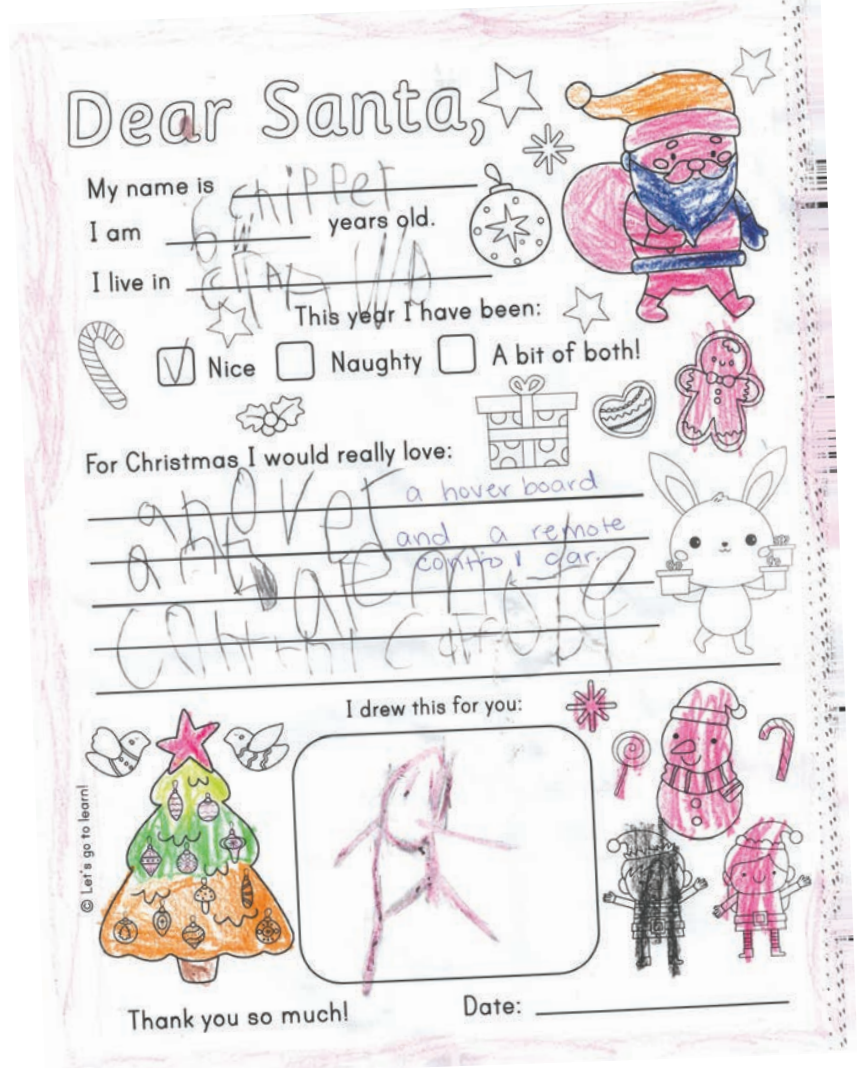
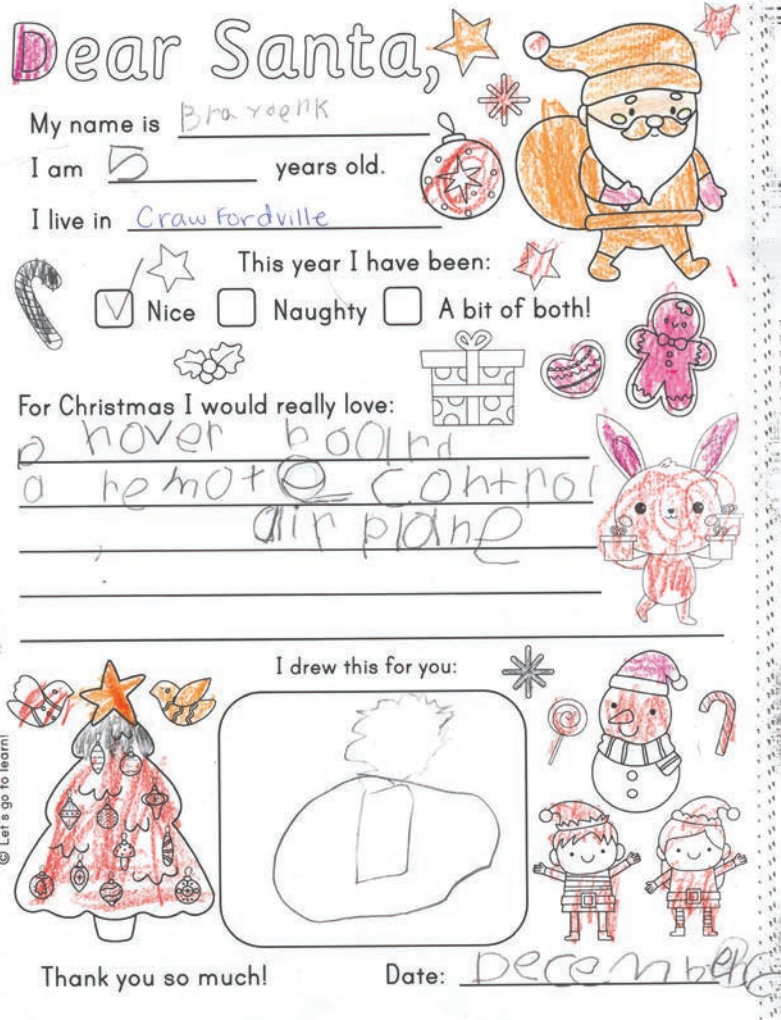
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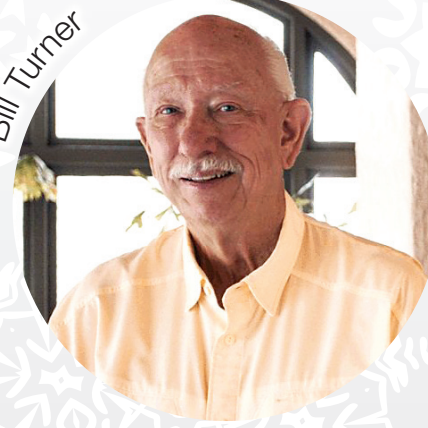
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