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Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

**Friday** 

Sunset 8:03 PM



Mostly Sunny Mostly Cloudy
90° Lo: 71° 10% Hi: 88° Lo: 73° 24°
Sunrise 7:12 AM Sunrise 7:13 AM

Saturday

Scattered Thunderstorms Hi: 82° Lo: 72° 45% Sunrise 7:13 AM Sunset 8:01 PM



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# Board won't raise rec fees

County commission votes 3-2 to freeze fees for youth sports

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN Editor

The Wakulla County commission voted 3-2 not to increase fees for players at the Medart Recreation Park.

The proposal to increase fees for kids playing sports by \$5 drew outrage from representatives of a couple of youth associations, saying the increased costs posed a threat to the existence of their organizations.

Chris Berger of the Wakulla Youth Football & Cheer organization was blunt: "If you're trying to run kids out of sports, this is a good first step."

Kyle Barnes of the Wakulla Girls Softball Association said the increase would represent an increase of more several thousand dollars

for his group.

Commissioner Ralph Thomas noted that recreation fees pay only 17% of the costs of the rec park, with the remainder being borne by taxpayers.

Commission Chair Fred Nicholas said he was "100 percent against going up on fees for the rec park."

The conversation also veered into a discussion about a proposed increase in fees for golf at the county-operated Wakulla Sands, with Nichols noting that the club will try out a 9-hole fee on Tuesday afternoons.

On the golf course fees, Commissioner Josh Lawhon said he was initially concerned about the \$63 charge for a round of golf for the weekend, but then checked with St. James Bay Golf Course and found out the greens fee there are \$95 for the weekend.

Still, it was the rec park fees that drew concern.

Assistant County Administrator Somer Pell said the rec fee increase was projected to bring in an additional \$6,000 per year.

Citizen Sara Clark disputed that, noting that several of the athletic associations had estimated the increase would cost them more than \$2,000 each – well over the \$6,000 projection.

Commissioner Quincee Messersmith made a motion to approve all the facility increases and it was originally seconded by Commissioner Thomas. But Thomas withdrew his second, meaning the

Bay Golf Course and motion failed for lack of found out the greens a second.

Commissioner Lawhon then made a motion to approve the fee increases – except for the rec park fees, which would be maintained at the same level.

That was seconded by Commissioner Valerie Russell, who then joined with Messersmith in voting against

It passed 3-2 with Lawhon, Nichols and Thomas voting for it.

County Administrator David Edwards acknowledged that some of the facilities at the rec park are woeful and said renovations were already underway – improvements in lighting, irrigation, and plans for new restrooms and concession stands.

# Major Dale Evans was subject of investigation in '24

Never criminally charged, but the case seems to have set off series of complaints about agency

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN

A year ago, in August 2024, Major Dale Evans became the subject of a criminal investigation after another deputy received a text from a burner

phone alerting her that she was being investigated and was going to be fired.

The deputy who received the text, not knowing who it was from, went to the department's internal affairs department to report it. A criminal investigation was opened the next day.

The burner phone was later connected to Major Evans, the com-

Sheriff's Office.

Major Evans, the commander of road deputies for the Wakulla County

**Major Dale Evans** 

Two weeks ago, Evans was placed on administrative leave pending an internal affairs investigation into memos he sent Sheriff Jared Miller and Colonel Herman "Chuck" Whaley, who heads Criminal Investigations Division, criticizing Whaley as a "failed leader" and citing disciplinary action 10 years ago against Whaley when he was with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration. The reason cited for Evans' suspension was "disrespect," he told The Sun last week.

For the incident involving the burner phone, detectives were concerned that someone in the sheriff's office was leaking information about an ongoing investigation. When it was connected to Evans, detectives went to Chief Prosecutor Andrew Deneen about charges, but Deneen recommended it be handled administratively, not criminally.

Evans was counseled about his actions, and a memo placed in his personnel file – which appears to be what set him off with a litany of complaints about how the agency is run, and especially his complaints about Whaley and Detective Chris Ormerod, who were involved in the investigation of him.

Evans had told The Sun that the investigation of then-Deputy Amanda Marsh should not have gone forward. The investigation revealed that Marsh was allegedly stalking a couple and using her computer to pull up driver records at the behest of a man who she appears to have been involved with at the time. The case started when a child came home with an iPad that the child's father allowed her to use, and the mother found a photo of her car and license plate.

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# Senior Trip On Friday August 8th The Wakulla Senior Center Chartered a bus and took a day trip to Destin. Our destination was to the Southern Star Dolphin cruise. 47 Seniors and friends enjoyed our excursion and spotted many dolphins in the blue water. For information on future trips please contact the Wakulla Senior Center.

TRAVELING TO DESTIN

# Woman sentenced to 17 years in prison for selling meth

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

850-926-7149 (Photos special to The Sun)

A woman who allegedly sold methamphetamine to a confidential informant for the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office between April and August 2024 was sentenced to 17 years in state prison.

Angel Palmer made an open plea to two cases of possession of meth within 1,000 feet of a church, a second-degree felony, and use of a two-way communication device to facilitate a felony, a third degree felony.

Assistant State Attorney Marc Simmons, who prosecuted the case, told



the court Palmer had rejected a plea offer that she serve 9 years in prison. The offer was revoked once the name of the confidential informant was disclosed.

Simmons said Palmer has an extensive criminal history going back to a 1991 arrest for

petty theft. The history shows a pattern beginning around 2009 with charges of sale of constrolled substance, two violations of probation, a 2013 guilty plea to grand theft that resulted in 3 years in prison, then 2016 she faced more drug possession charges, and year later with felony theft, a year after that a guilty plea to sale of drugs within 1,000 feet of a church and trafficking meth resulted in another three year prison term. She got out and violated probation, and then got the new charges

in 2024.

The prosecutor also noted that Palmer's

home on C.L. Townsend Road is 600 feet from the Seventh Day Adventist Church, a fact that makes the criminal charge an enhanceable offense.

Simmons requested the court sentence Palmer to 20 years in prison.

Wakulla Circuit Judge Layne Smith lambasted Palmer: "It's one thing to be an addict, it's another thing according to the law to traffic or sell (drugs).

"Methamphetamine is a scourge," Judge Smith said. "You have had enough contact with the legal system to understand the consequenc-

# St. Marks man complains about city government

By LINDA ANN McDONALD Correspondent

After engaging in a heated St. Marks City Commission meeting last week, citizen Mike Rogers had his water meter fixed the very next day after initially being installed incorrectly in the past.

Despite immediate remediation to Rogers' complaint by the city, he spoke out about his unflattering comments to the city commissioners. "When I ask them questions, and they don't answer directly, I get a little angry."

"The Board meeting was not productive in no form or fashion and we the people did not pick these people to sit on the Board, that's why I stood up and asked each one, 'What do you do?'"

"I'll be going to the next meeting," he said, "and I hope the Wakulla County Commissioner for our district comes to the meeting. That's exactly what we need to do, we need to go back to the County and get rid of what we got for St. Marks City Commissioners."









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# **Student of the Week**

Brooklyn Willis – 2nd grader at Crawfordville Elementary

Principal: Alena Crawford

Achievements/Reason for Nomination: Brooklyn Willis is a 2nd grade student here at Crawfordville Elementary School. Brooklyn is always lending a helping hand and volunteering to help out anyone in need. She is kind to all her classmates and makes others feel welcome. Last school year, she read over four hundred books, which made her one of the top readers in the school. We enjoy seeing her smiling face every day and look forward to all that she accomplishes this year.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK FEATURES A DIFFERENT SCHOOL EACH WEEK.

# Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park

# Purple Passionflower

By LYNN ARTZ, DAVID RODDENBERRY, and SANDY TEDDER



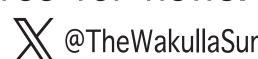
Purple passionflower (Passiflora incarnata) is a climbing vine with spectacular flowers. White petals lie beneath thin wavy purple and white filaments. A central stalk supports 5 stamens and a 3-part style. Bumblebees, carpenter bees, and hummingbirds pollinate the blooms. The edible egg-shaped fruit turns yellow when ripe. Called a maypop, it pops when stepped on. This deciduous vine grows 3-12 feet long in full sun and dry soil. Tendrils help it climb fences and scramble over vegetation. It spreads underground, sending shoots afar. Purple passionflower hosts butterfly caterpillars including gulf fritillary and zebra longwing. Each 3-lobed leaf has a pair of glands called nectaries at the base. These secrete sugary droplets that attract ants to defend the plant from herbivores. Purple passionflower is still blooming at Sopchoppy Depot Park.

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#### Major Dale Evans

#### From Front Page

The father and mother of the child were involved in a custody dispute and Marsh appeared at a hearing as a witness for the father. She also disclosed that the man the child's mother was involved with had a suspended CDL.

Evans, who later had some sort of relationship with Marsh, learned from staffing reports that Marsh was about to be fired. He used a burner phone app to text

No criminal charges were filed against Marsh for stalking as the statute of limitations had run out. She was ultimately allowed to resign rather than be terminated.

Evans contended the investigation was wrong to start with as the information found on the iPad was "fruit of the poisonous tree" - that is, the evidence was obtained illegally since the iPad the child had belonged to the father and was wrongly inspected without per-

In his own case, Evans contended he did not have direct information from the investigation that he texted to Marsh, so it did not violate criminal law or administrative policy.

Evans, initially approached the Sun with concerns several weeks ago about a hostile workplace environment at the sheriff's office. Days after the published story appeared, Evans was suspended on Thursday, Aug. 14, over an additional series of memos he filed at the sheriff's office complaining about Colonel Whaley and requesting the sheriff replace Whaley with Colonel Ray Johnson, who acts as undersheriff.

In a phone interview two weeks ago, Sheriff Miller was emotional in speaking about his concern for Evans."I wish I knew what he needs and wants so I could help him work toward it," the sheriff said.

Evans responded with a text to the Sun that read: "No one responds to my emails so the sheriff saying he cares and wants to help is BS."

Evans has also complained to HR Director Amy Lamarche that the parents of Detective Ormerod allegedly stopped at Evans' house and took pictures. "I am aware they live in the neighborhood," he wrote, "but with current events it's starting to look more and more like stalking."

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY USE

The Wakulla County Planning Commission proposes to consider the following application. A Public Hearing is scheduled regarding the following before the Planning Commission on Monday, September 8, 2025, beginning at 6:00 P.M., unless otherwise noted below or as time permits. All public hearings will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.



#### 1. Application for Temporary Use Permit: TU25-17

Applicant: Joseph Edward & Katelin Marie Morris Proposal: Family Enclave Application Tax ID Number: 00-00-039-389-09767-L10 Existing FLU Map: Rural 3 (FLUE Policy 1.2.6) **Current Zoning:** AG (Section 5-25, LDC) FEMA Flood Info: "X" zone on Panel 0250E Parcel Size: 9.54+/- acres

#### Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, September 8, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

62 Martin Farms Road

Location:

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#### THE SCHOOL BOARD OF WAKULLA **COUNTY ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING:**

**EVENT: School Board Meeting** 

DATE: Monday, September 15, 2025

TIME: 5:45 pm

**PLACE:** School Board Room, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida

**PURPOSE: Monthly School Board Meeting** 

For further information please contact: **Superintendent's Office** 

Wakulla County Schools Post Office Box 100, 69 Arran Rd Crawfordville, Florida 32326 850-926-0065

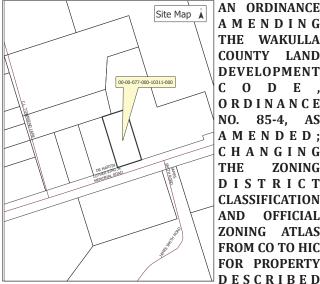
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#### **Public Service Announcement Meeting Announcement**

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council announces a meeting to which all persons are invited. The Wakulla County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board will meet on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 10:00 am Eastern Time, at the Wakulla County Community Center, 318 Shadeville Rd, Crawfordville, Florida. The agenda will include its regular quarterly business items, policies and procedures, bylaws updates, election of officers, and updating the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan. For additional information contact Austin Britt, TD Program Coordinator at the Apalachee Regional Planning Council at 850-312-1862, or by email at abritt@arpc.org.

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING AN APPLICATION** FOR CHANGE OF ZONING

The Wakulla County Planning Commission and Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners propose to consider the following application and/or adopt the following by ordinance and has scheduled Public Hearings before the Wakulla County Planning Commission on Monday, September 8, 2025, beginning at 6:00 P.M. and before the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners on Monday, September 15, 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. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.



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#### 1. Application for Change of Zoning: R25-06

Applicant: Good Times for Rent of Wakulla, LLC Proposal: rezone from office commercial to high intensity commercial

00-00-077-000-10311-000 Tax ID Numbers: Existing FLU Map: Urban Fringe (FLUE Policy 1.2.7) CO (Section 5-35, LDC) **Current Zoning:** HIC (Section 5-66, LDC) Proposed Zoning: FEMA Flood Info: "X" zone on Panel 0250E Parcel size: 0.482+/- acres

Location: 66 Dr Martin Luther King Jr Memorial Road

#### Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, <u>September 8, 2025 @ 6:00 PM</u>

BOCC: Monday, September 15, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

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#### **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.

#### Additional Public Notices appear on Page 14

#### City of Sopchoppy, Florida **Notice of Adoption** of Ordinance

The City Commission of the City of Sopchoppy gives notice of its intent to adopt the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE OPERATING BUD-GETS FOR THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY AND THE WATER FUND OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY. TO PROVIDE A REASONABLE ANTICI-PATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE FOR THE 2025-2026 OPERATING YEAR.

A public hearing on the proposed Ordinance will be held on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon as can be heard in the City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, FL. A copy of the Ordinance may be obtained and people wishing to comment may do so in person at the public hearing or by writing to the City of Sopchoppy, P.O. Box 1219, Sopchoppy, Florida 32358.

If an individual decides to appeal any decision made by the commission with respect to this meeting, a verbatim transcript may be required. If so, the individual should make provision for a transcript to be made at the meeting, (RE: Florida Statute 286.0105). Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the city at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting Ashley Schilling at the above address or by phone at 850-962-4611. Aug. 28, 2025

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL USE

The Wakulla County Planning Commission proposes to consider the following application. A Public Hearing is scheduled regarding the following before the Planning Commission on Monday, September 8, 2025, beginning at 6:00 P.M., unless otherwise noted below or as time permits. All public hearings will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.



#### 1. Application for Conditional Use:

Location:

CU25-03

334 Emmett Whaley Road

Applicant: Gwendolyn Scott & Betty Jean Slater

Proposal: private family cemetery Tax ID Number: 24-4S-02W-000-02047-000 Existing FLU Map: Rural 2 (FLUE Policy 1.2.5) **Current Zoning:** RR-1 (Section 5-27, LDC) FEMA Flood Info: "X" zone on Panel 0225E Parcel size: 3.62+/- acres

#### Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, September 8, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

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# **)**pinions

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#### LETTERS FROM READERS

#### Thanks to county for voting not to increase fees at rec park

#### Editor, The Sun:

On behalf of our association, Wakulla Youth Baseball, Wakulla Girls Softball, Wakulla United, and the parents & athletes of the sports Wakulla County Recreation Department offers, we applaud and thank you for listening, being open minded and voting to not increase our fees at Monday night's meeting. I unfortunately was unable to attend but I was able to listen in and had expressed my concerns with a few of you. Thank you to those who did attend in my absence and were able to speak on our behalf.

We understand that the price of EVERYTHING is increasing and we understand that eventually our rates will also increase - that is inevitable. Our biggest ask, besides more space, is that Medart Recreation Park be something that we can all be proud of. It is my understanding that the overall condition of the rec park hasn't really changed over the years. At this point, we can all agree that Wakulla County has outgrown its current facilities and until more space is available, we all must do the best with what we have. We have sat down with a few of you to discuss the needs of each association. I can person-

ally attest to many of our concerns being addressed and corrected. I will also say that Bryan Roddenberry has been very easy to work with this year, he has been very receptive and has addressed the needs of our association promptly. At this point the needs are bigger than Bryan, the County must start looking into the rec park and making it a priority. While I have heard that our Golf Course or our Water Treatment Facility are things that other counties are impressed by, what I have not heard is that our rec park is. There are many local, similar sized counties to ours, that have rec parks that far exceed ours. I am unsure if that is because their county has made it a point to budget money for upgrades or if they are able to find grants to support their needs - either way, this is something that someone within the county, and I can volunteer if no one else can, should be reaching out to them to inquire about. We all know that growth over the past 10 years has brought in a ton of youth, this should be a priority for not only all of us but also all of your constituents.

We ALL should be working together for the greater good, rather than against each other. Just as the (4) associations share information amongst themselves for things rec park is full. I have spoken with that work / do not work, we should also be in a partnership with the County to make our Rec Park the best it can be. I've spoken with the county grant writer and explained that possibly there might be grants that the (4) non-profits could apply for, in partnership with the county; to try to get additional funding, as there are grants nonprofits qualify for that the county does not. Again, just a way we could all work together.

I personally would also like to see if Wakulla United can start to get a seat at the table, as well. They have not been around as long as the other three but they are growing and are the only association that is not paying a per user fee, they are paying a field usage fee - when fields are available and that is limited. They are fortunate to be able to use Wakulla School Board facilities to get by, when the

them and they would be interested in taking over soccer from the county, should that be something the county would be interested in. I would ask that both them having a seat and the possibility of them taking over soccer, be on the radar for future conversations - this could be a both a win for Wakulla United, so they would have some field availability plus it would free up staff from dealing with coordinating spring / winter soccer, as well as all the logistics that come along with that, coaches, uniforms, etc.

In closing, the four associations are here to help any way that we can. We welcome meeting with any / all of you to make our rec park ALL it can be.

Thanks.

Jessica Johnson

Vice President, WCYFCA

# 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 Director** 

Library News August 28th-September 3rd

#### Thursday, August 28th

- Creative Writing I 10am
- Friends Meeting 6pm
- First Lego Robotics League Meeting
- Let's Talk Teens Spotting Clues of a troubled teen 6pm
- Bible Study 7pm

#### Friday, August 29th

• Quilting Guild 10am

#### Saturday, August 30th

Closed

#### Sunday, August 31st

Closed

#### Monday, September 1st

Closed Labor Day

#### Tuesday, September 2nd

- Computer Basics for Adults 9:30am
- Book Bunch with special guest Knitting Group 4pm

- Lego Club 4pm
- Big Bend AHEC Tobacco free
- Foster the Family 6pm

#### Wednesday, September 3rd

- Book Babies 10am
- Wakulla County Garden Club Board 10am
- WCCY 12:30pm

# On the Horizon

#### Calendar of events for the week of August 28

#### Thursday, August 28

- Rotary Club of Wakulla will host a Chamber of Commerce After-Hours Mixer at English Financial beginning at 5:30
- The VFW Auxiliary Bingo Night will be held at 7 p.m. at 475 Arran Road in Crawfordville, every Thursday. There are concessions and raffles.
- Gentle Yoga at First Baptist Church, 3086 Crawfordville Hwy., at 11:30 a.m. Chair participants welcome. \$2 donation per class. Bring your mat.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

#### Friday, August 29

• Football home opener with the Wakulla War Eagles hosting the Taylor County

Bulldogs at J.D. Jones Stadium at 7 p.m. • Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon & at 8 p.m. every Friday at 54 Ochlockonee

#### Saturday, August 30

• FSU football season kicks off with the Seminoles hosting the Alabama Crimson Tide at Doak Campbell Stadium in Tallahassee beginning at 3:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, August 31

• "The Final Pact," a movie, will be screened at Palaver Tree Theater at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$12.

#### Monday, September 1

• Labor Day - government offices, banks

- 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.
- 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
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee St.

#### Tuesday, September 2

- The Wakulla County Historic Preservation Committee meets in the county commission administration conference room at 4 p.m.
- Sopchoppy community dinner is held ev-

- and many businesses will be closed for the ery 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, September 3

- Wakulla Coalition for Youth meets at the public library at 12:30 p.m.
- Yoga with Stacy at the community center at 11 a.m. \$2 donation per class.
- A line dance class is held at 1 p.m. at the Wakulla Senior Center every Wednesday.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at 54 Ochlockonee St.





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Polled at Gerald Brown and Herb Donaldson's book signing at Palaver Tree Theater:

#### Do you play any musical instruments?



STEVE BURKE State of Florida cybersecurity

"Yes, I play drums with the Rick Ott Band."



ALAUNDRE JEFFERSON Musician/sound engineer

"Yes, several primarily the drums for 15 years, bass guitar for around 7 years, bass and electric guitar and orchestra percussions instruments."



ADDISON GUEST Student

"I do! I started on the bass guitar at age 14 and transitioned to the guitar. I come from a long history of family musicians. One of my biggest inspirations is my grandfather, Frank Lindamood."



JOHN KELLER GILBERT **Dirt Covered Productions** 

"I play a bunch of different instruments. A jack of all and a master of none."



**GERALD BROWN** Photographer

"No, but I listen to the radio."

## **Buckhorn News**

By ETHEL SKIPPER

down a little now that why do we celebrate La- 1882. our children are back bor Day. It's interesting in the classroom, on the about Labor Day is that parade was on Tuesday, school bus, or traveling it's one of the few days Sept. 5, 1882 in New

I was talking with one than by doing nothing. land signed a law makof my great-grands, and had met new friends.

So much for that.

each year that most of York City. Not many children us don't work. What betwalk to school anymore. ter way to celebrate work President Grover Cleve-

she was happy about go- honor the value of labor. September a legal holiing back to school. She Peter J. McGuire is often day. had a new teacher and credited with coming up Day. Research shows take a day off from work

I was talking with an- that Matthew Maguire is other great-grand and the originator of the hol-Things are slowing she wanted to know iday that dates back to

The first Labor Day

On June 28, 1894, On Labor Day we ing the first Monday in

There are many ways with the idea for Labor to celebrate Labor Day:

if you're able to. Attend Murry on 8-17, Monique Church a barbecue cookout.

Sunday after Labor Day. Bell. We know that Grandparents Day is everyday. your grandparents.

birthday to Chris Rosier, Blountstown Aug. 28-8-1, Aanedira Rosier on 31 at the True Holiness 8-3, Ela Rosier on 8-6, Church of Christ W.I.H. help everywhere. Let us Joshua Davis on 8-8, Host Pastor Elder Ed-Rose Haughbrook on ward Brigham. 8-11, Shadrequa Hines 8-16, Girardeau

Grandparents Day is 8-29, Alexandria Robin-

Sunday The 5th We wish a happy in Heaven will be held in hospitals,

> Skipper Temple

Labor Day festivities. Gavin on 8-22, Marion youth president Char-Enjoy the weather with Paschal on 8-23, Mi- lotte Green and Patrick randa Paschal on 8-26, Rosier and his family Jennifer Rosier Wood on for school supplies and book bags and other celebrated on the first son on 8-30, and Diana items given to school children.

Our prayers and con-Do something special for Union Meeting of the cern goes out to all the West Florida Diocese sick and shut-in, those Church of Christ Written in the nursing homes, homeless, world leaders, and all in need of pray for each other and love our neighbor as we would like to be loved.

## Wakulla Crossroads

By VERNA BROCK

For each of you who have asked, was restored by Tuesday afternoon. ensures citizens have access to pollu-As far as I know, no one became ill tion- and disease-free water no matfrom contaminated water (yay!), and ter what. There are millions around we all appreciate anew the conve- the globe who are not so blessed. nience of simply turning on the tap and getting a stream of clean water.

icemaker in the freezer), remember- dents of all ages. ing to use the water from the carton

drink, certainly brought the ease of our lives into sharp focus.

It also reminded me of how bless-

This past week I have been extra Having "bottled" water was ex- busy with meetings for both 4-H and tremely helpful, but I have a fresh SWAT. These youth leadership oriawareness of how fortunate we all are ented organizations are gearing up to have clean water at our fingertips. for the new school year, and will be Having to make ice in trays (vs. the offering a variety of activities for stu-

On Saturday, 4-H held its annual to brush my teeth and swallow medi- open house highlighting the wide vacation, to cook, and provide my three riety of clubs available to kids of all cats and four dogs clean water to ages. From the Apalachee Beekeepers

Association's display of a traveling able, lifelong, leadership skills our beehive, to the rabbit club's offerings, young people can implement for the to the horse club (you do not need to rest of their lives. own a horse to participate!), to the claymakers club, to shooting sports clubs, the list continues to grow.

If you know a young person look- approaching (Saturday, Sept. 27th!). our Woodville-Wakulla water service ed we all are to have a system that ing for something fun and education-Extension Office (850.926.3931).

> The county is currently seeking sons to join them for the event. to hire a SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco) Coordinator for the community, and SWAT clubs are being formed at the middle, high, and Christian schools, as well as in the homeschool club. Health concerns about the use of every form of tobacco are supported by research. SWAT works to educate students and adults alike of the risks inherent in tobacco consumption. One of the primary em- supports its youth! phases of the club is developing valu-

Believe it or not, the Panacea Blue Crab Parade and Festival is rapidly

The Coastal Optimist Club is takal to do, call Dr. Rachel Pienta at the ing registrations for parade participants, and invites any business, organization, club or interested per-

> You can access the parade application online at the Club's facebook

> By the way, the Optimists Club works year round fundraising, to provide our Wakulla County students college scholarships, as well as to support local youth organizations and leadership training.

Never doubt that our community

# **Larry Weeks named** employee of quarter



Larry Weeks of the county's Road & Bridge Department was named Wakulla County's Employee of the Second Quarter at the county commission meeting on Aug. 4. Weeks has been with the county for six years. (Photo by William Snowden)

# Historical group seeks public awareness of cemeteries



The Wakulla County Historical Society is asking property owners to be aware that old cemeteries may be on their land. A group of volunteers the Thurmond family and Lindera Jefferson and brother Arthur cleaned up a cemetery a few months ago near downtown Crawfordville. They praised the Langston family, whose land the cemetery is on, as good stewards. (Photo by William Snowden)

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#### outdoor sports

#### **HOME ON THE RANGE**

# Brandishing a gun



By MARJ LAW

"I've had all I can

stands, 'cause I can't

stands no more!" Myrna

declares to me, doing her

best Popeye the Sailor

Man. "I'm gonna get me

upset vou," I say as neu-

trally as possible. "What

"Something has really

"It's that darned neigh-

bor of mine. Bucky has a

couple hunting dogs in

his back yard pen, right

next to my house. They

bark all day long, and

then they bark all night,

too. I can't leave my

windows open when it's

nice out because of that

racket. And when I went

next door to complain,

he said I could just deal

with it and if I didn't like

it, he'd let them out of

really do that? Are you

afraid they'd come after

that's why I'm getting

a gun. He says he'll sic

the dogs on me. I'll show

him! I'll pull out my gun

the next time he says

that. My gun will scare

Bucky even more than

shoot him?" I'm appalled.

"Would you really

his dogs annoy me!"

"I don't think so. But

"Do you think he'd

their pens!"

you?"

a gun."

"Myrna. You can't do that. You might well end up in jail."

"Nah. But I'd show

"Well, I'd just be showing it to him. I wouldn't really use it."

"I can tell you're really put out over this, but you can't settle this by showing your gun to

"Why not?"

"Showing your gun to settle an argument is called 'brandishing.' Brandishing is illegal in all our states."

"Okay. Then, can I wear it in a holster under my shirt, and press my shirt against the gun so he knows that I have it?"

"No. You really can't do that, either."

"Why not? Then, I'm not actually showing it to him."

As U.S. Law Shield says: "in some places, even SAYING you have a gun can result in criminal charges for what people think of as 'brandishing.' For instance, if you were to get into a verbal altercation with sees the gun, you may be of the event." ultimately found guilty of a crime relating to 'bran- decide whether I actually be shot." dishing' a firearm."

U.S. Law Shield goes on court, the jury's percepthe reasonableness of ginia law says the weap- ence in brandishing vs firearm remains fully has become an avid

another person and say: your actions will be what on must be pointed or open carry is a threaten-moment. T've got a gun on me, you determines whether or brandished 'in such a ing manner." better stop running your not you've committed a manner as to reason-

meant to use the gun,

"Well, I'd just have my gun?" to explain: "Ultimately, meant to scare him,"

"So, the jury might person fear that they will wonders Myrna.

USA Carry answers if you are involved in protests Myrna. "Looks that question: "How Does some great guidelines. It an incident that goes to like I can't even do that." Brandishing Differ from suggests: USA Carry discusses Open Carry? The term tion of your intent and brandishing, too. "Vir- that makes the differ- cealed: Ensure your County Beautiful who

er words, to make the or legal complications?"

"Some states allow a situation where you agree with her. Some-Brandishing is even whether or not I'd really you to open carry," Myr- want to be extra caremore of a comprehen- do it?" Myrna is sur- na ponders. "Does that ful. I'm going to defer have to find a way to sive word than I knew. prised (and not pleased). mean I'd be brandishing to Concealed Nation for come to terms with her this one."

Concealed Nation has

concealed unless you face a legitimate threat requiring its use.

Avoid confrontation: The best self-defense strategy is avoiding conflict entirely. Walk away from arguments and de-escalate tense situations.

Never use your firearm as a threat: Your concealed firearm is a last-resort self-defense tool, not a means of winning arguments or asserting dominance.

Know when drawing is justified: Understand your state's self-defense laws and the threshold for legally displaying or using a firearm.

Consider alternatives: In many situations, less-lethal options or retreat may be more appropriate than displaying a firearm.

Document incidents: If you ever do display your firearm in what you believe is self-defense, document everything and report the incident to law enforcement immediately."

Myrna is quiet for a

"I think I'd rather not "So, if I get a gun, what own a gun," she says. mouth,' even if the per- crime in the eyes of the ably induce fear in the steps can I take to avoid "There's too much to son you speak to never law, not your perception mind of another.' In oth- any misunderstanding consider and too much responsibility."

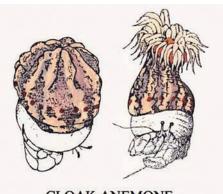
Knowing Myrna's "Myrna, this is really quick temper, I have to how, Myrna is going to neighbor.

Doesn't mean it's easy.

*Marj Law is the former* "Keep it truly con- director of Keep Wakulla







CLOAK ANEMONE (Calliactus tricolor)

Often called hitchhiking anemone, it is pale olive to dark brown, 1-3" tall. Hermit crabs will actively search for empty shells with this anemone attached. Other crabs transfer anemone to bare shells. The anemone gives crabs camouflage and protection with stinging tentacles. The anemone gets a mobile home and

scraps of food from crab feeding and digging.

Eukarya, Animalia, Cnidaria, Anthozoa, Actiniaria, Hormathiidae

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Local writers share their experiences

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Best hunting and fishing based on solunar times: MAJOR feeding periods are 2 hours long

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Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

**Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac** 



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Wednesday 3 **Major Times** 1:58AM 8:55AM 4:47PM 9:22PM



Moon Illumination 73%

Wednesday 3

Moon Illumination 81%

Moon rise/set

5:32PM

2:43AM

Sun rise/set

7:15AM

7:56PM

#### **Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports** By Carolyn Brown Treadon



As we head into a holiday weekend, there will likely be an increase in boating traffic and with that the potential for novice boaters and those who may be unfamiliar with our area.

USCG Auxiliary Recreational Boating Safety division has put out tips to help ensure everyone has a good time when out on the

Knowing the correct life jacket for the person and boat is critical. Making sure they are accessible and properly sized is important. You don't want to find out in the wrong life jacket.

When out on the water, it is important to remember the effects of alcohol can be intensified and it is possible to get a BWI (boating while intoxicated). Boating while intoxicated

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

(BWI), also known as passengers. Boating Under the Influence (BUI), is a se- you also pay attenrious criminal offense tion to what is goin all 50 states and is ing on around you to enforced by agencies help avoid dangerous like the U.S. Coast situations. Weather Guard. It includes can change quickly; operating any vessel, it is also important to from a motorboat to a monitor weather conwater you have the jet ski, under the influditions when boating. ence of alcohol, drugs, or both.

> water can intensify when to call it a day the effects of alcohol, and get back to shade leading to impaired and cooler temperajudgment, diminished tures can be a life-savphysical activity, in- er!!! creased risk for drowning and endangering

It is critical that

Thanks to Sherrie, we will always remember safe boating is no Being out on the accident. Knowing

If you would like

to learn more about vessel safety checks, please contact Steve Hults, Staff Officer for Vessel Examinations at steve.hults@uscgaux.net

Please contact us for more information about our safe boating classes or learning more about getting involved in the Auxiliary, check out our website at www.uscgaux.net follow us on FaceBook @ Apalachee Bay Flotilla 12 or contact our Flotilla Commander Norma Hill at njhill@ ballstate.bsu.edu.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed civilian volunteer component of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Coast Guard in nearly all mission areas. The Auxiliary was created by Congress in 1939. For more information, please visit www. cgaux.org.



Scientist in the Sea program. October 27, 2011

I first lived underwater in 1974 as a new breed of underwater scientists during the U.S. Navy sponsored Scientist in the Sea program.

We spent three days in the Hydrolab at a depth of 50 feet next to a beautiful coral reef off Grand Bahama Island. I was thrilled to experience the three dimensional freedom and opportunity to spend an unlimited time studying sea creatures that had now become my neighbors. And they were as curious as I.

The sun rises later underwater, in part due to the angle of the sun's rays, resulting in long dawns and dusks. After a quick breakfast in our single dry chamber habitat, we adjourned to the fill station next door. All you needed was a mask to see as we dropped out of our hatch in the floor and popped up in the fill station.

There, we filled a set of doubles for each of us, attached a regulator and fitted fins to feet before picking up recording slates, cameras and other data collecting tools and falling to the sand below to put it all on. My team was determined to characterize an anemone complex of associated creatures. The anemone looked like harmless algae, but stung like Fire Coral so we needed to hover above them carefully.

They were plentiful and lived all over the reef down to 90 feet.

The rest of the day consisted of searching for an anemone, describing the creatures that lived on it and its location on the reef.

Every hour I set my tools down and swam back to the fill station to recharge my cylinders, get a drink and a bite of food, then return to continue the search. It was not long before the sun could be traced across our horizon, rather like watching your ceiling as the shadow of the chandelier moves from one end of the room to the other.

Dusk meant it was time to go home, eat supper and share entertainment watching fish watching us through a giant window.

A bright light above the window brought all manner of creature by for a visit. Some ate each other while gaping at us watching them. Exhaustion would soon overtake us unless we could slip out for an evening rendezvous.

Our lights added color not seen during the day, but attracted too many plankton that would get into our hair. Still, our night creatures were as fascinating as our day neighbors.

I saw fish and divers doing silly things: both standing on their heads, chasing each other as in tag and picking on each other in search of food. Strange to think of yourself as a food topic.

In three days we collected enough data to publish a paper in the Bulletin of Marine Science, something I returned the next year to repeat from the surface using traditional diving, that took 30 days.

Inner space is right at our door and as wonderful as outer space.

# Report sightings of rainbow snakes

From FWC News

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is asking the public to report sightings of the elusive rainbow snake (Farancia erytrogramma), a nonvenomous species whose population has declined in recent de-

Rainbow snakes are that primarily feed on survival. American eels, a prey



"We need help from the species in Florida." species that has also Floridians and visitors declined in Florida wa- to better understand visually striking and ters. This dependen- where rainbow snakes difficult to mistake for cy, along with habitat still occur in the state," other species. They loss, has contributed said Kevin Enge, Re- are iridescent black or to population reduc- search Scientist with violet-blue with three Photographs are espetions. Snake fungal FWC's Fish and Wild- red stripes along their cially helpful in condisease is impacting life Research Institute. back. Their lip and firming sightings and rainbow snake popu- "Every sighting report chin scales are yel- can be included when

us assess the health of

Rainbow snakes are lations in other states, gives us valuable data low, marked with violet you submit your sightraising concerns about about their current spots, and adults typ- ing online.

near water, includ-

ically reach 3 to 4 feet

usually found in or

These snakes are

in length.

ing rivers, springs and brackish marshes. One south Florida subspecies was historically found in Fisheating Creek in Glades County. That location is more than 150 miles south of the lation in Lake County but hasn't been documented since 1952.

If you spot a rainbow snake in Florida, please report your sighting to the FWC.

Editor's Note: This is a repeat of a column from 2011.

# Rekindle your dreams



By SHERYL H. BOLDT

I could see it in the other students' eyes. Envy. Not the greeneyed monster kind of envy, but the respectful admiration they, too, hoped to earn someday.

We, the graduating class of Slidell High, were lining up in the to practice for graduation - the big event we thought would never come. Noticing the admiring looks from our underclassmen, we enjoyed the satisfaction our perseverance had earned.

If we hadn't persisted in studying and doing our homework (even when we didn't feel like it), we would have missed out on that enviable pride and satisfaction that come with dedication and hard

In the years since, I wonder how many of my fellow graduates share my frustration

school's main hallway for the times we haven't - reignite our passion that once kept you practiced that same perseverance. For the times we've allowed procrastination to steal other milestones we could have experienced.

But it's still not too

And it's still not too late for you.

As we celebrate Labor Day, let's remember the rewarding feelings we've experienced each time we reached a goal and allow those memories to motivate us to stay more disciplined and focused.

How could asking God to reveal the plans we've set aside - or the ones He still has for us for life?

How rewarding would it be to finally earn your GED, apply for that promotion, start your own business or ministry or dust off the manuscript you haven't finished?

Living productive lives leads to sweeter days - and better lives. Read Psalm 128:2 (ESV): "You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you."

How about it?

Have you strayed from something God placed on your heart? What about that dream

awake with excitement? What goal have you set aside that, through prayer and focus, could become a reality?

Wouldn't now be a great time to seek God about it? Or maybe you'd like to explore another dream you've been mulling over.

Perhaps finding an accountability partner to help you stay focused would be an effective first step. As we trust God in our labor, there's something about the respect and admiration we receive from others that's healthy and motivating. Enviable, even.

The self-respect we gain by the end of the day will make our efforts worthwhile and our lives more fulfilling. Yet, there's an even deeper reward for each time we persevere toward a goal:

The reward of sensing the proud smile of our heavenly Father cheering us on and saying, "Well done, my child."

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# Arms wide open



By CHERYL CRUCE

I have heard it said, "We often see God in the way we see our earthly fathers."

I'm not sure if that is entirely true, but if it is, the summer of my 16th year began to turn the tide for me.

My sister and her husband invited me to spend the summer with them in his home state of Michigan. At 21, they had customized a van to travel the country as he moved from one worksite to the next.

That summer promised adventure. I packed my cutoff jeans, halter tops, and rattan sandals into a duffle bag, ready to live like a rule-free hippie – peace sign headband, bangle bracelets, and all.

There were sightseeing adventures: Mackinaw Island, hiking trails through the countryside where we picked wild strawberries, and quirky little spots like The Key Hole and Danny's Place, with their bare walls of knotted, splintered

Late-night bonfires, spontaneous parties, and new friends with long hair and faded T-shirts made the unforgettable. The J. Geils con-

cert on the hillside in litely on the sidelines. the warm sunshine felt like a mini Woodstock.

As summer ended, I flew home. Landing in Tallahassee, I realized just how much I had missed home and soon discovered how much home had missed me.

In the bustling terminal, I barely glanced around before I saw my dad climbing onto a three-foot plant partition. He seemed ready to leap mountains. Dad pushed through the crowd, scooped me up, and swung me around like he hadn't seen me in years. In his arms I felt completely safe.

That moment – the laughter, the tears, the sheer eagerness – stays with me. It reminds me of how God loves us. He doesn't linger poThe Heavenly Father runs toward us, arms wide, joy spilling over with a mercy that cannot be denied.

As a child, much of what I heard about God was fear-based sermons of wrath and hell. Fear taught me He was powerful, but it kept me at a distance.

Stories like ah's Ark emphasized destruction, not His grief or the patience He showed for nearly a hundred years while humanity had a chance to turn back.

Later, I began to understand that God is not only holy and just - He is love, and that love is His very nature. As 1 John 4:18 reminds us, perfect love drives out fear. Fear may shape our out-

ward actions, but love draws us close and transforms the heart.

In the New Testament, we see Jesus showing us God in human form (John 14:9). He is present, merciful, and loving. He draws close to those the world avoids - lepers, the demon-possessed, sinners, and tax collectors. Without condemnation, Jesus brings forgiveness and new life.

Like the father in Luke 15 running to embrace his lost son, God moves toward us with arms wide, full of compassion even before we can speak.

That same grace is waiting for you today. I don't know where you are in your walk with Him, but He is not distant or angry. He

draws near, eager to meet you, to hold you in His mercy, and to surround you with His

No matter how far you feel, His arms are open, and His heart rejoices at the thought of embracing you.

So today, step into His arms and let His love lift, embrace, and carry you.

The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17

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**OUT TO PASTOR** 

# Is that my grandfather's hand?



**By JAMES SNYDER** 

This past week, I thought of my maternal grandfather. I haven't thought of him for a long time because he died over 50 years ago. I'm not sure what inspired me to think

about my old grandpa. As a youngster, I used to spend summers with him on his farm. He owned a farm up in the mountains of Pennsylvania and had dairy cattle and hogs. So for many summers I spent with him on that amazing farm.

One thing I remember about my grandfather was his sense of humor. He was always telling jokes, and we all laughed, even though I had no idea what that joke was about.

For instance, "Why did the monkey not eat the banana? Because it was not appealing to

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I knew there was a joke in there somewhere, but I could never figure it out, even though he told that joke probably 100 times. That was his favorite joke of all time.

I tried to think of all those jokes, and I still don't get the funny part of them. But, he was my grandpa, and therefore when he told a joke, I laughed. That's what a good grandson is supposed to do.

There was a time in the 60s when he had some health problems, and we needed to bring him down to Hershey, where his doctor was. I still remember that very clearly. We took him to the fast-food restaurant for lunch. This was the first time he had ever been at such a place. Up in the mountains where he lived, they did not have fast-food restaurants.

I remember we got him one of the big cheeseburgers, and we sat down to eat them. Grandpa looked at it for a few moments. Finally, he began to separate everything from each other. He laid the bun down and took out the

and all that went with it. He separated them all from each other. Then he began to eat each element one at a

I never saw that before, and I'm not sure where he got that.

I then remembered something I did to my grandpa, which was to make fun of him, especially his hands. I looked at his hands and saw so many wrinkles I didn't know where they came from.

"Grandpa," I said, "how did you get all of those wrinkles on your hand?"

Looking at me, he replied, "Well, son, if you must know every wrinkle is the result of one year of hard labor." He looked at me and smiled, and then we both looked at his hand.

"Will I ever get hands like that?"

Grandpa laughed and then said, "Only if you live as long as I do and work as hard as I do."

I had forgotten that conversation until just recently.

The other morning, I got up and went to my easy chair for my morning coffee. As I began sipping that delicious coffee, I happened to look at my hand, and I was scared. Is that my grandfather's hand?

I almost had a heart attack as I was looking at my hand and seeing my grandpa's hand. I couldn't believe what I was seeing. It was as if my grandfather's hand was right there holding my coffee cup. How in the world could that be? After all, he's been gone for 52 years.

I looked at that old wrinkly hand and soon realized that it was not my grandpa's hand. In fact, it was my grandpa's grandson's hand. It was like he was right there in front of me.

Processing that was difficult because I did not know how in the world grandpa's hand got on my hand. It was as if he were in the room with me at the moment.

Looking at my hand for a few moments, I begin to count the wrinkles on my hand. If what grandpa said was true, that every wrinkle represents one year of hard work, I must be 150 by now.

Sitting there, I remembered how many times I made fun of

grandpa's old wrinkly hand. I'm not sure what to do, but I might start wearing gloves when I

go outside.

In a few moments, I began to smile. The thought came to me that this challenge to my smile was, How many other aspects of my grandpa do I have?

This is an area I do not want to visit. But is it that my grandchildren are seeing me as I saw my grandpa?

The other night, while watching TV, there was a commercial about getting rid of wrinkles. I watched that very carefully, and for a moment, I was tempted to get that cream to get rid of all my wrinkles.

When the commercial was over, I sat back and thought very deeply. What is wrong with being like my grandpa? After all, he was a good man. What I should do is to live my life in a way that he would be proud. So, my wrinkles are here to stay.

Recently I read in the Bible a verse along this line. "Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory

of children are their fa-

thers" (Proverbs 17:6). I'm beginning to see that there are many things in my life that lead back to my grandfather. I need to leave something to pass that on to my grandchildren so when I'm gone they're remember me..

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#### **DEATH NOTICES**

- Michele Valerie Barwick, 64, of Panacea, died August 14, 2025.
- Nicholas "Nick" James Draughon, 31, of Crawfordville,

died August 17, 2025.

- Lawrence Cleveland Snodgrass, 78, of Crawfordville, died August 19, 2025.
- Benjamin Stalcup, 64, of Sopchoppy, died August 21,

• Wanda M. Wimberly, 76, of Crawfordville, died August

Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel, 850-926-5919, www.familyfhc.com.

# Sheriff's Report

during the week.

#### FRIDAY, AUG. 15

- Memorial Hospital. An- to CID. imal Control responded and took custody of the tection reported a theft canine. Nothing further that had occurred and advised.
- Deputy is Marshall responded Deputy Lewis Marto a citizen reporting shall's arrival, the male a vehicle being bro- was identified and ken into. The reporting placed under arrest. person stated she dis- The suspect was issued covered her neighbor an Notice to Appear had reported a vehicle with a court date. burglarized and went to check hers. The reporting person stated she discovered her pellet gun was miss- sie, and Deputy Aimee ing and her driver-side Hoagland responded to door was not shut all a residential neighborthe way. She stated she hood in reference to a had left one of her win- theft complaint. Condows cracked overnight tact was made with the and was possibly how reporting person who

This report is for ac- the vehicle had been tivity August 15th to broken into. Case was 22nd. There were 1,273 forwarded to Criminal total calls for service Investigations Division.

#### SATURDAY, AUG. 16

- Deputy Joshua · Deputy Jeremiah Parker responded to a Post responded to a citizen reporting that neighborhood in refer- they lost \$2,700 after ence to an animal in- becoming aware of becident. Upon arrival, ing scammed. The recontact was made with porting person stated the reporting person he thought he was in who advised his pitbull contact with a woman attacked him and his overseas and sent monwife. The wife suffered ey so that she could fly injuries to her face and to America. After makthe husband to his ing contact with depuhand. Wakulla EMS re- ties, he wanted to file sponded and transport- a report for the loss of ed her to Tallahassee money. Case forwarded
  - Walmart Asset Proadvised the male was Lew- still on scene. Upon

#### SUNDAY, AUG. 17

• Sgt. Shayne Brox-

issues. The siblings are the primary care givers for their mother and reside at the residence for informational pur-tion.

#### MONDAY, AUG. 18

- victim, who advised she ed to CID. left her phone at her sister's house earlier in the day. The victim requested a friend transport the phone from her charges for the incident warded to CID. at this time. Nothing further advised.
- Deputy Shay Sullivan responded to a residential neighborhood sie,

moved cameras she had believes he has identi- ing multiple juveniles. hand. Later in the day installed at her moth- fied a potential suspect. During the course of the bitten person ater's residence for safety Case forwarded to CID. the investigation, THC tempted to make con-

#### TUESDAY, AUG. 19

- Deputy occasionally through- Buckhalt conducted a ijuana cigarette was the incident. out the week. They traffic stop on a vehicle also located inside the stated they removed the for faulty equipment. vehicle. All items were responded to a suspicameras due to privacy During the stop, Dep- seized for destruction. concerns. At this time uty Buckhalt located a the reporting person small amount of mari- losing \$1,500 from his placed under arrest for does not wish to pursue juana, paraphernalia, bank account after los-felony Driving While charges for theft, how- and non-narcotic pills. ing his wallet. The re- License Suspended or ever, requested the in- All the items located porting person advised Revoked (DWLSR). cident be documented were seized for destruc- the transaction stated
- Weekes responded to but advised he did not for a seatbelt violation. Walmart and made know who the suspect The driver was subsecontact with Asset Pro- was. Case forwarded to quently placed under • Sgt. Shayne Brox- tection, who stated CID. sie and Deputy Rosa they discovered a re-Sammons responded cent theft which was to a residential neigh- committed. Asset Proborhood in reference to tection stated the toa theft complaint. Con- tal amount taken was mons responded to a responded to Walmart tact was made with the \$50.30. Case forward-residential neighbor- in reference to a retail

#### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 20

sister's house. How- Post responded to a cit- vised she was bitten by of items in her buggy ever, he was informed izen reporting the theft her neighbor's dog as and only paid for a por-

and made contact with Hoagland, and Deputy told the dog owner she 745-7100, or call 911 the reporting person, Kory Smith responded was fine and retreated for emergencies.

Deputy Ronald were from Walmart traffic stop on a vehicle

#### FRIDAY, AUG. 22

 Deputy Rosa Sam-**THURSDAY, AUG. 21** conversation, the vic- warded to CID. tim attempted to pet · Sgt. Shayne Brox- the dog and was bitwho stated his televi- to a call in reference to inside her residence to

advised her siblings re- sion was damaged and a disturbance involv- clean the wound to her vape pens were located tact with the neighbor in plain view inside the to obtain shot records vehicle the complainant for her canine. Animal Dylan was traveling in. A mar- Control was notified of

- Deputy Cole Irvin cious vehicle. The driv-• A citizen reported er was subsequently
- Deputy the charges to his card Buckhalt conducted a arrest after it was discovered his license was suspended due to a DUI.
- Lt. Anthony Paul hood in reference to an theft, already occurred. animal incident that Contact was made with occurred earlier in the Asset Protection, who day. Upon arrival, con- stated an unknown fetact was made with male entered the store, Deputy Jeremiah the individual who ad- placed a large number by the victim's sister of his fishing poles. The she checked her mail- tion of the items. Asset that her boyfriend de- reporting person valued box. The reporting per- Protection stated the stroyed the phone. The the fishing equipment son and her neighbor female then passed the victim wishes to pursue around \$300. Case for- struck a conversation last point of sale with as the neighbor walked \$53 worth of unpaid her dog. During the merchandise. Case for-

Report suspicious or Deputy Aimee ten on her hand. She illegal activity at 850-

# **County commission holds budget workshop**

County commissioners went through the exercise of what a 10% cut to the county budget would look like at a workshop last week.

County commissioner Valerie Russell requested the board look at the cuts to county departments - excluding the sheriff's office and public safety.

County staff presented the information at a budget workshop on Monday, Aug. 18.

It showed, as county commissioner Ralph Thomas commented, that if the commission was to make cuts, "We're not just cutting fat, we're cutting bone.'

County Administrator David Edwards echoed that, saying the county budget is lean with no discretionary spending.

Russell indicated she felt this was the year to make cuts to reduce the millage rate, acknowledging that next year the county's radio system will require a half a half-million dollar

charge for maintenance. Heading into budget season, county commissioners appear prepared to keep the millage rate steady, not increase the

non-profits at the levels they requested, and give employees a 3% cost of living increase.

The county anticipates a \$219 million budget for 2025-26, with only \$18 million of that coming from local taxes. The bulk of the budget is infrastructure grants - hundreds of millions for septic-to-sewer projects in the dense Wakulla Gardens subdivision,

plus more grants for improvements to the wastewater treatment facility at Otter Creek.

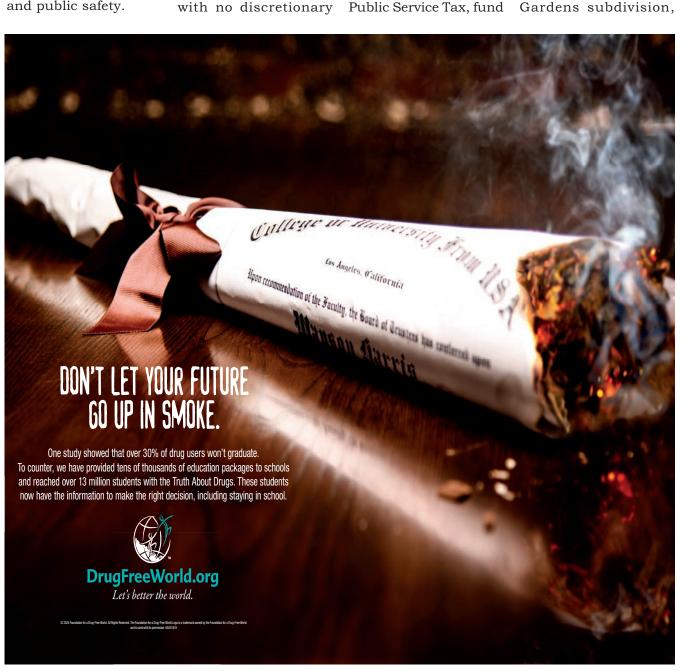
TRIM notices were set to go out to taxpayers on Friday, Aug. 22.

The preliminary budget should be published on the county's website, mywakulla.com, on Aug. 29.

The proposed millage and budget will have a first hearing on Sept. 3, which is a Wednesday.

The budget summary is to be published in a Public Notice in The Wakulla Sun's Sept. 11

And the final vote to approve the budget is set for Sept. 15.



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#### **USE THE NEWS**

#### 1. THE LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD **SERIES**

Nevada will play Taiwan in the Little League World Series championship after both teams won their semifinal games. Nevada beat Connecticut 8–2, with Garrett Gallegos hitting a home run and striking out eight batters. Taiwan defeated Aruba 1–0, thanks to strong pitching from Liu Wei-Heng. This is a big moment: Nevada is trying to win its first title, while Taiwan is hoping for its first championship since 1996. Leaders from Little League and the Aspen Institute also announced a plan to get more kids playing sports, with a goal of 63% youth participation by 2030. Imagine you are a reporter at the Little League World Series final. Write a short news article (4-5 sentences) about what happens in the big game between Nevada and Taiwan. Include the score, the key players, and how the crowd reacts. Be creative—for this exercise, you can make up the details of

#### 2. PARK REDE-SIGNED TO SAVE **MANHATTAN**

the game's ending!

A new park has opened at Wagner Park in Lower Manhattan after years of debate and \$296 million in construction. The park was redesigned to help protect the city from future floods like those caused by Superstorm Sandy in 2012. Some residents liked the old park and opposed the changes, but the new one includes flood barriers, a hilltop lawn, native plants, an amphitheater, and a pavilion with space for a restaurant and community center. Similar changes are also happening at East River Park, where the city is raising the land to prevent flooding. While projects like these are expensive, experts say they are worth it because they help keep people safe from rising seas and storms. Think about a place in your community — a park, playground, or even a street — that could be redesigned to make it safer or more fun. Write a few sentences explaining what changes you would make and why. Would you add more trees for shade, flood walls for safety, or play ar-

eas for kids? Draw a simple sketch of your "new design" to show your ideas.

#### 3. GIRAFFES IN **DANGER**

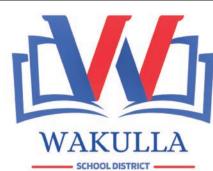
Scientists have announced that giraffes are not just one species but actually four: the southern, Masai, reticulated, and northern giraffe. This discovery comes from new DNA and skull studies showing big differences between the groups. While the southern giraffe has a healthy population of nearly 69,000, the other three species have much smaller numbers and could be at risk of extinction. The northern giraffe is in the most danger,

with only about 7,000 left, many living in areas affected by poverty and war. Conservationists say giraffes can recover if given safe habitats, pointing to success stories in Uganda where populations have grown after being moved to safer areas. Make a mini giraffe fact card for one of the four species (southern, Masai, reticulated, or northern). Include its name. where it lives, how many are left, and one challenge it faces. Then, write one idea for how people could help protect that spe-

#### 4. ORIGAMI IN **SPACE**

Scientists and ori-

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gami artists have discovered a brand-new type of origami design called bloom patterns. These folds look like flowers and can fold which makes flat, them very different from older designs. Bloom patterns were first explored by Kelvin Wang, a college student who has loved origami since he was a child. He worked with professors and artists to show how these patterns could be used not only for art but also for real-world purposes, like folding up solar panels or telescopes for space missions. The folds are both useful and beautiful, and experts say there are endless designs that can be made from them. Try making your own

simple origami fold-

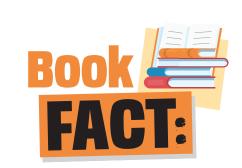
a fortune teller. After folding, write a few sentences describing how the folds change new shape. How do you think engineers might use folding like this in big projects, such as rockets or space telescopes? Write 2-3 sentences about your ideas.

#### 5. READING IS **FUNDAMENTAL**

A new study shows that far fewer Americans are reading for From 2003 to 2023, the number of people who said they read for pleasure on a given day dropped by about 40 percent. In of people reported reading for fun, coming project, like a papared with 28 percent

per airplane, a fan, or in 2004. Researchers think the decline may be linked to things like social media, longer work hours, or oththe flat paper into a er technology taking up people's free time. The study also found that people with higher incomes and more education were more likely to read. Experts worry this trend could hurt learning, imagination, and even mental health, since reading can help people feel connected and less alone. Think about the last time you read something fun than they used to. just for fun — maybe a storybook, comic, or magazine. Write a few sentences about why you liked it and what made it interesting. If you haven't 2023, only 16 percent read something lately, what kind of book or story would you like





In English-speaking countries, the works of this playwright are widely studied in school.

Answer: William Shakespeare

#### What's the Difference?

Find the four differences between the two pictures.



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4. Missing stars on wall book cover 3. Child standing in background Answers: Guinea pig on rug 2. Missing shapes on



to try?

**1883:** The volcano Krakatoa, located on an island near Indonesia, erupts.

**1920:** The 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution is certified, giving women the right to

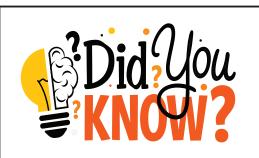
**1972:** The Games of the XX Olympiad open in Munich.



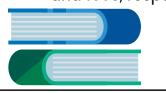
an outline of the subjects in a course of study



English: Locker Spanish: Taquilla **Italian:** Armadietto French: Casier **German:** Schließfach



Harvard University and the College of William & Mary are the oldest colleges in the United States, opening in 1636 and 1693, respectively.





Answer: School bus

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#### **CROSSWORD**

#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Mongolian politician
- 5. Coconut palms
- 10. Rounded knob
- 14. Japanese city 15. Covers in soft ma-
- terial 16. Walk around
- 17. Ancient region in Syria
- 18. French painter
- 19. Grandmother
- 20. Cow part
- 22. Rocky peak 23. Secret plan
- 24. Sings to one's lover 27. More (Spanish)
- 30. Father
- 31. Chinese philosophical principle
- 32. Hat
- 35. In agreement
- 37. A person's brother or
- sister
- 38. Evil spirit
- 39. Monetary units 40. Partner to cheese
- 41. About Sun
- 42. A place to dance
- 43. Performer \_\_ Lo
- 44. Beach accessory 45. Recipe measurement (abbr.)
- 46. Partly digested food

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47. Pooch

- 48. Honorific title added

- 61. Gold measurement
- host
- 66. U. of Miami mascot
- 67. Mid-month day
- ed matter 69. Upper body part

#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 3. Iranian city
- 5. Steep-sided hollow

- 10. Arm bones
- near Dead Sea
- 13. Gemstone 21. Counsels

- 55. Lowest point of a
- 56. Type of sword
- 60. Albanian language
- 63. Italian seaport

- 68. Omitted from print-

- 1. Two-toed sloth
- 2. Cooking ingredient

- 7. General law or rule 8. Extravagantly theat-

- to family name
- 49. Salts
- 52. Lichens genus

- 64. Longtime late night
- 65. Extremely angry

- 4. Publicly outs
- 6. Spoke
- 9. Very fast airplane
- 11. Ancient kingdom
- 12. \_\_ fide: legitimate

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23. Top exec 25. Cool!

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

- 26. Touch lightly
- 27. Extract money via taxation
- 28. Dyes
- 29. Cloying sweetness
- 32. Soft drinks
- 33. Capital of Guam
- 34. Chemical compound 36. The bill in a restau-
- rant 37. Car mechanics group
- 38. Late comedian Ne-
- whart 40. Health care for the
- aged
- 41. Wise individuals 43. A passage with ac-
- cess only at one end 44. Trim
- 46. Former OSS
- 47. The upper surface of the mouth
- 49. Edible lily bulbs
- 50. Type of reef
- 51. Vaccine developer 52. Mottled citrus fruit
- 53. A place to store lawn tools 54. Rare goose native to
- Hawaii
- 57. Hollywood pig 58. Musician Clapton
- 59. Take a chance 61. Spanish soldier

comedy

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62. Mark Wahlberg

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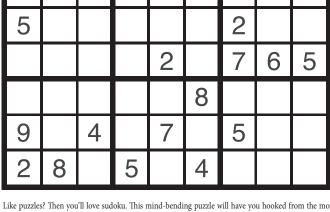
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ment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test! Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column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

I am an actor born on August 19, 1963 in California. I earned my first role on a popular soap opera set in a hospital despite not reading for a specific part during my audition. I'm best known as a TV uncle with great hair and for having impressive skills behind a drum kit.

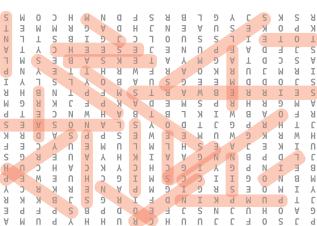
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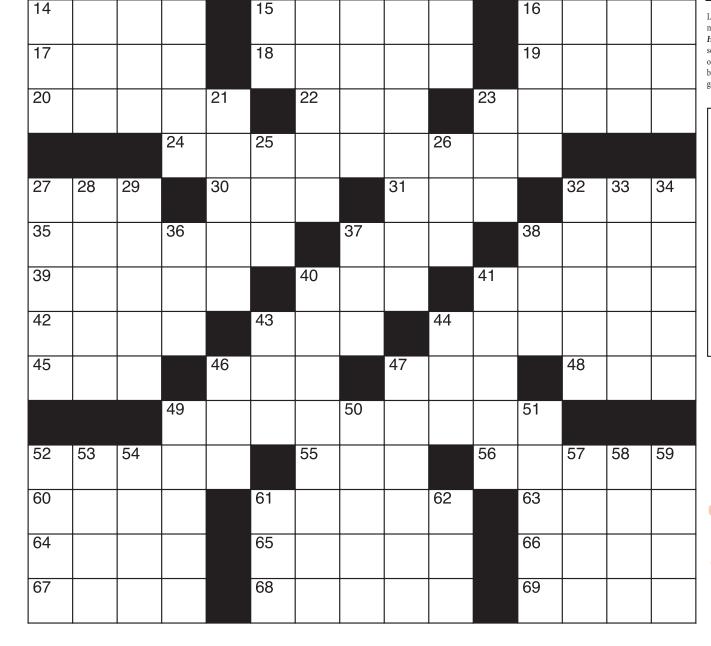
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Signature: Greg James, Clerk

Parcel #: 12-6S-02W-032-03885-000

White Beach Subd, Lot 3, OR 13 P 512, OR 19 P 163,

OR 895 P 392, OR 1254 P 892, OR 1260 P 216

Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida

Certificate #: 470

Statutes. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Roxanne M.

Intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporation of the

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on www.storagetreasures.com, the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Laura Graham, A13; Melissa West,

148; Davton Sadler, B35; Dylan Calhoun, B27; Tristan Sanders, G13;

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that FIG 20 LLC FBO SEC PTY The

holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax

Name in which assessed JOSEPH CLINTON RAY said property be-

ing in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate

houseon: October 8, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register

in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

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Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023

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#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that BEAMIF A LLC The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are

Certificate #: 1370 Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023

Parcel #: 00-00-078-013-11232-000 Description of Property:

Magnolia Gardens

Block M Lot 29, DB 58 P 494

Name in which assessed LOUISE CASTEEL said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: October 22, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

#### Dated: August 13, 2025

Signature: Greg James, Clerk

By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk

Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida

Published on August 28, September 4, 11, 18, 2025

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that BEAMIF A LLC The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: 1012 Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023

Parcel #: 00-00-034-009-08591-000 Description of Property:

Wakulla Gardens Unit 2, Block 9 Lot 48, OR 1 P 492

Name in which assessed HELEN S FORT C/O HELEN SHEALY F HITT said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: October 22, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

#### Dated: August 15, 2025

Signature: Greg James, Clerk

By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk

Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida

Published on August 28, September 4, 11, 18, 2025

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that BEAMIF A LLC The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: 1011 Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023

Parcel #: 00-00-034-009-08589-000 Description of Property:

Wakulla Gardens Unit 2

Block 9 Lot 46, OR 5 P 853

Name in which assessed TOMMY L HARBIN said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: October 22, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

#### Dated: August 15, 2025

Signature: Greg James, Clerk

By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida

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#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **BEAMIF A LLC** The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are

Certificate #: 1000 Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023

Parcel #: 00-00-034-009-08459-000 Description of Property:

Wakulla Gardens Unit 2

deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issu-Block 7 Lot 32, OR 6 P 16 ance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was Name in which assessed W J BURGOON JR said property being in

the County of Wakulla, State of Florida, Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: October 22, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

#### Dated: August 14, 2025

Signature: Greg James, Clerk

By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Court-

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#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **BEAMIF A LLC** The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: 989 Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023

Parcel #: 00-00-034-009-08322-000 Description of Property:

Wakulla Gardens Unit 2, Block 5 Lot 41, OR 5 P 560

Name in which assessed PAUL G CROSS C/O MARTHA PATTER-**SON** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida.

Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: October 22, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

#### Dated: August 15, 2025

Signature: Greg James, Clerk By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk

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#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 011

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that FIG 20 LLC FBO SEC PTY The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: 139 Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023 Parcel #: 24-4S-02W-171-02078-C08

Description of Property:

Sec 24-4S-2W Block C Lot 8, Lake Ellen Shores Unit II, OR 126 P 181, OR 275 P 557,

Signature: Greg James, Clerk

OR 513 P 608, OR 741 P 103, OR 1266 P 534 Name in which assessed EARL CARPENTER & FRANK CARPEN-TER said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder

in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: October 8, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction. Dated: August 8, 2025

By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida Published on August 21, 28, September 4, 11, 2025

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#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **BEAMIF A LLC** The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: 1365

Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023

Parcel #: 00-00-078-013-11182-000

Description of Property: Magnolia Gardens, Block L Lot 23

OR 70 P 272 & OR 80 P 235, OR 111 P 39, OR 111 P 875, 876, 877 Name in which assessed TARPON IV LLC said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: October 22, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR

Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction. Dated: August 14, 2025

Signature: Greg James, Clerk By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk

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#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **BEAMIF A LLC** The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023 Certificate #: 1138

Parcel #: 00-00-034-012-09581-000

Description of Property: Wakulla Gardens Unit 5

Block 49 Lot 28, OR 65 P 167 & OR 87 P 787-800 OR 513 P 18, OR 638 P 327

Name in which assessed **SOUTHERN HOMES PROPERTY DESIGN** 

& CONSTRUCTION said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: October 22, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

Dated: August 13, 2025

Signature: Greg James, Clerk By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk

Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida

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#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 019

following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: 985

Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023

Parcel #: 00-00-034-009-08216-000

Description of Property: Wakulla Gardens Unit 2

Block 4 Lot 4, OR 4 P 846, OR 657 P 144, OR 1141 P 461

Name in which assessed **TED EDWARDS** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: October 22, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

Dated: August 13, 2025

Signature: Greg James, Clerk By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk

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#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **BEAMIF A LLC** The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: 1369

Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023

Parcel #: 00-00-078-013-11227-000 Description of Property:

Magnolia Gardens Block M Lot 24, DB 60 P 462

Name in which assessed **GILBERT L GRAHAM** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: October 22, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

Dated: August 13, 2025

Signature: Greg James, Clerk By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk

Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF FREDDIE DALE BROWN, DECEASED **DIVISION: PROBATE** 

CASE NO: 2025-CP-115

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** The administration of the Estate of Freddie Dale Brown, deceased, File 2025-CP-115 is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate

Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, FL 32327. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney is set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands

against decedent's estate including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS

AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE

DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is August 21, 2025. Attorney for Personal Representative: Frances Casey Lowe, Esq. Florida Bar No. 521450 Frances Casey Lowe, P.A. 68-A Feli Way

Personal Representative: Linda Peyton Brown 5 Juniper Dr. Crawfordville, FL 32327

August 21, 28, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF THOMAS EARL MCCLURE, **DECEASED** DIVISION: PROBATE

Crawfordville, Florida 32327

(850) 926-8245

CASE NO: 2025-CP-109

#### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the Estate of Thomas Earl McClure, deceased, File 2025-CP-109 is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County. Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, FL 32327. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney is set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that BEAMIF A LLC The holder of the against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. The date of the first publication of this Notice is August 21, 2025.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Personal Representative: Frances Casey Lowe, Esq. Florida Bar No. 521450 Frances Casey Lowe, P.A. 68-A Feli Way Crawfordville, Florida 32327

Thomas M. McClure 184 Basswood Dr. Crawfordville, FL 32327

(850) 926-8245 August 21, 28, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM EUGENE BLAIR, DECEASED **DIVISION: PROBATE** 

CASE NO: 2025-CP-118

#### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the Estate of William Eugene Blair, deceased, File 2025-CP-118 is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, FL 32327. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney is set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. The date of the first publication of this Notice is August 21, 2025.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Frances Casey Lowe, Esq. Florida Bar No. 521450 Frances Casey Lowe, P.A. 68-A Feli Way Crawfordville, Florida 32327

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Personal Representative: Diane Juna Harper 2022 Seminole Dr. Tallahassee, FL 32327

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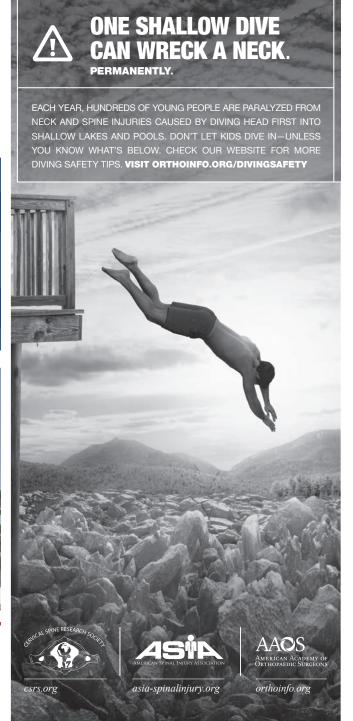
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# Weekly Roundup: Ruling swamps 'Alcatraz'

**By JIM TURNER** News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE California an immi- nificant win." grant involved in a deadly traffic crash the judge means no  ${\rm rainbow}\,\,{\rm colors}-{\rm from}\,\,\,{\rm of}\,\,{\rm Florida}\,{\rm on}\,\,{\rm Friday}.$ crosswalks.

But Gov. Ron Defound itself late Thursa federal judge's rulcontroversial immigrant-detention cendubbed "Alligator Alcatraz."

Siding with environmental groups and the Miccosukee Tribe, U.S. District Judge Kathpreliminary injunction that prevents additional construction and bringing additional detainees to the facility. Williams also ordered in Panama City. the removal within 60 days of temporary the federal Southern ident Donald Trump's

things as generators.

Florida leaders made tive director of Friends law that requires evala show this week of of the Everglades, uating potential envibringing back from called the ruling a "sig- ronmental impacts be- day estimated 34.4 ing an illegal U-turn crosswalk in Orlando

"The order from move forward.

Santis' administration glades and the Center ect," Williams' 82-page Florida is down, amid India who faces three for Biological Diversity ruling said. "By con- controversies about counts of vehicular mo Smith, D-Orlando, day rushing to appeal filed the lawsuit chal- trast, while the defen- issues such as the homicide and immi- responded to DeSantis lenging the facility and dants repeatedly es- U.S. imposing tariffs gration violations, ac- that the rainbow crossing that targeted the were later joined by the pouse the importance and President Donald cording to the Florida walk was approved Miccosukee Tribe.

ter in the Everglades sponded to Williams' to no evidence why this cuit Court of Appeals. sion."

"This is not going to

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ongoing and likely fu-period. ture environmental The state quickly rement, they offered little of annexing Canada.

The lawsuit, filed in effort to support Pres- in 2024.

fencing, detention-cen- District of Florida, al- fight against illegal im- Gov. Jay Collins made removed or they could

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and removing local- new detainees can be vided extensive evi- year and said it was ing three people. ly approved artwork brought on site," she dence supporting their a new record for the — including gay pride told The News Service claims of significant April-through-June extradition

Friends of the Ever- harms from the proj- Canadians coming to back Singh, a native of Santis posted on X. of immigration enforce- Trump floating the idea Department of High- by the Department of

U.S. travelers ac- Vehicles. ruling by filing a notice detention camp, in this counted for 91.5 perthat is a first step in particular location, is cent of the visitors take possession of this hance pedestrian safean appeal to the Atlan- uniquely suited and to Florida during the illegal alien, extradite ty. ta-based 11th U.S. Cir- critical to that mis- quarter, while overseas him back to the state travelers were up 11.4 of Florida," DeSan- vors in the eye (and) The state opened percent from the sec- tis said Wednesday promised they would leen Williams issued a deter us. We're going the detention facili- ond quarter of 2024. during an appearance never be forgotten to continue working on ty last month at the But only an estimated in Palm Beach County. then betrayed them the deportations, ad- Dade-Collier Training 640,000 Canadians "We're going to throw for political ambition," vancing that mission," and Transition Airport, made their way to Flor- the book at him when Smith posted on X. DeSantis said Friday which is used for flight ida during the quar- he gets back here for during an appearance training. State officials ter, a 20 percent drop what he did." touted it as part of an from the same period

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Meanwhile, the state where he went after on Wednesday night Visit Florida on Tues- being accused of mak- painted over a rainbow fore such a project can million people traveled on Florida's Turnpike that was part of the to the state during the near Fort Pierce that city's memorial for vic-"Plaintiffs have pro- second quarter of this resulted in a crash kill- tims of the 2016 Pulse nightclub massacre.

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> Sen. Carlos Guillerway Safety and Motor Transportation to honor the 49 people killed "(Collins) is going to at Pulse and to en-

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STORY OF THE Rep. Alex Andrade, WEEK: U.S. District versial immigrant-de-"Why are we wast- tention facility in the

QUOTE OF THE part of that overseas X. "Why was this guy WEEK: "We now live in increase, (Singh) allowed to leave a world where owning and it's something that Florida in the first the other side through we're really monitoring place? Why is a politi- social media and goand looking to see if cian acting like a key- ing on cable news we can shift some ef- stone cop after Singh is the way that you forts there to continue and a California judge measure your sense accomplishment. Well, I thank God I got to work with John Thrasher in an era of getting stuff done." -Former Gov. Jeb Bush Cities from the Pan- during an event honor-IMMIGRANT ESCORT handle to Key West ing Thrasher, a former received letters this House speaker and Adding fuel to a po- week from the Florida Florida State Universilitical rivalry with Cali- Department of Trans- ty president who died

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#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on October 6, 2025 at 5:00p.m. in the Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Rd., Crawfordville, FL.,

#### **Purpose of Hearing:**

To consider a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Acquisition of Property in Opportunity Park (Parcel ID's #34-2S-01E-447-04999-003; 34-2S-01E-447-04999-006; and 34-2S-01E-447-04999-007) for the Purpose of Constructing a Manufacturing Facility for Project Safety (Point Blank Enterprises, Inc.).

#### **Legal Description:**

LOTS 3, 6, and 7 OF GILLESPIE CORNER AT OP-PORTUNITY PARK, A RE PLAT OF A PORTION OF BLOCK "A" OPPORTUNITY PARK AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK' 6. PAGE 71, PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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 ADARequest@mywakulla.com. August 28, 2025



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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners are considering applying for grant funding for three central sewer rehabilitation projects through the Florida Department of Commerce's (FloridaCommerce) Rebuild Florida 2023 and 2024 Storms Infrastructure Repair Program. This Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery and has been allocated \$400 million to fund infrastructure restoration and improvement projects. This grant program is open to the counties, municipalities, and state agencies identified by FloridaCommerce and HUD as being the most impacted and distressed by storms that occurred in 2023 and 2024. Grant applications will be accepted through September 29, 2025.

Wakulla County is considering submitting grant applications for the following projects:

#### 1) Panacea Shores Inflow and Infiltration (I & I)

This request will seek funding for the planning, design, and construction of a project to rehabilitate the wastewater system in the Panacea Shores subdivision. Panacea Shores is located on the south side of Mashes Sands Road, adjacent to Ochlockonee Bay. Rehabilitation efforts would include the lining of manholes, gravity sewer, and tie-ins to reduce the likelihood of stormwater entering the central sewer system. The estimated cost of the project is \$2,822,481.

#### 2) Panacea Area Sewer

Funding will be requested to rehabilitate the gravity sewer collection system in the unincorporated area of Panacea. Due to its location near Dickerson Bay, Panacea's portion of the County sewer system is subject to inflow and infiltration of stormwater. Project activities include the lining of manholes and replacement of gravity sewer lines. Project costs are estimated to total \$3,009,062.

#### 3) Ochlockonee Bay Manhole Lining

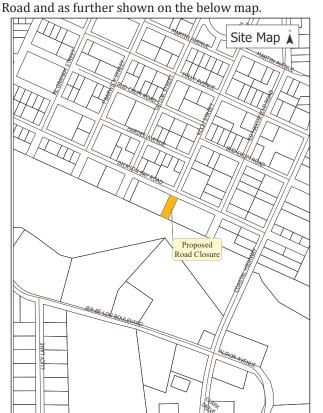
As the County's gravity sewer collection system in the Ochlockonee Bay area is located along the coast and subject to inflow and infiltration from stormwater, funding will be requested to provide manhole lining to this section of the system. Estimated costs for this project equal \$1,834,696.

Wakulla County welcomes comments on these proposed grant applications. Anyone who desires to make a comment or obtain a copy of the proposed applications should contact Melissa Corbett, Grant Research & Development Coordinator, at 850-926-0919 extension 725 or at mcorbett@ mywakulla.com. Comments will be received through September 15, 2025. August 28, 2025

LEGAL NOTICE

#### ROAD CLOSING

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a Public Hearing was held by the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners on Monday, August 18, 2025, beginning at 5:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as time permits, in the County Commission Chambers located west of the Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327, to consider a request to close and abandon a portion of Koch Street within the Panacea Mineral Springs Subdivision. The Board approved to permanently and formally close the portion of Koch Street that lies south of Dickson Bay Road between Lots 6 and 12, Block 10, and Lots 1 and 7, Block 15, in Panacea Mineral Springs Subdivision. Also located as shown on the file in the office of the Planning and Community Development Department, Wakulla County Commissioner's Complex, 11 Bream Fountain



These administrative actions are in accordance with the provisions of Section 336.10, Florida Statutes. Any person desiring to appeal a decision of the County Board must ensure a verbatim transcript or copy is made of the testimony and exhibits presented at said hearings. Persons with a disability needing a special accommodation should contact the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Office at least two (2) days prior to the meeting at (850) 926-0919; Hearing and Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771; or email at ADARequest@mywakulla.com. August 28, 2025



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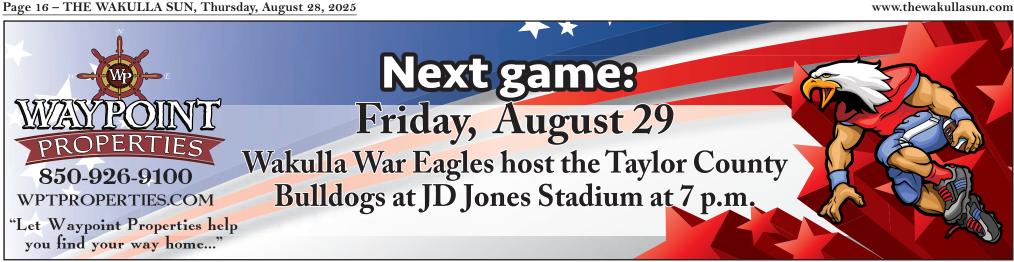
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# War Eagles beat Leon, 37-20

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN **Editor** 

The Wakulla War Eagles started the season with a win over the Leon Lions on Thursday night, a 37-20 win on the road at Gene Cox Stadium in Tallahassee;

"I'm very excited with the win," said Head Coach Scott Klees. "A lot of young players started for the first time: on offense, there were seven new starters; and on defense, seven new starters."

Klees said that, as expected, there were a lot of mistakes, but every mistake is fixable.

There were some uncharacteristic fumbles, one deep in War Eagle territory that the defense bowed up and kept the Lions out of the end zone, forcing them to settle for a field goal.

The War Eagle defense played well except for a couple of blown coverages that allowed Leon to score.

"As the year goes on," Klees said, the new starters "will get game experience – they just need reps."

Still, the Leon Lions kept the game close until the War Eagles' Andrew Nelson blocked a Lion punt and scooped and scored to put Wakulla up 28-13 late

#### **GAME STATS**

Quarterback Owen Klees went 15 for 22 for 276 yards and four

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War Eagle Jarrell Randolph scores against Leon.

touchdowns.

Offensive Player of the Week Jeremiah Washington had 15 carries for 161 yards.

MVP Jordan Barnes had 5 catches for 125 vards and a touchdown.

Defensive player of the weeek Andrew Nelson had 7 tackles and the blocked punt that he returned for a TD.

Davis had 8 tackles, a fumble recovery and a

#### **GAME RECAP**

The game was a defensive battle to start, the two teams exchanging punts. Late in the 1st quarter, a Leon punt was downed at the Wakulla four yard line. On the War Eagles next play, quarterback Owen Klees dropped to pass, Linebacker Derek had the ball stripped, and it was recovered by the Lions at the 1.

> The War Eagle defense kept the Lions

out of the end zone and forced them to settle for a field goal to take an early 3-0 lead.

On the ensuing kickoff, Jayden Jean had a return to the 30 and a penalty for horse collar tackle added 15 yards. Later, another 15 yard roughing the passing penalty helped and while scrambling the War Eagles. Then a wide receiver screen to Brandon Hayes and he took it 30 yards for a touchdown. Extra point makes it 7-3.

Next offensive series for the War Eagles, an 85-yard catch and run by Jordan Barnes for TD. Extra point makes

The War Eagles attempted an onside kick, but the ball doesn't go 10 yards and rolls out of bounds, giving Leon great field position.

Leon took advantage with a long pass completion to the 1, then a short pass to the flat for a score. Extra point cuts

The War Eagles settled down for a long drive and scored a touchdown. Extra point makes it 21-10.

But Leon capped a drive with a field goal as time expired for halftime to make it Wakulla 21, Leon 13.

In the third, Nelson blocked a punt and returned it for a score that sealed the win. Wakulla up 28-13.

To start the fourth, Leon scored with a touchdown pass to make it 28-20.

QB Klees connected with Jayden Jean for a 35-yard touchdown pass to go up 35-20.

A Leon fumble recovered by linebacker Derek Davis stops a Lion drive. The War Eagles drive inside the Leon 10 but can't push it in. Go on fourth down and make it to the 1. Leon takes over and the Wakulla defense tackles the running back in the end zone for a safety.

Final: Wakulla 37, Leon 20.

#### **UP NEXT: TAYLOR BULLDOGS**

Wakulla comes home to J.D. Jones Stadium for the home opener against the Taylor County Bulldogs.

Taylor won last year, and Coach Klees says they're very good this year - the defense flies to the ball, and the team is athletic.

"We'll have to play our best game to win," Klees said.





**Last week:** First game of the season with lots of new starters meant mistakes were to be expected. Every mistake is fixable.

**Scouting:** Lost to the Bulldogs last year. And this year's team has a couple of new players and is good. Their defense flies around to the ball, very athletic.

**Key to victory**; War Eagles need to play their best game to



Education Commissioner Anastasios Kamoutsas, center, did the coin toss at the start of the game at Gene Cox Stadium in Tallahassee, joined by Superintendent Rocky Hanna.

FOOTBALL PHOTOS: TOP PHOTO BY PERRY DISS-MORE; PHOTO ABOVE BY GERALD BROWN.

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Offense



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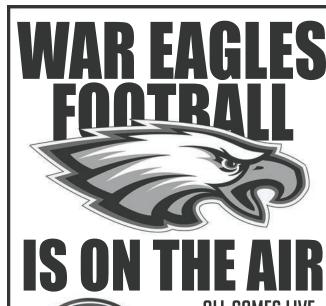


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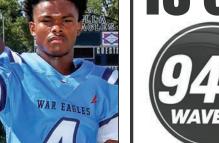
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