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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 Quince 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

motion failed for lack of 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.

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
Editor

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 commander of road deputies for the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office.

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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Major Dale Evans

TRAVELING TO DESTIN



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



Woman sentenced to 17 years in prison for selling meth

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

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



Angel Palmer

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 controlled 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 consequences."

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 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 her.

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 permission.

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
Location: 62 Martin Farms Road

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

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Copies of applications, draft ordinances, and any related public record files may be viewed at the County Planning Department located at 11 Bream Fountain Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM M-F; Phone (850) 926-3695. Any person desiring to appeal a decision of a County Board must ensure a verbatim transcript or copy is made of the testimony and exhibits presented at said hearings. Persons with a disability needing a special accommodation should contact the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Office at least two (2) days prior to the meeting at (850) 926-0919; Hearing and Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771; or email at ADAResquest@mywakulla.com.

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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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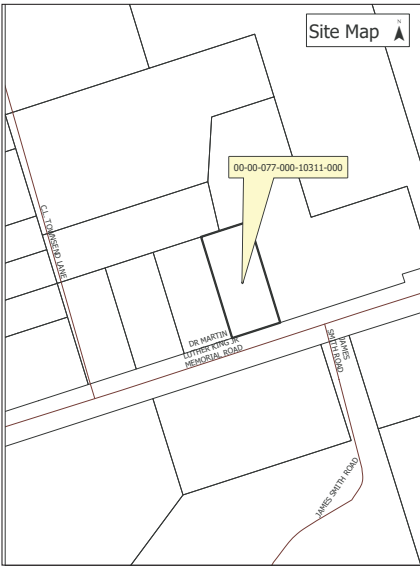
Public Service Announcement Meeting Announcement

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.

Aug. 28, 2025

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.



AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WAKULLA COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, ORDINANCE NO. 85-4, AS AMENDED; CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION AND OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS FROM CO TO HIC FOR PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS ATTACHED EXHIBIT “A” TO THE ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

1. Application for Change of Zoning: R25-06
Applicant: Good Times for Rent of Wakulla, LLC
Agent: Vito Knowles
Proposal: rezone from office commercial to high intensity commercial
Tax ID Numbers: 00-00-077-000-10311-000
Existing FLU Map: Urban Fringe (FLUE Policy 1.2.7)
Current Zoning: CO (Section 5-35, LDC)
Proposed Zoning: HIC (Section 5-66, LDC)
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, September 8, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
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 BUDGETS FOR THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY AND THE WATER FUND OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY. TO PROVIDE A REASONABLE ANTICIPATED 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: CU25-03
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
Location: 334 Emmett Whaley Road

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

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Outdoors

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 a gun.”

“Something has really upset you,” I say as neutrally as possible. “What is it?”

“It’s that darned neighbor 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 their pens!”

“Do you think he’d really do that? Are you afraid they’d come after you?”

“I don’t think so. But 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 his dogs annoy me!”

“Would you really shoot him?” I’m appalled.

“Nah. But I’d show him!”

“Myrna. You can’t do that. You might well end up in jail.”

“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 him.”

“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 another person and say: ‘I’ve got a gun on me, you better stop running your mouth,’ even if the person you speak to never sees the gun, you may be ultimately found guilty of a crime relating to ‘brandishing’ a firearm.”

Brandishing is even more of a comprehensive word than I knew. U.S. Law Shield goes on to explain: “Ultimately, if you are involved in an incident that goes to court, the jury’s perception of your intent and the reasonableness of



your actions will be what determines whether or not you’ve committed a crime in the eyes of the law, not your perception of the event.”

“So, the jury might decide whether I actually meant to use the gun, whether or not I’d really do it?” Myrna is surprised (and not pleased).

“Well, I’d just have meant to scare him,” protests Myrna. “Looks like I can’t even do that.”

USA Carry discusses brandishing, too. “Virginia law says the weap-

on must be pointed or brandished ‘in such a manner as to reasonably induce fear in the mind of another.’ In other words, to make the person fear that they will be shot.”

“Some states allow you to open carry,” Myrna ponders. “Does that mean I’d be brandishing my gun?”

USA Carry answers that question: “How Does Brandishing Differ from Open Carry? The term that makes the difference in brandishing vs

open carry is a threatening manner.”

“So, if I get a gun, what steps can I take to avoid any misunderstanding or legal complications?” wonders Myrna.

“Myrna, this is really a situation where you want to be extra careful. I’m going to defer to Concealed Nation for this one.”

Concealed Nation has some great guidelines. It suggests:

“Keep it truly concealed: Ensure your firearm remains fully

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 moment.

“I think I’d rather not own a gun,” she says. “There’s too much to consider and too much responsibility.”

Knowing Myrna’s quick temper, I have to agree with her. Somehow, Myrna is going to have to find a way to come to terms with her neighbor.

Doesn’t mean it’s easy.


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



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.

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WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO



Retired Wakulla Springs State Park Ranger Bob Thompson, on his weekly wildlife survey at the park last week, took this photo of a Cattle Egret.

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Moon Illumination 26%

Friday 29

Sun rise/set 7:12AM 8:02PM

Moon rise/set 1:02PM 11:27PM

Moon Illumination 35%

Saturday 30

Sun rise/set 7:12AM 8:01PM

Moon rise/set 2:00PM

Moon Illumination 44%

Sunday 31

Sun rise/set 7:13AM 8:00PM

Moon rise/set 2:57PM 12:07AM

Moon Illumination 54%

Monday 1

Sun rise/set 7:13AM 7:59PM

Moon rise/set 3:53PM 12:53AM

Moon Illumination 63%

Tuesday 2

Sun rise/set 7:14AM 7:58PM

Moon rise/set 4:45PM 1:45AM

Moon Illumination 73%

Wednesday 3

Sun rise/set 7:15AM 7:56PM

Moon rise/set 5:32PM 2:43AM

Moon Illumination 81%

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Low Tide

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Apalachicola 1 Hr., 53 Min. 2 Hrs., 31 Min.

Cat Point 1 Hr., 36 Min. 2 Hrs., 3 Min.

Lower Anchorage 1 Hr., 26 Min. 2 Hrs., 39 Min.

West Pass

Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

Aug. 28 - Sept. 3

Tide charts by tides4fishing.com

Best fishing days this month

August 31, September 2-10, 14, 19-24

St. Marks River Entrance

City of St. Marks

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

Dog Island West End

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

Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon

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 water.

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 water you have 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

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Apalachee Bay (Flotilla 12) (850) 942-7500

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(BWI), also known as Boating Under the Influence (BUI), is a serious criminal offense in all 50 states and is enforced by agencies like the U.S. Coast Guard. It includes operating any vessel, from a motorboat to a jet ski, under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or both.

Being out on the water can intensify the effects of alcohol, leading to impaired judgment, diminished physical activity, increased risk for drowning and endangering passengers.

It is critical that you also pay attention to what is going on around you to help avoid dangerous situations. Weather can change quickly; it is also important to monitor weather conditions when boating.

Thanks to Sherrie, we will always remember safe boating is no accident. Knowing when to call it a day and get back to shade and cooler temperatures can be a life-saver!!!

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.

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Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

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 erythrogramma*), a nonvenomous species whose population has declined in recent decades.

Rainbow snakes are semi-aquatic reptiles that primarily feed on American eels, a prey species that has also declined in Florida waters. This dependency, along with habitat loss, has contributed to population reductions. Snake fungal disease is impacting rainbow snake populations in other states, raising concerns about

the species' long-term survival.

"We need help from Floridians and visitors to better understand where rainbow snakes still occur in the state," said Kevin Enge, Research Scientist with FWC's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute. "Every sighting report gives us valuable data about their current

distribution and helps us assess the health of the species in Florida."

Rainbow snakes are visually striking and difficult to mistake for other species. They are iridescent black or violet-blue with three red stripes along their back. Their lip and chin scales are yellow, marked with violet spots, and adults typ-

ically reach 3 to 4 feet in length.

These snakes are usually found in or near water, including 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 nearest known population 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. Photographs are especially helpful in confirming sightings and can be included when you submit your sighting online.

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 green-eyed 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

school’s main hallway 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 work. In the years since, I wonder how many of my fellow graduates share my frustration

for the times we haven’t 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 late. 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

– reignite our passion 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

that once kept you 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. Envable, 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.” Sheryl H. Boldt is a sales executive for Wave 94 and author of the blog, www.TodayCanBeDifferent.net. Connect with her at SherylHBoldt.Wave94@gmail.com.

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

cert on the hillside in 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 po-

litely on the sidelines. The 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 Noah’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 love. 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 Cheryl Mixon-Cruce is Pastor of Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Church and Sopchoppy United Methodist Church.

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 him.” 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 lettuce and the tomato,

and all that went with it. He separated them all from each other. Then he began to eat each element one at a time. 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 fathers” (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.. Dr. James L. Snyder lives in Ocala with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Telephone 1-352-216-3025, email jamesnsnyder51@gmail.com, website www.jamesnsnyderministries.com.



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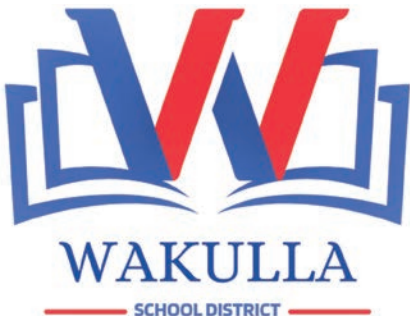
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USE THE NEWS

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 the game’s ending!

2. PARK REDESIGNED TO SAVE MANHATTAN

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 species.

4. ORIGAMI IN SPACE

Scientists and ori-

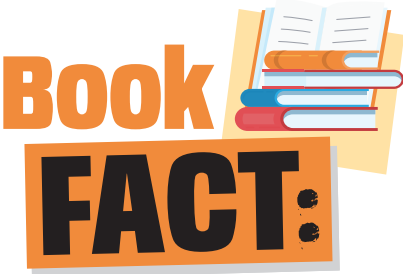
gami artists have discovered a brand-new type of origami design called bloom patterns. These folds look like flowers and can fold flat, which makes them very different from older designs. Bloom patterns were first explored by Kelvin Wang, a college student who has loved origami since he was a child. 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 folding project, like a pa-

per airplane, a fan, or a fortune teller. After folding, write a few sentences describing how the folds change the flat paper into a 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 fun than they used to. From 2003 to 2023, the number of people who said they read for pleasure on a given day dropped by about 40 percent. In 2023, only 16 percent of people reported reading for fun, compared with 28 percent

in 2004. Researchers think the decline may be linked to things like social media, longer work hours, or other 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 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 read something lately, what kind of book or story would you like to try?



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

Answer: William Shakespeare



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

What’s the Difference?

Find the four differences between the two pictures.

A



B



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

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



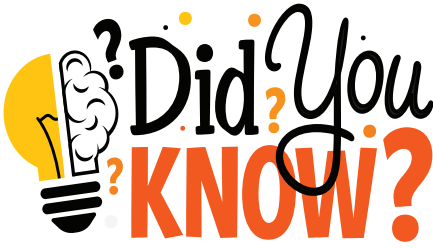
1883: The volcano Krakatoa, located on an island near Indonesia, erupts.

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

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

NEW WORD SYLLABUS

an outline of the subjects in a course of study



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



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: School bus

FARMERS MARKET WORD SEARCH

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Mongolian politician
5. Coconut palms
10. Rounded knob
14. Japanese city
15. Covers in soft material
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 Green
44. Beach accessory
45. Recipe measurement (abbr.)
46. Partly digested food
47. Pooch

48. Honorific title added to family name
49. Salts
52. Lichens genus
55. Lowest point of a ridge
56. Type of sword
60. Albanian language
61. Gold measurement
63. Italian seaport
64. Longtime late night host
65. Extremely angry
66. U. of Miami mascot
67. Mid-month day
68. Omitted from printed matter
69. Upper body part

CLUES DOWN

1. Two-toed sloth
2. Cooking ingredient
3. Iranian city
4. Publicly outs
5. Steep-sided hollow
6. Spoke
7. General law or rule
8. Extravagantly theatrical
9. Very fast airplane
10. Arm bones
11. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
12. ___ fide: legitimate
13. Gemstone
21. Counsels

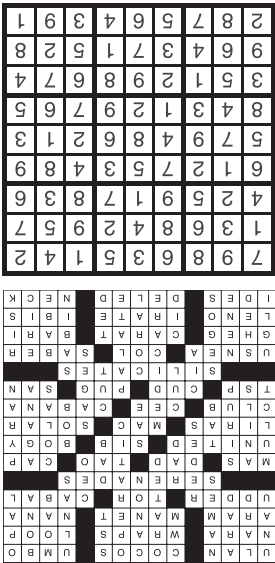
23. Top exec
25. Cool!
26. Touch lightly
27. Extract money via taxation
28. Dyes
29. Cloying sweetness
32. Soft drinks
33. Capital of Guam
34. Chemical compound
36. The bill in a restaurant
37. Car mechanics group
38. Late comedian Ne- whart
40. Health care for the aged
41. Wise individuals
43. A passage with access 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
62. Mark Wahlberg comedy

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Located at 21 Cl Townsend Lane, Crawfordville, FL 32327
In the County of Wakulla
Intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporation of the Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
Published on August 28, 2025

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE Public Sale
Pursuant to the Florida Self-Storage Facility Act, notice is hereby given that Crawfordville Self Storage, located at 3291 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327; will sell or otherwise dispose of the contents of the following self-storage units to satisfy its lien for unpaid rent and other charges. The sale will be “online ONLY.” Pictures and item descriptions can be viewed at www.storage-treasures.com. Bidding will end at 8pm on Sunday, 9/7/25. Unless otherwise noted on www.storage-treasures.com, the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Laura Graham, A13; Melissa West, I48; Dayton Sadler, B35; Dylan Calhoun, B27; Tristan Sanders, G13; Lori Metzler, A9; Nelda Raulerson, F28.
Published on August 28 & September 4, 2025

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
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 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 #: 470 Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023
Parcel #: 12-6S-02W-032-03885-000
Description of Property:
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
Name in which assessed JOSEPH CLINTON RAY 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. Courthouse: 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 7, 2025
Signature: Greg James, Clerk
By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk
Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida
Published on August 21, 28, September 4, 11, 2025

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 011
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, OR 513 P 608, OR 741 P 103, OR 1266 P 534
Name in which assessed EARL CARPENTER & FRANK CARPENTER 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. Courthouse: 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
Signature: Greg James, Clerk
By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk
Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida
Published on August 21, 28, September 4, 11, 2025

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 as follows:
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 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. Courthouse: 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

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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 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. Courthouse: 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
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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 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. Courthouse: 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
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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 as follows:
Certificate #: 1000 Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023
Parcel #: 00-00-034-009-08459-000
Description of Property:
Wakulla Gardens Unit 2 Block 7 Lot 32, OR 6 P 16
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. Courthouse: 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
Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida
Published on August 28, September 4, 11, 18, 2025

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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 PATTERSON 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. Courthouse: 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
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Weekly Roundup: Ruling swamps ‘Alcatraz’

By **JIM TURNER**
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Florida leaders made a show this week of bringing back from California an immigrant involved in a deadly traffic crash and removing locally approved artwork — including gay pride rainbow colors — from crosswalks.

But Gov. Ron DeSantis’ administration found itself late Thursday rushing to appeal a federal judge’s ruling that targeted the controversial immigrant-detention center in the Everglades dubbed “Alligator Alcatraz.”

Siding with environmental groups and the Miccosukee Tribe, U.S. District Judge Kathleen Williams issued a preliminary injunction that prevents additional construction and bringing additional detainees to the facility. Williams also ordered the removal within 60 days of temporary

fencing, detention-center lighting and such things as generators.

Eve Samples, executive director of Friends of the Everglades, called the ruling a “significant win.”

“The order from the judge means no new detainees can be brought on site,” she told The News Service of Florida on Friday.

Friends of the Everglades and the Center for Biological Diversity filed the lawsuit challenging the facility and were later joined by the Miccosukee Tribe.

The state quickly responded to Williams’ ruling by filing a notice that is a first step in an appeal to the Atlanta-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

“This is not going to deter us. We’re going to continue working on the deportations, advancing that mission,” DeSantis said Friday during an appearance in Panama City.

The lawsuit, filed in the federal Southern

District of Florida, alleges violations of the National Environmental Policy Act, a federal law that requires evaluating potential environmental impacts before such a project can move forward.

“Plaintiffs have provided extensive evidence supporting their claims of significant ongoing and likely future environmental harms from the project,” Williams’ 82-page ruling said. “By contrast, while the defendants repeatedly espouse the importance of immigration enforcement, they offered little to no evidence why this detention camp, in this particular location, is uniquely suited and critical to that mission.”

The state opened the detention facility last month at the Dade-Collier Training and Transition Airport, which is used for flight training. State officials touted it as part of an effort to support President Donald Trump’s

fight against illegal immigration.

OH, CANADA

Visit Florida on Tuesday estimated 34.4 million people traveled to the state during the second quarter of this year and said it was a new record for the April-through-June period.

But the number of Canadians coming to Florida is down, amid controversies about issues such as the U.S. imposing tariffs and President Donald Trump floating the idea of annexing Canada.

U.S. travelers accounted for 91.5 percent of the visitors to Florida during the quarter, while overseas travelers were up 11.4 percent from the second quarter of 2024. But only an estimated 640,000 Canadians made their way to Florida during the quarter, a 20 percent drop from the same period in 2024.

“I know the nation is seeing some Canadian visitors not traveling at the moment, but Florida actually is seeing an increase in visitors from other places, including Brazil, which I think it’s part of that overseas visitation increase, and it’s something that we’re really monitoring and looking to see if we can shift some efforts there to continue that good trend,” Visit Florida President and CEO Bryan Griffin told members of the agency’s Executive Committee on Monday.

IMMIGRANT ESCORT

Adding fuel to a political rivalry with California Gov. Gavin Newsom, DeSantis and Lt.

Gov. Jay Collins made a show of bringing back immigrant Harjinder Singh from California, where he went after being accused of making an illegal U-turn on Florida’s Turnpike near Fort Pierce that resulted in a crash killing three people.

After Singh signed extradition papers, Collins traveled to California to help escort back Singh, a native of India who faces three counts of vehicular homicide and immigration violations, according to the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

“(Collins) is going to take possession of this illegal alien, extradite him back to the state of Florida,” DeSantis said Wednesday during an appearance in Palm Beach County. “We’re going to throw the book at him when he gets back here for what he did.”

Rep. Alex Andrade, a Pensacola Republican who has clashed with DeSantis on numerous occasions this year, questioned Collins’ trip.

“Why are we wasting taxpayer resources on political stunts?” Andrade posted on X. “Why was this guy (Singh) allowed to leave Florida in the first place? Why is a politician acting like a key-stone cop after Singh and a California judge already agreed for him to be extradited?”

COVERING CREATIONS

Cities from the Panhandle to Key West received letters this week from the Florida Department of Transportation saying that crosswalk art must be

removed or they could have road money held up.

Meanwhile, the state on Wednesday night painted over a rainbow crosswalk in Orlando that was part of the city’s memorial for victims of the 2016 Pulse nightclub massacre.

“We will not allow our state roads to be commandeered for political purposes,” DeSantis posted on X.

Sen. Carlos Guillermo Smith, D-Orlando, responded to DeSantis that the rainbow crosswalk was approved by the Department of Transportation to honor the 49 people killed at Pulse and to enhance pedestrian safety.

“You looked survivors in the eye (and) promised they would never be forgotten — then betrayed them for political ambition,” Smith posted on X.

STORY OF THE WEEK:

U.S. District Judge Kathleen Williams issued a preliminary injunction that required winding down operations at a controversial immigrant-detention facility in the Everglades.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

“We now live in a world where owning the other side through social media and going on cable news is the way that you measure your sense of accomplishment. Well, I thank God I got to work with John Thrasher in an era of getting stuff done.” — Former Gov. Jeb Bush during an event honoring Thrasher, a former House speaker and Florida State University president who died May 30 at age 81.



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PUBLIC NOTICES:
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Additional Public Notices appear on
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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., 32327.

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 OPPORTUNITY 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 ADARquest@mywakulla.com.

August 28, 2025

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 Mashas 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 Road and as further shown on the below map.

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 ADARquest@mywakulla.com.

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Wakulla War Eagles host the Taylor County Bulldogs at JD Jones Stadium at 7 p.m.



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 in the third quarter.

GAME STATS

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



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WEEKLY WAR EAGLE GAME HIGHLIGHTS
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War Eagle Jarrell Randolph scores against Leon.

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, and while scrambling 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 kick-off, 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 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 it 14-3.

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 Wakulla’s lead to 14-10.

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 half-time 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.

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COACH Scott Klees

FROM THE COACH

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 win.



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.

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