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War Eagles win at Suwannee/See Page 14



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Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		
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Hi: 87° Lo: 66° 8%	Hi: 85° Lo: 66° 15%	Hi: 85° Lo: 69° 33%
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Academically high-performing schools

Wakulla is one of only 13 districts recognized; designation based on school grades, class size compliance, financial audits

Special to The Sun

Wakulla County School District has been officially recognized by the Florida Department of Education and the State Board of Education as an Academically High-Performing School District for 2024–25, joining an elite group of only 13 school districts across Florida to achieve this honor.

Established in 2007 under Section 1003.621, Florida Statutes, the Academically High-Performing School District designation is awarded annually to districts that have met strict criteria based on school and district grades, class size compliance, and financial audit reviews.

“This achievement is the result of the substantially hard and complex work put forth by many people, and ultimately a reflection of the wonderful community in which we live,” said Superintendent Richard Myhre. “We have achieved a goal outlined in our Five-Year Strategic Plan three years ahead of schedule and are proud to be counted among Florida’s very best.”

The designation supports that Wakulla County Schools are meeting its highest priority: ensuring students are proficient and accelerating in all academic areas. It also signals that the district is on track with the critical initiatives outlined in the 2023–28 Strategic Plan, including continued improvement in student achievement, innovative instructional practices, and strong partnerships with families and the community.

Looking ahead, WCS will build on this momentum by holding itself accountable to the same high standards of excellence that earned this recognition, while keeping student success at the center of every decision.

Wakulla County Schools serves over 5,500 students across four elementary schools, two middle schools, one high school, as well as adult education and alternative pathway programs. Guided by the values of Rigor, Resilience, and Relevance, the district is committed to preparing every student for success in college, career, and life while fostering a culture of excellence, accountability, and community pride.

Blue Crab Festival



The Blue Crab Festival was held in Panacea on Saturday. Clockwise from top left: the Miss Wakulla Queens in the parade; Drew Keith with some cooked blue crabs at Woolley Park; the Wakulla High Marching War Eagle Band in the parade. (Photos by Gerald Brown)

County recycling program ends

Staff Report

As part of the negotiations for an extended contract with Waste Pro for garbage service to county residents, the curbside recycling program will end this week.

Waste Pro reported that fewer than 20% of county residents took advantage of the service.

The county put out a press release last week about the service ending as of Monday, Sept. 29, noting that Waste Pro will no longer provide curbside recycling pickup in Wakulla County.

But it noted you can keep your bin: Residents may keep their recycling bins for personal use.

Free Drop-Off Option: Citizens who wish to continue recycling can bring recyclable materials to the Wakulla County Landfill (Transfer Station) at 159 Landfill Road in Crawfordville. There is no cost for recyclable drop-off.

For assistance, please call Waste Pro at (850) 926-7010. For additional information, visit the County’s Solid Waste page at mywakulla.com or contact Wakulla County Public Works at (850) 926-7616.

Seminar held on Wakulla’s karst

By LINDA ANN McDONALD
Correspondent

The Wakulla Environmental Institute hosted a seminar to explore the science, mystery, and discoveries of the cave system that feeds Wakulla Springs. Led by Dr. Christopher Werner, who is an experienced explorer, researcher, and filmmaker who chronicles scientific research in insightful documentaries.

A second presentation was offered by Chad Hanson, the Chair of the Wakulla Springs Alliance. The impacts of septic tanks and drainfields on the springs and our local environment was shared, as well as information on Wakulla County’s comprehensive planning and priority focus areas.

The event was held Sept. 13 at WEI.

Werner’s presentation gave the audience the opportunity to dive beneath the surface of Wakulla Springs and uncover the hidden world of the Woodville Karst Plain. The engaging seminar blended science, exploration, and curiosity to reveal how researchers are unlocking the secrets of one of the largest and most fascinating underwater cave systems on Earth.

“I am so excited about this event,” said Hope Childree, associate director for WEI. “The uniqueness of Wakulla County’s geographic features this exact property sits on is beautiful. It is wonderful for us to get to meet the expert who is mapping the

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Live Like Jared 5K is Saturday

By SYNIAH JENNINGS

The family of Wakulla County resident Jared Causseaux is hosting a memorial race in remembrance of his life and legacy. The 2nd Annual Live Like Jared Memorial 5K & Fun Run will be held at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4, at a relative’s farm, 161 Centerline Rd., in Crawfordville.

Causseaux was the State Geographic Information System Coordinator at the Florida Department of Transportation and his work played a significant role in a Florida Department of Law Enforcement investigation, according to an FDLE press release.



Operation Thin Ice used Causseaux’s mapping technology to track and arrest 18 sexual offenders in Wakulla County who failed to report required information, helping law enforcement to protect and inform the local community.



Jared Causseaux, above. Brayden Bennett, left, and her daughter Jessie Rae Bennett, Jared Causseaux’s daughter and “bestie” granddaughter, race during the inaugural Live Like Jared 5K last year.

Causseaux died on Feb. 7, 2024. He was 49.

After he died, event organizer April Blackburn,

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Student of the Week


Capri Hunter – 5th grader at Shadeville Elementary

Achievements/Reason for Nomination: Capri always comes to school with a smile and positive attitude. She exhibits the Warrior Expectations at all times and is respectful and kind to adults as well as peers. She comes to class prepared to learn, completes her classwork and homework, and applies herself in everything she does. Capri actively participates in lessons and works well with other students. Capri is truly an outstanding student and role model to others.

–Mrs. Kerry Adams, 5th Grade Teacher

Capri sets a shining example for her classmates & all students at Shadeville by always doing what is expected—and often going above and beyond. Her commitment to doing things the right way, every time, reflects the values we strive to instill in all our students. Congratulations, Capri! We are so proud of you.

– Mr. Timothy Wheeler, Principal



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Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park

Elegant Blazing Star

By **LYNN ARTZ, DAVID RODDENBERRY,**
and **SANDY TEDDER**

The flowers of elegant blazing star (*Liatris elegans*) live up to their name. Unlike the more familiar purple-spiked blazing stars, this species has long, delicate pastel-colored flowerheads that appear almost feathery. The unique flowers have 4-5 white to pale pink lobed florets with protruding styles on the inside surrounded by pinkish lavender petal-like bracts or scales. Also called pinkscale blazing star, the dense flower spikes are 6-20 inches long and bloom from the top down, attracting many native bees, skippers, and butterflies. The slender upright plants grow 2-4 feet tall in full sun and dry soil. They inhabit longleaf pine sandhills and flatwoods throughout the north half of Florida. Considered one of the most beautiful *Liatris*es, elegant blazing star is blooming now in the northwest garden at Sopchoppy Depot Park.




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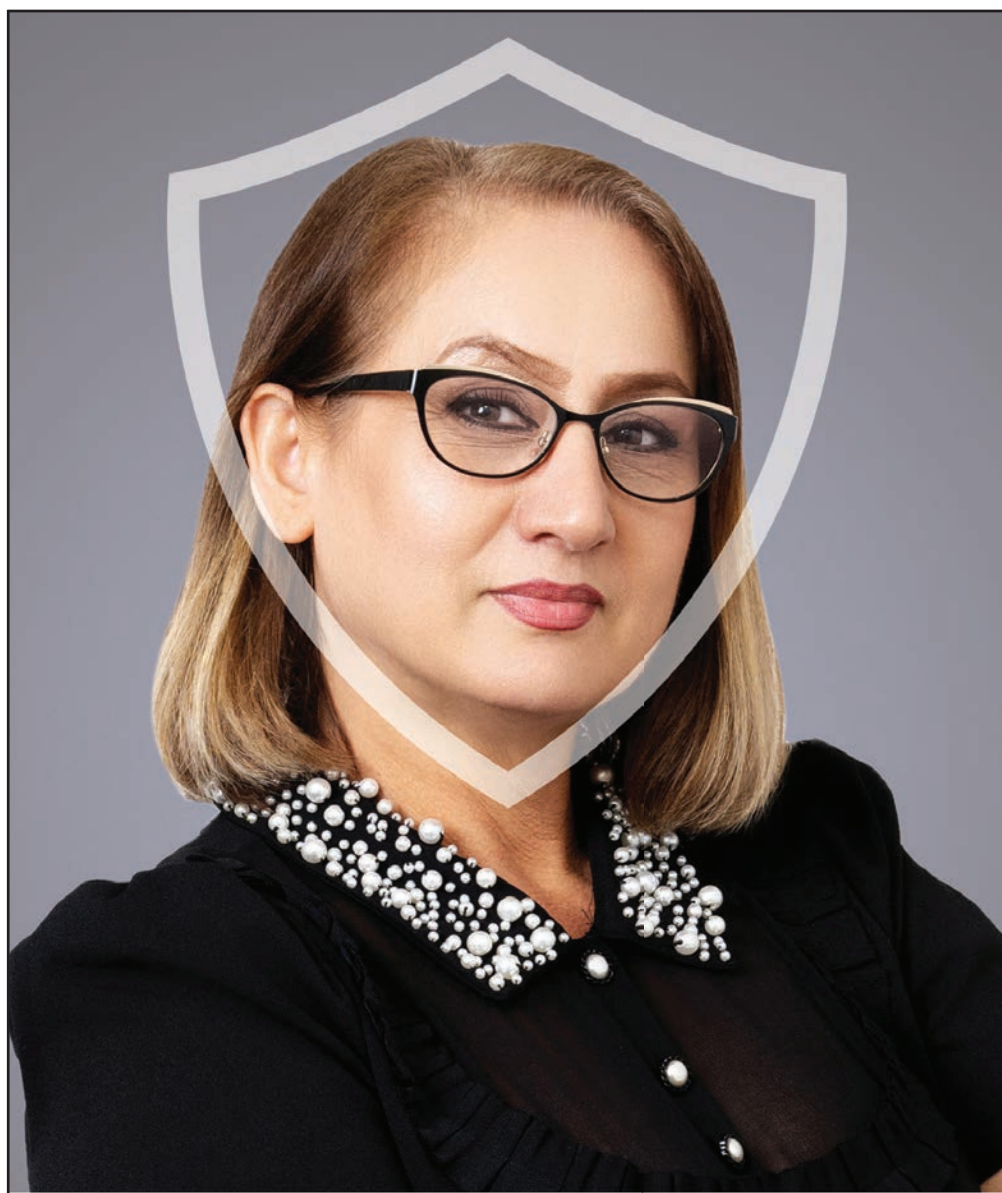

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Festival of Joy held at Lodge

The quarterly Joy-ful Journeys events for special needs kids was held a couple of weeks ago – Saturday, Sept. 20 – at the Wakulla Springs Lodge, and was an opportunity to have fun. Mikhael McCabe tosses rings as other kids dance, play cornhole and other games. (Photo by Linda Ann McDonald)



An additional Public Notice appears on Page 9



Notice of Public Meeting:

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

Persons with a disability needing a special accommodation should contact the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Office at least two (2) days prior to the meeting at (850) 926-0919; Hearing & Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771; or email at ADARquest@mywakulla.com

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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, October 13, 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: TU25-18
Applicant: Aaron Harmon
Proposal: Family Enclave Application
Tax ID Number: 00-00-058-100-10023-000
Existing FLU Map: Urban Fringe (FLUE Policy 1.2.7)
Current Zoning: RSU-1 (Section 5-28, LDC)
FEMA Flood Info: "X" zone on Panel 0250E
Parcel Size: 1.60+/- acres
Location: 60 Jason Street

Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, October 13, 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 ADARquest@mywakulla.com.

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City of Sopchoppy Notice of Public Meeting

The City of Sopchoppy will hold a regular monthly meeting on **Monday, October 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held at City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, FL.

Purpose of Meeting: General Business.

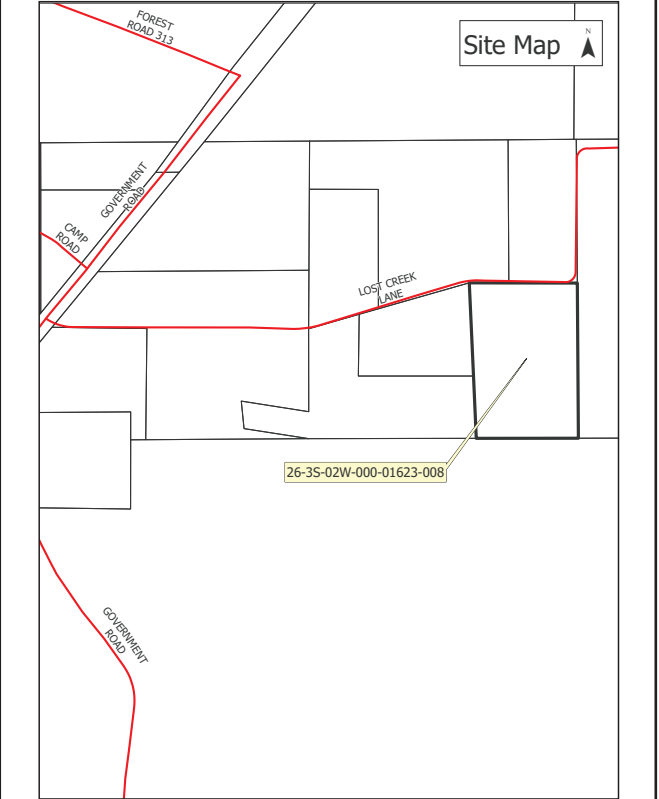
If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is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

Persons with a disability needing a special accommodation should contact the City of Sopchoppy, Administration Office at least two (2) days prior to the meeting at (850) 962-4611.

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1. Application for Conditional Use: CU25-05
Applicant: Nancy Jo Richardson
Proposal: private family cemetery
Tax ID Number: 26-35-02W-000-01623-008
Existing FLU Map: Rural 2 (FLUE Policy 1.2.5)
Current Zoning: RR-5 (Section 5-26, LDC)
FEMA Flood Info: "X" zone on Panel 0225E
Parcel size: 9.25+/- acres
Location: 137 Lost Creek Lane

Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, October 13, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

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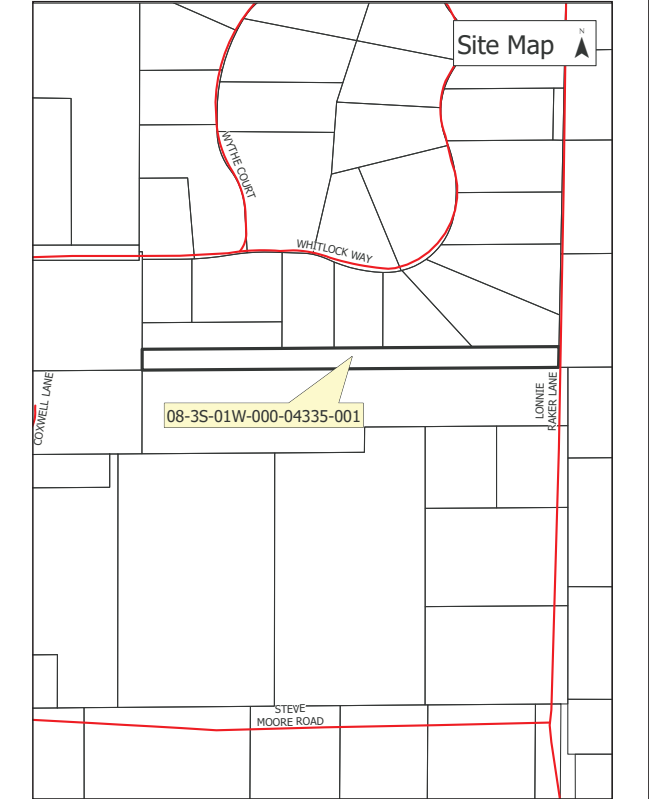
WAKULLA COUNTY STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP (SHIP) ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

The State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Annual Report for Wakulla County is available for public review and comment. Any interested parties that wish to review the report must contact the Wakulla County Planning and Community Development office located in the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Complex at 3093 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, Florida 32327 at (850) 926-3695. Members of the public may submit written comments to the same address. Please include your name, address and interest affected. Any comments received will be submitted to Florida Housing Finance Corporation with the annual report.

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1. Application for Conditional Use: CU25-04
Applicants: Jason S. & Jennifer L. Hoffman
Proposal: private family cemetery
Tax ID Number: 08-35-01W-000-04335-001
Existing FLU Map: Rural 3 (FLUE Policy 1.2.6)
Current Zoning: AG (Section 5-25, LDC)
FEMA Flood Info: "X" & "A" zones on Panel 0250E
Parcel size: 1.25+/- acres
Location: Lonnie Raker Lane

Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, October 13, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

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Opinions

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National Newspaper Week: Local newspapers keep communities strong

By DEAN RIDINGS
America’s Newspapers

Strong communities don’t just happen. They rely on connection – residents knowing what’s going on, businesses reaching the customers who keep them open, and citizens having the facts to make good decisions. Local newspapers provide that connection in ways no other source can.

In today’s fractured media environment, trust is the rarest commodity. Confidence in “the media” is low. Only 18% of Americans say they trust news on social platforms, and fewer than one in four trust cable networks. But nearly two-thirds say they trust their local newspaper—more than double the confidence placed in most other outlets.

In an era when anyone can post anything online, that clarity makes newspapers stand apart.

Newspapers provide the facts that keep civic life running: city budgets, school board debates, and local elections that rarely make national headlines but matter most to daily life. They also highlight the stories that make a community feel connected: high school sports, neighborhood events, new restaurants, and profiles of people who make a difference.

Your local newspapers have evolved to meet readers where they are – on websites, mobile apps, and email newsletters. What hasn’t changed are the standards. Accuracy, ethics, and accountability still guide the work. That combination of modern delivery and traditional integrity is why people continue to turn to their local paper.

The same trust strengthens the local economy. Research shows consumers act on newspaper ads more than on ads delivered by TV, radio, or digital platforms. People see local business advertising as part of the same reliable package as the news. For a small business competing with national chains and online platforms, no other channel delivers the same impact. When residents trust the paper, they trust the businesses that support it.


The absence of a local paper leaves a mark. Voter turnout declines. Fewer residents attend public meetings. Government oversight weakens and borrowing costs rise. Small businesses lose their most effective way to reach local customers. And without a trusted source tying things together, misinformation and partisan spin spread faster, fueling confusion and division.

The opposite is true when newspapers are strong. Residents are better informed, more engaged, and more connected to each other. Businesses grow because they can reach customers in a trusted environment. Communities share a common set of facts that helps debate happen on the issues – not on whether the information is real.

But this role depends on support. Subscriptions, advertising, and community engagement make it possible for newspapers to continue earning the trust that communities depend on. A strong local newspaper doesn’t solve every challenge a town faces, but it makes civic life, local culture, and the local economy all work better. Healthy communities are stronger when their local newspaper is strong. Supporting the paper is one of the most direct ways residents and businesses can invest in their own future.

Dean Riding is executive director of America’s Newspapers, a national trade association representing nearly 1,700 members across the country.

Ask Judge Smith: Finding security in a changing job market



Interview by Anthony Cammarata

Q. Judge Smith, during your time on the bench, have you observed any troubling trends with our youth?

A. Yes. Many children drop out of school. Others skip school or attend but don’t actively learn. Some schools add to the problem by promoting students who cannot read, write, or perform math at their grade level.

Q. What can the State’s courts do to fix this problem?

A. Our juvenile and dependency courts encourage families to manage issues and to make use of available social programs. For example, some kids skip school to avoid embarrassment because they don’t have a change of clothes. Thus, programs that cover basic needs make a difference.

Our juvenile, drug, and mental health courts help kids and parents deal with their issues. The courts encourage minors to learn, enhance their skills, and set goals for themselves. We want kids to think about the future and prepare themselves for gainful employment.

Q. Compare kids with and without an education.

A. Kids who neglect their education often lack purpose and good options. Young adults who lack good and secure jobs usually spend more time in our criminal and family law courts. Conversely, those with a good education get a head start in life.

Q. College costs a fortune! What advice would you give teenagers who are undecided about work and college?

A. We now face the beginning of a new industrial revolution involving artificial intelligence. This sea change will eliminate many rote and white-collar jobs, just as the coming age of robotics will eliminate many manual labor jobs. Both trends will create work too. New prospects will favor those who are adaptable and skilled.

Let’s take one example. Artificial intelligence requires vast amounts of energy. We are building new power plants and upgrading our power grids to meet this demand. One upside of artificial intelligence is that it will create the need for an additional 500,000 electricians.

Teenagers should consider getting vocational training and licensure in trades such as electrical work and plumbing. Doing so will ensure they can earn a good living and minimize the risk that computer software or a machine will replace their jobs.

Some jobs require a college diploma. To hedge their bets, teenagers should consider obtaining a no-frills bachelor’s degree.

Lucky for us, the cost of obtaining a bachelor’s degree from Tallahassee State College is a bargain! Students can work part-time and pay for their degrees over time with little to no debt. Mastering a trade and earning a college degree provides security and options.

The Honorable J. Layne Smith is the Circuit Judge for Wakulla County, Florida, a best-selling author, and a public speaker. He is a graduate of TSC.


Anthony Cammarata is a member of the Florida Bar and an experienced trial lawyer.

On the Horizon


Calendar of events for the week of October 2			
Thursday, October 2			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Rotary Club of Wakulla County meets at the TSC Wakulla Center at 8:30 a.m. on Thursdays.Coastal Optimist Club meets at noon at Myra Jean’s on the first and third Thursdays.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.Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at 54 Ochlockonee St.Gentle Yoga at First Baptist Church, 3086 Crawfordville Hwy., at 11:30 a.m. Chair participants welcome. \$2 donation per class. Bring your mat.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Wakulla War Eagles travel to Fort Walton Beach to take on the Vikings at 7 p.m. CT.Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon & at 8 p.m. every Friday at 54 Ochlockonee St.	
Friday, October 3		Saturday, October 4	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Panacea Community Garden Farmer’s Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Panacea.Poker Run for Jubel, to benefit Big Bend Hospice, leaves Dux at 11:30 a.m. with stops at Salty Donkey in Panacea, Cooter Stew in St. Marks, Hobbit Hoagies on Capital Circle, and then the Wakulla Free Riders clubhouse.	
Sunday, October 5		Monday, October 6	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Blessing of the Animals will be held at Christ Church Anglican, 3383 Coastal Hwy., at 5:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair.	
		Tuesday, October 7	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">County commission meets at 5 p.m. in the commission chambers.The Wakulla Respite Program is available for anyone with memory impairment at no cost from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Ellen Baptist Church every Monday.Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. every Monday at 54 Ochlockonee St.Gentle Yoga and Stretching Class, every Monday, 11 a.m. Wakulla Community Center. Bring a mat. Come early to sign in. Chair Yoga participants welcome. \$2 per class.Line Dancing Class is held at Wakulla	
		Wednesday, October 8	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sopchoppy community dinner is held every week at the Towles House at 6:30 p.m.Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee St.	
		Dance Academy every Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. \$5 per person. Wear dance shoes or tennis shoes	

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LEONARD TARTT

“I would tell my younger self to have more compassion for all people. I am wiser now than I was when I was a kid.”

Wakulla Crossroads

By Verna Brock

September has been a very busy month so far! Not even counting my trip to the Jersey Shore, there have also been writing classes and painting classes, the Blue Crab Festival and parade, football games and soccer trips. This doesn’t begin to scratch the surface of “normal” activities like dental and dermatology check-ups, lunch outings with old friends, Ag classes on pecans and persimmons, and civic meetings! Whew!

October doesn’t appear to be any slower either. Next Sunday is the Wakulla United Methodist Church’s annual Homecoming Sunday. Besides our monthly Communion service and dinner on the grounds, we will celebrate a membership Sunday as sev-

eral new members will be joining the Church. Everyone is invited to join us for this special occasion.

The Woodville U.M.C. is hosting its Second Sunday Sing once again, on Oct. 12th, at 6 p.m.. Always followed by a delicious fellowship supper, the music and fellowship are free and open to the public!

Please keep Karen Zak and her family close in your prayers. Her daughter Ella and her mother Ms. Peddie were involved in a terrible car accident on Monday, Sept. 22nd. Both are recovering from very serious injuries, by the grace of God. At the time of this writing, plans are for Ella to have returned home earlier this week, while Ms. Peddie continues to make progress in the hospital.

If you would like to join a “meal train” to help this family through this very difficult time, your help is welcome. The link to sign up with “Take them a meal” is : <https://takethemameal.com/GWJZ4165>.

Even as life continues at a frenetic pace, we are reminded of how quickly it can all change. When faced with terrifying news, uncertain outcomes and potentially catastrophic loss, our vision narrows down to just the bare necessities. What, where, how do I continue to function? How to hold home and hearth together as events take on a life of their own? In the chaos of disaster and stress, how do we focus on the most important things?

From experience, I have learned it is a matter of forging ahead, one foot after another. But still the mind boggles at the enormity of recovery, reconstruction, and survival. We humans are remarkably resilient, but

there is always a reckoning at some point, once we find ourselves on the other side of healing. I am constantly astonished by the strength and determination shown by our neighbors in times of trouble.

It is inspiring, and can cause us to assume our help and support aren’t needed. Once the crisis is behind us, we often continue to need to assist one another emotionally and spiritually. Let us remain receptive to the needs of others, and help them bear whatever burdens they carry.

Currently, we have been blessed to not face ravaging storms this year, but the remains of damages from previous storms continue to remind us of Nature’s fury. We are reduced to making whatever preparations we can, as we hope and pray for the best. I confess to feeling more than a little bit nervous at the prospect of another storm season. Here’s to a year with no destruction!

Live Like Jared 5K

From Front Page

Causseaux’s first cousin, said the family honored him by running every 5K race that he planned to run that year. That experience led to the first memorial race. The family initially wanted to hold the inaugural event around the time of Causseaux’s Nov. 6 birthday but decided to move it to October to avoid the holidays.

“Last year would have been his 50th birthday, and we wanted to do something to mark that milestone,” Blackburn said. “And that’s where his wife, Allison, suggested doing a 5K and a fun run, something that he enjoyed.”

Last year’s event was held on a 320-acre farm owned by Causseaux’s cousins, Marty and Kelli Causseaux. The 2024 race drew about 120 participants, including 50 family members, Blackburn said.

The race raised money for Samaritan’s Purse, a faith-based nonprofit organization that provides relief to communities impacted by natural disasters, Blackburn said. This year’s race will be held on the same family farm, and proceeds will benefit the Tim Tebow Foundation, which supports anti-human trafficking efforts.

Tim Tebow Foundation Marketing Specialist Christina Revels said proceeds from the memorial race will help pay for services such as rescue operations and care for survivors.

Participants can register for the memorial race on Eventbrite, according to the website. General admission and on-site registration is \$20. Registration includes race entry, a T-shirt and post-race refreshments.

The family committee started organizing earlier in the year and expects more participants, Blackburn said. The 5K is a timed run and awards will be presented to the top three finishers in the men’s, women’s and children’s categories.

The memorial run not only honors Jared’s memory, but Blackburn said it also allows the family to find comfort in fellowship and continue moving forward.

“Things happen for a reason, even when you don’t understand it,” she said. “But that doesn’t mean you quit living.”

Syniah Jennings is a second-year journalism student at Florida A&M University. She is from Atlanta, Georgia.

Unity in the Community addition



The family of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Porter received the Giving Back Award at the recent Unity in the Community event. They were inadvertently left off of the list of awards presented. (Photo special to The Sun)

Hammond completes training

Cutter Bret Hammond completed Basic Training at Fort Benning, Georgia on Sept. 12, 2025. Cutter will remain at Fort Benning for an additional Advance Individual Training through mid-December, prior to receiving orders and shipping out to a new duty station. Cutter is the son of Bret and Rhonda Hammond. (Photo special to The Sun)





Janice Pelt Brown celebrated her 90th birthday with friends and family at the Seineyard at Wildwood on Sept. 21. The party was put on by her sons Lynn and Dondi, daughters Maria and Deborah and granddaughter Marissa. (Photo by Gerald Brown)

HOME ON THE RANGE

The battle of two Sig 365s



By MARJ LAW

Kids are liable to say of something they own: “Mine is better than yours.”

Fortunately, adults grow out of this need to compare with others. We have learned to be secure with choices of our possessions.

Take Joe and me, for example. We each have a couple handguns. We purchased them because we like them. We each like different qualities in handguns, so we buy according to our likes and wants.

For instance, Joe is fond of hammer guns. That’s what he was issued in the Navy long, long ago. He says hammer guns have better triggers than striker-fired guns. He likes to have a manual safety on his gun. That’s what his Navy gun had many decades ago, so that’s what he learned to operate and that’s what he prefers.

I prefer striker-fired handguns. I find their slides easy to manipulate, and the ones I own have perfectly nice, smooth triggers. I don’t want a manual safety. In a case of extreme fear, I don’t want to have

to worry if I’ve pushed the safety lever, or if it should be “up” or “down” to be able to fire.

What’s right for Joe is a hammer gun that has a safety. He learned to pull down the safety lever before firing the gun. That’s how he learned from Master Chief Do-It-The-Right-Way in the Navy.

His preferred gun must have a grip wide enough for his big hand. The trigger must be light and smooth and have absolutely no “crunch” to it. If he has his “druthers,” he wants a flat trigger.

Joe’s gun must hold a lot of rounds, and he must have at very least a couple extra magazines. He prefers a gun with a certain amount of heft. An extra half-pound or so? With his bone structure, carrying a certain amount of weight is no problem.

It’s my belief that in the past couple decades, manufacturers have constructed handguns that are easier to manipulate than the hammer guns. These are striker-fired guns.

In general, striker-fired guns I’ve shot have slides that are easier to rack than those of hammer guns. These guns also have less recoil than many hammer-fired guns. Usually, the first question a person asks of me is: “Does the gun have much recoil?”

Well, most people want a gun that doesn’t have much recoil. Young or old, or somewhere in between, people want a gun that isn’t going to land them on their fannies when they pull

Sig Sauer P365 X-Macro 9mm



Sig Sauer P365 .380

the trigger. My friends and I don’t have a need to prove ourselves. If we plan on owning a gun for defense or for competition, we simply want a handgun that is easy to use.

To me, ease of use means having no manual safety. A manual safety is just one more thing to worry about when Mr. Bad beats down our door. Today, so many guns have built-in safety features that a safety lever seems superfluous. Unnecessary and unwanted. My .380 does have a safety, but I would not have chosen one.

One Christmas, Joe found a package under the tree. It was a striker-fired gun. What do you know, but he loved it? I took him over to the “dark side” of striker-fired guns.

Not all striker-fired

guns are alike. For instance, Joe still wants a manual safety on his striker-fired gun. He’s still picky about the smoothness and lightness of a trigger and he prefers a flat one. He wants a gun that has more weight and a bigger grip than what I like.

Last Wednesday, we visited the Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office range. We’re usually there around 10 a.m. to assist anyone who might need a bit of help. We also compare handguns.

This Wednesday, we are comparing two striker-fired guns: Joe’s Sig Sauer P365 X-Macro 9mm with my Sig Sauer P365 .380. It’s a good thing that we’ve outgrown the “mine is better than yours” syndrome. We are simply comparing.

My .380 is very small:

compact, light and concealable. It has a barrel length of 3.1” and is 4.2” high and 5.8” overall. It weighs 15.7 ounces: perfect for me to carry. This .380 came with 2 10-round magazines and we were able to find a 12-round magazine as well.

Joe’s 9mm is compact, but not so small as my .380. It also has a barrel of 3.1” long and is 5.2” high and 6.6” long overall. The compensated slide makes the barrel seem longer, but the barrel is the same length as the .380’s. The gun weighs 21.5 ounces, which is perfect for Joe to carry. It came with 3 17-round magazines.

We put up 2 targets. Each of us will shoot 4 rounds. We will shoot the .380 on the right-hand target and the 9mm on the left.

Joe shoots my .380 first. Wow! He gets 2 bull’s-eyes right away. And that’s on my handgun! Not right! Then one shot goes wild and the other hits the 7-ring.

He moves over to the left-hand target with his 9mm, and makes a tight grouping of three on the 8 and 9 rings. One shot goes wild.

Next, I shoot my .380 on that right target. Drat. Although all 4 shots hit the target, the holes are scattered and make no tight grouping.

I pick up Joe’s 9mm. Two of the shots hit within the x-ring. Yay! I’m feeling a lot better. The other two shots hit practically on top of each other within the 7-ring.

So, Joe shoots my gun better than his and I shoot his gun better than my own. Go figure.

You’d think that with his flat trigger, larger grip and weightier gun, along with familiarity, that Joe will shoot his 9mm better than he’ll shoot mine.

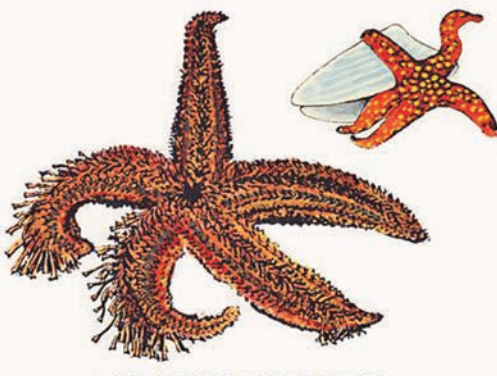
And you’d think that I’ll shoot my .380 better than his 9mm because of the .380’s small grip, light weight and familiarity. But I don’t.

I guess it’s a good thing that we each shoot the other’s gun more accurately than our own.

Otherwise, we might have thought that we had the better gun.

But now we can’t say: “My gun is better than yours.”

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



ORANGE STAR FISH
(*Echinaster spinulosus*)

Commonly called the small spine starfish, very little is known about this bright common starfish except by what we know of starfish in general. In salt water aquaria this starfish scavenges detritus but seldom lives long and is considered delicate and difficult. It the wild it eats oysters in mangrove waters from Florida to Panama

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Karst seminar

From Front Page

Woodville Karst Plain.”

Exploration and Science was explained when Werner discussed the dye traces and sample collections proving several hypotheses true regarding cave connections throughout Wakulla County.

Werner’s evidence-based data presentation shared within the cave system, Chip’s Hole into Turner Sink is now surveyed and is measured at 236, 723 feet, (44.8 miles). If we drained it, I would be as big as Mammoth Cave. Here, freshwater and surface water meet, and you can see it underground. Werner said, “Karst hydrology is very complicated; it is

not easy.”

Werner also shared Lost Creek is connected to Spring Creek and Wakulla Springs. This is proved by dye tracing. It was confirmed twice, once in May 2008 and again in July 2009.

“What Don’t We Know” was a topic discussed at the seminar as food for thought. Werner stated that the specific conduits at Wakulla Springs rises suddenly and then dissipates. Why? What causes this? Is it Spring Creek flowing into Wakulla Springs? Is it from a water source that has been previously identified? Is it related to discharge? What controls it, can it be predict it?”

Other interesting questions included: “Where is



Dr. Chris Werner at WEI.

the connection between Wakulla Springs and Spring Creek? Regarding dye traces, where did the rest of the dye go?

Werner closed his seminar with fact sharing. Fact is where we live is particularly vulnerable, living within the spring shed can impact the springs and over 350,000 people live in the spring shed.

WKPP is the only organization currently allowed to dive some of these caves – which are all on State, Federal, or private land – due to the extreme nature of the systems and the discipline required to safely explore them.

Wakulla Springs Alliance information can be found at wakullaspring-salliance.org.

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WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO



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

Water Ways

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Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon

This past week, we experienced the Fall Equinox. This is an interesting shift for our tides as we are shifting into the cooler months.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) put out the following information. As the moon revolves around the Earth, its angle increases and decreases in relation to the equator. This is known as its declination. The two tidal bulges track the changes in lunar declination, also increasing or decreasing their angles to the equator. Similarly, the sun's relative position to the equator changes over the course of a year as the Earth rotates around it. The sun's declination affects the seasons as well as the tides. During the vernal and autumnal equinoxes – March 21 and Sept. 23, respectively – the sun is at its minimum declination because it is positioned directly above the equator. On June 21 and Dec. 22 – the summer and winter solstices, respectively – the sun is at its maximum declination. The National Weather Service stated that around the equinoxes in spring and fall, when the sun is directly over the equator, the two daily high tides are nearly equal.

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The National Weather Service stated that around the equinoxes in spring and fall, when the sun is directly over the equator, the two daily high tides are nearly equal.

For the rest of the year, one tide is higher than the other. This dominant tide shifts with the seasons:

Warm Season (starting in April): The higher tide occurs in the evening.

Cool Season (starting in October): The higher tide occurs in the morning

This happens because the gravitational pulls of the sun and moon align differently as the Earth's tilt changes relative to the sun.

Read more from the National Weather Service: <https://www.weather.gov/chs/tides>

Thanks to Sherrie, we will always remember safe boating is no accident. Checking the tidal tables before you leave can help you know a good window to launch and return.

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

Thank you, DEP.
December 8, 2011

This journey began several years led by a band of local people with a vision that equal access to our underwater trails would bring greater opportunity to our Wakulla community.

They first organized as a club open to everyone. Their membership soon swelled to 100, many from outside Wakulla County.

Some members channeled their energy into locating and working with land owners of dive sites who were willing to share their sinkholes with others. Access was made safer with erosion reduction steps, large safety gold line mapping the underwater passages, and gate keeper policies.

Others organized site clean-up events when they discovered these dive sites were repeatedly inundated by folks dumping trash to avoid paying landfill fees.

Two years ago a small group of club members began to analyze the local economic impact possible should Wakulla County become an equal access diving destination.

Recently, the Wakulla Springs State Park downsized their staff and turned management of their Lodge over to a private concession because of a number of economic challenges. Discussions with their new Lodge manager revealed his interest to make the Park into an international destination to boost growth. Current restrictions on diving limit his options.

This group found Jackson and Lafayette counties applied equal diving access policies resulting in millions of dollars infused into their economy.

Dr. William Huth documented their success and published papers in peer-reviewed papers.

As a result of this success, people who dive have made these counties diving destinations.

When they lined the two counties up on a map, they realized Wakulla County was right in the middle and that if you include High Springs in Alachua County and Eagle's Nest in Hernando County, a Cave Diver's Trail with hundreds of dive site opportunities became obvious, all but Wakulla County, with equal access gate keeper policies.

Armed with these revelations, presentations were made to the Wakulla Tourist Development Council, Economic Development Board, Optimists Club and this week the Rotary Club to alert Wakulla citizens of the economic losses currently going elsewhere because of dive restrictions at Wakulla Springs State Park.

An assessment of the caves under the control of Wakulla Springs State Park was conducted this past summer by the state Department of Environmental Protection in an effort to understand why their caves were closed to equal access diving policies.

Leaders from the diving community participated on this review committee and made numerous recommendations. All agreed that an equal access gatekeeper diving policy similar to that maintained at Peacock Springs State Park was applicable to Wakulla Springs State Park.

Careful monitoring of the Gem of Cave Diving, the main vent under the diving tower, was also recommended.

I began this column by thanking DEP for their willingness to host a public hearing to permit everyone's input into this very important opportunity. I have been assured that a date in mid-January will be announced this week, the site as yet undetermined.

I know you will have more information as soon as it is released right here in The Wakulla News. I hope to see you there!

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

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Rediscovering our purpose in such a time as this



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

Remember how excited you were when you were seven years old and your birthday was only a week away? How you couldn't wait for your big day? Do you remember dreaming about how great it would be to be an eight-year-old?

Now, decades (for some of us, decades and decades) later, how do you feel about your next birthday? Do you still dream with happy expectations about what your life will be like in the coming year? Or does the heaviness of our time squeeze out your zest for the future?

If it's the latter, can we find our joy again – even in our current circumstances? We can.

Let's begin by remembering that a sovereign, loving, powerful God remains in control.

Then let's rediscover our purpose by asking

God to reveal to us why He has chosen us to live in this moment.

Recall the story of Queen Esther. Her people (the Jews) faced the threat of complete destruction. Esther was hesitant to step in until her uncle Mordecai told her, "If you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14 ESV).

Esther faced two options. She could stand up

for her people and be part of an important mission to save them, or she could let her fear take control, which would doom her and her countrymen. If Esther chose not to act, she'd miss the chance to be used powerfully by God.

My question to each of us is: How shall we live each day, each year, in such a time as this?

Have you asked God why He chose you to live during this time? Have you asked Him how He wants to use you in your current situation?

How would it change our perspective (our excitement about life itself)

if we considered that we were born for this very moment? That God intentionally chose us to be part of His plan, knowing the current events that would unfold?

God is sovereign. He loves each of us deeply. We can trust Him.

Even when we're worried about the future, I pray we'll stay faithful and step up so we don't miss the incredible life He has chosen for us.

Then we can be excited about our next birthday. And dream about how great next year will be.

On an added note: After years of praying and submitting my work to

publishers, Abundance Books wants to publish one of my children's books! To help me reach a goal of acquiring 1,000 contacts, may I add you to my Author's Email List? As one of my contacts, you'll receive occasional updates about my writing journey and future book signings. Please let me know by sending me an email at the address below. Many thanks!

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I 'waked' the sun up for you



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

I remember a certain morning years ago. The day before, I had worked hard making sure everything was in order – the floors cleaned, the laundry folded, fresh sheets on the beds, even new curtains at the windows.

When morning came, I simply lay there, listening out the window to the sounds of nature. My young twins were in the living room, crunch-

ing cereal and watching their favorite morning show.

Then my 3-year-old came walking in. I closed my eyes and pretended to be asleep. "Mommy," she called softly. I kept still, savoring the rest a little longer. Again came that sweet voice, "Mommy." Still, I pretended.

Then she said something I'll never forget. She whispered, "Mommy, I waked the sun up for you." Her little mispronunciation only made it sweeter, a phrase that has stayed with me all these years.

Children often notice what we rush past – the gift of a new day, the wonder that God has already stirred creation awake for us. As the Psalmist says, each day is God's handiwork, and

we are invited to be glad and rejoice in it (Psalm 118:24). It's through this invitation that God calls us into conversation with Him. David reminds us that prayer isn't a single moment; for he prayed morning, noon, and evening, confident that God would hear him (Psalm 55:17).

Daniel also rose early and prayed three times a day, reminding us that our morning devotion isn't the end of our encounter with God – it's only the beginning. A devotion is not enough to carry us through the day. Our Heavenly Father wants to be invited into every moment – our work, our conversations, our decisions, and even our worries.

God didn't just meet Daniel in the quiet

hours. He raised him up in the courts of kings and shut the mouths of lions to protect him (Daniel 6:22). The same God who guarded Daniel guards us today. When we face challenges or uncertainty, He can silence the "lions" of fear, stress, and obstacles that seek to harm or discourage us.

These Old Testament stories remind us of God's faithfulness, but the New Testament shows that walking with Him is meant to continue throughout the day. The Apostle Paul urged believers to pray without ceasing, often interceding for the churches (Colossians 1:9-12). Likewise, Cornelius, a Roman centurion, was a devout man who gave generously to the needy

and prayed continually to the Lord (Acts 10:2).

As we step into the day, we can choose to let the quiet of morning ripple outward into every hour. Even when schedules pull us in a hundred directions, God invites us to pause, breathe, and bring Him into each moment. Like Daniel, David, Paul, and Cornelius, our faith can shape not just the early hours, but every conversation, decision, and challenge. When we intentionally invite the Lord into our day, He calms our hearts, guides our steps, and transforms ordinary moments into beautiful blessings.

What begins in stillness can guide the rest of the day: a whispered prayer at the sink, a pause before a meeting,

or a moment noticing God in the laughter of a child. These simple, intentional acts help us keep our hearts tuned to Him, walking through the hours hand in hand with the One who "waked the sun up" for us.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

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OUT TO PASTOR

Boy, oh boy, what a day it was



By **JAMES SNYDER**

Throughout my years, I have had many crazy days. I guess it's crazy days that develop character. If so, I have a lot of character.

I never had a day quite like last week. Everything seemed to go wrong for me.

When we got up, our electricity was off. It had been off for many hours, and we had a few hours left before it would come back on.

The worst thing was that there was no coffee. How can you start a day without coffee?

In a few hours, the electricity was restored. We both took a deep sigh, thinking that was the worst of the day.

I looked at The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and said, "Well, my dear, at least the day can't get any worse."

Oh, how I wish I had not said that. Because

the day was beginning.

I got into my office, started working and was ready to print, and wouldn't you know it, my printer wasn't working. I thought I ran out of ink, but when I replaced it with new ink, nothing changed. My printer had died on me. I never realized how much I needed a printer until I didn't have one. I had to order a new printer, which would take a couple of days to come.

I sat down in my easy chair to drink some coffee, and The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage needed to run to the grocery store to pick up some items. That left me alone in the house for over an hour.

She no sooner got out the door when the telephone rang. I'm not too quick at answering telephone calls because most of them are scams. However, this call came in four times, so I thought it might be someone I knew, and I answered it.

The person on the phone asked me my name, and I told him my name, and then he said that my daughter was in an automobile accident, had broken her nose, and was in the hospital. He told

me I need to talk to her attorney to work out the details of her bail money.

He gave me the name and number of the attorney, so I called him.

Before I called him, I thought I should call my daughter to see if these things are true. I'm a skeptic, and I like to verify what I'm hearing to ensure it's the truth. She didn't answer her phone. That caused me to worry because she never does that.

I called her attorney, and he explained the situation to me. It seems, and they have video proof, that my daughter ran a stoplight and hit an oncoming car. There was a lady in the car who was pregnant and had broken her collarbone. My daughter broke her nose.

I was pretty alarmed.

Then he explained to me that my daughter needed \$6,000 bail money to get her out of jail today. It had to be taken care of within an hour, or they couldn't do it until the next day.

I told him I didn't have enough money for that, I only had at best \$2,500. He said, "Well, I will check with

the court to see if they'll go with that. Give me a call back as soon as you can."

I hung up the phone and then called my wife, but she didn't answer. I called my other daughter, and she replied, telling me that it was probably a scam.

I called the attorney back and told him I could only come up with the \$2,500. He said if I met him within an hour at Winn-Dixie, he could take care of the process there. I wouldn't have to go down to the jail.

I hung up my phone, and who was calling? You're right. It was my daughter who was supposed to be in jail.

We had an interesting conversation. She had not been out of her house all day. In fact, the reason she didn't answer the phone was that it was being charged. Incidentally, she's in the firefighters department, which was a little curious to me that "her attorney" didn't know that.

I decided to call the Sheriff's Department to obtain information about this and find out where my daughter was being held in jail. After an interesting conver-

sation with the Sheriff's Department, they informed me that this was a scam and was happening all the time in our county.

There was nothing I could do about it because no money had exchanged hands, so I was powerless.

I decided to call my daughter's attorney. He answered the phone. I said, "I just want to thank you for getting my daughter out of jail. I appreciate that so very much."

He answered and said, "I'm glad I could help."

Then, before hanging up, I said, "By the way, my daughter was never in jail." When I said that, he hung up very quickly.

As I hung up the phone I thought of a Bible verse. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are

able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13).

No matter how difficult my day, God's faithfulness is more than enough.

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Obituaries

DEATH NOTICES

• **Junior Lee Cospor**, 83, of Alligator Point, died September 23, 2025.

• **Polly Ann Nichols**, 75, of Crawfordville, passed away September 28, 2025.

• **Annette Willis**, 77, of Tallahassee, passed away September 24, 2025.

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

Church Briefs

• **New worship service at Seafarers’ Chapel in Shell Point**

A “contemporary” church service will be held at 11 a.m. every Sunday at the Seafarers’ Chapel at Shell Point, 1557 Shell

Point Road, beginning immediately for all who may be interested. The current 9:30 a.m. service will continue to be offered. Children’s church services will be held at 9:30 am and 11:00 am for those who are too young to participate in the regular services. We look forward to seeing you and worshipping with you.

Sheriff’s Report

This report is for activity September 19th to 26th. There were 1,208 total calls for service during the week.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

• Deputy Jeremiah Post responded to Mash-es Sands Road where a citizen located a keyfob. The keyfob was placed into property and evidence for safekeeping.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

• Deputy Jeremiah Post responded to the front lobby reference a fraud call. A citizen advised that the day before she received a message from Norton LifeLock that she paid an invoice of \$445. She called the phone number on the invoice who transferred her to the “fraud” department. The “fraud” department then advised her to go to Walgreens to purchase Sephora gift cards. Carolyn is out multiple thousands of dollars. Case forwarded to Criminal Investigation Division.

• Deputy Zachary Godwin responded to the front lobby reference a citizen reporting her iPhone stolen. She advised she received a notification it was delivered on Sept. 17 at her residence but when she went to receive it only the shipping box was left. She just needed a report for documentation purposed.

• Deputy Godwin responded to Mound Street reference large amount of wood stolen. A citizen advised approximately \$11,000 worth of lumber was stolen between Sept. 13 and 19. Case forwarded to CID

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

• Lt. Anthony Paul

responded to Frank Smith Road in reference to a possible theft in progress. Upon arrival, contact was made with several individuals, one being a white male who identified himself. It was determined this individual provided a false name to law enforcement. He was then identified by his real name, and had active warrants out of Jackson County. He was placed under arrest for the warrants and providing a false name.

• Deputy Dylan Buckhalt conducted a traffic stop for faulty equipment. Upon contact with the vehicle, the rear passenger began reaching around in the vehicle erratically. Deputy Buckhalt requested the rear passenger exit the vehicle and he refused several lawful commands. Buckhalt detained the passenger and then made contact with the driver. The driver was subsequently placed under arrest for driving while license suspended or revoked (DWLSR) and the passenger was arrested for Obstruction.

• Deputy Zachary Godwin responded reference a citizen reporting a white vehicle that was swerving all over the road and the driver was screaming at the passenger. The reporting person advised she saw the driver strike the passenger. The vehicle was unable to be located but possible suspect/victim have been identified. Case forwarded to CID.

MONDAY, SEPT. 22

• Deputy Kory Smith responded to Wainscott Circle in reference to a fraud complaint. Contact was made with the reporting person who advised she attempted

to purchase a dog online via Facebook. She advised she made a \$200 deposit to “Doxie Den” for the purchase of a Dachshund. She was contacted from an unknown number on today requesting she send an additional \$500 deposit for the delivery of the dog. Once she sent the final deposit via Apple Pay, she was no longer able to make contact with the potential seller. She is currently out of a total of \$700. Case forwarded to CID.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 23

• A citizen reported being bitten by one of his dogs. During the investigation, it was discovered that he had attempted to break up a fight between the animals and had been bitten on the left ankle/foot area. While speaking with the citizen, he was being treated by EMS and was eventually transported to the hospital to receive further care. He advised the dogs were typically friendly and did not want Animal Control to respond due to this incident being accidental.

• Deputy Dustin Saba conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area Laurel Lane and Old Woodville Highway.

Contact was made with the driver whose license was confirmed suspended at the time of the traffic stop. Subsequently, the driver was placed under arrest for DWLSR and transported to the Wakulla County Jail without incident.

• Deputy Dustin Saba conducted a traffic stop on a Honda Civic in the 800 block of Woodville Hwy. Contact was made with the driver, who was pulled over and issued a warning for a suspended license on Aug. 11 in the same vehicle. Subsequently, the driver was placed under arrest for DWLSR and transported to the Wakulla County Jail without incident.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24

• Deputy Lewis Marshall conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for failing to stop at a stop sign. During the investigation, the driver admitted to not having a valid license for several years. The driver was subsequently placed under arrest and transported to the county jail without incident.

• A citizen reported the keys to his vehicle were missing. While speaking with the reporting person, he advised he believed the keys were stolen by his tenants.

He advised he had the keys this morning but then they went missing when his tenants left the residence. Two suspects have been identified in this incident.

• A citizen reported his boat had caught fire. The boat is a 18-foot Sea Pro and was deemed a total loss.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25

• A traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle for stolen tag displayed out of Leon County. The driver stated he had purchased the vehicle from his friend who owns a small car lot in Tallahassee. It was further learned his friend and business partner were having troubles and he was unaware tag was reported stolen. LCSO removed the tag from NCIC/FCIC as stolen and was turned over to DHSMV. The driver had

no idea the tag was entered as stolen and was released from the scene.


FRIDAY, SEPT. 26

• Deputy Jackson Kittrell responded to Shadeville Road in reference to a criminal mischief complaint. Contact was made with the job site superintendent who advised he was informed of possible damages to one of their properties from a contractor on site. Upon arrival, spilled paint was located and multiple cabinet drawers appeared to be damaged. The damages totaled \$650. There were no witnesses to the incident and no suspects at this time. Case forwarded to CID

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The Wakulla County School Board **will receive sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. local time on OCTOBER 24, 2025.** Bids received after this time will not be accepted. All qualified bidders are invited to attend the Bid Opening; Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at the following location:

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Chief of Facilities and Maintenance
Wakulla County School Board
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3. (Address of Bidder)
4. (City, State, Zip Code)

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USE THE NEWS

1. AMELIA EARTHART FILES TO BE UNSEALED

President Trump has announced that the government will release secret files about Amelia Earhart, a famous pilot who disappeared nearly 90 years ago. Earhart was trying to become the first woman to fly all the way around the world when her plane vanished over the Pacific Ocean in 1937. Most experts believe she ran out of gas and crashed into the sea, but people have wondered for decades if something else happened. The government spent \$4 million searching for her, the most ever at that time, but no one ever found her or her plane. Historians are excited that new documents might tell us more about Earhart’s final flight and remind us of her brave accomplishments in aviation. Using resources in your classroom or the internet, look up Amelia Earhart’s accomplishments and disappearance. Write 3–4 sentences comparing Amelia Earhart to another explorer or adventurer you’ve learned about (like astronauts, mountain climbers, or sea explorers). How were their journeys similar? How were they different?

2. DAIRY MYTHS UNWRAPPED

Many people in the United States love milk, cheese, yogurt, and ice cream, but experts say there are a lot of myths about dairy. Some people think milk is the only way to get strong bones, but you can get calcium and other nutrients from foods like fish and leafy greens too. Others believe low-fat dairy is always better, but scientists say either low-fat or whole milk can be healthy depending on your needs. Plant milks, like almond or oat milk, aren’t always more nutritious than cow’s milk because they can have less protein or added sugar. People with lactose intolerance don’t always have to avoid dairy – they can choose lactose-free products or eat foods like hard cheese or yogurt that are easier to digest. Finally, raw milk

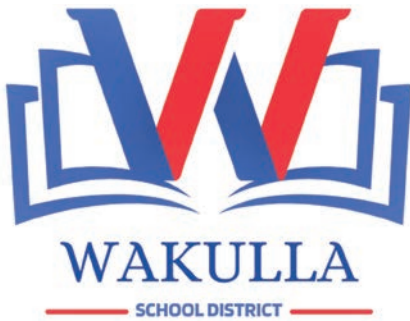
may sound healthy, but it can carry dangerous germs, so pasteurized milk is much safer. Create a colorful poster for your school cafeteria that busts one of the dairy myths you read about. In one sentence, write the myth at the top. Underneath, write one or two sentences showing the real truth. Add a drawing of a food that matches your myth.

3. NEW SATELLITES TO WATCH THE SUN

Three new satellites blasted off from Florida to study the sun and its powerful storms. Solar storms can cause beautiful lights in the sky, called auroras, but

they can also interfere with radios, satellites, and even put astronauts in danger. NASA and NOAA worked together to launch the satellites on the same rocket, which saved money like a “cosmic carpool.” One satellite will study the edge of our solar system, another will watch Earth’s glowing outer atmosphere, and a third will keep track of the sun’s solar wind. These new tools will help scientists give warnings before dangerous solar storms, which will help protect astronauts and people on Earth. Pretend you are a weather reporter giving a forecast, but instead of Earth’s weather, you’re reporting on the sun.

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Write 3–4 sentences about what your satellites are watching and why it matters for people and astronauts.

4. ANCIENT SPEAR-THROWING TOOL MAKES A COMEBACK

In Vermont, people gathered recently to take part in the Northeast Open Atlatl Championship. An atlatl is an ancient tool humans invented thousands of years ago to throw spears farther and faster. Long ago, hunters used atlatls to hunt giant animals like woolly mammoths. Today, fans of history and archaeology use them for fun and to learn what life was like in the past. At the competition, people of all ages practiced

throwing darts with atlatls, aiming for targets and testing their distance. Some throws can reach more than 800 feet! For many, the event is both a sport and a way to connect with history. Write 3–4 sentences making a timeline of how the atlatl was used: first by ancient hunters, then rediscovered by archaeologists, and now used in fun competitions. Draw a picture of what an atlatl might look like in each stage of history.

5. NEW ZEALAND FALCON WINS BIRD OF THE YEAR

Every year, people in New Zealand vote for their favorite native bird in a special contest called Bird of the Year. This year’s winner was the karearea, or

New Zealand falcon, a fast and powerful bird that can swoop at over 120 miles per hour! The falcon is special but also threatened because it can lose its forest home or get hurt on power lines. The contest is fun, with people making posters, costumes, and even silly jokes to support their favorite birds. But it also has a serious purpose – to remind people that many of New Zealand’s birds are in danger and need protection. Choose one of New Zealand’s birds (it could be the falcon or another bird you like). Write 2–3 sentences explaining why people should vote for your bird in the contest. Then, draw a colorful campaign poster to go with your message.



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Solution

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

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Answer: Range of motion

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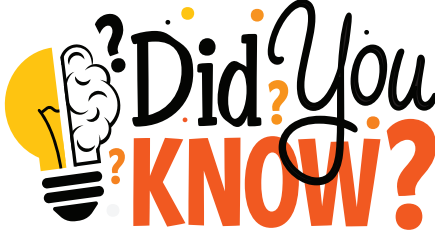
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TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 040

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number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the
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Certificate #: 624 Date of Issuance: June 1, 2022

Parcel #: 00-00-005-000-06246-000

Description of Property:
Lot 5 HS p-14-m-3
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DB 26 P 146

Name in which assessed B&R HAWKINS/ JQ MCPHERSON C/O
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September 5, 2025

Signature: Greg James, Clerk

By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk

Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida

Published on September 11, 18, 25, October 2, 2025

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CASE NO.: 25DR304

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dress is **2731 BLAIRSTONE RD L128 TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301** on
or before **10/13/2025** and file the original with the clerk of this Court
at 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HWY CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327 before
service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a
default may be entered against you for t-he relief demanded in the
petition.**


Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are
available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review
these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of
your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mail-
ing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family
Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or
e-mailed to the address(es) on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure,
requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and informa-
tion. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal
or striking of pleadings.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this **Sept. 8, 2025.**

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Greg James
As Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: **/s/ Cathi Copeland**
As Deputy Clerk

Published September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 2025

NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MIDFIRST BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MARIAH LEE HAYNE VERNON F/K/A MARIAH LEEHAYNE REVELL
A/K/A MARIAH REVELL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARIAH LEE HAYNE
VERNON F/K/A MARIAH LEEHAYNE REVELL A/K/A MARIAH REVELL;
CYNTHIA LEE WHITE A/K/A CYNTHIA WHITE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
CYNTHIA LEE WHITE A/K/A CYNTHIA WHITE; UNKNOWN TENANT 1;
UNKNOWN TENANT 2; CMH HOMES, INC. D/B/A CLAYTON HOMES,
Defendant(s).

Case #: 24000042CAAXMX

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure
entered on September 16, 2025, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Wakulla
County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Wakulla County,
Florida, described as:

LOT 14, BULL SINK SUBDIVISION, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF
RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 21, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME, SERIAL #CAP038807TNAB.


a/k/a 59 SINK DR, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327-3577

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the front lobby
of the Wakulla County Courthouse located at 3056 Crawfordville Highway,
Crawfordville, FL 32327, on **October 23, 2025** beginning at 11:00 AM.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than
the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before
the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.

DATED THIS 22ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025.

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Greg James
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Wakulla County, Florida
By: **/s/ Rachel Howard**
As Deputy Clerk

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Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327-0337, 850-
926-0905 telephone, within two working days of your receipt of this notice; if you
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8770.

Oct. 2, 9, 2025

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

APEX LAND HOLDINGS, LLC, a Utah limited liability company, as Trustee of the Florida No. 174 Land Trust,
and
NICHOLAS LOUIS BRINO, JR. and
KIMBERLY BRINO,
Defendant(s).

Case #: 25-CC-50

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure
entered on August 25, 2025 in Case No. 25-CC-50 in the County Court of
the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida wherein APEX
LAND HOLDINGS, LLC, a Utah limited liability company, as Trustee of the
Florida No. 174 Land Trust is the Plaintiff and NICHOLAS LOUIS BRINO
and KIMBERLY BRINO are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell
to the highest bidder for cash at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville,
FL 32327 on October 2, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. the following described real
property:

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SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE
DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM NO LATER THAN
THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED.

ATTORNEY/COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF:

/s/ Vestalia Aylsworth
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Greg James
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Wakulla County, Florida
By: **/s/ Ethan Brown**
As Deputy Clerk

Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 2025



NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE 2nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MARYLYNN M. HARPER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARYLYNN M. HARPER; BENNIE MAE MILLER; and UNKNOWN TENANT,
Defendant(s).

Case #: 2025-CA-000057

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment dated September 11, 2025, entered in Case No. 2025-CA-000057 of the Circuit Court in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein **MARYLYNN M. HARPER, BENNIE MAE MILLER, and UNKNOWN TENANT n/k/a Mike** are the Defendants, that **Greg James**, the Clerk of Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in person at at the Wakulla County Courthouse on the first floor in lobby at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, on **November 13, 2025 at 11:00 AM**, the following described real property as set forth in the Final Judgment:

Legal: BEGIN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND CONVEYED TO C. K. GREEN BY JOHN C. HODGE BY DEED DATED NOVEMBER 29, 1941 AND RECORDED CN PAGE 10 OF DEED BOOK 26 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN WEST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID TRACT OF LAND THE DISTANCE OF 50 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH PARALLEL WITH THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID TRACT OF LAND THE DISTANCE OF 300 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 319 (OLD STATE ROAD NO. 10), THENCE RUN EAST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SAID U.S. #319 THE DISTANCE OF 50 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TRACT OF LAND, THENCE RUN NORTH ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID TRACT OF LAND 300 FEET, MORE OR LESS 10 THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4) OF SECTION FOUR (4), TOWNSHIP FIVE (5) SOUTH, RANGE TWO (2) WEST.

TOGETHER WITH A 1999 HOMES OF MERIT 28x48 MANUFACTURED HOME BEARING VIN/SERIAL NOS: DCA M763-D1409B.

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DATED THIS 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025.



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Greg James
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Wakulla County, Florida
By: /s/ **Rachel Howard**
As Deputy Clerk

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- CLUES ACROSS
- 1. Native American people of CA
 - 5. Long periods of time (Brit.)
 - 10. Classroom tool
 - 12. Rods
 - 14. One who renews
 - 16. They start the alphabet
 - 18. Periodical (slang)
 - 19. Smooth singer Cole
 - 20. Dorsal sclerites in insects
 - 22. One from Utah
 - 23. The world of the dead
 - 25. Singer Redding
 - 26. Mafia head
 - 27. Wrongly
 - 28. Unhappy
 - 30. Anger
 - 31. Dark olive black
 - 33. Places to sit and eat
 - 35. Made a mistake
 - 37. Damp
 - 38. Banned fuel type
 - 40. Actor Damon
 - 41. What thespians do
 - 42. A polite address for a woman
 - 44. Disallow
 - 45. Swiss river
 - 48. A banana has one
 - 50. Afrikaans
 - 52. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
 - 53. Agave
 - 55. Journalist Tarbell
 - 56. One-time tech leader
 - 57. Incidentally (abbr.)
 - 58. Intestinal bacterium
 - 63. Loose sheats around the spinal cord
 - 65. Accompanies nook
 - 66. Vogue
 - 67. Highly excited
- CLUES DOWN
- 1. Witch
 - 2. Utilize
 - 3. Writing utensil
 - 4. Where rockers work
 - 5. Becomes less intense
 - 6. Consume
 - 7. Type of catfish

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FALL DAYS

WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

ACORN
APPLE
AUTUMN
BONFIRE
CIDER
CINNAMON
CORNUCOPIA
CRISP
FALL
FOLIAGE
GOURD
HARVEST
HAYRIDE
HEARTH
LEAVES
MAPLE
PUMPKIN
SCARECROW
SPICE
SWEATER
THANKSGIVING

- 8. “Horsetown, U.S.A.”
- 9. Atomic #50
- 10. The Muse of lyric poetry
- 11. Brings back to life
- 13. Humorous critiques
- 15. Cool!
- 17. Worst
- 18. Wet dirt
- 21. Useful
- 23. Hebrew unit of liquid capacity
- 24. High schoolers’ test
- 27. Internet device
- 29. City in India
- 32. A place to rest
- 34. Chat responder
- 35. A way to move on
- 36. What consumers are given
- 39. Digital audiotape
- 40. More (Spanish)
- 43. Disfigured
- 44. White (Spanish)
- 46. Church building
- 47. Georgia rockers
- 49. Surgeon’s tool
- 51. “Much __ about nothing”
- 54. Make by braiding
- 59. Local area network
- 60. Unit of work
- 61. Indigenous person of Thailand
- 62. Liquefied natural gas
- 64. Distance to top

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	8	2			1	7		
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	5	4		3		9		7
8	1		2	9			5	4

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4	9	9	7	6	2	8	1	8
7	2	6	8	8	1	4	5	9
8	1	8	4	5	9	7	2	6
9	9	7	1	4	6	2	8	8
1	6	8	2	7	8	9	9	4
2	8	4	8	9	1	6	7	
9	4	2	6	1	8	8	7	9
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6	7	1	8	5	4	8	3	2

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	2	8	4	8	9	1	6	7	
	9	4	2	6	1	8	8	7	9
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Next game:

On Friday, Oct. 3

The War Eagles travel to Fort Walton Beach to take on the Vikings at 7 p.m.



War Eagles beat Suwannee, 30-23

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

The Wakulla War Eagles got themselves where they want to be: a winning record and a win over district rival Suwannee.

The War Eagles are 3-2 and 1-0 in the district with Friday night’s 30-23 win over the Bulldogs.

“It was really special how they fought,” said Head Coach Scott Klees of the win. “The hard work is paying off and every single game they’re giving it everything they’ve got.”

Late in the game, after Suwannee took the lead 23-22, the War Eagles came right back with a touchdown and 2-point conversion to regain the lead, 30-23.

While the Bulldogs didn’t give up, it seemed their confidence was sapped.

The victory was sealed with a Jarrell Washington interception at the end of the game, and the War Eagles ran out the clock.

At the same time, the War Eagles are facing a spate of injuries: kicker Logan Smith pulled a quad and couldn’t play, meaning the War Eagles had to go for 2 after every touchdown. Defensive back Bryce Manning was out for the whole second half; and running



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War Eagle running back Jeremiah Washington goes in for the touchdown.

back and receiver Jordan Barnes who has had big games all season long, was hobbled with a sore ankle that was all taped up in the second half, and yet he still played and scored.

“We’ll have to see how those guys are on Monday,” Klees said.

Quarterback Owen Klees was named MVP for the game: He earned it on the ground and in the air. He rushed 12 times for 90 yards and a touchdown; and completed 16 of 21 passes for 251 yards.

Offensive Player of the Week was running back Jeremiah

Washington who had 14 carries for 63 yards and a touchdown.

Defensive Player of the Week was linebacker Derek Davis with 13 tackles.

And Special Team Player of the Week was Jarrell Randolph who had three tackles

on special teams; two tackles on defense plus two interceptions; and 5 catches for 82 yards on offense. He had an all-around good game.

UP NEXT: FORT WALTON BEACH VIKINGS

Fort Walton Beach is 1-5 on the season, but Klees warned “They’ve played a tough schedule.”

The Vikings are extremely good on defense and special teams, Klees said, and the offense is physical – they can throw and run it.

“We have to be sharp, we have to stay focused,” he said. The Viking defense has kept opponents under 20 points.

Problems with staying focused include the 3-hour ride over there.

And the additional problem that this is a potential trap game where the team potentially looks past the Vikings and to the following week when the War Eagles play district rival Godby.

Godby is 2-0 in the district with victories over Suwannee and Baker County.

But Klees is warning that the War Eagles need the win against Fort Walton Beach for the power rankings.

He also noted that injuries have taken a toll on his team, and they’re in a “next man up” mentality.

GAME STATS

COACH'S CORNER

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FROM THE COACH
Last week: Big district win over Suwannee. Hard work paying off, guys giving it everything they’ve got.
Scouting: Fort Walton Beach have played tough schedule. Need the win for power ranking.
Key to victory: War Eagles have to stay focused. It’s a potential trap game if the team looks past this week to next week’s big showdown with Godby. And have to stay healthy.

COACH Scott Klees



War Eagle quarterback Owen Klees running the ball. He had 12 carries for 90 yards, a touchdown and 2-point conversion in the game. He also passed for 251 yards.

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