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One Section





Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Friday

Thursday Sunny

Sunrise 7:40 AM Sunset 7:05 PM

Mostly Sunny Hi: 85° Lo: 62° ♦7% Hi: **83°** Lo: **64° 6**%

Sunrise 7:41 AM Sunset 7:04 PM

Sunny

Saturday

Hi: 83° Lo: 69° \$20% Sunrise 7:42 AM Sunset 7:03 PM

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Missing woman found

Ellen Ashdown, missing for two days, is found by search party

Special to The Sun

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office invited citizens to join in a search party on Friday morning to look for Ellen Ashdown, 80, who had been missing for two days.

More than 60 citizens turned up to help and within hours, Ashdown was found in the woods.

According to the sheriff's office, "Ellen was ultimately found in a densely wooded area off Northwood Road, near C.J. Spears Road, after showing incredible strength and fortitude throughout this ordeal."

Ashdown was known



A screenshot, above, from video from the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office showing Ashdown, center, being led out of the woods by Detective Scott Delbeato and Major Eddie Wester on Friday.



Ellen Ashdown

in her neighborhood for taking long walks.

The sheriff's office expressed gratitude to

the volunteers, partner agencies, and community members who gave their time, energy, and support to help bring Ms. Ellen safely home.

JUSTICE FOR JODY AFTER 11 YEARS

Vigil held last week

It's been 11 years since Jody Kilgore's body was found stabbed to death in his driveway - Oct. 6, 2014. There still has been no arrest in his murder. His mom, Gladys Kilgore continues to hold vigils to seek 'Justice for Jody' and held an event at the courthouse on Monday, Oct. 6.

Wakulla Sheriff Jared Miller continues to pursue evidence in the case, noting that his office has spent tens of thousands of dollars over the past few years to test samples hoping to develop a case. The Kilgore family were joined by the family of Ian Rogers, a missing Crawfordville man last seen on Aug. 26, 2024 driving a white work truck. The truck was spotted at Tom Brown Park but never seen again. (Photo by Neil Hostnick)

Two in critical condition in separate crashes

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN

Editor

There were two crashes last Tuesday, Oct. 7, hours apart, that resulted in critical injuries to people.

The first crash was around 1:25 p.m. near Hudson Park on U.S. Highway 319 when a pedestrian walking along the highway reportedly stepped out in front of a box truck and was hit.

The pedestrian, a 59-year-old Crawfordville man, was transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital in critical condition.

The southbound lane of 319 was diverted around Hudson Park for several hours while first responders were on scene.

Later, around 4 p.m., an SUV on Shadeville Highway veered off the road and overturned, striking a concrete church sign and several trees.

The driver, a 25-year-old man, wasn't wearing a seatbelt, and was airlifted to TMH in critical condition.

An 11-month old baby in a car seat inside the SUV was ejected from the vehicle onto the shoulder. The baby was transported by ambulance to TMH with minor injuries.

The crash shut down Shadeville Highway for several hours.

Commissioners change meeting time to 6 p.m.

Staff Report

In an effort to make meetings more accessible to the public, county commissioners voted 4-1 to change the time of their regular meetings to 6 p.m.

The change will take effect at the commission meeting on Nov. 3.

Commissioner Valerie Russell brought up the proposed change for meeting time, saying it was too difficult for people who work in Tallahassee to make it to meetings that start at 5 p.m.

Commissioner Josh Lawhon answered that people could make it to meetings with issues they were concerned about, and pointed to the meeting for the proposed gas station at Bloxham Cutoff that was over an underground tunnel that connects to Wakulla Springs - hundreds of people showed up for that meeting in 2023.

County Administrator David Edwards noted that past boards had tried different meeting times, but ultimately there was no difference in attendance.

The vote to change the meeting time was 4-1, with commissoners Russell, Lawhon, Fred Nichols and Ralph Thomas voting for, and Commissioner Quincee Messersmith voting against.

Judge recuses from one case, denies for other

Transcript shows Wakulla Circuit Judge Layne Smith grew frustrated with attorneys in a civil case; the lawyers ask he be recused from all their cases – including felony trial of former Commissioner Mike Kemp

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN Editor

Two attorneys have asked that Wakulla Circuit Judge Layne Smith recuse himself from all their cases after the judge became frustrated in a civil hearing and made some intemperate remarks.

Attorneys David Kemp of Crawfordville and Stephen Webster of Tallahassee filed a motion for Judge Smith to recuse himself from the civil case, claiming his courtroom comments back on Sept. 23 showed bias towards them.

The civil cases deal with a series of probate cases with Lowell Raker Jr., represented by Kemp and Webster, suing Linda Vause, a countersuit by Vause against Raker, and the estate of Janie Glover Raker.

At the hearing on Sept. 23, Vause was ordered to attend the hearing or be held in contempt, but it turned out that she had not been served with the notice to appear.

Judge Smith told the three attorneys, Kemp and Webster for Raker, and the attorney for Vause: "Because if there's not (service of the order), I would like to tell the deputy to pull his gun and shoot all three of you, as far as my level of frustration," the transcript shows





Wakulla Circuit Judge Layne Smith, left, has been asked to recuse himself from cases with attorneys David Kemp and Stephen Webster, which would include the high-profile felony case of former Commissioner Mike Kemp, right.

Judge Smith saying. "I really don't want him to do that. But, guys, for crying out loud, what is this, the Keystone Cops, just not very funny?"

Kemp and Webster filed a lengthy motion on Oct. 1 requesting the judge be recused, saying those comments and others showed "judicial intempterance to the point of being abusive to counsel."

The next day, Oct. 2, the judge subsequently recused himself on the court's own motion.

The next week, at felo-

ny court on Oct. 9, Kemp appeared before Judge Smith and indicated he and Webster were seeking Smith's recusal from all cases the two attorneys have before him - which would include the high profile criminal case of former County Commissioner Mike Kemp, no relation to David Kemp.

Judge Smith seemed to indicate that he would consider it at the hearing on the felony docket..

A motion was filed by Kemp that same day to disqualify Judge Smith, and Judge Smith denied

At the civil hearing back in September, Judge Smith warned that perhaps emotions

were high between the clients and the attorneys in the case. "For crying out loud, fellas, are we aggravated enough with one another to the point where common sense is just I don't care?... You all no longer can have a rational common sense approach to this because of aggravation with each other and your clients."

The Raker and Vause case had been set to go to trial on Oct. 10, but is postponed.

Mike Kemp is set to go to trial in early 2026 on felony charges of using a public record to harass, and tampering with a witness. Mike Kemp is represented by

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Wakulla County Tax Collector

The Florida Breast Cancer Foundation

(FBCF) was founded by 3 Miami women in 1993. Originally named The South Florida Breast Cancer Coalition, the organization began as a nonprofit, grassroots organization dedicated to ending breast cancer through advocacy, education, and research. With the introduction of the specialty End Breast Cancer license plate in 2002, a second organization was formed the Florida Breast Cancer Coalition Research Foundation created to receive the funds from the sale of the plate. A few years later our official name changed to the Florida Breast Cancer Foundation, but our mission and vision remains the same.

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Student of the Week

Makayla Jackson - 11th grader at Wakulla High School

Principal: Michele Falk.

Achievements/Reason for Nomination: We are proud to nominate Makayla Jackson as Wakulla High School's Student of the Week. Makayla is an outstanding member of our school community, demonstrating dedication, kindness, and resilience every day.

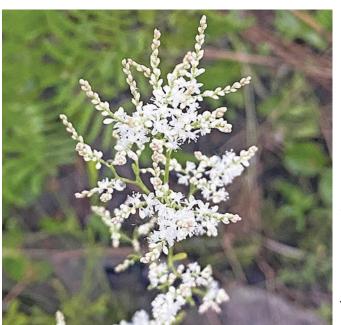
As a member of the yearbook staff, Makayla consistently shows her creativity and teamwork skills. She is always willing to lend a helping hand, whether it's assisting classmates or contributing her ideas to make the yearbook the best it can be. Her positive attitude and caring nature make her a role model for

Makayla also advocates for herself and has shown remarkable strength in overcoming academic challenges. Her determination to succeed and her willingness to seek help when needed exemplify her strong character and commitment to personal growth. Beyond academics and extracurriculars, Makayla's caring and friendly personality make her a valued friend and student. She genuinely cares about others and always strives to make Wakulla High School a better place.

Congratulations, Makayla, on this well-deserved recognition!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FEATURES A DIFFERENT SCHOOL EACH WEEK.

Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park October flower



By LYNN ARTZ, DAVID RODDENBERRY, and SANDY TEDDER

True to its name, October flower (Polygonum polygamum) explodes into a profusion of tiny white blooms for several weeks in October. The flowers, in clusters called terminal racemes, lack true petals. Each flower has 5 white to pinkish-white petal-like tepals and a papery bract. Male and female parts are on separate flowers. October flower is a semi-woody perennial wildflower or subshrub in the buckwheat family. It grows 2-3 feet tall and wide in full sun and dry sandy soil. It is drought tolerant but not salt tolerant. It may be deer resistant. Found in sandhills, scrub, and scrubby flatwoods throughout much of Florida, the blooms are especially attractive to native bees. Also called jointweed and known as Polygonella polygama, October flower is blooming now in the northwest garden at Sopchoppy Depot Park.





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County commission debates impact fees

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN

County commissioners heard a presentation from consultants at Kimley-Horn and debated impact fees, ultimately voting 5-0 to accept the report presented but not to move forward with the second step for a rate study.

Commissioners held the extensive discussion at their meeting on Monday, Oct. 6.

The consultants had recommended that the commission consider impact fees for recreation and transportation.

Other areas where impact fees could be charged had other funding sources that would negate the case for impact fees: wastewater treatment, for example, is funded by tens of millions of dollars in state grants; public safety, such as ambulance and fire, are funded by MSBUs; and the library's planned new facility would meet capacity.

But there is a need for new recreation facilities, and more roads, sidewalks and bike trails would be needed.

Commission Chairman Fred Nichols initially said he was excited about the possibility of additional funds for the rec park.



Eagle Scout Declan Walsh was presented with a certificate of appreciation at the Oct. 6 county commission meeting for his project at Mashes Sands with an enclosed outdoor shower. Parks Director Cody Solburg presented Walsh with the certificate.

Commissioner Ralph Thomas attacked the study, though, saying he disagreed with the five counties used to compare with Wakulla for the study.

And Thomas has long been an opponent of the fairness of impact fees, arguing that new residents pay a disproportionately higher share of taxes than residents who have been here longer. And he provided a PowerPoint at the meeting, "Wakulla Impact Fees: the rest of the story" that contended the 588 new single family houses built in 2024 and added to the 2025 roll would pay an average of \$3,454 in taxes per year – as opposed to older single family homes that average \$2,278 in taxes per year.

Commissioner Valerie Russell said she needed more data to make a decision, saying the information in the report was not specific enough.

"I'm just trying to make sure we're doing the right thing, what the voters wanted," Russell said.

Assistant County Administrator Somer Pell noted that accepting the report from Kimley Horn met the requirements of the charter provision passed last year for the county to review impact fees periodically.

County Attorney Heather Encinosa noted pending lawsuits over SB180, the growth bill passed by the legislature in the last session that prohibits counties and cities from passing any restrictive planning measures that prohibit growth. She noted a pending lawsuit over Manatee County's impact fees by a developer contending the impact fees constitute a prohibited land development regulation.

Commissioner Quincee Messersmith made a motion to accept the report and not move forward with the rate study for new impact fees. It was seconded by Thomas.

The vote passed 5-0.

Breast cancer awareness walk held

Story & Photos By LINDA ANN McDONALD

The Third Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk was held at Azalea Park on Saturday, Oct. 11. More than 100 people took advantage of the wonderful fall weather and attended the walk to provide support for the

Florida Department of Health in Wakulla County partnered with Kiersten Smith State Farm Insurance to promote awareness. This event is in recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a time to spread important health education and encourage women to receive regular screenings to promote early detection and treatment of breast cancer.

"This event is great. and I look forward to it every year. It is a great opportunity to raise community wide awareness and stress the importance of making an appointment to get screened," said Tonya James, Administrator for DOH-Wakulla.

"Breast Cancer has touched almost everyone at some point in their life, from a friend to a family member or someone who knows someone. Spreading awareness with early detection will help make better outcomes," said Brandy Lawhon of DOH-Wakulla.

Survivor Renata Washington was at the event and shared, "This is great, and I would love for everyone here to get screened. Cancer is a rough ride and if you have early detection, a family support system, and faith, you will beat this."

Renata's mother Valerie Williams said, "It takes a lot of knee mails to be sent to God, and I know HE hears every

prayer." Kiersten Smith shared



Brandy Lawhon, Tonya James, Kayleen Pafford and Kiersten Smith at Saturday's walk.

her testimony prior to the kickoff of the walk. "This event was created for me by my team at State Farm to support me. This is the first vear I can be fully engaged, and I can participate to put this

event on." A breast cancer memory/honor board was provided for event goers to honor their loved one by printing their name on a ribbon and posting it to a board for all to see.

Two-time survivor Linda Stalvey was at the event with Pat Jones. Stalvey showed off a breast cancer awareness homemade blanket that was given to her as a surprise Christmas gift from the ladies at River of Life Church in Crawfordville. She said, "It's been 21 and 10 years both that

I have been cancer free." Vendors providing health information and resources were present. Kimberly Mattox of FSU Health is hosting a health expo on October 18th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tallahassee Memorial Hospital was also pres-

DJ Butch provided music and entertainment for the event.

Elena Pineiro Vigo pinning a memory to the breast cancer honor/remembrance board.

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.





Notice of Public Meeting:

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

Purpose of Meeting:

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

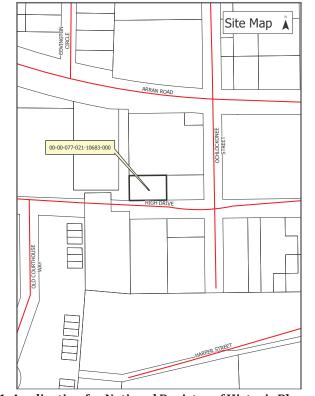
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Persons with a disability needing a special accommodation should contact the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Office at least two (2) days prior to the meeting at (850) 926-0919; Hearing & Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771;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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING AN APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES **NOMINATION**

The Wakulla County Historic Preservation Committee and Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners propose to consider the following application for a national historic places nomination and has scheduled Public Hearings on this nomination. A Public Hearing before the Wakulla County Historic Preservation Committee on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, beginning at 4:00 P.M. to be held at the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration conference room located at 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327. There will also be a Public Hearing before the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners on Monday, November 17, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard. This public hearing 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 National Register of Historic Places **Nomination**

Property Owner: Wakulla County Applicant: Debra Jay Proposal: Old Wakulla County Jail Tax ID Number: 00-00-077-021-10683-000 Existing FLU Map: Urban Fringe (FLUE Policy 1.2.7) CO (Section 5-35, LDC) **Current Zoning:** FEMA Flood Info: "X" zone on Panel 0225E Parcel size: 0.037 + /- acresLocation: 24 High Drive

Hearings Required: Historic Preservation Committee: Tuesday, November 4, 2025 @ 4:00 PM BOCC: Monday, November 17, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

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

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

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Judge's recusal sought From Front Page Webster in the case. A co-defendant, Becky Whaley,

was administrator of the Wakulla Citizens Facebook page, was represented by David Kemp, but accepted a deferred prosecution agreement that will see her criminal charge dropped if she meets the conditions.

Mike Kemp and Whaley were trying to out the name of a Facebook critic known as "Thunder Lightening" (sic) but they named the wrong person.

A third co-defendant, Deputy Don Newsome, who allegedly provided some information to Mike Kemp, who was a retired Major in the sheriff's office, is also facing felony criminal charges. Newsome is represented by Tallahassee attorney Don Pumphrey.

Opinions

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

Meredith Woodrum Snowden wins Above & Beyond Award

Special to The Sun

Meredith Woodrum Snowden, co-owner of The Wakulla Sun and wife of Sun editor and publisher William Snowden, was presented with an Above & Beyond award by News Service of Florida on Wednesday, Oct. 8.

Snowden is Director of Policy at Floridian Partners, a lobbying and consulting firm. Her successful representation spans clients in diverse industries, from insurance and finance to nonprofits, as well as matters both legislative and regulatory.

English degree from Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, Virginia. She began her public policy career in the Florida House of Representatives, serving as a legislative analyst for over a decade. Transferring to the private sector, she was the vice president of government affairs at Leath Consulting, where she also chaired the Insurance Practice Group before joining Floridian earlier

this year.

Most meaningful for Snowden, she says, is "securing critical funding for impactful initiatives," many in greater Sarasota. These include the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Clinic at the Florida Center for Early Childhood, Loveland Center's inclusive residential communities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and a 24-hour intake center at Lightshare Behavioral Wellness & Recovery.

Other distinguished women honored with an award included:

- Thomasenia Adams. Snowden earned an Associate Dean & Professor, University of Florida;
 - Saima Aftab, Senior Vice President, Chief Strategy Officer & President of Network Services, Nicklaus Children's Health System;
 - Melissa S. Akeson, Governmental Consultant, Rubin Turnbull & Associates;
 - Brittney Austin, Senior Manager, Deloitte;
 - Alexandria Ayala, CEO, Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County;



Flagler Cares;

- Sally Bergosh, Executive Director, Health and Hope Clinic:
- Elaina Cosentino, Regional Government Affairs Director, West Coast FL, Florida Real-
- Ryan C. Cox, Attorney/Governmental Consultant, Ramba Consulting Group;
- Carol Dover, Pres-• Carrie Baird, CEO, ident & CEO, Florida Dade Aviation;

Restaurant & Lodging Association;

- Angela Drzewiecki. Senior Government Affairs Advisor, GrayRob-
- Dana Dudley, COO, Pittman Law Group;
- •Amy Farnum-Patronis, Senior Director, University Communications, Florida State University;
- · Ana Finol, Assistant Aviation Director, Miami

- Patricia A. Gagliano, Dean of Nursing, Indian River State College;
- · Stacy Gromatski, President & CEO, Florida Network of Youth and Family Services;
- Shevaun Harris, Secretary, Agency for Health Care Administration;
- Tiffany McCaskill Henderson, Government Relations Director, American Heart Association;
- Willa Hill, Executive Director, Florida Nurses Association;
- Lila Jaber, President and Founder LilaJaber Consulting, Florida's Women in Energy Leadership Forum;
- Danielle Lindsay, Florida State Director, American Conservation Coalition:
- Shawna Martin, Strategic Planning & Grants Development Di-
- rector, OVID Solutions; • Mary Mayhew, President & CEO, Florida Hospital Association;
- · Jenny Moffitt, Associate Professor, Florida Southern College;
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- Julie Morris, Executive Director, Florida Conservation Group;

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- Allison Tant, State Representative;
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- · Brooke Vilardebo, Manager, KPMG;
- Crystal Wagar, Partner, The Southern Group; • Ashley Walker, Part-
- Terri Cope-Walton, Vice President & General

ner, Mercury Public Af-

- Manager, WJXT/WCWJ; • Katie Yeutter, COO & CFO, Florida Chamber of Commerce;
- and Victoria Zepp, CEO, Team 180 Consult-

On the Horizon

Calendar of events for the week of October 16

Thursday, October 16

- 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. • Gentle Yoga and Stetching Class, every
- Thurday, 11:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church. Bring a mat. Come early to sign in. Chair Yoga participants welcome. \$2 per class. • 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.

Friday, October 17

- The Wakulla War Eagles travel to Santa Rosa Beach to take on the South Walton Seahawks at 7 p.m. CT.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon & at 8 p.m. every Friday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Saturday, October 18

• The locally produced movie "Tate" about Tate's Hell will be screened at the Sopchopy School auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show starts at 7:30 p.m. Prelude featuring Sopchoppy folk musician Frank Lindamood. Tickets are \$10. Proceeds benefit the Wakulla Historical Society.

Sunday, October 19

• Wakulla Giving Hands holds a food giveaway every Sunday from 12: 30 to 2:30 p.m. at their facility across from Medart Elementary on Highway 98.

Monday, October 20

- commission chambers.
- Wakulla School Board meets at the district office at 5:45 p.m.
- 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 Stetching 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 Dance Academy every Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. \$5 per person. Wear dance shoes or tennis shoes

Tuesday, October 21

- County commission meets at 5 p.m. in the Sarracenia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, 6:30 p.m. - Wakulla Co. Library. Tyler Macmillan and David Clayton, retired land managers, will be presenting a program featuring their favorite places and native plants found on NWFWMD lands. For Zoom link email: Sarracenia.nps@ gmail.com. Free and open to the public. Come early for refreshments.
 - 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.

Wednesday, October 22

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





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JOSH BROWN Waypoint Properties

"I built my first home when I was 21 years old, bought the property when I was 20. Still live there today."



JIM LOWE **Retired Hamaknockers**

"It was when we lived in a little town in Deer Park, Wisconsin. It was an old farmhouse around 1976. It cost \$18,000."



ELAINE GARY Waypoint Properties

"It was in 1976, we got an owner finance off Silver Lake Road in Tallahassee.'



JAN COLVIN Wakulla Title

"I bought it in 1985 in Sefner, Florida. The interest rate was



CASSIE JOHNSON Real Estate Broker

"It was in 2011 in the Søngbird Subdivision, Sold it in 2017 and built my current home."

Wakulla Crossroads

By VERNA BROCK

Well, the busy season is upon us once again. Even as Halloween approaches, the stores are putting up their Christmas wares! If you've visit- ranged, reorganized and hidden on ed Walmart in Crawfordville over the a nearly daily basis. Team members past month or so, you've experienced some extreme cognitive dissonance.

pers during the Great Remodeling of with which they've been tasked, and 2025, Halloween decorations overflow give them any moral support you can from shelves and boxes. Fear not, offer. I applaud all of the Walmart emhowever, because you too can get a ployees who have stood at the ready jump on Christmas ornaments! Dec- to lead lost shoppers to their quests.

orations at the ready, as soon as Halloween evolves into All Saints Day on November 1st. Even now, aisles are full of boxes of all kinds.

Items have regularly been rearare doing their dead-level best to both "remodel" AND provide good customer Even as chaos swirls around shop- service. Please remember the huge job

to Walmart over the past few weeks, mill. The challenge is to maintain a and it sure seems obvious to me that centered, in the moment kind of apthe whole remodeling effort could proach to daily life. What is gained have been handled not only better, from being swept up in spending more but with a whole lot less stress! I know and more, doing more and more, if the corporate plan includes bringing meaningful moments are lost? Part of in extra folks from across the coun- the tonic for the epidemic of materialtry, but wouldn't it have been more ism is letting go of expectations, and logical to close the store for a week the pervasive sense that celebrations or two? Team members work across are a competitive sport. three shifts one way or the other, but focusing all efforts on the remodeling things are the best! Let's resolve to first, then having a nice Grand Opening for the public makes sense to me!

is quickly filling up, whether I want it across our shining blue dot as we go to or not. It's a strange conundrum, spinning through the galaxy. in that I love the holiday season, but

I've had to make a number of trips hate the feeling of being on a tread-

What's the old saying? Simple keep it simple this year, and pray for peace on Earth. Peace of mind, peace Now, off to the races! My calendar of heart and soul, and genuine peace

Buckhorn News

By ETHEL SKIPPER

didn't realize it was almost here un- (pronounced Sow-in, which rhymes til I went to the Family Dollar store with Cow-in) meaning summer end. and it is very much celebrated on the Day of All Hallows Day, Nov. 1.

So Halloween is always celebrated ing a Halloween costume. Everyone

on Oct. 31.

Halloween's start can be traced to I was reading about Halloween. I an ancient festival called Samhain

Many people celebrate Halloween evening before the Christian Holy by carving or painting pumpkins, roasting pumpkin seeds, and wear-

loves dressing up for Halloween. Apple bobbing was my favorite.

Skipper Temple Church will be cel- and educational empowerment. ebrating 37 years of the pastor and church. Everyone is welcome.

Wakulla County Christian Coalivesting in our future.

Shadeville High School was Wakulla County's first high school for African-American students, sym-On Sunday, Oct. 26, at 4 p.m., bolizing resilence, determination

Join us in preserving this legacy by donating via PayPal.

Our prayers and concern go out to tion and all supporters of Shadeville all the sick and shut-in, those in the High School Preservation Founda- nursing homes, hospitals, jails, the tion: preserving our heritage and in- homeless, and world leaders, and all in need of help everywhere.

Tallahassee in prepa-

ration for competition.

The band, above, and

drum majors, left. (Pho-

tos by Perry Dissmore)

Discover the unique beauty of native plants

By SANDY TEDDER

If you love Florida's wild landscapes and the unique beauty of its native plants, join us at our next meeting of the Sarracenia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society.

Our chapter covers the Wakulla and Franklin county areas although we have field trips into other nearby locales as well.

Our upcoming meeting on Tuesday, Oct.21, will be held at our regular meeting location, the Wakulla County Public Library meeting room at

Our program will feature retired land managers Tyler Macmillan of Tall Timbers Research Station and David Clayton a noted biologist and environmental scientist – people who have spent decades working in our forests, parks, and preserves. They will share in stories and photos some their favorite hidden places where native plants thrive. A field trip to one of these hidden gems is scheduled for Nov. 2nd.

Whether you're new to the area or well-versed in our abundant bio-diversity, you'll enjoy hearing our Oct. 21st presentation from knowledgeable experts about their favorite places for seeing native plants in in their native habitats.

Our meetings are always free and open to the public. Come a little before 6:30 p.m. for refreshments.



Outdoors

HOME ON THE RANGE

I Don't Know Why...

Comparison of three S&Ws



By MARJ LAW

Last Wednesday, Joe

and I brought three

handguns to the range,

and they are all Smith &

Wessons. They are the

S&W M&P 380 Shield

EZ, the S&W Shield EZ

30 Super Carry and the

shooting the .380 and

the 9mm S&Ws for a

while. Don't they have

the same diameter cas-

ing? Why do they call

one a .380 and the other

Europe. The .380 is an

Imperial measurement.

That's what Americans

use. We measure in inch-

es and pounds. So, the

.380 is the diameter of

the casing in America.

"However, just to con-

fuse the issue, the 9mm

was first made in Europe. They decided to

name the round after the

size of the bullet: not the

size of the casing. So, the

9mm is named for the bullet (in Europe), and

the .380 is named for the

"The 9 mm is a metric

a 9mm?"

"Okay, Joe. I've been

S&W 9mm Equalizer.

"Different strokes for

longer."

different folks," he replies. "That's the way it's done. Like Dr. Seuss says: "Not one of them is like another. Don't ask us why, go ask your mother!"

"Why don't we both call our rounds by the

same thing: either by casing or by bullet?"

"Besides, Marj," he continues, "it's more important for newbies to know to 1) purchase the correct ammunition for their gun, and 2) choose the grain weight for the bullet. Grain weight refers to the mass of the bullet. More grains = a heavier bullet."

"Why don't you buy a 9mm round for your $9\,mm$ gun and a .380round for your .380? Why bother knowing this grain stuff?"

"You have a choice of the weight of the bullet. The most common weights for the .380 bulmeasurement used in lets are usually 95 and 100 grains.

"The most common weights for the 9mm Luger or Parabellum bullets are 115, 124 and 147. The heavier bullets require more powder in That's why we call it a the casing. That's why the casing of the 9mm is visually longer than the casing of the .380."

this. What about the S&W Shield EZ 30 Super Carry? How many grains in shooting them?" in its bullet?"

bullets are 100 or 115 grains. The Super Carry, then, has more powder in its casing than the .380.

"The Super Carry's at the Wakulla County two rear white dot sights dot would have made a happen. Joe and I were

you'll want to write down Super. the comparative sizes weight of the guns."

that your .380 holds 8

on the internet.

tage of the Super Carry is a bit longer overall magazine. is that it can hold up to at 6.8 inches, while the magazine than in the A major difference is in ounces. 9mm's handguns. This is the weight. The Super because the Super Carry is heavier at 23.6 ounc- to shoot the three guns. large-handed men and round is more narrow in es and the .380 is 18.3 The four of us shoot two small-handed womdiameter. A lot of people ounces. They look about three rounds from each en.) want more rounds in the same. Will they shoot gun. their magazines. Notice the same?

"I'm starting to get rounds and the Super favorite handgun and it in the range of the bull- shoot. I truly expected Carry holds 10 rounds." sports a green "red dot." seye. The Equalizer has the 9mm Equalizer to "What's the difference The green dot is really five rounds hit within the rate the highest accu-"That's what we're here better than lining up the I thought that the red dot sight, but that didn't Sheriff's Office range and the one white front hands-down winner of surprised by the Super's for," he replies. "First, sight of the .380 and the the Equalizer, but not so. accuracy, balance and

wide, and both are 5.05 guns. That's because it recoil. Huh.

It is close to the weight 20% more rounds in its .380 is 6.7 inches long. of the Super at 22.9

The Equalizer is my hit the Super, they are all is such a great gun to crisp, and I like it a lot bullseye. Dang. Really, racy because of its red

Dimensions of the about recoil. We rate the purchased it together in length, width, overall 9mm Equalizer are guns on a 1-5 scale with recently, so that means length, barrel length and somewhat similar to the 1 as easiest or best, and we own it together, right? .380 and Super. It is also 5 is hardest or worst. I look up information 1.04 inches wide, has a Surprisingly, we rated have the combination to barrel of 3.675 inches, the .380 as having the my little safe. The .380 and the Su- and an overall length most kick. I wouldn't per Carry have very sim- of 6.75 inches. At 4.5 have guessed that. The ilar dimensions. Both inches high, it is some- Equalizer had the next director of Keep Wakulla have a 3.68 inch barrel. what shorter in height highest recoil, and the Both are 1.04 inches than the other hand- Super had the lightest

All these 3 S&W hand-

guns rated a very easy trigger pull, a short trigger travel, an easy slide to rack, and comfort-So, two friends agree able grips. (We were two

In conclusion? That Although only 7 rounds S&W 30 Super Carry People usually ask me overall shootability. We

Too bad he doesn't

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





FEATHER DUSTER WORM

(Sabella melanostigma)

These worms live in mud tubes lined with mucus, staying in place using their many specialized feet (parapodia). They have a thin tube that reaches from tail to the top of the burrow for excreting waste. The feathery bristles wave in the current to catch food particles. At low tide, or if frightened, they pull their head in and close the top with other specialized feet to make a hard cap. These worms can form colonies of thousand worms making long protective reefs known for reducing beach erosion.



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Local writers share their experiences



City of St. Marks

7:15 am ▼ 1.2 ft

8:02 am

8:41 an

9:17 am

10:23 am

6:02 am

6:48 an

7:24 am

8:23 an

8:50 an

▼ 0.0 ft

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

St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

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7:04 PM	4:39 PM	
Moon Illumination 21%		
Friday 17		
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set	

7:40 AM | 4:08 AM 7:03 PM | 5:07 PM Moon Illumination 14% Saturday 18

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For tides at the following points add to Dog Island Listings: High Tide 28 Min. 25 Min. Carrabelle 1 Hr., 53 Min. 2 Hrs., 38 Min. Apalachicola Cat Point 1 Hr., 13 Min. 2 Hrs., 31 Min.

2 Hrs., 3 Min.

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2:33 pm

3:07 pm

3:40 pm

1:10 pm

1:49 pm

2:25 pm

2:59 pm

▲ 2.7 ft

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

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

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▼ 1.3 ft

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8:13 am

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St. Marks River Entrance

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First Full Oct. 29

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Best fishing days this month

October 18-24 - BEST Oct. 21

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Moon Illumination 1%

Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports By Carolyn Brown Treadon

This week we have seen some intense weather events.

Tides have been much higher than is typical for this year. Images have been shared where beaches have eroded, carrying out much of the sand that used to line the shores. As this sand erodes, it must be deposited somewhere. Areas that were not problematic, may see buildup of debris more challenging.

These higher than normal tides have also led to flooding in lower lying areas. This can impact boaters in our area in several ways. Many of our local launch points are prone to flooding, this can cause challenges such as getting stuck turn it to its rightful at steve.hults@uscwhen preparing to place!

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

load your boat back on the trailer.

making navigation nel marker washed ber safe boating is no land. This past week, look out is helpful in rough weather caused preventing grounda channel marker to ings. wash up on the beach near 14th Street. Thursday afternoon, to learn more about Guard and Army per- please contact Steve joint operation to re- Vessel Examinations

Thanks to Sherrie, We also saw a chan- we will always rememashore on Tybee Is- accident. Having a

If you would like United States Coast vessel safety checks, sonnel carried out a Hults, Staff Officer for

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Underwater By Gregg Stanton Wakulla

I Live the Dream. December 29, 2011

When I was but a child, I too read the fantasy novel called "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" by Jules Vern. That people could walk, let alone swim untethered from the surface or their submarine, was so thrilling to me that I jumped at any opportunity to swim underwater. I saw myself on those reefs in front of the Nautilus living the adventure. Early on I read or saw the movie on anything available from Cousteau's Adventures, Marine Life, Mike Nelson and of course SCUBA diving. Reality and fantasy often overlapped, leading to an abundance of day dreaming. By age 13 I was skin diving in the Bay of Siam, and by 17, a scuba instructor in Hawaii. In 1965 my first scuba class at my Freshman college (where I also taught) dragged me to see A World Without a Sun which was about the first habitats deployed by Cousteau. Here were real people living and investigating the underwater reefs, not returning to the surface to sleep or eat. Living underwater was no longer a fantasy. It became my ambition, my dream.

My focus at college was everything marine, something very easy when living in Hawaii. And my best employment was the study of artificial reefs under the Cooperative Fisheries. With a degree in Zoology with a marine emphasis, I turned to the mainland for my search of Diving Science. After a few non-starter jobs as employment in the early 70's was not good, I was invited to work at Harbor Branch Foundation Lab, home of the 4 person deep diving submarine, the Johnson Sea Link. And the dream began.

Two sit in the front, inside a glass ball with near 360 degree vision all around. Two sit in the aluminum back with almost no vision, but with lock out diving ability. The sub drops to deep depths and their rear occupants swim out to collect and study the reef while those in front instruct. The Nautilus reborn, the fantasy becomes a reality. Several years later I was invited to participate in the US Navy's Scientist-In-The-Sea Program where graduate students spend a summer diving USN technology appropriate for undersea research. And I lived in an underwater habitat, just like the 1965 Cousteau film. I soon after joined Florida State University to complete my graduate degree, then accept a faculty position, and go on to develop the very successful Academic Diving Program with like-minded dreamers, for future like-minded dreamers that lasted

There is nothing so special about my journey that any dreamer could not replicate with enough imagination to lay in a self-fulfilling path. I was reminded of this fact last Sunday when I drove down to Eagle's Nest next to Weeki-Wachee Springs and soon found myself with a student at 250 feet underwater, in clear warm water, not unlike Jules Vern's vision for his divers of a century earlier. Our pedestrian dive was as common place as what was presented by Captain Nemo of his crew's performance in support of the Nautilus. My next challenge is to decide on where to dream next!

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

We can overcome sin



By SHERYL H. BOLDT

Has disobeying God ever worked out well for you?

Me neither. At least not in the long run.

Thankfully, the more I meditate on God's Word, especially in the book of Romans, the more I see that I'm not as powerless as I once thought regarding my daily choices.

The more time I spend in God's Word, the more my mind is set on Him. Romans 8:5 (ESV) says, "For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit."

This makes sense, doesn't it? The more we fill our minds with God's Word, the more we want to live by it.

won't have struggles with sin. We will. But we don't have to rely on our own strength to overcome them.

When God's Spirit lives inside us, we can conquer our flesh (our sinful nature). Whenever we set our minds on the things of the Spirit (God's ways), we access the power we have in Christ to stop sinning. We can release grudges against our spouses and family members. We can resist the temptation to gossip. We can say no to that affair,

habit of lying – whatever sinful pattern we struggle with.

God knows we need His help to overcome temptation. If we trust in Christ and commit to spend time in His Word – reading, meditating and memorizing it - then sin won't control us.

I wonder if much of our struggle with sin stems from not understanding what it truly means to have the Spirit of the all-powerful God living within us.

As hard as it is to rethat bottle, that porn sist a particular temp-

I'm not saying we site, that persistent tation, the struggle can't compare to the transformation we can experience when we yield that temptation to the Holy Spirit. When we go to God when we're weak, He's ready to offer His strength and grace. Every time.

> I love this about God. When we choose to stay enslaved to our fleshly desires, we deceive ourselves into believing we'll be happier living outside of God's will. But this is a lie.

The more we say no to our ungodly passions and choose to obey God, the more we'll long for

His ways and the more we'll change. When we live according to the Spirit, we move in a healthier direction, and even our countenance says, "Life is better."

Wouldn't this be far better than the consequences and regret of sin? Isn't this at least worth thinking about?

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The fourth pew



By CHERYL CRUCE

I often speak of those familiar Sundays that carried us to the fourth row of the sanctuary and then back home to rest or change for the ramblings of the country roads we knew so well. That was the rhythm of our growing years, although there were seasons when Sundays slipped into the fabric of a busy growing family.

Even in the days we

did not make it to the pew, faith quietly held its place in our hearts guiding us, shaping us, and never letting go. And yet, no matter how far life carried us, we always found our way back. Back to the fourth row, back to familiar faces and voices, back to the rhythm that reminded us who we were, whose we were, and the steady love that anchored our hearts.

Scripture offers countless examples of those who wandered but ultimately returned to God's presence. Consider the story of the prodigal son in Luke 15:11-32. He left his father's house in search of independence and freedom, only to discover the emptiness of life apart from home.

Nonetheless, when he returned, his father ran to meet him with open arms, reminding us that God's love is never exhausted, never withheld, and always ready to welcome us back.

Or think of the Disciple Peter, who denied Christ three times in a moment of fear and weakness (Luke 22:54-62). Peter's failure could have defined him, but he returned, humbly, and was restored to his calling. His journey reminds us that missteps do not disqualify us from God's grace - our faithful God meets us when we turn back, ready to shape us for the purposes He has always intended.

Even David, though he strayed into sin and faced the consequences of his choices, continually returned to God in repentance and worship (Psalm 51). His life is a testament to the mercy of God, and to the truth that the heart seeking Him will always find its way home.

Each of these stories – the prodigal son, Peter, and David - shows us that wandering is not the end. And just as God's love guided them, it has been present throughout your life as well - gently calling you back, shaping you through every season.

No matter the seasons of life, the same steadfast love that guided the prodigal son, Peter, and David continues to meet you today. Perhaps you have had days of absence, or seasons when

faith felt quiet - but God's hand has never left you. Even in our wandering and distraction, God's love quietly shapes us, beckoning us gently back to His faithful embrace. His love is patient and unwavering, ready to meet you wherever you are.

Throughout your journey, there have surely been gentle reminders of His presence – moments that drew you back and whispers of His faithfulness patiently guiding your heart. His steadfast love does not depend on your perfection or the regularity of your attendance; it rests in His unchanging character, shaping and calling you to return again and

And now may be the

time to take the next step: to the old familiar pew - your fourth pew - to reacquaint yourself with the Lord. Not a leap, not a hurried return, but a small, intentional movement toward the One who has never let go. You may have a ways to go yet, but each step is met with the same steady love that carried you in childhood, that held your parents, and that has been faithfully walking with you all along.

"Come near to God and he will come near to you." James 4:8

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OUT TO PASTOR

Snoozing has become my new hobby



By JAMES SNYDER

The Gracious Mistress Of The Parsonage asked me a question this past week.

"Well, my dear, have you come up with a new hobby yet?"

I've been retired for about four years. But I haven't been doing nothing. I have a weekly Sunday morning has my attention is service at an assisted living facility. I have several writing projects on my desk. Also, I produced three weekly radio programs. So, it's not like I don't have anything to do.

When I officially retired, that's when The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said I needed to come up with some new hobby to occupy my time.

When she asked me that question, I asked her in return, "What is your definition of a hobby?"

She hesitated for a

is something you do myself, and before long, for fun."

"Perhaps," I said with a twinkle in my eye, "my marriage to you is my primary hobby."

She had no reply to that, and so she walked away. That was four years ago, and I'm still doing the same things each week. Everything I do, I do for fun, if that's the definition of

It is amazing how fast time flies by. You blink an eye, and a year has disappeared. I'm not sure where it goes, and I'll likely never find

what I like to call "Snoozing". Before I retired, I didn't think much about it, and of course, I didn't do too much about it either. However, after four years, I have developed a wonderful hobby I call Snoozing.

The fantastic thing about snoozing is that you can do it just about anywhere. The place I can't do it is behind the steering wheel in my truck while I'm driving. But I can practice my new hobby anywhere

A few weeks back,

I found myself snoozing. The waitress came up, tapped me on my shoulder, and said, "Is there anything I can get you?"

As I woke up, I almost said, "And, who are you?" Fortunately,

I didn't say anything. There is no place I cannot practice my new hobby. Every week, I try to find a new place to practice my new

It was last week when The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage asked me about my new hobby. "Do you The one thing that have a new hobby for your retirement time?"

> I looked at her and said most sweetly, "Yes, my dear I do have a new hobby that I'm very excited about."

> Well, that excited her, and she replied, "Oh, please tell me about your new hobby. Maybe we can do it together."

> I wasn't sure where to start, but I said, "I'm open to sharing my new hobby with you." This brought a smile to her

"I call my new hobby Snoozing. It has taken me several years to practice it to perfection.

this new hobby."

"How can snoozing be "Don't you remember

when I just retired you told me that a hobby was something you do for fun?"

She shook her head, and I went on, "I find nothing more fun than snoozing. So, if you want to join me in my new hobby I will be glad to welcome you and I know we can have so much fun together."

Of course, I knew I was talking to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, who has quite a few hobbies. At the end of our house, she has a "craft room." I can't tell all the stuff she does in that little room. I once walked into it and got lost, which took me three hours to find my way out. I'm not going to collaborate with her and her hobbies.

Snoozing, on the other hand, is one hobby that can't be shared.

"I'm sorry," she said, "but I don't think I have any time in my schedule for your hobby. Enjoy it yourself."

That's exactly what I wanted to hear her say. When I'm practicing my

moment and then said I went to a restaurant And I must say I am hobby, I can only do it from the hand of God" very sternly, "A hobby for lunch. I was all by very close to perfecting by myself. If there are (Ecclesiastes 2:24). two of us, one will sit

> another rocking chair. different view of their hobby, which they enjoy doing. When I was younger, I would never have considered snoozing to be a hobby. I had so many things to do, so little time to do them, that snoozing

while the other sits in

endar. As I grow older, my energy has become limited. I have prepared myself for taking a short snooze in the morning, a longer snooze in the afternoon, and a short snooze right after dinner. I've never felt better than after I finished one of my hobbies.

was never on my cal-

Solomon said something that caught my attention. "There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it was

I have often been so "What?" she said. in one rocking chair caught up with work that there was no place in my life for laughter. Everybody has a I plan to make up for that in retirement.

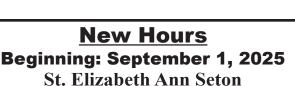
> So far, I am making good on that.

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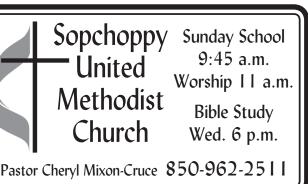
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bituaries



Gloria M. Crum

Gloria M. Crum, 92, of Sopchoppy, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family October 7, 2025.

She was a lifelong resident of Franklin and Wakulla counties. She worked as a Seafood Processor for many years and was an Ordained Minister at Carrabelle and Sopchoppy Congregational Holiness Churches. She was always active in her local churches, enjoyed gardening, loved her flowers and was a dedicated mother and grandmother.

As a young girl her father was the lighthouse keeper, and you could always find her playing on the beaches at Cape San Blas and St. George's Is-

She will be remembered by her daughters Suzanne Brannan, Phillis

Corrigan and Brenda Sapp (Bobby); six grandchildren; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren and a devoted prayer partner Sarah Clifton.

She was predeceased by her husband George H. Crum; parents Richard and Bertha White; siblings Preston, Sterling, Alrae and Ona Mae; and grandson Matthew Corrigan.

The family received friends on Thursday, October 9, 2025, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Family Funeral Home/Harvey Young Chapel. Graveside service will be Friday, October 10, 2025, at 11 a.m. at the Crum Cemetery, 175 Rio Vista Road in Sop-

Skip & Trey Young along with Paula and Amanda are assisting the family.



Nancy V. Greene

September 26, 1955 - October 13, 2025 Nancy Virginia Greene, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on October 13, 2025, surrounded by

26th, 1955, in Bainbridge, Georgia to the late Howard Kennedy and Virginia Brooks Kennedy.

Those who knew Nancy will forever remember her as full of life — fun, wonderfully stubborn, fiercely independent, and just the right amount of sassy. She lived life on her own terms, with laughter, love, and a determined spirit.

Nancy often took time to see how others were doing. She reached out with genuine care — a phone call or a message with simple words of encouragement — reminding others they were thought of and loved.

Nancy did not give up easily — not because she feared leaving this world, but because her heart was still devoted to the people she loved most. Her strength came from her deep love for her family, and she held on for them until her final moments.

The family is profoundly thankful for the four extra years they were given with her - a priceless gift made possible through the generosity of a heart donor. Those precious years brought countless memories, laughter, and time together that will be cherished forever.

She loved God deeply and trusted His plan. In

her loving family. Nancy was born on September her final days, she knew without question that He had her in His hands — and she faced her homegoing with peace, knowing exactly where she was going.

> Nancy is survived by her three daughters — Stephanie Greene Dupree (Brian), Dana Greene Hutchison (Frank), and Heather Greene Strickland (Chris) — and by her cherished grandchildren: Cara Boyd, Bryce Boyd, Nicole Allen, Hannah Allen, Jacob Dupree, Austin Hutchison, and Brent Hutchison—great grandchildren: Caydence Gray, Mason Williams, and Elijah

> She is also survived by her two sisters, Mary Ann Hayward and Sabrina Kennedy along with Duane Fawcett whose love and support meant a great deal to her.

> Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Howard and Virginia Kennedy, and her sister, Joyce Kennedy Taylor.

> Nancy's life was a message of love, perseverance and of finding joy in whatever season of life she was in. It was a life that touched everyone she met. Her memory will continue to live in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her.

DEATH NOTICES

• Bernard Browne, 89, of Tallahassee, died October 10, 2025.

- Lloyd Colson, 75, of Crawfordville, died October 5, 2025.
- Sherry Lynn Kemp, 55, of Sopchoppy, died October 7, 2025.

• Robert G. Peckham, 83, of Crawfordville, died October 4, 2025.

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

Sheriff's Report Wakulla County. Sgt. Heather Will located the vehicle heading south-

tivity October 3rd to Ocvice during the week.

FRIDAY, OCT. 3

Creek Highway in refer- Investigations Division. in the backseat of the ve-struction. hicle. Suspected Cocaine and Fentanyl were also located within the vehicle. He was taken into to the Wakulla County Jail without incident.

SATURDAY, OCT. 4

vehicle was entered into forwarded to CID. NCIC/FCIC as stolen, • Sgt. Heather Will passenger had a warrant warded to CID out of Leon County as

This report is for ac- stated his information bound on Crawfordville someone had hacked was done, on call CID, and email were correct, Hwy. A felony stop was into his phone line ac- TART Drone unit, TART, ing shipped is on Northwood Road. A check of Deputy Meredith the residence was con-Sullivan and Lt. Antho- ducted however it yieldny Paul responded to ed negative results. Case the 3500 block of Spring forwarded to Criminal

ence to shots fired in the • A citizen was cleanarea. Upon arrival, con- ing out their residence tact was made with an and discovered what apindividual. Located near peared to be drug parthat person's vehicle aphernalia. Suspected were several spent shell marijuana and paracasings, and an AK-47 phernalia were collected style firearm was located and turned in for de-

SUNDAY, OCT. 5

• Deputy Meredith custody and transported Sullivan responded to Skybox bar and grill in reference to the rear entry door being partially forced open, but the suspect was unable to make • A citizen awoke and entry. Crime Scene Tech discovered his truck Tatum Price arrived and missing. He advised a processed the scene and subject who was identi- CID was notified. There fied took the truck with- are no suspects identiout his permission. The fied at this time. Case

which was later locat- responded to Dogwood ed at Wal, art. The driv- Drive in reference to a er and the passenger fraud. Upon arrival, a were taken into custo- citizen advised \$800 had dy. Further investigation been withdrawn from revealed both subjects his account by someone had just stolen multi- using his mother's inforple clothing items from mation. This unknown Walmart. It was also dis- individual spelled his covered the driver had mother's name wrong 17 active warrants out and provided an incorof Leon County and the rect signature. Case for-

• The Consolidated Dispatch Agency (CDA) · A citizen received an contacted Wakulla Disemail advising he had or- patch advising a stolen dered a pair of shoes. He vehicle out of their coun-

ty had just entered into vehicle heading south-CDA was notified.

MONDAY, OCT. 6

• Dollar General Manager reported an unto the store.

call. He advised he called ed. the number but did not provide any information. He further advised that he checked his credit retional purposes

further results. The vape ed. was collected and sub-

TUESDAY, OCT. 7

cident documented.

the medicine aisle and tact. Contact was made NCIC. NOTE: On Friday placed under arrest. put an unknown item in with the individual who Oct. 10 a search was his clothing. She went advised a former friend conducted that resulted responded to Mississippi on to say the male then attempted to run her ve- in finding the missing Avenue in reference to a left the store without hicle off the road near individual alive. paying. The manager ad- Oak Street. She stated vised the male subject she observed this perwas a regular and want- son traveling in his vehied him trespassed when cle towards her vehicle. located or if he returned As their vehicle made ry Godwin and Deputy dence. She was arrest-· A citizen report- swerved towards her ed to Kirkland Drive in release, she requested ed concerns regarding vehicle causing her to reference to a citizen a standby at the former possible identity theft. swerve off the roadway reporting she saw two residence to retrieve her The citizen had received temporarily. The report- white males near an belongings. She still bea letter claiming that ing person advised there abandoned house. Con-lieves some of her items his address had been was no vehicle damage tact was made with the are located at the former changed and was pro- and she wished to have two subjects who upon residence and will arvided a phone number to the incident document- seeing law enforcement range another standby.

port and all bank cards halt and Deputy Aus- them advising them to longings. and nothing seemed tin Rivers responded to get on the ground. After amiss. This report was Hardees in reference to the show of Deputy Goddocumented for informa- a male passing a fake win's firearm, the sub- illegal activity at 850-· Deputy Kory Smith edly motion picture cur- and laid on the ground. emergencies. conducted a traffic stop rency to obtain a drink The burglary was subseon a vehicle for expired and \$48 in change. The registration. Upon mak- name of the subject was ing contact with the determined based on driver, Deputy Smith ob- video surveillance. Conserved a THC vape pen tact was made with the in plain view. A probable subject and post Mirancause search was con- da admitted to the alleducted which yielded no gations. He was arrest-

 Deputies responded mitted to property and to River Sink Road referevidence for destruction. ence 80-year-old female

walk. After an initial unfounded. search of the property · A citizen reported and the immediate area

THURSDAY, OCT. 9

\$50 bill that was report- jects stopped running 745-7100, or call 911 for

missing after an hour quently determined to be

FRIDAY, OCT. 10

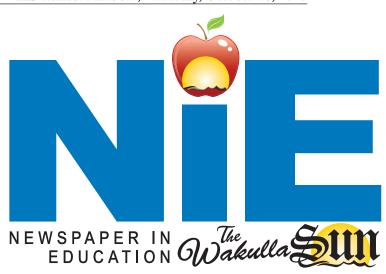
tober 10th. There were however the address conducted by Sgt. Will counts and attempted Wakulla Fire Rescue, Godwin conducted a 1,237 total calls for ser- and card number was and Deputy Jeremi- to add more lines. He Wakulla Correctional traffic stop for attached not his. The address of ah Post. The driver was advised the additional Institute K9, and Leon tag not assigned. The where the package is be- placed under arrest and lines were denied by his County Sheriff's Office driver admitted to placphone company. At this Air One were contacted. ing a Florida tag on the time, he was not at any An extensive search of vehicle which was later monetary or property the area on ground and found out to be stolen loss but wanted this in- air was done but unfor- out of this agency. Detunately unsuccessful tective Tiffany Spears • Deputy Aimee Hoag- in locating her. A region arrived on scene quesknown white male enter land responded to the one BOLO was sent and tioning the driver and the store on Oct. 5. She sheriff's office in refer- the woman was added two passengers. Subseadvised the male went to ence to a citizen con- as a missing person in quently, the driver was

> • Deputy Dustin Saba theft complaint. Contact was made with the reporting person who advised she recently moved Deputy Zacha- out of her former resiit closer, she stated he Austin Rivers respond- ed on Oct. 1. Since her fled on foot. Due to the She signed an Affidavit possibility of a burglary, for Non-Prosecution and WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8 Deputy Godwin gave will pursue charges if verbal commands and she is unable to gather • Deputy Dylan Buck- pointed his firearm at the remainder of her be-

> > Report suspicious or



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USE THE NEWS

1. PEACE AND **CHANGE**

María Corina Machado is a Venezuelan leader who speaks out for democracy and fairness. She helped organize peaceful protests and a big campaign that many people believe won the country's presidential election. However, the government did not accept those results, and Ms. Machado has been living in hiding because it is not safe for her to be seen. The Nobel Committee gave her the Nobel Peace Prize for bravely standing up for people's rights and trying to bring peaceful change to her country. Even though she couldn't celebrate in public, her supporters are hopeful that her award will shine a light on the desire for freedom and peace in Venezuela. Think about what the word "peace" means to you. On a piece of paper, draw a picture showing how people can stand up for fairness and kindness without fighting. Underneath your drawing, write one or two sentences describing why it is important for leaders to listen to their citizens and hold fair elections.

2. THE POWER OF

SLOW SCIENCE Some of this year's Nobel Prizes showed that amazing discoveries sometimes take a very long time. In medicine, three scientists spent decades figuring out why the body's immune system doesn't attack itself; their work began in the 1980s and is now helping doctors develop new treatments for cancer and autoimmune diseases. In physics, three researchers performed experiments in 1984 and 1985 that proved strange "quantum" behaviors could happen in circuits you can hold in your hand. In chemistry, another team started working in 1989 to build tiny structures called metal organic frameworks that can trap gases and water. These stories teach us that curiosity, careful experiments and patience can lead to important discoveries - even if it takes many years. Think about something you've learned that didn't happen overnight, like reading a book, riding a bike or learning a new game. On a piece of paper, make a "patience timeline" with three or four boxes. In each box, write or draw what you practiced and how you improved over time. Underneath, write two sentences about why

taking your time and

asking questions – like the Nobel Prize scien- just one day! Because tists did – is important when you are learning or investigating something new.

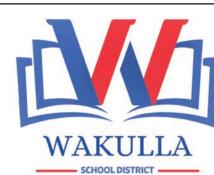
3. (GIANT) PUMPKIN **SEASON**

With Halloween just weeks away, pumpkins are a common sight across the United States. Tony Scott from upstate New York spent months caring for a pumpkin that ended up weighing nearly as much as a small car. He fed it fertilizer, watered it and even tucked it under a blanket at night to keep it cozy. Growers like Scott choose special seeds - often the Atlantic Giant variety – and give the plant lots of water and nutrients so all the energy goes into one pumpkin. These pumpkins can drink hundreds of gallons a day and may ga, which are Japa-

gain 40-50 pounds in of gravity, giant pumpkins grow wide and flat like lumpy pancakes, and farmers sometimes cover them with tarps to keep the skin from hardening in the sun. Pretend you are a gardener growing your own giant pumpkin. Write a short step-bystep plan explaining what you would do from planting the seed to showing off your huge pumpkin at a fall festival. Include at least three steps (such as choosing a seed, watering and protecting it), and draw a picture of your pumpkin as it grows bigger and bigger.

4. A FAVORITE ART FORM OF ASIA

At the de Young Museum in San Francisco, there is a special exhibit all about man**School distribution** sponsored by



graphic novels. "The Art of Manga" features over 600 drawings and sketches from famous series. The exhibit helps visitors who have never read manga before by showing them how to read right-toleft and teaching common manga words. There's even a reading room where you can plain what you learned sit down and enjoy the comics just like you would at home. Manga has been around since at least the 18th century and the word means "pictures run riot." The first modern manga began in the 1890s, and today stories like One Piece have sold hundreds of millions of copies worldwide. This exhibit shows that manga isn't just fun to read - it's also a form of art that has inspired movies, games and TV shows around the world. Create your own mini manga strip. Draw two or three panels on a sheet of paper.

In your first panel, in-

and write the words from right to left, just like in Japanese manga. In the next panels, show your character on an adventure and use speech bubbles and motion lines to make the action exciting. After you finish, share your story with a classmate and exabout how manga artists tell stories.

5. A SURPRISE **OUTSIDE**

Orleans, In New clearing а couple vines in their backyard stumbled upon a heavy marble slab with strange writing on it. They sent a photo to experts at Tulane University, who discovered that it was a 2,000-year-old Roman gravestone for a sailor named Sextus Congenius Verus. The marker had originally come from a cemetery near Rome and was thought to have been lost when

nese comic books and troduce a character a museum there was damaged during World War II. Historians believe the slab might have been brought to the United States by a soldier after the war; a woman later said her grandfather had kept it and placed it in the yard decades ago. The gravestone will eventually be returned to Italy so it can be properly displayed and help teach people about life in ancient times. Imagine vou're an archaeologist who just found a mysterious object buried in your backyard. Write a short story describing what the object looks like, who you think might have owned it and how you would figure out its history. Then draw a picture of your discovery. Finally, share one sentence about why it's important to return historic treasures to the places they came from, just like the Roman gravestone being

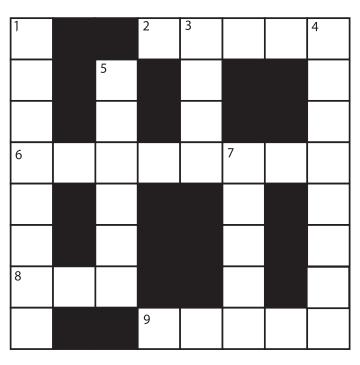




These devices stay on the eye due to surface tension of tear fluid and the eye's curvature.

Answer: Contact lenses

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 2. Involves the eye
- 6. In a line
- 8. Abbreviation for "hours"
- 9. Stings or pains

DOWN

- 1. Vision
- 3. Foot treatment
- 4. Corrects vision
- 5. Bends
- 7. One who plays

7. Gamer 1. Eyesight 3. Pedi 4. Contacts 5. Curves uwoU

2. Optic 6. Straight 8. Hrs 9. Burns

9. School Across Answers:



sent back to Italy.

54: Roman emperor Claudius dies from poisoning under mysterious circumstances.

1843: B'nai B'rith, now the oldest Jewish service organization in the world, is founded in New York.

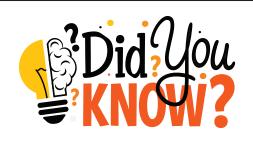
1976: The first electron micrograph of an Ebola virus is taken at the CDC.



a liquid mixture used for cleaning and storing contact lenses



English: Case Spanish: Caja Italian: Scatola French: Boîtier **German:** Schatulle



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Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Eye

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Notice under Fictitious Name Law, pursuant to Section 856.09, Florida Statutes. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Clayton Caldwell, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **CK HAIR STUDIO**

Located at 637 Wakulla-Arran Rd, 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 October 16, 2025

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice under Fictitious Name Law, pursuant to Section 856.09, Florida Statutes. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Science with Rachel, LLC, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **HILLPOINT SERVICES**

Located at 38 BOSTIC PELT RD, 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 October 16, 2025

NOTICE OF SALE

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Notice is given pursuant to Florida Self-Storage Facility Act, Florida Statues, Chapter 83, Part IV that Seminole Self Storage will hold a sale by sealed bid OC-TOBER 30TH, 2025, at 11:00 am. at 2314 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327, of the contents of Mini Warehouse containing personal property of

CARSWELL WILLIAMS, CHRISTOPHER DAVIS

Before the sale date of OCTOBER 30TH, 2025. The Owners may redeem their property by payment of the Outstanding Balance and cost by mailing certified funds to 2314 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, Florida 32327 or Paying in person at the warehouse location. October 16, 23, 2025

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 042

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that DUANE EVANS 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 #: 463 Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023

Parcel #: 03-6s-02w-035-03792-004

Description of Property: Surf Block P Lot 4 OR 554 P 186, OR 834 P 668 DC OR 1197 P 440

Name in which assessed HEIRS OF ROBERT D WILLIX JR said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: December 10, 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.

October 2, 2025

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

Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 043

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **DUANE EVANS 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 #: 464 Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023

Parcel #: 03-6s-02w-035-03792-005 Description of Property:

Surf Block P Lot 5 OR 554 P 174,

OR 834 P 666, OR 1197 P 440

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 044

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Certificate #: 484 Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023

Parcel #: 24-2s-01w-000-03964-002 Description of Property:

24 2s 1w p-4-2-m-65 in N 1/2 of SE 1/4 OR 49 P 101 OR 343 P 119, OR 348 P 18 OR 566 P 451,

OR 710 P 646 OR 782 P 685 Name in which assessed PATRICIA LYNN MCGEE/DOROTHY

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 045

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Certificate #: 506 Parcel #: 29-2s-01w-000-04116-000

Description of Property: 29-2s-1w p-23-m-57

A parcel of land 150 X 100 ft in N 1/2 of sec 29

OR 47 P 556, OR 1199 P 149 Name in which assessed **DEBRA GAIL DAVIS** said property being in

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 046

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **DUANE EVANS 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 #: 508 Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023

Parcel #: 29-2s-01w-051-04158-000 Description of Property:

River Sink Subd Block B Lot 23, 24 Also a prcl

of land in the NE 1/4 of Sec 29

OR 41 P 829 & OR 48 P 61 & 62, OR 49 P 224 Name in which assessed **DEBRA GAIL DAVIS** said property being in

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NOTICE OF SALE

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,

Plaintiff

NICHOLAS LOUIS BRINO, JR. and KIMBERLY BRINO,

Defendant(s)

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 November 13, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. the following described real

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ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS OF 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.

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Oct. 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 2025

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

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,

Case #: 25000009CAAXMX

Plaintiff.

JOSHUA L. HICKS; Defendant(s).

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Amended Final Judgment in Mortgage Foreclosure dated September 3, 2025, and entered in Case No. 25000009CAAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA County, Florida. LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC (hereafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and JOSHUA L. HICKS, are defendants. Greg James, Clerk of the Circuit Court for WAKULLA, County Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the First Floor of the Courthouse Lobby, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327 at 11:00 a.m., on the 6TH day of NOVEMBER, 2025, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 2, FAIRWINDS SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 68 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

DATED THIS 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025

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Oct. 16, 23, 2025

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

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: ELIZABETH ANTOINETTE COMSTOCK, DECEDENT DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO.: 25-CP-156

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of ELIZABETH ANTOINETTE COMSTOCK, Deceased, Case No. 2025 CP 156 is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of Court, Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327. The names and addresses of the Petitioner and the Petitioner's Attorney are set out at the end of this Notice.

ALL CREDITORS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702, FLORIDA STATUTES, WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY

CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The Personal Representative or curator has no duty to discover whether

property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in sections 732.216-732.228, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under section 732.2211.

The date of first publication of this notice is October 16, 2025.

Petitioner: Sarah Laughton

196 Otter Lake Road Panacea, FL 32346

/s/ Sean W. Gellis SEAN W. GELLIS Florida Bar No. 105924 GELLIS LAW, PLLC 2931 Crawfordville Hwy Crawfordville, FL 32327 Phone: 561-371-2848 sean@gellislaw.com

Oct. 16, 23, 2025

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

Case #: 25-CC-50 IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LOUIS TAYLOR, JR. a/k/a LOUIE TAYLOR, JR. a/k/a ALVIN LOUIS TAYLOR, JR., DECEASED

FILE NO: 2025-CP-147

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of LOUIS TAYLOR, JR., deceased, whose date of death was August 29, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. The names and address of the Co-Personal Representatives and the Co-Personal Representatives' attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. THE CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES HAVE NO DUTY TO DISCOVER WHETHER ANY PROPERTY HELD AT THE TIME OF THE DECEDENT'S DEATH BY THE DECEDENT OR THE DECEDENT'S SURVIVING SPOUSE IS PROPERTY TO WHICH THE FLORIDA UNIFORM DISPOSITION OF COMMUNITY PROPERTY RIGHTS AT DEATH ACT AS DESCRIBED IN SS. 732.216-732.228, APPLIES, OR MAY APPLY, UNLESS A WRITTEN DEMAND IS MADE BY A CREDITOR AS SPECIFIED UNDER S. 732.2211.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is October 9, 2025.

Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives: Co-Personal Representatives: Marion D. Lamb, III Florida Bar No.: 0500951 217 Pinewood Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32303 Telephone: (850) 385-0501 Facsimile: (850) 385-0376 Email: m@lamb-law.com Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives

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66. Sodium

67. Qualities

70. Walk

43. Make perfect

44. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)

48. Sacrifice hit in baseball

54. Puncture with a knife

47. The center of a city

50. Singer Redding

52. Dragged forcibly

56. Belonging to me

57. Expresses surprise

60. The Golden State

62. Integrated circuit

61. Biblical Sumerian city

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- 1. Martial arts in China 6. The butt of jokes
- 12. Nevertheless
- 16. Sportscaster Michaels
- 17. A firm believer 18. Atomic #18
- 19. One's bestie 20. Of I
- 21. Hamburger accessory
- 22. Thus
- 23. Partner to Pa
- 24. Scottish tax 26. Cuts away
- 28. Require
- 30. Government lawyer 31. Own (Scottish)
- 32. Body cavity
- 34. Brew
- 35. Young woman (French)
- 37. Platforms
- 40. Attack suddenly
- 39. Pair of points in mathematics

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- 2. Peyton Manning's alma mater 3. Moves through water
- 1. Ate quickly

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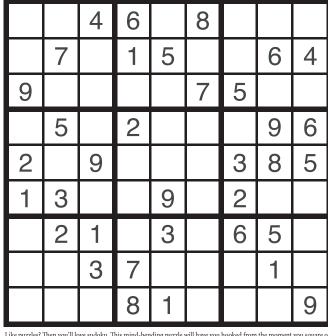
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- 4. Run away from
- Utah resident
- 6. Natural objects
- 7. Children's game
- 8. Obligation to prove
- 9. Ancient Greek building for
- performances
- 10. Soldier 11. Decorated
- 63. Opposed to certain principles 12. Catches
 - 13. Russell ___, author 14. Speak indistinctly
 - 15. Students get them
 - 25. Japanese warrior 26. Dessert
 - 27. Doleful
 - 29. Most cushy
- 42. Japanese classical theater 43. U.S. gov't department

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41. Type of bomb

46. Flightless bird

36. Something fugitives are "on"

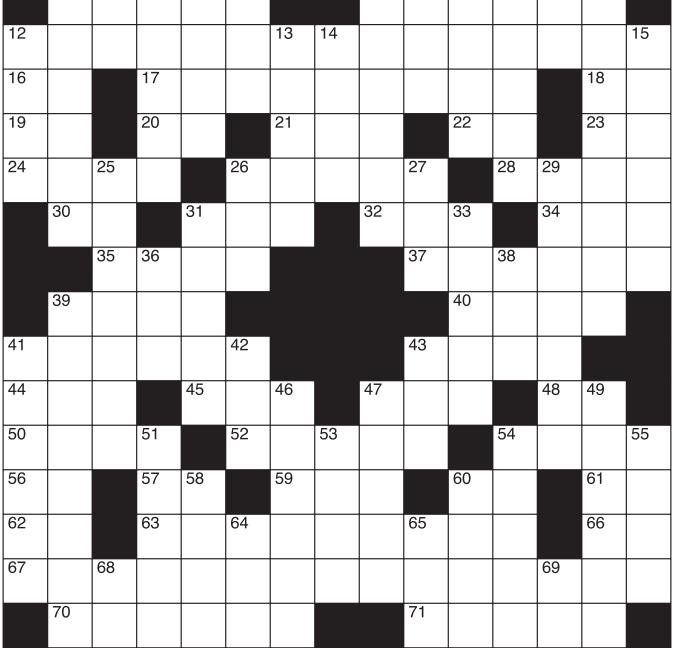
39. Paintings on hinged panels

- 47. One who cuts wood or stone
- 49. Buttock and thigh together 51. A way to gather
- 53. Body part
- 54. Argentinian city
- 55. Undergarments
- 58. Jai ___, sport 60. Container for shipping
- 64. Type of screen 65. Get free of

68. Indicates position 69. Business department

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RMS beats Wakulla Middle, 20-14 in Slobberknocker





GAME PHOTOS BY PERRY DISSMORE

FSU falls to Pitt, 34-31



Editor The Osceola

Tony White is often measured when speaking with the media on Sunday nights. But after Florida State's third straight loss, he was more intense and passionate than prior interviews.

FSU's defensive coordinator spoke for more than 14 minutes, fielding questions about pass-rush breakdowns, linebacker struggles and the third-down defense.

"You score 31 points. You're supposed to play good enough defense to win games like that," White said. "We didn't. That's my fault. The young men are thinking too much.



Pitt QB Mason Heintschel sacked by FSU defensive lineman Mandrell Desir.

"So I got to tone it down. I got to tone back the packages. Make sure that they know what to do and they know how to do it."

White's 3-3-5 defense is new to the majority of the Seminoles, but he and the coaching staff brought in a number of transfers with experience in the scheme. That includes those making

the move from Nebraska — end James Williams and linebacker Stefon Thompson — as well as cornerback Jerry Wilson (who played for White at Syracuse). FSU also landed Deante McCray, who had experience in a similar scheme at Western Kentucky, as did linebacker Elijah Herring at Memphis.



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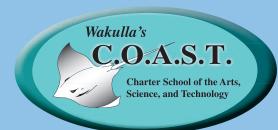


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War Eagles beat Godby, 38-21

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN Editor

The Wakulla War Eagles got a big win Friday night over the district rival Godby Cougars, 38-21.

The win improved the War Eagles record to 5-2, and most importantly 2-0 in the district. The win clears the way for a showdown against Baker County on Oct. 24 for the district championship.

Which is exactly what Head Coach Scott Klees is warning his team about: Don't overlook this week's game against the South Walton Seahawks.

It's a potential trap game: looking past an opponent for a big game, when you face a threehour bus ride over to South Walton on Friday afternoon, and they are a good 6-2.

Still, the game against Godby was the War Eagles best overall performance this year, said Klees. "By no means a perfect game," he said, "but our best game."

GAME STATS

Receiver/safety Jayden Jean was MVP this week, scoring two touchdowns on offense, and 5 tackles and one assist on defense.

Running back Jeremiah Washington was offensive player of the week with 24 carries for 165 yards.

Defensive Player of the Week was lineman Antonio Harvey who had 5 tackles, a sack and an improbable interception for a touchdown - as the Godby quarterback was



War Eagle defensive lineman Antonio Harvey after an interception he returned for a touchdown.

had a field goal.

GAME HIGHLIGHTS on the Wakulla Report, Wolf 103.1, ESPN 97.9 and **WAVE 94.1!**

passes for 181 yards and 4 touchdowns; and ran 11 times for 81 yards. Jordan Barnes was hobbled by a sore ankle but still managed 6 catches for 62 yards and

was downed at the 1 yard

line and the other at the

11. He completed 17 of 25

a touchdown. New transfer player Lakari Murray, who played at Godby the first of the season, had an interception and a 25 yard TD catch for Wakulla.

Linebacker Derek Davis had 8 tackles, a fumble recovery, and a sack.

NEXT: SOUTH WALTON BEACH SEAHAWKS

A tough 6-2 team that has lost only to an undefeated Choctaw team and Florida High, Klees says the South Walton quarterback is very good, and can make throws to any part of the field. They're big upfront, and special teams is skilled with onside kicks and pooches.

"This is a must-win to be able to set up next week for us," Klees said, meaning the big showdown against Baker County at home on

Players have to be ready for a 3-hour bus ride - the second one in two weeks, as they sat on the bus to play the Fort Walton Beach Vikings. And they need to play well on defense.



trying to escape a sack, he

threw the ball and it came

straight to Harvey, who

the Week was new kicker

Special Team Player of

took it to the end zone.



FROM THE COACH

Last week: Big win and the War Eagles best overall game of

Scouting: South Walton has a very good quarterback who can throw it all over the place. Huge upfront. And their special teams is skilled at onside and pooch kicks.

Key to victory: War Eagles have to play well on defense and handle the 3 hour bus ride over there.



War Eagle running back Jeremiah Washington runs the ball up the middle. He had 24 carries for 165 yards against Godby.

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