



The Wakulla Sun

WAKULLA WeatherSTEM
Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
Hi: 67° Lo: 44° 5%	Hi: 69° Lo: 43° 6%	Hi: 72° Lo: 48° 6%
Sunrise 7:50 AM Sunset 6:51 PM	Sunrise 7:51 AM Sunset 6:50 PM	Sunrise 7:52 AM Sunset 6:49 PM

War Eagles win in double overtime/Page 14



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"It's a New Day"

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Our 4th Year 43rd Issue
Thursday, October 30, 2025

Recreation study

Report finds county's facilities are actually under-utilized

BY WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

A report presented to county commissioners last week said the county's recreation facilities – including the Medart Rec Park, and the gym at the community center – are under-utilized.

The report, presented on Monday, Oct. 20, found that At Medart Rec Park the softball and baseball fields are under 50% utilized, while the football and soccer fields use less than 25% of the recommended use hours. One complicating factor identified are the "prime time" utilization rates which reach a capacity of 70%. It is suggested that creating clear field scheduling policies, develop pricing models for prime-time rates, and shared use agreements could improve this situation.



Joseph Williams, center, is 106 years old, and was honored at last week's county commission meeting as one of the last of Wakulla's World War II vets. He received a standing ovation.

The consultants noted there's a need for the county to make recreation services as affordable as possible.

While the consultants said there was a need for additional fields and ball diamonds, tennis courts, pickleball, and playgrounds, they also suggested scheduling

use of ball fields during non-prime times – such as Friday night, Saturday night and Sundays, and even decreasing the length of sports seasons.

They also suggested using the Medart Rec Park fields only for games, and finding other sites to use for team

practices – suggesting use of churches, homeowner association spaces and other open fields.

There was also a recommendation that the county either assume management of all youth sports, or else consider creating a non-profit youth sport association

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Judge Smith apologizes for remarks

Lawyer complains about judge's refusal to recuse himself from other cases

BY WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

In a highly contentious hearing last month, Wakulla Circuit Judge Layne Smith told the lawyers in the case that he should order the courtroom bailiff to draw his gun and shoot all three.

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

Two of the attorneys in the case, David Kemp of Crawfordville and Stephen Webster of Tallahassee, filed a motion requesting Judge Smith recuse himself from the case. The judge recused himself on his own motion a day later.



Wakulla Circuit Judge Layne Smith

Then Kemp and Webster filed a motion requesting that the judge recuse himself from all cases they had before him. The judge denied that motion, finding it legally insufficient.

The story first appeared in The Wakulla Sun's Oct. 16. The Tallahassee Democrat ran a story on Friday, Oct. 21 edition in which Judge Smith issued an apology.



Crawfordville attorney David Kemp

"Recently, I made an impulsive comment from the bench that was unprofessional and out of character," Smith said. "I did not literally mean the comment, and immediately said so. Afterward, I recused myself, and another judge will hear the case."

Smith added: "I regret my mistake and have already taken responsibility by self-reporting the matter to the state's judicial disciplinary authority. I apologize to the public and the lawyers involved."

After several Tallahassee media outlets requested an interview with Kemp on the controversy, he refused but issued a statement to The Sun:

"It is shocking that Judge Smith has refused to disqualify himself from all of the cases I have pending in front of him and which Mr. Webster has pending on the Judge's docket. Given the Judge's obvious bias and animosity towards me, it would be unfair to my clients to appear on their behalf in front of Judge Smith, and as a result, I am now forced to turn away potential clients in my home county where I have practiced for almost 20 years.

"As an Army Veteran who served in a combat zone in Iraq," Kemp wrote, "I have experienced how it feels to be shot at and I find the Judge's comments grossly offensive. While the Judge claims to have apologized, neither Mr. Webster or I have received any such apology. I cannot imagine what repercussions I would face if I stated I wanted to have a deputy draw his gun out and shoot a judge."

The most high-profile case Webster has before Judge Smith is former County Commissioner Mike Kemp (no relation to David Kemp), who is scheduled to go to trial in March 2026 on felony charges that the used a public record to harass.

Mike Kemp and Becky Whaley, former administrator of the Wakulla Citizens Facebook page, were both charged with felonies after she sought to unmask an internet troll going by the name "Thunder Lightning" but gave out the name of the wrong person based on voter registration information that Mike Kemp got from County Commissioner Ralph Thomas.

STRAIGHT SUPERIOR MARKS



Band-tastic

The War Eagle Marching Band earned straight 'Superior' grades at the Band Music Performance Assessment held on Saturday at Gene Cox Stadium. The band's seniors were recognized, above. (Photo by Perry Dissmore)

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Change of use for Expo land

Some object to homes being built on the 50 acre site; Facebook furor

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

A handful of citizens concerned about ongoing overdevelopment of homes in the county complained about the rezoning of 50 acres off Martin Luther King Memorial Drive for residential development.

Cara Raker, who appeared at the county commission meeting on Oct. 20, to complain that the county is losing its character to all the growth.

Raker, who said her family has lived in Wakulla since 1830, said the small-town atmosphere is changed with all the new residents – and it is becoming a "sprawling suburb of

Tallahassee. On Facebook, there was video posted of Raker's comments claiming no commissioner except Valerie Russell would make eye contact with her. Russell was the lone commissioner to vote against the change.

The property is being proposed for residential development by builder Robby Miller, who was represented at the hearing by Wade Brown.

Commissioner Quince Messersmith asked Brown to confirm that the 50 acres is the site of the approved Planned Unit Development from 1997 for the proposed Wakulla Expo Center, which was to have been a civic center with seating for 4,300 people and

more than 600 parking spaces.

Brown said that the residential development would be a "downgrade" in intensity of use.

Asked how many homes could be built on the land, Brown said the maximum density was 5 units per acre – "but there's no way there would be that many," he said, after roads and other infrastructure is put in. Plus, about 4 acres of the site is wetlands.

The site was pursued by the local Cattleman's Association and Pee-wee Vause to be a site for cattle auctions and community events, but the project never came to fruition. In 2010, the property was donated to Tallahassee Community

College. It was later sold to another buyer.

At one point the county expressed interest in buying the property for additional recreation use, but the owner wouldn't sell.

The zoning change was approved by commissioners 4-1.

In another matter, Commissioner Ralph Thomas sought to deny funding to the Florida Wild Mammal Association, which cares for injured and orphaned animals.

Thomas has praised FWMA's work but said he doesn't feel it's a proper county expenditure.

Other commissioners voted 4-1 to keep the \$6,000 funding in the budget.

Clarification

Last week's front page story "FLDE arrests 10 sexual offenders in Wakulla" included the name of Joshua Martin, 39, as one of the people arrested for violating sexual offender conditions.

That is not the same Josh Martin, also 39, who owns North Florida Land and Tree Service.

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Principal: Stan Ward

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK FEATURES A DIFFERENT SCHOOL EACH WEEK.

Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park Narrowleaf sunflower

By LYNN ARTZ, DAVID RODDENBERRY, and SANDY TEDDER



As Halloween approaches, the bright yellow blooms of narrowleaf sunflower (*Helianthus angustifolius*) provide vibrant fall color. Large golden daisy-like flowers adorn tall branched stems. Narrow yellow petals encircle a compact disk of reddish to purplish tubular florets. As the common name suggests, the rough dark green leaves are narrow and long with curled-under edges. Narrowleaf sunflower grows 4-6 feet tall in full sun and wet to moist soil. Inclined to form large dense colonies, it occurs naturally in marshes, wet flatwoods, and roadside ditches. Sometimes this wildflower is called swamp sunflower, but so is a taller relative (*Helianthus simulans*) also known as muck sunflower. Narrowleaf sunflower supports native bees, including specialized bees. Birds and small mammals relish the seeds. Narrowleaf sunflower is blooming now in the west meadow at Sopchoppy Depot Park.

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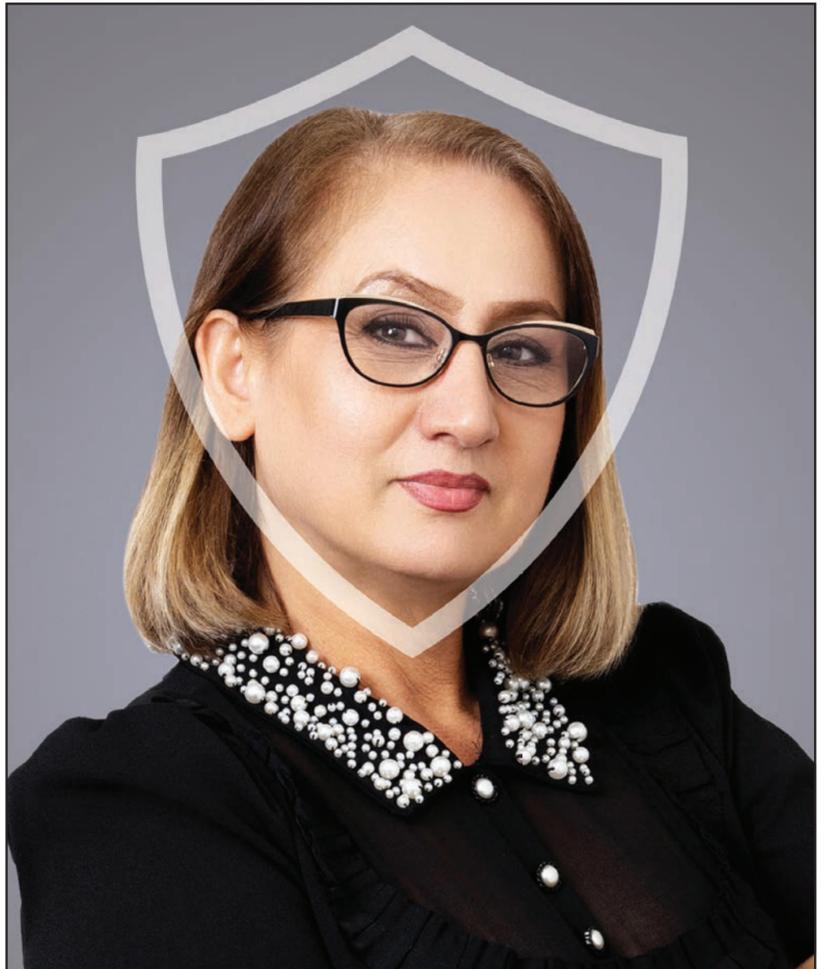
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Lisa Craze, CFC
 Wakulla County Tax Collector

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Notice of Public Hearings Concerning a Text Amendment to the Wakulla County Land Development Code

The Wakulla County Planning Commission and Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners propose to consider the following ordinance. Public Hearings are scheduled before the **Wakulla County Planning Commission on Monday, November 10, 2025, beginning at 6:00 P.M.** and before the **Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners on Monday, November 17, 2025, and Monday December 8, 2025 beginning at 6:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard.** All public hearings will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. All affected parties may appear at the public hearings, be heard, and submit evidence and written comments on the application.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 5-38 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATING TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO MOBILE FOOD VENDORS; AMENDING SECTION 6-39 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATING TO MOBILE FOOD VENDING REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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PUBLIC NOTICES:

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



More Public Notices appear on Page 13.

NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION OF TAX ROLLS

Pursuant to section 193.122(2), Florida Statutes (2025), notice is hereby given to all taxpayers and owners of both real and personal property that the 2025 Wakulla County Tax Rolls have been extended to show the tax attributable to all taxable property and that said tax rolls were certified for collection to the Tax Collector on October 21, 2025.



October 30, 2025

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

WAKULLA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS INVITATION TO BID NO. ITB 2025-25

OCHLOCKONEE RIVER & BALD POINT CHANNEL MARKER IMPROVEMENTS

ADVERTISEMENT BEGIN DATE: **OCTOBER 30, 2025**
RELEASE DATE: **OCTOBER 30, 2025**
BIDS DUE TO BOCC: **DECEMBER 16, 2025 @ 3:00 PM EST**

Sealed bids to improve channel safety within the Ochlockonee River and Bald Point Channel will be received at the office of the Board of County Commissioners, 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327; until **3:00 P.M., Local Time, on DECEMBER 16, 2025**, at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. Bids received after the deadline will not be accepted.

The principal feature of this procurement by the County is known as **OCHLOCKONEE RIVER & BALD POINT CHANNEL MARKER IMPROVEMENTS**. The specifications of this procurement are stated in **ITB 2025-25**.

The ITB and any addenda issued will be posted to the County's Website at www.mywakulla.com or can be obtained by contacting the County Procurement Office at 850-926-0919 or bnowak@mywakulla.com.

All technical inquiries and clarification requests shall be submitted in writing to Berkleigh Nowak, Procurement and Contracts Coordinator, bnowak@mywakulla.com in accordance with the ITB. Verbal clarifications will not be provided.

A **MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE** is scheduled for **NOVEMBER 13, 2025, @ 10 A.M. EST**. The meeting will be held at the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Office, 3093 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327. The meeting is **MANDATORY** for all contractors who plan to submit bids. Attendees must sign in at the pre-bid conference in order to be authorized to bid on the project. All question(s) asked at the pre-bid meeting will not be formally addressed via addendum unless provided to the County in writing.

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public

entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO (\$35,000) for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

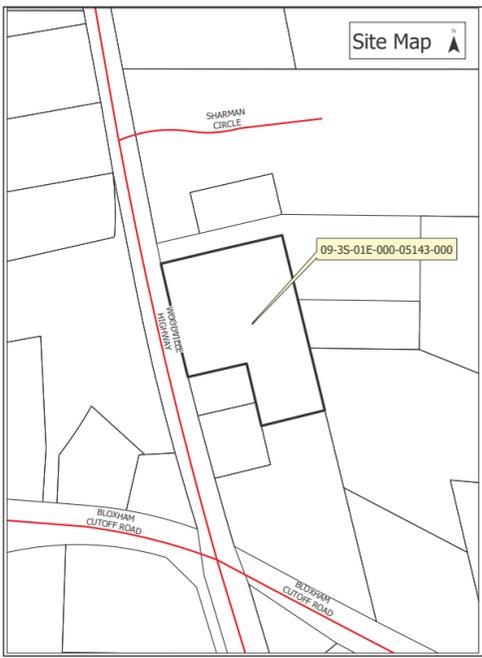
The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid; reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part; re-bid a project, in whole or in part; and to accept a proposal that in its judgment is the lowest and best bid of a responsible bidder. In accepting a bid, Wakulla County may award a contract based only on the base bid, the base bid plus all alternates, or the base bid plus any Alternates which Wakulla County selects -- with all decisions being made based upon what Wakulla County believes to be the best interests of its ratepayers, in the reasonable exercise of its discretion. Wakulla County further reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities as may be required to meet the needs of Wakulla County, at the unit price which was bid.

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Wakulla County does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, marital status and disability/handicapped status in employment or provision of service.
ADA - Special Accommodations: Any person requiring accommodations by the County due to a disability should call the Purchasing Office at 850-926-0919 at least five (5) days prior to any pre-response conference, response opening, or meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the County Purchasing Office by the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

October 30, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL USE

The Wakulla County Planning Commission proposes to consider the following application. A Public Hearing is scheduled regarding the following before the **Planning Commission on Monday, November 10, 2025, beginning at 6:00 P.M., unless otherwise noted below or as time permits.** All public hearings will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.



1. Application for Conditional Use: CU25-06
Applicant: First Baptist Church of Wakulla Station
Agent: Hydra Engineering & Construction, LLC
Proposal: storage shed for food pantry
Tax ID Number: 09-3S-01E-000-05143-000
Existing FLU Map: Rural 2 (FLUE Policy 1.2.5)
Current Zoning: RR-1 (Section 5-27, LDC)
FEMA Flood Info: "0.2PCT" zone on Panel 0275E
Parcel size: 2.51+/- acres
Location: 945 Woodville Highway

Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, November 10, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

If an individual wishes to submit documents or other materials related to a matter before the Planning Commission for consideration by the Planning Commission 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 Commission Members. If an individual wishes to bring documents or other materials for consideration by the Planning Commission 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, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM M-F; Phone (850) 926-3695. Any person desiring to appeal a decision of a County Board must ensure a verbatim transcript or copy is made of the testimony and exhibits presented at said hearings. Persons with a disability needing a special accommodation should contact the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Office at least two (2) days prior to the meeting at (850) 926-0919; Hearing and Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771; or email at ADARrequest@mywakulla.com.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING AN APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF ZONING

The Wakulla County Planning Commission and Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners propose to consider the following application and/or adopt the following by ordinance and has scheduled Public Hearings before the **Wakulla County Planning Commission on Monday, November 10, 2025, beginning at 6:00 P.M.** and 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.** All public hearings will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.



AS ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" TO THE ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

1. Application for Change of Zoning: R25-07
Applicant: Anne D. Thurmond
Proposal: rezone from single-family residential to cottage commercial
Tax ID Number: 00-00-077-017-10538-000
Existing FLU Map: Urban Fringe (FLUE Policy 1.2.7)
Current Zoning: R-1 (Section 5-30, LDC)
Proposed Zoning: CC (Section 5-65, LDC)
FEMA Flood Info: "X" zone on Panel 0225E
Parcel size: 0.459+/- acres
Location: Ochlockonee Street, Lot 3, Block B, Hudson Heights Unit 1 Subdivision

Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, November 10, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
BOCC: Monday, November 17, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

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Opinions

THE FIRST AMENDMENT

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

LETTERS FROM READERS

Disappointed by end to recycling in the county

Editor, The Sun:

I am really disappointed that there has been no huge outcry after Wakulla residents learned that our recycling program had been “dumped.” I think it is still sinking in – hard to believe. With Waste Pro calling the shots on our garbage disposal, what they say goes, and the county commission steps back.

According to the company, the \$214 we pay a year as an assessment is no longer enough. How much is enough? Without recycling, Waste Pro will be cutting its workload considerably, so we should see a decrease in our bills.

Now residents who want to continue recycling have to go to the landfill

themselves. I imagine it will become a busy place. I wonder how much quicker it will fill up.

In any case, the landfill is not a reasonable alternative for many people. Problems include transportation, age and the physical ability to lift as well as carry heavy bins, available time and more.

I contend that house-to-house pick up is a necessary service, one the county needs to encourage and help fund. We are a coastal county that welcomes tourists and is known for its rivers, parks, forests and beaches – “The Natural Place to Be.” It is a great image and one that contributes to the economy as well as a healthy environment. But we can’t be “green” if we don’t recycle.

If, as the company states, there has been a lack of participation, we should have been informed so we could work on education and incentives. This is too abrupt.

I also question the figures of Waste Pro’s “study” and want to know more details about who took it and how many households. Judging from the bins in my neighborhood, we are recycling much more than 20%.

Personally, I wouldn’t mind paying for a recycling service – but I am financially able. I know that is not true for everyone.

Perhaps we could look for other options to the landfill trip. Maybe Waste Pro instead of washing its hands of recycling entirely, could help set up a few sites around the county as drop-

off locations.

Another possibility is this could create a new livelihood for enterprising individuals to charge for the service Waste Pro was providing.

In addition, those of us who are still recycling can reevaluate what we are buying at the store and its packaging. Since I believe plastics to be the worst offender, I’m going to look for more alternatives.

We can’t just sit back and do nothing because that would be contributing to the “throw away society” we used to be before we started recycling. We need to do the opposite of quit – we need to improve.

Stacie Phillips
Crawfordville



Farm Bureau dinner held

By LYNDA KINSEY
Sun Staff

The Florida Farm Bureau held its annual dinner for members on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at the Wakulla Community Center. The meal was from Sony’s Barbecue and topped off with cake and Bluebell ice cream.

The evening included a bit of history by Local President Gary Crum. A couple of the fun facts he shared with the group was that Farm Bureau was first established in Wakulla in 1948 and that there were 58 farming members at that time. Then around 1955, pine tree planting became very popular. He included that the land Wakulla High School is built on used to be a huge farming property.

The event was attended by Gene Lambert, the local agent; Tripp Hunter, Farm Bureau Director of State Legislative Affairs; Pat Durden, District 4 Board Member; Geoffrey Patterson, Farm Bureau Director of Ag Policy; and Shayn Baggett, Farm Bureau District II Field Representative; along with 125 plus members.

“Membership in the Florida Farm Bureau means that you are part of a growing community of families who support agriculture in our state,” said Lambert.

“We are the state’s largest, non-profit general agricultural orga-

nization. We are more than 132,000 member-families strong. Through a grassroots structure, we ensure the future of family farms, locally grown food and rural land. Wakulla county is nearly 11% of that voice,” said Lambert.

According to the Farm Bureau website:

- Being a member of Farm Bureau provides you with valuable benefits and resources to help you save money and stay connected to pertinent issues affecting agriculture in our state.

- Our State Legislative Affairs team is based in Tallahassee and serves as the link between our members and government officials at the state level. They work with the state Legislature, Governor’s office and other departments and agencies to promote Farm Bureau policy as set by our grassroots members.

Florida Farm Bureau advocates on behalf of farm families on the local, state and national levels. We represent farmers and the rural communities. By advocating for the programs and policies that help farmers and ranchers prosper, we help to protect domestic food production and Florida’s natural resources. Farmers and ranchers help to generate an annual statewide economic impact of \$149 billion.

On the Horizon

Calendar of events for the week of October 30

Thursday, October 30

- Gentle Yoga and Stetching Class, every Thursday, 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 31

- HAPPY HALLOWEEN. Watch for trick or treaters.
- The Wakulla War Eagles travel to Havana to take on the Gadsden Jaguars at 7 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon & at 8 p.m. every Friday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Saturday, November 1

- All Saints Day.

Sunday, November 2

- DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS. Set your clocks back one hour.
- 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, November 3

- County commission meets at 5 p.m. in the commission chambers.
- The Wakulla Respite Program is available for anyone with memory impairment at no cost from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Ellen Baptist Church every Monday.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. every Monday at 54 Ochlockonee St.
- Gentle Yoga and 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, November 4

- 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, November 5

- 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.

Nature Store manager sought

The Friends of St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge are seeking a store manager for its successful Nature Store. Essentials such as insect repellent and caps are available, along with field guides for plants and animals, stunning T-shirts and sunshirts, jewelry, mugs, notecards and much more. Volunteers help visitors with information to enhance their experience hiking, birdwatching, fishing and visiting the historic St. Marks Lighthouse along with recommending merchandise. Their friendly greetings welcome

folks from all over the world to learn and enjoy our community.

The current store manager Rita LeBlanc is ready to take on other volunteer activities but will be glad to meet with any interested people and introduce the store and provide training and support for a smooth transition. She has enjoyed shopping for new and unique items and has built a wonderful team of volunteers to run the store.

For more information, contact Rita at naturestoremanager@gmail.com by Nov. 15.

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RAELYNN FRAZIER
Age 3, Wakulla Christian
"I like all the candy, Tootsie Rolls are my favorite chocolate."



BRANTLEY FRAZIER
Age 13, Wakulla Middle
"A Kit Kat, they're crunchy."



LEIGHA AIKEN
Age 5, Medart Elementary
"Licorice, it has strawberries in it."



BRILEY CUPP
Age 8, Wakulla Christian
"Nerd Clusters, they are sweet and sour."



KARSYN FORBES
Age 5, Crawfordville Elementary
"Sour Patch Kids, it's sour and I like sour."

Wakulla Crossroads

By **VERNA BROCK**

After last week's column concerning changes in trash pick-up, I have heard from many people. Several County Commissioners, as well as the County Administrator, have returned my call. Not surprisingly, the situation is complicated. Mostly by economics. No one is particularly satisfied with any of the options available. Everyone agrees we can't continue ignoring the problem.

Ultimately, Waste Pro and its fellow trash collection companies need legis-

lative and financial incentives to pursue genuine recycling services. That will most likely require a real commitment to solve a growing and dangerous issue by legislative representatives at every level. We as voters, tax paying citizens, must make sure our voices are heard loud and clear on this issue.

Since everyone acknowledges the problem is real, is difficult to solve, and will impact the quality of life for us and our children, we all need to work together towards the solution. There really isn't a moment to spare. The deg-

radation of our planet is spinning out of control with no brakes in sight.

I am suggesting the county have a workshop for citizens to learn and brainstorm. How do we best address the obvious crisis in solid waste control the county is facing? Let's invite our state delegation to join us while we're at it. Sooner than later, please. I don't know about you, but I'm tired of feeling powerless.

For all you bargain hunters out there, the Wakulla United Methodist Church is having a big garage sale this coming Saturday, November 1st, from 8 until 11 a.m. All proceeds will

be used to support the food pantry as we approach the holiday season. The need is great and demand is growing. Traditionally, our little pantry provides two holiday meals for well over thirty families.

While you're out and about, stop by the log cabin church on the bike trail in Wakulla Station. You can find a treasure as well as support a very worthy cause!

This Friday is Halloween, so please be extra careful. The roads will be filled with tiny spooks and hobgoblins trick-or-treating through our neighborhoods. Everyone stay safe and have fun.

Lots going on before Friday night's football game



Color Guard clinic

Members of the Wakulla High School

Color Guard and sponsor Brooke Post put on a clinic for elementary and middle school students before the start of



Friday night's game against district rival Baker County. The group then came out and performed before the start of the

game at J.D. Jones Stadium. (Photos by Perry Dissmore)

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NJROTC Fish fry

The Naval Junior ROTC program held its annual fish fry fundraiser before the start of the football game, hosted as always by Posey's catering. Some of

the people helping Sherri Posey Miller in the truck included county commissioners Josh Lawhon and Ralph Thomas and former county commissioner Mike Kemp. (Photo by William Snowden)

Outdoors

outdoor sports

HOME ON THE RANGE

New to understanding semi-auto handguns



By MARJ LAW

Ella wants to purchase a handgun. She's talking to her boyfriend, Sam.

"I went to a gun store while driving out of town. I wondered what would be a good idea to buy. The guy asked if I wanted a revolver or a semi-automatic. Since I don't know anything about handguns, he said I'd need a revolver because they are simple to manage. Is that so, Sam?"

"Yes. That's probably true. Do you know the difference between a revolver and a semi-automatic?"

"I think so. The revolver has that round thing in the middle of it."

"Yes. That's a cylinder," he replies.

"And you put a bullet in each of its holes. Then you just point and shoot. That's the easy one."

According to the guy in the store, with the other kind, you have to put your bullets in this job, then you have to stick it in the handle. You have to push down a lever so you can shoot. Then you have to pull the top of the gun backwards. After that, you can shoot."

Sam winces. "Did the shop guy tell you how to

clean the revolver or the semi-automatic?"

She frowns. "That's another reason I don't want a semi. You have to take it apart to clean it. You don't have to do that with a revolver."

"Well, Ella, you do have a little understanding of the two types of handguns. And it takes a while to become proficient with any gun. However, did the fella tell you that you only have 5-9 shots with the revolver, while with the semi you can have 6-15 shots, and even more? That's particularly useful if you're not terribly adept at shooting well. If you're in a situation where you have to defend yourself, more rounds in the gun gives you more chances to keep the bad guy away."

"That's a lot less in the revolver than the semi." Ella, who thought she had her mind made up, is not pleased.

"Let's discuss the semi-automatic handgun and a philosophy of basically how it works," suggests Sam. He shows her a semi-automatic Ruger Security .380. "The Security comes with a 15 and a 10-round magazine, right?"

Ella nods.

"Where's the hammer?" she asks.

"You don't see a hammer because this gun has internal hammer."

First, you always assume the gun is loaded. Point your gun in a safe direction, even if you're pretty sure it is empty, so that you never hurt a person or anything

you might not intend to shoot." He points the gun towards the forest.

"Next, you're not putting 'bullets' in your gun; you put in 'rounds.' A bullet is just a part of a round. The entire round is composed of a casing having powder in it, and then the projectile which is the bullet. So, when you want to have ammunition, you ask for 'rounds.'" He picks up a round and shows her the casing and the bullet.

"You put your rounds into a magazine, then you slide the filled magazine into the grip of the gun." He picks up a magazine and pretends to push a round into it with his thumb.

"Then you pull the slide backward which is called 'racking' or 'jacking' the slide. This is important because when you do this action, it loads the first round into the chamber."

He pulls back the slide. "It's not so difficult, is it?"

Ella shakes her head. "Then you pull the trigger?"

"Almost. We'll discuss proper range conduct at another time. You'll want



to be at a range where it's safe to shoot. You'll have both hearing and vision protection. When the range is declared "hot," you'll aim the gun. On the top of the gun are 'sights.' You align the sights to aim, and then you squeeze the trigger. See the sights?"

He points out the sights of the Ruger. Ella nods.

"There are many different sights on the rear (the part closest to you) and the front. This gun has a 'U' shaped rear sight and a green fiber-optic front sight." Sam shows Ella the sights.

Placing the gun on the table in front of them, he points to the trigger.

"You already know that this is the trigger." Ella nods again.

"This lever, usually on the 'frame' or 'lower' part of the gun, is a safety. When it is in the 'up' position, your gun will not shoot. When you are ready to shoot, you push this lever down. Some guns do not have a safety here. Some safeties are on located on the 'upper' or the 'slide.'"

"Some guns have a trigger safety, like this one. It looks sort of like another trigger, only it's smaller. Some have safeties on the back of the grip. And some guns do not have safeties at all. Some guns have a long trigger pull. This long pull acts as a safety. When you have to pull such a long trigger, your shot is deliberate. This particular gun has 2 safeties: one on the trigger and one on the frame."

"Usually, you'll find a button or lever near or right on the grip. This is your magazine release. See?" he asks Ella, pressing on the magazine release. The magazine shoots out of the grip.

Ella picks up the magazine and slides it back into the grip. Then she pushes on the magazine release, and the magazine shoots out again.

"I did it!"

"See this lever? It is in front of the safety. It is the 'slide release' lever. It can lock back the slide, so you can look in the chamber to see there is or is not a loaded round."

He locks the slide back,

and she looks into the chamber.

"It also acts to aid in taking down the gun. Before you remove the 'take down pin,' you need to lock the slide back."

This last pin is the 'take-down' pin. When you learn how to activate the take-down pin, or lever in other guns, it serves to release the slide so you can remove it from the frame. The slide has a recoil spring and a barrel. You take these parts out in order to clean the gun. After cleaning, you replace the barrel and the spring. Then you align the slide's rails with the rails on the lower and move the slide back into place."

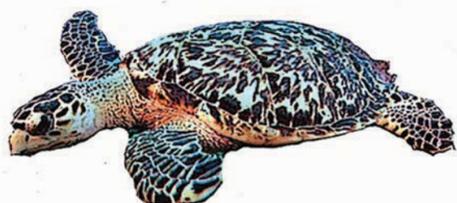
"That's a lot to remember!" exclaims Ella.

"But remember, this gun holds 15 rounds. That's a whole lot more than the revolver."

When you're in danger, do you want 5 or maybe 9 rounds in your gun, or do you want 15?"

"I think I'll learn to handle a semi-automatic handgun," concludes Ella.

Ella.



HAWKSBILL SEA TURTLE
(*Eretmochelys imbricata*)

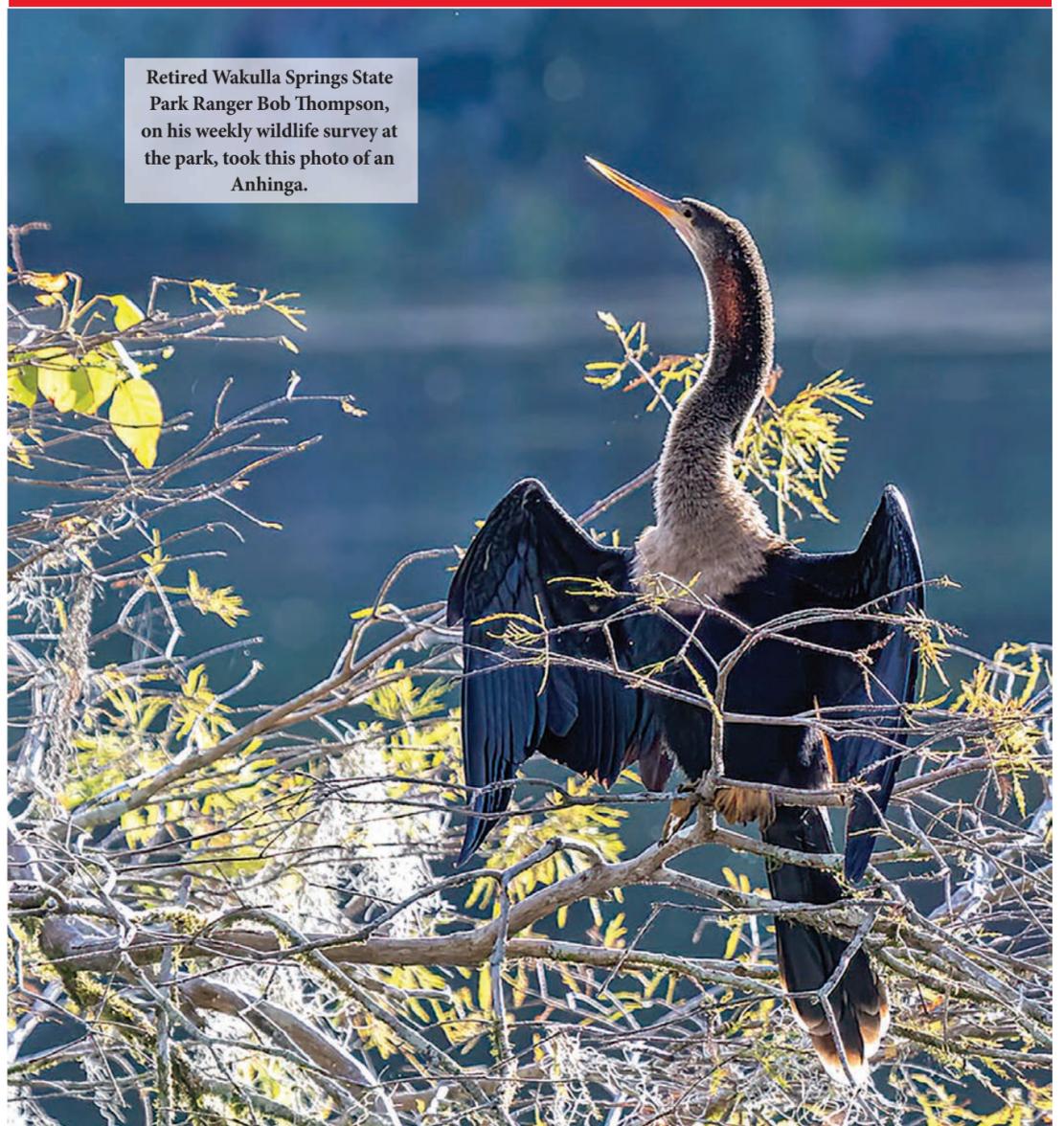
Reaching about 150 pounds as an adult, this turtle prefers to be in costal waters where it can easily find its favorite food, sponges. It's omnivorous and will also eat mollusks, jellyfish, fish, shellfish and algae. When they are young their shell is heart shaped but as they grow it becomes oval. The pattern on their carapaces is made from over lapping bony plates. Unfortunately these turtles are still being killed for their shell and eggs. They have become critically endangered, mostly due the activity of humans.

Eukaryria, Anamalia, Chordata, Reptilia, Testunides, Cheloniidae

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WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO

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



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Nov. 2 - 8, 12, 17 - 23

Thursday 30	
Sun rise/set 7:50 AM 6:51 PM	Moon rise/set 3:16 PM 1:20 AM
Moon Illumination 60%	
Friday 31	
Sun rise/set 7:50 AM 6:50 PM	Moon rise/set 3:49 PM 2:23 AM
Moon Illumination 70%	
Saturday 1	
Sun rise/set 7:51 AM 6:49 PM	Moon rise/set 4:20 PM 3:25 AM
Moon Illumination 80%	
Sunday 2	
Sun rise/set 7:52 AM 6:48 PM	Moon rise/set 4:51 PM 4:29 AM
Moon Illumination 89%	
Monday 3	
Sun rise/set 7:53 AM 6:48 PM	Moon rise/set 5:25 PM 5:36 AM
Moon Illumination 95%	
Tuesday 4	
Sun rise/set 7:54 AM 6:47 PM	Moon rise/set 6:02 PM 6:45 AM
Moon Illumination 99%	
Wednesday 5	
Sun rise/set 7:54 AM 6:46 PM	Moon rise/set 6:45 PM 7:59 AM
Moon Illumination 100%	

For tides at the following points add to Dog Island Listings:
 Carrabelle High Tide 28 Min. Low Tide 25 Min.
 Apalachicola 1 Hr., 53 Min. 2 Hrs., 38 Min.
 Cat Point 1 Hr., 13 Min. 2 Hrs., 31 Min.
 Lower Anchorage 1 Hr., 36 Min. 2 Hrs., 3 Min.
 West Pass 1 Hr., 26 Min. 2 Hrs., 39 Min.

St. Marks River Entrance

Th	2:55 am ▼ 2.1 ft	8:25 am ▲ 2.9 ft	4:05 pm ▼ 0.6 ft	10:55 pm ▲ 3.0 ft
Fr	4:27 am ▼ 1.7 ft	10:23 am ▲ 3.0 ft	5:05 pm ▼ 0.6 ft	11:35 pm ▲ 3.2 ft
Sa	5:31 am ▼ 1.2 ft	11:42 am ▲ 3.2 ft	5:55 pm ▼ 0.7 ft	11:09 pm ▲ 3.4 ft
Su	5:22 am ▼ 0.6 ft	11:43 am ▲ 3.5 ft	5:39 pm ▼ 0.8 ft	11:39 pm ▲ 3.6 ft
Mo	6:07 am ▼ 0.0 ft	12:38 pm ▲ 3.8 ft	6:20 pm ▼ 1.0 ft	
Tu	12:08 am ▲ 3.8 ft	6:52 am ▼ -0.5 ft	1:29 pm ▲ 3.9 ft	6:58 pm ▼ 1.2 ft
We	12:39 am ▲ 3.9 ft	7:37 am ▼ -0.9 ft	2:19 pm ▲ 3.8 ft	7:34 pm ▼ 1.5 ft

City of St. Marks

Th	3:59 am ▼ 1.9 ft	9:01 am ▲ 2.7 ft	5:09 pm ▼ 0.6 ft	11:31 pm ▲ 2.8 ft
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Sa	5:51 am ▼ 1.6 ft	12:11 am ▲ 3.0 ft	6:35 am ▼ 1.1 ft	12:18 pm ▲ 3.8 ft
Su	6:52 am ▼ 5:48 pm	6:26 am ▼ 0.5 ft	12:19 pm ▲ 3.3 ft	6:43 pm ▼ 0.7 ft
Mo	6:52 am ▼ 5:47 pm	12:15 am ▲ 3.3 ft	7:11 am ▼ 0.0 ft	1:14 pm ▲ 3.5 ft
Tu	6:53 am ▼ 5:47 pm	12:44 am ▲ 3.5 ft	7:56 am ▼ -0.5 ft	2:05 pm ▲ 3.6 ft
We	6:54 am ▼ 5:46 pm	1:15 am ▲ 3.7 ft	8:41 am ▼ -0.8 ft	2:55 pm ▲ 3.6 ft

Shell Point, Spring Creek

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Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

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St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

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Dog Island West End

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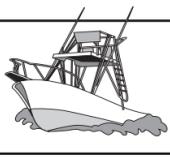
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Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



The following information was provided by Stephen M. Lange, Ph.D. United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 081-06-03.

Alertness, attention, vigilance, and situational awareness are critical when boating. Observing and responding to weather, sea conditions, other boats, location relative to obstacles, fuel state, and other sensory input are demanding, and, over time, fatiguing. On the water, we need to be aware of both our external environment, and our internal environment including our state of readiness to respond to challenging situations large and small.

On the water, sun glare, heat, dehydration, motor noise and vibration, monotony, and the mental energy needed to operate a

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boat can rob boaters of their ability to stay alert. Boaters can proactively prevent fatigue by assigning crew members to serve as lookouts reducing mental demands for their skipper, rotating assignments, having each crew member monitor others on board for heat related illness, fatigue and reduced situational awareness, provisioning their boats with adequate water and food, wearing hats that shade the eyes and face, wearing

polarized sunglasses, using sunscreen, and taking frequent breaks. It is important for boaters not to overestimate their stamina and resistance to fatigue.

Thanks to Sherrie, we will always remember safe boating is no accident. For more information on Alertness at the Helm, visit the U.S. Coast Guard Heartland Safe Boating.

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Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

Dive In Day at the Florida Capitol. January 12, 2012

Tuesday, Jan. 10- was Dive In Day at the Florida Capitol, an event sponsored by the Dive Equipment and Marketing Association (DEMA). Retail diving operations had an opportunity to display their offerings and support regulations that promote our industry.

Fresh out of a 160-foot dive and followed by a 200-foot dive with my deep diving rebreather class from Switzerland, I entered this event somewhat tired and skeptical. We, the Florida diving support community, face daunting challenges. Will the Florida Legislature care?

My summer diving community is an open water, open circuit group, either scalloping or spearfishing. Both are coming off a Gulf spill tragedy that did not quite make it to Wakulla County physically, but did emotionally.

Most local folks just quit diving, or went south for their underwater adventures, leaving the support facilities in the North Florida area with little action (income). We went for weeks with no customers. New facilities like ours did not qualify for compensation as we did not have a year of operations with which to compare our losses.

Last summer was better, but still way under the forecasted potential.

Over the last year we have seen a migration away from the area of qualified dive boats with ever more restrictive fishing regulations. Of course protecting the fishery is important, but every restriction sends another boat and their business elsewhere.

What this community needs is a paradigm shift. A paradigm shift is a dramatic shift in the way we do something or in a technology. A classic example is the analog watch that dominated the world for centuries shifting to the inexpensive digital watch that altered the industry.

Offshore spearfishing is costly because the diving technology is heavy, bulky and awkward requiring a large footprint (and thus a large and expensive boat). We need to shrink this footprint to bring this community to their dive sites with less expense. I will expand on this in a later column.

My winter diving community is an overhead and often rebreather group, either strolling through countless known underwater passages or exploring and mapping new ones. Most are international and seek training from us. They were immune to the Gulf spill as our aquifer was unaffected by ocean pollutants.

Unlike our summer community, these folks seek a diving destination. For example, during the past week Keith Tice from Zürich, Switzerland, has been telling me about the many diving destinations he has visited, from the Red Sea to the Maldives. He is convinced we have such a destination right here in Wakulla County and will say so next week at the Public Hearing on opening Wakulla Springs State Park to equal access diving, hosted by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Livestock Pavilion next to the Crawfordville Fire Department.

He recognized Wakulla County's unique contribution to the Cave Diver's Trail that stretches from Marianna through Wakulla to Peacock Springs State Park, High Springs, Eagles Nest and ending in Weeki-Wachi Springs.

I hope the seeds I planted on Dive-In Days at the Capitol will encourage our Legislature to recognize and support the job creating economic opportunity people who enjoy underwater adventure bring to our state and especially to Wakulla County.

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Editor's Note: This is a repeat of a column from 2012.

Sin never takes us to a good place

By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

What do you admire most about the person you want to emulate? What causes you to lose respect for someone you once admired?

It's inspiring to see (and, if possible, to spend

time with) people who achieve success through their wise choices – those who stay true to themselves and their life's purpose.

On the other hand, it's frustrating to want to help someone escape their destructive choices, only for them to stubbornly reject your advice.

Which one are you? The person worth emulating? Or maybe you're the one your family and friends have repeatedly tried to rescue, but you've refused their help. Perhaps you've seen a bit of both in yourself.

Many of us have ig-

nored wise advice and carry the scars to show for it. This is why we want to help others avoid making the same mistakes as those who resist God's ways.

In Matthew 4:17 (AMPC), Jesus said, "Repent (change your mind for the better)."

Today, I prayed and asked the Holy Spirit to show me what "better" means in relation to the choices I make.

It's frightening to realize that sometimes we not only succumb to sinful temptation but also lack the wisdom to recognize the danger of our sin.

Apart from God, we don't have the strength to resist that behavior, which almost guarantees days (or even years) of humiliation.

We'd be wise to think about where we want to be before we reach the end of our lives. Even before the end of this day.

The other option is to allow our sinful choices to continue to hold us hostage. But how much devastation are we willing to suffer before we reach the end of our rope? Before our family and friends have had enough?

What would happen if we asked God to show

us the long-term consequences of our decisions? What if we asked Him to show us His way – the better way?

Our sins are destroying us. Disobedience (even delayed obedience) shortchanges us. Sin – any sin – never takes us to a good place. And once we've suffered the consequences, how long will it take us to regain our footing? If we ever do.

Thankfully, we're not alone. In every temptation, we're never without God's wise counsel. Furthermore, we're never without His love, compassion, grace, mercy

and power.

Every day, let's pray for the wisdom to obey God. From now on, let's resolve to make obedience to Him non-negotiable. Let's live the kind of life we want to see in others – the life God revealed to us in Christ.

This kind of tenacity will make us people who deserve respect and emulation.

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When the feeling fades

By **CHERYL CRUCE**

There was always something about furthering my education that called to me. Right after high school, I made my first attempt at college, full of dreams but not quite prepared for college life. Before long, I stepped away – choosing instead to work, marry, and raise a family. Twice more I reached for that goal, but the busy rhythm of raising

children and managing home life made it too much to continue.

It wasn't until my fourth attempt that everything finally came together. This time, my oldest daughter and I entered college. We cheered each other through classes, celebrated earning our associate degrees from the local community college, and went on to complete our bachelor's degrees in human services. From there, my daughter began her teaching career, and I pursued my Master of Divinity.

It took commitment – especially after my "sidekick" was no longer walking beside me, reminding me to "hang in there." I remember that final semester viv-

idly. At 62 years old, I was knee-deep in determination to finish strong. Five classes – one in Hebrew and another in Greek – tested every ounce of strength I had. There were nights I wanted to give up, but the finish line was in sight... and so was God's faithfulness.

Looking back now, I'm thankful I stayed focused. The long hours, late nights, and moments of wanting to quit were all worth it because I love the work I do as a pastor. Every sermon, every visit, every prayer shared reminds me that this calling is more than a career; it's a privilege. God had a purpose in every class and every challenge along the way.

The Apostle Paul understood this kind of

perseverance. He wrote, "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14). Paul knew what it meant to stay the course, not because it was easy, but because the purpose was worth it. His words remind us that faith isn't measured in how strong we start, but in how faithful we remain when the feeling fades.

And that's what Jesus did for us. From the beginning of His ministry to His final walk toward Calvary, His commitment never wavered. He knew what was ahead – the suffering, the cross, the weight of our sin – yet He walked forward with purpose. Each step He took was one of obedience, each

word one of love. When others fled, He stayed. When the pain intensified, He pressed on. His heart was fixed on redemption – yours and mine – because He could see beyond the suffering to the salvation it would bring.

That kind of commitment can't be measured by human strength. It's divine, steadfast, and eternal. Jesus didn't endure the cross for recognition or reward; He did it because love held Him there. The nails didn't keep Him on the cross – commitment did. His love for the Father and His compassion for us became the bridge between our brokenness and God's grace.

So when you find yourself weary or wondering if you can keep

going – whether in faith, ministry, or just the daily walk of life – remember this: the same Christ who was committed to redeeming you is committed to sustaining you. His faithfulness hasn't faded. The hands that bore the nails still hold you steady, and even when the feeling fades, the purpose remains. The One who called you is faithful to help you finish well.

Hebrews 12:1-2 – "Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith..."

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

OUT TO PASTOR

Where, oh where, is my hair?

By **JAMES SNYDER**

It is true that I don't pay attention to many things in life. I guess I'm just too busy to notice everything.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage always asks me why I'm not paying attention. To keep engaged in that argument, I say, "I'm too poor to pay attention. Could I borrow 25 cents from you?"

I have yet to get that 25 cents. But it is true, I don't pay attention.

It all started when I was in grade school. I had a hard time paying attention to my teacher. I don't remember how many times I was sent to the principal's office for this very thing.

Believe me, I have tried to pay attention throughout life, but it has been very difficult for me. I'm too poor to pay attention, and as I get older, the poorer I get.

All of this came to a head the other day when I walked into the bathroom to shave, brush my teeth and comb my hair. When I was combing my hair, I noticed there wasn't much hair to comb. The less hair I have, the longer it takes me to comb my hair. I wish I could explain that.

It then dawned on me

that I was going bald. I then remembered my uncle who was very bald and explained it by saying, "Grass does not grow on a busy street."

I'm beginning to understand what he meant. According to his definition, my head has been very busy the last few months. I'm just not sure what it's been busy doing.

Being bald has made me think that maybe I should start wearing a hat. That might cover up some of the bald spots.

Last week I was going to go to the barber. I told The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, "I'm going to my barber to get a haircut."

Just as I was walking out the door, she replied by saying, "Have you decided which hair you're going to get cut this week?"

As I closed the door, I heard her laughing, but I wasn't laughing on my side of the door.

When I came back from my barber The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage greeted me and said, "Did the barber cut the right hair?" And then she laughed as though it was something funny!

Pondering this, I was trying to find the answer to a straightforward question: Where did all my hair go? And, what scared it away?

What provokes me is, why does the hair on my face continue to grow while the hair on the top of my head has retired? Why can't I turn it around? Then I wouldn't have to shave every day.

When I was at my

barbershop, I was tempted to ask if there was anything I could do to replace what had vanished on the top of my head that. Then, I didn't think it was a proper question to ask the barber.

I've tried a lot of things to cover up that bald spot on the top. I try to comb the hair from the side of my head up and over the top. That did not work at all. No matter what I did, nothing fixed that problem.

The good thing about being bald is I only see it when looking in the mirror. The only ones who see it are those whom I meet with during the day.

I then had another thought stomped through my brain. Why is it that men go bald but most women do not? I was tempted to ask The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, but then I thought she might answer this question in a way that would not make me too happy.

The more I keep The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage off the top of my head and

the missing hair, the happier I'm going to be. Believe me, she can fix anything. I was afraid she would fix me, but I would not be happy with the fix.

Sometimes it's better to keep quiet about something. When you start asking questions, especially with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, you often get answers, and most of them aren't the ones you want to hear at the time. I have learned that silence is the best music to listen to, especially if you're married.

I wish I knew where my hair went so I could retrieve it and put it back where it belongs. Until then, I'm going to have to live with less hair on the top of my head.

I wished that having less hair on the top of my head would mean I wouldn't have to comb it as much. Regardless of the hair on the top of my head or the lack thereof, combing my hair is quite a job in the morning.

In my devotional reading I read a verse from Galatians 1:10,

"For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ."

Thinking on this verse reminded me that sometimes I am more concerned about what people think about my looks. Rather, I should be more concerned about what God thinks of me. Am I living a life

that pleases Him?

When that is my daily focus, it does not matter about my hair or lack thereof.

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DEATH NOTICES

• **Deborah H. Gerrell**, 61 of Crawfordville, passed away October 26, 2025

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Sheriff's Report

This report is for activity October 17th to 24th. There were 1,238 total calls for service during the week.

FRIDAY, OCT. 17

• Deputy Dylan Buckhalt conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for following too close. During the stop it was determined the driver did not possess a valid driver's license and had an active ICE warrant. The driver was placed under arrest for the driver license violation and ICE responded to the jail and served the warrant, placing a hold on the subject.

• Deputy Aimee Hoagland responded to a call and made contact with the reporting person, who stated someone she knows attempted to come in the bathroom while she was in the shower and she told him no. She stated he became angry and was cussing at her from outside the bathroom door. She stated her dog yelped shortly after, the garage door opened and he departed the residence for approximately one and a half hours. She stated after showering, her dog was missing and she believes he stole it and possibly harmed it. Case forwarded to Criminal Investigations

Division.

• Deputy Zachary Godwin responded to the 1900 block of Woodville Highway and made contact with the reporting person, who stated his Amazon shipment was set to be delivered to a location off of St. Marks Street. He stated he does not reside there nor does he know anyone at the residence. Deputy Godwin attempted to retrieve the package to no avail due to the package not being delivered. This case is being documented for information, and he will be contacting Amazon in reference to the delivery mistake.

SATURDAY, OCT. 18

• Deputy Shay Sullivan responded to Methodist Lane in reference to a citizen advising he heard an explosion in his yard and can now smell gunpowder. Investigation revealed someone blew up a fire-work near his vehicle slightly damaging it.

SUNDAY, OCT. 19

• Deputy Zachary Godwin made contact with a citizen, who stated sometime during the night his 2024 Aprilla motorcycle was stolen. No suspect information at this time. The vehicle was entered in FCIC/

NCIC as stolen.

• Deputy Shay Sullivan responded to Otter Lake Road in reference to a citizen requesting to report some of her narcotic medications missing. A possible suspect has been determined. Case forwarded to CID.

MONDAY, OCT. 20

• A citizen reported fraudulent activity on his bank account. He advised when reviewing his bank statements and observe several charges made to his account. He further elaborated saying his wife did not make the purchases either. He stated he informed his bank which requested he file a report. His monetary loss was approximately \$602.26.

• Deputy Sammons responded to Longleaf Drive in reference to a fraud complaint. Upon arrival, contact was made with a citizen who advised she discovered fraudulent charges to her PayPal account. On Oct. 18, she received a phone call with an automated message stating someone was attempting to change her password. She advised she denied the request. However, shortly after she noticed multiple charges to her PayPal account that she did not recognize. She was able to cancel some of the charges, but is still currently out of \$293.72. The citizen

provided a delivery address associated with the charges in Columbus, Ohio. She denied knowing anyone in the Ohio area and disputed the charges. She provided an Affidavit for Prosecution and wishes to pursue charges for theft at this time. Nothing further advised.

TUESDAY, OCT. 21

• Deputy Arturo Cordoba conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Council Moore Road and Crawfordville Highway. During the stop it was discovered the driver did not possess a valid driver's license. The odor of marijuana was also coming from the interior of the vehicle which led to a probable cause search. During the search, a small amount of marijuana was located, seized and submitted for destruction. The driver was issued a citation for Driving While License Suspended or Revoked (DWLSR).

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22

• Deputy Zachary Godwin conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle due to speeding. During the stop it was determined the driver did not have a valid driver license and had an active warrant out of Marion County. He was arrested and transported to the jail.

• Deputy Jeremi-

ah Post conducted a traffic stop near Old Woodville and Ace High Stables Road for faulty equipment. The driver was determined to be operating a motor vehicle without a driver license. He was subsequently placed under arrest and transported to the jail.

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FRIDAY, OCT. 24

• Sgt. Heather Will responded to Neeley Road in reference to a citizen advising he was being extorted. He advised he met a female online and after talking with her they started to flirt in which she requested a full body nude photo of him. After the nude photo was sent, she demanded thousands of dollars in exchange to not share his photo with family members. No money was sent and he requested just document the incident at this time.

• Deputy Jeremiah Post responded to Ted Langston Road in reference to a fire. Upon arrival, the vehicle was damaged due to a brush fire that spread. The vehicle was a total loss.

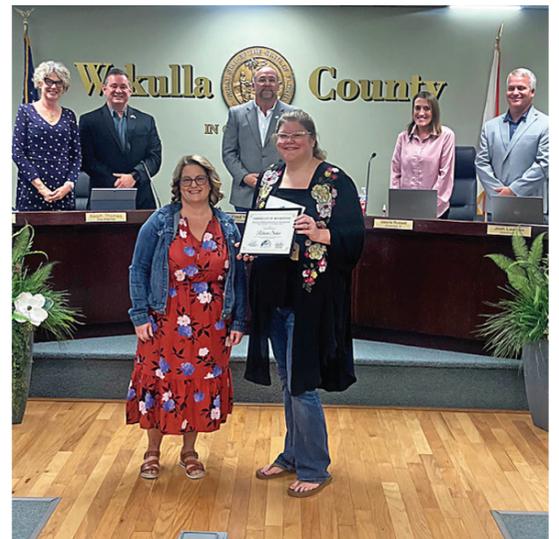
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THURSDAY, OCT. 23

• Deputy Austin Rivers conducted a traffic stop for a speed violation. The driver was determined to be driving while driver license suspended, knowingly. The driver was subsequently issued a Notice To Appear for DWLSR and a licensed driver picked her up.

• Deputy Aimee Hoagland responded to Dwight Sanders Road and made contact with a citizen, who stated someone stole his "no trespassing" and "surveillance" signs from his property. There are three persons of interest in this case. Case forwarded to CID.

• Deputy Dylan Buckhalt conducted a traffic stop in reference



Sahar recognized

The Wakulla County Public Library's Rebecca Sahar, in front right, was recognized as the county employee of the quarter at the county commission meeting on Monday, Oct. 20. Sahar has been with the library for more than 10 years. She was joined by Library Director Linda Oaks, front left. (Photo by William Snowden)

Recreation study

From Front Page

to oversee the programs.

It was also noted that Wakulla's user fees are lower than other counties. It was recommended that the county look at an increase operating budget per capita from \$45.67 to \$60.

It was also noted that the county is understaffed by 6.5 employees for similar counties for its rec department.

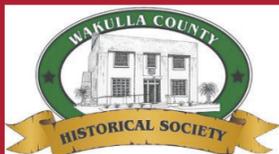
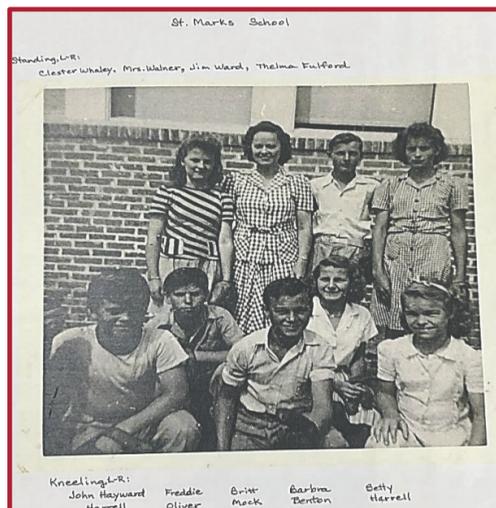
Assistant County Administrator Somer Pell noted that the county's park and rec departments were severed a few years ago but said administration is taking baby steps to put the departments back together.

In another matter, Commission Chair Fred Nichols and the full board honored Joseph Williams, a 106-year-old U.S. Navy veteran who served during World War II.

After Nichols read the resolution honoring Williams, the audience gave the veteran a standing ovation for his service.

Commissioner Ralph Thomas, a retired Navy veteran, asked Williams what credited his long life and suggested with a laugh: "It must be that Navy chow."

Did you know that the St. Marks School has had three lives? Built in 1938 as a primary school, restored in 1975 as an adult education center, and is currently being used as a charter school grades 1-8.



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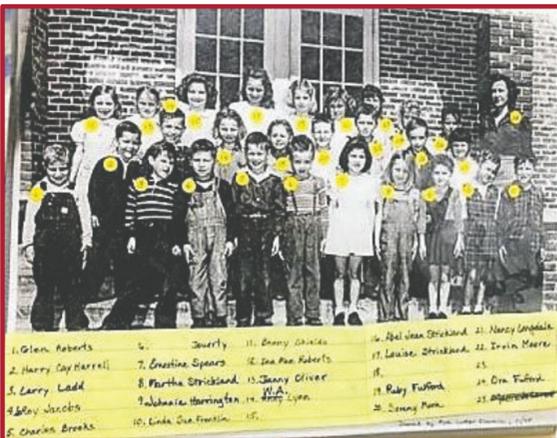
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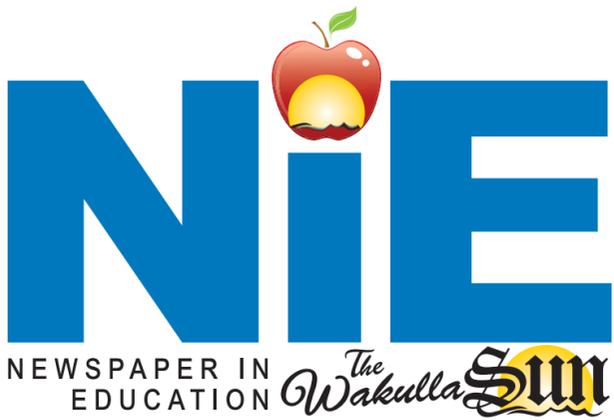
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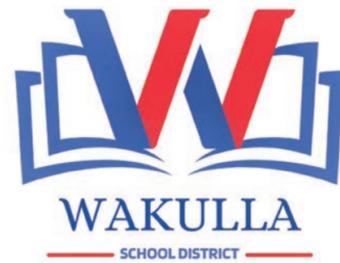
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USE THE NEWS

1. TRICK-OR-TREAT TRENDS

This year, Americans are buying more Halloween candy than ever, even though candy costs more than it used to. People are expected to spend almost \$4 billion on Halloween treats! Chocolate is still the most popular candy, but its price has gone up a lot. Some candy pieces are even smaller than before. Because chocolate costs more, many people are trying gummies and sour candies instead. New candies have surprising flavors and textures, like freeze-dried sweets or super sour gummies with gooey centers. Mystery candies are also becoming popular—when you eat one, you don't know what flavor you'll get! Some families are also choosing candy made with more natural ingredients. Halloween candy shows that people want to have fun, even when prices are scary! Write 5 sentences describing what kinds of Halloween candy you and your classmates like best. First, ask at least 5 classmates what their favorite Halloween candy is (chocolate, gummies, sour candy, candy corn, or something else). Then write about which candy got the most votes and which got the least. Tell why you think kids like those candies the most this year. Finally, write one sentence about a new kind of candy you would invent for next Halloween.

2. MUSEUM ROBBERY

Police in France have arrested suspects after a big jewelry robbery at the famous Louvre Museum in Paris. Four thieves stole very expensive crown jewels worth over \$100 million! They pretended to be workers and used a special machine to reach a window on the second floor. Then they broke in, smashed glass cases, and grabbed the jewels before driving away on scooters. One suspect was caught at the airport while trying to leave France. Police are working fast to find the rest of the thieves and to get the jewels back before they can be taken apart or sold. The museum plans to add better cameras and security so something like this doesn't happen again. Write 3-5 sentences describing a new security plan to protect a museum. Explain what tools or helpers you would use to keep the artwork

and jewelry safe, such as cameras, alarms, guards, or locked cases. Tell where you would place these security items in the museum. Share how you would stop a thief from sneaking in. Finally, write why your plan would keep the museum safe in the future.

3. DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Twice a year, people in the United States and Europe change their clocks for daylight saving time. In the spring, clocks move forward one hour to have more daylight in the evening. In the fall, clocks move back one hour to return to standard time. But these changes happen on different dates in the U.S. and Europe. Europe moves clocks back on the last Sunday in October, while

the U.S. waits until the first Sunday in November. This means that for one week, the time difference between places like New York and London is one hour shorter than usual. During that week, some people get confused about what time to call their family or join online meetings! Leaders are still deciding if they want to keep changing the clocks or stop doing it someday. Write 5 sentences describing how changing the clocks affects part of your day. Explain how it might feel when the sun sets earlier or later and how that could change when you wake up, go to school, or play outside. Tell what you would do to help yourself remember the new time, like setting a reminder. Include one sentence about whether you would like day-

light saving time to stay forever or go away. End by saying how you would help a friend who gets confused by the time change.

4. RARE RED LIGHTNING

Three photographers in New Zealand took amazing pictures of a rare kind of lightning called red sprites. These flashes of light happen high above big thunderstorms and only last a few seconds. The sprites look red at the top and blue or purple as they move downward, almost like glowing jellyfish floating in the sky. The photographers had gone to take pictures of the Milky Way, but they were surprised when a huge storm made the sprites show up. Red sprites are very hard to see and even harder to photograph, so this was a very special moment. The pictures help scientists learn

more about the weather and what happens high above the clouds. Write 5 sentences as if you are a weather reporter who just saw red sprites in the sky. Describe where you are, what the sky looks like, and what makes the red lightning special. End with how the people around you react to seeing something so rare.

5. THE WHITE HOUSE LOSES ITS THEATER

The White House used to have a special movie theater just for the president and their family. It had 42 seats and cozy red chairs where presidents could relax and watch movies, sports, or TV shows. Many famous leaders enjoyed it – John F. Kennedy loved James Bond movies, Bill Clinton called it the “best perk,” and Barack Obama even invited movie actors to

watch films with him. The theater was first built in 1942 and was updated many times to make it feel fancy and modern. Now it has been taken down as part of a big renovation, but officials say it will be rebuilt later. The movie theater helped presidents take a break from work, enjoy time with family, and have some fun inside the White House. Write 5 sentences describing a special room you would add to the White House if you were president. Explain what the room would be used for and what it would look like inside. Tell what furniture or equipment it would need and who would be allowed to use it. Include one sentence about why this room would help the president do their job better. End by saying how the room would make visitors feel when they see it.





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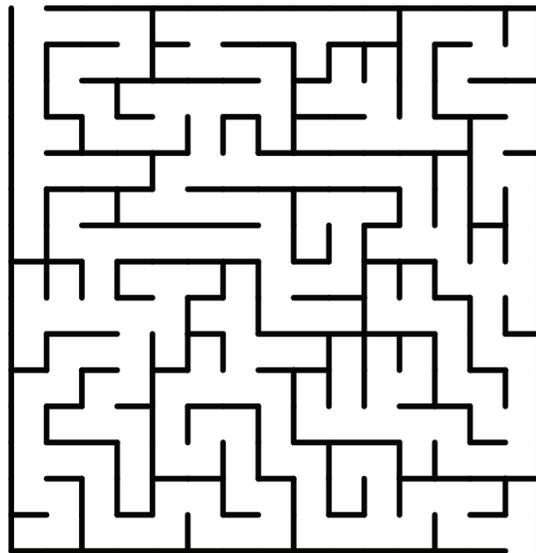
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Answer: Vegetarian

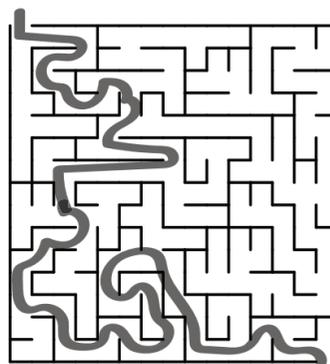
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1810: The United States annexes the former Spanish colony of West Florida.

1961: NASA tests the first Saturn I rocket in Mission Saturn-Apollo 1.



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NON-JUDICIAL SALE OF VESSELS:

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 328.17 Non-Judicial Sale of Vessels, that Lynn Brothers will hold a sealed bid on Friday, November 14th, 2025 at 10:00 AM at 28 Lynn Circle, St. Marks, FL. Vessel will go to highest cash bidder. Vessel will be sold as-is and must be removed by the buyer immediately following the sale.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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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 such-certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: 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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TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 043

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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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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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TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 045

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Certificate #: 506 Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023
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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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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

1023 TWS NOS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

Notice is hereby given that on Friday, November 7th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. the following vessel may be sold at public sale at 85 Harbour Point Drive, Crawfordville, Florida 32327 for the amount owed on the vessel to satisfy the lien for storage charges and any administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida Statue 713.585.

"Contagious" Sailboat 41' Out-Island.

The name, address and telephone number and public sale location of the marina claiming the lien for unpaid charges is Shell Point Harbor Marina 85 Harbour Point Drive, Crawfordville Florida 32327, 850-544-5658. The customer or person claiming an interest, or a lien may redeem the vessel by satisfying the amount due in cash on or before the sale date and time. The customer or person claiming an interest or lien on a vessel may file a demand for hearing with the Clerk of Court in Wakulla County where the vessel is held to determine whether the vessel has been wrongfully taken or withheld from him or her. At any time before the date of sale, a customer or person of record claiming a lien on the vessel may post a cash payment or Surety bond in the amount stated on the invoice with the Clerk of Circuit Court where the disputed transaction occurred.

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TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 048

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Description of Property:
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Description of Property:
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Sookie Addison and Jaida Beck.



Mario family.



Scary clowns set up a booth on the Azalea Park walking path.



5-year-old Leigh Aiken as Wednesday Addams.

PHOTOS BY GERALD BROWN

Public Service Announcement Meeting Announcement

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council announces a meeting to which all persons are invited. The Wakulla County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board will meet on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 10:00 am Eastern Time, at the Wakulla County Community Center, 318 Shadeville Rd, Crawfordville, Florida. A public workshop will precede the meeting at 10:00 am Eastern Time, with the Board meeting to follow immediately after. The agenda will include its regular quarterly business items, and a review of the Annual Operating Report. For additional information contact Austin Britt, TD Program Coordinator at the Apalachee Regional Planning Council at 850-312-1862, or by email at abritt@arpc.org.

Oct. 30, 2025

THE CITY OF ST. MARKS NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS GULFSPRAY DRIVE, WILSON STREET, AND TERMINAL DRIVE SCOP - PROJECT # 50170227

The City of St. Marks will receive sealed bids from any qualified person, company or corporation interested in constructing the:

GULFSPRAY DRIVE, WILSON STREET, AND TERMINAL DRIVE SCOP

This project includes resurfacing Terminal Drive and a portion of Gulfspray Drive. There will be new construction on Wilson Street and the majority of Gulfspray Drive. Striping and signage will also be included, as well as drainage improvements.

Bid documents can be obtained at the St. Marks City Hall, 788 Port Leon Drive, St. Marks, FL 32355. The bid must conform to Section 287.133(3) Florida Statutes, on public entity crimes.

Completion date for this project will be 150 calendar days from the date of the Notice to Proceed presented to the successful bidder.

Liquidated damages for failure to complete the project on the specified date will be set at \$1,000.00 per day.

Please indicate on the envelope that this is a sealed bid for the "GULFSPRAY DRIVE, WILSON STREET, AND TERMINAL DRIVE SCOP".

Bids will be received until 2:00 PM (EST) on November 17, 2025, at the City Manager's Office in the St. Marks City Hall, 788 Port Leon Drive, St. Marks, FL 32355, and will be opened and read aloud at 2:00 PM (EST). All questions shall be submitted via email to tcupepper@dewberry.com by November 10, 2025, at 2:00 PM (EST).

The City of St. Marks reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid, to accept and/or reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid that in their judgment will be in the best interest of The City of St. Marks.

RESPONSIBLE VENDOR DETERMINATION

Responsible is hereby notified that Section 287.05701, Florida Statutes, requires that the County may not request documentation of or consider a vendor's social, political, or ideological interests when determining if the vendor is a responsible vendor.

October 23, 30, 2025

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF WAKULLA COUNTY ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING:

EVENT: School Board Meeting
DATE: Monday, November 17, 2025
TIME: 5:45 pm
PLACE: School Board Room, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida
PURPOSE: Re-Organization Meeting and Monthly School Board Meeting

For further information please contact:
 Superintendent's Office
 Wakulla County Schools
 Post Office Box 100, 69 Arran Rd
 Crawfordville, Florida 32326
 850-926-0065

October 30, 2025



NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

Wakulla County, Florida (the "County") hereby provides notice, pursuant to section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting annual non-ad valorem special assessments throughout the unincorporated area of the County and within the incorporated areas of the cities of Sopchoppy and St. Marks, for the cost of providing fire protection, emergency medical services, solid waste, sewer, stormwater, road maintenance and improvements, clean energy and wind resistance improvements, property nuisance abatement, and broadband and other neighborhood improvements, facilities, and associated services commencing for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2026 and continuing until discontinued by the County. The County will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 6:00 p.m. on November 17, 2025 in the Wakulla County Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the County Administrator's Office, 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend.

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the County with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the above-referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Administrator's Office at (850) 926-0919, at least two (2) working days prior to the date of the hearing; Hearing & Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771; or email at ADARquest@mywakulla.com.

Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 2025

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.



More Public Notices appear on Page 3.

THE CITY OF ST. MARKS REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANT SERVICES

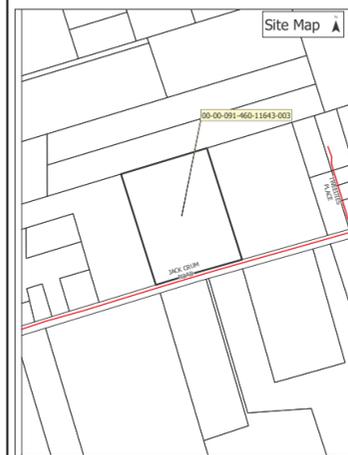
The City of St. Marks is requesting qualifications from firms or individuals licensed to practice in the State of Florida for professional Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) services for the Gulfspray Drive, Wilson Street, and Terminal Drive SCOP.

For a complete copy of the RFQ, please email: pbell@cityofstmarks.com or visit the news section of cityofstmarks.com. Prospective firms/individuals should submit proposals on or before November 21, 2025, at 2:00PM Eastern Standard Time. The bid opening will occur after the 2PM deadline has passed on November 21, 2025, at 788 Port Leon Drive, St. Marks, FL 32355.

October 23, 30, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING TRANSMITTAL OF A LARGE-SCALE MAP AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP

The Wakulla County Planning Commission and Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners propose to consider the following application and/or adopt the following ordinance and has scheduled Public Hearings before the **Wakulla County Planning Commission on Monday, November 10, 2025, beginning at 6:00 P.M.** and 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. All public hearings will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.



AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING, REVISING, AND REPLACING IDENTIFIED PORTIONS OF THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NUMBER 2018-23, AS ADOPTED

BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON JUNE 18, 2018, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND FOR FILING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

1. Application for Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment: CPM25-04

Applicant: Golden Construction Company, Inc.
 Proposal: Transmittal of Amendment to Future Land Use Designation
 Tax ID Number: 00-00-091-460-11643-003
 Existing FLU Map: Agriculture (FLUE Policy 1.2.3)
 Proposed FLU Map: Rural 1 (FLUE Policy 1.2.4)
 Current Zoning: Agricultural (Section 5-25, LDC)
 FEMA Flood Info: "X" and "A" zones on Panel 0380E
 Parcel size: 30.42+/- acres
 Location: Jack Crum Road, approximately 0.85 miles east of Coastal Highway, Lot 3, Gray's Estate Subdivision

Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, November 10, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
BOCC: Monday, November 17, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

If an individual wishes to submit documents or other materials related to a matter before the Planning Commission for consideration by the Planning Commission 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 Commission Members. If an individual wishes to bring documents or other materials for consideration by the Planning Commission 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 ADARquest@mywakulla.com.

NO FINAL ACTION ADOPTING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING.

October 30, 2025



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Next game: On Friday, Oct. 31

The War Eagles travel to Havana to take on the Gadsden County Jaguars at 7 p.m.



War Eagles beat Baker Co., 13-7

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

It was probably the most exciting four quarters of scoreless football you could watch.

Then, for the second week in a row, Wakulla went to double overtime - but this time, the Wakulla War Eagles came out on top, 13-7 for the win - and the crown as district champion.

The War Eagles improved to 6-3 on the season and an undefeated 3-0 in the district to guarantee themselves a spot in the playoffs.

"It was just an interesting night," said Head Coach Scott Klees. "There was great special teams and defense play by both teams all night."

Wakulla's special teams included punts downed inside the 10 yard line three times during regulation - and a pooch kick to start the second half was recovered by the War Eagles at the Baker 25.

Klees said this was the first time in his coaching career to have beaten district rivals Baker County, Suwannee and Godby in the same year.

While the district title guarantees a spot in the playoffs, it does not guarantee a home game because of power rankings - which seed each of the 32 teams in



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WEEKLY WAR EAGLE GAME HIGHLIGHTS
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War Eagle Jordan Barnes scores in overtime to give Wakulla the win. He scored touchdowns in both overtimes.

10-yard touchdowns in both overtime sessions. Receiver Wyatt Brown also had a good game with 4 catches for 61 yards.

Defensive Player of the Week was safety Andrew Nelson who had 10 tackles. Also notable: linebacker Derek Davis had 14 tackles, and Walter Klees had 15 tackles.

Special Team Player of the Week was punter Owen Klees with three of his punts downed inside the Baker 10 yard line. As quarterback, Klees ran 9 times for 56 yards, and was 14-of-21 passing for 127 yards.

NEXT: GADSDEN JAGUARS

Don't be misled by Gadsden's 2-5 record, Coach Klees said. "They may be the best team we've played all year."

The Jaguars have played a brutal schedule against really good competition, Klees said.

"They're big and physical," he said. "We have to play very smart, mistake-free, and just take what they give us."

The game was originally scheduled to be played in Gadsden, then was moved to Wakulla at the start of the season, then moved back to Gadsden recently.

the conference. automatic playoff berth. The four district champs get an auto-

There was no MVP named for the game. Offensive Player of the Week was Jordan Barnes with his two

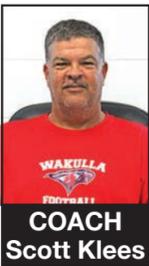
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FROM THE COACH

Last week: War Eagles won in double overtime to take the district championship and guarantee a spot in the playoffs.

Scouting: Gadsden Jaguars are better than their 2-5 record. They're big and physical and talented.

Key to victory: War Eagles have to play smart, mistake-free, take what the Jaguars give them. Can't turn the ball over and can't have penalties. Wrap up on defense.



Receiver Auvion Thomas tries to run after a catch. Both Wakulla's and Baker County's defenses played stout during regulation keeping the game scoreless.

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