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Land transfer opposed

Sierra Club against exchange of forest service land for horseman's facility

BY WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

See the full letter from the Sierra Club on our Opinion Page, Page 4

The Sierra Club expressed its opposition to a land transfer between Wakulla County and the Apalachicola National Forest.

What had been proposed by the county commission more than a decade ago was a trade of a 200-acre parcel of forest land off Ivan Church Road for the 163-acre parcel owned by the county currently used as an equestrian center.

When the county made the proposal for the land swap, at least as far back as 2013, the

idea was to use the land as a recreation park.

In a letter dated Oct. 29, the Sierra Club indicates it opposes the trade, stating the forest land is more diverse than the county-owned land.

Former County Commissioner Chuck Hess, a retired biologist with the forest service, said the land off Ivan Church contains ephemeral ponds and diverse eco-systems while the county property is "just a bay swamp."

"It's a good deal for the county, but not for the forest service," Hess said.

The Sierra Club, in its letter, said the forest parcel would not be appropriate for a rec park because of "extensive cypress wetlands and sinkhole terrain."

County Commission Chairman Fred Nichols had announced his opposition to the land swap at the last commission meeting in October.

He said the forest

service parcel, on Ivan Church across from Walmart, would present a traffic nightmare trying to access the property if it were used for recreation.

Plus, Nichols said, "I don't want to mess with forest land."

Nichols said he had been in discussions with Superintendent of Schools Rick Myhre about the possibility of buying 40 to 50 acres of the parcel purchased by the school board for Riversink Elementary years ago.

That land has long been identified by the district as a potential

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Rep. Jason Shoaf and Sen. Corey Simon

Legislative delegation meets Friday

Sen. Corey Simon and Rep. Jason Shoaf will be at commission chambers on Nov. 7 from 2-4 p.m.

Special to The Sun

The Wakulla County Legislative Delegation Meeting will be held on Friday, Nov. 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the county commission chambers.

Sen. Cory Simon (R-Tallahassee) and Rep. Jason Shoaf (R-Port St. Joe) – who represent Wakulla County in the legislature – will be available to listen to issues of local concern prior to the upcoming 2026 legislative session scheduled to get underway on Jan. 13.

This meeting provides residents and local organizations an opportunity to share input, discuss community priorities, and hear directly from state legislators representing Wakulla County.

Contact Rep. Shoaf's office at Amy.Hersey@fl-house.gov for more information.

Molly Clore honored for work

Receives Moment of Impact Award for efforts in foster care

By LINDA ANN McDONALD
Correspondent

Foster care is a temporary living situation for kids whose parents cannot take care of them and whose need for care has come to the attention of child welfare agency staff. While in foster care, children may live in foster families or in group facilities.

A key goal of foster care is provide children with a safe, table and temporary home until a permanent family situation can be arranged – either through reunification with parents, placement with relatives, or adoption into a lifelong family.

This past September, Molly Tucker Clore was awarded the Department of Children and Families' Moments of Impact Forward Focus Award.

"It is my honor to lead a team that trains, licenses, and supports foster families in Northwest Florida," said Clore.

"We are made up of former foster parent, adoptive parents, foster care alumni, and other outstanding professionals. We believe in 24-hour support, the value of lived experience, and the importance of understanding that children, their families of origin, and their families need wrap-around continued partnership and support. Thank you, DCF and Northwest Florida



Health Network. It is an honor and a gift to spend my days supporting families, working with friends, and serving my community," said Clore.

NWF Health Network serves as the network management agency for child protection and behavioral health services in Northwest Florida.

Clore's passion for serving her community through foster care was a torch handed down to her from her mother, Agnes Tucker Easom. Easom was a foster care worker when Clore was in high school.

Later, as an adult and married, Clore said that, "In 2015, my husband

Eric and I decided to foster care. It all started when I was teaching a parenting class at the Wakulla County Health Department and there were children court-ordered to be removed from their family. I could see the parents felt bad that their kids were being raised by strangers. It never occurred to me how much fostering is needed in our community until this. In our everyday lives, we are not personally affected by it, so we don't even think about it or the need for it.

She and her husband partnered with parents to help foster. "I learned

through this job that DCF funds agencies to license foster parents and work with birth families to help maintain the family and heal trauma."

Although some children are removed from families, some are not, depending on whether there are allegations of abuse, neglect or abandonment. It is DCF which makes decisions to remove, not the fostering agencies.

"Fostering is a lot; it is nothing I envisioned," she said. "It is heavily involved with partnering with an agency and other foster parents and who are advocates in

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Man's family says EMS wouldn't treat him

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

The family of a Sopchoppy man, Tommie Webster, claim that Wakulla Fire Rescue paramedics refused to treat him after a 911 call to his home on Monday, Oct. 27 around 10:30 p.m.

Family members claim Webster, 26, was suffering a shortness of breath, chest pain, vomiting, weakness and hypothermia. His girlfriend, September Ferrell, 21, said that paramedics arrived a few minutes after deputies and she described the lead paramedic as "having attitude." After an exchange with Webster, the paramedics left without any form of treatment. Records indicate paramedics and deputies indicated that Webster refused treatment.

His father later transported Webster to the

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Corrections

- Last week's front page story on the county commission meeting that included a brief on the amount of funding for Florida Wild Mammal Association gave the wrong amount. The commission voted 4-1 to give \$8,500 to the group which cares for injured and orphaned animals.

- The On the Horizon calendar gave the wrong time for the county commission meetings. The meeting time for county commission meetings has been changed to 6 p.m. as of November.

We regret the errors.

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Landon Davis – 4th grader, Riversink Elementary

Principal: Louis Hernandez

Achievements/Reason for Nomination: I was nominated for

- Leadership skills
- Excellent work
- Kindness towards my classmates
- Respect for others.

In his free time, Landon likes to play baseball and likes to draw.
 What he likes most about school is math and art.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK FEATURES A DIFFERENT SCHOOL EACH WEEK.

Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park
Apalachicola lobelia

By LYNN ARTZ, DAVID RODDENBERRY, and SANDY TEDDER



Apalachicola lobelia (*Lobelia apalachicolensis*) is a tall wetland wildflower native to only four Florida counties: Franklin, Leon, Liberty, and Wakulla. First collected in 1954, it was recognized as a new species of lobelia in 2014. Apalachicola lobelia grows 3-6 feet tall in full sun and moist to wet soil. During September to November, it displays a vertical cluster of large purplish-blue flowers. Each tubular flower has 5 lobes, the upper two erect and the lower three fanned out. This perennial has elliptical to oval leaves and sticky yellow sap. It occurs in wet pine flatwoods, shrubby (titi) bogs, tupelo swamps, seepage areas, and roadside ditches in the lower Ochlockonee River watershed. Most known populations are on conservation lands. Apalachicola lobelia is blooming now in the pond at Sopchoppy Depot Park.



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Shrine Club hosts a turkey shoot on Saturday

Story & Photos By
LINDA ANN McDONALD
Correspondent

The Wakulla Shrine Club hosted its annual turkey shoot of the holiday season on Saturday, Nov. 1.

The event was held at the Shrine Club building, 4141 Crawfordville Hwy. Proceeds from the event support the Shriners Hospitals for Children, which focus on orthopedic conditions, burns, cleft lip/palate, and spinal cord injuries. The organization provides care to children at no cost to families.

Dating back to at least the early 19th century, a turkey shoot is a sport shooting event featuring marksmanship competitions shooting paper bullseye targets with frozen turkeys as prizes. Shoots are still common throughout the holiday season in the rural United States.

Spike Fletcher, who traveled from Cottondale when he heard about the competition, won three turkeys at the event. Fletcher brought one prize home and donated the other two back to the event to support the cause. He said laughing, "It's a cold morning, but helping children and their families makes it all worthwhile."

Coming to a turkey shoot for the first time, Gage Johnson won the



Participants shooting, above. Below left, Gage Johnson won first prize at his first shoot. Below right, Gary Allshouse, Gage Johnson, Barry Grubbs and Ashley Newell.



first turkey prize on his first shot with a .410 shotgun purchased a week prior to the event.

"I feel confident I can do this because we practiced at the gun range beforehand; if I win, I am going to cook

it for my family," said Johnson prior to winning the first round in the event.

Rich Wilson, President of the Shriners Club, said, "Just helping the kids is why we do this."



"There is so much more to this event than just winning a turkey," said event volunteer Gary Allshouse. "It's the community coming together doing something fun, making new friends, exchanging

stories about guns and friendly competition. There is so much interaction with community members coming together for a great cause that makes this event extra special."

Tallahassee's Kermit

Brown said, "I try to win as many turkeys as I can and I try to come as many Saturdays as I can so I can give to those who don't have one. I have won 12 to 15 turkeys before, and I just give them away; I really enjoy doing this."

Turkey shoots are also an opportunity to show off your favorite gun and tell the sentimental story behind it.

"I came with my trusty Grandfather's gun to win," said Matt Snyder of Crawfordville.

Proudly sharing the backstory of his gun, Kermit Brown said, "I brought my Stevens single barrel gun I bought in 1965 for \$56. I won at least \$456 worth of stuff through gift certificates, turkey shoots and more."

The stock of Brown's gun displayed tiny metal tacks signifying each win Brown accomplished.

Fletcher shared, "I traded my hunting bow for this gun from my best friend Buzz, in Kissimmee, Florida; it was the one of the best trades I've ever made."

Future turkey shoots occur every Saturday at 8 a.m. throughout the Saturday before Christmas at the Shrine Club. Cost is \$3 per person, per round. Bring your own gun or use one of theirs. It's a fun family event with children invited.

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From Front Page

Southwood Emergency Room, where he was admitted, and reported diagnosed with acute kidney injury and received five bags of saline to treat him for severe dehydration.

He was released from Southwood early the next morning, Ferrell said.

She and Webster's mother, Carla Webster, filed complaints against Wakulla Fire Rescue and the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, claiming EMS and deputies refused to provide emergency care.

The Sun talked with Ferrell and Carla Webster, but Tommie Webster was not available.

Fire Rescue Chief Louis Lamarche referred questions to county Public Information Officer Kinsey Miller, who issued a statement that said: "A report was filed with Wakulla County Fire Rescue. As this matter is part of an active and ongoing

investigation, the County is unable to provide additional details at this time."

Sheriff's Public Information Officer Capt. Brett Surace confirmed call notes that deputies were on the scene and said the notes indicate Webster refused treatment. He said there was a supervisory investigation looking into the situation.

Surace noted that deputies are on scene to secure the area, not to provide treatment.

According to a narrative provided by Ferrell and Carla Webster, Ferrell called 911 at 10:32 p.m. and told the dispatcher Webster's temperature was 95.7 degrees. Two Wakulla County Sheriff's deputies first arrived on scene and asked if he had "smoked, drank or taken any form of medication." Webster was reportedly having difficulty speaking, but said he had a medical marijuana card but had not used any-

thing.

Paramedics arrived a few minutes later, and the narrative describes the lead paramedic as tossing a laptop onto a couch and asked, "What's up?" Webster reportedly tried to respond, and the paramedic said, "Huh? Huh? I can't hear you."

Ferrell tried to answer, but was told by a deputy that the paramedics need to hear it from him.

Webster then reportedly answered that he "just needs help," and may have included a curse word.

The paramedic responded that he wasn't going to help him if he was going to act that way. They then asked which hospital he wanted to go to, and he answered that he didn't care. Ferrell reportedly said Capital Regional, but it didn't matter.

The paramedics then reportedly told Webster

to "get up." He sat up, but then reportedly told paramedics to get out of his house because they didn't come there to help him.

"Good, let's go," the paramedic reportedly replied and the two medics left.

The narrative claims that the paramedics never took Webster's vitals, and that there should have been a required refusal-of-treatment form.

Asked by a deputy if they had any way to get themselves to the hospital, Ferrell and Webster answered "no." The deputy reportedly said there was nothing further they could do and left.

Webster's father was called and took his son to the emergency room. The agency's dispatch notes indicate he called the sheriff's office and complained about the lack of treatment.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Wakulla County Code Enforcement Board will hold a Public Hearing On **November 18, 2025 at 5:30pm** in the Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Rd., Crawfordville, FL 32327.

Interested parties are invited to attend and participate.

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

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Land transfer opposed

From Front Page

location for a second high school – if it were ever needed.

If the school board were to sell a portion of that land, it would be accessed off Lonnie Raker Road to U.S. Highway 319.

Myhre acknowledged he had made a post when campaigning for office back in 2023 that suggested the county could build football and soccer fields at the site identified to be a second high school as a relief for the county. But said he never proposed the school board give up ownership of the land.

Myhre added there has not been any formal discussion – and noted that any proposal would have to be voted on by the full county commission and the school board.

But Myhre noted he would likely recommend to the school board that that they retain control of the land and not sell it outright.

The superintendent also said he understands the pressure the county is facing over ballfields, and that he wasn't seeking to be an obstructionist.

"We'll listen," he said.

PUBLIC NOTICES:

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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

Opinions

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LETTERS FROM READERS

Opposition to proposed county, forest service land swap

Editor, The Sun:

Dear Forest Supervisor and Members of the Wakulla County Commission:

The Florida Sierra Club is opposed to the proposed exchange of the 163-acre County owned equestrian center for approximately 200 acres of Apalachicola National Forest Land.

The Wakulla County Commission has proposed a land swap between the county and the U.S. Forest Service involving approximately 200 acres of the Apalachicola National Forest near Crawfordville (to be developed as an active recreational complex) for 163 acres of county land (that contains the Wakulla County Equestrian Center).

The Florida Sierra Club believes that public conservation land of the United States is an important natural heritage of all Americans. Public conservation land provides open space, clean water, important habitat for native plants and animals, a last stronghold for many endangered ecosystems, and opportunities for outdoor recreation. We believe that public conservation land should be retained in public ownership and

only traded in circumstances that meet the highest environmental standards.

The Apalachicola National Forest is Florida's largest and one of its most biologically diverse public conservation lands. It is part of our state's irreplaceable ecological heritage. The Forest's wetlands, cypress swamps, sinkholes, and longleaf pine ecosystems support imperiled wildlife, protect regional water quality, and help recharge Wakulla Springs, the world's largest and deepest freshwater spring.

The highest priority should be given to preservation of public conservation land of high biological and ecological value. Land traded out of public ownership generally should be of lesser biological and ecological value and the land acquired in any trade should be land of higher ecological value.

We find the county's rationale for this exchange flawed and environmentally unsound. The proposed forest parcel is hydrologically fragile, unsuitable for large-scale recreational infrastructure, and integral to the ecological balance of the region. The land includes extensive cypress wetlands and sinkhole terrain — condi-

tions incompatible with the County's stated goal of constructing a "multi-sport recreation complex" with ballfields, restrooms, and concession stands.

The county lands that are proposed to be transferred to the Forest have been negatively impacted by the development of the Wakulla County Equestrian facility and includes an equestrian arena, picnic facility, hiking trail, restrooms, parking and horse trailer parking, and security lighting.

We urge the Wakulla County Commission to invest in improving existing recreational facilities. Independent consultants recently confirmed ample space already exists within the County's current recreation system and on school-owned property to meet all identified needs without acquiring federal land.

Prior to any further discussion on a proposed land swap, an environmental assessment of the Forest Service property and the county owned parcel (Wakulla County Equestrian Center parcel) parcel is needed.

But based on the information available to the Sierra Club, it is clear that the existing Apalachicola Forest parcel has higher environmental val-

ue that the Wakulla County Equestrian Center parcel. The Sierra Club asks the U.S. Forest Service to reject this proposed land swap and to reaffirm its commitment to protecting the Apalachicola National Forest

This proposal betrays the very environmental and community values that make Wakulla County special.

The Florida Sierra Club opposes this land swap and stands with the residents of Wakulla County and all Floridians who believe our national forests should remain public, wild, and protected.

Public participation and transparency in the County's request for the land exchange is lacking.

Sierra Club believes public participation in decision making is paramount. Any public land exchange should involve a full and open public participation process. Disclosure of appraised values and other critical information should occur early, providing ample opportunity for public review.

Cliff Thael, Vice Chair
Florida Sierra Club

Grant Gelhardt, Chair
Conservation Committee
Florida Sierra Club

Growth that honors Wakulla's roots

Editor, The Sun:

Wakulla is changing fast. The once abundantly wild sanctuary is now overrun by fast food, housing developments, and congested traffic with even more development on the rise.

Many of us feel we've gotten far off track from what Wakulla should be. Property taxes have crept higher; garbage services have decreased even as costs continue to rise; traffic stacks up at familiar bottlenecks; school campuses feel tight; and the county's study shows our parks need steady care before we add new ones.

None of this is "anti-growth".

In 1843, Florida established Wakulla County, whose very name has long been tied to "springs" and "Mysterious Waters." This isn't just scenery; it's our story – our way of life. From freshwater to salt, forest to coast is what makes up Wakulla's heartbeat.

We've heard the public repeatedly ask the BOCC to consider slowing down to catch up before they continue to approve zoning changes, more massive subdivisions. Let's pause, answer a few questions now, instead of addressing the consequences lat-

er when the damage is already done and our only option is to say "it's too late."

Do our roads, water and sewer, solid-waste systems have the capacity to hold more let alone sufficiently support what already exists?

What is the current school capacity, campus by campus and what is the plan to manage growth?

How many approved-but-unbuilt lots are in the pipeline? How many vacant homes do we already have?

Can we prioritize infill and reuse before carving up more woods?

Our community was founded on springs, rivers, working forests, fisheries, and close-knit communities. From the ancient people along the

sinks and rivers to the Spanish at San Marcos and the creation of St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, our story is interwoven with "Mysterious Waters" heritage. Growth that forgets that story isn't prosperity; it's negligent.

We can welcome new neighbors and new opportunities without losing ourselves any more than we already have. In a world that is moving and changing so rapidly, let us choose growth that remembers our story, our history and heritage and keeps Wakulla a refuge, a natural place to be.

Chloe Clark Broker
Wakulla Resident

On the Horizon Calendar of events for the week of November 6

Thursday, November 6

- Rotary Club of Wakulla meets at Tallahassee State College at 8:30 a.m.
- Coastal Optimist Club meets at noon at Myra Jean's on the first and third Thursdays.
- Gentle Yoga and Stretching 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, November 7

- Legislative delegation meeting will be held in the commission chambers to discuss local issues before the start of the 2026 Legislative Session

in January.

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon & at 8 p.m. every Friday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Saturday, November 8

- Annual Veterans Day breakfast will be served at the community center from 7:15 to 10 a.m.
- Veterans Day Celebration will be held at Hudson Park with a ceremony at 10 a.m. Vendors will be on hand.
- The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group will meet at the Wakulla County Public Library at 10 a.m. every second Saturday of the month.
- Wakulla Springs Car Show will be held at Wakulla Springs State Park beginning at 10 a.m. Noon is voting. Awards presented at 1:30 p.m. Beer and food vendors will be at the event.

Sunday, November 9

- 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 10

- Planning commission meets at 6 p.m. in the commission chambers.
- The Sopchoppy City Commission meets at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.
- VFW Post 4538 and Auxiliary holds monthly meetings on the second Monday of the month with fellowship at 6 p.m., meetings at 7 p.m.
- The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group meets at Lake Ellen Baptist Church at 9:30 a.m. every second Monday of the month.
- Crawfordville Woman's Club monthly meeting is the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 64 Ochlockonee St., in Crawfordville. Call (850) 566-5727 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. every Monday at 54 Ochlockonee St.
- Gentle Yoga and Stretching Class, every Monday, 11 a.m. Wakulla Community Center. Bring a mat. Come early to sign in. Chair Yoga participants welcome. \$2 per class.
- Line Dancing Class is held at Wakulla Dance Academy every Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. \$5 per person. Wear dance shoes or tennis shoes.

Tuesday, November 11

- VETERANS DAY – Schools, banks, government offices will be closed in observance.
- Historical Society will hold a reunion and program on the St. Marks School – now COAST Charter School – with a school reunion at 5 p.m. and a program at 6 p.m. at the school.
- 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 12

- Wakulla Garden Club meets at the library from noon to 2 p.m. Projects include crafting reindeer from palm fronds. Bring a glue gun, ribbon, bells other decorative items.
- Yoga with Stacy at the community center at 11 a.m. \$2 donation per class.
- A line dance class is held at 1 p.m. at the Wakulla Senior Center every Wednesday.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

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William Snowden
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Polled at Covington Park Halloween Trick or Treat get together:

– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

What do you like best about Halloween?



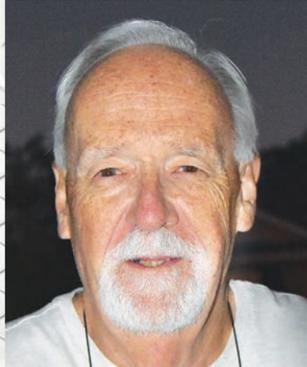
JUDY BROWN
Retired school teacher

“I love all the costumes of the children, all the little trick-or-treaters.”



JANET CREEL
Gardener

“I just love this time of year. I love the kids in their costumes and the joy it brings. And, I love the way all the plants are thriving right now.”



WAYNE CREEL
Accountant

“It’s all the kids and their costumes and all the fun you see them having.”



BILL DICKMAN
ABC Storage

“All Hallows’ Eve - I like the history of the pagan celebration.”



TERESA WILKINS
School teacher

“Seeing the eyes of the kids light up when all of the characters come to life.”

Wakulla Crossroads

By **VERNA BROCK**

I hope everyone had a fun Halloween night last week! Ed and I enjoy manning the candy distribution station at Casa Simmons in The Flowers subdivision every year. Since granddaughter Avery is still young enough to enjoy the Trick-or-Treat ritual, we set up in the driveway every year and hold down the fort while she and her family go out. Ed found a “jukebox” of sorts, and hand-picked appropriately spooky music to play all evening long. Everything from the theme songs to “The Munsters” to “The Monster Mash” to the overture from “The Phantom of the Opera” kept the mood cheery and upbeat.

Since Wakulla County has added nine new subdivisions in the past year

or so, speculation had it the crowds might be smaller. It may be possible fewer revelers walked through the neighborhood, but there were still hundreds of ghosts and ghoulies visiting us. People traveled from near and far to collect sweet treats and enjoy the October night air.

I really get a bang from seeing everyone from toddlers, to teens, to parents, dressing up as their favorite cartoon characters, comic book heroes, or terrifying spectres. Costumes have surely come a very long way from the nylon and plastic ones I wore as a child. There was at least one inflatable T-Rex waddling from door to door, and several masks that lit up with multi-colored lights.

The teens were universally polite and

obviously having as much fun as the much younger crowd. The very young ones were wide-eyed and excited by everything they saw. Prompted by parents, these littles would say “Thank you!” and “Happy Halloween!” as they prepared to dash off to the next front door. Some were transported on golf-carts dressed up in bright lights, others arrived on foot, but everyone was very watchful of traffic as they carefully made the rounds. All in all, it was a festive night, full of fun and excitement for everyone.

Part of our annual tradition is the delicious chili Anna makes for the family. It was definitely welcomed this past Friday. What started as cool became downright cold once the sun went down, and nothing is better than a hot chili supper to warm your bones.

After a couple of hours of passing out treats, Ed and I were ready to head

to the barn. Another Halloween in the books, and maybe a few more to look forward to before our grands are all “too mature” to partake. Once that fateful day arrives, I have an idea or two to keep the spirit of Halloween alive. But I’m in no hurry to rush the process. We’re having too much fun in the here and now.

A word of thanks to everyone who came out and supported the Wakulla United Methodist Church food pantry garage sale. More than \$2,000 was raised! This will help make the upcoming holidays a little brighter and less stressful for the families the pantry serves each month.

As I mentioned last week, groceries aren’t getting any cheaper, while the need keeps growing! Your help will really make a big difference for a lot of our neighbors

Buckhorn News

By **ETHEL SKIPPER**

I am not going back, just catching up on some of the community news. It is important to me about what is happening in our community churches.

The month of October was pastor appreciation month: Macedonia Church of Christ Written in Heaven held an appreciation for their pastor,

Bishop Alfred Nelson Sr. Presiding for the occasion was Diocese Mother Dr. Chinesta Skipper Smith. Singing was by Greater Blessings Tabernacle of Praise, Pastor Dewayne Harvey of Tallahassee. Speaker was Elder Frank Johnson.

The Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church celebrated their pastor, Elder Ervin Donaldson.

Unity in the Community held its

annual celebration in October with a mullet dinner with all the side dishes, held at the Mount Trial Community Center.

We want to thank all our churches, friends, family, loved ones and everyone who showed so much support in the celebration of my 37 years of pastoring. It has been great work as I continue to do what the Lord chose me to do. There are a lot of things going on in the world today. If you are a Christian (John 3:3) Except a man be born again, he cannot see God. Let us love everybody (John

13:55)

We wish a happy birthday to Roosevelt Ross on 11/1, Isaiah W. Hines on 11/5, Apryl Bailey on 11/10, Sanchez Rosier on 11/13, Victoria Moses on 11/13, David Andrews on 11/14, Sylvis Holmes on 11/16, and Loyce Smith on 11/29.

Our prayers and concern go out to all the sick and shut-in, those in the nursing homes, hospitals, jails, the homeless, and world leaders, and all in need of help everywhere.

4-H holds Teen Leadership Summit

By **RACHEL PIENTA**
4-H Director

Wakulla County’s youth leaders took center stage at the inaugural Future Leaders of Wakulla Teen Leadership Summit, hosted by Wakulla 4-H at the Extension Office in Crawfordville on Oct. 13.

The one-day event welcomed over 40 participants ages 11 to 18 from Florida 4-H District Three. Youth from Wakulla, Leon, Gadsden, and Liberty counties participated in a full schedule of workshops, networking, and leadership development.

Held on a school holiday for many students around the region, the summit provided a unique opportunity for teens and pre-teens to explore topics ranging from financial literacy and communication skills to wellness and career readiness. The event was open to all youth, regardless of 4-H membership, with a modest registration fee of \$15 covering meals and materials.

The summit began with registration and breakfast and special guest James Lewis, Operations and Consultant Manager with the Wakulla Department of Health, introduced



PHOTO BY COURTNEY WAHL

Emily Zak and Caden Gruebel led a workshop teaching teens how to plan, produce, and record a podcast.

keynote speaker Molly Jones Bowell. Bowell, a former Miss Wakulla queen, inspired attendees with her message on youth leadership and civic engagement.

Throughout the day, teens participated in four concurrent workshop sessions. Topics included:

- Podcasting presented by Wakulla 4-H youth
- Living on My Own presented by UF/IFAS Extension and FAMU faculty
- Mindfulness for Teens presented

by Samantha Kennedy

- Personal Branding presented by Vicki Bradley, from WTXL

- Youth LEAP Program presented by Jegeta Blackshear, from Career Source Capital Region

- Media Ready Training presented by Holly McPhail, Windwood Communications, LLC

- Goal Setting presented by Karen Zak, FSU Center for Prevention Research

- Oral Health presented by FAMU 4-H youth

- Zine Creation presented by Dr. Sabrina Hayes, FAMU Extension

- Personality Analysis presented by Amy Frazier, Wakulla Department of Health

- Progressing as a Leader presented by Eddie Hand and Camden Smit

Youth officers representing the 4-H Executive Board came from throughout the state to speak at a lunchtime panel moderated by 4-H Citizenship-Leadership Coordinator Derby Sale. The panel of speakers from the Florida 4-H State Executive Board addressed the group, sharing insights on leadership, community involvement, and future opportunities in 4-H.

The summit concluded with a 4-H alumni speaker, Stephen Hayes, introduced by his mother Dr. Sabrina Hayes, followed by evaluations and snacks.

“This summit was designed to empower youth with the skills and confidence they need to lead in their communities,” said Rachel Pienta. “We’re proud to offer programming that supports positive youth development and prepares teens for success.”

4-H Future Leaders of Wakulla club president Caden Gruebel said, “The Teen Leadership Summit was a really cool opportunity, bringing youth from different counties together. I was really excited that Emily Zak and I were able to present our own workshop that we will also be presenting at the Ignite conference next March. I attended other workshops as well; learning about media do’s and don’ts, skills to strengthen my leadership skills, as well as how to set goals and find more confidence in my choices for the future. This is my senior year of high school but I look forward to coming back as a volunteer next year to help with 4-H where I can.”

Outdoors

outdoor sports

HOME ON THE RANGE

Two .22 handguns for Newbie



By MARJ LAW

ers. With your .22, you're more likely to keep your eyes on the target and you'll avoid flinching in fear of recoil.

Even if a new shooter is able to progress quickly to a gun of higher caliber, learning on a .22 first is a good idea. So, even if you plan to let your wife choose for herself a gun for Christmas, starting with a .22 makes sense.

Joe and I took a couple of .22s to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range last Wednesday. We're usually at the range around 10:00 if anyone is interested in joining us for assistance with their guns or in learning about the sport.

So, this Wednesday, we have a Ruger 22/45 Mark III and a Sig Sauer P322. The Ruger is a longer and heavier gun. Since mass absorbs recoil, (even though a .22 has very little recoil to begin with), you're less likely to flinch with the .22. A few other examples of .22s with mass to absorb recoil are the Smith & Wesson Victory and the Browning Buckmark. I'm sure there are other reliable .22s; again, these are just a few.

Some people want a smaller gun to carry on their person or in a purse. That's why we decided to discuss the Sig Sauer P322, and compare our shooting of both the larger, heavier Ruger with the smaller, lighter Sig.

The Ruger has an overall length of 9.75 inches and is 5.50 inches high. Its barrel length is 5.5 inches, and weight is 42



ounces.

The Sig's overall length is 7 inches and is 5.5 inches high. It has a barrel length of 4 inches and weighs 17.1 ounces.

Right away, you can see that the Ruger is much longer and is about two and a half times the weight of the Sig. That's a lot of weight!

You may not want to lug around the Ruger in either purse or holster (goodness, no!), but its weight and length make for an excellent learner gun and a fine target gun. When you aim this Ruger, its weight will hold the gun in place and keep any recoil to a minimum. It's unlikely you'll pick up the bad habit of flinching with this long, weighty gun. And, since you're not flinching, you're more likely to hit your target when shooting the Ruger. You might even hit the x-ring!

A longer barrel usually makes for more accurate shooting. The Ruger's 5.5-inch barrel should guide your bullet on a straight path to your target. Accuracy is certainly great, but one negative of this gun is that it holds 10 rounds.

Of course, some may prefer the smaller and lighter Sig for carry or purse. The Sig's lighter mass will probably result in a bit more perceived recoil, so you'll have to be extra aware of holding your gun steady. However, an upside to this smaller gun is that it holds 20 rounds. Yes, 20 rounds!

While many people will suggest that a .22 is not

a defensive gun, and that a higher caliber is better for defense, I think no Mr. Bad breaking into your house would ask to be shot at 20 times.

So, this Wednesday, Joe and I are shooting these 2 guns to see if the theory is correct: that the longer and heavier gun will shoot more easily and accurately than the smaller, less heavy gun.

We rate aspects of the guns on a 1-5 scale. When we assign a 1, it means we like it and it is easy. When we give a score of 5, this means it is difficult or hard to manage.

I give the Ruger a 2 for both trigger pull and travel. It's not the easiest trigger I've ever squeezed, but it's pretty light. Joe gives both trigger pull and trigger travel a 1. This makes sense because he has a much heavier bone structure and larger hands, so he perceives that it takes less effort to pull the trigger.

When it comes to recoil, the Ruger has about the lightest recoil I've found in a gun. I give it a 1.5 for recoil while Joe gives it a 1. Really, there's almost no recoil to the Ruger.

Now, I find the Sig to have a similar easy trigger and trigger travel to the Ruger. Both get a 2 from me. Joe gives trigger and travel to have a 1.5: just a bit heavier than the Ruger.

But when it comes to recoil? I give the Ruger a 1.5 and the Sig a 2. Yes, to me, the Sig has a noticeably sturdier recoil.

Not a heavy one, but certainly more than the Ruger.

Joe finds the recoil of the Sig to be as easy as he does the Ruger, and gives it a 1.

We find both guns to be easy to shoot.

Accuracy?

Well, as you can see from the photo, shots from the Ruger give a much tighter grouping on the 8-inch target. Shots from the Sig are scattered about the target. Still, most shots have hit these targets. With 10 rounds in the Ruger and 20 rounds in the Sig, these guns can be both target and defensive handguns for the new shooter.

But what about that Lady Smith that your husband suggests you may want? "It has great take-down power and fits in your purse," he says.

True! But it is restricted to 5 rounds. Are you that good a newbie shooter if Mr. Bad breaks down your door? Only 5 rounds to save your life?

The Smith & Wesson 642LS Lady Smith is a .38 caliber handgun. Talk about recoil! At under a pound (14.5 ounces), it doesn't have much mass to absorb recoil. Its barrel has a short (1.88 inches) distance to guide the bullet. With its light weight and short barrel... Well, you better hang on tight and hope you can hit the target!

And trigger pull? According to Shooting Times, trigger pull on the Lady Smith is 13 pounds. If you've not shot before, 13 pounds is a hard pull.

I have met 3 newbie women in the last 15 years who did well with a .38 caliber gun. If you're new to shooting, don't let your man talk you into a .38!

Yes, one day you'll probably move up to a gun that is a higher caliber than the .22. But starting with a .22 will help you learn good handgun habits.

Christmas is coming. If your spouse wants to begin shooting, it's immensely helpful that she first rent or borrow and then maybe buy a .22.

Remember, it's against the law to purchase a gun for another person. Make sure your spouse finds the gun that suits her hand, ability, and needs. You might give her the money for the cost of the gun, then she can go to the store and fill out the paperwork herself.

Then, when she gets the gun, wrap it up, put it in a safe locked place so no children or others can get to it, and make her wait until Christmas to unwrap and shoot it! That's the part Joe likes the best: knowing his Christmas gun is locked up and he has to wait until Christmas to open the wrapping. Ha!

Some guys think I'm mean to make Joe wait for Christmas or his birthday, but I know anticipation makes the new gun even more exciting.

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



LINED SEA HORSE (*Hippocampus erectus*)

This larger seahorse species lives in sea grass and coral reefs feeding on tiny crustaceans using its long tongue. All sea horses are "marsupium" with the father taking eggs from the mother and carrying the babies until they are ready to swim free. Sea horse males will spar for a female with tail wrestling and head snapping. Seahorses form monogamous pair bonds after an elaborate courtships dance that lasts for three days before mating. The female stay with the male throughout his pregnancy.

Eukarya, Animalia, Chordata, Actinopterygii, Gasteroteiformes, Sygnathidae, Hippocampus erectus



WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO



Retired Wakulla Springs State Park Ranger Bob Thompson, on his weekly wildlife survey at the park, took this photo of a Pied Billed Grebe that caught a Crayfish.

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Best fishing days this month
Nov. 2 - 8, 12, 17 - 23

Thursday 6	
Sun rise/set 6:57 AM 5:44 PM	Moon rise/set 8:32 PM 8:29 AM
Moon Illumination 60%	
Friday 7	
Sun rise/set 6:56 AM	Moon rise/set 5:45 PM
Moon Illumination 70%	
Saturday 8	
Sun rise/set 6:57 AM 5:44 PM	Moon rise/set 7:35 PM 10:38 AM
Moon Illumination 80%	
Sunday 9	
Sun rise/set 6:58 AM 5:44 PM	Moon rise/set 8:41 PM 11:38 AM
Moon Illumination 89%	
Monday 10	
Sun rise/set 6:58 AM 5:43 PM	Moon rise/set 9:50 PM 12:27 PM
Moon Illumination 95%	
Tuesday 11	
Sun rise/set 6:59 AM 5:42 PM	Moon rise/set 10:58 PM 1:07 PM
Moon Illumination 99%	
Wednesday 12	
Sun rise/set 7:00 AM 5:42 PM	Moon rise/set 12:02 AM 1:41 PM
Moon Illumination 100%	

For tides at the following points add to Dog Island Listings:
 Carrabelle 28 Min. High Tide 25 Min. Low Tide
 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

Day	1:11 am	8:24 am	3:09 pm	8:09 pm
Th	▲ 4.1 ft	▼ -1.1 ft	▲ 3.7 ft	▼ 1.7 ft
Fr	1:46 am ▲ 4.2 ft	9:12 am ▼ -1.0 ft	3:58 pm ▲ 3.4 ft	8:45 pm ▼ 1.8 ft
Sa	2:24 am ▲ 4.1 ft	10:03 am ▼ -0.8 ft	4:50 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	9:22 pm ▼ 1.9 ft
Su	3:05 am ▲ 4.0 ft	10:58 am ▼ -0.5 ft	5:46 pm ▲ 2.8 ft	10:05 pm ▼ 1.9 ft
Mo	3:51 am ▲ 3.7 ft	11:59 am ▼ 0.0 ft	6:50 pm ▲ 2.6 ft	11:03 pm ▼ 2.0 ft
Tu	4:47 am ▲ 3.3 ft	1:08 pm ▼ 0.4 ft	8:01 pm ▲ 2.5 ft	
We	12:29 am ▼ 1.9 ft	6:14 am ▲ 2.9 ft	2:21 pm ▼ 0.7 ft	9:04 pm ▲ 2.6 ft

City of St. Marks

Day	1:47 am	9:28 am	3:45 pm	9:13 pm
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Sa	3:00 am ▲ 3.9 ft	11:07 am ▼ -0.7 ft	5:26 pm ▲ 2.9 ft	10:26 pm ▼ 1.7 ft
Su	3:41 am ▲ 3.7 ft	12:02 pm ▼ -0.4 ft	6:22 pm ▲ 2.6 ft	11:09 pm ▼ 1.7 ft
Mo	4:27 am ▲ 3.5 ft	1:03 pm ▼ 0.0 ft	7:26 pm ▲ 2.4 ft	
Tu	12:07 am ▼ 1.8 ft	5:23 am ▲ 3.1 ft	2:12 pm ▼ 0.3 ft	8:37 pm ▲ 2.3 ft
We	1:33 am ▼ 1.7 ft	6:50 am ▲ 2.7 ft	3:25 pm ▼ 0.7 ft	9:40 pm ▲ 2.4 ft

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Day	1:32 am	8:45 am	3:25 pm	8:26 pm
Th	▲ 4.2 ft	▼ -1.1 ft	▲ 3.7 ft	▼ 1.7 ft
Fr	2:07 am ▲ 4.3 ft	9:34 am ▼ -1.1 ft	4:15 pm ▲ 3.5 ft	9:03 pm ▼ 1.9 ft
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Tu	5:08 am ▲ 3.3 ft	1:29 pm ▼ 0.2 ft	8:20 pm ▲ 2.5 ft	
We	12:59 am ▼ 2.0 ft	6:36 am ▲ 2.9 ft	2:37 pm ▼ 0.5 ft	9:23 pm ▲ 2.8 ft

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Day	1:03 am	8:35 am	3:01 pm	8:20 pm
Th	▲ 3.1 ft	▼ -0.8 ft	▲ 2.6 ft	▼ 1.2 ft
Fr	1:38 am ▲ 3.1 ft	9:23 am ▼ -0.8 ft	3:50 pm ▲ 2.6 ft	8:56 pm ▼ 1.3 ft
Sa	2:16 am ▲ 3.1 ft	10:14 am ▼ -0.6 ft	4:42 pm ▲ 2.3 ft	9:33 pm ▼ 1.4 ft
Su	2:57 am ▲ 3.0 ft	11:09 am ▼ -0.3 ft	5:38 pm ▲ 2.1 ft	10:16 pm ▼ 1.4 ft
Mo	3:43 am ▲ 2.8 ft	12:10 pm ▼ 0.0 ft	6:42 pm ▲ 1.9 ft	11:14 pm ▼ 1.4 ft
Tu	4:39 am ▲ 2.5 ft	1:19 pm ▼ 0.3 ft	7:53 pm ▲ 1.9 ft	
We	12:40 am ▼ 1.4 ft	6:06 am ▲ 2.2 ft	2:32 pm ▼ 0.5 ft	8:56 pm ▲ 1.9 ft

St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

Day	12:59 am	8:17 am	3:16 pm	8:01 pm
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Sa	2:13 am ▲ 3.4 ft	9:56 am ▼ -0.9 ft	5:10 pm ▲ 2.4 ft	9:04 pm ▼ 1.9 ft
Su	2:58 am ▲ 3.3 ft	10:53 am ▼ -0.7 ft	6:17 pm ▲ 2.2 ft	9:41 pm ▼ 1.9 ft
Mo	3:48 am ▲ 3.0 ft	11:56 am ▼ -0.3 ft	7:36 pm ▲ 2.0 ft	10:39 pm ▼ 1.9 ft
Tu	4:50 am ▲ 2.7 ft	1:08 pm ▼ 0.0 ft	8:57 pm ▲ 2.0 ft	
We	12:59 am ▼ 1.9 ft	6:21 am ▲ 2.4 ft	2:25 pm ▼ 0.3 ft	9:48 pm ▲ 2.1 ft

Dog Island West End

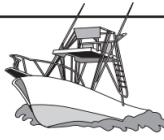
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Best hunting and fishing based on solunar times: MAJOR feeding periods are 2 hours long, centered on the solunar time. MINOR feeding periods are only 1 hour long, again centered on the solunar time.



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



This is a highlight from Making Sailing Sense by Bob Currie, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Recreational Boating Safety Specialist, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Station Galveston Flotilla.

When we think of human senses we think of the usual senses of hearing, seeing, taste, touch and smell. We use our experiences with these senses to live our everyday lives, but we also use them to navigate new experiences such as operating a boat. All five senses require input from our surroundings, and how well we navigate through life is highly dependent on our abilities to process those inputs and coordinate our senses to make the right decisions. If you are the type that tends to categorize everything, and humans as a whole do routinely categorize all inputs to our senses (albeit subconsciously in most cases), then

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this column is for you because the exercise here is to adapt our senses to surviving on the open seas in a boat; I call this making sailing sense. Hearing is an important sense for a sailor. The most common use of hearing is when it is foggy; your ability to see is severely hampered, so you are more dependent on your hearing to safely operate. Of course seeing is the most important sense when operating a boat. Autopilot won't prevent you from running over an obstruction. Only your eyes can see a below the surface obstruction. The sense of taste is closely tied to the

sense of smell. A sudden change in smell or taste while out on the water could signal an adverse reaction to a medication, pay attention to sudden changes in taste or smell and let your doctor know. Touching is a sense that develops in the skin through a network of nerves. Many fish have venomous body parts. If you can't identify the species, you should consider it dangerous, and in many cases you know you are dealing with a venomous species. Thanks to Sherrie, we will always remember safe boating is no accident. Having your senses about you is critical to safety.

Check back next week for more information about Making Sense.

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

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Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

Commercial Diving in Wakulla Springs State Park? January 19, 2012

Information has recently surfaced that commercial diving is part of an appeal to open Wakulla Springs State Park to equal access diving. This opens an interesting can of worms, so to speak.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) define and regulate employment safety conditions, and specifically, in the case of compressed-gas diving, privately employed divers. OSHA has four specific exemptions to their Commercial Diving Standards: recreational instruction, police, human subjects, and scientific diving. Failure to meet the specifications of the exemption defaults the exemption, requiring the participant to comply with the full Commercial Diving Standard.

Compliance to the OSHA Commercial Diving Standards in Wakulla Springs will mean locating a hyperbaric chamber within 5 minutes of the deep dive sites, surface and in-water support tenders staffing all dives, J-valves on all scuba cylinders, etc. (the list goes on). Since no one wants to follow these restrictions, keeping the exemptions is very important.

The first and the last exemption may apply to diving at Wakulla Springs. Recreational diving is not regulated as those involved are not employed. Private diving instructors or guides have no employer and are thus also not regulated or included as commercial divers. Those employed instructors or guides by a company must abide by limitations set forth by the exemption to maintain the exemption from the Commercial Diving Standards. These limitations may restrict them to work in shallower sites for example.

Scientific Diving is even more tightly regulated if they are to maintain an exemption from the OSHA Commercial Diving Standard. Their activity must be managed by a Safe Practice Manual promulgated by an autonomous Diving Control Board made up of active Diving Scientists for the sole purpose of non-proprietary data collection. Failure to meet any of these requirements defaults their activity back to those controlled by the OSHA Commercial Diving Standards.

I present these observations to clarify a published statement regarding the intentions of parties proposing to AND currently controlling diving at Wakulla Springs State Park, each operating under a different exemption to the OSHA Commercial Diving Standards. It seems rather like the pot calling the kettle black.

The tragic reality of this emotional response to a practical job-creating and park supporting opportunity is that both parties ride in the same boat. Both are members of or support the same conservation organizations, support the preservation of Wakulla Springs State Park as a "gem" and seek to locate funds to keep the park thriving. Both also have significant resources which will be diverted if the other side wins. I see a great cartoon where there are 2 people fighting in a small boat, each landing blows that destabilize their sinking craft while real threats to Wakulla Springs watch amusedly from the shore.

How can we convince folks that everyone can win if we work together, combining the offer of much needed funds from a willing diving public to preserve and protect, (just let us in to see), with those who have the professional credentials (Archaeologists, Paleontologists, Hydrologists, Biologists) to actually make it happen. Why has this become so polarized? See you at the public hearing. Gregg Stanton.

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

Pray for our wounded veterans and their families

By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

Four-year-old Susie jumps out of her hiding spot. “Peek-a-Boo!”

Expecting a fun reaction, the tiny girl doesn't understand why her daddy's face shows fear instead of delight. In-

stead of playfully scooping her into his arms, he steps back, beads of sweat forming on his forehead.

Susie's eyes fill with tears. She can't hear her daddy's heart pounding as he bolts from the room, searching for a place that feels safe. But there isn't one. Not since he defended America on the battlefield so she and her mother could live in a free nation. His service may have ended, but some days, it feels as though the war followed him home.

“Why won't daddy play with me?” Susie

sobs into her mom's shoulder.

“Your daddy is still getting used to being home again after fighting in the war,” she says, gathering her close. “He heard a lot of loud noises and saw some pretty scary stuff. Instead of surprising Daddy like that, why don't you show him the games on your closet shelf?”

Steve hears them talking and tries to shake off the familiar hopelessness, fearing he'll never be the man he once was. He picks up his Bible and reads

the verse he underlined that morning:

“The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him” (Psalm 28:7 ESV).

He closes his Bible and prays. He knows it'll take time, but eventually, with God's help, support from his family and professional counseling, he will learn how to manage his PTSD symptoms.

I think about our service men and women

like Steve in our fictional story, especially when I see TV ads that ask for support for our wounded veterans. I wonder how they're coping after returning from war.

How do they deal with post-traumatic stress disorder?

What is it like having to re-learn to dress themselves with a severe brain injury? Or to raise a child after losing their sight?

Or to hug their spouse with two prosthetic arms?

These are all reasons to pray for our wounded veterans and their

families.

Most of us will never know such hardship. I doubt we'll ever be able to appreciate our service men and women (and their families') sacrifice enough – much less know how to express our gratitude.

But I hope we – as a nation and individually – will never stop seeking ways to do so.

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It matters

By **CHERYL CRUCE**

The older I get, the more I understand the many aspects of ministry.

Growing up as a child in the '60s, ministry meant a Sunday morning Sunday School lesson and a sermon by the minister. Or ministry was the televised revival of Billy Graham. Those moments planted a seed of faith and a longing to be part of

something bigger than myself.

Gradually, I realized that ministry could involve each of us, and everyone had a unique role in the Body of Christ. What once was simply an act of kindness – a phone call or a card wishing someone well – is now recognized for what it truly is: outreach.

Over the years, I've come to see ministry in places I never expected. It's in the hands that prepare a meal for a grieving family, the voices that lift in laughter during a church play, and the quiet prayers whispered for someone who never even knows their name was mentioned. It's the people who show up early to make coffee, stay late to

clean up, and find joy in simply being part of something that blesses others. Each act may seem small, but together they form the heartbeat of a loving, joyful, deeply connected community.

It is a beautiful moment when the Church begins to look less like a schedule of programs and more like a family working together – each one offering what they have. Some preach. Some sing. Some decorate tables, run sound equipment, or sit with a friend who needs to talk. All of it is ministry, and all of it matters.

The Apostle Paul reminds us that the Church is like a body – one whole made up of many different parts. Each part has its own

purpose, and everyone is needed. The hand can't say to the foot, “I don't need you,” and the eye can't tell the ear it doesn't belong. God designed the body – and the Church – so that every gift, every effort, every act of service has value.

Even the parts that seem small or hidden are indispensable. When one member suffers, the whole body feels it; when one is honored, all rejoice together. In God's design, there's no such thing as an unimportant ministry.

We belong to one another – each of us placed exactly where God wants us to be, working together through the same Spirit for His glory.

Every time we use our God-given gifts – whether teaching, cooking, praying, fixing, acting, visiting, or organizing – we are living out 1 Corinthians 12. We become the hands and feet of Christ in motion. Romans 12:6 reminds us that we each have different gifts according to the grace given to us. It's up to us to nurture those gifts and share them with others. Ministry isn't limited to pulpit or choir loft – it lives in the heart of anyone willing to serve.

Our Heavenly Father is inviting us to share our talents with the world around us. These talents, no matter how small they may seem, are needed in the Body of Christ. Don't wait for someone to call you

— step forward, develop your gifts, and offer them in service. When we share what God has placed in our hands, we bless others, strengthen our community, and bring glory to His name. Your ministry matters.

May we step forward this week, offering our gifts and hearts in service, trusting that God will use them to bless His people.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. — 1 Peter 4:10

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OUT TO PASTOR

It's my pain, I'll use it if I want to

By **JAMES SNYDER**

When I think I've turned a page to a new chapter in my life, I realize there is nothing new in life. I'm referring to pain. I cannot remember a time in my life when I didn't have some pain.

In the years of my nativity, I never imagined that when I got older, I would experience more pain. Nevertheless, pain has become my daily friend.

I thought I had gotten through all my pain and was beginning to relax for an entire week. The only pain I had was being a pain in the neck to someone around me.

It was on a Monday night, I was in bed sleeping, and just after midnight, I awoke, and my right wrist was in a lot of pain. I couldn't move it for fear of pain. I got up, took some Tylenol, and went back to bed. When I woke up in the morning, the pain was worse than before the Tylenol.

I really didn't know what happened because I couldn't remember hitting my wrist on anything during the night. The pain was real, but the source of the pain was unknown.

When I got up in the morning, I went into the kitchen and informed

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage about the pain in my hand. She took great interest and wanted to do whatever she could to help me get rid of all that pain. Of course, the first thing she did was to give me Tylenol.

That did not work, and by late afternoon, the pain was worse than before.

It was then that she decided I needed to go to the Urgent Care for some medical help.

Throughout the long years of our marital bliss, I have learned one great lesson: “Don't argue with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.” So, she drove me down to the Urgent Care for treatment around 7:30 p.m.

I went in, signed up, and then we waited only 90 minutes in the waiting room. During that time, the wrist was getting worse, and the pain was not letting up.

I always take The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage with me to any doctor visits I have, because she takes the doctor's words very literally. I, on the other hand, paraphrase what the doctor says, which, when I get home, doesn't make any sense at all.

Finally, we were ushered in to see the doctor. They did X-rays on my arm and some other surgical things that I was not quite sure of. Then, the doctor pulled out her needle and prepped my arm for a shot.

While preparing that shot, I noticed she was grinning. That made me realize that the shot was going to hurt like crazy.

And boy, did it hurt, and I almost shouted in pain, which made her smile more.

The doctor diagnosed my situation and prescribed some medication, and then gave me an arm bracelet to help ease the pain in my arm.

We finally left Urgent Care about 10:30 and headed for home.

Before I went to bed, I had to take off the bracelet, and the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage had to put some medication to deal with the pain. I didn't have much sleep that night.

In the morning, I got up, and the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage had to examine my arm to see how it was. She then gave me more Tylenol to deal with the pain and helped put on my arm bracelet.

It was a busy day for The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. She had her regular duties and had little time to sit down and rest. But, she took time to stop what she was doing and examine my arm. She would always ask, “How is your arm doing now?”

My constant reply was, “It's doing fine.” Of course, she never believed me.

Since this was my pain, I decided to take advantage of it. I would get The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage to bring me some coffee when I needed it, maybe a snack, and she would jump to the service.

But then a crazy thought entered my mind. Believe me, my mind is well accustomed to crazy thoughts.

Before she came in to give me the next Tylenol, I switched the arm bracelet from my right arm to my left arm to see if she would notice. I know, it's a very crazy thing to do, but then that is my MO.

She came in and said, “Let me see your arm.”

I lifted up my left arm so she could look at it, and she examined it very carefully and then said, “It's starting to look better. I hope the pain is also going away.” And then she went back to the kitchen to her work.

I chuckled quite a bit as I put the bracelet back on my right arm where it belongs. If I'm

going to have pain, I'm going to use it for some pleasure on my part. I just hope I don't get caught.

As I was reading my Bible, I came across an interesting verse.

“For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us” (Romans 8:18).

My physical pain is nothing compared to God's grace in me each day.

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Obituaries



Wanda Lee Morgan

Wanda Lee Morgan, 79, of Crawfordville, passed away peacefully on October 29, 2025.

A lifelong native of the area, Wanda dedicated much of her life to serving the community she loved. She worked for the Wakulla County School District for 34 years as both a bus driver and lunchroom lady, where she touched the lives of countless children and families with her kindness and warm spirit. Wanda was a devoted member of Friendship Baptist Church, where her faith and compassion were evident to all who knew her. Wanda's warmth, faith, and dedication to her family and community will be remembered and cherished by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Opal Harper; her beloved husband,

Ken Morgan; and her grandson, Trey Williams.

Wanda is survived by her daughters, Sherrie Smith (Mark) and Sheryl Taylor (Robert); her brother, Frank D. Davis (Carol); her grandchildren, Tiffany Laird (Ryan) and Robby Taylor (Jordan); and one precious great-grandchild, Whitlee Lynn Taylor.

Visitation was held on Monday, November 3, 2025, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Family Funeral Home in the Harvey Young Chapel. A funeral service took place on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, beginning at 11 a.m., at Family Funeral Home in the Harvey Young Chapel. Interment will follow at Arran Cemetery.

Skip and Trey Young are assisting the family along with Paula and Amanda. Family Funeral Home, Crawfordville 850-926-5919.

DEATH NOTICES

• **Wanda Lee Morgan**, 80, of Sopchoppy, died October 29, 2025.

• **William Thomas Owens**, 84 of Crawfordville, passed away October 27, 2025.

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

Sheriff's Report

This report is for activity October 24th to 31st. There were 1,168 total calls for service during the week.

FRIDAY, OCT. 24

• A citizen reported receiving a bill from Sun Pass. She advised the bill was incorrect due to her never using Sun Pass. She emailed Sun Pass thinking someone was attempting to de-fraud her and Sun Pass closed the toll and dismissed to toll. She was still concerned and wanted this incident documented. This report was written for informational purposes.

• A citizen reported being scammed out of \$12,000. She advised she began talking to a military man who eventually began asking for money. She thought the man was genuine, sent the money to a location requested by the subject. After discovering this to be a scam, she reported this to law enforcement.

SATURDAY, OCT. 25

• Publix Pharmacy reported a loss of medication. After counting the medication multiple times and reviewing video footage, they called the corporate office to inform them of this incident. After speaking with corporate, they advised the pharmacy they needed

to file a report with local authorities. This report was documented for informational purposes due to no suspicion of foul play or criminal activity.

• Walmart Asset Protection reported three unknown individuals entering the store together. The subjects collected items throughout the store as they were inside, then two of the subjects had placed their items into the shopping cart and exited the store without anything in their hands. They then went back to their vehicle as the third subject remained inside. The third subject then went towards the exit and passed all final points of sale and entered the same vehicle as the other two subjects. The total loss valued at approximately \$293.35.

SUNDAY, OCT. 26

• Deputy Joshua Parker conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for no operable tag lights. During the stop, it was discovered the driver of the vehicle admitted to not have a driver's license. Due to knowingly driving without a license, the driver was placed under arrest. Florida Highway Patrol arrived on scene to conduct an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) investigation. After the investi-

gation, all occupants of the vehicle were placed in hand restraints due to ICE placing a detainee on them. All occupants were transported to the county jail without further incident and the vehicle was turned over to the owner who arrived on scene shortly after the stop was initiated.

• Deputy Jonathan Kilbourn responded to Tower Road and made contact with a citizen who advised someone known to him stole items from his shed and damaged the tin siding in doing so. The citizen signed an affidavit of prosecution for the criminal mischief but did not want to pursue the theft charges. An attempt to make contact with the subject was unsuccessful.

MONDAY, OCT. 27

• Deputy Austin Rivers responded to Ferrell Lane and made contact with the property owner who stated two game cameras went missing sometime after Oct. 21. There was a possible suspect named.

• Deputy Dylan Buckhalt conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for speed and discovered the driver was knowingly Driving While License Suspended or Revoked (DWLSR). He was subsequently placed under arrest.

• Deputy Dylan Buckhalt responded to Woodland Drive and made contact with a citizen who stated she was

scammed via a home warranty offer over the phone. She stated she provided the unknown person her credit card number, but then realized she was being scammed. She stated she contacted her financial institution and stopped the payment. She requested the incident be documented for information only due to not being out any money at this time.

TUESDAY, OCT. 28

• An employee with River of Life stated a subject pretending to be with Duke Energy advised they owed \$1,500 for past due electric bill. The employee went to CVS and purchased two Green Dot gift cards for \$500 and one for \$498.56. She stated she used her own money due to the short notice. Case forwarded to Criminal Investigations Division.

• Deputy Arturo Cordoba conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for following too closely. The driver advised his license was suspended. He was placed under arrest for DWLSR and transported to the county jail.

• Deputy Dylan Buckhalt responded to Walmart in reference to a theft that had just occurred. The vehicle and description were provided to dispatch who advised the vehicle was seen heading to SR 20. This information was passed on to FHP which conducted a traf-

fic stop on the vehicle and detained the sole occupant. The vehicle was towed to Quality Towing, the items were returned to Walmart, and the occupant was placed under arrest and transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

TUESDAY, OCT. 29

• A citizen reported an unknown subject impersonating law enforcement called her and advised she had a warrant for her arrest. She further stated the subject advised her she needed to pay \$2,150 for "bail." She was provided a QR code by text for a Bitcoin transaction. She advised she had sent the money prior to discovering the call was fraud and immediately contacted the Sheriff's Office.

• Deputy Rosa Sammons responded to Crawfordville Highway in reference to a suspicious incident. Upon arrival, contact was made with a citizen who advised an employee at a tattoo shop next door possibly damaged her recently installed security camera. She advised a white bearded male attempted to cover the lens of the camera with a piece of paper. Contact was made with the male, who was identified. He advised he attempted to adjust the view of the camera away from his business. Both parties have had issues in the past and were advised to limit contact. No damages were locat-

ed to the camera at this time.

THURSDAY, OCT. 30

• A citizen reported having a firearm pointed at him after an altercation occurred at Jer Be Lou Boulevard. He advised he and another individual were involved in a verbal altercation due to having different parental procedures. He advised the altercation grew to the point that the person pointed a firearm at him then fled the scene. Due to a lack of probable cause and evidence, this report was written for informational purposes.

FRIDAY, OCT. 31

• Deputy Zachary Godwin responded to the front lobby and made contact with a citizen who stated he discovered unauthorized charges on his bank account. He has contacted his bank and his accounts have been frozen. He requested this case be documented for information.

• Deputy Shay Sullivan responded to J.K. Moore Road in reference to possible identity theft case. A citizen stated his identity has been stolen and the person that stole it is attempting to purchase child pornography. CID was contacted.

Report suspicious or illegal activity at 850-745-7100, or call 911 for emergencies.

Molly Clore

From Front Page

their community for foster care."

"My next career move was when the CEO of the lead agency in our area, - NWF Health Network's Mike Watkins - called me up to ask if we can meet. He asked me if I wanted to create a team of my own relying on my lived and professional experience, and I accepted, launching a team of foster parents, adoptive parents and foster alumni who are adults, who went through the foster system themselves. We started out in the 2nd Judicial Circuit and in 2020 we moved to the 14th Circuit and in 2022 to the 1st Circuit.

"You gain real world experience by knowing how it feels to have a child walk through your front door and leave. When they leave, you rejoice, knowing the family is holding them but it is also bittersweet,

the sweet memories you made, and you worry-you worry if the child will miss you."

Clore explained, "By the child's 5th birthday, 80% of our brains know healthy attachments, healthy attachments start in the womb. As attachments are developed, the children develop and we, foster care, are the healthy windows to do this. If you did the fostering job right, the children will get attached and the healthy attachment will be transferred, so, YES! we can teach them healthy attachment.

"Just because they go home, you can still show them love after the transfer attachment by still supporting that family in healthy ways; a child can never have too many people that love them. God created families and He wanted children to be raised by families.

"My job is to stand in the gap while people are

suffering, love on these children and provide a safe home for them, and after they go home and the family is whole- to still provide love to them."

Clore's heart is always open - any day, all hours.

"My husband Eric loves to foster parent, he has no problem with it. He is right there with me through all the late nights. We stop what we are doing when we answer the phone and need to go to houses and all the late night discussion with families because foster families can't just take the phone off or take the weekend off, we have to be ready and available. If it's 11:58 pm, we pick up the phone and kids come to our house because we have to support."

Eric and Molly have two sons, Thomas and Tucker Clore, who love fostering as well. "Tucker is my social activist who is turning 16 and he is studying to be a

psychiatrist to better understand the needs of children who experience trauma."

Clore adds, "I am filled with hope because so many people have stepped up in our community to say yes in a world that is heavy and easy to say no. These children are going to grow up and put back into their community. May we press on, making daily decisions with intentional effort that causes a ripple effect for generations to come. Daily decisions with intentionality to change the course of the future.

"Is it easy? No. Is it sacrifice? Yes. Would you do it again? YES!" Clore said.

To put a late night into perspective, Clore shared an experience of picking up a baby girl to transfer to her foster family:

"She leaned into me, burying her face, not saying a word, as I softly pulled the comb through the curls of her baby fine hair. I'd wipe it on

the towel and pull it through again, telling her how precious and perfect she was. She was so delicate. I needed to get this finished so she could get on the road to her foster home, so she could rest. Trying to be quick but also

honoring her dignity and recognizing she is having one of the hardest days of her life."

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USE THE NEWS

1. E.P.A. SAVES ENERGY PROGRAM

The Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.) has decided not to cancel the Energy Star program after all. Energy Star is the blue label you see on appliances like refrigerators, washing machines, and computers that use less electricity. The program started more than 30 years ago and helps families and businesses save money on energy bills while protecting the environment. When the E.P.A. announced plans to end it, many people – including companies and leaders from both political parties – spoke out to keep it. Now, the agency says it will look for ways to keep Energy Star running so people can keep finding energy-efficient products easily. Imagine you are writing a short TV commercial for the Energy Star program. In 4–5 sentences, tell viewers what Energy Star is, why it’s important, and how choosing Energy Star products helps people and the planet. End your commercial with a catchy slogan – something like “Save Energy, Save the Earth!”

2. A NEW FUNGUS TRICK COULD HELP FIGHT MOSQUITOES

Scientists have discovered a new way to get rid of mosquitoes using a special fungus. Mosquitoes are tiny insects that can spread dangerous diseases like malaria and dengue, which make many people sick each year. The fungus, called *Metarhizium*, gives off a sweet smell that mosquitoes can’t resist – kind of like how flowers attract bees. When the mosquitoes land on it, the fungus infects them and eventually kills them. Researchers say this new method could be safer for people, animals, and the environment than using chemical sprays, and it might help protect communities from mosquito-borne illnesses. Imagine your class has been asked to come up with ideas for future inventions that use nature to solve problems. In 3–4 sentences, describe your own creative “nature-inspired invention.” It could

fight pests, clean water, or help plants grow – anything that uses animals, plants, or fungi in a helpful way. Give your invention a name and explain how it works!

3. AIR POLLUTION MAY AFFECT OUR BRAINS

Scientists have found that breathing polluted air doesn’t just hurt our lungs – it might also harm our brains. Tiny bits of pollution from cars, factories, and smoke, called PM2.5, are so small that they can travel deep into the body and even reach the brain. In one study, people who lived in places with cleaner air had healthier brains and were less likely

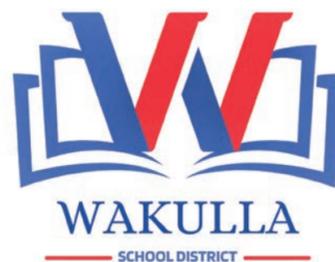
to get diseases like Alzheimer’s, which can cause memory loss. Researchers say this shows why it’s so important to keep the air clean by using less fossil fuel and more renewable energy. Clean air doesn’t just help us breathe better – it helps us think better too! Brainstorm three everyday actions that could make the air cleaner where you live – for example, walking instead of driving, planting trees, or saving electricity. Then, write 3–4 sentences explaining which idea you think would make the biggest difference and why.

4. NOVEMBER’S SUPERMOON SHINES BRIGHTEST OF

THE YEAR

Get ready to look up! On Wednesday night, people all over the world can see November’s supermoon – the biggest and brightest full moon of the year. A supermoon happens when the moon moves a little closer to Earth in its orbit, making it look larger and glow more brightly than usual. This one will be about 222,000 miles away, which is closer than most other full moons. Scientists say the moon may look up to 14% bigger and 30% brighter, though you might not notice the difference unless you compare photos. You don’t need a telescope – just clear skies and a good view of the night sky! Pretend you’re an astronomer writing a short weather-style report

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for your school morning announcements. In 3–4 sentences, tell students what a supermoon is, when to look for it, and what makes it special.

5. CHINA’S GOLDEN MONKEYS TRAVEL TO EUROPE

China has sent a group of rare golden snub-nosed monkeys to zoos in France and Belgium—the first time these colorful animals have ever lived outside Asia. The monkeys have bright orange fur, pale blue faces, and fluffy hands and feet to stay warm in China’s snowy mountains. Like China’s famous panda loans, the monkeys are part of a program meant to help people learn about and protect endangered animals.

The zoos built special homes that look like traditional Chinese gardens, with red roofs and wooden bridges for the monkeys to climb. Scientists hope that by studying and caring for them, people in Europe will learn more about the species and help protect their wild cousins back in China. Pretend your local zoo just got a pair of golden snub-nosed monkeys! Write 3–4 sentences describing how you would design their new habitat to make them feel comfortable and happy. What would you include—trees, climbing ropes, cozy shelters? Then, draw a picture of your monkey habitat showing how it helps them play, rest, and stay safe.



People FACT:

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Answer: Ages 0–5



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- German:** Adoptieren

Math Blocks

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Solution

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

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Answer: Adopt a baby

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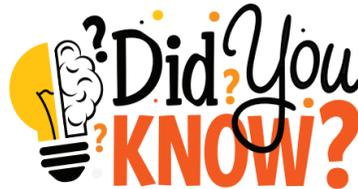
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NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

Case #: 25-CC-50

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 25, 2025 in Case No. 25-CC-50 in the County Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida wherein APEX LAND HOLDINGS, LLC, a Utah limited liability company, as Trustee of the Florida No. 174 Land Trust is the Plaintiff and NICHOLAS LOUIS BRINO and KIMBERLY BRINO are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327 on November 13, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. the following described real property:
Lot 61 of PALMETTO SUBDIVISION PHASE II, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 20, of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida
More commonly known as: 174 Shelby Drive, Crawfordville, FL 32327
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS OF THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM BEFORE THE CLERK REPORTS THE SURPLUS AS UNCLAIMED.

{{County Court Seal}}
Greg James
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Wakulla County, Florida
By: /s/ Ethan Brown
As Deputy Clerk



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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:
JOSEPH DANIEL MACK JR.,
DECEASED
DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO.: 25-CP-166

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of JOSEPH DANIEL MACK JR., Deceased, Case No. 2025 CP 166 is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of Court, Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327. The names and addresses of the Petitioner and the Petitioner's Attorney are set out at the end of this Notice.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702, FLORIDA STATUTES, WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The Personal Representative or curator has no duty to discover whether property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in sections 732.216-732.228, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under section 732.2211.

The date of first publication of this notice is November 6, 2025.

Petitioner: Debra Mack 126 Richardson Road Crawfordville, FL 32327	/s/ Sean W. Gellis SEAN W. GELLIS Florida Bar No. 105924 GELLIS LAW, PLLC 2931 Crawfordville Hwy Crawfordville, FL 32327 Phone: 561-371-2848 sean@gellislaw.com
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Nov. 6, 13, 2025

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING PLAINTIFF, CASE NO.: 25000081CAAXMX V.

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST AUDREY D. ALESSI, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, et al, DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY

TO: ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST AUDREY D. ALESSI, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS WHOSE ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property, to-wit:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT NO. 70 OF HARTSFIELD SURVEY OF LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE RUN NORTH 16 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF LOT NO. 70 A DISTANCE OF 1073.65 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE NORTH 16 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF LOT NO. 70, OF SAID HARTSFIELD SURVEY, A DISTANCE 125.03 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 33 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 118.75 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 75 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST 200.40 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 66 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 27 SECONDS EAST 147.36 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 15 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 209.53 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 73 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST 452.78 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF LOT NO. 70 OF HARTSFIELD SURVEY OF LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND CONTAINING 2.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

SUBJECT TO A 30.00 FOOT ROADWAY EASEMENT OVER AND ACROSS THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF.

more commonly known as 75 EVELYN RD, CRAWFORDVILLE, FLORIDA 32327

This action has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, to it on Plaintiff's attorney, Rubin Lublin, LLC, whose address is 2313 W. Violet St., Tampa, Florida 33603, on or before **December 6, 2025**, 30 days after date of first publication and file the original with the Clerk of the Circuit Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated: October 30, 2025.

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November 6, 13, 2025



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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 ACTION

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

ANDY WAYNE WILLIAMSON, Curator on behalf of the Estate of James J. Weaver, Jr,

PLAINTIFF, CASE NO.: 2025 CA 000085 Division: Circuit Civil

BERNARD WILLIAMS, SR, AUDREY DORSEY, HEIRS OR DEVEISEES OF LUKE SMITH, and HEIRS OR DEVEISEES OF IDA GAVIN, DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: HEIRS OR DEVEISEES OF LUKE SMITH OF AUDREY DORSEY, HEIRS OR DEVEISEES OF LUKE SMITH, Defendants, and to all parties claiming interest by, through, under or against Defendants, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that you have been designated as defendant in a legal proceeding filed against you for quite title. The action involves real property in Wakulla County, Florida, more fully described as the below Exhibit "A":

Wakulla County Property Appraiser Parcel ID No: 09-3S-OI W-000-04354-007... The action was instituted in the Second Judicial Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida, and is styled ANDY WAYNE WILLIAMSON, Curator on behalf of the Estate of James J. Weaver, Jr.

You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on A Wayne Williamson, Esquire, Plaintiffs' attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 1248, SANTA ROSA BEACH, FL 32459, on or before, November 13, 2025, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on A Wayne Williamson, Esquire or immediately after service; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter a judgment or decree in the Plaintiffs' interest which will be binding upon you.

Dated: October 16, 2025.

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



Exhibit "A"

Commence at the Southwest corner of Section 9, Township 3 South, Range 1 West, Wakulla County, Florida, and run South 89 degrees 48 minutes 42 seconds East along the South boundary line of said Section 9, 1056.72 feet to a concrete monument, thence run North 00 degrees 13 minutes 58 seconds East 1421.31 feet to an iron rod and cap (LB#6475), for the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning run South 89 degrees 50 minutes 27 seconds East 398.84 feet to an iron rod and cap (LB#6475), thence run North 00 degrees 13 minutes 58 seconds East 218.43 feet to an iron rod and cap (LB#6475), thence run North 89 degrees 48 minutes 23 seconds West 398.84 feet to an iron pipe, thence run South 00 degrees 13 minutes 58 seconds West 218.43 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Also known as: PARCEL "A" Commence at the Southwest corner of Section 9, Township 3 South, Range 1 West, Wakulla County, Florida; thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes 42 seconds East 1056.72 feet to a concrete monument; thence North 00 degrees 13 minutes 58 seconds East 1421.31 feet to a rod and cap for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence from said POINT OF BEGINNING continue North 00 degrees 13 minutes 58 seconds East 109.26 feet to a rod and cap; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 38 seconds East 398.71 feet to a rod and cap; thence South 00 degrees 15 minutes 10 seconds West 109.26 feet to a rod and cap; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes 38 seconds West 398.68 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL "B" Commence at the Southwest corner of Section 9, Township 3 South, Range 1 West, Wakulla County, Florida; thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes 42 seconds East 1056.72 feet to a concrete monument; thence North 00 degrees 13 minutes 58 seconds East 1421.31 feet to a rod and cap; thence continue North 00 degrees 13 minutes 58 seconds East 109.26 feet to a rod and cap for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence from said POINT OF BEGINNING continue North 00 degrees 13 minutes 58 seconds East 109.25 feet to a rod and cap; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 38 seconds East 398.75 feet to a rod and cap; thence South 00 degrees 15 minutes 10 seconds West 109.25 feet to a rod and cap; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes 38 seconds West 398.71 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Wakulla County Property Appraiser Parcel ID No: 09-3S-01 W-000-04354-007. October 23, 30, November 6, 13, 2025

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF: C.A. DOB: 10/14/2023 MINOR CHILD

CASE NO. 2023 DP 9

NOTICE OF ACTION

TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

TO: AMY ALLSHOUSE, UNKNOWN ADDRESS

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families, has filed a Petition to terminate your parental rights and permanently commit the following child for adoption: C.A. born on 10/14/2023. You are hereby commanded to appear on December 1, 2025, at 9:00 AM before the Honorable Brian Miller at the Wakulla Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway Crawfordville, FL 32327, for an ADVISORY HEARING.

FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THIS CHILD (OR CHILDREN). IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED, YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS AS A PARENT TO THE CHILD OR CHILDREN NAMED IN THIS NOTICE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator; 301 South Monroe Street, Room 225, Tallahassee, FL 32301; 850-606-4401 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

WITNESS, my hand as Clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 17th day of October, 2025.

Greg James

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



Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

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

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

Freedom Mortgage Corporation, PLAINTIFF,

CASE NO.: 2025 CA 000085

V.

The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming interest by, through, under or against the Estate of Lisa M. Morgan a/k/a Lisa Marie Page Morgan a/k/a Lisa Morgan, Deceased; et al, DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF ACTION- CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming interest by, through, under or against the Estate of Lisa M. Morgan a/k/a Lisa Marie Page Morgan a/k/a Lisa Morgan, Deceased

Last Known Address: Unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Wakulla County, Florida:

LOT #4 OF AN UNRECORDED PLAT OF THE FIRST ADDITION TO KIRKLAND ESTATES, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT #59 OF THE HARTSFIELD SURVEY OF LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, (MARKED BY A CONCRETE MONUMENT), THENCE RUN SOUTH 72 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT #59 A DISTANCE OF 2365.0 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 17 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST 659.02 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROAD #61 (U.S.319), THENCE RUN SOUTH 70 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROAD #61 A DISTANCE OF 480.15 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN SOUTH 17 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST 370.00 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 70 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROAD #61, A DISTANCE OF 160.05 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. IN LOT #59 OF THE HARTSFIELD SURVEY OF LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA. MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS:

CO-ENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 59 OF THE HARTSFIELD SURVEY OF LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN SOUTH 72 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 2365.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 17 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST 659.02 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #2919) LYING ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF STATE ROAD NO. 61 MARKING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING AND LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY RUN SOUTH 17 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST 375.20 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #2919), THENCE RUN SOUTH 72 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST 159.54 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #2919), THENCE RUN NORTH 18 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST 369.70 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #2919) LYING ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY, RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF STATE ROAD NO. 61, THENCE RUN NORTH 70 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 161.16 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH 1999 ADMI MOBILE HOME IDENTIFICATION NOS. GMHGA1299820841A AND GMHGA1299820841B, TITLE NOS. AND 77429724.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Amanda Driscoll, Esquire, Brock & Scott, PLLC., the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 4919 Memorial Hwy, Suite 135, Tampa, FL 33634, within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication on or before December 6, 2025, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

Dated: October 24, 2025.

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



November 6, 13, 2025

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

GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GITSIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST BBPLC1,

Plaintiff,

Case #: 65-2025-CA-000025-CAAM

vs.

ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, LEGATEES, DEVEISEES, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, CREDITORS AND ANY OTHER PERSON CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST JUANITA M. MOORE, DECEASED, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment in Foreclosure entered on October 23, 2025, and entered in Case No. 65-2025-CA-000025-CAAM in the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein THE ESTATE OF WANITA M. MOORE, are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court, GREG JAMES, will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Wakulla County Courthouse house 3056 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, FL 32327 on December 11, 2025, at 11 :00am, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 35 AND 36, BLOCK 'N', MAGNOLIA GARDENS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 37, PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and commonly known as: 145 TED LOTT LANE, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327 (the "Property").

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

DATED THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025.

GIDDOTT I BERGER LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 10800 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 201 Miami, FL 33161 Telephone: (305) 501-2808 Facsimile: (954) 780-5578



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

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IMPORTANT

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT: ADA COORDINATOR REGINA SHAW SHAWR@EONCOUNTYFL.GOV 301 SOUTH MONROE STREET TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301 850.606.4400 AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION IF THE TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE IS LESS THAN 7 DAYS; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711.

November 6, 13, 2025

CROSSWORD 44. Semitic sun god

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Difficult
5. Coarsely ground corn
9. There's one for the "world"
11. Loved Romeo
13. Sticky situation
15. Pelvic areas
16. An informal debt instrument
17. Cannot be repaired surgically
19. A device attached to a workbench
21. Related on the mother's side
22. Sound unit
23. ___ Sagan, astronomer
25. Utah city
26. A disappointing effort
27. Steal goods during a riot
29. Wakes up
31. Hair salon service
33. Serenaded
34. Looked intensely
36. U.S. Air Force expert Robert F.
38. A type of cast
39. One's duty
41. Where golfers begin
43. Make a mistake

44. Semitic sun god

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Brave
2. Act of awakening
3. Jest at store
5. Chapter of the Koran
6. Dismounted
7. Small vehicle
8. Irked

9. One who earns by disreputable dealings

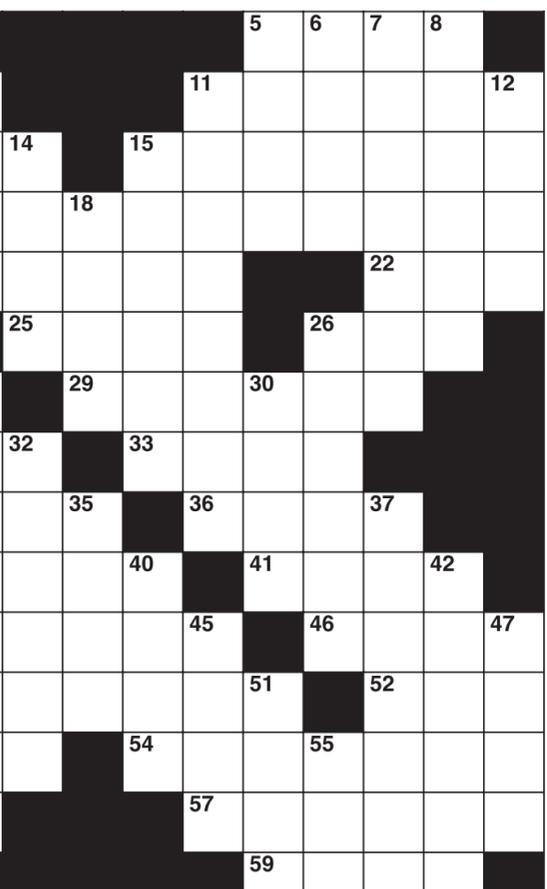
- 10. Monetary unit of Samoa
11. Long, mournful lamentation
12. Weight unit
14. Alone, single
15. Decreases
18. Indicates beside
20. Worn by exposure to the weather

24. A body of traditions

- 26. College students' ultimate goal
28. Amino acid
30. Nasal mucus
32. US government entity
34. Swinish
35. Legislative body in Russia
37. Grant an exemption to
38. Put in advance

40. Satisfy

- 42. Felt
43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
45. Witnesses
47. Picnic invaders
49. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
50. Ancient person of Scotland
51. Cheerless
55. Unwell



Night Fright at Palaver Tree



Wakulla High drama students performed as zombies to frighten visitors on Saturday, Nov. 1.

RMS is volleyball conference champs

By LISA CRUM

What an incredible season for the Riversprings Middle School Lady Bears volleyball team! This year has been full of excitement, determination, and teamwork. The season kicked off with an impressive performance at a tournament hosted by FAMU, where Riversprings finished 2nd in their division. From there, the momentum continued with an outstanding 10-2 season record! Capping it all off, the Lady Bears battled their way to victory and claimed the title of Big Bend Conference Champions!

As the team members prepare to move on to Wakulla High School, we look forward to watching their talents continue to grow and shine on the court.

Team members included: Captain Olivia Tomberlin, Co-Captain Olivia Taylor, Maggie Hamby, Adalynn Marks, Brook Hoelscher, Emma Green Kerrigan Jamison, Kinley Ledgington, Amelia Pearce, Mckenna Pierce, Autumn Hudson and Brenley Hodge.

A special thank you to Coach Lesa Crum and Coach Amanda LaTour for leading the team through an amazing season! Your dedication, encouragement, and passion made all the difference.



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War Eagles fall to Gadsden, 28-20

Wakulla ends the regular season with a 6-4 record going into a bye week before the playoffs start the following week

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

The Wakulla War Eagles fell to 6-4 on the year after falling to the Gadsden Jaguars 28-20 on a chilly night in Havana.

The War Eagles were up 13-12 at the end of the third quarter, but the Jaguars burned up half the fourth quarter on a long scoring drive that culminated in a touchdown and 2-point conversion to go up 20-13.

Wakulla was driving the field and went for it on a 4th and 9 with 4:50 left and a pass to a receiver at the down marker was ruled incomplete, turning the ball over on downs to Gadsden.

A few plays later, Gadsden scored on a 35-yard run and added a 2-point conversion to make it 28-13 with 3:12 left in the game.

The Wakulla offense took the ball and drove the field, culminating in the touchdown pass from quarterback Owen Klees to receiver Jayden Jean in the back of the end zone – an athletic catch by Jean stretching out to make the grab. The extra point by kicker Sam Bruce cut the Jaguar lead to 28-20.

The onside kick with 19 seconds left was recovered by the Jaguars, and all they had to do was run out the clock to secure the win.



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War Eagle running back Jordan Barnes scores against Gadsden to go up 7-6 in the second quarter and gets a celebratory lift by big 6-3, 300 pound lineman Trenten Barwick.

For Wakulla Head Coach Scott Klees, he was “extremely proud” of his players for never giving up. “Our kids just didn’t quit. Score there at the end and the onside

kick – if we could’ve gotten that, maybe we could’ve tied it. “I’m just extremely proud of this team – they just don’t quit.” Klees said his team just “fell a little short.”

It was still an impressive performance by the War Eagles against an opponent whose 2-5 record belied the onfield talent: at least eight Jaguars are Division 1 college

commits, including three on the offensive line. And the War Eagles went toe-to-toe with them throughout the game. “Just can’t make that many mistakes,”

Klees said. The coach acknowledged his team fought a tough regular season schedule. The four losses the team suffered were all one score games.

Now the War Eagles, who won the district champ title two weeks ago, take a week to rest up before the playoffs start on Nov. 14.

Klees says he expects to hear who the War Eagle opponent is sometime in the middle of the week. It’s not clear if the game will be at home or on the road, and the team won’t know until Tuesday, Wednesday or maybe Thursday.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Quarterback Owen Klees was named MVP for the game. He ran for a touchdown and threw for another.

Offensive Player of the Week was Jayden Jean who had 8 catches for 76 yards and a touchdown catch.

Defensive Player of the Week was linebacker Kasen Small who had 8 tackles and a sack.

Special Teams Player of the Week was Bryce Manning who had two tackles.

“I’m so honored to be a part of this team,” said Coach Klees. “It’s been a blessing. And our season is nowhere near over.”



Owen Klees scrambles with the ball against the Gadsden County Jaguars.



War Eagle quarterback Owen Klees about to launch a touchdown pass to receiver Jayden Jean, seen in the lower right as he runs to the corner of the end zone – where he would lay out for the catch. The touchdown would bring the War Eagles to within one score of the Jaguars, but the Jaguars recovered the onside kick and ran out the clock to preserve the win.



At left, Coach Scott Klees talks with his offense with time running out in the game.

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