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State Education Board visits

November meeting is held in Crawfordville, at the Wakulla Schools district office



The state Board of Education held its November meeting in the auditorium at the district office on Thursday.

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

The state Board of Education and Education Commissioner Anastios Kamoutsas were in Crawfordville last week for the board's November meeting, held at the Wakulla district office's auditorium.

The meeting was held Thursday, Nov. 13.

Wakulla Superintendent of Schools Rick Myhre welcomed the board to the district office, noting he attended classes there when it was the old Crawfordville Elementary School.

Myhre shared an overview of the district, noting there are some 5,000

students in the four elementaries, two middle schools, and one high school.

Wakulla has been an "A" district for three consecutive years, and is an academically high-performing district.

Wakulla students have performed 11th best in the state in testing, and 2nd best in the Panhandle. Wakulla ranked No. 1 for English Language Arts in the Panhandle; and ranked 2nd for graduation - with a 97% graduation rate in 2023-24.

Myhre noted that the district has 1,000 students in Career and Technical Education - which represents 1 in 5.



Wakulla Superintendent of Schools Rick Myhre welcomes the state education board to Wakulla County.

Myhre also noted the district's philosophy of the three Rs are not the old "Reading, Riting and 'Rithmetic" but "Rigor, Resiliency, and Relevance."

Myhre also stressed that what keeps him awake at night is worrying about student safety, and vowed to do "anything we can do to make our kids safer."



William DeWitt, Hayden Moore, and Kylie Moore.

3 Wakulla students recognized

The students started a Turning Point USA chapter at the high school to protect free speech

Three Wakulla High School students were recognized by the state Board of Education and presented with certificates honoring their leadership last week.

Kylie Moore, Hayden Moore and William DeWitt were honored for their roles in creating a local chapter of Turning Point USA, the organization founded by Charlie Kirk that advocates for conservative politics and free speech on college campuses. Kirk was assassinated back in September.

The three students told The Sun that they were motivated by free speech concerns.

Hayden Moore said he felt free speech was under attack when Kirk was assassinated. He wanted "everyone to be able to respect each other."

Kylie Moore wanted to support civil debate as a way to promote free speech.

The chapter offers an opportunity to "express opinions in a safe and civil way," said William DeWitt. "It's OK to disagree with each other."

St. Marks School reunion

The historical society brings together students of the old school

Story & Photos By
LINDA ANN McDONALD
Correspondent

The Wakulla County Historical Society held a reunion on Tuesday, Nov. 11, for those who attended the old St. Marks School. The eldest attendee of the event was 92-year-old, Davis Raker.

Built in 1938 as a primary school, the St. Marks School taught grades 1-12. Students came from the St. Marks, Newport and Wakulla Station areas; there was anywhere between 15 and 60 students attending the school at that time.

In 1967, when Wakulla High School was built, it shifted grades 9-12 to the newly built high school. Since then, the St. Marks School has varied between grades 1-6 and grades 1-8. The school was restored in 1975 as an adult education center. After closing, the school opened as COAST Char-



Alumni of the old St. Marks School gathered last week to share memories of the school.

ter School in 1990, and is still actively educating students.

A panel of alumni from the 1940s, '50s and '60s reminisced, laughed and shared fond memories with each other as Brent X. Thurmond, past president of the Wakulla County Historical Society, guided conversation by asking the panel thought pro-

voicing questions such as, "Did you walk or ride the school bus to school?" and "What was your favorite memory?"

Pam Ward Lawhon attended the school from 1953-1959. "My favorite thing to remember was all the ladies in the community cooking lunches," Lawhon said. "It was delicious. I remember Lorraine Roberts

and Lucille Strickland cooking and how it was like mama's cooking, it was delicious, and you could go back for thirds, fourth and fifth servings if you wanted; you got all you needed to eat, always."

Angie Parrish Williams attended the first grade in 1962. "I loved the building we were in,"

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Guidelines for Depot Park plants offered

By LINDA ANN McDONALD
Correspondent

The Sopchoppy City Commission presented Landscaping Maintenance Guidelines for the Florida Native Plant Society's volunteers who maintain the garden in the Sopchoppy Depot at the meeting on Monday, Nov. 10.

There has been concern from the City of Sopchoppy that the American Wisteria and Coral Honeysuckle were causing damage to the park's gates. Previously, Sopchoppy cut the vines much to the dismay of the Native Plant Society, which stated it was the wrong time of year for the plants to be cut back. Sopchoppy offered to work with the volunteers to come up with an agreement for maintenance of the park.

The proposed guidelines outlined the trimming of trees as well as flower bed maintenance.

New plantings, fence borders, city buildings, vines, thorned plants, liability and safety, tree and plant removal and general maintenance were all addressed within the guidelines as well.

Volunteers did not attend the meeting and could not be reached for comment. Several of the volunteers had submitted a weekly column to The Sun about native plants at the Depot Park, but said last week they would end the column.

In other matters before the city commission:

• The Wakulla Library asked the Council to allow 18 Story Boards at Depot Park. Council member Nathan Lewis mentioned the story boards will take up room in the vendor spaces and offered

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Student of the Week

Josiah Whyte – 3rd grader, Shadeville Elementary

Principal: Timothy Wheeler

Achievements/Reason for Nomination: Josiah is a very hard-working and kind student! He comes to class each day ready to learn, always trying his best, and shows strong teamwork with his classmates. He is very honest, caring, and always wants to lend a helping hand to others. He shows great perseverance and is making good growth! I'm very proud of him!

– Robin Glassner, Teacher

We are proud to recognize Josiah Whyte as our Student of the Week! He is a true role model for all of our Shadeville Students.

Way to go, Josiah!

– Tim Wheeler, Principal



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St. Marks Yacht Club donation

Special to The Sun

Through hard work and many, many generous donations The St. Marks Yacht Club was able to make a generous donation of \$500 to Coast Charter School of Arts, Science and Technology (C.O.A.S.T.).

Shown pictured on the front row are Billy Bishop SMYC Commodore, Lorette Hoover SMYC Purser, COAST Principal Frankie Harvey, and Lori Clements SMYC Social Chair. Also pictures are some students of C.O.A.S.T in the second row.

THANK YOU to each and every member that donated, worked and cheered us on as we held our very successful SMYC yard sale.



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Student's art to be displayed at Capitol

Special to the Sun

Wakulla County Schools is thrilled to announce that Heily Ramos, a 6th-grade student at Riversprings Middle School, has been selected to represent Wakulla County in the prestigious Art in the Capitol Competition.

Heily's artwork was chosen through the statewide visual arts competition authorized by Section 1003.49965, Florida Statutes, which invites students in grades 6-8 from public, charter, private, and home education settings to submit original pieces. Each district selects one winning submission, judged by a



Heily Ramos, a 6th grader at Riversprings Middle, with her artwork to be on display at the Capitol.

committee of art educators who do not have students participating in the contest.

Heily's winning artwork, titled "A Place Like No Other," will be presented to Rep. Jason Shoaf, who will proudly submit it to the Florida Capitol on behalf of Wakulla County. Her piece will be displayed throughout the 2026 Legislative Session, beginning Jan. 13, 2026, allowing lawmakers, visitors, and officials from across the state to enjoy her creativity and talent.

Congratulations to Heily on this outstanding achievement and celebrates the artistic excellence she brings to our community.

Ernie Stevenson Memorial Fishing Tournney is set

Special to The Sun

Next Saturday, Nov. 22, the Fellowship Of Christian Athletes will hold the second annual Ernie Stevenson Memorial Fishing Tournament.

Launch anywhere with weigh-in at 4 p.m. across the street from Sweet Magnolia Inn in St Marks.

Categories are redfish, speckled trout, silver trout and black sea bass.

Paying first three places with redfish paying \$1,500 and speckled trout \$2,500 for first place.

Fee is \$60 per person and children under 15 free.

For tickets and more information contact Doug Everett at 850-295-1598 or William Kepper at 850-545-5961.

Good Luck and Good Fishing.

St. Marks School

From Front Page

she said. "I loved the stage and the auditorium, it was part of the life of the school. We would have plays and the whole community would come watch. I especially remember the playground equipment with the jungle gym, the high swings, seesaws, merry-go-round and the maypole."

Not all memories of the school were fond: Margaret Roberts Bishop attended grades 1-6 at the school. "Memories of the playground will be stuck with me forever," she said. "I had the rheumatic fever, and all the kids were on the playground, and I had to sit there and watch, I would beg people to let me get up and play, although I do remember the old movies they used to play."

Lawhon also shared a story about the county's public health nurse, Anita Townsend. "Ms. Townsend was giving out shots and my sister (who attended the school with Pam) was not having anything to do with a shot, so my sister ran home - three houses down - and hid under the bed. Ms. Townsend walked over to my house after my sister and got her out from under the bed and gave her a shot."

Williams shared a story about a favorite teacher of hers, past principal of the school, Ms. Walker. "One time there was a vulgar four-letter word written on the wall and Ms. Walker said if she found out who did it, they were going to be disciplined. So, as a curious child, I had to find the wall and see the word, I found the word and still had no idea what that word meant. It was a scary memory for me. Ms. Walker said using words like that

would take your reputation and words like that are not to be written or spoken."

Williams also said, "It was the versatility of the teachers that was amazing. They had to do all of it, art, history music and math. I am in the education field, and I credit them for me wanting to be a teacher."

Alumni Allen Boykin said, "The playground was the best part of the day, we had football, softball, you name it. We would put the balls on the roof and watch it slide off!"

The oldest alumni attending the event was 92-year-old Davis Raker. "My dad got a job in the shipyard in Newport. My dad was a welder and to be able to work there, you had to be married with a family and this also exempted you from the war draft. I remember we had a lot of programs in school and a big wood stove in the back. We used to have plays, and I was not in favor of plays. I was a palm tree in a play, and I had real palm fronds on, and I had to sneeze, it was scary to me. I also remember a scary story about a kid that was going to be punished by the teachers, and the kid said, 'You are not going to punish me' and the kid ran from the school and set the woods on fire. And we had to have the Coast Guard put the fire out. Talk about an experience!"

Harold Thurmond said he was the general supervisor to convert the school to an adult education center. "I heard about a school in Hillsborough County that was turned into an adult education center, so I went there and observed the school and got a copy of their application for the grant to make their school into

an adult center. I was awarded the grant of \$129,000, and that was a lot of money in 1975."

Thurmond also shared a memory of Brother Emmett Whaley's wife, Sidney. "She was so excited about going to the adult school, she never got to finish her school, so I told her you are never too old to learn. When she walked across the stage at graduation, she was so happy."

Regarding the event, Brent Thurmond said, "This is a super event because some of these people have not seen each other in decades.

I also want to credit Barbara Springer, who is also alumni, for the suggestion to hold the reunion. Barbara was unable to attend the event."

The Wakulla Historical Society's next event is the Christmas Open House, December 5 from 4pm to 7pm and December 6, 1-4 with entertainment and homemade goodies. The address is 24 High Drive, Crawfordville and the website is www.wakulahistory.org. For more information you can call 850.926.1110.

FLORIDA PACE FUNDING AGENCY NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Florida PACE Funding Agency, a public body corporate and politic, (the "Agency"), hereby provides notice, pursuant to Sections 163.08, 163.081, 163.082 and 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, each as amended from time to time, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments for more than one year to be levied within the area encompassed by the boundaries of every county in Florida, or any of the municipalities therein, served by the Agency's statewide provision of funding and financing to assist property owners who wish to construct, install or otherwise obtain qualifying improvements identified by the Legislature including, but not limited to, energy conservation and efficiency improvements, renewable energy improvements, and wind resistance improvements, in accordance with Section 163.08, et seq., Florida Statutes, as amended (collectively, the "Qualifying Improvements"). By law and resolution of the Agency, a property owner may apply to the Agency for funding and financing of Qualifying Improvements. The non-ad valorem assessments contemplated by this notice are voluntary and are only imposed by the Agency with the prior written consent authorized by or on behalf of affected property owners who determine to obtain financing for Qualifying Improvements from the Agency. The Agency is authorized by state law to fund and finance Qualifying Improvements and is required to annually collect repayment by non-ad valorem assessments to be collected by the Tax Collector in each County. The Board will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, after a public hearing to be held at Kissimmee Gateway Airport-Executive Conference room located at 401 Dyer Blvd Kissimmee FL on December 9, 2025, at 1pm. In the event of a local or national emergency, a hurricane, or any other interfering circumstance, if necessary, the meeting may be continued to a time, date, and place certain, and notice thereof, along with appropriate means for public attendance and participation, if other than in-person, will be posted on the Agency's website. Such resolution electing to use such uniform method will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property that may be subject to the levy - which is the entirety of the State of Florida. A copy of the proposed form of resolution and other information may be viewed at the Agency's website: www.FloridaPACE.Gov. All affected property owners have the right to be heard on the matter via advance written objection or by appearing in person at the public hearing. Advance written communication will be given equal weight to comments or objections made in person, and may be submitted to the Board via email to Info@FloridaPACE.Gov; and should be received by the Agency on or before December 8, 2025, at 9am so that copies can be distributed to Board members for advance review and hearing preparation purposes.

Any person desiring to speak in person may appear at the public hearing. If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this public hearing, such person will need a record of proceedings and for such purpose such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made at their own expense and which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is based.

Any person requiring special accommodation at this meeting due to disability or physical impairment or needing an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Agency at 850-400-PACE at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If hearing impaired, Florida Relay Service numbers for assistance are (800) 955-8771 (tdd) or (800) 955-8770 (voice).

Assessments to be levied pursuant to written consent on various parcels within the State of Florida.

Nov. 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 2025

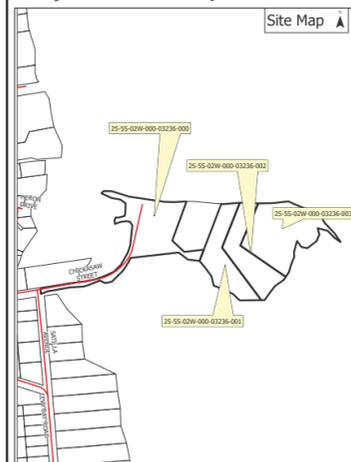
PUBLIC NOTICES:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING AN APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF ZONING

The Wakulla County Planning Commission and Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners propose to consider the following application and/or adopt the following by ordinance and has scheduled Public Hearings before the **Wakulla County Planning Commission on Monday, December 1, 2025, beginning at 6:00 P.M.** and before the **Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners on Monday, December 8, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM**, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard. All public hearings will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.



AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WAKULLA COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, ORDINANCE NO. 85-4, AS AMENDED; CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION AND OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS FROM P-2 AND RR-1 TO RR-1 FOR PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" TO THE ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

1. Application for Change of Zoning: R25-08
Applicant: Donald Frederick Phillips, Karou Phillips, and Deborah Richard Phillips

Agent: Stearns Weaver Miller, P.A.
Proposal: rezone from conservation to semi-rural residential
Tax ID Numbers: 25-5S-02W-000-03236-000; 25-5S-02W-000-03236-001; 25-5S-02W-000-03236-002 and 25-5S-02W-000-03236-003
Existing FLU Map: Urban Fringe (FLUE Policy 1.2.7)
Current Zoning: P-2 (Section 5-24, LDC) and RR-1 (Section 5-27, LDC)
Proposed Zoning: RR-1 (Section 5-27, LDC)
FEMA Flood Info: "VE" zone on Panel 0370E
Parcel size: 8.9+/- acres
Location: Chickasaw Street, Panacea

Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, December 1, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
BOCC: Monday, December 8, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

If an individual wishes to submit documents or other materials related to a matter before the Planning Commission for consideration by the Planning Commission at a public meeting, they are strongly encouraged to submit copies of all such documents or other materials to the Wakulla County Office of Planning and Community Development at least 3 days prior to the date of the meeting so that they can be provided to the Commission Members. If an individual wishes to bring documents or other materials for consideration by the Planning Commission that were not previously provided to the Wakulla County Office of Planning and Community Development in accordance with the preceding sentence, they must bring at least twelve (12) copies of each such document to the meeting. Copies of applications, draft ordinances, and any related public record files may be viewed at the County Planning Department located at 11 Bream Fountain Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327, 8 AM to 4:30 PM M/F; Phone (850) 926-3695. Any person desiring to appeal a decision of a County Board must ensure a verbatim transcript or copy is made of the testimony and exhibits presented at said hearings. Persons with a disability needing a special accommodation should contact the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Office at least two (2) days prior to the meeting at (850) 926-0919; Hearing and Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771; or email at ADARrequest@mywakulla.com.

November 20, 2025

WAKULLA SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Contact Leslie Kelly 850-926-1841
Wakulla Adult Education
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Opinions

THE FIRST AMENDMENT

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

LETTERS FROM READERS

Who knew the Waste Pro contract included an increase in bear can cost?

Editor, The Sun:

Wakulla County recently negotiated a new contract with Waste Pro. This latest contract included eliminating the home pickup recycling service, as we all were aware of.

Another item negotiated was the doubling in the cost of rental for bear cans. This cost is now over \$200 a year. My question is, why was the increase not shared with the people of Wakulla County? The way I discovered the increase was when my new bill arrived from Waste Pro.

I contacted the county to find out why this happened, and I was told the increase was due to the rise in cost of the devices that provide the “bear-proof” feature to the can. This is over a 100% increase for a device

that locks the lid closed and provides some structural support to the top of the container.

I asked the county what profit margin Waste Pro was making on a device installed on an existing container. The staff did not have an answer, and I was told to contact my county commissioner. I attempted a few times to contact two commissioners a couple of weeks ago (District 3 and District 4). I have not heard back from either commissioner. This issue may not impact the people moving into the new subdivisions, but it does affect the people living in the rural areas of the county.

Many issues that residents of Wakulla County, and especially rural residents, have been experienc-

ing are due to the lack of planning by the county, and animal control planning in particular, when allowing the new subdivisions.

These are issues that current and previous County Commissions created; they are the only ones that can solve the problem. That solution should not be at the cost of the rural residents of the county. It's time to quit kicking the growth problem down the road and take action to solve the problem.

Consider impact fees to help with the cost of upgrading the infrastructure required due to new subdivisions, and consider helping with the cost of bear cans.

The state Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) suggests not keeping garbage outside.

That may work, but what would the state Department of Children and Families (DCF) feel about young children living in a house with a week's worth of garbage?

Wayne Vearil
Crawfordville

Editor's Note: Since submitting this letter, Vearil said he heard from District 3 Commissioner Valerie Russell concerning the Bear Can Rental increase. “It appears she was not aware of the rise in bear can rental cost,” he wrote, adding: “District 4 Commissioner Quincee Messersmith ghosted me over a year ago over another matter, and she has not reached out to me about this cost increase.”

Historical Society to hold Open House

Editor, The News:

The Wakulla County Historical Society invites the public to their annual Christmas Open House from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5 and 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6 at the historical museum and archives building on 24 High Drive, directly across from the Old Courthouse.

Live music, refreshments and shopping local in the gift shop will all contribute to a festive time. Friday, Dec. 5 will feature live music, and Saturday, Dec. 6, Sammy Tedder will entertain with



Cindy Roe Littlejohn, author of 'Yankees in the Courthouse,' will be on hand for the Open House to sign copies of her book.

his soulful saxophone.

The historic building itself will be open for free tours, and the Society is honored to host guest author Cindy Roe Littlejohn, who will be available to sign copies of her latest release, “Yankees in the Courthouse,” the third in the award winning Palmetto Pioneers Trilogy.

Ms. Littlejohn's books will be available for sale in the gift shop.

Andrea Carter
President

Wakulla County Historical Society

Cookies with Santa set

Editor, The News:

Crawfordville Woman's Club invites you to “Cookies with Santa” on Sunday, Dec. 7, from 1 to 3 p.m.

We'll be serving cookies with a choice of milk or juice. Our primary purpose is to provide two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors annually.

The fundraiser in December is for our community. Bring your camera/phone for photo opportunities with Santa, the children will receive a Christmas gift bag and enjoy some creative time.

The cost is \$5 per family, cash only please.

The Woman's Club is located at 64 Ochlockonee Street in Crawfordville.

Janis David
Vice-President
Crawfordville Woman's Club

On the Horizon

Calendar of events for the week of November 20

Thursday, November 20

- Rotary Club of Wakulla meets at the public library for Friendsgiving at 8:30 a.m.
- Coastal Optimist Club meets at noon at Myra Jean's on the first and third Thursdays.
- Gentle Yoga and Stetching Class, every Thursday, 11:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church. Bring a mat. Come early to sign in. Chair Yoga participants welcome. \$2 per class.
- The VFW Auxiliary Bingo Night will be held at 7 p.m. at 475 Arran Road in Crawfordville, every Thursday. There are concessions and raffles.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Friday, November 21

- Darryl Hance will perform Florida rock 'n' roll at Palaver Tree. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door.

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

Saturday, November 22

- Ernie Stevenson Memorial Fishing Tournament, to benefit Fellowship of Christian Athletes, will be held from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sweet Magnolia Inn in St. Marks. (See story, Page 3) For more information, call Doug Everett at (850) 295-1598.

Sunday, November 23

- Wakulla Giving Hands holds a food giveaway every Sunday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the facility across from Medart Elementary on Highway 98.
- Swamp Coast – old time folk, country and blues – will be performed at Palaver Tree Theater from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. It's a pay-what-you-can event.

Monday, November 24

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. every Monday at 54 Ochlockonee St.
- Gentle Yoga and Stetching Class, every Monday, 11 a.m. Wakulla Community Center. Bring a mat. Come early to sign in. Chair Yoga participants welcome. \$2 per class.
- Line Dancing Class is held at Wakulla Dance Academy every Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. \$5 per person. Wear dance shoes or tennis shoes.

Tuesday, November 25

- 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 26

- 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.

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, November 27

- HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Friday, November 28

- BLACK FRIDAY – Shop local.

Saturday, November 29

- Coastal Christmas Market at the Apalachee Bay Firehouse, 1448 Shell Point Road, will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be 20-plus vendors, live music and food trucks.
- Wakulla Springs Makers Market Holiday Craft Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free event with park entry.

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Polled at the Wakulla Fine Art Walk in Azalea Park: Who is your favorite artist?

– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey



CHUCK ROBINSON
Artist

“Wassily Kandinsky. He is the godfather of abstract. His work is all over the place. I see myself in him while discovering the artist in me.”



SHAWNA NORRIS
Shawna Belle Art

“Actually, and I know it is cliché, but my favorite is Michael Angelo.”



CARMEN MONTE
Oyster Affairs Art

“I have such an appreciation for our local artist as well as all the artist we grew up with such as Salvador Dali and Claude Monet. There are so many different types of art.”



FAYE SKAMIERA
Faye's Creation Coastal Art

“I would say Van Gogh, My son had “the Scream” by Van Gough tattooed on his arm for his mom.”



LEE FISHER
#LaFisherArt

“Van Gogh by far, definitely Van Gogh. He had a style all his own. His friend told him that he can's just slather paint on canvas like that. He broke all the rules.”

Wakulla Crossroads

By **VERNA BROCK**

I attended a family reunion about 10 days ago, and it has me really thinking. After pulling out all the family albums and portraits, organizing them into some semblance of order, and sharing everything with my large extended family, I recognized the conundrum we each share. We are products of the past and the future. I feel like my life has telescoped at breakneck speed into a rapidly evolving and unnerving present. The ground often seems like shifting sand.

On the one hand, the past century has seen monumental changes in ev-

ery facet of life. Medicine, technology, transportation, civil rights (women's suffrage, African Americans voting, gay marriage!), communications, even warfare...all are simply facts of life today.

On the other hand, human nature is as immutable as the oceans and the mountains. For better or worse, we are still the same creatures our ancestors were, with the same foibles and graces. I often wonder if our species is capable of keeping up with everything we are destined to face.

My grandfathers were born in the late 1880s, my grandmothers in 1900 and 1906. I remember my Granny Harrison revelling in the grainy film trans-

mitted from the surface of the moon. Her memories included the first airplane she ever watched soar across the sky, as well as the very first automobile she ever watched jounce by on a two-rut road. She relished being able to vote once she turned 21, one year after the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920. The future seemed wide open!

She grew up on a South Georgia farm that could have easily existed in the early 1800s. She was one of only six young women in her graduating class of more than 50, all seeking to be teachers. When she married my grandfather, she was required to stop teaching. Oh, how far we have come!

Yet some things never change. The shape of a brow, the color and texture of hair, the curve of cheek and lip...

smiles and personalities are passed down from generation to generation.

Celebrating connection with 30 cousins and their families really makes it easy to recognize our roots, all those who came before us, and those who will continue long after I'm gone.

If we are to have any chance at all, of surviving and prospering into the next century, we must honor where we came from. We need to know our stories and our history. Sometimes it seems the hard-earned wisdom of each generation is destined to slip away into the mists of time, only to be learned again by each succeeding generation.

It is in our traditions and stories that we light the path we are traveling, and illuminate the direction we need to go. I truly hope we're up for the challenge!

Sopchoppy News

By **DJ BUTCH**

Sopchoppy is rocking as usual!

Holidays are around the corner. Speaking of... Operation Santa donation box is inside Coast and Country Realty in Sopchoppy. The old hardware store is where it's located.

Saw a few white squirrels in the city lately. I love to see them running around in the city. They are beautiful and add charm to our beautiful city. White squirrels in Sopchoppy, Florida, are a genetic variant of the common Eastern Gray Squirrel. The population originated from a group of white squirrels brought to the area in the 1950s, and they are known to have a dominant genetic trait. Unlike albinism, the condition is called leucism, which reduc-

es pigment but does not result in pink eyes. White squirrels were introduced to a hunting and fishing lodge in Sopchoppy in the 1950s.

The weather is cooling down. Feels good outside. Almost time for oysters and campfires.

Sopchoppy Feed Store is putting on a Hunter's Night Out event with special guest “Brother Blink” Robin Risher. This is the guy from the Hayden Alabama podcast but I saw him on TikTok. The event is November 15th from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Historic Sopchoppy gym. For more information contact the Sopchoppy Feed Store.

I have a video that I made of the Crab Race at the Panacea Blue Crab Festival. I did the sound for the event. Well, I uploaded the video to Instagram and

it has over 18 million views. My social media is really growing. I post local events, local activities, local history and other fun stuff. My Facebook is Corey Benedict. Instagram is CountyBoyz and TikTok is DjButch. Follow me for all kinds of awesome videos, pics and more.

Sopchoppy recently had the Be The Light festival at the Sopchoppy Depot Park. It looked like a packed event. I saw lots of cars as I was headed home from a long day in St. Marks. I was the DJ for Brewfest. It was a huge event with vendors, food trucks, crafts, art and more. I was very tired though after working that event.

It has been pretty dry around Sopchoppy for a while but we got some rain here lately. We needed it. It's about to cool down.... I can't wait for the reds to start running in the river. I'm also excited about the mullet run. I want to video this! The river is super low!

We had many kids in Sopchoppy this Halloween. Lots of trick-or-treaters this year. Some years we have few and some years we have a lot. This year was pretty big. I saw some cool costumes. I was a big gorilla for a little while. But that big suit got hot and itchy fast.. haha.

Well the holidays are around the corner... Thanksgiving is coming and I am very thankful. Start thinking about how much you should be thankful for. We are very blessed. I'm thankful for Sopchoppy!

Christmas is coming. I need to start on my Christmas shopping because I like to be finished early. Speaking of... Christmas in Sopchoppy is December 13th from 1 to 7 p.m. We will have all kinds of vendors and food. They are also going to sing some Christmas carols. Santa Claus is coming.... Yes you heard me right! Santa Claus is coming to town.

Young entrepreneurs spark change through 4-H Pet Pals Club

Special to The Sun

A group of young animal lovers in Wakulla County is proving that compassion and creativity can go hand in hand.

The Wakulla 4-H Pet Pals Club, which meets monthly at the Extension office in Crawfordville, is inspiring youth to learn about pet care, engage in hands-on activities, and give back to their community – one braided dog toy at a time.

In October, club members participated in a craft session led by 4-H agent Rachel Pienta, where they learned to make braided dog toys from recycled T-shirts. The activity not only

taught practical skills like cutting and braiding fabric, but also encouraged upcycling and community service. Members had the option to keep their handmade toys or donate them to the Wakulla Animal Shelter. Many chose the latter, with club president Riley Schaefer personally delivering the donations.

“There are many examples of how to make this simple toy online,” said Pienta. “I loved teaching this activity because it offers a chance to upcycle old shirts for new use. It's a hands-on way for children to make color decisions, learn crafting techniques,



4-Hers Hiroshi and Riley of the Pet Pals Club.

and most importantly, put the four Hs – Head, Heart, Hands, and Health – into action.”

But the story didn't end there. Riley, along with club treasurer Hi-

roshi Yoshioka, saw an opportunity to expand their efforts.

“We got the idea to make pet toys from our Pet Pals club,” Riley explained. “We never

thought it would turn into anything more than a way to donate back to the animals. While at school, we made some toys and people gave us money. So we decided to make more toys for people to buy.”

With support from classmates, friends, family, and adult mentors, the duo received donations of T-shirts and funds. They reinvested some of the money into their budding business and used the rest to purchase cat food and make additional donations to the shelter.

“My goal is to help all the animals at the animal shelter,” Hiroshi said. “We couldn't have

done all this without our volunteers Grace and Alana. We've donated at least \$40 to the animal shelter.”

The young entrepreneurs have even designed a business card and are planning to expand their product line. After the November club meeting, they asked Pienta if they could add a new cat toy – made from old socks and crinkly stuffing materials – to their offerings.

For more information about 4-H programs available to Wakulla area youth, contact the Wakulla Extension office at 84 Cedar Avenue in Crawfordville or call 850-926-3931.

Outdoors

outdoor sports

HOME ON THE RANGE

2 Sig Sauer Handguns: P226 and P229



By MARJ LAW

9mm handguns. They are both hammer-fired, double-stacked and have Siglite night sights. They are not ambidextrous.

On the left side the controls are: a decocking lever, a slide stop and a magazine release. The decocker acts as a safety. When you press the decocking lever, the hammer is lowered, but not all the way. Internal parts bar the hammer from striking, so that the firearm can be carried safely with a round in the chamber. The double action trigger is heavy, so that the shooter must make a deliberate decision to pull the trigger. Following single-action shots are faster and lighter.

I usually discuss firearms which are lightweight, concealable and have little recoil, because these are qualities that newer shooters or mature shooters find most useful for them. However, the Sig Sauer P226 and P229 are two handguns that have performed well for decades in military and law enforcement and have stood the test of time.

These two Sigs are not light and not concealable. They are full-sized service pistols. The P226 was used by Navy Seals in the 1980s. The P229, a somewhat shorter and lighter version of the P226, was “adopted by numerous militaries and law enforcement agencies worldwide. I always thought of it as the ‘Secret Service’ gun. Designated the M11 by the U.S. military, the P229 was intended as a compact sidearm for soldiers who needed a more concealable weapon,” according to Dave Luu of guns.com.

The P226 and the P229 are what we are shooting this Wednesday at the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range. They are

These guns are full-sized and heavy; especially the P226. This gun is 7.7 inches overall, with a barrel of 4.4 inches. It is 1.5 inches wide and it weighs a whopping 34 ounces. That's more than 2 pounds! With the weight combined with a deep beavertail, the P226 sits firmly and securely in the web between your thumb and index finger. This also helps to hold the gun in position when firing, making for more accurate shooting.

The flip side of the P229's size is, according to Foghorn on The Truth About Guns is that while it fits large hands: “I carried this gun (concealed, IWB) for well over a year, and it was massively uncomfortable. It was like having a boat anchor in my pants, dragging them down. I actually had to buy my pants a size or two larger just to fit the



thing inside. It's one of the reasons I eventually switched to OWB carry, and I haven't looked back.” (IWB means inside the waistband. OWB means carrying outside of the waistband in a holster.)

The P229, meant to be more concealable, is somewhat shorter and weighs less than the P226. This was more convenient for those needing to carry a gun. While it is still full-sized, it weighs less at 29.6 ounces. It is 7.1 inches overall, with a shorter barrel of 3.9 inches.

Both the P226 and the P229 have double-stacked magazines. The P226 comes with 3 15-round magazines and the P229 comes with 3 10-round magazines. Larger magazines are available for both handguns.

Double action trigger pulls of these guns are really sturdy; in my opinion, downright hard. With the Lyman Digital Scale, the P226 we are shooting at the WCSO range averages out to 10 pounds 15 ounces trigger pull in double action and 5 pounds 12 ounces in single action. Remember, in double action, the trigger must both cock and then release the hammer. In single action, the trigger only releases the hammer.

The P229 averages out

to 10 pounds 12 ounces in double action with 5 pounds 9 ounces in single action.

Both guns are proven to be robust and reliable. Their control placement is similar, and the weight of both helps with stability and accuracy. Since they've been used for decades, accessories are available for both.

The negatives seem to be that the controls are not ambidextrous, and that both are wide and heavy for concealed carry.

Bottom line question is: how do they shoot?

At the range this Wednesday, Joe and I are shooting both in single action. Will the somewhat heavier gun with its longer barrel give the P226 an advantage over the lighter P229 with its shorter barrel?

Usually, the heavier handgun has more mass to absorb recoil. Recoil causes the gun to move off target. Will we find the heavier P226 to be more accurate than the lighter P229?

We decide to shoot 4 rounds in each gun, using 115-grain Monarch steel-cased rounds on 8-inch targets. We're shooting in single action. The hammer has been cocked, and there is a round in the chamber. We want to compare how hard the triggers are, and how long they travel.

We're feeling shooting the gun to determine how much recoil we perceive in each. Subjectively, we question the comfort of the grip. Finally, we jack the slide to see how easily it moves.

Certainly, we will experience both differently because Joe is big-boned and he has large hands. I'm small-boned with small hands.

First, I pick up the P226. With its weight and with the deep beavertail, it quickly nestles into the web of my hand. Balance feels secure and even. I make sure to have a firm grip, and squeeze the trigger.

Blam! My 4 shots hit the 8-inch target at 7 ½ yards. On a 1-5 scale, with 1 meaning easy and 5 meaning difficult, I give trigger pull and travel, kick and grip all to rate 2s. Yes, the mass of the P226 does seem to calm the recoil. The gun shoots smoothly. I find the grip to be wide.

Joe shoots the P226. He finds the trigger pull to be lighter than I did. Not surprising, because he is stronger than I. He also finds the recoil lighter for the same reason. The grip is wide and long, which is better for his big hands, so he gives the P226 1 ½ scores for trigger pull and recoil. He gives the grip a 1.

Now, we're off to the P229. I find trigger pull

and recoil to be heavier than the P226. Without the P229's deep beavertail, grip and control are not quite so comfortable.

Joe finds the P229 to have a heavier trigger pull and recoil than he did the P226, but finds the guns to have slight, but hardly noticeable differences. He likes the grip on the P229 as well as he did the P226.

All of our bullets hit the 8-inch targets. The target you see on the left is the P226 target and the P229 target is on the right. The P226 target shows a tighter grouping, while the P229's is slightly more scattered.

In conclusion, both handguns have proven to be reliable for decades with military and law enforcement agencies. Both guns would do well as home-defense or guns to be carried in the car. If you're a big person, the P229 might be a gun to carry concealed, but the P226 is probably too large and heavy for a carry gun.

As a small person, I wouldn't carry either gun. There are plenty of smaller and lighter handguns to carry concealed and there are plenty of 9mm handguns available that shoot well and are reliable.

However, as summed up by David Luu on guns.com about the P229 which would also relate to its forerunner the P226: “Anyone who wants a traditional double action in this size will find the P229 robust, reliable, and accurate.”

Time and combat have proven this.”

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



SPINY BOXFISH

(*Chilomycterus schoepfi*)

Also known as the burrfish, porcupine fish or pufferfish, this fish has the ability to inflate its body with air or water using an extension of its stomach. They grow to about 10” and are only one of dozens of inflating fish. They are found from Cape Cod to the West Indies in deep water seagrass areas. The fish is a special favorite of saltwater aquarists. Toothless, it uses powerful jaws to crush invertebrates such as small crabs. The striped color provides excellent camouflage. Few predators eat them, except larger ones like dolphins and orcas.

Eukarya, Animalia, Cordata, Actinopterygii, Tetraodontiformes, Chilomycterus

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BIRDING AT THE REFUGE

Mid-November survey at the refuge

By DON MORROW

“How much Nature herself suffers from drought!” – Henry David Thoreau, *The Journal of Henry David Thoreau*, 19 August 1851.

I stopped short of the St. Marks gate to listen to an Eastern Screech Owl. It was still full dark, but on the cusp of dawn. Continuing my drive, I noticed a Gray Fox running along the edge of the road. I slowed the car to watch him as he peed on tufts of grass to mark his territory. He noticed me and darted into the woods. Even though it wasn't quite 6 a.m., the refuge gate was open, so I went in and pulled up to the levee gate at the Double Dikes. It was cold and still, in the mid-40s. In the short time it took me to open the gate, drive in, and reload the gate behind me, dawn had begun with the faintest red glow on the eastern horizon.

It was a quiet morning until first light; just a few Barred Owls and the squeal of a hidden Wood Duck. Then, the morning

birds woke up; catbirds, house wrens, and a few newly arrived robins. It was time to start work. I was out to do a mid-November shorebird survey and was unsure what to expect. The current drought has taken hold of the refuge and most of the ponds and pools are drying out. There is still some water left, but not much.

Although the low water levels on the refuge may cause problems for wintering ducks, they are apparently optimal for shorebirds. In the 7 hours it took me to complete the survey, I logged 4,475 shorebirds of 17 species. This is the highest number of shorebirds that I have recorded on the refuge in November and the second highest number that I have ever had on a survey. I found shorebirds on most of the refuge pools with high concentrations on Mounds Pool 3 and Lighthouse Pool.

Wintering Dunlins have arrived and at 3,082

birds, comprised almost 70% of the shorebirds on the refuge. Numbers of plovers, Willets and yellowlegs have stabilized near their winter numbers and dowitcher numbers are at an all-time high.

Killdeer and Wilson's Snipe were common on Stony Bayou 1. Lighthouse Pool had 27 Marbled Godwit, an unusually high number at the refuge.

Transmigrant shorebird numbers have dropped with only four Pectoral Sandpipers on the refuge. Some of these Pectorals are coming from the Siberian Arctic. They start their migration by flying from Russia to Canada and they tend to be late migrants.

Ducks are coming into the refuge. I have recorded 14 species this month and estimated close to 700 ducks on Friday.

Even though these are good numbers and reasonable duck diversity for mid-November, I don't know if the refuge

ponds can support our average winter population of 2,000 ducks.

Even if the refuge gets a winter storm that fills the pools and ponds, it likely won't help. To ducks, a pond is more than a depression filled with water. Each pond develops a unique signature and does so over the summer season as dragonflies, frogs, minnows, and mosquitoes lay eggs, and as emergent and floating-leaved plants grow in the summer sunshine.

When a duck evaluates a pond, it is looking at water depth, the presence of aquatic plants, insect larvae, amphibians, and small fish.

A dried-out pond, newly filled with rainwater is a near-sterile environment that can't support wintering ducks.

Still, the sky is blue and the weather is pleasant. Come down to the refuge and you may be able to catch those Pectoral Sandpipers before they leave for Argentina.

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Thursday 20
Sun rise/set 7:07 AM 5:38 PM
Moon rise/set 7:33 AM 5:42 PM
Moon Illumination 0%
Friday 21
Sun rise/set 7:07 AM 5:38 PM
Moon rise/set 8:29 AM 6:27 PM
Moon Illumination 2%
Saturday 22
Sun rise/set 7:08 AM 5:38 PM
Moon rise/set 9:24 AM -
Moon Illumination 5%
Sunday 23
Sun rise/set 7:09 AM 5:37 PM
Moon rise/set 10:14 AM 7:18 PM
Moon Illumination 11%
Monday 24
Sun rise/set 7:10 AM 5:37 PM
Moon rise/set 11:00 AM 8:13 PM
Moon Illumination 17%
Tuesday 25
Sun rise/set 7:11 AM 5:37 PM
Moon rise/set 11:40 AM 9:12 PM
Moon Illumination 25%
Wednesday 26
Sun rise/set 7:12 AM 5:37 PM
Moon rise/set 12:15 PM 10:12 PM
Moon Illumination 34%

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

Th	12:56 am ▲ 3.5 ft	8:04 am ▼ -0.4 ft	2:31 pm ▲ 3.2 ft	7:36 pm ▼ 1.5 ft
Fr	1:24 am ▲ 3.5 ft	8:38 am ▼ -0.4 ft	3:05 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	8:08 pm ▼ 1.5 ft
Sa	1:52 am ▲ 3.5 ft	9:12 am ▼ -0.3 ft	3:42 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	8:42 pm ▼ 1.5 ft
Su	2:23 am ▲ 3.4 ft	9:47 am ▼ -0.3 ft	4:21 pm ▲ 3.0 ft	9:20 pm ▼ 1.6 ft
Mo	2:56 am ▲ 3.4 ft	10:25 am ▼ -0.2 ft	5:05 pm ▲ 2.9 ft	10:03 pm ▼ 1.6 ft
Tu	3:36 am ▲ 3.3 ft	11:08 am ▼ -0.1 ft	5:54 pm ▲ 2.9 ft	10:56 pm ▼ 1.6 ft
We	4:25 am ▲ 3.1 ft	11:57 am ▼ 0.1 ft	6:47 pm ▲ 2.8 ft	

City of St. Marks

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Fr	2:00 am ▲ 3.2 ft	9:42 am ▼ -0.3 ft	3:41 pm ▲ 2.9 ft	9:12 pm ▼ 1.3 ft
Sa	2:28 am ▲ 3.2 ft	10:16 am ▼ -0.3 ft	4:18 pm ▲ 2.9 ft	9:46 pm ▼ 1.3 ft
Su	2:59 am ▲ 3.2 ft	10:51 am ▼ -0.2 ft	4:57 pm ▲ 2.8 ft	10:24 pm ▼ 1.4 ft
Mo	3:32 am ▲ 3.1 ft	11:29 am ▼ -0.2 ft	5:41 pm ▲ 2.7 ft	11:07 pm ▼ 1.4 ft
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Shell Point, Spring Creek

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Fr	1:35 am ▲ 3.5 ft	9:00 am ▼ -0.4 ft	3:32 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	8:24 pm ▼ 1.7 ft
Sa	2:02 am ▲ 3.5 ft	9:35 am ▼ -0.4 ft	4:10 pm ▲ 3.0 ft	8:56 pm ▼ 1.7 ft
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Mo	3:08 am ▲ 3.4 ft	10:50 am ▼ -0.2 ft	5:34 pm ▲ 2.8 ft	10:16 pm ▼ 1.7 ft
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Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

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St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

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Dog Island West End

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

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Coast Guard Auxiliary booth set up at the FSU-Virginia Tech game on Saturday. At left, Phil Hill talking with visitors; and at right, Steve Hults with visitors.



Underwater Wakulla

By Greg Stanton

Historic conveyor belt. February 9, 2012

Several of our springs in Wakulla County have naturally steep slopes leading down to their caves. A mystery has unfolded, as yet untested, regarding how these slopes function in the transport and deposition of anything dropped in their basins.

So let's take a closer look at the life of a spring basin. Spring basins attract all manner of wildlife. After all, water has always been a precious resource. One can expect just about every creature to visit for a drink or to prey upon those that do.

Many of those that fall or are chased in or get stuck while trying to get out end up perishing, their remains settling underwater to be further consumed by any number of water-borne carrion-eaters. Before long only bones remain.

Most of these bones are still articulated, a term meaning configured as they were in life, with few alterations due to predation. If excavated thousands of years later, they would look like the dinosaur skeletons we see protruding from rock or reassembled in a museum. And there they would rest except that the spring basin is a dynamic machine.

Water pressure exiting the cave exerts friction on the slope of sediment that leads up to the spring's basin. The greater the flow, the larger the expected sediment found in the slope.

Springs like Wakulla's main vent have a history of great variability. As the flow lessens, the basin's sediments actually migrate more quickly toward the cave, increasing the angle of the slope. Until one day, something begins an underwater avalanche.

Within a short time, tons of sediment race toward the opening of the spring. With the slope sediment depleted, the basin moves its contents to the slope along with any deposits made in the recent past.

If the spring flow is great enough, such as Wakulla Springs, the sand surrounding the deposits is quickly re-deposited upon the newly moved basin material on the slope. The bones recently transported down on the last avalanche are found newly exposed in the cave. This process is repeated over and over effectively transporting the history of the basin down a conveyor belt of sediment to what is called the bone room.

We know of this process because divers have reported them. Wakulla has had at least two avalanches reported, one by Wally Jenkins back in the 1950s and one in 1987 by Dr. Bill Stone, as part of the Cave I exploration.

Wally told me that he used heavy objects like bricks or steel to pull him down rapidly before entering the cave. One day he noticed after he dropped the weight, he was pushed towards the cave unexpectedly. He survived by grabbing the ceiling and climbed out while a vast sediment river rushed beneath him.

Dr. Stone accidentally dropped a 300-pound lead anchor used to control the buoyancy of his underwater habitat. When it hit the slope, the avalanche was considerable.

And Parker Turner, founder of the WKPP, perished in Indian Springs just down the street from Wakulla Springs, when the ceiling of that cavern collapsed on its steep slope, effectively sealing off the cave entrance and trapping two people within.

Parker dug his way out but did not have enough gas to reach the surface. His efforts save his partner is one of the more heroic chapters of that organization.

What do you expect to find in the bone room of Wakulla Springs? If articulated bones are found, they must have walked in and died in place.

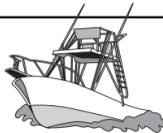
If disarticulated, they must have been deposited on the historic conveyor belt. Anyone taking bets?

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



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



This past weekend, members from Flotilla 12 attended Veteran's Appreciation Weekend at Doak Campbell Stadium during the FSU vs Virginia Tech game on Nov. 15. Members in attendance included Tim Ashley, Bob Aszталos (retired member), Mike Casey, Phil Hill and Steve Hults.

Throughout the day, members interacted with those in attendance, sharing boating safety information and discussing boating in our area. The weather provided a great day and a good time was

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had by all. Thanks to Sherrie, we will always remember safe boating is no accident.

If you would like to learn more about vessel safety checks, please contact Steve

Hults, Staff Officer for Vessel Examinations at steve.hults@uscgaux.net

Please contact us for more information about our safe boating classes or learning more about get-

ting involved in the Auxiliary, check out our website at www.uscgaux.net follow us on Facebook @ Apalachee Bay Flotilla 12 or contact our Flotilla Commander Norma Hill at njhill@ballstate.bsu.edu.

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Repent – and clean out the ‘freezer’

By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

I love ice cream. But every time I eat a bowl in the evening, I regret it the next morning when I step on the bathroom scales.

Unfortunately, I still have the rest of the half-gallon in my freezer.

How much do I truly hate the weight I gained?

Enough to throw away the rest of the Publix Premium Mint Chocolate Chip? Or do I justify keeping it and promise to change my ways after I finish the container? Do I cling to what will pull me right back into the behavior I want to avoid – even though the bathroom scales warn me to consider the consequences?

Obviously, there's nothing wrong with enjoying a bowl of ice cream now and then. I'm using my ice cream story to illustrate a point. What if we replaced "ice cream" with a destructive habit, a secret sin, or something you know you shouldn't have on your shelf or in

your drawer?

Maybe your vice is a toxic relationship. You can't bring yourself to delete this person from your contacts because you're unsure if you can (or want to) live without them. You pray for God's help, but you're not ready to let go.

What happens in the meantime? Between the moment you first realize you're dishonoring God and the time when you finally choose to repent?

Every hour – every minute – that we delay in acting on our repentance increases the risk of making other harmful choices and, even worse, moves us further away

from the person Christ is calling us to be. The person Christ died for.

What if, instead, we immediately got rid of the "ice cream"? What if we agreed with Romans 6:2 (ESV): "How can we who died to sin still live in it?"

The consequences of sin can be harsh, but they're not the worst part. The real problem is how sin damages our relationship with God. Sin separates us from our loving heavenly Father.

Rather than asking ourselves, "Are the consequences of my choices worth it?" we need to ask God to help us hate our sin. To hate how it grieves a holy God.

What if we hated our sin so much that when we repented, we also asked for grace and insight to know how to keep from repeating the same disobedient mistakes?

Every time we refuse to remain in our sin, we move closer to the life God desires for us.

And every time we die to sin, our days are better – even better than four scoops of Publix Premium Mint Chocolate Chip.

Before I close, I want to share a quick update with those who've been following my writing journey...Several weeks ago, I mentioned that Abundance Books wants to publish one of my chil-

dren's books! Like most publishers, Abundance Books asks authors to have a strong following. If you haven't already, please join my Author Email List by sending your name and email address to the address below. To everyone who's already joined – thank you! We're at 591 contacts and steadily growing toward 1,000. I'm so grateful for your support!

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A place called home

By **CHERYL CRUCE**

I have lived in several homes throughout my life. In my youth, we spent the fall and winter months in one house, close to work and schools, and then another by the beach during the carefree spring and summer months. Both were built by my father, and my mother added the finishing touches that turned them into homes

– places filled with joy, warmth, and comfort, where life unfolded in its simplest of ways.

When our original house had fallen beyond repair, my father placed a bid on a new one. Once the purchase was approved, the long process of moving it across town and carefully reconstructing it began. By the time I was 13, my mother's dream had taken shape – a spacious country dwelling where her family could flourish, a home alive with possibilities.

And as the cycle of life would have it, I have raised a family of my own, carrying forward the lessons, devotion, and sense of home that my parents built. Life moves in its steady rhythm, and in

each season, the spirit of those dwellings – the love, guidance, and treasured memories – lives on through my family, shaping our days and nurturing our hearts.

I have learned that a building is just a house; it is what we put into it that makes it a true place of belonging. Thinking of the homes I have known reminded me of Mrs. Ruthie, who often spoke of the house she and her husband built for their family. In her later years, her conversation turned to another dwelling – one she eagerly anticipated. She would say she couldn't wait to move in. She was speaking of a heavenly dwelling – beautiful beyond words, built on faith, tenderness, and

care, where the ones she loved had already gone ahead.

Reflecting on her longing reminded me that the sense of comfort and belonging we cherish on earth – security, love, and fellowship – is only a shadow of the perfect place God has prepared. Just as she treasured the love and memories she built with her family, we are invited to look forward with hope to a place where God's presence surrounds us and every heart is welcomed.

In John 14:2, Jesus spoke of His Father's house, using the Greek word *oikos*, a word that goes far beyond a simple building. *Oikos* speaks of a household – a place of belonging, care and relationship. The "many

rooms" He promised, from the Greek word *monē*, are not just spaces, but places prepared for each of us – places of welcome, rest, and security. Jesus invites us into this household of love and devotion, reminding us that true home is found not in walls or square footage, but in hearts, relationships, and the embrace we find in God's family.

Ultimately, a dwelling is more than a place we inhabit – it is the care, connection, and relationships we nurture within it. From the homes my parents built to the family I now raise, and even in the hope Mrs. Ruthie held for her heavenly dwelling, the essence of home is constant: belonging, safety, and devotion. God

invites each of us into His eternal home, where every heart is welcomed and cherished. And just as my story continues in the places I have known and built, yours can too.

May we open our hearts, our homes, and our lives to love and memories – making every place we dwell a part of God's story, and inviting others to be part of it with us.

Isaiah 32:18 – "My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest."

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

OUT TO PASTOR

Did I really say that?

By **JAMES SNYDER**

As far back as I can remember, I wanted to be a writer. My maternal grandmother wrote poems and would read one at the family gathering. I don't know if that's where I got it, but I got it.

I wrote poems as a teenager, although I never shared them with anybody. Back then, I did not have a computer, so all my poems were on paper. I had a stack of them, but when I moved away to college, for some reason, I left them behind and have not seen them since.

In high school, I was failing English – if you can believe that – and my teacher said if I gave him a poem each week, he would make sure I passed and graduated.

That set me off writing poems; I only wish I knew what those poems were. At least I graduated.

Writing was a priority in my life, and I was around 16 when I got my first typewriter for Christmas. That was a very wonderful Christmas for me. I used that typewriter almost every day. Years later, I was able to get an electric typewriter, which made all the difference in the world to me.

I like to create words and phrases in my head and practice them before writing.

One of my favorite writers at the time was James Thurber, who wrote the famous short story, "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty." Later on, it was made into a movie.

James Thurber was blind, and his work schedule was to write his stories in his head at night, then dictate them to his secretary in the morning. That always impressed me.

It encouraged me to make things up in my head and think it through before I wrote them down.

I could create words and phrases and assemble them in sentences that really made sense. As I got older, however, my tongue and my brain had a falling-out. I could think of things in my head, but my stubborn tongue would never get them right. This caused me a lot of trouble. I think my tongue did it on purpose.

Most of the trouble was with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

One of her infamous questions to me is, "What are you thinking?"

That is one of the most challenging questions I have to answer. Do I tell her what I'm actually thinking or make up a story that would make her happy?

Usually, I would give a quick response that would satisfy her at that moment. To tell her what I was thinking would take several hours – who has time for that? Not her.

Sometimes I'll be thinking about something and start chuckling to myself. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is there with me and

asked, "What's so funny?"

I look at her quite seriously and say, "I was just thinking about a joke. Why was 6 afraid of 7? Because, 7 8 9."

Sometimes, when you speak your mind, you either confuse the other person or get yourself in trouble. That's been my experience throughout the years.

Often, when watching TV at night, I'm thinking about my sermon for the weekend. I will go over and over the elements of that sermon and work it out in my mind.

I'm not paying too much attention to what we're watching on TV. But, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage will say, "Did you see that? Wasn't that amazing?"

At the time, I had no idea what she was talking about. But I go along with her and say, "That certainly was amazing."

Then, much to my shock, she replies, "Tell me what was the most amazing part of that scene?"

Now I am in a situation I can't get out of. She has

caught me many times in this kind of situation.

It is not that I can't pay attention; I'm just thinking about something altogether different. I'm working it out in my head so I can put it all in writing in the morning. That's just the way I work.

We'll be driving across town in her Sissy Van. She's behind the wheel, and I'm sitting in the passenger seat, thinking about a project I'm working on.

"Oh, my," she said very excitedly. "Did you see that?"

Now I'm in a pickle jar, and not sure what she saw. Most of the time, I respond, "Yes, that was really something."

She will glance at me and say, "I was referring to the dead raccoon on the road back there."

I will never get it right. I can spend the first few moments in the car chatting back and forth, but sooner or later, my mind will focus on a project, and I won't hear or see anything around me.

It's not my mind that

gets me into trouble; rather, it is my tongue.

I can't help but think of a verse in the Bible that deals with the tongue. "Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!" (James 3:5).

Most of my trouble stems from my tongue. If

I can control my tongue, my life would be a better experience.

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DEATH NOTICES

- **Shirley Dennis**, 88, of Crawfordville, died November 8, 2025.
- **Gary Paul Deibler**, 62, of Crawfordville, died November 5, 2025.
- **Leonard Lukas**, 79, of Carrabelle, died November 10,

2025.

- **Jettie Lou McCall**, 80, of Crawfordville, passed away November 7, 2025.
- **Lena Florence Raulerson**, 89, of Crawfordville, died November 13, 2025.
- **Bobby Ray Sapp**, 74 of Carrabelle, passed away No-

vember 6, 2025.

- **Nettie M. Stringer**, 73, of Crawfordville, died November 12, 2025.

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

Sheriff's Report

This report is for activity November 7th to 14th. There were 1,316 total calls for service during the week.

FRIDAY, NOV. 7

• Deputy Ashton Williams responded to The Wakulla Animal Shelter in reference to a theft complaint. Upon arrival, contact was made with the reporting person who advised he recently purchased Lottery Scratch-Off tickets for his co-worker. The co-worker scratched the tickets and left the losing ones on a desk inside the office. Shortly after, he was unable to locate the losing tickets and reviewed surveillance footage from the office. Upon review of the video, he observed a female enter the office. She is seen retrieving the losing tickets from the desk and exiting the office shortly after. Due to there being no loss of value, they requested she be issued a Trespass Warning if contact is made with her.

SATURDAY, NOV. 8

• Deputy Rosa Sammons responded to Walmart in reference to a theft complaint. Upon arrival, contact was made with Loss Prevention who advised an unidentified white male exiting the business with a new pair of boots. The male is seen entering the pharmacy entrance via video surveillance and walking toward the shoe department. Shortly after, the male is observed walking toward the make-up section and then proceeding to the exit. Upon review of the store's surveillance video, the male can be seen

exiting the business wearing what appears to be a new pair of work boots. She then makes her way to the shoe department and began sifting through the shoe boxes in the men's shoe section. She locates an older pair of boots in a Survivor's Men's Bison Waterproof steel-toe boot new shoe box. The stolen boots were valued at \$79.47. The suspect was last seen fleeing the scene in a Chevrolet Silverado.

• Florida Highway Patrol requested assistance after working a traffic crash and needed to turn over a firearm that was located during their investigation. The firearms were collected and submitted to property and evidence for safekeeping.

• Deputy Dylan Buckhalt located an abandoned motorized scooter near the intersection of Wakulla Springs Road and Shadeville Highway. Upon further inspection it was discovered there was no tag on the vehicle and the VIN had been removed intentionally. Due to suspicions the scooter was stolen, it was seized and transported to the WCSO impound yard for further investigation.

SUNDAY, NOV. 9

• Deputy Ashton Williams responded to Hawthorn Pass in reference to a lost property complaint. Upon arrival, contact was made with a citizen who advised he believes he lost his wallet earlier in the day. He last saw the wallet as he left Anytime Fitness. He stated he made his way to Walgreens on foot and then jogged home. Once he made his way

home, he discovered he had misplaced the wallet. He advised he has canceled all his banking cards and requested the incident be documented in case someone locates his property.

• Deputy Dylan Buckhalt conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for failure to stop at a stop sign. During the stop, the odor of marijuana was detected. Due to no one having a valid medical marijuana card, a probable cause search was conducted. During the search a small amount of marijuana along with paraphernalia was located. The items were seized and submitted to property and evidence for destruction.

MONDAY, NOV. 10

• A citizen discovered one of her U-Haul utility trailers had been reported stolen out of Georgia. Contact was made with detectives from the Banks County Sheriff's Office who removed the trailer as stolen. The trailer was towed to WCSO Impound Yard.

• Deputy Aimee Hoagland responded to a possible theft from a construction site on Needle Thrush. Contact was made with the DR Horton superintendent. He stated he observed a vehicle leaving a job site with an unknown amount of material. A possible suspect has been identified.

TUESDAY, NOV. 11

• Deputy Aimee Hoagland responded to River Plantation and made contact with a citizen who stated he had an unauthorized charge on his credit card in the amount of \$2,730. He contacted his financial institution and they refunded the money. He

requested this case be documented for information at this time and signed an affidavit for non-prosecution.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12

• Deputy Dustin Saba responded to Center Street in reference to a brush fire on the property. Fire Rescue responded to extinguish the flames in addition to Deputy Saba. Contact was made with the property owner who advised he didn't know what started the blaze. He advised an old non-functional boat was damaged in the blaze in addition to some shrubbery on the property.

• Deputy Joshua Parker conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Curtis Mill and Sopchoppy Highway for a stop sign violation. Upon making contact with the driver of the vehicle, Deputy Parker detected the odor of marijuana coming from the interior of the vehicle. Deputy Parker also discovered the driver did not possess a valid medical marijuana card. Due to this a probable cause search was conducted which yielded a small amount of marijuana being located. The marijuana was seized and submitted to property and evidence for destruction.

• Walmart Asset Protection reported an active theft in progress. Deputies were advised that, while observing closed circuit TV, the Asset Protection Officer discovered two subjects in the store that have had history of stealing. She observed the subjects selecting items and placing them inside bags in their cart. After deputies Lexi Kreitlow, Joshua Parker,

and Dylan Buckhalt arrived on scene, contact was made with the two subjects who were identified. They passed all final points of sale and exited the store when contact was made. One subject was asked to provide receipt of purchase and advised he made the purchases on the Walmart scan and go app. He then began to look through his phone as though he was looking for a receipt but after a few moments was unsuccessful. Both subjects were detained as the investigation continued. Contact was made with Walmart pharmacy employees who advised that the subject did not pay for his items while he was at the pharmacy and they had voided the transaction. After discovering that there was no proof of purchase both subjects were placed under arrest and transported to the county jail without further incident.

THURSDAY, NOV. 13

• Deputy Rosa Sammons responded to Walmart in reference to a theft that already occurred. Contact was made with Asset Protection, who advised an unknown female exited the store with clothing and shoes while passing all points of sale. The incident occurred on Nov. 11 around 8:15 p.m. The suspect was last seen wearing a dark green Adidas sweatshirt and black-striped athletic pants. The suspect was last seen fleeing the scene in a grey SUV.

• A citizen reported being scammed of \$4,000. She advised she received a phone call regarding her brother's incarceration in Texas. She advised everything seemed legitimate until

she spoke with her sister and a bondsman regarding the situation. After being told her brother did not need an ankle monitor upon being released from jail, she contacted her bank as well as law enforcement to report the incident.

• Deputy Lexi Kreitlow attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a motorcycle. After activating emergency equipment at the intersection of Mose Strickland and Ivan Church Road to conduct the stop, the motorcycle failed to pull over, continuing down Mose Strickland. After reaching the opposite side of Mose Strickland, the driver of the motorcycle bailed on foot leaving the motorcycle behind and running into the woodline. A brief search of the area was conducted but was unable to locate the driver. The abandoned motorcycle was towed.

• Deputy Dylan Buckhalt conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for faulty equipment. During the stop, it was discovered that the driver knowingly did not possess a valid drivers license. The driver of the vehicle was issued a notice to appear for knowingly driving while license suspended or revoked (DWLSR).

FRIDAY, NOV. 14

• A citizen reported paying a subject to move a mobile home. The home is located in Monticello and was supposed to be relocated to Hill Greene Road. The reporting person paid \$10,000, but has yet to have the work completed.

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for the library to come up with a new plan, they will need to figure out how to make it work, and he will be glad to entertain the idea again.

• Mina Sutton of the Wakulla Community Theater was approved to host a Christmas Celebration at the Sopchoppy High School on Friday, December 5th. The show will be a lineup of performances showcasing

beloved holiday songs and dances.

• The Blessing Box in Sopchoppy was brought before the Council by the Sopchoppy Lions Club. The Lions Club asked to move the box, which is now located by the train depot, to a safer area to avoid visitors depleting all food resources at one time. The proposed new location is next to the Wakulla Senior Center's donation shed.

• Andrea Carter of the

Wakulla Historical Society asked the council to sponsor a program on the history of Sopchoppy on Jan. 13th. The mission is to preserve and present the history of Sopchoppy. The Council approved the request and offered the use the Sopchoppy Gym for the event.

• Both Wakulla Christian Basketball Team and Wakulla High School Boys Basketball received sponsorship for their teams.

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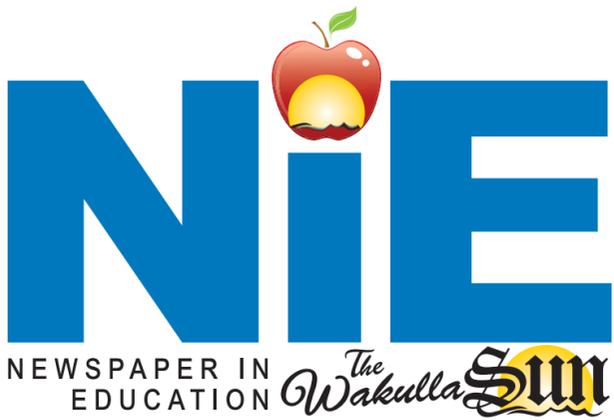
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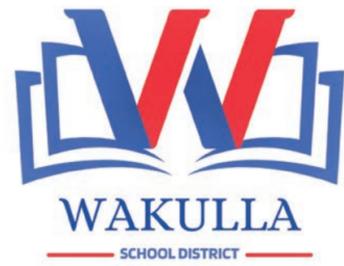
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USE THE NEWS

1. FOOD WASTE

Many families throw away food without meaning to. In the United States, all that wasted food adds up to a lot of money and causes a lot of pollution. Experts say we can waste less by making a shopping list, using what we already have at home, storing food the right way, and cooking with parts we usually toss, like stems and peels. We can also freeze leftovers and have “clean out the fridge” meals so good food doesn’t end up in the trash. Imagine a real or pretend kitchen and choose three foods that might go bad soon, such as berries, bread, or leftover rice, and then write a short paragraph of 4–6 sentences that tells what each food is and explains one way you could use it before it spoils (for example, turning old bread into French toast or leftover rice into fried rice). End your paragraph with one sentence that clearly explains why saving food instead of wasting it is important for the Earth.

2. INDIGENOUS LAWYER FINALLY RECOGNIZED

Ely Samuel Parker was a member of the Seneca Nation who lived in New York a long time ago. As a young man, he studied law and wanted to be a lawyer, but he was not allowed to join the bar because he was Native American. Instead, he became an engineer, helped Ulysses S. Grant during the Civil War, and later served as a leader in the U.S. government and for his own people. Now, many years after his death, New York has finally admitted him to the bar to honor the work he did and to admit that the old rules were unfair. Write a short paragraph of 4–5 sentences that first explains what unfair thing happened to Ely Parker when he tried to become a lawyer, then describes what people did in 2025 to fix that unfairness, and finally gives one specific idea for how schools or communities today can help make sure people of all backgrounds are treated fairly.

3. SCHOOL HELPS DISPLACED KIDS

A big storm flooded several Alaska Native

villages and washed away many homes. Some families had to move far away to the city of Anchorage and live in hotels. Many of the children there speak Yup’ik, a Native language, so a school invited them to join a special program where they learn in both Yup’ik and English. The classes and activities help the kids keep their language and culture while they adjust to a new place. In 3–6 sentences, pretend that a new student has just joined your class after a big disaster, like a flood or fire, and explain

one way your class could help them feel welcome, one way you personally could be a good friend during their first week at school, and one clear reason why it is important to respect and protect other people’s languages and traditions.

4. THE STORY OF A MEXICAN MYTH

Mexico’s flag shows an eagle standing on a cactus and eating a snake. This picture comes from an old Mexica story about a god who told the people to search for a spe-

cial sign that would show them where to build their city. After many years, they finally saw the eagle and cactus on an island, and there they founded Tenochtitlan, where Mexico City is now. Even after Spanish conquerors arrived, this symbol stayed important and is still used on buildings, in churches, and in art to show Mexico’s history and identity. Write a descriptive paragraph of 4–6 sentences in which you invent a new symbol for your town or school, naming two or three objects or animals that would be in your symbol, explaining what each part stands for (such

as history, teamwork, bravery, or nature), and telling how this symbol would help people remember the story and identity of your community.

5. METEOR SHOWER KICKS OFF

A meteor shower happens when Earth passes through tiny bits of rock and dust in space, and those pieces burn up in our sky as bright streaks of light. The Leonid meteor shower happens every November and creates very fast meteors with long glowing tails. This year, the moon is small in the sky, so its light will not block the view as much. People

who stay up late, go to a dark place, and give their eyes time to adjust may see shooting stars from the Leonids and from other showers nearby. Create a set of written directions in one paragraph of at least 5 sentences that teaches a friend how to watch the Leonid meteor shower, including what time of night they should go outside, what kind of location they should choose to avoid bright lights, what they should bring to stay safe and comfortable, one safety rule they must remember, and what they should do with their eyes once they are outside so they can see more meteors in the dark sky.



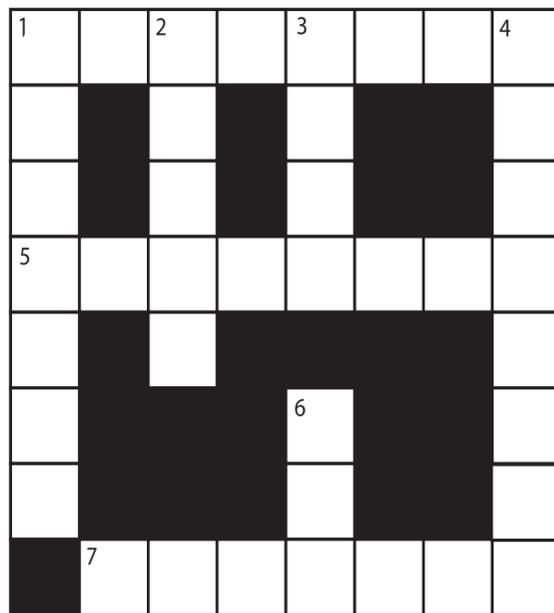
Despite the word “nut” in the name of this food, they are actually legumes, which is a family of plants that includes peas and lentils.

Answer: Peanuts



English: Peanut
Spanish: Cacahuete
Italian: Arachide
French: Cacahouète
German: Erdnuss

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Parcels
5. Tidy a space
7. Liquid turning into a gas

DOWN

1. Nuts that are not a nut
2. Transparent
3. Pain
4. Trying things out
6. Liquid fat

Answers:
ACROSS
1. Packages 5. Neaten up 7. Boiling
DOWN
1. Peanuts 2. Clear 3. Ache 4. Sampling 6. Oil

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1777: The Articles of Confederation are submitted to the states for ratification.

1820: Captain Nathaniel Palmer becomes the first American to see Antarctica.

2019: The first known case of COVID-19 is traced to a man in China.



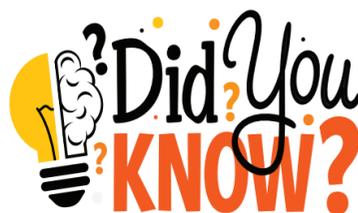
CHUNKY

containing thick pieces



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Peanut butter & jelly sandwich



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FICTITIOUS NAME
Notice under Fictitious Name Law, pursuant to Section 856.09, Florida Statutes. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Heather Clark, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of
BIRDY'S NEST
Located at 46 Tharpe Lane, Crawfordville FL 32327
In the County of Wakulla
Intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporation of the Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
Published on November 20, 2025

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is given pursuant to Florida Self-Storage Facility Act, Florida Statutes, Chapter 83, Part IV that Seminole Self Storage will hold a sale by sealed bid **NOVEMBER 30TH, 2025, at 11:00 am**, at 2314 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327, of the contents of Mini Warehouse containing personal property of
STEPHANIE MATTHEWS, ALFONSO GUERRA
Before the sale date of **NOVEMBER 30TH, 2025**. The Owners may redeem their property by payment of the Outstanding Balance and cost by mailing certified funds to 2314 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, Florida 32327 or Paying in person at the warehouse location.
November 20, 27, 2025

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

JENIRIJA, LLC, Case #: 2025-CA-86
Plaintiff,
vs.
WILLARD EARL SANDERS, EVELYN GRACE SANDERS; WAKULLA COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS; ABSOLUTE RESOLUTIONS INVESTMENTS, LLC.; MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC.; and UNKNOWN TENANTS,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above styled cause, in the County Court of Wakulla County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Wakulla County, Florida, described as:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE1/4) OF LOT NUMBER THIRTY-SIX (36) OF HARTSFIELD SURVEY OF LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN EAST 323 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE STAKE ON THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID LOT 36, WIDCH POINT ARRIVED AT IS THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE RUN SOUTH 206 FEET TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY STATE ROAD NO 10 (OLD NUMBER), THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID STATE ROAD NO 10 THE DISTANCE OF 100 FEET, THEN NORTH 206 FEET TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID LOT NO. 36, H.S., THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID LOT 36, H.S. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND BEING IN LOT THIRTY-SIX OF HARTSFIELD SURVEY OF LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

at public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Wakulla County Courthouse at 11:00 a.m., on December 18, 2025. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.

DATED in Wakulla, Florida this, 5th day of November, 2025.

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Attorney for Plaintiff
November 13, 20, 2025



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

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

TOWNE MORTGAGE COMPANY, Case #: 2025CA000077
Plaintiff,
vs.
ROCKY J. DAVIS; FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY CREDIT UNION CORPORATION; VALERIE DAVIS; UNKNOWN TENANT,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in the above styled cause now pending in said court and as required by Florida Statute 45.031(2), GREG JAMES as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the, **IN THE LOBBY OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HIGHWAY, CRAWFORDVILLE, FLORIDA 32327, 11:00 AM on the 04 day of December, 2025**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 35, OF THE GROVE PHASE II, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 14-16, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 235 SAND PINE TRAIL, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

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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.

DATED in Wakulla, Florida this, 6th day of November, 2025.

{{County Court Seal}}
Greg James
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Wakulla County, Florida
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
MICHAEL LANCE SWIFT,
DECEASED
DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO: 2025-CP-169

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Michael Lance Swift, deceased, File 2025-CP-169 is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327. The names and addresses of the co-personal representatives and the co-personal representatives' attorney is set forth below.

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

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is November 13, 2025.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Frances Casey Lowe, Esq. Florida Bar No. 521450
Personal Representative: Stephen G. Swift 7 Wyndermere Place Ludlow, MA 01056
November 13, 20, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
CAROL ANN SIRMAN, a/k/a CAROL L. SIRMAN,
DECEASED
DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO: 2025-CP-157

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Carol Ann Sirman a/k/a Carol L. Sirman, deceased, File 2025-CP-157 is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney is set forth below.

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

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The date of the first publication of this Notice is November 13, 2025.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Frances Casey Lowe, Esq. Florida Bar No. 521450
Personal Representative: Becky S. Langston 335 Ted Langston Rd. Sopchoppy, FL 32358
November 13, 20, 2025

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

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
KENNETH ALLEN DORSEY,
DECEASED
DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO.: 2025-CP-112

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Kenneth Allen Dorsey, deceased, File 2025-CP-112 is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327. The name and address of the personal representative is set forth below.

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is November 20, 2025.

Personal Representative: /s/ Kevin W. Dorsey 1219 Ashe Bridge Road Marion, NC 28752 (828)925-0607
November 20, 27, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
ROBERT LEE HURST,
DECEASED
DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO: 2025-CP-158

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Robert Lee Hurst, deceased, File 2025-CP-158 is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327. The names and addresses of the co-personal representatives and the co-personal representatives' attorney is set forth below.

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

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The date of the first publication of this Notice is November 20, 2025.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Frances Casey Lowe, Esq. Florida Bar No. 521450
Co-Personal Representatives: Jeremy Robert Hurst 2720 Shadeville Rd. Crawfordville, FL 32327
November 20, 27, 2025

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
TIMOTHY J. WILLIS,
DECEASED
DIVISION: PROBATE

File No. 2025-CP-170

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Timothy J. Willis, deceased, whose date of death was September 16, 2024, File Number 2025-CP-170, is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's Attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

A personal representative or curator has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the Decedent's death by the Decedent or the Decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as specified in Florida Statute § 732.216-732.228, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under Florida Statute § 732.2211.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is November 20, 2025.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Anthony J. Dimora, Esquire Florida Bar Number: 0092347
Personal Representative: Troy Perry 3805 SW Soundview Dunnellon, Florida 34431
November 20, 27, 2025

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CLUES ACROSS

- Popular broadcast network
- Train line
- Go quickly
- Straightforward
- Canadian province
- Swiss river
- It can be straight or curved
- Edit
- Utter repeatedly
- Gotten up
- Sea vessel
- Agents of one's demise
- Not out
- Something to scratch
- A round water pot
- Slang for cylindrical green fruit
- Promotions
- Masses of matter
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Nightstand item
- The content of cognition
- Arab ruler
- Northern U.S. state
- Chewed in small bites
- Hawaiian island
- More thin
- Of one
- Rigid bracelet or anklet
- Barbary sheep
- Not even
- Atomic #106
- Haggle
- Boxing's GOAT

CLUES DOWN

- Horse-drawn carriage
- Prejudices
- Peacefully
- Division of a group into opposing factions
- Vietnamese offensive
- University athletic official
- Soldiers
- Large mollusk
- Take out again
- Sour or bitter in taste
- Songwriter Tunstall
- Husk of wheat

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NOTICE OF ACTION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF: CASE NO. 2023 DP 9
C.A. DOB: 10/14/2023
MINOR CHILD _____/

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**.

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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
CIVIL DIVISION

In Regards To:
Seabolt Investments LTD
v.
Nancy Beth Jackson

CASE NO.: 25-CA-132

NOTICE OF CIVIL ACTION

Notice is hereby given that a civil action was commenced on October 22, 2025, and is now pending as case number 25-CA-132 in the SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Court in the State of FLORIDA, County of WAKULLA.

The names of the parties are:
Seabolt Investments LTD and Nancy Beth Jackson.
And the nature of the proceeding is:
Real Estate Quiet Title

Dated: November 4, 2025.

/s/ David C. Jones, Owner
For: Seabolt Investments LTD 67 Westmarch Rd. Crawfordville, FL 32327



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Greg James
As Clerk of the Court
Wakulla County, Florida
By: /s/ Rachel Howard
As Deputy Clerk
November 13, 20, 2025

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

Philippe Bernier,
Plaintiff,
vs
John Joseph Coombes Jr.,
Defendant(s).

Case #: 25CC 243

NOTICE OF ACTION

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for establishment of ownership of personal property described as: 2006 Honda Shadow Motor Cycle VIN# JH2RC4446M00 1258 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Plaintiff, Philippe Bernier, whose address is: 85 Harbour Point Drive, Crawfordville, FL 32327, on or before December 31, 2025, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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



Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 2025

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Preview of upcoming wrestling season

By **WALT JACOBS**
Correspondent

In his first season as Head Coach, Nate Litowsky led the 2024-25 War Eagles to a 22-6 record in dual meets, including significant wins over Suwannee (42-5), Yulee (22-8), 3A Buchholz (14-4), and a pair of wins each over Florida High (8-6) and 3A Steinbrenner (28-4). Wakulla also qualified 6 wrestlers for the FHSAA State Tournament. Their accomplishments were remarkable, considering half of the team consisted of six underclassmen and one wrestler who had no prior wrestling experience.

Eleven wrestlers from last year's starting lineup are back, and with another year of maturity under their belts, the 2025-26 War Eagles are set to be even better this season.

Wakulla is currently ranked 8th in both the Team Dual rankings and the Team IBT rankings.

When asked about his expectations for the upcoming season, Coach Litowsky replied, "Anything short of winning and real success will be a failure." Litowsky confidently continued, "This group has everything it takes to be the best team to ever walk through Wakulla. The talent, the work ethic, and the hunger. The standard we've built isn't just about competing, it's about dominating." When asked what he meant by "real success," Litowsky elaborated, "We plan to make it to the State Dual Series and then get our guys to the State Tournament on the podium."

Determining the best team in Wakulla Wrestling history is mostly subjective. Based on achievements, some of the most decorated teams are: the 1991-92, 1992-93, 1994-95, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2012-13, 2018-19, and 2019-20 teams.

In 1992, Head Coach Bob Murphy's team finished 6th in the state and qualified 13 wrestlers for the FHSAA State Championship, a school record that stands to this day. Among those that qualified, Kyle Jones and Christopher Dubay placed 3rd in their respective weight classes.

In 1993, Murphy qualified 10 and had 3 state placers in Daron Harvey (3rd; 103), Cody Sherrod (2nd; 145), and Shane Collins (2nd at 171). Wakulla finished 3rd in the state as a team.

In 1995, Murphy qualified 10 and Wakulla placed 6th. Daron Harvey and Desmond Kieser were crowned state champs at 103 and 160 respectively.

The 2008-09 team, led by Coach John Wainwright, went 42-6 in dual meets, and placed 5th at the FHSAA State Tournament; only 23 points from placing 1st. Scotty Varner placed 1st at 135, Tré McCullough placed 2nd at 125 and Mookie Forbes placed 3rd at 103.

In 2009-10, Wainwright felt that he had an even better team, but they were derailed by injuries at the end of the year, losing a total of five wrestlers. Wainwright commented, "We went 39-5 in duals and beat

Suwannee 48-20." Suwannee was the eventual State Runner-up that year. Wainwright said, "We lost Travis Hinsey while he battled cancer. In his last match in January, he pinned the state runner-up from Gulf and would have been ranked No. 2 in the state, then we lost three kids ranked in the top 5, one of them was No. 1. We were definitely the best team in 1A by far." Despite the injuries, Wakulla still finished 9th in the state. Scotty Varner repeated as state champ and Jeremy Hall took 6th at 103.

In 2013, Will Pafford guided nine wrestlers to state and three made the podium. Zach Malik placed 2nd at 113, Chris Griffin placed 2nd at 285, and Kevon White placed 5th at 132. The team placed 5th at the state tournament.

In 2019, Pafford qualified 10 wrestlers for state with four making the podium. Matthew Owen placed 6th at 126, Noah Wilson placed 4th at 145, John Hinsey placed 3rd at 195, and Darius Wilkins placed 2nd at 285. The team placed 6th at the State Championship (IBT) and placed 2nd at the FHSAA Dual Team State Championship.

In 2020, Pafford again qualified 10 wrestlers for state, this time with five making the podium. Raymond Hatchman placed 4th at 120, Noah Wilson placed 4th at 145, Chase Roberts placed 6th at 152, Jayvon Brown placed 6th at 170 and John Hinsey placed 5th at 195. Wakulla placed 5th at the State Championship (IBT) and once again, Pafford and company placed 2nd at the FHSAA Dual State Championship.

However, Litowsky's bold optimism is not unfounded. Wakulla currently has nine wrestlers ranked in the top 25. Depending on the outcome of wrestle offs, the War Eagles could have a team made up of 10 upperclassmen, which would be the most since 2020. Among that group are six wrestlers who qualified for State last year and two state placers in Matthew Thaxton and Brady Jackson.

While the War Eagles have gained maturity and experience, concurrently, roster attrition has adversely affected other schools in the district, primarily Suwannee High and Liberty County. Suwannee has reigned supreme over the district for the past three years, but new Head Coach Joey Phillips is in a rebuilding year. The Bulldogs lost eight wrestlers from last year's starting lineup, including state placers Eli Jolicoeur (3rd; 106), Marshall White (2nd; 157), and Justin Contreras (6th; 120). Consequently, although still solid, the Bulldogs will not be as formidable as they have been the past 4 years.

The Seminoles will be a team to be reckoned with this season. They are expected to return nine starters from last year's squad including state placer Jasper Croom (5th; 132), district champ Sterling Hollingsworth (126), and regional champ Terence Hinson (150). As a team, they are currently ranked 7th in the Team Dual Rankings and 9th in the Team

IBT rankings.

The War Eagles will begin their season versus Chiles at Wakulla High on Thursday, Dec. 4th.

LADY WAR EAGLE WRESTLING

For the past eight years, Jon Sanchez has assisted with the boys wrestling program at Wakulla. This year, he accepted the role of Head Coach for the Lady War Eagles. The team only has five wrestlers on the roster, but what they lack in quantity, they make up for in quality. After a stellar freshman campaign that culminated in a 4th place finish at the State Championship, 2nd ranked Kendal "Stomps" Haynie returns, as well as seasoned veteran Julia Baggett in her third year. The pair will be joined by regional qualifier Kameron Easter, a junior, as well as freshmen Rose Cooper, and Sophia Barron.

Regarding the upcoming season, Sanchez said, "My expectations are high. We've got three veteran wrestlers who have been working hard in the off-season and have their eyes set on competing at State. Along with some newcomers, who I can see will have great success in their high school careers." Sanchez continued, "Right now we are focused on getting better every day and sharpening our technique. These girls are hungry and ready to take on what proves to be a difficult season ahead. In addition to training potential state caliber wrestlers, I'm also focused on developing their character and confidence to be the type of young ladies that will make a big impact in their communities. Wrestling did that for me, and I want to continue building that in this team."

BOYS RETURNING STARTERS FROM 2024-25:

- 106 Brayden Hodges: Sophomore; 2024-25 Record 22-21; 13 pins; Did not wrestle in post season; currently ranked 15th at 106
- 113 Patrick Cooksey: Sophomore; 2024-25 Record 28-24; 15 pins; 2nd at Districts; 4th at Regionals; State Qualifier; currently ranked 17th at 120
- 120 Matthew Thaxton: Junior;

2024-25 Record 46-18; 25 pins; 2nd at Districts; 2nd at Regionals; 7th at State; currently ranked 7th at 120

- 126 William Harvey (C): Senior; 2024-25 Record 43-14; 13 pins; 2nd at Districts; 1st at Regionals; State Qualifier; currently ranked 6th at 126
- 132 Caleb Thompson: Junior; 2024-25 Record 13-32; 7 pins; 3rd at Districts; DNP at Regionals
- 138 Colt Sanders: Sophomore; 2024-25 Record 42-14; 25 pins; 1st at Districts; DNP at Regionals; currently ranked 16th at 157
- 144/150 Troy Thaxton (C): Senior; 2024-25 Record; pins; Did not wrestle in post season; currently ranked 12th at 150
- 150/157 Aaron Robinson (C): Senior; 2024-25 Record 44-20; 34 pins; 2nd at Districts; 3rd at Regionals; State Qualifier; currently ranked 3rd at 144
- 165 Cole Manning: Junior; 2024-25 Record 26-19; 10 pins; 3rd at Districts; DNP at Regionals
- 175 Clayton Manzi: Senior; 2024-25 Record 6-5; 3 pins; 4th at Districts; DNP at Regionals
- 190 Wyatt Brown: Senior; 2024-25 Record 25-25; 17 pins; 2nd at Districts; DNP at Regionals
- 215/285 Blake Barodte: Senior; 2024-25 Record 40-22; 17 pins; 1st at Districts; 4th at Regionals; State Qualifier; currently ranked 9th at 215

2024-25 LOSSES

- 144/150 Nate Jacobs (Captain): 2024-25 Season Record; 46-17; 26 pins; 2nd at Districts; 3rd at Regionals; State Qualifier
- 157 Auston Ryals: 2024-25 Season Record 12-14; 8 pins; DNP at Districts
- 285 Mason Blair: 2024-25 Season Record 18-12; 6 pins

GIRLS RETURNING STARTERS FROM 2024-25:

- 110 Kendal Haynie: Sophomore; 2024-25 Record 29-6; District Champ; 3rd at Regionals; 4th at State; currently ranked 2nd at 110 in the state (Kabra), No. 8 nationally (Flowrestling)
- 140 Julia Baggett: Junior; 2024-25 Record 13-14



FSU beats Virginia Tech

Receiver Duce Robinson celebrates a touchdown as the Florida State Seminoles defeated the Virginia Tech Hokies 34-14 on Saturday night at Doak Campbell Stadium to improve to 5-5 with possibility of becoming bowl eligible if they can win one of the next two games: next Friday night against North Carolina State or against rival Florida on Nov. 29. The game also marked the return of linebacker Ethan Pritchard after being wounded in Havana when shooters mistook him for someone else. (Photo by Ken Fields)



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Groundbreaking for new library is held



A groundbreaking ceremony for the new public library was held on Monday, Nov. 17 with most of the county commissioners, a representative of Florida Department of Commerce, County Administrator David Edwards and Library Director Linda Oaks. At right, renderings of the proposed facility. (Photos by William Snowden)



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And a huge thank-you to our coaches: Mike Paynter, Jessie Davis, and Derrick Franklin.

Go Cougars!

Art Walk held on Saturday



Lots of art was on display at Azalea Park on Saturday. Local artist Lee Fisher, left, with a 4x5 foot acrylic painting ‘Brody.’ At right, Wakulla Sun photographer Gerald Brown signs his latest coffee table book.



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War Eagles fall in playoffs, end season

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

The Wakulla War Eagles's season ended in Jacksonville against the No. 3 seed Bishop Kenny Crusaders on Friday night, 43-19.

The War Eagles entered the game as the No. 6 seed as district champs with a 6-4 overall record, and 3-0 in the district.

Bishop Kenny finished the regular season at 8-2.

While the score looks lopsided, it was still competitive halfway through the second quarter – Wakulla was up 13-7 before the game started getting away.

The Crusaders scored with 2 minutes left before half-time, added a 2-point



War Eagle quarterback Owen Klees runs for a touchdown against Bishop Kenny in Friday night's playoff game.

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WEEKLY WAR EAGLE GAME HIGHLIGHTS
on the Wakulla Report,
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said. "I've never had a year like this in 32 years of coaching."

Klees was pleased with his team winning the district championship and making it to the first round of the playoffs – but, again, with so many injuries the team was playing with a next-guy-up mentality.

Klees praised his assistant coaches for their work each week in getting the players ready.

And he praised his players for how hard they worked and how hard they practiced.

"I'm super proud to be part of these guys," he said.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Special Teams Player of the Week was Bryce Manning, who had 3 big tackles and 2 returns.

Defensive Player of the Week was Jordan Barnes with 8 tackles and 2 pass break ups.

Offensive Player of the Week was Lacari Murry with 8 catches for 132 yards and 2 touchdowns.

And MVP was quarterback Owen Klees who rushed 12 times for 94 yards and a TD, and threw for 390 yards and 2 TDs.

conversion to go up 15-13 and never looked back.

The War Eagles, hampered by injuries, were game but outmanned.

Head Coach Scott Klees noted that, unless you make it to the state championship, your season is going to end with a loss.

He called it an unbelievable season with a "bittersweet ending."

"There was so much adversity, so many injuries," Klees

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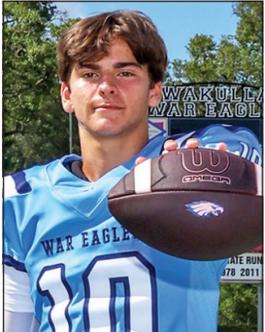
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