



# The Wakulla Sun

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## HUGE DEVELOPMENT

### N.G. Wade proposes density increase from 800 to more than 1,200 homes on its land

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN  
Editor

A development company is proposing to increase the allowed density on its property in the northeastern corner of the county that would enable it to build more than 1,200 homes.

Some 20 years ago, N.G. Wade won approval of a controversial mixed-use development that would have allowed some 800 homes plus other commercial facilities.

At that time, around 2006, the Jacksonville-based investment company got approval for a Sustainable land use on some 3,000 acres of its land.

(The company owns the land, formerly timber property, that includes where the state prison – Wakulla Correctional Institution – and the CSG plant were developed. The company also

owns Opportunity Park, a 240-acre economic development zone where Point Blank Enterprises plans to locate a 118,000 square foot facility to produce body armor, bringing more than 300 jobs to the area.)

Now the company is seeking a change to the county's comprehensive growth plan to allow an increase in residential density by changing the zoning to Urban Fringe which would permit 2 homes per acre on some of the land.

The proposal went before the county's Technical Review Committee a few weeks ago.

Assistant County Administrator Somer Pell said the proposal is in the early stages.

The Wakulla County School Board brought up the issue at its meeting on Monday, Nov. 17, with a change in how it looks at the district's capacity to handle growth

in schools.

The school board voted to hire an outside attorney to provide legal services regarding school capacity and developer mitigation – which was prompted by N.G. Wade's proposed 1,200 home development.

Superintendent of Schools Rick Myhre said the reality of local school capacity is that the district has space for the recent pace of development. "But not if every home approved gets built, and certainly not 1,200 homes."

Currently, the district is over capacity at Crawfordville Elementary, but the three other elementary schools, the two middle schools, and the high school have room to grow.

Whereas in past years the district relied on its facility management team to look at future capacity, Myhre said the district needs to ensure

it has proper support – and can defend the district's interests.

"We can stand to grow a little," Myhre said, adding he would much rather be in a position to have a growing school district rather than one that is losing population.

Pell confirmed that the higher density will require sewer service. The sewer plant that serves the area, the Winco Plant, has been part of a feasibility study by the county to be able to offer sewer in the eastern part of the county. Currently, only areas west of the Wakulla River have county-owned sewage services.

The county held public hearings last year to look at community interest to tie together the Winco system with the private system at River Plantation as well as the system operated by the City of St. Marks.

## Gun found in the jail

An inmate reportedly had the handgun inside the jail – perhaps for more than a month

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN  
Editor

A Wakulla County Jail inmate may have smuggled a handgun inside the facility when he was arrested – and had it inside the jail's general population for more than a month, according to sources close to the matter.

The sheriff's office confirmed a weapon was found inside the jail, but said the matter was still under investigation. According to Capt. Brett Surace, the sheriff's office Public Information Officer, detectives are waiting on the results of DNA testing to confirm possession of the gun by a certain inmate.

The sheriff's office is also looking at whether the gun was brought in when the inmate was arrested and processed, or the possibility that someone smuggled the handgun in.

The Sun became aware of the allegations several weeks ago, but Capt. Surace could not confirm details – only that a weapon was found in the jail – and said the matter was under investigation.

An anonymous source close to the matter provided additional details on the case, including the name of the inmate who is under investigation for bringing in the gun. Since the inmate has not been charged with possession of the gun in the jail the Sun will not name him.

However, the inmate under investigation had been arrested in August on charges of aggravated assault with a firearm and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon for using a .22 revolver to shoot at a woman at his home when he shot the window of the woman's car. He was released after posting a \$2,500 bond, but was later arrested for misdemeanor charges of resisting without violence and violation of a domestic violence injunction and ordered held without bond.

According to the source, the inmate was reportedly in possession of the handgun when he was arrested and the gun was not found when he was searched by the deputy making the arrest or by jail staff when he was processed into the facility.

### DEMOLITION AND FIRE



#### Goodbye, Lindy's

The old Lindy's Fried Chicken restaurant was demolished on Friday, marking the end of an era. The restaurant, owned by Jerome and Terry Robinson had been a

fixture in Crawfordville for nearly 30 years. During the work on Friday, the trackhoe excavator doing the demolition caught on fire and emergency crews responded to the scene, adding further drama to the demolition. (Photo by Gerald Brown)

## Laura Lawhon is new chair of school board

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN  
Editor

School board member Laura Lawhon was selected as chair of the Wakulla County School Board at its re-organization meeting last week. Eddie Hand was selected to serve as vice chair.

The re-org meeting was held prior to the school board's regular monthly meeting on Monday, Nov. 17.

Cale Langston had served as chair for the past year.

Lawhon, a former teacher, and Hand, a health administrator in the state prison system, were both elected to the school board back in 2022.

At the regular board meeting, the item that garnered the most attention was discussion of requirements for background checks for school volunteers.

Hand expressed his concern that the district would lose school volunteers because of the \$85 cost for a Level 2 background check.

A Level 1 background check is for volunteers who are not alone with students, but who are under the direction of teachers or administrators. A more extensive Level 2 is for volunteers who are with students – chaperones on trips, for example – or who handle a certain amount of money.



New School Board Chair  
Laura Lawhon

## Complaints about county

Businessman David McQuary tells Code Enforcement he's being bullied

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN  
Editor

David McQuary has made claims of being bullied before.

A couple of years ago, the former owner of Wildwood Golf Course complained that County Administrator David Edwards was not negotiating in good faith for the county to purchase the golf course, which the county wanted to use as a way to get rid of excess treated wastewater.

A deal was reached; the county bought the golf course; and McQuary praised the improvements to the facility – now Wakulla Sands Golf Course – as top notch.

McQuary held on to Wildwood RV park at the



David McQuary, owner of Wildwood RV Park, in the dry bed of what was a pond.

golf course, then sold it to a buyer while holding a mortgage. When things appeared to not be going well, McQuary bought

the RV park back.

In the intervening years, McQuary claims that the county drained the pond that he had

used as a source of water for fire protection, meaning he had to pay \$75,000 for fire

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## Student of the Week

Ariel Roe – 6th grader, Wakulla Middle School

Principal: Amy Bryan

**Achievements/Reason for Nomination:** Wakulla Middle School is pleased to nominate Ariel Roe for the Wakulla Sun's Student of the Week. Ariel is a sweet girl who is very helpful and organized. Ariel is pleasant to be around and is nice to everyone. She is an all "A" student. She is a hard-worker and strives to be the best Wildcat she can be. Ariel is on the WMS Broadcast Crew and was the only 6th grader to be selected this year. She does an excellent job as an anchor and quickly learned how to successfully complete the other jobs involved in producing the Wildcat News. Ariel is also an active member of FCA which meets once a week during lunch. Ariel is an asset to WMS and has adjusted well to being a successful middle schooler. She embodies all of the qualities of a true Wildcat!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK FEATURES A DIFFERENT SCHOOL EACH WEEK.

## FSU Marine Lab honors Gregg Stanton

Staff Report



Gregg Stanton, founder of the dive program at Florida State and a marine scientist, was honored by FSU Marine Lab at St. Teresa with a plaque designating the Gregg Stanton Dive Locker. Dozens of people were on hand on Friday, Nov. 21 for the ceremony, including Chris Peters, the diving safety officer at the lab, and Eric Stanton, son of Gregg and production manager at the Wakulla Sun. Gregg, who died in July 2024, was also a longtime columnist for the Sun. (Photo by William Snowden)

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# FCA fishing tournament held

By **LINDA ANN McDONALD**

North Florida Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) held its annual Ernie Stevenson Memorial Inshore Fishing Tournament on Nov. 22 at Shields Marina/Sweet Magnolia Inn in St. Marks.

The event was named after the former FCA Director for North Florida.

“Stevenson developed the curriculum and talked to kids to manage life skills, he also coached high school and acted as almost a chaplain to mentor kids,” said event organizer Bill Kepper.

“I had a personal connection to Ernie, he attended church with my wife Sharon and I at Covenant Presbyterian Church... in Tallahassee. He was a Sunday School teacher. He always found a way to start a spiritual conversation with someone. He was genuine.”

“I am still involved in FCA in honor of Ernie and there are a lot of buddies out there (at tournaments), some are church folks and some are not, and I always have hopes that at the weigh-in or at the event somewhere, the opportunity to have a conversation about the Lord in some way happens,” said Kepper.

Doug Everett, a board member and Fishing Tournament Chair said, “I have never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Stevenson, by chance I have a son that is involved in FCA in a different county, and I started meeting with FCA, I have experience in organizing fishing tournaments and here we are. You don’t have to be a professional fisherman to win a fishing tournament, it’s all about getting that lucky bite. The tournament is not a big bag limit of fish or no total weight, its just based on the one heaviest fish.”

“The focus is to give back,” said Everett. “I’ve been blessed to raise money for other causes, and I just want to give back.”

First Place largest speckled trout was landed by G. Droves and Brianna Semani won first place redfish.

The event had a \$7,000 purse with \$2,500 for the largest speckled trout, \$1,500 for redfish, \$300 for silver trout and \$100 for black sea bass. Proceeds from the event support the FCA.

FCA’s mission is “Working to see the world transformed by Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes.”



Brianna Semani won first place for Redfish.

## THE SCHOOL BOARD OF WAKULLA COUNTY ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING:

**EVENT:** School Board Meeting  
**DATE:** Monday, December 15, 2025  
**TIME:** 5:45 pm  
**PLACE:** School Board Room, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida  
**PURPOSE:** Monthly School Board Meeting

For further information please contact:  
 Superintendent’s Office  
 Wakulla County Schools  
 Post Office Box 100, 69 Arran Rd  
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## Notice of Public Hearing Concerning a Text Amendment to the Wakulla County Code of Ordinances

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners proposes to adopt the following ordinance. A Public Hearing is scheduled 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. All affected parties may appear at the public hearings, be heard, and submit evidence and written comments on the application.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO CODE ENFORCEMENT; AMENDING SECTION 8.001 RELATED TO DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 8.005(e) RELATED TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CODE OFFICIAL; AMENDING SECTION 8.006 RELATED TO WAIVER OF LIABILITY; AMENDING SECTION 8.008 RELATED TO STOP WORK OR CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS; AMENDING SECTION 8.009 RELATED TO VIOLATIONS THAT PRESENT A SERIOUS THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE; AMENDING SECTION 8.051 RELATED TO DANGEROUS STRUCTURES; AMENDING SECTION 8.052(b) RELATED TO EMERGENCY MEASURES; AMENDING ARTICLE V RELATED TO CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARINGS; AMENDING SECTION 8.061 RELATED TO CREATION OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD; AMENDING SECTION 8.062 RELATED TO POWERS AND JURISDICTION OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD; REPEALING SECTION 8.063 RELATED TO MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF OFFICE; AMENDING SECTION 8.064 RELATED TO CONDUCT OF MEETINGS; AMENDING SECTION 8.065 RELATED TO ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE; AMENDING SECTION 8.066 RELATED TO HEARINGS; AMENDING SECTION 8.067 RELATED TO PENALTIES; AMENDING SECTION 8.068**

**RELATED TO APPEALS; AMENDING SECTION 8.069 RELATED TO NOTICES; AMENDING SECTION 8.070 RELATED TO APPLICATIONS FOR SATISFACTION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT LIENS; AMENDING SECTION 8.071 RELATED TO APPLICATION FOR REDUCTION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT LIENS; AUTHORIZING THE SPECIAL MAGISTRATE TO TAKE ACTION ON PENDING CODE ENFORCEMENT MATTERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Copies of applications, draft ordinances, and any related public record files may be viewed at the Wakulla County Administration located at 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, 8 AM to 4:30 PM Monday thru Friday; Phone (850) 926-0919. Any person desiring to appeal a decision of a County Board must ensure a verbatim transcript or copy is made of the testimony and exhibits presented at said hearings. Persons with a disability needing a special accommodation should contact the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Office at least two (2) days prior to the meeting at (850) 926-0919; Hearing & Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771; or email at [ADARRequest@mywakulla.com](mailto:ADARRequest@mywakulla.com).

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## PUBLIC NOTICES:

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 17, 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHETHER THE WAKULLA COUNTY CHARTER SHOULD BE AMENDED TO REPEAL SECTION 7.6 REQUIRING NONPARTISAN ELECTION OF ALL ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THE REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR THE TITLE AND SUBSTANCE OF THE BALLOT MEASURE; PROVIDING FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS; PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION BOARDS; PROVIDING FOR CANVASSING BOARD CERTIFICATION OF RESULTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

A copy of this ordinance shall be available for inspection by the public at 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327. Interested parties may appear at the Public Hearing or submit comments and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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## 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](http://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](mailto: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

### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) WAKULLA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD REQUEST FOR MECHANICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR MEDART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HVAC RENOVATIONS AND UPGRADES

The Wakulla County School Board is accepting proposals for Mechanical Engineering Services to provide planning, design and construction administration for HVAC Renovations and Upgrades for portions of Medart Elementary School. All those interested should submit (4) four copies of the following: Resume, SF330 Form or equivalent, list of references and qualifications to Richard Myhre, Superintendent of Wakulla County Schools, P.O. Box 100, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327 by 2:00P.M. on January 5, 2026.

Nov. 27, Dec 4, 11, 2025

### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) WAKULLA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD REQUEST FOR MECHANICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR RIVERSPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL HVAC RENOVATIONS AND UPGRADES

The Wakulla County School Board is accepting proposals for Mechanical Engineering Services to provide planning, design and construction administration for HVAC Renovations and Upgrades for portions of Riversprings Middle School. All those interested should submit (4) four copies of the following: Resume, SF330 Form or equivalent, list of references and qualifications to Richard Myhre, Superintendent of Wakulla County Schools, P.O. Box 100, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327 by 2:00P.M. on January 5, 2026.

Nov. 27, Dec 4, 11, 2025

### STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) gives notice that it proposes to approve a No Further Action Proposal with Engineering and Institutional Controls and issue a Site Rehabilitation Completion Order with Conditions for a contaminated site(s). St Marks Powder, a General Dynamics Company, is seeking this order in reference to FDEP Site ID # FLD047096524, located at 7121 Coastal Highway, Crawfordville, Florida, and intends to restrict exposure to contamination in the following manner: land use restrictions, water use restrictions, Institutional Controls, and Engineering Controls which include caps over contaminated soil.

Complete copies of the No Further Action Proposal, the proposed Institutional Control (i.e., a draft Restrictive Covenant), and the FDEP’s preliminary evaluation are available for public inspection online at Oculus, the online document management system. Please use the FDEP Site, Facility, or Project number listed on the FDEP’s preliminary evaluation to communicate with FDEP or Oculus.

Local governments with jurisdiction over the property subject to the Institutional Control, real property owner(s) of any property subject to the Institutional or Engineering Control, residents of any property subject to the Institutional Control have received a mailed notice and was given 30 days to provide comments to FDEP. In addition, any party holding a materially affected encumbrance in the area subject to the control have 45 days from publication of this notice to provide comments to the FDEP, per Chapter 62-730, Florida Administrative Code. Such comments should be sent to FDEP Jeff Ray, at [Jeff.A.Ray@FloridaDEP.gov](mailto:Jeff.A.Ray@FloridaDEP.gov).

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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

## Eden Springs river boat tour held with help from Friends of Wakulla Springs

By **CHLOE CLARK BROKER**  
Organizer



Last week, I had the opportunity to help arrange a special outing for a group of residents from Eden Springs Nursing Home, and it was one of the most heartwarming days I've seen on the Wakulla River.

Friends of Wakulla Springs generously provided a complimentary river tour. We had a full boat – for many of the residents, it was their first visit to the park in years, and for others, a completely new experience visiting altogether.

We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day. Everyone got to experience fresh air and the wildlife was everywhere: manatees surfing beside the boat, alligators sunning on the shore, and herons and egrets wading through the shallows.

But what made the day truly meaningful were the stories shared on board. Several of the residents talked about visiting the springs with their children, fishing along the river, family outings or it being their first-ever experience. Being on the water allowed those memories to felt again, not just

remember.

Park staff and volunteers from Friends of Wakulla Springs worked closely with Eden Springs to plan an outing that was both safe and enjoyable. Once aboard, the group set out on the classic Wakulla boat route, gliding past 600-year-old bald cypress

trees, aquatic plants, and the beautiful spring.

The Eden Springs staff and family members who attended expressed their appreciation for the experience, noting how hard it can be to organize safe outings for residents with different mobility needs and how meaning-

ful it is when community partners step in to help.

My past years working with residents at St. James Health and Rehab reminded me of the joy we can bring with a simple, well-planned outing like this. Caring for people isn't just about call lights & medical charts it's about connection, fresh air, stories, and moments that make someone feel like themselves again.

As the boat returned to the dock and residents prepared to head home, there was a shared feeling of calm and gratitude. A simple ride on the river had offered much more than just a view: it provided connection – to nature, to memory, and to each other.

The Friends of Wakulla Springs hope to continue collaborating with local care facilities and community groups to offer similar opportunities in the future.

For more information about Friends of Wakulla Springs State Park, upcoming programs, or ways to support outreach efforts like the Eden Springs tour, please visit the Friends website or ask about becoming a member or volunteer!

## Setting the record straight on comments

Editor, The Sun:

I was surprised to see the following printed in the paper two weeks ago: "Damon also said, without evidence, Commissioners are taking kickbacks from developers." This is not correct. Anyone who watches the meeting video will see that I never said Commissioners are taking kickbacks from developers.

In plain English, there is an undeniable distinction between what I actually said and how you quoted me. When I asked you to publish a correction, you declined, saying your writing was a "paraphrase" of what I said. It was not.

I actually said:

"People honestly don't trust most of our board members or the county administrator to act in the best interest of the residents. This is a really big deal. They're always commenting on this. It feels like the decisions are

being made behind closed doors, and too often they benefit developers and not the citizens. Based on what we're seeing here, a lot of people would like to see an audit. Many people suspect kickbacks or at least conflicts of interest at play, and an independent audit of the county government administrator, commissioners, and school board, so the public can have confidence again."

The point I was making was that growth has become so out of control that residents are searching for explanations. As a result, many are questioning the motives behind some of these decisions — and that public concern deserves to be acknowledged accurately.

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify what was actually said.

**Sue Damon**  
Crawfordville

## Correction on Sopchoppy story

Editor, The Sun:

In last week's article "Guidelines for Depot Park plants offered" reference was made to "the Florida Native Plant Society's volunteers."

Although some of our most reliable volunteers are members of the Sarracenia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, the native plant gardens and landscaping at Sopchoppy Depot Park is not and has never been a project of the Sarracenia Chapter of FNPS. We are an informal group of volunteers that includes residents of the City and surrounding areas, members of multiple organizations (e.g., the Sarracenia Chapter, Wakulla County Garden Club, Keep Wakulla County Beautiful, Discover Sopchoppy), teen volunteers earning Bright Futures hours, and others. We are not a formal organization and generally refer to ourselves as the Depot Park Gardeners, Depot Park Garden Volunteers, or Depot Park Volunteers.

Also, one of our volunteers was present at the City Council meeting to answer questions. She answered one question posed by Mayor (Leonard) Tartt during the meeting.

**Lynn Artz**  
Depot Park Volunteers

# On the Horizon

## Calendar of events for the week of November 27

### Thursday, November 27

- HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

### Friday, November 28

- BLACK FRIDAY – Shop local.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon & at 8 p.m. every Friday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

### 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.

### Sunday, November 30

- 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.

### Monday, December 1

- Planning Commission meets in the commission chambers at 6 p.m.
- Ribbon-cutting for Forward Wellness' new offices on Songbird Avenue will be held at 1:30 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. every Monday at 54 Ochlockonee St.
- Gentle Yoga and Stretching Class, every Monday, 11 a.m. Wakulla Community Center. Bring a mat. Come early to sign in. Chair Yoga participants welcome. \$2 per class.
- Line Dancing Class is held at Wakulla Dance Academy every Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. \$5 per person. Wear dance shoes or tennis shoes.

### Tuesday, December 2

- 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, December 3

- 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.

*"It's A New Day!"*

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Instructor

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**HOPE CHILDREE**  
Wakulla Environmental Institute

**“The incredible networking opportunities.”**



**LEX HOWARD**  
Wakulla Environmental Institute

**“How welcoming everyone is.”**



**TABITHA LOVEL**  
Eden Springs Administrator

**“They facilitate business owners in a non superficial way, it is genuine and authentic.”**



**WADE BROWN**  
Edwin Brown & Associates

**“I am just proud to be a part of it. They support current and new businesses. They work to strengthen business relationships within the community.”**

## Wakulla Crossroads

By **VERNA BROCK**

This past week, as I traversed our Wakulla roads, I couldn't help but delight in our glorious Autumn. I assume the recent, brief, cold-snap kickstarted the changing colors in foliage we're enjoying. The rusty cypress trees, the scarlet and orange hues sprinkled throughout the woods, and the golden grape vines twining everywhere through the trees like exquisite necklaces, are all so beautiful!

Suddenly, my property is ankle deep in falling leaves. Cassia bushes are in full bloom, providing splashes of bright yellow wherever they are planted. Japanese maples are a riot of

red and chartreuse, while crape myrtles range from orange to deep purple. I am seized with a driving need to clean and clear my flower gardens to make way for winter blooms. Rocket snapdragons have finally arrived in nurseries, along with pansies and ornamental cabbages. There are still a few petunias available, and gorgeous poinsettias grace my porches.

Watching my annual beds take shape for a new season, I feel a contradiction, both relaxing and invigorating. I believe everyone should make the time to lose themselves in the soil for a few hours every season. What could be better than digging, up close and personal, watching industrious

insects scurry about, while making the beds look fresh and new again?

I love the temporary tunnel vision of focusing on the texture of the sandy dirt, the pulling up of (apparently) indestructible weeds, and the rituals of preparing for fresh moments of beauty. Stress and worry fall away as I focus on the job at hand. Every season, my garden offers new surprises, joy, and a deep sense of peace and satisfaction. Considering the long term rewards, the time and effort spent seems piddling.

Thanksgiving is fast approaching as I write this, and I am looking forward to sharing the holiday with family. The traditions we share, or new ones we create, help bind us all more tightly together. I am always interested in hearing how my neighbors and friends celebrate traditional holidays,

and Thanksgiving seems to be the most uniquely American celebration of them all.

Whether you do a turkey or gumbo, have collards or kimchi, pumpkin pie or hand-churned ice cream, your families' favorite rituals and culture reinforces the power of belonging. The fact that we pause as a nation, joining together to express an abiding gratitude for our blessings, in whatever ways we choose, strengthens the fabric of our community all across the country.

So, my wish for us, this Thanksgiving, is that we find peace in appreciation, fulfillment in a gracious plenty, and recognition of the abiding truth that we are more alike than unlike. Make and take the time to really be in the moment, together.

Happy Thanksgiving, y'all!

## Sopchoppy News

By **DJ BUTCH**

This weather doesn't know what it wants to do.... It is cold one day and hot the next. Some days cold in the morning, hot in the afternoon and cool again at night... They say if you don't like the weather in Florida then wait a few minutes... Every day is beautiful I know that. I enjoy the nice temperatures. Great for walking, hiking, boating and/or fishing. I recently went to the Ochlockonee Riv-

er State Park. It was absolutely beautiful. The weather was perfect. Sun was shining! Water was sparkling. I enjoyed it very much. I made some videos and took some pics. I posted those on Facebook if you would like to see.

I ran into someone recently that says they get the Wakulla Sun and enjoy reading my article. I appreciate everyone who reads the Sopchoppy News and everyone who follows and subscribes to me online. I

enjoy writing about my hometown and my adventures.

Christmas In Sopchoppy is December 13th from 1 to 7 p.m. They will have food trucks, kid activities. They will be having an old-fashioned Christmas singalong around 5. Santa arrives at 3 p.m. Golf cart parade is at 8 p.m. with a 6:30 line up. Sopchoppy is also having a home and business decoration contest. I saw some decorations already up at the De-

pot Park and they look amazing. Listen for the radio commercial featuring me on 94.1.

The river has been really low lately. Some people say it's the moon. I walked the pier at the Sopchoppy City park and water was gone. Water is usually all under the pier. It was way out. This was still awesome because it looks so different. You can see what is underneath the water. It looked like another planet. Sending you all love from Sopchoppy!

At right, the river is low at the Sopchoppy City Park. (Photo by DJ Butch)



## Wakulla 4-H youth excel at North Florida Fair

By **RACHEL PIENTA**  
Special to The Sun

The energy was electric as Wakulla County's 4-H members stepped into the bustling halls of the North Florida Fair this November. For these young competitors, the fair wasn't just an event—it was a stage to showcase months of creativity, learning, and hard work. And this year, they didn't just show up—they made history.

“It's been more than a decade since we've seen this level of participation and achievement,” said Wakulla 4-H Agent Rachel Pienta, beaming with pride. “Our youth really rose to the occasion.”

From colorful clay creations and striking photography to intricate Lego architecture and recycled art, the exhibits in Department 210 told stories of imagination and skill. The numbers speak for themselves: 42 participants submitted 120 entries, earning 87 blue ribbons, 19 red, and four coveted merit awards – a record for Wakulla 4-H.

Those merit ribbons marked “Best of Show” honors for projects like Claire Urbik's vibrant painting, Georgia Goodman's eye-catching photo and recycled art piece, and Laila Brown's creative tablettop display. Each ribbon represented hours of dedication and a



4-H'er Georgia Goodman with her 'Best of Show' ribbons, one of several local winners.

spark of inspiration.

Beyond the exhibits, Wakulla 4-H teams proved their mettle in contests that tested knowledge and quick thinking. In Wildlife Ecology, Ridley Walker captured third place in the Junior Individual category. But the real culinary drama unfolded in the Food Challenge contest, where teams raced against the clock to craft dishes from surprise ingredients. The intermediate team wowed judges with a black bean entrée, clinching first place and a ticket to the state contest at the Florida State Fair in Tampa on Feb. 14, 2026. The junior team earned second place with

a goat cheese appetizer, while the seniors impressed with a healthy pineapple dessert.

For these young chefs and creators, the fair was more than ribbons – it was about confidence, teamwork, and the thrill of achievement. “Seeing their faces light up when they realized what they accomplished – that's what 4-H is all about,” Pienta said.

As the fairgrounds quiet down, Wakulla 4-H is already looking ahead. With talent like this, the future is bright – and full of possibilities.

For more information about 4-H programs, contact Rachel Pienta at 850-926-3931.

# Outdoors

outdoor sports

## HOME ON THE RANGE

### The Kentucky Rifle



By MARJ LAW

"I bought this rifle kit from the Connecticut Valley Arms company about 40 years ago," says Joe. "I just finished it and I'm giving it to you."

The rifle is beautiful with a long maple stock, brass butt plate and muzzle cap, and case-hardened steel lock. But made from a kit? And it will actually fire? Hm.

He sees my expression.

"Don't look so doubtful. It will fire!"

It's a kit he put together himself. I'm still wondering.

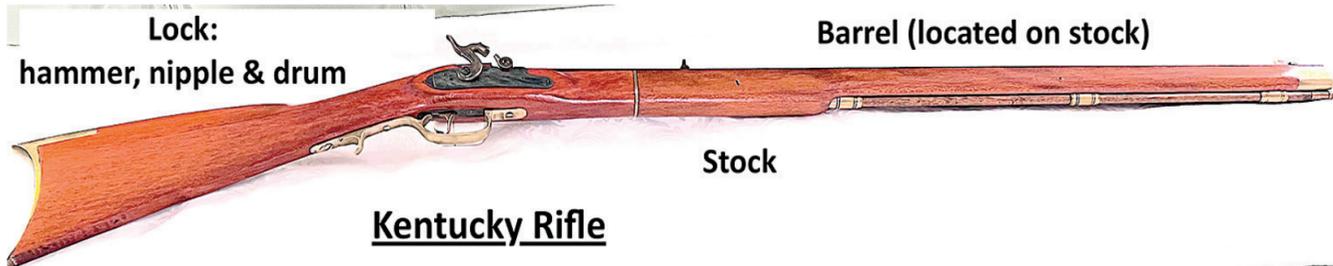
"Well, Marj, how do you think our settlers first made their own guns to hunt game to feed their families? Remember the saying: 'lock, stock, and barrel?'"

"Sure. Everybody's heard that."

"Early settlers often found a clockmaker to make the lock, a blacksmith to make the barrel and a carpenter to make the stock."

I kinda knew that, but would this thing he put together really shoot?

I'm still looking somewhat doubtful. Joe holds



up the rifle.

"This Kentucky Rifle is a percussion gun. See the hammer? When I cock it back, you can see the round hole in the hammer. Below, on the lock, is the nipple. We will place a brass percussion cap over the nipple. When we pull the trigger, the hammer whacks the cap creating a spark which goes through this the tiny hole in the nipple into the drum."

"That spark is strong enough to send out that marble-size ball you have there?" Nuh-uh. I don't believe it.

"No. The spark alone is not enough. But we will go to the range and show you how to load the rifle. Trust me. The lead ball will shoot out of the rifle."

A gun from a kit. It will actually work? This I have to see.

Before we go, I look up information on the percussion Kentucky Rifle.

According to our friends at Wikipedia: "The long rifle is an early example of a firearm using rifling (spiral grooves in the bore), which caused the projectile, commonly a round lead ball in the early firearm, to spin around the axis of its motion. This increased the sta-

bility of its trajectory and dramatically improved accuracy over contemporary smooth-bore muskets, which were cheaper and more common." Sounds like the quarterback throwing a football to me.

Wiki goes on to say: "While the smooth bore musket had an effective range of less than 100 yards, a rifleman could hit a man-sized target at a range of 200 yards or more. The price for this accuracy was that the long rifle took significantly longer to reload than the approximately 20 seconds of the musket."

The rifle does sound more efficient than the musket. Certainly, if I were having to feed my family, I'd take the more accurate rifle over the musket any day.

Hm. I look up from my computer.

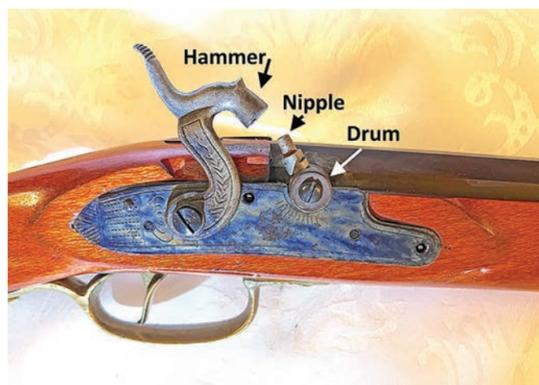
"So, how long does it take you, Joe, to load this Kentucky Rifle?"

He thinks for a moment. "I can do it in 20-30 seconds."

So, this Wednesday, we're visiting the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range. Usually, we go to the pistol range, but this time we're planning to shoot at the rifle range.

Just like at the pistol range, we wait for the range to be "cold" to put up our target. The other guy who had been shooting now gets behind the red line in the cement floor.

Upon our return, we call "hot," and we all are



able to cross the red line to load and shoot our rifles.

First, Joe places a percussion cap over the nipple. He points the muzzle toward a leaf a couple feet away and pulls the trigger.

"Why did you do that?" I ask.

"Did you notice a puff of air hit the leaf?" he asks.

"Yes."

"The spark creates enough energy to burn out of any gun cleaning residue," he explains.

"Now we're ready to load."

First, he takes a flask and pours 65 grains of synthetic powder into an adjustable powder measure. The measure's top has a metal piece that opens to accept the powder. He swings the top piece around. There's a cone built into this top piece. He tilts the butt of the rifle onto the floor and pours the powder through the cone into the muzzle. Now the powder is in the barrel.

He taps the rifle a few times to ensure the

powder is deep into the chamber.

Next, I hand him a thin, grease-saturated round piece of cotton wad. He places this wad on the muzzle's tip.

"Reach me a ball," he asks.

I reach into the sack and pull out a 45-caliber lead ball. Handing it to him, he then places it carefully on the middle of the wad.

Then he takes a concave pusher to start the ball into the muzzle. Once it's just inside, he takes a ramrod and pushes the wad and ball all the way down the barrel until they sit against the powder charge. He taps the ramrod down a couple more times.

Now, he picks up the rifle and places it on its butt.

"Hand me a cap," he directs.

I take a tiny brass cap out of the small tin and hand it to him.

He places the cap over the nipple. Now he aims. The rear sight is a cut

"v" into a piece of metal and the front sight is a

vertical metal blade.

He pulls the trigger.

I peer through the binoculars.

The ball has hit the target close to the center at 25 yards! A first shot slightly under and to the left!

"How did you line up the sights so that the gun fires so accurately? And can you adjust them at all?"

"Yes. I'm going to tap the rear sights just a tad to adjust windage." He does so.

"Can I shoot now?" I ask.

This is my first time to shoot a Kentucky rifle. I pick it up and measure the charge. I pour the 65 grains into the muzzle and tap the gun. Then, after placing the wad and ball over the muzzle, I push them into the barrel. Taking the ramrod, I push that ball all the way into the stock until I hear a metallic ping. The ball is in the chamber.

I lift the rifle onto the gun rest and place a cap onto the nipple. Now's the time. I aim the sights.

I pull the trigger. With a slight shock, the rifle fires. I hit the target! Yay! First time!

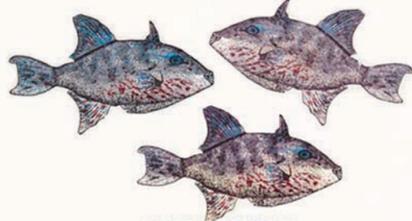
"This is fun!"

We shoot a few more times. All shots hit the target.

From a kit gun. It really works.

How cool is this?

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



TRIGGERFISH (*Balistes capricus*)

This fish has a sharp dorsal spine that springs up when threatened. Triggerfish hunt by spraying water at sand to expose prey. Their hard jaws bite holes in shells. They bite the eyestalks off lobsters, devour their legs until the lobster are helpless and then finish them off. They mate when water is >70F. They guard the nest until the fry hatch in 2 days. Fry live in floating sargassum beds. Trigger fish are important commercial fishes growing to 30" and living 13 years.

Eukarya, Animalia, Cordata, Tetraodontiformes, Balistidae



## WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO



Retired Wakulla Springs State Park Ranger Bob Thompson, on his weekly wildlife survey at the park, took this photo of a Blue Heron hunting along the river's edge.

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**Thursday 27**

Sun rise/set: 7:12 AM / 5:37 PM  
Moon rise/set: 12:48 PM / 11:12 PM  
Moon Illumination 44%

**Friday 28**

Sun rise/set: 7:13 AM / 5:36 PM  
Moon rise/set: 1:18 PM / 12:12 AM  
Moon Illumination 55%

**Saturday 29**

Sun rise/set: 7:14 AM / 5:36 PM  
Moon rise/set: 1:48 PM / 1:13 AM  
Moon Illumination 65%

**Sunday 30**

Sun rise/set: 7:15 AM / 5:36 PM  
Moon rise/set: 2:19 PM / 2:16 AM  
Moon Illumination 76%

**Monday 1**

Sun rise/set: 7:16 AM / 5:36 PM  
Moon rise/set: 2:53 PM / 3:21 AM  
Moon Illumination 85%

**Tuesday 2**

Sun rise/set: 7:16 AM / 5:36 PM  
Moon rise/set: 3:32 PM / 4:31 AM  
Moon Illumination 92%

**Wednesday 3**

Sun rise/set: 7:17 AM / 5:36 PM  
Moon rise/set: 4:18 PM / 5:44 AM  
Moon Illumination 98%

## Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

Dec. 3 - Nov. 27

GO FISH!

Tide charts by [tides4fishing.com](http://tides4fishing.com)

Best fishing days this month: Nov. 28 Dec. 1-7

**Thursday 27**

Major Times: 5:27 AM / 5:27 PM  
Minor Times: 12:18 PM / 10:42 PM

**Friday 28**

Major Times: 5:45 AM / 5:45 PM  
Minor Times: 12:48 PM / 11:42 PM

**Saturday 29**

Major Times: 6:35 AM / 6:12 PM  
Minor Times: 12:43 AM / 1:18 PM

**Sunday 30**

Major Times: 6:58 AM / 6:58 PM  
Minor Times: 1:46 AM / 1:49 PM

**Monday 1**

Major Times: 8:11 AM / 7:46 PM  
Minor Times: 2:51 AM / 2:23 PM

**Tuesday 2**

Major Times: 9:05 AM / 8:37 PM  
Minor Times: 4:01 AM / 3:02 PM

**Wednesday 3**

Major Times: 10:04 AM / 9:33 PM  
Minor Times: 5:14 AM / 3:48 PM

For tides at the following points add to Dog Island Listings:

	High Tide	Low Tide
Carrabelle	28 Min.	25 Min.
Apalachicola	1 Hr., 53 Min.	2 Hrs., 38 Min.
Cat Point	1 Hr., 13 Min.	2 Hrs., 31 Min.
Lower Anchorage	1 Hr., 36 Min.	2 Hrs., 3 Min.
West Pass	1 Hr., 26 Min.	2 Hrs., 39 Min.

**St. Marks River Entrance**

Th	12:04 am ▼ 1.6 ft	5:31 am ▲ 2.8 ft	12:55 pm ▼ 0.3 ft	7:43 pm ▲ 2.8 ft
Fr	1:26 am ▼ 1.4 ft	7:06 am ▲ 2.7 ft	1:57 pm ▼ 0.5 ft	8:35 pm ▲ 2.9 ft
Sa	2:48 am ▼ 1.0 ft	8:55 am ▲ 2.7 ft	3:00 pm ▼ 0.8 ft	9:21 pm ▲ 3.1 ft
Su	3:57 am ▼ 0.5 ft	10:23 am ▲ 2.9 ft	3:59 pm ▼ 1.0 ft	10:03 pm ▲ 3.2 ft
Mo	4:56 am ▼ -0.1 ft	11:33 am ▲ 3.1 ft	4:53 pm ▼ 1.2 ft	10:43 pm ▲ 3.4 ft
Tu	5:49 am ▼ -0.7 ft	12:33 pm ▲ 3.3 ft	5:42 pm ▼ 1.4 ft	11:24 pm ▲ 3.6 ft
We	6:40 am ▼ -1.1 ft	1:27 pm ▲ 3.4 ft	6:28 pm ▼ 1.5 ft	

**City of St. Marks**

Th	1:08 am ▼ 1.5 ft	6:07 am ▲ 2.6 ft	1:59 pm ▼ 0.3 ft	8:19 pm ▲ 2.6 ft
Fr	2:30 am ▼ 1.3 ft	7:42 am ▲ 2.5 ft	3:01 pm ▼ 0.5 ft	9:11 pm ▲ 2.7 ft
Sa	3:52 am ▼ 0.9 ft	9:31 am ▲ 2.5 ft	4:04 pm ▼ 0.7 ft	9:57 pm ▲ 2.8 ft
Su	5:01 am ▼ 0.4 ft	10:59 am ▲ 2.7 ft	5:03 pm ▼ 0.9 ft	10:39 pm ▲ 3.0 ft
Mo	6:00 am ▼ -0.1 ft	12:09 pm ▲ 2.9 ft	5:57 pm ▼ 1.1 ft	11:19 pm ▲ 3.2 ft
Tu	6:53 am ▼ -0.6 ft	1:09 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	6:46 pm ▼ 1.3 ft	
We	7:44 am ▼ -1.0 ft	2:03 pm ▲ 3.2 ft	7:32 pm ▼ 1.4 ft	

**Shell Point, Spring Creek**

Th	12:21 am ▼ 1.7 ft	5:44 am ▲ 2.9 ft	1:17 pm ▼ 0.3 ft	8:09 pm ▲ 2.8 ft
Fr	1:45 am ▼ 1.4 ft	7:19 am ▲ 2.6 ft	2:17 pm ▼ 0.5 ft	8:59 pm ▲ 2.9 ft
Sa	3:08 am ▼ 1.0 ft	9:10 am ▲ 2.6 ft	3:17 pm ▼ 0.7 ft	9:44 pm ▲ 3.1 ft
Su	4:18 am ▼ 0.4 ft	10:41 am ▲ 2.8 ft	4:15 pm ▼ 1.0 ft	10:25 pm ▲ 3.3 ft
Mo	5:17 am ▼ -0.2 ft	11:51 am ▲ 3.0 ft	5:07 pm ▼ 1.2 ft	11:04 pm ▲ 3.5 ft
Tu	6:10 am ▼ -0.7 ft	12:50 pm ▲ 3.2 ft	5:56 pm ▼ 1.4 ft	11:44 pm ▲ 3.7 ft
We	7:01 am ▼ -1.2 ft	1:45 pm ▲ 3.3 ft	6:41 pm ▼ 1.6 ft	

**Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay**

Th	12:15 am ▼ 1.2 ft	5:23 am ▲ 2.1 ft	1:06 pm ▼ 0.2 ft	7:35 pm ▲ 2.1 ft
Fr	1:37 am ▼ 1.0 ft	6:58 am ▲ 2.0 ft	2:08 pm ▼ 0.4 ft	8:27 pm ▲ 2.2 ft
Sa	2:59 am ▼ 0.5 ft	8:47 am ▲ 2.0 ft	3:11 pm ▼ 0.5 ft	9:13 pm ▲ 2.3 ft
Su	4:08 am ▼ 0.3 ft	10:15 am ▲ 2.1 ft	4:10 pm ▼ 0.7 ft	9:55 pm ▲ 2.4 ft
Mo	5:07 am ▼ -0.1 ft	11:25 am ▲ 2.3 ft	5:04 pm ▼ 0.9 ft	10:35 pm ▲ 2.6 ft
Tu	6:00 am ▼ -0.5 ft	12:25 pm ▲ 2.5 ft	5:53 pm ▼ 1.0 ft	11:16 pm ▲ 2.7 ft
We	6:51 am ▼ -0.8 ft	1:19 pm ▲ 2.6 ft	6:39 pm ▼ 1.1 ft	11:57 pm ▲ 2.8 ft

**St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.**

Th	12:10 am ▼ 1.6 ft	5:30 am ▲ 2.1 ft	1:02 pm ▼ 0.1 ft	8:12 pm ▲ 2.1 ft
Fr	2:01 am ▼ 1.3 ft	7:11 am ▲ 1.9 ft	2:07 pm ▼ 0.4 ft	8:55 pm ▲ 2.2 ft
Sa	3:24 am ▼ 0.9 ft	9:01 am ▲ 1.9 ft	3:12 pm ▼ 0.6 ft	9:31 pm ▲ 2.3 ft
Su	4:21 am ▼ 0.4 ft	10:34 am ▲ 2.0 ft	4:11 pm ▼ 0.9 ft	10:04 pm ▲ 2.4 ft
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**Dog Island West End**

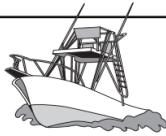
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Best hunting and fishing based on solar times: MAJOR feeding periods are 2 hours long, centered on the solar time. MINOR feeding periods are only 1 hour long, again centered on the solar time.



## Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



The following comes from Bob Currie, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Recreational Boating Safety Specialist, Coast Guard Auxiliary Station Galveston Flotilla:

We are at the time of year where we have super tides – super high or super low. Super low tides can expose areas of the bottom called shoals. Shoals are often made of shell beds. Hitting a shoal at speed can be a life-threatening event.

A shoal is a natural submerged ridge, bank, or bar that consists of, or is covered by, sand, shell, or other unconsolidated material such as silt, and rises from the bed of a body of water close to the surface or above it, which poses a danger to navigation.

The most common incidence when dealing with a shoal is unintentional grounding. When unintentional groundings occur at speed they can result in ejection of the passengers and severe damage to the boat. Accidents like this occur when novice boaters stray outside the marked

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channels. Channels are like roads for cars. Just as you wouldn't leave the road in your car and take off across a field at speed, you shouldn't do the same thing in a boat.

When you look at the surface of the water, unless you are very experienced in interpreting wave patterns you can't tell how deep the water is in a particular location without using a depth finder.

Looking around can be quite deceiving. Much of the water in bays is quite shallow, and unless you know the area you are operating in, you are always in great danger of grounding your boat. If you ground on a shoal you risk severe damage to your hull as well as ejection from the boat.

One of the most

important things you can do as a recreational boater is to know the territory in which you intend to operate. You can minimize the risk of grounding and damaging your boat by following a few rules. Here are some tips for boating in shallow water:

1. Know your draft
2. Know the reported depths where you intend to operate
3. Know the local water hazards
4. Know the effect of wind and tide on local water depths
5. Slow down if you are unsure of the depth
6. Don't raise the trim all the way
7. Watch for changes in the color of the water
8. Don't beach your boat on a falling tide
9. Use GPS track-

ing  
10. Have a means of calling for help  
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](mailto:steve.hults@uscgaux.net)

Please contact us for more information about our safe boating classes or learning more about getting involved in the Auxiliary, check out our website at [www.uscgaux.net](http://www.uscgaux.net) follow us on FaceBook @ Apalachee Bay Flotilla 12 or contact our Flotilla Commander Norma Hill at [njhill@ballstate.bsu.edu](mailto:njhill@ballstate.bsu.edu).

*The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed civilian volunteer component of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Coast Guard in nearly all mission areas. The Auxiliary was created by Congress in 1939. For more information, please visit [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org).*



## Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

**Sunscreen Underwater.** February 28, 2019

How often have you been in a swimming pool or on a popular beach and smelled the lotions of other people in the water? We know this is a challenge because our masks will prematurely fog up and require repeated clearing. A sheen observed by a person in Palau following a group of divers, resulted in an investigation and ultimately an alternative product to sun protection. We are increasingly becoming aware that these ingredients that caused the sheen on the water are harming the corals in our precious sea. Chemicals common to sun screens are oxybenzone and octinoxate. They have been banned in the state of Hawaii in an effort to protect the corals from this human chemical assault. Palau took an even stricter stance by further banning ten common ingredients companies are using to substitute for sunscreen, promoting the use of non-nano mineral-based sunscreens.

OK, I agree, the corals are under a lot of other assaults, such as increased temperature (climate change), ocean acidification from too much CO2 in the atmosphere, pollution from increased populations dumping sewage or other chemicals into the water, and mechanical damage from fins or anchors dragging on the reef. Surely these are far more dangerous to corals that some sunscreen washed off humans in the water. How can sunscreen be so important in the bigger picture? It's all cumulative. Some things we can do something about now, while some will take a lot longer to bring under control. Using a coral safe sunscreen is an easy step that everyone can take now to lessen the assault on corals.

And skin cancer is on the rise, as people at the beach are using higher and higher SPF rated sunscreens. Most dermatologists now recognize that an SPF 30, when properly applied, is an effective sun protection. Unfortunately, exposing your body to these harmful chemicals however carries its own risks to you and the environment. The same ingredients in many sun screens have been shown to affect our (human) endocrine systems, leading the Journal Lancet to advise dermatologists to stop recommending common sunscreens without considering human health and planetary impacts.

Because reef-safe standards have not yet been recognized nationally, people are being encouraged to read the labels of their sunscreen. Avoid using anything with oxybenzone, octinoxate, octocrylene, nanoparticles and parabens. Mineral-based sunscreens are thicker than most traditional sunscreens and need to be applied in smaller sections on your body. Reapply often as needed. Diver training agencies are now partnering with new companies to develop new sunscreen products that are coral safe. Expect to hear more about this developing technology. This summer season, absolutely be careful about your exposure to the sun. Do your part to help our struggling corals and shop for coral safe sunscreens.

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

## Optimist Club to raffle quilt

### Special to The Sun

The Optimist Club is selling raffle tickets for a gorgeous hand-made Christmas quilt, created and donated by our very own Nancy Fuerstenau. The quilt is truly stunning and would make a beautiful Christmas gift or festive addition to any home.

All proceeds will directly support our three Junior Optimist

after-school clubs, helping us provide much-needed snacks and juice for the kids. With multiple clubs meeting, your participation makes a meaningful difference.

Ticket prices are \$5 for one chance and \$10 for three chances.

Tickets are available at The Wakulla Sun office, 12 Arran Road, Crawfordville, on the courthouse square.



## A visible peace that inspires hope

By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

Despite your brokenness, wouldn't you like to experience the kind of peace that others envy?

Wouldn't you like to feel a peace that defies understanding, no matter what's going on in your marriage or family?

Even with everything happening in our country and around the world, wouldn't you love to have incredibly bold peace?

Think about the last high school reunion or family holiday you attended. Wasn't it fun to spend time with people you hadn't seen in years? Yet, at the same time, perhaps you felt a little insecure – especially if you've been through some dark seasons.

When we're at an event like this, we're tempted to compare ourselves to others' accomplishments and their seemingly perfect lives. Or (especially

for us ladies) to wonder how she managed to stay so skinny or look so young?

But what if, during the years between our get-togethers, we allowed God to transform our lives so profoundly that our conversations and perspectives radiated a joy and peace that was winsome and desirable?

Imagine the impact it would have, especially on those who understand the struggles we've endured. Imagine others recognizing qualities that matter more than appearance and achievements.

Philippians 4:6-7 (ESV) says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

I'm not suggesting we start preaching at our social or family gatherings this Thanksgiving and Christmas. I do suggest we live in a way that reflects our faith.

As we learn to bring every situation to our heavenly Father with

gratitude for His generous love, something beautiful takes place: His peace settles over us. A visible peace that shows even when the conversation turns to community or world events.

We aren't pretending or giving the false impression that our life is without pain, even sometimes devastating pain. On the contrary, we're sharing truthfully as someone who knows we're not alone in our circumstances. A person who knows God loves us and is at work in our lives.

Maybe instead of stressing about being the

most successful or the best looking at our next holiday family gathering or class reunion – or joining conversations about how the world is falling apart – we can become the envy of everyone by cultivating a faith that offers a peace beyond understanding.

A peace so profound that others will want it too.

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## Faithful in the small

By **CHERYL CRUCE**

At 2 years old, she was curious about everything – especially the little creepy-crawlies of the world. One afternoon, while she and her mother sat on the tailgate of the truck, she climbed down to watch a line of ants busy at work. Her mom leaned over and asked, "Maddi, what are you doing?" Maddi answered in her sweet toddler voice, "Bugs." Just

then, a piece of her popcorn tumbled from her bag – her favorite snack. She watched as the ants immediately rushed toward it, working together to carry it away. Maddi giggled, her eyes wide with wonder, and exclaimed, "Silly bugs."

What seemed silly to Maddi is truly amazing. An ant, tiny as it is, can lift more than 10 times its own weight. Grain by grain, crumb by crumb, they build their world, unrelenting and committed to their work. They don't rush, complain, or quit. They simply do what must be done, one small task at a time, trusting that each little piece matters. There's something solid in that kind of consistency – a reminder that the big things – homes, families,

ministries – are rarely built in leaps, but in tiny steps.

Just like those ants, we create our world one small act of obedience, one moment of grace, one steady step of faith at a time. What Maddi saw that day—those tiny ants, carrying far more than their size and steadily building, one grain at a time – echoes throughout Scripture. God has always delighted in using the small, the unnoticed, the unassuming.

In John 6, a little boy set out to explore his day with a lunch of fish and bread. There was nothing remarkable about his lunch until he handed it over to Jesus. In Jesus' hands, that humble lunch fed more than five thousand. The lunch,

ordinary in appearance, became extraordinary in God's power.

In Mark 12, a poor widow approached the temple offering two small coins. They made little sound, seeming insignificant to anyone watching. But Jesus saw her heart. In His eyes, her humble gift – given out of trust and devotion, even in her poverty – carried far more value than the wealthier offerings. Ordinary in appearance, yet extraordinary through God's grace.

Then there is Ruth. Her story began not with a miracle, but with loss and uncertainty. Yet she remained faithful, helping Naomi and gleaned wheat in Boaz's fields, stalk by stalk. Her quiet, daily acts of obedience may have gone unno-

ticed, but they set the stage for the greatest miracle of all: becoming part of the lineage that brought our Redeemer, Jesus, into the world. Ordinary in appearance, yet extraordinary in God's hands (Book of Ruth).

Faithfulness isn't flashy. It doesn't always draw applause or recognition. Faithfulness is often quiet moments of patience, gentle words of encouragement, or prayers whispered when no one is listening. Yet these small acts are the bricks and mortar of God's kingdom, laid day by day, moment by moment, in ways that echo eternally.

From ants carrying crumbs, to a child's lunch feeding thousands, to Ruth gleaned

grain, to the widow giving her last two coins – God shows us the same truth: what seems small in our hands can become mighty in His. Today, He invites you to take the next faithful step, no matter how ordinary it seems – offer a gentle word, a prayer, an act of kindness. Trust Him with the rest, and watch how He multiplies your small, faithful acts into something far greater than you could imagine.

Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin... Zechariah 4:10

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

### OUT TO PASTOR

## Fall fell way too soon this year

By **JAMES SNYDER**

This summer was the best I have had in a long time. I enjoy summer because the weather is always warm, sometimes even hot.

I was so focused on enjoying my summer that I did not realize fall had arrived.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came into my office the other day and said, "Do you know what day it is today?"

Looking at her with a smug smile, I said, "Yes, my dear, I do know what day it is. It's today."

She chuckled and said to me, "Oh, you don't know what today is. It's fall. Don't you keep up with anything?"

Looking at her with a bit of hesitation, I said, "What do you mean it's fall?"

It was then that I began to understand what she was saying. The leaves were turning from their vibrant green to a dull brown, the air was getting crisper and the days were getting shorter. Summer is over, and now it is fall. For me, fall fell way too soon. I need a little more summer time before I am ready to graduate to fall.

During the summer, I get many things done in the "catch-up" category. I was not quite all caught

up when The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage announced that it was officially fall.

The critical thing about summertime is The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage stocking up on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's activities. She packs the refrigerator and freezer to their maximum. By the time summer is over, she is already prepared for the upcoming holidays.

It takes her a few weeks to find the right turkey for the holiday season. She is an expert in finding the right turkeys; after all, she found me.

What I like about the summer season is the variety of activities available. I do not have to make an excuse to go and do something. I'll say, "It's summer and I'm going to enjoy this season."

Now that I'm a little older, I have to scale back my physical activities. Years ago, I used to go bowling with some friends. Now, it takes me a while to gather the energy to go and watch a bowling game.

I can take a couple of days off and say to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, "After all, it is summertime." I try to take advantage of this as often as possible. It is almost impossible to trick The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. She knows what I'm doing before I tell her what I'm going to do. However, I still try.

Now that summer is over, I have graduated into the fall season. There are some advantages to this time of the year, and I am still learning what some of them are.

One advantage I use as much as possible is the weather. In the fall, it is colder than in summertime. Of course, with me, when the temperature drops below my age, I am freezing.

So, there is an advantage to this because if The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage wants me to go outside, I renege and say, "Oh, boy, I really would love to, but it is so cold I really can't handle it."

Looking at me, she will smile and say, "If you think it is cold, why don't you put on a sweater and then go outside?"

She has me at that. I try as much as possible, and occasionally it works; that is all that is important.

The other aspect of the fall season is the many holidays celebrated during this time. They go from Halloween to Easter. Once it starts, it is tough for me to keep up with these holidays.

I am not a holiday person, except for the food, which I like. However, these holidays come so fast, I do not know which one I am celebrating at any given time. As long as

there's food on the table, I will celebrate whatever holiday it is.

Of course, the great benefit of all these holidays is that The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage organizes our family get-together. It is during the summer that she stocks up on all the food for these get-togethers. Then, when that holiday comes, I really do not care what holiday it is; I am going to celebrate the food she puts on the table.

I do not think anybody makes a better pumpkin pie than The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Actually, it does not matter which pie she is making; they are all marvelous as well as delicious. My favorite pie is the one I'm eating at the time. I would make up a holiday if it meant I could have one of her pies.

If it weren't for all these holidays, I wouldn't have gotten to see some of my family. Therefore, the great thing about graduating to the fall season is about families. Nothing is greater than gathering around the dinner table with your family and eating the delicious food

that is there for us.

As I considered gathering as a family to celebrate, I thought of a verse in the Bible.

"Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men" (Psalm 107:8).

Gathering together is a great time to celebrate all that God has blessed

us with during the year. And He has blessed us wonderfully.

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# Obituaries

## DEATH NOTICES

• **Thomas Crowder**, 78, of Crawfordville, died November 18, 2025

• **Larry Davis**, 83, of Crawfordville, died November 19, 2025.

• **James Monroe High Sr.**, 97, of Crawfordville, died

November 15, 2025.

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

## Sheriff's Report

This report is for activity November 14th to 21st. There were 1,503 total calls for service during the week.

### FRIDAY, NOV. 14

• No reports.

### SATURDAY, NOV. 15

• 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 this individual \$10,000, but has yet to complete the work. Case forwarded to Criminal Investigation Division.

• Deputy Jeremiah Post responded to Walmart and made contact with Asset Protection. It was determined two suspects passed the last point of sale with \$440 in unpaid merchandise. A possible suspect has been identified. Case forwarded to CID.

• Deputy Austin Rivers and Deputy Jeremiah Post conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that was confirmed to have a suspended driver license. The subject was placed under arrest, and during the vehicle inventory a crack pipe and ammunition was located. He was determined to be a convicted felon; therefore, he was charged additionally for the paraphernalia and possession of ammo by a convicted felon.

### SUNDAY, NOV. 16

• Lt. Gibby Gibson responded to Ochlockonee Street where an individual advised the

Boy Scouts of America trailer had been broken into. Miscellaneous tools were stolen and the trailer was damaged during the crime. He advised the incident occurred within the last two weeks. Due to no leads on suspects and security footage, this report was taken for information purposes.

• Deputy Aimee Hoagland responded to Savannah Forest Circle and made contact with a homeowner who stated he arrived and discovered his mailbox hanging from the post. It appeared as if someone backed into the mailbox, but there was no evidence to indicate the damage was intentional or unintentional. He requested the incident be documented.

• Deputy Zachary Godwin along with other deputies responded to a traffic crash and a subject had already arrived on scene to assist his friend who was involved in a crash. The vehicle was emitting the strong odor of marijuana. Deputy Godwin confronted the friend with the odor and he advised there was a little marijuana in the vehicle. A search of the vehicle was conducted and a felony amount of marijuana was located. The subject was placed under arrest and transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

### MONDAY, NOV. 17

• Deputy Kory Smith responded to Greenlea Circle in reference to a lost property complaint. Contact was made with a citizen who advised she lost her Xanax pre-

scription after visiting her sister in Louisiana this past week. She stated the prescription was for 60 pills and she is unsure how many were left in the bottle. She stated she last saw the pill bottle on Nov. 16. She is requesting the incident be documented so her prescription can be refilled. Nothing further advised.

• A citizen was trespassed from Kangaroo at Spring Creek and Coastal Highway per the request of the clerk. The person was said to have been bothering the customers as they entered and exited the store. It was also discovered that he was highly intoxicated and unable to answer questions properly. Due to this, Mobile Response Team was deployed but ultimately did not meet criteria for a Marchman Act for involuntary commitment for drug or alcohol abuse.

### TUESDAY, NOV. 18

• Lt. William Spence responded to the sheriff's office in reference to a fraud complaint. Contact was made with a citizen who advised his credit report has been compromised. He advised he has reported the issue in the past and is concerned the unauthorized credit lines are still affecting his credit score. He requested the incident be documented in order for him to follow up with his credit bureau.

• Deputy Kory Smith, along with deputies Austin Rivers and Meredith Sullivan, responded to Liberty Road in reference to a criminal mischief complaint. Contact was made with a citizen who advised she discovered damage

to her son's bedroom window at the residence. Her son left the home around 7 a.m. and did not locate any of the damages. There were no witnesses to the incident. Photos were taken of the damages.

• Deputy Jackson Kittrell responded to a traffic crash at the beginning of shift. During the crash, it was discovered one of the involved parties had injuries and needed to be transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. The patient then advised he was carrying a firearm. Due to him being transported, the firearm was collected and submitted to property and evidence for safekeeping.

• Walmart Asset Protection reported a theft in progress. As deputies responded, a description of the suspect was given. The suspect was then located at the Murphy Gas Station. Asset Protection advised the subject had taken items from the store and exited passing all final points of sale failing to pay for the items. After gathering the evidence, he was placed under arrest and transported to the county jail without further incident.

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19

• A citizen who works for the City of St. Marks reported the theft of services. She stated a subject was identified as stealing water. She stated the subject bypassed the water meter to obtain water without paying for services. She will speak with city officials and decide if they want to pursue criminal charges.

• A citizen reported being scammed out of \$2,000. She advised a caller claiming to be

a deputy from WCSO informed her she has active warrants for missing jury duty. She was instructed to pay \$2,000 in fines. She sent the money via cash app to a subject who has been identified. Case forwarded to CID.

• A citizen reported being a victim of a fraud. He reported paying a contractor \$170,000 to build a home. The contractor took the money and never completed the project. Case forwarded to CID.

• A citizen reported her vehicle had been burglarized. She stated the seat and steering wheel were moved and the radio was on a different station. She advised nothing was taken from the vehicle.

### THURSDAY, NOV. 20

• A citizen reported hiring someone to build a fence. He paid \$7,200 upfront for the fence materials however the materials were wrong. The subject has not swapped the materials out nor has he refunded the money. The subject has stopped all contact with the reporting person and will not return his calls. Case forwarded to CID.

• Deputy Austin Rivers responded to Palomino Road and made contact with a citizen who stated he had several packages stolen from his mailbox. There was no evidence or suspect information in this case.

• Deputy Austin Rivers responded to Rengade Road and made contact with a citizen who stated his Masi bicycle was stolen from his front yard sometime during the day. He stated he believes he knows who may have taken

the bike. Attempts were made to locate this subject to no avail. Case forwarded to CID.

### FRIDAY, NOV. 21

• Deputy Kory Smith responded to the Starbucks in reference to a trespass complaint. Contact was made with an employee who requested a trespass warning be issued to an irate customer. The customer was overheard making threatening statements towards law enforcement prior to fleeing the scene. The subject has been listed as a threat to law enforcement by FDLE and was last seen traveling in a white Kia Sorento. The subject was unable to be located by responding deputies. The business requests he be issued a TPW if located.

• A citizen reported an unknown subject stealing a package from her porch while she was out of town. The package contained two sweat-suits which totaled approximately \$41.39. Video footage of this incident was captured. The reporting person completed a sworn affidavit and an affidavit for prosecution.

• A subject was arrested for stealing tuna from Mack's Meats. The person fled the scene on foot however, deputies were able to bolo the area and locate the subject walking down the road. Deputies made contact with the subject, and after gathering sufficient evidence, placed him under arrest. He was transported to the county jail without further incident.

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## Complaints

### From Front Page

hydrants.

He claims the dam or berm the county used for a pond (that sealed off his pond) is on his property.

A \$10,000 sign for the RV park that fronted on Coastal Highway was removed by the county and taken to the dump.

And he claims that the golf course's new parking lot was not built to code – the parking spaces are 14 feet and not the required 18 feet – meaning RVs often find it impassable, especially when two big pickups with trailer hitches are parked there.

McQuary laid out his complaints at a meeting of the Code Enforcement Board on Tuesday, Nov. 18 where the board voted unanimously to reduce the RV park's fines from more than \$41,000 to just over \$2,400.

McQuary had asked the code board to reduce the fines to nothing, complaining that the county had done him wrong.

"I'm not gonna be happy if I have to pay a dime" in fines, McQuary told the board.

He is set to appear before the county commission on Dec. 8 to make

his case.

Assistant County Administrator Somer Pell said McQuary's claim about the parking lot not meeting code is "untrue."

"Everything meets code," Pell said. "Just because McQuary says it doesn't make it true."

McQuary claims that Pell was present at an inspection of the parking lot recently, and it was determined that some spaces were too small and were subsequently posted as parking for "Compact Cars."

Of the issue of the county's dam or berm being on his property, she said that was true.

"We have tried multiple times to fix it – to buy it, or get an easement or move it," Pell said.

County Administrator David Edwards said that under the prior owners of the RV park, the county had offered to fill the hole where the pond was with fill dirt – but the then-owner rejected the offer saying the dirt wasn't clean, that it had limestone rock in it.

And Edwards said the sign on the highway was taken down because it was on county right-of-way when work was being done. It was offered to the then-owners who



Some parking spaces at the Wakulla Sands Golf Course are labeled for 'Compact Car Parking Only.'

said they didn't want it so it was disposed of.

The RV park began to incur fines in May 2024

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for violating the Land Development Code for unpermitted expansion of the park with additional new spaces. Fines began accruing at \$250 the first day and \$100 each additional day.

The RV park was brought into compliance in October and the code board voted to reduce the fines to the county's hard costs for investigating the violation plus 20%.

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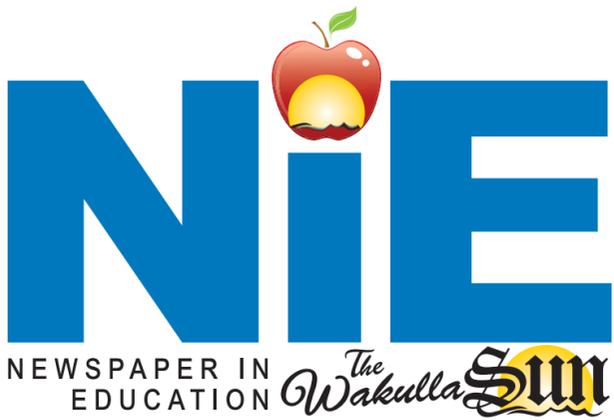
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## USE THE NEWS

### 1. KEEPING KIDS SAFER ON ROBLOX

Roblox is a huge on-line game where kids can play, build worlds, and chat with other players. Because so many children use Roblox, the company is adding a new safety tool that looks at a picture of a player's face to guess their age. The goal is to make sure kids mostly chat with people close to their own age or with people they know in real life, so strangers can't easily bother or trick them. Some adults like this idea because it could help keep kids safer, while others worry about what might happen if pictures were ever stolen or misused. Roblox says the photos are only used to check age and then are deleted. Write 3 rules you would give to a younger friend about staying safe when they play games or chat online, and then design a simple "Online Safety" poster that shows at least one of those rules with a short sentence and a small drawing.

### 2. CHOCOLATE THAT PROTECTS THE RAINFOREST

In Brazil, near the Amazon rainforest, chocolatiers are making special chocolate bars using cacao beans and other foods that grow in the forest, like Brazil nuts, açai berries, and a fruit called cupuaçu. For a long time, big companies far away bought cacao cheaply and made most of the money, but now more of the chocolate is being made right in Brazil. The people who make this chocolate want small farmers and Indigenous communities to earn good money without cutting down the forest, because cacao trees grow best in the shade of taller trees. If farmers can get paid fairly for growing cacao and other forest foods, they have more reasons to keep the rainforest alive and healthy. At the same time, they must be careful, because huge cacao farms with lots of chemicals could still harm the land. Imagine you are creating your own "rainforest chocolate" bar: write a short paragraph explaining which rainforest ingredients you would include, how your chocolate would help local farmers, and why protecting the forest matters, and then sketch what the wrapper for your bar might look like.

### 3. CLIMATE TALKS WITHOUT A CLEAR

### PLAN

Leaders from many countries met in Belém, Brazil, for big climate talks called COP30 to discuss how to slow down global warming. Scientists say that burning fossil fuels like coal, oil, and gas is heating up the planet and causing more heat waves, floods, and wildfires, but the final agreement from the meeting did not clearly say that the world must move away from these fuels. Some countries that sell a lot of oil pushed hard to keep fossil fuels from being named in the plan, while smaller and poorer countries, especially island nations, begged for stronger action because they are already facing dangerous storms and rising seas. Many diplomats

left the meeting feeling disappointed, saying the deal did not match what the science says we need to do. Even so, some groups are trying to keep working together on protecting forests and helping communities adapt to climate change. Think about your own life and choose three everyday actions that could help the planet, such as saving energy, wasting less, or planting trees; then write 3 to 5 sentences explaining each action and how it could make a small difference even when world leaders move slowly.

### 4. SOLANGE'S TRAVELING LIBRARY OF STORIES

Solange Knowles is a Grammy-winning musician who also loves books, history, and

art. She created the Saint Heron Library, a special collection of rare and out-of-print books by Black and brown writers, and she loans them to people all over the United States for free. Instead of just putting everything online, she likes sending real books through the mail and hosting events where people can hold the books, read them at home, and then send them back so someone else can enjoy them. Solange worries that these important stories might become too expensive or hard to find, so she travels, searches in old bookstores, and carefully lends the books to keep the stories alive in the communities that need them most. Now she is also a scholar in residence at a university, where she will help students learn to tell their own stories through

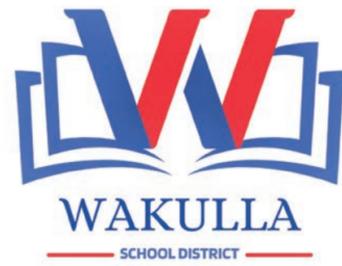
music and art. Create a mini "lending library" in your imagination by choosing three books (real or made up) that you would want to share with your community, and in a short paragraph describe each book, who you would hope would borrow it, and one rule you would use to make sure the books get returned so others can read them too.

### 5. A SECRET MOUNTAIN OF TRASH

In the English countryside near a highway, people discovered a huge hidden pile of garbage as long as a football field and as tall as a four-story building. Criminals had secretly dumped truckloads of household trash there, probably at night, because it is expensive to throw away waste the right way. The trash

heap was so big that it shocked local residents and leaders, and cleaning it up could cost more than the nearby town's whole yearly budget. Experts worry that rain could wash dirty water from the trash into a nearby river that flows into the famous River Thames, harming plants, animals, and people. The government is now investigating who is responsible and says the people who dumped the trash should pay for the cleanup. Write 4 to 6 sentences pretending you are a reporter visiting the giant trash pile for a news story. Describe what you see, what you smell, and why people in the town are upset. Then explain one question you would ask the local government about how this trash could be dumped for so long without anyone noticing.

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This country celebrates Thanksgiving in October.

Answer: Canada



**English:** Turkey  
**Spanish:** Pavo  
**Italian:** Tacchino  
**French:** Dindon  
**German:** Truthahn

### What's the Difference?

Find the four differences between the two pictures.

A



B



Answers: 1. Garnish missing from stuffing 2. Extra slice of turkey 3. Missing knife 4. Pie in place of cranberries

### THIS DAY IN HISTORY



**1833:** A massive undersea earthquake rocks Sumatra.

**1915:** Albert Einstein presents the field equations of general relativity.

**1963:** The state funeral of John F. Kennedy takes place and the President is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

### NEW WORD

### GRATITUDE

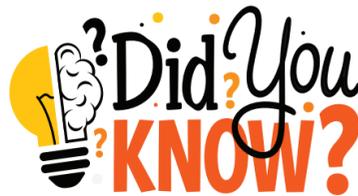
the quality of being thankful

### Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Cranberry sauce



Pumpkin pie is a popular dessert served on Thanksgiving. Apple pie also is popular on this beloved holiday.



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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.  
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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.

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 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.

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 20, 2025.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Frances Casey Lowe, Esq.  
 Florida Bar No. 521450  
 Frances Casey Lowe, P.A.  
 68-A Feli Way  
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Co-Personal Representatives:  
 Jeremy Robert Hurst  
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 Elizabeth Renae Hodge  
 79 Royal Oaks Ct.  
 Crawfordville, FL 32327

November 20, 27, 2025

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

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LINDA LOUISE HOOKER, DECEASED

FILE NO: 25-CP-179

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of LINDA LOUISE HOOKER, Deceased, whose date of death with February 17, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 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 is required to be served must file their claims with this Court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF 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 the decedent's estate must file the claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN F.S. 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is November 27, 2025.

ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
 /s/ WILLIAM H. WEBSTER  
 Attorney at Law  
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 Hosford, FL 32334  
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

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TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 019**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **DUANE EVANS LLC** The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: **46** Date of Issuance: **June 1, 2023**  
Parcel #: **12-5s-03w-063-00798-000**  
Description of Property:  
**12-5s-3w Indian Summer  
Lot 76 OR 46 P 28  
OR 90 P 228 OR 674 P 768  
OR 674 P 769 DC OR 940 P 243**

Name in which assessed **JEAN C GOOSMAN** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **January 28, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

**November 7, 2025**  
Signature: Greg James, Clerk  
By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk  
Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida  
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 020**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **DUANE EVANS LLC** The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: **85** Date of Issuance: **June 1, 2023**  
Parcel #: **02-6s-03w-000-01308-016**  
Description of Property:  
**2-6s-3w p-12-16 .85 ac  
a parcel adjacent to Lot 9 of Ochlockonee River Estates  
Unit 2 OR 182 P 709 OR 101 P 843-845 OR 436 P 178**

Name in which assessed **BROWN BROWN LEONARD ROE ETAL/ THOMAS R WRIGHT ETAL** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **January 28, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 021**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **DUANE EVANS LLC** The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: **226** Date of Issuance: **June 1, 2023**  
Parcel #: **09-5s-02w-000-02748-000**  
Description of Property:  
**9-5s-2w p-11-m-40  
Begin at SE cor of NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 DB 47 P 180  
OR 1107 P 799 OR 1107 P 801 OR 1294 P 32 OR 1307 P 760**

Name in which assessed **HAZEL RANDOLPH/ JACQUELINE WASHINGTON** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **January 28, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

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TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 022**

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Certificate #: **266** Date of Issuance: **June 1, 2023**  
Parcel #: **23-5s-02w-056-02821-000**  
Description of Property:  
**Joseph Lee Estates  
Block G Lot 8  
OR 54 P 254 & OR 71 P 967  
OR 1079 P 458**

Name in which assessed **CHARLES PETE GRIGGS** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **January 28, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 023**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **IDE TECHNOLOGIES INC** The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: **42** Date of Issuance: **May 29, 2020**  
Parcel #: **35-4s-03w-000-00581-000**  
Description of Property:  
**35 4s 3w p-5-m-25 in the S 1/2 of Sec 35  
OR 16 P 390 OR 85 P 435  
OR 141 P 871 OR 499 P 634  
OR 792 P 644 OR 869 P 730**

Name in which assessed **HEIRS OF BUREK GUNBAY** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **January 28, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

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TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 024**

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Certificate #: **600** Date of Issuance: **June 1, 2023**  
Parcel #: **08-6s-01w-302-04863-d04**  
Description of Property:  
**Tradewinds Sub Boat Dock 4  
OR 504 P 451 OR 760 P 703  
OR 786 P 154 OR 992 P 523  
OR 1171 P 797**

Name in which assessed **PANACEA BAY LLC** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **January 28, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 025**

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Certificate #: **712** Date of Issuance: **June 1, 2023**  
Parcel #: **03-4s-01e-313-05700-a05**  
Description of Property:  
**Shell Island Retreat Ph I  
Lot 5 Block A OR 527 P 224 OR 618 P 774  
OR 870 P 576 OR 986 P 469  
OR 1208 P 501**

Name in which assessed **MCCABE BROTHERS LLC** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **January 28, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 026**

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Certificate #: **949** Date of Issuance: **June 1, 2023**  
Parcel #: **00-00-035-008-07924-000**  
Description of Property:  
**Wakulla Gardens  
Block 24 Lot 19  
OR 5 P 827 OR 351 P 462 & 463  
OR 1122 P 794**

Name in which assessed **JOHN GLYNN PHILLIPS** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **January 28, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

**November 7, 2025**  
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By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk  
Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida  
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 027**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **IDE TECHNOLOGIES INC** The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: **959** Date of Issuance: **June 1, 2023**  
Parcel #: **00-00-035-008-07984-000**  
Description of Property:  
**Wakulla Gardens  
Block 25 Lot 12 OR 52 P 157**

Name in which assessed **CHESTRESS D STAYWICK** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **January 28, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

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TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 028**

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Certificate #: **976** Date of Issuance: **June 1, 2022**  
Parcel #: **00-00-043-010-08866-000**  
Description of Property:  
**Wakulla Gardens Unit 3  
Block 20 Lot 47 OR 7 P 853**

Name in which assessed **MISS IRIS BAKER BAUMGARNER BAKER** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **January 28, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

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TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 029**

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Certificate #: **1246** Date of Issuance: **June 1, 2023**  
Parcel #: **00-00-072-000-10153-005**  
Description of Property:  
**Lot 72 HS p-5-5-m-21a  
a parcel in the NW 1/4 of HS  
72 on S Side of Hwy 61 OR 448 P 588 OR 881 P 536  
OR 993 P 855**

Name in which assessed **BRYAN LEE HUDSON** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **January 28, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 030**

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Certificate #: **1261** Date of Issuance: **June 1, 2023**  
Parcel #: **00-00-073-178-10186-a18**  
Description of Property:  
**HS Lot 73 Block A Lot 18 of Trice Estates Unit 1  
OR 123 P 699 OR 177 P 434  
OR 321 P 573 OR 383 P 154  
OR 392 P 719 OR 642 P 282**

Name in which assessed **HALENE HARTSFIELD** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **January 28, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

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**GUESS WHO ?**

I am a country singer born in South Carolina on November 20, 1977. I went to the Vanderbilt voice clinic to treat a lesion on my vocal cords. I performed at the Grand Ole Opry in 2001 and have had several top ten hits.

Answer: Delta Answer: Josh Turner

**GEOGRAPHY WORD SEARCH**

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R A V Q U H E M I S P H E R E B O N D H  
O V M L N Q W R A L Y U E S Y V I B R C  
S A G C R D I A E I M N P D O B R N U O A  
I N Q S R T A L F V A G S Q E U G T L R  
O N R U A O N M U T E W S H E R M W S M  
N A B M R C L E L S N R T U G G O R A F  
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P Q N S L F N U A T V P L E U G G C O T  
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F I V G I N R R S D O R L T E R E U E T  
F Q G P F U P R I M E M E R I D I A N C

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

**WORDS**

- ARCHIPELAGO
- BASIN
- CONTINENT
- DELTA
- DESERT
- EQUATOR
- EROSION
- GLACIER
- HEMISPHERE
- ISTHMUS
- LATITUDE
- LONGITUDE
- MOUNTAIN RANGE
- PENINSULA
- PLATEAU
- PRIME MERIDIAN
- RAINFORST
- RIVERS
- SAVANNA
- TOPOGRAPHY
- TUNDRA
- VALLEY
- WATERSHED
- WEATHER

**WORD SCRAMBLE**

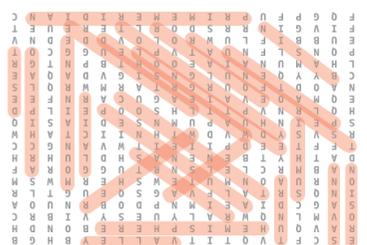
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to geography.

**D L E A T**

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# Chamber Business Excellence Awards held

## From the Chamber

The Wakulla Chamber of Commerce held its annual Business Excellence Awards on Thursday, Nov. 20 at Wakulla Springs Lodge.

Let's raise a little Emerald City

sparkle for the folks who light up Wakulla.

Community Impact: Leslie Weiss  
Consumer: Jimmy John's  
Non-Profit: Rotary Club of Wakulla  
Service: a tie between Wakulla Environmental Institute and Sun

Chaser Fitness Crawfordville

Professional: Real Recovery 850  
Trade: Bryan's Lawn Care (couldn't join in person, but we're cheering loud!)

A huge thank you to Talquin Electric Cooperative for powering this cel-

ebration and supporting our business community all year long.

Thank you to The Lodge at Wakulla Springs for hosting us in your beautiful venue, excellent food and fantastic service.



Leslie Weiss won for Community Impact.



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Rotary Club of Wakulla won Non-profit.



Wakulla Environmental Institute tied for Service.



THIS PHOTO BY COURTNEY WAHL

Sunchaser Fitness was named co-winner for the Service category.



Jimmy John's won for Consumer.



THIS PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE SUN

Bryan's Lawn Care won for Trade. (They weren't able to attend the event.)



Real Recovery 850 won for Professional.



The dining room at the historic Lodge at Wakulla Springs.



Heather Bryan, Tonya James and Katie Taff.



Missy Rudd Gainer and Mary Wallace.



Wade Brown with Sheriff Jared Miller.

# SHOPPER'S *Holiday* GUIDE

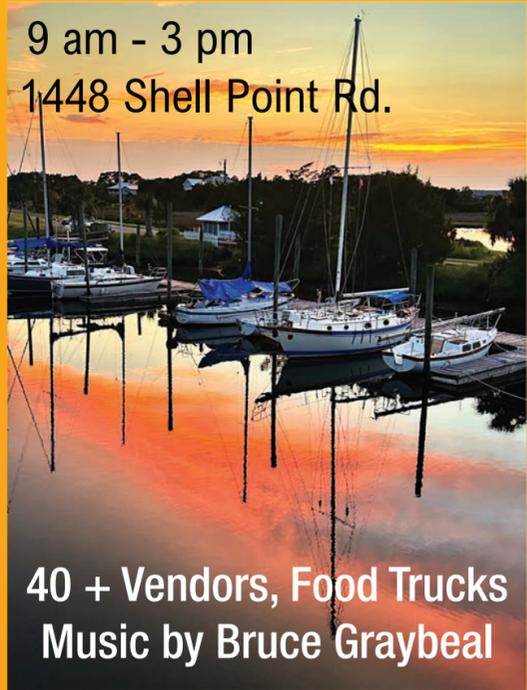
 APALACHEE BAY FIREHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTER

## Coastal Christmas Market

Saturday, November 29

9 am - 3 pm

1448 Shell Point Rd.



40 + Vendors, Food Trucks  
Music by Bruce Graybeal

For More Info, Call or Text:  
(850) 545-6850

**Did you know?**  
When you shop with local merchants more of your money stays closer to home; supporting your local parks, recreation centers, libraries and other things that make this community a great place to live.

Local ownership means that important decisions are made locally by people who live in the community and who will feel the impacts of those decisions.

Your dollars spent in locally owned businesses have three times the impact on your community as dollars spent at national chains. When shopping locally,

you simultaneously create jobs, fund more services through sales tax, invest in neighborhood improvement and promote community development. Locally owned businesses create more jobs locally and, in some sectors, provide better wages and benefits. Locally owned businesses build strong neighborhoods by giving back to the community, linking neighbors, and by contributing more to local causes. Shop local and keep your local dollars circulating in your home town!



*Cookies with Santa*

Sunday, Dec. 7th  
1:00 - 3:00

Cost : \$5.00  
Cash Only Donation Per family

BRING YOUR CAMERAS  
For Photos with Santa



Includes:  
Cookies, a drink  
& Christmas  
Gift Bag



Crawfordville Woman's Club  
Fundraiser  
64 Ochlockonee St.

*The* **Wakulla Sun**

WAKULLA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## Christmas OPEN HOUSE

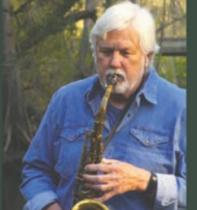
WAKULLA COUNTY MUSEUM AT THE HISTORIC JAIL  
24 HIGH DRIVE

DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> 4-7 pm  
The Fife and Drum Corps perform from 4:30-5:30

DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> 1-4 pm  
Live performance by local musician Sammy Tedder



With  
Cindy Roe Littlejohn, Author of Palmetto Pioneers



Our gift shop featuring local artisans and our annual ornaments

Shop Local - Savor Homemade Goodies - Gather with Friends  
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**FWMA**  
FLORIDA WILD MAMMAL ASSOCIATION

## Christmas for the Critters

DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2025  
10-3  
HUDSON PARK

REFRESHMENTS  
DECORATED CHRISTMAS TREES FOR PURCHASE  
RAFFLE BASKETS  
DECORATE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS TREE  
MEET OUR ANIMAL AMBASSADORS

PLEASE JOIN US!  
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Wakulla **COMMUNITY** Theater

# A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION SPECIAL

\$15<sup>00</sup> Tickets



Friday, December 5th  
Beginning at 7PM  
Sopchoppy Auditorium

## Join Us for a Festive Holiday Performance!

Enjoy an evening filled with holiday cheer, live performances, music, and heartwarming community spirit. Bring your family and friends to kick off the season with laughter, joy, and local talent.

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Let's celebrate the magic of Christmas together with Wakulla's finest performers. We can't wait to see you there!