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## Jo Ann Daniels

Retired educator, former school board member, is still working with students

By LINDA ANN McDONALD  
Correspondent

Retiring after 30 years in the Wakulla school system, the impact of Jo Ann Daniels' educational leadership and community involvement continually resonates throughout the schools and community of Wakulla County.

Now, she is actively volunteering in the schools and as president of the Wakulla Optimist Club and Junior Optimist clubs. "Once a teacher, always a teacher," Daniels says.

Her educational career was launched at Wakulla High school teaching physical science. Her thirst for knowledge led her to seek additional certifications in both social studies and Spanish. Daniels majored in Spanish Education.

"I knew since 7th grade I wanted to be a teacher, I went ahead and



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Jo Ann Daniels says 'Once a teacher, always a teacher.'

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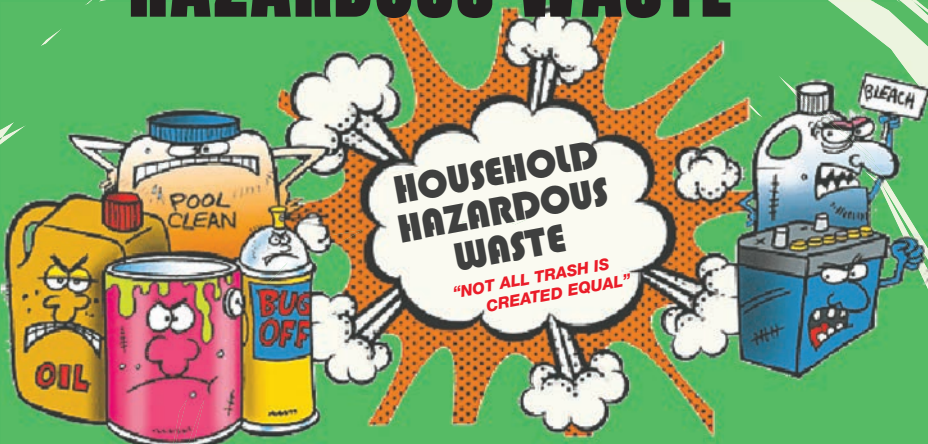
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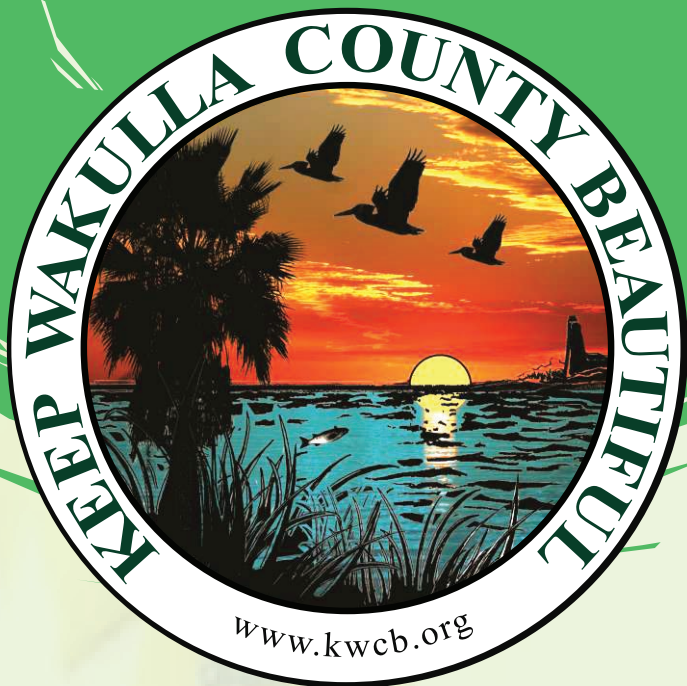


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**#4. Florida has two seasons – Can you name them?**  
**#5. What city is nicknamed the River City?**  
**#6. “Jacksonville” got it’s name in 1822, what was it called prior.**

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Keeping youth active and engaged during the summer can help them stay fit and ready for the upcoming school year.

# Keeping kids active, engaged during the summer



By SAMANTHA KENNEDY

Extension Director

As the school year draws to a close, parents and guardians face the annual challenge of keeping their children active and engaged during the long summer months. With the absence of structured school days, it is crucial to find ways to maintain a balance between relaxation and productive activities. Here is why keeping kids active and engaged during the summer is important, along with some practical tips to achieve this goal.

Regular physical activity is essential for children's health. It helps in maintaining a healthy weight, building strong bones and muscles, and reducing the risk of developing chronic diseases. During the summer, when children are not bound by the school schedule, it is an excellent opportunity to encourage outdoor

play and sports. Staying active is not just about physical health; it also significantly impacts mental well-being. Engaging in physical activities can reduce stress, anxiety, and depression. It also promotes better sleep and improves overall mood.

The phenomenon known as the "summer slide" refers to the loss of academic skills over the summer break. Keeping children engaged in educational activities can help mitigate this effect. Activities such as reading, educational games, and visits to museums can keep their minds sharp. Summer activities often involve group settings, whether it is a sports team, a summer camp, or a community project. These environments provide children with opportunities to develop social skills, make new friends, and learn teamwork and cooperation.

Summer is a time for children to explore new interests and hobbies. Whether it is learning to play a musical instrument, trying out a new sport, or engaging in arts and crafts, these activities can foster creativity and a love for lifelong learning.

Enrolling children in summer camps offers a variety of activities that can keep them physically active and mentally stimulated. From sports camps to science camps, there are options to suit every interest. Taking advantage of the warm weather by planning outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, swimming, or even simple backyard games not only keeps kids active but also allows them to connect with nature.

The UF/IFAS Extension Service in Wakulla County is offering a variety of summer day camps for children ages 6-18. These camps are focused on different areas of interest from cooking and crafts to animals and exercise. The camps are built around teaching kids new skills and engaging both their minds and bodies. Slots are filling up fast, so call Christy Pearson at (850) 901-7092 to learn more and reserve your child's spot today!

While summer is a time for relaxation, having a loose routine can help children stay organized and make the most of their time. Including a mix of physical activities, educational tasks, and free play

in their daily schedule can be beneficial. Making reading a part of the daily routine is also important. Visiting the local library, participating in summer reading programs, or setting up a cozy reading nook at home can make reading both educational and a great way to unwind.

Summer is the perfect time for children to explore new hobbies. Planning activities that the whole family can enjoy together, such as family bike rides, picnics, or game nights, can create lasting memories and strengthen family bonds. Encouraging children to participate in community service projects can teach valuable life skills and instill a sense of responsibility and empathy.

Keeping kids active and engaged during the summer is essential for their overall development. By incorporating a variety of physical, educational, and social activities, parents can ensure that their children have a fun, productive, and enriching summer. Balancing relaxation with structured activities can help children return to school refreshed and ready to learn.



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# Real Life acceptance



By GREG GAST

Acceptance is the key to happiness. Wanting reality to be anything but what it is the root of all suffering. It is hard to let go of the past and accept whatever event has happened to us. The more we fight and resist instead of having acceptance of what is, the more likely we are to suffer and experience pain.

Life is a mess, and it will always throw curve balls that we can't prepare for. Here are some things you can mentally train yourself to be more resilient and ready to accept life on its terms.

Having acceptance of yourself is important for your happiness. There is only one of you in this world. You are totally unique, one of a kind so accept yourself as you are and play a role in shaping the world. Life is all about impermanence. Things always change so the one thing you need to accept is life is that nothing stays the same.

You'll always be getting older. Acceptance of what is about acknowledging that you only live once and time is running out. Do things

you want to do while you can do them. Acceptance is all about the realization that in life you're going to lose people. You lose romantic partners. Friends, and even family members. It is important to notice that people will come into your life unexpectedly as well. So let them all know how you appreciate them.

Life is chaotic, disorganized, and random. You can't plan the order of how things in life will work out. No matter how badly we want there to be order for life to go, it just doesn't work out that way. Realizing this will put you on the track of finding inner peace amid the chaos. Your thoughts aren't you. The main goal of thoughts are to keep you alive for

as long as possible. Remind yourself that you can pick and choose which thoughts you listen to, so choose wisely.

You cannot control people. We can influence people; be in reality we should just let them be. Everyone has a different path in life. Accept that people will sometimes do things differently than you. You can choose your friends, but you can't choose your family members. Acceptance that sometimes certain family members are toxic people, but they are still family.

Acceptance of the weather is crucial in life. We have seasons that change, and this is a reminder that we don't control this planet. Mother Nature does.

Acceptance of the past is the only way to live in the present. The past is behind you, it is unchangeable. When you realize that the present moment is all you have, you realize how much you can do right now.

People are a mix of good and bad. People who make mistakes will learn from them. People who seem to not make any will make them too. You can be the nicest, kindest person in the world and still have people who will hate you. Live life on your terms. You should be your number one fan, not your enemy. Don't let your inner critic match the voice of any haters.

Acceptance is the realization that you won't do all the things you

hoped to do or see in your life. Nobody ever accomplishes everything they'd like to do before they die. Sometimes you shouldn't get what. Sometimes it is just not possible to get what we want. Accepting this remembering that you can still live a happy and good life despite not getting what you want.

Acceptance is the key component to things in life. Resistance instead of acceptance of what is, is what leads to one's misery. Being accepting of things sets us free.

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# Jo Ann Daniels

## From Front Page

went to college so I can teach,” she says.

“When (the late superintendent) Roger Stokely asked me to come teach at Wakulla Middle School, he said I was great for for the interdisciplinary style of teaching.” Daniels went on to teach the 6th grade there. “I liked the middle school, and I taught for another 8 years, I enjoyed getting to know the kids personally.”

Interdisciplinarity is defined as ‘the involvement of two or more academic, scientific, or artistic disciplines. Applied to learning, this would mean taking a holistic approach, combining multiple disciplines to achieve one common purpose. For example, Daniels explained how a science lesson on vertebrates (animals with a back bone or spinal column), followed by a reading history lesson on the country of Japan, followed by a lesson in art class on gyotaku—a form of Japanese art involving fish printing, next, learning basics in the language of Japanese, haiku in English class and Japanese music, the student is well immersed in the subject.

The next career milestone for Daniels was earning her master’s degree in educational leadership from Florida State University. Next, Wakulla Middle School Principal Bob Myhre asked me to come up to the school’s main office, he said she would still be teaching, but instead of students, she would be teaching teachers.

“From my experience, I knew what students need, I know what teachers need and I was very

organized, and that helped a lot,” she says.

Later, Daniels’ title was changed to Assistant Principal. Her new role included new teacher introductions, curriculums and grants. “We were a model middle school for the State of Florida and Department of Education’s Best Practices. We had visitors to our school from all over the United States, Florida, Israel, Russia included. We also had five schools assigned to us for us to help improve them; We had tour groups come in and view our schools.”

Daniels was promoted to WMS principal when Bob Myhre went to the School Board District Office, and she served in that role for 12 years.

“We were the only middle school at the time, so I knew any young child in our county was going to be mine (as a student); and it was a neat experience, and I enjoyed the progress the students made.”

The goodness and fruits of Daniels’ labors are yielded in middle school’s computer labs. “I was able to write grants and create two computer labs for multi-media desktop publishing and computer animation. The idea was for the students to feel that they can do something fun when they come to school and learn job skills for the future at the same time, they started revamping all of the technology to help the kids with what they are seeing in the real world.’

Blazing a path of excellence, Daniels ran for School Board and was there for 8 years.

“I felt with my 30 years in the system, I

knew school law and finance, and I knew I could make a difference, I knew I could do that, so I did. I knew I could help, and it would be a good fit for me to do,” she says.

“Now that I have been volunteering for two days a week at Riversink Elementary School, I tutor math, I help students see what it is that they got wrong (on a test), we come back and do it again. I read aloud novels, grade papers, conduct mini science labs – I bring in my rocks and seashells, salt crystals, fun stuff to get them interested and get them thinking,” she says. “I also teach a little Spanish; I want kids to see how great it is to speak different languages from different cultures, it brings them closer.”

Instilling lifelong values into Wakulla’s kids and giving back to the community is something she takes pride in: “I enjoy doing the president of Coastal Optimist Club, we run three Junior Optimist Clubs at Riversink Elementary, Crawfordville Elementary and Wakulla High School. Our motto is ‘Friend of Youth.’” Coordinating events such as school supply drives and ensuring all students in the county have supplies is what makes Daniels a community leader.

“Our Junior Optimist students get involved in community service projects and learn leadership skills. We have planted trees from Arbor Day and created two butterfly gardens at Riversink. We involve students in local parades and county events. The students also raise money on ‘Hat Day’ to help parents of children who need treatments for serious illnesses with gas or motel expenses,”

she says.

“With the Optimist Clubs, we do essay contests, oratorical contests and poster contests. I help coordinate and give the kids a chance to compete in academic areas for cash prizes; it’s all about the kids.

A big fundraiser for the club is the Men Bakes Cakes event. This event’s proceeds go to four annual scholarships for any graduating Wakulla students who apply. Applications are available online at Wakulla Academic Boosters (WAB), and Daniels is vice president of that organization.

“This year, we are giving out 60 scholarships. WAB was started in 1979 by Mike and Andrea Carter, Grady McKenzie, and Guy Hudson, who donated a considerable amount of money to get WAB started. We now have a lot of people who donate to go towards college, trade or technical school scholarships. My favorite part of the whole year is when I do the Senior Awards Day and see the excitement of winning.”

Proudly, Daniels says, “Wakulla County is the only county I know that has academic boosters.”

Daniels serves as the moderator for the Brain

Bowl competition for elementary and middle schools. “I am proud of the middle and high school – the middle school is involved in the National Association Quiz Bowl tournaments. The questions are extremely difficult and some of our kids have advanced to the Nationals level at this event.”

Involvement in the Wakulla County Historical Society earns Daniels another notch in her belt of Wakulla excellence. She says, “By helping to edit the book ‘Heritage of Wakulla County, Florida’ I was able to learn about the settlers and the pioneer families of Wakulla County.”

Daniels also provides flags for veterans. “I make sure they get on the graves in Wakulla,” she says. As director of the cemetery at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church since the late 1980s, Daniels says: “I am privileged because I have worked with so many families within the school system, I am familiar with them when I see them at the cemetery.” Daniels says that connection allows her to offer comfort at a time when families are bereaved.

Daniels’ commitment

to excellence is a family tradition, as well. “My kids and grand kids have all done well in the school system. My son James is a teacher at Riversprings Middle School and my son-in-law Bill Taylor also teaches there. My husband Lloyd spent his career teaching History at Wakulla High School.”

The Daniels have one grandson, Ronin Taylor at Wakulla High School, and another grandson, Legion Taylor at Florida State University. (Legion is a former reporter for The Wakulla Sun.)

“I just like working with kids, it’s important,” she says. “For our county to work, we must work with our kids so they appreciate what they have here in Wakulla and so they can take care of it in the future.”

“I like our natural environment here in Wakulla, the trees, the rivers and beautiful locations, I enjoy watching the birds and nature, and we need to keep Wakulla the way it is.”

When asked how and when she is going to stop community service and education, she said, “I don’t have any plan to stop; it gives me something to do every day.”

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## tobe7encouraged faith column

# Think before you enter...

Greetings Wakulla citizens! Thank you for your precious time in reading this column! The subject that God has placed on my heart are the “Doors” we have opened in our lives along with what we have allowed to come through those “doors” into our lives. You know God’s Word is so relevant and true today as much as in the day of Adam and Eve! Many people today live this life as it is the totality of living. It definitely is not! Let us dive in shall we?

Genesis chapters 1 and 2 is the way God intended us to live on this earth, then chapter 3 happened, “The Fall of Man.” Before the fall, Adam and Eve met with God daily! Just imagine!, sitting with God while having a cold spring water, just chatting about the day’s events!!! WOW WOW and WOW! We now have to wait and hope that we endure to the end and get into heaven! This is the perfect lead into “Open Doors”, what in the world am I jibber jabbering about?!

An open door simply means come on in, right? Imagine leaving the front door of your house open as you went into town all day, there is no telling what would be in there when you arrived home. The “open door” I am speaking of is not an actual physical door, no, it is a metaphysical door, the supernatural, spiritual door. Our real world. A great example is in Genesis where our textbook for living on this earth begins. You see, we did not have skin until Adam and Eve fell and needed the protection for their bodies, and God had to create our several layers of skin. **Genesis 3:21 “And the LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.”** Death that was not present, now is present. As soon as those two committed sin, their bodies and all living creatures and plant life started to die, a time limit was now in play. As LORD God was decreeing their punishment, the punishment that only He could pay in full, because we CAN NOT!, in **Genesis 3:19** tells of them going back where they came from, the dirt, Scripture says **“3:19) By the sweat of your face You shall eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return.”** Graveyards were then created. This is not the way God wanted! We are accountable for the choices we decide to make, the “doors” we willingly open, perhaps not “knowingly,” BUT willingly, God will allow us to reap what we choose to sow! He has freely given us His

written Word, the Scriptures, which is our instruction on how to live on this earth, His way. Jesus set the example.

God says to read the Mosaic Law, the first 5 books of the Old Covenant all the time to be reminded of what was done and why. In so doing you will be blessed, **Psalm 1:2 “But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.”** To get the full understanding of this verse read the entire chapter, verses 1-6. In the Mosaic law you will find the “doors” they opened and the accountability they went through by LORD God. This is for us to know the wrong from the correct way so that we then repent and turn away from the sin that was in our lives and return to Him. In **Psalm 19: 7 “ The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making the wise the simple.”**

In the time of today, the most common intruder is pride and disobedience, aka selfishness. You see God is The authority over all, everything! In **Matthew 28:18 “And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”** Also in **Ephesians 1:18-23, I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19) and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might 20) which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21) far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in the one to come. 22) And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, 23) which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”** It is all in Scripture, all the how to’s; how to treat each other, our selves, to stay healthy, government (even mentions the political right and left!! Even states it as it is today! WOW!) I don’t want you to be kept in the dark on this so I will stay on this for a bit, it is all in red and you know what this means, He said the very Words! In **Matthew 25:31-46** Jesus is speaking of Judgment when He returns. He is holding people accountable for their choices they have made. He separates the sheep from the goats, the sheep are

put on His right side and the goats are put on His left side for Judgement! No joke my friends! There are more! Know the “doors” are not right versus left, we are not the Judge! Close that “door” immediately! You do not want that wrath! Our desire should be to pray that all of us find His way to be our way so that we walk in love as He commands! When we are for, support or are pro ANYTHING that GOD is not, this is a “door” we WILL be accountable for in Judgement! This is to the people that call themselves Christians, Believers in Christ. God loves every person on this earth, definitely! BUT!, when you, the one He loves chooses what He is against, then, you choose to be against God. As stated earlier, He gives us a chance to repent and choose His way and He will, through us praying and fasting for the change, He will take the desire for that sin out of us! Man!! This column is not going the way I thought!! I hope and pray that the ones He is calling to, hear His voice! He’s talking to someone in Wakulla county!! Man!!!

He is very straight forward in what He is against!! In **Galatians 5:16-21 “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. 17) For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. 18) But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. 19) Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20) idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21) envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”**

The Scripture **John 10: 28** is on my heart to share, along with **:27. First :28 “ and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand.”** I hear many Christians say this in defense. No one can take me from Him! Okay, in verse **:27 “ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;”**. Remember in order to follow Jesus, we MUST put self down, lay it down! All selfish desires and selfish ways...down!! Now reread **Galatians 5:16-21** or better yet, the entire chapter, it is titled “Walk by Faith”. It is us who can separate us from Him! He still loves us,

but He will allow us to fall if we SELFISHLY CHOOSE THE WORLD’S WAYS!! Repentance/turning away from sin is key!! Put another above yourself at the sametime not expecting one thing from them!! Not even a debt owed!! You’ll know God has gotten hold of you then AND PRAISE GOD FOR IT!!!!

If you are not Born Again and want to be, confess this outloud “ **Dear Jesus, I am a sinner I know. Your Word says that I can call upon Your name and be saved, Romans 10:13 says for “EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.”** I call on Your name now today to be born again Jesus! Take my life today and use it for Your purposes, for Your Kingdom! I confess today that by grace I am saved through faith knowing that You went to the Cross and willingly gave Your Life for my life, paid the debt I can not pay and by Your blood shed, Your death, burial and Resurrection on the 3rd day I am now born again, this is a gift from God I know! Thank You Jesus!!!

To complete your Salvation you must be water baptized, this is your burial of your dead self and your new life with power, the Holy Spirit.\*\*\* **Colossians 2:9-12 “For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, 10) and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority; 11) and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; 12) having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.”** \*\*\* **1 Peter 3:21-22 “ And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you, not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22) who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.” \*\*\*Matthew 28:19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20) teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the ages.”**

May this shine His Light on you and yours,  
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# On the Horizon The calendar of events for May

**Thursday, May 1**

- “Big Fish,” a musical, will be performed at Wakulla High School at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students; \$8 for adults. (Continues through May 4)
- The Rotary Club of Wakulla County meets at the TSC Wakulla Center at 8:30 a.m. on Thursdays.
- Coastal Optimist Club meets at noon at Myra Jean’s on the first and third Thursdays.
- The VFW Auxiliary Bingo Night will be held at 7 p.m. at 475 Arran Road in Crawfordville, every Thursday. There are concessions and raffles.
- Yin Yoga at 6 p.m. with Nellie every Thursday. Classes are \$12, at New Posh on 3079 Crawfordville Hwy. RSVP to newposh3079@gmail.com or text/call at (850) 528-5838.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

**Friday, May 2**

- “Big Fish” will be performed at Wakulla High School at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students; \$8 for adults.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 8 p.m. every Friday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

**Saturday, May 3**

- Rock the Dock will be held in Panacea throughout the day at Woolley Park.
- “Big Fish” will be performed at Wakulla High School at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students; \$8 for adults.
- Mermaids and Mimosas, a fundraiser for Gulf Specimen Marine Lab in Panacea, will be held from 4 to 7 p.m.
- The Panacea Community Garden Farmer’s Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Panacea.

**Sunday, May 4**

- Rock the Dock will be held in Panacea throughout the day at Woolley Park.
- “Big Fish” will finish its run with a matinee at Wakulla High School at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students; \$8 for adults.

**Monday, May 5**

- County commission meets at 5 p.m. in the commission chambers.
- The Wakulla Respite Program is available for anyone with memory impairment at no cost from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Ellen Baptist Church every Monday.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. every Monday at 54 Ochlockonee St.
- Gentle Yoga and Stetching Class, every Monday, 11 a.m. Wakulla Community Center. Bring a mat. Come early to sign in. Chair Yoga participants welcome. \$2 per class.
- Yoga 101 with Nellie at 6 p.m. Classes are \$12, packages available at New Posh on 3079 Crawfordville Hwy. RSVP to newposh3079@gmail.com or text/call at (850) 528-5838.

**Tuesday, May 6**

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee St.
- Yoga Flow with Nellie at 6 p.m. Classes are \$12, packages available at New Posh on 3079 Crawfordville Hwy. RSVP to newposh3079@gmail.com or text/call at

(850) 528-5838.

**Wednesday, May 7**

- Muffins with Moms Prenatal Support Group meets at 9 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 10 a.m. at the Wakulla County Health Department. Contact Liz Neighbors at 850-888-6078 or elizabeth.neighbors@flhealth.gov for more information.
- Wakulla County Coalition for Youth meets at the Wakulla Public Library at 12:30 p.m.
- 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.

**Thursday, May 8**

- St. Marks City Commission meets at the St. Marks Yacht Club at 6 p.m.
- The Wakulla County Cancer Support Group meets in the Education Center of the Crawfordville United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. This group meeting is for men and women, regardless of the type of cancer. Spouses, caregivers, and friends are welcome. For more information, call 850-926-6050.

**Saturday, May 10**

- Wakulla County Preparedness Expo will be held at Hudson Park from 9 a.m. to noon. Learn how to be prepared when disaster strikes.
- Beyond the Garden Gate, a tour of six private gardens

in Wakulla County as a fundraiser for the Garden Club, is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 – cash or check only – and can be purchased day of the event at the extension office. No children allowed; must be 16 years old or older.

- Chomp ‘N Stomp, featuring food, music and a free keg, will be held at Palaver Tree Theater. Online tickets are \$10 at palavertreetheater.org or \$15 day of event.
- The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group will meet at the Wakulla County Public Library at 10 a.m. every second Saturday of the month.

**Sunday, May 11**

- Mother’s Day.

**Monday, May 12**

- The Wakulla County Planning Commission meets at 6 p.m. in the commission chambers.
- The Sopchoppy City Commission meets at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.
- The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group meets at Lake Ellen Baptist Church at 9:30 a.m every second Monday of the month.
- Crawfordville Woman’s Club monthly meeting is the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 64 Ochlockonee St., in Crawfordville. Call (850) 566-5727 for more information.

**Wednesday, May 14**

- The Wakulla Garden Club meets at the public library

at noon. The speaker will be Alexis Howard, TSC instructor, on urban farming.

**Thursday, May 15**

- The Wakulla Sun will hold a 3rd anniversary celebration at the newspaper office, 12 Arran Road, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

**Saturday, May 17**

- Amnesty Day for household hazardous wastes at the community center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m,

**Monday, May 19**

- County commission meets at 5 p.m. in the commission chambers.
- School board meets at the district office at 5:45 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 20**

- Sarracenia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, 6:30 p.m. – Wakulla Co. Library. Ann Reams will be presenting a program on how our state lands are managed and the plan documents that keep the management goals on track. For Zoom link email: Sarracenia.nps@gmail.com. Free and open to the public..

**Wednesday, May 21**

- Wakulla Garden Club meets at noon at the public library. Joe Walthall of Native Nurseries, will speak on attracting wild birds to your yard.

**Thursday, May 22**

• Wakulla High School graduation will be held at J.D. Jones Stadium beginning at 7 p.m.

**Friday, May 23**

- Earth Day Collaboration between Keep Wakulla County Beautiful and Palaver Tree Theater will be celebrated at the theater at 6:30 p.m. It will feature a documentary screening and a discussion on reducing waste.

**Saturday, May 24**

- A fish fry fundraiser for Keely and Kiley Hand will be held at Hudson park beginning at 11 a.m. The Hand family will use proceeds for Keely’s funeral and Kiley’s medical bills. \$10 per plate.
- The Twin Towers, featuring jazz, funk and R&B music, will perform at Palaver Tree Theater at 8 p.m. Online tickets are \$10 at palavertreetheater.org or \$15 day of event.

**Monday, May 26**

- Memorial Day – banks and government offices will be closed for the holiday.
- Memorial Day observance will be held at the courthouse beginning at 10 a.m.

**Saturday, May 31**

- County Line Craft Show, featuring vendors, food trucks and family fun, will be held at the Wakulla Shriners Club, 4141 Crawfordville Hwy., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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# Early Crawfordville

By Elizabeth Smith, originally published in the August 1964 issue of The Magnolia Monthly

Crawfordville was known as Shell Point until 1865 when it was renamed Crawfordville for Dr. John L. Crawford, a physician and Florida Secretary of State who was one of Wakulla County's most prominent citizens. The men who served in the Civil War from Crawfordville were the Shell Point Rangers.

Unlike the cotton merchants who lived on the St. Marks River and came from Maine and Rhode Island, the people who inhabited Crawfordville and western sections of the county were southerners who came from Pike County, Alabama, or the Carolinas. Nearly all came after Wakulla County was carved out of Leon County in 1843. Those who had come in the territorial days were the Yankee merchants. Among those who came from Pike County were the Councils, the Pigotts, the Poseys, and the Pelts. Pike County was only a way station for the Councils, who had originally come from North Carolina. Few people came to Florida from Georgia, though it was the nearest state. Perhaps they did not want to say they were descended from the inhabitants of debtors' prisons.

After the war (which will be treated separately from this account), there were two grist mills near Crawfordville, one run by a Posey on Lost Creek and another located on Lawhon Creek. People traveled mostly by ox cart or wagon, and a trip to Tallahassee took 15 hours. Most people camped overnight when they made the trip.

As older people are constantly reminding the younger, everyone worked hard. Even the smallest children contributed their bit. The girls, especially, spent most of their time helping with the spinning and weaving, and did the work in the evenings after the outside work was done. Mrs. Malvina Whaley, who died in the late 1950's after living all her life in Ivan, helped her father on his farm from her earliest memories. She plowed, sowed, and did barn work, and in the evenings, she would work with her mother on a quilt. On Sundays she rose to church with her skirts so full she could ride astride. Mrs. Whaley reared three young girls after her husband's death by going back to her Dixie plow and planting corn, peanuts, and potatoes, she taught her girls to sow, plow, and quilt, and when she could leave them alone, she would

take eggs and walk into Shadeville and sell them for 16 to 20 cents a dozen. She made her soap out of cracklings, drippings, grease, leftover pieces of meat, and canned potash. Her mother made lye out of wood ashes.

Mrs. Whaley remembered when people were hanged in public with the scaffold standing at the site of the Suwannee Store and taking her children along to witness the executions. She remembered many of the old superstitions of her day, some which still exist. She said the way to keep a hoot owl from hollering was to squeeze your wrist or tie your apron strings tighter. It was bad luck to sweep after dark or to carry a saw or hammer though a house and not carry it back out the same way. It was a bad omen to walk with one shoe off and one shoe on, or to have a chair placed anywhere but on the floor.

Another person who mentioned the superstitions prevalent in his childhood was C.K. Bradshaw of Panacea, who said it was bad luck to spin a door latch around or to twirl a chair on one leg. Mrs. Bradshaw added that her mother would never allow her children to sweep the floor after sundown for fear something bad would happen. Whistling in bed or singing there was an ill omen too.

The late Emma Ruth Pelt of Arran was the daughter of John Pigott, and she mentioned that her ancestors and those of others in the county, came to Wakulla County with horses pulling two-wheeled carts. One of the places where they camped was the Nan Field near Arran, and a tent consisted of a piece of canvas



thrown over a ridge pole.

Along with her other duties as a girl, Mrs. Pelt picked cotton, hoed corn, spun cloth, and feathered moss for making mattresses. The Spanish moss was taken from the water oaks, the trash picked out of it, then boiled and dried by hanging on the fence.

Mrs. Pelt had her most serious accident while picking cotton at the age of 10. She had just brought in a basket of cotton she had picked and in starting to weigh it she got her right arm caught on the hook of the weighing scales. The hook lifted her two inches off the floor and nearly pulled off her arm. Her father came running at her screams and took her off the hook and got a neighbor, Uncle Jimmy Ezell, to sew up her arm with a needle and thread, after which her arm became infected and then she was taken to Dr. Laird in Crawfordville, who re-banded the wound without further damage. Mrs. Pelt was blind in her later years and stayed with her son, Carmen Pelt, and his family in Arran. She al-

ways remained cheerful.

The first cookstove in the community was bought by Uncle Jimmy Ezell in 1886. People from miles around came to bake their cakes in it.

On the subject of clothes, all the ladies seemed to think that modern clothes were much more sensible. Georgiann Vickers, who died in the late 1950's at the age of 101, said girls would put their hair up in corn shucks on Saturday night so their coiffures would look pretty in church the next day. They always wore their skirts to their ankles and the boys had to help them keep the hems from dragging in the sand...and all this without letting their ankles show. Mrs. Pelt said the bustles that girls wore were sacks of cotton tied around the waist with a belt. "A baby could of rode on one," she added. The hoops that women wore resembled barrel hoops and were fastened by elastic. They held the skirts out like tents. Most of the dresses had long sleeves and were worn with an under-bodice. Once a corset was taken

off a girl who had fainted in church while all the ladies present formed a screen around her. It was considered disgraceful to wear less than four petticoats.

Much of the early recreation was practical. The people used to have house raisings and log rollings. Before the log rolling the trees were ringed. After they decayed and fell over, they were rolled into a big pile and burned to get them out of the way. Panthers used to catch calves at nighttime and always hollered right before the moon went down. The wheels on wagons were greased with pine tar and tallow.

Another form of recreation, which no one thought was practical, was mentioned by Marion Reeves of Ivan, a hunter before his death in Arran about 1960. He said that the main road through Crawfordville used to be converted into a racetrack, with betting high and handsome. He recalled that John Raker once put \$300 at one time on a horse. He didn't say whether he won or lost.

Mrs. Isabel Forbes,

manager of the Suwannee Store, talks of some of the home remedies of her girlhood. Her parents used the "dollar" weed when she had an upset stomach. The plant was so-called because it had round leaves shaped like a half dollar and white flowers. The leaves were boiled, and she drank the liquid.

A good cure for cramps was the blacksnake weed. The root was scraped and made a strong tea which was served hot. Jerusalem oak, which was much like the ragweed, was made into a candy by adding sugar or syrup, and given to children as a cure for worms. Red oak bark, when boiled, was given to chickens for diarrhea. The low bush myrtle wasn't used as a remedy for anything but chasing fleas away from the house. Mrs. Mabel Roberts of the Crawfordville school faculty said her grandmother would put snake root in alcohol and let it soak for a few days after which it was taken for indigestion. Mrs. Lucille Towels of Crawfordville also mentioned "fever grass" as an antidote for malaria. She said that the grass was boiled, and the liquid given to the workers on her father's plantation. Until the time of the war the biggest slave owner in the county was Abraham Gavin who lived near Shadeville. Many of his former slaves are named Gavin and own land that had been part of the plantation.

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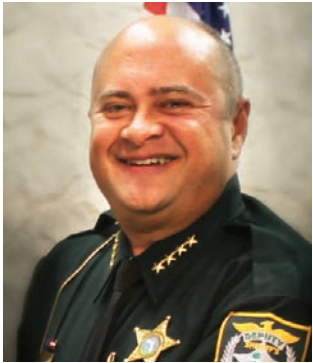


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# Hurricane season coming – prepare now



By **JARED MILLER**  
Wakulla Sheriff

A message from Sheriff Jared F. Miller:

As we enjoy the beautiful weather that spring brings to Wakulla County, it's easy to forget that hurricane season is just around the corner. While June marks the official start of the Atlantic hurricane season, the most active months typically arrive in late August or September. Still, I want to encourage everyone in our community to begin preparing now—before the storms appear on the radar.

Last year, Wakulla County was fortunate to avoid any major hurricanes, but that doesn't mean we'll be as lucky this year. If there's one thing Florida weather has taught us, it's that storms can form quickly, shift unpredictably, and strengthen without much warning.

The best defense against any natural disaster—especially hurricanes—is early preparation. That means gathering essential supplies in advance, while stores are still stocked and before gas lines grow long. I recommend having several days' worth of nonperishable food, all necessary prescription medications, bottled water, working flashlights with extra batteries, and a battery-powered weather radio. It's also wise to keep some cash on hand, since power outages often impact

card readers at gas stations and stores.

Every year, we see the same pattern repeated across the state—people rushing to buy supplies at the last minute, only to find empty shelves and long waits. Don't wait until a storm is approaching. Planning now will help keep you calm and focused later, when it matters most.

In addition to supplies, it's critical to have an evacuation plan in place. Decide ahead of time under what circumstances you'll leave your home and where you'll go. If you have pets or livestock, make sure to include them in your planning. And if you intend to stay with friends or family, it's a good idea to talk with them now—let them know your plan and the conditions under which you'd evacuate. That ear-

ly communication can make all the difference when time is limited and decisions need to be made quickly.

We also need to talk about what happens after a storm passes. I understand the instinct to go outside, look around, and check on neighbors—but I strongly urge you to stay home unless absolutely necessary. After a hurricane or tropical storm, our emergency crews are focused on clearing roads of fallen trees and power lines. Extra vehicle traffic slows that work down and puts more people at risk.

In some cases, we may limit access to heavily impacted areas to homeowners only in order to prevent theft or looting. Often, the most helpful thing residents can do in those early hours after a storm is sim-

ply stay put. That allows our teams to move faster and more safely.

While my office doesn't control how or when power is restored, I want to share some insight on how utility companies typically prioritize service. Their first focus is always on hospitals and emergency services, followed by major businesses and retail areas. From there, crews work to restore power to the largest number of homes at once. That means if you live on a remote road with just a few houses, or if yours is the only home without power in your area, it may take longer for service to be restored—especially if damage is widespread.

I know hurricanes may feel like something we always have time to prepare for, but that's not always


the case. Many of us remember the lead-up to Hurricane Michael in 2018—going to bed with a forecast for a Category 2 storm and waking up to a devastating Category 5.

Let's not wait until the last minute. The time to prepare is now—while the skies are still clear and there's time to think clearly. I want our entire community to be as safe and ready as possible should a storm head our way.

As always, if you have questions or need assistance, my team is here to help. You can call the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office anytime at (850) 745-7100. And remember—my door is always open.

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*Jared Miller is Wakulla County Sheriff.*




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19. Autonomic nervous system  
20. Complete  
21. Alternate name  
22. River in France and Belgium  
23. Miami’s mascot is one  
24. Turfs  
26. Most cognizant of reality  
29. Broad volcanic crater  
31. Canadian surname

32. Satisfaction  
34. Traitorous  
Greek mythological prince  
35. Collide  
37. Immune response  
38. Feline  
39. High opinion of one’s own appearance  
40. Thin strip to align parts  
41. Containers  
43. Convicted American spy  
45. Breathe noisily  
46. Taxi  
47. Pancakes made from buckwheat flour  
49. Swiss river  
50. I.M.\_\_\_, architect  
53. Have surgery  
57. Formal withdrawal  
58. Dutch and

German surname

59. Square measures  
60. 2,000 lbs.  
61. Degrade someone

### CLUES DOWN

1. Siberian river  
2. Blessing  
3. Substitutes (abbr.)

4. Principle underlying the universe  
5. Work unit  
6. Yellow edible fruits  
7. Gemstone  
8. A place ships dock (abbr.)  
9. Evergreen tropical tree  
10. Reality TV star Richards  
11. Nonflowering aquatic plant  
12. Stakes

13. Antidiuretic hormone  
16. Make warm again  
18. Light beams  
22. Lethal dose  
23. Terrorist group  
24. Kids love him  
25. Naturally occurring solid  
27. German surname meaning “man from Saxony”  
28. Popular cuisine  
29. Partner to cheese  
30. Type of horse  
31. \_\_\_ Diego  
33. Defensive nuclear weapon  
35. Most shrewd  
36. It may be for shopping  
37. Midway between south and southeast

39. A stock of foods  
42. The bindings of books  
43. Swiss river  
44. Megabyte  
46. Sammy \_\_\_, songwriter  
47. Dutch colonist  
48. Clare Booth \_\_\_, American writer  
49. Sun or solar disk  
50. Popular type of bread  
51. Transfers of money (abbr.)  
52. Association of engineering professionals  
53. Young women’s association  
54. City  
55. Niger-Congo branch of languages  
56. Pointed end of a pen

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# What about a free credit lock?



By BRIAN ENGLISH

In today’s increasingly connected world, protecting your information is arguably more important than ever. Your credit report consists of a slew of personal details, such as your financial activity, credit accounts, loans, and payment history. Because of the importance of your credit report, credit bureaus such as Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion offer credit locks to help protect consumers in the event of identity theft or fraud.

## WILL A CREDIT LOCK HELP?

Although a credit lock will freeze your credit report and score temporarily, there are some potential downsides as well. One of the biggest concerns is that a credit lock applies only to the selected credit bureau. So, if you want to protect your credit fully, you’ll need to place a lock on all three main credit reports. While the initial lock may be free, some credit bureaus may charge a fee to remove or temporarily lift the lock, depending on their terms and conditions. In addition, each bureau’s service agreements clarify that they don’t

guarantee error-free operation or uninterrupted service.

Here’s the scoop on what the three main credit bureaus are currently charging for their credit lock services:

- Equifax’s free credit lock product is called Lock & Alert, and the company says it will be free for life.1
- TransUnion’s free product, administered under the company’s TrueIdentity brand, offers the lock/unlock option and other features, but they may charge a subscription fee to maintain the lock.2
- Experian bundles its credit lock with other services, including identity theft insurance and alerts about when information changes on your report at all three bureaus. This service costs \$24.99/month.3

Any companies mentioned are for illustrative purposes only. It should not be considered a solicitation for the purchase or sale of the securities. Also, products, services, and prices can change without notice.

## SHOULD I ACCEPT A FREE CREDIT LOCK?

Whether or not you should accept a free credit lock offer depends on your individual needs and circumstances. A credit lock may be a good choice if you’re concerned about identity theft or fraud. It provides an extra layer of protection that can help prevent unauthorized access to

your credit report.

## HOW TO PROTECT YOUR CREDIT

In addition to credit locks, there are other things you can do to protect your credit:

- Monitor your credit report regularly for any suspicious activity.
- Sign up for fraud alerts either through your bank or with all 3 credit bureaus, which will notify you if suspicious activity is detected on your credit report.
- Use strong, unique passwords for all your financial accounts and change them regularly.
- Regularly review your bank and credit card statements for any unauthorized transactions.
- Be careful about sharing personal information online or over the phone, and only provide it to trusted sources.

1. Nerdwallet.com, September 6 2022
2. Equifax.com, 2023
3. Transunion, 2023

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## Hertz, Looney to return for retrial

The two were found guilty of the Spears-King murders 25 years ago, will have a re-do of the death penalty phase of their trial

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN  
Editor

The sentencing of Quarry Wayne Hertz and James Looney on Thursday, June 15, 2023, for the 1997 murders of Melaine King and Keith Spears. At their 1997 trial, Hertz and Looney were found guilty of first-degree murder and a vote of 10-2, the jury recommended death, which was ordered by the court.

In the sentencing phase of the trial, Hertz and Looney were sentenced to death by a jury of 12 members of the 12th Judicial Circuit in Wakulla County. The jury recommended a life sentence for Hertz and a death sentence for Looney. The judge sentenced Hertz to life in prison and Looney to death.

The questions before the jury will be whether or not Hertz and Looney should be sentenced to death for the 1997 murders of Melaine King and Keith Spears. At their 1997 trial, Hertz and Looney were found guilty of first-degree murder and a vote of 10-2, the jury recommended death, which was ordered by the court.

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## Heavy security at hearing

There was almost tight security at the Wakulla County Courthouse on Wednesday, June 14, as the state's attorney, Colby Sparkman, sought a retrial for the 1997 murders of Melaine King and Keith Spears.

The hearing was held in the courtroom of the 12th Judicial Circuit in Wakulla County. The judge, Judge John H. Smith, presided over the hearing. The state's attorney, Colby Sparkman, sought a retrial for the 1997 murders of Melaine King and Keith Spears.

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## Charter review discusses spring protection

## St. Marks to raise sewer rates 75% on residents

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN  
Editor

Warned by their assessment that they are facing financial ruin if they don't do something, St. Marks City Commissioners voted to raise sewer rates 75% - which would translate to a \$46 increase per month on residential utility bills.

It was roughly estimated that the increase would translate into an additional \$183,000 into the city's utility fund.

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## Brad Harvey pleads to charges

The former property appraiser is charged with embezzling money from the office; he will be sentenced in September

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN  
Editor

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## Two drownings in separate incidents on July 4th

A man died while climbing a child drowned in a home pool

Two unrelated drownings were reported in Wakulla on July 4th: a man suffocating in St. Marks and a child drowning in a home pool.

The St. Marks drowning occurred on Thursday, July 4th, at a home on St. Marks Road. The man, who was 45 years old, was found dead in his home. The cause of death was determined to be asphyxiation.

The child drowning occurred on Friday, July 5th, at a home on Wakulla Road. The child, who was 4 years old, was found dead in a home pool. The cause of death was determined to be drowning.



Independence Day celebration in Crawfordville with a parade, including a parade float, a parade float, and a parade float.



## Election suit over after 3 years

Appeals court rules for Ed Brimmer in lawsuit over 2020 property appraiser in which Colby Sparkman lost by 3 votes

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The First District Court of Appeals in Tallahassee has ruled in favor of Ed Brimmer in his lawsuit against Colby Sparkman. The court ruled that Sparkman's challenge to Brimmer's 2020 election was unsuccessful.

The court's decision was based on the fact that Sparkman did not provide enough evidence to prove that Brimmer was ineligible to hold office. The court ruled that Sparkman's challenge was unsuccessful.



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## Fired Chiles coach may join War Eagle coaching staff

Kevin Pettis and son Trey might join coaches at Wakulla High

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Kevin Pettis, who was recently fired as head coach of the Wakulla War Eagles, may join the coaching staff of the War Eagles. Pettis was fired as head coach of the War Eagles.

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# Free Community SHRED EVENT

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