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Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
Hi: 81° Lo: 52° 4%	Hi: 79° Lo: 55° 4%	Hi: 77° Lo: 55° 3%
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Sopchoppy drama

Public Works Director defends himself against accusations of misogyny

By LINDA ANN McDONALD
Correspondent

At last week's Sopchoppy City Council meeting, Martha Evans, a former longtime Sopchoppy council member who had to resign the post when her daughter, Ashley Schilling, was promoted to city clerk, voiced concerns about the level of professionalism and conduct demonstrated by members of the council.

"There are processes, and there is a reason they exist," Evans said. "The council does not get exempted. There needs to be consistency."

Evans made the comments at the meeting on Monday, Oct. 12.

Evans' comments stemmed from a disciplinary matter involving her daughter: At a budget hearing in August, Schilling became angry during a discussion of the Public Works Department, walked out of the meeting after yelling a vulgar epithet towards Public Works Director Seth Green.

Schilling subsequently apologized to council members for her behavior and outburst, but blamed Green for undermining her.

Green has previously declined to comment, but at the meeting Green rejected Schilling's claim that he had marginalized her in her role because of her gender, calling the accusation false.

"Our disagreements are about how my department should be run; her gender has no bearing on our differences. There are no documented incidents from my career with the city that support her claim. Since she made this accusation, she should present the evidence to support it," Green said.

He requested the city place a clarification in The Wakulla Sun stating that there is no evidence to support Schilling's accusations against him.

Green went on to defend his professional reputation.

"I'll do whatever is necessary to protect my name and reputation. Little in life matters more to me. You get one good name. I won't surrender mine to a lie," he said.

Following adjournment of city council meeting, current Vice Mayor Lara Edwards and Evans were witnessed in a tense verbal exchange.

During the encounter, Evans was heard asking her son-in-law, John Schilling, to intervene, repeatedly stating, "Get her away from me. Get her away from me."

Edwards then asked Evans, "Why couldn't you just confront me?" Edwards subsequently directed a remark toward Schilling, who is a state trooper, asking, "What are you going to do? Pull me over?"

As the exchange continued, Evans, noticing that Edwards was holding a water bottle, remarked, "There is probably wine in there."

Edwards responded, "It's only water. I'll dump it on top of your head. There is only water in here."

"You better stop or

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The letter read by Sopchoppy Public Works Director Seth Green:

At the budget workshop on August 31st, the City Clerk disrupted the meeting and directed vulgar language at me. In her apology to the council, she blamed her outburst on my alleged mistreatment and claimed I marginalized her role as City Clerk because she is a woman.

That claim is false. Our disagreements are about how my department should be run; her gender has no bearing on our differences. There are no documented incidents from my career with the City that support her claim. Since she made this accusation, she should present the evidence to support it.

The Wakulla Sun reported the City Clerk's accusation on October 8th. I understand the newspaper was reporting her claim, not making it. Still, the accuation has cast suspicion on my character and reputation. I respectfully ask the City to clarify in the Wakulla Sun that no evidence has been presented to the Council to support the City Clerk's claim and that no prejudice has been witnessed during my career with the City. If the City is unwilling to issue that clarification, I hope the paper will publish this statement, so the record includes my response.

If I did something wrong, show it and hold me accountable. I will answer for my conduct.

Miss Schilling will not be allowed to use a baseless accuation as a shield for her unprofessionalism or as a weapon against my reputation without consequence.

I'll do whatever is necessary to protect my name and reputation. Little in life matters more to me – you only get one good name.

I won't surrender mine to a lie.

Early voting starts Saturday in Wakulla

Staff Report

Early voting gets underway in Wakulla on Saturday, Oct. 24, through Oct. 31.

There are two early voting locations: the Supervisor of Elections Office, 3115 Crawfordville Hwy., and the Sopchoppy Room at the Wakulla Community Center, 318 Shadeville Road. Voting is from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Election Day is Nov. 3 and you must vote at your poll. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Two St. Marks city commission races on ballot

Staff Report

Voters in the City of St. Marks will have two city commission races on the November ballot:

For Seat 3, the choice is between Corey Ingram and Crystal McGrath.

For Seat 4, the candidates are Jeremy Alday and Billy Bishop.

Only voters in St. Marks can vote on these races.

Reba Mason dies, founder of WCT

Staff Report

Reba Mason, who founded Wakulla Community Theatre back in 1991, and who also directed the annual performance of Handel's Messiah with the community choir, passed away in Tallahassee on Oct. 8.

Mason was 83 years old.

Her obituary appears on Page 9 of this issue.

Feathers & Fur masked ball

Florida Wild Mammal Association holds an elegant fundraiser

Story by
LINDA ANN McDONALD
Photos by
GERALD BROWN

Florida Wild Mammal Association (FWMA) held its annual fundraising event Feathers and Fur Masquerade Ball - Moonlight in the Wild at the Historic Sopchoppy Gymnasium on Saturday, Oct. 17.

More than 150 guests were on hand to celebrate, with elaborate forest-themed decorations that turned the Sopchoppy Gym into a moonlit canopy.

Guests dressed beautifully, masked mysteriously, and added just a touch of the wild.

To break the ice, guests were provided with an Owl Keeper's Passport, complete with travel notes, to travel around the forest, promoting mingling, conversation, and the opportunity to win prizes.

The Silent Auction Gallery included wildlife themed art, generous gift baskets, and exclusive vacations to bid on. Along with masquerade attire awards, and inspiring wildlife stories, guests were wonderfully swept away to enjoy the night.



Revelers at the Feathers & Fur Masquerade Ball under a moonlit canopy.

An elegant meal including creole shrimp and jerk chicken was prepared by personal chef Luanne Pink, and an impressive charcuterie board was presented by Kayla Essary. Both cooks worked under now retired Chef Eric Fritsche, who worked at the Governor's Club in Tallahassee. The Kast Net donated homemade cupcakes.

Fritsche's wife Donna played an integral role in the event's organization and success.

Tables were decorated with intricate centerpieces to be enjoyed and later judged by guests. Throughout the forest, hidden treasures were strategically placed as surprises for guests to appreciate, as well.

Jessica Beatty, Executive Director of FWMA, said, "The event turned out gorgeous, we sold out of tickets, and I am so happy to see this wonderful turn out. I am very thankful for the volunteers and sponsors that made this possible."

During the opening remarks, Beatty shared, "The favorite part is (wildlife) releases, they are neat, but scary, hoping they will be OK. Finding joy in everyday work, compassion joined with responsibility, is what FWMA means to me.

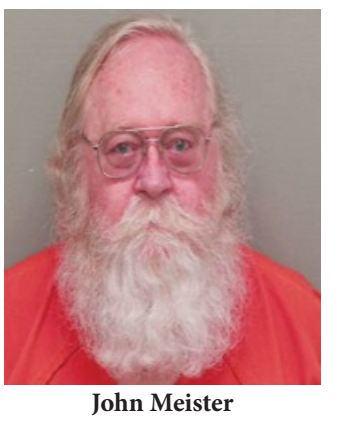
Gail Campbell, a volunteer for the event, said, "This is an emotional event for me. It's coming at a time when people are moving to Wakulla to enjoy exactly what we are working for – the beauty of our wildlife. I am sure

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Santa arrested for child porn

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

John Meister, who played Santa Claus during the Christmas season at Esposito's in Tallahassee and locally, was recently arrested for 16 counts of possession of child porn by the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office.



John Meister

At the time of his first appearance on Oct. 8 before Wakulla County Judge Brian Miller, bond was set at $160,000.

Meister was unable to post that bond. His criminal defense attorney, Joshua Zelman, filed a motion to reduce bond. At a hearing last week on Tuesday, Oct. 13, Wakulla Circuit Judge Layne Smith agreed in a reduction to $1,000 per count, or $16,000.

Meister has since been released from the Wakulla County Jail.

According to the arrest report, the sheriff's office received a cyber tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children that Meister was potentially in possession of child porn.

In March, detectives from the sheriff's office and Homeland Security visited Meister's home for a knock-and-talk. Law enforcement ended up seizing electronic devices.

In April, a tablet was determined to have Child Sexual Abuse Material on it. A bench warrant was issued for his arrest.

Meister identified himself to law enforcement as an active member in the Shriners Club and a retired Senior Chief with the U.S. Navy.

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Student of the Week

Logan Hand – Wakulla High School

Achievements/Reason for Nomination: Wakulla High School is proud to recognize Logan Hand as our Student of the Week. A senior who exemplifies responsibility, academic excellence, and leadership, Logan maintains strong grades, actively participates in school activities, and consistently contributes positively to campus life.

A talented performer and dedicated leader, Logan serves as both Theatre President and Senior Class President. Theatre teacher Krissy Sanchez describes him as the department's "Golden Goose," saying, "Whatever he takes on, he has a way of making it shine." She adds that Logan is not only an award-winning performer, but also "a genuinely kind, hardworking, and wonderful person who leads by example and cares about everyone he comes in contact with."

His commitment to excellence, both in and out of the classroom, makes him a tremendous representative of Wakulla High School.!



This Student of the Week for Oct. 8th was submitted with a wrong name and so is being re-run.

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Plant of the Week

Narrowleaf Sunflower



By LYNN ARTZ, DAVID RODDENBERRY, and SANDY TEDDER - Sarracenia Chapter of FNPS

The vibrant golden-yellow flowers of narrowleaf sunflower (Helianthus angustifolius) brighten the roadsides in October and November. The daisy-like flowers are 1½-3 inches wide with dark purplish-brown centers. The rough dark-green leaves are long and narrow with pointed tips. The nectar-rich flowers attract native bees, including pollen-specialist bees that eat only sunflower pollen. The leaves feed the caterpillars of many butterflies including the rare-in-Florida silvery checkerspot. Sunflowers support specialist bees and lepidoptera more than any other wildflower genus. Birds and small mammals relish the seeds. Narrowleaf sunflower grows 2-6 feet tall on erect branched stems in full sun and moist-to-wet soil. It naturally ranges from NY to FL to TX and is widely distributed throughout north and central Florida. Also called swamp sunflower, it thrives in marshes, wet flatwoods, and roadside ditches.

Wakulla County Tax Collectors Office
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Wakulla County Tax Collector

FLORIDA BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION LICENSE PLATE
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The Florida Breast Cancer Foundation (FBCF) was founded by 3 Miami women in 1993. Originally named The South Florida Breast Cancer Coalition, the organization began as a nonprofit, grassroots organization dedicated to ending breast cancer through advocacy, education, and research. With the introduction of the specialty End Breast Cancer license plate in 2002, a second organization was formed the Florida Breast Cancer Coalition Research Foundation - created to receive the funds from the sale of the plate. A few years later our official name changed to the Florida Breast Cancer Foundation, but our mission and vision remains the same.

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At left, Ashlye Taylor, Jessica Beatty, Robin Ruby-Edwards and Timmy the Owl. Below, partygoers in their finery and masks.

Feathers & Fur

From Front Page

Jessica's mother, Chris Beatty, the founder of FWMA, is here looking down at Jessica from heaven, and she is very proud. Jessica took the mantle that her mom built."

Chris Beatty passed away in 2022.

Ken and Lee Frazier came to the event together wearing their "Spirit of the Forest" and 'Furs and Feathers" costumes. Ken's costume included a true African mask symbolic of the Grand Ole Spirit of Forest, and Lee wore a bird-like fully feathered costume, paying tribute to Furs and Feathers.

Creatively made of papier-mache and feathers, Charlotte Petricko and John Belcher came dressed as barn owls to show their support for the cause.

Shell Point resident Tamara Hawkins supports the event because she previously had injured birds in her yard. She also shared a fun fact about migratory birds saying, "Shell Point is the last stop for birds before migrating, and the first stop when they come back."

Winston Oxford, a wildlife transporter who helps FWMA, said, "I support the event because I like wildlife. I think the world of Jessica and for the last 3 years, I have made 93, 98, and this year I made 94 trips transporting mostly injured pelicans. I have also helped with ospreys and bald eagles. I love to look them in the eyes and release them, it is very rewarding."

FWMA Ambassadors Timmy the Barred Owl and Geraldine the Screech Owl were also present at the event.

Entertainment included Samantha Carlston providing live music for the event, and DJ service was provided by DJ Butch and DJ Danny Boy.

FWMA is dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and releasing injured and orphaned wildlife, and educating our community about the importance of protecting native wildlife and their habitats. Every rescue is a chance. Every recovery is a promise. Every release is a new beginning.

The Owl Keeper's Pledge: I pledge to respect and protect our wild neighbors, care for the habitats they call home, and inspire others to help wildlife thrive.

FWMA provided a heartfelt thanks to sponsors and supporters of the event. This magical evening is made possible by the generosity, time, and dedication of our caring community.

Since 1994, FWMA has been dedicated to helping the sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife along Florida's Forgotten Coast through its animal rescue and wildlife education efforts. FWMA is a registered non-profit that receives no local, state, or federal funding.



Sopchoppy

From Front Page

you will be plastered on the front of the newspaper too," Evans retorted. "Look at this lack of professionalism. This is what I'm talking about, lack of professionalism."

Witnesses reported that the incident remained verbal and concluded shortly thereafter.

Schilling, who is formally appealing the disciplinary action against her, is being represented by Tallahassee attorney Tiffany Cruz. A special meeting to take up Schilling appeal is set for 6 p.m. on Nov. 2.

PUBLIC NOTICES:

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on November 2, 2026 at 6:00p.m. in the Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Rd., Crawfordville, FL 32327, to Consider:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, REPEALING SECTION 23.011 OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO THE LAKE ELLEN DRIVE WATER ACCESS AREA; PROVIDING CERTAIN FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, AND 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. October 22, 2026

NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION OF TAX ROLLS

Pursuant to section 193.122(2), Florida Statutes (2026), notice is hereby given to all taxpayers and owners of both real and personal property that the 2026 Wakulla County Tax Rolls have been extended to show the tax attributable to all taxable property and that said tax rolls were certified for collection to the Tax Collector on October 15, 2026. October 22, 2026

PROPERTY APPRAISER
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City of Sopchoppy
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The City of Sopchoppy hereby gives notice to the Public that the City Council will hold a special meeting at City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, Florida, at 6:00 pm on November 2, 2026. The purpose of the meeting will be to hear an appeal to disciplinary action and render the City Council's final decision regarding the disciplinary action to be imposed against the City Clerk arising from events that occurred at the August 31, 2026, budget workshop.

Persons with disabilities that may require accommodation in order to participate are asked to contact Ashley Schilling, Municipal Clerk, at 950-962-4611 or by email at Ashley.Schilling@Sopchoppy.org. Please be advised that any person who wishes to appeal any action taken at the meeting is responsible for insuring that a verbatim record of the meeting is obtained. Oct. 22, 2026

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 401 Dyer Blvd Kissimmee FL on November 3, 2026, at 2pm. In the event of a local or national emergency, a hurricane, or any other interfering circumstance, if necessary, the meeting may be continued to a time, date, and place certain, and notice thereof, along with appropriate means for public attendance and participation, if other than in-person, will be posted on the Agency's website. Such resolution electing to use such uniform method will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property that may be subject to the levy – which is the entirety of the State of Florida. A copy of the proposed form of resolution and other information may be viewed at the Agency's website: www.FloridaPACE.Gov. All affected property owners have the right to be heard on the matter via advance written objection or by appearing in person at the public hearing. Advance written communication will be given equal weight to comments or objections made in person, and may be submitted to the Board via email to Info@FloridaPACE.Gov; and should be received by the Agency on or before November 2, 2026 at 8am, 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 a 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). Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026

WAKULLA COUNTY

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

Wakulla County, Florida (the "County") hereby provides notice, pursuant to section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting annual non-ad valorem special assessments throughout the unincorporated area of the County and within the incorporated areas of the cities of Sopchoppy and St. Marks, for the cost of providing fire protection, emergency medical services, solid waste, sewer, stormwater, road maintenance and improvements, clean energy and wind resistance improvements, property nuisance abatement, and broadband and other neighborhood improvements, facilities, and associated services commencing for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2027 and continuing until discontinued by the County. The County will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 6:00 p.m. on November 17, 2026 in the Wakulla County Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the County Administrator's Office, 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend.

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the County with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the above-referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Administrator's Office at (850) 926-0919, at least two (2) working days prior to the date of the hearing; Hearing & Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771; or email at ADARequest@mywakulla.com. Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 2026

CITY OF SOPCHOPPY
PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Sopchoppy, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 9, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at Sopchoppy City Hall, Commission Chambers, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, Florida.

The purpose of the public hearing is to present, discuss, and receive public comment regarding the proposed Facilities Plan for the projects funded by the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Supplemental Appropriation for Hurricanes Helene and Milton and the Hawai'i Wildfires, American Relief Act (SAHM), and the City's proposed participation in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's State Revolving Fund Program.

The Facilities Plan identifies recommended improvements to the City's drinking water system intended to improve system reliability, capacity, and resilience including the replacement of nearly 99,000 linear feet of water line, construction of new wells and water system infrastructure. The Facilities Plan has been prepared as part of the City's application for financial assistance through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program.

The City Council will review the proposed Facilities Plan, discuss anticipated benefits and financial impacts, and receive public comments.

This meeting is open to the public in accordance with Florida's Government-in-the Sunshine Law.

For accessibility accommodations, please contact the City Clerk's office at 850-962-4611 at least five (5) days prior to the meeting.

For additional information, please contact ashley.schilling@sopchoppy.org. October 22, 2026

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."

Invest in our future, support Wakulla's schools

By RICK MYHRE
School Superintendent

When people hear the word "referendum," they often think about taxes, government, or budgets.

But this referendum is not really about any of those things.

It's about people.

It's about the child who needs a caring teacher, the student who depends on breakfast and lunch at school, the band member finding confidence through music, the athlete learning discipline on a field, the artist discovering a talent, and the teacher who pours their heart into our children every single day.

I understand what we are asking. I know every dollar matters. I know there are families, retirees, and working people throughout Wakulla County who carefully watch their budgets, and I respect that. Asking for additional local support is not something I take lightly.

Before making this request, I believe we had a responsibility to do our part first.

Some have said we should cut administration. We have. Others have said administrators are paid too much, but the facts simply do not support that claim. We have made difficult decisions and remained focused on the classroom. Those decisions have helped us reach a point where every school is now an A school, teacher pay has reached more competitive levels, employee insurance costs have remained stable, and student services continue to grow.

We are incredibly grateful for the educational funding we receive from our Governor and State Legislature. Their support matters, and we appreciate it. But Florida law recognizes that local communities may choose to invest beyond the minimum level funded through the state budget, and more than 30 percent of Florida's school districts have chosen to do exactly that.

The timing of this referendum may seem unusual given the broader conversations happening across our state regarding homestead exemptions. But we can only place this question before voters during a general election. This is our opportunity to decide what kind of future we want for Wakulla County.

When I asked for the privilege of serving as your Superintendent, I promised to be the chief advocate for students and teachers. That's what I am doing today.

The future of state funding is uncertain. The future needs of our children are not.

This referendum provides stability. It protects fair compensation for our employees. It helps ensure food for children, support for classrooms, and opportunities in art, music, athletics, and career programs regardless of what challenges may come tomorrow.

As Christians, many of us believe we are called to do as much good as we can with what God has entrusted to us. This referendum is an opportunity to do exactly that.

I ask you to close your eyes and look beyond the ballot question and see the faces of the children it serves. Picture their future in four years with your additional support, and picture it without it.

Please join me in knowing that when the moment came, you answered their call for support. Please join me in investing in their future.

Please vote yes.

Rick Myhre is the Superintendent of Wakulla County Schools.

LETTERS FROM READERS

What happened to impact fees?

Editor, The Sun:

I have been a resident of Wakulla County for 22 years. When I first moved here, impact fees were in place for new construction. Impact fees were eliminated sometime after 2004 for reasons unknown

As hundreds of new homes and apartment continue to be built across our county, I am concerned about how our infrastructure will support this rapid growth. Our roads, schools, and emergency services are facing increased demand, and recent road alterations and closures from new developments are already impacting residents.

With property taxes increasing and key services like animal control remaining uncertain, it is frustrating to see commercial builders developing without contributing to these infrastructure costs. It is my understanding that impact fees exist specifically to offset the strain that new construction places on local public facilities and services.

Could someone please explain why the county has not considered reinstating impact fees to help fund necessary infrasture improvements and lessen the financial burden on current taxpayers?

Thank you,

S. Sentman
Crawfordville

Editor's Note: While your questions may be rhetorical, the background is that the county commission suspended impact fees in 2007 citing the economic pressures at the time that were building to the Recession of 2008. In 2024, the County Charter Review Committee recommended, and voters approved, having commissioners hire a consultant to review impact fees every five years beginning in January 2025. In October 2025, commissioners accepted a report from consultants but declined to move forward with a rate study to impose impact fees.

Something on your mind?

Email Letters to the Editor to editor@thewakullasun.com; or mail it The Wakulla Sun, 12 Arran Road, Crawfordville FL 32327; or drop it by the office on the courthouse square.

On the Horizon

Calendar of events for the week of October 22

Thursday, October 22

• The Rotary Club of Wakulla County meets at the Wakulla Public Library at 8:30 a.m. \
• Line dancing is 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Women's Club. 6:30 to 8 for beginners. $10.
• The VFW Auxiliary Bingo Night will be held at 7 p.m. at 475 Arran Road in Crawfordville, every Thursday. There are concessions and raffles.
• Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Friday, October 23

• Wakulla War Eagles travel to Glen St. Mary to take on the Baker Wildcats at 7:30 p.m.
• Value Adjustment Board meets at 10 a.m. in the commission chambers.
• Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 7 p.m. every Friday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Saturday, October 24

• Story Walk, a trick-or-treat event hosted by the Wakulla Public Library, will be held at Azalea Park from 5 to 8 p.m.
• 90 Minutes of 90s Country featuring Billy Dean and Friends will be held at the Sopchoppy Opry. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets arte $38 each.

Sunday, October 25

• Wakulla Giving Hands food giveaway every Sunday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the facility across from Medart Elementary on Highway 98. Line up begins at 11 a.m.
• Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Monday, October 26

• Recreation Advisory Committee will meet at the community center's St. Marks Room at 4 p.m.
• 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. for women and 8 p.m. for men every Monday at 54 Ochlockonee St.
• Gentle Yoga and Stetching Class with Margaret every Monday at 11 a.m. First Baptist Church CLC Building in Crawfordville. Bring a mat.

Tuesday, October 27

• Sopchoppy community dinner is held every week at the Towles House at 6:30 p.m.
• Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Wednesday, October 28

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

UPCOMING
Saturday, October 31

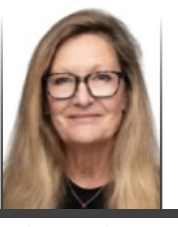
• Halloween. Watch for trick or treaters.

Saturday, Nov. 7

• Veterans Day Parade and festival. Parade starts at 10 a.m. Afterwards, vendors will be in Hudson Park.
• Monarch Butterfly Festival will be held at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
• Jubel Bissonnette Memorial Poker Run, a benefit for Big Bend Hospice, will start at Dux at 11:30 a.m.

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– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Polled at the Farm Bureau's annual dinner:

Do you farm, plant a garden, or grow anything?



JOE WALLS
Retired Nuclear Operator
"I grow orchids, I grow some and I kill some."



AMANDA DAUGHTRY
Constituent Services
"I dabble in growing herbs and I also have a butterfly garden."



DONNA MATHERS GODINES
Cashier – Walmart
"We do, my family has been on the same farm for over 100 years. We still carry it forward."



CHET GRIMSLEY
Retired Civil Engineer
"Yes, I do a little bit now. We've planted a lot over the years though. Tiger Hammock Farms plants pine trees."



BJ JOHNSON
Retired
"Not any more. We moved to Franklin County from Georgia. We used to plant oats, rye and wheat. I don't plant anything now, my neighbors deer would eat it."

Wakulla Crossroads

By VERNA BROCK

The following is a poem written in response to a school shooting a little over a year ago in Minneapolis. I find myself all too often turning to poetry to express my grief and horror at the terrifying violence that seems to stalk the land. While I believe deeply in the Constitution, including the 2nd Amendment, I also believe we must address the epidemic of gun violence we're enduring.

Once again, news of slaughtered and injured innocent children and teachers dominates headlines. Grieving families and communities grapple with the unimagineable, while being offered empty thoughts and prayers.

Common sense gun laws and meaningful funding to address mental health issues would be steps in the right direction. Having a serious, respectful dialogue about how best to address this plague on a national level is a necessity.

By the way, my Harper is my granddaughter, and I don't want to imagine this nightmare in my life, but I do, every time this happens again. Meanwhile, I continue to pour my guts out in my poetry.

Maybe this poem will speak to you...

Not Again

(Written on the occasion of another school shooting, Annunciation Catholic Church, Minneapolis MN 08/27/2025)

A perfect day, school begins again,

Blue skies, clear air, excitement filling every breast,

Children sit barely contained, between the pews, between the lines

Stage whispers await Mass, sunlight in rainbow colors slanting

Through stained glass windows, dust motes sparkle

In golden hues, crimson reds, ocean blues and verdant greens.

Abruptly, chaos ensues in the innocent morning, bullets

Crash through tall windows depicting the love of God.

For the love of God, not again, not again.

Upon hearing the news, parents rush to their children's sides

Hearts gripped by icy fingers, a polar fear, dread freezing into a hard stone

At the touch of a chilling stalker.

Not here, Not Again

A little girl, Harper, like my Harper.

Both, ten years old, both funny and silly and full of life, full of innocence, so loved.

One now irrevocably gone, in the time it took someone else's child to pull a trigger.

Yet again.

Sopchoppy News

By DJ BUTCH

Hello from Sopchoppy! The storm wasn't that bad. I had a limb fall on my driveway but it wasn't bad. I didn't lose power. Lights flickered but stayed on.

A good bit of rain but it wasn't that bad. I had DJ gigs on Friday and Saturday. Friday got canceled and Saturday was rescheduled. I checked on the river and it was high but flowing out fast.

I can tell the temperature has cooled down. It feels amazing outside.

I got to go Worm Gruntin' with the Revell family. It was an amazing adventure. We were in the woods before daylight. Mr. Gary and Snap grunt the forms and Ms. Audrey picks up the worms. That is hard job within its self... up and down, up and down... hundreds of worms.... It is amazing to watch. The content is viral online.

I've worked hard the past few years posting consistently on my social media. people really enjoy my adventures. I have gone viral many times. I'm excited about what's next. I love adventure and it is cool to be able to share my experiences with the world. I do mean the world... I'm reaching other countries. They are translating my videos to other languages so others can enjoy my content. It's amazing to me. It's a huge world and you should dream bigger! Support one another and enjoy life.

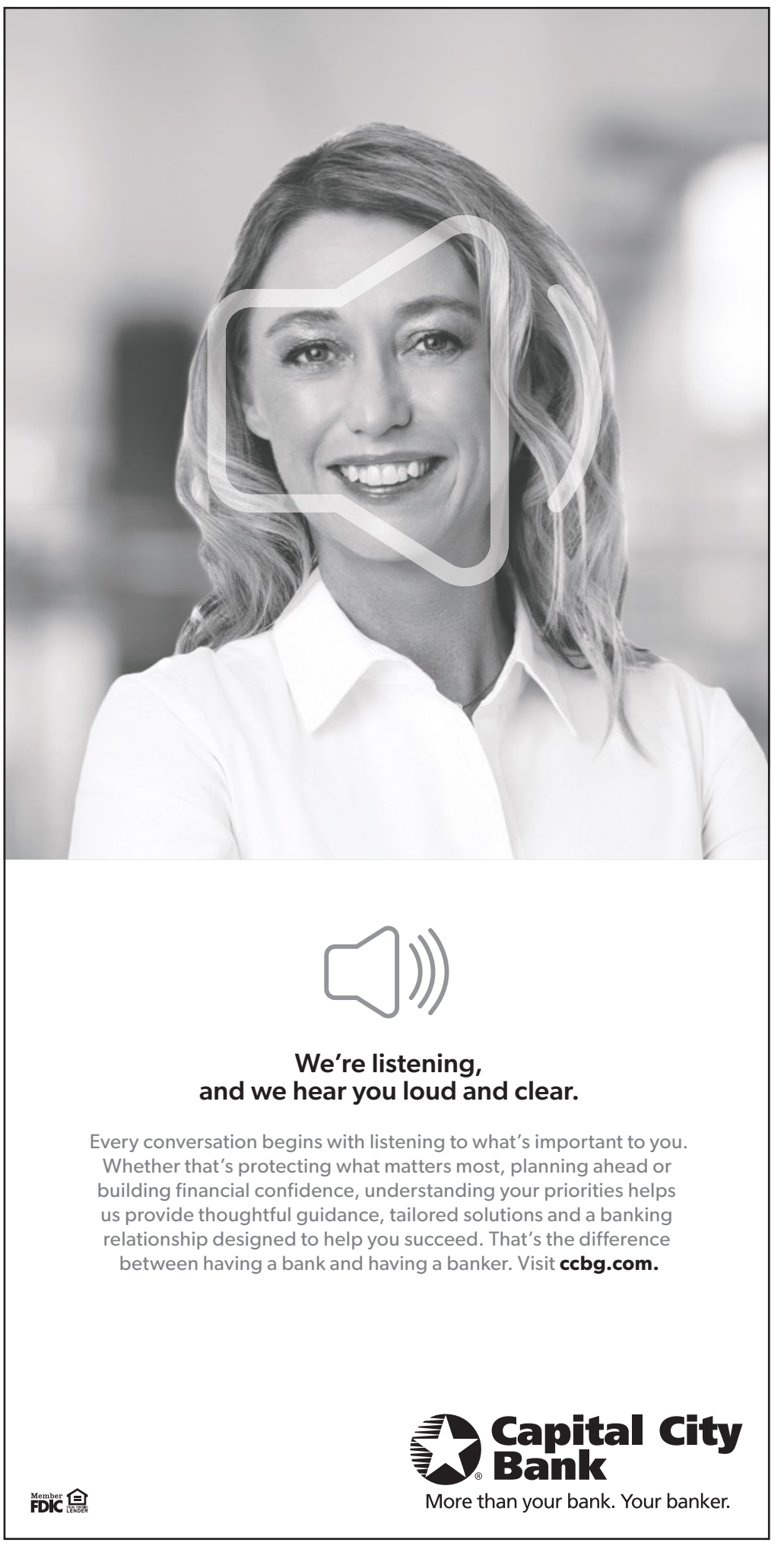
I keep it positive and I'm reaching millions. I'm entertaining people and making them smile. I'm also showing our culture and experiences.

We take a lot of stuff for granted but our area is a beautiful mysterious place.

I appreciate everyone that watches, likes, comments, shares and subscribes. I'm going to keep bringing awesome content! I'm going to use it to push positive energy, fun adventures and good times.

I also post a lot of our local history and people also enjoy that. It keeps growing! It's a true blessing to have these platforms that I built with my content.

Love from Sop!



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HOME ON THE RANGE

Three .40 S&W handguns



By MARJ LAW



"What are we shooting this week?" I ask Joe as we prepare to visit the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range on Wednesday morning. We're there practically every Wednesday around 10 to shoot and to assist or give moral support to new shooters.

"How 'bout we shoot three .40-caliber handguns?" he responds.

".40-calibers! Dang. Last week we shot .38s, and you know how I hate most revolvers; especially .38s. Now you want to shoot .40s? Next to the .38s, .40-caliber handguns are my next least favorites. They're snappy. I don't like snappy handguns. My .45-caliber Thompson has less recoil than these!"

"Well, it's been a long while since we've shot .40-calibers. You might feel differently about them now."

My feet are dragging all the way to the range. Will I feel differently now that time has passed? I sincerely doubt it.

We're shooting a fairly old Astra A-75, a Sig Sauer P-250 and an H&K VP 40.

We begin with the Astra. It's a hammer gun. We're going to shoot it in single action, which means we will cock the hammer first. Then, when we pull the trigger, all the trigger will have to do is release that hammer.

I figure at least that means trigger pull and travel will be easy. That's one point for it. The gun is all metal. This means that hopefully, the mass of the gun will absorb some of the recoil. Do I believe it?

The Astra was made somewhere between 1993-1998. It is the smallest of the guns, with a 3½-inch barrel. It feels heavy for its size at 31 ounces. It is 4.75 inches tall and 1.25 inches wide. Rear sight is like a half square and front sight is a white dot. Sights are fixed.

"How many rounds would you like to shoot?" he asks me.

"One. At the most, two. Why don't you shoot three or more? You shoot first. And I only want to shoot in single action."

He racks the slide. I notice it seems like work. Then he aims and fires. Blam! Blam! Blam!

Now, Joe's a big guy with big bones. He can control a gun. But I do notice that with each shot, his hands are rising. Oh, goody. That means I'll feel the recoil bigtime.

"Out of a 1-5, with 1 being light recoil and 5 being a pretty awful recoil, what score would you give it?" I ask.

"Oh, probably a 3," he says. "And since we're shooting single action, I'd only give the trigger a 1 ½. It's light and trigger travel is short."

"How hard was racking the slide?" I wonder.

"I'd give it a 3. It's a pretty stiff slide. Now, it's your turn."

I aim, holding the grip very firmly.

Blam!

Yes, trigger pull and travel in single action is easy. But, recoil! Nasty. I give it a 3.5 out of that 1-5 scoring. It is hard and sharp. Just what I thought it would be. I do not like this gun.

"Why don't you rack the slide, to see how easy it is?" suggests Joe.

OK. I yank it back. It's very tight. I'd give it a 3.5 out of 5. That's a lot. So far, my mind hasn't changed about .40s.

Just for my own interest, I pull the trigger in double action. Well, I try. Then I put in my left index finger over my right trigger finger. Ow! That is one awful trigger pull. If 5 is the hardest, this would be a 4. Maybe a 4.5. My right wrist is not happy.

Next, we will shoot the compact Sig Sauer P250. It's larger than the Astra, but not much. The Sig has a 3.9 inch barrel. It has a polymer frame, so it's lighter than the Astra at 25.1 ounces. It is 5.12 inches high and 1.3 inches wide. It holds 13 rounds, as opposed to Astra's 7 rounds. Sights are nice big white dots: two in the rear and one front dot sight. It was made from 2008-2015; so, it's quite a bit newer than the Astra.

OK. Generally, I like Sig Sauer guns.

"This one shoots in double action only," warns Joe.

Oh goody. Now the trigger has to both cock the hammer and then release it. I bet it's a hard trigger.

"You shoot first," I say.

I watch him rack the slide. Doesn't look all that hard.

He aims and shoots. I notice his hands don't rise much as when he shot the Astra. Hm. Maybe the recoil isn't so bad.

"What scores do you give for the trigger?" I ask.

"I'll give both trigger pull and travel a 2.5 out of 5 and recoil a 2. Recoil isn't that bad. I give recoil a 2 out of 5."

He hands the gun to me. Now, remember that I'm a small-boned mature woman. My scores are likely going to be different.

I aim and squeeze the trigger. No dice. I squeeze again. Nothing. My last resort is adding my left finger over my right. Blam! Finally!

The Sig's trigger isn't as bad as I expected. I give pull a 2 out of 5. That's sorta hard. Travel is not too bad. I give travel a 2, too.

And recoil? Joe made it look easy. Well, I don't think so. I find the snappy recoil to be a 3.5 out of 5. That's a very stiff recoil.

So far, neither gun has changed my mind about .40s. Now, we come to the H&K VP 40. Yay! It's a striker-fired handgun; not a hammer-fired gun. Usually, I prefer a striker-fired gun. Maybe this one will be easier to shoot. Maybe?

The H&K is a bit larger than the Sig. It has a 4.01-inch barrel. With its polymer frame, it's only 26 ounces, making it easier for carry. (Not for me, but for someone with a larger frame.)

Like the Sig, it carries 13 rounds. Like the Sig, it has three large white dot sights. This one is 5.5 inches high and 1.35 inches wide. It feels larger than the Sig, but it really isn't much larger.

Since it's a striker-fired gun, I'm more apt to like it than the two other hammer-fired guns.

I watch Joe rack the slide. He doesn't have a hard time. He aims and fires. Blam!

"What do you think?" I ask him.

"I'll give trigger pull and travel both a 2 with a kick of 2.5. Racking the slide is about average."

OK. My turn. I agree with Joe that trigger and trigger pull are fairly easy. But kick? I still think the .40 has a snappy kick, and I give it a 3 out of 5. I was hoping to like this striker-fired gun the most, but all three guns feel about the same to me.

"What gun do you like the best?" I ask Joe.

"I like the Sig the best. It balances well in my hands. The double action trigger isn't bad. And the gun is accurate. I got two bull's-eyes and one in the 8-ring," he adds happily.

"I shot the H&K VP 40 next best," he says, "but the Sig balances best."

"What about the Astra?"

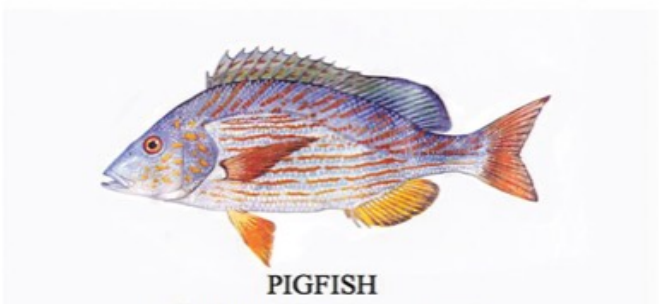
"The trigger is good, and balance is nice. However, I find the Astra to be snappier than the others. I noticed a higher muzzle rise with this gun."

"So, have you changed your mind about the .40-caliber handguns?" he asks.

"No. I find double action in the 40s is too hard for my wrists. All three had very strong and snappy recoil. They are larger and heavier than I can carry comfortably in the inside-the-waistband holsters.

No, I'll stick to a 9mm, a .380 or a .45. I haven't changed my mind about .40s."

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



PIGFISH

(Orthopristes chrysoptera)

Pigfish are named for the grunting sound they make by rubbing the teeth in their throat together when caught. By night, pigfish use their throat teeth to grind up shellfish and other food. They are found warmer temperate regions along the east coast. They prefer bays and canals with mud bottoms to search out their diets of amphipods, mollusks, crabs and shrimp. Their maximum size is 19" and 2-3lbs although they are usually caught when under 1lb as bait fish. They live 2-3 years.

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WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO



Wildflower walk

The Sarracenia Chapter of FNPS hosted a wildflower walk on October 18 to celebrate Florida Native Plant Month. David Roddenberry led two dozen wildflower enthusiasts into the Apalachicola National Forest near Sopchoppy. The pine flatwoods set ablaze last May by wildfire now display a profusion of wildflowers. The vibrant pinks and purples of blazing stars, vanilla plant, and hairy chaffhead delighted all. Other wildflowers in peak bloom ranged from white-topped asters to flat-topped goldenrod.

Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water

Local writers share their experiences



Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

Oct. 22 - Oct. 28

Tide charts by tides4fishing.com

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.

	First	Full	Last	New
	Nov. 17	Oct. 26	Nov. 1	Nov. 9

Best fishing days this month

Best fishing day(s) is in the center of date ranges.

Oct. 18, 23-29

Thursday 22	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:44 AM	4:51 PM
6:58 PM	4:03 AM
Moon Illumination	81 %

Friday 23	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:44 AM	5:20 PM
6:57 PM	5:02 AM
Moon Illumination	88 %

Saturday 24	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:45 AM	5:51 PM
6:57 PM	6:04 AM
Moon Illumination	94 %

Sunday 25	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:46 AM	6:26 PM
6:56 PM	7:08 AM
Moon Illumination	98 %

Monday 26	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:47 AM	7:06 PM
6:55 PM	8:16 AM
Moon Illumination	100 %

Tuesday 27	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:47 AM	7:53 PM
6:54 PM	9:27 AM
Moon Illumination	99 %

Wednesday 28	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:48 AM	8:49 PM
6:53 PM	10:39 AM
Moon Illumination	96 %

St. Marks River Entrance

Th	1st 12:19 AM ▲ 3.2 ft	2nd 6:16 AM ▼ 1.2 ft	3rd 12:29 PM ▲ 3.3 ft	4th 6:38 PM ▼ 0.8 ft1st
Fr	12:45 AM ▲ 3.4 ft	2nd 6:56 AM ▼ 0.7 ft	3rd 1:16 PM ▲ 3.6 ft	4th 7:12 PM ▼ 0.9 ft
Sa	1st 1:09 AM ▲ 3.5 ft	2nd 7:34 AM ▼ 0.2 ft	3rd 2:01 PM ▲ 3.8 ft	4th 7:45 PM ▼ 1.0 ft
Su	1st 1:34 AM ▲ 3.7 ft	2nd 8:12 AM ▼ -0.2 ft	3rd 2:45 PM ▲ 3.9 ft	4th 8:17 PM ▼ 1.2 ft
Mo	1st 1:59 AM ▲ 3.9 ft	2nd 8:52 AM ▼ -0.5 ft	3rd 3:30 PM ▲ 3.8 ft	4th 8:49 PM ▼ 1.4 ft
Tu	1st 2:28 AM ▲ 4.0 ft	2nd 9:34 AM ▼ -0.7 ft	3rd 4:15 PM ▲ 3.7 ft	4th 9:22 PM ▼ 1.6 ft
We	1st 3:00 AM ▲ 4.2 ft	2nd 10:18 AM ▼ -0.7 ft	3rd 5:03 PM ▲ 3.5 ft	4th 9:57 PM ▼ 1.7 ft

City of St. Marks

Th	1st 12:55 AM ▲ 3.0 ft	2nd 7:20 AM ▼ 1.1 ft	3rd 1:05 PM ▲ 3.1 ft	4th 7:42 PM ▼ 0.7 ft
Fr	1st 1:21 AM ▲ 3.1 ft	2nd 8:00 AM ▼ 0.6 ft	3rd 1:52 PM ▲ 3.3 ft	4th 8:16 PM ▼ 0.8 ft
Sa	1st 1:45 AM ▲ 3.3 ft	2nd 8:38 AM ▼ 0.2 ft	3rd 2:37 PM ▲ 3.5 ft	4th 8:49 PM ▼ 0.9 ft
Su	1st 2:10 AM ▲ 3.4 ft	2nd 9:16 AM ▼ -0.2 ft	3rd 3:21 PM ▲ 3.6 ft	4th 9:21 PM ▼ 1.1 ft
Mo	1st 2:35 AM ▲ 3.6 ft	2nd 9:56 AM ▼ -0.5 ft	3rd 4:06 PM ▲ 3.6 ft	4th 9:53 PM ▼ 1.3 ft
Tu	1st 3:04 AM ▲ 3.8 ft	2nd 10:38 AM ▼ -0.7 ft	3rd 4:51 PM ▲ 3.4 ft	4th 10:26 PM ▼ 1.4 ft
We	1st 3:36 AM ▲ 3.9 ft	2nd 11:22 AM ▼ -0.7 ft	3rd 5:39 PM ▲ 3.2 ft	4th 11:01 PM ▼ 1.6 ft

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Th	1st 12:37 AM ▲ 3.3 ft	2nd 6:32 AM ▼ 1.3 ft	3rd 12:45 PM ▲ 3.4 ft	4th 6:54 PM ▼ 0.9 ft
Fr	1st 1:03 AM ▲ 3.5 ft	2nd 7:12 AM ▼ 0.8 ft	3rd 1:32 PM ▲ 3.7 ft	4th 7:28 PM ▼ 1.0 ft
Sa	1st 1:27 AM ▲ 3.6 ft	2nd 7:50 AM ▼ 0.3 ft	3rd 2:17 PM ▲ 3.9 ft	4th 8:01 PM ▼ 1.1 ft
Su	1st 1:52 AM ▲ 3.8 ft	2nd 8:28 AM ▼ -0.1 ft	3rd 3:01 PM ▲ 4.0 ft	4th 8:33 PM ▼ 1.3 ft
Mo	1st 2:17 AM ▲ 4.0 ft	2nd 9:08 AM ▼ -0.4 ft	3rd 3:46 PM ▲ 3.9 ft	4th 9:05 PM ▼ 1.5 ft
Tu	1st 2:46 AM ▲ 4.1 ft	2nd 9:50 AM ▼ -0.6 ft	3rd 4:31 PM ▲ 3.8 ft	4th 9:38 PM ▼ 1.7 ft
We	1st 3:18 AM ▲ 4.3 ft	2nd 10:34 AM ▼ -0.6 ft	3rd 5:19 PM ▲ 3.6 ft	4th 10:13 PM ▼ 1.8 ft

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Th	1st 12:11 AM ▲ 2.4 ft	2nd 6:28 AM ▼ 0.9 ft	3rd 12:21 PM ▲ 2.5 ft	4th 6:50 PM ▼ 0.6 ft
Fr	1st 12:37 AM ▲ 2.6 ft	2nd 7:08 AM ▼ 0.5 ft	3rd 1:08 PM ▲ 2.7 ft	4th 7:24 PM ▼ 0.7 ft
Sa	1st 1:01 AM ▲ 2.7 ft	2nd 7:46 AM ▼ 0.1 ft	3rd 1:53 PM ▲ 2.9 ft	4th 7:57 PM ▼ 0.8 ft
Su	1st 1:26 AM ▲ 2.9 ft	2nd 8:24 AM ▼ -0.1 ft	3rd 2:37 PM ▲ 3.0 ft	4th 8:29 PM ▼ 0.9 ft
Mo	1st 1:51 AM ▲ 3.0 ft	2nd 9:04 AM ▼ -0.4 ft	3rd 3:22 PM ▲ 3.0 ft	4th 9:01 PM ▼ 1.0 ft
Tu	1st 2:20 AM ▲ 3.1 ft	2nd 9:46 AM ▼ -0.5 ft	3rd 4:07 PM ▲ 2.9 ft	4th 9:34 PM ▼ 1.1 ft
We	1st 2:52 AM ▲ 3.3 ft	2nd 10:30 AM ▼ -0.5 ft	3rd 4:55 PM ▲ 2.7 ft	4th 10:09 PM ▼ 1.2 ft

St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

Th	1st 12:23 AM ▲ 2.5 ft	2nd 6:40 AM ▼ 1.0 ft	3rd 12:33 PM ▲ 2.6 ft	4th 7:02 PM ▼ 0.7 ft
Fr	1st 12:49 AM ▲ 2.7 ft	2nd 7:20 AM ▼ 0.6 ft	3rd 1:20 PM ▲ 2.8 ft	4th 7:36 PM ▼ 0.8 ft
Sa	1st 1:13 AM ▲ 2.8 ft	2nd 7:58 AM ▼ 0.2 ft	3rd 2:05 PM ▲ 3.0 ft	4th 8:09 PM ▼ 0.9 ft
Su	1st 1:38 AM ▲ 3.0 ft	2nd 8:36 AM ▼ -0.1 ft	3rd 2:49 PM ▲ 3.1 ft	4th 8:41 PM ▼ 1.0 ft
Mo	1st 2:03 AM ▲ 3.1 ft	2nd 9:16 AM ▼ -0.4 ft	3rd 3:34 PM ▲ 3.1 ft	4th 9:13 PM ▼ 1.1 ft
Tu	1st 2:32 AM ▲ 3.2 ft	2nd 9:58 AM ▼ -0.5 ft	3rd 4:19 PM ▲ 3.0 ft	4th 9:46 PM ▼ 1.2 ft
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Dog Island West End

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

Thursday 22	
Major Times	Minor Times
10:30 PM	4:51 PM
10:55 AM	4:03 AM

Friday 23	
Major Times	Minor Times
11:12 PM	5:20 PM
11:37 AM	5:02 AM

Saturday 24	
Major Times	Minor Times
11:55 PM	5:51 PM
12:20 PM	6:04 AM

Sunday 25	
Major Times	Minor Times
12:40 AM	6:26 PM
1:05 PM	7:08 AM

Monday 26	
Major Times	Minor Times
1:26 AM	7:06 PM
1:51 PM	8:16 AM

Tuesday 27	
Major Times	Minor Times
2:14 AM	7:53 PM
2:39 PM	9:27 AM

Wednesday 28	
Major Times	Minor Times
3:04 AM	8:49 PM
3:29 PM	10:39 AM

BIRDING AT THE REFUGE

Birds, butterflies and more

By DON MORROW

I watched the International Space Station in the night sky above St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge on Thursday morning. It was closely followed by an unmanned Cargo Dragon capsule that was moving to link up with it. They passed soundlessly overhead as Black-crowned Night Herons were flying in to roost, barking in the dark, mindless of the technological marvel taking place 250 miles above them. Slowly, the light gathered and Gray Catbirds began to call, announcing another Fall day at the refuge.

These mornings at St. Marks are cool and colorful. Goldenrod is in bloom and Muhly grass is a pink haze along the edges of the levees. Butterflies are swarming; Cloudless Sulphurs, Gulf Fritillaries, Long-tailed Skippers and the first few Monarchs.

Outlying rain bands from Hurricane Isaias dropped a lot of rain on the refuge and the pools and ponds are full. Favorable winds gave a boost to migration and in two nights, 15 million birds passed through the refuge. Most of these were thrushes, warblers and flycatchers, just passing through. Yellow Warblers are easy to find right now. Look for them on Goldenrod as they search for insects. Thrushes make use of fruit on migration and I've recently found Swainson's Thrushes at the refuge feeding on Yaupon, Sweetbay and Viburnum. This migratory pulse also brought in wintering birds; Swamp Sparrows, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Eastern Phoebes and Northern Harriers.

Our winter duck population starts climbing in October and then jumps up in late November. Waterfowl populations are usually still low in mid-October, but generally show the first increase in diversity as a few pintails and wigeons begin to show up among the usual Blue-winged Teal. I found 56 Blue-winged Teal and a single Northern Shoveler on the refuge on Thursday. Most of the teal were skittish and easily spooked, a sign of active migrants.

The refuge's Land Protection Plan calls for one area to be closed in order to provide an area for waterfowl to rest, unmolested. Signs have gone up closing the Gulf-side levee on the southeastern side of Mounds 3. This closure is for the winter season.

The refuge's current high water levels have inundated shorebird flats and the refuge biologist is working to adjust water levels to accommodate both ducks and shorebirds. On Thursday, I had only a handful of shorebirds, but they included a Black-necked Stilt, a Red Knot and a Dunlin, all on Tower Pond. Dunlin normally begin to arrive in October and by November, they will be the most common shorebird on the refuge.

The American Ornithological Society has decided to split one of our most common shorebirds, the Willet, into two species. The new Saltmarsh Willet is our local breeder and the new Prairie Willet is our wintering bird, currently on the refuge. If you keep a bird list, your total just went up by one with no effort.

One other thing that you can do with almost no effort is come down to St. Marks. We have birds, butterflies and glorious Fall weather waiting for you.

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Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

Rain! *April 11, 2013*

We hope the spring rains are over! While most terrestrial folks have seen yards and ditches fill with an abundance of water, the story is entirely different underwater.

Yes, we love the rain, but when the swamps overflow as they most certainly have done recently, the discharge finds its way into sinkholes that deliver these tannins and other organics into our caves.

Mind you, the residents of these caves are only too happy for the replenishment to their limited diet. Local caves are teeming with blind crayfish and amphipods foraging on the ceilings, walls and floors.

The Suwannee River rose so high that Peacock Springs State Park went underwater several weeks ago, back-flushing their springs and caves. And nearly all the caves along the Suwannee are inundated.

Little River, a favorite county park was closed when river water covered most of the two stories of steps leading down to the waterfront. I met some desperate British cave divers who swam with a line tied to the flooded steps out into the park in search of the cave opening, which they did find. It was clear but with a low flow.

Manatee Springs, east of Tallahassee in Madison County, is also flooded. There are just too few sites left right now. With the usual Spring Break diving tourists (many from Europe) arriving in the middle of our deluge, they found slim pickings at the usual dive sites.

In Wakulla County, the conduit running from Tallahassee to the Gulf of Mexico was very dark and flowing fast. I visited Emerald Sink and Whiskey Still Sink to witness these conditions myself.

Our visitors also inquired at Indian Springs, now under new ownership and management, to find conditions there deteriorated. So we sent them to Marianna and Jackson Blue Springs. All of the Merritt's Mill Pond dive sites are clear and busy for all divers (within their respective diving qualifications) this time of the year.

I have never been so busy with classes on cave and rebreathers during these flooding times. We trained continuously for six weeks either at Jackson Blue, Ginnie Springs east of us over by High Springs, Blue Grotto near Williston and Eagle's Nest north of Tampa.

We even made a dark dive in Squirrel Swamp near our facility.

One class stood out above all the rest. I trained four diving scientists from Bogota, Colombia on rebreathers.

They are marine biologists like myself, so we could relate to the many joys a rebreather will bring to their research.

In spite of the long drives and challenging visibility, they mastered the skills and challenges required to continue their coral reef studies. They were not cold-acclimatized, we had a cold spring weather, and even our year around constant water temperature was a big strain on them.

We bundled them up as best as possible and they endured.

I have been advised to NOT bring a dry suit when, in September, I am to travel to Cartagena and join them on a coral spawn investigation.

Imagine a toasty south Caribbean ocean dive for four hours chasing coral gametes! Nothing could be finer.

Editor's Note: This is a repeat of a column from 2013.

Do you dread another candle on your birthday cake?



By SHERYL H. BOLDT

"Happy birthday, Sheryl!" Christina from Coastal Edge Salon said as I sat in the styling chair, quietly praying for a miracle.

"I need a younger look, Christina. Someone thought I was my sister's mom." I laughed when I said this, but I promise you, I wasn't laughing on the inside.

She assured me she'd fix the problem. After a super-duper-gray-defying color session, a younger-looking me got up from the chair. It was a near miracle! At least, my husband, Bert, said I looked younger. (He wouldn't lie, would he?)

I wish I could say I didn't care how much my age is showing. Having sisters who seem to be aging more gracefully doesn't help. Although we're close in age, their chins, arms and midriffs look better than mine.

Sigh.

While I'm thankful for another year, the reality that less of my life lies before me than behind me sometimes hits hard. This fact makes me want, more than ever, to live with purpose.

Don't you?

Don't you want to resolve to make each year – each day – count? Do you want to live in such a way that your life declares God's faithfulness? If so, let's ask God to use us for the rest of our lives to glorify Him.

Psalm 71:17-18 (ESV) resonates with me: "O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come."

Do you celebrate each new year God gives you? Or do you dread another candle on your birthday cake?

Even though I'm beginning to resemble someone old and gray (though with Coastal Edge's help, you'll never see the gray part), I have purpose. Indeed, this "mature" woman of God invites you to watch my life because, by God's grace, you ain't seen nothing yet.

My prayer:

O God, thank You for my life – every single year of it! I pray You will grant me (and everyone who reads this) more years so we can declare Your wondrous deeds, strength and power to this generation and to future generations. Amen.

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Faith in the doing



By CHERYL CRUCE

I never thought about recipes when I was growing up. Somehow, Mom just took the ingredients, threw them in a pot or bowl, and a few hours later, supper was on the table. Everything was perfect, fresh, and timed flawlessly. Later, when it was time for my sisters and me to begin cooking, we learned that flawless was not effortless.

When we would ask her for a recipe, she had none, not even for her golden-brown, fluffy biscuits. She simply said that if we learned to cook by sight, smell, and taste, we would be able to prepare any meal. By the time we began families of our own, we had learned to cook without needing a collection of recipes.

Dad was a good sport through those early lessons, even when it meant suffering through baked bean casseroles and other odd creations. I imagine some of those meals were easier to swallow than others. Yet he endured them with a smile as we learned our way around the kitchen. Our brothers, however, were not always quite so kind in their reviews!

Of course, we survived those early experiments, and eventually our cooking skills improved. With a little practice, a willingness to try, and the confidence to keep going, we began to discover that we really could do this. Those early kitchen adventures taught us more than how to put a meal on the table.

Mom had her own way of teaching, without recipes, ingredient lists, or directions to follow. We watched her, trusted what she taught us, and learned by doing. The thing of it is, we would never have learned if we had never stepped into the kitchen and given it a try.

I think much of life is learned that way—without a recipe, through trial and error. We listen to the advice of others, watch how they handle things, and eventually find ourselves facing situations where we have to put what we have learned into practice. Sometimes we get it right, and sometimes we try again. We learn by paying attention to what works and what doesn't.

Our faith is learned and lived out in much the same way. We can listen to sermons, read our Bibles, and learn from other Christians. Eventually, we have to live out what we have learned. We learn patience when someone tests it, forgiveness when we have been hurt, and kindness when it would be easier to walk away. According to Scripture, each of us is given a measure of faith (Romans 12:3). As believers, we have a responsibility to nurture that faith by putting what we believe into practice. Paul encouraged Timothy to fan into flame the gift of God. Our faith needs tending, too. As we live out what we believe, we give that faith room to grow.

Maybe that is one of the most important lessons we learn along the way. We can spend years listening, reading, and learning, but those lessons become part of us when we begin to live them. Just as Mom taught us to trust what we had learned in her kitchen, we can trust God's Word to guide us as we put our faith into practice. We won't always get everything right the first time. Sometimes we will stumble, make mistakes, and need to try again. But we keep learning, growing, and putting one foot in front of the other. Faith, like cooking, is not just about knowing what to do. Faith comes with the doing.

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." — James 1:22

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OUT TO PASTOR

Do I have a license to drive my wife crazy?



By JAMES SNYDER

In the news recently, there was a story about a man involved in an automobile accident, which wasn't his first time. I can't remember how many accidents he was involved in, but it turned out he never had a driver's license.

How can people get in a car, drive across town, and not have a driver's license?

I couldn't wait until I turned 16 to get my driver's license. It was one of the most memorable days of my life. What a privilege it was to drive a car.

But now I'm hearing about someone who never had a driver's license, was driving a car, and was involved in several accidents. How foolish can a person be?

While watching the news story, a thought hit me. I'd never thought this before, and it was rather interesting.

Since there's a license for everything in the world, do I need to get a license to drive my wife crazy?

I must come clean and say that for the last 55 years I have been driving The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage crazy. I own up to it and take responsibility.

The important issue that I had to work out was: where did I get my license to drive my wife crazy? I thought a lot about this question because much of my life rests on it.

After several days of pondering this query, I finally concluded I did get my license to drive The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage crazy.

I got my license to drive The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage crazy 55 years ago, in a church, before a minister I said, "I do." That is all the license I need.

I only wish I'd thought of this years ago, but I'm not going to waste my time regretting what I haven't done. Instead, I'm going to focus on driving her crazy. After all, I've had a lot of practice through the years developing this driving skill. I will not brag, but I believe that I have become a professional driver in this area.

Although it took me a long time to figure all of this out, I'm not going to be wasting any more time in the future. I know I have my license, so I am going to do as much driving as I can. I'm going to make good use of my license.

I'm not sharing this information with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage because I want to get away with as much as possible.

My license has not expired, so it is legitimate. I love it when a plan comes together. I now need to get my game in order and figure out how to drive her crazy. At least crazier than she is already.

Now that I know I have this driver's license, I can make the most of it. The one thing I need to be careful about is not letting her know I have a license to drive her crazy.

Oh, this is going to be so much fun.

This demands quite a bit of planning on my part. I certainly don't want to get caught.

I spent several hours looking back over the years, figuring out how I have driven her crazy in the past. At the time, I didn't know I was doing it. Now, I can do it and know that I am doing it. Does life get any better than that?

One thing I need to consider is that when I am driving her crazy, I'm in the passenger seat. So, I need to be very careful in planning. I certainly don't want anything to go wrong. After all, I'm going to have a lot of fun with this.

Right after we were married, I taught her how to drive a car. She didn't have a license when we got married, so I helped her learn to drive and then took her to get her driver's license. So I have experience along this line that I want to use for my personal fun.

I need to organize my plans carefully around this. I don't want her to know that I am the person behind this "crazy." If I can make it seem like it's anybody else's fault but mine, I'm going to get away with it.

The one thing that really drives her crazy is a cockroach. They seem to be very plentiful around our house. So, I like to get one and put it where she will notice it. And when she notices a cockroach, she goes crazy trying to find a broom in the house to get rid of it. I'm going to make the brooms a little harder to find, which will stretch out her "crazy."

That's just one ingredient in my plan to drive her crazy. I'm just getting started; I have a lot more to do.

My plan was coming together, and I was anxious to get it rolling. Then I remembered a Bible verse.

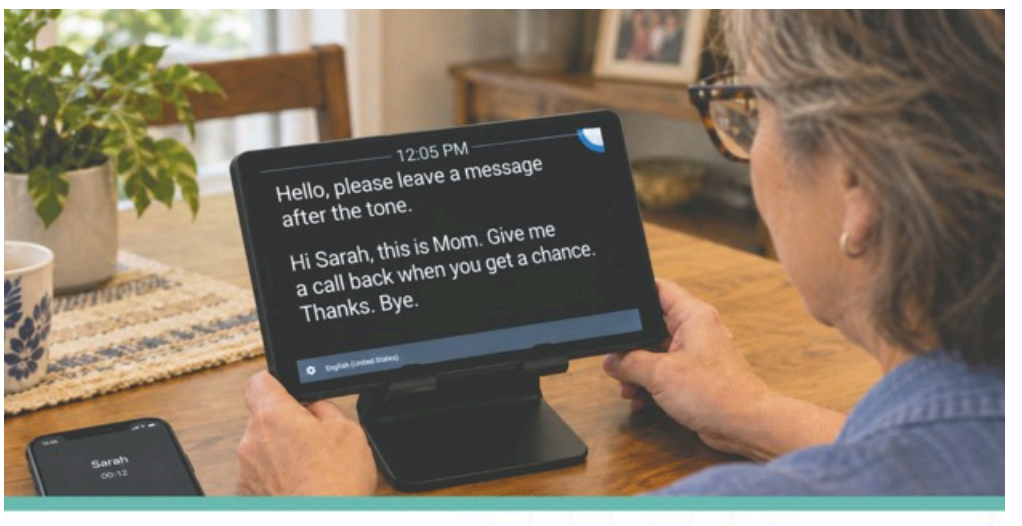
"But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased" (Hebrews 13:16).

Looking at my plan, I asked myself a serious question. Will this plan of mine really please God? Spontaneously driving my wife crazy is one thing, but deliberately planning to drive her crazy is completely different. God always comes first in my plans.

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Obituaries



Laura Reba Mason

Laura Reba Mason, age 83, passed away peacefully on Oct. 8, 2026, at Select Specialty Hospital in Tallahassee.

Reba was born on Feb. 21, 1943, in Nashville, Georgia, the first child of the late Grover C. Patten and Maxie Snead Patten. She grew up in Adel, Georgia, where she graduated from Cook County High School. She went on to attend Mercer University, earning a degree in English.

On June 13, 1965, Reba married the love of her life, James Michael "Mike" Mason. Together, they shared 60 wonderful years of marriage, building a life filled with love, family, and cherished memories.

Reba began her teaching career at Cook County High School and later taught briefly at the Vashti School for Girls in Thomasville, Georgia. She and Mike eventually moved their family to Quitman, Georgia, where they served as publishers and editors of the Quitman Free Press. In 1989, they relocated to Shell Point, Florida, before later settling into their beautiful home in Sopchoppy.

Throughout her life, Reba had a passion for education, music, and the performing arts. She began working with the Wakulla County Schools Adult Education Program, teaching GED courses and helping others pursue their educational goals. She also faithfully served as Choir Director at Crawfordville United Methodist Church for 17 years, sharing her musical talents and love of worship with her church family.

One of Reba's greatest contributions to her community was founding the Wakulla County Community Theatre. In 1991, she directed and played piano for its first variety show, followed by the theatre's first Broadway production, Hello, Dolly!, in 1994. Over the years, Reba directed an impressive 25 productions, bringing countless performances to life and creating opportunities for others to discover their own talents.

Her passion for music also inspired her to bring Handel's Messiah to Wakulla County, where she directed the Wakulla County Community Choir in 18 performances of the beloved Christmas oratorio.

Reba spent several years conducting enrichment activities for senior citizens through the Adult Education Program. She was also the beloved director and pianist of the "Silver Belles," a popular ladies' ensemble that brought music and joy to audiences throughout the community.

Perhaps one of Reba's greatest gifts was her ability to see potential in others, even when they could not see it in themselves. She had a special way of encouraging people to step outside their comfort zones, convincing even the most hesitant singers that they were capable of more than they ever imagined. Her enthusiasm, determination, and unwavering belief in others helped countless individuals find confidence and discover talents they never knew they possessed.

Reba's love for the piano, music, and the arts was contagious. Through her teaching, directing, and countless performances, she touched the lives of generations of students, performers, friends, and community members. Her legacy will live on not only through the music she shared and the productions she brought to the stage, but also through the confidence, friendships, and joy she inspired in so many.

Above all, Reba loved her family, and the memories they shared will forever be treasured.

Reba is survived by her son, James "Jay" Christian Mason (Dee Dee) of Sylvester, Georgia; her daughter, Laura Amanda Mason Wallace of Crawfordville; and her grandchildren, Talin Allyse Mason and Reilly James Mason, both of Sylvester, Georgia.

She is also survived by her sister, Patti Curington (Bill) of Valdosta, Georgia; nieces and nephews, Chip Curington (Allison), Bethany Curington, Kelley Felts (Michael), and Jill Barton (Sandy); along with several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Reba was preceded in death by her beloved husband, James Michael "Mike" Mason; her parents, Grover C. Patten and Maxie Snead Patten; her sister, Elizabeth Kaye Patten; and her nephew, Michael David Curington.

Reba will be remembered for her beautiful music, her generous spirit, her determination, and her extraordinary ability to bring out the very best in others. Though her time on earth has ended, the music she shared, the lives she touched, and the love she gave will continue to echo for generations to come.

Services will be held on Oct. 28, 2026, at Bevis Funeral Home, 200 John Knox Road, Tallahassee FL 32303. Family will receive friends and family at 1 p.m. with the service following at 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served after the service.



Bobby Charles Vause

Bobby Charles Vause, 92, of Curtis Mill, passed away peacefully on Oct. 14, 2026, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Apalachicola, Florida, to the Rev. Neil Wesley and Annie Befoy Vause. As a preacher's son, he and his sister, Betty (Buzbee), grew up in rural communities across North Florida, including Wewahitchka, Hosford, Sopchoppy, Fenholloway, and Waukeenah. Bobby lived in Tallahassee from 1953 to 2000, where he worked in the construction industry. In 2000, he returned home to the Sopchoppy area, where he enjoyed the simple pleasures of life, especially spending time outdoors and fishing. He was an active and devoted member of Sopchoppy United Methodist Church.

Bobby was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 67 years, Lorine Vause.

He leaves behind his three children, Chuck Vause (Tracey), Wesley Vause (Lee Wright), and Loren "Pocko" Vause; his grandchildren, Trey Vause (Brittany) and Carley Vause (Zack Ehrlich); and his four great-grandchildren, Jaxon, Shelby, Taylor, and Aurora.

He was a member of the Shriners, Masons, Lions Club, Tallahassee Builders Association, and Sopchoppy UMC's Rocking Ministry. He welcomed every opportunity to gather with friends, serve his community, and tell sea stories. He was a fisherman, a hunter, and a shark at billiards, always ready for basketball, softball, cards, chess, checkers, ping pong and any competitive opportunity. Bobby never met a stranger and was loved by all who knew him. He leaves a legacy of love for life, his family, his friends, and Jesus Christ.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, Oct. 23, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Sopchoppy United Methodist Church, with family visitation beginning at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to West Sopchoppy Cemetery, P.O. Box 85, Sopchoppy, FL 32358.

Thew family is being assisted by Young Family Funeral Home (850) 926-5919.



John Howard Crane Sr.

It is with profound sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of John Howard Crane Sr. 83 of Crawfordville, Florida who passed away Oct. 11, 2026, at the First Commerce Center for Compassionate Care in Tallahassee, Florida. John lived a life full of love, service, and dedication to his family and community.

A Memorial Service will be announced later.

DEATH NOTICES

• **Omar Montgomery Smith,** 82, of Tallahassee, passed away on October 16, 2026. Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel, 850-926-5919, www.familyfhc.com.

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff's Report for activity October 9 to 16. There were 1,698 calls for service.

FRIDAY, OCT. 9

• Deputy Krietlow responded to Neeley Road in reference to a tree falling on the residence. Contact was made with the homeowner who advised she heard a loud bang and realized a tree fell into her living room. Her insurance information was collected and a report was written for information.

SATURDAY, OCT. 10

• Deputy Hinson responded to Center Street in reference to a theft. Contact was made with the reporting person who stated his brother had stolen his gas can which contained gas. He stated both the gas and gas can were valued at approximately $30 and he completed a sworn statement and an affidavit for prosecution. After departing the scene, the brother called in to speak with Deputy Hinson regarding this incident. He advised he did not take the gas can and advised where he placed it the night before. The gas can was located as he advised and this incident was closed out. Case closed as unfounded.

SUNDAY, OCT. 11

• Deputy McMillan observed a residence on Raker Lane fully engulfed in flames while he was enroute to a call at a different location. While on scene it was learned that Lameka Harris possibly started the fire. State Fire Marshal responded and investigated. Lameka Harris was placed under arrest for arson.

MONDAY, OCT. 12

• Deputy Marshall responded to the front lobby of the Sheriff's Office in reference to a citizen reporting her 2023 boat trailer as stolen sometime during the most recent storm. Case forwarded to Criminal Investigations Division.

• Deputy Post responded to Old Courthouse Way and made contact with a citizen who reported missing $813 from his residence. Case forwarded to CID.

• Deputies responded to Guinevere Lane and made contact with a citizen who stated her granddaughter had stolen her vehicle. As Deputy Kilbourn was still gathering information from her, but after the vehicle had been entered as stolen, Sgt. Buckhalt located the vehicle. The vehicle was turned back over to her and the granddaughter was placed under arrest for Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle.

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

• Deputy Joens responded to Walmart in reference to a reported theft that occurred on Oct. 10. Asset Protection reported that an unknown male selected items throughout the store and exited the business without paying, depriving Walmart out of $267.17. Case forwarded to CID.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14

• Deputies Hinson and Kittrell assisted Probation Officer Robinson at Daffodil Cove. While standing by, Officer Robinson advised they located two firearms in the residence of a subject who was not supposed to be in possession of any firearms according to his probation stipulations. Robinson turned the firearms over and advised they were taking him into custody. He was then transported to the county jail on behalf of Officer Robinson.

• Deputy Marshall made contact with a citizen who stated she was scammed of approximately $8417.03 by an unknown individual. She stated when she got home on Oct. 5, she received a text message with a job opportunity. She advised she agreed to the supposed employment opportunity and created an account with SoundCampaign. She stated while working, she received approximately $230, but stated the agreed amount was $7,000. She requested a supervisor but was ultimately denied. This report was written for informational purposes. Case forwarded to CID.

THURSDAY, OCT. 15

• Units responded to East Pecan Street in reference to a disturbance due to a female refusing to leave. Contact was made with the complainant who explained he had people over for the evening. As the night proceeded, he became intoxicated and caused issues. He refused to leave the residence if the other individual did not have to leave. He called an Uber after being explained the trespassing laws.

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

• Deputy Love responded to the Circle K located at Songbird Road and Crawfordville Highway due to Jesse Giddens screaming and cussing inside the store. Upon arrival, contact was made with Giddens inside the store, and he became belligerent with deputies on scene and the store clerk was asked if they wanted Giddens trespassed. The clerk stated yes, and Giddens was given several verbal commands to leave the store and he made no effort to comply. Giddens was then placed under arrest for trespass after warning. Giddens' vehicle was running at the fuel pumps and upon approaching the vehicle, an AR-style rifle was observed in plain view on the back floorboard. It was determined Giddens was a convicted felon, therefore he was also charged with possession of a firearm by convicted felon.

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Before the sale date of October 30th, 2026. 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.

October 15, 22, 2026

NOTICE OF ACTION

1015-1022 TWS NTC
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF FILE NO. 2026 CP 124
CYNTHIA PATRICIA SHINGLES,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of CYNTHIA PATRICIA SHINGLES, deceased, whose date of death was February 24, 2026, was processed in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. The names and addresses of the petitioner and the petitioner's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT: All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE 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 October 15, 2026.

Attorney for Petitioner:
ENNIS LEON JACOBS, JR., ESQ. Law Office of Ennis Leon Jacobs, Jr. 603 N. Martin Luther King Blvd. Tallahassee, Florida 32301 (850) 491-2710 (850) 254-9781 Fla. Bar ID. 0714682
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Petitioner:
Josephus Shingles, II 27 Gavin Road Crawfordville, FL 32327

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

1022-1029 TWS NOFS

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

Freedom Mortgage Corporation, CASE NO. 65-2025-CA000117-CAAM
Plaintiff,
vs.
The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming interest by, through, under or against the Estate of Lisa M. Morgan a/k/a Lisa Marie Page Morgan a/k/a Lisa Morgan, Deceased, et al.,
Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GNEN pursuant to the Final Judgment and/or Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale, entered in Case No. 65-2025-CA000117-CAAM of the Circuit Court ofthe SECOND Judicial Circuit, in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein Freedom Mortgage Corporation is the Plaintiff and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming interest by, through, under or against the Estate of Lisa M. Morgan a/k/a Lisa Marie Page Morgan a/k/a Lisa Morgan, Deceased; Curtis Lee Morgan a/k/a Curtis L. Morgan; Joshua Henry Morgan a/k/a Joshua H. Morgan; Clerk of the Court, Wakulla County, Florida; State of Florida Department of Revenue; Windi Renea Cade are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at, the front door ofthe courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, beginning at 11:00 AM on the 17th day of December, 2026, the following described property as set forth in said Final Jud ent, to wit:

LOT #4 OF AN UNRECORDED PLAT OF THE FIRST ADDITION TO KIRKLAND ESTATES, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT #59 OF THE HARTSFIELD SURVEY OF LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, (MARKED BY A CONCRETE MONUMENT), THENCE RUN SOUTH 72 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT #59 A DISTANCE OF 2365.0 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 17 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST 659.02 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROAD #61 (U.S. 319), THENCE RUN SOUTH 70 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROAD #61 A DISTANCE OF 480.15 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN SOUTH 17 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST 375.37 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 72 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST 160.0 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 17 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST 370.00 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH70DEGREES45MINUTES30SECONDSEASTALONGTHESAID SOUTH RIGHT -OF-WAY OF STATE ROAD #61, A DISTANCE OF 160.05 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN LOT #59 OF THE HARTSFIELD SURVEY OF LANDS IN W AK.ULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS:

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TOGETHER WITH 1999 ADMI MOBILE HOME IDENTIFICATION NOS. GMHGA1299820841A AND GMHGA1299820841B, TITLE NOS. 77429721 AND 77429724.

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Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.

Dated this 15th day of October 2026.

{{County Court Seal}}
Greg James
As Clerk of the Court
By: **/s/ Rachel L Howard**
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Susan Wilson, ADA Coordinator, at 850.606.4401, 301 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Oct. 22, 29, 2026

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

1015-1022 TWS NOA

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

UNION HOME MORTGAGE CORP., CASE NO. 26000085CAAXMX
Plaintiff,
vs.
TIMOTHY J. PLESSINGER A/K/A TIMOTHY PLESSINGER, et al.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LOT 4 AND NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 5, BLOCK "55", WAKULLA GARDENS, UNIT FIVE, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 56, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on De Cubas & Lewis, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is PO BOX 5026, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33310 on or before November 14, 2026, a date at least thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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

Dated this 5th day of October, 2026.

Greg James
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Rachel L Howard
As Deputy Clerk

Oct. 15, Oct. 22, 2026



NOTICE TO CREDITORS

1022-1112 TWS NOA

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

KEVIN SMITH AND KELLY SMITH, Case No.: 2026-CA-156
PLAINTIFF,
V.
ROSA NELL HANSON (DECEASED), UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF ROSA NELL HANSON, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, JUDGMENT CREDITORS AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST ROSA NELL HANSON OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); KNOWN AND UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION; AND ALL CLAIMANT(S), PERSON(S) OR PARTIES, NATURAL OR CORPORATE,
OR WHOSE EXACT LEGAL STATUS IS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMES OR DESCRIBED DEFENDANTS HEREIN,
Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: **ROSA NELL HANSON (DECEASED); UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF ROSA NELL HANSON; KNOWN AND UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION, AND ALL CLAIMANT(S), PERSON(S) OR PARTIES, NATURAL OR CORPORATE, OR WHOSE EXACT LEGAL STATUS IS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMES OR DESCRIBED DEFENDANTS HEREIN.**

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PIN #: 00-00-035-008-07862-000

has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on Frances Casey Lowe, Esquire, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 68-A Feli Way Crawfordville, Florida 32327, on or before the date not less than 28 days and no more than 60 days after the first publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately after service; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

DATED this 19th day of October, 2026.

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

Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 2026



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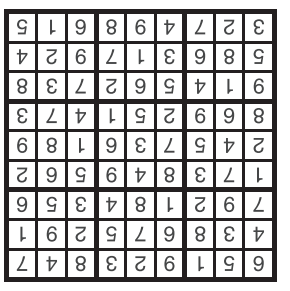
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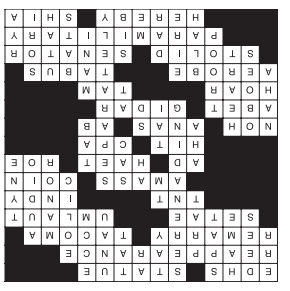
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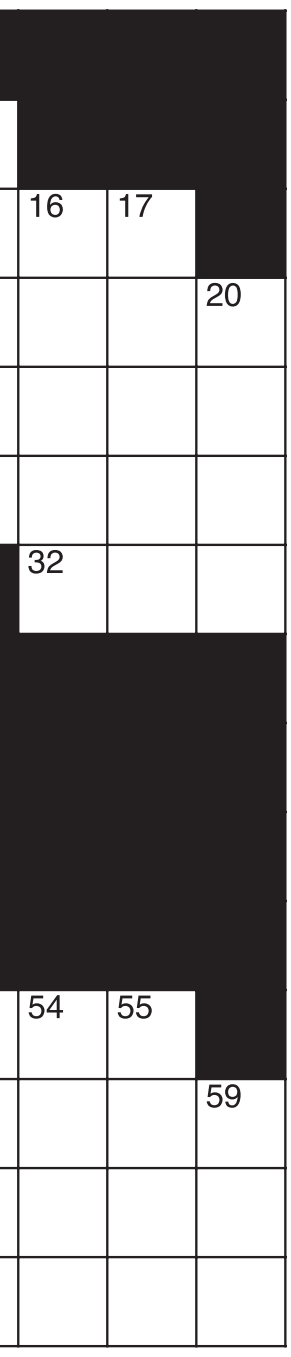
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15. Washington city
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21. Explosive
23. Popular 500 car race
24. Pile up
28. Currency
29. Commercial
30. A minute amount (Scottish)
32. Mass of fish eggs
33. Baseball stat
35. Licensed accountant
36. Japanese classical theater
39. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
41. Blood group
42. Assist in wrongdoing
44. Language of Cameroon
46. Grayish-white
47. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
49. Microorganism
52. Strong social customs
56. Calm and dependable
58. Congressman
60. Force
62. As a result of this document
63. A main branch of Islam

CLUES DOWN

1. Make a mistake
2. American DJ Rick
3. Fictional Asimov planet
4. Coughed out
5. Singing to one's lover
6. Scotland's longest river
7. One of the six noble gases
8. Body art
9. Two-toed sloth
10. Electronic counter-countermeasures
12. A foolish person
13. Of the wind
16. Mansion
17. Sound
20. English river
22. Business symbol
25. Exclamation of surprise
26. Pouch
27. Individually
29. Satisfaction
31. The bill in a restaurant
34. Japanese delicacy
36. Port in southern Japan
37. Double-reed instruments
38. Center
40. "The Mount Rushmore State"
43. Soldier
45. Indicates position
48. Beauty treatment: __-pedi
50. Nonsense (slang)
51. Republic of Ireland
53. Ballplayers' tools
54. American state
55. Clusters of a fern frond
57. Patriotic women's group
58. A person's brother or sister
59. Breed of sheep
61. Of I







WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to prescriptions.

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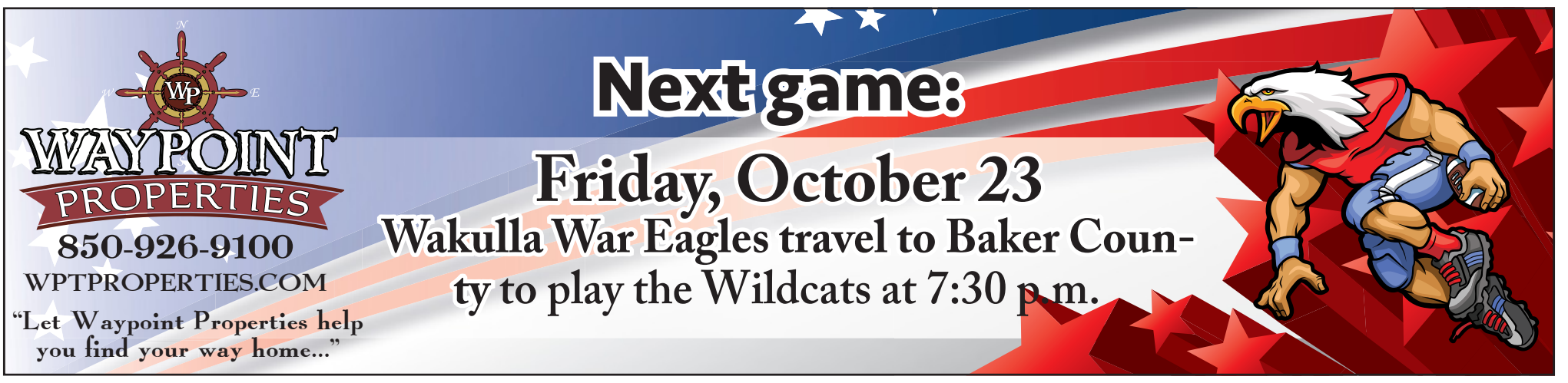
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War Eagles beat Godby, 35-34

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

The Wakulla War Eagles beat a high-ranked Godby team on Tuesday night, 35-34 – a game that Head Coach Derek Allen Jr. showed his team's resiliency.

"They never quit," he said. "Even down two scores in the fourth quarter, they didn't seem like our guys showed any kind of doubt – they just kept fighting to the end."

The War Eagles improve to 6-2 (2-0 in the district).

The game was postponed from Friday until Tuesday because of Hurricane Isaias. It was a chance for Godby to win the district crown as it had already beaten Suwannee and Baker. Instead, with Wakulla winning, the War Eagles can earn the district crown with a win over the Baker Wildcats on Friday night.

Coach Allen noted that if Wakulla loses to Baker this week, they may be out of the playoffs altogether as there would be a three-way tie and it would come down to MaxPreps rankings. Even with Wakulla beating Godby, Godby went up to a ranking of 35 on MaxPreps, while Wakulla didn't break the Top 100.

On Sunday, Coach Allen said he sent an email to MaxPreps asking for an explanation.

And even if Wakulla wins the district crown on Friday night, the coach noted that it doesn't guarantee a home game in the first round of the playoffs. With the rankings as they now stand, Wakulla could be forced to travel to Leon to play Godby again.

In the Godby game, the difference was one blocked extra point by the War Eagles. Special Teams Player of the Week Colby Carranza made all five points-after for Wakulla.

Godby got off to a quick start, with the opening kickoff taken to the 7, and scoring a couple of plays later to go up 7-0. Less than 45 seconds had run off the clock.

Wakulla mounted a long drive capped by a 5-yard run by Armon Lindsey.

Godby scored again as the first quarter ran down. The extra point was blocked, 13-7.

The War Eagles took their first lead of the night on a 6-yard Ryheem Moore run to go up 14-13.

In the second quarter, a Wakulla punt was blocked and recovered by Godby at the 10. They scored on a touchdown pass. The Cougars then went for 2 and didn't make it. Score at halftime, 19-14.

In the third, an interception by Godby was returned for a touchdown. The Cougars go for 2 and made it. Score is 27-14.

Ryheem Moore scored another touchdown on a 15-yard run. Extra point cut Godby's lead to 27-21.

But Godby scored again to go up 34-21 as the third quarter ended.

In the fourth, down two scores, the War Eagles scored again on a Moore run to pull within 6 points, 34-28, with 7 minutes to play.

The kickoff by Carranza was short, muffed by a Godby up-man, and recovered by Wakulla at the Godby 33.

Coach Allen said it wasn't an intentional onside kick, but he felt momentum change then. Godby players hung their heads.

On the ensuing drive, Moore got his fourth touchdown on the night, taking it in from the 2. up 35-34 with 4:53 to play, the War Eagle defense forced Godby to three-and-out and Wakulla got the ball back with just over 2 minutes to play. They got a first down and then ran out clock.

Moore was Overall Player of the Week with his four touchdowns. He had 71 yards on 13 carries, as well as 5 receptions for 53 yards.

Offensive Player of the Week was CJ Whitehead, a blocking fullback who doesn't get a lot of attention. But Coach Allen called Whitehead an "unsung hero," and noted he had a couple of pancake blocks in the game.

Defensive Player of the Week was lineback Ced Hicks, with 5 tackles, an interception and 2 sacks.

Running back Armon Lindsey had 118 yards on 19 carries and a touchdown.

Quarterback Ashton Brooks went 10-for-14 passing for 90 yards.

Linebacker Rayshon St. Hilaire had 9 tackles in the game. And Ryheem Moore had 7 tackles on defense playing safety.

The game was also notable in that Jaylen Jones, who leads the War Eagles in rushing, was unable to play with a torn meniscus from earlier in the week and is out for the season. He had surgery the day after the Godby game.

Coach Allen noted that Jones is a commit to the Jacksonville State Gamecocks and will be starting at the college in January.

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War Eagle Ryheem Moore scores one of his four touchdowns on the night.

UP NEXT: BAKER WILDCATS

Scouting on Baker shows a physical team, with no stars that stand out, just a group of players who play hard.

For Wakulla, Coach Allen says his player have to be more physical than Baker, take care of the ball, and capitalize on the Wildcats mistakes.

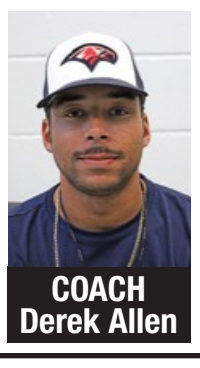
The game is being played at Glen St. Mary in Baker County – giving the Wildcats a home field advantage with their home crowd.

"We need our fans to show up," Coach Allen said.

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FROM THE COACH

Last week: The War Eagles got a win over district rival Godby to potentially win the district.

Scouting: The Baker Wildcats are physical. No big stars, just guys who play hard.

Key to victory: War Eagles need to out-physical the Wildcats and capitalize on Wildcat mistakes, while not giving up any turnovers.

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