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WAKULLA WeatherSTEM

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%
Sunrise 7:44 AM Sunset 6:59 PM	Sunrise 7:45 AM Sunset 6:58 PM	Sunrise 7:45 AM Sunset 6:57 PM

Rec Park lockdown

Confrontations at youth sports over past weeks lead to law enforcement response

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

Two incidents over the past several weeks at the Medart Rec Park during youth football games have led to confrontations between adults and a response by Wakulla County Sheriff's Deputies.

Back on Saturday, Oct. 3, deputies responded after a player was injured on a tackle and there was a verbal altercation between parents and referees, according to an incident report. A parent was being unruly, but calmed down.

While deputies were on scene, another call was received about coaches from two teams screaming at each other. The coaches were separated, the game was canceled, and everybody began to leave the field – and then parents from the two teams began yelling at each other from across the field.

Several people were trespassed from the rec park as a result.

The sheriff's office then began requiring law enforcement to be at 12U football games.

A couple of weeks later, on Thursday, Oct. 15, another call went out during the 9U football game between the Eagles and Dolphins: two kids got into a fight on the field, and parents and others reportedly were "out of control and arguing," according to the incident report.

One parent, appearing angry and erratic, reportedly said she was going to the parking lot to "pop the trunk" – which some people interpreted as a threat to get a gun.

The parent was later interviewed by deputies, and the woman said people had apparently misheard what she said. What she said, she told deputies, was "Let me go get my son's s--- out of the trunk."

The woman reportedly did not have a gun in her vehicle.

The woman was ordered trespassed from the park for one year.

Meanwhile, the next day, Friday, Oct. 16, Sheriff's Office Chief of Staff Billy Jones posted a video to Facebook saying that there would be a "zero-tolerance policy for misbehavior" at the rec park.

"What happens here will no longer stay here," Jones says in the video. "We will investigate and we will pursue it like any other crime.

"If this message offtends you in any way, you may be part of the problem. My suggestion would be to you is not to come."

Later in the video, Jones urges citizens to "not forget about why we're here in the first place: It's for our children, to teach them, mold them and mentor them and create a safe environment for that to happen."



County Judge Brian Miller and elections worker Evelyn Savary checking vote by mail ballots on Thursday.

Early voting underway; election day is Tuesday

Staff Report

Early voting is underway in Wakulla through Saturday, 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.

The canvassing board met on Thursday, Oct. 22 and were opening vote by mail ballots and scanning them into the system in preparation for counting votes on Nov. 3.

The Wakulla Sun will come out one day later next week in order to include election results.

LIBRARY'S ANNUAL TRICK-OR-TREAT EVENT



Story Walk

Thousands of people were on hand for Saturday's annual Story Walk in the park, hosted by the Wakulla County Public Library. The county commission booth featured a Scooby-Doo theme. (Photo special)

Billy Dean in Sopchoppy

'90 Minutes of '90s Country' performed at the refurbished venue

Story by
LINDA ANN McDONALD
Photos by
GERALD BROWN



Billy Dean performing at the Sopchoppy Theater on Saturday night.

"Life has been bought back into the ol' Sopchoppy Theater!" fans said.

Following a short transition period after the Sopchoppy Opry closed its doors, the Sopchoppy Theater and Conference Center hosted "90 Minutes of '90s Country" on Saturday night, bringing local audiences together for an evening of nostalgic country music.

The event drew a strong turnout, with 308 tickets sold, leaving only standing room available.

Headlining the show was country music recording artist Billy Dean, who joined Jason Byrd, Anna Wescoat, and Jesse Roberts in delivering a night of memorable performances, classic hits, and lively entertainment.

Contributing to the event's success, Rick Ott Performance and Production managed the sound and lighting, providing exceptional production quality that complemented the performances and elevated the evening's entertainment.

Inside the venue, recent improvements by Ott include the installation of hardwood pine floors and new carpeting throughout the venue, creating a fresh and welcoming atmosphere while honoring the building's historic charm and natural beauty.

Mary Katherine Westmark, a volunteer for the event, said, "I love the new venue. Rick has worked really hard revitalizing it yet preserving it without doing anything too crazy."

Sopchoppy's Civic Brewery was on site sharing local brews such as tupelo blonde and amber lager. Elliott Seidler, owner of the brewery said, "It feels great to serve guests our brews and give guests a taste of what we do."

Among those working the event was Billy Dean's photographer, Alex Sink, who spoke about what makes Sop-

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Value Adjustment Board rejects petitions

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

The Value Adjustment Board met on Friday and rejected petitions for reconsideration of taxable values on two appeals.

One petition was a request for a home in Mashes Sands.

The second petition was for a hedge fund that bought 71 DR Horton homes for $14 million in a bulk sale that earned a $100,000 discount. The fund contended the homes should be taxed at the bulk sale price.

None of the petitioners showed up at the hearing, and the board could have rejected the appeals for that reason alone.

The property appraiser's office was represented by James Burke, who told the board that the DR Horton homes were purchased as rental property by the fund, and contended the property appraiser's office had 59 comparable sales.

"These are the exact same houses – they're on the exact same street," Burke said, noting the only distinction was the orientation of the garage.

The Value Adjustment Board voted unanimously to reject the petitions.

It was noted as well, in a presentation on a procedural matter, that the owner of the fund-bought homes didn't match the name of the owner on the petition.

Clerk of Courts Greg James noted that, in submitting the petition, the petitioner went to great lengths to say the filing was "accepted," whereas his office merely said it was "received."

Tim Wheeler is principal at Riversink

Staff Report

Tim Wheeler, who was serving as Athletic Director at Wakulla High School, has been named as interim principal at Riversink Elementary.

Riversink Principal Louis Hernandez will be out for medical leave.

Former AD Mike Smith is coming back to fill that role at the high school.

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Student of the Week

Jordyn Lankford – Crawfordville Elementary School

Achievements/Reason for Nomination: Congratulations to our 5th Grade Student of the Week, Jordyn Lankford! Jordyn is an outstanding student who consistently demonstrates excellence both in the classroom and throughout Crawfordville Elementary School. She maintains all A's and perfect attendance, showing her dedication, responsibility, and commitment to doing her best. Jordyn is always willing to lend a helping hand around school and can be counted on to make a positive difference wherever she is needed. She is a wonderful friend who treats others with kindness and respect and truly leads by example. Jordyn also challenges herself beyond the classroom by trying out for and earning a spot on the Odyssey of the Mind team, while also being an active member of Garden Club. Jordyn's positive attitude, strong work ethic, kindness, and willingness to serve others make her an excellent role model for her classmates. We are so proud of you, Jordy!



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Plant of the Week

Apalachicola Lobelia



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

Apalachicola lobelia (Lobelia apalachicolensis) is a tall wetland wildflower native only to Florida and to only 4 Florida counties: Franklin, Leon, Liberty, and Wakulla. First collected in 1954, it was recognized as a new species of lobelia in 2014. In the fall, lovely purple-blue flowers are borne on upright spikes 3-6 feet tall. Each tubular flower has 5 lobes, the upper two erect and the lower three fanned out. The thick fleshy leaves are elliptical to oval with glandular toothed margins and sticky yellow sap. Apalachicola lobelia occurs naturally in wet pine flatwoods, seepage areas, roadside ditches, and near tupelo swamps. It frequently co-occurs with and, unusual for lobelias, hybridizes with glade lobelia (Lobelia glandulosa). Apalachicola lobelia mainly exists on conservation land. Unfortunately, it often grows in roadside ditches subject to mowing.

Wakulla County Tax Collectors Office
SPECIALTY TAGS
$15 - $30 additional to cost of tag.

Lisa Craze, CFC
Wakulla County Tax Collector

FLORIDA BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION LICENSE PLATE



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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198 Edgar Poole Road
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FWMA.org
363-2351

Stone Crab season opened on Oct. 15

By LYNDA KINSEY

The Lynn Brothers & Sembler Seafood sent out three boats bringing in a thousand plus pounds of Stone Crab claws when the season opened on Oct. 15.

The first boat came in mid afternoon with close to 200 pounds and the second boat came in a little later with around 600 pounds.

Only one claw is removed so that the crab can defend itself and feed. A new claw will grow back in a few months on a young crab, but it takes about a year for an adult crab to begin growing its claw back. The female crab bearing eggs must be returned to the water. The minimum legal size to keep is 2 7/8 inch long.

After unloading the boat of the fresh catch the claws are placed in a large vat and boiled checking the temperatures during this process. They are then dunked in iced water to cool.

The claws are separated by size – medium, large, jumbo and colossal. They are weighed in groups by the pound and placed in the cooler for pick up. The Jumbo and Colossal are weighed and separated for accuracy.

The opening of Stone Crab season is an exciting time of year. It puts some people back to work and generates income for our fishermen. It also brings people in from the surrounding areas to eat them at our restaurants or pick some up from our seafood markets. A popular way to eat them is with a mustard sauce or dip into melted butter and garlic.

The season in North Florida runs through May 1.



Sorting by size.



Johnny Lynn lowers claws into vat to cook.



Marcus Lynn, Johnny Lynn, Daniel McCullers and Andy Lynn.



Brother and sister Rose and Luke Sembler.

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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
NOTICE OF INTENT TO CHANGE

RULE CHAPTER AND TITLE:
School Board Policy 4.12+ Exceptional Student Education
PURPOSE AND EFFECT:
To reflect procedural clarity and legislative alignment.
LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1001.42, Florida Statutes
LAWS IMPLEMENTED:
1000.21, 1001.42, 1001.43, 1003.57, 1006.07, Florida Statutes STATE BOARD OF ED. RULE 6A-6.0131; 6A-6.0341
ECONOMIC IMPACT: None
REVISION ORIGINATED BY:
Catherine Cutchen, Director of Exceptional Student Education
REVISION APPROVED BY: Richard Myhre, Superintendent of Schools
IF REQUESTED WITHIN TWENTY-EIGHT (28) DAYS OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE HELD -
TIME: 5:45 p.m.
PLACE: Administrative Offices
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69 Arran Road
Crawfordville, Florida 32327
DATE: December 14, 2026
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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
NOTICE OF INTENT TO CHANGE

RULE CHAPTER AND TITLE:
School Board Policy 6.17* Appointment or Employment Requirements
PURPOSE AND EFFECT:
To reflect procedural clarity and legislative alignment.
LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1012.22, 1012.23, Florida Statutes
LAWS IMPLEMENTED:
381.0056, 1001.42, 1001.43, 1012.01, 1012.22, 1012.27, 1012.315, 1012.32, 1012.39, 1012.465, 1012.55, 1012.56, F.S.
ECONOMIC IMPACT: None
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RULE CHAPTER AND TITLE:
School Board Policy 5.70*+Education Records
PURPOSE AND EFFECT:
To reflect procedural clarity and legislative alignment.
LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1001.42, Florida Statutes
LAWS IMPLEMENTED:
119.07(1), 119.071, 1001.43, 1001.52,1002.22, 1002.221, 1002.222, 1002.72, 1003.25, 1008.386
1014, et. Seq., F.S.; F.A.C. 6A-1.0955;
20 USC §1232 f, g, h, and i (34 CFR PART 99);
P.L. 103-382 (34 CFR PAR 99); 20 USC 1400 et. seq.,
Individuals with Disabilities Act; Privacy Rights of
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RULE CHAPTER AND TITLE:
School Board Policy 1.10 Beliefs of the Wakulla County School District
PURPOSE AND EFFECT:
To reflect procedural clarity and legislative alignment.
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LAWS IMPLEMENTED: 1001.41, 1001.43 Florida Statutes
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RULE CHAPTER AND TITLE:
School Board Policy 4.70 Home Education Program
PURPOSE AND EFFECT:
To reflect procedural clarity and legislative alignment.
LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1001.42, Florida Statutes
LAWS IMPLEMENTED:
Chapter 490, 1000.21, 1001.41, 1001.43 Florida Statutes
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RULE CHAPTER AND TITLE:
School Board Policy 3.90 Charter Schools
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To reflect procedural clarity and legislative alignment.
LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1001.42, Florida Statutes
LAWS IMPLEMENTED:
120.68,1001.02, 1001.43, 1002.33, 1002.31, 1002.345, 1002.45, 1002.455 Florida Statutes
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RULE CHAPTER AND TITLE:
School Board Policy 2.22* Board Meetings
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To reflect procedural clarity and legislative alignment.
LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1001.42, Florida Statutes
LAWS IMPLEMENTED:
Chapter 112; 120.525; 120.53; 286.0105; 286.011; 286.0111; 286.012; 447.605; 877.13, 1001.32, 1001.37, 1001.372(1), (2),(3), (4), 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.43, 1006.145, Florida Statutes
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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

Opinions

THE FIRST AMENDMENT

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

LETTERS FROM READERS

Golden Globe for Sopchoppy Drama

Editor, The Sun:

If there were ever a time for The Wakulla Sun to increase its subscription level to meteoric heights, that time has arrived. The article on the front page of the Oct. 22 issue, "Sopchoppy Drama," was as suspenseful as any Agatha Christie plot.

Readers were left agonizing over what the future holds.

The Wakulla Sun can capitalize on this frenzy of wonder by making a weekly article on this simmering contagion of intrigue. It was impossible to stop reading the article once the first accusation of malfeasance was charged.

Misogyny, lawsuits, nepotism, sex, drunkards, cops and assaults all under one roof, too good to be true! I would not be surprised to see all of the Sun's papers gone from the Walmart lobby, every coin operated newspaper vending machine empty and a line at the office door next week in anticipation of Act II.

Congrations to The Wakulla Sun and Linda Ann McDonald. The Enquirer be damned.

Tim Caldwell
Panacea

Telling candidates apart

Editor, The Sun:

Okay, so here we are with three candidates running for County Commissioner, District 4 that essentially share the same view on controlling growth and development in Wakulla County.

However, the job of being a county commissioner is much more than a single issue. To me, it gets down to administrative experience and a wide breadth of exposure to situations that call upon the commissioner to exercise clear-minded thinking and decision skills. One must understand that a decision in one area of government can have contrary effects in other areas.

There is only one candidate who has the ingredients of that recipe: Beverly Keister. She managed a career that is quite awesome in its exposure to gain a wide field of experience and did so beginning in high school.

Beverly Keister achieved National Honor Society status as a junior in high school (Thomasville) then earned dual majors and a master's degree in accounting while becoming an assistant to the Dean of Accounting in Illinois and tutored other university students on the side.

She advanced into the "real-world" at the prestigious KPMG accounting firm and earned her CPA (Certified Public Accountant) in St. Louis. That exposure led her to another major city (Atlanta) as a top-level manager with a savings and loan and another prestigious accounting firm, Arthur Anderson. What she learned from on-the-job training led to an appointment to manage the contract with the Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC),... I remember the RTC very well as it was created by the federal government to work-out the mess of the financial industry in the late 1980's that was triggered by things she understood,... part of which was changes in IRS regulations. A major example of a change in one area of government having a devastating effect on the country.

She moved from that rat-race to being chief financial officer of an Atlanta area chamber of commerce. Almost 30 years ago, after a car accident, she moved to the family home her father had built in Wakulla County. She worked for Watkins Engineers in Tallahassee a noted firm which had long-held the contract for one of the largest employers in our area; Buckeye Cellulose in Taylor County, aka Proctor and Gamble.

Beverly knows that big companies are largely supported by an array of small businesses and will work to welcome those businesses to Wakulla; small and large. She is sworn to do so in compliance with Wakulla's Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan. Again, small changes here and there can have both positive and negative effects elsewhere; she understands that.

Her career achievements led to a dedicated mid-life desire to share her accounting background and experiences with the public sector via Wakulla Clerk of Court and the Florida Department of Revenue.

With all due respect, the other two candidates combined can't match her skillset and breadth of problem solving,.. nice and sincere people they may be.

Beverly's community service includes treasurer for Habitat for Humanity and currently for Ochlockonee Bay Methodist Church. The latter is where I first observed her level-headed administrative abilities in action. Her involvement included the Panacea Volunteer Fire Department and after retirement at the Gulf Specimen Marine Lab.

She has a daughter who graduated from Wakulla High who has given her two precious grandchildren.

Beverly considers the person running for office to be more important than the party (if any) with which a candidate may be associated, in casting one's vote. So do I.

Think about it. We have a willing and able asset in Wakulla County who understands what it means to multi-task various sectors that might fall under the purview of a county commissioner.

Vote accordingly.

L. James Parham
Panacea



Farm Bureau holds annual meeting

Our local Farm Bureau held its annual meeting on Oct. 13 at the community center. Members were treated to a barbecue dinner. It was attended also by local government office representatives and the President of Florida Farm Bureau Jeb Smith. (Photo by Lynda Kinsey)

On the Horizon

Calendar of events for the week of October 29

Thursday, October 29

• 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 30

• Wakulla War Eagles host the Leon Lions for the final regular season game at J.D. Jones Stadium at 7 p.m. It's Homecoming.
• Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 7 p.m. every Friday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Saturday, October 31

• It's Halloween – watch out for trick-or-treaters.
• Halloween Bonfire at Palaver Tree Theater, featuring rock bands, food trucks and more. $15 at the door; 16 and younger are free.

Sunday, November 1

• Fall Back – Daylight Saving Time ends. Set your clocks back one hour.
• 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, November 2

• County Commission meets in commission chambers at 6 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, November 3

• Election Day – Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
• 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, November 4

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

UPCOMING

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.
• Wakulla Community Theater presents "Blithe Spirit" at 3 and 7 p.m., and Nov. 8 at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets at wakullacommunitytheater.org.

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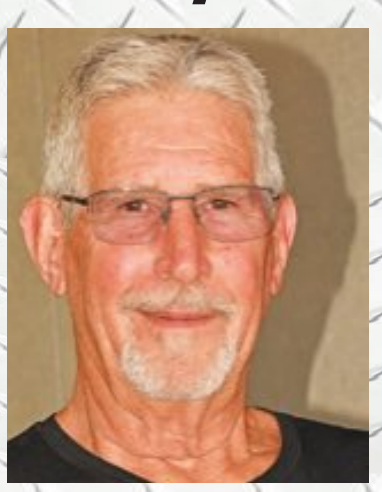
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Polled at the Lynn Brothers/Sembler Seafood at opening of Stone Crab season:

How often do you eat Stone Crab during the season?



KITTY SMITH
Artist
"Every time my husband does!"



JOHN SMITH
Mechanical Engineer
"About six or eight times during the season."



DANIEL MCCULLERS
Plumber
"Every chance I get!"



MARCUS LYNN
Lynn Bros/Sembler Seafood
"A couple of times a week."



DR. TOM HERBERT
Consultant
"Very rarely, it's been about 6 years. I love them though. I had them last at Joe's Stone Crab in Miami."

Wakulla Crossroads

By VERNA BROCK

The busy season has officially begun, as we head into the holidays. There are more and more festivals, celebrations, special events and tons of fun for everyone!

This past Saturday, the town of St. Marks hosted its Stone Crab and Brew Fest. It was a picture perfect day, with temps in the ideal 50-80 spread. Clear, cloudless blue skies, cool breezes and lots of visitors enjoyed the friendly atmosphere.

I represented the Amanda Marie Green congressional campaign there, for most of the day. I met the owners of the beautifully restored Magnolia Inn, who graciously welcomed me when I stopped by for a comfort break.

I enjoyed sharing memories of the old building, which was an empty three-sided shell made of concrete blocks when first we moved to Wakulla. Hanging on the wall was a photo that showed what the Inn looked like before its initial renovation, just as I remembered it. We talked about the catastrophic storm that flooded all of St. Marks, including the Inn, a few years ago. The water rose nearly four feet inside the building, completely flipping the antique tiger-oak grand piano upside down. What a sad loss.

After a lot of work and further restoration, the Inn reopened and is absolutely stunning. If you have family or friends coming to the county, have them consider staying in picturesque St. Marks at the Magnolia Inn!

It seems odd to me how time quietly rolls along, slowly working changes we scarcely notice day to day. A building here, a business there, they come and go, rise and fall, morphing into things both beautiful and decrepit.

Like buildings, people slowly age and weather changes, both good and bad. Before you know it, newlyweds are celebrating their 50th anniversary! Children grow up and have kids of their own.

Incrementally, we age and change, ultimately joining the ranks of the dearly departed. And so it goes, ad infinitum.

We are so busy with day-to-day life that we gainsay looming reality, and prefer to inhabit the realm of denial.

I think our best bet is to live as fully and generously as we possibly can!

Library News

By LINDA OAKS
Library Director

Library News October 29th – November 4th

Thursday, October 29th
• Rotary Club of Wakulla 8:30a
• Tiny Tummy Time 9:30a
• Creative Writing I 10a
• The Park HOA 5:30pm
• Bible Reading 6p

Friday, October 30th
• Quilting Guild 9:30a

Saturday, October 31st
• No Programs

Sunday, November 1st
• CLOSED

Monday, November 2nd
• No Programs

Tuesday, November 3rd
• Book Bunch 10a
• Lego Club 4:30p
• Evening Mahjong 4:30p
• Summerfield HOA Meeting 6pm
• Lego Robotics 6p

Wednesday, November 4th
• Book Babies 10a
• Wakulla County Garden Club Board 10am
• WCCY 12:30pm
• Mahjong 1p
• Knitting Group 4p
• WCYFCA

Chamber events



Chamber members go through line at WEI for the September luncheon.

The September Chamber Luncheon was held on Sept. 23 at the Wakulla Environmental Institute and catered by Kast Net.

PHOTOS OF BOTH EVENTS BY LYNDA KINSEY



Kast Net owner Fred Mohrfield with Chamber Luncheon MC Mary Wallace.



Niraj Patel and Barns Spirits in Panacea hosted the Chamber After Hours on Oct. 15.



Niraj Patel thanks Chamber Executive Director Heather Bryan for her help.

Outdoors

outdoor sports

HOME ON THE RANGE

The Smith & Wesson Model 10



By MARJ LAW

"Now, Joe," I whine. "Two weeks ago, we shot .38s at the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range, and last week we shot .40-caliber handguns. You know I don't like .38s because they have awful triggers in double action and they have a lot of recoil. Certainly not for the new shooter. And .40s? They're even worse. They may not be revolvers, but somehow they're the snappiest guns I've ever shot.

And now you want us to shoot the Smith & Wesson Model 10? Isn't that another revolver in .38 Special? It looks just about like the Chief's Special, which is another revolver about the same size."

"Yes, but take this Model 10 in your hands. Feel the weight. Heavy, isn't it? Remember that the more mass a gun has, the lighter the perceived recoil will be."

"Huh. Yes, it's heavy," I agree. "And it is weighty at 29 ounces. It only has a 2-inch barrel, although other Model 10s have longer barrels. It's kinda wide at 1.25 inches, but the big deal is that it holds six rounds over the traditional five rounds."

According to Joseph von Benedikt in Shooting Times, "The Model 10 is a simple revolver. It does not have adjustable sights.... It's elegant, svelte, and has a distinct minimalist vibe."

He goes on to say: "Another interesting bit of information is the fact that more than six million Model 10-type revolvers were made (counting all the variations), earning it the distinction of being the most-produced revolver of the 20th century."

"Yeah, I get that a whale of a lot of them were made," I argue, "but I still maintain that these guns, although simple, are not great for the new shooter, the mature shooter, or any shooter with disabilities like arthritis or carpal tunnel syndrome. Just because the gun is simple doesn't make it easy to shoot or have a light recoil."

I'm still holding the gun. "And it's nose-heavy."

Guns.com agrees. "The gun is slightly front-heavy with a desire to lean forward, no doubt partly due to the beefier bull-barrel design that did away with the tapered shape on more classic Model 10s."

But they go on to say: "Any tilt from that weight is all but removed while pulling the heavy but smooth double-action trigger."



Since the gun is still in my hands, I pull the trigger. Well, I pull. And then pull some more. Joe is watching.

Finally, I stick my left index finger over my right trigger finger and pull again.

And finally, I'm able to pull the trigger. It's heavy.

Guns & Gear says: "The double-action trigger pull is set at 10 pounds," but Benedikt states: "The trigger pull, however, was a bit stout, averaging 5 pounds, 5 ounces when functioned as a single action and 11 pounds, 5 ounces in double-action mode."

No kidding. 10 pounds is a lot of trigger pull and 11 pounds, 5 ounces is even more. And after Guns & Gear talks about the 10 pounds, the article goes on to say: "It's a great tool for introducing new shooters to centerfire handguns because it's simple, safe, and easy to use."

Easy for a strong guy to say. But for those of us with light frames? The mature?

Well, so far, I know it's a heavy .38 with a hard trigger pull.

"But remember," Joe adds, "the sturdy trigger pull is a safety measure. With this strong a pull, you are not likely to shoot accidentally. When you pull this trigger, it is a deliberate action, not a hasty mistake."

"I know that, Joe, but I don't like such a hard trigger," I groan.

"That's OK, because today we'll shoot it in single action," he says.

Single action.

Benedikt explains the action. "Operation of the Model 10 is single/double action, meaning you can cock the hammer with your thumb and then squeeze the trigger, or you can simply sweep the trigger rearward through its full range of motion, which will cause it to cock the hammer, rotate the cylinder, and then fire the gun."

That sounds easy, but when you "simply sweep the trigger," you are asking the trigger now to do those three actions of cocking the hammer, rotating the cylinder, and then firing. Now the trigger is doing a lot of work, and it will be a lot stronger than when you cock the hammer first.

"We can shoot in single action so the trigger will be easier," says Joe, really wanting us to shoot the Model 10.

"I agree that the trigger will be a lot easier, but recoil is still going to be more than the newbie, the mature person, or I want," I complain.

"Maybe not, if we use Wadcutters. They have less powder and will have a lighter recoil."

Do I believe him?

We shoot the Model 10 in single action with Wadcutters. Well, surprise! The trigger pull and travel in single action are easy. And, using Wadcutters, recoil isn't terrible either.

"Can you use Wadcutters as defensive ammunition?" I wonder.

"Yes, you can. Although sometimes it's hard to find them," he replies.

"How bad is recoil with full metal-jacketed rounds?"

We shoot the FMJ rounds. As I expected, for me, recoil is quite a bit sturdier.

Both double action trigger pull and recoil are difficult for me. For Joe, however, both are manageable.

"I like the balance," he says, "and it is a heavier gun than the Chief's Special, giving it a lighter kick."

"Lighter is relative," I retort. "But we did shoot the Model 10 at 7 ½ yards on an 8-inch target. Between us, the target shows a cluster of bullets have hit just to the left of the bull's-eye. Since this is meant to be a short-range gun, it is very accurate."

"I don't much like the grip," I continue. "It's narrow, crunching my fingers. A larger grip would give greater control."

Joe agrees with that. He locates a larger grip on Amazon. While his fingers don't crunch together on the original one, his baby finger isn't on the gun, giving him "pinky dangle." He isn't fond of pinky dangle. It lessens control of the gun.

The new grip is substantially wider. It also has some gentle finger grooves.

We both shoot again. Yes, the new grip gives more control and the bullets hit in a tight grouping closer to the center of the target.

The Model 10 is accurate and makes for a great self-defense handgun.

But for Newbie? The mature person?

For these people? The gun is still a .38. It has a long, hard trigger pull and a very stiff recoil. Newbie isn't about to take this revolver to the range for practice or for fun in plinking.

But for the able-bodied, sturdy person, this is an accurate point-and-shoot gun. According to Guns & Gear, "the Model 10 holds its own among the best concealed carry revolvers."

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



PINFISH

(Logodon rhomboides)

Pinfish have needle-sharp dorsal fins rays. They are the most abundant member of the porgy family living along the south east coasts. They live in habitats from shallow grass flats to deep holes, rocky outcroppings and wharf pillars. They swim in water from shallow intertidal flats to depths of 200ft and in a wide range of temps and salinities. Most active during the daytime, pinfish feed on plants detritus, worms, mollusks and crustaceans. They grow to 10" and are commonly used as bait fish, especially for catching grouper.

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Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratory

WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO



Wakulla photographer Lisa Vince shared this photo of a visitor to her home: a Mournful Sphinx Moth, from the family of hawk moths.

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Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

Oct. 29 - Nov. 4

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. 23-29 Nov. 1, 6-12

St. Marks River Entrance

Th	1st 3:36 AM ▲ 4.2 ft	2nd 11:08 AM ▼ -0.6 ft	3rd 5:55 PM ▲ 3.2 ft	4th 10:35 PM ▼ 1.8 ft
Fr	1st 4:18 AM ▲ 4.1 ft	2nd 12:04 PM ▼ -0.3 ft	3rd 6:55 PM ▲ 2.9 ft	4th 11:22 PM ▼ 1.9 ft
Sa	1st 5:06 AM ▲ 3.8 ft	2nd 1:09 PM ▼ 0.0 ft	3rd 8:05 PM ▲ 2.7 ft	4th —
Su	1st 12:25 AM ▼ 2.0 ft	2nd 5:08 AM ▲ 3.5 ft	3rd 1:24 PM ▼ 0.4 ft	4th 8:20 PM ▲ 2.7 ft
Mo	1st 12:58 AM ▼ 2.0 ft	2nd 6:46 AM ▲ 3.1 ft	3rd 2:42 PM ▼ 0.7 ft	4th 9:25 PM ▲ 2.9 ft
Tu	1st 2:47 AM ▼ 1.7 ft	2nd 8:58 AM ▲ 3.0 ft	3rd 3:50 PM ▼ 0.9 ft	4th 10:14 PM ▲ 3.1 ft
We	1st 4:11 AM ▼ 1.1 ft	2nd 10:33 AM ▲ 3.1 ft	3rd 4:44 PM ▼ 1.0 ft	4th 10:53 PM ▲ 3.2 ft

City of St. Marks

Th	1st 4:12 AM ▲ 3.9 ft	2nd 12:12 PM ▼ -0.6 ft	3rd 6:31 PM ▲ 3.0 ft	4th —
Fr	1st 4:54 AM ▲ 3.8 ft	2nd 1:08 PM ▼ -0.3 ft	3rd 7:31 PM ▲ 2.7 ft	4th —
Sa	1st 12:26 AM ▼ 1.8 ft	2nd 5:42 AM ▲ 3.6 ft	3rd 2:13 PM ▼ 0.0 ft	4th 8:41 PM ▲ 2.5 ft
Su	1st 1:29 AM ▼ 1.8 ft	2nd 5:45 AM ▲ 3.2 ft	3rd 2:28 PM ▼ 0.3 ft	4th 8:57 PM ▲ 2.5 ft
Mo	1st 2:03 AM ▼ 1.8 ft	2nd 7:23 AM ▲ 2.9 ft	3rd 3:46 PM ▼ 0.6 ft	4th 10:01 PM ▲ 2.6 ft
Tu	1st 3:51 AM ▼ 1.5 ft	2nd 9:35 AM ▲ 2.7 ft	3rd 4:54 PM ▼ 0.8 ft	4th 10:50 PM ▲ 2.8 ft
We	1st 5:15 AM ▼ 1.0 ft	2nd 11:09 AM ▲ 2.8 ft	3rd 5:49 PM ▼ 0.9 ft	4th 11:29 PM ▲ 3.0 ft

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Th	1st 3:54 AM ▲ 4.3 ft	2nd 11:24 AM ▼ -0.5 ft	3rd 6:11 PM ▲ 3.3 ft	4th 10:51 PM ▼ 1.9 ft
Fr	1st 4:36 AM ▲ 4.2 ft	2nd 12:20 PM ▼ -0.2 ft	3rd 7:11 PM ▲ 3.0 ft	4th 11:38 PM ▼ 2.0 ft
Sa	1st 5:24 AM ▲ 3.9 ft	2nd 1:25 PM ▼ 0.1 ft	3rd 8:21 PM ▲ 2.8 ft	4th —
Su	1st 12:41 AM ▼ 2.1 ft	2nd 5:26 AM ▲ 3.6 ft	3rd 1:40 PM ▼ 0.5 ft	4th 8:36 PM ▲ 2.8 ft
Mo	1st 1:14 AM ▼ 2.1 ft	2nd 7:04 AM ▲ 3.2 ft	3rd 2:58 PM ▼ 0.8 ft	4th 9:41 PM ▲ 3.0 ft
Tu	1st 3:03 AM ▼ 1.8 ft	2nd 9:16 AM ▲ 3.1 ft	3rd 4:06 PM ▼ 1.0 ft	4th 10:30 PM ▲ 3.2 ft
We	1st 4:27 AM ▼ 1.2 ft	2nd 10:51 AM ▲ 3.2 ft	3rd 5:00 PM ▼ 1.1 ft	4th 11:09 PM ▲ 3.3 ft

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Th	1st 3:28 AM ▲ 3.3 ft	2nd 11:20 AM ▼ -0.4 ft	3rd 5:47 PM ▲ 2.5 ft	4th 10:47 PM ▼ 1.4 ft
Fr	1st 4:10 AM ▲ 3.2 ft	2nd 12:16 PM ▼ -0.1 ft	3rd 6:47 PM ▲ 2.2 ft	4th 11:34 PM ▼ 1.5 ft
Sa	1st 4:58 AM ▲ 3.0 ft	2nd 1:21 PM ▼ 0.2 ft	3rd 7:57 PM ▲ 2.1 ft	4th —
Su	1st 12:17 AM ▼ 1.6 ft	2nd 5:00 AM ▲ 2.7 ft	3rd 1:36 PM ▼ 0.6 ft	4th 8:12 PM ▲ 2.1 ft
Mo	1st 12:50 AM ▼ 1.6 ft	2nd 6:38 AM ▲ 2.4 ft	3rd 2:54 PM ▼ 0.8 ft	4th 9:17 PM ▲ 2.2 ft
Tu	1st 2:39 AM ▼ 1.3 ft	2nd 8:50 AM ▲ 2.3 ft	3rd 4:02 PM ▼ 1.0 ft	4th 10:06 PM ▲ 2.4 ft
We	1st 4:03 AM ▼ 0.9 ft	2nd 10:25 AM ▲ 2.4 ft	3rd 4:56 PM ▼ 1.1 ft	4th 10:45 PM ▲ 2.5 ft

St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

Th	1st 3:40 AM ▲ 3.4 ft	2nd 11:32 AM ▼ -0.5 ft	3rd 5:59 PM ▲ 2.6 ft	4th 10:39 PM ▼ 1.5 ft
Fr	1st 4:22 AM ▲ 3.3 ft	2nd 12:28 PM ▼ -0.2 ft	3rd 6:59 PM ▲ 2.3 ft	4th 11:26 PM ▼ 1.6 ft
Sa	1st 5:10 AM ▲ 3.1 ft	2nd 1:33 PM ▼ 0.1 ft	3rd 8:09 PM ▲ 2.2 ft	4th —
Su	1st 12:29 AM ▼ 1.7 ft	2nd 5:12 AM ▲ 2.8 ft	3rd 1:48 PM ▼ 0.5 ft	4th 8:24 PM ▲ 2.2 ft
Mo	1st 1:02 AM ▼ 1.7 ft	2nd 6:50 AM ▲ 2.5 ft	3rd 3:06 PM ▼ 0.8 ft	4th 9:29 PM ▲ 2.3 ft
Tu	1st 2:51 AM ▼ 1.4 ft	2nd 9:02 AM ▲ 2.4 ft	3rd 4:14 PM ▼ 1.0 ft	4th 10:18 PM ▲ 2.5 ft
We	1st 4:15 AM ▼ 1.0 ft	2nd 10:37 AM ▲ 2.5 ft	3rd 5:08 PM ▼ 1.1 ft	4th 10:57 PM ▲ 2.6 ft

Dog Island West End

Th	1st 3:22 AM ▲ 3.1 ft	2nd 10:54 AM ▼ -0.5 ft	3rd 5:41 PM ▲ 2.4 ft	4th 10:21 PM ▼ 1.6 ft
Fr	1st 4:04 AM ▲ 3.0 ft	2nd 11:50 AM ▼ -0.2 ft	3rd 6:41 PM ▲ 2.1 ft	4th 11:08 PM ▼ 1.7 ft
Sa	1st 4:52 AM ▲ 2.8 ft	2nd 12:55 PM ▼ 0.1 ft	3rd 7:51 PM ▲ 2.0 ft	4th —
Su	1st 12:11 AM ▼ 1.8 ft	2nd 4:54 AM ▲ 2.5 ft	3rd 1:10 PM ▼ 0.5 ft	4th 8:06 PM ▲ 2.0 ft
Mo	1st 12:44 AM ▼ 1.8 ft	2nd 6:32 AM ▲ 2.2 ft	3rd 2:28 PM ▼ 0.8 ft	4th 9:11 PM ▲ 2.1 ft
Tu	1st 2:33 AM ▼ 1.5 ft	2nd 8:44 AM ▲ 2.1 ft	3rd 3:36 PM ▼ 1.0 ft	4th 10:00 PM ▲ 2.3 ft
We	1st 3:57 AM ▼ 1.0 ft	2nd 10:19 AM ▲ 2.2 ft	3rd 4:30 PM ▼ 1.1 ft	4th 10:39 PM ▲ 2.4 ft

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.

	Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set	Major Times	Minor Times	Moon Illumination
Thursday 29	7:49 AM 6:52 PM	8:49 PM 11:47 AM	3:55 AM 4:20 PM	8:49 PM 11:47 AM	90 %
Friday 30	7:49 AM 6:51 PM	9:53 PM 12:48 PM	4:42 AM 5:07 PM	9:53 PM 12:48 PM	82 %
Saturday 31	7:50 AM 6:50 PM	11:01 PM 1:41 PM	5:31 AM 5:56 PM	11:01 PM 1:41 PM	72 %
Sunday 1	6:51 AM 5:49 PM	12:10 AM 1:24 PM	6:20 AM 6:45 PM	12:10 AM 1:24 PM	61 %
Monday 2	6:51 AM 5:48 PM	1:18 AM 2:01 PM	7:08 AM 7:33 PM	1:18 AM 2:01 PM	49 %
Tuesday 3	6:52 AM 5:48 PM	2:23 AM 2:34 PM	7:55 AM 8:20 PM	2:23 AM 2:34 PM	38 %
Wednesday 4	6:53 AM 5:47 PM	3:25 AM 3:04 PM	8:42 AM 9:07 PM	3:25 AM 3:04 PM	27 %

The Old Pro: Hunting season(s) are around the corner



By AL HARTMAN

I hope y'all were not harmed by the storm. It was mostly hard rains and strong wind surges. I believe there were some areas of flooding in coastal areas also.

The fishing has been really good and a good variety of several different fish are out there at this time. Crabbing has been pretty good and a lot of big crabs are being scooped with hand nets too!

Deer season is just around the corner. We are in the zone D1 and C3 zone so make sure where you are hunting. Zone C bow hunting ends Oct. 18, and Zone D1 started Oct. 24 and runs until Nov. 25. You are allowed two deer per day with a possession of and a yearly bag limit of 5. Two does are allowed in zone D1 and zone C3. It would be a good idea the get a copy of the F.W.C hunting regulations.

General gun season for deer in zone C starts Nov. 7 through Jan. 24. In zone D season hunting starts Nov. 26 and runs to Nov. .29. Then zone D reopens Dec. 12 and runs until Feb. 21.

And to add to our list, Duck season Starts Nov. 21 and closes Nov. 29. But then it reopens Dec. 12 and closes Jan.31.

So get your gear set up for all these hunts. You better get busy.

Happy Hunting an Fishing and take a young'un!





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Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

What is in a flag? *April 18, 2013*

Apart from the cloth, design and colors, a flag is a symbol. Most countries have a flag that symbolizes their struggle for independence, their moral values and history.

Flags are used as a form of communications to identify nationality, types of activities or letters of the alphabet. Aquanauts use flags too.

Early in my career I used a flag as a current meter below our under ice portal in the Antarctic. The start of every dive began with a surface inspection of the flag at 15 feet. When seen fluttering at full extension, we would postpone the dives. When seen flapping gently in the current, we took note of its direction to plan our days activity. In 27 degree water, every contingency was carefully considered.

For centuries mariners have used a series of code flags to describe what is going on around their boat. Chapman's Piloting, Seamanship and Small Boat Handling describes these flags in all their colors and shapes. The red diver flag for example, appears to be a derivative of the guest flag, which was blue with a white diagonal bar, and used when guests were aboard. Perhaps the diver was a welcome guest!

Divers inherited two flags used to indicate people in the water. The state of Florida adopted one, a red flag with a white diagonal bar from top pole to bottom outer tip as the required flag to designate a diver is within 100 feet.

Boats are not allowed to approach this flag within 100 feet under penalty of law. Divers in the water not displaying this flag in Florida waters can be fined $50. A person need only wear a mask to be defined as a diver so beware snorkel divers while scalloping along our coast.

Beyond State waters, 9 miles in the Gulf of Mexico, the federal government requires the blue against the pole, white pennant or Alpha flag for similar purposes. Technically these flags are not interchangeable.

We display the American flag high on our radio pole at Wakulla Diving Center. We display the Florida dive flag under our sign, a recognition that divers are found here. And we fly a green flag with an orange diagonal bar that designates that technical diving is supported here. These colors represent our blended breathing gas called Nitrox. These days, we produce more Nitrox than compressed air, the other gas divers breathe underwater.

This month I am attaching to our technical diving green flag an old symbol, the infinity or figure 8, which represents recirculation, to represent our re-emerging rebreather technology.

It was first used by Borelli in the 1700s next to a drawing of a hypothetical rebreather diver. No one took the drawing of the diver seriously and consequently overlooked the bow of a submarine protruding into the picture.

Cornelius Dribble's submersible however, successfully used rebreather technology to support his submariners while underwater, and the rest is history.

Yes, that's right – technical diving is older than recreational diving by several centuries.

And I want our flag to represent that proud heritage.

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

When temptation feels impossible to resist



By SHERYL H. BOLDT

How often has a 9.5 out of 10 recurring temptation defeated you? Each time you give in, the struggle becomes harder. Shame grows as you realize these battles often result from your own choices.

Some struggles feel so private, so painful, so shame laden, so unending that we can't bring ourselves to admit them, even when we desperately need prayer support.

Eventually, our resolve wears thin. We stop memorizing Scripture. We stop talking to God. We stop fighting.

We give up.

If this is where you are, or where you often find yourself, I understand. I've felt this way many times over the years.

But please remember Jesus died and rose to give you freedom, truth, comfort, forgiveness, peace and joy.

No matter what happens in our lives, in the world, or in our battles with sin or temptation, we can be certain, deep down, unshakably certain, that God wins in the end. Not only in some things. Not only in the "big" things.

In all things.

This confidence isn't based on our feelings, our circumstances, or how strong we think we are – not even how strong (or weak) we think our faith is. It's based on God's character and promises. We can be confident in God's final authority over every battle, every enemy, and every outcome.

It's the kind of confidence Paul describes in Ephesians 6:10: the strength that comes from being united with Christ and empowered by His boundless might. The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition of the Bible says it this way: "Be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides]."

When I struggled with recurring sin to the point of wanting to give up (and sometimes actually quitting), I'm grateful the Holy Spirit nudged me to pick up my Bible anyway. I began reading and reviewing verses I once knew by heart – and something shifted.

This is what often happens when we stop trying to be strong on our own and instead draw strength from God.

When we lean into Him, even the smallest act of obedience can become a turning point. Because the truth is, we'll never find lasting satisfaction in anything that leads us toward destruction. Only in Christ do we discover real freedom, genuine truth, deep comfort and full forgiveness.

It's in Him – and only in Him – that we experience the profound joy of walking in the victory He's already won for us.

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I'm a little rusty, Mawmaw



By CHERYL CRUCE

I often use the quiet time while driving to pray. I pray for those who cross my day, those in need, and those who have touched my life. The silence of my truck often becomes my sanctuary, a quiet place to bring others before God.

So when my daughter called and asked me to pick up my grandson from school, it seemed like an ordinary change in my day. But with Conway, nothing is ever ordinary.

As we traveled toward home, a text from a dear friend appeared on my dashboard. Her son-in-law had just taken her daughter to the ER with high blood pressure. The couple were nearing the end of a pregnancy and preparing to welcome their first child.

Conway looked at me and said, "MawMaw, we need to pray." He reached for the cross around his neck, bowed his head, and began whispering something to it, sharing a moment alone with God.

I couldn't hear what Conway whispered as he clutched his cross. When he finished, he took my hand and said, "MawMaw, I'm a little rusty, but I'm ready to pray now."

He prayed for strength for the husband and wife and asked God to help bring her blood pressure down. Then he prayed for the baby, asking God to make the little one strong and keep them all safe. He ended with a simple, "Thank you, God. Amen."

We rode in silence as his prayer warmed my heart.

At 11 years old, his faith and posture in prayer amazed me. There was an innocence in that moment, a childlike faith that needed no fancy words or perfect understanding. He recognized his own uncertainty, yet he understood the need for prayer and turned to God before he ever spoke his prayer aloud. His words were simple, his requests heartfelt, and his prayer reminded me that sometimes the purest expressions of faith come from a child's heart.

Jesus reminds us in Matthew 19:14 to let the children come to Him and not hinder them. Watching Conway that day reminded me that children have their own ways of coming before the Lord. Sometimes, we may discover that their faith has something to teach us too.

In my faith, I pray for a posture like Conway's. I pray for a childlike faith that places our needs in the hands of the Father and trusts Him even when we don't have all the answers. I also pray for the ability to recognize when I have become a little "rusty" in my relationship with God and the humility to draw near again.

The psalmist reminds us that we can turn to God with confidence, knowing that He hears us when we call. There is comfort in knowing that we do not have to find the perfect words or have all the answers. We can simply come to the Father and rest in His love (Psalm 116).

That day, as Conway reached for my hand, we reached for the Lord together. I may have been the one driving, but Conway led me in a different way. I was the grandmother and the pastor, the one who had taught him about faith, yet in that moment, he was guiding me.

His simple invitation to pray reminded me that faith can lead at any age. And I learned something from him: sometimes the child becomes the teacher.

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them – Isaiah 11:6.

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OUT TO PASTOR

Maybe we should go back to horse-and-buggy days



By JAMES SNYDER

Every Sunday morning, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I go across town for our ministry at an assisted living facility. We've been doing this for approximately four years now. It's a wonderful ministry we enjoy.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage always drives her Sissy Van while I sit in the passenger seat. She prefers to drive because she really doesn't like riding in my pickup truck. I don't blame her, so I let her drive across town. I'm not too fond of riding in the Sissy Van, but I have no other choice. Getting in and out is quite the task.

Last week, as we were going across town, the traffic was horrible. I can't remember when traffic was this bad. It seemed like we were driving bumper-to-bumper all the way across town. Where do all of these cars come from? And why are they on the road on Sunday?

Of course, in this kind of environment, there are many accidents. During the last year, I had four friends killed in an automobile accident.

When I was young, people drove on Sunday to go to church. Now, that seems to be off the schedule for most people today. I have no idea where they are going. The important question for me is: why are they driving so crazy?

This week, as we were driving across town, I thought about something from back in the day. We had quite a few Amish people in our community. I even had an Amish friend.

My great-grandmother was Amish but was shunned because she dated an "English" guy, who became my great-grandfather.

As you might know, the Amish do not drive automobiles. They don't have electricity in their homes, or plumbing, or anything like that. They don't believe in that sort of thing. They live a very simple lifestyle.

The most significant thing about the Amish is that, instead of driving an automobile, they drive a horse-and-buggy. I remember riding with my friend in a horse-and-buggy, and I had a great time.

Thinking about the Horse-And-Buggy community, I realized there were very few accidents. In fact, I can't remember a single accident involving a Horse-And-Buggy.

Compared to automobiles, I'm not sure how many accidents happen each year. I'm sure it's pretty high, and I'm sure many people die as a result of automobile accidents.

But I have yet to hear of somebody dying because of a Horse-And-Buggy accident. I'm not saying it hasn't happened; I've just never heard of it.

What if we went back to those horse-and-buggy days? Back to the time when we weren't all caught up with the latest technology available.

Maintaining a Horse-And-Buggy is far cheaper than an automobile. Gas alone can bankrupt a person. Gas is a lot more expensive for a car than the oats and hay a horse eats.

As we were traveling across town, I looked at my wife and said, "Maybe we should get a horse-and-buggy instead of this Sissy Van."

She looked at me, then said, "Neeeeeigh."

I didn't mention that again because I understood exactly what she was saying. I'm not going to nag her about that.

It was rather warm that morning, and The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage turned on the air conditioner and said, "I like air conditioning, don't you?"

As I enjoyed the air conditioning, I understood exactly what she meant. I've ridden in several horse-and-buggies, and not one of them had air conditioning. In fact, riding down the road, I was exposed to the weather all around me. Sometimes it was a sweating experience.

Horse-And-Buggy has some advantages, I suppose. But as I thought about it, I realized the advantages of The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage's Sissy Van are far greater.

Usually, when I rode in a horse-and-buggy, it was out in the country, with very little traffic. It just occurred to me what an advantage that is.

Even though the Sissy Van is not my favorite mode of travel, I must confess it has advantages I should learn to appreciate. I thought long and hard about that, then turned to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and said, "I must confess that I really do enjoy your Sissy Van."

She looked at me, then chuckled and replied, "I don't know if you're telling me a joke or setting me up for one of your pranks." Then she laughed some more.

I remember one time going into an Amish store. They had a big book section that I liked to go through. Amish are really into books. The store had no electricity, no lights, and no air conditioning. They did have lanterns throughout the store.

When I found a book, I went up to pay for it, and you will not guess what I saw there.

On the counter was the latest cash register, with all the perks I have ever seen.

When it comes to money, people will contradict their beliefs.

Thinking along this line, I remembered a wonderful verse of scripture.

"Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do" (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

One of the great things in life as a Christian is appreciating other people, not because you agree with everything they do. Finding something to appreciate in everyone's life is a great challenge sometimes. Then I focus on that one area I appreciate. Not everything matters.

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Obituaries

DEATH NOTICES

• **Laurie Michelle Miller,** 51 of Crawfordville passed away on October 18, 2026.

• **Catherine Pearce Jaramillo**, 51 of Tallahassee passed away October 24, 2026

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

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff's Report for activity October 16 to 23. There were 1,596 calls for service.

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

• Deputy Love responded to the Circle K located at Songbird Lane and Crawfordville Highway due to Jesse Giddens screaming and cussing inside the store. Upon arrival, contact was made with Giddens, along with the complainant. Giddens became belligerent with deputies on scene and the store clerk was asked if they wanted Giddens trespassed. the clerk said 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.

SATURDAY, OCT. 17

• A citizen called in to report that a canopy flew off of a utility truck and hit the complainant's vehicle. She stated that there was damage to her vehicle and some road debris but no injuries. Deputies and Fire Rescue were dispatched.

• A citizen called in to report that she had just been in a minor traffic crash. Deputies and Fire Rescue were dispatched. Fire Rescue advised that because there were no injuries or roadblock they would not be responding.

SUNDAY, OCT. 18

• Deputy Sullivan and Deputy Joens responded to Dreamwood Stables Road in reference to what was initially called in as a burglary in progress. Once deputies arrived on scene, contact was made with multiple subjects. After interviewing all subjects involved, conflicting statements were given.

• Lt. Paul responded to Walden Road and made contact with the reporting person who stated a package from Temu was delivered to her grandmother's residence on Saturday, Oct. 17, which contained a blanket valued at $15 including shipping. The package was missing. The complainant stated she knows the subject responsible. Case forwarded to Criminal Investigations Division.

• Lt. Paul responded to Summerwind Circle South and made contact with an HOA Representative in reference to the road being destroyed by a juvenile doing donuts in his truck. Contact was made with the juvenile's parent and an agreement was made, so the juvenile will be fixing the road. The juvenile and parent reside in Leon County.

• Deputy Love responded to Penny Road in reference to a house fire and made contact with the reporting person. He stated he and his family were playing games in their workshop, when they came outside to discover the residence was fully engulfed. Wakulla Fire Rescue extinguished the fire, but the residence was a total loss. The Fire Marshall and On-Call CID responded. Fire Marshall determined the fire was not arson.

MONDAY, OCT. 19

• Deputy Hinson responded to the 3800 block of Coastal Highway in reference to a theft. Contact was made with the reporting party who advised a camper has been staying in a lot since June 17. Today he observed the camper gone and a payment has not been received. The amount of money owed is $1,133.65. Case forwarded to CID.

• Deputy Moen responded to the 500 block of Port Leon Drive in reference to possible criminal mischief. Contact was made with the reporting party who stated she believed someone had damaged the gates to the abandoned property. During the investigation it was discovered the damages were due to the recent storm. No foul play was suspected in this incident.

TUESDAY, OCT. 20

• Deputy Kittrell responded to Preservation Way in reference to a stolen tag. Contact was made with the reporting person who advised the tag from one of the trailers belonging to Wakulla Environmental Institute was stolen. She advised there was no video surveillance and was unable to provide a possible suspect. The tag was entered as stolen. Case forwarded to CID.

• A citizen reported applying for a loan online via Avant Financial. She was told she was approved for a $10,000 loan and she needed to provide her banking information in order to have the funds deposited into her account. After several days passed and no deposit, she was notified by her bank that her account had a negative balance of $3,125. She attempted to make contact with Avant Financial but was unable to get through on the phone. She was advised by her bank to file this report in order for the account insurance to refund the funds to her account.

• A citizen reported finding unauthorized accounts opened in his name after checking his credit report. He advised he contacted Best Buy and Belk's to contest these accounts, however he was unsuccessful with his attempts. The total amount for both accounts opened was at $5,066.41 at the time of this report. Case forwarded to CID

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21

• Deputy Sullivan responded to Ace High Stables Road in reference to a citizen reporting fraudulent charges on her Amazon account. Case forwarded to CID.

• While in proactive patrol Deputy Saba conducted a traffic stop on a gray Dodge Durango being operated by a driver who had an invalid license. During the course of the investigation, Deputy Saba was able to identify the female passenger. After providing her name to dispatch, it was determined that she was entered into FCIC/NCIC as missing by the Tallahassee Police Department. After confirming the hit, Tallahassee Police requested we check on her well-being. While speaking to her, she was in the right state of the mind and was with the driver willingly. Both subjects were released from the scene without incident.

THURSDAY, OCT. 22

• Deputy Sullivan responded to Ridgeway Court in reference to a citizen reporting that his dog was attacked by another dog and he was bitten on his foot trying to stop the fight.

• Sgt. Godwin responded to the 3500 block of Crawfordville Highway in reference to a possible stolen trailer being towed by a truck. Sgt. Godwin initiated a traffic stop and made contact with Franklin County Sheriff's Office. FCSO requested a hold be placed on the trailer for further investigation. Case forwarded to CID.

• Deputy Marshall responded to the front lobby in reference to a citizen reporting a fraud totaling $1,250. Case forwarded to CID.

• Deputy Rivers responded to Shepherwood Drive in reference to an animal bite complaint. Upon arrival, contact was made with the reporting person who advised she was attacked by a neighbor's Jack Russell terrier while she was enjoying an outside run. Pictures of her injuries were taken and contact was made with Animal Control. The owner of the dog was informed of the incident involving his dog and was subsequently issued a warning by Animal Control.

• Deputy Rivers responded to the 4200 block of Bloxham Cutoff Road in reference to a delayed burglary. Contact was made with the reporting person who advised an unknown individual entered his residence by force while he was still inside of the residence and stole $300 worth of drill bits. While on scene, he informed Deputy Rivers that the subject entered his residence by prying his front door open. No damaging marks were observed. While enroute, he informed the dispatch center that he had still photos of the subject entering his house, however, when asked to view them, he could not present them. He also wanted to report a delayed burglary that happened in July. When asked why he did not report the incident when it occurred, he responded "I just wanted to know who it was." Due to the lack of evidence and contamination of the scene, this incident was documented for informational purposes only.

• Deputy Love responded to the AMI convenience store in reference to a welfare check on an elderly female believing she was in Tampa and appeared to have an altered mental status. Upon arrival, the female subject was actively speaking with Tampa Police Department inquiring on her whereabouts with her family present on the phone. It was learned that her family had been searching for her since 10 a.m. the day before. Due to the quick response, deputies were able to essentially recover her before she was entered into FCIC/NCIC as missing. Deputy Love spoke with her family over the phone and informed them that she would be taken back to the Sheriff's Office annex and would be released to the on-call victims advocate and would remain there until their arrival. Her family later arrived at approximately 1 a.m. and picked up the woman and her vehicle.

FRIDAY, OCT. 23

• Dep. Moen responded to Walmart in reference to a retail theft. Contact was made with Asset Protection who advised while conducting an audit on a Spark employee, she discovered he had been taking items that were not on Spark orders. After taking the items, the subject left the store passing all final points of sale, failing to pay for the merchandise which valued at approximately $55.94. Case forwarded to CID.

• A citizen turned over a Marlin .22 caliber rifle she found inside an abandoned storage unit at Crawfordville Storage. She was unable to contact the last known renter. The rifle was collected and submitted into Property & Evidence for safekeeping.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

1029-1105 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. 26-CP-116
KENNETH ROGER RANDOLPH,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of KENNETH ROGER RANDOLPH, deceased, whose date of death was April 17, 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 29, 2026.

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Oct. 29, Nov. 5, 2026

NOTICE OF ACTION

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.
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Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

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DATED this 19th day of October, 2026.

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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:

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

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

TAX ID: R-00-00-059-000-10035-008

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 OF FORECLOSURE SALE

1029-1105 TWS NOFS

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

DATA MORTGAGE INC., DBA ESSEX MORTGAGE, CASE NO. 25000118CAAXMX
Plaintiff,
vs.
NICHOLAS LOUIS BRINO, JR.; KIMBERLY BRINO; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT C/0 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HUD; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEM, INC., ACTING SOLELY AS A NOMINEE FOR BAY CAPITAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION; FIFTH THIRD BANK, N.A.; PALMETTO OF WAKULLA COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,
Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed September 15, 2026 and entered in Case No. 25000118CAAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA County, Florida, wherein DATA MORTGAGE INC., DBA ESSEX MORTGAGE is Plaintiff and NICHOLAS LOUIS BRINO, JR.; KIMBERLY BRINO; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT C/0 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HUD; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEM, INC., ACTING SOLELY AS A NOMINEE FOR BAY CAPITAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION; FIFTH THIRD BANK, N.A.; PALMETTO OF WAKULLA COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC; are defendants. GREG JAMES, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE, at 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HIGHWAY, CRAWFORDVILLE in WAKULLA County, FLORIDA 32327, at 11:00 A.M., on 19th day of November, 2026, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 61 OF PALMETTO SUBDIVISION PHASE II, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 20 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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 21st day of October 2026.

{{County Court Seal}}
Greg James
As Clerk of the Court
By: **/s/ Ethan Brown**
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No.2.065. eSigned: 10/21/2026 16:38:52 PM In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, 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 provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, Phone No. (850)926-1201 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services). Oct. 29, Nov. 5 2026

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363-2351

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PERMANENTLY.

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csrs.org
ASIA American Spinal Injury Association
asia-spinalinjury.org
AAOS American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
orthoinfo.org

WHAT'S POPPIN' WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

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BAG
BUCKET
BUTTER
CARAMEL
CHEESE
CORN
CRUNCHY
FLUFFY
GARLAND
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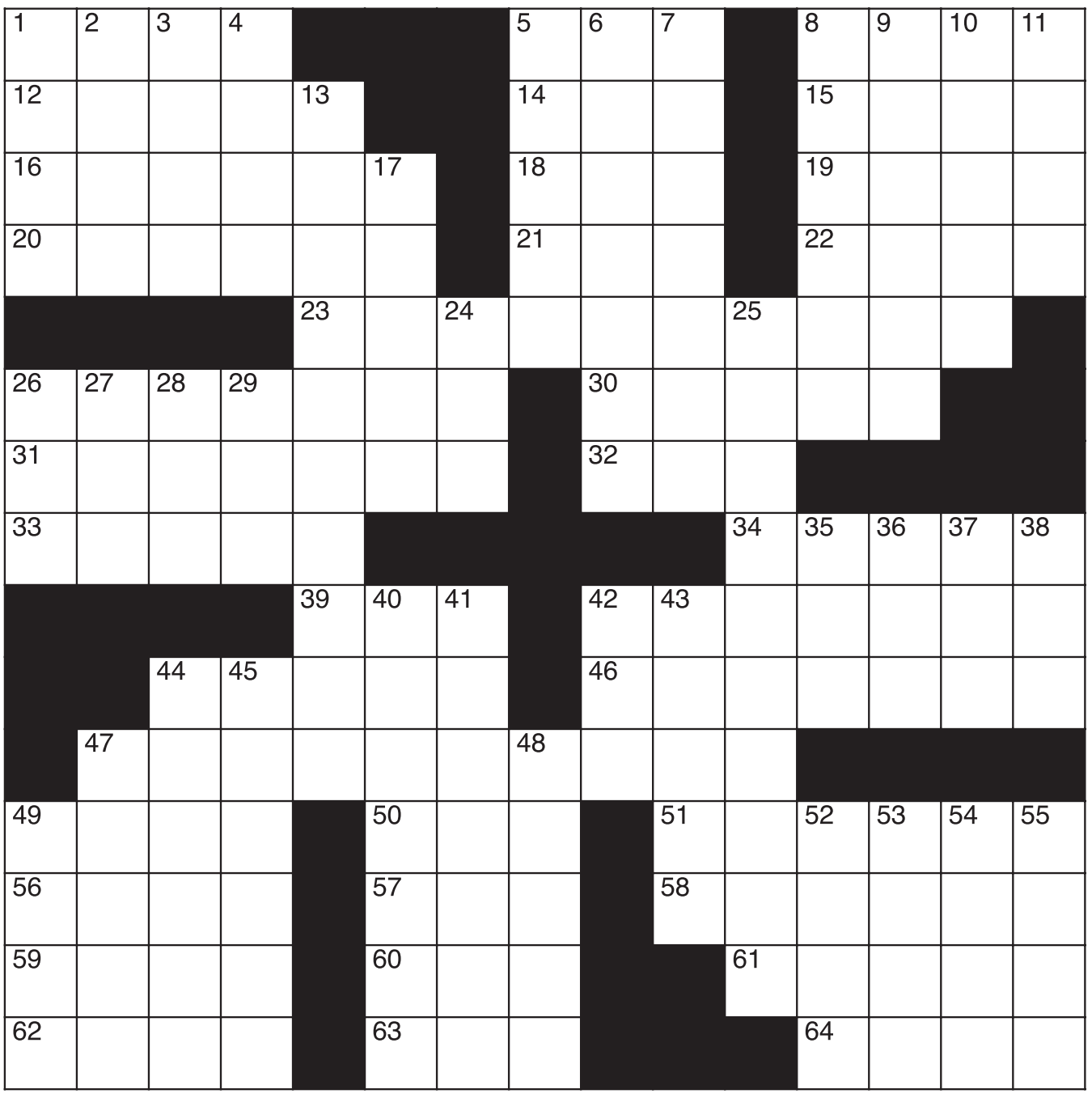
CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. El __, Texas town
5. Rocker's tool
8. A lot
12. Traveling by ground
14. Spelling competition
15. Two-toed sloth
16. Small perfumed bag
18. "Much __ about nothing"
19. Tough-skinned mollusk
20. Removes from record
21. It warms the planet
22. Leafy green
23. Quality of arriving favorably
26. Living thing
30. "Six of Crows" author Bardugo
31. Got around a rule
32. Resin from burned substance
33. Iraq seaport
34. Religious leaders
39. Fugitives are on it
42. Samson's influencer
44. Italian city
46. A quality of lacking interest
47. Predatory tropical fishes
49. Nobel physician Isodor
50. Luck
51. Stationary part of a motor or generator
56. Orthopedic professional group (abbr.)
57. One point south of due east
58. It follows 79
59. Paper currency
60. Anger
61. Spanish seaport
62. Sleep in a rough place
63. Famous museum
64. Selfs

CLUES DOWN

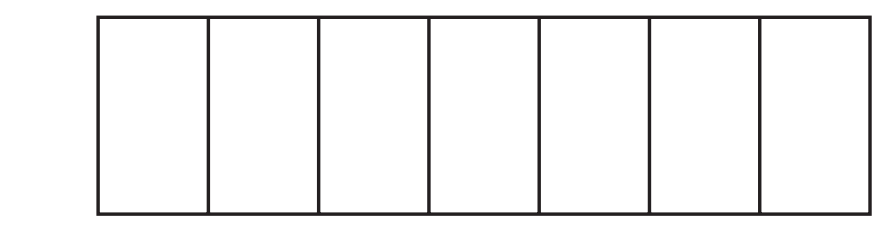
1. Bullfighting maneuver
2. From a distance
3. Soul and calypso song
4. Expressions of delight
5. Lower in esteem
6. Inner region of an organ
7. Flowers
8. A bog
9. Remove a fastening
10. Membranes
11. Enormous
13. One who abstains from drink
17. Malayan wild ox
24. Type of student
25. Rejecting all moral principles
26. Sino-Soviet block
27. Egyptian unit of weight
28. Wrong
29. Make a mistake
35. Indicates location
36. Boxing's "GOAT"
37. Where wrestlers compete
38. Timid
40. Disney town
41. Suggesting the horror of death and decay
42. Male parent
43. Remove for good
44. Simple shoes
45. Flowers
47. Hindi courtesy title for a man
48. Not pleased
49. "Atlas Shrugged" author
52. CIA officer and writer
53. Hoodlum
54. __ Von Bismarck, Iron Chancellor
55. Woolen rugs

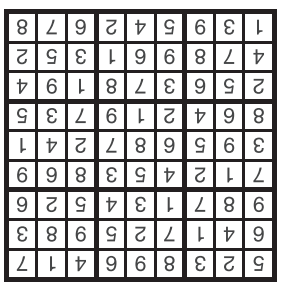


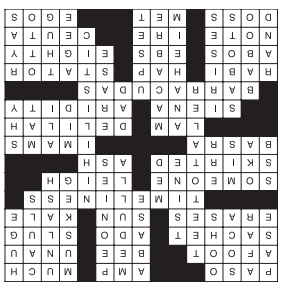
WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to popcorn.

E H T T A R E







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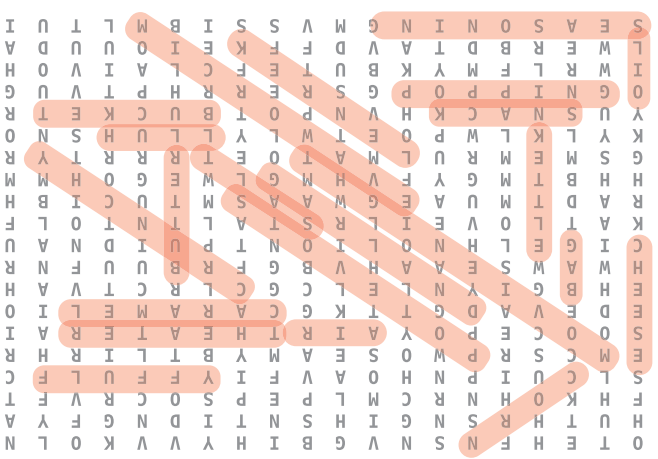
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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GUESS WHO?

I am a fashion designer and reality show star born in England on October 26, 1984. As the daughter of the "Prince of Darkness," I've traveled around the world during his music tours. I appeared on a TV show about my family, and became a mom three years ago.

Answer: Theater Answer: Kelly Osbourne



Big Bend Youth Leadership Summit is held

By RACHEL PIENTA
4-H Director

Fifty-five young people from Wakulla, Gadsden, Leon and Martin counties gathered at UF/IFAS Wakulla Extension on Oct. 12 for the 2026 4-H Big Bend Youth Leadership Summit, a full day devoted to leadership development, career exploration, teamwork and service.

Designed for youth ages 11 to 18, the summit encouraged participants to move beyond simply learning about leadership and begin practicing it. Throughout the day, youth exchanged ideas, developed practical skills and built connections with peers from across North Florida.

Morning keynote speaker Molly Bowell opened the summit by challenging participants to recognize their potential and use their voices, talents and experiences to make a difference. Her message established an encouraging tone for a day centered on the summit's theme: Explore. Connect. Create. Lead.

Participants then selected from a diverse lineup of interactive workshops led by youth and community partners. Sessions offered opportunities to explore advocacy, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, workforce development, environmental responsibility, hospitality, STEM and community engagement. Workshop presenters represented FAMU 4-H, Wakulla 4-H Communications, UF/IFAS Extension, Gadsden County Extension 4-H, CareerSource Capital Region, KWCB Youth, the Wakulla County School Board and Tallahassee State College.



Molly Bowell opens the event.

FAMU 4-H presenters Sabrina Hayes, Crystalgale Hunter, Thailer Jones and Sherika Hayes led "Melt, Mold, Make: 3D Pen Maker Lab," where youth used creativity and design thinking to produce personalized keychains while learning about STEM concepts. FAMU 4-H presenters Thyray Gonzaby, Cheyanne Hunter, Sabrina Hayes and Thailer Jones also led the fast-paced "Mission Possible" team challenge. Caden Gruebel and Warner Counce, representing Wakulla 4-H Communications, helped participants strengthen communication skills through podcasting and youth advocacy in "The Power of the Youth Voice."

Financial education was another central part of the summit. Lauretta Compton and Tucker Hafner of 4-H led "Money Moves for Teens," helping youth practice budgeting, saving, goal setting and informed spending. Samantha Kennedy of UF/IFAS Extension Wakulla County facilitated two sessions of the "Living on My Own" simulation, giving participants a realistic look at balancing income, household needs, family responsibilities and unexpected expenses.

The summit's additional presenters connected leadership to service, careers and community action. Eddie Hand of the Wakulla County School Board and Dr. Camden Smit of Tallahassee State College explored intentional service through "Unreasonable Hospitality." Evie Blount and Cheyanne Hunter, representing UF/IFAS Extension, led "Community Connections: Advocacy in Action," while Jecheta Blackshear and Eric West of CareerSource Capital Region introduced workforce-development resources and career opportunities. Caden Gruebel and Hiroshi Yokiosha of KWCB Youth engaged participants in environmental challenges through "Eco Games X." Evie Blount of Gadsden County Extension 4-H connected judging and livestock experiences to career-ready skills in "Beyond the Blue Ribbon," and Kyndra Light of Tallahassee State College helped aspiring entrepreneurs transform ideas into potential products or services and practice short business pitches in "From Idea to Income."

Lunch speaker Derby Sale continued the day's focus on leadership and personal growth, offering participants another perspective on turning ideas and experiences into meaningful action. The lunch program also gave youth an opportunity to connect with participants from other counties and reflect on what they were learning.

The summit's hands-on format demonstrated that leadership can take many forms. It can mean speaking confidently about an important issue, working through a challenge with a team, making a responsible financial decision, welcoming someone with kindness or developing an idea that benefits others.

Bringing together 55 participants from four counties also expanded the impact of the event beyond a single day. Youth returned home with new knowledge, stronger leadership skills and relationships that can support future collaboration across county lines.

The 2026 4-H Big Bend Youth Leadership Summit was held at UF/IFAS Wakulla Extension, 84 Cedar Avenue in Crawfordville. The event reflected 4-H's commitment to creating meaningful opportunities for young people to develop confidence, responsibility, practical life skills and a sense of belonging.

As participants departed, they carried with them more than workshop materials and new information. They left with a greater understanding that their ideas matter, their voices have value and leadership begins when they choose to use their abilities in service to others



Eastern Star donations

District 5, Order of the Eastern Star held their annual Rob Morris picnic on Aug. 29. There were 19 members and visitors present who participated with the collection of our two projects this year, the Wakulla County Animal Shelter and Healthy Start with the Wakulla County Health Department. The items for both services were brought to the picnic. On Oct. 1, Crawfordville Chapter No. 242, Order of the Eastern Star welcomed Walter Class, Animal Control Manager to dinner. Our Chapter was able to present Mr. Class with many needed items – wet & dry cat/dog food, birdseed & nuts, and more. A presentation of the items collected for Healthy Start –diapers, blankets, towels, lotions, baby ointment, wipes, nail kits, clothing, socks and shoes, etc. – will be presented soon. What a blessing it is to be able to contribute to our community.

Cook is Player of Week

Special to The Sun



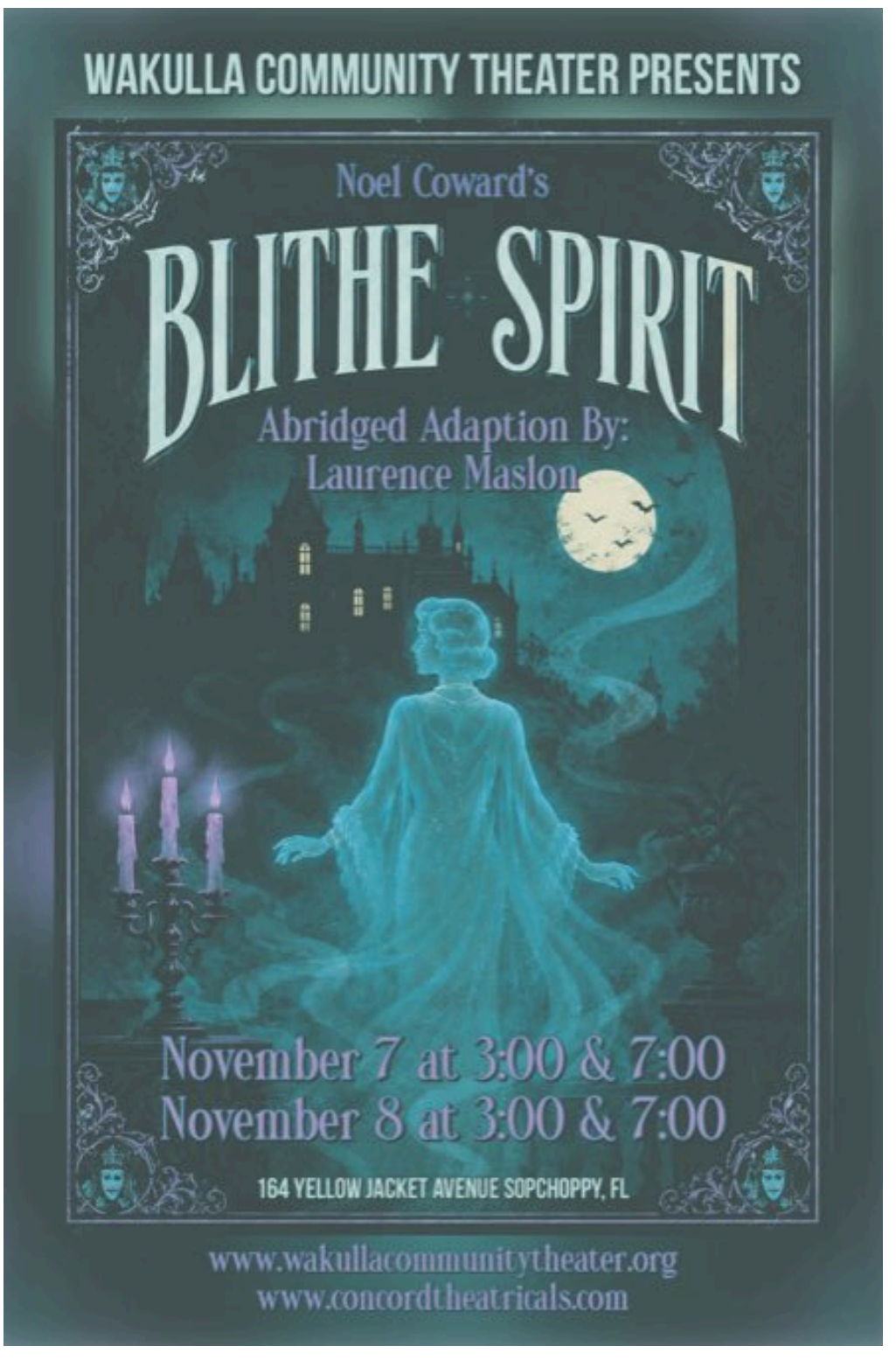
Kennesaw State freshman Hunter Cook was recently named Conference USA Volleyball Freshman of the Week after helping lead the Owls to a two-match road sweep of Delaware this past weekend.

The Smith Creek native finished the weekend with 16 kills over seven sets, averaging 2.29 kills per set while hitting .333 (16-5-33), which ranked tied for 10th in Conference USA for the week. Her performances helped KSU extend its winning streak to three matches, all on the road in conference play.

Cook opened the weekend with seven kills on .429 hitting (7-1-14) in Friday's 3-1 victory over Delaware. She followed with nine kills in Saturday's 3-0 sweep, helping the Owls complete the weekend with six set victories in seven attempts.

Cook has now recorded 26 kills over KSU's three-match winning streak, providing a consistent offensive presence as the Owls improved to 9-9 overall and 3-3 in Conference USA.





Billy Dean

From Front Page

-choppy and its music scene so special. Reflecting on the evening, Sink said, "This is where the best music is. A small-town venue like this is more meaningful, and it's nice to help highlight the musicians in the local area."

A milestone birthday was celebrated by Wilhelmina Morrison, who turned 99 years old and was excited to be at the show. Coming with her daughter Mina Sutton, who volunteers with the Wakulla Community Theater, Morrison said, "I just wanted to come to hear live country music."

Tiffany Shepherd, Karen Jeter, and Linda Cain came to the event for a girls' night out and fell in love with the venue. "It's fantastic how intimate it is here and it's a really special place."

The event was extra special for the women because Billy Dean wanted to specifically meet with them and show his fan base gratitude due to one of the women undergoing treatment for illness.

After the show, Dean hosted a meet-and-greet to take pictures and speak with the audience on a personal level.

Pamela Martin Sapp visited the event with her friend Helen Strickland Cochran and asked Dean, "How do you stay humble?"

"I am from Quincy," Dean answered. "A lot of folks don't get opportunities like I did being from Quincy, and you never forget your roots and where you came from. I am thankful for the veterans, my father was a veteran, and the sacrifices they made for us are unspeakable. My father paid the price, and I never want to embarrass my family, I stay humble."

For upcoming information and further information visit www.sopchoppyevents.com.



Billy Dean signs a young fan's guitar.

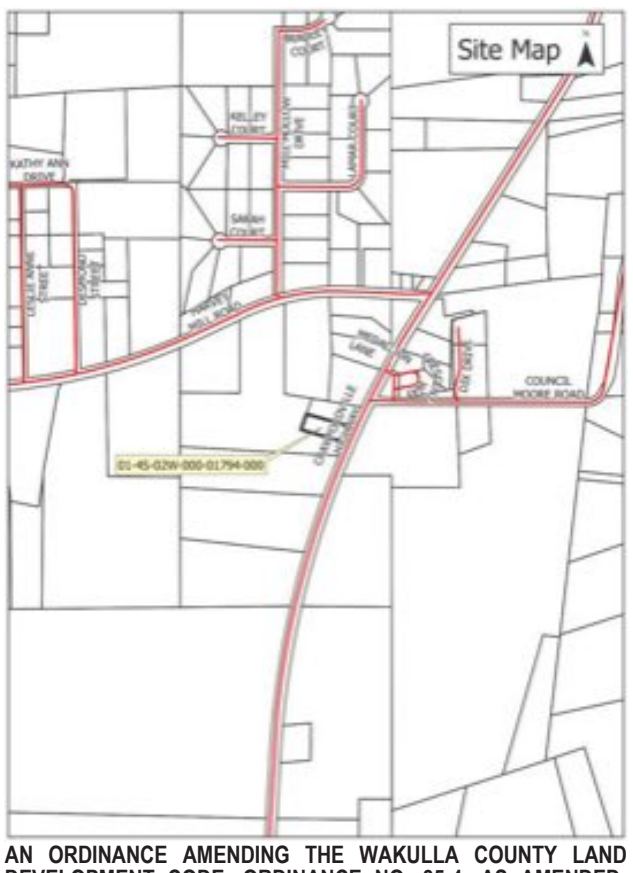
PUBLIC NOTICES:

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.

More Public Notices appear on Page 3

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING AN APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF ZONING

The Wakulla County Planning Commission and Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners propose to consider the following application and/or adopt the following by ordinance and has scheduled **Public Hearings before the Wakulla County Planning Commission on Monday, November 9, 2026, beginning at 6:00 P.M.** and before the **Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM** , or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard. All public hearings will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.



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

Application for Change of Zoning: R26-10

Applicants: Byrd Family Properties, LLC

Proposal: rezone from semi-rural residential to low intensity commercial

Tax ID Number: 01-4S-02W-000-01794-000

Existing FLU Map: Urban Fringe (FLUE Policy 1.2.7)

Current Zoning: RR-1 (Section 5-27, LDC)

Proposed Zoning: LIC (Section 5-67, LDC)

FEMA Flood Info: "X", "0.2PCT" & "A" zones on Panel 0225E

Parcel size: 0.72+/- acres

Location: 3362 Crawfordville Highway

Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, November 9, 2026 @ 6:00 PM BOCC: Tuesday, November 17, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

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Oct. 29, 2026

City of Sopchoppy Notice of Public Meeting

The City of Sopchoppy will hold two regular monthly meetings Monday, November 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, November 24, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held at City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, FL.

Purpose of Meeting: General Business.

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 verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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Oct. 29, 2026

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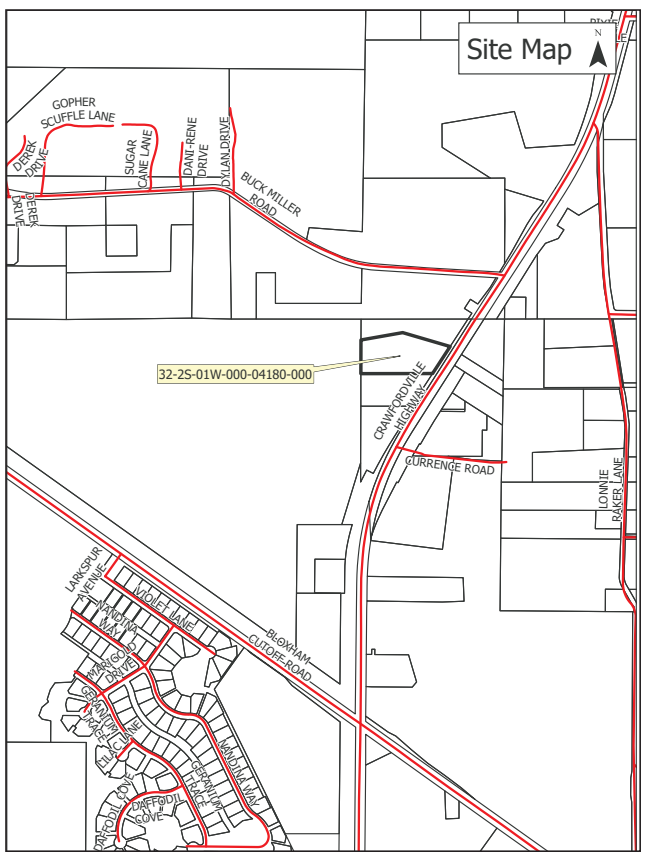
NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING A SMALL-SCALE MAP AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND AN APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF ZONING

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING, REVISING, AND REPLACING IDENTIFIED PORTIONS OF THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NUMBER 2018-23, AS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON JUNE 18, 2018, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND FOR FILING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

1. Application for Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment: CPM26-03

Applicants: Vito Knowles and Paula Knowles

Agent: Florida Environmental and Land Services, Inc./Elva Peppers

Proposal: Adoption of Amendment to Future Land Use Designation - Small-Scale

Tax ID Number: 32-2S-01W-000-04180-000

Existing FLU Map: Agriculture (FLUE Policy 1.2.3)

Proposed FLU Map: Rural 2 (FLUE Policy 1.2.5)

Current Zoning: RR-5 (Section 5-26, LDC)

Proposed Zoning: C-2 (Section 5-38, LDC)

FEMA Flood Info: "X" zone on Panel 0100E

Parcel size: 5.84+/- acres

Location: 780 Crawfordville Highway

Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, November 9, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

BOCC: Tuesday, November 17, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WAKULLA COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, ORDINANCE NO. 85-4, AS AMENDED; CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION AND OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS FROM RR-5 TO C-2 FOR PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" TO THE ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2. Application for Change of Zoning: R26-11

Applicants: Vito Knowles and Paula Knowles

Agent: Florida Environmental and Land Services, Inc./Elva Peppers

Proposal: rezone from rural residential to general commercial

Tax ID Number: 32-2S-01W-000-04180-000

Existing FLU Map: Agriculture (FLUE Policy 1.2.3)

Proposed FLU Map: Rural 2 (FLUE Policy 1.2.5)

Current Zoning: RR-5 (Section 5-26, LDC)

Proposed Zoning: C-2 (Section 5-38, LDC)

FEMA Flood Info: "X" zone on Panel 0100E

Parcel size: 5.84+/- acres

Location: 780 Crawfordville Highway

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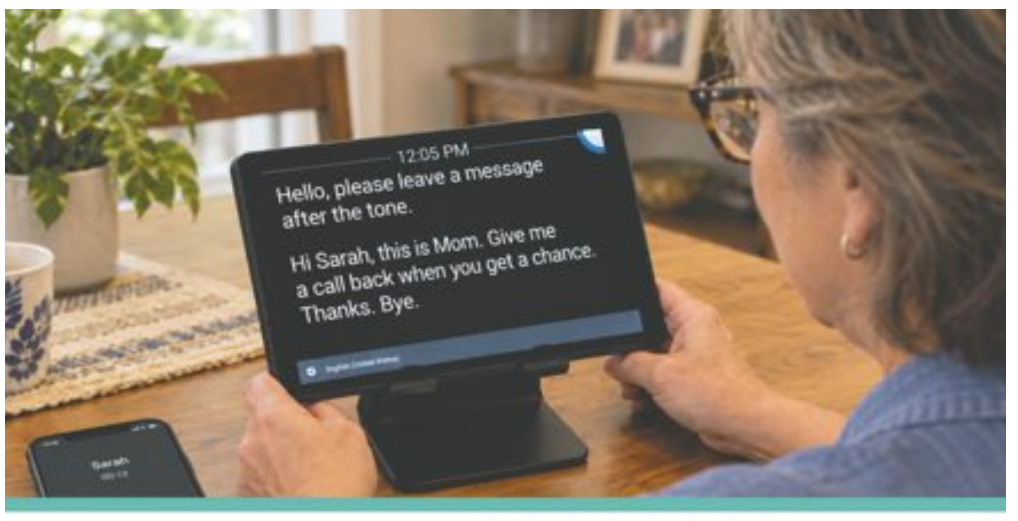
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- Ashley Moody — REP
- Angie Nixon — DEM
- Neil J. Gillespie — NPA

Representative in Congress District 2 (Vote for One)
- Austin Rogers — REP
- Amanda Marie Green — DEM

Governor and Lieutenant Governor (Vote for One)
- Byron Donalds / Bryan Avila — REP
- David Jolly / Gwen Graham — DEM
- Scott Eckhard Jewett / Nicole Skelly — LPF
- Charles Burkett / Ruben A. Coto — NPA
- Frank J. Russo / Rachel Rodriguez — NPA
- Moliere "Moe" Dimanche / Benjiman Rojas — NPA
- Dean Ocean Abrams / Joe Van Vactor — NPA
- Jeffrey Peter "Dr. Jeff" Datto / Juan Santana — NPA
- Write In _____

Attorney General (Vote for One)
- James Uthmeier — REP
- Jose Javier Rodriguez — DEM

Chief Financial Officer (Vote for One)
- Blaise Ingoglia — REP
- Annette Taddeo — DEM

Commissioner of Agriculture (Vote for One)
- Wilton Simpson — REP
- Joey Mendoza Atkins — DEM
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County Commissioner District 4 (Vote for One)
- Carrie Hughes — REP
- Beverly Keister — DEM
- Patricia Sue Dyszer — NPA

Justice of the Supreme Court

Shall Judge Carlos G. Muñiz of Supreme Court be retained in office?
- Yes
- No

District Court of Appeal

Shall Judge Joseph Lewis Jr. of the First District Court of Appeal be retained in office?
- Yes
- No

Shall Judge Rachel Nordby of the First District Court of Appeal be retained in office?
- Yes
- No

Shall Judge Tim Osterhaus of the First District Court of Appeal be retained in office?
- Yes
- No

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Shall Judge Clay Roberts of the First District Court of Appeal be retained in office?
- Yes
- No

Shall Judge Raymond Treadwell of the First District Court of Appeal be retained in office?
- Yes
- No

St Marks City Commissioner Seat 3 (Vote for One)
- Corey Ingram
- Crystal McGrath

Only voters residing in the City of St. Marks will vote in this contest.

St Marks City Commissioner Seat 4 (Vote for One)
- Jeremy Alday
- Billy Bishop

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No. 1 Constitutional Amendment Article III, Section 19

Budget Stabilization Fund

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to increase the amount of funds that may be retained in the budget stabilization fund from 10% to 25% of general revenue collections, require the legislature to transfer the lesser of $750 million or the amount required to reach 25% of the general revenue collections each year unless certain conditions are met, and allow the legislature to withdraw funds for critical state needs.
- Yes
- No

No. 2 Constitutional Amendment Article VII, Section 3 Article XII

Exemption of Tangible Personal Property on Agricultural Land from Taxation

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to exempt tangible personal property habitually located or typically present on land classified as agricultural, used in the production of agricultural products or for agritourism activities, and owned by the landowner or leaseholder of the agricultural land from ad valorem taxation. If approved this amendment would first apply for tax years beginning January 1, 2027.
- Yes
- No

No. 3 Constitutional Amendment Article VII, Section 4,6 and 9 Article XII

Increased Homestead Exemption; Lower Cap on Increases in Non-Homestead Property Assessments

This amendment increases the homestead exemption, for all non-school taxes, to $150,000 in 2027 and $250,000 in 2028, and adjusts for inflation thereafter. It requires the Legislature to prescribe a uniform procedure for counties and municipalities, for their respective levies, to increase the homestead exemption up to full assessed value, and allows special districts, subject to referendum approval, to do the same.

Persons who are not Florida residents on December 31, 2026, will receive the existing homestead exemption upon qualifying for a homestead exemption, with the increased homestead exemption beginning with the fifth year of exemption, to the extent permitted by the U.S. Constitution.

This amendment reduces the annual cap on assessment increases for non-homestead properties from 10% to 5%.

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This amendment requires counties and municipalities to use property taxes solely for public safety, education and schools, infrastructure, natural resources, bond debt service, retirement benefits for employees, and operations and administration. Other expenditures may be approved by county officers or county or municipal governing bodies unless prohibited by general law, notwithstanding Article VII, Section 9(a) of the Florida Constitution, which allows counties and municipalities to levy property taxes for their respective purposes.

This amendment takes effect January 1, 2027.
- Yes
- No

Wakulla County School Board Referendum No. 2026-35

Approval of 1.0 Mill Ad Valorem tax for school district operations and student programs.

To increase teacher and support staff salaries and benefits; increase support to arts, music, and athletic programs; and provide free meals to all students, with funds shared with charter schools proportionate to student enrollment as required by law, shall the School Board of Wakulla County, Florida, levy an additional 1.0 mill in ad valorem property taxes each year for four (4) years, beginning July 1, 2027, with annual public reporting?
- Yes
- No

End of Ballot

My Voter Checklist

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- ☐ My address is correct
- ☐ My name is correct
- ☐ My party is correct

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- ☐ I have my sample ballot ready
- ☐ I have a plan on how, where and when I will vote

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DISTRICT CHAMPS!

Wakulla beats Baker County, 7-3, in defensive battle

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The Wakulla War Eagles finished off district play with a defensive battle against the Baker County Wildcats on Friday, winning 7-3, and going undefeated (3-0) in district play and 7-2 overall.

But Head Coach Derek Allen Jr. was unclear what the District Champion label meant besides assurance that his War Eagles will be in the playoffs.

The War Eagles are ranked No. 5 in their classification. But MaxPreps still has the district rival Godby Cougars ranked at No. 2, ahead of Wakulla, despite the War Eagles defeat of Godby 35-34 two weeks ago.

Depending on the outcome of this Friday night's game between Pine Forest and Bay County and the ultimate rankings, Wakulla might be hosting Pine Forest or traveling there for the first round of the playoffs.



War Eagle Danny Godbolt is pushed into the end zone by teammates for the lone touchdown of the game.

As for the Baker County Wildcats, it was a physical game with both defenses locked in.

The Wildcats took the opening kickoff and made their way downfield in a drive that culminated in a 42-yard field goal.

The War Eagles didn't even cross midfield for a play in Wildcat territory until just before halftime.

In the second half, Wakulla took the kickoff and drove across midfield. They made it to the 6 with first and goal and Danny Godbolt took it in with some tush push from teammates.

The War Eagles initially lined up to go for 2, but Coach Allen changed his mind and brought in kicker Colby Carranza for the extra point.

The War Eagles held on to that 7-3 lead.

The biggest threat to that lead came in the 4th quarter as the Wildcats drove deep into Wakulla territory. At the 10, the Wildcat back stretched to reach the end zone for what seemed like an inevitable score, but War Eagle linebacker Rayshon St. Hilaire stripped the ball and it was recovered by Wakulla at the 1.

At the 6 minute mark of the quarter, Wakulla was facing a 4th and 3 at their own 9 and the Wildcats jumped offsides to give the War Eagles a first down. A few runs by Ryheem Moore and the War Eagles were at midfield with 4:22 left.

They made it as far as the Wildcat 24 with 1:46 left when the ball was knocked loose and the fumble recovered by Baker County.

But the Wildcats couldn't move the ball – they turned the ball over on downs with 6 seconds left and the War Eagles went into victory formation to seal the win.

Overall Player of the Week was Rayshon St. Hilaire.

Offensive Player of the Week was Ryheem Moore.

Defensive Player of the Week was Demarkus Roberts.

Speacial Teams Player of the Week was punter Logan Smith.

The War Eagles had 300 yards on the ground, with 184 of those yards picked up by Ryheem Moore.

UP NEXT:
LEON LIONS

The Lions were undefeated until their loss to Mosley on Friday night.

"They've beaten a lot of the same teams as we've played," said Coach Allen.

He added that teams learn more from losses than wins and that "They will be ready to play next week."

As for the distraction of Homecoming, Allen said the team has to "block out all the noise and be ready to play a football game amidst all the chaos."

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COACH Derek Allen

FROM THE COACH

Last week: The War Eagles won the district championship in a defensive battle with Baker.

Scouting: The Leon Lions come in with one loss to the Mosley Dolphins last week.

Key to victory: The War Eagles need to block out the noise and be ready to play football amidst all the chaos of Homecoming.



Wakulla recovers after linebacker Rayshon St. Hilaire stripped the ball from the Wildcat back as he stretched to go in for a touchdown.

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