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WAKULLA WeatherSTEM

Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AM Clouds/ PM Sun	AM Showers	Mostly Sunny
Hi: 83° Lo: 67° 34%	Hi: 82° Lo: 57° 45%	Hi: 78° Lo: 51° 4%
Sunrise 6:54 AM Sunset 5:47 PM	Sunrise 6:55 AM Sunset 6:46 PM	Sunrise 6:56 AM Sunset 5:45 PM

Carrie Hughes wins

Wins handily in three-way race; school referendum is approved

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

Republican Carrie Hughes won the race for the district 4 county commission seat over Democrat Beverly Keister and no-party candidate Patricia Dyszer.

"I appreciate the voters of the county and I look forward to representing all the citizens," Hughes said on election night. She said that, while campaigning, she began to felt pretty confident.

Keister offered congratulations to Hughes. Keister was at the elections office as returns came in.



Candidates Carrie Hughes, left, with Beverly Keister and Patricia Dyszer at a September forum.

Hughes won nearly 70% of 15,000 votes cast in the race. Keister took 28%, and Dyszer eked out just over 1%.

The tax referendum for Wakulla Schools was approved by voters 55% to 44%. That proposal would see a 1 mill increase in property taxes levied by the school district to go towards teacher raises, free lunches for students, and arts and athletic programs.

The turnout for the

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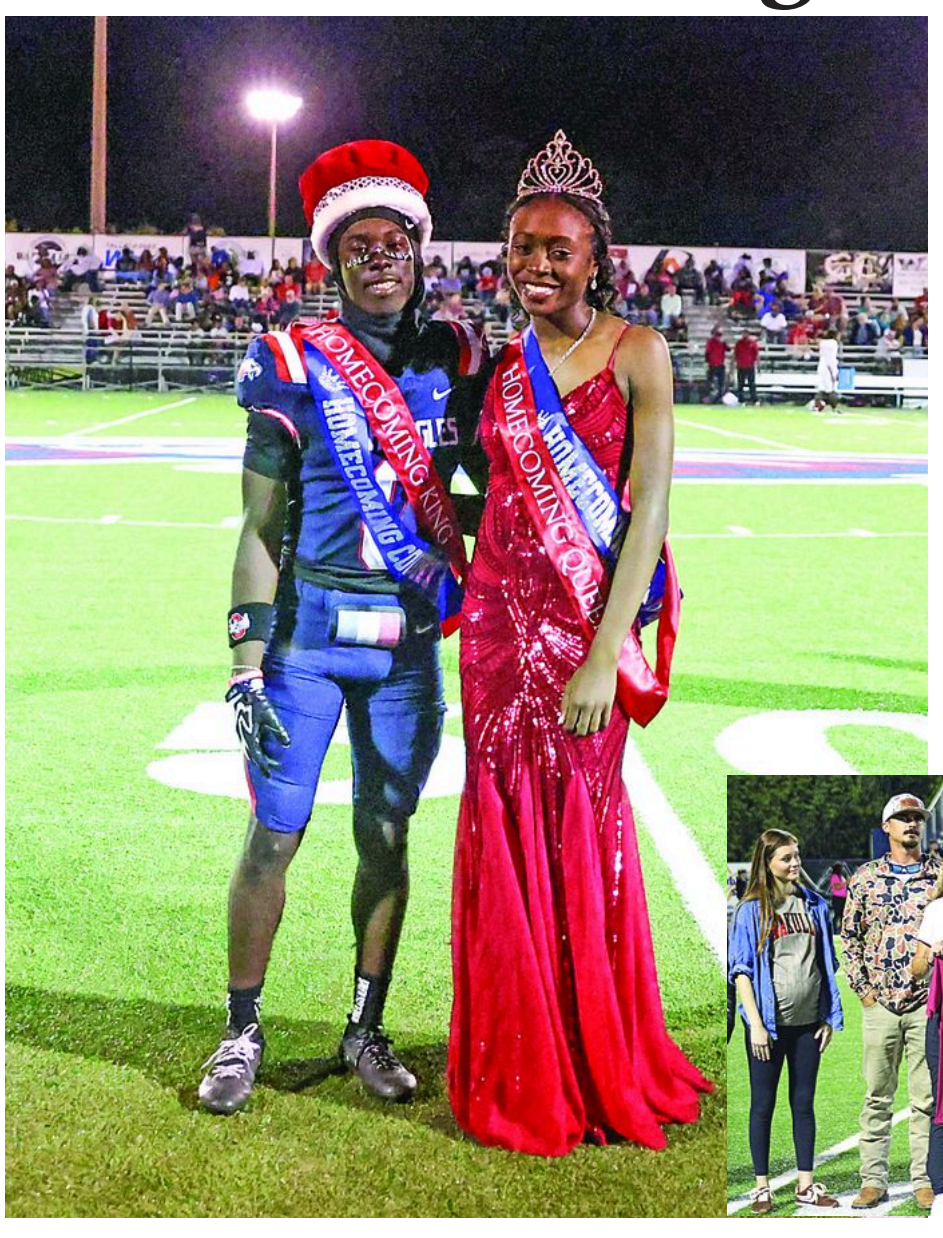
PROTEST AT THE COURTHOUSE



'Free Marion Allen'

About a dozen protesters turned out on Wednesday, Oct. 28, expressing concern about Panacea resident Marion Allen who has been under a guardianship, and unable to have regular visits with his wife, Lucy, and friends and even his pastor, for the past several months. Marion, 96, is under a court-ordered guardianship and living in a memory care facility away from the home he shared with Lucy. Decisions about where he lives, his healthcare, his finances, and whom he may see and communicate with are now controlled by others. (Photo by Willliam Snowden)

Homecoming Royalty



King and Queen

At halftime of Friday night's football game against the Leon Lions, Demarkus Roberts was crowned Homecoming King and Amariyah Roberts was crowned Queen. (Photo by Ken Fields)

Honoring alumni

Between the first and second periods of the game, retired Superintendent of Schools David Miller, Class of 1969, below, was honored. Presented with a T-shirt was Principal Michele Falk, and joined by Athletic Director Mike Smith and generations of Miller's family. (Photo by William Snowden)



SOPCHOPPY CITY CLERK

Ashley Schilling disciplinary hearing is held

By LINDA ANN McDONALD
Correspondent

A special meeting to consider Sopchoppy City Clerk Ashley Schilling's appeal of disciplinary action was held at Sopchoppy City Hall on Monday, Nov. 2.

Following deliberations, the Sopchoppy City Council voted to uphold the proposed disciplinary action. The council's final verdict stated: "Written Reprimand as Proposed is Upheld."



Sopchoppy City Clerk Ashley Schilling

The disciplinary matter stemmed from an incident during an August budget hearing. During a discussion regarding the Public Works Department, Schilling reportedly became upset, left the meeting, and directed a vulgar epithet toward Seth Green, the city's Public Works Director.

Schilling formally appealed the disciplinary action and was represented by Tallahassee attorney Tiffany Cruz during the hearing.

The decision concludes Schilling's appeal and leaves the written reprimand in place.

During the presentation by the employee and attorney Cruz argued that Schilling had little choice but to appeal the disciplinary action because the city's personnel policy does not clearly specify what level of discipline is imposed for various violations. Cruz contended that the disciplinary notice provided to Schilling failed to clearly identify the type of reprimand being issued.

Cruz further stated that the underlying conflict appeared to be a communication issue between Schilling and Green.

Cruz also raised procedural concerns, arguing that the appeal was not received within 10 days of the disciplinary filing, which she contended rendered the action invalid. She further maintained that the matter should have remained confidential, particularly because it involved issues related to the Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

During City Attorney Dan Cox's presentation, he addressed those arguments and outlined the sequence of events following the incident.

"I was not at the Aug. 31 meeting. It's a budget meeting," Cox said. "However, I was contacted Sept. 2, 2026, by (City Council Member) Mary Katherine Westmark telling me what happened, and (Mayor Leonard) Tartt confirmed it."

Cox said he subsequently spoke with City Council Member Fred McClendon and learned there had been confusion regarding whether Schilling's vulgar remark had been directed toward the City Council or specifically at Green.

"The Tuesday after Labor Day, I told her she had the ability to provide a written response, and she took advantage of it," Cox said. "When she filed her appeal, she specifically said she would be represented by Cruz."

Cox also noted difficulties reaching Schilling's attorney.

"I took information from the Florida Bar website, and the email and the phone number did not work," Cox said.

Following presentations, the Sopchoppy City Council deliberated and voted to uphold the disciplinary action, affirming the written reprimand issued to Schilling.

Cox emphasized that the city's response was intended to correct behavior rather than punish a long-serving employee for a single incident.

"We have an employee who does a fantastic job as a clerk," Cox said. "This audit was the first negative comment. It was not written up as a major incident."

Cox argued that progressive discipline is designed to address employee conduct while providing an opportunity for improvement.

Cox also addressed concerns regarding allegations involving gender-related issues between Schilling and Green, noting that the matter remains under investigation.

"There is an investigation going on about the gender issue between Ms. Schilling and Mr. Green, and I cannot discuss it because of public records law," Cox said.

As part of a proposed resolution, Cox said he recommended bringing in a neutral facilitator

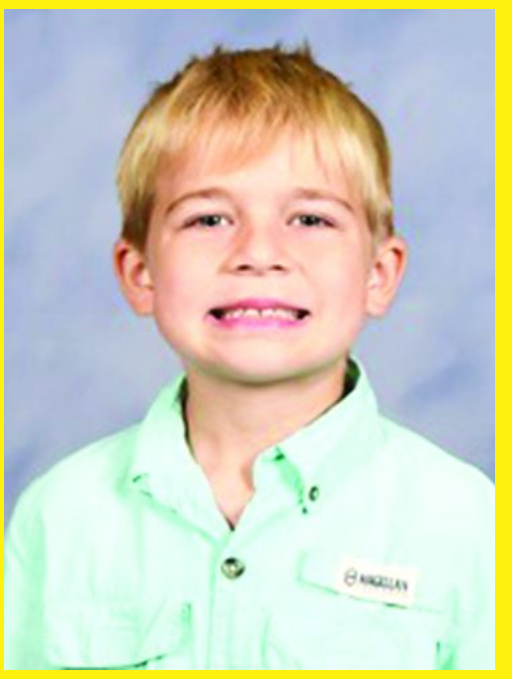
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Student of the Week

Barrett Bunch – 1st grader at Medart Elementary

Achievements/Reason for Nomination: We are proud to select Barrett Bunch as our Sun Student of the Week! Barrett is such a sweet, kindhearted student who is always willing to lend a helping hand to others. His caring personality and positive attitude make him a wonderful example of what it truly means to be a Mustang! We are so blessed to have Barrett as part of our Medart family! Way to go Barrett! Keep shining!



THE STUDENT OF THE WEEK FEATURES A DIFFERENT SCHOOL EVERY WEEK.





Plant of the Week

Ressurection Fern



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

Resurrection ferns (Pleopeltis michauxiana) decorate live oaks and other rough-barked trees throughout Florida and the southeastern US. They don't harm trees. An epiphyte, they simply perch on trees and get water and nutrients from the air. Each leathery evergreen leaf is about 4 inches long with multiple leaflets off the center stem. A branched rhizome attaches it to the tree. Only 6-8 inches tall, it has both fertile and sterile fronds. During summer, fertile fronds develop spores inside sporangia grouped as sori on leaf undersides. In early fall, the sporangia split, releasing dust-like spores. During drought, this remarkable fern can lose 95% of its water content and survive. Its fronds curl up and the shriveled fern seems dead. With rain, the fronds unfurl, turn green, and appear to come back to life.

Wakulla County Tax Collectors Office

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198 Edgar Poole Road
Crawfordville, FL 32327
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363-2351

Election

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general election was just over 58.5%, less than the 60% predicted by Supervisor of Elections Joe Morgan.

He was obviously disappointed with the number of voters, noting that turnout is going down.

"It's really disappointing that it's that low," Morgan said.

"Ultimately, we have a job to do – to make it accessible to all voters eligible to vote," he said. "They have to show up if they want their voices to be heard."

Two of the three state constitutional amendments were approved by Wakulla voters. (The amendments must be approved by 60% of all state voters.)

Amendment 1 dealing with the state rainy day fund was rejected with about 40% voting yes and 59% voting no.

But Amendment 2, dealing with exemptiing taxes on tangible personal property for farms, was approved by 66% of Wakulla voters.

As was Amendment 3, the provision to increase homestead exemption on non-school property taxes to $150,000 in 2027 and $250,000 in 2028, was also approved by 66% of Wakulla voters.

Two seats on the St. Marks City Commission were also up: for seat 3, Crystal McGrath won 52% of the vote over Corey Ingram.For seat 4, Billy Bishop won with 68% of the vote over Jeremy Alday.

That election was only open to residents of St. Marks.



Members of the canvassing board await results on election night. The photo was taken through a glass observation window.

Ashley Schilling

From Front Page

at the city's expense to help improve communication between the two employees and work toward resolving their differences.

"If you look at the organizational chart, Mr. Green and Ms. Schilling report to the Council. They are peers," Cox said. "There is no subordinate and there is no dominant."

In deliberations, Westmark said her position had not changed since the incident occurred.

"My mind has not changed," she said. "We all experience stress, but as adults we need to handle it appropriately, and unprofessionalism is inexcusable."

McClendon took a more conciliatory approach, describing the situation as one that had grown larger than necessary and pointing to overlapping responsibilities among city leaders as a source of workplace friction.

Councilman Nathan Lewis said he did not support delaying efforts aimed at resolving the conflict and proposed a path forward that combined accountability with rehabilitation.

"I am reluctant to postpone the action of remediation. It just pushes the bigger picture further down the road," Lewis said. "I think Ashley should do EAP and facilitation, and 12 months down the road the reprimand is expunged."

Cruz argued that EAP alone would not address the underlying issue. Cruz noted that Schilling had already attended three EAP sessions and maintained that the dispute centered on communication issues rather than mental health concerns.

Vice Mayor Lara Edwards expressed frustration with how the matter was handled procedurally, particularly regarding communication with the council following the incident.

"I was not there at the meeting when this happened, and I did not find out until four days later," Edwards said. "The process was not followed, and for me to dig to find out what happened and learn it was reported only to the mayor, not to the council as a whole, the lack of information blindsided me."

Edwards said she believed the city's disciplinary procedures were not followed correctly but nevertheless supported the written reprimand as the appropriate level of discipline.

"The process was not handled appropriately from the get-go," she said. "I feel we should not be here right now. It's her first-time offense. We should be home with our families right now. I'm not approving her behavior, and I do stand behind the written reprimand as the way to go. Along the lines of the personnel policy and processes, they were not followed. As the vice mayor, I was not notified."

Mayor Tartt ultimately made the motion to uphold the recommended written reprimand, with Edwards seconding the motion.

"If we go through with the process, the reprimand will be expunged," Tartt said.

The motion carried, and the Sopchoppy City Council voted to uphold the written reprimand issued to Ashley Schilling, while also discussing mediation, facilitation, and other measures aimed at improving communication and preventing future workplace conflicts

PUBLIC NOTICES:

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

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WWW.FLORIDAPUBLICNOTICES.COM

NOTICE OF FINAL CERTIFICATION OF TAX ROLLS

Pursuant to section 193.122(2), Florida Statutes (2026), notice is hereby given to all taxpayers and owners of both real and personal property that the 2026 Wakulla County Tax Rolls have been extended to show the tax attributable to all taxable property and that said tax rolls were re-certified for collection to the Tax Collector on October 29, 2026.

November 5, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Wakulla County Tourist Development Council will hold a Public Meeting on November 17, 2026, at 9:00a.m. at the Wakulla County Public Library, 296 Shadeville Rd., Crawfordville, FL 32327, (850) 926-3695.

Purpose of Meeting:

To Discuss General Business of the Tourist Development Council.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Persons with a disability needing a special accommodation should contact the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Office at least two (2) days prior to the meeting at (850) 926-0919; Hearing & Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771; or email at ADARequest@mywakulla.com

Nov. 5, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING:

The Wakulla County Historic Preservation Committee will hold a Public Meeting on November 17, 2026, at 3:30p.m. at the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Conference Room, 3093 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL., (850) 926-0919.

Purpose of Meeting:

To review and make recommendations to the BOCC on matters related to the designation, regulation and administration of historical, cultural and architectural resources in the County based on the criteria set forth in Ordinance #13-04.

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PUBLIC WORKSHOP

CITY OF ST. MARKS

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

This workshop will present the major findings of the St. Marks Comprehensive Plan Data and Inventory Analysis and provide an opportunity for public input on community priorities. Feedback received will help guide future land use decisions, infrastructure investments, housing strategies, economic development initiatives, and resilience planning as part of the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Update.

When: Thursday, November 12th, 2026 - 5pm EST

Where: City Hall - 788 Port Leon Drive, St. Marks, Florida 32355

Nov. 5, 2026

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF WAKULLA COUNTY ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING:

EVENT: School Board Meeting
DATE: Tuesday, November 17, 2026
TIME: 5:45 pm
PLACE: School Board Room, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida
PURPOSE: Re-Organization and Monthly School Board Meeting

For further information please contact:
Superintendent's Office
Wakulla County Schools
Post Office Box 100, 69 Arran Rd
Crawfordville, Florida 32326
850-926-0065

Nov. 5, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on November 17, 2026 at 6:00p.m. in the Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Rd., Crawfordville, FL 32327, to Consider:

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

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

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CITY OF SOPCHOPPY

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT VACANCY / JOB OPPORTUNITY

The City of Sopchoppy is currently seeking qualified applicants for a full-time Administrative Assistant. Applicants must possess a high school diploma or GED and have a minimum of five (5) years of progressively responsible clerical experience. Applicants must possess a valid Florida Driver's License. Notary Public certification is preferred or must be obtained within six (6) months of employment. The position performs administrative, clerical, customer service, utility billing, records management, website management, meeting administration, and financial support functions.

Applications, position description, and salary range for this position may be obtained by visiting the City of Sopchoppy website at www.sopchoppy.org or at City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, FL 32358. Drug screening and background check will be required.

Applications and resumes must be submitted in person at City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, Florida, no later than 11:00 AM EST, Friday November 20, 2026.

The City Commission reserves the right to waive technical irregularities in any submission, to reject any or all applicants for any reason related to the required skills, knowledge, or ability requirements and to accept an applicant that, in its reasonable opinion, would otherwise not meet the minimum requirements if it determines those actions are necessary in furtherance of the best interests of the City.

The City of Sopchoppy, Florida, is an Equal Opportunity Employer. It does not discriminate and will not tolerate discrimination based on race, nationality or national origin, gender (including gender identity), age, or disability, provided the disability does not prevent the applicant from performing the essential functions of the position.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Sopchoppy will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities. Individuals needing accommodation to participate in the application process should contact the City Clerk's Office to arrange appropriate accommodation.

November 5, 2026

WAKULLA COUNTY

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

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

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

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

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

Fill a Trailer with toys on Saturday

Editor, The Sun:

Wakulla Giving Hands is gearing up to spread Christmas cheer across Wakulla County with two holiday events that bring families together, support children, and help local families have a brighter holiday season.

With help from generous community members, local businesses, volunteers, and donors, the organization will host a toy drive on Saturday, Nov. 7 in Crawfordville for its 4th Annual Free Christmas Wishes Come True on Saturday, Dec. 12 in Sopchoppy.

FILL THE GRINCH'S ENCLOSED TRAILER WITH CHILDREN'S TOYS

When: Saturday, Nov. 7, from 10 a.m. to noon

Where: Southern Pipe & Supply, 2591 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville.

The goal is simple: fill an enclosed trailer with brand-new toys so children across Wakulla County wake up to smiles on Christmas morning. Community members are encouraged to donate new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages. Monetary donations are also welcome and will help Wakulla Giving Hands buy additional toys and supplies.

As a thank-you, donors who bring a new toy will receive a free pulled pork sandwich with all the fixings, while supplies last. The Grinch will also make an appearance, so families are invited to come out, enjoy some holiday fun, and help fill the trailer.

Toy and monetary donations for the drive will be accepted through Nov. 22. Monetary donations can be made securely online at zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/grinchs-trailer-of-toys

Marcia Mathis
Wakulla Giving Hands

Historical program set for Nov. 10

Editor, The Sun:

The Wakulla County Historical Society invites everyone to attend our Second Tuesday History Talk on Nov. 10, at 6 p.m. It will be held at the new Wakulla County Public Library, 296 Shadeville Road, Crawfordville. The featured speaker is Randy Smith who will talk about his new book "Battle and Battle Dressing: The World War II Letters from Twins in the Medical Service."

The book collects the letters that Glenn and Claire Smith wrote to their family before, during, and after World War II. Glen would join the Navy before Pearl Harbor, becoming a Pharmacist Mate. He signed up for "Fleet Marine Duty" and landed with the First Marine Division on two different assaults in the Pacific. Claire would follow in the family business and become a nurse in 1942. She then joined the Army; her training started here in North Florida, continued through the Desert Training Center, and finally South Carolina. In 1945, her unit was mobilized and sent to the European Theater to take part in the final fighting and German surrender. They kept their parents informed with a rich set of letters, which couldn't talk about military maneuver, but could speak volumes about life after the Depression and the mobilization for war.

They were born as twins in Clearwater and grew up in Dunedin, but both would have deep connections to North Florida. Claire would begin her Army service at Camp Gordon Johnston in Carrabelle, and Glenn would settle in Crawfordville, marry a schoolteacher, and raise a family.

The author, Randy Smith, grew up in Crawfordville where his working career began with assembling his mother's Magnolia Monthly magazine for 3 cents a copy, including stapling. He could also be found behind the counter at Wakulla Pharmacy, the other family business, outside of school hours.

Poker Run for Jubel is Saturday

Editor, The Sun:

Mark your calendar for the Wakulla Free Riders' 8th Annual Memorial Poker Run for Jubel, "Remembering Jubel, Run for Hospice" on Saturday, Nov. 7 (new date). All proceeds from the event will be donated to Big Bend Hospice of Wakulla County. This event is sponsored by Wakulla Free Riders, in memory of Jubel Bissonnette.

The Wakulla Free Riders, Jubel's wife Sandy, dedicated volunteers, and local businesses are honored to raise money for Big Bend Hospice of Wakulla County in memory of their friend and fellow Free Rider, Jubel. Together, the Free Riders and the community hope to surpass last year's proceeds and provide even greater support for the compassionate care Hospice provides to local patients and families.

"We are incredibly grateful for Wakulla Free Riders' continued support of Big Bend Hospice over the past 7 years. Their generosity from the Annual Memorial Poker Run for Jubel has made a lasting difference for patients and families we serve in Wakulla County. "- Dena Hendrix, Big Bend Hospice Foundations President

A glance at the day: the first bike leaves Dux in Crawfordville at 11:30 a.m., followed by stops at Salty Donkey in Panacea, Ouzts Too in Newport, and Hobbit at South Capital Circle and Crawfordville Highway. The final stop is the Wakulla Free Riders Clubhouse, 45 Allen Harvey Road, with the last bike in at 5 p.m. All bikes and cars are welcome, and no coolers are permitted.

Event donation jars are available throughout Wakulla County. The poker run costs $10 per hand, and participants may draw at any stop. Those who make all five stops receive an extra card. Prizes include $100 for best hand, $25 for worst hand, 50/50, and raffle. A hand-knitted throw blanket will be open for auction. Jubel Poker Run Koozies and T-shirts will be available for purchase.

The clubhouse gates open at 2 p.m. Live music by Big Poppa & The Shuffle Brothers begins at 4 p.m., and barbecue chicken will be served with all the fixings.

All proceeds will be donated to Big Bend Hospice of Wakulla County. For more information, call Bryan at 850-694-2789.

On the Horizon

Calendar of events for the week of November 5

Thursday, November 5

• 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, November 6

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 7 p.m. every Friday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Saturday, November 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 are $10 at wakullacommunitytheater.org.
• Senior Center Barbecue Fundraiser will be held at the center from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Sunday, November 8

• Wakulla Community Theater presents "Blithe Spirit" at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets are $10 at wakullacommunitytheater.org.
• 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 9

• Planning Commission meets in commission chambers at 6 p.m.
• City of Sopchoppy meets at City Hall at 6:30 p.m.
• Crawfordville Woman's Club monthly meeting is the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 64 Ochlockonee St., in Crawfordville. Call (850) 566-5727 for more information.
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• 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 10

• Wakulla County Historical Society will feature Randy Smith speaking on his book "Battle and Battle Dressing," the letters of Glenn and Claire Smith before, during and after World War II. It will be held at the Wakulla Public Library at 6 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 11

• VETERANS DAY – Schools, banks, government offices and many businesses will closed in observance.
• Wakulla County Garden Club will hold a dedication ceremony for a Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker at Wakulla Springs Baptist Church, 1391 Crawfordville Hwy., from 10 to 11 a.m. The actual star will be located near the Wawa on Whiddon Lake Road and will be unveiled at 11:45 a.m.
• Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

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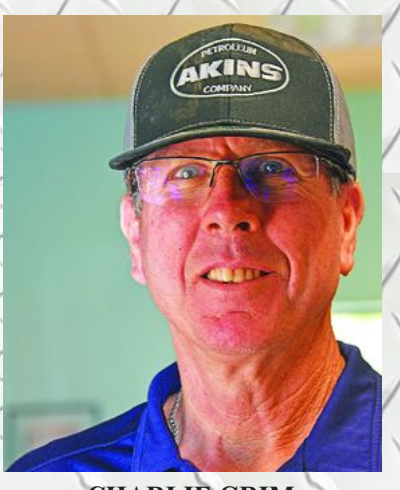
Are you happy to see Daylight Saving Time end?



AUDREY FRAZIER
FlaBizCo
"Noooooooo… Absolutley not!"



RENEE MILLENDER
Capital City Home Loans
"Yes! It's already dark now at 7:30 anyway. Mornings will be brighter. "



CHARLIE GRIM
Lube Xpert
"I would be happy to leave it one way or another. Leave our clocks alone!"



ELAINE GARY
Waypoint Properties
"I want it to stay at one time and don't change it!"



JAN COLVIN
Wakulla Title
"I want it stay the same. Let's not fall back!"

Wakulla Crossroads

By VERNA BROCK

Well, another Halloween has come and gone, creative costumes have been packed up and loads of candy dispersed, examined and eaten. Whatever your feelings about the celebration, much fun has been had by children of all ages.

Ed and I enjoy an annual tradition of passing out candy to cries of "trick or treat" in our daughters' neighborhood, and it is a highlight of Fall. Adorable toddlers decked out as their favorite characters, proud parents following closely behind (sometimes in their own costumes!) exhorting them to say please and thank you. Sheepish teenagers, still young enough at heart to canvas neighborhoods for candy and thrills, don't need prompting. For some reason this year there seemed to be way more golf carts making the rounds than before.

There was a fair share of scary costumes, mostly worn by teens and adults, but nothing horrific enough to frighten the little ones. But it did make me ponder the origins of Halloween, and the age-old Celtic, pagan rituals of Samhain. Once meant to acknowledge the end of summer and harvest as days grew short, people lit bonfires and believed the veil between the living and the dead would be at its thinnest on this night. I think they both feared and hoped the dead would return, at least for a brief time.

In Christianity it became All Hallow's Eve, a time of remembrance of loved ones who have died and passed into the spirit realm. In Mexico, they celebrate with Day of the Dead festivals full of costumes and parades, but the emphasis is still on honoring loved ones and ancestors who have died, whose spirits are believed to draw near on Dia de los Muertos.

All of these traditions speak to the longing to remember, and perhaps even communicate with, our loved ones who have died. Who among us hasn't lost a loved one and wished for just a few more moments with them? Scripture speaks of how we are all like grass that grows, whithers and dies. Our time here is brief and often fraught; to protect ourselves, we use denial as a shield and faith as a bolster.

We also find comfort in remembrance. The rituals (both religious and secular) we practice provide us opportunities to remember, as well as ways to face our fears. For many, these rituals give us hope that we may see the ones we loved again. There's a reason mediums and seances are so popular!

I know there are those who see nothing but Satanic influences in Halloween, but my childhood memories are happy ones of innocent excitement and imagination. For me, there was never a conflict between my Christian faith and the fun of trick-or-treating my neighbors. As an adult, I have grown to appreciate the deeper meaning of All Hallow's Eve and All Souls' Day.

I love remembering each of the ones I miss, love, and plan to see again some day. Believe it or not, Halloween helps me do just that!

Sopchoppy News

By DJ BUTCH

Hello from Sopchoppy!

I don't usually write the Sopchoppy News every week because not a lot of news in the small town. I try to promote local events and local businesses and news.

Sopchoppy has a small town charm that is known for easy living. We like it that way…. I appreciate all my readers and I appreciate the opportunity to write the news for my hometown.

If you ever have some good positive news or local events please send the information my way. You can contact me on any of my social media platforms.

Speaking of, I passed 20 million views on Instagram in 30 days… Being from Sopchoppy with a population around 500 that is wild to me. That is a lot of views. Some people don't understand monetizing and how it works. It is a business with in itself. When you reach these type of numbers it can be a valuable tool to promote and advertise.

However some platforms have strict rules that we must follow too. Please understand that I can't post all the stuff some people want me to. For one you need a budget for that and I don't want to saturate my page with stuff not related to me.

As it grows I get more and more messages wanting me to post. I can help but your going to need a budget.

Also my sound, hosting and DJing service is totally separate. The promotion is available for a fee.

The Sopchoppy News and Sopchoppy page is for Sopchoppy News, events and everything Sopchoppy.

Weather has been absolutely beautiful lately! Cool breeze in the morning is amazing.

Now I have seen a huge increase in mosquitoes in the area especially near the water. This should pass as the water goes down more. But it is a beautiful time to get outside and enjoy this beautiful weather.

Country music star Billy Dean came to Sopchoppy and performed at the Historic Sopchoppy School. The show was sold out. I'm glad to see the school being used and upgraded. We must protect our history! I hope the ones that didn't see the value can start to see how important it is. Our history is part of our charm.

I recently was a part of the Feathers and Furs masquerade ball. This event is put on by the Florida Wild Mammal Association and it was absolutely amazing! The decorations were breathtaking. This was an amazing event!

Sending you all love from the SOP.

Prepping for the next hurricane

By DEDRICK DAVIS
FAMU student

With the onset of hurricane season and the threat of major storms, residents are implementing measures to safeguard their homes and loved ones. By gathering water supplies and making their houses resilient to high winds and flooding, many recognize the significance of being prepared. Nonetheless, locating supplies prior to stores depleting continues to be a frequent difficulty.

Kyle Lawhorn mentioned that his preparation for hurricanes typically includes ensuring his phone is charged and buying sufficient drinking water.

"Make sure our phone is charged," Lawhorn said. "A couple gallons of water, maybe like a 32 pack or two of bottles."

Even though Lawhorn hasn't faced significant hurricane destruction in his region, he recalls witnessing downed trees and power lines in past storms. He remembered his family using sandbags to aid in flood prevention.

Lawhorn mentioned that one of his main difficulties is obtaining supplies when everyone starts getting ready simultaneously.

"Trying to go grocery shopping or just getting the stuff in general to prepare is a nightmare," Lawhorn said.

Khayeel Bragdon has experienced the dangers of a major hurricane firsthand. During one storm, a large tree narrowly missed his home but damaged his fence.

"The tree just missed our house," Bragdon said. "Thankfully, it didn't hit my house. It just broke the fence."

Even with that experience, Bragdon stated that his preparation routine has stayed consistent. He thinks the greatest obstacle is acquiring necessary supplies before other customers buy them.

Kyle Webster, an employee at Target for around two years, observed a significant rise in customers as hurricanes near.

Webster states that water, canned items, and toilet tissue are some of the most commonly bought products. Water is particularly sought after and may deplete rapidly when locals delay until the final moment.

"Essentially, simply stay ready," Webster stated. "Attempt to arrive here as quickly as possible." Most of those supplies tend to disappear quickly, particularly the water.

Webster's experience illustrates how swiftly the need for essential items can surge prior to a storm.

Although residents encounter various experiences with hurricanes, their worries about obtaining supplies are alike. Getting ready in advance can assist families in steering clear of packed stores and ensuring they possess necessary supplies before the next hurricane comes.

Dedrick Davis is a journalism student at Florida A&M. This story gives him an opportunity to have an article published.

Blithe Spirits at WCT

Get ready for an hour of supernatural surprises, witty humor, and a little ghostly chaos as Wakulla Community Theatre presents an abridged version of Noël Coward's classic comedy, Blithe Spirit. Adapted by Laurence Maslon and directed by Krissy Sanchez, this delightfully spirited production tells the story of Charles Condomine, a successful writer who invites an eccentric medium to his home for what he believes will be an entertaining evening of research. However, things take an unexpected turn when the séance accidentally summons the ghost of his first wife, Elvira. The trouble? Charles is now happily married to his second wife, Ruth, and Elvira has no intention of quietly returning to the spirit world.

The production features a talented cast of local performers, including Logan Hand as the increasingly frazzled Charles Condomine, Laurel Nichols as his mischievous ghostly first wife, Elvira, and Kathryne Golden as his practical and understandably frustrated second wife, Ruth. Ella Yost takes on the role of the delightfully eccentric medium Madame Arcati, while Liam Henderson and Nevaeh Castellano round out the cast as Dr. and Mrs. Bradman. With its clever dialogue, larger-than-life characters, and comically complicated relationships, Blithe Spirit promises an entertaining theatrical experience for its audiences. Performances will take place November 7 and 8, with two shows each day at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Wakulla Community Theatre, located at 164 Yellow Jacket Ave. in Sopchoppy.

Tickets are $10 per person. Light concessions will be sold before and after the show but no intermission is offered for this performance.

Whether you believe in ghosts or not, one thing is certain: this is one hauntingly hilarious production you won't want to miss!



Outdoors

outdoor sports

HOME ON THE RANGE

Three 1911 handguns with similar barrel lengths



By MARJ LAW

"What would you like to shoot this Wednesday?" I ask Joe.

"How about three 1911 handguns? Two have 3 ½-inch barrels and one has a 3-inch barrel."

"OK. What other differences do they have?"

"One is a 9mm, one a .40-caliber, and the other is a .45. Do you think they will shoot a lot differently?" he asks.

"Wait a sec. One is a .40. You know I think that .40s are snappy. I don't like them," I return.

"Well, when you actually shoot them together, maybe this will change your mind."

"I don't think so," I grump, but am willing to prove him wrong.

"So, you think the .40 will be snappier than the .45?"

"Yep. I do."

Usually, we shoot at the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range on Wednesday, but this week, the range is closed. Instead, we visit friends on Sunday. They have a range in their large acreage.

It is raining.

We set up three targets: one for each gun.

First, we shoot a Rock Island M1911 A1CS 9mm gun. It has a very hefty bull barrel. Very hefty. Holding it without ammunition shows a definite heavy nose, as the entire slide weighs a lot with all that metal.

This Rock Island holds 8 rounds. Rear sight is a square without a top. You align the center of the square with a ramp front sight. To make the front sight easier to use, Joe has painted the ramp bright orange. It helps.

First, Joe racks the slide. He says it's fairly light. Then he aims and pulls the trigger. He finds trigger and trigger pull to be quite light. But, remember. We're shooting 1911s, so the hammer is cocked when we shoot. This means we're not asking the trigger to pull a hammer back; we're just asking the trigger to release the hammer. Which means, of course, that the trigger doesn't have to perform both actions, and is therefore a much lighter trigger. Joe always says that 1911 triggers are extremely good. (He's comparing 1911 hammer guns to my favorite striker-fired guns. Ahem.)

He finds the recoil to be in the medium range: not too strong and not light.

Next, I try the gun. Like Joe, I find trigger and trigger pull to be reasonably light. Recoil isn't bad, either. However, I do find that racking the slide requires more work.



Accuracy? Well, it's raining out. And it's dark. And we're not standing on the flat concrete of the WCSO range. We're not going to brag about how accurately we're shooting today. However, all rounds do hit on or close to the 8-inch target.

Joe pulls out the .40-caliber Springfield EMP. It has a bull barrel, too, but is ½-inch shorter than the 9mm Rock Island. It holds 8 rounds and has tritium sights. In daylight, tritium sights seem small. I find them difficult to see, and so it is difficult to aim. Since these sights are about 10 years old, the tritium has begun to degrade, and are not so bright as they would have been when the gun was new.

Again, we question: will the difference in length of barrel make a difference in accuracy and how we feel the gun handles?

Joe shoots first. Yes, he likes the 1911 trigger and how it pulls. Recoil? Remember, it's a .40-caliber handgun. It definitely has more recoil than the 9mm Rock Island. And racking the slide? I watch him pull the slide, and I can tell it's not easy.

I'm not excited about shooting this gun. And yes, I'm still prejudiced against .40-caliber handguns.

So, I shoot. I agree with Joe that the 1911 trigger is still nice. But, recoil? Yep. It's a sharp, hard recoil. Not a gun for a new shooter. Not a fun gun for target practice.

Since Joe had loaded the gun for me to shoot, I want to rack the slide for myself to see how stiff it is.

It is stiff. I pull on the slide. And then I pull some more. I plant my feet and yank at it. No dice. Yes, Joe reports a firm slide. He's more than right. The Springfield EMP is a gun for a strong person who doesn't mind a sharp recoil.

Have I changed my mind about .40s? No. Not a bit.

Last, we shoot the .45-caliber Rock Island 1911 CS handgun. This handgun is very similar to the 9mm Rock Island we just shot. Also, like the 9mm, it has a 3 ½-inch barrel. It has the same barrel width as the 9mm gun, but because this barrel is drilled for a .45, it is not so thick as the 9mm.

Sights on the .45 are three big white dots. They're much easier to align than the cut-out dark sights of the 9mm Rock Island or the tiny tritium sights of the .40-caliber Springfield. This Rock Island holds 7 rounds in its magazine.

Am I able to rack the slide on the .45? Yes, but it's quite sturdy. Joe and I both find racking the slide to be sturdier than we did with the 9mm gun.

Accuracy? Again, it's a rainy day. So long as we hit the 8-inch target or its near surroundings, all three handguns are accurate.

Joe and I find both the 9mm and the .45-caliber Rock Island handguns to have easy triggers and medium recoil. Racking the slide on the .45 requires more effort than the 9mm, which we expected.

And, as I expected, the .40-caliber Springfield has a harsher recoil than the others. Now, don't get me wrong. I have a different Springfield. It's a 9mm handgun. I like it very much, so I'm not griping that the gun we shot today is manufactured by Springfield.

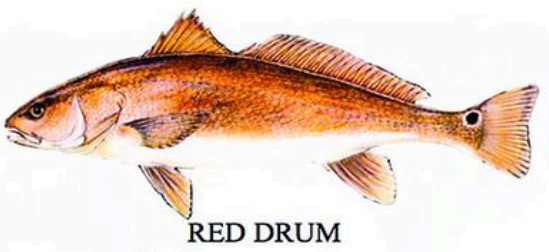
I'm holding to my thought that the .40-caliber handgun is not an easy shooter.

All three of these handguns shoot accurately and will make excellent defensive weapons. Even with just a 3 or 3 ½-inch barrel, these guns have substantial weight and are probably too heavy and bulky for a small-framed person to carry, but would be useful as a car or bedside gun. (Provided that you are very sure to keep the gun away from children or any unauthorized people.)

If you're new to shooting, please be sure to try out a gun before you purchase one.

Especially if you're thinking about buying a .40-caliber handgun.

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



RED DRUM

(Sciaenops oscellatus)

If it hits like a freight train, and tries to wrap your line around the pilings, it's probably a Redfish. Otherwise known as Red Drum, they have a beautiful coppery color with one tail. Rarely a fish may have two or none. Young grow in estuaries, feeding on crustaceans, small fish and mollusks for 4 years before migrating nearshore. During the Aug-Nov spawning, they move into brackish and tannin stained inshore waters. There they turn into the rich bronze they get their name from. Red drum can be killed by a cold snap in shallow waters. They can reach 4 ft.

Eukarya, Animalia, Cordata, Actinopterygii, Perciformes, Sciaenidae

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WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO



Retired park ranger Robert Thompson was on his wildlife survey at Wakulla Springs recently and shot this photo of a Double-Crested Cormorant.

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Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

Nov. 5 - Nov. 11

Tide charts by tides4fishing.com

	First	Full	Last	New
	Nov. 17	Nov. 24	Nov. 1	Nov. 9

Best fishing days this month

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

Nov. 1, 6-12

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

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

St. Marks River Entrance

Th	1st 5:39 AM ▼ 0.4 ft	2nd 11:37 AM ▲ 3.2 ft	3rd 5:56 PM ▼ 1.0 ft	4th 11:37 PM ▲ 3.4 ft
Fr	1st 12:27 AM ▲ 3.4 ft	2nd 6:27 AM ▼ 0.0 ft	3rd 12:28 PM ▲ 3.3 ft	4th 6:32 PM ▼ 1.1 ft
Sa	1st 12:59 AM ▲ 3.5 ft	2nd 7:09 AM ▼ -0.3 ft	3rd 1:10 PM ▲ 3.3 ft	4th 7:03 PM ▼ 1.2 ft
Su	1st 1:28 AM ▲ 3.6 ft	2nd 7:48 AM ▼ -0.5 ft	3rd 1:49 PM ▲ 3.3 ft	4th 7:32 PM ▼ 1.3 ft
Mo	1st 1:56 AM ▲ 3.6 ft	2nd 8:25 AM ▼ -0.5 ft	3rd 2:24 PM ▲ 3.3 ft	4th 8:01 PM ▼ 1.3 ft
Tu	1st 2:24 AM ▲ 3.6 ft	2nd 9:01 AM ▼ -0.5 ft	3rd 2:59 PM ▲ 3.2 ft	4th 8:31 PM ▼ 1.3 ft
We	1st 2:52 AM ▲ 3.6 ft	2nd 9:37 AM ▼ -0.4 ft	3rd 3:35 PM ▲ 3.1 ft	4th 9:02 PM ▼ 1.3 ft

City of St. Marks

Th	1st 6:15 AM ▼ 0.5 ft	2nd 12:13 PM ▲ 3.0 ft	3rd 6:32 PM ▼ 1.1 ft	4th —
Fr	1st 12:03 AM ▲ 3.2 ft	2nd 7:03 AM ▼ 0.1 ft	3rd 1:04 PM ▲ 3.1 ft	4th 7:08 PM ▼ 1.2 ft
Sa	1st 12:35 AM ▲ 3.3 ft	2nd 7:45 AM ▼ -0.2 ft	3rd 1:46 PM ▲ 3.1 ft	4th 7:39 PM ▼ 1.3 ft
Su	1st 1:04 AM ▲ 3.4 ft	2nd 8:24 AM ▼ -0.4 ft	3rd 2:25 PM ▲ 3.1 ft	4th 8:08 PM ▼ 1.4 ft
Mo	1st 1:32 AM ▲ 3.4 ft	2nd 9:01 AM ▼ -0.4 ft	3rd 3:00 PM ▲ 3.1 ft	4th 8:37 PM ▼ 1.4 ft
Tu	1st 2:00 AM ▲ 3.4 ft	2nd 9:37 AM ▼ -0.4 ft	3rd 3:35 PM ▲ 3.0 ft	4th 9:07 PM ▼ 1.4 ft
We	1st 2:28 AM ▲ 3.4 ft	2nd 10:13 AM ▼ -0.3 ft	3rd 4:11 PM ▲ 2.9 ft	4th 9:38 PM ▼ 1.4 ft

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Th	1st 5:55 AM ▼ 0.6 ft	2nd 11:53 AM ▲ 3.3 ft	3rd 6:12 PM ▼ 1.2 ft	4th 11:53 PM ▲ 3.5 ft
Fr	1st 12:43 AM ▲ 3.5 ft	2nd 6:43 AM ▼ 0.1 ft	3rd 12:44 PM ▲ 3.4 ft	4th 6:48 PM ▼ 1.3 ft
Sa	1st 1:15 AM ▲ 3.6 ft	2nd 7:25 AM ▼ -0.2 ft	3rd 1:26 PM ▲ 3.4 ft	4th 7:19 PM ▼ 1.4 ft
Su	1st 1:44 AM ▲ 3.7 ft	2nd 8:04 AM ▼ -0.4 ft	3rd 2:05 PM ▲ 3.4 ft	4th 7:48 PM ▼ 1.5 ft
Mo	1st 2:12 AM ▲ 3.7 ft	2nd 8:41 AM ▼ -0.4 ft	3rd 2:40 PM ▲ 3.4 ft	4th 8:17 PM ▼ 1.5 ft
Tu	1st 2:40 AM ▲ 3.7 ft	2nd 9:17 AM ▼ -0.4 ft	3rd 3:15 PM ▲ 3.3 ft	4th 8:47 PM ▼ 1.5 ft
We	1st 3:08 AM ▲ 3.7 ft	2nd 9:53 AM ▼ -0.3 ft	3rd 3:51 PM ▲ 3.2 ft	4th 9:18 PM ▼ 1.5 ft

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Th	1st 5:27 AM ▼ 0.3 ft	2nd 11:25 AM ▲ 2.4 ft	3rd 5:44 PM ▼ 0.8 ft	4th 11:25 PM ▲ 2.6 ft
Fr	1st 12:15 AM ▲ 2.6 ft	2nd 6:15 AM ▼ 0.0 ft	3rd 12:16 PM ▲ 2.5 ft	4th 6:20 PM ▼ 0.9 ft
Sa	1st 12:47 AM ▲ 2.7 ft	2nd 6:57 AM ▼ -0.2 ft	3rd 12:58 PM ▲ 2.5 ft	4th 6:51 PM ▼ 1.0 ft
Su	1st 1:16 AM ▲ 2.8 ft	2nd 7:36 AM ▼ -0.3 ft	3rd 1:37 PM ▲ 2.5 ft	4th 7:20 PM ▼ 1.1 ft
Mo	1st 1:44 AM ▲ 2.8 ft	2nd 8:13 AM ▼ -0.3 ft	3rd 2:12 PM ▲ 2.5 ft	4th 7:49 PM ▼ 1.1 ft
Tu	1st 2:12 AM ▲ 2.8 ft	2nd 8:49 AM ▼ -0.3 ft	3rd 2:47 PM ▲ 2.4 ft	4th 8:19 PM ▼ 1.1 ft
We	1st 2:40 AM ▲ 2.8 ft	2nd 9:25 AM ▼ -0.2 ft	3rd 3:23 PM ▲ 2.3 ft	4th 8:50 PM ▼ 1.1 ft

St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

Th	1st 5:51 AM ▼ 0.4 ft	2nd 11:49 AM ▲ 2.5 ft	3rd 6:08 PM ▼ 0.9 ft	4th 11:49 PM ▲ 2.7 ft
Fr	1st 12:39 AM ▲ 2.7 ft	2nd 6:39 AM ▼ 0.1 ft	3rd 12:40 PM ▲ 2.6 ft	4th 6:44 PM ▼ 1.0 ft
Sa	1st 1:11 AM ▲ 2.8 ft	2nd 7:21 AM ▼ -0.1 ft	3rd 1:22 PM ▲ 2.6 ft	4th 7:15 PM ▼ 1.1 ft
Su	1st 1:40 AM ▲ 2.9 ft	2nd 8:00 AM ▼ -0.3 ft	3rd 2:01 PM ▲ 2.6 ft	4th 7:44 PM ▼ 1.2 ft
Mo	1st 2:08 AM ▲ 2.9 ft	2nd 8:37 AM ▼ -0.3 ft	3rd 2:36 PM ▲ 2.6 ft	4th 8:13 PM ▼ 1.2 ft
Tu	1st 2:36 AM ▲ 2.9 ft	2nd 9:13 AM ▼ -0.3 ft	3rd 3:11 PM ▲ 2.5 ft	4th 8:43 PM ▼ 1.2 ft
We	1st 3:04 AM ▲ 2.9 ft	2nd 9:49 AM ▼ -0.2 ft	3rd 3:47 PM ▲ 2.4 ft	4th 9:14 PM ▼ 1.2 ft

Dog Island West End

Th	1st 5:21 AM ▼ 0.4 ft	2nd 11:19 AM ▲ 2.3 ft	3rd 5:38 PM ▼ 0.9 ft	4th 11:19 PM ▲ 2.5 ft
Fr	1st 12:09 AM ▲ 2.5 ft	2nd 6:09 AM ▼ 0.0 ft	3rd 12:10 PM ▲ 2.4 ft	4th 6:14 PM ▼ 1.0 ft
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Tu	1st 2:06 AM ▲ 2.7 ft	2nd 8:43 AM ▼ -0.3 ft	3rd 2:41 PM ▲ 2.3 ft	4th 8:13 PM ▼ 1.2 ft
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Best hunting and fishing based on solunar times: **MAJOR** feeding periods are 2 hours long, centered on the solunar time. **MINOR** feeding periods are only 1 hour long, again centered on the solunar time.

Thursday 5	Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
	6:54 AM 5:46 PM	3:24 AM 3:33 PM
Moon Illumination 17 %		
Friday 6		
	6:54 AM 5:45 PM	4:23 AM 4:02 PM
Moon Illumination 10 %		
Saturday 7		
	6:55 AM 5:45 PM	5:22 AM 4:33 PM
Moon Illumination 5 %		
Sunday 8		
	6:56 AM 5:44 PM	6:21 AM 5:07 PM
Moon Illumination 1 %		
Monday 9		
	6:57 AM 5:43 PM	7:20 AM 5:45 PM
Moon Illumination 0 %		
Tuesday 10		
	6:58 AM 5:43 PM	8:19 AM 6:28 PM
Moon Illumination 2 %		
Wednesday 11		
	6:59 AM 5:42 PM	9:16 AM 7:15 PM
Moon Illumination 5 %		

Thursday 5	Major Times	Minor Times
	9:28 AM 9:53 PM	3:24 AM 3:33 PM
Friday 6		
	10:15 AM 10:40 PM	4:23 AM 4:02 PM
Saturday 7		
	11:02 AM 11:27 PM	5:22 AM 4:33 PM
Sunday 8		
	11:48 AM 12:13 AM	6:21 AM 5:07 PM
Monday 9		
	12:35 PM 1:00 AM	7:20 AM 5:45 PM
Tuesday 10		
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FWC Lionfish Challenge sets a new standard

From FWC News

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's annual Lionfish Challenge has come to an end, achieving record participation and lionfish removals since program inception, reflecting the growing statewide commitment to controlling invasive lionfish populations.

During the summer-long tournament, a total of 533 registered participants removed 36,187 lionfish over 1,468 dive trips, this is an increase of more than 5,000 lionfish harvested, compared to the 2025 challenge.

"The record-breaking success of the Lionfish Challenge demonstrates the powerful conservation impact of collective action," said FWC Chairman Rodney Barreto. "By removing 36,187 invasive lionfish from Florida's waters, participants are helping reduce pressure on native marine species, protect biodiversity, and preserve the health of our precious marine ecosystems. This achievement reflects Florida's growing commitment to safeguarding our underwater resources for future generations."

Each year, winners of the challenge are selected across multiple categories. The FWC expanded this year's competition to recognize six champions: Lionfish King, Lionfish Queen, Commercial Champion, Junior Champion, Veteran Champion, and Top Checkpoint. Six winners, six titles and thousands of lionfish removed!

This year's winners:

- ***Lionfish King:*** Hunter Ledbetter of Monroe County secured the title with 1,541 lionfish removed.
- **Lionfish Queen:** Helen Rodney of Broward County earned the title by harvesting 1,488 lionfish.
- **Commercial Champion:** David Garrett of Volusia County removed 1,136 pounds of lionfish.
- ***Junior Champion:*** Meagan Huffman of Texas removed 185 lionfish.
- **Veteran Champion:** Ledbetter (USMC) was also the top military/veteran participant.
- **Top Checkpoint:** Dive Pros in Pensacola accepted more than 5,000 lionfish tails during the season.

"We are beyond thankful for the support of our staff, sponsors, and the community that played a part in this achievement," said Marine Fisheries Management Director Jessica McCawley. "This year's Challenge showcased the impact that recreational divers and commercial harvesters make to protect Florida's marine ecosystems."

The FWC Lionfish Challenge is an annual opportunity to reward divers for harvesting invasive lionfish. Participation is free and divers may compete from anywhere in Florida. Prizes are awarded throughout the event based on the number of lionfish removed.

To learn more about how you can participate against this invasive species, visit ReefRangers.MyFWC.com/



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Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

Swamps. *April 25, 2013*

I train many divers in the art of diving caverns, the daylight entrances to caves, that penetrate our karst aquifer.

In past columns I have described these entrances found in Wakulla County as springs, and siphons, with interconnecting swales or slough, sinkholes, sumps and the occasional offshore blue hole.

But I neglected a most impressive Karst feature integral to the story of our water's journey from Tallahassee to the Gulf of Mexico: the swamp.

Swamps are defined as wetlands that are forested, usually defined by their vegetation, and often lining rivers or lakes.

In our county, swamps are often the result of collapsed features. Our local topography was once flat, the result of an ancient sea floor. Once elevated above the water table, subsurface cave formation followed water's journey to the sea, opening ever larger tunnels that became underground rivers. As these passages outgrew their ability to hold the overburden of the earth above them, they collapsed forming the classic Karst features I listed above.

But the most common feature is just a collapsed feature, a dry sinkhole, often many in a line, commonly seen around the county as depressions in the landscape.

Many are dry as their surfaces don't quite subside below the water table. Many cycle from dry in our dry season, to standing water during the wet season when the water table loads up with rain water. Many have permanent water, while others cyclically fill and drain.

We can describe our swamps driven by two forces: rain and tidal. Of course in our county most every swamp is affected by both forces, but usually dominated by one.

The closer we are to the Gulf, the more tidal influences prevail. Recall the tide gauge at Wakulla Springs records sea tides at 185 feet depth near its opening. The surface waters of Harvey's Hole near the Coastal Highway rise and fall with the tides.

If it is true that our swamps are defined by their foliage, then look at a satellite map of Wakulla County and, following our water's journey, also see associated collapsed features along the same route. Swamps typically host cypress trees that show up on satellite pictures as a different, lighter color.

Sinkholes also support a different foliage, creating a halo effect around this water feature.

One day many of the underground rivers of Wakulla will be plotted on land maps. And many will coincide with our county's swamps.

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

May your sacrifices never, ever be forgotten



By SHERYL H. BOLDT

Have you served the U.S. through military service? Have you stood side by side with your fellow service members, either in combat, support, administrative or leadership roles?

Wherever you've been stationed, and in whatever capacity you've served, I join the millions who stand humbly in your presence. I have no words big enough to express my thanks, but I'll give it my best effort.

You are my hero.

I don't know your story, but I've benefited from your courage. Your sacrifice began the day you pledged to defend our nation's honor. Although you knew fighting our enemies would be terrifying, you stepped forward. You stayed in the fight, and you defended me and those I love.

Thank you.

If you're a family member of a serviceman or woman, I'd like to express my gratitude to you and your family as well – your parents, spouse, and children who lie awake night after night worrying about and praying for your safety.

You sacrificed too. You demonstrated your own brand of courage and endurance as you kept everything together at home. You pressed forward, one day at a time, without your loved one by your side. You served our country this way until the day he or she finally returned home. Or maybe you're still waiting for that glorious reunion.

Thank you.

And to you, those family members whose loved one paid the ultimate price in defending the country I love, I'm so very sorry for your loss. And so very, very grateful for your sacrifice.

I wish there were no wars. I hate how war pits nations against each other. Perhaps someday, we'll learn to resolve our conflicts in more peaceful ways. In a perfect world, other nations wouldn't want to conquer us and take away our freedoms.

But we do not live in a perfect world. And because we don't, our nation depends on brave men and women who are willing to stand in harm's way to protect our freedoms.

Thankfully, people like you and your family have the integrity and fortitude to answer that call. You have fought to defend our country and the liberties so many of us take for granted.

You have our endless gratitude.

Your sacrifice reminds me of the words of Jesus in John 15:13 (ESV): "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

As Veterans Day approaches, I'm reminded that behind every act of service is a personal story. Some are inspiring. Some are heartbreaking. All are important.

I would love to hear your story. If you or a member of your family served in the United States military, would you be willing to share a little about that experience?

May your sacrifices never be taken for granted. And never, ever forgotten.

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One piece at a time



By CHERYL CRUCE

My daughter could not have known what would become of the simple gift she gave to me one Christmas. It was a puzzle of a Volkswagen from the 1960s – a reminder of my first car. The picture was covered with peace signs, flowers, and splattered paint that fit the era. What she thought would be a fun challenge became a 1,000-piece journey that spanned 4 years.

Soon after Christmas, she and I opened the box and began assembling the outer edges. Between cups of coffee and conversation, we felt we had made a good beginning. But as life took over, we left the puzzle on the table and returned to it from time to time. Often, we would sit and stare at the pieces without finding a single one that fit.

As if the challenge wasn't enough, my daughter Georgia noticed Jude, my little Yorkie, chewing on something. Upon closer inspection, we discovered he had found a piece and decided it was a snack! And it happened again, but I wasn't about to give up on finishing what we had started.

After 3 years of moving it from room to room and adding a piece here and there, I carried the unfinished project to church, where it became a group effort. For a year, different people sat at the table and worked on it, but there was still a long way to go.

Eventually, I decided to offer a $50 incentive to whoever placed the last piece. That is when I noticed a change. The little-by-little progress gave way to larger sections coming together, and we were finally seeing the picture take shape. Sometimes all it takes is a little encouragement.

Before long, the puzzle was complete, and I was $50 poorer. But my heart was richer as I watched the recipient turn and place the money into the offering plate to help families at Christmas. In that moment, the simple gift had come full circle. What began as a simple gift showed me that we cannot always see where life's journey will lead. Sometimes, an ordinary beginning grows into something that touches far more lives than we ever imagined.

Life can be like that. We spend our days tending to the tasks and people God places along our way, often without knowing how our efforts will fit into the bigger picture. A kind word, a helping hand, or a little time given to someone else may not seem like much, but God can use those small things in ways we never imagined.

The puzzle became so much more than a project to finish or pass the time with. It brought my daughter and me together over coffee, gave Jude an opportunity to get into trouble, and brought people at church around a common table. It became a gift that helped other families celebrate Christmas. Piece by piece, something good was taking shape long before we could see the finished picture. In the end, the missing pieces mattered far less than what we had put together.

Perhaps that is a lesson worth carrying with us. We may not know how today's efforts will matter tomorrow or whose life might be touched by something we do. We don't have to see the whole picture before we begin. We can be faithful with what is in front of us, keep making room for kindness, and trust God with the rest – even the missing pieces.

Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. – Philippians 1:6

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OUT TO PASTOR

My life is one day at a time



By JAMES SNYDER

Sometimes I look back over my life and try to remember what we call the "good old days." From my birth to now, I have lived 27,500 days. That is a lot of days.

Sometimes I think it would be interesting to remember every one of those days.

I can't even remember all of my birthdays. I know I had them because I'm still alive today. Sometimes I think it would be interesting to remember my very first birthday. I wonder what my parents got me for that first birthday.

Some days stand out more than others do. For example, I remember very clearly the day The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I got married. I'll never forget that day. Other days stand out in my memory.

Recently I've been thinking it is a waste of time to focus on the past. Nothing in the past can be changed or improved. If I went back and tried to correct one mistake I made, I'd probably make two other mistakes in the process. Not worth it.

At my age, I am concentrating on living one day at a time. Yesterday's gone, and tomorrow hasn't arrived yet. So my focus is on today. I'm going to live today as though it was the last day of my life. Whenever I get up, I never know if it will be my best day or my worst.

With The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, it is a different story. Her great obsession is planning her days. She plans a whole year, including all the holidays in the coming year. Of course, she carefully schedules doctor visits. If she didn't do that, I probably would never see my doctor again.

When I get up in the morning, I really don't know what will happen during the day. I try to think about what I need to do that day and keep it to a minimum.

Now that I'm retired, I don't have to get up and go to some committee meeting. I can crawl out of bed, go to my office, and work in my pajamas. I never thought retirement would be so much fun.

I need to be careful because if I decide to go to Walmart, I need to change out of my pajamas into my workday clothes. There was a time, I will not explain, when I forgot to do that. Actually, when I went, I fit in with everybody else.

This past Monday I needed to go to the post office and pay my annual fees. I had no other appointment, so I just drove to the post office, went in, and paid my fees.

As I walked out, I heard a horn honking. I didn't know where it was, but as I walked toward my truck, I realized it was my truck making all that noise, and the headlights were also blinking. Something was wrong with my truck.

I got to my truck, got in, put the key in, and the horn stopped honking, and the headlights stopped blinking. I had no idea what was going on. Sitting behind the wheel, I sighed a very deep sigh, and then started the engine. It actually started right up.

I put it in reverse, and it just drifted backward very slowly. I pressed the brake, then put it in gear, pressed the pedal, and nothing happened; it kept drifting backward. I finally stopped and tried putting it in reverse, and it just drifted backward. I couldn't get it to go forward, and I couldn't stop it from drifting backward.

I had no idea what was wrong with my truck.

I tried calling AAA, but my phone wasn't working very well. I tried to call The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, but my phone still was not working. I walked back into the post office. I was able to call my daughter and tell her what was going on, and asked her to call her mother for me.

I then called my mechanic, told him my problem, and he said he would come over to meet me right away. We were only a couple of miles apart, so it didn't take long.

I was standing outside my truck waiting for him, and finally he came.

He asked what was wrong, and I tried to explain; then he got in my truck, turned the engine on, and everything worked. He could drive it forward and backward. Nothing seemed to be wrong. Everything worked fine.

He told me to take it to his garage where he worked, and they would check it out for me.

I wasn't sure I could make it to the garage, but I finally did. They had my truck overnight, and when I went back the next day, they told me they found absolutely nothing wrong with it.

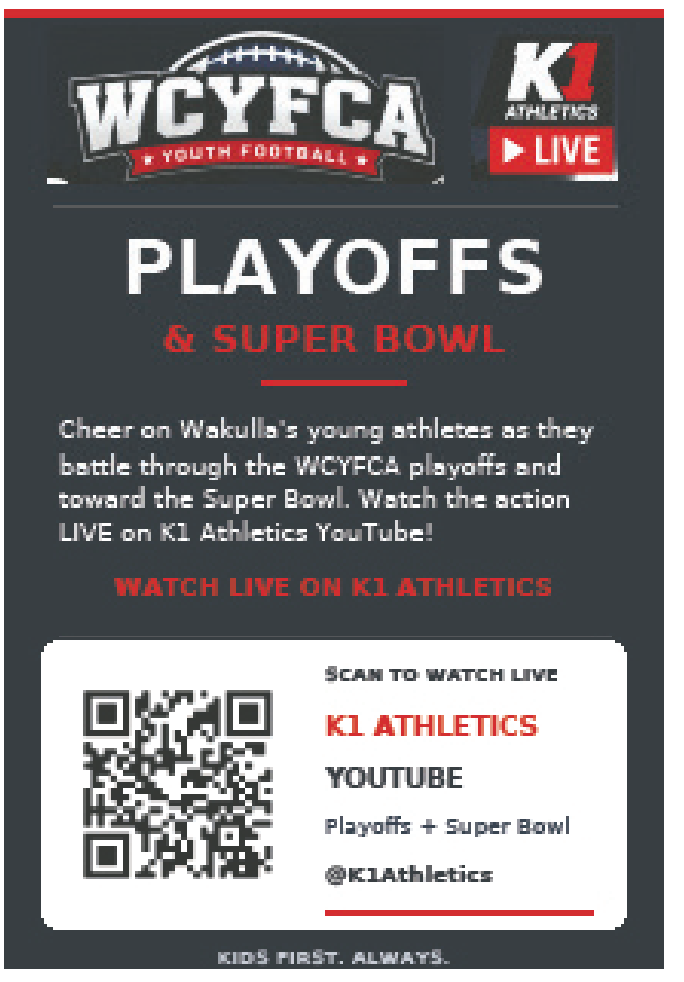
That sure made me look like an idiot there in the garage.

Of all the days in my life I would like to see repeated, this surely isn't one of the

A verse of scripture came to mind. "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

I can't change yesterday, and I cannot predict what tomorrow will bring. I need to focus on today and trust God to help make today a day to remember.

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DEATH NOTICES

• **Barbara Lee Oliver,** 92, of Crawfordville, passed away October 27, 2026.
• **Susan Dale Watkins,** 71, of East Point, passed away October 28, 2026.
• **Sybil Pigott Taylor,** 60, of Crawfordville, passed away October 27, 2026.
• **Roy Jack Moats,** 83, of Crawfordville, passed away October 30, 2026.
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Sheriff's Report

Sheriff's Report for activity October 23 to 30. There were 1,601 calls for service.

FRIDAY, OCT. 23

• Deputy Bushong 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. They stated after taking the items, he left the store passing all final points of sale, failing to pay for the merchandise which valued at approximately $49.63. Case forwarded to Criminal Investigation Division.

SATURDAY, OCT. 24

• Deputy Bushong responded to Revell Road in reference to a theft. Contact was made with the reporting person who advised an unknown subject has been taking items from his property. He advised his neighbor was in possession of a torch that belonged to him. Upon making contact with the neighbor, she advised a different subject had brought it to her. Due to not being able to determine a suspect in this incident, this case will be forwarded to CID.

• Deputy Kittrell responded to Hidden Valley Lane in reference to criminal mischief. Contact was made with the reporting person who advised his neighbor has been taking mail from his mailbox and damaged the door to the mailbox. He advised he was unable to provide any video footage of this incident but still listed the neighbor as a suspect due to past history. Deputy Kittrell then made contact with the neighbor who stated she never took anything from his mailbox. She stated there was an incident where she located some of his mail on the ground and put it back inside his mailbox. She also stated there have been times where his newspaper has been in her yard and has also returned it to his mailbox. Due to conflicting statements and no evidence such as video surveillance, this incident was documented and closed.

• Deputy Moen responded to Walmart in reference to a retail theft. Contact was made with Asset Protection who advised a subject had taken merchandise from the store and passed all final points of sale, failing to pay for the merchandise. They advised a total of $148.76 was taken.

• A citizen reported her wallet stolen. She stated she was at Riverside restaurant with friends attempting to have a meal. After waiting over an hour to place an order, she got up to leave the restaurant. After leaving, she realized she left her wallet behind. Upon returning to the table she was seated at, the wallet was no longer on the table. She attempted to get the owner of Riverside to look at video footage but was advised he was too busy at the moment to look at video. She advised she has contacted her banks to begin canceling her credit and debit cards. Case forwarded to CID.

SUNDAY, OCT. 25

• A citizen reported damage to the siding of his residence and wrenches hanging from the powerline in his yard. The wrenches were tied to fishing line and thrown over the powerlines. The damage to the siding appeared to be from jagged edged rocks thrown against the home. Duke Energy responded to get the wrenches off the powerline. He suspects two neighborhood juveniles may have damaged his siding.

• Deputies responded to Maxon Road in reference to a car alarm going off. Contact was made with the complainant who advised she heard her neighbor's car alarm going off and thought maybe someone was attempting to burglarize vehicles in the neighborhood. After making contact with the neighbor and canvassing the area, it was determined no vehicles had been broken into and were in fact secured with alarm systems armed. Complainant didn't have a surveillance system to review and the neighbor had several vehicles blocking her Ring camera view.

MONDAY, OCT. 26

• Deputy Martin responded to Lynnzi Lane in reference to a citizen reporting a burglary to a residence. On-call CID and Crime Scene were contacted and responded to the scene.

• Deputy Joens responded to Powhatan Street in reference to a citizen reporting his bank account being hacked and out $400. Case forwarded to CID.

• Deputy Love responded to the front lobby in reference to a theft complaint. Contact was made with the reporting person who stated he hired a male subject to complete transmission work on his car. He informed Deputy Love that the man came out to his residence and actually removed the transmission after being paid $1,500 to complete the mechanical work. Ever since removing the transmission, the reporting person has not heard from the man at all, since the day he removed the transmission. In all, he advised the total amount of monetary loss was the $1,500 he initially paid, time to complete the transmission work, and the transmission itself, in which he valued to $500. Case forwarded to CID.

• Deputy Love responded to the Dollar General located at 1409 Crawfordville Hwy in reference to a citizen reporting $200 being stolen out of her wallet after leaving it in the store restroom. She advised she had left her wallet in the bathroom and returned back around 6 p.m., to retrieve it. She advised once she retrieved her wallet, she noticed all of her cash was missing. She advised the store clerk told her a male subject who works at Hardees turned her wallet in, but was unable to provide a name. Deputy Love will conduct a follow up on Oct. 27.

TUESDAY, OCT. 27

• Deputy Sullivan conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle being operated by Randan Willis. Deputy Sullivan confirmed that the tag on the vehicle did not belong to it and that the vehicle was currently not registered despite having the vehicle for some time now. Willis was placed under arrest and transported to the Wakulla County Jail without incident.

• Wakulla Communications received a call from the Leon County Sheriff's Office in reference to Robert Tully making suicidal statements. Tully's location pinged in numerous areas along Coastal Highway. Tully was said to have been driving a 2013 White GMC and had his 4-year-old child with him as well. Due to the statements made by Tully, LCSO entered the juvenile into NCIC/FCIC as being missing. Through investigative measures, Tully was located in the area of Golden Loop with his child unharmed. Tully was placed into protective custody without incident.

• Deputy Martin responded to Walmart in reference to a subject taking approximately $106 in merchandise with no intent to pay on Oct. 25. Case forwarded to CID.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28

• Deputy Kittrell responded to White Oak Lane in reference a citizen finding a firearm on his newly purchased property in Calhoun County. The firearm was run through dispatch, then collected and submitted to property and evidence. This report was documented for informational purposes.

• Deputy Hinson responded to Summer Lane in reference to a burglary. Contact was made with the reporting person who stated she came to her property today and discovered the front door was open and the back door was shattered. She also stated a tub and shower that were recently installed were also gone, along with some shelves that were in the back room. Crime Scene responded and processed the scene. Case forwarded to CID.

• Deputy McMullen conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for failing to stop at a designated stop. Upon contact, the odor associated with burnt marijuana was emitting from the car. A small amount of marijuana was seized for destruction and the operator was given a verbal warning for failing to stop at a designated stop.

THURSDAY, OCT. 29

• A traffic stop was conducted for failing to stop at designated stop. Upon making contact with the driver and sole occupant, it was discovered Juan Carlos Bucio Vega did not have a Florida Driver License. Prior to Vega being taken into custody, a 287g investigation was conducted to determine if Vega was subject to deportation. After a HIT for removal was returned, Vega was transported to the WCSO Jail on local charges and the IRC Duty Officer emailed a Detainer for Removal to Lt. Alexander and Lt. S. Gibson.

FRIDAY, OCT. 30

• A citizen reported losing his gold bracelet while working on his van. He advised he placed the bracelet on the step-up attached to his van while he and an acquaintance worked on the van. He stated after finishing the work he had planned for the van, he found his bracelet to be missing. During the interview, he stated he believed his acquaintance was responsible for the bracelet being missing. Due to him personally knowing the man, he was unsure if he wanted to pursue charges. This incident was documented pending the reporting person's decision.

• Deputies responded to Geo's pub in reference to Nathaniel Linhoff walking out of the bar without paying his tab. During the investigation, it was determined that Linhoff's tab was a total of $16. Linhoff was subsequently located at Mimosa and 319 and ultimately taken into custody. While searching his property, a total of 0.5 grams of methamphetamine was located inside of Linhoff's backpack.

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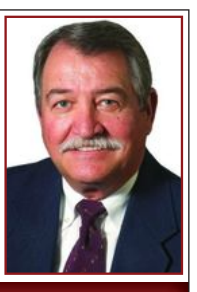
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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.

Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/ Olivia Garcia Olivia Garcia, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 1024583 Nardella & Nardella, PLLC 135 W. Central Blvd., Suite 300 Orlando, FL 32801 Telephone: 407-966-2680 Email: ogarcia@nardellalaw.com

Personal Representative:
DAÑA RANDOLPH 3595 Jones Ferry Lane Johns Creek, GA 30022

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.
ROSA NELL HANSON (DECEASED), UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF ROSA NELL HANSON, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, JUDGMENT CREDITORS AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST ROSA NELL HANSON OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); KNOWN AND UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION; AND ALL CLAIMANT(S), PERSON(S) OR PARTIES, NATURAL OR CORPORATE, OR WHOSE EXACT LEGAL STATUS IS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMES OR DESCRIBED DEFENDANTS HEREIN,
Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title to the following property in Wakulla County, Florida:

Lots numbered Twenty four (24) in Block "23" of WAKULLA GARDENS, as shown by Plat of Said subdivision of record o Page 39 of Plat Book No. One of the Public Records of Wakulla County.

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

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

DATED this 19th day of October, 2026.

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

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

NOTICE OF ACTION

1105-1126 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-165
Plaintiffs,
vs.
JAMES I. CHELF (Deceased), UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF JAMES I. CHELF, Known and Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Judgment Creditors and All Parties Claiming By, Through, Under or Against JAMES I. CHELF OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); ANNIE E. CHELF (Deceased), UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF ANNIE E. CHELF, Known and Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Judgment Creditors and All Parties Claiming By, Through, Under or Against ANNIE E. CHELF OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); KNOWN AND UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION; AND ALL CLAIMANT(S), PERSON(S) OR PARTIES, NATURAL OR CORPORATE, OR WHOSE EXACT LEGAL STATUS IS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMES OR DESCRIBED DEFENDANTS HEREIN,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: JAMES I. CHELF (Deceased); UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES I. CHELF; ANNIE E. CHELF (Deceased); UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANNIE E. CHELF; KNOWN AND UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION, AND ALL CLAIMANT(S), PERSON(S) OR PARTIES, NATURAL OR CORPORATE, OR WHOSE EXACT LEGAL STATUS IS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMES OR DESCRIBED DEFENDANTS HEREIN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title to the following property in Wakulla County, Florida

Lot 43, Block "A" of MAGNOLIA GARDENS, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page(s) 37, of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida.

PIN #: 00-00-078-013-10766-000 has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on Frances Casey Lowe, Esquire, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 68-A Feli Way, Crawfordville, Florida 32327, on or before the date not less than 28 days and no more than 60 days after the first publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately after service; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

Dated this 28th day of October 2026.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURTS
OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Rachel L. Howard
As Deputy Clerk

Nov. 5, Nov. 12, Nov. 19, Nov. 26, 2026

1105-1126 TWS NOA
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
AUDETTE PROPERTIES, LLC, CASE NO. 2026-CA-167
Plaintiff,
vs.
HERBERT F. HEISZ a/k/a HERBERT HEISZ, if alive and if deceased, unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, assigns and all other parties claiming by, through, under, or against him,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: HERBERT F. HEISZ a/k/a HERBERT HEISZ, if alive and if deceased, unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, assigns and all other parties claiming by, through, under, or against him

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Complaint for Tax Deed Quiet Title on the following property in Wakulla County, Florida

LOT 24, BLOCK 47, WAKULLA GARDENS UNIT FIVE, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE(S) 56, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Wakulla County Parcel ID No. 00-00-034-012-09542-000 has been filed against you and others, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on JAMES C. THOMPSON, ESQUIRE, SMITH, THOMPSON, SHAW & POWER, P.A., Plaintiff's attorneys, 3520 Thomasville Road, Fourth Floor, Tallahassee, Florida 32309-3469, no more than thirty (30) days from the first publication date of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

Dated this 29th day of October 2026.

GREG JAMES
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Rachel L. Howard
Deputy Clerk

Nov. 5, Nov. 12, Nov. 19, Nov. 26, 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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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

1105-1112 TWS NTC
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF FILE NO. 2026-CP-162
George Lewis Weymouth,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of George Lewis Weymouth, deceased, File 2026-CP-162 is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney is set forth below.

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

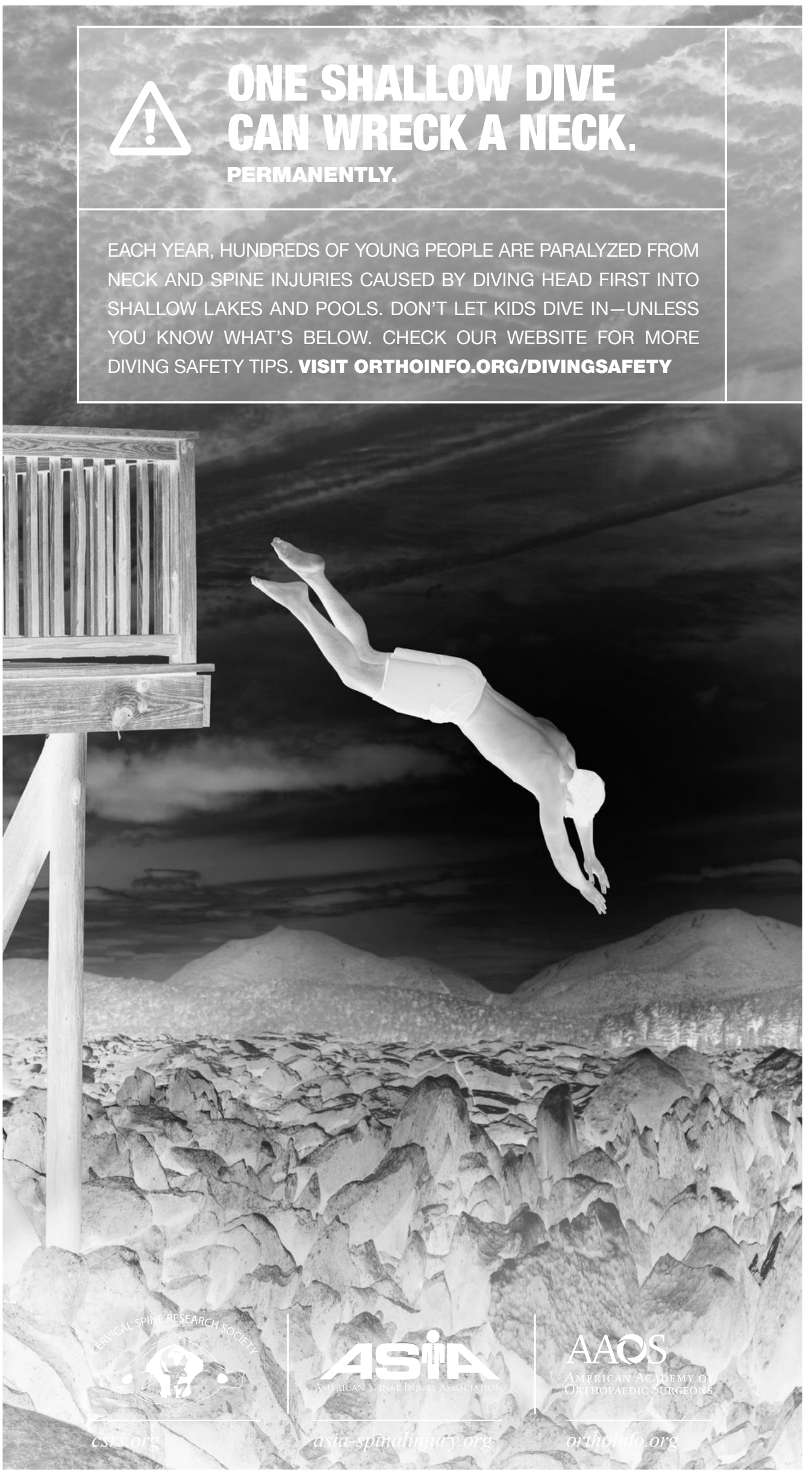
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ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 FLORIDA STATUTES, WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. This date of the first publication of this notice is November 5, 2026.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Frances Casey Lowe, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 521450
AUSLEY MCMULLEN
68-A Feli Way
Crawfordville, Florida 32327
(850) 926-8245

Personal Representative:
Frances Casey Lowe, Esq.
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Nov. 5, Nov. 12, 2026



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

WORDS

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MOVEMBER
MUSCLE
MUSTACHE
PHYSICAL
PROSTATE
TESTOSTERONE
THERAPY
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WELL-BEING

CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS
1. Spiritual leaders
7. Containing salt
13. Fortified wine
14. Edible mollusk
16. Blood type
17. Make a comparison
19. Government lawyer
20. "Game of Thrones" actor Ciaran
22. 8th month of the year (abbr.)
23. Very willing
25. __ ex machina
26. Satisfies
28. New Zealand mountain
29. A doctrine
30. Popular Dodge truck model
31. Dekagram
33. Naturally occurring solid material
34. Company higher-up
36. Villains
38. Cricket frog genus
40. Influential early psychologist
41. Endured
43. Servant
44. You can get stuck in one
45. __ and feather
47. Passive optical network
48. French ballet dynasty
51. Employee stock ownership plan
53. Forming a bottom layer
55. Sound
56. Yankees slugger Judge
58. Dickens character
59. Beloved late sportscaster Craig
60. "The Mount Rushmore State"
61. Sarcastic and critical
64. Atomic #79
65. Longtime Atlanta Braves pitcher
67. Humor
69. Shawl
70. Preliminary assessment of patients

CLUES DOWN
1. Animal disease
2. Commercial
3. Craft supplies
4. Containers
5. A way to save for your golden years
6. Common Arabic greeting
7. Bulged downward
8. Acquired brain injury
9. Lay about
10. Intestinal
11. Not yes
12. In a way, pleased
13. Messianic figure in Islam
15. Resulting from intense conviction
18. Not in
21. Number above the line in a fraction
24. Lawn pest
26. Pouch
27. Ancient language (abbr.)
30. Start anew
32. Wild flower
35. Fourteen
37. Graphical user interface
38. Facing the same way
39. Campaigns
42. Touch lightly
43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
46. Violent seizure of property
47. One who supports the Pope
49. Malaise
50. Body fluid
52. Inauthentic person
54. Title of respect
55. Moth genus
57. Central Japan city
59. Silk garment
62. Draw from
63. Automobile
66. A male
68. Powerful government lawyer

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to men's health.

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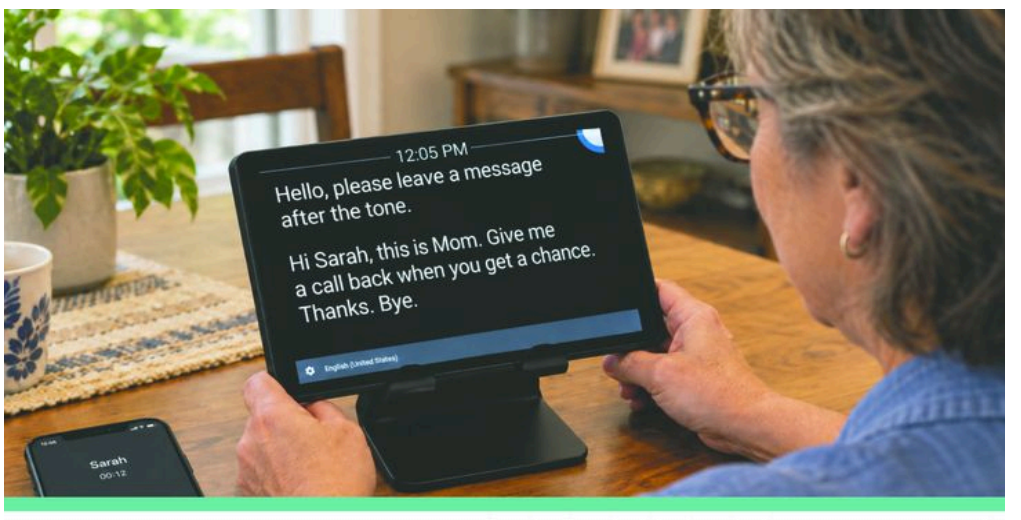
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Bark-tastic costumes

The 4-H Club's annual costume contest was held recently and the winners for best owner/pet costumes, above, were Christa Bingel and Duncan as Smokey the Bear and forest fire; Ava Lucas with Zoey as Shadow; and Lynette Davison Barbie Q (BBQ)as Charlotte and her Web! Owner Lynette Davison. In the most creative category winners were Kaylee Alford and dog Sparrow as Rainbow Dash; Elena PinieroVigo with Krypto; and Ava Lucas with Zoey as Shadow. Cutest was Ryan Ramos with his dachshunds dressed as hot dogs; the Counce family and Rascal; and Kynthia Yoshioka. (Photo by Nicole Case)



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Wakulla dominates Leon, 46-7

Close out regular season with a big win. Playoffs start on Nov. 13, unclear if War Eagles will host

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor



The Wakulla War Eagles closed out the regular season with dominating performance against the Leon Lions for Homecoming – a 46-7 stomping of the Lions.

"Our guys didn't take them lightly and prepared the right way all week," said Head Coach Derek Allen Jr. "They showed that Friday night."

Players of the Week were Bryce Manning as MVP. He had 8 carries for 82 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Offensive Player of the Week was quarterback Ashton Brooks, who was 9 for 11 passing for 138 yards and 2 touchdowns.

For Defensive Player of the Week, Coach Allen named the whole defensive line.

And Special Teams Player of the Week was kicker Colby Carranza.

The playoff picture is still not clear: Godby is ranked No. 1 in the district and Baker No. 2 – both teams that Wakulla defeated to take the district crown – while the War Eagles are ranked No. 4.

Coach Allen said the War Eagles could get a home game when the playoffs start next week, Nov. 13, but it's not a given.

If there is a home game, Allen anticipated it could be Bishop Kenny from Jacksonville.

Games are still being played this week, and the playoff matchups will be announced this coming Friday.

For Coach Allen, he finishes his first regular season as head coach of the War Eagles with an 8-2 record and a district championship.

"I'm proud of our guys," he said. While he said he believed the team could have gone undefeated, the two losses were to really tough opponents.

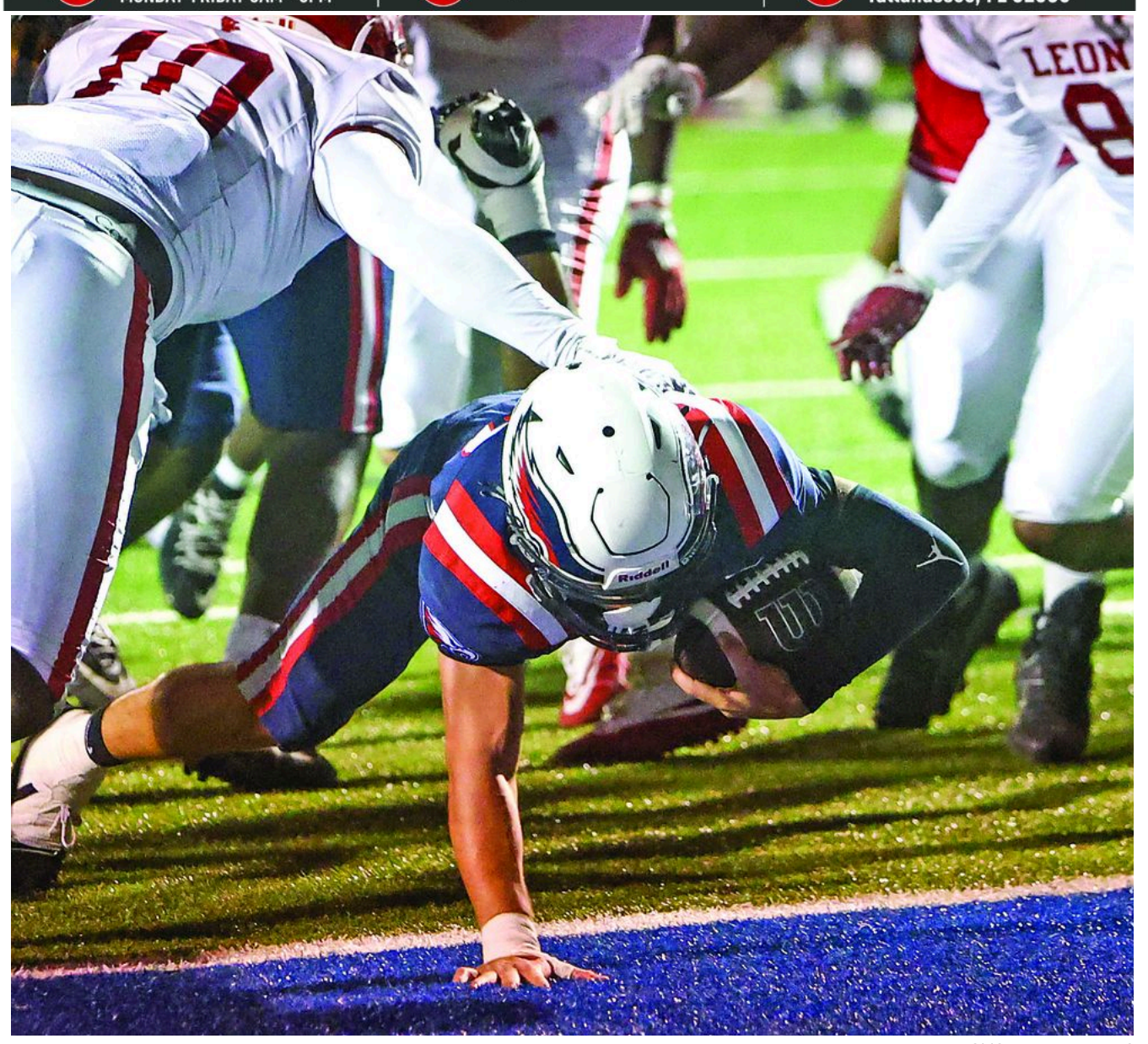


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War Eagle Running Back Bryce Manning scores one of his two rushing touchdowns against the Lions.

Meanwhile, Feleipe and Jordan Franks announced on X last week that they had made a $5,000 donation to War Eagle football.

The Franks brothers played at Wakulla the last time the War Eagles went to the state championship game, back in 2015, though they fell too Bishop Moore. Both played college football: Jordan at UCF and Feleipe at University of Florida and then Arkansas. Both also played in the NFL, and Feleipe is still on the roster for the Carolina Panthers.

Wakulla Principal Michele Falk said the original plan was for Feleipe and Jordan to appear at the Godby game for a presentation – it was his bye week with the Panthers. The game was rescheduled due to Hurricane Isaias and the Franks brothers were unable to attend.

Coach Allen said the contribution came from the NFL after Feleipe was named Special Teams Player of the Week.

"It's a generous donation," Coach Allen said.

GAME RECAP

After initially exchanging some punts, the War Eagles put their first points on the board with 5:16 in the first quarter behind runs by Bryce Manning.

War Eagle defensive back Randy Moore ended a Leon threat with an interception at the 3.

In the second quarter, Demarkus Roberts broke loose with a 50-yard touchdown run. Extra point kick by Colby Carranza puts Wakulla up 14-0.

On their next possession, QB Ashton Brooks passed to receiver Demarkus Roberts to the Leon 23, then Manning carried to the 9, and then a strong run by Manning for the TD. Up 21-0.

Ryheem Moore gets a 65-yard pick 6 for the War Eagles. They go for 2, no good. Score 27-0.

Then came one of the strangest penalties: An unsportsmanlike penalty on the stadium announcer, Coach Peck, for telling Wakulla players not to commit unsportsmanlike penalties – just point at the scoreboard. The referee threw a flag because pointing at the scoreboard is considered taunting. A warning was given to the Wakulla coaches. (Later, in the 4th quarter, a second flag was thrown on Wakulla for unsportsmanlike conduct when the announcer again told players the score was 39-7, just point at the scoreboard. Long conference among officials, and Coach Allen came back to the sideline shaking his head that the officials were threatening to eject him from the game.)

On Leon's next series, a fumble recovered by Wakulla. Next play is a touchdown pass from Brooks to Ryheem Moore. Two point conversion no good. It's 33-0 at halftime.

To start the second half, Wakulla fumble recovered by Leon near the 20. A few plays later, Leon scores on a pass play. Extra point makes it 33-7.

Wakulla offense with a steady diet of runs by Nigel Cloud. First and goal from 7, then 2, then touchdown. Go for 2, no good. It's 39-7.

Later, Leon is set up by a Wakulla fumble with first down at the War Eagle 35. Later, they had the ball with a 4th and 1 at the Wakulla 14. The War Eagle defense plays stout and stops them.

In the fourth quarter, Ryheem Moore is quarterback and he passes to fullback CJ Whitehead on a 3rd and 7 at the 14, and Whitehead bounces off tacklers and gets the yardage. Next play, a pop pass to Whitehead for a score. Extra point good. It's 46-7 and the clock starts running.

Final: 46-7.



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BRYCE MANNING
Running Back

Offense



ASHTON BROOKS
Quarterback

Defense

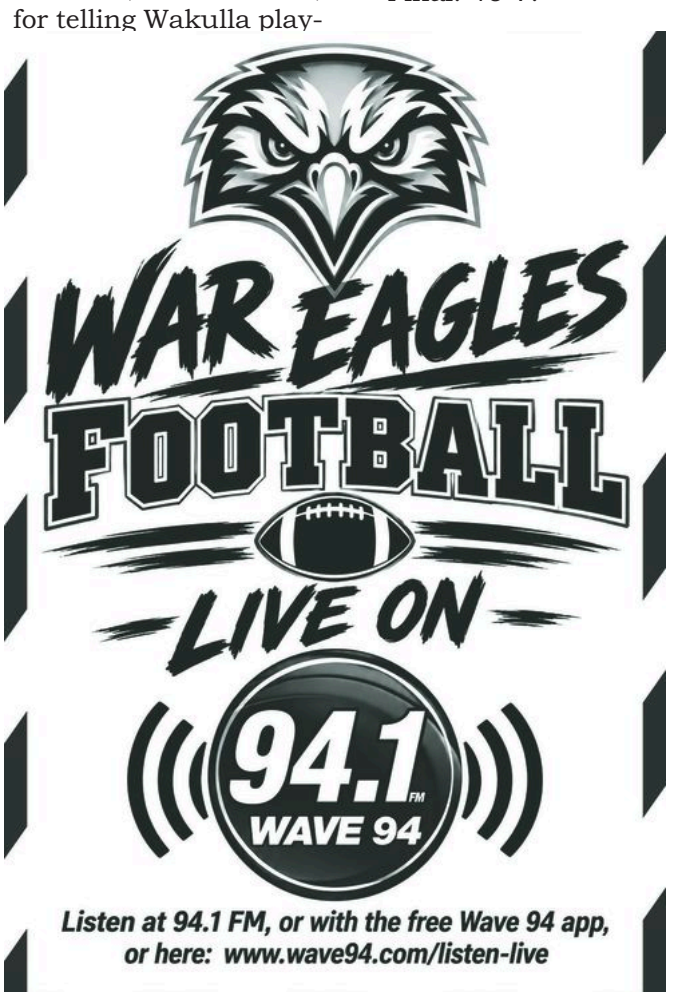
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THE WHOLE DEFENSIVE LINE

Special Teams

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COLBY CARRANZA
Kicker



FSU loses to Clemson, Coach Norvell fired

From The Oseola

Florida State fired coach Mike Norvell on Sunday, a day after a loss at Clemson and one that will cost the school a buyout of $50 million that is among the largest in college football history.

Norvell won 19 straight games from the middle of the 2022 season through an ACC title in December 2023. But the Seminoles went 10-22 since the start of the 2024 season, and Norvell's hand-picked quarterbacks — DJ Uiagalelei, Tommy Castellanos and Ashton Daniels — all struggled with accuracy.

Florida State is 1-5 vs. Power 4 programs this fall, including Saturday's 36-24 loss to Clemson in which the Seminoles were a five-point favorite. The Seminoles have not defeated one of their main three rivals (Miami, Florida or Clemson) since the 2023 season.

"We have made the decision to change the leadership of our football program," FSU president Richard McCullough said in a statement on Sunday afternoon. "We thank Mike Norvell for his commitment and service to Florida State and wish him and his family the very best. We understand the deep passion of Seminole fans and share their high expectations for this program. We are confident in Rick Stockstill's ability to provide steady leadership during this transition. We will conduct a thorough national search for the program's next leader, someone who embraces Florida State's tradition of championship athletics and our standard of excellence."



At right, Mike Norvell shakes hands with veterans before the start of the Clemson vs. FSU game on Saturday.

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