

TCMS 'Dogs will travel to Riversprings Wednesday

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play, setting up a 5-yard touchdown run with 6:19 left in the 3rd quarter.

After a successful point-after attempt, Wakulla cut the TCMS lead down to 18-14.

The mistakes continued for the Bulldogs, as TCMS fumbled the kickoff return after the Wakulla touchdown, giving the Wildcats a short field at the Bulldogs' 35.

Wakulla quickly took advantage and grabbed their first lead of the game, scoring from the 8-yard line to go on top 21-18.

The Bulldogs' next possession stalled at the TCMS 40-yard line, and disaster struck on 4th and long when TCMS fumbled while attempting to punt, allowing Wakulla to recover and take over at the TCMS 22-yard line.

Pressure from the 'Dog defense forced a bad snap, pushing Wakulla back to the 34.

Defender Bryson Cruce came up with a huge sack to force a 4th and long for the Wildcats, but the play was called back due to an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty against another Bulldog defender.

The 15-yard penalty gave the momentum back to Wakulla, allowing the 'Cats to score a 3-yard touchdown to take a 27-18 lead with 5:09 left to play.

The 'Dogs mounted a comeback, as King Ellis returned the kickoff 65 yards to set up the TCMS offense at Wakulla's 10-yard line.

Just two plays later, Jackson ran the ball in from 4 yards out to cut Wakulla's lead to just 3 points (27-24) after an unsuccessful

2-point conversion.

With 3:38 left to play in the game, Bryson Cruce forced a fumble on the inside kick, giving TCMS the ball at midfield.

However, the 'Dog offense could not convert and turned the ball over on 4th down.

TCMS held Wakulla without a first down, forcing a 4th down turnover that gave the Bulldogs one last chance at the 36-yard line with 9 seconds left to play.

Ultimately, the Bulldogs could not find the end zone, allowing the Wildcats to escape with a narrow 27-24 road win.

"It's terrible. It stinks man," TCMS Head Coach Justin Poore said after the loss, which dropped TCMS to 0-2 on the season. "But there's a lesson to be learned from tonight. Never stop, never quit and never give up. Nothing good is going to come out of that."

"It was a good, hard fight. They (Wakulla) won the second half. We had some plays where we had 9 or 10 guys on the field. We had some guys not paying attention - What are we doing? Are we on offense? Are we on defense? Are we punting?"

"We have to be ready to execute the small things that can get us a win. We had some mistakes in the first half that cost us a little, but we cleaned a lot of that up," Poore continued.

"We still have some things we have to clean up, and that is okay. No one out here is perfect. But when we go back to practice, we need to work on those things."

"The definition of insanity is doing the same things over and over and over, expecting a different result," Poore added. "Riversprings is next Wednesday. We

travel to Wakulla and get to play on their turf field. They're going to be ready.

We have to be ready too," Poore said.

Wakulla Riversprings on Wednesday, Sept. 24, with kickoff scheduled for 6 p.m.

Last season, the Bulldogs crushed Riversprings 40-0 at Dorsett Stadium.



TCMS running back Tamier Clayton (#16) had a 24-yard carry to set up QB Erik Jackson's 4-yard touchdown run in the first quarter and later scored on his own 4-yard TD carry to give the Bulldogs an 18-7 lead over Wakulla at halftime. (Photo by Amy Sadler)



TCHS Lady Bulldogs' volleyball players Allee McCall (#11, left) and Honesty Green (#5, right) go up for a block during a recent home match against Dixie County. (Photo by Amy Sadler)

Lady Bulldogs to host 3 home games next week

VOLLEYBALL
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Against Lafayette (9-2) on Monday, the Lady Bulldogs fell in straight sets, 25-14, 25-19 and 25-9.

Finley led Taylor County with 4 kills, to go along with 2 digs.

Gracie Simmons and Allee McCall both had 3 kills, while Meeka Jackson had 2 and Honesty Green and Miranda Cruce both finished with 1.

English (2), Cruce (2) and Simmons (1) all had

service aces.

McCall led the Lady Bulldogs in digs with 10, followed by Cruce with 8, Grambling with 4, Addison English and Jackson with 3 each.

McCall and Addison English each had 3 assists.

The TCHS girls will host three straight home games next week, as Jefferson County comes to the TCHS gym on Monday, followed by Wakulla Christian on Tuesday, Sept. 23 and Gadsden County on Thursday next week.

LEGALS

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A variance petition V20-2025 by owner John B. Curry, 1917 J.L. Gibson Road, Perry, Florida. He is asking for a 25' variance on the Eastern boundary of the property next to the County right of way to install a 30 x 60 pole barn. The previous pole barn was destroyed by Hurricane Helene.

Copies of associated documents are available for public inspection at the Planning Administration

Complex, located at 201 East Green Street, Perry, Florida 32347.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceeding, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes their testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Suwannee River Water Management District has tentatively adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

This notice is applicable to the following counties:

All of: Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, Union
Parts of: Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Jefferson, Levy, Putnam

A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on

Monday, September 22, 2025 at 5:05 p.m.
at: 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060
<https://www.mysuwanneeriver.com/>

For view only, this meeting may be attended through electronic media by following the instructions at the following link:
www.youtube.com/@SRWMD

BUDGET SUMMARY

Suwannee River Water Management District - Fiscal Year 2025-2026

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ARE 4.6% MORE THAN LAST YEARS TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.

I. ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES	MILLAGE PER \$1,000	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	TOTAL BUDGET
ESTIMATED REVENUES				
AD VALOREM TAXES (Rolled-back rate)	0.2812	\$ 7,179,527	\$ 128,097	\$ 7,307,624
OTHER REVENUES				
Federal Revenue			6,151,500	6,151,500
State Revenue		6,375,000	48,943,210	55,318,210
District Revenue		90,000	750,000	840,000
Permit and License Fees		250,000	-	250,000
Investment Income		300,000	-	300,000
Timber Sales			1,200,000	1,200,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES		14,194,527	57,172,807	71,367,334
TRANSFERS IN/(OUT)				-
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE/RESERVE PROJECTED		16,547,548	13,086,702	29,634,250
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & FUND BALANCE		\$ 30,742,075	\$ 70,259,509	\$ 101,001,584
II. EXPENDITURES				
WATER RESOURCES PLANNING & MONITORING		\$ 7,698,282	4,139,897	\$ 11,838,179
ACQUISITION, RESTORATION & PUBLIC WORKS		1,810,210	55,449,444	57,259,654
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF LANDS & WORKS		3,693,655	5,989,903	9,683,558
REGULATION		2,507,619	-	2,507,619
OUTREACH		291,126	-	291,126
ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONS SUPPORT		2,049,189	-	2,049,189
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES		\$ 18,050,081	\$ 65,579,244	\$ 83,629,325
ENDING FUND BALANCES/RESERVES		12,691,994	4,680,265	17,372,259
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND FUND BALANCE		\$ 30,742,075	\$ 70,259,509	\$ 101,001,584

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.