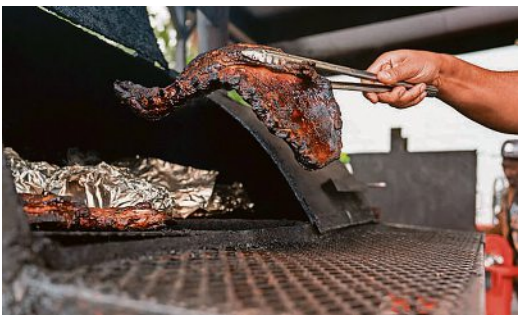




These restaurants offer dine-in or takeout options for Thanksgiving

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‘My duty was to serve’



Joseph Williams points to a picture of himself when he served as a steward’s mate in the Navy during World War II, on Oct. 24. ELENA BARRERA/TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

3 questions for Jerry Demings as he runs for governor

James Call
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Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings has taken on former U.S. Rep. David Jolly in the Democratic primary fight to be the party’s nominee for governor next year.

Demings filed papers to raise money for a campaign Oct. 31, and made a formal announcement Nov. 6. Jolly in the meantime has been campaigning since June.

The son of a Gadsden County sharecropper and Alabama taxi driver, Demings said he would focus on the need to make Florida more affordable.

“Our state has become more expensive and less fair for everyone, all while power is being stripped away from local communities that know

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From kamikaze patrol to the front porch: At 106, WWII vet lives ‘one day at a time’

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At 106, Joseph Williams still takes life one day at a time, watching cars speed by from his front porch, sharing stories of a world he helped shape – and reminding anyone who’ll listen what it was like to serve in World War II.

As he watches drivers on Orange Avenue race to where they’re going, Williams thinks about where he’s been. After all, he’s lived through more than a century of history.

“I’m glad to be alive,” he said.

Williams was summoned to service by the draft, as many young men in the 1940s were, and joined the Navy during the last two years of World War II.



Williams

Once the war ended, he returned to his home in Wakulla County where he lived up until two years ago.

Now he spends his days enjoying the afternoon from the porch of the Tallahassee home where he lives with his granddaughter, making periodic trips to his old Wakulla home and fielding requests for appearances in parades and

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Angela Hilliard, Joseph Williams’ granddaughter, points out Williams in a group photo from when Williams served in the Navy during World War II.

Parade marches on

The annual Veterans Day Parade will take place at 10:40 a.m. along Monroe Street, organized by Veterans Events Tally. The parade runs south on Monroe, turning right on Madison Street and ending at Duval Street. It includes a 21-gun salute, an “11th Hour Ceremony” at the conclusion of a 24-hour watch at the Vietnam Memorial and a Veterans Day Festival in the Park, featuring the finest arts and crafts vendors, gourmet and down-home foods.

3-year-old dead after unreported shooting

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A three-year-old is dead in northwest Tallahassee after an apparent gunshot wound to the head on the morning of Nov. 9.

Javonni Hampton, a spokesperson with the Leon County Sheriff’s Office, confirmed the tragedy occurred in the 4200 block of Augustus Oak Court though it was not reported by the agency, which regularly releases incident alerts on Facebook and via press release.

“It’s just under investigation right now,” she told the Tallahassee Democrat.

She was not able to confirm if someone is in custody at this time. She said she couldn’t release the gender of the child. She could not say if the child was an intended target, if the shooting was an accident or self-inflicted.

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