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## Jordan Miller

Wakulla-raised musician has moved to Nashville and tours with Highway Natives

By RIDDHI PATEL  
Correspondent

As Jordan Miller performs at venues across the country with the band he helped form, Highway Natives, he holds community and family close to his heart. Born and raised in Wakulla County (his dad is Wakulla Sheriff Jared Miller), Miller enjoyed the outdoors including fishing and hunting with his family with whom he has always had a really close relationship. Miller also played sports, and he especially loved playing baseball. After he stopped playing baseball



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Jordan Miller performing with Highway Natives at English Financial's ribbon-cutting.

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# Do you have a plan for your pets?

**By JOANN SANDERS**  
**“Life is not always easy. At times you will have to be brave. At times you will be hurt. But a dog will never leave you. Stay close. Be faithful. Love like a dog.”** - an excerpt from an essay by Oliver Tremble.

Death isn't something most of us like to ponder, especially our own, but there's no way around it - all of us will eventually die. If you died tomorrow, what would happen to your beloved pet? In the best case scenario, a pet will continue to live in the same home with surviving family members, but what if you live alone? Every year, millions of companion animals enter shelters due to the death of owners who weren't proactive about making arrangements for them. Sadly, Wakulla Animal Services has recently had a surge of senior animals being surrendered to the shelter by family members of the deceased who don't want the responsibility of caring for them.

Even worse, senior pets have been found roaming the streets, many of them blind or deaf, with no one ever calling to claim them. They have been abandoned, neglected, and left to fend for themselves after the death of their owner. But responsible pet ownership doesn't end when we die, it ends when they do. Our pets depend on us, and it's our duty to uphold the trust they've placed in us by making sure they get the care they deserve for their entire lives, right up until they pass over the Rainbow Bridge. This article will consider the main components of a good plan should you pass away before your pet does.

Have you given someone you trust a way to access your home in the event of your death? Who do you trust to go into your home and perform the necessary tasks of caring for your pets until further arrangements can be made, i.e. giving fresh food and water, cleaning the litter box, walking the dog, and giving



any needed medications? Who in your life will have the time, patience, dedication, and compassion to meet your pet's needs, and help them through the grieving process? Pets are very attached to their people, and losing you will be very distressing for them. They will need extra love and understanding during this difficult time. It's important that you find at least two responsible people who agree to serve as an emergency caregiver. That way, if the first person you have chosen passes away, there is a back up caregiver. Make

sure these people know the name of your veterinarian and have feeding and care instructions for your pets.

Under the law, pets are considered property, the same as your car or your home. Along with your material possessions, have you included your pets in your will so that the designated person can legally claim them? Be sure to talk to the person you have chosen first to make sure they're willing and able to take on the responsibility of providing a home for your pet. Having a fund set aside to cover your

pet's expenses after you pass away is a thoughtful way to help make the transition much easier for the guardian you have chosen. The fund should be large enough to cover food, medical bills, grooming, boarding, and any foreseeable expenses in the life of your pet.

In the event you don't have anyone to take care of your pet if something happens to you, there are several options to consider. One is a pet trust, a legal arrangement that provides care for a pet after its owner dies. Another is a perpetual pet care program. It promises lifelong care for pets whose owners have passed away or become disabled. Also, there are some organizations that will care for your pet for its lifetime if you make a large monetary donation. These are like "pet retirement homes", and although not ide-

al, it's better than your pet being abandoned at a shelter, or left to fend for itself. Always do your homework and visit the organization to see how the animals are cared for before making this decision.

Never forget, it is your duty and responsibility to make a plan for the animal that has given you years of companionship, loved you unconditionally, and enriched your life in so many ways. It is the ultimate parting gift for such a devoted companion and simply put, it's the right thing to do.

If you'd like to open your home to a pet who has lost its owner, please visit Wakulla Animal Services. Shelter hours are Tues-Fri 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sat 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Joann Sanders is a volunteer for Wakulla Animal Services.*

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# T P P

## What is it?

## Why is it important?

# T P P

**Tangible Personal Property:** All Wakulla County businesses were mailed a notice to file their 2023 Tangible Personal Returns in January. All businesses must submit an updated return, even if the business received exempt notices in prior years.

If your business has not filed your 2023 return, you still have time to file with an extension. Please visit our web site [www.mywakullapa.com](http://www.mywakullapa.com) to download the extension application and submit the completed extension form along with your 2023 return.

Why are we asking all businesses to submit an updated TPP return? Bottom line...our records need updating. We have businesses who have never filed a return, businesses who have not updated their returns and closed businesses still on the books! In other words, TPP has not been a priority in the past several years.

Our office is committed to follow Florida Statutes. Florida Statute 193.052 requires all businesses, regardless of size, to report their assets to the Property Appraiser by April 1 of each year. By submitting a timely return, each business is automatically granted a \$25,000 exemption from the depreciated asset value. Failure to file a return can trigger the loss of this exemption.

Wakulla County is a fiscally constrained county, which means Wakulla County receives State revenue to fund local government services. The formula for extra state funding includes all the TPP exemptions. Last year this funding was well over \$1,000,000, so it is important for this office to track and report all TPP exemptions. Even if your business has less than \$25,000 in business assets, you need to file a TPP return. You will owe no local taxes; however, the state will provide additional funds based on the exempted totals.

Please join me in congratulating **Chuck Turner**, our TPP and AG Appraiser, for earning a **Certified Florida Evaluator** designation from the Florida Department of Revenue. This was awarded after 120 hours of class, passing four strenuous exams, and two years of service in this office.

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*The Wakulla Sun*

# Wakulla Senior Center spring update

By CHRIS RUSSELL

The Senior Center staff and the Senior Center Board of Directors have had a spring in their step the past few months and have been hard at work making your Wakulla Senior Center the best in the State.

This past January, the Senior Center Transportation Team had their annual Florida Department of Transportation review. This was followed up a month later with the annual Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged evaluation of the Center's transportation operations. We are proud to advise that both reviews were positive, which is a tremendous statement as to the professionalism demonstrated daily by the Senior Center Team. As many in the community can attest to, the access afforded to them via the Center's transportation services is monumental to their overall well-being. As a reminder, Wakulla Transportation isn't just for Seniors, it is a resource available to all Wakulla County residents. Be on the lookout for our upcoming Wakulla Transportation Facebook page.

Many people know about our daily lunches, the music and games, as well as the aforementioned transportation services offered to seniors in our community by the Senior Center. However, the Senior Center Team is constantly researching new ways to serve our seniors and how to provide them more activities. This past February, the concept of a "First Monday Movie Day" was incorporated. This initiative was highly welcomed by the seniors and it has now transitioned into "Monday Movie Day" every Monday. The Team has also incorporated new board games and other novelties that are providing more daily recreational opportunities to Wakulla County's senior citizens. In just the first two months of 2023 alone, the Senior Center welcomed close to 600 guests!! This is a prime example as to the benefit the Senior Center brings to the residents of Wakulla County.

I'd like to take a moment and highlight some of the outstanding acknowledgements and accomplishments within the Wakulla County Senior Center Team:

This past January, Toni and Eric Livingston were recognized by Secretary Michelle Branham, the agency head for the Florida Department of Elder Affairs for their volunteer contributions. Toni and Eric have been faithful volunteers with the Center's Home Delivered Meals Program for over 19 years. They truly embody a commitment to their community. Congratulations Toni and Eric!!

The Center welcomed Lily Rich as the new arts/crafts facilitator recently and she has hit the ground running helping to provide great activities for the seniors.

Under the dedicated leadership of Ms. Sue Anderson, and with the help of a slew of gracious helpers, the Senior Center held its 3rd annual Celebrity Spaghetti Dinner at the Seineyard at Wildwood on March 1st. Around \$20,000 was raised, which will aid us with our ability to continue expanding the meal services provided, as well as enhancing other essential programs benefiting the seniors in Wakulla County. A heartfelt thank-you goes out to all of the celebrity servers,

all of the donors, and to all of the volunteers that made this event such a success. A special tip of the hat goes to Sheriff Jared Miller for collecting the most tips during the event.

We constantly seek input from the clients that we serve as to how we can serve them better, we welcome your input as well!! To keep up to date with Senior Center happenings, follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/WakullaSeniorCenter> or check out our website at [wakullaseniorcenter.com](http://wakullaseniorcenter.com).

If you haven't checked out the Wakulla County Senior Center, we welcome you to do so. The Senior Center is a true jewel in our community and provides needed services/activities to our senior citizens. The Senior Center Team is always looking for volunteers to help us help those in need, if you'd like to give us a hand, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Until next time, enjoy the beautiful weather here in Wakulla County.

*Chris Russell is a Board Member of the Wakulla Senior Center.*

## FROM THE PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE

# Time is flying by



By ED BRIMNER

2023 is flying by! Our office was very busy the past couple of months.

We made it through our statutory March 1st deadline for all exemptions and agriculture classifications to be applied for. Don't worry though, if you missed the deadline, please contact our office immediately, either in person or with a phone call, to submit a late application. Florida Statutes gives me wide latitude to evaluate each late application and

I may be able to approve yours.

Community outreach is important. We have recently found several families who were paying hundreds of dollars in extra taxes because they didn't know of exemptions they qualified for. I want to make sure every exemption is taken advantage of. This office strives to highlight every legal exemption so your taxable value will be as low as possible.

Someone from our staff attends Realtor's meetings to ensure our county's frontline experts know as much as possible as they work with buyers and sellers. We routinely discuss topics such as homestead exemption, portability, property value trends, agriculture, mapping, navigating our website, tangible personal property, parcel records, etc.

While our Realtors meet every month, we are available to any group of people who want to learn more about our office.

Another way we have extended our informational reach is to improve and increase our presence on social media. Growing our social media presence over the last couple of years has been impactful. We post on Facebook information about our office, what we are doing, approaching deadlines, legislative changes, etc. If you aren't following us already and would like to, make sure to give us a follow or like on Facebook. Our Facebook page name is Wakulla County Property Appraiser.

I am always available to give presentations at any local community civic club, HOA, church group, etc. It is through presentations we find

people who are not taking advantage of different exemption. You will see us in local parades and we have a booth at most local events. Stop by and talk with us—whoever is staffing the booth will have loads of information. If you have a question that cannot be answered on the spot, we will research the answer and get back to you.

We look forward to providing Wakulla County residents and property owners with continued information in the coming months. Our office is always available to answer questions. Please call (850) 284-0500 or visit our website at [www.mywakullapa.com](http://www.mywakullapa.com).

hope to hear from you soon.

*Ed Brimmer is Wakulla County Property Appraiser.*



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# Jordan Miller

From Front Page

around his senior year of high school, Miller notes that he felt like he was missing a passion.

In his search for a new passion, Miller rekindled his love for music. "I've always loved music," says Miller, who shared that he found a love for writing and poetry in middle school – he wanted to combine poems with melodies. When he first started to explore music, his grandfather Stan Tucker allowed him to learn on an acoustic guitar, and his friend Brandon Autrey encouraged him – especially, when learning was difficult.

After marrying his wife Amanda, Miller moved to Tallahassee in 2016. In July 2017, the couple moved to Nashville. Miller says that his goal in moving to Nashville was to "wake up everyday and do something with music." As luck would have it, he found a job within the music industry.

Miller joined a Young Entertainment Professionals Facebook group, and eventually found a post from fellow founding member of Highway Natives Brandon Moore who was looking to see if anyone was interested in co-writing. Miller reached out and the two met in downtown Nashville, not realizing that they actually lived near each other. That initial meeting led to Miller and Moore spending a year

writing songs and having jam sessions together.

In 2019, Miller and Moore officially formed an American rock band called Highway Natives, and they were eventually joined by Artie Scarazzo, Arthur Stover, and Matt Drummey.

According to Miller, being on stage is only a couple of hours – the rest is being in a van traveling to venues and hanging out with each other. He says that some of his favorite memories of his time with the band are of being in the van, conversing, and getting to know everyone.

"You have to be a good hang," he says in regard to being in Nashville and being in a band.

Miller says that the creation of the band happened naturally, and that he has truly found a family among his fellow band members.

"These guys have made me feel like I'm doing what I'm supposed to be doing."

In February, Highway Natives performed at a few events in Wakulla, including at the ribbon-cutting for the business of family friend Brian English at his new offices for English Financial, and adding a fundraiser show for the new Wakulla Community Theater at Sopchoppy School.

"I would like to thank everybody who had us be a part of their events," Miller says, adding he was happy to be home. "There was a big sense of



Highway Natives during their time in Wakulla County last month: they performed at English Financial's open house and the next night performed at a fundraiser for Wakulla Community Theater.

community living here," he says reflecting on his childhood. Miller says the band hopes to continue including performances within communities that are meaningful to them.

Through his music, Miller hopes others experience emotions.

"I'm just a lover of life," says Miller, who added that he is inspired by everything around him. He says that he loves spending time with his son, sharing that it's "fun to see him experience

things for the first time."

Miller has worked to establish roots in Nashville with his family and band, and to build a strong community around him.

"No matter what, you can only be yourself," says Miller who would advise local youth; especially those interested in pursuing a creative career, to look inward and trust themselves. "If that's what you want to do, then you've got to do it."

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You come to it's gates, it's mouth opens wide. A strangers voice says come on inside.

You enter in by the flesh, The Holy Spirit, is pushed aside. You hear others laughing, entangled, entwined

Mocking the Bible; saying this is not the end times!

You see others asleep, in big comfy chairs, their soul is dying while unawares!

And some are so busy, with promotions and work, to make a few extra bucks, to pay for fancy houses

and shiny new trucks. Forget about the poor, the widows and such, It's not my fault they don't have much!

You see the young and adults, how alike they look? Star-gazed on youtube, twitter and facebook.

Mingled in with the prince of the air, A fish trapped in a net, the less they could care! Facing death

entrapped in the devils snare!

With conscience dumbed down, and seared. They were blinded to the signs, when they first appeared.

The Trumpet sounds! They won't get out! The truth they will not seek nor find, they embraced a reprobate mind!

But there were some that knew The One, They refused to follow the music or beat of the drum!

They did not speak with a babylonian tongue.

The antichrist was given the reign, to give the world a babylon name. He appointed his meat and his wine, his doctrine, to drunken the world in time. His image was made, like desirable gold, his mark to take will soon unfold. The craftiness to steal your soul; So consider Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego; Lest they be defiled, these men would not eat; the sinful pleasures of the world, or the taste of it's meat! Nor sit in the place of the scornful seat! So the fire was set, seven times the heat! They still refused to bow, Or eat the worlds meat! They were bound and thrown in, these Godly three men; life or death, they would not sin! Nebuchadnezzar looked again, there was not three, but now four men!

The Son of man, came for his disciples in true. This same Jesus, can come to your rescue!

And the smell of smoke, will not be upon you.

Hearken not to the world, nor friend this enemy, walk in holiness, upright before me. Don't let the cares of this world consume your time; nor drink of this worlds poisonous wine.

And when the antichrist, seeks to make you de-rail..... Tell him

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# Real life anger



By GREG GAST

Anger is normal human reaction and is one of the basic human emotions, such as, happiness, sadness, anxiety, or disgust. All of these emotions are part of basic human survival though out history. Anger can be effective and beneficial in certain situations, like threats

of injury or harm to yourself or others.

Anger is part of the fight or flight response of the sympathetic system. It can also be due to this very human reason-righteous indignation. It is brought about by the emotions of shame or guilt. If someone attempts to shame or guilt you or if you do something shameful and someone brings it to your attention privately or publicly likely you will become angry. Why?... to get them to stop.

Everyone knows the feeling, but anger that is frequently mobilized can undermine relationships or damage physical health in

the long term. Studies have shown that prolonged anger can lead to cardiovascular diseases, bulimia, diabetes, and road accidents.

There are many internal and external factors that lead to anger. Internal factors can include mental instability, depression, or alcoholism.

External factors can be financial or professional issues, or family and relationship issues.

There are different types of anger:

• **Inward Anger** is directed internally and can include dark and depressing thoughts and negative self-talk. Punishing your self is

usually associated with inward anger.

• **Outward Anger** is expressing anger verbally or physically toward other people and things. Shouting and cursing, breaking things, or attacking other people.

• **Passive Anger** or passive-aggressive behavior are actions like being sarcastic or degrading toward others, giving others the silent treatment and sulking.

With all of this how do you manage anger? Think before speaking take a deep breath don't be reactive. Express your anger in a constructive way assertive non-confrontational manner.

Clearly and directly without hurting the other people involved. It's helpful to remind yourself that anger won't fix anything and might make things worse. Use 'I' statements. Pointing fingers using 'you' statement builds resentments. Let go of grudges being able to forgive can dramatically decrease anger. To err is human but to forgive divine. Use humor it can go a long way; lowering the intensity of the moment.

A timeout is sometimes the best solution. Taking a step back and walk away for a few moments. It helps ease the tension and al-

lows you to catch your breath, organize your thoughts, and gain your composure.

Understand if you can't control your anger by yourself. Seek professional help if you believe it is out of control.

Let me know what you think...

Send your questions to Real Life Counseling, 3295 Crawfordville Hwy., suite #4, Crawfordville FL 32327 in care of Gregory E. Gast, MS, LMHC, NCC. Your name will be changed and the answer to your question will appear in an upcoming issue of The Wakulla Sun.

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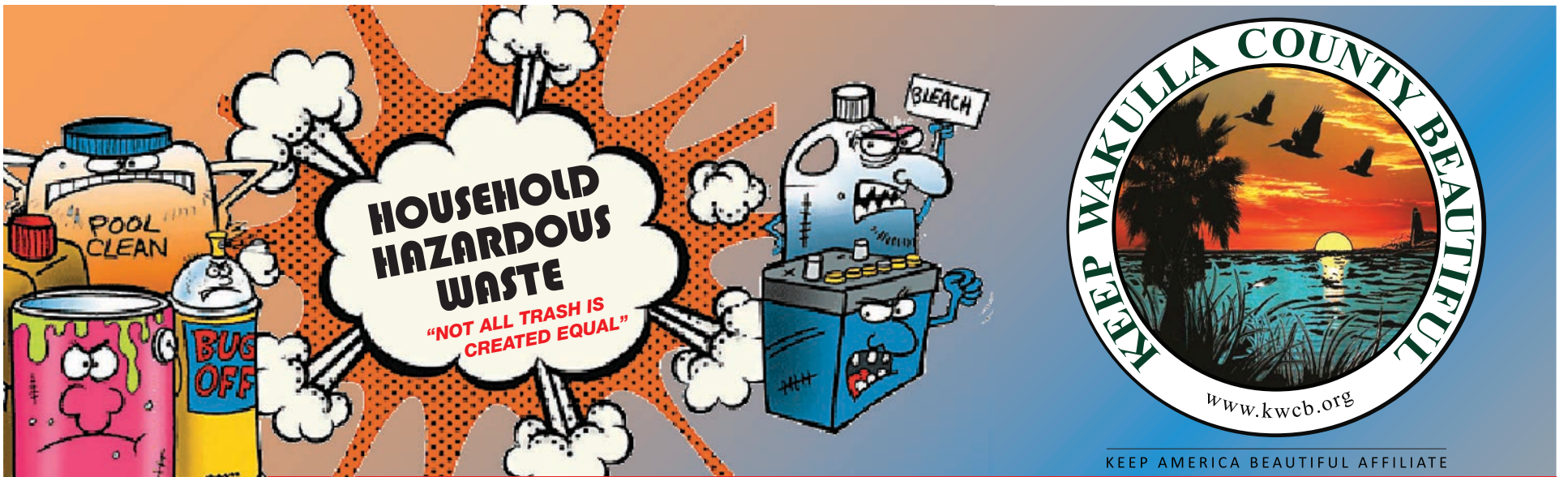
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# Tips for spring cleaning



By SAMANTHA KENNEDY

As the chill of winter begins to fade and the warmth of spring approaches, it is time to start thinking about spring cleaning. Spring cleaning is a time-honored tradition that has been practiced for centuries. It is the perfect opportunity to declutter your home, refresh your living spaces, and get your house in order for the new season. But where to begin? Here are some spring cleaning tips that may provide some motivation.

**Make a plan.** The first step in any successful

spring cleaning project is to make a plan. Decide which rooms should be tackled first, what tasks need to be accomplished, and how much time is available to complete them. Making a plan will help you stay organized and focused, and will help you avoid feeling overwhelmed.

**Declutter.** Spring cleaning is the perfect time to declutter. Take a look around and identify items that are no longer used or needed. Make three piles: keep, donate, and throw away. Be ruthless when decluttering. If something has not been used in over a year, it is time to let it go.

**Clean from top to bottom.** Start strategically, working from top to bottom. Start by dusting the ceiling, walls, and light fixtures, then work down to the furniture and floors. This will help ensure that nothing



Spring cleaning usually means using a variety of cleaning products. Cut back on the number of chemicals by using multi-purpose cleaners or mixing natural ingredients to create homemade cleaners.

is missed and that dust and dirt are not spread around the room.

**Use the right tools.** Using the right cleaning tools can make a big difference in the effectiveness of your spring cleaning. A good vacuum cleaner, a microfiber mop, and a high-quality all-purpose cleaner are

essential tools that can help get the job done quickly and efficiently.

**Don't forget the small details.** It is easy to focus on the big tasks during spring cleaning, but it is important not to forget the small details. Clean light switches, doorknobs, and baseboards. Dust blinds and

window sills. Clean the oven and microwave. These small tasks can make a big difference in the overall cleanliness of your home.

**Get the family involved.** Spring cleaning does not have to be a solo project. Get the family involved and make it a fun activity. Assign

tasks to each family member and make a game out of who can finish their tasks first. Not only will more get done, but you may also create more memories with loved ones.

**Make it a yearly tradition.** Finally, make spring cleaning a yearly tradition. By making it a habit, you will avoid letting clutter and dirt build up and will be able to enjoy the benefits of a clean and organized living space all year long.

In conclusion, spring cleaning can be a daunting task, but with the right plan and a positive mindset, it could turn out to be a more enjoyable annual tradition. For more information about spring cleaning tips, please call Samantha Kennedy at (850) 926-3931.

*Samantha Kennedy is Wakulla County Extension Director.*

## On the Horizon

### The monthly calendar of events

#### Saturday, April 1

- The 12th Annual Wakulla Chamber of Commerce Low Country Boil will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at 3Y Ranch.
- Panacea Farmers Market will be held in Downtown Panacea next to the Panacea fire department from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Local vendors will be selling homemade and homegrown items and food vendors will be there.

#### Monday, April 3

- The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners will meet at 5 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.
- Intro to Tai Chi held at the Community Center from 9 to 10 a.m., every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. All ability levels are welcome; please wear comfortable clothing. For questions call Rich or Terri Bushman at 850-228-9214.
- The Wakulla Respite Program will be available for anyone with memory impairment at no cost from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Ellen Baptist Church every Monday.
- Hatha yoga at 9 a.m. and Restorative Yoga at 6 p.m. with Zoe, every Monday. Packages available for \$12 at New Posh on 3079 Crawfordville Hwy. Please RSVP email at newposh3079@gmail.com or text/call at (850) 528-5838.

#### Tuesday, April 4

- The Wakulla County Charter Review Commission will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Marks

Room at the Wakulla County Community Center.

- Sopchoppy Community Dinner is held every week on Tuesday at the Towles House at 6:30 p.m.
- Yin Yoga at 10:30 a.m. and Flow Yoga at 6 p.m. with Nellie, every Tuesday.

#### Wednesday, April 5

- Muffins with Moms Prenatal Support Group will meet at 9 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 10 a.m. at the Wakulla County Health Department. Contact Liz Neighbors at 850-888-6078 or elizabeth.neighbors@flhealth.gov for more information.
- A Line Dance class will be held at 1 p.m. at the Wakulla Senior Center every Wednesday.

#### Thursday, April 6

- CPR & AED Training will be held at the Florida Department of Health in Wakulla from 5:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. You must be preregistered to attend, \$30, and certification is good for 2 yrs. Contact Amanda West at 850-926-0400 or Amanda.west@flhealth.gov for more information.
- The VFW Auxiliary Bingo Night will be held at 7 p.m. at 475 Arran Road in Crawfordville, every Thursday. There will be concessions and raffles.
- The Rotary Club of Wakulla County holds its weekly meeting at the TCC Wakulla Center at 8:30 a.m., every Thursday.
- Hatha Yoga with Zoe at 9 a.m. and Yin Yoga with Nellie at 6 p.m., every Thursday.

#### Friday, April 7

- GOOD FRIDAY
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 8 p.m. every Friday at the American Legion, 54 Ochlockonees St.

#### Saturday, April 8

- The Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival will be held all day from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. in downtown Sopchoppy.
- The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group will meet at the Wakulla County Public Library at 10 a.m.

#### Sunday, April 9

- EASTER
- Monday, April 10
- The Wakulla County Planning Commission Meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers.
- The Sopchoppy City Commission meeting will be held at Sopchoppy City Hall at 6:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, April 12

- The Wakulla County Garden Club will be meeting at the Wakulla County Public Library hosting presentations and workshops about gardening in Wakulla soil at 12 p.m.

#### Thursday, April 13

- The St. Marks City Commission meeting will be held at St. Marks City Hall at 6 p.m.
- The Sopchoppy Depot Committee meeting will be held at the Depot, 34 Railroad Avenue at 4:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, April 15

- Wakulla County Horseman's Association show will be held at 1757 Lawhon Mill Road. All shows start at 11 a.m. and the Jackpot starts at noon. Entry Fees are \$25 for Jackpot; exhibitions are \$3; club classes are \$6 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. Membership is \$25 for single and \$40 for family.
- Seat at the Table: Descendant - A documentary screening and discussion will be held at 3 p.m. at Palaver Tree Theater.

#### Monday, April 17

- TAX DAY
- The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners will meet at 5 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.
- The Wakulla County School Board meets in the school administration building at 5:45 p.m.
- The American Legion Post 114 will be meeting at the Wakulla County Public Library at 6:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, April 20

- The Wakulla County Cancer Support Group will meet in the Education Center of the Crawfordville United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. This group meeting is for men and women, regardless of the type of cancer. Spouses, caregivers, and friends are welcome. For more information, call 850-926-6050.

#### Saturday, April 22

- EARTH DAY
- A two-day Yard Sale

Extravaganza will be held at Sherlock Springs from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Set-up time is from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. For more information or to reserve a space, call Kathy at 850-274-0512. The event will also be held on Sunday, April 23.

- Healthy Dreamers of Wakulla meeting, Earth Day Discussion, will be held at 3 p.m. at Palaver Tree Theater.
- A Wakulla Family Fun Day Event will be held by the Wakulla County Health Department at Azalea Park from 9 a.m. to noon.

#### Monday, April 24

- The Sopchoppy Lions Club meets the 4th Monday of

each month at the Historic Sopchoppy High School at 6:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, April 29

- Keep Wakulla County Beautiful will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Day at the Wakulla County Community Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Sopchoppy Opry at the Historic Sopchoppy High School Auditorium featuring Doug Jernigan - Fiddle and Steel Show starting at 7 p.m. Individual show tickets are \$15 each.

- Compiled by Riddhi Patel.

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# Don't park outside designated areas at boat ramps



By **JARED MILLER**  
Wakulla Sheriff

From the Desk of Sheriff Miller:

Spring is officially here, though it seems like it arrived a little earlier than normal this year. With spring and warmer weather comes an opportunity to get out and enjoy some of the many outdoor activities there are in our wonderful county.

One of the more popular activities in Wakulla enjoying our

ample access to rivers and the Gulf via boating. I wanted to take some time this month to discuss an issue that comes up every year in the spring and summer around this topic and that is boat parking.

Currently there are about five popularly used county maintained public boat ramps in Wakulla, along with others maintained by the city of St. Marks, and Sopchoppy.

Specifically, the boat ramps at Lower Bridge, St. Marks, Shell Point, and Mashas Sands are some of the most popular places for people to utilize for boating during the warmer months of the year.

However, with each of these particular locations, there is also

limited space available for those who wish to use them. Every year parking becomes a significant problem at these areas. Often times patrons to these boat ramps solve this issue by parking outside of the designated areas, along the roadside, or on private property.

While I certainly understand the frustration with the parking difficulties, and the desire to get your car parked and get out on the water. Parking your vehicle outside of the designated spaces puts you at risk for potential consequences.

Parking on the shoulder of the roadway is a violation of state law and may result in a traffic citation being issued to the registered owner

of the vehicle.

Likewise any vehicle that is parked where part of the vehicle or trailer is in any way still in the roadway is a violation. In this scenario the owner may not only be ticketed but their vehicle towed at their expense. It's important to know that this includes designated bike paths, such as the one at Mashas Sands as well.

Additionally it is not uncommon for would-be boaters who cannot find an official parking spot to pull onto a nearby seemingly unoccupied private property. Parking on private property without the permission of the property owner may also result in the offending vehicle and trailer being towed at the owner's

expense.

Lastly, parking within the designated parking lots, but doing so in a way that impedes or blocks traffic to other users, may result in the offending vehicle being towed.

It should be noted that in the scenarios listed above the decision to tow or not tow a vehicle, is based on the safety of others using the roadway, owners request etc., not in an effort to punish any individual.

Over the past several years Wakulla County has dedicated quite a bit of resources into improving the boat ramps and parking areas providing better access to Wakulla County's waterways.

With that improvement has come an

increased interest in them from both residents and nonresidents. This is certainly a positive for our county over all, improving both quality of life for residents and helping our local economy.

However, it's important for everyone to know the rules and avoid any potential problems.

If you wish to use one of our public boat ramps, be sure to arrive early and utilize a designated parking spot.

As always, if there is any way I or my staff can help you please don't hesitate to call. 850-745-7100, or call 911 for emergencies.

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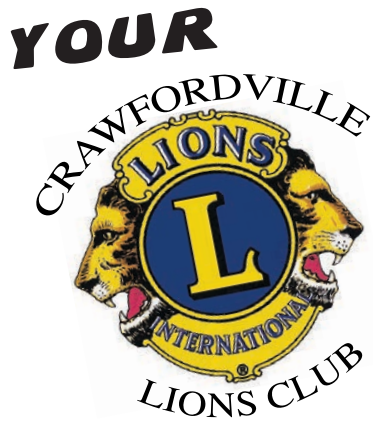
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<b>12:15- 1:00</b>	<b>LIVE MUSIC: MOUNT OLIVE YOUTH CHOIR</b>
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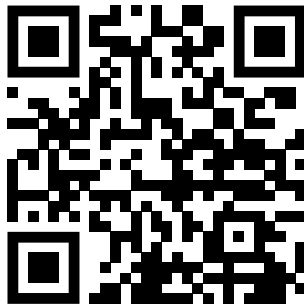
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## CROSSWORD

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Millisecond
5. Narcotic drug
11. Accident
14. Formal submissions
15. Popular 70s rock band
18. Discourage from doing

### CLUES DOWN

19. More socially elite
21. Arid
23. A way to look
24. Heroes
28. A surfer rides it
29. Potato state
30. Insect repellent
32. Cool!
33. Have already done

### CLUES DOWN

35. Collegiate women's fraternity
36. To the \_\_\_ degree
39. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
41. Blood type
42. Looked over
44. Language of Cameroon and Chad
46. Species of armadillo
47. Touch softly

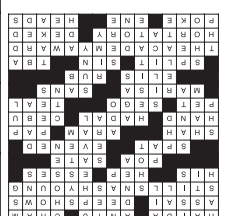
### CLUES DOWN

1. Woman (French)
2. Province of Pakistan
3. This (Spanish)
4. Transportation device
5. Greater in importance or priority
6. The human foot
7. Within
8. Consumed

### CLUES DOWN

9. Respectful Malaysian term
10. Therefore
12. Ceased to exist
13. Type of macaroni
16. English composer
17. Wooded tract
20. Tall, slender-leaved plant
22. 36 inches
25. Take too much (abbr.)
26. Allow
27. Individually
29. Journalist Tarbell
31. Bar bill
34. Hong Kong food stall: \_\_\_ pai dong
36. Not messy
37. Species that includes reed mace
38. Former MLB catcher Ed
40. Northern U.S. state
43. Wilt
45. Commercial
48. Bolivian river
50. Nursemaid
51. A car needs four
53. Guns (slang)
54. American state
55. Clusters of fern fronds
57. Body part
58. A person's brother or sister
59. Breed of sheep native to Sweden
61. Of I

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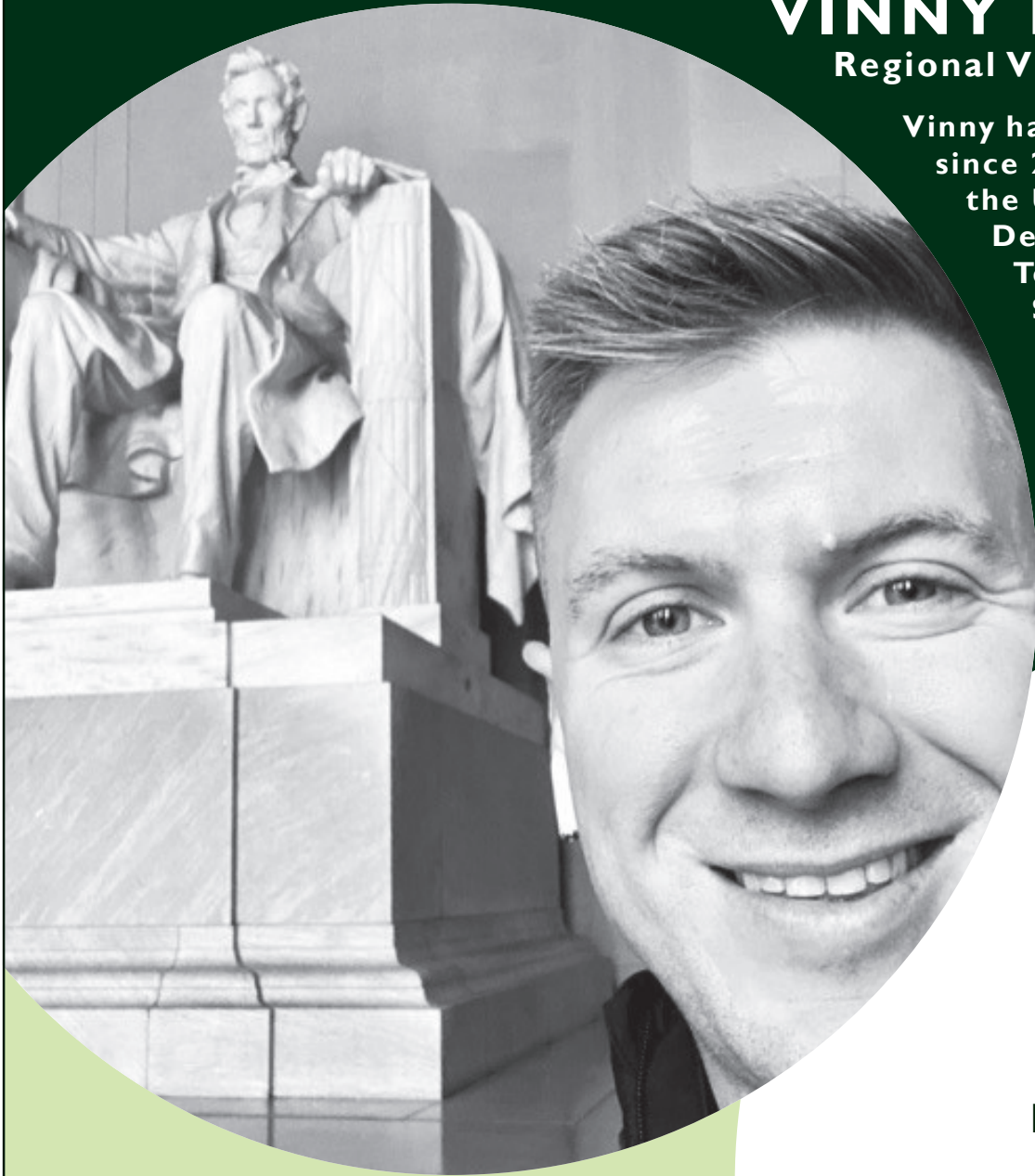
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**Presenter:**

**VINNY MINUTOLO,**

Regional Vice President, Lincoln Financial

Vinny has been with the financial services industry since 2006 and Lincoln since 2011. A graduate of the University of South Florida with a Finance Degree, he started his career at Franklin Templeton Investments in St. Petersburg. Since 2011, Vinny has been with Lincoln and worked with Financial Advisors throughout Florida and Georgia to help educate their clients on financial markets and how Lincoln's product offerings can help in volatile markets. He lives with his wife and two dogs in Tampa.



**Tuesday,  
April 11**

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&**

**Wednesday,  
April 26**

**RSVP by Monday, April 24**

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