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"It's a New Day"

Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PM Tunderstorms	Isolated Tunderstorms	Scattered Tunderstorms
Hi: 87° Lo: 72° 42%	Hi: 84° Lo: 72° 52%	Hi: 85° Lo: 65° 57%
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Memorial Day



Memorial Day was observed with a solemn wreath-laying ceremony on the courthouse grounds on Monday, May 26. A crowd of about 75 attended the event. The keynote speaker was Roxann Dressel, commander of the local American Legion, who noted this year is the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War, and the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II. “Cherish peace,” she said, “uphold justice, and never forget the true meaning of Memorial Day.” A list of Wakulla’s war dead since World War I appears on Page 3. (Photos by William Snowden)



Mauney found guilty of second degree murder

After a two-day trial, it took a jury only 20 minutes to deliberate and return a guilty verdict

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

Stuart Mauney, who was charged with killing a man in the Purify Bay Road area back in December 2021, was found guilty of second degree murder after a two-day trial last week.

It took the six-person jury only 20 minutes to deliberate and return the guilty verdict.

Mauney showed no reaction when the verdict was read, but his wife, sitting in the gallery behind him, began crying. He was taken into custody by bailiffs, but they allowed Mauney to kiss his wife goodbye before taking him to jail. Mauney’s wife sobbed as he kissed her.

He is set for sentencing on July 10 and could be sentenced to life in prison.

At the trial, Mauney took the stand in his own defense, claiming the shooting of Timothy Blyth was self-defense. He said he was being hassled by hunters, including Blyth, as he corralled his standard Poodles out on the refuge.



Stuart Mauney

Blyth was out scouting that area of the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge before the general gun hunt the next weekend.

The day of the killing was a weekend mobility hunt for disabled hunters, who were allowed to hunt from the road, and Mauney was in the area walking with his two poodles. One hunter, Eddie Alday, stopped to warn Mauney to be careful with his dogs during the hunt and suggested Mauney should be wearing a blaze orange vest so hunters could see him.

Mauney’s reaction was, according to Alday, very aggressive, cussing at him and calling him stupid. Mauney testified that his reaction to Alday was measured and simple: walking with his dogs was an allowable activity on public land even during hunting season.

Alday left and stopped to talk to Blyth at the check-in station. The two men had met earlier in the day. Mauney came up in his truck and stopped with the apparent intention of continuing the confrontation with Alday – pointing out allowable activities on refuge land and checking the clipboard for recording harvested deer. Alday drove off, frustrated with the exchange.

In Mauney’s telling, Blyth walked up to him and announced: “I’m going to kick your ass.” Mauney armed himself with a 9mm pistol from his truck. Blyth still approached and hit Mauney in the jaw, briefly blinding his eye and ringing his ears. Mauney called it a “brutal attack” in his testimony and said he was consused. He cleared his head and then fired the pistol at Blyth.

Mauney, a retired surgical nurse, offered no medical assistance to Blyth, and did not call law enforcement about the shooting. Instead he drove off in his truck – and went looking for his dogs, which had run off presumably from the noise of the shooting.

(Not mentioned in Mauney’s version of events is how Blyth’s phone ended up in the woods, and that the last thing the man had done was take a photo of Mauney’s truck and tag.)

Mauney, an avid bicyclist, went home and put on his biker spandex and helmet and rode to several of his neighbor’s houses asking after his dogs. Unable to find them, he called his wife and said he needed her help to find the dogs.

After his direct testimony, Wakulla Chief Prosecutor Andrew Deneen’s first question on cross examination was, “Where’s the gun?” – referring to the 9mm pistol used in the shooting that was never found by law enforcement.

Mauney replied that it was buried in his backyard, in a box, and that he had put it there an hour or two after the shooting.

Mauney insisted on cross-examination that he stood in one place during the alleged attack by Blyth and when he shot the man – but Deneen said the location of the shell casings from the pistol indicated that Mauney was moving towards the victim. And the entry wounds on the victim indicate Blyth was first hit in the lower abdomen,

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Lady War Eagles fall in Final Four



The Wakulla High School Lady War Eagles softball team made it all the way to the Final Four before they lost 3-2 to the Eustis Panthers on Wednesday, May 21. The team is seen above in a group photo before the start of the game. Eustis scored first with a run in the 3rd inning and Wakulla tied it up in the 4th inning, but the Panthers scored again in the 5th and 6th innings, and the War Eagles could only manage one run in the 7th. Eustis faced Somerset Academy in the state championship the next day but lost 10-2. At right, Coach Sally Wheeler talks to Cylie Long. (Photos by Perry Dissmore)





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Student of the Week

Cody Carranza – 8th grader at Wakulla Middle School

Principal: Simeon Nelson

Achievements/Reason for Nomination: Cody Carranza is an exceptional student whose dedication and hard work shine both in and out of the classroom. As a trumpet player in the Symphonic Band, Cody's musical talent is matched by his leadership, earning him the Leadership Award for Band Students. He consistently challenges himself academically in Honors classes and has maintained A/B honor roll status throughout the year. Cody's academic accomplishments are equally impressive—he passed all state exams with scores of 4 or higher, including achieving double level 5s in two subjects, demonstrating his commitment to excellence. Cody is also an avid reader, reading over a million words this year. He was chosen for this recognition for his drive, leadership skills, kindness, and love of learning. The Wildcats are proud to have Cody as a student at WMS!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK FEATURES A DIFFERENT SCHOOL EACH WEEK.

Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park

Soft greeneyes

By LYNN ARTZ, DAVID RODDENBERRY, and
SANDY TEDDER



Soft greeneyes (Berlandiera pumila) delight with their sunny flowers atop stems 2-3 feet tall. Each 2-inch flower has 8 yellow notched petals around a center disk. Numerous tiny tubular disc florets gradually turn from green to maroon and smell faintly like chocolate. After the seeds disperse, a green center remains. Each upright branched stem bears several flowers for many weeks in the early summer. The flowers attract many pollinators. Soft greeneyes thrive in full sun in dry sandy soil. Also called eastern greeneyes, they grow in longleaf pine sandhills throughout the southeastern U.S. including the Panhandle and north Florida. Their cousin, Florida greeneyes (Berlandiera subacaulis), grows only in Florida but throughout most of the peninsula. Soft greeneyes are blooming now in the center of the northwest garden at Sopchoppy Depot Park.

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Private David Harris
Private Neal Williams
Machinist Mate Daniel Syfret Jr.

World War II

PFC Joseph Anderson
Tech Sgt. Idus F. Coleman
Sgt. Lawrence E. Council
PFC Tobard E. Clover Jr.
Lt. William H. Green
PFC Waldon G. Grimes
Cpl. John Hardcastle
PFC Arthur Johnson
PFC Edgar M. Pigott
Pvt. Guy Strickland
Columbus M. Woolley (no rank given)

Vietnam

Staff Sgt. Arthur Lee Andrews

Gulf Wars

CPO Matthew Bourgeois
Sgt. Javier Garcia
Lance Cpl. Charles Hanson Jr.
Sgt. First Class Mary Mitchell Taylor

Also recognized was Col. Cecil H. Bolton, Wakulla’s only known Medal of Honor winner. Col. Bolton received the award during World War II.

The full list of Wakulla’s war dead was read by Veteran Service Officer Winston Murphy at the Memorial Day observance. It includes the names of more than 60 local men killed in the Civil War.

The list of war dead was compiled by local resident Andrew Riddle, and there were several additions to this year’s list for new names for World War I, World War II and the Gulf Wars.

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.



THE CITY OF ST. MARKS REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANT SERVICES

The City of St. Marks is requesting qualifications from firms or individuals licensed to practice in the State of Florida for professional Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) services for the Gulfspray Drive, Wilson Street, and Terminal Drive SCOP.

For a complete copy of the RFQ, please email: kgatewood@cityofstmarks.com. Prospective firms/individuals should submit proposals on or before June 18, 2025 at 2:00PM Eastern Standard Time. The notice shall state the place, date, and time of the opening of bids or proposals. May 22, 29, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING AN APPLICATION FOR FINAL PLAT

The Wakulla County Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners will hold public hearings to consider the proposed application for final plat approval described below. Public Hearings are scheduled before the **Planning Commission on Monday, June 9, 2025, beginning at 6:00 P.M.**, and before the **Board of County Commissioners on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 5:00 P.M. unless otherwise noted below or as time permits.** All public hearings will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.



1. Application for Final Plat Approval: FP25-01

Applicant: Pafford Properties & Construction, LLC
Agent: Edwin Brown & Associates, Inc./Wade Brown
Proposal: create 96-lot residential subdivision – Pleasant Ridge
Tax ID Number: 00-00-072-000-10160-000
Existing FLU Map: Urban Core (FLUE Policy 1.2.9)
Current Zoning: R-3 (Section 5-32, LDC)
FEMA Flood Info: “X” & “A” zones on Panel 0250E
Parcel size: 25.26+/- acres

Location: south side of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Memorial Road, across from Mallard Pond Subdivision

Hearing Required: Planning Commission: Monday, June 9, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
BOCC: Monday, June 16, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

If an individual wishes to submit documents or other materials related to a matter before the Planning Commission for consideration by the Planning Commission at a public meeting, they are strongly encouraged to submit copies of all such documents or other materials to the Wakulla County Office of Planning and Community Development at least 3 days prior to the date of the meeting so that they can be provided to the Commission Members. If an individual wishes to bring documents or other materials for consideration by the Planning Commission that were not previously provided to the Wakulla County Office of Planning and Community Development in accordance with the preceding sentence, they must bring at least twelve (12) copies of each such document to the meeting.

Copies of applications, draft ordinances, and any related public record files may be viewed at the County Planning Department located at 11 Bream Fountain Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM M-F; Phone (850) 926-3695. Any person desiring to appeal a decision of a County Board must ensure a verbatim transcript or copy is made of the testimony and exhibits presented at said hearings. 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 and Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771; or email at ADARquest@mywakulla.com.

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City of Sopchoppy Notice of Public Meeting

The City of Sopchoppy will hold a regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 9, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, FL.

Purpose of Meeting: General Business.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that 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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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA NOTICE OF INTENT TO CHANGE

RULE CHAPTER AND TITLE: School Board Policy 6.181 Probationary Status of Non-Instructional Personnel

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To reflect procedural clarity and legislative alignment.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1012.22, 1012.23 Florida Statutes

LAWS IMPLEMENTED: 1001.43, 1012.40, Florida Statutes

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION: N/A

ECONOMIC IMPACT: None

REVISION ORIGINATED BY: Lori Sandgren, Executive Director of Human Resources

REVISION APPROVED BY: Richard Myhre, Superintendent of Schools

IF REQUESTED WITHIN TWENTY-ONE (28) DAYS OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE HELD -

TIME: 5:45 p.m.

PLACE: Administrative Offices, Wakulla County School Board, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327

DATE: July 21, 2025

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1. Application for Final Plat Approval: FP25-02

Applicant: 68V Misting Springs (FL) 23, LLC
Agent: Urban Catalyst Consultants, Inc./Sean Marston
Proposal: create 74-lot residential subdivision – Misting Springs Phase III
Tax ID Number: part of 00-00-077-000-10365-000
Existing FLU Map: Urban Core (FLUE Policy 1.2.9)
Current Zoning: PUD (Section 5-50, LDC)
FEMA Flood Info: “X” zone on Panel 0250E
Parcel size: 5.58+/- acres

Location: east of intersection of Crawfordville Highway and Council Moore Road, abutting the southern boundary of Misting Springs Phase II Subdivision

Hearing Required: Planning Commission: Monday, June 9, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
BOCC: Monday, June 16, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

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FOLLOW THE SUN.

HOME ON THE RANGE

Preparing to clean your handgun



By MARJ LAW

“It’s new. I won’t have to clean it for a while. Maybe a long while!” says newbie Annie.

She just purchased a brand-new Smith & Wesson Shield 380 EZ. “And, when it’s time,” she continues, “I’ve bought a snake. You just put a bit of solvent on the snake and run it through the barrel. Presto! Easy peasy!”

Oh, if only it were true. Unfortunately for her, she’ll need to clean her new gun even before she visits the Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office range for the first time. Often, handguns come shipped with a heavy coating of preservative to prevent corrosion and rust. This means her gun needs to be taken apart and scrubbed to remove excess or it can degrade the gun’s action.

But fortunately for Annie, the EZ is truly easy to take apart and clean. First, Annie needs to collect the tools necessary to clean her gun both before using it and when it becomes dirty from shooting residue.

“OK. What do I need

besides my snake?” she asks.

“First, where do you plan to clean your gun?” I ask.

“What difference does that make?” Annie wants to know. “The dining room table looks like as good a place as any.”

“The solvent you use will ruin the finish on your smooth cherry wood table. How about we go to the kitchen bar? Even Corian should be protected with a special thick mat made just for this purpose. Usually, I place paper towels over the mat to make cleanup easier.”

“OK, I’ll get a mat. They’ll have one at our local gun shop, won’t they?”

“Sure.”

“It can’t be too expensive. OK. The snake and the mat. That’s not much. But what’s this about solvent?”

“The solvent will clean off the protective coating on your gun.”

“Oh yes. My uncle uses something called ‘Hoppees.’ He says that’s the best.”

“Hoppee’s has been used for many years, but I’d go for a synthetic solvent.”

“Why? It works for Uncle Ben.”

“Many people find the vapors to be harsh and can cause allergic reactions like runny nose and watery eyes. The synthetics are easier to use.”

“OK. I’ll get the snake, mat and the synthetic solvent. Is that everything now?” Annie is sounding a bit bothered.

“Well, let’s take the EZ apart.”

“Why?”



“This will help you see where you need to clean a gun. Then you’ll get ideas for the tools you’ll want to have on hand. But first, we’ll point the gun in a safe direction, inspect the chamber, and drop the magazine.”

“Why? We know it’s unloaded.”

“For safety’s sake, you always check to be absolutely certain that the gun is unloaded. When you purchased the gun, the shop owner pulled back the slide to show you that the gun was unloaded, right?”

“Yes.”

“So, even though he knew it was unloaded, he double-checked and made sure you knew it too.”

“Yes.”

“This is a safety procedure that should always be followed.”

I turn the takedown lever 90 degrees. Then I show Annie how to remove the slide from the frame. We turn the slide upside down and take out the recoil spring and the barrel.

“What do you see?” I ask her.

“Not much! It’s kinda dark in there.”

“Another item you might want is a special headlight. This light will shine right down into your gun. It will help you see if there is any shooting residue or rust.”

“Is that expensive?” she wonders.

“It’s not too bad, and it will make cleaning your gun much easier.”

“Is that everything I’ll need to buy?” Annie is sounding a bit peeved.

“Well, you may want to purchase some plastic dental tools.”

“What for?”

“You see all these grooves? The dental tools will help to get the debris out.”

“This is getting to be expensive. Please tell me this is the end of our shopping trip,” she pleads.

“Other items you may need are things you have on hand at home.”

“Like what, for example?”

“Well, you can buy little cotton squares. They’re not expensive. But if you have an old cotton T-shirt, you can cut it up into 1-2 inch squares.”

“What are they for?”

“You can saturate the cotton with solvent, and use those new dental picks to push it into the tight places.”

“Anything else?”

“I bet you have plenty of cotton swabs at home.”

“Swabs?”

“Yes. Q-tips.”

“Sure. We have plenty of them. What are they for?”

“Like the dental picks, they’re also good at swiping in narrow spots.”

“Is that all I’ll need?”

“You may find that a toothbrush gets in those hard-to-reach places.”

“How do I know which to use? The dental tools, swabs or toothbrush (and it won’t be mine!)?”

“You’ll have to figure out what tools you like to use best. Then, I make a foil tray to place the dirty swabs and t-shirt pieces in.”

“OK. When I get done cleaning all these places in the slide, you’ll probably tell me to clean inside the frame, too. Then I’ll be done and can put the gun back together again, right?”

“Well, not exactly.”

“What else is there to do?” Annie is getting a bit overwhelmed.

“While the synthetic gun oil will clean, lubricate and protect your gun, a bit of gun grease will help in the rails to keep them sliding smoothly.”


“I think you’re hinting that gun grease is also on the shopping list.”

“Yes,” I reply. “My favorite comes in a syringe-like tube. The shape helps you slide it in the grooves of the rails.”

“If a little is good, more is better. Right?”

“No, Annie. You don’t want too much grease. Too much grease can attach to the shooting residue and gob up. You want just the thinnest coating of grease. You might even take a Q-tip and slide it over the grease in your rails. This can absorb any excess,” I reply.


“Looks like I need a small toolbox for cleaning my EZ. But now that it’s all cleaned up, can we put the gun back together and go to the range?”



WEAKFISH
(*Cynoscin arenarius*)

Sometimes known as white trout or sea trout, weakfish are named for their tender mouths which easily pull free from a hook. They are softbitters and often the only indication that they are on the line is a light bump. Adults are found primarily inshore remaining in bays and inlets during the warm months and then moving to deeper water offshore during the winter. They are a small fish, reaching about 10-12" and less than 1 pd. They feed on small fish, shrimp, crabs, and squid. To avoid confusion with similar species, look for yellow color inside their mouth.

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WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO



Retired Wakulla Springs State Park Ranger Bob Thompson, on his weekly wildlife survey at the park last week, took this photo of yellow crowned night heron.

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Sun rise/set 6:36AM 8:32PM	Moon rise/set 8:49AM 11:43PM	High Tide	Low Tide	May 29 - June 4		Tide charts by tides4fishing.com		Minor Times 8:04AM 10:58PM		Major Times 2:32AM 3:04PM		
Moon Illumination 9%		Carrabelle	28 Min.	25 Min.			Best fishing days this month May 26-31, June 1-11, 25-30		Friday 30			
Friday 30		Apalachicola	1 Hr., 53 Min.	2 Hrs., 31 Min.					Minor Times 9:13AM ----		Major Times 3:34AM 4:02PM	
Sun rise/set 6:36AM 8:32PM	Moon rise/set 9:58AM ----	Cat Point	1 Hr., 13 Min.	2 Hrs., 3 Min.					Saturday 31			
Moon Illumination 17%		Lower Anchorage	1 Hr., 36 Min.	2 Hrs., 3 Min.					Minor Times 11:44PM 10:20AM		Major Times 4:29AM 4:55PM	
Saturday 31		West Pass	1 Hr., 26 Min.	2 Hrs., 39 Min.					Sunday 1			
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Moon Illumination 55%								Sunday 8				
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Sun rise/set 6:35AM 8:35PM	Moon rise/set 2:56PM 2:34AM							Tuesday 10				
Moon Illumination 64%								Wednesday 11				

St. Marks River Entrance				City of St. Marks				Shell Point, Spring Creek						
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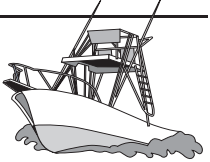


Above and top right, vessel exams; lower right, Steve Hultz, Wade Olson, and Phil Hill.



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



In support of National Safe Boating Week and the Memorial Day Weekend, Members of Flotilla 12 held a ramp day at the Fort in St. Marks. Present included Mike Casey, Steve Hultz, Phil Hill, Jorge Hernandez, Linda and Wade Olson. Thank you to Linda Olson and Mike Casey for the images.

The Vessel Safety Check program is a cornerstone of the Coast Guard Auxiliary's recreational boating safety mission. A Vessel Safety Check (VSC) is a free lookover of your boat or paddlecraft and its equipment for compliance with federal and state safety requirements. If your vessel meets all the VSC requirements, it is awarded a VSC decal. Please read on and, once you are ready, schedule your free Vessel Safety Check at your boat or paddlecraft! The process The Vessel Examiners performing your

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Coast Guard Station

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Coast Guard Auxiliary

Apalachee Bay (Flotilla 12) (850) 942-7500

or (850) 284-1166

VSC have been trained to look for the more common problems, which might occur in your boat or paddlecraft, or with its safety equipment. Some of the items your examiner will check include: boat registration, life jackets, distress signals, fire extinguishers, sound producing devices, and navigation lights.

The Vessel Examiner will award the VSC decal if your vessel passes all parts of the check. Boating safety education Also during your VSC, the Vessel Examiner will talk with you about the purpose of specific ma-

rine safety equipment, discuss certain safety practices and answer any related questions you have. Some topics discussed include: survival tips, boat fuel management, interpreting sea conditions and how to report accidents. Your examiner is also available to clarify various federal and state regulations for boating in your area.

Thanks to Sherrie, we will always remember safe boating is no accident! Check back next week for more information from the 2023 Recreational Safe Boating report..

If you would like to learn more about vessel safety checks, please contact Steve Hults, Staff Officer for Vessel Examinations at steve.hults@uscgaux.net

Please contact us for more information about our safe boating classes or learning more about getting involved in the Auxiliary, check out our website at www.uscgaux.net follow us on FaceBook @ Apalachee Bay Flotilla 12 or contact our Flotilla Commander Norma Hill at njhill@ballstate.bsu.edu.

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Underwater

Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

Folks diving in a cave must always know the way out. July 14, 2011

We have previously discussed the thin white line cave divers lay behind them as a map to safely exit the cave. Along the way, these lines, when left in the cave, become permanent lines complete with markers for personal identification, alternate passages (called jumps), distance markers and line arrows pointing to the closest way to the surface.

Early white cave line had these markers made of wood, duct tape and clothespins. Today they are mostly plastic. In the early 1990s as more people repeatedly dove the same cave, these fragile white lines were replaced with a much larger, more durable and colorful (orange) polypropylene line named the Gold Line.

Today, Cave Safety Officers assigned by the National Speleological Society – Cave Diving Unit and the National Association for Cave Diving, coordinate Line and Safety Committees around Florida to replace white line with gold, place safety labels and generally improve the safety of our caves (build steps, work with land owners and federal, state and local officials). These respected organizations provide gold line funded by their membership dues.

I was once called to a meeting at the Tallahassee Sewer Service regarding a disconcerting report of high nitrates in Wakulla Springs.

Cave divers had been asked to collect water in Wakulla Springs using milk jugs. The tested water was found to have high nitrates, and the Tallahassee sewer was blamed. While much later they became a demonstrated contributor to the problems at Wakulla Springs, at the time I suspected another contributor to the nitrified water: the diver.

I asked if we could sample the water by non-diver means, perhaps a tube that the scientist could pull water from the surface any time they wanted a sample.

With the cooperation of the North Florida Water Management District, I procured long lengths of water sampling tubing left over from well studies and set to work.

I began in Wakulla Springs. I ran the tube from the well house down to the vent at 185 feet where later we would anchor a current meter, still there today. A pump pulled water, untouched by human hands, to the surface collection vials.

With my improved collection procedure established, I went on to place more tubes in Little Dismal, Sally Ward, Emerald Sink and others along the conduit feeding Wakulla Springs. I am pleased to say they are still in place today, some even extended. You see I attached the tubes to the safety line thus minimizing any further entangling possibility.

What future history will we write about the cave line? Well, here's a tip: Your Wakulla County Dive Club will be producing a new Cave Line information device. At the entrance of every sponsored cave you currently will find an NACD or NSS-CDS placard advising you to not go farther unless you are cave trained.

A large line marker will soon be deployed as the line drops below at 130 feet alerting the diver that "TRIMIX is Recommended Beyond this Point."

Trimix, recall, is the helium breathing gas available to those recreationally certified on that gas, that reduces narcosis. And narcosis has been the problem with many of the Wakulla County caves.

Folks swimming our deeper caves will not miss this notice as it is attached to the very line every cave divers follows.

Editor's Note: This is a repeat of a column from 2011.

Are your ‘friends’ negatively influencing you?



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

Are you spending time with people who offer unreliable advice, suggest questionable activities or mock ideas that are important to you?

Do you wish you had the courage to cut ties with them?

If you feel increasingly frustrated by the choices you make due to other people’s influences, please read (and seriously consider) this week’s verse: “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers” (Psalm 1:1 ESV).

Satan tells us that our lives would be better if we acted contrary to what God’s Word says. He

whispers that we should skip church, engage in sex outside of marriage, deceive the IRS – and never, ever trust Jesus as our Savior.

When we reflect on our past poor choices, what emotions arise? Can we recognize the deception from others who have misled us?

We know that whenever we obey God’s Word, we almost always find ourselves in a better place. Yet, we often delay taking the necessary steps that could change the course of our lives.

The longer we postpone, the more severe the consequences.

What if we think about the short- and long-term consequences of each choice we make this week, including decisions about whom we spend our time with and from whom we seek advice?

If we need to get back on track (or want to get on track for the first time), we could try meditating on Psalm 1:1 every day for the next seven days. Wouldn’t it be a relief to allow this verse to guide us in taking those import-

ant (but difficult) steps toward a better life? How might our lives transform if we experienced ever-increasing hope by committing to letting God help us make today better than yesterday?

How has your life been negatively affected by someone else’s influence? Isn’t it time to break ties with this person or crowd?

Perhaps you don’t struggle with making poor choices. If so, you might consider mentoring someone who’s struggling to make better decisions.

Think about asking your pastor to connect you with those who could benefit from your help.

If you want to learn more about starting a life that even your less-wise friends might envy, read the rest of Psalm 1. It consists of just six verses – six life-changing verses.

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Slow down



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

Slowing down is a term I am hearing a lot in my spirit these days. It seems as if this world has become so hurried that there is hardly time to breathe in the goodness around us. I recall a time when the streets rolled up on a Saturday evening, and the businesses closed early. Sunday mornings were spent in preparation for church, and a quiet day to wor-

ship the Lord.

After the morning services came afternoon picnics with Mom’s fried chicken and potato salad. Occasionally, we would go for evening walks and visit with the neighbors. Often, we found a favored spot to simply nap.

Our society has forgotten the art of slowing down. Somewhere in my brief 65 years, the streets stopped closing, and Sunday – the day that once anchored our week – was swept up into the current of busyness. As life sped up, so did our worries. The quiet rhythms of rest were replaced with noise and pressure. Family time grew thinner. The Sunday strolls faded, and with them, a

little of that deep sense of belonging. Even our sense of self can feel scattered, as though we’ve forgotten who we are in all the movement.

It makes me think of two sisters – Mary and Martha – welcoming Jesus into their home. Martha was busy preparing things, working hard to make everything just right. Mary, meanwhile, sat at Jesus’ feet, listening to His every word. When Martha asked Jesus to tell Mary to help, He gently corrected her. Martha wasn’t doing something wrong – just something at the wrong time. Mary had chosen the better part. She recognized the moment and slowed down to be with Jesus.

That choice still matters today. Long before Mary and Martha, God had already shown us the importance of rest.

After the six days of creation, God rested – not because He was tired, but because He was finished. In doing so, He gave us a gift and set a rhythm. And when He gave the Ten Commandments, one of them wasn’t about doing more – it was about doing less. “Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it Holy.” Holy means “set apart.” The Sabbath is different. It is a day to rest, to remember, and to return to our Father.

The letters of the Apostle Paul echo the same truth. In his letter to the Romans, he calls us to resist the

patterns of this busy world and be transformed by renewing our minds. That kind of renewal doesn’t happen in a rush. In Philippians, Paul reminds us that anxiety loses its grip when we bring our cares to God with thanksgiving and trust. Peace comes—not from doing more, but from being present with the One who gives rest.

Maybe it’s time we reclaimed what was lost. Not just a quieter Sunday but a day set apart. A time to remember who we are and, more importantly, whose we are.

We were not created to live in constant motion. God built rest into the rhythm of creation – not as an afterthought, but as a bless-

ing. When we honor that rhythm, we keep in step with our Heavenly Father. So, this week, sit a little longer with your cup of coffee. Step outside and let the breeze remind you that the world spins just fine without your striving. Open your Bible, or simply close your eyes and whisper, “Here I am, Lord” and choose the better part of stillness.

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind” Romans 12:2.

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OUT TO PASTOR

Who has the license to drive me crazy?



By **JAMES SNYDER**

I will confess that I am crazy, but I didn’t get there by myself. Somebody has been driving me crazy. When I use the word “somebody,” I mean a lot of people.

I didn’t always know I was crazy until a few years ago The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage looked at me and said, “Are you crazy or what?”

I did not know what led to that declaration. Reflecting on the past, she was likely correct. I am crazy, but I am not the one behind the wheel driving me crazy.

Over 30 years ago, a friend and I went to New York City. We took a train there, and he picked up a taxi when we arrived. We spent the rest of the day driving around in a taxi. I’ve never been in a taxi before. I was impressed by how much the taxi driver knew. He could negotiate traffic better than anybody I’ve ever seen before. I wish I had his skills.

If you’ve ever been in

New York City, you know how crazy the traffic is. That was over 30 years ago, and I’m sure it’s much worse today. That taxicab driver got us to where we wanted to go, and we had nothing to worry about.

I thought about that the other day as I was driving across town. Our town used to be small and quiet, with not much traffic. We had snowbird traffic in the wintertime, but then the traffic almost died in the summer. I enjoyed those days.

That has changed in the last few years. I can’t tell the difference between snowbird time and summertime. The traffic is just simply crazy.

Almost every day, we hear news of a traffic accident within the scope of our neighborhood. The other day, somebody drove into a daycare center, and several children were killed.

The lady driving was drunk.

How do crazy people get a license to drive in our community?

Every time I drive across town and return, I’m slightly crazier than when I started. The fact that I’m still alive is almost a miracle.

Each time I come back, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage sees I’ve gotten a bit crazier. She often replies, “You seem a little more crazy than

when you left. Is everything OK?”

If she thinks I’m crazy, she should ride with me across town. It’s been a long time since she rode with me. Usually, she drives her Sissy Van, and I ride along with her.

I wouldn’t repeat this out loud, but I’ve recently noticed that drivers stay clear of her as much as possible. They don’t want to cross paths with her.

Last week, we drove across town to our Sunday morning ministry. The traffic was a bit jammed, slower than usual, and some people behind us seemed to be in a hurry. They couldn’t get around us, so they beeped their horns to get us to hurry up.

They did not know that the person driving the car was The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. You don’t cross her and live to tell about it.

The more the person behind us blew their horn, the slower The

Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage went. I could see that one driver was very anxious and blowing his horn.

Finally, the traffic eased up, and he could drive around us. As he did so, he shook his fist in the air and pointed us toward heaven. He used the wrong finger, but everybody makes mistakes. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage looked in his direction and gave him one of her signature smiles.

I would’ve loved to have been a fly on the wall when he got home.

As for me, I just kept quiet, tried not to smile too much, and pretended I didn’t see what happened.

If The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage thought I was crazy, she should sit in my seat and see things the way I see them.

Driving to our Sunday ministry, I wondered, “Where did she learn that

kind of driving?”

I almost blamed it on her father. Then the truth hit me smack in the face like a pie. I was the one who taught her how to drive after we got married. I sighed deeply and thought, “How did I get it all wrong?”

We finished our Sunday morning ministry and were driving back home.

It is very hard to keep quiet around my wife. She seems to know what I’m thinking before I even think it. Halfway home, she glanced at me and said, “What are you thinking?”

This can go either way. Either I get in trouble, or I say nothing.

“Are you thinking,” she finally said, “about the nice service we had this morning?”

Very few times, I have had an open door out of a situation. I smiled at her

and said, “I loved your piano playing while we sang hymns this morning. It was wonderful!”

I’m not sure, but I think I dodged a bullet. That doesn’t happen often.

I was reminded of a Bible verse along this line. Ecclesiastes 7:9, “Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.”

This is seen on highways across town. Why can’t people just rest and not be hasty in their lives? A hasty spirit leads to anger, which never solves any problem.

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Obituaries



Johnnie Beatrice Stoutamire

Johnnie Beatrice Stoutamire, 81, of Crawfordville, passed away peacefully May 22, 2025.

Most everyone will remember her from Walmart, she greeted people with a smile for many years and retired after 25 years. She truly enjoyed rocking on the porch with family and friends, thrift shopping with her daughters, she had a “green thumb,” and the evidence was seen in her garden – she loved her flowers and plants.

She will be remembered by her children, Cindy Schmetzer (Ron), Darlene Michal (Jess), John Sumner, Debbie Gill (Brice), Joey Oaks (Chris), and

Joelea Josey (Chris); 17 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and three great great grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her daughter Johanna Kendall and son Michael Sumner.

The family will receive friends Saturday, May 31, 2025, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Family Funeral Home/Harvey Young Chapel and the Funeral Service will begin at 2 p.m. Burial will immediately follow at the Arran Annex Cemetery.

Skip & Trey Young along with Paula are assisting and caring for the family. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

- **Craig Nolder**, 67, of Crawfordville, died May 22, 2025.
- **Johnny Chapman Millender**, 66, of Carrabelle, died May 23, 2025.
- **Thelma Louise Watts**, 92, of Wakulla Station, died May 19, 2025.

- **Olivia Ann Wedgewood**, infant, of Crawfordville, died May 19, 2025.
- Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel, 850-926-5919, www.familyfhc.com.

Sheriff’s Report

This report is for activity May 16 to 23. There were 1,628 total calls for service during the week.

FRIDAY, MAY 16

- Deputy Rivers responded to Ferrell Road in reference to a fraud. Upon arrival, he met with the resident who advised his padlocked closet door was unlocked and had pry marks near it. Inside the closet was a filing cabinet with all his personal information. Case has been forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.
- Deputy Saba responded to Publix in reference to a retail theft. A Publix employee reported two unknown females stole \$275 worth of merchandise and left the store without paying. Case has been forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.
- Deputy Cordoba responded to John David Drive in reference to someone stealing \$1,120 worth of items from a truck. Case has been forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

- Deputy Post responded to Apachee Road in reference to a theft. The resident reported the theft of a water heater, advising it was delivered around 1 p.m. by FedEx but when he returned home the package was gone. The water heater was valued at approximately \$1,500. Case has been forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.
- Deputy Sullivan responded to Dux located at 3332 Crawfordville Highway in reference to a possible physical altercation between two males. Prior to arrival the parties involved had been separated. Both parties refused to cooperate and did not want to pursue charges.
- Deputy Cordoba responded to the Sheriff’s Office front lobby in ref-

erence to a theft. Complainant reported his vendors notified him they were not getting paid, so he contacted his bank which provided him copies showing the checks being cashed with an alternative payee. Approximately \$1,600 worth of money was stolen. Case has been forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

- Deputy Godwin responded to Riverside Drive in reference to a theft. Complainant reported leaving his fanny pack on a concrete wall which contained a handgun, and went into the store shortly thereafter realizing he forgot to grab the fanny pack. Complainant returned and discovered it was gone. The handgun was valued at approximately \$500. Case has been forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.
- Deputy Sullivan responded to Mack’s Country Meats located at 1285 Spring Creek Highway in reference to a Retail Theft. Management reported an unknown subject stealing from the store. The subject took an eight-pack of High Noon valued at approximately \$22. An affidavit for prosecution was signed. Case has been forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.

MONDAY, MAY 19

- Deputy Kittrell responded to Tower Road in reference to a theft complaint. Contact was made with a resident who advised he was recently notified by his neighbor that some unknown individuals were seen on his property on the night of May 18 with flashlights. After walking the property, the resident recovered a battery charger and trailer on the side of the road near his property. Case has been forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.

- Deputy Sammons conducted a traffic stop for a stolen tag in the area of Spring Creek Highway and contact was made with the driver, who advised he recently traded his pickup truck for the SUV. The owners of the SUV kept the tag on the vehicle when they signed over the title, and gave him a deadline of April 2025 to obtain his own tag for the vehicle and to return their tag, but he never did. The tag was then reported stolen. The driver advised he was recently pulled over by Gadsden County Sheriff’s Office and they did not remove the tag after informing him it was listed as stolen. The driver provided the signed title for the vehicle and the tag was removed from the vehicle to be returned back to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. The tag was removed from FCIC/NCIC as stolen.
- Deputy Kreitlow responded to an alarm call at New Light Church. On arrival, an open door was discovered on the Sunday School building. Lt. Alexander responded and a building search was conducted. Contact was made with Donovan Wyatt Hall who was located inside a room in a bed sleeping. Contact was made with the Pastor who advised she didn’t give permission for anyone to be on the property. Hall was placed under arrest for Trespass and transported to the Wakulla County Detention Facility.

TUESDAY, MAY 20

- Deputy Buckhalt conducted a traffic stop on a blue and red Nissan sedan in the area of Spring Creek Highway and Dr. MLK Jr Memorial Road for faulty equipment. Upon contact with the driver, Jose David Gonzabay Arias, it was confirmed his license has been suspended on March 27 for failure to pay financial obligation. Arias was issued a citation for unknowingly operating a vehicle with-

out a license at this time and told to have someone come pick him up from the scene. After concluding the initial traffic stop, Deputy Buckhalt observed Arias re-enter the vehicle and engaged his emergency lights once again on the vehicle at the intersection of Spring Creek and MLK. Arias was asked if he understood the initial license issues and he stated “yes.” Subsequently, Arias was placed under arrest and transported to the Wakulla County Detention Facility.

- Deputy Kittrell responded to Walmart in reference to a prior theft. Contact was made with an Asset Protection Officer who reported observing a white female removing multiple small items from the business via the store’s surveillance cameras. On May 18, the officer stated she observed the same female enter the business and retrieve paper towels and food items, totaling \$26.21. Case has been forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

- Deputy Parker conducted a traffic stop on a motorcycle with no License Plate attached. Upon contact with the operator, Paul Ryan Bell, it was discovered Bell did not have a valid Florida Driver’s License. Quality Wrecker Service responded and towed the motorcycle. Bell was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended or Revoked (DWLSR) and was transported to the Wakulla County Detention Facility.
- Deputy Godwin responded to Winnebago Street in reference to a stolen vehicle. Complainant reported her vehicle had been stolen. The vehicle was located by deputies in Leon County before complainant realized it was missing. The vehicle was processed by LCSO and returned to the complainant. Case has been forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.

- Deputy Munroe conducted a traffic stop on Benny Rogers Road. The driver, Lacarvier Johntavis Adams, was found to not have a valid license, and he admitted he knew his license was suspended. Lacarvier Adams was taken into custody for DWLSR and transported to the Wakulla County Detention Facility.

THURSDAY, MAY 22

- Deputy Godwin responded to Walmart in reference to a Retail Theft. Asset Protection reported a theft which already occurred. Two subjects were observed passing the last point of sale with unpaid merchandise. Taken was approximately \$175 worth of merchandise. Case has been forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.
- Deputy Gray responded to Harris Circle in reference to a Fraud. Complainant reported her Social Security information had been compromised. Prime Meridian Bank alerted her to a change in her direct deposit method. Case has been forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.
- Deputy Munroe responded to a hunting lease on U.S. Highway 98 in reference to a Theft. Complainant reported the theft of a gate from his hunting property. The property is located near the Jefferson County line. Case has been forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.

FRIDAY, MAY 23

- Deputy Buckhalt responded to E.J. Stringer Road in reference to a vehicle burglary. Contact was made with the resident who reported discovering her vehicle had been burglarized at approximately 8:30 a.m. hours as she entered her vehicle enroute to work. Complainant noticed her purse was missing and searched the vehicle, but was unable to locate her property. Compliant ad-

vised her vehicle was left unsecured on the previous night. Deputies canvassed the area for security footage and Wakulla Crime Scene responded to process the scene. Case has been forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.

- Deputy Smith responded to Summer Lane in reference to a vehicle burglary. The resident reported discovering her vehicle had been burglarized around noon, advising her glove compartment appeared to be rummaged through and her brown Coach leather purse was missing. The resident stated she left the passenger side window of the vehicle rolled down and last saw the purse around midnight when she returned home. The total loss of items is \$290. Case has been forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.
- Deputy Buckhalt responded to Beeler Road in reference to a vehicle burglary. Complainant reported her vehicle had been burglarized on the night of May 22. Complainant drove the vehicle to work and realized the glove box and center console had been rummaged through. There were no witnesses to the incident. Case has been forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.
- Deputy Kittrell responded to Captain Cutchin Lane in reference to a theft complaint. Complainant reported he arrived at the above address and discovered a ladder leaning against a shed on the property. Complainant stated this property is not his permanent address and he did not recognize the ladder. Upon further investigation, he discovered a Solo stove (\$100), pressure washer (\$400), and black/yellow tote missing. Case has been forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.

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Mauney

From Front Page

then being shot in the arm with the bullet penetrating the chest, appearing that he was turning away from the shooter, and finally being shot in the lower leg, likely as he was on the ground.

The medical examiner testified that one bullet struck Blyth’s chest and that he was likely dead in

a few minutes.

Defense attorney Ryan Davis argued in closing that it was a case of justifiable homicide because Mauney believed he faced great bodily harm from Blyth.

Deneen, in his closing, arguing that the evidence was consistent that Mauney was the aggressor at every step of the interaction.

The sheriff’s office crime scene investigation team took castings of tire

tracks and footprints at the scene that matched the tires of Mauney’s truck and his shoes. Blyth’s phone kept going off as CSI technicians were on scene and it was found and sent to FDLE where the photo of Mauney’s truck and tag was found. That evidence all took time to develop – the biggest break likely came when Chuck Whaley, head of the Criminal Investigations Division for the

Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office, met Mauney’s wife shortly after the shooting as she drove down Purify Bay Road looking for the missing dogs. It made Mauney a person of interest in the case – and within hours, the sheriff’s office had served a search warrant on the Mauney home ostensibly looking for the pistol and other evidence.

Mauney was finally arrested in February 2022 for the murder of Blyth.

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NOTICE OF SALE

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

Selene Finance LP,
Plaintiff,
-vs.-
Kenneth Brian Donaldson a/k/a Kenneth B. Donaldson a/k/a Kenneth Donaldson; Rashanda Donaldson; Unknown Spouse of Kenneth Brian Donaldson a/k/a Kenneth B. Donaldson a/k/a Kenneth Donaldson; Cach, LLC; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, ifliving, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, ifliving, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants
Defendant(s).

Case #: 2018-CA-000045

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 2018-CA-000045 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein Selene Finance LP, Plaintiff and Kenneth Brian Donaldson a/k/a Kenneth B. Donaldson a/k/a Kenneth Donaldson are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Greg James, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT LOBBY OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HWY, CRAWFORDVILLE, FLORIDA AT 11:00 A.M. on June 26, 2025, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:
COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST 112 OF THE SOUTHEAST 114 OF THE NORTHEAST 114 OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA; RUN THENCE N 00°04'20"W 945.30 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID WEST 112 OF THE SOUTHEAST 114 OF THE NORTHEAST 114 TO A POINT OF THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE OLD BETHEL ROAD WHICH IS THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE CONTINUE N00°04'20"W 312.60 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID WEST 112 OF THE SOUTHEAST 114 OF THE NORTHEAST 114; THENCE RUN WEST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID WEST 112 OF THE SOUTHEAST 114 OF THE NORTHEAST 114 THE DISTANCE OF 206.40 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN S00°04'20"E 262.40 FEET TO THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF SAID BETHEL ROAD; THENCE RUN S76°52'40"E ALONG SAID BOUNDARY TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MANUFACTURED HOME, YEAR: 2007, MAKE: FLEETWOOD, VIN#: GAFL675A78346CD21 AND VIN#: GAFL67 5B 78346CD21.
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Submitted By: ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP 750 Park of Commerce Blvd., Suite 130 Boca Raton, Florida 33487 (561) 998-6700 (561) 998-6707
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Greg James
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Wakulla County, Florida
By: /s/ Rachel Howard
As Deputy Clerk

May 29, June 5, 2025

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

IN RE: ESTATE OF
THERESA FAY WOMBLE
Deceased.

CASE NO. 2025-CP-68

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Summary Administration)

You are notified that a Petition for Summary Administration has been filed in the Estate of Theresa Fay Womble, deceased, File 2025-CP-68 with the Second Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327; that the Decedent's date of death was January 17, 2025; that the total Estate is to be assigned to the following beneficiaries under Court Order:

Name	Address
Charles Wayne Womble	63 Sue Ln. Crawfordville, FL 32327

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
All creditors of the Estate of the Decedent and persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent other than those for whom provisions for full payment listed in the Petition for Summary Administration must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED AFTER TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
This date of the first publication of this notice is May 29, 2025.
Attorney for Personal Representative: Frances Casey Lowe, Esq. Florida Bar No. 521450
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
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PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF
RICHARD HAROLD MILLER
Deceased.

CASE NO. 2025-CP-56

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Richard Harold Miller, deceased, File 2025-CP-56 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.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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Attorney for Personal Representative: Frances Casey Lowe, Esq. Florida Bar No. 521450 Frances Casey Lowe, P.A. 68-A Feli Way Crawfordville, Florida 32327 (850) 926-8245	Personal Representative: Jared Forbes Miller c/o Frances Casey Lowe, P.A. 68-A Feli Way Crawfordville, FL 32327
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF
DANNA JEAN BROOKS
a/k/a DANNA JEAN WINDHAM
Deceased.

CASE NO. 2025-CP-67

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Danna Jean Brooks a/k/a Danna Jean Windham, deceased, File 2025-CP-67 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.

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May 29, June 5, 2025

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 004**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **BEAMIF A LLC** The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: **1269** Date of Issuance: **May 31, 2018**

Parcel #: **00-00-034-012-09542-000**

Description of Property:
**Wakulla Gardens Unit 5 Block 47 Lot 24
OR 42 P 670**

Name in which assessed **HERBERT F HEISZ C/O ANDREW HEISZ** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: July 16, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

Dated: May 14, 2025

Signature: Greg James, Clerk
By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk
Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 005**

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Certificate #: **856** Date of Issuance: **May 28, 2021**

Parcel #: **00-00-035-008-07740-000**

Description of Property:
**Wakulla Gardens Block 21 Lot 50
OR 2 P 884**

Name in which assessed **JAMES G & A ELLINGTON** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: July 16, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

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TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 006**

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Certificate #: **857** Date of Issuance: **May 28, 2021**

Parcel #: **00-00-035-008-07741-000**

Description of Property:
**Wakulla Gardens Block 21 Lot 51
DB 61 P 300**

Name in which assessed **WALTER DILLY** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: July 16, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

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1. Bring up
7. Child
10. Formal written defense
12. Bangladeshi currency
13. Burial site
14. In the lead
15. Large recesses in a church
16. Count on
17. Defunct phone company
18. Golf scores
19. Afflicts
21. Defensive nuclear weapon
22. Prominence
27. “The Great Lakes State”
28. SoCal ballplayer
33. Location of White House
34. Magnificence
36. Hip hop song-stress
37. Capital of Yemen
38. __ Blyton, children’s author

39. Bomb
40. Pancake made of buckwheat flour
41. Pinkish-violet color
44. A way to make right
45. Monument to one buried elsewhere
48. Region south of Dead Sea
49. Acts out against
50. Harsh cry of a crow
51. Formal title for a woman

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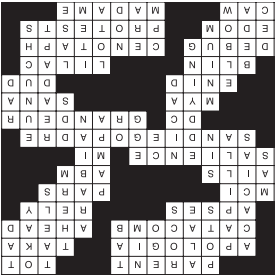
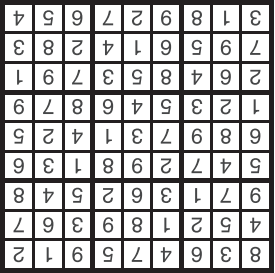
1. Kitchen devices
2. Wings
3. Mythological birds
4. Everyone has one
5. Matchstick game
6. Bar bill
7. Weights
8. Satisfactorily
9. Small amount
10. Tree types
11. Small protuber-

- ances
12. Equivalent of 100K BTU
14. Type of horse
17. More (Spanish)
18. Argentinian province
20. A bad act
23. Moving in a circular way
24. Battery type
25. Atomic #58
26. Popular breakfast food
29. An alternative
30. Tooth caregiver
31. A way to conform
32. Disfigured men
35. Cool!
36. Genus of mosses
38. Body part
40. Kashmiri people
41. Round water pot
42. Something to purchase
43. Emit coherent radiation
44. Indicates 10
45. Advertising metric
46. Pitching stat
47. Head movement

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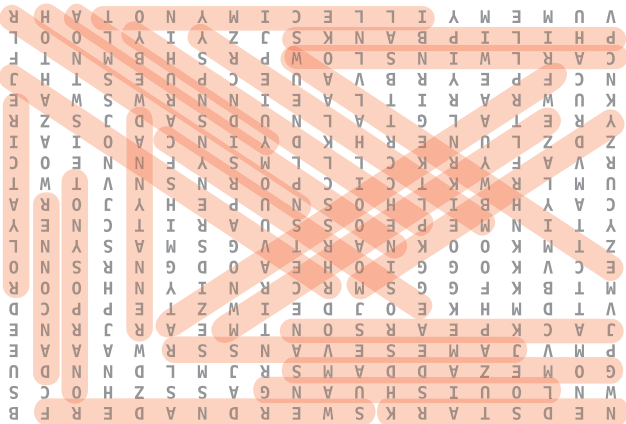
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