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A PHOTO ESSAY



# Crawford Daylily Garden

If you’re driving on Rehwinkel Road you should be able to spot a small garden of colorful Daylilies, if you keep looking you will see huge gardens of these beautiful plants.

This is Marsha Crawford Crisler’s “Crawford Daylily Gardens” and she is open to the public at certain times. She posts her hours on the outside gate.

“I was introduced to Daylilies when I was 12 years old by my Aunt Mildred Crawford and joined the Tallahassee Daylily Society in 2019,” said Crisler.

You know this is a serious garden when one could spot 930 different types of blooms in this mass of beautiful color. One could also consider it a historical Garden because many of the bulbs are more than 30 years old.

“There are several different sized blooms: miniature are less than 3 inch blooms; small are 3 inches to less than 4 1/2 inches; large are 4 1/2 inches and less than 6.99 inches and extra large blooms are seven inches or larger,” Crisler said.

Crisler is the Director for Region 12 of the National Daylily Society, the society keeps the records of the many varieties. She says that there are 15 different regions in the U.S.

Crisler is also a member of the Wiregrass Daylily Society, Member of Defuniak Springs Daylily Society, and she attends many Daylily shows and in many cases does the judging.

She has set up tables, chairs and umbrellas for seating and hopes to rent out her area for special small events.



Martha Crawford Crisler

– Story & Photos by Lynda Kinsey.



## Man gets 9 years in prison for DUI Manslaughter

Taylor Searcy pleas to charge in Wakulla crash that killed a Jefferson County commissioner

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN  
Editor

A Tallahassee man pleaded to a charge of DUI Manslaughter and was sentenced to 9 years in state prison at a hearing on Tuesday, May 27.

On Oct. 29, 2023, Taylor Searcy had been fishing off Shell Point and had consumed several beers and marijuana when he drove through the flashing lights on Highway 98 at Spring Creek Highway and crashed into a Jeep driven by Stephen Walker, a long-time Jefferson County commissioner. Walker was killed.

The plea was negotiated by Searcy’s defense attorney, Fred Conrad, and Wakulla Chief Prosecutor Andrew Deneen.

In the courtroom, there was a large crowd of family and friends for both Searcy and Walker, and Wakulla Circuit Judge Layne Smith said he had received an outpouring of letters on behalf of both men.

Judge Smith called Walker “a great man” because of his dedication to his community and his good deeds, a man of character and integrity.

The judge noted Searcy had never been in any sort of trouble prior to this incident – showing, the judge said, “All it takes is a lapse of judgment one time.”

“Not a single person leaves the building feeling good about this,” the judge said.

Walker’s family talked about the emotional devastation they felt after Stephen’s death. He was 59 when he was killed.

His stepdaughter, Danielle Bishop, noted that the Jefferson County community had to hold his

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Taylor Searcy



The victim, Stephen Walker

## Diesel spill reported at Winco Utilities

Press Release

Wakulla County has been notified that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection received an initial Public Notice of Pollution related to a diesel spill at the Winco Utilities water system, PWSID#1650791.

According to the report, on Thursday, May 29, at approximately 6:45 p.m., during routine refueling by a contractor, an estimated 70 gallons of diesel fuel entered one of Winco’s wells and may have entered a groundwater storage tank. The facility, located at 514 Commerce Boulevard, Crawfordville, has issued a Stop Drinking and Using Potable Water Order out of an abundance of caution.

The affected area is limited to:  
The WINCO facility,  
Three industrial users, and  
Customers on Commerce Boulevard  
Contrary to some public reports, this situation does not impact the broader Crawfordville water supply.

The utility operator has isolated the source of the contamination, and flushing and water sampling are underway. The water system will remain under restriction until all required water quality samples confirm the system is safe for use.

Wakulla County is closely monitoring the situation and coordinating with DEP, Winco Utilities, and local partners to ensure appropriate response and public safety.





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Student of the Week

Markion Hatcher – Kindergartner at COAST Charter

Principal: Frankie Harvey

Achievements/Reason for Nomination: It is with great pleasure that I recognize Markion Hatcher for his outstanding efforts and positive attitude in the classroom. Markion consistently demonstrates a love for learning and a genuine enthusiasm for every new challenge. Markion is an active participant during lessons, always eager to share his ideas and ask thoughtful questions. He works diligently to complete tasks with care and accuracy, and he takes pride in producing neat and well-organized work. In addition to his academic progress, Markion is a kind and caring classmate. He always offers a helping hand to his peers and shows respect and empathy towards others. His positive attitude and friendly nature make him a valued member of our classroom community. I am so proud of Markion's accomplishments and am confident that he will continue to thrive and excel in all areas of learning. Keep up the fantastic work, Markion!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK FEATURES A DIFFERENT SCHOOL EACH WEEK.

Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park

Elderberry

By LYNN ARTZ, DAVID RODDENBERRY, and  
SANDY TEDDER



Elderberry (Sambucus nigra subsp. canadensis) is a large shrub or small tree with showy flowers and edible fruit. It is covered in early summer with large flat-topped clusters of tiny white flowers that attract butterflies. In late summer, it bears hanging clusters of small purplish-black berries. The ripe fruit can be used in winemaking, pies, pancakes, and jellies. Also called American elder, this deciduous native grows 5-15 feet tall and 6-10 feet wide in full to part sun. It prefers rich moist to wet soil. Many long stems arise from the base to form a loose graceful arching shrub. It spreads through suckers to form large colonies. It provides valuable food, shelter, and nesting habitat for birds and other wildlife. Elderberry is blooming now near the wooded swale at Sopchoppy Depot Park.

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# Rockin’ Reds tournament is this weekend

This is the fifth year of the fishing tournament created to honor the late Gage Pitman

Special to The Sun

The Gage Pitman Memorial, Inc. is proud to announce the return of the 5th Annual Gage Pitman Memorial Rockin’ Reds Fishing Tournament, taking place June 6 – 8 at Woolley Park in Panacea.

This annual event honors the life and legacy of Gage Pitman by celebrating his passion for fishing and bringing the community together for a weekend of competitive angling, live music, great food, raffles, and waterfront fun.

The tournament challenges anglers to reel in red snapper or redfish – two of Gage’s favorite catches.

At the heart of the tournament is Gage’s lasting impact on the community, which lives on through events like this that help fund educational and recreational opportunities for the youth of Wakulla County.

The tournament is a tribute to his love for fishing, family, and friends, and his gift for putting a smile on the faces of everyone he met.

Late online registration is available at [www.gagepitmanmemorialrockinreds.com/](http://www.gagepitmanmemorialrockinreds.com/) until Friday, June 6 at 7 p.m.

Anglers can compete by boat in the Inshore and Offshore Divisions or individually in the Youth Division. Boats must be powered by a combustion engine of at least 10 horsepower.

The tournament schedule is as follows:

**Friday, June 6 – Kickoff Events at Woolley Park**

- Late registration: Available until 7 p.m.
- Mandatory Captain’s Meeting: 7 p.m.
- Dinner, Jackpots, Raffles, Shirts & Beer: 5:30 – 8 p.m.
- Live Music by Madden Metcalf: 6 – 8 p.m.

**Saturday, June 7 – Tournament Day 1**

- Weigh-In: 2 – 6 p.m.
- Participants must be in line with their fish by 6 p.m.

**Sunday, June 8 – Tournament Day 2**

- Final Weigh-In: 1 – 4 p.m.
- Participants must be in line with their fish by 4 p.m.
- Drawings and awards for all categories will be held shortly after the final weigh-in

Non-competitors are encouraged to join the fun – watch exciting weigh-ins, enjoy delicious local food, sip ice-cold drinks, and take in festive live entertainment along the Panacea waterfront.

For complete rules, registration information, and event updates, please visit [www.gagepitmanmemorialrockinreds.com](http://www.gagepitmanmemorialrockinreds.com).

# Middle school students honored for response

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**Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office**

Sheriff Miller and the Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office proudly commend three outstanding 8th grade students from Wakulla Middle School – Aaliyah Williams, Kira Simmons, and Mya Warning – for their quick thinking, courage, and leadership during a medical emergency.

On Feb. 11, a student at Wakulla Middle School experienced a medical emergency in the classroom, collapsing to the floor and suffering a seizure. While the teacher ran to call for help, Aaliyah Williams immediately sprang into action. She quickly turned the student onto her side and supported her head to prevent injury. Kira Simmons and Mya Warning also rushed to assist, following Aaliyah’s instructions and working together to provide aid until school administrators arrived.



Wakulla Middle School students Aaliyah Williams, Kira Simmons, and Mya Warning received certificates of excellence from the WCSO for their quick response when another student had a medical emergency.

The teacher later expressed her deep gratitude, sharing that she felt overwhelmed in the moment and was relieved these students were present and knew how to respond.

The student experiencing the medical episode was transported to the hospital for further evaluation

and care. Aaliyah later explained that she knew how to respond because a member of her family suffers from seizures.

These students showed exceptional leadership, compassion, and bravery in a crisis situation. Their calm and coordinated response likely made a critical difference in ensuring their classmate received safe, immediate care.

On May 19th, the WCSO Safe Schools Division presented Certificates of Excellence in Leadership and Courage to Aaliyah Williams, Kira Simmons, and Mya Warning.

Sheriff Miller and the Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office are proud to recognize these remarkable young individuals. Their actions exemplify the strength and spirit of our community’s youth.

## DUI Manslaughter

**From Front Page**

funeral at a school to accommodate the large crowd.

Derek Walker, the victim’s younger brother, recounted “the worst phone call of my life” being told of Stephen’s death.

“What I’ve learned,” he told the court, “is that grief for a lost loved one never truly ends.”

Walker’s wife complained of Searcy’s upbringing, saying that his family had spoiled him by making him feel entitled. Later in her victim impact statement, she turned to Searcy and said she forgave him, but that she hated that his selfishness had led

to this.

Walker’s daughter Jackie said she had named her son Stephen after her late dad.

Offered the opportunity to speak, Searcy stood and turned to the Walker family, crying, and said: “I’m really sorry.”

After composing himself, he added: “There are no words that can express my regret and remorse,” he said. “My heart is truly broken for everyone affected... I’m sorry,” he added and sobbed.

Walker’s wife answered: “Thank you.”

“This is the worst kind of case, because it’s a tragedy for two families,” Judge Smith said.

DUI Manslaughter is a second degree felony punishable by a maximum of 15 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

## 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.



### Public Service Announcement Meeting Announcement

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council announces a meeting to which all persons are invited. The Wakulla County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board will meet on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 10:00 am Eastern Time, at the Wakulla County Community Center, 318 Shadeville Rd., Crawfordville, FL 32327. The agenda will include its regular quarterly business items and updating the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan. For additional information contact Austin Britt, TD Program Coordinator at the Apalachee Regional Planning Council at 850-312-1862, or by email at [abritt@arpc.org](mailto:abritt@arpc.org).

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### Sopchoppy High School Redevelopment Public Workshop City of Sopchoppy, Florida

Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025  
Time: 5:30pm ET  
Location: Sopchoppy City Hall  
105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, FL 32358

Please join us at a public workshop to provide your input and discuss the future of the 15-acre property centered around the historic Sopchoppy High School. This is a unique opportunity to provide early input on how the City of Sopchoppy might revitalize a key community landmark and ensure its continued benefit to future generations. All are welcome to attend.

Persons wishing to comment may do so in person at the workshop or by writing to the City Commission at P.O. Box 1219, Sopchoppy, Florida 32358. No formal actions will be taken at the workshop by the Commission.

If an individual decides to appeal against any decision made by the commission with respect to this meeting, a verbatim transcript may be required. If so, the individual should make provision for a transcript to be made at the meeting, (RE: Florida Statute 286.0105). Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the city at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting Ashley Schilling at the above address or 850-962-4611.

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### Notice of Public Meeting:

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners has scheduled a Public Meeting of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee on June 19, 2025, at 10:00 AM in the Wakulla County Fire and Rescue conference room at 318 Trice Lane in Crawfordville, FL. Interested parties are invited to attend and participate.

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

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### THE SCHOOL BOARD OF WAKULLA COUNTY ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING:

**EVENT:** School Board Meeting  
**DATE:** Monday, June 16, 2025  
**TIME:** 5:45 pm  
**PLACE:** School Board Room, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida  
**PURPOSE:** Monthly School Board Meeting

**For further information please contact:**  
**Superintendent’s Office**  
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# Outdoors

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## HOME ON THE RANGE

### Which gun to keep?



By MARJ LAW

The phone rings at 6 p.m. I glance over to the readout. It’s a number from out of town. “Another trash call,” I mutter. “They always call at dinnertime.” “Hello,” I say (in not my friendliest voice). “Please don’t hang up. I’ve read your column,” she says (and now I’m really listening) “and am hoping you can help me. My name is EmilyAnn Patterson.” “How can I help?” “My husband passed away last year and he left me some guns. I don’t know what to do with them. I’d like to keep one for my personal defense, and then sell the rest. Could you look at them and help me decide?” You never know what people have collected. “May I bring them to you? My grandson just unloaded them. I might just give the ones I don’t want to him. He’s in his 30s and likes to hunt.” I turn to Joe. “This may be interesting. A woman whose husband has passed wants us to

look at his collection of guns. She’ll be coming over tomorrow.” “Great.” Joe’s willing to help. The next day, a woman knocks at the door. She looks to be in her late 70s. She is frail, small-boned, and has white hair. She has a long gun on her shoulder and is awkwardly cradling three more guns in the crook of her elbow. “Hi!” she smiles. “I’m EmilyAnn.” Joe carefully takes the guns and places them on the counter. We introduce ourselves. “Harry died last year. He loved his guns. He said these are all really good ones. Jimmy, my grandson, thinks so too. He’s ready to keep any guns I don’t want. I only plan on keeping one of them for self-defense now that I’m alone. Oh, and he unloaded them before he left, so don’t worry about that.” Yes, so she told us last night on the phone. I pick up an airweight snub-nosed .38 revolver. Rolling the cylinder out, I notice the gun is loaded. I pop out the rounds and put them in a baggie. Joe is looking at the over-and-under. “Marj,” he warns, “This gun is loaded.” I look at EmilyAnn. “Funny,” she muses, “I thought the guns were unloaded.” “We always check,” I tell her. “We point


every gun in a safe direction, and then treat every gun as though it is loaded.” “They did that at the gun shop too,” EmilyAnn admits. “But I was afraid to consider selling any of my guns until I know more about what I should ask.” “Harry said they are all really good guns,” she continues. “He used the one Joe is holding for home defense.” “It’s a Mossburg Model 590 12-gauge pump shotgun,” says Joe as he places six rounds of 12 gauge ammunition into another baggie. “Yes, it’s a good gun for the home.” “He once said that all I need to do is point it in at anyone who breaks into the house and I will be safe. Harry was big into self-defense, even though he was a big guy. But that gun weighs a ton,” she adds. “Have you ever shot it?” asks Joe. “Well, no.” Joe picks up a .45-caliber 1911 Kimber with a 4 inch barrel. “Harry said that was good for self-defense, too,” said EmilyAnn. “Have you ever shot this one?” asks Joe. “Well, no,” she admits.

“It’s in good condition,” says Joe. “Yes, Harry liked to clean his guns after going to the range.” Next, Joe picks up a large revolver. “It’s a Colt Python,” he begins. “If Harry was a hunter, this gun could be great protection from black bears or coyotes. You can’t shoot black bears in Florida unless they are coming at you, but if one did, this would be good protection. And it’s in good shape, too.” Harry must have liked revolvers. Joe picks up another. “This is a Tarus Judge,” he says. “Look at that. He had it loaded just the way I would have. He put in two .410 shotgun shells and three semi-jacketed .45 Colt rounds. He could kill a snake, and still protect himself from larger animals.” “Yes, Harry liked to tramp out in the woods,” agreed EmilyAnn. I pick up the .38 and say: “It has a very short barrel. Maybe 1 3/4 inches. Hm. Smith & Wesson. It is truly very light.” “Yes, it’s light,” EmilyAnn agrees. “Harry had a holster and he could keep this gun in a pocket. He called it his

‘back-up’ gun. I shot it one time, but it had an awful recoil. It hurt my shoulder. I couldn’t do much with my shoulder for a couple weeks after shooting that one. Maybe you could teach me how to shoot it so I don’t hurt myself again.” “Harry assured me that they are all great self-defense guns,” she repeats. “Which one should I keep to learn to use for myself?” Joe and I look at each other. We look at EmilyAnn’s thin arms and slight build. She has told us about her arthritis in her shoulders and carpal-tunnel problems in her arms and wrists. Joe continues to look at me. Guess I get to do the dirty work. “EmilyAnn,” I begin. “These are all good guns.” She nods. “And your Harry kept them in fine condition.” She nods again. “But EmilyAnn. Although these guns are great guns, they are not great for you.” “None of them?” EmilyAnn is discouraged. “No. Let me bring you a gun and let’s see if you can handle it.” I unlock the gun safe and pull out my Smith & Wesson M&P .380

Shield EZ. “Let’s see if you can rack the slide on this one.” I pull back the slide to show her that the gun is not loaded. She nods. Then she takes the EZ and racks the slide smoothly. “I can do that!” she says happily. “And the gun doesn’t weigh a ton!” “Go ahead. You can pull the trigger on this one,” I suggest. We hear a small click. “That was easy! I like this one!” she grins. “Are you selling it?” “No, but I’ll write the name of it down so that you can get one for yourself. Get the exact model because there are several iterations of this gun. It’s likely that one of the nearby gun shop owners might allow you to trade in one of Harry’s guns, to help defray the cost of your new gun. Joe will look up sites on the internet that sell used guns. He’ll find a range of prices, so you’ll know about what your guns are worth. This will help you in bargaining. Also, if you give one of Harry’s guns to your grandson, you’ll know the value of the gun.” “Thanks a lot.” EmilyAnn picks up the baggies that Joe has identified with a permanent marker so that she knows which ammunition goes to which gun. “Give us a call before you go to the Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office range,” I offer. “We’ll meet you out there, go over range rules, and help you to manage your new handgun.” “I wish Harry were here to see this,” EmilyAnn says softly.


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



**WHITING**  
*(Menticirrhus americanus)*

Locally called ground mullet, whiting are a medium-sized croaker reaching to 16" and 2.5lbs. Whiting can tolerate a wide range of conditions (temps 46°-86°F and varying salinities.) Whiting are bottom-dwellers, roving shallow sandy areas for worms, shrimps, crabs, amphipods and small fishes. They locate their prey with the help of a single, rigid chin barbell. They have no swim bladder so they cannot make the distinctive croaking or drumming sound of the others croakers. People often catch them in the surf zone.

Eukarya, Animalia, Cordata, Actinopterygii, Perciformes, Sciaenidae



## BIRDING AT THE REFUGE

### June at the refuge

By DON MORROW

It is June at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge and the season slowly shifts into full summer. This month marks the end of Spring migration. Ten million birds have already crossed over the refuge this year on their northward journey. Another hundred thousand or so, mostly sandpipers, will pass through during the early part of June, but the excitement of Spring migration is over for another year. Late June is the low point of bird life at the refuge. Avian diversity is down by a third and there are only about one hundred and twenty species on the refuge. There are also many fewer birds. By late June there may be only a fifth of the total number of birds that there were on the refuge in late January. Winter bird numbers are boosted by species like Dunlin and Redhead that occur in huge flocks.

Additionally, the distribution of many of our summer birds is based on dispersed territories and they are less visible than the wintering birds that were concentrated in flocks on the mudflats, pools, and open water along Lighthouse Road. June is a quieter time. However, life never stands still at St. Marks and there is always a lot going on at the refuge. As birds shift from setting up territories to parental duties, bird song is diminished. Some of our summer breeders have already fledged. Parula warblers are feeding young in the East River floodplain at the Double Bridges and half-sized Willets are following their parents on the Lighthouse salt flats. Some species, like Swallow-tailed Kites, still have young in the nest. This is the peak month for Roseate Spoonbills and Reddish Egrets in the pools and ponds along Lighthouse Road.

They breed in peninsular Florida. By June they have completed their nesting cycle and have begun to disperse northward. There are Black-necked Stilts on East River Pool. This species breeds at the refuge, but their rudimentary nests are only slightly above water level and are susceptible to flood events. If their nests are flooded, stilts will not attempt to renest and usually leave the area. The first of the summer fruits are ripening. Watch for birds feeding on swamp dogwood in the East River floodplain at the Double Bridges. Along Tower Pond Trail, blueberries and huckleberries are attracting towhees and grackles. Summer flowers, like American Beautyberry and Elderberry, are blooming. Their fruit will ripen in time to feed Fall migrants. Sawgrass seed stalks are sticking up in the marshes, providing

perches for dragonflies, like the pennants, darners and pondhawks that prey on flies and mosquitoes. June is just one more point on the refuge’s annual seasonal cycle. The seasons at St. Marks shift and change in a reasonably predictable pattern caused by the revolution of the earth around the sun and the tilt of its axis. The earth has been revolving around the sun for almost five billion years and there is every indication that it will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. You, however, have a strictly delimited lifespan. Come down to St. Marks and immerse yourself in the changing season. It’s hot and a little buggy, but relative to the earth, you don’t have much time left. Hurry down to the refuge. You don’t want to miss this.

*Don Morrow can be contacted at donaldcmorrow@gmail.com.*

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Sun rise/set 6:34AM 8:36PM	Moon rise/set 5:39PM 3:53AM							Major Times 9:27AM 9:49PM	
Moon Illumination 88%								Sunday 8	
Sunday 8								Minor Times 3:39AM 5:50PM	
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Moon Illumination 94%								Monday 9	
Monday 9								Minor Times 4:14AM 6:49PM	
Sun rise/set 6:34AM 8:37PM	Moon rise/set 7:34PM 4:59AM							Tuesday 10	
Moon Illumination 97%								Minor Times 4:55AM 7:46PM	
Tuesday 10								Major Times 11:23PM 11:49AM	
Sun rise/set 6:34AM 8:38PM	Moon rise/set 8:31PM 5:40AM							Wednesday 11	
Moon Illumination 100%								Minor Times 5:42AM 8:42PM	
Wednesday 11								Major Times 12:15AM 12:42PM	
Sun rise/set 6:34AM 8:38PM	Moon rise/set 9:27AM 6:27AM								
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St. Marks River Entrance				City of St. Marks				Shell Point, Spring Creek			
Th	4:21 am ▲ 1.6 ft	10:59 am ▲ 3.0 ft	5:48 pm ▼ 0.9 ft	Th	5:25 am ▼ 1.4 ft	11:35 am ▲ 2.8 ft	6:52 pm ▼ 0.8 ft	Th	4:45 am ▼ 1.4 ft	11:11 am ▲ 3.3 ft	6:04 pm ▼ 0.8 ft
Fr	12:11 am ▲ 2.6 ft	5:11 am ▼ 1.7 ft	11:39 am ▲ 3.2 ft	Fr	12:47 am ▲ 2.4 ft	6:15 am ▼ 1.6 ft	12:15 pm ▲ 3.0 ft	Fr	12:24 am ▲ 2.8 ft	5:34 am ▼ 1.6 ft	11:50 am ▲ 3.4 ft
Sa	1:07 am ▲ 2.7 ft	5:57 am ▼ 1.8 ft	12:15 pm ▲ 3.2 ft	Sa	1:43 am ▲ 2.5 ft	7:01 am ▼ 1.7 ft	12:51 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	Sa	1:19 am ▲ 2.9 ft	6:19 am ▼ 1.8 ft	12:25 pm ▲ 3.5 ft
Su	1:51 am ▲ 2.8 ft	6:38 am ▼ 1.9 ft	12:49 pm ▲ 3.5 ft	Su	2:27 am ▲ 2.6 ft	7:42 am ▼ 1.7 ft	1:25 pm ▲ 3.2 ft	Su	2:04 am ▲ 3.1 ft	6:59 am ▼ 1.9 ft	12:57 pm ▲ 3.6 ft
Mo	2:29 am ▲ 3.0 ft	7:16 am ▼ 1.9 ft	1:21 pm ▲ 3.6 ft	Mo	3:05 am ▲ 2.8 ft	8:20 am ▼ 1.7 ft	1:57 pm ▲ 3.3 ft	Mo	2:45 am ▲ 3.2 ft	7:36 am ▼ 1.9 ft	1:28 pm ▲ 3.7 ft
Tu	3:06 am ▲ 3.1 ft	7:52 am ▼ 1.8 ft	1:52 pm ▲ 3.7 ft	Tu	3:42 am ▲ 2.8 ft	8:56 am ▼ 1.7 ft	2:28 pm ▲ 3.4 ft	Tu	3:23 am ▲ 3.2 ft	8:10 am ▼ 2.0 ft	1:59 pm ▲ 3.8 ft
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Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay				St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.				Dog Island West End			
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Best hunting and fishing based on solunar times: MAJOR feeding periods are 2 hours long, centered on the solunar time. MINOR feeding periods are only 1 hour long, again centered on the solunar time.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon

Boating Emergencies

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www.fema.gov. Information is also available in Español, Français and Kreyòl.

Thanks to Sherrie, we will always remember safe boating is no accident! Preparedness can make all the difference if a storm hits our area. .

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.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed civilian volunteer component of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Coast Guard in nearly all mission areas. The Auxiliary was created by Congress in 1939. For more information, please visit www.cgaux.org.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Climate Prediction Center anticipates an above-normal Atlantic hurricane season this year. Forecasters predict a 60% chance of an above-normal season, a 30% chance of a near-normal season, and a 10% chance of a below-normal season.

It is essential for mariners and the public to take proper measures before a storm arrives. Ensure you have proper equipment, have a hurricane mooring plan or a safe place to store your trailered boat, and monitor the weather and VHF-FM channel 16 prior to a voyage and while out on the water.

The Coast Guard recommends the following preparedness tips for this hurricane season:

• **Know Your Hurricane Risk.** Hurricanes are not just a coastal problem. Find out how rain, wind, water and even tornadoes could happen far inland from where a hurricane or tropical storm makes landfall. Start preparing now.

• **Make an Emergency Plan.** Make sure everyone in your household knows and understands your hurricane plans. Include the of-

• **Know Your Evacuation Zone.** You may have to evacuate quickly due to a hurricane if you live in an evacuation zone. Learn your evacuation routes, practice with your household and pets, and identify where you will stay. Follow the instructions from local emergency managers, who work closely with state, local, tribal, and territorial agencies and partners. They will provide the latest recommendations based on the threat to your community and appropriate safety measures.

Recognize Warnings and Alerts. Have several ways to receive alerts. Download the FEMA app and receive real-time alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations nationwide. Receive community alerts in your area and be aware of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA), which require no sign up.

Port condition changes in advance of storm systems and hurricanes will be available on the Coast Guard Navigation Center website.

For more information about hurricanes and hurricane preparedness, visit NOAA’s and FEMA’s websites where you can find widgets that provide hurricane tracks and other updates. These can be found at www.ready.gov/hurricanes, www.nhc.noaa.gov, and

Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

The underwater light “torch”. July 21, 2011

Many people visit my shop and see we support cave as much as open water diving. Some shudder and say they could never adjust to the darkness of cave diving.

In point of fact, cave divers see further and have more light than most open water divers around this region. How can that be?

Our underwater (UW) caves are often clear and we carry lights so bright that to stare at the bulb when lit is like staring at the sun.

Without a light, our caves whether dry or wet, are dark. It’s probably better described as black, the absence of light.

Our earliest training requires that we take students beyond the natural light zone and turn all flashlights off to reinforce the consequence of losing your light. Many people feel insecure and panic in such conditions.

Exiting a dark cave is challenging, but possible using the cave line when underwater.

Dry caves are more problematic since dry caves do not use the cave live technique. To be sure we have enough light, every cave diver carries three or more flashlights. Once I lost all three that I had with me. But I also am of the old school that always carries redundancy – a buddy loaned me one for my hasty exit.

Back in the mid 21st century (1950s) folks who explored Wakulla Springs used surface-adapted flashlights, which proved to be unreliable as they often flooded and produced little light. It was however, better than no light.

Dives back then were shorter and shallower than today. Batteries were bulkier and had less duration. Small motorcycle batteries were encapsulated with cables fed to automobile headlights that improved light coverage.

The unintended consequence was that cave divers no longer required extra weight to off-set their buoyancy. My first cave light in the early 1980s was made of two fire alarm six-volt batteries contained in a clear plastic tube. A cable fed the electricity to a steel tube with a large reflector that focused the halogen (car headlight bulb) into any size pattern I wanted. Lamar English and his dad built them in Tallahassee and were called the English light. We mounted the battery pack on one side of our waist and swam with a decided tilt to balance the load.

As cylinders got bigger and heavier to permit longer and deeper dives, batteries got smaller and more powerful. Bulbs also changed from incandescent to halogen to gas vapor and recently to LED, each consuming less power and producing more light.

I just fast forwarded only 30 years. Today our underwater “torch” (as the Europeans call them) is the size of a small shoe and can last beyond five hours with light so bright the cave passage becomes a stunning exhibit hall.

Yes, we still carry three lights (a primary and two small secondary) since any light can fail, most often now because we forget to recharge them. Last week however, a vendor produced a light that was the size of a baby’s shoe that lit up the shop. He pointed out the technology has miniaturized to the point that our backup lights are often brighter than our primary light!

Of course each step forward brings increases in cost. A primary light can cost in excess of \$1,000.

Fortunately cave divers invest heavily in their “cave kit.” Between training, cylinders, manifolds, regulators, reels of cave line, specialized knives, buoyancy compensators, harnesses, scooters, dive computers, exposure suits, mask and fins (no snorkel) and of course dive lights, the cost exceeds \$5,000 plus. Now add a SUV to haul this heavy stuff around and you can see these folks are dedicated to their sport.

They can see very well in our UW caves. And we have what they want right here in Wakulla County!

WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO

On his weekly wildlife survey at Wakulla Springs last week, retired park ranger Bob Thompson took this photo of an adult gallinule feeding a chick.

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



# Are your thoughts keeping you awake?



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

Your mind is racing. It won't be long before your boss realizes that you're not as experienced as your resume suggested. Or perhaps you're wondering if you'll ever manage to pay down the

mountain of debt that threatens to bankrupt you. Maybe your marriage is so strained that your wife is talking about divorce.

You feel scared. Alone. Powerless. You just can't stop thinking about it.

So ... what now? Will you continue doing all the things that are making your life – and mind – increasingly chaotic? Will you keep letting worry push you toward a nervous breakdown? Or will you take control and focus on what will give you the courage to do the right thing, have faith in your circumstances and

seek guidance in your situation?

The first step might be easier than you think. Last week, we considered Psalm 1:1, which warned us against aligning ourselves with people who mock God and His ways. Psalm 1:2 (ESV) takes it a step further: "But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night."

When was the last time you read and meditated on God's Word? Perhaps you've never done so, but you've thought about it. Meditating (pondering) on Scripture throughout the day helps us live

honestly and shields our minds from an onslaught of worry and gloom.

If you have meditated on God's Word, recall the peace you experienced when you reflected on the words of a Bible passage. Think about how it changed your thinking and gave you hope and direction. Remember what it was like to trust in God's love for you, no matter what.

If it's been a while, how are you doing? Is your life going well?

Reading the Bible and thinking on its meaning keeps our lives and thoughts on track. The

more we delight in God's ways, the more delightful we become. (I assure you – you wouldn't want to spend time with me if I go too many days without hiding God's Word in my heart.)

Especially at night, when my thoughts spiral out of control with the regrets and worries of the day, recalling the Bible passages I've meditated on that day is often the only thing that helps me regain peace and have a better night's sleep.

Let's pray: Father, instill in us a hunger for Your Word. Create in us a love for You and Your

ways that surpasses our love for ourselves and our deceitful behavior. Reveal every area where we aren't living honorably, wisely and lovingly. Grant us the faith to trust in Your provision as we surrender our financial practices to You. Finally, help us rest in You as we continuously delight in and meditate on Your Word. Amen.

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# On the hard days



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

Please don't think me harsh when you read what I'm about to share – questions that came during a time of deep loss. But as I've learned, even in pain, there is often a lesson waiting to be found.

I was 22, just four months into my first pregnancy. My husband and I were expecting twins. For us, life was beginning — two heartbeats full of

promise — and, simultaneously, a heavy shadow was falling.

After a 6-year battle with cancer, my brother's fight had come to an end. On the trip home, my thoughts were unsettled. I thought of his wife and their three small children. Where would life lead them now? I thought of a little girl, too young to remember the warmth of her father's love. Of two small boys who would carry memories shaped by grief. I thought of my mom and dad — grieving the unthinkable loss of a child. So many tears.

I remember the ache, the anger, the sheer unfairness of it all. And in the middle of that emotional storm, one question rose above the

rest: Why?

I asked God, through tears and anger: Why not the man on the street — someone I might have once judged or overlooked? Why my brother? Then came the quiet voice of Holy Spirit: Your brother was ready. The man is not.

Scripture reminds us that hardship is part of the human story. Paul spoke of a "thorn in the flesh," something so burdensome that he pleaded with God three times to take it away. Leaving the thorn, the Lord reminded Paul that His grace was sufficient and that His strength would be made perfect in Paul's weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9).

There is something

mysterious in the way God meets us in weakness. We tend to want strength to mean power. But scripture defines strength differently.

Consider Gideon: hiding in fear, yet God calls him "mighty man of valor." Gideon protests, saying he's the least in his family — nonetheless, God sees something more. When it came time to fight, God reduced his army from thousands to just 300 men. It made no human sense. And that's the point. The victory came not in numbers or strength but by God's hand.

Sometimes, on the hardest days, all we have is the assurance that God's hand is still on us.

Jesus told us the rain falls on the just and the unjust alike (Matthew 5:45). Being faithful doesn't exempt us from suffering. Faith gives us a place to turn to. When the storms roll in, we have an anchor. When our hearts are heavy, we have a Comforter (John 14). When our strength fails, we lean on His.

So what do we do when the hard days come? We cry if we must. We pray, even if it's only a whisper. We reach out to God and to one another. We remember the stories of those who walked hard roads before us, and we let their faith remind us that we're not alone. We remember that weakness is not the absence of God's

presence; it is the place where His presence becomes most real.

If you are walking through a hard day today. Remember, you are not forgotten. The One who called Gideon and met Paul in his weakness is with you even now. And His strength is still made perfect — in you.

I will pray the Father, He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth... I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you."— John 14:16–18

*Cheryl Mixon-Cruce is Pastor of Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Church and Sopchoppy United Methodist Church.*

## OUT TO PASTOR

# What's chocolate got to do with it?



By **JAMES SNYDER**

Did you ever have a morning when everything went exactly as you planned? Well, neither have I.

I plan my schedule to include everything I need for the day. But, unlike The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, I fall way short of accomplishing that.

I took a break one morning and went into the kitchen to get a cup of coffee. For some reason, I opened one of the cupboard doors and was surprised to find a Hershey chocolate bar. I'm not quite sure where that came from, but I was so excited to find it.

The thought in my head was, "Should I, or shouldn't I?"

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage cannot eat chocolate. It gives her a headache, so she says. So, I don't think she purchased that chocolate bar. Why would she? However, it did not mat-

ter where it came from; all that matters is where it's going. I went to my easy chair with my cup of coffee and the amazing chocolate bar.

I can't remember the last time I had a chocolate bar, but I was really anticipating enjoying this one. After taking a sip of coffee, I unwrapped my chocolate bar and looked at it briefly.

Do you know how wonderfully delicious a chocolate bar looks? I couldn't keep my eyes off that amazing treat.

I took the first bite and found my world flourishing like red roses. I had forgotten how chocolate affects my attitude.

No matter how angry, grouchy, or frustrated I feel, one bite of a chocolate bar makes it all disappear.

Growing up near Hershey, Pennsylvania, I was very familiar with their chocolate. In fact, my father worked there for a short time and often brought home samples.

I sighed as I sipped my coffee. I stared at the chocolate bar and wondered who created it. Whoever created it deserves a Nobel Peace Prize.

After two bites, I had forgotten all my stress that morning. All I could think about were love-

ly roses floating in my mind and their amazing fragrance. Chocolate has a way of doing that for me. My best thoughts come while eating chocolate.

Suddenly, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage burst into the room where I was sitting and demanded, "Just what are you doing?"

At first, I was so euphoric that I didn't recognize her. All I saw were red roses around her head. I smiled, and then suddenly realized who she was.

At that point, there was no way I could hide that chocolate bar I was enjoying.

"I'm just," I said cautiously, "resting from a very hard morning." I flashed a smile at her, but she wasn't smiling at me.

"And where did you get that chocolate bar?"

It's one thing to lie but quite another thing to lie to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. There are reciprocations. My head was so euphoric that I didn't quite know how to answer her.

"I just found it in the cupboard," I said with a big smile.

She stared at me and said, "You found it in the cupboard? I purchased that chocolate bar for our granddaughter's birthday this week. You had no right to eat her birthday present."

I wasn't sure I understood what she meant, but eating that chocolate bar made me calm. It blocked out any negativity.

"That's OK," I said cheerfully, "I'll go to the store and buy her a chocolate bar."

My plan was to buy three chocolate bars, hide two, and give one

back for our granddaughter's birthday.

When I eat chocolate, I can think as clearly as ever. That's why I like chocolate.

"OK," The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said, "as long as you only buy one Hershey's chocolate bar. That would be just perfect."

I'm going to fix this problem somehow. But for now, I have at least three more bites of this Hershey's chocolate bar.

As I was enjoying this chocolate bar, I had an interesting thought. Will there be Chocolate in heaven?

When I finished that amazing Hershey Chocolate Bar, I remember what Jesus said in Matthew 11:28-30, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy lad-

en, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Like everyone else, my days can be very stressful. A chocolate bar can only go so far. To truly experience peace from Jesus' perspective, I need to come unto the Lord. This invitation requires that I act on it and come to the Lord.

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# Obituaries



### Barbara Ann Scott

Barbara Ann Scott, 83, of Summerfield, passed away peacefully with her family at her side June 1, 2025. She was a native of Sopchoppy and lived most of her adult life in Crawfordville where she raised her family. Barabara was always active in her family’s lives, worked as a Bookkeeper for Capital Health Plan and Rainey Cawthon’s and was an active member of First Baptist Church of Crawfordville. She will be remembered by her husband Avery Scott, son Mike Scott and

wife Nikki, daughters Angie Rae Brau and husband Keith Priscilla Brau, brothers John Henderson and wife Gail, Jack Henderson and wife Ann, and Jim Henderson and wife Carole, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. The family will receive friends on Saturday, June 7, 2025 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Crawfordville and the Funeral Service will begin at 11 a.m. Burial will immediately follow at West Sopchoppy Cemetery. Skip & Trey Young along with Paula are caring for and assisting the family.

## DEATH NOTICES

- **Jimmy Cash**, 69, of Crawfordville, died May 28, 2025.
- **John Cloud**, 61, of Crawfordville, died May 29, 2025.
- **Joseph Hart**, 53, of Crawfordville, died May 29, 2025

- **Edward Hurst**, 62, of Crawfordville, died May 26, 2025.
- **Rodney James Kelly**, 64, of Lanark Village, died May 28, 2025.
- **Louis Russell Lamarche Jr.**, 67, of Crawfordville, died May 26, 2025.

- **Thomas McClure**, 75, of Crawfordville, died May 29, 2025.
  - **Jimmy Poole**, 77, of Sopchoppy, died May 29, 2025.
- Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel, 850-926-5919, www.familyfhc.com.

# Sheriff’s Report

This report is for activity May 23 to 30th. There were 1,492 total calls for service during the week.

### FRIDAY, MAY 23

- Deputy Carroll investigated a Retail Theft at Goodwill. An employee reported an unknown subject entered the store, gathered items in a shopping cart, and left the store passing all final points of sale failing to pay for the merchandise. Investigation turned over to the Criminal Investigations Division.
- Deputy Kreitlow arrested Tommy J. Sanders II on Coastal Highway. During contact, Sanders refused to comply with lawful commands given to him and began actively resisting. An FWC Officer was also on scene, and utilized their agency issued Taser. Sanders was successfully taken into custody on his active warrant. Sanders was also found to be in possession of methamphetamine, and was also charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Obstruction, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and was transported to the Wakulla County Detention Facility.
- Deputy Carroll responded to a vehicle fire on Woodland Heritage Boulevard. A resident reported his vehicle catching fire as he was driving it back to his residence. The resident stated he had just purchased the vehicle and was on his way home when he observed a burning smell and observed a small fire on the inside of his vehicle, so he pulled off to the side of the road and exited the vehicle. The fire completely engulfed the vehicle. Wakulla County Fire Rescue responded and extinguished the fire. The vehicle was deemed a complete loss.

### SATURDAY, MAY 24

- Deputy Buckhalt conducted a traffic stop on a silver Mercury sedan in the area of Summerwood Drive and Bloxham Cutoff Road for making an improper U-turn. The vehicle nearly caused an accident with an approaching vehicle. Upon contact with the driver, Craig Patterson Symons, it was confirmed his license was suspended and he had an active warrant out of Leon County. Subsequently, Symons was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended or Revoked (DWLSR) and transported to the Wakulla County Detention Facility.

- Deputy Williams responded to the Dollar Tree in reference to a battery complaint. Complainant reported she was in an altercation with an unknown female inside the business. After the other party accused her of skipping her in line. An argument ensued shortly after, and the complainant stated she attempted to ignore the other party, but the argument continued to be verbal in nature until the other female approached her in a separate checkout line. The complainant stated the unknown female then pushed her before other patrons inside the store intervened. The unknown female then fled the scene shortly after. Case has been turned over to the Criminal Investigations Division.
- Deputy Williams responded to New Light Church Road in reference to a structure fire. The east side of the residence was fully engulfed upon arrival. Wakulla County Fire Rescue responded and extinguish the flames. The home is valued at \$425,000 and appears to be a total loss. A Kia Soul was also located inside the garage of the residence. It is unknown at this time how much damage the vehicle sustained.
- Deputy Smith responded to Blackfoot Road in reference to a theft complaint. Contact was made with a resident who reported two of his fishing poles were stolen sometime between May 21 and May 22. Investigation turned over to the Criminal Investigations Division.

### SUNDAY, MAY 25

- Deputy Parker attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a motorcycle while in the area of Chehaw Street. After activating his emergency lights, the vehicle failed to stop and began making attempts to elude Deputy Parker by traveling down multiple roadways. During this incident, the driver of the motorcycle abandoned the bike and fled on foot. Deputy Parker began a foot pursuit which resulted in a swift apprehension of the driver. The driver was identified as Joseph Lawson Jr. It was discovered that Lawson did not possess a valid license which he was aware of. He was subsequently placed under arrest and transported to the Wakulla County Detention Facility.
- Deputy Smith conducted a traffic stop on a green Chevrolet Silverado in the area of Commerce Boulevard and Melaleuca Drive. Upon contact, the driver, John Roberts, it was confirmed his license was suspended and the tag on the vehicle came back to a 2015 blue Jeep. Subsequently, Roberts was placed under arrest for DWLSR and was transported to the Wakulla County Detention Facility.

- Deputy Sammons responded to Sink Drive in reference to a criminal mischief complaint. Contact was made with the property owners who reported they purchased the property for retirement and are in the process of making some renovations. The couple visit the property twice a month and upon their arrival this day, they observed the numerical address written on the south facing exterior wall. The couple did not advise of any other suspicious activity on the premises at this time and requested the incident be documented.

### MONDAY, MAY 26

- Deputy Post investigated a disturbance between neighbors on Dickson Bay Road. Upon arrival it was determined the disturbance was verbal in nature and there were no indications a physical disturbance had occurred.

### FRIDAY, MAY 23

- Deputy Rivers responded to Connie Drive and made contact with a complainant whose golf cart was damaged by an individual who struck it out of anger using a broom stick. Total damage was estimated to be approximately \$300. The suspect was identified as John Frederick Werth. He was located and arrested, charged with Criminal Mischief, and was transported to the Wakulla County Detention Facility.
- Deputy Saba responded to Gray Circle and made contact with a resident who stated she had lost medication and she was advised to obtain a report from law enforcement before the medication could be replaced.
- Deputy Monroe investigated a Retail Theft from Walmart. Loss Prevention reported an unknown subject passed the last point of sale with unpaid merchandise. Taken was a television valued at approximately \$178. Investigation turned over to the Criminal Investigations Division.
- Deputy Godwin responded to an address on Crawfordville Highway in reference to a Theft. Complainant reported the theft of items removed from his semi transport trailer. Taken were lumber tarps, miscellaneous bungee cords and an aluminum ladder. All items taken had an estimated value of \$1,180. Investigation turned over to the Criminal Investigations Division.

- Deputy Weekes responded to Walmart in reference to a theft and made contact with a citizen who reported an unknown subject stole her credit cards and then proceeded to purchase items from Walmart, with a total loss of \$1,017. Investigation turned over to the Criminal Investigations Division.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

- Deputy Weekes responded to Fox Run Circle and made contact with a resident who reported she was attempting to contact the Amazon Help Center so she Googled the phone number. Once she located the phone number, she made contact with who she believed to be customer service. The unknown subject the citizen spoke with gained control of her phone and the subject began sending money to another individual. At this time, she believes the individual only stole \$120 from her account. Investigation turned over to the Criminal Investigations Division.
- Deputy Sammons responded to Sioux Trail in reference to a theft complaint. Contact was made with a resident who reported his Dewalt power tool set and charger were stolen from his vehicle on May 27. Investigation turned over to the Criminal Investigations Division.
- Deputy Sammons responded to Hampton Way in reference to a fraud complaint. Complainant reported she has been receiving calls from an unknown subject in reference to winning the lottery via a drawing she entered three years prior. The individual identified himself as Carl Wheeler. Wheeler told complainant she won \$15.5 million and a new Mercedes Benz vehicle. In order to receive her winnings, Wheeler requested she send \$1,000. When complainant told the caller she is on a fixed income, he attempted to lower the asking amounts all the way down to \$250. Complainant stated the request appeared suspicious and stopped replying to the caller, and never sent any funds to the caller and requested the incident be documented.

- Deputy Smith responded to Walmart in reference to a theft complaint. Contact was made with Asset Protection Officer who reported observing a white female with blonde hair enter the store on May 27 at approximately 3:45 p.m. The female was onbserveed making her way to different departments and retrieving items, placing them in her shopping cart. The female also made her way to the automotive section and selected a marine battery before making her way to the front of the store. Once the female made her way to the front of the store where she parked the shopping cart and exited the store briefly. Shortly after, the female subject re-entered the store and retrieved the battery from the shopping cart. At this point, the subject passed all points of sale and fled in a black Chevrolet Silverado. Investigation turned over to the Criminal Investigations Division.
- Deputy Kittrell responded to Crawfordville Storage at 59 Shadeville Road in reference to a theft complaint. Complainant reported he was recently contacted by management on May 19 in reference to someone possibly entering his storage unit, and he was unable to inspect the unit until May 20. Complainant observed two Sony speakers missing, and three containers with clothes inside. Investigation turned over to the Criminal Investigations Division.

### THURSDAY, MAY 29

- Deputy Parker met with a resident on Marie Circle who located a bicycle lying next to the road opposite his residence. Deputy Parker retrieved the bicycle and submitted it to property and evidence for safe-keeping. The owner of the bicycle is unknown at this time and was unable to be located.

- Deputy Buckhalt responded to Walmart in reference to a stolen vehicle. Contact was made with the complainant who advised when she got off work, she realized her vehicle, a 2004 Chevy pickup, was missing. Video surveillance showed another vehicle involved in the theft. CID was notified and the vehicle was entered into NCIC/FCIC as stolen. Investigation turned over to the Criminal Investigations Division.
- Deputy Buckhalt located a stolen U-Haul truck at Wakulla Station Kangaroo gas station. As the vehicle attempted to exit the store parking lot Deputies conducted a traffic stop. The driver, Larry Danny Brown, was subsequently arrested for grand theft of a motor vehicle. Contact was made with Tallahassee Police Department, the entering agency, and the vehicle was picked up by U-Haul. Brown was charged with Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle and was transported to the Wakulla County Detention Facility.

### FRIDAY, MAY 30

- Deputy Godwin investigated a Theft on Iroquois Road. Complainant reported the theft of two belt buckles. Complainant went to obtain the package from the mailbox, and discovered it had been ripped open. Both items were valued at approximately \$40. Investigation turned over to the Criminal Investigations Division.

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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:  
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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:  
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Greg James  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Wakulla County, Florida  
By: /s/ Rachel Howard  
As Deputy Clerk

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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, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF  
LINDA MacDonald FINCH a/k/a LINDA FINCH,  
DECEASED  
DIVISION: PROBATE

File No. 25-78-CP

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Linda MacDonald Finch a/k/a Linda Finch, deceased, whose date of death was January 31, 2025, Case Number 25-78-CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Wakulla County Clerk, 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327. The names and addresses of the Petitioner and the Petitioner's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's Estate, including unmatured, contingent, or unliquidated claims and who may have been served a copy of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIMS FILED TWO YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH ARE BARRED.

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<b>AMY MICHELLE SMITH</b> Petitioner/executor 83 Fox Run Circle Crawfordville, FL 32327	<b>KRISTI MILLER NOVONGLOSKY</b> Florida Bar No. 0182044 Post Office Box 1129 Chipley, Florida 32428 Telephone: (850) 6387587 knovonglosky@gmail.com
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June 5, 12, 2025

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

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF  
HILARY FRIES GREGORY,  
DECEASED  
DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO: 2025-CP-39

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Hilary Fries Gregory, deceased, File 2025-CP-39 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.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is June 5, 2025.

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	Co-Personal Representatives: Nancy Marie Jewett and Genette Lynn Rundle 29 Lucky Bird Lane Crawfordville, Florida 32327
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June 5, 12, 2025

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

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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 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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May 29, June 5, 2025

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.

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

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May 29, June 5, 2025

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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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  
**Published on May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2025**

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

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 #: **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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Signature: Greg James, Clerk  
By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk  
Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida  
**Published on May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2025**

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 006

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 #: **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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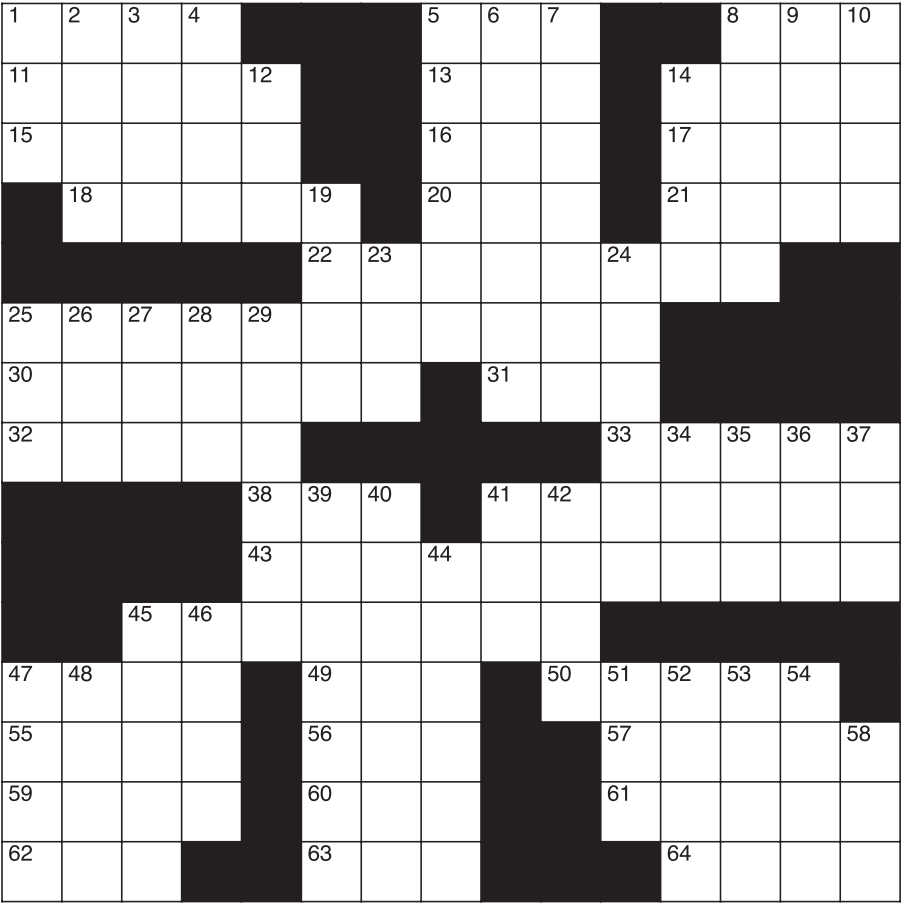
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- Affirmative (slang)

- Afflicted
- One point north of north-east
- Born of
- Arabic name
- Traditional Hong Kong street food: \_\_ pai dong
- Termination point
- Email function

CLUES DOWN

- Sign language
- In style
- Helsinki neighborhood
- Unable to hear
- More rapid
- An idea accepted as a demonstrable truth
- In a cagy way
- Kate and Rooney are two
- Algerian port
- Community in Ladakh
- Midway between south and southeast
- Town in Galilee
- Satisfy
- Italian impressionist painter
- Brass instrument
- Chest muscle (slang)
- Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm



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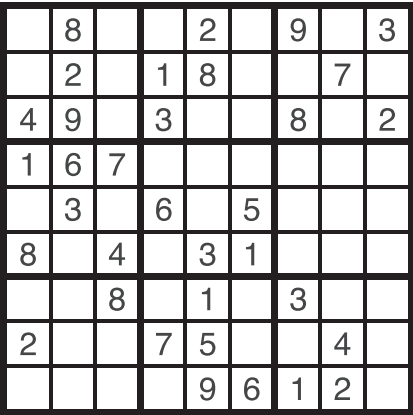
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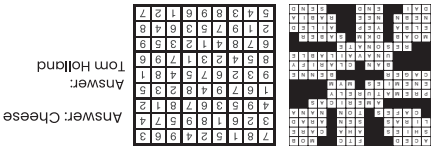
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GUESS WHO ?

I am an actor born in England on June 1, 1996. I attended the BRIT School for Performing Arts and Technology. Early in my career, I portrayed Billy Elliott in a London musical. Recently, I've filled the tights of a web-slinging superhero.





# Chamber luncheon held, catered by Zaxby’s



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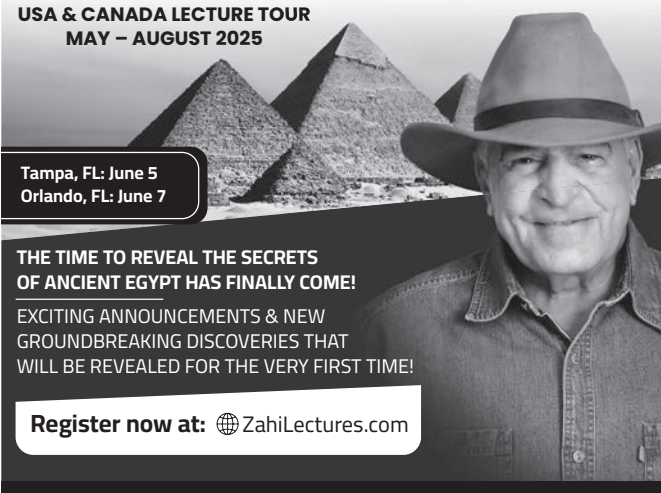
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