





Softball players Cylie Long, Charley Butler and Coach Sally Wheeler named All-Big Bend.

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 WeatherSTEM

Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		
PM Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms	Mostly Sunny
Hi: 91° Lo: 75° 61%	Hi: 91° Lo: 74° 64%	Hi: 91° Lo: 75° 24%
Sunrise 6:43 AM Sunset 8:41 PM	Sunrise 6:44 AM Sunset 8:41 PM	Sunrise 6:44 AM Sunset 8:41 PM



Fireworks at the Sopchoppy Fourth of July Celebration.



Jordan Miller and his band headlined the show, right; above with his dad, Sheriff Jared Miller.



Parade scenes, lockwise from above, the Miss Wakulla winners wave to the crowd; the Lofty Pursuits marching band play patriotic tunes; state Sen. Corey Simon waves a greeting.



PHOTOS BY GERALD BROWN

Wakulla projects approved in state budget

Staff Report

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis signed the \$115 billion state budget last week, and Wakulla County projects that were funded include:

- \$21 million for construction of the new Wakulla High School.
- Another \$2.5 million for Wakulla Basin GIS mapping.

And three major projects for the county:

- Wakulla County Fire Rescue Aerial Ladder Truck for \$1.05 million
- Emergency Operations Center (EOC) – Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment for \$673,100.
- And \$1 million for the Otter Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility – to implement an improved dewatering system. This system separates water from waste-activated sludge and is essential for effective wastewater treatment and biosolid disposal.

“We are incredibly grateful to the Florida Legislature and Gov. DeSantis for supporting these important priorities for Wakulla County,” said David Edwards, Wakulla County Administrator. “These appropriations reflect the county’s commitment to public safety, emergency preparedness, and infrastructure resilience.”

- There was also \$136,000 approved for the Wakulla Pregnancy Center’s support services.

David Edwards’ comment was taken from a county press release.

Two killed in crash at Port Leon, Hwy. 98 near St. Marks

Staff Report

Two Crawfordville women were killed in a July 4th car crash at the intersection of U.S. Highway 98 and Port Leon Drive, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

Around 6:18 p.m., a 50-year-old woman driving a sedan and her 15-year-old passenger appeared to have failed to yield the right-of-way to a pickup truck pulling a trailer and the sedan was T-boned, according to FHP’s report.

The passenger in the sedan was pronounced deceased on-scene. The driver of the sedan was transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital where she was pronounced deceased, FHP reported.

The occupants of the truck – a 36-year-old man from Crawfordville, a 34-year-old man from Tallahassee, and a 13-year-old boy and 2-year-old child, suffered no injuries, according to FHP.

Troopers were assisted on scene by the Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office, Wakulla County Fire Rescue, and Florida Wildlife and Conservation Commission.

Andrew Riddle resigns from posts with county

Staff Report

Andrew Riddle, who has served numerous volunteer positions with the Wakulla County over the past 10 years, announced his resignation as chair of the Wakulla County Planning Commission and other roles at the county commission meeting on June 16 during the citizens to be heard portion of the meeting.

Riddle gave no specific reason in his comments, other than “Over the last few weeks, I’ve come to the decision that it’s time for other people within the county to step up.”

In addition to the planning commission, Riddle had served on the Industrial Development Authority, the One Cent Sales Tax Committee, the Library Advisory Board and Charter Review Commission, among others.



Andrew Riddle

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Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park

Manyflowered Beardtongue

By LYNN ARTZ, DAVID RODDENBERRY, and SANDY TEDDER



Manyflowered beardtongue (Penstemon multiflorus) charms with its many showy white flowers in summer. Each tubular 2-lipped flower has black anthers and a protruding hairy filament resembling a fuzzy tongue. Also called white beardtongue, the flowers may be slightly rosy or lavender at times. Found almost solely in Florida, manyflowered beardtongue occurs naturally in dry pinewoods, sandhills, and well-drained uplands in much of the state. This long-lived perennial grows 1½ to perhaps 4 feet tall (counting the flowers) in full sun and dry sandy soil but is not salt tolerant. It is a larval host for the Baltimore checkerspot butterfly, attracts many native bees, and hummingbirds may visit. It spreads slowly through seeds and “pups” at its base. Manyflowered beardtongue is blooming now in the northwest garden at Sopchoppy Depot Park.

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Cylie Long, Charley Butler named to All-Big Bend

Lady War Eagles softball coach Sally Wheeler named All-Big Bend Softball Coach of the Year

Staff Report

The Lady War Eagles made it all the way to the Final Four for the state championship but fell to the Eustis Panthers back in May. Three of those Lady War Eagles were recognized for their season: Cylie Long was named All-Big Bend Player of the Year; Charley Butler was named All-Big Bend Pitcher of the Year; and Sally Wheeler was named All-Big Bend Coach of the Year.

Overall, the softball team had a 22-5-1 season.

Sophomore Cylie Long had a breakout season with a Top 10 overall ranking in the state, hitting .513 with 27 RBIs and nine home runs in 76 at-bats. She also had 19 extra base hits, nine doubles and



a triple. Senior Charley Butler pitched for 13 wins and one loss with a .53 ERA and had 215 strikeouts, allowing only 17 runs, nine of those earned, in 20 appearances this season. She threw a perfect game in the regional title game, striking out 11 on the way to a 6-0 victory. The senior has

committed to play at Auburn next year. Coach Sally Wheeler has led the team to the final four in three consecutive seasons. The team won the district and regional titles this year on the way to another final four appearance.

ALL-BIG BEND SECOND TEAM



Charley Butler, left, was named All-Big Bend Pitcher of the Year; Cylie Long, above left, was named All-Big Bend Player of the Year, and Coach Sally Wheeler, above right, was named All-Big Bend Coach of the Year.

ALL-BIG BEND THIRD TEAM

Two more Lady War Eagle players were named to the third team:

- Brianna Stephens, a junior, infielder, played 24 games, had a .286 average in 63 at-bats, had one homer and 11 RBIs.
- Abbigail Lawhon, a junior, infielder, played 24 games, had a .246 average in 61 at-bats, and had 15 hits and 5 RBIs.

senior, catcher and infielder, played in 17 games, had a .286 average in 49 at bats, including three homeruns and 13 RBIs.

- Aislin Hunter, a junior, had 11 appearances as a pitcher, went 6-1 with a 1.69 ERA and had 58 strikeouts.

A Wakulla Christian School softball player, sophomore Alexah Brown, was also named to the All-Big Bend Third Team. The infielder played in 12 games with a .548 average, 23 hits in 42 at-bats, with one homer and 29 RBIs.

4-H Teen Fit Camp

By **RACHEL PIENTA**
Wakulla 4-H

For the second summer, Wakulla 4-H has partnered with Sunchaser Fitness, the UF/IFAS Family Nutrition Program, the Wakulla County Coalition for Youth, and the Florida Center for Prevention Research at Florida State University to offer a pre-teen and teen-focused camp.

4-H Agent Rachel Pienta stressed the importance of partnerships like the one that makes this camp possible: “Program partners are essential to the Wakulla 4-H program. Working together to support our local youth helps us to amplify our impact in the Wakulla community.”

The program, Wakulla 4-H Teen Fit Camp, is offered for two weeks this summer, one week in June and one week in July. The camp program is held onsite at Sunchaser Fitness and focuses on fitness and wellness for middle school aged youth. Youth have the option to participate in one or both weeks.

Sunchaser Fitness Coaches Rochelle Thayer and Brian Jones offer fast-paced physical fitness activities with an emphasis on safety and



proper form. Youth are encouraged to measure their personal progress against themselves.

“At Sun Chaser Fitness, our 4-H Teen Fit Camp is about more than just exercise – it’s about building confidence, learning the value of hard work, and discovering the power of teamwork. We’re proud to help shape strong bodies and even stronger minds in our local youth,” said Rochelle Thayer, Owner & Coach at Sun Chaser Fitness.

Karen Zak serves as the Prevention Program Coordinator for the Florida Center for Prevention Research at Florida State University. This is her second year serving as a Teen Fit Camp instructor. Zak’s programming segments includes interactive games and experiential learning ac-

tivities designed to help youth develop essential life skills needed to make choices that support health and wellness goals.

“Teaching Too Good for Drugs at Teen Fit Camp has been a rewarding experience,” Zak said. “It’s not just about steering kids away from drugs – it’s about helping them build a strong, healthy mindset. Through fun, interactive lessons, they’re learning how to set goals, make responsible decisions, and handle peer pressure, all of which support their mental and emotional well-being.”

During each camp week, Family Nutrition Program (FNP) educator Amy Frazier imparts essential life skills to the campers, teaching the youth about label comparison for health-

ier choices and leading discussions on the nutritional benefits of various fruits and vegetables. The FNP lessons emphasize moderation, particularly in choosing sugary drinks and snacks, as a core educational objective. Key takeaways for the students during the camp weeks include prioritizing water over sugary beverages and striving for predominantly whole foods in their diets to sustain energy and concentration throughout the day.

Frazier commented on what one camper shared with her, “During a recent UF/IFAS Family Nutrition Program lesson at Teen Fit Camp, I spoke with a returning camper from last summer who shared how much she enjoyed the healthy yogurt parfait introduced during camp.” Frazier further shared that the youth “said she loved it so much that she added it to her routine and enjoyed it many times throughout the school year as a healthy snack... This camp gives kids the opportunity to build on what they’ve learned about healthy eating and exercise, helping them carry those habits into the school year and beyond.”

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.

An additional Public Notice appears on Page 5

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF WAKULLA COUNTY ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING:
EVENT: School Board Meeting
DATE: Monday, July 21, 2025
TIME: 1:00 pm
PLACE: School Board Room, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida
PURPOSE: Budget Workshop for the 2025-2026 Budget

For further information please contact:
Superintendent’s Office
Wakulla County Schools
Post Office Box 100, 69 Arran Rd
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July 10, 2025

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WELL NO. 7 MODIFICATIONS

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Well No. 7 Improvements will be received, by the City of Sopchoppy, at the City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, Florida 32358, until 2:00 PM E.D.S.T. on July 10, 2025, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of installing two 1,000 gallon-per-minute wells, a 200,000-gallon ground storage tank, two 1,000 gallon-per-minute booster pumps, a mechanical / treatment building and associate yard piping and appurtenances to connect to the existing water distribution system.

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A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 AM E.D.S.T. on July 1, 2025, at City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, Florida.

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Opinions

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LETTERS FROM READERS

Populations, circuit courts, and plum assignments



By JUDGE J. LAYNE SMITH
Wakulla Circuit Judge

As of June 30, 2025, I have served three years as your circuit judge, and I deeply care about the people of Wakulla County. As I constantly say, it’s my

privilege to serve here! Both Wakulla County and our State are not just growing, but thriving. Every day, more people move into our State and county than move out. No doubt, Wakulla County is a great place to live and raise a family. Florida divides itself into 67 counties. Its most populated county, Miami-Dade, has 2,686,867 residents. Liberty County, the least populated, has only 7,706 residents. Wakulla County, ranked 48th, has a population of 36,449 residents. Florida divides its trial courts into 20

judicial circuits. You live and vote in Florida’s Second Judicial Circuit, which covers Leon (296,913 people), Gadsden (43,833 People), Wakulla (36,449), Jefferson (15,450 people), Franklin (12,594 people), and Liberty (7,706) Counties. Leon County accounts for 69 percent of the circuit’s population. The other five counties, combined, account for the remaining 31 percent. As for size, the Second Judicial Circuit covers 3,758 square miles, which is larger than two states--Delaware (2,489 square miles) and Rhode Island (1,545 square

miles). Our circuit consists of 16 circuit judges and 10 county judges. However, two circuit judge seats are vacant due to the retirement of one judge and the death of another. We are still grieving the passing of Judge Dawn Caloca-Johnson. In December, a circuit judge will retire on his 75th birthday. Additionally, the state legislature just approved adding a 17th circuit judge. Gov. DeSantis will appoint four new circuit judges over the next six to eight months. Until then, your sitting circuit judges will double up to cover the work-

loads assigned to the empty seats. The judges in the Second Judicial Circuit elect a Chief Judge, who assigns judges their duties for two-year stretches. We are fortunate to have the Honorable Frank Allman serving us and you in that capacity. He has a demanding job, and we judges do our best to support him. Wakulla County is a plum assignment! Thus, my preference is to remain the sole circuit judge for Wakulla County. However, given the circuit’s expected turnover, the Chief Judge may need to re-

assign me to another county. Time will tell. Over the last three years, my judicial assistant and I have significantly reduced the number of old and pending circuit court cases. We will stay vigilant. Thus, whenever it is my time to go, my dockets will be in excellent shape for the transition. *The Honorable J. Layne Smith is the Circuit Judge for Wakulla County, Florida, a bestselling author, and a public speaker. The population numbers contained in this column were good as of December 17, 2024.*

Support for Sopchoppy’s Depot Park

Editor, The Sun:

Several years ago I suggested to the Hairstreak Chapter of the North American Butterfly Association (NABA) that we stop at Sopchoppy Depot Park on one of our annual field trips to the Apalachicola National Forest. Everyone was happy to find a native plant and butterfly spot to visit on the way to the forest. We saw many butterflies that day including a Giant Swallowtail and a Juni-

per Hairstreak stopping to nectar on several of the Juniper trees in the park. A field trip is always a success if we see hairstreak butterflies and Depot Park did not disappoint. The native plants, trees and vines make this very unique garden a valuable habitat not just for butterflies but hummingbirds and other birds, bees, moths, and other living creatures. The Tallahassee NABA chapter members have continued to visit the park with regu-

larity. I do hope those involved will consider leaving a few of the Coral honeysuckle vines on the fence along the street as it does make for a lovely downtown and beckons folks into the park to take a leisurely stroll to see what new flowers are blooming. Unlike the popular Japanese honeysuckle which is exotic and invasive, the Coral honeysuckle is a native Florida plant. Hummingbirds drink nectar from its flowers. The Spring

Azure Butterfly uses it as its host plant for their caterpillars. The vine is a good choice for Depot Park, not only for their beautiful red flowers but also as an excellent larval food plus a good nectar plant for many adult butterflies. Because of its uniqueness, Depot Park is a special place to have a

get together. On March 29th, Virginia Craig’s family held a small Celebration of Life for her at the park. Many of her friends from the butterfly group and also from the Tallahassee and Wakulla County Native Plant Societies attended. The park was the perfect place to gather to celebrate Virginia, a butter-

fly and native plant enthusiast. Every visit to Sopchoppy Depot Park is a delight as there are always plants blooming, bees buzzing, and birds chirping. We are so lucky to have this unique jewel of a park in our region. **Claudia Farren**
Tallahassee

Something on your mind?

Email Letters to the Editor to editor@thewakullasun.com; or mail it or drop it by the office at 12 Arran Road, Crawfordville FL 32327.

On the Horizon

Thursday, July 10	Friday, July 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none">St. Marks City Commission meets at the St. Marks Yacht Club at 6 p.m.The Wakulla County Cancer Support Group meets in the Education Center of the Crawfordville United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. This group meeting is for men and women, regardless of the type of cancer. Spouses, caregivers, and friends are welcome. For more information, call 850-926-6050.Rotary Club of Wakulla meets at Tallahassee State College at 8:30 a.m.The VFW Auxiliary Bingo Night will be held at 7 p.m. at 475 Arran Road in Crawfordville, every Thursday. There are concessions and raffles.Yin Yoga at 6 p.m. with Nellie every Thursday. Classes are \$12, at New Posh on 3079 Crawfordville Hwy. RSVP to newposh3079@gmail.com or text/call at (850) 528-5838.Gentle Yoga at First Baptist Church, 3086 Crawfordville Hwy., at 11:30 a.m. Chair participants welcome. \$2 donation per class. Bring your mat.Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at 54 Ochlockonee St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon at 8 p.m. every Friday at 54 Ochlockonee St.
Saturday, July 12	Sunday, July 13
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wakulla County Preparedness Expo will be held at Hudson Park from 9 a.m. to noon. Learn how to be prepared when disaster strikes.Hand-me-down Getdown, a swap event, will be held at Palaver Tree Theater beginning at 2 p.m.The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group will meet at the Wakulla County Public Library at 10 a.m. every second Saturday of the month.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wakulla Giving Hands holds a food giveaway every Sunday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Monday, July 14	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">County commission meets at 5 p.m. in the	

Calendar of events for the week of July 10

<ul style="list-style-type: none">commission chambers. A budget workshop will be held beginning at 3 p.m.The Sopchoppy City Commission meets at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.VFW Post 4538 and Auxiliary hold monthly meetings on the second Monday of the month with fellowship at 6 p.m., meetings at 7 p.m.The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group meets at Lake Ellen Baptist Church at 9:30 a.m every second Monday of the month.Crawfordville Woman's Club monthly meeting is the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 64 Ochlockonee St., in Crawfordville. Call (850) 566-5727 for more informationThe Wakulla Respite Program will be available for anyone with memory impairment at no cost from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Ellen Baptist Church every Monday.Yoga 101 with Nellie at 6 p.m. Classes are \$12, packages available at New Posh on 3079 Crawfordville Hwy. RSVP to newposh3079@gmail.com or text/call at (850) 528-5838.Gentle Yoga and Stretching Class, every Monday, 11 a.m. Wakulla Community Center. Bring a mat. Come early to sign in. Chair Yoga participants welcome. \$2 per class.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee St.
Tuesday, July 15	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sopchoppy community dinner is held every week at the Towles House at 6:30 p.m.Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee St.Yoga Flow with Nellie at 6 p.m. Classes are \$12, packages available at New Posh on 3079 Crawfordville Hwy. RSVP to newposh3079@gmail.com or text/call at (850) 528-5838.	
Wednesday, July 16	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">A groundbreaking ceremony for the new Emergency Operations Center will be held in the sheriff’s office parking lot, 4 Oak St., beginning at 9 a.m.Yoga with Stacy at the community center at 11 a.m. \$2 donation per class.A line dance class is held at 1 p.m. at the Wakulla Senior Center every Wednesday.Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at 54 Ochlockonee St.	

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JOY ARRINGTON
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“I love celebrating all of our holidays and we are very patriotic. I love how we celebrate and that we have the freedom to celebrate.”

Wakulla Crossroads

By **VERNA BROCK**

Recently a friend, Jane Temple, shared a hand-drawn map of Wakulla (Station) from 1937. Based on historical resources, it shows our small village as it may have looked nearly 100 years ago. There are some discrepancies I can see for myself, and many homes and businesses I’ve never heard of. For instance, it denotes a peanut farm, saying the farm was worked by German POWs during World War II. Which only raises more questions!

I traveled to the Woodville Branch Library to make a copy of the map, and am eager to learn more about it. There are a handful of people with whom I wish to consult. As you know, I have a small reservoir of stories about our “berg,” some of which I am an eyewitness.

If you were born and raised here, if you have information about the

that would require farmers and ranchers fence their livestock in, rather than allow the hogs and cattle to roam freely across the landscape. With the burgeoning traffic from automobiles, more and more people were discovering how bulls can wreck a vehicle. Not to mention the risk to life and limb!

This type of accident still occurs on our roads, but only rarely. Back at the turn of our most recent century, someone hit a horse on Bloxham Cutoff, as it meandered on an early foggy morning. It was bad news for the vehicle, and really bad news for the horse!

Mr McClees partnered with Wakulla Station native and State Representative George Nesmith to convince Florida State Legislators of the wisdom of changing the law. All this, despite howls of protests from ranchers and farmers across the state. It’s difficult to imagine what North Florida was like back then, since it was a frontier in its own right. No air conditioning, no mos-

quito control, and dangerous roads that were little more than two-rut roads.

Rep. Nesmith, who was elected from 1943 until 1951, also worked tirelessly to have Highway 98 expanded to provide safe travels across North Florida. Beginning in Pensacola, and running West to Perry, it eventually turned South to Lake Okeechobee. This artery was destined to become the longest road East of the Mississippi; his efforts were so crucial to extending Hwy. 98, the Newport Bridge over the St. Marks River is named in his honor.

Weather always seems to be a topic of discussion for folks, and this week we have borne witness to the power of water when channeled and unleashed. Please keep the families of the dead and missing in Texas in your prayers.

Also in need of our prayers are Terry McClure, Cindy Blackstock, the Johnson family, Gloria Dock, Jimmy Gainey, Clem Bunker, and Buddy Lewis.

Buckhorn News

By **ETHEL SKIPPER**

The John and Charlotte Rosier Annual Family and Friend Day Celebration for 2025 will be held at the Wakulla Senior Citizens Center in Crawfordville on Saturday, July 12 beginning at noon. Speaker will be Dr. Timothy Beard of Tallahassee.

Family members visiting from out of town include Pastor Ruth Easter from Seattle; Bishop Joseph Rosier Family from Greenville, South Carolina, and Georgia; Sister Callie Gavin

Family from South Florida and Tallahassee; and Patrick Rosier Family from Virginia.

Sunday Fellowship Service will be at Skipper Temple Church in Sopchoppy. Guest speaker will be Jennifer Rosier Wood from Greenville, South Carolina.

Willie F. Skipper Sr. is 97 years old. He is the oldest in his family as they celebrate Independence Day. Willie F. Skipper Jr., Nelson Rosier Smith, Nathaniel Smith, Leston Green, Archie

Simmons, Kenneth Rosier, Patrick Rosier, Joseph Rosier, Merddie Rosier, Rick Hines, Johnnie Chapman, Williams Johnson, John Johnson, Frank Johnson. These people have served our country along with other family members.

The family on Surf Road in Sopchoppy gave out free Fourth of July dinners and had a fireworks show. It was an enjoyable day.

We wish a happy birthday to Myles Grimmitt on July 8; Doris Gantt on July 9; Isaiah Hines on July 10; Brianna Beard on July 11; Wender Gavin on July 12; Edward Harris on July 22; Alexander Davis on July 22;

Ruth Easter, July 22; Elizabeth Clary on July 18; Aamina Rosier, July 24; Reginald Jenkins, July 27; Azyliah Jenkins, July 8; Azariah, July 12.

On Sunday, July 27, Macedonia Church will have a special service honoring the life of Mother Mary F. Green, Mother Mila Hill, and Deaconess Alberta Hines. Everyone is invited.

Our prayers and concern goes out to all the sick and shut-in, those in the nursing homes, hospitals, jails, the homeless, world leaders, and all in need of help everywhere. Let us pray for each other. Amen.

Library News

By **LINDA OAKS**
Library Director

Library News for June 10th to 16th:

Thursday, July 10th

- Creative Writing I 10am
- Summer Breakspot Free Lunch 12:30pm
- Shade Brigade (Grades 3-5) 2pm
- Radio Testing 6pm

Friday, July 11th

- Mommy & Me Yoga 9am
- Quilting Guild 10am

Saturday, July 12th

- Alzheimer’s Support Group 10am

Sunday, July 13th

- Closed

Monday, July 14th

- American Legion Post 114 Exec Committee 5:30pm

Tuesday, July 15th

- Book Bunch 10am
- Summer Breakspot Free Lunch 11am
- Lego Club 4pm
- Big Bend AHEC Tobacco free

5:30pm

- Summer Program at the Community Center Animal Tales 7pm

Wednesday, July 16th

- Book Babies 10am
- Creative Writing II 10am
- Summer Breakspot Free Lunch 11am
- The Hue Crew (K-2nd grades) 2pm
- Knitting Group 4pm

Gellis Law holds ribbon cutting

The Wakulla Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting for Sean Gellis Law PLLC on June 12. The law office is located at 2931 Crawfordville Hwy. in Crawfordville. (Photo by Heather Bryan of the Chamber)



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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wakulla County Code Enforcement Board will hold a **Public Hearing On July 22, 2025 at 5:30pm** in the Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Rd., Crawfordville, FL 32327.

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 ADARequest@mywakulla.com.

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.

July 10, 2025

HOME ON THE RANGE

Parts of a cartridge or round



By MARJ LAW

“Can I come over?” asks Ellen. “I want to show you something.”

“Sure, Ellen,” I reply. “Is something wrong?”

“Yes. The gun shop I went to sold me a bunch of junk.”

“Come on over and let me see.” I wonder why Ellen would say that.

Ellen comes over and dumps a box of bullets on the table.

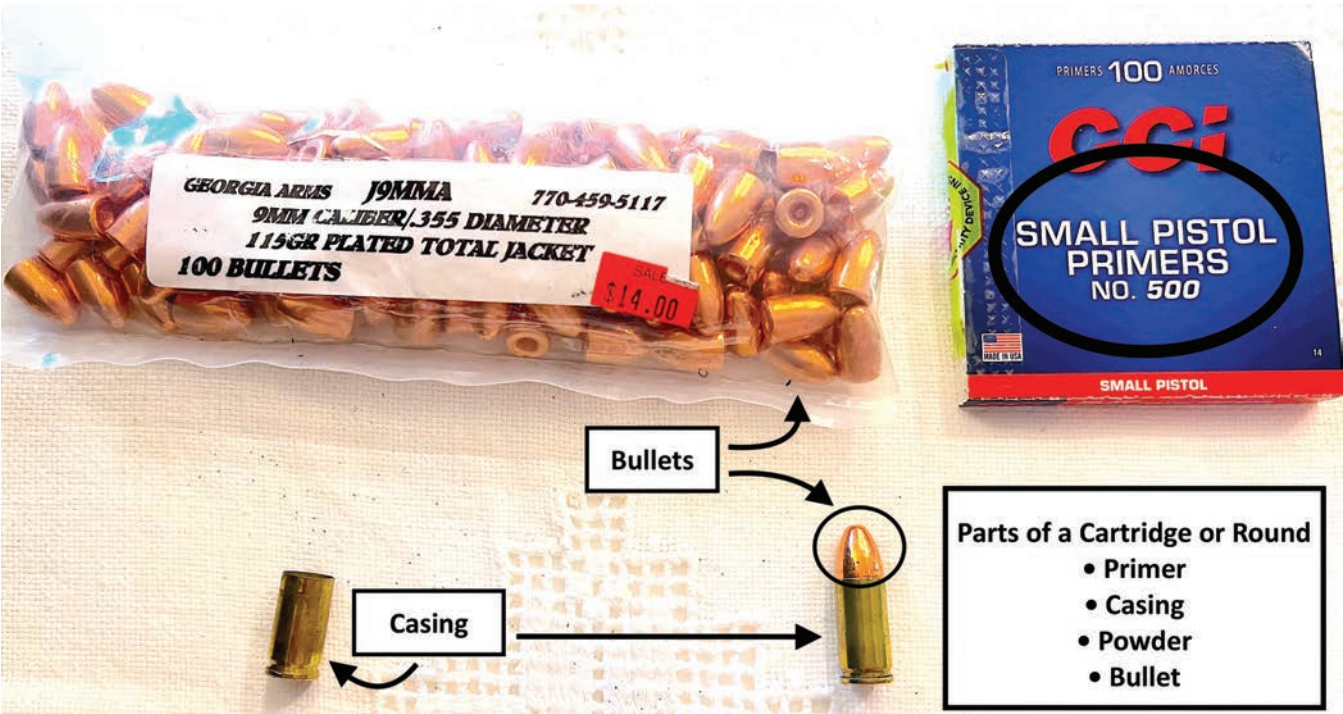
“See?” she asks. “See? I ask for a box of bullets and this is what I get. What good are these things going to do for my new 9mm Kimber Mako? I bought these because they were cheaper than other bullets for a 9mm handgun, but these won’t do me any good. Why would the guy sell these to me?”

I look at the box. Sure enough, it says bullets.

“Ellen, why did you ask for bullets?”

“Because that’s what the Mako takes! 9mm bullets! Can you believe that guy selling me all these tiny copper pieces?”

“Well, Ellen. You asked for bullets, and



bullets is what we have here. I think you meant that you needed cartridges or rounds.”

“No, Marj. I wanted bullets to shoot out of my Mako. This box says ‘bullets.’ What’s wrong?”

“What you really want is cartridges or rounds,” I say again patiently. “Bullets are just a part of a round. They are the projectile that comes out when you shoot a firearm, but a round is more than a bullet. A round consists of the casing, primer, powder and last: the bullet. You need all these components.”

“So, how do I get the entire round?”

“Go back to the store and ask for 9mm rounds or ammo for your Mako.”

“Can you tell me the difference?”

“The ammo you’re looking for has 4 parts to it. It has a casing, which is often the brass,

steel, or copper part. This holds the round together.

The primer is an explosive chemical compound. It ignites when your Mako’s firing pin whacks it.”

“Next,” I continued, “you have powder or ‘charge’ inside the casing. This is the propellant that pushes the bullet out of your barrel.”

“Last, you have the bullet, which is the projectile. That’s what is on the table now.”

“So, I only bought part of the round. I need to buy the whole thing put together to be able to shoot.”

“That’s right. You asked for bullets, and the shop seller sold you exactly what you asked for. He wasn’t trying to rip you off!”

“So, why would anyone want to purchase just part of a round, and not the whole thing?” Ellen wondered.

“Some people want to load their own rounds.”

“Why would they want to do that?”

“Well, some people save their spent brass

casings and buy the primers, powder and bullets. They feel they have control over the exact amount of powder that is in each round. Some like to make their rounds ‘hotter’ than store-bought rounds. In my opinion, that is not a safe thing to do as you sure don’t want to exceed your gun’s tolerance.”

“Seems like a lot of work when you can just buy them. And I did see some boxes that said 115, 124 and 147 grains. I didn’t understand the difference.”

“The grains is weight of the bullet or projectile.”

“How do I know which grained rounds I need for my Mako?”

“All will work in your Mako, but you may find that one works better than another. The only way to find this out is to shoot all 3 and see what works best in your handgun.”

“Okay.” Ellen seems convinced.

“But the round for my .22 Mark IV Ruger looks

a lot different than the rounds for my Mako. Why is that?”

“Let’s look at it. See the .22 is a lot smaller and the back of the casing is flat. The .22 round has its primer on its rim. The firing pin hits the primer on its rim. We call this a ‘rimfire’ round.

“I’ve heard the term rimfire. Someone told me you can’t dryfire a rimfire round, but you can dryfire a 9mm round. Why is that?”

“If you dryfire a .22, the firing pin won’t be able to hit the rim of the ammo. Instead, it will hit the frame of the gun. This could damage or break off the firing pin.”

“Yikes!” Ellen looks worried. “I bet that’s an expensive mistake!”

“Yes. We never dryfire our .22 semi-automatic handguns. Your 9mm Mako is another matter altogether.”

“Why?” asks Ellen.

I hold up a 9mm round.

“Now, see the small circle in the back of the 9mm round?” Ellen nods.

“That’s where the primer is located on the

9mm round. Instead of hitting the casing on its rim, your striker is now hitting the center of the round. We call this one a ‘centerfire’ round. You can dryfire these handguns because if there is no round in the gun, the striker won’t hit any part of the frame and therefore won’t be damaged.”

“What about other handguns? How do you know if they are rimfire or centerfire?”

“Just look at the back of the casing. If you see the small circle, it’s a centerfire round. Most cartridges except for .22s and a few others are centerfire rounds.”

“So, let me think about this,” Ellen ponders. “When I shoot my .22, the firing pin whacks the rim, which sets of the spark which ignites the powder. This explosion sets the bullet off to my target.”

“In my 9mm Mako,” she continues, “the striker hits the center of the casing. This is where the primer is located. When whacked by the firing pin, the primer ignites the powder which sets of the explosion to push the bullet out of the barrel. It’s like a chain reaction.”

“It’s like the song ‘Dem Bones.’

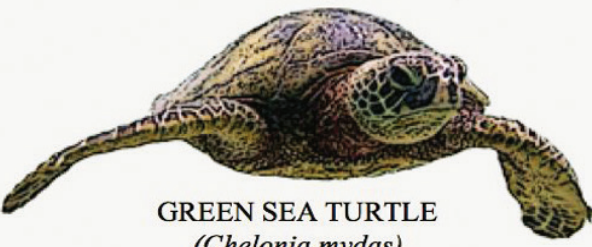
The striker hits on the primer,

The primer sets off the powder.

The powder forces out the bullet,

The bullet makes a hole in the target.

Now hear the song of the range!”



GREEN SEA TURTLE
(Chelonia mydas)

Green sea turtles adults graze on the vast sea grass beds of the tropics. Florida’s coastal waters are an important feeding grounds. Juveniles hunt crabs jellyfish and sponge. Each year they will swim thousands of miles to return to their birthplace to mate and lay eggs. Artificial lights on beaches confuse them and prevent them from laying eggs. Sea walls block their path. This turtle is called “green” because it was favored for soup and the fat is greenish. Hunting for the turtle meat and eggs and habitat destruction means this turtle is now endangered. This is the one of the largest of the living sea turtles and can grow to 700 pounds.

Eukaryria, Anamalia, Chordata, Reptilia, Testunides, Cheloniidae

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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 a Palamedes Swallowtail on a Pickerel Weed.

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Sun rise/set 6:43AM 8:41PM		Moon rise/set 9:01PM 6:11AM		Carrabelle 28 Min.		25 Min.		July 10 - July 16										Minor Times 5:26AM 8:16PM		Major Times 11:56PM 12:23PM	
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Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon

This past weekend, members of Flotilla 12 hosted a Ramp Day for free Vessel Examinations at the St Marks ramp.

While there, they noted that there was an aid to navigation (ATON), Red #64, had been moved and was near the area where boats were launching. This presented a hazard for those launching and returning. Wade Olson, who is an ATON The auxil- iarists called Station Panama City to report the problem. The ANT Team has us on the schedule to come over and return #64 to its rightful home. Please use caution in nav- igating this area!

If you notice that

Boating Emergencies

Coast Guard Station

Panama City (850) 234-4228

Coast Guard Station

Yankeetown (352) 447-6900

Coast Guard Auxiliary

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

or (850) 284-1166

a navigational aid is damaged or has been moved, please report it to Station Panama City by calling Coast Guard Station Pan- ama City at Coast Guard Station Pana- ma City ANT Team at (251) 234-8139.

Thanks to Sherrie, we will always remem- ber safe boating is no accident! You can be

a part of making sure everyone has a safe day out on the water!

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 learn- ing more about get- ting 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

Cave diving season. September 1, 2011

Our winter training and cave diving season has started. This past weekend I was training folks in Cavern diving, which is an extension of open water diving.

Most folks fly in from around the world for training in our caves. We host them in Wakulla County. Their departure sometimes creates a problem as they like to dive right up to their gate call at the airport. For safety reasons we cannot allow this. Here is why.

Diving is a full contact sport, your entire body is involved, resulting in an off-gassing period that can last up to 24 hours (and more) after you surface from your dive.

One of my students in this weekend's class announced near the end of the class on Sunday that his flight was to depart Monday morning at 7 a.m. Why is this a problem?

We live in a pressure world, in an atmosphere when above water and a hydrosphere when under water. Our air-filled atmosphere decreases in pressure as we travel upwards away from the planet's surface. Our water filled hydrosphere increases in pressure much faster as we drop in depth.

Our body is mostly made up of water. Our liquid-filled tissues require gases to live. These gases are in balance with the pressure outside our body at sea level. But when we go up in the atmosphere our tissues off gas. When we go down in the hydrosphere, our tissues on gas.

The longer or deeper our body stays underwater, the more inert gas (Nitrogen in the case of air or Nitrox breathing gases) enters our body's tissues. The more inert gas in our tissues when we reach the surface, the longer it will take for this gas to exit the body.

We may even need to spend extra time at shallow depths to decompress before getting out of the water. And all is well as long as we stay at sea level long enough after a dive to let the gases get back in balance with the atmospheric pressure.

But if we prematurely travel 1,000 feet or more above the surface of the water, we risk injury as this inert gas that normally is in solution in our tissues tries to exit our tissues in the form of bubbles. Most aircraft have a cabin pressure of 8,000 feet!

So what is a safe surface decompression schedule before boarding a plane?

In Hawaii it meant we could not drive home over the mid- dle of the island as the mountain pass was higher than 1,000 feet. Visitors to the Caribbean who scuba dive are often cautioned to spend extra time ashore before returning to the States for fear of decompression sickness caused by the radical reduction of pressure while flying. So what can we do?

The National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAUI) recommends waiting for a period of 24 hours after a dive before taking a flight home. The U.S. Navy has a policy of waiting for 12 hours after what is described as a recreation- al dive and longer for more arduous dives.

Other agencies have as little as a two-hour waiting period after a dive. Each option carries an increased risk of injury, and must be considered carefully. But wait you must, or expect an injury that may require a costly chamber ride to cure.

Most dive tables and dive computers will take a full day to predict that your tissues are clear of any imbalance of gas- ses. As such, The NAUI recommendation seems prudent.

After all, the safest dive is no dive at all.

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

WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO

Photographer Perry Dissmore shared this photo of otters swimming in the Wakulla River.

Have you ever been unfairly judged?



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

Divorce is painful, particularly when it separates you from your children.

When I was a young mother, I had to pick up and return my children

to my former husband every other weekend. Every time I dropped them off at the end of my weekend, I cried.

Returning my children to their dad hurt not only because I ached deeply for them, but also because of the reality of my situation. My obsession with losing weight (anorexia nervosa) cost me my family.

One Sunday, when I drove to the designated place to hand over my small children, my former sister-in-law met

me instead of their father.

Seeing her caught me by surprise. I felt so self-conscious that I couldn't speak or look at her. As I helped the kids into her car, I imagined how I must have come across to her – snobbish and ungrateful for the time she took out of her day to meet me.

In that moment, my sister-in-law could have easily judged me. If I had considered my behavior from her perspective, I would have thought, "Look at her!

How rude! She doesn't even have the decency to look at me, much less thank me." Wouldn't you have thought the same thing?

But you would have been mistaken in your thinking. The truth was, I was too ashamed to face her. I couldn't look at her because I felt like a failure. More specifically, I felt like a failed mom.

And this is the point. Most of the time, we don't have all the facts we need to make a fair judgment about some-

one in a particular situation. John 7:24 (ESV) says: "Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

My sister-in-law most likely never judged me the way I imagined. (Knowing her, I fully believe this is true.) Yet, there I was judging her. Many times, I've formed opinions about someone and believed I was right in my thinking, but I was wrong. Completely wrong.

How many people have I hurt with my hasty and superficial

verdicts? How many have you?

When we feel the urge to judge, wouldn't it be wiser (and more compassionate) to give others the benefit of the doubt?

Isn't this what we hope others would do for us?

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Anchored to grace



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

In the summer of '65, at age 5, I watched Dad gather materials to build a small rowboat for my two brothers.

To say I was jealous would be an understatement. It was a gift for them to explore the channels around our beach house at Cedar Island. As with any gift like that, came the rules. My brothers could only use the boat in the

canals, and I could only be in it if they were with me, or if it was anchored to the dock. My pride was wounded.

One day, while the boat was tethered to the dock, I sat inside enjoying the gentle rocking of the waves when I noticed the knot beginning to loosen. With no one looking, I started nudging it with my foot until it came free. Finally, I could show Dad I was just as big as my brothers. I grabbed a paddle and began rowing toward shore, but the current was too strong. I started drifting toward the open waters of the Gulf.

Then I saw my dad standing on the front porch, calling for my brother. Before I knew

it, my brother was in the water, swimming to my rescue. There was no punishment – just a quiet understanding of why I needed to stay anchored to something stronger than myself.

Looking back now, I know that moment wasn't just about a boat and a rope. It was a picture of life. We all have times when we want to prove we're strong enough to make it on our own. So, little by little, we loosen the rope. We drift.

The currents of this world – temptation, pride, fear, distraction – don't always pull hard at first. Sometimes it's slow and gentle, barely noticeable. Until suddenly, we're farther from God than we ever meant

to be. Still, even when we drift, we're not beyond rescue.

The Apostle Peter was passionately anchored to Jesus. Peter deeply loved and followed Him closely, yet in a moment of fear, he denied knowing Jesus three times (Luke 22:54–62). When the rooster crowed, Peter wept bitterly. He must have wondered if that failure had ended his story. But Jesus didn't leave Peter in his shame. After the resurrection, He met Peter on the shore (John 21). Over a simple breakfast, Jesus asked him three times, "Do you love me?" – one invitation for every denial, one whisper of grace for every regret.

Peter was re-anchored! This same man

who had once been afraid became a bold witness for Christ. His failure wasn't the end of his story. It was the turning point.

Just like my brother pulling me back to shore, God doesn't scold us when we've drifted. He rescues. He restores. He re-anchors us in His love.

What has pulled you away? Maybe it's the slow, quiet tug of busyness – too much noise, not enough stillness. Maybe it's pain you didn't expect, or grief you didn't know how to carry. Maybe it's the kind of weariness that makes you loosen your grip, without even realizing it.

I've known those waters too. I have often felt

adrift in this world – the ache of being unanchored. And thankfully, I have also known the rescue. God doesn't wait on the dock with a list of our failures. He comes to us, calls us back, and holds steady until we're safe again.

Remember, no matter how far we've gone, no matter how strong the current... being anchored to grace is what keeps us steady.

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." — Hebrews 6:19

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

OUT TO PASTOR

The older I get, the younger I feel



By **JAMES SNYDER**

I like celebrating anything and everything. After all, who doesn't like party time?

Thinking along this line it occurred to me this month I will be celebrating my birthday. I pondered this for a while and was trying to figure out which birthday I should celebrate.

After all, if it's my birthday, I should be the one to choose which birthday to celebrate. I'm thinking, for example, that this year I'll celebrate my 16th birthday.

On my 16th birthday, I was not in a state to really celebrate it to its fullest. My only concern at that time was I'm old enough to get my driver's license. That's the only thing I was even thinking about. Looking back on that day, I lost a lot of celebration.

So, this year, I might just celebrate my 16th birthday.

Then I think of my 21st birthday. I didn't do very much to cel-

ebate that birthday then. I was just so excited to become an official adult that nothing else really mattered. I didn't have to get my parents' permission to do anything. Oh boy, that was a great day in my life.

I didn't celebrate it to the fullest extent. I was too excited to become an adult, so I didn't do much celebrating.

I'm still in a quandary as to which birthday I should be celebrating this year.

The other morning, I was shaving in the bathroom. As I looked in the mirror, I gasped. Is that my grandfather in the mirror? Or, have I become my grandfather?

Up to this time, I didn't realize how old I really was.

The other day I was in the shopping mall with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. When we were there, she would usually go one way, and I would go to the coffee shop to get coffee.

As I was walking to the coffee shop, a bunch of young boys looked at me and started laughing. Finally, one of them said, "Hey, grandpa. Where's your cane?" And then, in hysterical laughter, they ran away from me.

They can be very thankful I didn't have a cane at that time or I would have put it to

good use, if you get my drift.

Being a little agitated, I walked, got my coffee and then sat down to drink it. As I was drinking it, I began to realize that at one time in my life, I was like those kids who were making fun of me. I thought my grandfather was just an old geezer. I never knew how he had become so old, but at the time, I wasn't asking him any questions.

A few years ago, I retired, and I can do whatever I want, whenever I want, for as long as I want.

The only catch to that was The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

She never lets me get away with anything that's rather stupid or crazy. The fact that I'm not that crazy today is a tribute to her oversight. If it wasn't for her I would be the craziest person in town.

Thinking about that,

what would be wrong with that?

Several years ago we celebrated our birthdays at a restaurant. Our birthdays are two days apart and also two years apart. I won't go any further than that.

When the waitress approached our table, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage mentioned we were celebrating our birthdays.

The waitress, trying to be funny, looked at me and said, "So, what does it feel like to be older?"

I smiled at her. Then, I reached across the table and gently squeezed my wife's arm. I looked at the waitress and said, "It feels rather good."

Both the waitress and I were laughing, but the other person at the table was not laughing at all. It concerned me a little because I wouldn't know what was going to happen until we got home.

Being old has many advantages. I may stumble around and get confused, and people will say, "That's OK. He's just old."

Maybe this year for my birthday I should celebrate the fact that I've lived this long. Both of my grandfathers died when they were 70. This month I will turn 74. So, I've outlived my grandparents. My father, however, lived to be 78. So, I've got four years ahead of me to catch up with my father.

The only thing that really concerns me about getting old is on top of my head. Every year a significant number of hairs retire and go on vacation never to be seen again. I have more hair today than I did when I was born, if that means anything.

Another thing is, the older I get the more my

brown hair has been replaced with grey hair. Where do these grey hairs come from?

I then read a verse that gave me some comfort. "The hoary (grey) head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness" (Proverbs 16:31).

If this is true, and it is, my grey hair is my "crown of glory" I never thought of that way, but now I'm going to. The older I get the bigger my "crown of glory." I'm going to use it to the best of my personal advantage.

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Obituaries

DEATH NOTICES

- **Lynda Autrey**, 84, of Crawfordville, died July 4, 2025.
- **Jimmy Cash**, 78, of Woodville, died July 4, 2025.
- **Samuel Logan**, 76, of Panacea, died July 1, 2025.

Sheriff’s Report

This report is for activity June 27th to July 4th. There were 1,507 total calls for service during the week.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

- Deputy Kittrell responded to the Sheriff’s Office lobby located at 15 Oak Street in reference to a fraud complaint and met with a complainant who reported she discovered some fraudulent charges to her bank account. Complainant stated she was contacted via telephone on June 24 at approximately 10 p.m. by an individual claiming to be a fraud investigator with her bank. The impersonator claimed her account had suspicious transactions and requested the last eight digits of her debit card. Shortly after, the complainant began receiving text messages from her bank to authenticate transactions. Complainant believed she was confirming the transactions were fraudulent, but accidentally approved the transactions. The exact amount of lost funds is unknown at this time, but she believes the total is in the \$10,000 range. Case has been forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.
- Deputy Post responded to Walmart in reference to a citizen losing his wallet. The citizen requested a report for documentation purposes.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

- Deputy Sullivan conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle on Shadeville Road. During the stop it was determined the driver, Elysabeth Marie Irvin, did not have a valid driver’s license. Irvin was placed under arrest and transported to the Wakulla County Detention Facility where she was charged with Driving While License Suspended or Revoked (DWLSR) and drug equipment possession after deputies discovered a methamphetamine pipe. Additionally, an unknown

substance was located in the vehicle, which will be sent off for analysis.

- Deputy Weeks responded to Walmart in reference to an unknown subject passing the last point of sale with \$71.88 in merchandise. Case has been forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.
- Deputy Sullivan responded to Gray Fox Court in reference to a lightning strike to a residence. Damage to the roof and interior was sustained. Wakulla County Fire Rescue responded and accessed the damage and safety for the residents, no injuries were reported.
- Deputy Post responded to Walmart in reference to a stolen wallet. Complainant reported after he pumped gas, he realized he did not have his wallet. He went back to Murphy Gas Station and could not locate it.
- Deputy Godwin responded to Dwight Sanders Road in reference to a theft. Upon arrival, he met with the complainant who advised a person known to him stole his “No trespassing” sign. Deputy Godwin located the suspect and interviewed her, and she advised she did indeed still the sign. A warrant was requested for the female suspect.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

- Deputy Weekes conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle on Woodville Highway. The driver, Justin Allen Harris was found to have a suspended/revoked driver’s license. Harris was placed under arrest for DWLSR and transported to the Wakulla County Detention Facility.
- Deputy Saba responded to Rock Landing in reference to an unknown intoxicated male attempting to open a locked vehicle door of a woman’s car. A search of the area was conducted and the male was not located.
- Deputy Sullivan responded to yet another structure fire caused by lightning on Bridal

- **Arthur McCullers**, 74, of Crawfordville, died July 1, 2025.
- **Sidney Stringer**, 68, of Crawfordville, died June 27, 2025.
- **Amy Lynn Schieferstein**, 36, of Crawfordville, died

Gate Court. Wakulla County Fire Rescue responded and accessed the damage and safety of the residence. The residence appeared to have sustained minimal damage.

MONDAY, JUNE 30

- Lieutenant Pienta conducted a traffic stop on Crawfordville Highway. The driver, Brady Lee Fortner, was found to have a suspended license with a recent warning given to him in April. Fortner was placed under arrest for DWLSR and was transported to the Wakulla County Detention Facility.
- Sergeant Will conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle on Crawfordville Highway. The driver/registered owner was found to not have a valid license. The driver, Mason Blake Ray, admitted to knowing his driver license was not valid. Mason Blake Ray was placed under arrest and transported to the Wakulla County Detention Facility.
- Deputy Kreitlow investigated a grand theft on Ashley Hall Road. Complainant reported his moped being stolen some time overnight. Complainant advised both the bike lock and padlock had been cut, which were securing the moped to the stairs on his front porch. Case has been forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.
- Deputy Cordoba responded to a suspicious vehicle at the intersection of Hickory Avenue and Cottonwood Drive. During this incident, it was discovered the tag that was attached to the motorcycle had been replaced with a newer tag with a deceased registered owner, and the driver of the motorcycle was nowhere to be found. Due to the location of the motorcycle and the aforementioned information, the motorcycle was towed. Investigation continuing.
- Complainant reported her vehicle being broken into while at Wakulla Springs State Park, advising when she got to the park, she unloaded the items they needed for the day and had a spare key fob in a purse which

was left in the vehicle during their stay at the springs. Complainant advised she was unaware of the safety feature associated with the vehicle which detected the spare key and it automatically unlocked the vehicle. Complainant advised the only thing she noticed missing was the Nintendo Switch which had been placed in between the front seats. Case forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.

TUESDAY, JULY 1

- Deputy Kittrell responded to Triangle Petro at 2616 Coastal Hwy. in reference to a battery complaint. Contact was made with Raven Harris, who advised he was attacked by Austin Clay Cruse and Robert Lindsey near the old crab shack at 1608 Coastal Hwy. Harris advised he was approached by the two subjects, who arrived in a white Nissan Altima. Harris said Lindsey began confronting him over money he owed him. An argument ensued and Lindsey attempted to strike Harris. During the confrontation, Austin Clay Cruse struck Harris with the front of the vehicle, Harris landed on the front hood of the vehicle and fell to the ground shortly afterward. After the vehicle made contact with Harris, he then observed Cruse exiting the vehicle with a black and silver Smith & Wesson pistol in his hand. Harris eventually separated himself from both parties and was transported to the Triangle Petro to report the incident. Contact was made with the other parties in the suspect vehicle on Floyd Gray Road shortly after Harris arrived at the Petro and observed the vehicle entering the parking lot. Both parties were detained and read their Miranda Warnings. Witnesses on scene corroborated Harris’ statement and a large portion of the hood of the vehicle was observed, resembling someone landing on the area. Debris was located on the majority of the vehicle and the hood was the only area of the vehicle that ap-

peared disturbed. Due to the aforementioned, Cruse was placed under arrest for Aggravated Battery and Display of Firearm During Felony; and was subsequently transported to the Wakulla County Detention Facility.

- **Alyson Terrell**, 15, of Crawfordville, died July 4, 2025.
- **Lena Terrell**, 50, of Crawfordville, died July 4, 2025.

Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel, 850-926-5919, www.familyfhc.com.

Deputy Smith responded to Walmart in reference to a delayed retail theft. Contact was made with a loss prevention officer who reported observing a white female enter the business on June 29. The female appeared to behave suspiciously as she made her way to the sporting goods section. Loss prevention attempted to keep an eye on the subject, but was summoned to a different area of the store, where he lost sight of her. On today’s date, he reviewed video surveillance from the previous day and sales records. Upon review, the loss prevention officer discovered the unknown female exited the business via the garden section with \$225.46 of stolen items. The female passed all points of sale and fled the scene in a red/maroon SUV. Case forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.

Deputy Marshall responded to a theft call on Bostic Pelt in reference to a theft. Complainant reported someone had come onto his property sometime during the night/early morning and stole some firewood he had stacked up in his yard. Complainant stated he was missing 15-20 pieces of oak wood. Investigation continuing.

Deputy Grove responded to the Sheriff’s Office lobby for a reported theft. Complainant reported her vehicle being broken into and medication stolen on June 28 while she was shopping at the Dollar General located Highway. Investigation continuing.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

- Deputy Sullivan responded to Saralan Garden Drive and made contact with a resident who reported discovering several of his entry doors to the residence appeared to have been damaged. The resident

had a female suspect known to him in this case. Investigation continuing by Patrol.

- Deputy Sullivan made contact with a citizen on Lawhon Mill Road who reported receiving an online order for the fabrication of a gate and obtained a deposit. The citizen stated he purchased the materials for the gate, and then discovered the customer retracted the deposit from his bank. Case forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.
- Deputy Saba was conducting speed enforcement in the area of McMyers Lane, when he discovered a scooter shoved in the woodline. The VIN number was unreadable. The scooter was towed by rotation wrecker.
- Deputy Sullivan responded the lobby and made contact with a citizen who reported an unknown person who identified themselves as an employee of FDIC stated her credit cards were compromised and to place them in her mailbox. The citizen stated her cards were taken from the mailbox and now she has unauthorized charges to her cards. Case forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.

THURSDAY, JULY 3

- Deputy Rivers responded to the front lobby and made contact with a complainant who reported someone opened an account with Talquin Electric using her information, and the account has accrued over \$5,000 in fees and has now been forwarded to collections and is reflected on her credit report. Case forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.
- Deputy Munroe responded to Walmart in reference to a delayed retail theft. On June 27 a male suspect stole approximately \$69.31 worth of merchandise. The male has been identified and an arrest warrant is pending.

Report suspicious or illegal activity at 850-745-7100, or call 911 for emergencies.

Chamber luncheon held at Wakulla Springs



Members of the Wakulla Chamber of Commerce enjoyed lunch at the Lodge at Wakulla Springs on June 25, above. Heather Bryan, executive di-



rector of the Chamber gave members an update on upcoming activities in July. (Photos by Lynda Kinsey)

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Published on July 10, 2025

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
TRACIE ANN DIEHL,
DECEASED
DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO: 2025-CP-86

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Tracie Ann Diehl, deceased, File 2025-
CP-86 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 unmaturred, 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 unmaturred, 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 July 3, 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: Jonathan Jacob Diehl
30 Shawnee Trl.
Crawfordville, FL 32327

July 3, 10, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF
WALTER STEVEN BROWN,
DECEASED
DIVISION: PROBATE

File No. 65-2025-CP-000055

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Walter Steven Brown, deceased, whose
date of death was December 13, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for
Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056
Crawfordville Hwy. Crawfordville, FL 32327. The names and addresses of
the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are
set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands
against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be
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The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property
held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's
surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition
of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-
732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand
is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The
written demand must be filed with the clerk.

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ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN
FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY
CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S
DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is July 3, 2025.

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ Norm D. Fugate
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
FRANK MAXWELL LAWHON, JR.,
DECEASED.

CASE NO. 2024-CP-98

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of FRANK MAXWELL LAWHON, JR.,
deceased, whose date of death was March 12, 2025, is pending in the
Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, whose address
is Wakulla County Courthouse, 33056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville,
FL 32327. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the
personal representative's Attorney are set forth at the end of th is Notice.

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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY
CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S
DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is July 3, 2025.

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0703-0724 TWS NOA

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

CASE NO.: 65-2025-CA-000063-CAAM

KATHIEANN BROWN,
PLAINTIFF,
AND
RONALD ROBERTS, J.B. FRENCH, ET AL.,
DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: JB FRENCH (DECEASED), and his unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under, or against him; and **RONALD ROBERTS (DECEASED)** and his unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under, or against him.

LAST KNOWN ADDRESSES: JB FRENCH: 2756 Cora Dr., Columbus, GA 31906 RONALD ROBERTS: C/O Polly Roberts, PO Box 46, Hamilton, GA 31811

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title and establish prescriptive easements has been filed against you and others in the above-styled Court. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on Sean W. Gellis, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 2931 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327, sean@gellislaw.com, and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court within thirty (30) days of the first publication of this notice; otherwise, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

THE ACTION involves the following described real property in Wakulla County, Florida:

Parcel 03-6S-02W-03S-03744-000: All of Lot No Twenty-one (21) in Block "E" in Surf, a subdivision lying in Fractional West Half of the Southeast Quarter, and Fractional East Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section Three, Township Six South, Range Two West, in Wakulla County, Florida.

Parcel 03-6S-02W-03S-03745-000: All of Lot Number Twenty-two (22) in Block "E" of Surf, a subdivision in the East Half of the Southwest Quarter and West Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section Three (3), Township Six (6), South, Range Two (2) West, Wakulla County, Florida.

The nature of this proceeding is an action to quiet title and establish prescriptive easements for ingress and egress across the above-described properties.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this **June 25, 2025**.

County Court Seal

Wakulla County Clerk of the Circuit Court

Greg James
As Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: **/s/ Michelle Christensen**
As Deputy Clerk

Published July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025

0626 - 0717 TWS NOA

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

CASE NO.: 24000148CAAXMX

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC.,
PLAINTIFF,
V.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF RONALD KWIATKOWSKI, DECEASED; MARY BETH MCCOY, AS POTENTIAL HEIR OF RONALD KWIATKOWSKI, DECEASED; ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED,
DEFENDANT.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To the following Defendant(s):

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF RONALD KWIATKOWSKI, DECEASED (RESIDENCE UNKNOWN) MARY BETH MCCOY, AS POTENTIAL HEIR OF RONALD KWIATKOWSKI, DECEASED

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YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for **Foreclosure of Mortgage** on the following described property:

LOT 8, BLOCK 17, WAKULLA GARDENS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE(S) 39 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

a/k/a 137 Choctaw Rd, Crawfordville, FL 32327

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, upon Kelley Kronenberg, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 10360 West State Road 84, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33324 on or before, **July 19, 2025**, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in The Wakulla Sun and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 3056 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, FL 32327, Phone No. within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call1-800-995-8770 (V)

(Via Florida Relay Services).

Dated in Wakulla County, Florida this 26th day of June, 2025.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this **June 19, 2025**.

County Court Seal

Wakulla County Clerk of the Circuit Court

Greg James
As Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: **/s/ Rachel L Howard**
As Deputy Clerk

Published June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2025

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County Court Seal

Wakulla County Clerk of the Circuit Court

Greg James
As Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: **/s/ Rachel L Howard**
As Deputy Clerk

Published June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2025

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NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: JB FRENCH (DECEASED), and his unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under, or against him; and **RONALD ROBERTS (DECEASED)** and his unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under, or against him.

LAST KNOWN ADDRESSES: JB FRENCH: 2756 Cora Dr., Columbus, GA 31906 RONALD ROBERTS: C/O Polly Roberts, PO Box 46, Hamilton, GA 31811

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title and establish prescriptive easements has been filed against you and others in the above-styled Court. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on Sean W. Gellis, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 2931 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327, sean@gellislaw.com, and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court within thirty (30) days of the first publication of this notice; otherwise, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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Wakulla County Clerk of the Circuit Court

Greg James
As Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: **/s/ Rachel L Howard**
As Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

MORTGAGE ASSETS
MANAGEMENT, LLC,
PLAINTIFF,
V.
PARA LEE DAVIS A/K/A PARA L. DAVIS A/K/A PARRIE LEE DAVIS , et al.,
DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated **May 07, 2025**, and entered in 24000005CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, NFSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR OCWEN LOAN ACQUISITION TRUST 2024-HB1 is the Plaintiff and PARA LEE DAVIS A/K/A PARA L. DAVIS A/K/A PARRIE LEE DAVIS ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PARA LEE DAVIS A/K/A PARA L. DAVIS A/K/A PARRIE LEE DAVIS ; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AMERIS BANK are the Defendant(s). Greg James as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., the Front Lobby, Wakulla County Courthouse, Crawfordville, FL 32327, at 11:00 AM, on **August 07, 2025**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 3 AND 4, BLOCK 20, WAKULLA GARDENS, UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 39, PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 7 NEELEY ROAD, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.

Dated this **3rd** day of **July**, 2025.

County Court Seal

Wakulla County Clerk of the Circuit Court

Greg James
As Clerk of the Court
By: **/s/ Rachel Howard**
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: ADA Coordinator; 301 South Monroe Street; Tallahassee, FL 32301; 850.606.4400; at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

July 10, 17, 2025

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

CITIBANK, N.A., NOT IN ITS
INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY
AS TRUSTEE OF COLT 2022-3 TRUST,
PLAINTIFF,
V.
CHRISTIANE S. PIEPER, et al.,
DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 15, 2025, and entered in 25000017CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein CITIBANK, N.A., NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF COLT 2022-3 TRUST is the Plaintiff and CHRISTIANE S. PIEPER are the Defendant(s). Greg James as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., the Front Lobby, Wakulla County Courthouse, Crawfordville, FL 32327, at 11:00 AM, on July 24, 2025, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 2, BLOCK B OF BLOXHAM PLANTATION RE-PLAT, BLOCK "B", PHASE I, A RE-PLAT OF LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK B AND LOT 3, BLOCK A OF BLOXHAM PLANTATION, PHASE I RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGES 25 AND 26, SAID RE-PLAT BEING RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 34, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 58 ZION HILL ROAD, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.

Dated this **30th** day of **June**, 2025.

County Court Seal

Wakulla County Clerk of the Circuit Court

Greg James
As Clerk of the Court
By: **/s/ Rachel Howard**
As Deputy Clerk

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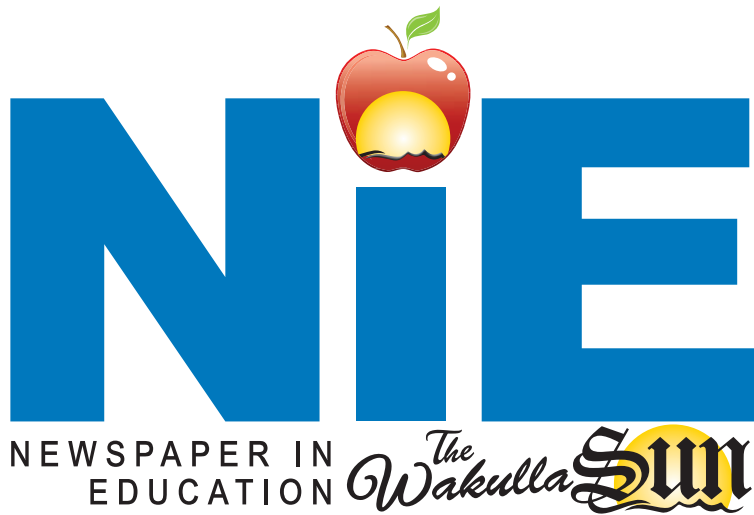
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CLUES ACROSS

1. 50 percent
5. Records electric currents
8. Charlize Theron flick "___ Flux"
12. More frosty
14. Disfigure
15. Sky color
16. A thoroughfare in a town or city
18. Actress de Armas
19. Spend time in a relaxed way
20. California peak
21. Lodging option
22. Small amount of a thing
23. Expresses sorrow
26. Keeps an ear warm
30. Babies (Spanish)
31. A conceited and self-centered person
32. No seats available
33. Pouches
34. Hip joints
39. A place to bathe
42. Evading
44. Minute, one-celled unit
46. Losing one's hair
47. A country in W Africa
49. One point north of northeast
50. Pointed end of a pen
51. Extreme
56. Norse personification of old age
57. Doctors' group
58. Member of U.S. Navy
59. Mens' fashion accessories
60. A way to allow
61. Gloomy
62. Grads wear one
63. Between south and southeast
64. Jaguarundi cat

CLUES DOWN

1. Snakes do it
2. Hormone
3. The standard monetary unit of Turkey
4. Fixed charges
5. Electronic communication
6. Artilleries
7. "Strangers on a Train" actor Farley
8. Burning
9. Makes ecstatically happy
10. Greek liqueurs
11. Tropical Old World tree
13. Someone who takes vengeance
17. Style of cuisine
24. Select
25. Immunized against disease
26. Old world, new
27. Honorable title (Turkish)
28. Court case: ___ v. Wade
29. Supervises interstate commerce
35. Not divisible by two
36. Twelve
37. Commentator Coulter
38. Encourage
40. Plumbing fixtures
41. Early
42. One point north of due east
43. King of Thebes
44. Short-tailed martens
45. Impose a penalty on
47. Consort of Poseidon
48. A way to lessen
49. Brooklyn hoops team
52. Female of a horse
53. Do as one is told
54. A way to prepare meat
55. Unit of measurement



USE THE NEWS

1. ATTEMPTING A RECORD

Faith Kipyegon is a super-fast runner from Kenya. She has already won many gold medals and broken world records, but now she is trying to do something no woman has ever done — run a mile in less than 4 minutes! That’s very hard and would mean running faster than anyone thought possible. Faith has special shoes, helpers called pacers who run in front of her, and trains every day in Kenya. Scientists and coaches are helping her by testing how her body works best. They say she’s strong and tough, and if everything goes just right, she might make history. Pretend you are a sports reporter covering Faith Kipyegon’s big race. Write a short news story explaining who she is, what she’s trying to do, and why it’s exciting. Be sure to include how she trains and what makes her a strong athlete.

2. WARMING PLANET

The Earth is getting hotter faster than before, and this is mostly because of things people do, like driving cars and using factories that release gases into the air. These gases trap heat from the sun, like a blanket around our planet. Scientists have known for a long time that this would happen, but now it’s affecting people more every day. The heat causes stronger storms, more wildfires, and big floods. The ice at the North and South Poles is melting faster, which is making the ocean rise. Even though scientists are still learning more, they all agree that we need to take care of the Earth and stop polluting to help keep it safe. Imagine you are a weather reporter in the future. Write a short weather report explaining how the Earth is changing because of global warming. Include at least one extreme weather event, like a heat-wave or a flood, and explain what people are doing to help the

planet. Then, read your weather report out loud to a partner or your class.

3. SECRET MESSAGES

Scientists have found a new and fun way to write secret messages—using bubbles inside ice! When water freezes, tiny air bubbles get trapped. By changing how fast the water freezes and how the ice is tilted, scientists can make the bubbles into shapes like dots and dashes, just like Morse code. They used this bubble code to spell letters and numbers. This discovery could help in the future with things like studying glaciers, building things on

the Moon, or even making better ice for planes and power lines. Ice is more interesting than most people think, and now it might even be used to send secret messages! Pretend you’re a scientist using ice to send a secret message. On a piece of paper, draw what your ice message might look like using dots, dashes, or shapes for each letter. Then write a short note to a friend using your secret ice code and see if they can figure it out!

4. GREEN TEAM

The Vermont Green Football Club is a soccer team that also cares a lot about the planet. They play their games in Bur-

lington, Vermont, and they do things to help the Earth, like wearing uniforms made from recycled materials and giving prizes to fans who ride their bikes to the game. They even have vegan food and free ice cream at the stadium! The team teaches fans how to recycle and compost their trash, and they share information about how climate change is hurting nature. Many people come to the games to cheer for the team and also to help the environment. The players and fans believe that taking care of the Earth is just as important as scoring goals. Draw a picture of your favorite sport or game, and show one way people playing or watching it could help the Earth — like recy-

cling, planting trees, or riding bikes. Then write two sentences explaining what your picture shows and how it helps the planet.

5. VAULTING COMPETITION

Vaulting is a special sport that combines gymnastics, dancing, and horseback riding. In vaulting, athletes do tricks like handstands, spins, and jumps on the back of a moving horse. The horse walks in a big circle while being led by a helper called a lunger. Some vaulters perform alone, while others work in pairs or even in teams of six! Judges give scores based on how hard the moves are, how artistic the routine is, and how well the vaulter and

horse work together. This weekend, top vaulters from around the world are competing in a big event in Aachen, Germany. The athletes practice a lot to move smoothly with their horses and choose fun music to match their routines. Vaulting is always a team effort between the vaulter, the horse, and the lunger! After reading about vaulting, pretend you are a reporter at the big competition in Germany. Write a short news article about what you see, including a description of the horse, the vaulter’s moves, the music they use, and how the audience reacts. Be creative and try to make your reader feel like they are at the event with you!



This is believed to be the first ice cream flavor.

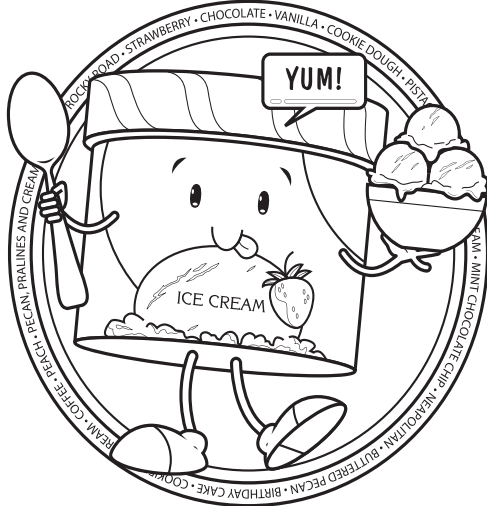
Answer: Nectar/honey



English: Freezer
Spanish: Congelador
Italian: Congelatore
French: Congélateur
German: Gefriertruhe

Creative Coloring

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Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the words to reveal the sentence.

OPSCO

1	2	3		

NECO

			4

ERFZEE

5	6				

SATE

			7

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Answer: I scream for ice cream

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1850: Millard Fillmore is sworn in as U.S. President.

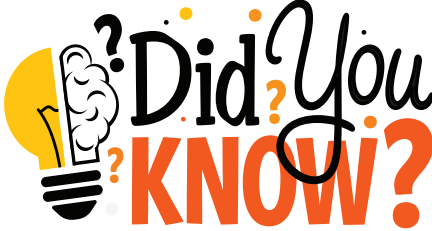
1920: Arthur Meighen becomes Prime Minister of Canada.

1962: Telstar, the world’s first communications satellite, is launched into orbit.

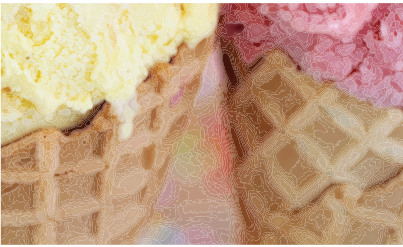
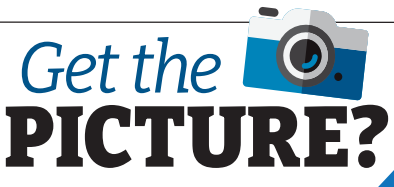


CUSTARD

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Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Ice cream cones



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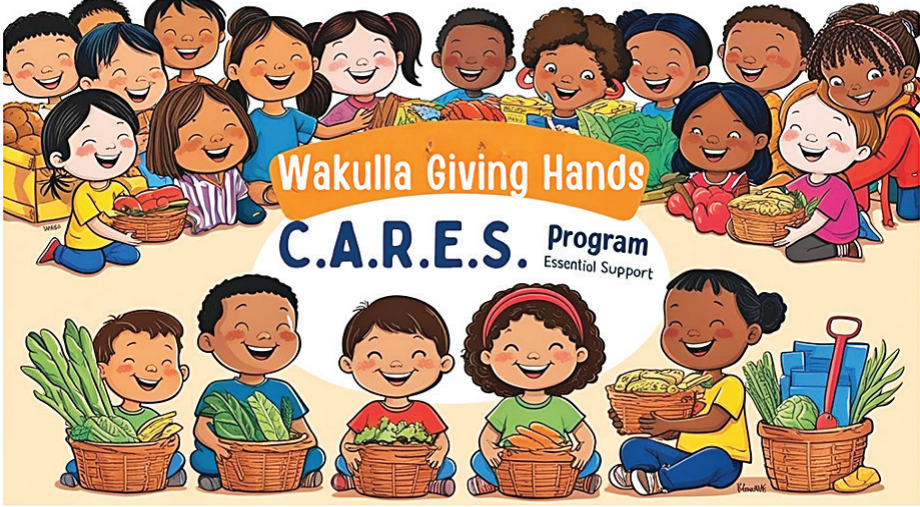
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