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Thursday




Scattered Thunderstorms
Hi: 89° Lo: 73° 58%
Sunrise 7:00 AM
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Friday



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Thursday, August 7, 2025



Cast members performing Wakulla Community Theater's production of 'Steel Magnolias'.

Sold-out weekend performances earn nightly standing ovations

Story By
LINDA ANN McDONALD
Photos by
GERALD BROWN

Three sold out shows of the iconic play "Steel Magnolias" were performed by the Wakulla Community Theater last weekend.

The show ran Friday, Aug. 1 through Sunday, Aug. 3 at the Sopchoppy School auditorium.

"Steel Magnolias" is a stage play by American writer Robert Harling, based on his experience with his sister's death. The play is a comedy-drama about the bond among a group of Southern women in northwest Louisiana.

When entering the vestibule of the auditorium, guests were immediately swept into a charming southern ambience with pink punch, pecans, mints and an armadillo groom's cake decorated by Janis Tomaini and Sarabeth Jones.

Keeping with Southern tradition and authentic Southern cuisine,



The play's cast take a bow as the audience gives a standing ovation.

Chicken Pilau with green beans, cornbread, and chicken salad plates were sold to raise funds for WCT. Plates were served by volunteers Laurie Allen and Diane Hays.

Laurel Nichols (Shelby) said, "It's exciting to see two months of work coming together. We sold out every night, and this story very much has a Wakulla vibe to it:

Based on a small southern community in the play, the Wakulla audience can really relate to this, and the jokes and puns put out in the play, the audience can truly get it."

"This is about a classic southern community," said Mina Sutton, volunteer behind the scenes and Theater Director. "It runs through the gamut of emotions.

I still laugh, cry when I watch the show. Every character is so unique, yet the whole audience can relate as they grow to know and ultimately get attached to the characters. From the mother-daughter issues to the town gossip it's a great show and a great time.

"It's great to see the actresses growing con-

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Nichols holds town hall

By **LINDA ANN McDONALD**
Correspondent

County Commission Chair Fred Nichols held a town hall meeting in Panacea to listen to issues of local concern.

The town hall was held Tuesday, July 29, at the Panacea Community Center.

A productive hour and a half of meaningful dialogue covered important topics including the upcoming budget, grants, the one-cent sales tax, community growth, and FEMA floodplains.

Staff from county administration were also on hand, including Intergovernmental Affairs Director Michelle Metcalf, Fiscal Operations Director Kelly Graves. Metcalf and Graves were present to assist Nichols with facts and figures regarding impact fees of



County Commission Chair Fred Nichols

Wakulla County. Kinsey Miller, Wakulla County Public Information Officer was also present.

Questions such as, "Why are there no improvements in Panacea unless Panacea Water-

fronts does it? When are my tax dollars going to benefit me and Panacea?" were asked.

Why is Wakulla Gardens getting paved and not Panacea?

"The Gardens im-

provements are still being paid from a Florida Department of Environmental Protection grant that the county was awarded years ago," Nichols responded.

"How are the impact fees of Wakulla County going to save Wakulla County?"

Nichols answered that impact fees are being studied. "Right now, we are looking at impact fee data that is comparing us to comparable sized counties, Jefferson, Columbia and Collier counties and what they are doing. The next phase of this study explains what the monies can be paying for... are all being researched."

Ronald Fred Crum of Panacea expressed concern about Wakulla's Property Taxes.

Nichols answered

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School board holds first budget hearing

Final budget hearing is set for
Sept. 8 at 6 p.m.

BY **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

The Wakulla County School Board held its first public hearing on its proposed budget and millage on Monday, July 25.

The school board's total budget for 2025-26 is more than \$90 million – including transfers and reserves. Total revenues are \$66 million for the upcoming year, with \$40 million of that coming from state sources. The money from local school tax levies is projected to bring in some \$15 million.

One citizen appeared at the public hearing, Sandy Shepard, who said she is not a teacher but has friends who are – and she was there to let the school board know that teachers can't afford their health insurance. "If that's true, that's not good," she said.

Superintendent of Schools Rick Myhre responded, saying the school board and administration is working on finding solutions to lower insurance costs but so far has managed to keep costs for employees the same for the past two years.

The school board will hold a final hearing on the millage and budget on Monday, Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. in the school board meeting room at the district office.

Another crash at 98 and Spring Creek Highway

Staff Report

An SUV hit a pickup truck in the intersection of U.S. Highway 98 and Spring Creek Highway on Friday, Aug. 1, around 7:45 p.m., according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

The occupants of the pickup truck – a 20-year-old male from Valdosta, Georgia, and a 19-year-old female from Quitman, Georgia – both suffered serious injuries in the crash, according to FHP.

The driver and passenger in the SUV – a 20-year-old man from Westbend, Wisconsin, and a 20-year-old female from Tallahassee – suffered minor injuries.

According to the report, the driver of the SUV, heading northbound on Spring Creek, was inattentive to the pickup truck's approach to the intersection and the front passenger side bumper of the SUV struck the front driver side bumper of the pickup, spinning both vehicles counterclockwise in the intersection.

Changes to school zone at Medart Elementary

Staff Report

Just in time for the start of the new school year, there's been an adjustment to the school zone at Medart Elementary.

The school, located on Highway 98 just beyond the triangle where U.S. Highway 319 forks off towards Sopchoppy, has long had school zone flashers that tend to surprise unsuspecting drivers on the road, where the speed limit is 55 mph, and suddenly they come upon the flashing school zone lights and a drop in speed limit to 20 mph.

Now new flashers just beyond the triangle headed west alert drivers to a drop in speed limit to 45 mph and flashers closer to the school drop the speed limit to 20 mph.

Formerly, the school zone ended just past the school's driveways used by buses, but are now further past the campus.

The new configuration of flashers was announced at a meeting of the Community Traffic Safety Team, headed by Andrew Riddle, on Tuesday, July 29.

He credited the change to the efforts of longtime CTST member Marj Law, who has complained for years about the placement of the flashers and the school zone.

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Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park

Narrowleaf Ironweed


By LYNN ARTZ, DAVID RODDENBERRY, and SANDY TEDDER




The vibrant magenta flowers of narrowleaf ironweed (*Vernonia angustifolia*) catch your eye in late summer. Flat-topped clusters of fluffy flowers top tall upright stems. Each flowerhead has up to 30 tubular magenta disk flowers that attract butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds. Each stem has many finely textured narrow to filiform leaves. Native bees nest in the hollow stems, so cut back dead stems to 12 to 24 inches and let them stay until they disintegrate. Narrowleaf ironweed grows in clumps 2 to 4 feet tall and 1 to 2 feet wide in full sun and dry soil. Found throughout the southeastern U.S. including the northern two-thirds of Florida, it occurs naturally in sandhills, pine flatwoods, open woodlands, and roadsides. Narrowleaf ironweed is blooming now in the northern gardens at Sopchoppy Depot Park.


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4-H Horse Club advances to state

By **RACHEL PIENTA**
Wakulla 4-H

Five members of the Wakulla 4-H Bits and Bridles Horse Club competed in Western riding events at the 4-H Area North Horse Show held at the Clay County Fairgrounds May 2–3, 2025. Braelynn-Anne Cilano, Miles Campbell, Rebecca Hughes, and Riley Schaefer all competed in the Junior division. Riley Manning competed in both Junior and Intermediate division classes. Braelynn-Anne Cilano and Riley Manning qualified to advance to the 4-H State Horse Show scheduled for July at the Florida State Fairgrounds. Club Volunteer Christa Bingel shared her pride in seeing the youth advance to state competition, “Volunteering with 4-H gives me the opportunity to share my love of horses and to give back to my community. Participation in 4-H clubs helps teach kids responsibility, empathy, confidence and resilience. Interacting with horses provides physical, mental and emotional benefits for all those involved. The Wakulla kids have made outstanding progress this year and it has been a joy to see the progression from being very timid around the horses to being confident riders at the Area North show. We are very excited that two of our club members have qualified for the State show this summer.” 4-H member Braelynn-Anne expressed her

excitement about her successful show experience, “I feel grateful and I am happy to be going with my friend Riley. Mrs. Nikki is really nice and I have learned a lot in not even a whole year—and I am over here loping barrels! My mom and dad, friends, and Mrs. Nikki are really supportive. I’m really happy that I am going to State and it is surprising because I never used split reins before that day. I am excited for the experience at State!” Braelynn-Anne’s mother, Sharon Cilano, has become an active 4-H club volunteer this year. Her husband Phillip shared his thoughts on the family’s 4-H experience, “It has truly been a joy and a privilege to watch this young team grow in their riding abilities. This young team has poured every ounce of sweat and tears into their training and horse care for these events to be the very best they could be. This could not have been possible without their trainer and 4-H leader Nikki of Willow’s Way Stables. She truly cares for these kids and this organization— you can see it in the passion she brings out in the kids. We are very fortunate to have two amazing young riders, Riley and Braelynn-Anne, who will represent Wakulla County 4-H in the upcoming state show in Tampa, FL. A special thanks to my wife, Dr. Sharon Cilano, for keeping things organized and running



Braelynn-Anne with ribbon.

smoothly. In her volunteer role, she made sure that the kids were properly prepared for the event with everything from the shirts the kids wore, to the snacks they ate, to the equipment needs of the horses! Thank you to all the other parents who chipped in to help all the riders do their best and have fun! It’s has been a great ride so far for this young team, and I cannot wait to see what the future has in store for them!” Bits and Bridles Club Leader Nikki Windolf shared how her 4-H leadership story has come full circle, from her own 4-H experience in the Gulf County 4-H Horse

Club to becoming a 4-H club leader with Wakulla 4-H. “When I started up the Wakulla 4-H Bits & Bridles Club 2 years ago I envisioned a Club that invited interest into the world of equines while also providing opportunities to gain knowledge and skills of hippology. As a 2nd year club leader, I am proud to see the growth and enthusiasm of our members as they continue to learn and excel in their horsemanship. Our club has become a community where passion for horses is shared and friendships are formed, just like the ones I made during my own 4-H days. 11 years ago as a youth, I compet-

ed at the same competition—Area North—and still hold memories made from my hometown 4-H close to my heart.” 4-H agent Rachel Pienta lauded Nikki Windolf’s leadership, “Due to Nikki’s work with her volunteer team, five youth were able to compete at the Area North show in Jacksonville May 2-3, with all 5 able to make clean runs. This team has focused on Western Speed events this year. Two out of the five youth who competed at the Area North show have qualified for the State show in Tampa, scheduled July 10-12.” Nikki Windolf’s horse farm business Willow’s Way Stables LLC is an essential in-kind partner with Wakulla 4-H. In preparation for these bigger shows Willow’s Way Stables LLC also took the members to local shows where the youth won ribbons and gained competitive experience. Windolf asserted, “Gaining show experience at smaller events has been crucial in building

confidence and skills for the upcoming State show. The dedication and hard work of the youth, combined with the support of their families and our stable, have truly paid off in their success at these competitions. Our club is looking to continue sending youth above and beyond, but to do so does require funds. We are currently seeking sponsors and donations to help cover the costs of entry fees, travel expenses, and equipment for our young riders. Any support from the community would be greatly appreciated as we strive to provide opportunities for our youth to excel in the equestrian world.”

For more information about how to support Wakulla 4-H and the Bits and Bridles Horse Club, please reach out to 4-H Agent Rachel Pienta at the Wakulla Extension Office at 84 Cedar Avenue in Crawfordville at 850-926-3931 or via email at r.pienta@ufl.edu.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

WAKULLA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
INVITATION TO BID NO. ITB 2025-18

NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY FACILITY CONSTRUCTION
ADVERTISEMENT BEGIN DATE: AUGUST 7, 2025

RELEASE DATE: AUGUST 7, 2025

BIDS DUE TO BOCC: SEPTEMBER 11 @ 3:00 PM EST

Sealed bids to construct a 12,500-square-foot, publicly accessible multi-purpose community library that will jointly and directly support work, education, and health monitoring activities will be received at the office of the Board of County Commissioners, 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327; until **3:00 P.M.**, Local Time, on **September 11, 2025** at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. Bids received after the deadline will not be accepted.

The principal feature of this procurement by the County is known as the **New Public Library Facility Construction**. The specifications of this procurement are stated in **ITB 2025-18**. The ITB and any addenda issued will be posted to the County’s Website at www.mywakulla.com or can be obtained by contacting the County Procurement Office at 850-926-0919 or bnowak@mywakulla.com.

All technical inquiries and clarification requests shall be submitted in writing to Berkleigh Nowak, Procurement and Contracts Coordinator, bnowak@mywakulla.com in accordance with the ITB. Verbal clarifications will not be provided.

A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held on AUGUST 14, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. at the Wakulla County Administration Office located at 3093 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, Florida 32327.

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO (\$35,000) for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid; reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part; re-bid a project, in whole or in part; and to accept a proposal that in its judgment is the lowest and best bid of a responsible bidder. In accepting a bid, Wakulla County may award a contract based only on the base bid, the base bid plus all alternates, or the base bid plus any Alternates which Wakulla County selects -- with all decisions being made based upon what Wakulla County believes to be the best interests of its ratepayers, in the reasonable exercise of its discretion. Wakulla County further reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities as may be required to meet the needs of Wakulla County, at the unit price which was bid.

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August 7, 2025

Chinesta Smith on teachers tour

Special to The Sun

Forty Teachers were selected from 280 applicants for the 2025 Florida Teacher’s Tour! The theme of the 2025 tours was “Sustainable Forestry.” The guides demonstrated how social, economic, and ecological solutions are being integrated across the forestry landscape to ensure the sustainability of Florida’s natural resources. There are more than 5,000 uses for wood, wood fiber, and by-products.

As consumers, we all have a vested interest in learning how our needs are being met while protecting the diversity, productivity, and health of the forest ecosystem. Dr. Chinesta Skipper Smith, teaching for the first time with the Wakulla County School District was sponsored by Southern Forestry Consultants, Inc. from Bainbridge Georgia. The long days starting from 6:00 am and ending past 9:30 pm were an educationally rewarding experience that was

shared with teachers from all areas of Florida. Teachers shared how they would integrate the life lessons into different

classroom lesson plans. Many of the teachers had applied multiple times before they were selected.

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 Meeting:

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners has scheduled a Public Meeting of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee on August 21, 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 August 7, 2025

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA NOTICE OF INTENT TO CHANGE

RULE CHAPTER AND TITLE: School Board Policy 2.25 School Board Adopted Plans (Code of Student Conduct & Attendance Policies)

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

LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1001.42, Florida Statutes

LAWS IMPLEMENTED: 1001.41, 1001.43 Florida Statutes

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION: N/A

ECONOMIC IMPACT: None

REVISION ORIGINATED BY: Coleman Wells, Director of Safety & Student Conduct

REVISION APPROVED BY: Richard Myhre, Superintendent of Schools

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

TIME: 5:45 p.m.

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

DATE: September 15, 2025

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED REVISION MAY BE OBTAINED AT COST FROM:
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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT August 7, 2025

Christian Nicolas enrolls at Troy

Special to The Sun

Christian Nicolas of Wakulla, Florida, has completed IMPACT new student orientation and enrolled at Troy University for the Fall 2025 semester at the Troy Campus.

The fall semester for the Troy Campus starts on Wednesday, Aug. 13.

Troy University is a public, historic, international university with 22,500 students and 154,000 alumni. Students choose Troy for its quality academic programs, reasonable costs and availability of financial aid, outstanding faculty, and flexible in-class and online class offerings.

Opinions

THE FIRST AMENDMENT

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

LETTERS FROM READERS

Historical Society announces upcoming events

Editor, The Sun:

I am eager to share with you some of the events and projects the historical society has scheduled this fall. I hope you will put them on your calendar and join us!

1. “THREADS THROUGH TIME”, our historic costume fashion show, scheduled for September 6 has been POSTPONED. We will forward this event to next year as part of our celebration of the 250th anniversary of our nation’s founding. Tickets purchased and paid model sponsorships will be refunded. We will keep you informed of the new date for the event.

2. Our public programs begin on September 9, from 6 to 8 p.m.

at the Wakulla County Public Library with a presentation about Florida Supreme Court Justice B.K. Roberts, a Sopchoppy native. Our presenter is Tallahassee attorney Fred Baggett. Programs are presented the second Tuesday of each month through May, 2026.

3. The historical society’s ANNUAL MEETING will be held this year on Thursday, October 2 at the Shriner’s Club in Crawfordville, beginning at 5:30 p.m. More information about dinner menu and the program will follow soon.

4. The WCHS is hosting a showing of the recently released film “Tate” at the historic Sopchoppy School auditorium on 164 Yellow Jacket Avenue in Sopchoppy on Saturday evening, October 18 at 7:30 p.m. Wakulla County native, Stacy Brown, of Humanzee Productions, has generously offered all proceeds from the event to the historical society. Tickets are \$10 and will be available on the wakullahistory.org website, beginning in September, and at the door.

5. Christmas Open House is planned for Friday and Saturday, December 5 and 6th this year. The museum and gift shop will be open on Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. We will have refreshments and live music. Please join us! We especially encourage those folks who work in the vicinity to drop by after work before heading home for the evening.

Arlene Vause
Historical Society

Library News

By LINDA OAKS
Library Director

Library News August 7th to August 13th

Thursday, August 7th

No Children’s Programs

Creative Writing I 10am

Bible Study 7pm

Friday, August 8th

Quilting Guild 10am

Saturday, August 9th

Zeta Phi Beta 9am

Alzheimer’s Support Group 10am

Sunday, August 10th

Closed

Monday, August 11th

American Legion Post 114 Exec Committee 5:30pm

Tuesday, August 12th

Book Bunch 10am

Crafting Group 10am

Big Bend AHEC Tobacco free 5:30pm

The Park HOA 6pm

Bible Study 6:30pm

Wednesday, August 13th

Book Babies 10am

Knitting Group 4pm

On the Horizon

Calendar of events for the week of August 7

Thursday, August 7

Rotary Club of Wakulla meets at TSC Wakulla at 8:30 p.m.

Coastal Optimist Club meets at noon at Myra Jean’s on the first and third Thursdays.

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.

Friday, August 8

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon & at 8 p.m. every Friday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Saturday, August 9

Be a Hero to Our Heroes annual Backpack giveaway with school supplies will hold its big distribution event at the community center in Crawfordville from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with on-site distribution plus free haircuts, free school physicals, plus food and vendors and a clothes closet.

The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group will meet at the Wakulla County Public Library at 10 a.m. every second Saturday of the month.

Sunday, August 3

Wakulla Giving Hands holds a food giveaway every Sunday from 12: 30 to 2:30 p.m. at their facility across from Me-dart Elementary on Highway 98.

Monday, August 11

SCHOOL STARTS for students of Wakulla Public Schools. It’s an early release day.

Planning commission meets at 5 p.m. in the commission chambers.

The Wakulla County School Board meets at 5:45 p.m. at the district office.

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.

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 information.

The Wakulla Respite Program will be available for anyone with memory impairment at no cost from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Ellen Baptist Church every Monday.

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.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Tuesday, August 12

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, August 13

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.

UPCOMING


Thursday, August 14

Preseason football: Wakulla War Eagles host the Madison Cowboys at J.D. Jones Stadium at 7 p.m.


“It’s A New Day!”

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Outdoors

outdoor sports

HOME ON THE RANGE

“I Don’t Like Guns, and I Don’t Intend to Shoot”



By MARJ LAW

“You’re at the Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office Range a lot. I don’t want to hurt your feelings, but I never intend to shoot a gun and I don’t know anything about them. I’ll just sit in the chair by the office until you and Sam are finished shooting.”

Marie has firm convictions. If she doesn’t want to learn about guns and shooting, I’d never be the one to try to change her mind.

“You know much more about shooting than you did a couple years ago,” I tell her.

“No. I don’t know anything and I don’t want to know anything.”

“I bet you know more than you think you do!”

“Really.”

“Sure. For example, are you dressed to shoot at the range?”

Marie looks down at her dress. The neckline is modest, but still swoops down several inches below her neck. She thinks for a moment.

“My neckline is probably too low,” she observes.

“Why?” I wonder if she knows an answer to this.

“Well, the brass from

RANGE RULES

The following rules have been established in an effort to insure safe use of this facility, these rules apply to everyone using this range. The designated Range Safety Officer is in charge of the shooting taking place under his/her supervision and their directions will be followed by everyone on the shooting line. Do not anticipate an order, wait until it is given.

1. No one is allowed to shoot on this range unless there is another adult present on the facility.
2. No handling of firearms when someone is down range.
3. No loaded firearms allowed to enter this range. Prior to entering this range clear all weapons in a safe manner and remove the magazine (if applicable). Load weapons only at your shooting position when the line is hot and you are ready to shoot.
4. Eye and hearing protection is required for everyone on the shooting line while firearms are being shot.
5. Shoot only the type of weapon and/or ammunition designated for this range, unless specifically approved in advanced by a WCSO Training Officer.
6. No alcoholic beverages allowed on this range! No eating, drinking or use of tobacco products on the line or under the shooting shed. Poisoning by lead can occur through handling firearms and ammunition. Always wash your hands after shooting and before eating, drinking, or using tobacco products and prior to leaving the range.
7. Shoot only at the appropriate targets for the type of training being done. No glass, cans or other type trash targets allowed. Use target backers and do not attach targets to the 2x4 frame.

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For emergencies that require professional medical assistance or transport to a medical facility, call 911 immediately!

Sheriff Jared Miller’s Range Rules

shooting might slide down inside my dress!”

“Exactly. And why is that a problem?” I continue to test her knowledge.

“I’ve seen brass flying backwards as people shoot,” she answers.

“Good thinking! The brass that flies down a dress can cause what we call the hot shell Watusi. Casings are very hot and can cause burns, especially if they get caught in undergarments. The hot shell Watusi is a dance when people hold their clothing away from them to make the casing fall to the ground. You guessed correctly!”

“What else is important to know for personal safety?” I resume my questions. Marie knows much more than she thinks she does.

“I see everyone at the range wearing those ear muff things and glasses. That must be to protect shooters from damaging their eyesight or hearing.”

“Absolutely. Even if you’re not shooting, you’ve been paying attention, Marie.”

“When Sam and I come to the range, I’ve noticed Sheriff Miller’s billboard giving safety rules for the range. You can hardly miss such a big sign.”

“And,” Marie continues, “I’ve noticed that every time Sam and I have been to a gun shop, the person behind the counter always pulls back the slide to show us that we can’t see any ammunition in the gun. I expect that’s a safety rule so that you always know the gun you’re about to handle has absolutely no ammunition in it.”

“What else have you noticed?” I ask her. Marie pays more attention than she gives herself credit for.

“When Sam brings me to the range, he always keeps his gun in the trunk of the car. It is in a gun bag, and his ammunition is in another container. Both are al-

ways in the trunk.”

“What happens when you get to the range?” I’m not certain how far she can see from the porch of the office.

“Sam always brings his gun in its pouch to the place where people sit. He calls a gun outside of its bag a ‘naked’ gun. Sam doesn’t take it out of the pouch until someone yells ‘hot.’ Then he takes the pouched gun to something he calls the ‘shooting bench.’ I don’t know why they call it that, but it’s like a counter where he brings his gun.”

“Then what does he do?”

“He brings the container with his ammunition to the shooting bench too.”

“And what do you think ‘hot’ means?” I persist.

“Since I hear shooting after the person yells ‘hot,’ I guess that means you can shoot when the range is hot.”

“And what other word do you hear?”

“I hear the word ‘cold.’ Then I notice shooters put down their guns and step back from the shooting bench. There is a red line painted on the floor of the shooting range. When shooters hear the word ‘cold,’ they have to stand behind this

line. Sometimes they go down toward the targets and put up fresh ones. Nobody even touches their guns when I hear the word ‘cold.’”

“And here I thought you were reading your book on the porch!” I smile.

“Sam’s been shooting here at the Sheriff’s Range for years. I’m particularly interested in gun safety because I don’t like guns, so I do pay attention.”

“Furthermore,” she continues, “Sam has assured me that shooters know what he calls the Big 4. He says these rules are important at any range.”

Marie certainly has listened.

“So?” I ask. “What are the Big 4?”

“First,” she begins, “first he says that you always keep in mind that the gun is always loaded.”

“What if someone tells you a gun is not loaded?”

“That number 1 rule states that you consider every gun as loaded until you personally check to see that it is, indeed, unloaded. You never take a person’s word for granted. I like to hear that rule because it’s your life that could be endangered. Your life is of utmost importance.”

“Great memory! And what is the next rule?”

“Never point the gun at anything you aren’t willing to destroy,” she says confidently.

“Good! And what is number 3?”

“Sam says you keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target, and you’ve made the decision to shoot. I can’t see shooters do this from the porch, but he says this rule is important. He says the gun won’t fire if your finger is away from the trigger, so there will be no accidental firings.”

“You’ve given me 3 of the big 4 rules. What’s the last one, and do you know of any case where it is important?”

“Rule number 4 is to know what is behind your target.” Marie thinks for a moment.

“Not too long ago, a guy was in a mall. He shot at people nearby. Well, a young man with a gun carefully aimed at the shooter, waiting to be sure mall shoppers were not behind the shooter. This way, they would not get shot accidentally. You have to be aware of what is behind your target. I feel safe because most shooters know about these Big 4 rules.

Also, the Sheriff’s Range feels safe to me. It’s safe because shooters all seem to know and follow the Big 4 as well as the rules posted on the Sheriff’s bulletin board. And, just in case there is any problem at all, a deputy is right there in the office ready to help.”

“You don’t even want to shoot, yet see how much you have learned already!” I am impressed with how much Marie has learned, even if she never shoots a gun.

“Because I really don’t like guns, gun safety is critically important to me. When people come to the Sheriff’s range, I’m not worried. I feel perfectly safe.”

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

HORSE CONCH

(*Pleuroploca gigantea*)

An exceptionally large mollusk the horse counc is a fierce predator eating smaller mollusks. The shell is bright orange in the younger conchs turning to bright green in the adult. Body soft parts are usually bright orange. The conch is the state shell of Florida and can be made into a bugle or horn and was an important tool for first nations like the Calusta and Tequesta. It lives in the tidal flats in 20 feet of water but can withdraw into its shell and go dormant for months at a time.

Animalia, Eukarya, Animalia, Mollusca, Gastropoda, Fascioliariidae

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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 White Ibis.



Welcome back

from Superintendent of Schools Rick Myhre

Greetings Wakulla County,

As a former soldier who traveled the world, and an educator who has traveled the state and country observing numerous education systems, I can unequivocally state that we are blessed to raise our children in Wakulla County. While other countries and communities may offer public educational services, there are only a handful of places where the schools are so greatly supported and beloved as in Wakulla County. Perhaps it is because for so many of us, it is these schools who made us who we are. As a new Superintendent, I am reminded every day, how fortunate I am to be at the helm of an institution that was already performing at a high level before I took over. As I visit classrooms and attend school programs, the true hallmark of our success is apparent: our staff. From bus drivers, to paraprofessionals, secretaries to custodians, administrators and of course teachers, there is a clear vision of why we get up in the morning—the children of this community. The drive and resolve that so many display daily is truly a testament to greatness.

On Aug. 11, the doors reopen for the 2025-26 school year. We know that throughout the year there



School Superintendent Rick Myhre

will be bumps along the way and I will not shy down from them, we will embrace it, learn from it, and be stronger because of it. We are coming off an exceptional year of student achievement, but no school feels they have reached their pinnacle. All schools spent the summer planning how to make improvements in our services to students and families. Over the next year, you will see improvements in the areas of technology, facilities, communication, safety, and overall culture and climate. While other districts around the state and country may be communicating a situation of despair, please know, in Wakulla County our mindset is completely different. We are eager to embrace the possibilities of growth and are confident in our ability to continuously improve.

Through the leadership of the School Board and district staff, we are fortunate to be in a stable financial position and

are looking ahead at the opportunities we have to move our district closer to the absolute top of all districts in this state. However, make no mistake, we deeply understand that success is not always defined by metrics. On July 31st, we welcomed back teachers and staff, not only with speeches by adults, but with a pep rally led by students. This intentional change was to re-center our purpose, a symbiotic school community. The beauty of our students cheering for the teachers who have assisted in their growth was on full display, and the pride on the teachers' faces knowing they have played a part in that growth was inspirational.

The first days of school will be long. We know the traffic will have to adjust and buses will be late, but it will all be worth it. After the long summer, once again our community will feel like it is supposed to, alive with the wonderful experiences our teachers and schools provide to our youth daily.

As always, thank you for your eternal support of the Wakulla County School District, together we have the responsibility to protect this for another generation of students.

God Bless,

Rick Myhre
Superintendent

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School bus safety for bus riders

As Sheriff of Wakulla County — and as a parent and lifelong member of this community — I want to share a few reminders as we begin the 2025–2026 school year.

Every August, more than 3,000 Wakulla County students board a school bus or walk to school for another year of learning and growth. With that excitement comes shared responsibility — for students, families, school staff, and every driver on the road.

Nationwide, over 26 million students ride school buses daily, traveling more than 4 billion miles annually. Thankfully, school buses are the safest form of student transportation. The National Safety Council reports a crash rate of just 0.01 per 100 million miles — much safer than regular passenger vehicles.

Still, the most dangerous part of a bus ride isn't the ride itself — it's when students are getting on or off the bus. That's where we, as motorists, play a crucial role. Too many tragedies have occurred because someone was distracted or ignored a stopped school bus. In Florida, it's illegal to pass a school bus with its stop arm extended — violators face steep fines and put children's lives at risk.

This school year, my deputies will be visible in school zones and at bus stops. Our goal is education and prevention — not just enforcement.

If you're a parent or caregiver, take time now to review school bus safety with your child:

- Arrive early and wait in a safe spot, away from traffic.
- Board only after the bus stops completely and the door opens.
- Stay seated, buckle up if seatbelts are available, and keep aisles clear.

- Keep your head, hands, and arms inside the bus.
- Cross only in front of the bus — never behind.
- Make eye contact with the driver and wait for their signal before crossing.

For many young students, especially kindergarteners and new middle schoolers, this may be their first time riding the bus. Practice safety habits in advance to help them feel confident.

If you're driving, please slow down, put the phone away, and be patient. You may be in a rush — but that child crossing the street is someone's everything.

Expect delays the first couple of weeks as routes and routines adjust. And remember: if you see a bus with flashing red lights and an extended stop arm — you must stop.

Wakulla County Schools open Monday, August 11. Let's work together to make it a safe, smooth, and successful year — from the first stop to the final bell.

Thank you for watching out for our kids — and each other.



SHERIFF JARED MILLER



Crawfordville Elementary: Marylyn Clark, Tamara Bascom, Jessica Frost, Angela Sultemeier, Jesslyn Smith



Medart Elementary: Rebekah Taff-Simmons



Shadeville Elementary: Laverne Hicks, Jennifer Long, Alexis Sullivan, not pictured Andrew Maldonado



Wakulla Institute: Nicole Messick, Social Worker, Lester Stephens, Math, Sean Simmons, Graduate Deferment Program

Meet the new school staff



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Wakulla Middle: Carlee Coburn, Katherine Phipps, Kaitlyn Downs, Reilley Calder, Cate-lyn Williams, Jason Williams, DeMario Lindsey, Kravien White, Rhone Francis

Mike and Cricket would like to wish all students, teachers, and staff a safe and studios school year!



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To Students – Wishing you a year filled with exciting opportunities, meaningful connections, and impactful learning experiences.



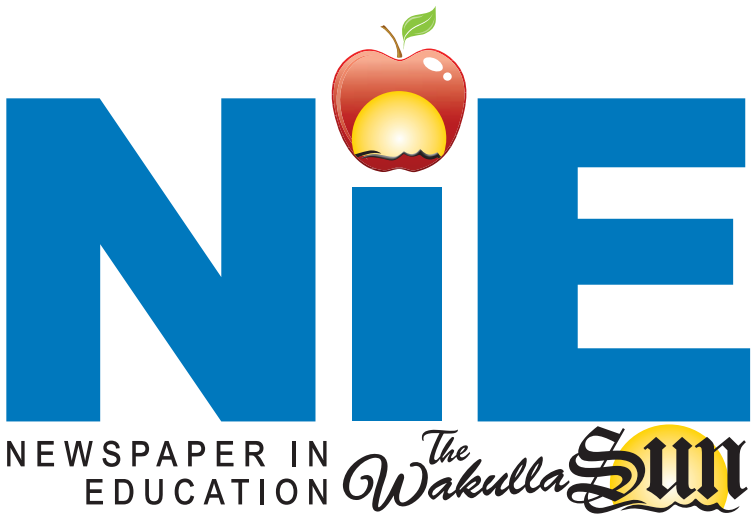
BRIAN D. MILLER
WAKULLA COUNTY JUDGE

Welcome Back Students

It's a New Year with ALL New Learning Adventures! Enjoy Each Day.



Joe Morgan and the team at the Wakulla County Supervisor of Elections office



USE THE NEWS

1. SUPER SATELITTE

NASA and India worked together to launch a brand-new satellite called NISAR. This special satellite will help scientists track tiny changes in Earth’s land and ice. It can see through clouds, rain, and trees—day or night! NISAR will fly high above Earth and send back important information to help people prepare for floods, landslides, and other natural disasters. The satellite has radars from both countries and a giant antenna that helps it see small changes – smaller than your pinky finger! Scientists hope NISAR will help keep people safe and teach us more about how Earth is changing. In 3 to 5 sentences, explain what NISAR is and why it was created. Then, draw a picture of what the satellite might look like in space and label at least two things it is looking for on Earth, like ice, forests, or mountains.

2. MILLIONS MORE TREES

In Ethiopia, people are working together to make the country greener by planting lots and lots of trees. On one special day, the country’s leaders hoped to plant 700 million tree seedlings – yes, all in one day! This is part of a big plan to plant 50 billion trees by the year 2026. Even kids joined in! One 13-year-old said he planted trees because he dreams of a greener future. Some people wonder if planting that many trees in one day is really possible, but many believe it’s a great way to help the Earth. Trees help clean the air, give animals a home, and make the planet healthier. Imagine your school is planning a tree-planting day just like Ethiopia’s. In a short paragraph, describe how you would get ready, where you would plant the trees, and why it’s important to do it.

3. ANIMAL HISTORY

Scientists in Australia found fossil footprints that are super old – about 350 million years old! The

prints were made by reptile-like animals that lived long before the dinosaurs. These animals had feet with claws, which means they were able to live completely on land. That’s a big deal, because scientists used to think animals stayed in the water much longer before learning to walk on land. The footprints were found in rock near Melbourne, Australia. They show that at least three animals walked across the land, and even that it rained afterward! These prints are helping scientists learn more about when and how animals started living on dry land. Us-

ing what you learned about the ancient footprints, create a comic strip that tells the story of the day the footprints were made. Add speech or thought bubbles to show what the animals might have been thinking or doing. Then write a few sentences explaining how footprints can help scientists understand what life was like millions of years ago.

4. LIFE DEEP DOWN

Scientists exploring the deepest parts of the ocean have found sea creatures living in places that are cold, dark, and

under lots of pressure. They used a special underwater vehicle, called a submersible, to travel down over 31,000 feet – far deeper than most animals can survive. There, they found tubeworms and mollusks living together in surprising numbers. Because there’s no sunlight that deep, the animals can’t make food the way plants do. Instead, tiny microbes help by turning chemicals from the ocean floor into energy. The bigger creatures may eat those microbes or use the food they make. Scientists are excited to learn more about how these animals live in such an extreme environment. Think about

what it would be like to explore the deep ocean. Write 3 to 5 sentences about what you might see, hear, or feel inside a submersible. Then, draw one of the strange creatures that might live in the deepest, darkest parts of the ocean. Give your creature a name and label what it eats or how it survives.

5. FIREFLIES IN TROUBLE

Fireflies are lighting up the summer skies in New York and other parts of the Northeast. These glowing bugs flash their lights to talk to each other and find a mate. A wet spring helped more fireflies grow this year,

so we’re seeing more than usual right now. But scientists say that many fireflies are still in danger. Too much light at night, pesticides, and loss of places to live are making it hard for them to survive. People can help by turning off outdoor lights at night and not using bug sprays on their lawns. Fireflies are a magical part of summer, and many kids are seeing them for the first time. Scientists hope that we can all work together to keep fireflies glowing for many summers to come. Design a poster or write a script for a video that would teach people about fireflies and how to protect them!



The earliest balls used in this sport were made from feathers and called “featheries.”

Answer: Golf



English: Club (golf)
Spanish: Palo de golf
Italian: Mazza
French: Club
German: Golfschläger

Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20. The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

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9	6	2
15	1	4
20	0	6

Solution

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

HLEO NI NOE

Answer: Hole in one

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1100: Henry I is crowned King of England.

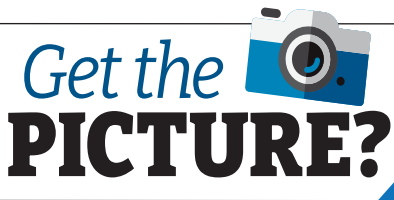
1620: The Mayflower departs from Southampton, England, carrying would-be settlers to North America.

1914: In Cleveland, Ohio, the first electric traffic light is installed.



BOGEY

a score of one stroke over par at a hole in golf



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Golf club

School Calendar 2025-26

July 2025

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February 2026

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June 2026

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Wakulla School District Logo

WAKULLA COUNTY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026

July

3 Independence Day Holiday

31 Pre-Planning /Inservice(10 & 9 1/2 Month Personnel)

August

1-8 Pre-Planning /Inservice(10 & 9 1/2 Month Personnel)

11 Students and 9 Month Personnel Return/Early Release

September

1 Labor Day Holiday

October

10 End of 1st Nine Weeks

13 Teacher Planning/Inservice Day (No Students)

November

11 Veterans' Day Holiday

24-28 Thanksgiving Holidays (All Personnel and Students— Holiday begins at end of day on 11/21)

December

19 Early Release/End of 2nd Nine Weeks/ End of Semester 1

22-31 Winter Holiday (All Personnel and Students — Holiday begins at end of day on 12/19)

January

1-2 Winter Holiday (All Personnel and Students)

5 Teacher Planning/Inservice Day (NO Students -10 & 9 1/2 Mo.Personnel Return)

6 Students and 9 Month Personnel Return

19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (All Personnel and Students)

February

16 Presidents' Day Holiday (All Personnel and Students)

March

13 Early Release/End of 3rd Nine Weeks/Teacher Planning & Inservice

16-20 Spring Break (begins at the end of the day on 3/13 - All Personnel and Students)

23 Students and All Personnel Return

April

3 Early Release

6 Spring Holiday (All Personnel and Students)

May

21 GRADUATION

25 Memorial Day Holiday (All Personnel and Students)

26 Early Release

27 Early Release/End of 4th Nine Weeks/End of Semester

28 Post Planning

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Thursday 7

Sun rise/set
6:59AM
8:25PM

Moon rise/set
7:40PM
5:00AM

Moon Illumination 97%

Friday 8

Sun rise/set
7:00AM
8:24PM

Moon rise/set
8:19PM
6:04AM

Moon Illumination 99%

Saturday 9

Sun rise/set
7:00AM
8:23PM

Moon rise/set
8:55PM
7:09AM

Moon Illumination 100%

Sunday 10

Sun rise/set
7:01AM
8:22PM

Moon rise/set
9:28PM
8:14AM

Moon Illumination 98%

Monday 11

Sun rise/set
7:01AM
8:21PM

Moon rise/set
9:58PM
9:18AM

Moon Illumination 93%

Tuesday 12

Sun rise/set
7:02AM
8:21PM

Moon rise/set
10:29PM
10:22AM

Moon Illumination 86%

Wednesday 13

Sun rise/set
7:03AM
8:20PM

Moon rise/set
11:02PM
11:27AM

Moon Illumination 78%

For tides at the following points add to Dog Island Listings:

High Tide

Low Tide

Carrabelle 28 Min. 25 Min.

Apalachicola 1 Hr., 53 Min. 2 Hrs., 31 Min.

Cat Point 1 Hr., 13 Min. 2 Hrs., 3 Min.

Lower Anchorage 1 Hr., 36 Min. 2 Hrs., 3 Min.

West Pass 1 Hr., 26 Min. 2 Hrs., 39 Min.

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Thursday 7

Minor Times
4:15AM
6:55PM

Major Times
11:08AM

Friday 8

Minor Times
5:19AM
7:34PM

Major Times
11:34PM
12:00PM

Saturday 9

Minor Times
6:24AM
8:10PM

Major Times
12:26AM
12:51PM

Sunday 10

Minor Times
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8:43PM

Major Times
1:16AM
1:40PM

Monday 11

Minor Times
8:33AM
9:13PM

Major Times
2:04AM
2:27PM

Tuesday 12

Minor Times
9:37AM
9:44PM

Major Times
2:51AM
3:15PM

Wednesday 13

Minor Times
10:42AM
10:17PM

Major Times
3:39AM
4:03PM

St. Marks River Entrance

Th	2:38 am ▲ 3.2 ft	7:27 am ▼ 2.0 ft	1:28 pm ▲ 3.8 ft	8:41 pm ▼ -0.2 ft
Fr	3:07 am ▲ 3.3 ft	8:09 am ▼ 1.8 ft	2:08 pm ▲ 4.0 ft	9:13 pm ▼ -0.3 ft
Sa	3:35 am ▲ 3.5 ft	8:48 am ▼ 1.5 ft	2:48 pm ▲ 4.1 ft	9:43 pm ▼ -0.3 ft
Su	4:00 am ▲ 3.6 ft	9:27 am ▼ 1.2 ft	3:29 pm ▲ 4.2 ft	10:12 pm ▼ -0.2 ft
Mo	4:25 am ▲ 3.7 ft	10:07 am ▼ 0.9 ft	4:12 pm ▲ 4.2 ft	10:41 pm ▼ 0.1 ft
Tu	4:49 am ▲ 3.8 ft	10:50 am ▼ 0.6 ft	4:59 pm ▲ 4.0 ft	11:10 pm ▼ 0.5 ft
We	5:14 am ▲ 3.9 ft	11:35 am ▼ 0.4 ft	5:50 pm ▲ 3.7 ft	11:41 pm ▼ 0.9 ft

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Th	2:30 am ▲ 2.4 ft	7:38 am ▼ 1.5 ft	1:20 pm ▲ 2.8 ft	8:52 pm ▼ -0.1 ft
Fr	2:59 am ▲ 2.5 ft	8:20 am ▼ 1.3 ft	2:00 pm ▲ 3.0 ft	9:24 pm ▼ -0.2 ft
Sa	3:27 am ▲ 2.6 ft	8:59 am ▼ 1.1 ft	2:40 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	9:54 pm ▼ -0.2 ft
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We	5:06 am ▲ 2.9 ft	11:46 am ▼ 0.3 ft	5:42 pm ▲ 2.8 ft	11:52 pm ▼ 0.6 ft

City of St. Marks

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St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

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Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon

Last week, we discussed heat exhaustion. This week, we are covering heat stroke, if left untreated can become life threatening.

As mentioned last week, heat exhaustion is a condition whose symptoms may include heavy sweating and a rapid pulse, a result of your body overheating. Typically, the symptoms can be reduced by cooling off out of the sun, hydrating, using cool compresses to bring the temperature down and loosening clothing.

Heatstroke is a condition caused by your body overheating, usually as a result of prolonged exposure to or physical exertion in high temperatures. According to the Center for Disease Control, heat stroke occurs when the body can no longer control its temperature: the body's temperature rises rapidly, the sweating mechanism fails,

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and the body is unable to cool down. When heat stroke occurs, the body temperature can rise to 106 degrees or higher within 10 to 15 minutes.

Untreated heatstroke can quickly damage your brain, heart, kidneys and muscles. The damage worsens the longer treatment is delayed, increasing your risk of serious complications or death. Recovery from heat stroke can take anywhere from a few days to several weeks or even months, depending on the severity of the heat stroke

and individual health factors.

Even through school is starting back for many, there are still plenty of days s to get out and enjoy the water! If you do go out, remember to pack plenty of cool drinking water, apply sun screen and cool off as often as possible to avoid risk of heat related illness.

Thanks to Sherrie, we will always remember safe boating is no accident. Knowing when to call it a day and get back to shade and cooler temperatures can be a life-saver!

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

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

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Gag grouper season open

Sept. 1-14 in Gulf state waters

From FWC News

The 2025 recreational gag grouper season for Gulf state waters will be open Sept. 1-14 and will close at 12:01 a.m. on Sept. 15.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) issued an executive order to modify the recreational season of gag grouper in Gulf state waters, excluding all state waters off Monroe County. The 2025 Gulf gag grouper recreational season was set to prevent overfishing

following the quota overage that occurred in 2024 and to be consistent with the season recently announced in adjacent federal waters.

If you plan to fish for gag grouper or other specific reef fish species in Gulf state or federal waters from a private recreational vessel, you must sign up for the State Reef Fish Angler Designation (annual renewal is required). As a State Reef Fish Angler, you could be selected to receive a mail survey component of the State Reef Fish Survey.

Data from the State Reef Fish Survey is now being used for Gulf gag grouper management and by participating in the survey, you are improving recreational data that is used to provide recreational fishing opportunities in Florida. To learn more about the State Reef Fish Survey, visit MyFWC.com/SRFS.

For current recreational gag grouper regulations, visit MyFWC.com/Marine and click on "Recreational Regulations" and "Grouper."

Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

Wakulla County has seen lots of sea level changes
October 6, 2011

Fear of rising sea levels appears to be justified. Since 1930, global sea levels have risen 10 inches. But projections due to global climate change are for an additional three to six feet by the end of the century.

Sea level change however, is not new to Florida or Wakulla County, geologically or historically speaking. In the past, Wakulla County has been both underwater and further elevated 40 or more feet above sea level. Florida was once an island with a surrounding water passage right through our county, which may be responsible for our abundant sand.

But more interesting is our recent lower sea level, during the last 10,000 years. The land offshore of Wakulla extended out over now inundated land some 20 or more miles.

Across this landscape, rivers drained the slopes. Sinkholes, springs and other karst features prevailed amongst forested terrains. Over the last several decades Dr. Joe Donoghue of the Florida State University Geology Department has been mapping submerged rivers and other karst features off our coast.

Anthropologists used this data to predict human occupation sites, given that back then the land was dry.

We also know that early man occupied this land back 10,000 to 12,000 years ago. We predict early man occupied villages adjoining water features. By tracing the submerged river beds in Apalachee Bay, Dr. Michael Falk of the Anthropology Department at FSU, searched and found evidence of inundated prehistoric occupation in an inundated oxbow of the river in what now has 11 feet of sea water overhead.

I often decompress at the opening of caves, in broad daylight. Decompressing can take a lot of time, something we occupy by inspecting the substrate.

I often find chirt flakes, tossed in the water during the knapping of arrow points by early man. Imagine a knapper enjoying the brisk morning air, while sitting over a boiling freshwater spring. All his mistakes and residual flakes get tossed into the water, for me to find thousands of years later.

I was preparing to dive a favorite local cave last week when a car drove up and the driver, seeing that we were serious divers, said he knew of karst features offshore. Of course we know of several, such as Ray Hole and Escudo, long suspected to include artifacts.

He expanded upon those we knew of, to include some reported to be bigger than Wakulla Springs.

Imagine what we will find when we get a chance to visit!

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

When heaven feels more like a dream



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

What has been the most anticipated event of your life? The greatest day ever? The moment you thought would never come?

As a freshman in high school, I watched

the seniors on graduation day with such envy, feeling like that day would never come for me.

When I got engaged to be married, even though I had planned and planned – and constantly talked about – my upcoming wedding, it felt as if the day would never get here.

Later, as a mother in labor, enduring endless hours of unbearable pain, I wondered if I would ever hold my baby in my arms.

Eventually, each eager expectation was fulfilled. Even so, I can’t

begin to compare these milestones to the experience that will eclipse all experiences.

If you’re like me, some of your earliest memories involve hearing about a faraway place called heaven. This magical place felt more like a fantasy than reality. As we’ve grown in our relationship with our Savior, we’ve accepted the reality of this beautiful eternity, but we still can’t shake the surreal feeling of it all.

We find it difficult to imagine the day we’ll stand before the One Who loved us so much

that He died for our sins – and experience what it truly means to be adopted into His family, as described in Romans 8:22–23 (ESV):

“For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.”

We have so much to look forward to!

Just as we often

thought the much-anticipated milestones on our calendars would never come, but they did, so will the day when we race through the gates of heaven straight into our Savior’s arms.

Indeed, after years of studying, months of waiting to become someone’s husband or wife or hours of seemingly-endless childbirth (or “birthing” a sought-after dream), it’s easy to think the end results are too far away and not worth the frustrations, disappointments and pain.

But they are. Every

time.

Especially as we eagerly await the day when our adoption into God’s family is complete. The day we receive our new, glorified bodies so we can enjoy everything our Father has planned for us, for all eternity.

That will be our greatest day ever.

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The shoebox angel



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

Over my lifetime, I have discovered that small beginnings can create large results. For example, the sixth-grade classroom was given a project to read a book and then create a display representing what they had read. My daughter, Georgia, inspired by the title and the possibilities of the final project, chose “Angels Among Us” by Wan-

da Rosseland. She loved reading the short stories of angel encounters, and I loved seeing her young mind at work, planning her final outcome.

When the time came, she convinced her dad to load up the boat and take her to the river so she could gather some clay from its banks. When gathered, they spent some time fishing, making the best of their day together.

I remember watching her as she shaped a small lump of clay into her idea of an angel. Using straight pins with blue ball ends, she created its eyes. Rummaging through the odds and ends of past projects, she discovered two tiny gold leaves made of some kind of metal

– perfect wings. Once completed, we placed her angel into the oven to help it dry.

For the delicate dress, she cut fabric from an old lace gown she had outgrown and added bits of gold chain for decoration. As a final touch, she glued a small lock of her own fiery red hair to the angel’s head, letting it cascade gently down between its wings like strands of glowing amber.

Nestled in a shoebox lined with cotton to look like clouds, this little angel earned an A that day. Thirty-one years later, it still sits safe in a glass curio cabinet, a fragile treasure full of memories – and a beautiful reminder that even the smallest beginnings

can grow into something precious and lasting.

That angel in the shoebox, born from clay and imagination, reminds me that God often does His most lasting work through what begins small. A little clay. A little faith. A little offering.

Scripture is full of stories that echo this truth. I think of the widow of Zarephath in 1 Kings 17. She had just enough flour and oil to prepare one final meal, and yet she trusted Elijah’s word – and God sustained her household through the drought. There’s also the widow who came quietly to the temple, unnoticed by most. Her offering was barely a whisper – a pair of coins, all she had. Others gave

from their wealth, but she gave from her need. Jesus saw what no one else did. He didn’t see the size of the gift; He saw the size of her faith. Jesus said she held nothing back, giving more than anyone. What a gift.

Sometimes we think we need more resources or confidence before we begin. God doesn’t ask for what we don’t have. He blesses what we bring when we bring it with faith.

We are, each of us, like that angel in the shoebox – formed from common clay, shaped tenderly by hands of love and intention. Scripture calls us jars of clay, fragile but filled with treasure (2 Corinthians 4:7). In the hands of the

Potter, even the smallest beginning becomes sacred.

Remember, simple acts like humble prayers and willing hearts are never small in the eyes of our Heavenly Father. So, when all we hold is a little time, a fragment of strength, or a flicker of hope, let us offer it freely, knowing it is enough and that He is still shaping treasured angels from river clay.

Zechariah 4:10 – “Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin.”

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OUT TO PASTOR

I had a thought, but can’t remember it



By **JAMES SNYDER**

I just celebrated another birthday. I never imagined I would get this old, but here I am, old and still breathing.

Reflecting on my birthday celebration, I looked back on my life and realized I’ve been so busy, I’ve not had much chance to think. I know most people believe thinking is an essential part of life. I guess it is, but it has never been an essential part of my life.

Instead of thinking, I have just responded to life issues spontaneously. I’m a rather spontaneous type of person, just ask The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Life gets so busy for me that I cannot take a day off to have a thought.

In high school, I wasn’t a very good thinker. I cannot remember one test I passed with an A, even though I studied for those tests. While I was taking them, I couldn’t turn on my Thinking Machine.

The fact that I graduated from high school is as close to a miracle as I’ve ever seen. And the truth is, I didn’t do so by thinking at all.

I’m sure back then I had some kind of a thought, but I just can’t remember any now.

It wasn’t until I met The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage that I began to understand what thinking was all about. If I’ve ever known anybody to think, it certainly was her. She could think about everything.

There are times when together she would look at me and say, “So, what are you thinking?”

When she first asked me that, I didn’t quite understand what the question was; therefore, I did not know how to respond. I eventually figured it out and would respond by saying, “I was just thinking about how nice you look today.”

That always got a giggle from her and saved me from trying to figure out what I was really thinking.

I suppose most people would believe that thinking is a major part of their lives. I’m not sure why, because it has never been a major part of my life. Once I got out of high school, thinking was never part of my agenda.

Life has its ups and

downs, and looking back, I’m not sure which were up and which were down. The only thing important is that I survived, and here I am today, no thought about it.

I got into a little bit of trouble the other day. We were sitting in the living room, and The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said, “You know, I’ve been thinking...”

Being the advanced knucklehead that I am, I responded before she could finish her sentence by saying, “... with what?”

I don’t have to explain that I was in trouble. That’s just the way my life tumbles down the cowboy trail. Believe me, I try not to respond like that anymore. At least I try.

Now that I’m retired, I do not have to think. Thinking is just a waste of time because I know what I want to do every

day. My pleasure is not based on my ability to think through something. I have discovered that thinking causes a great deal of trouble and pain. So, I leave the thinking to those who aren’t too bright.

Years ago, I was informed that I need to think about my retirement. What’s there to think? It comes automatically whether you keep track of your age or not. Just let life flow as God intended it to.

I have some family members, who shall remain anonymous, who spend a lot of time thinking. As I watched them over the years, I noticed that their thinking has not produced anything worth thinking about. But still, they think, and think, and think until they are completely worn out.

Maybe that’s why I’m not “wore out.” I just live

every day as it should be lived.

Someone once asked me, “If you could change anything in your past what would it be?”

That’s a rather silly question if you ask me. To do that, I would have to spend quality time thinking which I don’t have the time to do these days. I don’t want to change yesterday; I just want to live today.

I suppose if I were to give it any thought, and I’m not going to, I could make a list of all the things I would change. But what good would that do? I don’t want to change my past; I just want to live for today.

I remembered what the Apostle Paul said along this line.

“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever

things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things” (Philippians 4:8).

Thinking is good, but only if thinking on the right things. That is the challenge set before me. If I think on the wrong things it will effect my life as Christian. The world would have me think on the wrong things which in effect, pulls me away from God.

Dr. James L. Snyder lives in Ocala with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Telephone 1-352-216-3025, email jamesnyder51@gmail.com, website www.jamesnyderministries.com.



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Obituaries

DEATH NOTICES

- **Kathryn L. Goodfellow**, 69, of Crawfordville, died August 3, 2025.
 - **Robert Hurst**, 82, of Crawfordville, died July 31, 2025.
- **Linda Magann**, 81, of Crawfordville, died July 30, 2025.
 - **Robin Vause**, 61, of Crawfordville, died July 30, 2025.

Sheriff’s Report

This report is for activity July 25th to August 1st. There were 1,538 total calls for service during the week.

FRIDAY, JULY 25

• A citizen reported to Deputy Lexi Kreitlow, and Sgt. Ernesto Trujillo that his truck had been stolen. The reporting person advised the vehicle had been stolen sometime during the night and stated he had a possible suspect but could not provide much information regarding the subject. He advised his neighbors had witnessed some strange activity being conducted by this unknown subject and may prove useful in this investigation. Case Status: Forward to Criminal Investigation Division.

SATURDAY, JULY 26

• A citizen reported to Deputy Zachary Munroe that someone entered his property and cut down approximately 80 to 100 trees on his land. The reporting person was sent a letter in January by Wakulla County advising his trees were too tall and needed to be cut down for airport safety purposes. It is believed the county cut the trees down. Case Status: Closed.

SUNDAY, JULY 27

• Deputy Shea Sullivan responded to Mashers Sands Road in reference to a disturbance. Prior to deputies arrival, the alleged suspect left the scene and went to a local restaurant. Deputy Sullivan

located the suspect and detained her for further investigation. It was determined the suspect struck the victim after a roadside altercation. The victim met Deputy Sullivan and provided a sworn statement and affidavit for non-prosecution. Case Status: Closed.

MONDAY, JULY 28

• Deputy Kory Smith conducted a traffic stop on an individual traveling on a bicycle on Coastal Highway. The suspect was identified, and it was revealed that he had an active warrant out of Franklin County. Subsequently, the individual was detained and placed under arrest. A search of the person produced 1 gram of marijuana and a smoking device. The contraband was seized for destruction. Nothing further advised.

TUESDAY, JULY 29

• Deputies Kory Smith, Arturo Cordoba, and Sgt. Shayne Broxsie responded to Ameris Bank in reference to a suspicious person complaint. Contact was made with bank president, who requested an individual be trespassed from the property. Contact was made with a male outside the business laying down. The individual was informed he was trespassed and needed to exit the premises. He refused to move and was subsequently placed under arrest.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

• A citizen reported to Deputy Joshua Parker that he had been scammed of approximately \$11,460. The reporting person advised he was having issues with his Roku

television and thought he had contacted the customer support for Roku. He stated he was given step by step instruction which seemed legitimate until he opened his mobile bank account app on his phone and realized he had been scammed. Case Status: Forward to Criminal Investigations Division.

THURSDAY, JULY 31

• While observing traffic at the Kangaroo store, Sgt. Heather Will and Deputy Shay Sullivan observed a truck with an inoperable tail-light/brake light. Sgt. Will conducted a traffic stop near Coastal Highway and Tobacco Sink. Due to marijuana being in plain view and no active medical marijuana cards, the occupants were removed from the vehicle to conduct a search. During the search of the vehicle,

Deputies Weekes and Sullivan located multiple baggies of cocaine weighing 5.8 grams. Both were placed under arrest and transported to the Wakulla County Jail. Case Status: Closed by Arrest.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

• Deputy Jackson Kittrell conducted a traffic stop on a pickup truck in the 1500 block of Crawfordville Highway for no front bumper and an expired registration. Contact was made with the driver of the vehicle. A driver’s license query confirmed the subject does not possess a valid license. Subsequently, the driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Wakulla County Jail without incident.

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

Weekly Roundup: Coloring in the lines

By **JIM TURNER**
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — As Texas Republicans advanced a mid-decade redistricting map this week, Gov. Ron DeSantis continued to toy with having Florida engage in a similar effort to fulfill President Donald Trump’s call to strengthen the GOP’s hold in Congress.

The Texas plan could swing five seats currently held by Democrats, as part of a move to boost Republicans’ seven-seat advantage in the U.S. House.

DeSantis this week reaffirmed his desire to recraft Florida’s congressional lines, saying “I haven’t done it yet” but “I will when I need to.”

DRAWING RED LINES

Any timeline to change the congressional map prior to the 2026 mid-term elections, when the president’s political party historically experiences losses, would have to be quick.

Critics of the out-of-cycle redistricting effort already are calling foul.

Dan Vicuna, senior policy director of voting and fair representation at Common Cause, said the group would file lawsuits to challenge new redistricting plans, regardless of whether they were drawn by Republicans or Democrats.

He said politicians in the past have paid “lip service” to community involvement in redistrict-

ing but now are “saying the quiet part out loud.”

“They care only about raw political power,” Vicuna said.

Redistricting is typically done after the once-a-decade U.S. census, with Florida lawmakers drawing new maps in 2022. DeSantis discussed the possibility of another round after the Florida Supreme Court this month upheld a 2022 congressional map that gave Republicans control of a North Florida district previously held by a Democrat.

Florida legislative leaders have remained silent on the issue.

The Sunshine State’s congressional delegation has 20 Republicans and eight Democrats. The Legislature, which has Republican supermajorities, would have to approve any redistricting plan.

Any change is also expected to address the 2010 voter-approved “Fair Districts” constitutional amendments, which set standards for congressional and legislative redistricting. In

part, the amendments say no “apportionment plan or individual district shall be drawn with the intent to favor or disfavor a political party or an incumbent.”

DeSantis said he shared the view of those who believe Fair Districts is constitutionally defective from a federal perspective.

“There’s a lot of people that believe that the Fair Districts amendment is unconstitutional, because what it does is it mandates having race predominate, whereas neutrality really should be the constitutional standard,” DeSantis said Wednesday.

WHO’S IN CHARGE?

Federal court battles continued to churn this week over the state’s crackdown on illegal immigration.

U.S. District Judge Rodolfo Ruiz on Monday pushed state and federal officials to provide a copy of an inter-governmental agreement showing “who’s running the show” at an Ever-

glades immigrant-detention center, calling the situation “urgent” as at least 100 detainees have been deported amid legal wrangling over the remote facility.

Ruiz called for the agreement during a hearing in a lawsuit alleging, in part, that people held at the facility — dubbed “Alligator Alcatraz” — are being prevented access to lawyers and are unable to contest their detention.

Eunice Cho, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, told Ruiz that procedures at the detention center are “unprecedented.”

Cho said federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials are “disclaiming responsibility for people held at the facility” and telling detainees that they are in the custody of state officials, who maintain they are operating the detention center on behalf of the Trump administration as part of a cooperative immigration-enforcement program, known as the 287(g) program.

“Everyone seems to be avoiding responsibility for providing legal recourse for people who are being held at the facility,” Cho said.

Nicholas Meros, an attorney for DeSantis and his administration, said it was too early to say whether the state would provide the agreement.

A First Amendment claim made by the plaintiffs “doesn’t guarantee them the right” to access the 287(g) agreement, Meros said.

“They need to provide some justifications under the law” to obtain it, he added.

Meros also argued that the “threshold” issue for the judge was the legal venue where the lawsuit was filed.

The airport is in Miami-Dade and Collier counties. The lawsuit was filed in the federal Southern District of Florida, which includes Mi-

ami-Dade County. The address of the detention center is in Ochopee, an unincorporated community in Collier County, which is in the Middle District of Florida.

The venue location also is an issue in a separate legal challenge over the detention complex.

Friends of the Everglades and the Center for Biological Diversity allege in that lawsuit that state and federal officials failed to comply with federal law requiring an environmental impact study before building the facility at the site surrounded by the Everglades and Big Cypress National Preserve.

U.S. District Judge Kathleen Williams on Wednesday allowed the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida to join the lawsuit. The tribe maintains that the detention complex’s proximity to its villages could negatively impact hunting, fishing and ceremonial use of the preserve.

Lawyers for state Division of Emergency Management Director Kevin Guthrie argue in that lawsuit that “only a sliver” of the runway is in Miami-Dade County, with the rest in Collier County. As a result, they say the case should be moved to the Middle District of Florida.

STORY OF THE WEEK: A federal judge is seeking clarity on whether state or federal officials control “Alligator Alcatraz,” an immigrant-detention center in the Everglades.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “I think we’re trying to be thoughtful. It’s not cheap to run a university. We’re heavily subsidizing out-of-state students. So, we’re just trying to find a balance here.” — University of South Florida Board of Trustees Chairman Will Weatherford, referring to the board’s decision to increase tuition for out-of-state students by 10 percent.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
ELEANOR MAXINE SCHRADER,
a/k/a E. Maxine Schrader
DECEASED
DIVISION: PROBATE

FILE NUMBER: 2025-CP-000102

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Eleanor Maxine Schrader, a/k/a E. Maxine Schrader, deceased, whose date of death was January 9, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 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 served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME 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 other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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 31, 2025**.

Attorney for Personal Representative: PAULA M. SPARKMAN
Personal Representative: LINDA B. SCHRADER NAHOOM
Attorney 8922 Old Lloyd Road
Florida Bar Number: 135925 Monticello, FL 32344
MESSER CAPARELLO, PA
2618 Centennial Place
Tallahassee, FL 32308
Telephone: (850) 222-0720
Fax: (850) 558-0647
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Secondary E-Mail: akendall@lawfla.com

July 31, August 7, 2025

NOTICE OF FORCLOSURE SALE

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

PLANET HOME LENDING, LLC,
PLAINTIFF,
V.
LACRESHIA SESSIONS, ET AL.,
DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 07/15/2025, and entered in Case No. 24000019CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for **Wakulla County, Florida** wherein **PLANET HOME LENDING, LLC**, is the Plaintiff and **LACRESHIA SESSIONS**, is/are Defendant(s), Greg James, Wakulla County Clerk of Courts, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at **Wakulla County Courthouse lobby, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327 at 11:00 a.m. on October 30, 2025** the following described property set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 60, BLOCK 51, WAKULLA GARDENS UNIT FIVE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 56, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
Commonly known as: **24 Beeler Rd, Crawfordville, FL 32327**

Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the Foreclosure Sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim with the Clerk no later than the date that the Clerk reports the funds as unclaimed. If you fail to file a claim, you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.

If the sale is set aside, the Purchaser may be entitled to only a return of the sale deposit less any applicable fees and costs and shall have no other recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Dated this 18th day of July 2025.

/s/ Bradford Petrino
Bradford Petrino, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 41883
Lender Legal PLLC
1800 Pembrook Drive, Suite 250
Orlando, FL 32810
Tel: (407) 730-4644
Attorney for Plaintiff
Service Emails:
bpetrino@lenderlegal.com
EService@LenderLegal.com



{{County Court Seal}}
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 31, August 7, 2025

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

UNIVERSITY BANK,
PLAINTIFF,
V.
MARIO MCWHORTER, et al.,
DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on July 17, 2025, in Civil Case No. 2024-ca-000122 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT in and for Wakulla County, Crawfordville, Florida, wherein UNIVERSITY BANK is Plaintiff and Mario Mcwhorter, et al., are Defendants, the Clerk of Court, Greg James, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Lobby, Crawfordville, FL, 32327 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 28th day of August, 2025 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

Lot 32, Block A, BUCKHORN VILLAGE, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page(s) 10, of the Public Records ofWakulla County, Florida.

Address: 112 John Mills Cir, Sopchoppy, FL 32358

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 before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.

Dated this 21st day of July 2025.

{{County Court Seal}}
Greg James
As Clerk of the Court
By: **/s/ Rachel Howard**
As Deputy Clerk



If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of Court Administration at (850) 577-4401, or at the Leon County Courthouse, Room 225, 301 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301 within 2 working days of receipt of a notice compelling you to appear at a court proceeding; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

The ADA Coordinator for the courts in Leon County is Doug Smith. He may be reached at (850) 577-4444 or through the Florida Relay Service, TDD at 1-800-955-8771. The address for the Office of Court Administration is: Leon County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe Street, Room 225, Tallahassee, FL 32301. In all other counties in the circuit please contact the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office and ask for the ADA Coordinator. The Clerk's number is included on each county page.

August 7, 14, 2025

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

CADLES OF WEST VIRGINIA, LLC,
an Ohio limited liability company,
PLAINTIFF,
V.
CAROLYN SHERRELL, a/k/a C. Carolyn Sherrell, and UNKNOWN
TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION,
DEFENDANTS.

CASE NO.: 2025-CA-68

NOTICE OF ACTION - NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE – PROPERTY

TO:

Carolyn Sherrell, Unknown Tenant(s) in Possession
a/k/a C. Carolyn Sherrell 885 Woodville Highway
885 Woodville Highway Crawfordville, FL 32327
Crawfordville, FL 32327

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclosure a mortgage on the following property in Wakulla County, Florida:

See attached Exhibit “A”

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to it on Jason E. Slatkin, Esquire, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 101 NE 3rd Avenue, Suite 1800, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33301 and file the original with the Clerk of the above styled Court on or before August 24, 2025; otherwise a default will be entered against you and for the relief prayed for in the compliant or petition.

This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in The Wakulla Sun.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said court at Crawfordville, Florida 7th day of July 2025.

Jason E. Slatkin, Esquire
Lorium Law
101 N.E. Third Avenue, Suite 1800
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33301
Telephone No.: (954) 462-8000
Florida Bar No. 984523



{{County Court Seal}}
Greg James
As Clerk of the Court
Wakulla County, Florida
By: **/s/ Rachel Howard**
As Deputy Clerk

EXHIBIT “A”

Begin at a 3/4 inch into pipe marking the intersection of the Easterly right-of-way boundary of U.S. Highway No. 319 with the North boundary of the South half of Section 9, Township 3 South, Range 1 East, Wakulla County, Florida. From said POINT OF BEGINNING and leaving said right-of-way boundary run South 89 degrees 23 minutes 07 seconds East along the North boundary of the South half of said Section 9 a distance of 200.00 feet to a 5/8 inch re-rod (marked #4261), thence run South 00 degrees 36 minutes 53 seconds West 100.00 feet to a 3/8 inch re-rod (marked #4261), thence run South 81 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds West 177.51 feet to an "X" scribed in a concrete drive, lying on the Easterly right-of-way boundary of said U.S. Highway No. 319, thence run North 10 degrees 19 minutes 00 seconds East along said right-of-way boundary 130.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING containing 0.494 acres, more or less.

LOT 2 (5.00 ACRES)

Commence at an old concrete monument marking the Southeast corner of Section 29, Township 3 South, Range 1 East, Wakulla County, Florida, and thence run South 00 degrees 27 minutes 15 seconds West along the Section line 450.23 feet, thence run North 1276.46 feet to the Northerly right-of-way boundary of a powerline easement, thence run North 85 degrees 20 minutes 32 seconds West along said right-of-way boundary 2795.92 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING continue North 85 degrees 20 minutes 32 seconds West along said right-of-way boundary 283.04 feet, thence run South 32 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds West 802.13 feet to the Northeastern edge of the Wakulla River, thence run South 50 degrees 02 minutes 59 seconds East along said river's edge 251.20 feet, thence run North 32 degrees 05 minutes 40 seconds East 731.92 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING containing 5.00 acres, more or less.

Subject to a powerline easement over and across the Northerly 200.00 feet thereof.

Subject to a 50.00 foot roadway easement over and across the above described property.

July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2025

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

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT
MORTGAGE SERVICING,
PLAINTIFF,
Case No.: 65-2025-CA-000038-CAAM
V.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LEINORS AND TRUSTEES OF RONALD C. LEACH, DECEASED; CAROLYN SUE LEACH, AS POTENTIAL HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD C. LEACH; 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, DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To the following Defendant(s):

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LEINORS AND TRUSTEES OF RONALD C. LEACH, DECEASED
(RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)

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

ALL THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN WAKULLA COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, TO-WIT:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN NORTH 01 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 32 A DISTANCE OF 2749.18 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 666.79 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 49 SECONDS WEST 1339.53 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST 1949.64 FEET, TO A POINT LYING ON THE CENTERLINE OF BLUEBERRY LANE SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 331.29 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF SAID BLUEBERRY LANE WITH THE CENTERLINE OF SUMMER WIND CIRCLE, THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 04 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID SUMMERWIND A DISTANCE OF 731.71 FEET, THENCE LEAVING SAID CENTERLINE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST 331.55 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #3652), THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST 731.63 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH A 60.00 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT LYING OVER AND ACROSS THE WESTERLY AND SOUTHERLY 30.00 FEET THEREOF.

SUBJECT TO ALL MATTERS OF RECORD.

a/k/a 130 Blueberry Ln, 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, 1511 North Westshore Boulevard, Suite 400, Tampa FL 33607, on or before August 30, 2025, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in 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, 850-926-0300 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

WITNESS my hand and seal of said court at Crawfordville, Florida 21st day of July 2025.

{{County Court Seal}}
Greg James
As Clerk of the Court
Wakulla County, Florida
By: **/s/ Rachel Howard**
As Deputy Clerk



July 31, August 7, 14, 21, 2025

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

ALTON FARMER, JR.,
PLAINTIFF,
V.
CADDIE RANDOLPH; et al.,
DEFENDANTS.

CASE NO.: 25-CA-000092-CAAM

NOTICE OF ACTION

To CADDIE RANDOLPH; Any and All Unknown Parties Claiming By, Through, Under, and Against CADDIE RANDOLPH, Who Are Not Known To Be Dead or Alive, Whether Said Unknown Parties May Claim an Interest as Spouses, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; and Any and All Parties Having or Claiming to Have any Right, Title, or Interest in the Property Described in this Complaint.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Quiet Title for the following property in Wakulla County, Florida:

Legal Description: The East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Lot 40, unrecorded HARTSFIELD SURVEY OF LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS AND EXCEPT road right of ways.

Said Lot 40 having been shown and referenced on the general location map for John Piplack's Subdivision Near Crawfordville Unit No. One, being a Sub-division of Lot 54 of Hartsfield's Survey, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 9, of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida.

Parcel ID Number: 00-00-040-000-09771-000

Commonly known as: Wakulla Arran Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327- 45 Acres ofVacant Land has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Daniel J. Bonardi, Esq., the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Bonardi & Uzdavinis, LLP, 7416 Monika Manor Drive, Tampa, FL 33625, on or before, 30 days from first publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

Dated: July 24, 2025.

{{County Court Seal}}
Greg James
As Clerk of the Court
Wakulla County, Florida
By: **/s/ Rachel Howard**
As Deputy Clerk



July 31, August 7, 14, 21, 2025

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

DAVID J. FRAZEE,
Petitioner/Biological Father,
and
BRITTANY A. UNDERHILL,
Respondent/Mother,
and
CONRAD M. WASHINGTON,
Respondent/Legal Father.
DIVISION: FAMILY LAW

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PETITION TO DETERMINE PATERNITY
AND FOR RELATED RELIEF, AND PETITION TO DISESTABLISH
PATERNITY

TO: CONRAD M. WASHINGTON
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to determine paternity and for related relief, and to disestablish you as the legal father of the Children, L.A.F.-U., a female child born on April 28, 2018; and T.F.-U., a female child born on July 19, 2019 has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to DAVID J. FRAZEE IN CARE OF MAX FACTOR LAW, 115 NORTH CALHOUN STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32311 on or before SEPTEMBER 20, 2025, and file the original with the clerk of the Wakulla County Court, FAMILY LAW DIVISION, at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: NONE.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or emailed to the address(es) on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated July 25, 2025

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Greg James
As Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: **/s/ Cathi Copeland**
As Deputy Clerk



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Grace and Mercy Counseling held a ribbon-cutting on Thursday, July 31, at the Chamber.(Photo by Heather Bryan)



Champions Farms held a ribbon-cutting on Thursday, July 10, for the farm that produces fresh produce, eggs, lamb meat, and more. (Photo by William Snowden)



Chris and Steve Sanabria go through the food line at the luncheon at Donkey's, above; and Mary Wallace offers dessert. (Photos by Lynda Kinsey)



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