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Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

**Friday** 

**Thursday** 

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PM Thunderstorms

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# **'Limited' oyster** harvesting eyed in Apalachicola

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will review on Aug. 14

> BY JIM TURNER **News Service of Florida**

TALLAHASSEE - State wildlife officials could allow oyster harvesting in part of Northwest Florida's Apalachicola Bay, where the fishery collapsed more than a decade ago and continues to struggle to recover.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission staff members have recommended a "limited opening," as some oyster reefs in the bay have recovered "to a condition that could support limited commercial and recreational harvest."

In a memo to commissioners, Jessica McCawley, director of the agency's Division of Marine Fisheries Management, suggested a "lottery" to limit permits for recreational harvesters and new rules for the commercial industry. Restrictions could include such steps as a harvesting season between October and February, harvest limits each season and increased reporting requirements. The area has been closed to harvesting since 2020.

"The oyster regulations that were in effect prior to the closure are not appropriate for the current state of the resource," McCawley wrote in the memo.

The issue is scheduled to go before the commission Aug. 14 during a meeting at the state Public Safety Institute in Havana. Rules that advance out of the meeting aren't expected to be finalized until a November commission meeting.

Apalachicola Bay has long been known for its oysters, once supplying more than 90 percent of Florida's oysters and 10 percent of the oysters sold nationally. But the fishery collapsed in 2013.

McCawley's memo also pointed to similar problems in other areas of the state, saying oysters "provide habitat, improve water quality, protect shorelines and are valuable seafood products. Yet they face multiple threats that have led to the loss of 80-90% of the oyster reefs in Florida's estuaries."

"This is not an Apalachicola Bay issue. This is not a Florida issue, a gulf issue, or a United States issue," Devin Resko, biological administrator with the commission's Division of Marine Fisheries Management, said during a February commission meeting. "This is a global issue of dramatically declining oyster populations."

During the February meeting, a goal was announced to allow oyster harvesting in a small part of Apalachicola Bay at the start of 2026, when the closure is set to expire.

Franklin County Commission Chairman Ricky Jones told the commission about economic effects of the closure, saying it left the region more than 90 percent dependent on tourism.

"Franklin County wants the bay open," Jones

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# Deputy contends sheriff's office is hostile workplace

**Editor** 

A deputy in the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, part of the command staff, is claiming Sheriff Jared Miller fosters a hostile workplace environment.

Major Dale Evans, a longtime sheriff's deputy who is over the office's road patrol unit, filed a complaint against Sheriff Miller a couple of years ago - that was resolved, but he has filed new complaints about the office.

Of Evans' complaints, Sheriff Miller said he was deeply hurt and troubled. "I truly care about Dale Evans," he said. "I wish I knew what he needs and wants so I could help him work toward it."

A public records request of the files indicates Evans complained

**By WILLIAM SNOWDEN** in 2023 about the sheriff using foul language in the administrative office, yelling at staff, and making inappropriate comments.

> Back in February 2023, Evans filed a memo with the agency's HR Director Amy Lamarche claiming "Offensive Behavior" by the sheriff.

> "I am writing this to inform you that the yelling, abusive cussing and sexual jokes/comments made by Sheriff Jared Miller in the office are unwelcome and unwanted," then-Captain Evans wrote. "I personally find these actions offensive and unprofessional. I feel these actions create severe stress in the work place that is not needed."

Told of the complaint, the sheriff met with Undersheriff Billy Jones, Lamarche of HR, and Capt. Danny Deal of



Wakulla Sheriff Jared Miller

Internal Affairs and was adamant that they follow all policies and procedures in investigating the complaint.

On Feb. 9, 2023, Lamarche and Jones met with Evans to discuss his concerns and resolve the issues. "Undersheriff Jones explained to (Evans) that Sheriff Miller stated he is very passionate about his job and he takes responsibility for his actions. Sheriff



**Major Dale Evans** 

Miller voiced that there would be an immediate change in himself and in the office to provide and enjoyable and professional workplace for all members." The sheriff also reportedly communicated that he wanted to meet with Evans and personally apologize for any discomfort he may have caused.

Evans reportedly said that answered his con-

Sheriff Miller and Evans met the next day and the two agreed to move forward with no animosity.

A month later, Evans reopened the complaint, saying he had heard from other staff and people in the community that the sheriff was going

to retaliate against him. Jones and Lamarche met with Evans again and then with the sheriff to discuss Evans' concerns. "Sheriff Miller stated there has been absolutely no retaliation against Captain Evans on his part. Sheriff Miller's stated stance with Captain Evans is, 'It's time to get on with work

and get on with life." Evans was later promoted to the rank of major and put over road

patrol. On July 14, 2025, Evans filed a memo claiming that detectives

wrongfully accused him of a crime for texting another deputy that she was being investigated back in 2024. That deputy was ultimately allowed to resign because of improper behavior; Evans was not charged with any crime or disciplined.

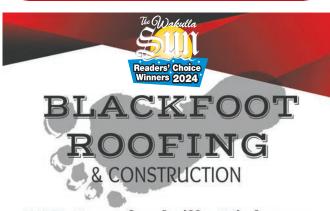
Evans expressed concern about the motives of several detectives in the Criminal Investigation Divison, from Colonel Chuck Whaley, who heads CID, to Detective Chris Ormerod, who has investigated several high-profile cases - including the one in which former County Commissioner Mike Kemp and former Wakulla Citizens Page administrator Becky Whaley worked to identify a frequent online troll who was critical of them and instead released the name of another person who was

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# Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park Hairy wicky



By LYNN ARTZ, DAVID RODDENBERRY, and **SANDY TEDDER** 

Hairy wicky (Kalmia hirsuta) is a small evergreen shrub with hairy leaves, stems, and flower buds. Pink cup-like flowers, sometimes with red dots, open in midsummer. The stamen tips stay in pockets until sprung by an insect. Due to its size, thin woody stems, and gangly growth, hairy wicky seems more like a wildflower than shrub. The flowers are small replicas of mountain laurel (Kalmia latifolia). It's also called hairy mountain-laurel or sandhill laurel. Native to the southeastern U.S., it occurs across north Florida in open, sandy locations such as savannas, sand hills and pine flatwoods. Hairy wicky spreads by underground stems to form large colonies in acidic habitats that are moist to wet during the summer rainy season. Hairy wicky is blooming now in the northwest garden at Sopchoppy Depot Park.

# Like people, aging trees aided by annual checkup

By MIKE CROSS, ED DUKE. and SAM HAND

Today's media is replete with advertisement promoting pharmaceuticals and over-the-counter treatments to manage almost every imageable malady plaguing humanity.

Improving one's health and thereby slowing aging is important, and becomes more important as time passes. Nobody wants to reach their terminal depreciation point any sooner than necessary.

One of the proven strategies to prolong a quality life is a regular checkup with a professional who specializes in identifying problems. It is far simpler and usually less expensive to handle small problems before they become big prob-

Just like people, trees have lifespans too. Upon closer examination, trees and humans share a surprising number of similarities as they age.

As such trees benefit from a checkup from time to time as they go through their life cycle. This is especially true if the trees live in close proximity to people.

A tree's life starts with a seed, nall, full of potential, and ready to grow. That seed sprouts, putting down roots and reaching for the sun, like a toddler finding their footing.

In the early years, trees shoot up fast, slender and flexible, swaying with the wind and thriving on available nutrients. It is their adolescence, and they are just getting started.

Then comes middle age. The trunk thickens (sound familiar?),

and the branches spread wider. Trees expand their girth, like humans, and fill out a bit in the middle. During this stage, their energy is focused on reproduction. Most of their days are spent producing seeds, nuts, or fruit, contributing to the ecosystem and ensuring the next generation of trees has chance to live.

As time wears on, the signs of aging become clear. Limbs stiffen



Just like people, trees change as they age. Sam Hand knows the better care given to the tree throughout its existence will likely lengthen its life and usefulness in a home or commercial landscape.

and become rigid with far less flexibilty. The crown begins to thin, efit from annual checkups, trees sometimes comically resembling a should have regular inspections. receding hairline.

tree's immune system starts to fal- invasive pests can stress even ter. Decay organisms and fungal the strongest species and shorten pathogens creep in, exploiting any their lives. weakness or damage inflicted by

tree failure.

But there is the very big differalgesic that will overcome the em- saves money. barrassment and bruising.

When a tree falls, it can destroy

work of sorts.

They can catch diseases, fight tive Extension. off invaders, and even care for their offspring. So why does this tension

Because just like people ben-Here in Tallahassee tropical storms The bark may crack, and the and hurricanes, heavy rains, and

A certified arborist can evaluate the environment or circumstances. a tree's health, identify structur-Like with our joints, a tree's al concerns, manage disease, and structural integrity can fail, lead- make informed recommendations ing to limb drop or worse, whole- before little problems become major hazards.

With awareness the difficulties ence between people and trees. can be identified and solved early When a person takes a tumble, it through proactive assessments. It is usually an ice pack and an an- is less trouble, minimizes risk and

Mike Cross, International Sociproperty, damage power lines, and ety of Arboriculture (ISA), Certified even pose serious threats to the life Arborist & Certified Tree Worker, of anyone or any creature within Fielder Tree Services, Ed Duke, PhD (Associate Professor in the Throughout their lives, trees FAMU College of Agriculture and also "talk" to each other through Food Sciences), Sam Hand, FAMU root systems and chemical signals. Extension (Associate Professor and It is an underground social net- Director of Industry Credentialing Training Programs, FAMU Coopera-

Photo by Les Harrison, FAMU Ex-



# Music Fest at Palaver Tree on Saturday

PHOTOS BY GERALD BROWN



Robin and The Y Knots open the 4th annual NoFlo PoFok Music Festival at Palaver Tree on Saturday night.



High energy and a Rock and Roll '80s-style band from Tallahassee, Lunar Urge.



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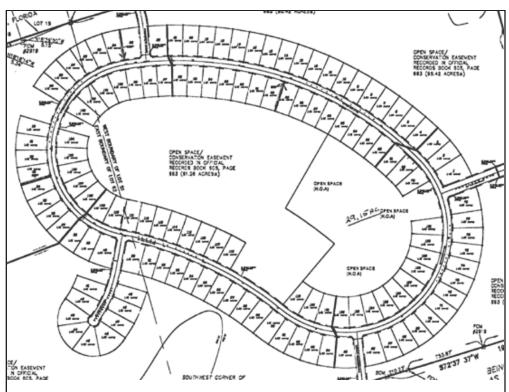


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Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Wakulla County, Florida, will conduct a public hearing to consider approval of the assessment roll for the special assessments imposed within The Park Subdivision Municipal Services Benefit Unit ("MSBU"), as shown above, to fund the capital costs of Broadband improvements for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and to authorize collection of such assessments on the tax bill.

The hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m. on September 15, 2025, in the Board of County Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the assessments. All affected real property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the County within 20 days of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Executive Assistant to the County Administrator at (850) 926-0919, at least two (2) business days prior to the date of the hearing.

The Broadband Improvements Assessments have been imposed to fund the installation of broadband facilities to provide access to high speed internet services within the MSBU. The Broadband Improvements Assessment for each parcel of property is based upon the number of buildable lots attributable to such parcel. The maximum annual assessment is \$187.70 per Lot.

A more specific description is set forth in the Initial Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 2022-14). Copies of the Initial Assessment Resolution, Final Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 2022-28), and the updated Assessment Roll are available for inspection at the Office of the County Administrator, 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The assessments will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2025, as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. The assessments will be collected over a period of 5 years, commencing with the tax bill mailed in November 2022. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the real property which may result in a loss of title. Unless proper steps are initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief within 20 days from the date of Board's action at the above hearing (including the method of apportionment, the rate of assessment and the imposition of assessments), such action shall be the final adjudication of the issues presented.

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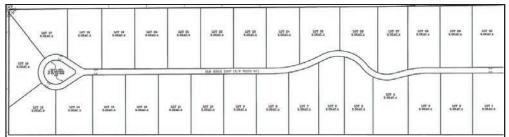
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# Sleep in Heavenly Peace now has Wakulla center

By REV. DR. BETSY GOEHRIG

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a nationwide organization that believes that "a bed is a basic need for the proper physical, emotional and mental support that a child needs.... We are a national organization answering the call to a national problem." Having a safe and comfortable place to sleep helps a child feel more secure and is better able to focus in ₹ school with a better night's sleep.

Our local Sleep in Heavenly Peace affiliate is the Tallahassee Chapter (SHPTLH). As a part of this chapter, we are preparing to launch a distribution center in Wakulla County in a June. Last month, SHPTLH took part  $^{\circ}_{\circ}$ in a bed build event in Charlotte. Sponsored by Lowe's, volunteers built five thousand beds which were distributed to various locations.

Due to participation in this build by SHPTLH, forty beds were allocated to the Wakulla Distribution Satellite. These beds are now here in Wakulla and are available for distribution to eligible families.

How can you get help for your family? The motto of Sleep in Heavenly Peace is "No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town."

If your family or someone you know needs a bed for a child in our community, at https://shpbeds.org/ apply/. Enter your ZIP Code to route your request to the correct chapter



Volunteers Caden Gray with Robert Manning Sheriff Jared Miller, Kenny Manning, Commissioner Fred Nichols, Marty and Shannon Roberts, Steve Sanabria, Gibb Jones and in front President John Cousins announcing the Wakulla Distribution Center for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Below, a typical bed made by SHP.



for your location.

The beds are also available to foster parents who need additional beds to be able to care for children for whom they are responsible. SHPTLH Wakulla Distribution Satellite will contact you to arrange delivery and installation of the beds.

All beds come with mattresses and a complete sleep set with comforter and pillow. SHPTLH Wakulla Distri-

bution Satellite can accomplish this important mission because of dedicated volunteers and supporters who help in a variety of ways.

How can you get involved?

· Share the word about this important mission with your friends, congregations, workplaces, organizations, civic groups, etc.

• Please assist us in identifying a permanent location for housing supplies that could also accommodate a build event. This could be a warehouse, business, church, or other facility with space dedicated solely for this purpose. Should land be allocated for this purpose, it would be possible to construct a facility upon it. SHPTLH is a registered 501c3 charitable organization and contributions are tax deductible including cash and in-kind.

• Collect bedding: twin size sets (comforter, sheets, pillowcase), for children from 3 to 17. Some groups are making and donating quilts along with bedding sets. Your organization can get involved by agreeing to be a collection site or organizing a drive for collecting bedding (sheet set, comforters, pillows.

• Give generously: donations may be made online at https://shpbeds. org/donate/

• For more information on Sleep in Heavenly Peace: https://shpbeds.

# Library News

By LINDA OAKS **Library Director** 

Library News August 14th to August 20th

Thursday, August 14th

• Creative Writing I 10am

• Manga Middle Club 5pm

• Hidden Forrest HOA 6:30pm • Bible Study 7pm

Friday, August 15th Quilting Guild 10am

#### Saturday, August 16th

No Programs

#### Sunday, August 17th

• Closed

## Monday, August 18th

• American Legion Post 114 6pm

#### Tuesday, August 19th

Book Bunch 10am

Lego Club 4pm

 Big Bend AHEC Tobacco free 5:30pm

#### Wednesday, August 20th

• Book Babies 10am • Knitting Group 4pm

# On the Horizon

# Calendar of events for the week of August 14

# Thursday, August 14

- Preseason football: Wakulla War Eagles host the Madison Cowboys at J.D. Jones Stadium at 7 p.m.
- St. Marks City Commission meets at the St. Marks Yacht Club at 6 p.m.
- The Wakulla County Cancer Support Group meets in the Education Center of the Crawfordville United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. This group meeting is for men and women, regardless of the type of cancer. Spouses, caregivers, and friends are welcome. For more information, call 850-926-6050.
- Rotary Club of Wakulla meets at TSC Wakulla at 8:30 a.m.
- The VFW Auxiliary Bingo Night will be held at 7 p.m. at 475 Arran Road in Crawfordville, every Thursday. There are concessions and raf-
- 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 facility across from Medart Elementary on Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6 p.m. and 8 Crawfordville Hwy., at 11:30 a.m. Chair partic- Highway 98. ipants welcome. \$2 donation per class. Bring
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

# Friday, August 15

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

# Saturday, August 16

• Summer Flex: A musical event featuring Dylan McClure, The Dusty Gravelers, Danitza, CJ & Deadmen at Palaver Tree Theater, 59 Shadeville Road, from 5-10 p.m. Tickets are \$15 at the door. BYOB.

# Sunday, August 17

• Wakulla Giving Hands holds a food giveaway every Sunday from 12: 30 to 2:30 p.m. at their

# Monday, August 18

- County commission meets at 5 p.m. in the commission chambers.
- School board meets at 5:45 p.m. in the district office.
- VFW Post 4538 and Auxiliary hold monthly meetings on the second Monday of the month with fellowship at 6 p.m., meetings at 7 p.m.
- The Wakulla 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.

p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee St.

# Tuesday, August 19

- 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@

# Wednesday, August 20

gmail.com or text/call at (850) 528-5838.

- · 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





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- Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Polled at the FRESH Backpack Giveaway at the community center on Saturday:

# What was your favorite subject in school?



FRED NICHOLS **County Commissioner** 

"My favorite was Social Studies-History. I enjoyed the military history the most. This event here today is awesome!"



**MERRICK MITCHELL** Second Harvest

"I really loved History."



TAMMIE NASON Keep Wakulla County Beautiful

"When I was in school we had a **Biblical Literature** class that I found very interesting."



**CHRIS TIMMONS** Food & Fill

"Spelling. I was in Spelling Bees, I love a challenge."



KENNY MANNING FRESH event coordinator

"Math! My brain works that way with organization and order, with order brings peace. My math skills actually help me with the outreach I

# **Buckhorn News**

**By ETHEL SKIPPER** 

"rememtalking to one of my other day - first she wanted to know how did you and grandaddy mom and daddy to marenough of that chat.

Then we talked about the early school days.

As a young child, wash days. We had to things were much dif- pump those three wash It is a good time to ferent. We had to walk tubs of water before go-3 miles to school each ing to school. ber machine" on. I was day. There was no air conditioning and only grands wanted to know great-grands just the one big wood heater in how many pairs of tenthe classroom. We never nis shoes. I remember got new textbooks. Many we wore oxford shoes. times, there were not Most children had one meet. Did he ask your enough books for every- pair at a time. Some did one to have one. There not have shoes. Every ry you? I told her that is was always work before morning prayer was reschool.

I remember so well

Then one cited in the classroom.

In today's time, kids Monday and Friday were have so much more.

We live so blessed, Elder Edward Brigham. and we have come a long

teachers, all school welcome. workers, all of our children, and the school system.

On Friday, Aug. 15, is Womens Day at the Now that our schools Diocese. At 8:15, Moth- cern goes out to all the are back in, let us re- er Glenda Simmons is sick and shut-in, those member to pray daily for Leading Lady and will be in the nursing homes, our bus drivers, school the speaker. Everyone is hospitals,

at 3 p.m. at Skipper for each other. Temple Church will be The Northwest Florida a service in memory of

One great-grand said Church of Christ Writ- Mother Mary Bell. The she has three new pairs ten in Heaven Conversa- speaker will be Deacon of schoes to go back to tion will be held Aug. 13 Larry Bell. The dinner school - not counting all through 17 in Blount- will be at MAcedonia the shoes she already stown at True Holiness Church. Everyone is of Christ W.I.H., Pastor welcome to these fllowship services.

> Our prayers and conhomeless, world leaders, and all in need of help On Sunday, Aug. 24 everywhere. Let us pray

# Wakulla Crossroads

**By VERNA BROCK** 

at the start of another ticipation. New faces! entire lives. For me, school year. In house- New places! Even com- Wakulla County, and citement. New "school Mix in a little bit of Flor- "be from." shoes" have been pur- ida for good measure! chased, first day outfits We all learned to make beginning high school planned, new notebooks friends quickly, no mat- this year, which hardly and fresh boxes of cray- ter where we landed. ons tucked into booknotes full of encourage- in successful year.

the life of military kids! who could say they had

bags, and lunches lov- blessings of my life has ing him, and his friends, ingly packed with post-it been putting roots down Wakulla ment and prayers for a Even growing up, I always wanted my family Do you remember to have lifelong connec- ica's youth. They are, your school days fond- tions with friends and for the most part, kind, included showing up in it was to experience so to step up and help out. completely new towns many different places, I am looking forward to and communities. Ah, I was envious of people what they will contrib-

For the most part, those known their friends, Unbelievably, we are days were filled with an- their VILLAGE, their

I have a grandson One of the great such a pleasure watchgrow from birth onward. County. I may be biased, just a tiny bit, but I unapologetically defend Amer-

ute to their communino matter how stressful complicated. it can sometimes seem.

will be rushing home to Practiced by people of all IS a small world. holds across the county, pletely new climates... North Florida in general, share the excitement of denominations, across there has been a frenzy Michigan, to Hawaii, have seemed very much another year of learning the globe, there is a Prayers continue to of preparation and ex- and back to Michigan! like the perfect place to and all that includes. great deal of skill and be coveted for so many Remember to be extra practice needed to fol- of our neighbors who watchful as our roads low shape note music. It are recovering from surfill with school buses, was very reminiscent of gery and illness. Please along with many brand Madrigal performances I keep the family and seems possible. It's been new drivers! I can't wait attended at FSU, many friends of Robin Vause to hear all about this years ago. first day of school!

What an interesting musical treat we had last Sunday evening at the Woodville UMC's "Second Sunday Sing." ly? For me, they often family. As exciting as optimistic, and willing The Tallahassee Shape Note Singers performed from the Sacred Harp Hymnal.

This very old style Bunch, whose original ties. How fortunate we of singing hymns is in- song was entered into are to live in this time, credibly harmonic and the hymnal in 2012. In

the group was Morgan

another life, years ago, "Sacred Harp" refers he was daughter Anna From nervous kin- to the human voice, and Simmons' teacher at the dergarteners, to excited there are no musical Tallahassee Junior Museniors, our children instruments involved. seum preschool. It really

> in your prayers. Her loss One of the leaders of was very unexpected.

# Apalachicola Oysters

From Front Page

said at the February meeting. "It's not just about the bay itself for the ecology, but for the fishery, for the economy of Franklin County."

The bay and the oyster industry have faced problems because of issues such as drought and overharvesting.

Florida also has long contended that excessive water use by Georgia has caused damage. The bay is at the southern

end of the Apalachico- Department of Environla-Chattahoochee-Flint river system, which starts in northern Georgia.

A commission staff presentation in February said "no significant recovery has occurred since the 2013 collapse." But efforts continue to improve the bay.

The state budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, which started July 1, includes \$12.5 million to restore oyster reefs in Apalachicola Bay and another \$5 million for the mental Protection to enter financial-assistance agreements with local governments on sewage facilities and stormwater projects to help protect the bay.

In December 2020, the wildlife commission approved suspending commercial oyster harvesting as part of a \$20 million restoration effort. At the time, commission members said the suspension could be shortened if improvements were seen in

the oyster population and the condition of the bay.

The restoration effort received money from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Gulf Environmental Benefits Fund. That fund receives money from a settlement with BP and Transocean over the 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster.

Resko in February said limited areas of the bay could reopen as part of a plan to restore 2,000 acres by 2032. Such an effort would require annual funding of \$30 million to \$55 million.

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# Sheriff's office

From Front Page

critical of them and instead released the name of another person who was not involved. Kemp and Whaley were subsequently charged with a felony for using a public record to reveal information about a person. They have both entered pleas

of not guilty and their

case is pending. Evans is critical of the investigative division's decision not to interview County Commissioner Ralph Thomas, who provided voter registration information to Kemp, which he gave to Whaley, who posted it online.

Ormerod also investi-

some's involvement in the Kemp-Whaley matter and he was charged with felonies for providing Kemp with official information. Evans claims that Newsome wanted to file a complaint that Ormerod lied in his investigation but that Internal Affairs refused to consider the complaint.

gated Deputy Don New-

Evans said that recently, he saw Ormerod

and Detective Mark Sauls drive by his home, and described it as an effort at intimidation.

Ormerod lives in the same subdivision as Ev-Evans said in a phone

interview that he expects the sheriff's office to describe him as "disgrun-

"I'm not disgrunted," he said. "I'm very happy."

#### <u>HOME ON THE RANGE</u>

# A Sig Sauer 365 .380 or 9mm?



By MARJ LAW

"Just because my Sig Sauer P365 is a .380 doesn't mean it's not as good as your 9mm Sig Sauer X-Macro Comp P365!" I explain to Joe. "And it's as accurate

Sig has made several iterations of the P365. I've had the fun of shooting the P365, the P365 XL and the P365 SAS. Goodness, and these are just a few models of the 365!

The P365s are fine handguns. But I like the Sig .380 365 even more. The .380's slide is easier to manipulate. The .380 is lighter, smaller and more concealable than Joe's 9mm X-Macro Comp version. The .380 fits my small hand well. Yes, his 9mm came with three 17-round magazines. My .380 came with two 10-round magazines and then I also purchased 12-round magazines for this gun. So what if I have fewer rounds? I like the smaller size, ease of use, and

low recoil of my .380. As the Sig company's site says of the .380, it is: "A new, softer shooting, easier handling micro-compact option for

everyday carry. It uses the same grip module and fire control unit as the popular 9mm version with a lightened slide and barrel..." and "the P365-380 is the most durable 380 micro-compact pistol on the market." It goes on to say the 380 is: "designed for all shooters, especially those with smaller hands and those who find the manipulation and recoil management of 9mm caliber pistols challenging."

In fact, Graham Baates on the Truth About Guns says of the .380: "The low recoil makes for exceptional controllability and reduced flinch impulse." I'm not so sure I have a flinching problem, but shooters who anticipate a heavy recoil do tend to flinch when shooting. Since flinching hinders your shooting accuracy, you sure want a gun that doesn't make you flinch.

Brent Spicer, on the Truth About Guns agrees. "I was shocked at how easy and enjoyable the P365 was to shoot due to the low recoil and excellent ergonomics. I was also pleasantly surprised how accurate this micro-pistol is with its excellent sights and trigger."

And, having shot both the .380 and Joe's 9mm 365 handguns, I believe their statements.

The guns do have many similarities.

Both 365s have 3.1 inch barrels. They are 1-inch wide.

Both have SIGLITE night sights. They have tritium sights in the rear with a large bright green



Shooting News Weekly trol and accuracy." says: "That front sight

flect: "Given that most for consideration." defensive gun uses take light conditions, that's a the calibers. big plus most folks don't late. Bad guys prefer to magazine makes it taller in the same hole. work in lower light con- than the .380. This ver-

1-inch width...'

on both guns, as well. .380 is 15.7 ounces. to shoot as many mid-day. I like it. sized pistols. A generous trigger guard undercut in competition, or any- a good grasp when your

circle surrounding a tri- also allows for a higher thing like that (ahem), whole hand isn't on the tium center on the front hand position and a full but we decide to take grip," he says. "Also, sight. Front sights are so grip for most shooters, both guns to the Wakulla this is a very narrow noticeable, John Boch of further increasing con- County Sheriff's Office grip. I prefer the grip on

blade has a nice, glow-in-ting any younger," Boch gun into two targets. the-dark SIGLITE night sums up, "and for those John goes on to re- anyone's very short-list bullet makes a hole.

Guns says of the 365: longer at 6.6 inches due target. "I describe it as a dou- to the compensator. But and slide to keep its slim the longer and taller together. 9mm weighs a bit more

unique grip design, tex- weight are more in Joe's hand. turing and higher grip to 9mm with its 17 rounds,

Not that Joe and I are

range. We plan to shoot my gun, which is much "None of us are get- four rounds from each longer."

sight beach ball on it... with hand strength is- first. Out of the four of us are closer on the or so it seems as you're sues, the .380 version of shots, on the left-hand 9mm's target. However, lining them (sights) up." the P365 should be on 8-inch target, only one I still prefer the .380.

> time, all four bullets hit enough." Because Joe's 9mm in a tight grouping. In

Magazine wells are inches high versus my the target. Not quite a tion of the P365? similar. Brent Spicer, .380's 4.2 inches high. tight grouping, but all

tapers down into a sin- is the same in both guns. get, with two of them in gun I've seen. gle-stack at the top. This The .380 is only 5.8 inch-the same hole. This time,

Grip design is similar at 21.5 ounces, while the pened when he shot my .380. He picks the gun 12 rounds. Again, Spicer says: "The So, length, height and up and shows me hi

bore axis reduces per- while my .380 is shorter "pinky dangle," but his County Beautiful who ceived recoil and makes and lighter and has the little finger barely makes has become an avid the P365 as comfortable 12-round magazine to- contact with the short shooter in retirement. grip.

"It's difficult to obtain

I have to concede that Joe shoots my .380 our groupings from each

Boch concludes his Next, he picks up his talk of the .380 by say-There are, however, 9mm and shoots at the ing: "I can't sing this place in low light or no some differences besides right-hand target. This gun's praises loudly

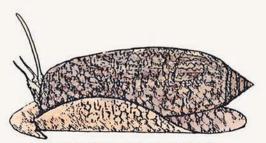
I'd say the same thing. think about until it's too holds 17 rounds, its fact, two of the bullets hit I sure do like this little .380. Besides, did I men-My turn. I pick up my tion that this particular sion of the 9mm is 5.2 .380. All four bullets hit .380 is the Rainbow edi-

In addition to all its on The Truth About And Joe's gun length is near the center of the virtues of being easy to manage, small and con-Last, I take Joe's 9mm. cealable, this particular ble-stack magazine that remember, barrel length All four shots hit the tar- .380 is prettier than any If you were to choose

design allows the frame es long. And, naturally, the groupings are closer having five more rounds versus having a gun with I ask Joe what hap- a really pretty slide?

I'll take pretty and the

Marj Law is the former He doesn't have full director of Keep Wakulla



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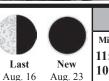
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Wade Olson, left, receives a Sustained Service Award for more than 4,500 hours of service; Phil Hill, right, receives certification for recreational boating safety program.



# **Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports**

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



This past week, we celebrated multiple things within the Flotilla.

On August 2, the Coast Guard celebrated its 235th birthday! The Coast Guard published the following by ADM Kevin Lunday Acting Commandant, and MCPOCG Phillip Waldron, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast

Guard: As we celebrate our 235th birthday, we reflect on pivotal moments throughout the Coast Guard's history that defined our legacy and forged our future. On August 4, 1790, Alexander Hamilton's vision became reality when President George Washington signed the Tariff Act, authorizing ten revenue cutters to defend our young Nation and enforce tariff laws: one cutter in each port, built by American workers and operated by our first crews. On January 28, 1915, the Revenue Cutter Service and Life Saving Service merged to form the modern Coast Guard. During World War II, Coast Guard heroes bravely fought for our freedom, cementing our role as a military service and vital instrument of national power. Each of these transformational moments - and so many others – built the foundation for today's

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The Flotilla also held

 Norma Hill received vital commerce in the hours served.

- · Phil Hill received certification for recreational boating safety program.
- Linda Olson received instructor certification.
- Wade Olson received a Sustained Service Award for over

4,500 hours served. Bravo Zulu to all!

Thanks to Sherrie, we will always remember safe boating is no accident.

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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When diving, we used to breathe a mixed gas called Air. October 13, 2011

Air was cheap, plentiful and easy to compress into cylinders that we would strap on our backs, and carry beneath

This mixture has the same ingredients as what we breathe on land but underwater everything changes. Pressure increases rapidly underwater altering the Air mixture into a less useful medium.

Physics explains that each of the two dominant components of Air (Nitrogen and Oxygen), radically increase, the deeper we go underwater.

Nitrogen becomes complicated, causing narcosis below 100 feet, and accumulates in tissues over time to increase the risk of decompression sickness if not closely monitored. Even the prince of gases, Oxygen, can become toxic at depth. Dr. Morgan Wells, diving officer for the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, said Air was not the ideal

breathing gas for divers. In the 1950s, Andre Galern of the International Underwater Contractors, began altering Air by adding oxygen and feeding it to his commercial divers. This proprietary gas gave his company twice the bottom times over his competitors. His divers were more productive post-dive, so he began to make more money with fewer injuries.

During the 1970s, Dr. Wells studied this gas and adopted it for scientific divers, publishing tables for Nitrox in 1979. By 1984, Dick Rutkowski, Wells' assistant, formed the International Association of Nitrox Divers. Soon thereafter I was invited to survey the fish population on the Tenneco Template off Fort Lauderdale. We began the project breathing Air as it was our only protocol. The work was exhaustive, leaving us so fatigued that we could barely find our bunks to sleep between a round-the-clock diving schedule.

Mid-project we were invited to try a mystery gas. After the first dive, I recall the lights becoming brighter, the energy return and the survey come alive! We were supercharged.

Making Nitrox can't be that hard, but it is. The most hazardous aspect of Nitrox is blending the gas. We usually start with Air and either take the offensive nitrogen out or dilute Air by adding 100 percent oxygen to it. Either way we get a variety of "blends" — the most popular being 32 percent.

Pure oxygen is hazardous because it encourages fire. Provide a spark, a combustible material and your blending station is ablaze! Many homes were burned down before the diving community convinced folks to leave the blending to professionals.

We began to blend by cascading pure oxygen into an oxygen cleaned cylinder and adding Air to the working pressure of the cylinder. The math is simple. But the labor to clean the cylinders and mix the gas is costly. So we graduated to small and later large storage cylinders.

As Nitrox become more popular, we expanded and began blending the oxygen through an oxygen service compressor. And as demand continued, we finally graduated two weeks ago to using liquid oxygen (LOX).

Over the past two weeks we converted 180 cubic feet (cf) of liquid oxygen into 5,000-cf of gaseous oxygen; and we compressor-blended 50,000-cf of 32 percent Nitrox now stored in banks at the Wakulla Diving Center.

That is more Nitrox than we made for an entire year a decade ago. I think our fellow divers have discovered a better way to dive!

With Nitrox, at two cents more per cf, Air is no longer the preferred breathing gas. Editor's Note: This is a repeat of a column from 2011.

# A powerful verse when you're overwhelmed



By SHERYL H. BOLDT

What's your favorite verse? The one you go to when your insides scream, "Father, help me handle this!"?

I love Psalm 18. It's a powerful passage with a beautiful first verse: "I

strength" (ESV).

Every time I read Psalm 18, I linger on this verse for a long while. I can't read it without tears flowing down my cheeks, especially when I repeat the words over and over again. "I love You, O LORD, my strength."

David wrote this psalm after God delivered him from overwhelming trials. There are days I'm convinced God had me in mind when he inspired David to write Psalm 18. Do you feel the same

As you read this portion of Scripture, consid-

love you, O LORD, my er how the verses relate to the issues you're facing. You might even want to journal some of your thoughts.

> Write about the times you witnessed God's strength when you felt overwhelmed or threatened. The times God made you stronger stronger than you ever thought possible to face a crisis or unfair circumstances at home, work or school.

Recall how thankful you felt each time God answered your prayer for discernment, energy or "more hours in a day." How relieved you felt

when God intervened in strength? How would you your marriage or when you lost your job. Remember the comfort and grace you received after you got the cancer diagnosis. And how He gave you peace to trust His sovereignty when He answered your prayer differently than the way you hoped.

Then journal how these experiences have changed your relationship with the God of all strength - and about how different your life might be if you hadn't experienced God's presence.

What would you have done without His mighty cope if His power wasn't available to you today?

This week, consider meditating on Psalm 18 to gain a different perspective on the stresses of your life. Watch how pondering the verses gives you the strength you need. Let God's presence remind you that He is real. That He is POW-ERFUL. As you read, be encouraged to know that your cry reaches His ears and allow Him to draw you out of the "many waters" of your circumstances (verses 6 and 13).

Throughout the day, tell God, "I love You, O

LORD, my strength." Let Him make you stronger. Stronger than you ever thought possible.

Let's pray: Father, I love You from the deepest part of my being. Thank You for the times you've given me Your strength just when I needed it. And now, Lord, I ask You to please strengthen me once again. Amen.

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# When empty becomes invitation



By CHERYL CRUCE

The scent of fresh bread baking in the oven will forever carry me home. Mom's biscuits were golden-crusted, fluffy, and layered with a lightness that felt magical. She brought them to the table last, still steaming, just as we were ready to eat. Watching the butter melt into the warm center was a simple joy that marked the close of a

Biscuits were her quiet signature - a gift of comfort and love that lingered long after the meal. Even after we all left home and started our own lives, the silver bread warmer was never empty. It waited quietly on the counter, holding biscuits she had made, ready to be warmed.

Looking back, I marvel at how Mom never ran on empty. Her days were full - family, work, and countless needs - but she was always ready to give one more time, offer one more prayer, extend one more kindness.

What kept her going wasn't just strength or routine. It was her steady, sincere conversations with the Father. Just as we trusted the

biscuits would be there, warm and ready, she trusted the One who kept her spirit full, day after day.

In time, that trust deepened into something even stronger. In her later years, Mom became a true prayer warrior – a steadfast woman of God whose strength didn't come from never growing tired, but from always returning to the Source. Her prayers were never loud or showy, but they were steady and faithful, carving a wellworn path between her heart and Heaven.

Her quiet devotion became a kind of map showing us how to live a poured-out life, continually refilled by the presence of God. Still, with such grace before

us, there are days when even the strongest feel like the bread warmer - meant to hold something warm and good, yet somehow hollow inside. When strength is spent, and prayers barely rise above a whisper. Days when we've poured out and pressed on, until all that lingers is the quiet ache of emptiness.

But in the life of faith, empty is never failure. Empty is invitation – an open space where God begins again, breathing new life into what feels worn and bare.

From the very beginning, God chose the desolate and formless to fill with His presence. When He gazed upon the dark, empty earth, His voice spoke life into the void and creation blossomed (Genesis 1).

When widow's sons faced the crushing weight of debt and slavery, the Lord met their emptiness by filling empty jars with olive oil - enough to pay her debts and kindle hope anew (2 Kings 4:1–7). At a wedding feast in Cana, Jesus filled empty clay jars with water - a quiet miracle that transformed emptiness into celebration, turning water into rich, fragrant wine. And with just a child's simple lunch of fish and bread, He fed the hungry multitude, then filled twelve empty baskets with leftovers overflowing reminders of His abundant grace. (John 2:1–11; 6:1–13)

Our Heavenly Father chooses emptiness as

His canvas, revealing His power to restore and

So if you're empty today know that you are not forgotten. You are simply ready. Ready to be filled again. Ready for God to restore what's been lost, to breathe life into what feels empty. Ready for grace to rise warm like fresh bread in the heart of your soul.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13.

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

**OUT TO PASTOR** 

# What it was was a cookie



By JAMES SNYDER

At least once a month The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and her daughter will spend a day visiting thrift stores in our community. I'm not sure, so don't quote me, but I think there's a 100mile radius where they do their shopping.

This past week was one of those days. As she was backing out of the driveway, I watched her and smiled as I waved goodbye. As she was going, something was bothering me, and I just couldn't figure out what it was.

I closed the door, walked over to my easy chair and sat down for a few moments to finish drinking my coffee. I was trying to figure out what was bothering me, but nothing came to mind at the time. Finally, I just shrugged it off and got back to my day at hand.

I had to go to the grocery store to pick up a few things for The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. As I got into the ready to go home. store, I walked past the bakery section. I wasn't ma of those chocolate thinking about what I chip cookies made the was doing, I was just fo- drive so enjoyable. cused on getting what I came to the store to get. Walking past the bakery store, it suddenly came to mind what was bothering me. What it was, was a cookie.

The last time I had a cookie is beyond my memory because cookies are The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage's no-no for our house. She is obsessed by sugar and works very hard to remove it from our culinary experience. According to her, sugar is not allowed in our home. Since I have to live here I had to comply with her desires.

As I walked by the bakery section, I happened to notice it right in front of me. There were at least a dozen cookies wrapped up in front of me. I couldn't help but go over and look at them. and the more I looked at them, the more appealing they seemed to be.

I didn't know which one to take, but all of a sudden there it was, a chocolate chip cookie. Who in the world doesn't like chocolate chip cookies? In that cookie box were six wonderful chocolate chip cookies.

I picked it up, and then

Driving home, the aro-

I wasn't sure what I would do with all six of those chocolate chip cookies, but I needed to work out a plan so The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage wouldn't catch me with them. That would be a disaster for

When I got home, I went to my office and opened the bottom drawer of my desk, where I put them. Of course, I had to take one out before I closed the drawer.

As I munched on that chocolate chip cookie, my head was filled with the amazing aroma that just wouldn't go away.

Before The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage got home, I had delighted myself with three of those chocolate chip cookies. It's been a long time since I had cookies like that.

I got to work on my latest project and was still working on it when The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage got home and walked in the front door.

As she walked in, I heard her mumbling, "What is that smell?"

She came into my office, looked at me, and said, "What is that smell throughout the house? You didn't buy any cookies today while I was away, did you?"

I sat there somewhat stunned. How in the world did she know about those cookies? I was very careful in hiding them in my desk. How would she know that there were any such things in the house?

I looked at her and shook my head and said, "I don't smell anything. I don't know what you're talking about."

"There is a smell in this house that wasn't here when I left this morning."

and was waiting for me to hiding." make a confession.

on myself because I knew some of the consequenc-

She then walked over to my desk and began sniffing. "That smell is here in your desk. What are you hiding in your desk?"

"I don't know what you're talking about," I said, "I've been working here at my desk all day and I haven't smell the thing."

I knew that in the bottom drawer of my desk were my last two cookies. I did not want her to know about it because my plans were to eniov both of those cookies.

Looking at me, she said with one of her smiles, "You do know I

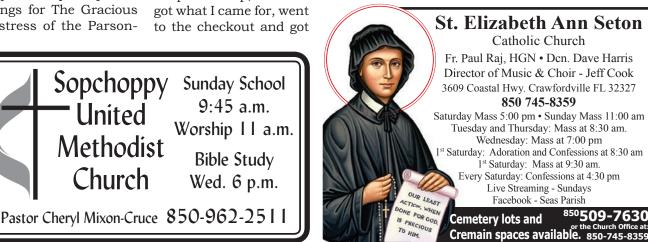
She just looked at me will find out what you're

With that, she walked I tried to hide my se- out of my office leaving cret as long as I could. me thinking on this. As I wasn't going to rat out I was thinking, I remembered a verse in the Bible. "For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed: neither hid. that shall not be known." (Luke 12:2).

> My thoughts got me evaluating my situation. One thing that came to my mind was, if I can't hide anything from the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, how do I think I can hide anything from God?

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# Obituaries



Michael Lewayne Goodman Sr.

Michael Lewayne Goodman Sr., age 70, passed away unexpectedly on July 24, 2025.

Originally from Blountstown, Mike Crawfordville made his home for the past 50 years. A proud U.S. Army veteran, Mike was known for his generosity, kindness, and unwavering willingness to help others. With one of the biggest hearts, he truly lived by his favorite saying: "Anyone can do anything if they put their mind to it."

Mike was an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous for 30 years and a devoted member of Calvary Chapel where he also worked for the past 20 years. He was an

honest man who loved cooking, fishing, attending concerts, and cheering on his beloved Florida Seminoles.

He is survived by his children, Heather Goodman (Miranda) and Mike Goodman Jr. (Random); his brothers, Hampton, Delbert (Patricia), and Robert (Cynthia); and his

He was predeceased by his parents Hampton & Lillian Goodman.

Boogie and Deven.

cherished grandsons,

A service to honor Mike's life was held on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, at 10 a.m. at Calvary Chapel. The family received friends starting at 9 a.m., oflaid to rest at Tallahassee National Cemetery, on Friday, August 8,

Skip and Trey Young are assisting the family, along with Paula and Amanda. Family Funeral Home and Services, Cremation Crawfordville. 926-5919



Michael Mazey

Michael Mazey, 76, of Crawfordville, passed away July 24, 2025 at his home.

Mike Mazey was born in Los Angeles, California. During his time in junior high school, his greatest joy was volunteering to build fire walls in the mountains of California to prevent the spread of wildfire. After high school he continued to serve his country and community by enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps. Stationed at Camp Pendleton and achieving the rank of sergeant, Mike

specialized in Avionics Electrical Maintenance. He provided highly technical electrical maintenance for all Marine jets which often required flying to bases across the country to perform this service.

After retiring from the Marine Corps, his technical expertise translated into HVAC maintenance and appliance repair. He started his own company in West Covina, California. During this time, he married and had twin sons, Kevin and Scott Mazey.

Mike separated and moved to Phoenix, Arizona, where he met his second wife, Renee Michele-Sasson. When Renee was accepted in the Florida State University Graduate program, Mike and Renee moved to Tallahassee. He worked as a repair technician for OPEX where he also wrote algorithms and providing programs solutions for document and mail automation machines.

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Nottingham. He was

Mike and Renee moved to Crawfordville in 2002 where he built their home in River Plantation Estates. He retired in 2019 from OPEX Corp. His last years were spent renovating their home and upgrading all the mechanical systems.

Mike is survived by his wife, Renee Michele-Sasson and sons, Kevin and Scott Mazey.

He was predeceased by his sisters, Deborah Smith and Marsha Mazey, his half-brother, James, and his parents.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 16th at Christ Church Anglican, 3383 Coastal Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327. A reception and luncheon will immediately follow the service in the Church Fellowship Hall.

LIfesong Funerals is handling the arrangements. www.lifesongfunerals.com.

## **DEATH NOTICES**

- Joseph Victor Gander, 85, of Carrabelle, died August 5,
- Edward Dougin Gill, 66, of Tallahassee, died August 5,
- Tommy Dwayne Hodges, 60, of Havana, died August 7, 2025.
- Michelle Jo Kumarickal, 77, of Crawfordville, died August 8, 2025.
- Patricia Starr Roddenberry, 71, of Crawfordville, died August 3, 2025.
- Kylie Mikayla Vansingel, 16, of Crawfordville passed away on August 8, 2025
- Jimmie "Allen" Wilson, 76, of Crawfordville, died August 8, 2025.
- Michael T. Woods, 80, of Crawfordville, passed away

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

# Sheriff's Report

the week.

#### SATURDAY, AUG. 2

- the flames using her fire turned to the owner. extinguisher. The owner advised he and his friend were out riding around in the woods when they was suspected during this case.
- Deputies Buckhalt and Sgt. Shayne Broxsie responded to Dwight Sanders Road in reference to a criminal miswas made with the reporting person who advised two individuals reseparating their properwas located damaged.

# SUNDAY, AUG. 3

- in her driveway. The citmusic. The reporting conditions or witnesses to back up One deployed to assist. her claims. The reportther incidents.
- reporting person who transported to the jail.

This report is for ac- discovered an iPad in tivity August 1st to 8th. a shopping cart in the There were 1,233 total parking lot of the busicalls for service during ness. The iPad was seized for safekeeping. Prior to the iPad being entered into evidence, WCSO was contacted by • Deputy Lexi Kreitlow the property owner The responded to the area of owner provided an ac-FH313 and FR312 in curate description of the reference to a vehicle iPad and the case it was fire. Upon arrival Depu- enclosed in. The property Kreitlow extinguished ty was successfully re-

 Deputy Nicholas got stuck. The driver Gray responded to the advised he was trying 2900 block Crawfordville to get unstuck when Highway in reference to his vehicle interior had someone spray painting caught fire. No foul play graffiti on the back of a business wall. The property owners advised they Dylan just wished for the incident to be documented.

# TUESDAY, AUG. 5

- · Deputy Shay Sullichief complaint. Contact van attempted a traffic stop in Songbird subdivision for reckless driving. Upon initiating her moved rope boundaries emergency lights, the vehicle began speeding out ties. The ropes and signs of the area as Lt. Anthowere in a wooded area ny Paul was coming into near the property. This the neighborhood. Lt. incident has been an on- Paul attempted to evade going issue between the the vehicle as it was at a involved parties. Nothing high rate of speed driving straight toward him. The vehicle narrowly missed Lt. Paul's vehicle by approximately three • A citizen reported an feet. The vehicle conunknown subject possi- tinued to flee into Leon bly putting nails/screws County. FHP and Leon County Sheriff's Office izen advised she believes were contacted for asit to be her neighbor due sistance. The pursuit to having prior alter- continued just south of cations involving loud Capital Circle due the becoming person advised she did hazardous. The vehicle not have any evidence continued north and Air
- Deputy Arturo Coring person was advised doba conducted a traffic to set up security mea- stop for non-valid regsures to prevent any furistered owner. Contact was made with the driv-Deputies Dylan er, who admitted she Buckhalt, Aimee Hoag- knew her license was land, and Sgt. Shayne suspended. It was also Broxsie responded to discovered she had ac-Walmart in reference to tive warrants out of Loufound property. Con- isiana. The driver was tact was made with the placed under arrest and

Case Status/Closed by

custody.

### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 6

- Deputy Ronald located what she beparaphernalia. During the interaction, Deputy Weekes seized two clear for destruction.
- Dep. Austin Rivers conducted a traffic stop it was determined the passenger was in posand suspected marijuana, which was seized for destruction.

# THURSDAY, AUG. 7

- Joshua Deputy Parker responded to a report of theft in reference to and individual taking miscellaneous tools while the owner was in jail. Once the victim was released from jail, he noticed all his tools were missing from his residence. An eyewitness said he saw someone he knew taking boxes out of the bedroom but just thought the person was removing personal items. The subject advised she did not take any tools and only took her own property.
- Deputies responded to Crawfordville Smoke Shop in reference to found property. Contact was made with the reporting person, who advised he located a loaded 9mm Smith and Wesson magazine in front of the Pizza Restaurant. The magazine contained 15 hollow point rounds and was seized.

FRIDAY, AUG. 8

- suspect was identified, and it was agreed upon The first caller followed wrecked into another veidence and taken into to provide plumbing ser- til deputies could get transported to the hosvices for this individu- there. Sgt. Heather Will al's new construction builds in Leon County. in the area of Hwy 319 The reporting person and Rocky's and cut her illegal activity at 850was provided with nu- lights on to do a traffic 745-7100, or call 911 for Weekes responded to merous bank checks stop and he would not emergencies. Bob Miller Road and as payment for services made contact with the rendered however, they reporting person, who were fraudulent according to Gulf Winds Credit lieved to be narcotics Union. The case was forwarded to Criminal INvestigations Division.
- · A citizen reported baggies with white res- being scammed out of idue and one cut straw \$2,000. The reporting person stated he received a call from Gulf Winds Credit Union on a vehicle for faulty advising he needed to equipment. The driver close all his accounts had a passenger in the and send money to open vehicle. During the stop a new account. The reporting person bought four \$500 prepaid gift session of paraphernalia cards and sent them to the unknown subject. Case was forwarded to Criminal Investigations Division.
  - · Several calls were made about a driver that was possibly drunk. The vehicle was not maintaining lanes. The first

call came in the area stop. Sgt. Will contin-• A citizen reported be- of Hwy. 98 and Spring ued to follow the vehicle got behind the vehicle

· Wal-Mart Asset Pro- ing defrauded via bank Creek Hwy. The next with lights activated but tection reported a de- checks by an individual. call came in the area of driving at a safe speed. layed theft of two vehi- The reporting person ad- Hwy. 98 and Rehwinkel. When they got to the cle batteries valued at vised they met at a Home The next one came in at area just south of the approximately \$260. A Depot in Leon County Hwy. 98 and Wildwood. Courthouse, the driver and located at his res- for the reporting person the suspect vehicle un- hicle. Both drivers were pital.

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Big Bend Hospice is hosting a Water Drive to support Franklin County, where residents are facing a crisis without safe, reliable access to clean water, leaving many of our hospice patients and neighbors especially vulnerable.

Big Bend Hospice is stepping up, and we need your help!

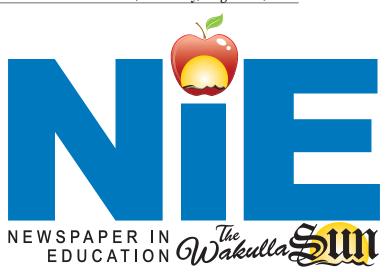
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- Bottled water (individual or gallon)
- Baby formula water
- Electrolyte drinks (Gatorade, Pedialyte)



For more information, contact Asya Griffin at 850-878-5310 | agriffin@bigbendhospice.org



# **USE THE NEWS**

#### 1. UMPIRE **HISTORY**

Jen Pawol made history by becoming the first woman to umpire a regular-season Major League Baseball game. She worked at first base during the first game of a doubleheader between the Miami Marlins and the Atlanta Braves, then moved to third base for the second game. Pawol has spent over 10 years umpiring in the minor leagues and has worked more than 1,200 games before finally reaching the majors. Fans cheered for her when her name was announced, and players and coaches congratulated her on the field. Pawol said she was emotional but proud, and she hopes to inspire young girls and boys to see that anything is possible. Other umpires said she worked hard to earn her place and will be a great role model for future generations. Write 3 to 5 sentences about why Jen Pawol's achievement is important. Include how it might inspire other people and what it shows about working hard for your

#### 2. PERSEID **METEOR SHOWER**

Meteor showers are like nature's fireworks, with bright streaks of light shooting across the night sky. One of the most popular is the Perseid meteor shower, which happens every year in August. This year, it has been active since July 17 and will last until August 23, but the best time to watch will be the night of August 12 into the morning of August 13. At its peak, you might see up to 100 meteors an hour, though moonlight may make some harder to spot. Meteor showers happen when Earth passes through tiny bits of dust and rock left behind by a comet or asteroid. These bits burn up in our atmosphere, making the bright streaks we see. To watch, you don't need a telescope -just your eyes and a dark spot away from city lights. The best time is late at night or early in the morning, and you should give your eyes 30 minutes to get used to the dark. Write a short video script or design a poster that explains what the Perseid meteor shower is and tips to have the best expe-

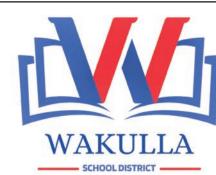
rience watching it.

#### 3. TECHNOLOGY **HELPS BRAINS STAY SHARP**

Many older Americans are finding that using computsmartphones, and the internet can help keep their minds strong. Researchers studied thousands of people over 50 and found that those who use technology often do better on memory and thinking tests than those who don't. Learning to use new devices and programs challenges the brain in a healthy way, like solving puzzles or learning a new skill. Technology can also help older people stay connected to friends and family, remem-

ber important tasks, and handle everyday needs like shopping or paying bills. However, experts warn that spending too much time on screens or falling for online scams can be harmful. The key is to use technology in ways that help the brain without replacing other healthy activities like exercise or socializing in person. Think about an older person you know, like a grandparent, neighbor, or teacher. Write 3 to 5 sentences describing how technology could help them in their daily life. Include at least one example of a device or app they might use and explain how it could keep their brain

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#### 4. ASTRONAUTS **ARRIVE HOME**

Four astronauts are back on Earth after spending five months at the Internation-Space Station. They traveled home in a SpaceX capsule, which splashed down in the Pacific Ocean near Southern California. The crew included Anne McClain and Nichole Ayers from the U.S., Takuya Onishi from Japan, and Kirill Peskov from Russia. The astronauts went to space in March to take over for two astronauts who had been stuck there because of problems with Boeing's Starliner capsule. Before leaving, McClain said she hoped their mission would remind be achieved when we work together. Now that they're home, the crew is looking forward to rest, hot showers, and tasty food. Write down a list of questions you would ask if you had the opportunity to interview an astronaut!

#### 5. SKI SUIT **SCANDAL**

special suits athletes wear can make a big difference. If the suit is the wrong size or shape, it can help someone jump farther, which is against the rules. Recently, at a big competition in France, several ski jumpers were disqualsuits didn't meet the new rules. Some athletes weren't even alpeople of what can jumps. The new rules the rules were not folwere made after a lowed.

scandal earlier this year, when some skiers wore suits that were changed to give them an advantage. Officials say don't think anyone was cheating this time - it just takes time for teams to adjust to the new requirements. They believe there will be fewer problems as the season continues, In ski jumping, the but they plan to keep checking suits carefully, especially with the Winter Olympics coming up. Make a list of three sports where the equipment or clothing must follow strict rules. For each sport, explain one reason why those rules are important ified because their for fairness and safety. Then, choose one of the sports from your list and describe lowed to start their what might happen if



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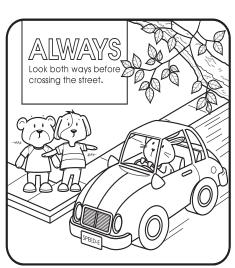


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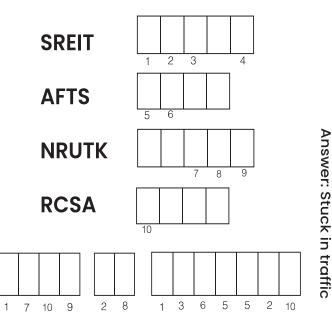
# **Creative Coloring**

Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.



# **Double Word Puzzle**

Unscramble the words to reveal the sentence.

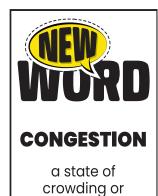


1851: Isaac Singer is granted a patent for his sewing machine.

1914: The United Kingdom and the British Empire declare war on Austria-Hungary.

**1981:** The IBM Personal Computer is released.

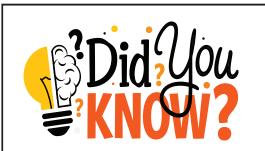




accumulation



**English:** Traffic Spanish: Tráfico Italian: Traffico French: Circulation German: Verkehr



Traffic officers enforce traffic laws and help manage the flow of traffic.





the bigger picture is?

Answer: Traffic cone

# EYE HEALTH WORD SEARCH

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# **CROSSWORD**

#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Spiritual leaders
- 7. Salt
- 13. Fortified wine
- 14. Edible mollusk
- 16. They precede C
- 17. A way to compare 19. State lawyer
- 20. "Game of Thrones"
- actor Ciaran
- 22. Eighth month (abbr.)
- 23. Very willing
- 25. ex machina
- 26. Satisfies 28. Mountain in New
- Zealand
- 29. A doctrine 30. Popular Dodge truck 70. Hospital unit
- model
- 31. Dekagram 33. Naturally occurring
- 34. Company officer
- 36. Villains
- 38. Cricket frogs
- 40. One of the founders of modern psychology
- 41. Endured
- 43. A female domestic
- 44. You can get stuck in

2

- 45. Partner to feather
- 47. Passive optical network

13

- 48. French ballet dynasty
- 51. Employee stock ownership plan
- 53. Bottom layer
- 55. Sound
- 56. Yankee great Judge
- 58. Dickens character
- 59. Late beloved TNT sportscaster
- 60. South Dakota 61. Exposing human
- vice or folly to ridicule 64. Gold
- 65. Longtime Braves hurler Julio
- 67. Humor
- 69. Shawl

# **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Animal disease
- 2. Commercial
- 3. Necklace materials
- 4. Containers 5. Investment account
- 6. Colorado Heisman
- Trophy winner
- 7. Dipped down 8. Head injury category

12. Caused to be loved

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- (abbr.)
- 9. Lay about
- 10. Intestinal
- 11. Not yes

13. Muslim spiritual leader

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

- 15. Showing sincere
- conviction 18. Not in
- 21. Number above the
- line in a fraction 24. Lawn pest
- 26. Pouch
- 27. Ancient language in
- India (abbr.)
- 30. Start over 32. Wild white flower
- 35. Fourteen
- 37. Visual way to interact with computer (abbr.)
- 38. Side by side and
- facing the same way
- 39. Religious conflicts
- 42. Touch lightly 43. "Boardwalk Empire"
- actress Gretchen
- 46. Violent seizure of property
- 47. One who supports
- the pope
- 49. Malaise
- 50. Body fluid
- 52. Inauthentic person
- 54. Title of respect
- 55. Chilean city
- 57. Japanese city
- 59. Silk garment 62. Draw from
- 63. Automobile
- 66. The man

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68. Top government lawyer

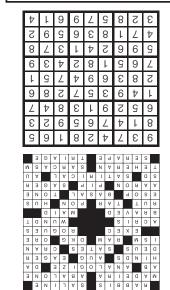
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Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to eyes.

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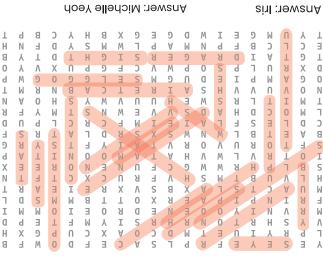
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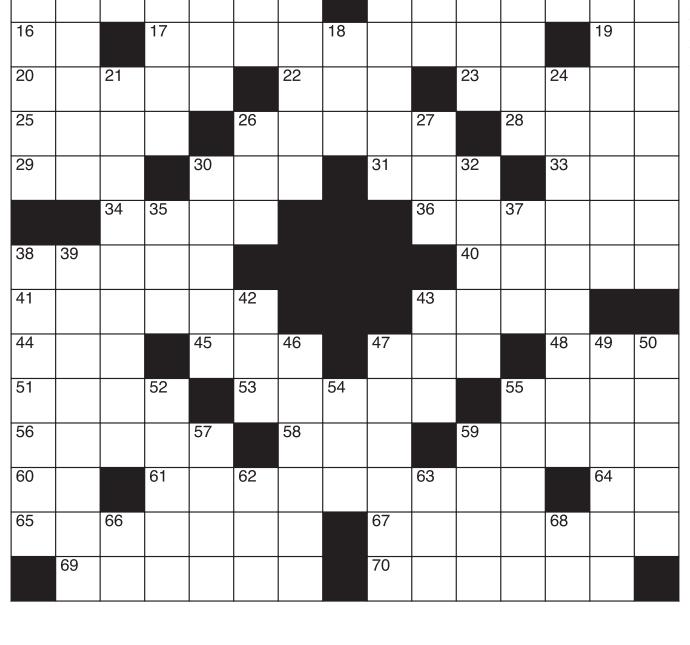
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Certificate #: 866 Date of Issuance: May 28, 2021 Parcel #: 00-00-035-008-07780-000

Description of Property:

Wakulla Gardens Block 22 Lot 14 **DB 61 P 308** 

OR 815 P 41

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

Dated: July 11, 2025

Signature: Greg James, Clerk By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk

Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida Published on July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2025

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 008

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

Certificate #: 907 Parcel #: 00-00-035-008-07925-000

Date of Issuance: May 28, 2021

Description of Property: Wakulla Gardens Block 24 Lot 20 OR 1 P 75 OR 367 P 544

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

Dated: July 11, 2025 Signature: Greg James, Clerk

By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk

Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida

Published on July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2025



#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 009

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

Date of Issuance: May 28, 2021 Certificate #: 908

Parcel #: 00-00-035-008-07926-000 Description of Property:

Wakulla Gardens Block 24 Lot 21 DB 61 P 415

Name in which assessed **CLAUDIA M LONG** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless such ertificate shall be On 5 beautiful fenced acres with redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: September 10, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

Dated: July 10, 2025

Signature: Greg James, Clerk By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk

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#### FICTITIOUS NAME FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice under Fictitious Name Law, pursuant to Section 856.09, Florida Statutes. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Ether Solutions LLC, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **SEA-SUNNED SOIL** 

Located at Scenic Stream Cir., Crawfordville FL In the County of Wakulla

Intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporation of the

Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Published on August 14, 2025

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

FRANK MAXWELL LAWHON, JR., DECEASED.

CASE NO. 2025-CP-98

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** 

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

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the 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 OATS 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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN F.S. 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 **DEATH IS BARRED** 

The date of first publication of this Notice is August 14, 2025.

WILLIAM H. WEBSTER Attorney at Law (FBN- 0195393) P.O. Box 4 Hosford, FL 32334 850 443-5901 billwebsterlaw@yahoo.com ATTORNEY FOR

LORI W. LAWHON P.O. Box 224 Sopchoppy, FL 32358 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

August 14, 21, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LARRY CRANDALL ROBERTS. DECEASED DIVISION: PROBATE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

File No. 2025-CP-88

# **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of Larry Crandall Roberts, deceased, whose date of death was May 22, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, FL 32327. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be 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.

The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk.

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The date of the first publication of this Notice is August 14, 2025.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Robert S. Williams Attorney Florida Bar Number: 0044253

DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED

Williams & Associates, P.A. 701 East Tennessee Street Tallahassee, Florida 32308 Telephone: (850) 222-0013 Fax: (850) 222-9047

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August 14, 21, 2025

406 E Georgia Street Tallahassee, Florida 32301 Wesley A. Roberts 1525 Baum Road

Personal Representative:

Laurence Clayton Roberts

Tallahassee, Florida 32317

#### NOTICE OF FORCLOSURE SALE

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

UNIVERSITY BANK,

CASE NO. 2024-ca-000122

PLAINTIFF,

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 281h 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 of Wakulla 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, 30 I 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 August 7, 14, 2025

#### 0814-0821 TWS NOFS

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

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, CASE NO. 25000009CAAXMX

Plaintiff.

JOSHUA L. HICKS; Defendants

#### SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment in Mortgage Foreclosure dated July 7, 2025, and entered in Case No. 25000009CAAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA County, Florida. LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC (hereafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and JOSHUA L. HICKS, are defendants. Greg James, Clerk of the Circuit Court for WAKULLA, County Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the First Floor of the Courthouse Lobby, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327 at 11:00 a.m., on the 11TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2025, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 2, FAIRWINDS SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 68 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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 Francene Brown, Office of Court Administration, Second Judicial Circuit 301 S. Monroe Street, Room 225 Tallahassee FL 32301, Phone no. 850-606-4401 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.

Si usted es una persona minusválida que necesita algún acomodamiento para poder participar en este procedimiento, usted tiene derecho, sin tener gastos propios, a que se le provea cierta ayuda. Tenga la amabilidad de ponerse en contacto con Francene Brown, Office of Court Administration, Second Judicial Circuit 301 S. Monroe Street, Room 225 Tallahassee FL 32301, Phone no. 850-606-4401 por lo menos 7 días antes de la cita fijada para su comparecencia en los tribunales, o inmediatamente después de recibir esta notificación si el tiempo antes de la comparecencia que se ha programado es menos de 7 días; si usted tiene discapacitación del oído o de la voz, llame al 711.

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Dated this 7th day of August 2025.

**Counsel of Plaintiff** Van Ness Law Firm, PLC 1239 E. Newport Center Drive Suite #110 Deerfield Beach, Florida 33442 Phone (954) 571-2031 Pleadings@vanlawfl.com

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

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#### **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,

CAROLYN SHERRELL, a/k/a C. Carolyn Sherrell, and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION, DEFENDANTS.

#### **NOTICE OF ACTION - NOTICE BY PUBLICATION CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE - PROPERTY**

TO: Carolyn Sherrell a/k/a C. Carolyn Sherrel 885 Woodville Highway Crawfordville, FL 32327

Unknown Tenant(s) in Possession 885 Woodville Highway Crawfordville, FL 32327

CASE NO.: 2025-CA-68

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 EXHIBIT "A"

**Greg James** As Clerk of the Court Wakulla County, Florida

{{County Court Seal}}

By: /s/ Rachel Howard As Deputy Clerk

Begin at a 3/4 inch ada 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 90 degrees 36 minutes 33 econds West 100,00 feet to a 3/8 incli re-rod (marked #426) t, 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)

Commonce at an old concrete monument marking the Southeast corner of Section 29, Township 3 South, Range 1 Eact, Wakulia County, Fiorida, and thehoe run Fouth 09 degrees 27 Minutes 25 meconds West along the Section Line 150.23 feet, thence run Worth 1276.46 feet to the Northerly right-of-way boundary of a powerline easement, thence run Worth 85 degrees 20 minutes 32 seconds Neet along each right-of-way boundary of a powerline easement, thence run Worth 85 degrees 20 minutes 32 seconds Neet along each right-of-way boundary 190.04 feet, thence run South 12 degrees 05 minutes 40 seconds West 802.13 feet to the Northeasterly edge of the Makulia Rivar, thence run South 50 degrees 02 minutes 59 seconds Beat slong said river's edge 251.20 feet, thence run South 50 degrees 02 minutes 59 seconds Seat slong said river's edge 251.20 feet, thence run Horth 12 degrees 05 minutes 40 seconds East 201.25 feet, thence run Horth 12 degrees 05 minutes 40 seconds East 201.25 feet, thence run Horth 12 degrees 05 minutes 40 seconds East 201.25 feet, thence run Horth 12 degrees 05 minutes 40 seconds East 201.25 feet, thence run Horth 12 degrees 05 minutes 40 seconds East 201.25 feet, thence run Horth 12 degrees 05 minutes 40 seconds East 201.25 feet, thence run Horth 12 degrees 05 minutes 40 seconds East 201.25 feet, thence run Horth 12 degrees 05 minutes 40 percent East 201.25 feet, thence run Horth 12 degrees 05 minutes 40 percent East 201.25 feet, thence run Horth 12 degrees 105 minutes 40 percent East 201.25 feet, thence run Horth 12 degrees 105 minutes 40 percent East 201.25 feet, thence run South 50 percent East 201.25 feet, thence run Horth 12 degrees 205 minutes 40 percent East 201.25 feet, thence run Horth 12 degrees 205 minutes 40 percent East 201.25 feet to the Politic Percent East 201.25 feet feet feet 201.25 feet feet 201.25 feet 20

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Subject to a 60.00 foot roadway samement over and across the above described property.  $\begin{tabular}{ll} A \end{tabular}$ July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND WDICIAL CIRCUIT

IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT

MORTGAGE SERVICING, PLAINTIFF,

Case No.: 65-2025-CA-000038-CAAM

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,

(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, FLORI-DA 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 DE-GREES 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 SUM-MERWIND 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

As Deputy Clerk



NOTICE OF ACTION

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

ALTON FARMER, JR.,

PLAINTIFF,

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, unrecord-

ed HARTSFIELD SURVEY OF LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS AND EXCEPT road right

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 Subdivision 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 of Vacant 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

CASE NO.: 2025 DR 79

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

DAVID J. FRAZEE, Petitioner/Biological Father,

BRITTANY A. UNDERHILL, Respondent/Mother,

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

{{County Court Seal}} Greg James As Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ Cathi Copeland

As Deputy Clerk



July 31, August 7, 14, 21, 2025



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# Weekly Roundup: Pause in paving... for now

By JIM TURNER **News Service of Florida** 

rare mid-decade look at Cypress said in a state- help Democrats. drawing new congres- ment. sional maps, a federal judge put a temporary hold on construction at Alligator Alcatraz.

on whether construc- Perez, R-Miami, moved to become president of attendance. tion of the remote facility in the Everglades part of the state's effort into redrawing Florito support President da's already GOP-heavy est in a series of former tion on Aug. 28. Donald Trump's mass congressional districts. legislators and allies of deportation of undocu-

Kathleen Williams on congressional map Deweek hold on additional the Legislature in 2022. construction at the de- Opponents argued the tention complex, which  $\underset{\text{map}}{\text{map}}$  violated a 2010 was erected adjacent to "Fair Districts" constia remote airstrip known tutional amendment as the Dade-Collier that set standards for Training and Transition redistricting.

and deportations are al law." continuing," DeSantis posted on the platform questions now, at the X, hours after Williams' mid-decade ruling.

James Uthmeier on Friance from our Supreme day reiterated that Alli- Court without the ungator Alcatraz "contin- certainty ues to be operational, with deferring those detaining and deport- questions until after ing," adding in a post the next decennial cenon X that the judge's sus and reapportionorder "was nevertheless" ment," Perez said in the wrong and will be ap- memo.

Friends of the Ever- cade after the U.S. cenglades and the Center sus. The last round of for Biological Diversity, redistricting happened alleges that state and in 2022. federal officials did not mental-impact study be ida's to 4,000 detainees. The Lawson. Miccosukee Tribe also

ing, and housing have Constitution's Equal been added to the site, Protection Clause and which would not have the state Fair Districts been chosen if the req- standards, which inuisite study had been clude prohibiting drawperformed, according to ing districts that would Tania Galloni, an attor- "diminish" the ability ney with the environ- of minorities to "elect mental law firm Earth- representatives of their

people, for any reason, quirement. in the middle of the Everglades," whose group is among know they're on track plaintiffs in the case, 2026," U.S. Rep. Maxtold The News Service well Alejandro Frost, a of Florida on Friday. Democrat from Orlan-"It's not wise. It's not do, said in a release. environmentally propriate. It causes all food and health care sorts of harm to ecosys- from working families tems that all Floridians to bankroll tax cuts for care about."

Talbert chairman of the Miccos- can't defend that at the ukee Tribe of Indians of ballot box." Florida, praised the order pausing construc- have already moved fortion on what he called ward with a controvera "deeply concerning sial mid-decade redisproject" adjacent to tricting plan and other some of the tribe's vil- GOP-controlled states lages in the Big Cypress may follow suit. Mean-

National Preserve.

#### RED, RED LINES

As Republicans seek select committee to look lege.

U.S. District Judge Court that upheld a House since 2022.

In a memo to state But Gov. Ron DeSan- House members, Petis quickly emphasized rez said the committee that, despite Williams' would review the "apruling, the detention plicability and interpreand expulsion of un-tation of certain proviimmi- sions of the so-called grants remained unin- 'Fair Districts' provisions of the Florida "Operations at Alliga- Constitution and their tor Alcatraz are ongoing intersection with feder-

> "Exploring these point, would potentially allow General us to seek legal guidassociated

Redistricting typical-The lawsuit, filed by ly happens once a de-

The Supreme Court comply with a law re- ruling last month cenquiring that an environ- tered on North Flor-Congressional performed before devel- District 5, which in the oping the facility, which past stretched from has a capacity of 3,000 Jacksonville to west of people and could be Tallahassee and electbuilt out to house up ed Black Democrat Al

The Supreme Court is a plaintiff in the case. case involved the in-New pavement, fenc- terplay of the U.S. choice" — often called a "You don't put 5,000 "non-diminishment" re-

"Trump and Con-Galloni, gressional Republicans representing to lose the House in ap- "They just voted to strip their billionaire donors Cypress, — and they know they

Texas Republicans

while, leaders of Demo- president of workforce vice Commission.

#### FROM THE CAPITOL House and TO CAMPUS

Thursday to set up a Lake-Sumter State Col-

"While this order is cratic-controlled states, programs at Lake-Sumtemporary, it is an im- such as California, Il- ter, was one of a small Graham and Andrew forts in other Republithe state House moved ing our rights and pro- have weighed possibly lawmakers who ear- 16 people who applied the Florida House adforward this week with a tecting our homeland," redrawing districts to ly this year was allied before a Monday dead-vanced a rare mid-deleaders over immigra- in January. tion-enforcement legis-

> The college's Board lature. of Trustees is expected

limits, has applied for wind-energy Temple, who cur- one of two open seats tion. Thursday put a two- Santis pushed through rently works as vice on the state Public Ser-

Senate Graham and Fay expire

sues while in the Legis- vulnerable

genera- for Biological Diversity.

Commissioners Art WEEK: Joining ef-TALLAHASSEE — As portant step in assert- linois and New York, group of Republican Fay were not among can-controlled states, with DeSantis as the line for two seats on the cade plan to redraw governor battled with panel. The terms for congressional districts.

QUOTE OF THE Payne, who worked WEEK: "It's a relief that Wildwood Republi- lation. When DeSantis from 1981 to 2019 for the court has stepped Attorneys in the law- to keep control of Con- can state Rep. John signed the legislation in Seminole Electric Co- in to protect the Eversuit over the detention gress in 2026, Florida Temple was announced his office, Temple was operative, was heavily glades' sensitive wacenter will now focus House Speaker Daniel as one of three finalists one of six lawmakers in involved in utility is- ters, starry skies and from further harm while In 2024, Payne spon- we continue our case. Potentially the lat- to make a final selec- sored a wide-ranging We're ready to press energy bill (HB 1645) forward and put a stop Meanwhile, former that included eliminat- to this despicable plan Perez said the select Gov. Ron DeSantis to state Rep. Bobby Payne, ing parts of state law for good." — Elise Benmented immigrants — committee is a response be tapped to lead a state a Palatka Republican about reducing green- nett, an attorney and violated environmental to a July 17 decision by college or university, who left the House last house-gas emissions. Florida and Caribbean the Florida Supreme Temple has been in the year because of term It also barred offshore director for the Center

#### **PUBLIC NOTICES:**

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# NOTICE OF HEARING TO REIM-**POSE AND PROVIDE FOR** COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE **SERVICE ASSESSMENTS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Wakulla County, Florida will conduct a public hearing to consider the continued imposition of annual solid waste service assessments for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and future fiscal years to fund the cost of solid waste management, collection, and disposal services, facilities and programs provided to certain improved residential properties located within the unincorporated areas of the County and within the City of Sopchoppy and to authorize collection of such assessments on the tax bill.

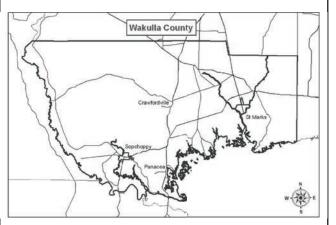
The hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m. on September 15, 2025, in the Board of County Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Road Crawfordville, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the Board within 20 days of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Executive Assistant to the County Administrator at (850) 926-0919, at least two (2) business days prior to the date of the hearing.

The assessments will be computed by multiplying the number of dwelling units on each parcel of residential property by the rate of assessment. The rate of assessment for the upcoming fiscal year shall be \$214.00

per dwelling unit. Copies of the Ordinance, the Initial Assessment Resolution for Solid Waste Services, the Final Assessment Resolution for Solid Waste Services, the Preliminary Rate Resolution, and the updated assessment roll showing the amount of the assessment to be imposed against each parcel of property are available for inspection at the office of the County Administrator, 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida.

The assessments will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2025, as authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title. Unless proper steps are initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief within 20 days from the date of County's action at the above hearing (including the method of apportionment, the rate of assessment and the imposition of assessments), such action shall be the final adjudication of the issues presented.

If you have any questions, please contact the office of the County Administrator at (850)926-0919, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or visit our website at www.mywakulla.com for additional information.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

# **NOTICE OF HEARING TO** REIMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR **COLLECTION OF FIRE PROTECTION SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Wakulla County, Florida will conduct a public hearing to consider the continued imposition of annual fire protection special assessments for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and future fiscal years to fund the provision of fire protection services within the boundaries of the Wakulla County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services, which includes all of the unincorporated areas of the County and the incorporated areas of the cities of St. Marks and Sopchoppy, and to authorize collection of such assessment on the tax bill.

The hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m. on September 15, 2025, in the Board of County Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the County within 20 days of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Executive Assistant to the County Administrator at (850) 926-0919, at least two (2) business days prior to the date of the hearing.

The assessment for each parcel of property will be based upon each parcel's classification and the total number of billing units attributed to that parcel. The following table reflects the proposed fire protection assessment rate schedule:

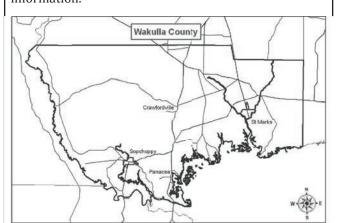
# FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENTS

Residential Property Use Category	Rate Per Dwelling Unit
Residential	\$263.00
Non-Residential Property Use Categories	Rate Per Square Foot
Commercial	\$0.212
Industrial/Warehouse	\$0.021
Institutional	\$0.244
Vacant Land Property Use Category	Rate Per Acre
Vacant Property	\$1.53

Copies of the Ordinance, the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution for Fire Protection Services, the Amended and Restated Final Assessment Resolution for Fire Protection Services, the Preliminary Rate Resolution, and the updated Fire Protection Assessment Roll are available for inspection at the Office of the County Administrator, 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida.

The assessments will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2025, as authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title. Unless proper steps are initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief within 20 days from the date of County's action at the above hearing (including the method of apportionment, the rate of assessment and the imposition of assessments), such action shall be the final adjudication of the issues presented.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

# FOLLOW THE SUN,



Gulf Specimen Marine Lab has unveiled a new shark garden, landscaped with colorful flowers and plants by Primo Landscaping. The garden features life-size fiberglass shark models arranged among the flora, including a hammerhead shark, a great white shark and bull shark. (Photo special to The Sun)

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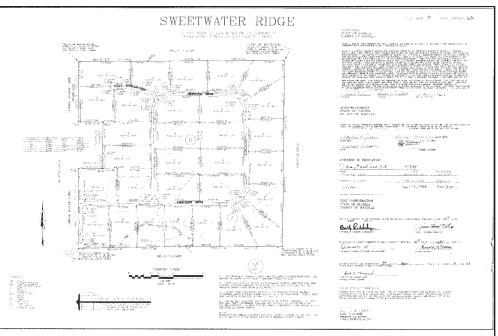
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# NOTICE OF HEARING TO APPROVE ASSESSMENT ROLL AND PROVIDE FOR **COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS IN** THE SWEETWATER RIDGE SUBDIVISION MUNICIPAL SERVICES BENEFIT UNIT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Wakulla County, Florida, will conduct a public hearing to consider approval of the assessment roll for the special assessments imposed within the Sweetwater Ridge Subdivision Municipal Services Benefit Unit ("MSBU"), as shown above, to fund the capital costs of Broadband improvements for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and to authorize collection of such assessments on the tax bill.

The hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m. on September 15, 2025, in the Board of County Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the assessments. All affected real property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the County within 20 days of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Executive Assistant to the County Administrator at (850) 926-0919, at least two (2) business days prior to the date of the hearing.

The Broadband Improvements Assessments have been imposed to fund the installation of broadband facilities to provide access to high speed internet services within the MSBU. The Broadband Improvements Assessment for each parcel of property is based upon the number of buildable lots attributable to such parcel. The maximum annual assessment is \$113.79 per Lot.

A more specific description is set forth in the Initial Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 2021-51). Copies of the Initial Assessment Resolution, Final Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 2021-62), and the updated Assessment Roll are available for inspection at the Office of the County Administrator, 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The assessments will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2025, as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. The assessments will be collected over a period of 5 years, commencing with the tax bill mailed in November 2021. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the real property which may result in a loss of title. Unless proper steps are initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief within 20 days from the date of Board's action at the above hearing (including the method of apportionment, the rate of assessment and the imposition of assessments), such action shall be the final adjudication of the issues presented.

If you have any questions, please contact the County Administrator at (850) 926-0919, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. August 14 2025

# Backpack giveaway held Saturday

After holding drive-thru backpack giveaways in the outlying communities – St. Marks, Panacea, and Sopchoppy – in the weeks leading up to the start of school, Be A Hero to Our Heroes held its big final giveaway on Saturday at the community center. In addition to school supplies, there was a clothing giveaway, food from Second Harvest, free haircuts and sports physicals – all at no charge. (Photos by Gerald Brown)













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