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Student of the Week
Autumn Hudson – 8th grader at Riversprings Middle

Principal: Joshua Sandgren

Achievements/Reason for Nomination: Autumn Hudson is a wonderful student who is respectful inside and outside of the classroom. Autumn goes above and beyond to embody the RMS spirit by making friends with students who otherwise keep to themselves. In class, she possesses the ability to always be reflective and push herself to improve, and she is willing to help others and cheer them on to success. She maintains an A/B honor roll in her curricular studies. Autumn also does well outside the classroom by being a part of our volleyball and softball school teams. Autumn stands out on the volleyball court with her drive to succeed and her willingness to cheer on her team. She is a role model and a shining star on the court as well as in the classroom.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK FEATURES A DIFFERENT SCHOOL EACH WEEK.

Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park
Godfrey's Blazing Star

By LYNN ARTZ, DAVID RODDENBERRY, and SANDY TEDDER



Among the three *Liatris* species growing in the northwest garden at Sopchoppy Depot Park, Godfrey's blazing star (*Liatris provincialis*) is the rarest. Discovered first at Alligator Point, its entire global range is limited to the coastal scrubs and sandhills of southern Wakulla and Franklin Counties. Like other blazing stars, it displays tall narrow bright purple flower stalks in the fall that attract butterflies and native bees. However, the individual flower heads have very short or no stalks and are held at wide angles to the stem. While abundant in places, intensive coastal development and the overgrowth of pines due to fire suppression have destroyed much of its habitat. Considered endangered, its survival may depend ultimately on protected sites at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge and Ochlockonee River and Bald Point State Parks.

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Summit to End Domestic & Sexual Violence in Wakulla County
Saturday, September 20, 2025 from 1-3 P.M.
64 Ochlockonee Street, Crawfordville, FL 32327

Florida Department of Health: Wakulla County
State Attorney's Office-Victim Advocate Service
The Refuge House
Florida Council Against Sexual Violence
Wakulla County Sheriff's Department Victim Advocates

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St. Marks lighthouse keeper’s daughter praises city manager’s work

By **LINDA ANN McDONALD**
Correspondent

Former St. Marks lighthouse keeper’s grand-daughter, 82-year-old Margaret Bishop, gave a tremendous thank you to City of St. Marks Manager Katherine Gatewood.

“I want to say thank you to Katherine, you are one of the most professional people I have seen. I don’t know any of you here (in the meeting), but I have a long history and a strong love for St. Marks, and I like the work you are doing.”

Bishop, a former City Clerk for St. Marks, appeared at the city commission meeting on Thursday, Sept. 11.

Gatewood also has ideas to further recreation within St. Marks. City commissioners discussed holding a future workshop to discuss ideas such as pickleball courts, nature/wetlands boardwalks, extending current trails and possibly adding a dock for pickup/drop off of boaters and to accommodate 26-foot boats and larger.

A representative from the Waterfronts committee reported the ticket sales for the upcoming Brewfest event are great with the VIP tickets completely sold out. Volunteers are needed for the event.

The Christmas golf cart parade is slated for Dec.

20th. The event date was coordinated with other municipalities to ensure no overlap occurred.

In other matters:

- The city commission approved a resolution to give a \$5 discount for paperless enrollment for utilities. The goal is to assist in communicating boil water notices more quickly and efficiently through online information dissemination.

- There was discussion about Occupational License and creating new categories such as RV Parks, Real Estate and Fishing Charters. Monies generated will be used for the upkeep of parks and maintenance.

- Gatewood mentioned she is planning a community informational “meet and greet” style event with a bounce house, tables and chairs at the boat ramp with local parties such as the Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office, Florida Highway Patrol, Wakulla Fire Rescue, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and other agencies to inform people about services offered.

- Gatewood also reported a Tallahassee water main break. She also mentioned a lot of meter boxes were hard to find and will be asking homeowners for access to their property to paint the boxes a vibrant color for easier identification and to prevent delays in locating them.

- The water tower in St. Marks was found leaking and the issue was resolved when a valve for the water tower lost electricity with the back up battery ultimately drained. It is now a procedure to monitor this to be quickly resolved in the future.

- Gatewood informed the meeting that the water meters in St. Marks are smart meters that come factory calibrated with no future calibration needed for 15 years. They are made of marine grade so they can withstand being underwater. If there is a continuous flow for 30 days, the city is alerted.

- The city commission is exploring ideas and options regarding the working hours of City Hall. Commissioner Sharon Rudd stressed the public should have accessibility to City Hall always and offered to come in and help the office when needed to take some workload off.

- The current state of the bike trail was inquired about by resident Tom Hicks, who said the debris from the last storm needs to be cleaned up and causes a safety issue, and wants to know who is responsible for it.

- St. Marks resident Corey Ingram asked the Board if an overhead projector would be possible in future meetings so the information can be viewed and discussed by citizens.

Woman pleads guilty to federal drug, gun charges

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

TALLAHASSEE – Lisa Marie Ezell, 39, of Crawfordville, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense. The plea was announced by John P. Heekin, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Florida.

Ezell was originally arrested in Wakulla County in July by the Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office Quick Reactionary Force after a search warrant at her home. Ezell, who is a convicted felon, was found to be in possession of nearly a pound of methamphetamine, multiple firearms, numerous rounds of ammunition, and over \$8,000 in US Currency. Law Enforcement also located a motorcycle reported stolen out of Wakulla County and automobile reported stolen out of Leon County.

Ezell was arrested and charged in Wakulla County on state charges of Trafficking Methamphetamine over 14 Grams, Possession/

Manufacture Home-made Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of Firearms / Ammunition by a Convicted Felon.

During the initial search of the property multiple Nazi flags and other gang related items were observed. Detectives are aware that white supremacist prison and street gangs are involved in drug trafficking across rural and semi-rural areas, particularly in the South and Midwest. These groups often control methamphetamine distribution in some regions and are linked to broader organized crime networks.

United States Attorney Heekin said, “Our law enforcement partners work hard every day to take dangerous drugs and guns off our streets, and this successful prosecution is another step in keeping our communities safe. My office is committed to aggressively pursuing criminals like this defendant with the full force of the law to fulfill the promise made by President Donald J. Trump and Attorney General Pam Bondi to Take Back America from the dangerous drug traffickers who have flooded our streets with deadly narcotics.”

Court documents re-



Lisa Ezell

flect that in July 2025, law enforcement executed a search warrant at Ezell’s residence after previously conducting several controlled purchases of large quantities of methamphetamine from her. During

the search, officers recovered large quantities of methamphetamine, 18 firearms, and several thousand dollars believed to be the proceeds of her drug trafficking operations. Due to her prior criminal record, including for a previous serious drug felony, Ezell was prohibited from possessing firearms and now faces a minimum term of fifteen years’ imprisonment on the possession with intent to distribute count, and up to fifteen years’ imprisonment on the possession of firearm by convicted felon count. Additionally, Ezell is subject to a


consecutive sentence of a minimum term of five years’ imprisonment on the possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense count.

The case involved a joint investigation by the Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s Homeland Security Investigations. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Harley W. Ferguson.

This case is part of Operation Take Back

America, a nationwide initiative that marshals the full resources of the Department of Justice to repel the invasion of illegal immigration, achieve the total elimination of cartels and transnational criminal organizations, and protect our communities from the perpetrators of violent crime.

Operation Take Back America streamlines efforts and resources from the Department’s Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces and Project Safe Neighborhood.

**COOK BROTHERS, INC.** (CBI), FL. GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSE NO. CGC-046567, the Construction Manager for the following project is seeking bids from all qualified bidders. All bidders are required to prequalify for this project. Pre-qualification forms are on our website and the completed forms are due to the Project Manager no later than EOD Thurs. Oct. 10, 2025.
PROJECT: Window Replacement at 7 FDC locations – Century C.I. (Century, FL; Escambia County), Santa Rosa C.I. (Milton, FL; Santa Rosa County), Walton C.I. (Crawfordville, FL; Walton County), Northwest Florida Reception Center (ChIPLEY, FL; Washington County), Calhoun C.I. (Blountstown, FL; Calhoun County), Wakulla C.I. (Crawfordville, FL; Wakulla County) and Union C.I. (Raiford, FL; Union County).
DESCRIPTION: Replacement of existing windows with owner supplied new aluminum window units in various buildings. It will require the replacement of existing wood blocking, repair windowsills if necessary, caulking and cutting and rewelding any existing metal security embeds attached to existing masonry openings. Surface mounted security bars may or may not need to be removed and reattached to allow the replacement. The work will be done in occupied inmate areas, and any removed unit will need to have the replacement window completely installed and secured by the end of each workday. Background checks will be required.
PREBID MEETING DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2025 at 10:00 AM Eastern Time in the office of Cook Brothers, Inc. located at 1255 Commerce Blvd Midway FL 32343.
SEALED BIDS are DUE in the Cook Brothers, Inc. office no later than Thursday Oct. 16, 2025, 2:00 PM Eastern Time. Late bids will not be accepted. Only sealed bids, submitted on Cook Brothers, Inc. Bid Forms only will be accepted. BID FORMS are in the BID PACKAGE, which is located on our website.
BID BONDS AND PERFORMANCE & PAYMENT BONDS: All bids of \$100,000 or more require a 5% Bid Bond or Cashier's Check. All contracts of \$100,000 or more will require a Performance & Payment Bond. **E-Verify:** Pursuant to §448.095, Fla. Stat., Contractor must be registered with and use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by Contractor during the term of this Agreement.
FDC BACKGROUND CHECKS: These projects are located inside of Florida Dept. of Correction Correctional Institutions (C.C.). ALL on-site personnel are required to submit the FDC Background Check form (NCIC-FCIC Request form, found on our website) to the Construction Manager, which will then be submitted to each individual C.I.'s warden for approval. Applicants won't be authorized to visit the jobsite until they've been approved. Previous FDC authorization is not valid for these projects.
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER: All contractors and vendors must agree that they will abide by the requirements of 41 CFR 60-1.4(a), 41 CFR 60-300.5(a) and 41 CFR 60-741.5(a), which require that contractors and subcontractors will not discriminate against individuals and businesses due to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, protected veteran status or physical or mental disability.
PROJECT DOCUMENTS & DETAILS: SPECIFICATIONS; ADDENDA; FORMS; BID PACKAGES (which include bid forms): All documents can then be viewed or downloaded from our website. There will be photos and descriptions in lieu of drawings: Search >PROJECTS>Current and Upcoming Projects>look for this project.
BID PACKAGES BIDDING: 8A Windows (prices must be itemized by location -SEE BID FORM). Bidders are encouraged to bid multiple and/or all locations.
Website: www.cookbrothersinc.com
Project Manager: Richard Winchester, 850-514-1006
Cook Brothers, Inc. / Office: 1255 Commerce Blvd., Midway, FL 32343; 850-514-1006.
COOK BROTHERS, INC., (CBI) is the Construction Manager for this Florida Dept. of Corrections (Owner) project. The Owner is not a party to any and all solicitations and submitted quotations or bid proposals which are made to the Construction Manager. Nothing in the bid documents, either expressed or implied, enjoins Owner as a party to the receipt, review or award of bids received by Construction Manager. Award of each trade contract shall be based solely on the best interests of the Project as determined by Construction Manager. Cook Brothers, Inc., as Construction Manager for this project, reserves the right to accept and reject any and all bids and waive informalities in any bid.

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Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office (WCSO) is accepting written proposals under RFP #2025-001 from all qualified and interested parties for Inmate Medical Services. Parties interested in preparing a response to this RFP need to contact Major Lindsay Maxwell by email at: lmaxwell@wcsos.org or by phone (850)745-7158 for a complete list of requirements. Under the proposal process of WCSO, the conditions as set forth herein are binding to the proposer to the extent you confirm acceptance by your binding signature, by an officer, on the cover letter. WCSO welcomes your response. WCSO reserves the right to reject any proposal found to be non-responsive, vague or non-conforming. WCSO also reserves the right at any time to withdraw all or part of this proposal request in order to protect its best interest. WCSO is not liable for any costs incurred by the party in preparing its response, nor is a response an offer to contract with your firm. Pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, all proposal responses are subject to open records laws.

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• “Blockbusting” and “steering” are two discriminatory practices that are also prohibited by the Act. Blockbusting includes engaging in conduct which conveys the impression that a neighborhood is about to undergo certain changes and, thus, panic owners into selling their properties. Steering involves guiding an individual seeking housing toward or away from particular property for discriminatory reasons.
If you would like to obtain more information about fair housing, or file a fair housing complaint, please contact the Fair Housing Coordinator listed below:
Ashley Schilling, City Clerk/Fair Housing Coordinator
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City of Sopchoppy, 32358
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CITY OF SOPCHOPPY
DISTRIBUTION TECHNICIAN VACANCY/JOB OPPORTUNITY
The City of Sopchoppy is currently seeking **TWO** qualified applicants for a full-time Distribution Technician. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED, possess a level 3 distribution license, or obtain one within 18 months as a condition of continued employment and possess a valid Florida Driver’s License.
Application, position description and salary range for this position may be obtained by visiting our website at www.sopchoppy.org or at City of Sopchoppy, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, FL 32358. Drug screening and background check will be required. Applications must be received by **Noon, September 26, 2025**. The starting salary for this position will be based on experience and knowledge as listed in the position description of the City’s Personnel Policy Manual.
The City Commission reserves the right to waive technical irregularities in any submission, to reject any or all applicants for any reason related to the required skills, knowledge or ability requirements and to agree to accept an applicant that in its reasonable opinion would otherwise not meet the minimum requirements if it determines those actions are necessary in furtherance of the best interests of the City.
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In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Sopchoppy, Florida will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities”. If you are a person with disabilities who needs reasonable accommodation to participate in this process, please reply to Ashley.Schilling@Sopchoppy.org to arrange the appropriate accommodation.

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Outdoors

outdoor sports

HOME ON THE RANGE

Two small camping rifles



By MARJ LAW

My family used to camp on holidays when I was young.

No, I'm not talking about camping with a motel room key. Nor camping in a cabin, or in a tent on a wooden platform.

We're talking camping with sleeping accommodations consisting of a sleeping bag with a very thin "shorty" pad on top of a water barrier. In our case, the water barrier wasn't a tarp. No, we went fancy. Usually, a portion of an old plastic shower curtain was barrier enough for us. Preferably with no holes.

And the "shorty" pad? That would be about an inch-deep piece of foam which would cover the torso area only. A lily-livered faint-of-heart person might take a nice, thick blow-up mattress. (I wasn't envious, and wouldn't be caught dead admitting to lusting after such luxury.) We were made of hardy stock.

In those days, we didn't even consider bringing a gun or rifle on the camping trips. Why? Well, that was so long ago, there's no one left to ask why not. I had no fear of bobcats, snakes or coyotes, but I do recall being afraid of bears. Maybe there



weren't any snakes, cats or coyotes in the area, but there sure were bears.

How did we, as young children, deal with bears? All four of us were given shrill whistles. Apparently, bears would be afraid of loud noises. They would run away at the sound. Did I believe that? No. But you bet I carried the whistle.

Maybe we weren't so hardy after all. We brought in our own food and water. And I don't want to think of myself as a sissy, but even today, I wouldn't hunt small game in the woods.

However... If we did have to hunt for our dinner, we could have shot squirrels or rabbit with a Chiappa .22 Little Badger rifle. We could have taken down fox, bobcats, or other larger pests with a Rossi .22 Survival Rifle, which came with both a .22 rifle barrel and a .410 shotgun barrel. These two rifles make for great camping guns because they are so portable.

The Chiappa Little Badger can fit into a backpack because you can push the opening lever and the gun folds almost in half. The Rossi Survival Rifle can come apart by turning a sling swivel under the foregrip. Then the foregrip and barrel come apart from the trigger assembly and grip. This particular Rossi also came with a .410 barrel, so you'd have to make room for an extra barrel in your pack.

Still, both rifles take little space in a pack.

"Why would you want a .410 instead of a .22?" I ask Joe.

"First of all, because of safety," he replies. "The .22 travels far. It can go as far as a mile. The .410 shotgun only travels about 100 yards."

"So?" I question.

"So, a mile is a long way. What if you couldn't see someone within that distance? You might not

kill that person, but you could harm him. Now, if you pointed at a bird in flight, you might want the .410 shotgun ammunition. The shot pattern is larger for your game," he answers.

"I'd have to be plenty hungry to eat squirrel or rabbit," I mutter. "Heck, I wouldn't want to shoot one either."

"You can leave that up to me," he grins.

We're visiting the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office rifle range on Wednesday. We have brought both rifles.

First, Joe pulls the Chiappa Little Badger out of its casing. It comes out of the casing in a folded "v" formation. Joe shows me how to pull both wire stock and barrel up. When they are pulled up far enough, there's an audible click. It is put together. The action is closed. Easy, enough?

To load the Badger (one round at a time), you need to re-open the rifle. Of course, you are pointing the gun in a safe direction.

The opening lever is located just in front of the trigger guard. Push it toward the trigger guard, and the rifle folds into the

v formation again.

Next, Joe places a .22 in the chamber. Then he snaps the rifle shut.

He looks at me. "What do you do next?"

I look at the rifle. "We have to cock the hammer?" I ask.

"Yes." The Badger's hammer looks like a small cylinder with two round knobs on either end. It is located above the trigger. Using my index and middle fingers, I cock the hammer all the way back.

"What next?" he asks.

"Aim?"

"Yes. With your finger off the trigger, aim your gun."

I do.

"Pull the trigger."

I do so. Wait a minute. Did I just shoot, or was that sound from someone on the pistol range? Nope. It was the Badger. It makes hardly any noise and has no recoil that I can feel. How easy is that?

Now, it's time to get rid of the casing. You press the opening lever and push the rifle into the "v" formation. The extractor has pushed the casing far enough so you can pull it out with your fingernails.

The Rossi's action

works in a similar manner.

There's a release button located to the right of the hammer. Push it down, and presto! The rifle's barrel drops open. Just like you do the Badger, pop in the .22. Now, snap the barrel closed.

A major difference between the Badger and the Rossi is that the Rossi has an ejector. Open the rifle and... pop! The casing comes flying out.

Joe and I find the triggers on both rifles to be extremely light, and the travel is a smidge longer with the Rossi. We rate recoil as the lowest possible in both as well.

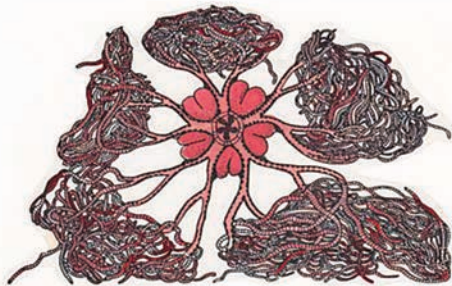
With his long arms and big hands, Joe finds the Badger to be somewhat uncomfortable, while it fits me very well.

Now, if I were to go hiking and camping, which rifle would I choose to carry and to hunt down dinner?

Ha!

I'll camp with a key and room service!

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



BASKET STARFISH (Astrophyton murium)

This living "spanish moss" of starfish, ranging in color for red to orange to black and white, is found in deep water gripping sponges and rocks. During the day it curls up into a tight ball to hide from predators. At night, it extends its net of tentacles to catch plankton, curling its delicate tendrils around prey trapping it. All starfish are radial symmetric meaning they spread out from a central point instead of a right and left side.

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Sun rise/set 7:23AM 7:38PM	Moon rise/set 4:13AM 6:05PM	High Tide 28 Min.	Low Tide 25 Min.				
Moon Illumination 10%		Carrabelle 1 Hr., 53 Min.		2 Hrs., 38 Min.			
Friday 19		Cat Point 1 Hr., 13 Min.		2 Hrs., 31 Min.			
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		West Pass 1 Hr., 26 Min.		2 Hrs., 39 Min.			
St. Marks River Entrance				City of St. Marks			
Shell Point, Spring Creek							
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Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

Jobs in Wakulla County.
December 1, 2011

We all want to create jobs in Wakulla County. But to create jobs, we must provide service or a product to sell.

I spend much of my time underwater. When I travel to dive sites for training to the east and west of Wakulla, I encounter folks from around the world visiting our fair state.

In November, I again met with the contingency from Finland, nearly all diving using expensive rebreathers. As before, they inquired on progress opening cave sites in Wakulla County. And again I could not assure them access to our caves. So they turned the tables on me.

In real terms, they bring 10 to 12 people over from Finland (every year) and stay in a house in Fort White. They pay to rent the house for two weeks. All dive every day at dive sites on either side of Wakulla County. They never dive Wakulla County because there is no opportunity to do so.

They spend in the range of \$350 per day for lodging, and about the same in food, eating out every lunch and supper. They purchase diving supplies that average \$170 per day, and vehicle rent and fuel at about the same level per day. And they pay entrance fees to private and public parks that average \$300 per day.

That comes up to an average spending of \$1,340 per day for this party from Finland. At two weeks, the average total is around \$18,760 that this one group from Finland spent in Florida in November.

They gave me a challenge: Find them 10 good dive sites in Wakulla County and they will stay in Wakulla County next November. But to do so will require Wakulla County to provide services to attract them.

The Wakulla Lodge will be pleased to accommodate them at the Park. Their restaurant will be pleased to feed them, as will the many restaurants in Crawfordville, St. Marks, Spring Creek and Panama. Yes, Wakulla Diving Center will be pleased to provide diving support for these folks. Even the Wakulla County Dive Club will be thrilled to assist.

The big question remains: Will Wakulla Springs State Park be willing to open the park's underwater trails to the public? Of course it should be for a fee.

The Lodge at Wakulla Springs can hire more staff as they will rent more rooms. Indeed, the Lodge will become a much desired diving destination, worthy of travel agency promotion. The local restaurants can hire more servers to accommodate more clients. Our center will hire more staff to service the diving activity.

If Wakulla County can attract one such group each month, each of these activities can hire more staff for the year.

Want more?

Dr. William Huth published a study on the economic potential to opening the Wakulla Springs State Park to equal access cave diving (Huth & Morgan 2011, Journal of Marine Resource Economics). His figures are impressive.

Like the rest of the county's merchants and service providers, I want to hire more staff, I want to see Wakulla County prosper, I want to attract eco-tourism business to our beautiful and sustainable natural resources. And the Wakulla Chamber of Commerce may add a page dedicated to diving in the county, much like they do for kayaking, fishing and hunting.

Can we work on this together?

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

Is there discord in your church?



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

Is there discord in your church? If so, how much do you personally contribute to it? If your answer is “Not at all,” would you change your response if I asked: Are you quick to judge your fellow believ-

ers? Do you sometimes fail to give them the benefit of the doubt? This week, I want us to consider how we love one another – or more precisely, how we sometimes fall short in our love for each other. In his 1881 sermon “Love’s Labours,” Pastor C. H. Spurgeon said, “In reference, first, to our fellow Christians, love always believes the best of them. I wish we had more of this faith abroad in all the churches, for a horrid blight falls upon some communities through suspicion and mistrust.”

Spurgeon’s words are sobering. And quite embarrassing. The world notices how we turn on each other within the church. Our witness suffers when we judge and spread rumors about each fellow believers. Even more serious, God sees our unkind actions and mourns our shameful behavior. What if, as a church, we repented of our attitudes and actions toward one another? What if this week, we asked God to examine our hearts and reveal where we have fallen short? The more we choose

to believe the best of every believer, the more we’ll experience a spirit of unity, accurately resemble the body of Christ and genuinely reflect His love. We can start this transformation by paying attention to the verse Pastor Spurgeon referenced in his statement. I especially love 1 Corinthians 13:7 in the Amplified Classic edition. “Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances,

and it endures everything [without weakening].” God’s grace is essential in the lives of all believers. We’re all sinners saved by grace. “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9 ESV). When we see ourselves as sinners saved by God’s incredible grace, maybe we’ll stop judging others and aim to be “ever ready to believe the best of every

person.” Then perhaps we can more easily endure “everything without weakening.” Instead of backbiting, we can humbly pray for our brothers and sisters and always remember, “There, but by the grace of God, go I.” Speaking for myself, if it wasn’t for God’s grace, I’d be a goner. *Sheryl H. Boldt is a sales executive for Wave 94 and author of the blog, www.TodayCanBeDifferent.net. Connect with her at SherylHBoldt.Wave94@gmail.com.*

A heart made roomy



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

If “Cleanliness is next to Godliness” were true scripture, I’d be in serious trouble – just ask the dust bunnies hiding under my sofa. I cannot claim to be the neatest housekeeper, but we get by. For the most part, I take one day a week to put things away, dust, and vacuum the house. As far as décor goes, my space is as hodgepodge as my mind. Sail-

ing ships sit alongside old red trucks, Mae West next to Dolly Parton, and collected seashells sit beside childhood prints and mementos from my children and grandchildren. Each little treasure brings a random smile throughout my day. Looking back, I realize my love for filling spaces with treasures began in childhood. I shared one small room with two sisters, which meant space was tight and messes were inevitable. One closet, one chest of drawers, and three growing girls created a constant shuffle of clothes, books, and keepsakes. Mom was an incredible housekeeper, yet she showed grace by allowing our room to be

a little disorderly – as long as it stayed behind closed doors and was tidied by Saturday. But if the clutter crept into the rest of the house, we knew it was time to straighten and put things away. Maybe that’s why I notice and admire my granddaughter’s room so much. Unlike the chaos of my growing-up years, Maddison’s space is always neat, everything in its place. There’s a calm in the order, and I feel it the moment I step into her room. It reminds me that the same is true for our inner lives. A cluttered soul – filled with unchecked habits, unresolved hurts, or neglected faith – can keep us from experiencing the fullness of God’s pres-

ence. Scripture calls us to purify our hearts and to turn away from anything that might contaminate our bodies or spirits (2 Corinthians 7:1). Taking intentional moments to pause, forgive, and let go of hurts is a lot like tidying a corner of our homes – creating space for peace, clarity, and renewed focus amid life’s clutter. It’s not about perfection or guilt, but about making room in our lives for God to move. King David, the Psalmist, understood the concept of making room for God. He knew what it felt like to live with a heart cluttered by mistakes, regrets, and the messy consequences of choices. In one of his prayers, he asked God to create a

pure heart within him, to restore joy, and to sustain him with a willing spirit. Though his life was messy, he sought God’s presence, trusting the Holy Spirit to bring order to the chaos (Psalm 51). His example reminds us that no matter how cluttered our hearts may feel, God can cleanse, restore, and fill us with renewed joy when we invite Him in. Therefore, while “cleanliness is next to Godliness” may not appear as a Scripture, the truth behind it is real. Just as I smile at the treasures on my shelves and admire my granddaughter’s orderly room, I’ve learned that care and attention – both in our homes and in our hearts – create

spaces where life, joy, and God’s presence can flourish. Take a moment: what clutter in our hearts might we open to Him today? As we pause, forgive, and let go, let us give God room to work, allowing our hearts – like our homes – to become places of rest and joy. Imagine the peace, clarity, and freedom our Lord can bring into the spaces we make for Him. Proverbs 4:23 – Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. *Cheryl Mixon-Cruce is Pastor of Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Church and Sopchoppy United Methodist Church.*

OUT TO PASTOR

How much fun is too much?



By **JAMES SNYDER**

If you don’t have any fun in life, what is the purpose? I know life is more than just having fun, but there is a place for fun in our daily lives. Everyone has their idea of what fun is, and we don’t always agree on that. Take, for example, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has an entirely different idea of fun than her husband. What I consider to be fun, she doesn’t like at all. What she considers fun, I don’t understand at all. But there are quite a few times that we have had fun together. I should really write them down so that I don’t forget them. The next time we have fun together, I’m going to make a note. As for me, I get things confused, and some-

times I say the wrong word. Everybody is guilty of that at some time. But when I do it, I get into some really deep trouble. Last week, for instance, we went to the mall together. We don’t often do that because I really don’t like the mall. When I go to the mall, I like to go to the coffee shop, get some coffee and let The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage do all the shopping. This week we went together, and just as we got into the mall, we encountered some friends of ours that we haven’t seen for a while. I always enjoy catching up with friends and having a little fun together. He and I drifted away from my wife and his wife. I’m not quite sure what the ladies were talking about, but then I wouldn’t understand it anyway, even if I had heard it. My friend was a little obsessed with his wife buying purses all the time. He never called them purses; he called them bags. “I don’t understand,” he said to me, “why women need so many of these bags. Why can’t

they be satisfied with just one.” Then he went on describing all of those “bags” his wife had at home. “I can bet that she’s going to buy another bag today here at the mall,” he said with a little bit of sarcasm. We laughed together because we both knew what he was talking about. I then pointed over to my wife and said, “Look at that lovely bag over there.” I didn’t realize that I used the wrong word. My friend always called a purse a bag, and so I followed along with him. I wanted him to see the nice purse my wife had. But, when I said, “Look at that lovely bag over there,” I got into so much trouble that I don’t know if I’m out of it today. As usual, my wife heard every word that I said, and she looked at me with one of her looks and both hands on her hips. That alone convinced me I was in for some trouble. My fun time had evolved into “I’m in trouble time”. I didn’t say what she heard me say but what she heard me say is what I said.

How I’m going to get out of this is beyond my pay scale. Sometimes when we’re having fun, people hear us say something, but they interpret it in the opposite direction. There’s something about words that can really get you into trouble. I like to have fun and enjoy pulling friends into the experience, but I need to know where to draw the line. And after all of these years of matrimonial bliss, I don’t know where to draw the line. I stared at my friend for a moment, and he began to smile because he knew that I was in trouble. “Well,” he said to me, “my wife and I need to get going.” And they walked away, leaving me with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and the trouble I was in. The way she looked at me, I knew I had come to the end of having fun that day. Nothing I could say or do could ever undo what I said. As we walked out of the mall to our vehicle, I tried to think of something to say that

would make up for my blunder. Even though I work with words all the time I could not come up with the right words to use at this time. As we drove home in the Sissy Van, she was very quiet and focused solely on driving. I, on the other hand, was focused on being quiet. There’s a time to speak and a time to be quiet. As a veteran husband, I am still learning when it’s time to be quiet. I’m not going to give up on having fun, I’m just going to try to be more delicate in the fun I choose at the time. That will not be easy, but sometimes you have to pay for the fun that you have. As I was thinking through this I couldn’t help but think of a special Bible verse. “Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise; and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding” (Proverbs 17:28).

When I open my mouth people can see what a fool I am. If I keep my mouth shut I hide all that foolishness. My new goal is to show a smile with my mouth and keep my mouth shut. *Dr. James L. Snyder lives in Ocala with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Telephone 1-352-216-3025, email jamesnyder51@gmail.com, website www.jamesnyderministries.com.*



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Obituaries



George Edward Grause

George Edward Grause passed away peacefully on September 12, 2025, in Tallahassee, Florida, at the age of 84.

Though his health declined in his final years, George never lost his sharp wit or his enduring fascination with the world around him and its wonders. He will be remembered for his patriotism, his service to his country and community, for his deep love for his wife and family, and for his unwavering faith.

George is survived by his wife of 59 years, Bonnie; his son Edward (Candice), of Crawfordville, Florida; beloved granddaughter, Sydney, of Tallahassee, Florida; sisters Virginia Kane

of Wilder, Kentucky, and Mary Ann Sandfoss (Steve) of Fort Thomas, Kentucky; brothers John and Fred “Fritz” (Anne), also of Kentucky; and many cherished nephews and nieces. He is preceded in death by his father, Virgil, mother, Evelyn, and one brother, Mark.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, September 19, 2025, 12:00 pm, at the Tallahassee National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. in George’s memory.

Skip & Trey Young along with Paula and Amanda are assisting the family. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com



Melaney Jane McLean

January 6, 1968 – August 18, 2025

It is with love and gratitude that we remember the life of Melaney Jane McLean who passed away peacefully on August 18, 2025 at the age of 57.

Laney had a sparkle that could light up any room. She had a way of making people feel truly seen, heard, and loved, whether through her open arms, a listening ear, or a few perfectly chosen words of encouragement. She poured

her heart into caring for others and was always ready to help. Laney also had a deep love for plants and could make anything bloom, filling her spaces with life and beauty that reflected her own spirit. Intelligent, thoughtful, and full of joy. She made sure no one ever left her presence without feeling cared for.

As a mother, she not only poured her love into her own children but also took their friends under her wing, treating them as if they were part of the family. Her home was a place of laughter, acceptance, and open arms.

Laney was a proud lifelong learner. She earned her Associate of Arts degree from Tallahassee State College before continuing her studies at Florida State University, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in American and Florida Studies and was recognized on the President’s List. She later completed a Masters of Public Administration with a concentration in Leadership and Strategic Management, and was inducted into Pi Alpha Alpha, the National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration.

Her professional career reflected that same dedication and drive. Over more than a decade at Florida State University, she held leadership positions that advanced research and innovation, including Director of Research Administration for the College of Engineering and, most recently, Director of Strategic Implementation and Project Operations in the Office of the Provost. She

also shared her expertise as a Senior Consultant in Research Administration. In every role, she was known for her intelligence, thoughtful leadership, and commitment to empowering others and guiding important work forward.

She is survived by her husband, Ken Walser. her children, Teddy LeJeune and her husband Jesse Stemberge with their children Gabe Davis and Reme Stemberge; Zachary LeJeune and his wife Lauren LeJeune with their children Maddox LeJeune and Rowan LeJeune; and Avery Lynch and her husband Addison Lynch with their son Archie Lynch. Her sister Tina Stone and husband Jason Stone; Her uncles; Reid Edenfield, Brent Edenfield, Gary McLean and Terry McLean. Her aunt; Susan C. Lawson. She is also survived by her father, John R. McLean, and Gwynne Parmelee; her mother, Deborah Edenfield McLean, and William D. Schlottermiller.

Mrs. McLean was preceded in death by her grandparents, David H. Edenfield and Martha Edenfield; and Nathan P. McLean and Eva Faye McLean; and her first husband/children’s father, Danny LeJeune.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Laney’s favorite charity - The Innocence Project, as a way to honor her generous spirit.

She will be dearly missed, but her laughter, kindness, and light will continue to inspire all who knew her.

DEATH NOTICES

- **Kim Begley**, 66, of Crawfordville, died September 10, 2025.
 - **Evelyn Marie Cronan**, 92, of Crawfordville, died September 13, 2025.
- **Steven Donoho**, 42, of Crawfordville, died September 10, 2025.
 - **David Allan Lewis**, 56, of Crawfordville, died September 14, 2025.
 - **Mark Mitchell**, 61, of Crawfordville, died September 13, 2025.
- **Terry Rainwater**, 63, of Panacea, died September 8, 2025.
 - **Joyce Thomas**, 92, of Tallahassee, died September 11, 2025.
- Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel, 850-926-5919, www.familyfhc.com.

Sheriff’s Report

This report is for activity September 5th to 12th. There were 1,278 total calls for service during the week.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 5

- A citizen reported her car keys and wallet had been stolen. The victim left the items in a cart at Walmart while she was speaking with an employee. The victim returned and found the items missing. Case forwarded to Criminal Investigations Division.
- A citizen reported her vehicle started experiencing engine trouble. She stated she believed someone had poured something in her gas tank. The victim took the vehicle to Peter Boulevard Toyota and mechanics advised her gas lines were crystallized. She believes her vehicle was tampered with while parked at the boat ramp at St. Marks. Case forwarded to CID.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6

- Deputy Shay Sullivan made contact with a citizen who stated someone vandalized his vehicle the previous night. The victim believes he

has identified the possible suspect. Estimated Damage to be \$1000 plus. Case forwarded to CID.

- Deputy Zachary Godwin responded to Hampton Way in reference to a citizen reporting her Infiniti car possibly being broken into. Investigation revealed nothing was stolen but someone threw an object and shattered her vehicle’s rear window. Case forwarded to CID

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7

- Deputy Dylan Buckhalt located an individual walking on U.S. Hwy. 319 and determined he had an active warrant. Deputy Buckhalt placed the subject under arrest and subsequently located meth and paraphernalia.
- A citizen flagged down Deputy Nicholas Gray and advised she located suspected marijuana near Trident. The marijuana was seized for destruction. Case Status: Closed

MONDAY, SEPT. 8

- Deputy Rosa Sammons responded to 940 Shadeville Road in ref-

erence to a theft report. Upon arrival, contact was made with the reporting person who advised there were multiple donated items missing from the outside storage area. The items included a wooden bench, wood flooring slats, and boxes of tile. The stolen items were valued at \$510. The stolen property was last seen at noon on Sept. 7. There were no witnesses to this incident. Nothing further advised.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9

- Deputy Jackson Kittrell responded to Dans Drive in reference to a criminal mischief complaint. Upon arrival, contact was made with the reporting person, who advised his black Nissan Pathfinder had been struck with a rock. He advised his neighbor may have been involved due to them having ongoing issues. Contact was made with the neighbor next door and, post-Miranda warning, he allegedly admitted to throwing a rock at the victim’s vehicle due to the victim making threatening statements about his family. Probable cause was developed to arrest the neighbor for criminal mischief. Photos of the damages were taken and he was transported to the Wakulla County Jail without further incident.
- A citizen reported his Honda Accord stolen. He advised his neighbor’s cousin took his vehicle and several bank cards without his permission. The subject had been allowed to use the vehicle previously to run down the street to his mother’s residence on Sept. 6. After returning the vehicle that day he asked to borrow the vehicle again around 10 p.m. that night. On Sept. 7, The victim awoke and his vehicle was not at his residence. After becoming concerned, he searched his normal location he kept his wallet and discovered several bank cards as well as his driver license and Social Security card missing from the wallet. He checked his bank account and discovered his \$300 was gone from the account and the account was in the negative for a sum of -\$1,100. The last transaction made was \$20 at a WaWa gas station in Ocala on Sept. 9.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10

- Sgt. Heather Will re-

sponded to Old Magnolia Road reference criminal mischief. A citizen advised an individual drove through his residence gate last night to intentionally get onto the reporting person’s property. To replace the gate will cost approximately \$399.99. Case forwarded to Patrol.

- Deputy Jeremiah Post responded to Isle of Paradise where a citizen advised his trailer was stolen this past weekend.

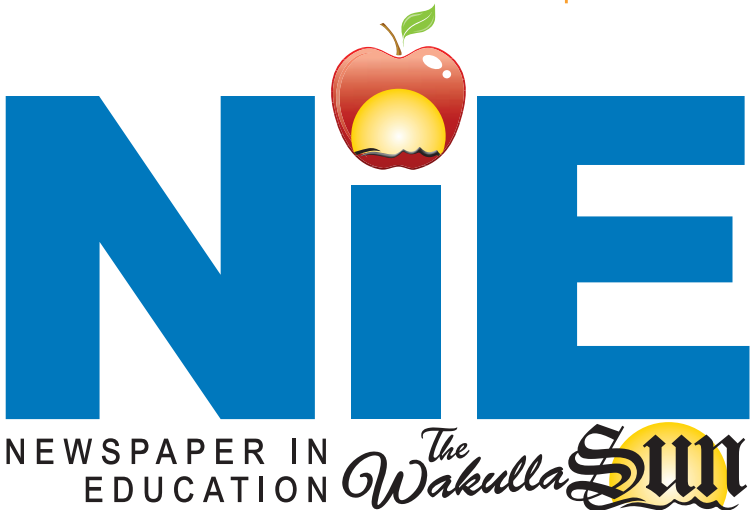
THURSDAY, SEPT. 11

- Lt. David Pienta responded to Oakland Drive and made contact with a citizen, who stated the lot next to him was being bush-hogged and pipe/fence posts were damaged on his property line. Lt. Pienta made contact with the individual who owned the adjacent lot and served a trespass warning at the reporting person’s request.
- Deputy Dylan Buckhalt conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a stop sign violation. During the traffic stop a small amount of suspected marijuana and paraphernalia were seized for destruction.

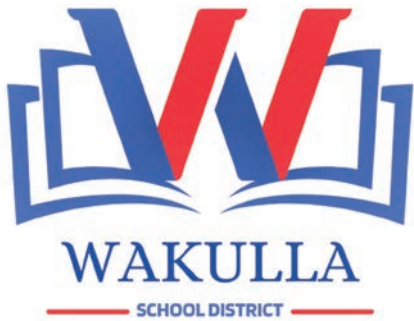
FRIDAY, SEPT. 12

- Deputy Ashton Williams responded to Magnolia Ridge in reference to a criminal mischief complaint. Upon arrival, contact was made with a citizen who advised he observed an individual arrive at the residence in the early morning hours. He stated he observed the subject kneeling behind a vehicle and he exited the residence to investigate what he was doing. The subject fled the scene before the homeowner could make contact with him. Upon further investigation, the homeowner located a screw placed under the rear driver side tire of the vehicle. Contact was made with the owner of the vehicle on scene and she advised she and her ex-husband have been having frequent issues and are scheduled in court in the near future for an unrelated incident. No damage was observed to the vehicle. No video surveillance of the incident was available at this time. This incident is being documented for information purposes. Nothing further advised.

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



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USE THE NEWS

1. COLD WATER CATASTROPHE

Every year, cold water rises up from the deep ocean in the Gulf of Panama between January and April. This cold water is full of nutrients and helps feed fish, dolphins, whales, and even protect coral reefs from getting too hot. But this year, scientists were surprised to find that the cold water never showed up. This has never happened before in 40 years of records. The cold water usually rises because of strong winds called trade winds. These winds help push warm water away and make room for the cold water to come up. But this year, the trade winds were much weaker than normal. Scientists are still trying to figure out why, but it may be because of changes in the air and ocean caused by climate change. If the cold water keeps disappearing, it could hurt sea animals and make it harder for coral reefs to survive. Draw a picture that shows the difference between what usually happens in the ocean near Panama and what happened this year. On one side, show the strong trade winds pushing warm water and cold water rising with lots of sea life. On the other side, show what it looked like this year with weaker winds and no cold water rising. Then write 2–3 sentences about why this cold water is important for sea animals.

2. ISLANDERS WORRY ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

The people who live on small islands in the Pacific Ocean are very worried about climate change. Rising sea levels are already covering the beaches and homes they’ve lived in for generations. Some islands might even disappear underwater in the future. Leaders from these islands met recently to talk about how to protect their communities. They hoped for help from big countries like the United States, but that help has not always come. Years ago, the U.S. promised to help with projects to fight climate change, but those promises were canceled or delayed. China has started offering help instead. Even though the islands are small and don’t have a lot of money, they are working hard to come up with their own ideas—like building climate funds and making their lands stronger.

Many island communities in the Pacific are trying to protect their homes from rising ocean water. Some people are planting trees, building walls, or creating new ways to keep their villages safe. Write a summary of this story in your own words. Include 3 to 5 details you read that you think are important for sharing this story.

3. A STUDY IN THE AMAZON

Scientists studied the Amazon rainforest and found something amazing: when Indigenous people take care of the forest, people nearby get sick less often. That’s because healthy forests help clean the air and water, and they also stop some diseases from spreading. The study showed that areas with more trees had

fewer cases of illnesses like asthma and malaria. Indigenous communities have known this for a long time—they believe the health of people and the land are connected. Now, scientists agree. This new information may help world leaders protect the Amazon rainforest and support Indigenous people who live there. Imagine you are part of a team that wants to help protect the rainforest. Draw a poster that shows how forests help people stay healthy. Include trees, animals, and people, and write a short message like “Healthy Forests = Healthy People!” or “Protect the Rainforest, Protect Our Health.” Be sure to include something you learned from the article in your drawing or message.

4. EXCITING FIND

ON MARS

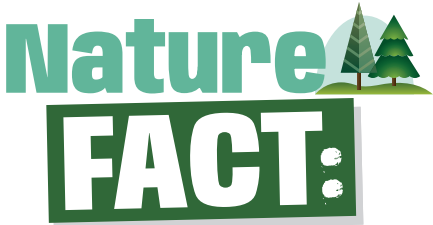
NASA scientists are very excited about a special rock that the Perseverance rover found on Mars. The rock, called Cheyava Falls, has tiny dark spots and strange patterns that look like things made by microbes, which are super small living creatures. On Earth, these same kinds of spots often show that life once lived there. This means the rock might be the best clue so far that life once existed on Mars! Even though this is exciting, the scientists say they can’t be totally sure yet. The signs might also be caused by natural chemical changes, not by living things. To find out for sure, they want to bring the rock back to Earth for more tests in better labs. But right now, NASA’s plan to bring the rocks home is on hold because it costs a lot of money. Even

with the mystery still unsolved, this rock is giving scientists hope that Mars may have once had life. NASA wants to bring the special Mars rock back to Earth, but they aren’t sure how or when they can do it. Design your own space mission to bring the rock home! Draw a picture of your rocket or rover and label its parts. Then, write a short description explaining how your mission will travel to Mars, pick up the rock, and return safely to Earth.

5. MATERIALS MATTER

Paris is famous for its pretty rooftops made of shiny gray metal called zinc. These rooftops have been part of the city for a long time and are loved by artists and tourists. But now, they are causing a big problem. When there are heat waves – very hot days – the metal

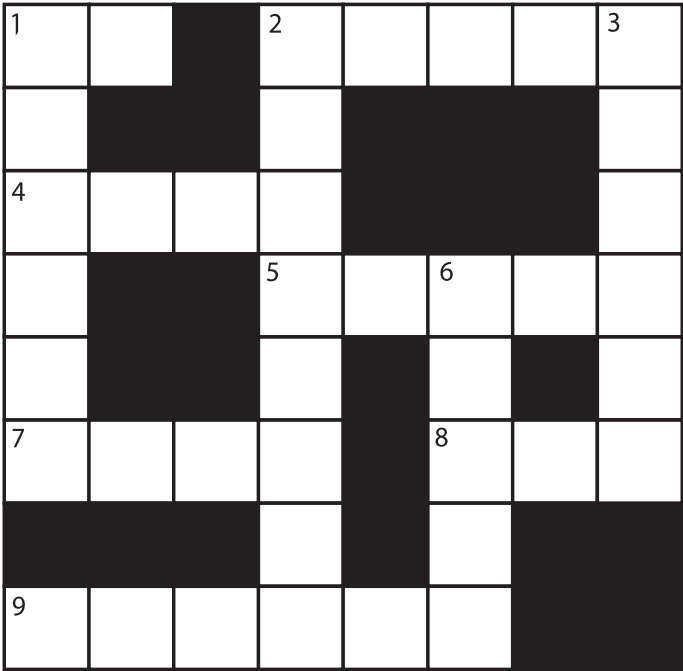
roofs get super hot, like a frying pan. This makes the top-floor apartments underneath them very uncomfortable and sometimes even dangerous. City leaders want to find ways to keep people safe from the heat while still keeping the city’s beautiful look. Some people think adding gardens or wood decks on top of the roofs might help cool them down. Others worry that changing the roofs would make Paris look different. Everyone is trying to find a solution that protects people and also protects the city’s charm. Imagine you are an architect in Paris. Draw or describe a new roof design that helps keep homes cool but still looks nice. What materials would you use? Would you add plants or shade? Write a few sentences explaining your ideas and how they would help people stay cool on hot days.



Leaves change color in the fall due to the breakdown of this substance.

Answer: Chlorophyll

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. California city (abbr.)
- 2. Sudden fear
- 4. Dull pain
- 5. Rest on knees
- 7. One who feels superior to others
- 8. We breathe it
- 9. Place for learning

DOWN

- 1. They grow on trees
- 2. Game played with a baby
- 3. Not as hot
- 6. Digital message

Answers: Across 1. LA 2. Panic 4. Ache 5. Kneel 7. Snob 8. Air 9. School Down 1. Leaves 2. Peekaboo 3. Cooler 6. Email

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1778: The Treaty of Fort Pitt is signed between the United States and a Native American tribe.

1961: The world’s first retractable roof stadium, the Civic Arena, opens in Pittsburgh.

1983: Vanessa Williams becomes the first Black Miss America.

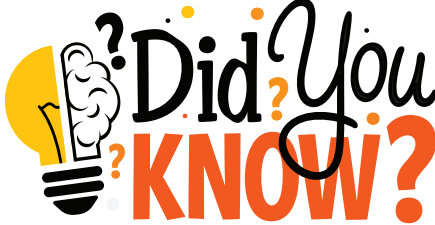


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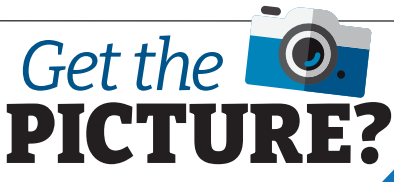
remain in an inactive state, typically during winter



English: Cool
Spanish: Fresco
Italian: Fresco
French: Frais
German: Kalt



Raking leaves by hand is a great form of exercise that enables people to enjoy the fresh air and does not contribute to noise pollution caused by leaf blowers.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Pumpkin

SCHOOL YEAR

WORD SEARCH

H A I B W K E P N K C B T N W X M K R G
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

ASSIGNMENT
BACKPACK
BLACKBOARD
CALCULATOR
CHAIR
CHALK
CLASSROOM
DESK
EXAM
GRADE
HIGHLIGHTER
HOMEWORK
LESSON
LIBRARY
MARKER
NOTEBOOK
PRINCIPAL
RECESS
RULER
SCHEDULE
STUDENT
TEACHER
TEXTBOOK
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Carved into
7. __ Rogers, cowboy
10. Unruly locale
12. Edible mushroom
13. Influential noble-
men
14. Rattling breaths
15. David __ George,
Brit. P.M.
16. Musician Clapton
17. Small Eurasian
deer
18. Invests in little
enterprises
19. Perimeter
21. Chicago ballplay-
er
22. Animal body part
27. It's everywhere
these days
28. Fictional ad exec
33. Mr. T character
Baracus
34. Against the cur-
rent
36. Subway rodent
37. Armor plate
38. Hair on the head
39. Strong insect
40. Swollen lymph
node

41. A way to lessen
44. Walter White
poison
45. Sleeveless gar-
ment
48. Long accompa-
nied song
49. Without features
50. Yankee great Mat-
tingly
51. Removes from
record

CLUES DOWN

1. Root of taro plant
2. Those ones
3. Appliances have
one
4. A way to sing
5. Midway between
east and southeast
6. Animal dwelling
7. An object that as
survived from the past
8. Oil cartel
9. Affirmative
10. Foul smell
11. Brisk tempo
12. S. American in-
digenous person
14. Restored
17. Official

18. Skin lesions
20. Electroencephalo-
graph
23. Middle Eastern
country
24. Extremely angry
25. Title used before a
woman's name
26. British thermal
unit
29. By the way (abbr.)
30. Anger
31. Nullifies
32. Ones who acquire
35. Time zone
36. Arabic name
38. Protein in mucus
40. Ballpoint pen
41. Mimics
42. Humans have a
lot of it
43. Expressions of
good wishes
44. Cool!
45. One point east of
due south
46. City of Angels
football team (abbr.)
47. A way to save for
retirement

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to school.

A E M X S

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22841398
697141854
275364198
169822753
38415622
626147358
922631478
717293485

SSSVHRSNOD
EABOFLWIV
UEATLWICIV
JDOIBV
SINVM
EIV
DNITRSTV
MNIIVR
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GIR
CTIV
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SSSVHRSNOD
EABOFLWIV
UEATLWICIV
JDOIBV
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65734

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GUESS WHO ?

I am an actor born in Pennsylvania on September 11, 1958. I studied literature at Rutgers University. I also was a minor league baseball pitcher in the 1980s. I've been on various television shows and also in the "Saw" films. But I'm best known as a gruff diner owner with a heart of gold.

Answer: Scott Patterson

Answer: Exams

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A S S S E S C E L K L T B M C P I X O X K
D D D E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E
W H A X A U P T E E A N G J K N H A L H
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H C O T T V I O R S V A H T X H S
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Before the sale date of SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2025. The Owners may redeem their property by payment of the Outstanding Balance and cost by mailing certified funds to 2314 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, Florida 32327 or Paying in person at the warehouse location.

September 18, 25, 2025

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 012

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Certificate #: 1370

Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023

Parcel #: 00-00-078-013-11232-000

Description of Property:

Magnolia Gardens

Block M Lot 29, DB 58 P 494

Name in which assessed LOUISE CASTEEL 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: October 22, 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: August 13, 2025

Signature: Greg James, Clerk

By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk

Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida

Published on August 28, September 4, 11, 18, 2025

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TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 040

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that MIKON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC AND OCEAN BANK 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 #: 624

Date of Issuance: June 1, 2022

Parcel #: 00-00-005-000-06246-000

Description of Property:

Lot 5 HS p-14-m-3

an undivided 1/4 interest in James Hawkins land in Lot 5 DB 26 P 146

Name in which assessed B&R HAWKINS/ JQ MCPHERSON C/O BERTRAM LITTLE 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: November 19, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

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Certificate #: 1012

Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023

Parcel #: 00-00-034-009-08591-000

Description of Property:

Wakulla Gardens Unit 2, Block 9 Lot 48, OR 1 P 492

Name in which assessed HELEN S FORT C/O HELEN SHEALY F HITT 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: October 22, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

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Certificate #: 1011

Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023

Parcel #: 00-00-034-009-08589-000

Description of Property:

Wakulla Gardens Unit 2

Block 9 Lot 46, OR 5 P 853

Name in which assessed TOMMY L HARBIN 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: October 22, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

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Certificate #: 1000

Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023

Parcel #: 00-00-034-009-08459-000

Description of Property:

Wakulla Gardens Unit 2

Block 7 Lot 32, OR 6 P 16

Name in which assessed W J BURGOON JR 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: October 22, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

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Certificate #: 989

Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023

Parcel #: 00-00-034-009-08322-000

Description of Property:

Wakulla Gardens Unit 2, Block 5 Lot 41, OR 5 P 560

Name in which assessed PAUL G CROSS C/O MARTHA PATTERRSON 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: October 22, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

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Certificate #: 1365

Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023

Parcel #: 00-00-078-013-11182-000

Description of Property:

Magnolia Gardens , Block L Lot 23

OR 70 P 272 & OR 80 P 235, OR 111 P 39, OR 111 P 875, 876, 877

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: October 22, 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: August 14, 2025

Signature: Greg James, Clerk

By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk

Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida

Published on August 28, September 4, 11, 18, 2025

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 018

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

Certificate #: 1138

Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023

Parcel #: 00-00-034-012-09581-000

Description of Property:

Wakulla Gardens Unit 5

Block 49 Lot 28, OR 65 P 167 & OR 87 P 787-800

OR 513 P 18, OR 638 P 327

Name in which assessed SOUTHERN HOMES PROPERTY DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION 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: October 22, 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: August 13, 2025

Signature: Greg James, Clerk

By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk

Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida

Published on August 28, September 4, 11, 18, 2025

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 036

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **FIG 20 LLC FBO SEC PTY** 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 #: **3** Date of Issuance: **June 1, 2023**

Parcel #: **13-3s-05w-000-00082-001**
Description of Property:
13-3s-5w p-53-m-6
Parcel of land 210 x 210 ft in sec 13-3s-5w & sec 18-3s-4w
OR 24 P 66, 153 OR 85 P 486
OR 88 P 345 OR 89 P 345, 346

Name in which assessed **MARK KANG** 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: **November 19, 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: August 22, 2025
Signature: Greg James, Clerk
By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk
Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida
Published on September 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 037

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **FIG 20 LLC FBO SEC PTY** 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 #: **1208** Date of Issuance: **June 1, 2023**

Parcel #: **00-00-057-350-09960-B16**
Description of Property:
Gardens of Saralan Phase I
Block B Lot 16 OR 933 P 148
OR 965 P 489 OR 1045 P 276, OR 1220 P 604

Name in which assessed **MARK FOREMAN & ANDREA PAIGE FOREMAN** 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: **November 19, 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: August 22, 2025
Signature: Greg James, Clerk
By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk
Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida
Published on September 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 038

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **FIG 20 LLC FBO SEC PTY** 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 #: **639** Date of Issuance: **June 1, 2023**

Parcel #: **33-2s-01e-189-04995-e10**
Description of Property:
Springwood Subd Phase I, Lot 10 Block E OR 105 P 131 OR 242 P 546 OR 285 P 380, OR 294 P 845 OR 560 P 502, OR 1225 P 131, 190

Name in which assessed **MICHAEL E HUMPHREY II** 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: **November 19, 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: August 22, 2025
Signature: Greg James, Clerk
By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk
Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida
Published on September 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2025 TXD 039

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **FIG 20 LLC FBO SEC PTY** 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 #: **1364** Date of Issuance: **June 1, 2023**

Parcel #: **00-00-078-013-11158-000**
Description of Property:
Magnolia Gardens, Block K Lot 51, OR 29 P 696 & OR 59 P 653
OR 245 P 843 OR 530 P 735, OR 585 P 785

Name in which assessed **RON'S REAL ESTATE 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: **November 19, 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: August 22, 2025
Signature: Greg James, Clerk
By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk
Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida
Published on September 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
WILLIAM E. ROBERTS,
DECEASED
DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO: 2025-CP-140

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

You are notified a Petition for Summary Administration has been filed in the Estate of William E. Roberts, deceased, File 2025-CP-140 with the Second Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327; that the Decedent's date of death was June 23, 2024; that the total Estate is to be assigned to the following beneficiaries under Court Order:

Name	Address
Aletha Roberts	P.O. Box 126, St. Marks, FL 32355

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the Estate of the Decedent and persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent other than those for whom provisions for full payment listed in the Petition for Summary Administration must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is September 18, 2025.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Frances Casey Lowe, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 521450
Frances Casey Lowe, P.A.
68-A Feli Way
Crawfordville, Florida 32327
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NOTICE OF ACTION

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

SELENE FINANCE, LP, Case No.: 25000050CAAXMX
PLAINTIFF,
V.
MIRANDA STORM WEST; STEVEN SCOTT WEST; CHADWICK ESTATES
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
MIRANDA STORM WEST; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF STEVEN SCOTT
WEST; THE UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION,
DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: **STEVEN SCOTT WEST**
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: **685 SHAKER DRIVE, RICHMOND, KY 40475**
CURRENT ADDRESS: **685 SHAKER DRIVE, RICHMOND, KY 40475**
TO: **MIRANDA STORM WEST**
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: **685 SHAKER DRIVE, RICHMOND, KY 40475**
CURRENT ADDRESS: **UNKNOWN**


YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a civil action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of Wakulla County, Florida, to foreclose certain real property described as follows:

Lot 41, Block B, CHADWICK ESTATES PHASE 2, according to the plat as recorded in Plat Book 6, Pages 6 and 7, of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida.
Property address: 105 Windsor Way, Crawfordville, FL 32327

You are required to file a written response with the Court and serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Padgett Law Group, whose address is 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312, at least thirty (30) days from the date of first publication, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said court at Crawfordville, Florida 25th day of August, 2025.

Attorney for Plaintiff
Padgett Law Group
6267 Old Water Oak Road,
Suite 203
Tallahassee, FL 32312
attorney@padgettlawgroup.com

**{{County Court Seal}}**
Greg James
As Clerk of the Court
Wakulla County, Florida
By: **/s/ Rachel Howard**
As Deputy Clerk
September 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025

0918-1009 TWS NOA

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

CASE NO.: 25DR304

ELIZABETH SMITH,
PETITIONER,
AND
MICHAEL WARBURTON,
RESPONDENT.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
(NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

TO: MICHAEL WARBURTON, 2799 SANDLEWOOD DRIVE S TALLAHASSEE, FL 32305.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on **ELIZABETH SMITH** whose address is **2731 BLAIRSTONE RD L128 TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301** on or before **10/13/2025** and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HWY CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for t=he relief demanded in the petition.**


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 e-mailed 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.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this Sept. 8, 2025.

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Greg James
As Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: **/s/ Cathi Copeland**
As Deputy Clerk
Published September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 2025

NOTICE OF SALE

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

APEX LAND HOLDINGS, LLC, a Utah limited liability Case #: 25-CC-50
company, as Trustee ofthe Florida No. 174 Land Trust,
and
NICHOLAS LOUIS BRINO, JR. and
KIMBERLY BRINO,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 25, 2025 in Case No. 25-CC-50 in the County Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida wherein APEX LAND HOLDINGS, LLC, a Utah limited liability company, as Trustee of the Florida No. 174 Land Trust is the Plaintiff and NICHOLAS LOUIS BRINO and KIMBERLY BRINO are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327 on October 2, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. the following described real property:

Lot 61 of PALMETTO SUBDIVISION PHASE II, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 20, of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida

More commonly known as: 174 Shelby Drive, Crawfordsville, FL 32327

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED.

ATTORNEY/COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF:
/s/ Vestalia Aylsworth
Vestalia Aylsworth, Esq.
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21101 SW 198 Ave
Miami, FL 33187
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vestalia@live.com
Fla. BarNo. 111007

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Greg James
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Wakulla County, Florida
By: **/s/ Ethan Brown**
As Deputy Clerk
Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 2025

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NOTICE OF SALE

0918-0925 TWS NOFS

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

U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, CASE NO. Case No. 2023-CA-000017
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
AS TRUSTEE, AS SUCCESSOR-ININTEREST TO U.S. BANK
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE EMC MORTGAGE
LOAN TRUST 2004-C, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH
CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-C,
Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES,
LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY
CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY ANN BELL; ET AL.,
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER FLA. STAT. CHAPTER 45


NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment ofForeclosure dated May 27, 2025, in the above-styled cause, the Clerk of Circuit Court Greg James, shall sell the subject property at public sale on the 9th day of October, 2025, at 11:00 A.M. to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327 on the following described property:

COMMENCE AT AN IRON STAKE IN THE PETER SCOTT BRANCH ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF STATE ROAD NO. 10 (U.S. 319) IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, AND RUN IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF SAID STATE ROAD THE DISTANCE OF 300 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 280 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, RUN WEST 150 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 50 FEET, THENCE RUN EAST 150 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND LYING IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH. RANGE 3 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Property Address: 8 ALLEN BELL ROAD, 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 9th day of September 2025.

Attorneys for Plaintiff
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Wendy Griffith, Esquire
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September 18, 25, 2025

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

NOTICE OF FORCLOSURE SALE

0918-0925 TWS NOFS

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

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CASE NO. Case No. 24000126AAXMX
CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JOHN D. MORDECAI A/K/A JOHN MORDECAI, ET AL.,
Defendants

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE


NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment and/or Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale, entered in Case No. 24000126CAAXMX ofthe Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit, in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein Freedom Mortgage Corporation is the Plaintiff and John D. Mordecai a/k/a John Mordecai; Property Owners Association of Mysterious Waters, Inc.; Unknown Spouse of John D. Mordecai a/k/a John Mordecai are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at, the front door of the courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, beginning at **11:00 AM on the 30th day of October, 2025**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 14, BLOCK G, MYSTERIOUS WATERS, UNRECORDED:
COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 3 OF THE HARTSFIELD RIVER SURVEY OF LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN THENCE NORTH 72 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 3 A DISTANCE OF 1434.40 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO AN OLD CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THAT CERTAIN 66.0 ACRE TRACT KNOWN AS THE W.F. GAVIN TRACT; THENCE SOUTH 17 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 37 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID W.F. GAVIN TRACT 1445.43 FEET; THENCE LEAVING THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID W. F. GA YIN TRACT RUN NORTH 72 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 23 SECONDS EAST 1610.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE THENCE NORTH 71 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST 100.21 FEET; THENCE NORTH 17 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST 99.69 FEET TO AN IRON ROD LYING ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY OF EAGLE DRIVE; THENCE RUN SOUTH 72 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY 99.65 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE LEAVING SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY RUN SOUTH 17 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST 100.13 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
TAX ID: 00-00-003-082-06190-001

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 8th day of September 2025.

Counsel of Plaintiff
Brock & Scott PLLC
4919 Memorial Hwy, Suite 135
Tampa, FL 33634

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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 this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Susan Wilson, ADA Coordinator, at 850.606.4401, 301 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301at 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. September 18, 25, 2025

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FWC arrests Sopchoppy man after pursuit

From FWC

On the morning of Monday, Sept. 8, following a vehicle and foot pursuit, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Officer Will Raker apprehended William Ross Frank of Sopchoppy in the Apalachicola National Forest.

Frank was on his motorcycle when stopped by Officer Raker. Frank abandoned his motorcycle and ran into the forest on foot.

Multiple partner



William Ross Frank

agencies responded to assist, including additional FWC units, the Wakulla County Sher-

iff's Office, a Florida Highway Patrol drone operator and a Department of Corrections K-9 team from Wakulla Correctional Institution.

Working alongside the K-9 team, Officer Raker successfully located and apprehended Frank after a short track. Frank had concealed himself in thick swampy vegetation that would have been nearly impossible to detect without the K-9's assistance.

Frank was arrested on charges of fleeing

and eluding a law enforcement officer and driving while license suspended or revoked as a habitual traffic offender.

"This case highlights the importance of teamwork between agencies," said FWC Northwest Region Capt. C. Mitchell Mims. "Thanks to the quick response and collaboration of all involved, this incident was brought to a safe and successful conclusion."

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The War Eagles host the FAMU Baby Rattlers at J.D. Jones Stadium at 7 p.m..



This week is Homecoming against FAMU

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

The Wakulla War Eagles had a much-needed bye week to refocus after going 1-2 in the first three weeks of the season.

After a season-opening win against the Leon Lions, the War Eagles stumbled against the Taylor Bulldogs, giving them their first back-to-back wins against Wakulla, and the Chiles Timberwolves, giving them their first ever win against the War Eagles. “It was a great week of practice,” said Head Coach Scott Klees. “Probably our best week

of practice this year.” Klees said he was “Impressed and proud” of his players’ willingness to get after it and focus on the team. This week the War Eagles face FAMU, a team that Klees says have size and speed. FAMU has some play-makers on the outside that need to be contained. But Klees said Wakulla should have an advantage with its offensive and defensive lines. The War Eagle defense need to put pressure on the FAMU quarterback. And the War Eagle offense needs to establish the run. Overall, the team needs to eliminate penalties and clean up the stuff that’s cost them scores and ultimately games. At the same time,

it’s Homecoming and the players need stay focused and not get distracted by all the festivities.

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COACH Scott Klees

FROM THE COACH

Last week: A good week of practice to focus on the team.

Scouting: FAMU has lots of size and speed, and players on the outside at receiver who can make plays. But Wakulla should have an advantage upfront on offensive and defensive lines.

Key to victory: Offense needs to establish the run, and the team needs to eliminate penalties that have cost scores.

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Janice Brown 90th birthday

Special to The Sun

Janice Pelt Brown is celebrating her 90th birthday on Sept. 21st at Wildwood Seinyard from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Janice was born Sept. 12th, 1935, and raised in Crawfordville. She has lived here most of her 90 years. She also lived other places around the globe, such as Tripoli, Libya, due to her now-late husband, Lonnie

Brown being in the U.S. Air Force and traveling extensively during his time in Korea and Vietnam. Once retired, they settled back in Crawfordville where at 90, she still enjoys using chainsaws to cut down limbs and haul them to the brushpile, and riding her bicycle around the neighborhood for exercise, among other such activities some 20 year olds

don't do, let alone 90 year olds! Together her and her husband had four children, which resulted in five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Her sons Lynn and Dondi, daughters Maria and Deborah, and granddaughter Marissa are throwing the party, and look forward to celebrating her life and legacy with everyone. Come join us!

Chamber luncheon

The August luncheon was held at WEI. Mary Wallace with Marc and Tiffany Sandberg of Jimmy John's, which catered the event.

Megan Smith, Heather Bryan and Kiersten Smith.



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VA S.A.V.E. TRAINING

What is VA S.A.V.E. Training?

VA S.A.V.E. Training is a free, brief course that will help you act with care and compassion if you come across a Veteran who is in crisis or having thoughts of suicide. The acronym S.A.V.E. helps you remember the important steps involved in suicide prevention.

- S - Know the SIGNS that indicate a Veteran might be thinking about suicide.
- A - ASK the most important question of all - "Are you thinking of killing yourself?"
- V - VALIDATE the Veteran's experience.
- E - ENCOURAGE treatment and EXPEDITE getting help.

Wakulla County Public Library's Veterans Meetup and American Legion Post 114 are partnering with US Department of Veterans Affairs to offer VA S.A.V.E. Training, a free, lifesaving program that will help you act with care and compassion if you come across a Veteran who is in crisis or having thoughts of suicide.

Thursday, September 18, 2025

Wakulla County Public Library

Main Meeting Room

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Open to all - Due to the nature of the training, we are requesting no children attend.

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