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WAKULLA WeatherSTEM
Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
Hi: 75° Lo: 47° 8%	Hi: 75° Lo: 47° 7%	Hi: 75° Lo: 52° 8%
Sunrise 7:01 AM Sunset 5:41 PM	Sunrise 7:02 AM Sunset 5:41 PM	Sunrise 7:03 AM Sunset 5:40 PM



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NEW LIBRARY COMING

The new facility is to be built on the community center property



An architect's rendering of the planned new library.

BY WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

Groundbreaking for the new library is Monday, Nov. 17 at 10 a.m.

A new Wakulla County Public Library is in the works.

The facility will be built at the county's community center property at the corner of Shadeville Hwy. and Trice lane.

Friends of the Library president Andy Riddle noted at the county commission meeting on Monday, Nov. 3, that the new building will be 14,000 square feet, about the same size as

the current facility.

Riddle noted recommendations for library size are 1 square foot per resident, which means Wakulla should ideally have a library of around 35,000 square

feet.

Library Director Linda Oaks told commissioners that more than 51,000 citizens walked through the library doors this year.

More than 6,000 attended the library's Story Walk trick-or-treat event before Halloween.

Teachers of the Year are named

Special to The Sun

Wakulla County Schools proudly announces the 2025-26 Teachers of the Year, recognizing outstanding educators from each school who exemplify the district's mission of Rigor, Relevance, and Resilience.

- Crawfordville Elementary School: Amber Stallings
- Medart Elementary School: Cheyenne Hartzog
- Riversink Elementary School: Jennifer Gilbert
- Shadeville Elementary School: Makenna Maldonado
- Wakulla Middle School: Kathleen George
- Riversprings Middle School: Jessica Strickland
- Wakulla High School: Erin Dunn-Caquimbo
- District Office: Kelli Bell

Each teacher was chosen by their colleagues who see their daily dedication to students and how they turn lessons into learning that lasts.

"These educators remind us why Wakulla County Schools continues to thrive," said Superintendent Rick Myhre. "They care deeply for their students and each other, and that spirit of teamwork and purpose is what sets Wakulla apart. We are grateful for their example and proud to celebrate them."

Human remains found in the national forest

Staff Report

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office confirmed last week that human remains were found by a law enforcement officer with the state Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in the Apalachicola National Forest off Curtis Mills Road in the Sopchoppy area.

Sheriff's deputies responded to the scene on Oct. 30 when the remains were found, said Capt. Brett Surace, WSCO's Public Information Officer.

Surace said the remains were turned over to the medical examiner's office for study, and it would likely take weeks before any information could be gleaned from the remains – such as age or gender of the person, or how long the remains had been in the area.

Surace said the FWC officer was patrolling the area as hunting season gets underway and discovered the remains.

COOL CARS



Car Show

Saturday's car show by Friends of Wakulla Springs included the Rat Rod, above; Christy Frye's 1965 purple Ford truck; and the 1970s Datsun pulled up from a sinkhole. (Photos by Perry Dissmore)



Legislative delegation meets

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

Members of the Wakulla legislative delegation were in Crawfordville on Friday afternoon to listen to issues of local concern.

The delegation – Rep. Jason Shoaf, R-Port St. Joe, and Sen. Cory Simon, R-Tallahassee – held the meeting to hear requests before the start of the legislative session in January. Rep. Shoaf conducted the meeting, and Sen.



Rep. Jason Shoaf, at the dais, listens to Sopchoppy Mayor Leonard Tartt. Sen. Cory Simon appeared by phone.

Simon appeared by telephone as he was recuperating from back surgery.

Several citizens spoke in support of Wakulla Giving Hands,

which is making a request for financial support from the legislature.

Marcia Mathis, who was an aide to Sen. Bill Montford when

he was serving, said she was now retired and now volunteering with Wakulla Giving Hands, which holds weekly food giveaways.

Mathis told the delegation that 10% of Wakulla lives below the poverty level and is considered food insecure.

C. Ryan Warner, a culinary instructor at Wakulla High School, praised Wakulla Giving Hands for its support of the culinary program.

A man identified
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Ernie Stevenson Memorial Fishing Tourney is set

Special to The Sun

Next Saturday, Nov. 22, the Fellowship Of Christian Athletes will hold the second annual Ernie Stevenson Memorial Fishing Tournament.

Launch anywhere with weigh-in at 4 p.m. across the street from Sweet Magnolia Inn in St Marks.

Categories are redfish, speckled trout, silver trout and black sea bass.

Paying first three places with redfish paying \$1,500 and speckled trout \$2,500 for first place.

Fee is \$60 per person and children under 15 free.

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Student of the Week

Cadence Teasley – 8th grader, Riversprings Middle

Principal: Joshua Sandgren

Achievements/Reason for Nomination: Riversprings Middle School is proud to have Cadence Teasley as part of the Bear Family. Cadence has an unfailingly positive attitude when she is at school and is truly one of a kind who lights up everyone's day. In the classroom, she is always on task and asks deep questions that lead to great discussions. Cadence is a very conscientious young lady who is always willing to help a classmate. Even when classwork gets difficult and she is struggling, Cadence does not panic or give up. She will rise to the challenge and do her best no matter what activity she encounters. Cadence is not only outstanding in the classroom, but she also brings her personal outlook on sports as well. When on the track field, she never complains and always pushes herself--she aims for self-improvement and doesn't put others down on her journey to do her best. Cadence is truly well-rounded at such a young age and is genuinely kind; she is active in a variety of activities and stands out in all the best ways. RMS is honored to make Cadence Teasley our Star Student.



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Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park

Column says farewell



By LYNN ARTZ, DAVID RODDENBERRY, and SANDY TEDDER

Since 2022, park volunteers have authored

weekly articles about the native plants at Sopchoppy Depot Park. We have enjoyed introducing you to our area's native wildflowers, grasses, flowering vines, shrubs, and trees. We hope our articles and photos have been interesting, informative, and useful.

Regretfully, this will be our last article. Sopchoppy's City Council and city staff have set new rules and substantially reduced their support for the park's native gardens and landscaping. So, we volunteers will be reducing our involvement at the park.

We encourage you to support native plants and wildlife by shrinking your lawn and adding more native plants to your yard. Our declining insect and bird populations need native plants – and your help. For native plant information, visit www.fnps.org/plants and consider joining the Sarracenia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society.

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Voice of Democracy winners

By NANCY FLOYD-RICHARDSON

Wakulla High School is proud to recognize Rose Mitchell, Violet Sexton, Bryson Wombles, and Candra Dow as the school-level winners of the Voice of Democracy Patriotic Audio-Essay Competition.

Since 1947, the Voice of Democracy has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars' premier scholarship program. Each year, nearly 26,000 high school students compete for more than \$2 million in scholarships.

Students compete by



Students Bryson Wombles, Candra Dow, Rose Mitchell, and Violet Sexton.

writing and recording a three-to-five-minute audio essay on an annual patriotic theme. VFW's 2025 – 2026 theme was, "How Are You Showing

Patriotism and Support For Our Country?" Students are judged on originality, content, and delivery.

"Congrats to our winners," said WHS Principal Michele Falk. "For many of the participating students, this was their first time writing and presenting a speech at the high-school level. Public speaking can be daunting, and I applaud them for working to improve their skills."

School-level winners move on to the Post level of the competition, where one student will be selected to represent Wakulla at the District Level. Beyond that, one winner moves on to the State and National levels of the competition.

Legislative delegation

From Front Page

only as Owen, who volunteers with Trap-Neuter-Release, said Wakulla Giving Hands helps support its efforts to reduce the cat population by helping provide animal food.

Representatives of the Panacea Area Water System and the Sopchoppy Water System appeared at the meeting to get support for needed improvements to their systems.

Mayor Leonard Tartt of Sopchoppy said Well 5 at the old courthouse is about to be decommissioned as a plume of gasoline approaches from a decades-old spill from back when the building was the sheriff's office and there were gas pumps for deputies' cars; and Well 7 near Sonic will be shut down as it can't be upgraded. The city needs two new wells and to upgrade two wells in Medart. Tartt requested some \$2.1 million for the project.

Ingrid Matlock and Dan Hinchee of Panacea said the water system there is facing an issue with one its wells, located on refuge property, is unlikely to have its

lease renewed and a new location near Medart Elementary has been identified.

Other speakers included teacher Ricky Strickland who spoke on the high cost of insurance for educators. He asked for some type of relief.

Lynn Artz of Florida Native Plant Society decried the lack of funding for Florida Forever, and asked the delegation for their support to restore funding for the program, which sees the state buy environmentally sensitive lands.

Of elected officials who spoke, Clerk of Courts Greg James said clerk's offices around the state are conducting business in 2025 at 2008 prices. He asked the delegation to support adjusting fines and fees by the consumer price index. He also asked for support of the state clerk association's legislative priorities.

Property Appraiser Donnie Sparkman said he wasn't intending to speak, but – apparently referring to property tax plans being floated by the legislature – urged the lawmakers not to make a situation worse,

and to get the best information they can.

Gov. Ron DeSantis has proposed ending some property taxes. The House came up with a few different ideas, but the governor rejected the approach.

Superintendent of Schools Rick Myhre said the district is doing everything in its power to be efficient in its spending. It recently held teachers harmless on insurance increases. And he praised special facilities funding being used to renovate Wakulla High School, which he said would keep the school in operation for decades.

County Commission Chair Fred Nichols thanked the delegation for helping with the gas station land swap that had created so much controversy – the station was proposed to be built on a tract where an underground cave feeding Wakulla Springs had been located.

The legislators helped with a land swap to put the planned gas station across the road and put the land with the cave into conservation.

Nichols said the county has some upcoming projects that will need support, including a new fire rescue station, and a

new training facility for firefighters.

Resident Sue Damon, who said she was representing concerns of the 19,000 followers of the Facebook page she administers, said people are concerned about uncontrolled growth in the county, expressed disappointment in the county's impact fee study, and questioned if schools are really under capacity as the district has reported. (The district has said that Crawfordville Elementary is over capacity, but none of its other schools.)

Damon also claimed, without evidence, that county commissioners are taking kickbacks from developers.

Gulf Specimen Marine Lab founder Jack Rudloe said the lab has been able to grow red algae as part of its treatment process for the aquarium, and said the algae can be used to make gelatin that can be used in Petri dishes. He asked for state support for the project.

The lab, Rudloe said, doesn't "get a dime out of Wakulla County." Then shrugged and added that he didn't blame them. "I tell them what I think of them," he said, and "won't kiss their hiney."

WHS presents the play Harvey this weekend

Special to The Sun

Wakulla High School Theatre invites the community to step into a world of imagination and laughter with its upcoming production of Harvey by Mary Chase. Performances will take place Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 13–15 at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 16 at 2:30 p.m. in the Wakulla High School auditorium.

This beloved Pulitzer Prize-winning show follows the charming Elwood P. Dowd, whose best friend happens to be an invisible six-foot-tall rabbit named Harvey. As Elwood's peculiar behavior causes chaos for his family and friends, the play explores kindness, sanity, and the importance of seeing the world through a little bit of magic.

The show runs approximately two hours and features a talented cast of students supported by a dedicated technical and design team who have brought the 1940s setting to life with period costumes and creative staging.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students, available at the door or in advance at teachitx.com/wakullahs.

We look forward to seeing you as Wakulla High School Theatre brings Mary Chase's timeless comedy to the stage with humor, heart and charm. So join us and maybe, just maybe, by the end, you'll believe in Harvey too.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Florida PACE Funding Agency, a public body corporate and politic, (the "Agency"), hereby provides notice, pursuant to Sections 163.08, 163.081, 163.082 and 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, each as amended from time to time, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments for more than one year to be levied within the area encompassed by the boundaries of every county in Florida, or any of the municipalities therein, served by the Agency's statewide provision of funding and financing to assist property owners who wish to construct, install or otherwise obtain qualifying improvements identified by the Legislature including, but not limited to, energy conservation and efficiency improvements, renewable energy improvements, and wind resistance improvements, in accordance with Section 163.08, et seq., Florida Statutes, as amended (collectively, the "Qualifying Improvements"). By law and resolution of the Agency, a property owner may apply to the Agency for funding and financing of Qualifying Improvements. The non-ad valorem assessments contemplated by this notice are voluntary and are only imposed by the Agency with the prior written consent authorized by or on behalf of affected property owners who determine to obtain financing for Qualifying Improvements from the Agency. The Agency is authorized by state law to fund and finance Qualifying Improvements and is required to annually collect repayment by non-ad valorem assessments to be collected by the Tax Collector in each County. The Board will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, after a public hearing to be held at Kissimmee Gateway Airport-Executive Conference room located at 401 Dyer Blvd Kissimmee FL on December 9, 2025, at 1pm. In the event of a local or national emergency, a hurricane, or any other interfering circumstance, if necessary, the meeting may be continued to a time, date, and place certain, and notice thereof, along with appropriate means for public attendance and participation, if other than in-person, will be posted on the Agency's website. Such resolution electing to use such uniform method will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property that may be subject to the levy – which is the entirety of the State of Florida. A copy of the proposed form of resolution and other information may be viewed at the Agency's website: www.FloridaPACE.Gov. All affected property owners have the right to be heard on the matter via advance written objection or by appearing in person at the public hearing. Advance written communication will be given equal weight to comments or objections made in person, and may be submitted to the Board via email to Info@FloridaPACE.Gov; and should be received by the Agency on or before December 8, 2025, at 9am so that copies can be distributed to Board members for advance review and hearing preparation purposes.

Any person desiring to speak in person may appear at the public hearing. If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this public hearing, such person will need a record of proceedings and for such purpose such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made at their own expense and which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is based.

Any person requiring special accommodation at this meeting due to disability or physical impairment or needing an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Agency at 850-400-PACE at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If hearing impaired, Florida Relay Service numbers for assistance are (800) 955-8771 (tdd) or (800) 955-8770 (voice).

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In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the County with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the above-referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Administrator's Office at (850) 926-0919, at least two (2) working days prior to the date of the hearing; Hearing & Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771; or email at ADAREquest@mywakulla.com.

Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 2025

Opinions

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

LETTERS FROM READERS

American Legion welcomes veterans

Editor, The Sun:

Did you ever notice that when service men and women meet, they stop and talk and share an immediate close bond?

They share experiences that the rest of us thankfully will never have to know.

American Legion Post 114 members reached out to our citizens at the Veteran’s Day service and gathering at Hudson Park on Saturday.

Why?

Because so many of our Wakulla County citizens have family members who have served our country. You deserve kinship, support and fellowship.

That’s what the Legion is all about.

The Legion is here for you. You are heartily welcome to join your service



fellows on the third Monday of each month. We meet at the Wakulla County Public Library at 6 p.m.

While Post members meet, the Legion Auxiliary is forming and it gathers at the same time. Auxiliary members support you who have served our country.

Did you serve? You are not alone.

Welcome to American Legion Post 114.

Marj Law
 Crawfordville

Historical Society Open House is set

Editor, The Sun:

The Wakulla County Historical Society invites the public to its annual Christmas Open House on Friday, Dec. 5 from 4 to 7 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 6 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the historical museum and archives building on 24 High Drive, directly across from the Old Courthouse.

Live music, refreshments and shopping local in the gift shop will all contribute to a festive time.

On Friday, December 5 will feature live music from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 6, Sammy Tedder will entertain with his soulful saxophone.

The historic building itself will be open for free tours, and the Society is honored to host guest author Cindy Row Littlejohn, who will be available to sign copies of her latest release “Yankees in the Courthouse,” the third in the award winning Palmetto Pioneers Trilogy.

Ms. Littlejohn’s books will be available for sale in the gift shop. All are welcome.

Andrea Carter
 President
 Wakulla County Historical Society

Ask Judge Smith: Two key criminal law concepts



By **JUDGE LAYNE SMITH**

Q. I’ve been watching some courtroom dra-

mas, and I’m curious about some legal concepts I’ve heard mentioned. Can you explain the presumption of innocence and the right to remain silent? Erin

A. Erin, you have hit on two bedrock concepts that trial courts and lawyers emphasize at every criminal trial. Let’s break down each one.

In Florida, as in the rest of the United States, you’re pre-

sumed innocent until proven guilty. Thus, if the state or federal government charges you with a crime, the prosecution bears the burden of proving your guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. You don’t have to prove your innocence. The presumption of innocence is a fundamental right that protects individuals from wrongful conviction.

Now, let’s talk about

the right to remain silent. Under the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, you have the right not to incriminate yourself. If the police arrest you, you can choose not to answer their questions. Opting not to respond is often called “taking the Fifth.”

In Florida, when law enforcement officers detain suspects, they provide them with Miranda warnings, which

inform them of their rights to remain silent and to an attorney.

In court, defendants often choose not to testify, and that’s perfectly okay. The prosecution can’t use your silence against you or imply that you’re guilty because you didn’t testify. The judge will instruct the jury not to draw any adverse inferences from a defendant’s decision not to testify.

These rights ensure

that individuals receive fair treatment and that the State can meet its burden.

Defendants who choose to testify are like every other witness: They must face direct and cross-examination.

The Honorable J. Layne Smith is the Circuit Judge assigned to Wakulla County, Florida, a bestselling author, and a public speaker.

On the Horizon

Calendar of events for the week of November 13

Thursday, November 13

- State Board of Education will meet at the auditorium at the district office beginning at 9 a.m.
- St. Marks City Commission meets at the St. Marks Yacht Club at 6 p.m.
- The play “Sterling Legacy” by Danielle Wirsansky opens at Palaver Tree Theater at 8 p.m. It’s a pay-what-you-can-night.
- Rotary Club of Wakulla meets at Tallahassee State College at 8:30 a.m.
- Coastal Optimist Club meets at noon at Myra Jean’s on the first and third Thursdays.
- Gentle Yoga and Stetching Class, every Thursday, 11:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church. Bring a mat. Come early to sign in. Chair Yoga participants welcome. \$2 per class.
- The VFW Auxiliary Bingo Night will be held at 7 p.m. at 475 Arran Road in Crawfordville, every Thursday. There are concessions and raffles.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Friday, November 14

- Wakulla War Eagles travel to Jacksonville to take on the Bishop Kenny Crusaders at 7 p.m.
- “Sterling Legacy” at Palaver Tree Theater will be performed at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon & at 8 p.m. every Friday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Saturday, November 15

- The play “Sterling Legacy” will be performed at Palaver Tree Theater at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

Sunday, November 16

- Wakulla Giving Hands holds a food giveaway every Sunday from 12: 30 to 2:30 p.m. at their facility across from Medart Elementary on Highway 98.
- The play “Sterling Legacy” will have two performances at Palaver Tree Theater: a matinee at 2 p.m. and a final performance at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

Monday, November 17

- Groundbreaking for the new Wakulla County Public Library will be held at 10 a.m. at the community center location.
- County commission meets at 6 p.m. in the commission chambers.
- The Wakulla County School Board meets at 5:45 p.m. in the school administration building.
- Information Fair, sponsored by the Wakulla Senior Center, will be held at the center from 10 a.m. to noon.
- Sopchoppy Lions Club meets at the Sopchoppy School at 6:30 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. every Monday at 54 Ochlockonee St.
- Gentle Yoga and Stetching Class, every Monday, 11 a.m. Wakulla Community Center. Bring a mat. Come early to sign in. Chair Yoga participants welcome. \$2 per class.
- Line Dancing Class is held at Wakulla Dance Academy every Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. \$5 per person. Wear dance shoes or tennis shoes.

Tuesday, November 18

- Sarracenia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, 6:30 p.m. – Wakulla Co. Library. UF/IFAS training coordinator with the Invasive Species Citizen Science Project, Christian Wanamaker, will be discussing invasive plants that harm our ecosystems. Learn more about these plants and how they can be mapped and managed. A follow-up field trip is planned. For Zoom link, email: Sarracenia.nps@gmail.com. Free and open to the public.
- 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.

Wednesday, November 19

- Yoga with Stacy at the community center at 11 a.m. \$2 donation per class.
- A line dance class is held at 1 p.m. at the Wakulla Senior Center every Wednesday.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

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Retired, Ofc of Ins, Reg.

“My mother, she passed away in 2014. There's still so much not said. We had the typical mother-daughter relationship.”



SHANNON VALENTINE
Master Gardener

“My grandmother, I want to ask her how she managed to keep everything together hosting Thanksgiving AND Christmas year after year. It is held at my house now.”



JANE MARTIN
FSU, Retired

“My dad, I would like to ask him more about his time in the service.”



HARRIET RICH
Painting & Dancing

“My husband, that would be an absolutely amazing and wonderful thing. He was a wonderful man.”



ALEXANDRIA WILBUR
Teacher

“The best person to share a meal with would be Jesus, and he could bless the food.”

Wakulla Crossroads

By **VERNA BROCK**

I have been fortunate enough to celebrate another family reunion this past weekend, celebrating my extended family, and especially honoring my Uncle Jack Harrison. Now a spry 98, he is the last of my mother's remaining siblings. My many cousins and I came from across the country for the occasion and had a wonderful time together. The only problem is there just isn't ENOUGH time together!

Our first reunion was held at Wakulla Springs, way back in April of 1981; nearly 45 years later, the family has grown and changed with the passage of time. This was our sixth gathering, and I swear they get sweeter every time we manage to pull one off. We had multiple photo albums, with pictures dating

from the late 1800s and early 1900s to the present. How is it possible so much history has transpired, and so much has changed, over the past 100-plus years? It all seems to have passed in the blink of an eye.

Among the documents and mementos was a portrait of my grandfather in his army uniform, from World War I. How young and handsome he was! We also have a signed letter from President Lyndon B. Johnson to my family, recognizing Granddaddy's service in the Great War, the War to End All Wars. How optimistic the world was back then; I only wish the fantasy had been true! Little did anyone suspect the seeds of the worst conflagration in humanity's story had already been sown.

We in America just recognized Veterans Day, once known as Armistice Day,

on Tuesday. So many young men were lost during World War I, so many citizens died, and so many were left physically and spiritually broken. Across Europe and Canada, Remembrance Day/ Armistice Day is also celebrated every November 11th. Veterans, their service, and their sacrifices are faithfully honored by grateful nations.

Since my reunion, I have pondered all the connecting threads, the waste of resources, the horror and tragedy of war. How is it that something so obviously destructive and hideous as war continues to seduce members of our species? What dreadful disconnect allows otherwise rational people to consider war a solution to any kind of problem, at any level? There will always be an aggressor in every conflict, so what prompts the initial, mad, hubris? It seems no one knows or can predict it.

Scripture states in Matthew 24, v.6, “..there will always be wars, and rumors of war.” It appears we are doomed to

repeat the follies of the past, forever. Or, at least, until the end of days. Yet Christ also told us in the Beatitudes, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.” We are clearly called to be instruments of brotherhood and peace. What a shame it is so difficult to overcome our warring, divisive, human nature!

Perhaps one of our highest callings really is to never forget the service and sacrifice of our soldiers. We must keep ever before us the spectre of war with its inevitable and painful consequences. When the pain of loss and suffering slips from our collective memory, it becomes so much easier to gloss over the grim reality of war, to justify the means with a sanitized end. It's easier to glorify war when no one can recall the actual experience of fighting and dying.

Let us resolve to not forget the past, but to honor it by working for a peaceful future.

Firehouse Subs donates to Wakulla Fire Rescue

Northwest Florida First Responders awarded nearly \$85,000 for critical lifesaving equipment

Special to The Sun

As first responders continue to serve the northwest Florida area, it's important that they remain properly equipped to handle all emergencies. Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation recognized their need for new lifesaving equipment and recently awarded almost \$85,000 in grant funding to Wakulla County Fire Rescue and City of Gretna Fire Rescue.

The new equipment includes 11 sets of bunker gear and extrication equipment presented to the departments on Friday, Nov. 6 in Tallahassee.

Wakulla County Fire Rescue received 11 sets of bunker gear that will allow firefighters to safely enter active fire scenes, keeping them protected from heat and hazards.

“On behalf of Wakulla County Fire Rescue, I want to express our sincere gratitude to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for their continued support of our department and our mission to protect the citizens of Wakulla County,” said Louis Lamarche, Fire Chief, Wakulla County Fire Rescue. “Their generosity has once again made a meaningful impact – most recently through the purchase of 11 new sets of firefighter bunker gear. This vital equipment helps ensure our firefighters have the protection they need to safely serve our community every day.”

City of Gretna Fire Rescue received extrication equipment that will aid first responders when responding to emergencies involving vehicle crashes and structural collapses. The rescue tools include a spreader, cutter, ram, tips and



Wakulla Fire Rescue personnel with new bunker gear presented by Firehouse Subs at an event on Friday, Nov. 6 in Tallahassee.

accessories. This equipment will provide support for emergency response efforts in their rural communities.

“We are incredibly grateful to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for their commitment to first responders and the communities they serve,” said Danny Hunter, Fire Chief of Gretna Fire Rescue. “This equipment will make a real difference in our ability to save lives and serve our neighbors safely and effectively. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Foundation and its supporters for investing in the safety and resilience of rural communities like ours.”

For the past 20 years, charitable donations have been the driving force behind Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation supporting first responders and public safety organizations nationwide. The Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation has awarded 7,013 grants valued at over \$102 million to public safety organizations since 2005.

To donate and learn more, visit any Firehouse Subs restaurant or the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation website at FirehouseSubsFoundation.org.

In 2005, the Firehouse Subs founders established the 501(c)(3),

non-profit Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. The charity provides lifesaving equipment, prevention education, scholarships and continued education, and disaster relief for first responders and public safety organizations, as well as support for military veterans. Since inception, the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation has awarded more than \$102 million to hometown heroes in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. Support for Canadian first responders is provided through the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada®.

The Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation is honored to be listed as a four-star nonprofit organization, the highest designation, by Charity Navigator. Charity Navigator is the nation's largest and most-utilized evaluator of charities. Grant allocations are made possible thanks to the overwhelming support of Firehouse Subs restaurants and generous donors. More than 70% of the funds raised for the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation come from the generosity of Firehouse Subs guests and the restaurant brand.

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HOME ON THE RANGE

FN 509 or CZ P07?



By MARJ LAW

"I've got an idea for you," says Joe, grinning at me. It almost might be an evil grin, but I'm about to find out.

"Okay. Let's have it. What do you think I should write about this week?"

"We could go to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range and compare the FN 509 and the CZ P07."

"And why would we want to do that?" I wonder.

"They are both 9mm handguns. They appear very close as to size, weight, and barrel length." He still has that smirk on his face.

"What's so funny about it?" I can tell he has an agenda.

"Well, one happens to be a striker-fired gun and the other is hammer-fired."

Aha! I knew there'd be a catch! He's well aware that I prefer striker-fired guns while he vastly prefers hammer-fired guns. The FN is striker-fired, and the CZ is hammer-fired.

"If we compare them, do you promise not to purposely shoot the FN worse than the CZ, be-

cause the CZ is hammer-fired?" I ask.

"I'd never do that," he says, sounding a bit hurt.

Okay, he's right. He wouldn't do that. He might think about doing it, though, but he likes guns far too much to be sneaky when shooting.

Let's talk similarities and differences. First, that CZ is a hammer gun. Joe always says the 1911 hammer guns have the best and smoothest triggers. Maybe.

The CZ has a barrel length of 3.75 inches while the FN's barrel is 3.7 inches. The FN is 6.8 inches in overall length. The CZ is longer at 7.2 inches, but the longer length is due to the deep beaver tail. And, while the CZ is heavier at 27.7 ounces, the FN is 25.5 ounces. When you put them side by side, they do look about the same. Except, that is, the CZ is one of those hammer-fired guns.

Happily, we see two friends at the range this Wednesday. Mara and Chuck agree to compare these guns with us. Mara is about my size. Her bones are a bit sturdier than mine, but she has small hands like I do.

Chuck is a big guy like Joe. The four of us will note trigger pull, trigger travel, recoil, grip, and difficulty of racking the slide.

We will shoot the CZ in single action, so the comparison will be more fair. Remember, single action is when the trigger has only one job, which is releasing the hammer. Otherwise, in double

action, it would have to cock the hammer, and then release it. That's 2 jobs. So, we cocked the CZ first, so it would be similar to shooting the FN (which doesn't have a hammer to cock).

Mara and Chuck don't have any idea that Joe is rooting for the CZ and I think the FN will shoot better. They've helped us compare handguns in the past, and will give us their honest opinions.

Since the CZ came with two 15-round magazines, Joe puts a 15-round magazine in the FN. Later, we will see that Mara feels this makes a difference, but this is what we put in the guns to shoot today.

We're rating each aspect on a 1-5 basis. A 1 means it is easy or we like it a lot, and a 5 means it is difficult and we don't like it much.

Since Joe is so stuck on the idea that the hammer gun will have a better trigger pull, we all

rate trigger pull of the CZ first.

Both Joe and Mara give trigger pull a 2. I think it's a bit higher, and Chuck says it's even lower and easier.

Trigger travel is different. All of us notice that travel is long on the CZ. Mara gives it a 4, and Joe and I give it a 3. That's a long travel. Chuck doesn't find it so difficult, and he gives it a 2. So, 3 of us find the CZ's travel to be a long trigger pull.

Of course, recoil is important to most of us. Mara finds the CZ's recoil to be sturdy, and she gives recoil a 4. Even Chuck finds it quite to be quite strong, too. He and I both give recoil a 3. Joe finds it a bit easier and gives it a 2.5.

We all like the CZ's grip, but Mara says she'd like the grip better with the smaller magazine. The bottom of the 12-round magazine has a lip which provides a

stop for small hands, giving better control. Mara is sure that if we'd have put in the smaller magazine instead of the 15-round mag, she'd have had better control of the gun. Then she might have found shooting the CZ to be less difficult.

With its long trigger pull, and substantial kick, this CZ 9mm handgun is not for a newbie shooter.

Next, we move to the FN 509. I'm surprised to find that Mara has more difficulty with this gun.

Mara finds both trigger pull and trigger travel to be difficult. She rates both a 4. That's almost as hard as you get on our 1-5 scale. Joe and I give both pull and travel a 2.5. Chuck finds the trigger pull easy and gives it a 1, but he thinks the trigger has a long travel and assigns travel a 3.5.

Kick? Both Mara and Chuck find recoil to be very sturdy and give re-

coil a 3. Joe and I are close on recoil and give it a 2.5.

Grip? Both Joe and Chuck like the big grip a lot and give grip a 1 and 2. Mara and I find it too large and give it a 3.

Mara and I find racking the slide sturdier than we like. She gives it a 4, and I give it a 3. Joe and Chuck (the big guys), give it a 2 and 2.5.

So, what conclusion do we find from comparing the two handguns?

Mara finds the CZ to have an edge for ease of shooting, and so does Chuck.

I'm surprised to find my scores for both guns to be the same. Go figure. I can't believe I rate the hammer-fired gun the same as the striker-fired gun.

Joes' scores find the FN to edge out the CZ, but only by a little bit. Ha! That's the striker-fired gun.

The FN 509 and the CZ P07 appear to be very similar handguns, except that you see the visible hammer on the CZ. Looking under the slide of the FN, you see that it's a striker-fired gun.

I would definitely not suggest these guns for brand-new shooters. However, for seasoned shooters, especially those who have a large bone structure, these two guns shoot very well and are reliable and concealable.

It's all a matter of personal preference. I'm sticking with the striker-fired gun.

Joe still prefers his hammer-fired gun.

Neither one of us has changed our mind.

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



CZ P07

Hammer-Fired
9mm
Barrel: 3.75"

FN 509

Striker-Fired
9mm
Barrel: 3.7"



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WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO



Retired Wakulla Springs State Park Ranger Bob Thompson, on his weekly wildlife survey at the park, took this photo of an Anhinga perched on a cypress knee.

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Thursday 13

Sun rise/set: 7:01 AM / 5:41 PM
Moon rise/set: 1:03 AM / 2:11 PM
Moon Illumination: 35%

Friday 14

Sun rise/set: 7:02 AM / 5:41 PM
Moon rise/set: 2:00 AM / 2:38 PM
Moon Illumination: 26%

Saturday 15

Sun rise/set: 7:02 AM / 5:40 PM
Moon rise/set: 2:55 AM / 3:04 PM
Moon Illumination: 18%

Sunday 16

Sun rise/set: 7:03 AM / 5:40 PM
Moon rise/set: 3:49 AM / 3:30 PM
Moon Illumination: 11%

Monday 17

Sun rise/set: 7:04 AM / 5:39 PM
Moon rise/set: 4:44 AM / 3:58 PM
Moon Illumination: 6%

Tuesday 18

Sun rise/set: 7:05 AM / 5:39 PM
Moon rise/set: 5:39 AM / 4:28 PM
Moon Illumination: 2%

Wednesday 19

Sun rise/set: 7:06 AM / 5:39 PM
Moon rise/set: 6:35 AM / 5:03 PM
Moon Illumination: 0%

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Nov. 13 - Nov. 19

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Tide charts by tides4fishing.com

Best fishing days this month: Nov. 12, 17 - 23

Phase indicators: First (Nov. 28), Full (Dec. 4), Last (Nov. 12), New (Nov. 20)

Thursday 13

Major Times: 6:41 AM / 7:02 PM
Minor Times: 12:33 AM / 1:41 PM

Friday 14

Major Times: 7:23 AM / 7:43 PM
Minor Times: 1:30 AM / 2:08 PM

Saturday 15

Major Times: 8:03 AM / 8:23 PM
Minor Times: 2:25 AM / 2:34 PM

Sunday 16

Major Times: 8:43 AM / 9:03 PM
Minor Times: 3:19 AM / 3:00 PM

Monday 17

Major Times: 9:24 AM / 9:45 PM
Minor Times: 4:14 AM / 3:28 PM

Tuesday 18

Major Times: 10:06 AM / 10:28 PM
Minor Times: 5:09 AM / 3:58 PM

Wednesday 19

Major Times: 10:51 AM / 11:15 PM
Minor Times: 6:05 AM / 4:33 PM

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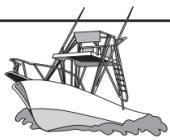
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Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



This is a highlight from Making Sailing Sense by Bob Currie, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Recreational Boating Safety Specialist, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Station Galveston Flotilla.

Last week we heard about the common senses, this week, we look at the other six senses. If you think about it, you can come up with several more human senses. All our senses are tied to human organs. We hear with our ears, we see with our eyes, we taste with our tongues (in combination with our sense of smell), we touch with all parts of our bodies with the largest organ of the human body (our skin), and we smell with our noses. Let's look at the other six senses and how they affect our ability to safely operate the human body.

Equilibrioception is the sense of balance. Heavy seas can really play havoc with our sense of balance, so the more used to operating in heavy seas you become the safer you are. You also should practice three point contact when moving about your boat, and tell your passengers to do the same. That means

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that at all times possible you should have either two feet and one hand or two hands and one foot to make contact with the boat. Proprioception is the ability to determine exactly where your body and its parts (arms, legs, feet, toes, fingers, head) are located. Loss of proprioception can occur, and it depends a lot on the operating complexity of the operation you are doing. Certain illnesses can make you dizzy. Dizziness is a term for loss of proprioception. The take away here is that you should not operate a boat if you are ill, especially if you experience dizziness.

Kinesthesia is the sense of movement. It works in conjunction with proprioception. You can increase the accuracy of kinesthesia by practicing certain movements. Taking a turn at the helm is the best way to develop kinesthesia for boat operation.

Operating in different conditions in another skill to develop. Don't forget that kinesthesia is hampered by illness and alcohol use. Nociception is the ability to feel pain. Operating a boat has several inherent dangers. One is using lines such as docking lines. If you place your hand between the boat and the dock while securing a line, you are quite likely to experience some severe nociception.

We need to know whether our environment is too cold or too hot. Being able to sense the temperature around us helps keep us alive and well. Thermoception is done by special nerve cells in the skin called thermoreceptors. The good sailor protects their skin from excessive temperatures by properly covering it when necessary.

Chronoception is how we sense the passing of time and

is also important to use for limiting your exposure to the sun, wind, and elements. As the saying goes, time flies when you are having fun.

Thanks to Sherrie, we will always remember safe boating is no accident. Having your senses about you is critical to your safety.

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

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Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

Technical divers vs. Recreational divers.

January 26, 2012

At the recent meeting, hosted by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection last week, to get public opinion on opening Wakulla Springs State Park to scuba diving, those opposed were confused between two terms that neither side adequately defined.

Like so many diverse communities, those who seek adventure underwater function very differently depending upon their mission and their environment. Last week I defined what is commercial diving (working for a profit while employed by another) and those who have an exemption from the OSHA Commercial Diving Standards. But I did not expand on how the recreational diving community is defined.

To play is to recreate. Hiking, swimming, bird watching and canoeing, just to mention a few of the many recreational pursuits we love to engage in for fun, are what bring us to our State Park System. Scuba diving is no different. A person who aspires to travel the length of the Appalachian Trail from Florida to Maine, will begin as a novice with basic hiking skills perhaps gained in the Boy or Girl Scouts.

As they gain confidence, physical endurance and experience their performance improves efficiency and safety over many years. Successively, more difficult trails are tried until one day the goal is reached, a personal achievement is accomplished. Along the way, better technology is accumulated and skills perfected.

Basic scuba is also trained in the Scouting programs and elsewhere in universities and private stores. These beginners are provided with a permit to begin their recreational journey to achieve personal achievements above or below the water.

I took my kids to the ski slopes at an early age. There we all trained and stayed on the beginner slopes. As our skills improved we began to use progressively more challenging hills, falling on many occasions, but with improved technology and training, eventually, we mastered the black diamond runs.

This arbitrary term means nothing to a non-skier. By inference however, you may be assured the slope is very steep and challenging.

Like so many other recreational communities, scuba diving has defined their recreation in several ways. One I currently favor is calling a Rec (recreational) diver as one who solves their problem at the surface. When a problem presents itself, the individual applies technology that enables them to go straight to the surface. These skills and technology are taught in basic scuba.

A Tec (technical) diver is a person who usually resolves their problems at depth, permitting themselves the ability to dive beyond the easy access to the surface. Considerably more complex and expensive technology and skills are required for the Tec diver to achieve this type of diving safety. Examples of this type of recreational diving include under-ice diving, decompression diving, wreck diving and, yes, cave diving.

Millions of people around the world scuba dive. Many aspire to share recreational underwater adventure. These people seek technology and training to gain advanced skills to permit them access and enjoyment in beautiful environments.

A speaker presenting late at the meeting said only technical divers would be expected to dive the caves in the Wakulla Springs State Park like they currently do at many other State Parks. Of course the diving public attending understood these recreational divers would be Tec divers, but those opposed to opening Wakulla Springs do not understand our terminology.

Our apologies. As with all recreational activity, we advocate a person should be allowed to participate to the limit of their training, as documented by certification. To do otherwise is to invite counterproductive injury.

Editor's Note: This is a repeat of a column from 2012.

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Who will you call to get that support today?



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

At 20 years old, Jenny felt like giving up. She had maintained a solid B average during her first year of college, but last summer, her life started to fall apart.

Thinking back, she

realized that accepting the invitation to that party hadn't been her best decision. Her desire for acceptance and friendship had clouded her judgment. Why didn't she refuse that beer like she always had before? She hadn't noticed her strong inclination toward alcohol until that day. Now, there was no denying she had a problem.

Does this fictional story remind you of anything?

Or perhaps you go to bed heavy with regret for a different reason. Maybe you're sorry you yelled at your child – again – for

simply being a kid.

Or after a heartfelt commitment to change, you still hear the echoes from when you nagged your husband or berated your wife – again.

What about that resolution you made to lose 40 pounds ... or to quit smoking – again? Your bathroom scales show an additional five pounds, or you're smoking more than ever.

Maybe you're at risk of losing your job or flunking that course, or your house is a total mess because you can't seem to motivate yourself to get up off the couch.

Has your situation finally convinced you that you can't overcome it alone? Maybe a sinful habit has revealed how much you need others' involvement to make today different from yesterday.

It's okay to ask for help. In fact, it could be vital for you to do so – even if it means setting aside your pride. We're here to support each other. One day in the future, God may use you to help someone else, but for now, allow others to be there for you.

As a community – especially the church – we

thrive when we serve one another. Even more amazing, we glorify God. First Peter 4:10-11 (ESV) says: "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace . . . whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."

This week – this day – is a great time to ask God to help us clean up our act. If necessary, let's ask God for wisdom and courage to seek assistance. Isn't it comforting

to know that whatever our struggle, we don't have to go through it alone?

But we do have to reach out. Consider meeting with a wise friend or relative, a mental health professional (preferably Biblically-based) or perhaps someone from your church.

Who will you call to get that support today?

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Making time for God



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

I remember when time was measured by how many fingers I could hold up to tell my age, thinking to myself, soon I will be able to hold up all of my fingers when I hit the magical number 10. Funny how 16 to 60 seemed like forever away, and 60 to 16 seems like only yesterday.

And now 60 feels almost like a mile marker

in the rearview mirror — something I notice only when I see my reflection. Time is its own entity, moving steadily, quietly, beyond our control.

Time can feel impossibly slow when we are children, stretching endlessly across summers and birthdays.

Yet it can pass through our hands like grains of sand as we grow. One moment we are counting fingers, imagining the magic of ten, and the next we are counting decades, marveling at how swiftly they have passed.

Think of all the changes we've witnessed: from party lines to cell phones, from imagining a computer in every home to holding one in every hand.

We have moved from heavy, boxed black-and-white televisions with antennas to flat-screen sets that hang on the wall, connected to satellites and controlled by remotes.

Automobiles with advanced navigation and driver-assist technology take us everywhere, increasing the fast pace of our lives.

When it is all said and done, our time here is brief. Moms and dads pass away, children grow, and the seasons of our lives unfold in ways we cannot always control.

Laughter and grief, work and rest, moments of joy, and seasons of trial are all part of the natural rhythm of life.

But this rhythm did not begin with us — it

was set in motion at the very beginning, when God spoke creation into being. There was evening and morning, day by day — a deliberate unfolding of time. God, timeless and eternal, set the cadence of days and seasons, the heartbeat of the world.

Yet God did not remain distant from time. He stepped into it through Jesus, entering our world, our days, our lives. He moved with patience, taking the time to heal, to teach, to guide. In John 9, Jesus healed a blind man step by step. He did not rush the process. He placed the paste on the man's eyes, asked if he could see, and when his vision was unclear, He continued until the man could see clearly.

God takes time with us in the same way — He is always making time for us.

Even when our days feel rushed or our schedules overwhelming, God is present, moving patiently alongside us. He notices the small moments we often overlook — a quiet sigh, a gentle smile, a whispered prayer. If we pause and open our hearts, we begin to see that every moment is an invitation to connect with Him and experience His peace.

Maybe it is time we, too, learn to slow down. In the midst of our busy days, the endless tasks and the constant rush, God invites us to pause and be present with Him. To sit quietly, to breathe, to listen, and

to notice His presence in the ordinary moments — in the morning light, the laughter of a child, the comfort of a friend.

God's timing is perfect, and when we take the time to step into His rhythm, we discover peace, clarity, and a deeper understanding of life. Perhaps the greatest gift we can give ourselves is simply making time for God, trusting that He is already making time for us.

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12

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OUT TO PASTOR

Truth is as the Truther says



By **JAMES SNYDER**

One thing I have learned in life is that for many people, truth is a relative thing. The truth is what they say it is, and you can't convince them otherwise.

I wrestle with telling the truth all the time. If you tell the truth, you do not have to remember what happened. But when you lie, you have to have a good memory of what the last lie was. Unfortunately, I do not have that kind of memory.

What I do remember is good old Uncle Dan. Now, he was not a biological uncle in that sense. But he was so much a part of our family and our family gatherings that everybody treated him like an uncle.

Everybody in the family really loved Uncle Dan. He had a charm about him that nobody could really refuse. He wasn't married and had no siblings, so, apart from my family, he had no family. We gladly welcomed him into our family circle.

What most of us liked about Uncle Dan was his humorous stories. He never ran out of stories to tell, and they were all hilarious. He was so funny I believed he could have been a comedian, and we accepted him and enjoyed his comedy.

Uncle Dan has been

gone now for at least 20 years, but I still remember quite a few things about him. Of course, my memory is focused on his stories. For every family gathering, he had at least one story to tell.

As soon as Uncle Dan began one of his stories, he had our attention.

We all laughed almost uncontrollably while he told his story. We didn't know at the time, but we laughed because he told different versions of the same story. It was when he went fishing at the lake. I don't know where it all started, because it was always a different lake.

At the time, nobody realized he was telling the same story, just different versions. Every time he told the story, it turned out differently from the story before.

My cousin and I were the first ones to realize what good old Uncle Dan was doing. Whether Uncle Dan knew he was doing it or not, I will never know.

After one of his story-telling episodes, my cousin and I were together, I looked at him and said, "Wasn't that similar to the story he told the last time?"

My cousin looked at me, scratched his chin, and then said, "You know, I think you're right. That was similar to the one he told last time, and the one he told before that, and the one he told before that one. They all were similar."

Together, we laughed as only cousins could. We couldn't wait until the next family gathering with Uncle Dan. We wanted to see if anybody else caught on to what

Uncle Dan was doing.

My cousin and I agreed that Uncle Dan probably did not know he was changing these stories every time. To him, it was like he was telling the story for the very first time.

Several years after he passed away at our family gathering, I brought up the subject.

"I sure miss Uncle Dan stories. They sure were very entertaining." Then the family group laughed together and smiled.

I could not help it, but I had to take it one step further: "Do any of you know what Uncle Dan was doing with his stories?"

Nobody understood what I was saying. One person said, "They were very funny stories and I enjoyed every one of them."

I then presented another question, "Can anybody tell me how many stories Uncle Dan told?"

A silly chuckle ran through the crowd, and finally someone said, "He told us a new story every time we got together. I don't remember how many stories he told us."

I looked at my cousin and said, "Mike, could you answer that ques-

tion?"

With a hearty chuckle, he looked at the family group and said, "Uncle Dan only ever told one story throughout the years."

Nobody in that crowd understood what we were saying. But as we pursued in that direction, one family member said, "You know, that thought occurred to me about 10 years ago when he was telling his story. They all sounded similar and I couldn't put it together."

My cousin and I laughed together, and soon everybody said a profound "aww."

The rest of that family gathering was very interesting as people began to remember similarities in Uncle Dan's stories. Everybody thought he was telling a different story every time we gathered.

I don't believe Uncle Dan was lying to us; he didn't understand the truth as it really was.

Remembering Uncle Dan and his "story" helps me see truth differently. Was he telling the truth? And was that truth from his perspective?

In thinking about Uncle Dan's stories, I was reminded of what Jesus

said about the importance of telling the truth.

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32).

Uncle Dan's stories were just entertainment. However, the Word of God is not entertainment

but the basis of all truth. When I know God's truth, it will set me free from everything else.

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Obituaries



Theodore Bruce Kiper III

Theodore Bruce Kiper III known by everyone as “Ted,” 80, of Crawfordville, passed away peacefully at Margaret Z Dozier in Tallahassee on Oct. 30, 2025, surrounded by his family.

Known by his insatiable curiosity, humor, intellect, and work ethic, Ted lived his life devoted to his family and friends and endless list of “projects.”

Ted was born on Nov. 23, 1944 to Theodore and Loretta Kiper in Graham, Texas. His brother James came along 1947. In 1951, the family

moved to Tallahassee, were Ted became interested in boxcar racing and working on cars.

Ted started his schooling at Chaires Elementary School where he made lifelong friends that he still shared close relationships with and maintained throughout his life. Ted graduated from Leon High School in Tallahassee. While a student, he enjoyed and learned school photography, which became one of his early interests, and ended up working with his Dad in their own studio. Ted served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He attended Florida State University where he received his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees. In his younger years, Ted was a professional Pilot and Flight Instructor. He received several advanced certifications in the aviation field including the Airframe and Power Plant Certification. This certification, issued by the Federal Aviation Administration authorized him to perform annual inspections on airplanes and certify them as airworthy.

Ted had a lifelong interest in sailing and had a U.S. Coast Guard Master Captain’s License. He served for some years, on a part-time basis, as an Assistant Professor in the Florida State University Physical Education Department where he taught Blue Water (offshore) Sailing. Sailing Florida’s coast led him to an interest in coastal ocean currents and shoreline erosion and accretion. This led him to a career in coastal cartography. After joining the Florida Geological Survey (FGS), he piloted FGS boats

along the entire coastline of Florida. Using the latest GPS technology and water depth measuring technology, a precise delineation of Florida’s coastal shores was created. Ted was an excellent cartographer and updated all of Florida’s hand-drawn shoreline maps so they could be preserved in digital format.

After retirement, Ted met the love of his life, Evelyn Watt, who later became Evelyn Kiper. He especially enjoyed the company of Evelyn’s two sons, James and Albert, who he treated as his own. He described his years with Evelyn as the happiest days of his life.

Ted was preceded in death by his parents Theodore Bruce Kiper II and Loretta M. (Litchfield) Kiper, his brother James B. Kiper, and his late wife Dale L. (Wilson) Kiper.

He is survived by his wife Evelyn Kiper, his stepsons James Watt and Albert Watt, his beloved niece Melinda Kiper (Mike Cook), his nephew Rick Kiper (Judy Kiper), and other nieces Sherril Kiper Knight, Rena Kiper Gremillion and Jessica Kiper.

A burial with Military Honors will be held at the National Cemetery in Tallahassee on Nov. 21, 2025, at 1 p.m. A Celebration of Life will be held on Nov. 29, 2025 at 1 p.m. at the Wakulla Community Center, 318 Shadeville Road, in Crawfordville.

Skip & Trey Young along with Heather and Amanda are assisting the family. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel.

Sheriff’s Report

This report is for activity October 31st to November 7th. There were 1,235 total calls for service during the week.

FRIDAY, OCT. 31

- Deputy Meredith Sullivan responded to J.K. Moore Road in reference to possible identity theft case. A citizen stated his identity has been stolen and the person that stole it is attempting to purchase pornography. Case taken by Criminal Investigations Division.

- Deputy Jeremiah Post conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for an equipment violation. During the stop while speaking with the driver probable cause to search the vehicle was received. A small amount of paraphernalia was located and seized for destruction.

SATURDAY, NOV. 1

- Deputy Zachary Godwin made contact with a citizen who reported losing her wallet sometime during the night of Oct. 31. The wallet contained approx. \$600, debit card, driver license, and Social Security card. Case Status: Closed/Information available.

- Deputy Aimee Hoagland responded to Webster Road in reference to a vehicle fully engulfed. Upon arrival

the vehicle was located in the roadway, fully engulfed. The vehicle was extinguished by Wakulla Fire and Rescue and the vehicle was a total loss.

SUNDAY, NOV. 2

- Walmart Asset Protection reported an unknown subject passed the last point of sale with unpaid items. Taken was approximately \$850 worth of unpaid merchandise. Case forwarded to CID.

- Deputy Austin Rivers responded to Southfork Lane and made contact with a citizen who stated her daughter’s soon to be ex-husband packed up his belongings while she was asleep and stole \$572 from the coffee table in the living room. It was determined he left for Ohio during the night and his current location in Ohio is unknown. The reporting person signed an affidavit for prosecution. Case forwarded to CID.

- Deputy Aimee Hoagland responded to Steeplechase and made contact with a citizen, who stated an unknown person broke a window out of his new construction home. There was no evidence or suspect information available. A watch order was setup for the new construction site.

- Deputy Aimee Hoagland responded to the

700 block of Shadeville Road and made contact with a citizen, who stated several pieces of powder-coated aluminum were stolen from his property. A total loss has not been determined at this time. Possible suspects have been identified. Case forwarded to CID

MONDAY, NOV. 3

- Deputy Kory Smith responded to the 700 block of East Ivan Road in reference to a theft complaint. Upon arrival, contact was made with a citizen who advised he discovered his black V-nose enclosed trailer had been removed from the construction site. He advised he works for Deep South Construction and is currently assigned to the above location. He advised over \$5,000 worth of equipment is located inside the trailer. The trailer was last seen on the property on Nov. 2 at 2 p.m. Cameras in the area show the trailer was removed from the property sometime between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Nov. 2. The trailer and provided serial numbers for some of the equipment was entered into FCIC/NCIC. No suspect information is available at this time. Case forwarded to CID.

- Deputy Dustin Saba responded to Hillardville Road in reference to a structure fire. Upon arrival, contact was made with a citi-

zen who advised some family members started a bonfire over the weekend and she believed the flames had been extinguished properly. A shed located on the property was ignited prior to law enforcement arrival and was a complete loss. Wakulla Fire Rescue responded and made the scene safe. She valued the shed at \$200. No injuries or other property damage was observed on scene.

TUESDAY, NOV. 4

- A citizen reported being scammed out of \$330 after sending money to “Stevens Luxury Rentals.” She stated she was supposed to rent a limo but was contacted by a subject name “Chandler” who stated he worked for the company. Chandler told her the limo she was supposed to get needed “maintenance” and that she would need to pay more money for an upgrade. She advised she sent the money but discovered shortly after that the whole deal was a scam.

- A citizen reported someone stealing items from Walmart. She advised the person had placed numerous items in his cart and proceeded to the checkout. While at checkout, he began to skip scanning items and placing the items in the bag. He then exited the store passing all final points of sale. He was given an Notice to Appear and

released from the scene after being provided a court date.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5

- A citizen reported his firearm being stolen. He advised he went to breakfast at Waffle House. As he exited his vehicle he placed his firearm in the center console. He shut and locked the door using his key fob. He then went inside the store and ate. When he returned to his vehicle, he noticed his firearm was gone and his vehicle unlocked. He stated he then noticed that his key fob had a dead battery and did not lock his vehicle prior to going into the restaurant. He was unable to provide a serial number for the firearm but may be able to provide it at a later date.

- A citizen reported the theft of his 1976 Ranger boat stolen from his property. He stated the trailer was severely damaged and it is unknown who could have taken the boat. The boat was entered into NCIC/FCIC as stolen. Case forwarded to CID.

THURSDAY, NOV. 6

- A citizen reported a theft of his firearm. The weapon is a .22 style handgun and was valued at approximately

\$300. The weapon was last seen at his daughter’s home who passed away in 2024. Case forwarded to CID.

- Deputy Aimee Hoagland responded to Walmart in reference to Asset Protection having a female detained in their office. Ultimately the female was placed under arrest for retail theft and transported to the jail.

FRIDAY, NOV. 7

- Deputy Dylan Buckhalt conducted a traffic stop in reference for failure to maintain a single lane. Upon contact the driver admitted to texting his girlfriend while driving. With the odor associated with the smell of marijuana emitting from the vehicle, a check for a medical marijuana card was conducted and yielded a negative result upon return. A probable cause search was conducted and yielded a small amount of suspected marijuana being discovered. The suspected marijuana was seized for destruction and a verbal warning was given for failing to maintain a single lane.

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



Arts & Craft Fair

The Wakulla Senior Citizens Center held a Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday, which was well-attended. Clockwise from top left: The Great Original Design booth with wares for sale; Wakulla Quilters Jane Martin and Karen Bonin raise money for quilting materials through sales, donations and drawings, to make quilts like the one behind them, to provide to Big Bend Hospice patients; and Janice Flournory stops by a booth operated by Sherry Balchuck. (Photos by Lynda Kinsey)



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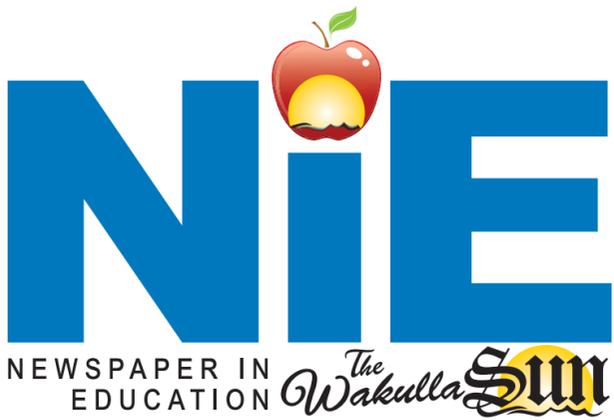
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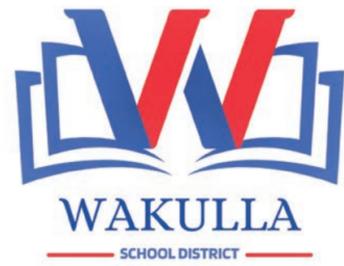
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USE THE NEWS

1. SOLAR POWER SAVES THE DAY IN JAMAICA

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2. NEW DINOSAUR DISCOVERY CHANGES HISTORY

Scientists have discovered that a fossil once thought to be a teenage T. rex actually belonged to a whole new species! The “Dueling Dinosaurs” fossil, showing a triceratops and a tyrannosaur locked in battle, was found in Montana. Experts used special tools and 3-D models to study the bones. They learned that the smaller dinosaur wasn't a young T. rex – it was a full-grown Nanotyrannus, a faster, lighter predator that lived alongside T. rex. This find helps scientists understand that more kinds of dinosaurs existed before the asteroid hit Earth. Pretend you are a paleontologist who just found a new dinosaur fossil. In 4–5 sentences, describe what it looks like, what you will name it, and what clues tell you what kind of dinosaur it was. End by explaining how your discovery could change what scientists know about dinosaurs.

3. THE ROADS THAT CONNECTED AN EMPIRE

Long ago, ancient Rome built thousands of stone roads across its empire. A new digital map shows that the Roman road network was even bigger than anyone knew – almost 186,000 miles long! Archaeologists used old writings, aerial photos, and satellite images to find hidden road paths stretching from Spain to Syria. These roads helped soldiers, traders, and travelers move goods and ideas across Europe, Africa,

and Asia. Many modern roads still follow the same routes the Romans made 2,000 years ago! On a sheet of paper, draw your own “mini empire” with at least three cities, towns, or landmarks. Then, draw roads connecting them, and write 3 sentences explaining why you built your roads where you did. What makes travel easier? How do your roads help people share things and stay connected?

4. WORLD'S BIGGEST SPIDER WEB FOUND IN

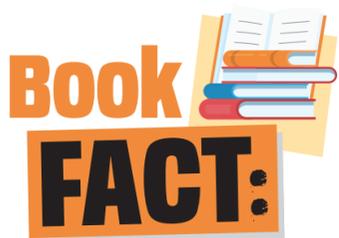
CAVE
Scientists exploring a cave between Albania and Greece found something amazing – a spider web as big as a small house! The web stretches over 1,100 square feet and holds about 111,000 spiders. Even more surprising, two kinds of spiders that usually fight each other were living together peacefully. Experts think the dark cave and plenty of food helped them cooperate instead of fight. The web looks shiny and bouncy, like layers of white silk sparkling under a light. Imagine you are a scientist exploring that dark cave. Write 5

sentences describing what you see, hear, and smell when you find the giant spider web. How would you feel seeing thousands of spiders working together? Finish with one sentence about what lesson people could learn from the spiders' teamwork.

5. LIGHTS DANCE ACROSS THE SKY

Colorful northern lights might soon glow across the northern United States! These lights, called auroras, happen when energy from the sun hits Earth's atmosphere and makes the sky shine green, pink, or purple. People in states like Michigan,

Maine, and North Dakota could see them if the weather stays clear and dark. Scientists say more of these light shows will appear this year because the sun is extra active. The best way to see them is away from city lights, looking up at the night sky. Pretend you're watching the northern lights for the first time. Write 4–5 sentences describing what the sky looks like and how it makes you feel. Use words that show color and motion, like “glowing,” “shimmering,” or “dancing.” Then, draw or color what you imagine the aurora looks like above your town.

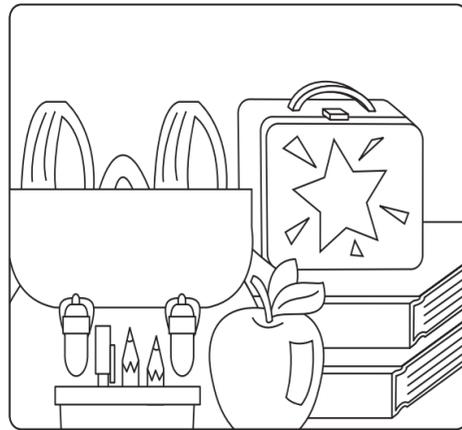


This book by Eric Carle is one of the most popular children's books ever written.

Answer: "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"

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Answer: Turn the page

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1851: “Moby Dick” is published in the United States.

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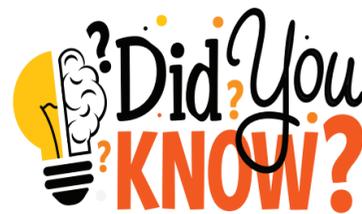
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:
 JOSEPH DANIEL MACK JR.,
 DECEASED
 DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO.: 25-CP-166

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of JOSEPH DANIEL MACK JR., Deceased, Case No. 2025 CP 166 is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of Court, Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327. The names and addresses of the Petitioner and the Petitioner's Attorney are set out at the end of this Notice.

ALL CREDITORS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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

All other creditors of Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

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

The Personal Representative or curator has no duty to discover whether 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 sections 732.216-732.228, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under section 732.2211.

The date of first publication of this notice is November 6, 2025.

Petitioner:
 Debra Mack
 126 Richardson Road
 Crawfordville, FL 32327

/s/ Sean W. Gellis
 SEAN W. GELLIS
 Florida Bar No. 105924
 GELLIS LAW, PLLC
 2931 Crawfordville Hwy
 Crawfordville, FL 32327
 Phone: 561-371-2848
sean@gellislaw.com

Nov. 6, 13, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
 CAROL ANN SIRMAN, a/k/a CAROL L. SIRMAN,
 DECEASED
 DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO: 2025-CP-157

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Carol Ann Sirman a/k/a Carol L. Sirman, deceased, File 2025-CP-157 is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney is set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the Decedent and persons having claims or demands against Decedent's Estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is November 13, 2025.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
 Frances Casey Lowe, Esq.
 Florida Bar No. 521450
 Frances Casey Lowe, P.A.
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 Crawfordville, Florida 32327
 (850) 926-8245

Personal Representative:
 Becky S. Langston
 335 Ted Langston Rd.
 Sopchoppy, FL 32358

November 13, 20, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
 MICHAEL LANCE SWIFT,
 DECEASED
 DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO: 2025-CP-169

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Michael Lance Swift, deceased, File 2025-CP-169 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 co-personal representatives and the co-personal representatives' attorney is set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the Decedent and persons having claims or demands against Decedent's Estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is November 13, 2025.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
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 Florida Bar No. 521450
 Frances Casey Lowe, P.A.
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Personal Representative:
 Stephen G. Swift
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November 13, 20, 2025

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NOTICE OF ACTION

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

In Regards To:
Seabolt Investments LTD CASE NO.: 25-CA-132
v.
Nancy Beth Jackson

NOTICE OF CIVIL ACTION

Notice is hereby given that a civil action was commenced on October 22, 2025, and is now pending as case number 25-CA-132 in the SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Court in the State of FLORIDA, County of WAKULLA.

The names of the parties are:
Seabolt Investments LTD and Nancy Beth Jackson.
And the nature of the proceeding is:
Real Estate Quiet Title

Dated: November 4, 2025.

/s/ David C. Jones, Owner
For: Seabolt Investments
LTD 67 Westmarch Rd.
Crawfordville, FL 32327



{{County Court Seal}}
Greg James
As Clerk of the Court
Wakulla County, Florida
By: /s/ Rachel Howard
As Deputy Clerk
November 13, 20, 2025

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

Freedom Mortgage Corporation, CASE NO.: 2025 CA 000085
PLAINTIFF,
V.

The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming interest by, through, under or against the Estate of Lisa M. Morgan a/k/a Lisa Marie Page Morgan a/k/a Lisa Morgan, Deceased; et al,
DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF ACTION- CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming interest by, through, under or against the Estate of Lisa M. Morgan a/k/a Lisa Marie Page Morgan a/k/a Lisa Morgan, Deceased

Last Known Address: Unknown

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

LOT #4 OF AN UNRECORDED PLAT OF THE FIRST ADDITION TO KIRKLAND ESTATES, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT #59 OF THE HARTSFIELD SURVEY OF LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, (MARKED BY A CONCRETE MONUMENT), THENCE RUN SOUTH 72 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT #59 A DISTANCE OF 2365.0 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 17 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST 659.02 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROAD #61 (U.S.319), THENCE RUN SOUTH 70 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROAD #61 A DISTANCE OF 480.15 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN SOUTH 17 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST 375.37 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 72 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST 160.0 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 17 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST 370.00 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 70 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROAD #61, A DISTANCE OF 160.05 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN LOT #59 OF THE HARTSFIELD SURVEY OF LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA. MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS:

CO-ENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 59 OF THE HARTSFIELD SURVEY OF LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN SOUTH 72 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 2365.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 17 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST 659.02 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #2919) LYING ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF STATE ROAD NO. 61 MARKING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING AND LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY RUN SOUTH 17 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST 375.20 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #2919), THENCE RUN SOUTH 72 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST 159.54 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #2919), THENCE RUN NORTH 18 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST 369.70 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #2919) LYING ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY, RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF STATE ROAD NO. 61, THENCE RUN NORTH 70 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 161.16 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH 1999 ADMI MOBILE HOME IDENTIFICATION NOS. GMHGA1299820841A AND GMHGA1299820841B, TITLE NOS. [REDACTED] AND 77429724.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Amanda Driscole, Esquire, Brock & Scott, PLLC., the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 4919 Memorial Hwy, Suite 135, Tampa, FL 33634, within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication on or before **December 6, 2025**, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

Dated: October 24, 2025.

{{County Court Seal}}
Greg James
As Clerk of the Court
Wakulla County, Florida
By: /s/ Ethan Brown
As Deputy Clerk



November 6, 13, 2025

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

IN THE INTEREST OF: CASE NO. 2023 DP 9
C.A. DOB: 10/14/2023
MINOR CHILD

NOTICE OF ACTION

TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

TO: AMY ALLSHOUSE,
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families, has filed a Petition to terminate your parental rights and permanently commit the following child for adoption: C.A. born on 10/14/2023. You are hereby **commanded** to appear on December 1, 2025, at 9:00 AM before the Honorable Brian Miller at the Wakulla Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway Crawfordville, FL 32327, for an **ADVISORY HEARING**.

FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THIS CHILD (OR CHILDREN), IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED, YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS AS A PARENT TO THE CHILD OR CHILDREN NAMED IN THIS NOTICE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator; 301 South Monroe Street, Room 225, Tallahassee, FL 32301; 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.

WITNESS, my hand as Clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 17th day of October, 2025.

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



Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

ANDY WAYNE WILLIAMSON, Curator on behalf of the Estate of James J. Weaver, Jr,
PLAINTIFF, CASE NO.: 2025 CA 000085
V. Division: Circuit Civil
BERNARD WILLIAMS, SR, AUDREY DORSEY,
HEIRS OR DEWISEES OF LUKE SMITH, and
HEIRS OR DEWISEES OF IDA GAVIN,
DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: HEIRS OR DEWISEES OF LUKE SMITH OF AUDREY DORSEY, HEIRS OR DEWISEES OF LUKE SMITH, **Defendants, and to all parties claiming interest by, through, under or against Defendants, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described.**

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that you have been designated as defendant in a legal proceeding filed against you for quite title. The action involves real property in Wakulla County, Florida, more fully described as the below Exhibit "A":
Wakulla County Property Appraiser Parcel ID No: 09-3S-01 W-000-04354-007.. The action was instituted in the Second Judicial Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida, and is styled ANDY WAYNE WILLIAMSON, Curator on behalf of the Estate of James J. Weaver, Jr.

You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on A Wayne Williamson, Esquire, Plaintiffs' attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 1248, SANTA ROSA BEACH, FL 32459, on or before, November 13, 2025, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on A Wayne Williamson, Esquire or immediately after service; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter a judgment or decree in the Plaintiffs' interest which will be binding upon you.

Dated: October 16, 2025.

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



Exhibit "A"

Commence at the Southwest corner of Section 9, Township 3 South, Range 1 West, Wakulla County, Florida, and run South 89 degrees 48 minutes 42 seconds East along the South boundary line of said Section 9, 1056.72 feet to a concrete monument, thence run North 00 degrees 13 minutes 58 seconds East 1421.31 feet to an iron rod and cap (LB#6475), for the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning run South 89 degrees 50 minutes 27 seconds East 398.84 feet to an iron rod and cap (LB#6475), thence run North 00 degrees 13 minutes 58 seconds East 218.43 feet to an iron rod and cap (LB#6475), thence run North 89 degrees 48 minutes 23 seconds West 398.84 feet to an iron pipe, thence run South 00 degrees 13 minutes 58 seconds West 218.43 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Also known as: PARCEL "A" Commence at the Southwest corner of Section 9, Township 3 South, Range 1 West, Wakulla County, Florida; thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes 42 seconds East 1056.72 feet to a concrete monument; thence North 00 degrees 13 minutes 58 seconds East 1421.31 feet to a rod and cap for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence from said POINT OF BEGINNING continue North 00 degrees 13 minutes 58 seconds East 109.26 feet to a rod and cap; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 38 seconds East 398.71 feet to a rod and cap; thence South 00 degrees 15 minutes 10 seconds West 109.26 feet to a rod and cap; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes 38 seconds West 398.68 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL "B" Commence at the Southwest corner of Section 9, Township 3 South, Range 1 West, Wakulla County, Florida; thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes 42 seconds East 1056.72 feet to a concrete monument; thence North 00 degrees 13 minutes 58 seconds East 1421.31 feet to a rod and cap; thence continue North 00 degrees 13 minutes 58 seconds East 109.26 feet to a rod and cap for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence from said POINT OF BEGINNING continue North 00 degrees 13 minutes 58 seconds East 109.25 feet to a rod and cap; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 38 seconds East 398.75 feet to a rod and cap; thence South 00 degrees 15 minutes 10 seconds West 109.25 feet to a rod and cap; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes 38 seconds West 398.71 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Wakulla County Property Appraiser Parcel ID No: 09-3S-01 W-000-04354-007.
October 23, 30, November 6, 13, 2025

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

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING
PLAINTIFF, CASE NO.: 25000081CAAXMX
V.

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST AUDREY D. ALESSI, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, et al,
DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY

TO: ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST AUDREY D. ALESSI, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS WHOSE ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property, to-wit:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT NO. 70 OF HARTSFIELD SURVEY OF LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE RUN NORTH 16 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF LOT NO. 70 A DISTANCE OF 1073.65 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE NORTH 16 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF LOT NO. 70, OF SAID HARTSFIELD SURVEY, A DISTANCE 125.03 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 33 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 118.75 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 75 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST 200.40 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 66 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 27 SECONDS EAST 147.36 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 15 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 209.53 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 73 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST 452.78 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF LOT NO. 70 OF HARTSFIELD SURVEY OF LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND CONTAINING 2.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

SUBJECT TO A 30.00 FOOT ROADWAY EASEMENT OVER AND ACROSS THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF.

more commonly known as 75 EVELYN RD, CRAWFORDVILLE, FLORIDA 32327

This action has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, to it on Plaintiff's attorney, Rubin Lublin, LLC, whose address is 2313 W. Violet St., Tampa, Florida 33603, on or before **December 6, 2025**, 30 days after date of first publication and file the original with the Clerk of the Circuit 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.

Dated: October 30, 2025.

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



November 6, 13, 2025

NOTICE OF SALE

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

JENIRIJA, LLC, Case #: 2025-CA-86
Plaintiff,
vs.
WILLARD EARL SANDERS, EVELYN GRACE SANDERS; WAKULLA COUNTY CLERIK OF COURTS; ABSOLUTE RESOLUTIONS INVESTMENTS, LLC.; MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC.; and UNKNOWN TENANTS,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above styled cause, in the County Court of Wakulla County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Wakulla County, Florida, described as:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE1/4) OF LOT NUMBER THIRTY-SIX (36) OF HARTSFIELD SURVEY OF LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN EAST 323 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE STAKE ON THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID LOT 36, WIDCH POINT ARRIVED AT IS THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE RUN SOUTH 206 FEET TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY STATE ROAD NO 10 (OLD NUMBER), THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID STATE ROAD NO 10 THE DISTANCE OF 100 FEET, THEN NORTH 206 FEET TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID LOT NO. 36, H.S., THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID LOT 36, H.S. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND BEING IN LOT THIRTY-SIX OF HARTSFIELD SURVEY OF LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

at public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Wakulla County Courthouse at 11:00 a.m., on December 18, 2025. 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 in Wakulla, Florida this, 5th day of November, 2025.

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Attorney for Plaintiff



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

November 13, 20, 2025

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

TOWNE MORTGAGE COMPANY, Case #: 2025CA000077
Plaintiff,

vs.
ROCKY J. DAVIS; FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY CREDIT UNION CORPORATION; VALERIE DAVIS; UNKNOWN TENANT,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in the above styled cause now pending in said court and as required by Florida Statute 45.031(2), GREG JAMES as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the, **IN THE LOBBY OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HIGHWAY, CRAWFORDVILLE, FLORIDA 32327, 11:00 AM on the 04 day of December, 2025**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 35, OF THE GROVE PHASE II, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 14-16, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 235 SAND PINE TRAIL, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

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:

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DATED in Wakulla, Florida this, 6th day of November, 2025.



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Wakulla County, Florida
By: /s/ Rachel Howard
As Deputy Clerk
November 13, 20, 2025

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Veterans events held on Saturday



At the Veterans Breakfast at the community center on Saturday: Kim Fonder, Amy Marcelja, Jennifer Castineria; middle row, Marty Vails, Katie Sass, Lyla Redd, Tammy Metcalf; back row, John Castineria, Jaden Casteneria, Winston Murphy, and Shadrach Hines. (Photo by Linda Ann McDonald)



At the Veterans Ceremony at Hudson Park on Saturday: Commissioner Ralph Thomas, a U.S. Navy veteran, thanks World War II Navy veteran Joseph Williams for his service. Williams is 106 years old. (Photo by Linda Ann McDonald)



At the Veterans Parade in Sopchoppy on Saturday: the school board float with Superintendent Rick Myhre, a U.S. Army combat veteran, in the lead, along with school board member Josh Brown pointing. (Photo by Lynda Kinsey)

Scouts at the Veterans Parade in Sopchoppy on Saturday. (Photo by Lynda Kinsey)



NOTICE OF SALE

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

GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GITSIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST BBPLC1,

Plaintiff, Case #: 65-2025-CA-000025-CAAM vs.

ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, LEGATEES, DEVISEES, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, CREDITORS AND ANY OTHER PERSON CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST JUANITA M. MOORE, DECEASED, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment in Foreclosure entered on October 23, 2025, and entered in Case No. 65-2025-CA-000025-CAAM in the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein THE ESTATE OF WANITA M. MOORE, are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court, GREG JAMES, will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Wakulla County Courthouse house 3056 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, FL 32327 on December 11, 2025, at 11 :00am, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 35 AND 36, BLOCK 'N', MAGNOLIA GARDENS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 37, PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and commonly known as: **145 TED LOTT LANE, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327** (the "Property").

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 WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

DATED THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025.

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November 6, 13, 2025

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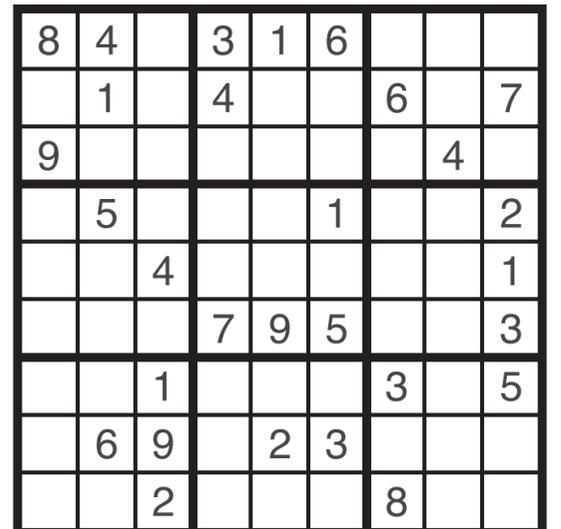
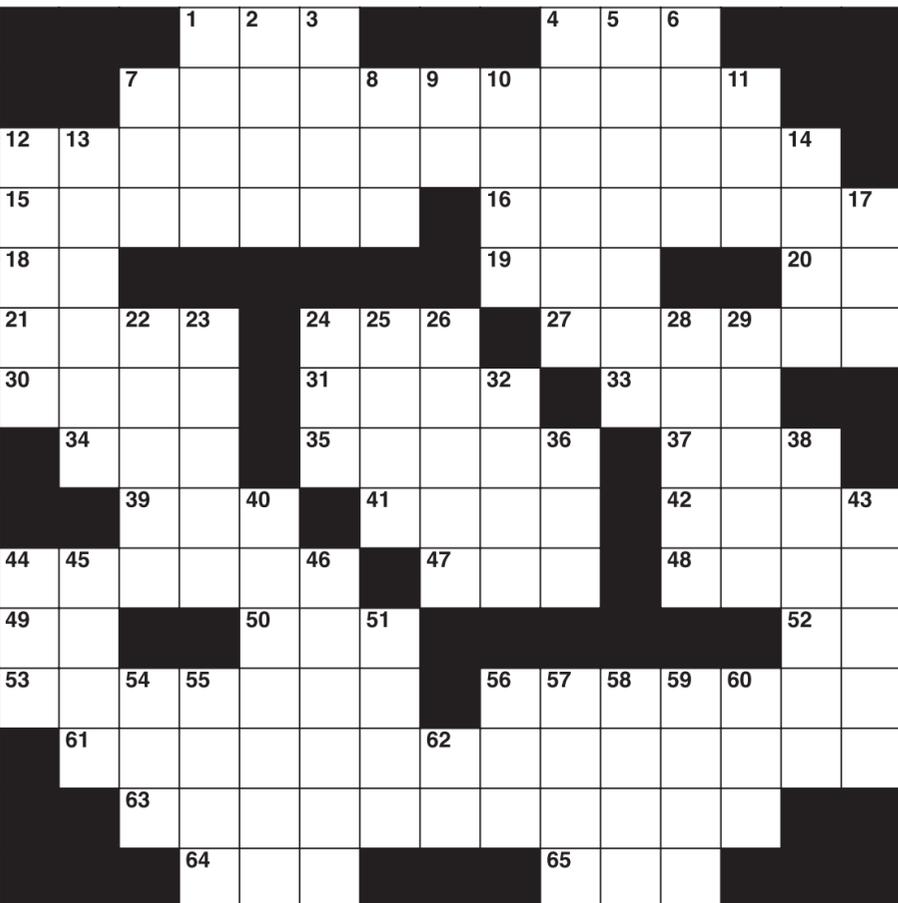
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4. Keyboard key
7. One who works on lights
12. Notable children's story
15. Fall back into a bad pattern
16. Eye parts
18. Atomic #18
19. Of she
20. Farm state
21. One point south of south-east
24. British media entity
27. Asian garment
30. Drench
31. Expressions of pleasure
33. Turf
34. UK trade union (abbr.)
35. Bleated
37. Fifth note of a major scale
39. Paddle
41. Monetary unit of Italy
42. American classical pianist
44. Shuts down for the day
47. Seize
48. Soluble ribonucleic acid
49. Greeting
50. Some cars still need it
52. Atomic #22
53. Let go
56. Marched in public

CLUES DOWN

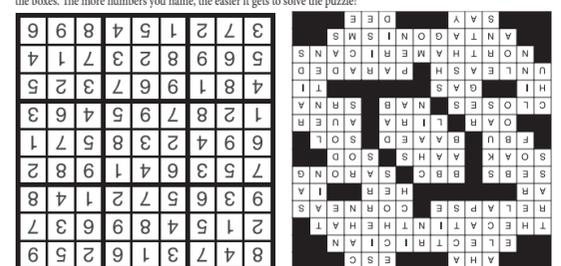
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2. Longtime Baltimore tight end
3. Performs on stage
4. Supports a sentiment
5. Rugged mountain ranges
6. Broadway songwriter Sammy
7. Snakelike fish
8. Men's fashion accessory
9. Hospital worker
10. Something to scratch
11. No (Scottish)
12. Volcanic ash
13. Of this

14. American jazz drummer Watts
17. Drop down
22. English dialect
23. Predatory seabirds
24. Imams' deputies
25. Fertility god
26. Fence material
28. Parks and DeLauro are two
29. Distinctive smell (Brit.)
32. Protein-rich liquids
36. Touch lightly
38. Season for Catholics
40. Boat race
43. Police actions
44. Chinese river
45. Waterfall (Scottish)
46. Walk ostentatiously
51. Type of carpet
54. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
55. Sea eagles
56. An enclosure for confining livestock
57. Dry
58. An increase in price or value
59. The highest point of something
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Playoff game:
On Friday, Nov. 14
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War Eagles face Crusaders in first round of playoffs



OWEN KLEES
Quarterback

His regular season passing yards led the Big Bend region with more than 2,700 yards.



ANTONIO HARVEY
Defensive Lineman

He led the Big Bend with 10 defensive sacks during the regular season.



AUVION THOMAS
DB/Receiver

As defensive back, Thomas led the Big Bend with 5 interceptions.

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

The Wakulla War Eagles head into the playoffs as the No. 6 seed and will travel to Jacksonville on Friday to take on the No. 3 seed Bishop Kenny Crusaders.

Wakulla finished the season as district champs with a 6-4 overall record, and 3-0 in the district.

Bishop Kenny finished the regular season at 8-2.

Head Coach Scott Klees said his team was a little disappointed to be the only district champ without a home playoff game.

Still, he said, it was great week of practice to work on themselves and "try to clean up some things."

Once the team learned who they'd face in the playoffs - the Florida High School Athletic Association released the playoff brackets on Thursday - they fo-

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cused on their upcoming opponent.

Klees said Bishop Kenny has a very good running back, and they're good upfront on the offensive and defensive lines.

"It's gonna be a battle upfront," Klees anticipated.

He said the Crusader defense works to not give up any big explosive plays, so the War Eagle offense will have to be patient. And they can't have turnovers.

On defense, the War Eagles need to stop the running game.

"Every team is very good at this point in the season," Klees said.

The No. 1 ranked team in the region is Raines from Jackson-

ville. They will play the No. 8 seeded Baker County.

No. 2 Bay County is hosting the No. 7 seeded Godby Cougars.

And No. 4 Yulee is hosting No. 5 Baker County.

The winner of the Wakulla vs. Bishop Kenny playoff game will face the winner of the Godby vs. Bay County game on Nov. 21.

BIG BEND RECOGNITION

There was no game last week so there's no Players of the Week - but three War Eagles earned distinction for their achievements during the regular season:

- **Quarterback Owen Klees** had

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more passing yards than any quarterback in the Big Bend.

Klees completed 210 of 303 attempts for 2,724 yards. That resulted in 25 touchdowns with only 4 interceptions.

He also had a good year running the ball, accruing more than 600 yards on the ground.

Coach Klees praised his son, noting Owen also plays defensive safety and is the team punter.

- Defensive lineman Antonio Harvey led the Big Bend with 10 sacks during the regular season.

Coach Klees noted that is an average of one per game - a remarkable accomplishment.

He also noted that Harvey has been moved around this year between defensive tackle and defensive end and keeps producing.

- Defensive Back Auvion Thomas led the Big Bend in interceptions during the regular season with 5.

"He was banged up early in the year," Klees said of Thomas, but he played through it.

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FROM THE COACH

COACH Scott Klees

Last week: War Eagles had a good week of practice in preparation for the playoffs.

Scouting: Bishop Kenny Crusaders have a very good running back. And they're good upfront on offensive and defensive lines.

Key to victory: War Eagles have to stop the run on defense. And offense can't turn the ball over.

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