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The Wakulla Sun

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Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Cloudy	Showers	Rain
Hi: 60° Lo: 49° 21%	Hi: 71° Lo: 55° 77%	Hi: 63° Lo: 51° 84%
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Land swap off the table

Administrator says county isn't interested in land trade with forest service

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

A decades-old proposal for a land swap between Wakulla County and the U.S. Forest Service is off the table, according to County Administrator David Edwards.

In a recent interview, Edwards said that Assistant County Administrator Somer Pell was sending a letter to the

forest service that would say that Wakulla County is "no longer interested at this time."

The idea came up prior to 2013 with the then-board suggesting a trade of the county's 160-acre parcel where the equestrian center is located in exchange for 200-acres of forest land off Ivan Church Road, across from Walmart on U.S. Highway 319.

The original idea was

for the county to use the 200-acre parcel as a recreation park.

The idea had languished for years as the slow wheels of the forest service turned.

Recently, the Sierra Club issued a letter opposing the land swap, saying the 200-acre parcel was more environmentally sensitive and desirable than the 160-acre parcel.

Fred Nichols, the

county commission chair, said the land was no longer suitable for a rec park because of its location – across from Walmart and the potential of creating more traffic problems on 319. Nichols indicated he was looking at other options, including working with the school board to put fields on underused property the district owns.

County reportedly makes deal with McQuary

The businessman had complained the county was bullying him over issues at his RV park

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

About the time the Wakulla Sun was being sent to the printer last week with a story about local businessman David McQuary complaining about his treatment by the county, he had a meeting with County Administrator David Edwards and County Commissioner Ralph Thomas – and McQuary said the county officials made him a deal that took care of his concerns.

The meeting was reportedly held late in the afternoon on Monday, Nov. 24.

Edwards said only that the meeting had produced "a path forward" but that nothing was final, and details still needed to be worked out.

McQuary's main complaints were:

- The county drained the pond at his Wildwood RV Park after the county bought the Wildwood Golf Course from him. McQuary says the county agreed to line the pond and put water back in it.

McQuary said he initially asked the county to fill the hole that was the pond with dirt, but the county balked and then offered to turn it back into a pond.

"I couldn't complain," McQuary said. "They made me whole again" by returning his pond to him.

- McQuary's \$10,000 roadside sign for the RV park was removed by the county and disposed of. McQuary said the county offered to put up a new roadside sign of the same design as the golf course sign.

- McQuary's complaints about the impassibility of the parking lot at the golf course – that RVs have trouble getting through the narrow lanes. He said Commissioner Thomas agreed with him that the parking lot is difficult to drive through, and Edwards said the parking lot would be fixed.

- Code Enforcement fines of more than \$41,000 that were reduced by the Code Enforcement Board to just over \$2,400 – McQuary said he got a commitment that the county would consider lowering the fines to nothing at the commission's Dec. 8 meeting.

The RV park began to incur fines in May 2024 after seven new spaces were added without proper permits. Fines accrued at \$250 the first day and \$100 each day thereafter.

After an initial misstep when the county purchased a tract of land south of The Park subdivision to be used as a Rapid Infiltration Basin – the property turned out to be unsuitable for that use – the county bought Wildwood Golf Course from McQuary. The county's main goal was to get rid of more than 1.2 million gallons of treated wastewater. Edwards has vowed that the golf course will earn its own way – at least break even.

McQuary held on to the RV park he developed behind the golf course for a while, then sold it to an individual who, in McQuary's telling, was running it into the ground. He bought it back, and has since complained that county staff was bullying him and making things difficult.

After last week's meeting, McQuary sounded happy, saying he got everything he wanted.

David Edwards says he intends to retire

County Administrator David Edwards announced his intention to retire within the next 3 to 5 years.

Edwards, who has served as county administrator since 2013, said he feels like he and his staff have "accomplished a lot" during his tenure.

Some of his achievements include bringing in hundreds of millions in state grants for sep-

arative sewer projects in several neighborhoods, an effort to limit groundwater pollution of Wakulla Springs. He's overseen the expansion of the county's sewer system and wastewater treatment plant.

Edwards has also overseen a steadying of the county's finances. When he was hired as administrator, the county was in dire financial condition with the state threaten-



David Edwards

ing to take over. Now, the county's finances are

stable.

Edwards said there are still several issues he wants to see through before retiring – especially managing the county's response to Gov. Ron DeSantis and the Legislature's push to do away with property taxes, as well as the county's efforts to bring in Point Blank Enterprises and its promise of 300 high-paying jobs.

New movie is screened

'Galaxy Trolls' features local actors, locations

Story By
LINDA ANN McDONALD
Photos by
GERALD BROWN

Crawfordville's Palaver Tree Theater hosted a private screening of a short film titled "Galaxy Trolls" for the participants and the parents of the children who appeared in the film.

"Galaxy Trolls," which screened Tuesday, Nov. 25, is a short bit of film that's a sample of what the longer movie is supposed to look like.

The movie is about selected children in different parts of the galaxy in various eras of time who are rescued from near death and destruction. Those rescued are saved by a team of children traveling the galaxy in a spaceship who have bonded and were previously saved and protect-



The cast of 'Galaxy Trolls' which premiered at Palaver Tree Theater last week.

ed themselves.

Director Jeff Cook worked with Wakulla High School's Drama Department head, Krisy Kosek Sanchez, who is also the Assistant

Production Manager Suzanne Bryan said there was an effort to

make the experience as fun as they could for the kids. She said it was great to watch all the excited kids and parents watching the film.

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Wakulla man gets 60 years for child porn

U.S. Attorney's Office

Donovan Arthur Saulea, 39, of Crawfordville, Florida, was sentenced on Thursday to 60 years' imprisonment, followed by a lifetime of supervised release, for possession and receipt of child pornography, and production and distribution of obscene material portraying a child.

The sentence was announced by John P. Heekin, United States Attorney for the Northern

District of Florida.

U.S. Attorney Heekin said: "Our state and federal law enforcement officers work tirelessly to safeguard our communities against predators, like this repeat sex offender, and this case exemplifies their commitment to keeping our children safe from exploitation and victimization. I am very proud of the outstanding work by my office to secure this successful prosecution and lengthy sentence

against this predator, which ensures he will spend the remainder of his life behind bars."

In November 2021, the defendant, a registered sex offender, came under investigation by the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office for a suspicion that he had failed to register his internet accounts as required by law. Further investigation led to a search warrant in March 2022, where Wakulla County Sheriff's Office and the Florida Depart-

ment of Law Enforcement found child pornography and child-like sex dolls within the defendant's residence. The defendant was found to have made videos for sale and distribution with the child-like sex dolls. The defendant was convicted by a federal jury of all charges in June 2025.

"This case underscores the unwavering commitment of the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office to protect our most vulner-

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Correction

• A Public Notice that appeared in last week's newspaper on Page 3 was the wrong advertisement and was submitted by county government in error.

The ad was supposed to be about Dangerous Dogs and the Animal Control Appeal Board that will be on the county commission agenda at their meeting on Dec. 8.

The ad that mistakenly ran was about a vote on the county charter that was held in March 2020.

The correct Public Notice appeared the Tallahassee Democrat issue on Nov. 28.

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Student of the Week

Hayden Reed – 12th grader, Wakulla High School

Principal: Michele Falk

Achievements/Reason for Nomination: This week, we are proud to recognize Hayden Reed as our Student of the Week. Hayden is a dedicated 12th-grade student who exemplifies hard work, ambition, and community spirit. Hayden has been an active member of our school's weightlifting team from 10th through 12th grade, demonstrating commitment and perseverance. He also competed on the wrestling team during his 10th grade year and is currently a member of the CrossFit team at Sunchaser Fitness, showing his passion for fitness and athleticism. Beyond his athletic pursuits, Hayden works at Mack's Meats, balancing his job with his academic and extracurricular commitments. His future goals are equally impressive – he aims to earn his Phlebotomist certification to gain experience in the medical field while attending college. Hayden plans to work at Tallahassee Memorial Health Care and intends to attend Tallahassee State College before transferring to FAMU to study sports medicine. With his dedication to both academics and athletics, Hayden Reed is truly an inspiring student. We congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition and look forward to seeing all the great things he will accomplish in the future!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK FEATURES A DIFFERENT SCHOOL EACH WEEK.

Optimist Club to raffle quilt

Special to The Sun



The Optimist Club is selling raffle tickets for a gorgeous handmade Christmas quilt, created and donated by our very own Nancy Fuerstenau. The quilt is truly stunning and would make a beautiful Christmas gift or festive addition to any home.

All proceeds will directly support our three Junior Optimist after-school clubs, helping us provide much-needed snacks and juice for the kids. With multiple clubs meeting, your participation makes a meaningful difference.

Ticket prices are \$5 for one chance and \$10 for three chances.

Tickets are available at The Wakulla Sun office, 12 Arran Road, Crawfordville, on the courthouse square.

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Five questions for state Rep. Jason Shoaf

By NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

State Rep. Jason Shoaf, R-Port St. Joe, joined the Florida House in 2019 after winning a special election and has been reelected three times. Shoaf's sprawling district covers a largely rural region made up of Dixie, Franklin, Gulf, Hamilton, Lafayette, Liberty, Suwannee, Taylor, Wakulla and parts of Jefferson and Leon counties. Shoaf is chairman of the House Transportation & Economic Development Budget Subcommittee.

The News Service of Florida has five questions for Jason Shoaf, with questions and answers edited for clarity and brevity.

Q: Officials recently decided to reopen harvesting of Apalachicola Bay oysters, which I have to say are my favorites from around the country. How important is the oyster industry for your district?

SHOAF: It's the identity of a major part of my district. Apalachicola oysters were the heartbeat of the Gulf, Franklin, Wakulla, Liberty (counties) region forever and ever, and through many factors, we saw the population decimated. FWC (the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission) stepped in, has put millions and millions into it and loads of research. I'm excited that they've finally reopened it and I'm looking forward to seeing Apalachicola Bay oysters on menus across the country again soon.

Q: The Legislature this year passed a bill you sponsored aimed at preventing oil drilling near the Apala-

chicola River and Apalachicola Bay. Gov. Ron DeSantis signed the measure into law. What prompted you to file the bill and have you had any pushback from other Republican leaders for your position on oil drilling?

SHOAF: I think it's important to lead off on this topic in saying that I'm a third-generation gas guy. My family is in the natural-gas utility business and I started a propane company in 2010, so we make a living off the oil and gas industry. Having said that, that doesn't mean that we should be drilling (just) anywhere. Apalachicola Bay is not just a special place to me and my constituents. It is a critical place, so much so that the state has deemed it an area of critical state concern, and that's for good reason. It is one of the highest-producing estuaries and marine habitats in North America. It's where a large percentage of our fish, the ocean life, is born and born and raised, I guess you could say, before they go off into the gulf to live their lives. So anything that is done around that area has to be given an additional layer of scrutiny, and drilling for oil next to this treasure is something that was a bridge too far for me. So we filed the legislation, worked really hard to get it passed. No, there hasn't been any notable pushback. In fact we have seen a lot of people that, traditionally, you would think would be more in favor of drilling anywhere, everywhere, all the time, when they hear my reasoning for the bill, they've agreed with it and been supportive of it. It's been a very positive thing overall.

Q: Another bill you



State Rep. Jason Shoaf

sponsored that went into effect this year is called the Second Chance Act, named after Chance Gainer. Can you tell us how you got involved in that and if you're working on any follow-ups?

SHOAF: The Second Chance Act was the top priority of mine last session, and I was grateful to all of our colleagues who got behind this important legislation. Chance was a bright, talented young man. He had a bright future, both on and off the field, and unfortunately, his future was never fully realized because he suffered sudden cardiac arrest in the middle of a football game. Sudden cardiac arrest is the number one cause of death on school campuses. In 80 percent of the cases, there are no symptoms or signs indicating a condition or a problem. But with greater detection, we can prevent these tragedies. They're happening all of the time. In fact, I read an article yesterday where it happened

to a young kid at Disney recently, but they had an AED (automated external defibrillator) there and trained staff, and they were able to save that child. That's not always the case. So this year, I plan on running an appropriation to establish a funding mechanism to be able to pay for these screenings for our high-school athletes that can't afford the test. We want every child to be tested and we want every child that is flagged to be able to have the next level of testing and evaluations, and ultimately, if it leads to a procedure that needs to be done to save the child's life, we want to see them back on the sports field and playing again and having a healthy life.

Q: There's been a lot of talk about property taxes this year. Some local officials from rural counties are going bonkers over the possibility that property taxes will be eliminated altogether. What are your thoughts on the issue?

SHOAF: I think this is a topic that's been discussed for decades in the Legislature. It's come back up and, of course, I would like to see every tax removed. No one likes taxes but we have to have these critical services. Right now, the House under Speaker (Daniel) Perez has established a committee that traveled the state to get feedback from Floridians and we're working on a finished product that we'll be able to work through the committee process. Our goal is to have a great product that either reduces or eliminates property taxes while still being able to fund critical services. We have not gotten to a point where that product has been finalized, so until we get there, it's difficult to speculate about the impact of it. We would just be speculating on hypotheticals at this point. And the governor hasn't released his plan yet, so we are eager to see how he proposes to offset these cuts.

Q: You're having a dinner party. What three people, living or dead, would you invite?

SHOAF: I would invite my grandfather, I would invite Teddy Roosevelt and I would invite Ronald Reagan.

My grandfather served in the Legislature in the '50s and was a strong man that had strict principles and values, and he passed away when I was 10 so I would give anything to have another night to be able to sit with him and learn from him and get his perspective on my district through his eyes at that time. Teddy Roosevelt had a passion for the outdoors and protecting and preserving our natural resources, and I work really hard in my role to do that exact thing here, whether it's the oil drilling ban or it's the water quality institute that I'm working to start at FSU (Florida State University), or protecting Wakulla Springs, from a conservative perspective. I could learn a lot from him and some of the challenges he went through in his time, to be a leader in environmental protection while enjoying hunting and fishing and conservative principles. Reagan, just because I really think he had so much class and charisma and the ability to bring Republicans and Democrats together on important issues. I think those are skills and talents that we need more of today.

Editor's Note: Rep. Shoaf's district includes Wakulla County.

FLORIDA PACE FUNDING AGENCY

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).

Assessments to be levied pursuant to written consent on various parcels within the State of Florida.

Nov. 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICES:

For our readers' convenience, The Wakulla Sun provides this Public Notice Section for all Public Notices not published in the Legal Notice section of the newspaper.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) WAKULLA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD REQUEST FOR MECHANICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR MEDART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HVAC RENOVATIONS AND UPGRADES

The Wakulla County School Board is accepting proposals for Mechanical Engineering Services to provide planning, design and construction administration for HVAC Renovations and Upgrades for portions of Medart Elementary School. All those interested should submit (4) four copies of the following: Resume, SF330 Form or equivalent, list of references and qualifications to Richard Myhre, Superintendent of Wakulla County Schools, P.O. Box 100, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327 by 2:00P.M. on January 5, 2026. Nov. 27, Dec 4, 11, 2025

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) WAKULLA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD REQUEST FOR MECHANICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR RIVERSPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL HVAC RENOVATIONS AND UPGRADES

The Wakulla County School Board is accepting proposals for Mechanical Engineering Services to provide planning, design and construction administration for HVAC Renovations and Upgrades for portions of Riversprings Middle School. All those interested should submit (4) four copies of the following: Resume, SF330 Form or equivalent, list of references and qualifications to Richard Myhre, Superintendent of Wakulla County Schools, P .O. Box 100, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327 by 2:00P.M. on January 5, 2026. Nov. 27, Dec 4, 11, 2025



City of Sopchoppy Notice of Public Meeting

The City of Sopchoppy will hold a regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 8, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, FL.

Purpose of Meeting: General Business.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Persons with a disability needing a special accommodation should contact the City of Sopchoppy, Administration Office at least two (2) days prior to the meeting at (850) 962-4611.

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Ask Judge Smith: Niche practices and high-water marks



By **JUDGE LAYNE SMITH**

Q. Judge Smith, what kind of cases did you handle as a lawyer? Ava

A. I tried lawsuits and defended people accused of crimes. I developed a niche practice defending contractors sued by their insurance carriers for workers' compensation premiums. One series of cases stands out.

I represented contractors who demolished buildings and cleaned up the debris. They bought workers' compensation carriers to cover their employees' work-related injuries. These insurance contracts covered their labor force's work in a specific state, using the latter's established rates. One natural disaster changed their business model overnight.

Hurricane Katrina slammed into Louisiana and Mississippi on August 29, 2005. Afterward, these states and the federal government designated the highly damaged areas as disaster zones. These governments asked out-of-state contractors for immediate help.

My clients answered the call to action within days by traveling to these states and contracting to remove the rubble. After moving their heavy equipment into place, they started work before adding insurance coverage for the two states. That gap got them sued.

You cannot imagine the devastation. Photos and videos of the damage couldn't show the extent of the ruin. You had to see it firsthand to comprehend the loss.

I visited New Orleans several times after Katrina, viewing it from the air and touring the city on the ground. Katrina generated over 100 million cubic yards of debris in New Orleans!

What I saw pro-

foundly impacted and saddened me. The place was filthy, and the stench would gag you. The place reeked of garbage, feces, and dead animals. Stray pets roamed the city searching for food and clean water. Wet dry-wall grew mold.

Hurricane-force winds toppled and damaged many buildings. Other structures remained intact but had water damage from floods caused by torrential rains and broken levees. You know what a ring around the bathtub is. Floods leave similar marks, too. I toured homes and buildings with high water marks on their second and third floors.

The cleanup took years to complete. I

spent more years contesting the workers' compensation premiums my clients owed. These lawsuits required mastering unique state laws and litigating the differences in each state's insurance contract.

Question one was when my clients started working in these states, and question two was when they obtained state-specific coverage for Louisiana and Mississippi. The parties fought over claims made and premiums owed during the gap.

My clients were Florida businesses. Before Katrina, they had not worked in Louisiana or Mississippi. After Katrina, they hired hundreds of local and transient workers in

those states to staff up. My clients proved how much they paid their employees to work in each state.

They employed many of the same workers to remove hurricane debris in two or more states during the same pay period. The premium they owed was the product of a formula. Each state's government has actuaries that set rates based on risk factors and loss histories. Each state had different rates.

Eventually, the truth emerged, and the parties settled.

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

Library News

By **LINDA OAKS**
Library Director

Library News December 4th to December 10th:

Thursday, December 4th
• First Lego Robotics 6pm

• Wakulla Girls Softball Parent Meeting 6pm
• Crotchet Group 6:30pm

Friday, December 5th
• Quilting Guild 10am

Saturday, December 6th

• Girl Scout Troop 2351 9:30am
• READ Therapy Dogs 10am

Sunday, December 7th
• Closed

Monday, December 8th
• American Legion Post 114 Meeting 5pm
• American Legion Post 114 Auxiliary Meeting 6pm

Tuesday, December 9th
• Book Bunch 10am

Wednesday, December 10th
• Book Babies 10am
• Wakulla County Garden Club General Meeting 12pm
• Knitting Group 4pm
• Cal Ripken Youth Baseball 6:30pm

On the Horizon

Calendar of events for the week of December 4

Thursday, December 4

- Joy-Filled Christmas, a special event for special needs kids, will be held at the Wakulla Springs Lodge from 6 to 8 p.m.
- The Rotary Club of Wakulla County meets at the TSC Wakulla Center at 8:30 a.m. on Thursdays.
- 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, December 5

- Christmas Open House, hosted by the Wakulla County Historical Society, will be held at the museum (the old jail), from 4 to 7 p.m. (Also Saturday 1 to 4 p.m.)
- Christmas Celebration Special, presented by Wakulla Community Theater, will be held at the Sopchoppy Auditorium beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

- Songwriters Showcase will be held at Palaver Tree Theater from 7 to 9 p.m. It's a pay-what-you-can event.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 8 p.m. every Friday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Saturday, December 6

- Christmas in Panacea will be held with a mistletoe market from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Panacea Community Garden; other events at Woolley Park from 3 to 6 p.m. including a visit with Santa from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and the Parade of Lights at 6 p.m. A drone show over Dickerson Bay will be held after the parade.
- Christmas for the Critters will be held at Hudson Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Presented by Florida Wild Mammal Association, the event will feature decorated Christmas trees for purchase.
- Wakulla Giving Hands Christmas, with free toys, clothing and more, will be held at the Sopchoppy Gym from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Christmas Open House, hosted by the Wakulla County Historical Society, will be held at the old jail from 1 to 4 p.m.
- The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group will meet at the Wakulla County Public Library at 10 a.m. every second Saturday of the month.

Sunday, December 7

- Pearl Harbor Day.
- Cookies with Santa, a fundraiser for the Crawfordville Woman's Club, will be held at the club, 64 Ochlockonee St., from 1 to 3 p.m. Cost is \$5 per family, cash only. Includes cookies, a drink, and Christmas gift bag. Bring a camera for photo with Santa.
- Wakulla Giving Hands holds a food giveaway every Sunday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the facility across from Medart Elementary on Highway 98.

Monday, December 8

- County commission meets at 6 p.m. in the commission chambers.
- The Sopchoppy City Commission meets at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.
- American Legion Post 114 meeting and Christmas Social, 6:30 pm, Wakulla County Public Library. We will resume 3rd Monday meetings in January.
- VFW Post 4538 and Auxiliary holds monthly meetings on the second Monday of the month with fellowship at 6 p.m., meetings at 7 p.m.
- Crawfordville Woman's Club monthly meeting is the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 64 Ochlockonee St., in Crawfordville. Call (850) 566-5727 for more information.

tion.

- 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, December 9

- Rotary will hold a ribbon cutting at Wakulla High School's culinary arts classroom at 5 p.m. for the new hydroponic garden that Rotary purchased.
- 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, December 3

- 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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Because the wrong question ran last week, we're re-running it with the correct question.

- Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

**Polled at the Wakulla Chamber of Commerce's Business Excellence Awards:
What is your favorite thing about the Chamber?**

				
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"All of the ways the Chamber supports our businesses, like advertising, networking events and recognition of the way they support our county!"	"The incredible networking opportunities."	"How welcoming everyone is."	"They facilitate business owners in a non superficial way, it is genuine and authentic."	"I am just proud to be a part of it. They support current and new businesses. They work to strengthen business relationships within the community."

Wakulla Crossroads

By **VERNA BROCK**

Another Thanksgiving has come and gone, and most of the leftovers have been polished off. This year I have been struck by how many different sources have ruminated on the enormous power of gratitude in our lives. From pastors to commentators, the theme has been how our thankful responses shape the quality of our very existence.

An entire book has been written and published, the message of which is how to live our best lives by unleashing the potential of thankfulness. It outlines scientific research that proves we humans benefit from acknowledg-

ing our blessings, large and small. Psychology experiments have been devised and replicated that show how we become kinder and better people when we literally SEE our blessings. We are far more likely to extend grace and generosity to others, even complete strangers, when we ourselves identify the innumerable blessings we receive daily.

Gratitude journaling is apparently a thing now, but it isn't necessary to cultivate thankfulness. We should, and can, be so present every day that we readily see and appreciate our own moments of grace. The spiciness of crisp brown pecan leaves on the ground, the touch of a chilly breeze on

a sunny day, the glance of a loved one sharing a private joke...every single thing should give us a jolt of recognition of the blessings we share.

I find myself breathing small prayers of thanks all day, every day. Perhaps it is a construct of aging, this sense of cherishing the simple things in life. I'm old enough to be retired, with more free time to stop and smell the orange blossoms. I have lived long enough to know everything changes, and loss is inevitable. I am keenly aware that my days are growing short, and no doubt this sweetens the moments I do have. Though I have always revelled in the natural world and its glories, I am newly reminded of the variety of my blessings daily.

I no longer feel the need to rush from task to task. I can, for the most

part, relish my time spent in reflection on the gifts I receive each day. My pace of life is completely dependent on how I choose to set it to MY rhythms. Even growing old brings a wealth of new blessings.

I hope each of you are able to look up from your daily marathon long enough to breathe in joy and peace and gratitude. Feel the grass beneath your feet, the breeze upon your face, the sun across your shoulders, and be grateful for the moment. Make time to be truly present with loved ones. Accept compliments. GIVE compliments! Extend an arm of support and comfort to someone. Help someone have a better day, and you will have a better day too. Science says we all will be richer for it!

Buckhorn News

By **ETHEL SKIPPER**

In this season we have so much to be thankful for. The Lord's mercy – we give thanks for Him for He is good, because His mercy endureth forever.

We give thanks for His merciful

kindness, which is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

When we are weak, the Lord will give us strength, and heal our body.

We thank Him for life during this Thanksgiving.

Skipper Temple Church will have a three-night revival on Dec. 4, 5 and 6 at 7 p.m. nightly. Evangelist will be Pastor Trance Lattimore and his team from Valdosta, Ga.

Happy birthday to Larry Bell on 11/27.

We wish a happy birthday to Charly Paschal on 12/8; Andrea Grims-

ley 12/8; Reggie Boulware 12/12; Gary Clary on 12/14; Tavoris Rosier 12/14; Shameia Rosier 12/17; Bruce Simmons 12/18; Willie F. Skipper Sr. 12/23.

Our prayers and concern go out to all the sick and shut-in, those in the nursing homes, hospitals, jails, the homeless, and the needy. Let us pray for each other.

Wakulla man gets 60 years for child porn

From Front Page

able – our children," said Sheriff Jared F. Miller. "Through the diligent work of our Detectives and the collaborative effort with FDLE's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and the U.S. Attorney's Office, a repeat offender has been removed from our community. This is what teamwork can do. We will continue to pursue those who violate the law and endanger children with every available resource. There is zero tolerance for this type of exploitation in Wakulla County."

"Protecting the chil-

dren of the great State of Florida is something we take very seriously," said FDLE Commissioner Mark Glass. "The sentence handed down today from the U.S. Attorney's office was the maximum allowed by statute and reinforces the message. If you attempt to hurt children in Florida, we will find and arrest you and our partners will prosecute you to the fullest extent of the law."

"HSI's advanced forensic capabilities and expertise serve as a critical force multiplier for the law enforcement community, enabling us to uncover, investigate, and

prosecute predators who engage in these heinous crimes," said Homeland Security Investigations Tallahassee Assistant Special Agent in Charge Nicholas Ingegno. "This case exemplifies the importance of collaboration between HSI, the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, demonstrating that together, we can bring justice to victims and ensure that offenders are held accountable for their actions. HSI will continue to leverage every resource at its disposal to combat child exploitation and safeguard

communities across the nation."

Sauleda's sentence represents the maximum authorized sentence under the law for the offenses. He will be required to continue to register as a sex offender following his prison sentence.

This conviction was the result of an investigation by the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Meredith L. Steer.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice and led by the U.S. Attorney's Offices and the Criminal Divisions Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), it marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe

Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov

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HOME ON THE RANGE

Rust on the barrel



By MARJ LAW

“No, it’s not possible,” Jack says to me firmly. “This is not rust on the barrel of my rifle.”

“Looks like rust to me,” I say as I take my index finger and run it along the barrel. My finger has a light reddish coating of dust on it.

“Nope. I keep the rifle in my closet. In the house. So, this can’t be rust.” He notices the expression on my face.

“And before I get a lecture about locking up my gun,” he continues, “I do lock it up before anyone comes to the house. But since I live alone, it can be in my closet the rest of the time.”

“I’m glad you’re careful about keeping it away from everyone,” I assure him. “But let’s get back to this stuff on the rifle’s barrel. Do you notice some tiny pits here?”

We stand near the window for better light and peer at the barrel.

“Yes. They’re really tiny. What are those things?” Jack asks, perplexed.

“Over time, rust can create pits on the steel.”

Jack is beginning to believe me.

“Then how did the

barrel get rust on it when I keep it inside the closet?” he wonders.

“Is your closet well-ventilated?”

“Well, no. But my clothes don’t complain.” He rests the butt of his rifle on the toe of his boot.

“Sorry, Jack. You do have some rust, but luckily, it’s not too bad. Yes, your barrel has some tiny pits, but they can be addressed.”

“Great!” He pauses and looks at me. “Will you do it?”

This is so not my thing.

“I bet Joe’ll do it. If we ask nicely.” Since Joe and Jack are good buds, I’m sure Joe will help. And then I’ll learn from Joe.

Sure enough, we return home with the .22 bolt-action rifle.

“Okay, Joe, what do we need?”

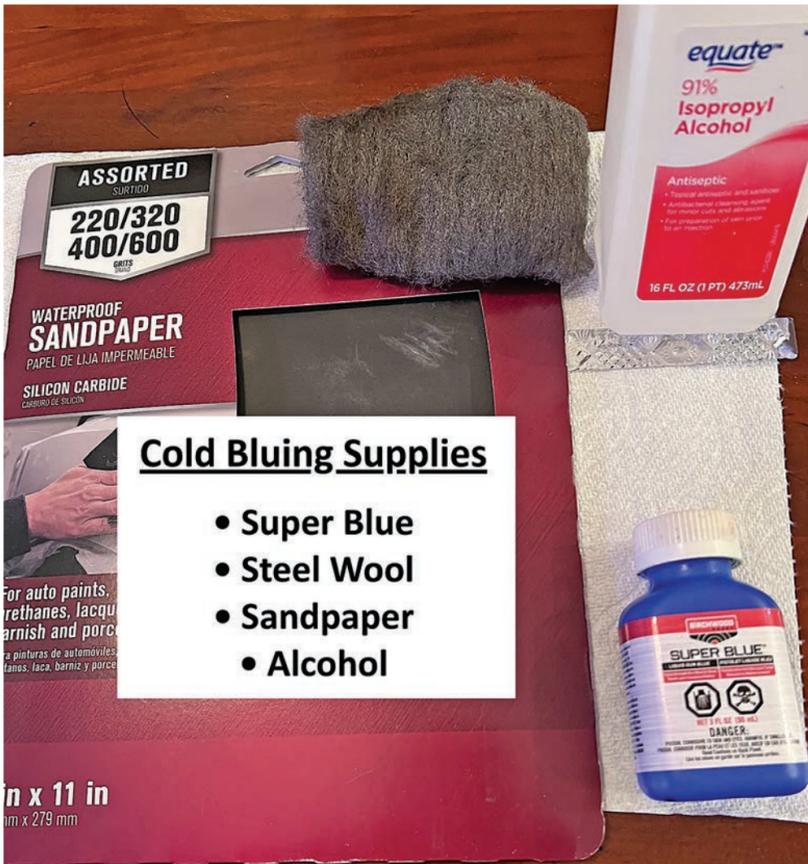
“We will need 400 and 1,000 grit sandpaper. We’ll need 000 steel wool and some alcohol. We’ll need part of an old cotton T-shirt. Last, I’ll use Birchwood Casey Super Blue.”

“Okay. Do we need to buy anything?”

“No, Marj. Just bring me some of the T-shirt you ripped up the other day. I’ve got the bluing, steel wool and sandpaper.”

“What do you do first?”

“First, I take apart the gun, so all I have is the barrel and action. The scope, bolt and stock come off.” He locates a screwdriver in the junk drawer and unscrews these parts.



Cold Bluing Supplies

- Super Blue
- Steel Wool
- Sandpaper
- Alcohol

Now we have just the barrel before us.

“First, I’m going to remove the rust, paying attention to the pitted area. That’s what the sandpaper is for. Since the pits are tiny, I’ll just use the 400-grit sandpaper. If this were an octagon barrel, I’d have placed the sandpaper on a block to smooth out the barrel. This is a round barrel, so I’ll just do it by hand.”

“You’ve got the pitted area smooth. Now, what?”

“I’m going to smooth all of the barrel with the steel wool.”

He does so.

“Look at the steel wool.” He shows me the used pad. “Do you see it?”

The end of the pad now has a reddish tinge to it.

“No more rust!” I agree. “Now, do you put on the bluing?”

“No. Now I rub the entire barrel down with alcohol. This removes any grease or other contaminants.”

He takes the scrap of T-shirt saturated with

alcohol and rubs the barrel.

“Aren’t you glad I save your old T-shirts?” I ask.

He ignores me and continues to rub.

“Now, I’ll take another piece of cotton and rub on the bluing. I do it in one area at a time, continuing until the barrel shows a uniform dark color.”

I don’t mean to be picky, but still ask: “The barrel isn’t a pretty dark color, though. It’s a bit hazy.”

“Yes. I’ll take a clean rag and buff it down until we get a shine. The bluing bonds with the metal, creating a protective finish.”

“Okay. Well, what’s this thing called ‘cold bluing?’ Is there such a thing as ‘hot bluing,’ too?”

“Hot bluing is left to professional gunsmiths with specialized equipment. Cold bluing is typically a do-it-yourself process.”

“What about the older guns that have a brown finish. Do you use bluing on them?” I wonder.

“The browning is

handled differently,” he replies. “Browning the metal must be done with a high heat, like a torch. It’s a tedious job.”

“Then, it’s a good thing this one is blued,” I remark. “What if it’s one of those plated guns?” I continue.

“If you have a pitted finish on a plated gun, you have to go to a professional plater,” he said.

“What if the gun is deeply pitted?” I ask. (Joe is used to me asking a lot of questions, and he has a lot of patience.)

“If it’s deeply pitted, you should take it to a gunsmith. Do not try to fire it. The gun may be old, and other internal parts might fail. If it’s in particularly bad shape, then we call it a ‘wall-hanger.’ A wall-hanger is a gun that is suitable for showing, but not for firing. It might be a historic piece, but is too potentially dangerous to use.”

“Oh. Are you finished with the barrel now?”

“No. Now we get some good solvent and make sure the inside of the

barrel is clean.”

“You aren’t going to blue the inside of the barrel?”

“No. If you did, every time you’d shoot, the bluing would come off. That’s why you just clean the inside.”

He takes a long utensil that has a slot in one end. He shoves a square of cotton into the slot, then saturates it with solvent and pushes it back and forth inside of the barrel.

“Now that the barrel is cleaned out, are we done?”

“No. Now we wipe the barrel with a light coat of oil. This protects the finish.”

“How often do you wipe it with oil?” I ask.

“That depends on where you store the gun. If you have a good ventilated area and air conditioning, once a year may be sufficient. Storing it in a long sock that has been impregnated with silicone helps prevent rust too. You can also find desiccants to put in your safe. They keep moisture down. If you take good care of your firearm, you shouldn’t ever need to re-blue it.”

“What happens if you find an older rifle, and you need parts for it. Like, for example, if the sight is broken off, what do you do?”

“Numrich Arms, for example, buys old parts and sells them. Other companies do, as well.”

“Oh. That’s where you found the rear sight for your own 30-30 rifle.”

“Right. And do you remember what you did with the rear sight I removed?” he asks, smiling.

I look down at my necklace. Yes, the rear sight has been turned into a pendant. I edged the perimeter with gold. Now it’s a cool piece of jewelry!

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



HARDHEAD SALTWATER CATFISH
(*Arius felis*)

With painfully sharp spines on its fins, hardheads growing to 2ft and 4lbs. They are bottom feeder using whisker-like barbells to aggressively locate food on sandy or muddy bottoms. Females lay 50 or so pea sized eggs which males pick up and hold them in their mouths until hatching. The growing babies then use their father’s mouth as a home. He does not eat during this month long period, but once his appetite is triggered he will not hesitate to eat his own offspring. The bones of this catfish are sold in curio shops as the ‘crucifix’ bone.

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Retired Wakulla Springs State Park Ranger Bob Thompson, on a recent wildlife survey at the park, took this photo of a Common Gallinule.

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

	High Tide	Low Tide
Carrabelle	28 Min.	25 Min.
Apalachicola	1 Hr., 53 Min.	2 Hrs., 38 Min.
Cat Point	1 Hr., 13 Min.	2 Hrs., 31 Min.
Lower Anchorage	1 Hr., 36 Min.	2 Hrs., 3 Min.
West Pass	1 Hr., 26 Min.	2 Hrs., 39 Min.

St. Marks River Entrance

Th	12:05 am ▲ 3.8 ft	7:30 am ▼ -1.4 ft	2:18 pm ▲ 3.4 ft	7:11 pm ▼ 1.6 ft
Fr	12:48 am ▲ 3.9 ft	8:19 am ▼ -1.4 ft	3:06 pm ▲ 3.3 ft	7:52 pm ▼ 1.6 ft
Sa	1:32 am ▲ 3.9 ft	9:08 am ▼ -1.3 ft	3:53 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	8:35 pm ▼ 1.5 ft
Su	2:17 am ▲ 3.9 ft	9:57 am ▼ -1.0 ft	4:38 pm ▲ 2.9 ft	9:19 pm ▼ 1.5 ft
Mo	3:04 am ▲ 3.7 ft	10:44 am ▼ -0.7 ft	5:22 pm ▲ 2.7 ft	10:08 pm ▼ 1.5 ft
Tu	3:54 am ▲ 3.4 ft	11:31 am ▼ -0.2 ft	6:06 pm ▲ 2.6 ft	11:07 pm ▼ 1.4 ft
We	4:51 am ▲ 2.9 ft	12:17 pm ▼ 0.3 ft	6:52 pm ▲ 2.5 ft	

City of St. Marks

Th	12:41 am ▲ 3.5 ft	8:34 am ▼ -1.2 ft	2:54 pm ▲ 3.2 ft	8:15 pm ▼ 1.5 ft
Fr	1:24 am ▲ 3.6 ft	9:23 am ▼ -1.3 ft	3:42 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	8:56 pm ▼ 1.5 ft
Sa	2:08 am ▲ 3.7 ft	10:12 am ▼ -1.4 ft	4:29 pm ▲ 2.9 ft	9:39 pm ▼ 1.4 ft
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We	12:11 am ▼ 1.3 ft	5:27 am ▲ 2.7 ft	1:21 pm ▼ 0.3 ft	7:28 pm ▲ 2.3 ft

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Th	12:25 am ▲ 3.8 ft	7:52 am ▼ -1.4 ft	2:36 pm ▲ 3.3 ft	7:25 pm ▼ 1.7 ft
Fr	1:07 am ▲ 3.9 ft	8:42 am ▼ -1.5 ft	3:25 pm ▲ 3.2 ft	8:08 pm ▼ 1.7 ft
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Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

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Fr	12:40 am ▲ 2.9 ft	8:30 am ▼ -1.1 ft	2:58 pm ▲ 2.5 ft	8:03 pm ▼ 1.2 ft
Sa	1:24 am ▲ 3.0 ft	9:19 am ▼ -1.0 ft	3:45 pm ▲ 2.3 ft	8:46 pm ▼ 1.2 ft
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Mo	2:56 am ▲ 2.8 ft	10:55 am ▼ -0.5 ft	5:14 pm ▲ 2.0 ft	10:19 pm ▼ 1.1 ft
Tu	3:46 am ▲ 2.5 ft	11:42 am ▼ -0.1 ft	5:58 pm ▲ 1.9 ft	11:18 pm ▼ 1.0 ft
We	4:43 am ▲ 2.2 ft	12:28 pm ▼ 0.2 ft	6:44 pm ▲ 1.9 ft	

St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

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Fr	12:28 am ▲ 3.1 ft	8:11 am ▼ -1.4 ft	3:25 pm ▲ 2.3 ft	7:34 pm ▼ 1.7 ft
Sa	1:13 am ▲ 3.2 ft	9:01 am ▼ -1.4 ft	4:16 pm ▲ 2.1 ft	8:14 pm ▼ 1.6 ft
Su	2:01 am ▲ 3.1 ft	9:52 am ▼ -1.2 ft	5:06 pm ▲ 2.0 ft	9:01 pm ▼ 1.6 ft
Mo	2:54 am ▲ 2.9 ft	10:44 am ▼ -0.9 ft	5:53 pm ▲ 1.9 ft	10:01 pm ▼ 1.5 ft
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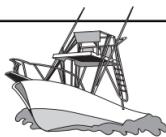
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Best hunting and fishing based on solunar times: MAJOR feeding periods are 2 hours long, centered on the solunar time. MINOR feeding periods are only 1 hour long, again centered on the solunar time.



Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Carolyn Brown Treadon



The following comes from Paul Barnard United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Recreational Boating Safety Specialist, retired. This is Part 1 of 2.

Every year tens of thousands of hunters take to the water by boat to access their favorite hunting spots. Unfortunately too many of those boaters never return safely from their trips and many more have avoidable close calls. Let's look into how to stay safe and legal when hunting ventures involve a boat.

Boaters who use any kind of motor on a boat under 39.4 feet are required to display red and green 112.5 degree side lights as well as an all-around white light that is visible for 360 degrees and not obscured by people, gear or any part of the boat. These must be purpose built navigation lights. LED strip lights, solar garden lights and Christmas lights don't meet the requirement.

Hunting boats are often minimally equipped smaller boats with low freeboard. Hunters must often cross larger bod-

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ies of water to get to their best spots. They often hunt when the water is cold and the bitter winter winds stir up angry seas. Transits may take hunters through fast flowing rivers and streams. The boats are frequently loaded with hunting gear like climbing stands, blind material and dozens of duck decoys. Hunters wear heavy clothes and waders. All of those factors combine to present an elevated risk of capsizing and drowning.

Ducks often fly when the winds are howling. Cold fronts may pass during hunting trips and bring treacherous conditions with them. Combine this with heavily loaded small boats, and it's a recipe for disaster. Watch the weather closely.

Avoid big water when the winds are high or are forecast to be high.

Just as tropical storms create surge that delivers high water to our coastal areas, cold fronts blow the water out of our tidal areas. Unfortunately, hard groundings are common in tidal areas during hunting seasons. Over the weekend we had north winds. Tides were lower than normal. Our Command Center in New Orleans got a phone call from the girlfriend of a grounded duck hunter. In her words "one of the people on board was freaking out and suffering dehydration." Being dehydrated at 3:30 in the afternoon does not suggest that the boaters were well prepared. Be sure to check

back next week for part 2 of Paul's advice.

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

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

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

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Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

Breathing underwater... again. February 16, 2012

Imagine taking a full breath while underwater. I remember my first such breath many years ago as exhilarating! We grow up believing water to be inhospitable, a dense medium difficult to move through, cold and threatening. Our culture is not alone in this belief.

As a young man of 14, I was drawn down from the surface in the Bay of Siam while snorkel (breath-hold) diving. The diversity of a colorful reef was overwhelming. I could not stay close enough nor long enough before I had to return to the surface for another breath. I visited this virgin reef south of Thailand, where no one valued this beauty.

Indeed, today the reef has been removed and replaced by a shipping channel. But the spark ignited my imagination.

For the next two years I would dream about breathing underwater, permitting me to stay near this dynamic reef.

Age 16 found me attending high school in Hawaii. I found diving in the early 1960s was a social activity taught through dive clubs and what better club than a U.S. Navy club with UDT member/instructors.

I had to convince my USAF father to jump the fence, join and attend the Pearl Diver's Club to get me scuba training. I will never forget my first pool experience breathing compressed gas underwater. A bulky twin hose was gripped in the mouth. The breath begins with an effort to pull gas from the mouthpiece, and is followed by a flow of air that pumps the diver's lungs until a push back is applied to stop it.

At first I found this procedure odd, but it worked! In time I would accept what became known as activating and stopping the cracking pressure of the regulator.

The greater the depth, the greater the density of the breathing gas, and the greater the diver needs this pumping action to breath underwater. We also learn to breathe deeply and slowly to maximize oxygen absorption and CO2 elimination while underwater.

Later in life, I moved on to Rebreather technology, an older life support technology, currently enjoying a rebirth in our community. The greatest retraining required to move from Open Circuit (OC) to Closed Circuit (CCR) is learning how to breathe - again.

Unlike OC regulators, the CCR uses only your lung muscles to move the gas from the rig in and out of your lungs. And the deeper you go, the denser the gas becomes and the more difficult moving this gas becomes. When you inhale OC gasses, you inflate your lungs and become just a little more buoyant.

When you exhale OC gasses, they bubble all the way to the surface and make you less buoyant. On a Rebreather, since you exhale into a bag, no bubbles and no buoyancy changes happen, making breath control even more important to the dive the diver's comfort while underwater.

But deeper than 150 feet, the Rebreather diver using air (not trimix with helium) has a problem with breathing. The increasing density of air beyond this depth causes the bronchiole tubes to be pulled into the air passage to the lungs and can ultimately collapse them. The pumping action of the OC regulator appears to reduce this problem. The solution for Rebreather divers is to breathe a mixture of helium and nitrox that reduces the density of the gas at depth.

Today, I quietly breathe moist, warm gas in slow deep rhythmic cadence while reminiscing of years spent immersed, studying my beloved underwater world. And to this day, the first pool session of my basic scuba class (OC or CCR) is dedicated to just enjoy (and learn) breathing underwater.

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

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Trying to keep it together this holiday season?

By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

Has this been a hard year?

Has infidelity taken someone you love? Did you have to say goodbye to your beloved pet? Has a business risk shaken

your financial security? Are you mourning the loss of your best friend? Has illness stolen your energy?

Whether it's an unwanted divorce, an unexpected loss, financial issues or a debilitating illness, your emotions could be overwhelmed for many reasons, especially now with Christmas descending upon you.

You want us to understand your pain. How much you miss simple activities like taking an evening stroll with your spouse, singing your

favorite songs with your friend on your porch swing or having your sweet fur baby cuddle at your feet while you watch TV. Or how exhausting you feel as you deal with constant financial stress or the never-ending medical appointments.

Perhaps your pain stems from a different source. You pray for the phone to ring when its silence screams loudly every day your kids don't call.

You hate being a drag during the most wonderful time of the year. As

a committed Christian, you truly want to "count it all joy," but you can't quite do it – yet. Instead, you find yourself screaming, "I'm hurting!" at the jolly actors in the Christmas movies. (It's so embarrassing when things unexpectedly set you off.)

What if I told you we understand more than we seem to?

We know you're going through a tough time. But when we don't respond the way you need us to, would you please forgive us? And not give up on us? Understand

that we want to get it right. We're truly sorry when we expect more from you than you're able to give.

And we're sad that we can't be there for you as much as you need us to be.

Most of all, realize that God will never abandon you. Take comfort from this powerfully reassuring scripture from Hebrews 13:5 in the Amplified Bible, Classic Edition: "For He [God] Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I

will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!]."

If you're feeling beaten down by life, rest assured that there are people praying for you. May you feel our love (and especially God's) this holiday season.

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From dark to light, from cup to grace

By **CHERYL CRUCE**

Why is it that some nights are full of peaceful, colorful dreams, while others are filled with fragments that make no sense at all?

Some mornings, we awaken refreshed; other mornings, we feel as if we wrestled through a storm of jumbled dreams.

And so begins the day: coffee that doesn't

taste right, lights that feel too bright, and the proverbial wrong side of the bed becomes reality. We have all been there, searching for recovery after a restless night.

Sleepless nights leave more than tired bodies; they leave distracted minds and heavy hearts. Even as the world moves on around us, our thoughts replay the scattered images, our hearts carry an unease we can't quite shake, and the day ahead feels like an obstacle course. We try to push forward, searching for normalcy in routine, comfort in familiar habits, or relief in simple moments, hoping to reclaim a sense of balance that slipped away in the darkness.

David, King of Isra-

el, knew the broken, disjointed moments as well. One would think a king would live in ease, and yet he fearfully hid in caves. He suffered the loss of children and made decisions that cost others their lives. David knew days of war and of peace. Yet, he relied on the One who held every day in His hands.

Throughout the Psalms, we hear his words of praise, brokenness, and hope. He writes of a soul that thirsts deeply for God, a heart that longs for His presence like a deer searching for streams of water. And yet, he also admits the struggle within himself – asking why his soul feels so downcast and restless. In despair and uncer-

tainty, David reminds us that it is natural to feel tired, unsettled, and worn. His words give us a picture of what it looks like to seek God honestly, even when peace feels far away (Psalm 42).

Sometimes, seeking doesn't end with a grand revelation. Sometimes it arrives quietly – in the soft light through the blinds, in a moment of stillness where your breath slows enough to remind you, you are here, still breathing. Even in the fragments, there is a thread of steadiness – a reminder the day is not lost, and rest and renewal can begin piece by piece.

Even when life feels chaotic, we are not without hope. Paul reminds us – that we can rejoice,

pray, and give thanks in all circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5:16–18). Not because every situation is good or easy, but because God is with us in storms, restless nights, and in moments when our hearts feel heavy and unsure.

His presence does not erase the struggle, but it gives us a reason to praise, a reason to keep our hearts anchored, and a reason to trust that each day, no matter how disjointed or difficult, is held in His hands.

All it takes is a choice – to reach toward steadiness, to trust in the God who restores. Not the cup of coffee poured, but the cup of wine – the cup Jesus poured – and the bread He broke, a

sacred invitation to let His presence meet us in our day. Jesus instructed us to do this often, in remembrance of Him (Luke 22:19–20), a reminder that even from restless nights to the full spectrum of our days – dark and bright – His grace sustains us.

Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. Psalm 61:1-2

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OUT TO PASTOR

The turkey is my gobble, gobble wish list

By **JAMES SNYDER**

What I enjoy the most about holidays is the "eating frenzy." It gives me opportunity to get away with a lot behind The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage's back, which is a great challenge. I'm not always successful, but I try and I have my family to thank for that.

In the last few years, I have had some health issues, beginning with a heart attack, which was not that bad because I survived without any issues. Other issues concerning my health have developed over the years, requiring me to be on health pills.

Nobody knows more about that than The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. She oversees my medical pills daily. When I wake up in the morning, my medications are ready for me to take. Maybe I've become a drug addict!

I can handle all of these pills as long as they keep me healthy. What I have a hard time handling is my diet. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has me on a very strict diet that eliminates sugar in every category. I'm not allowed to have sugar or any foods that contain it. I really didn't know how many foods had sugar.

She is quite oversee-

ing in this regard for me. I have no idea what pills I am taking, but I leave that in the very qualified hands of The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. She knows medicine better than the doctors I know. She goes with me on every doctor's visit and communicates with the doctor regarding my medicines.

Although my diet is very strict in this regard, the holiday season enables me to compromise it just a little behind the back of you-know-who. When we have a family gathering around the dinner table with that big Turkey in the middle, there are all kinds of sugar-saturated foods there, much to the chagrin of The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Being a family holiday gathering there is little she can do about it. They all bring their favorite food and much of it has sugar in it.

Usually, we have around 12 family members at these dinners, including several infants full of energy, which is a distraction and makes my sneaky plan more possible and easier to pull off.

If I eat something with sugar in it, and The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage doesn't see me eat it, I'm off free and that sugar is at my most gracious disposal. During the last 10 years following my heart attack, I have worked on this to perfect it. I'm not there yet but I'm working on it.

Throughout this family Thanksgiving celebration, I keep boasting about the turkey and how delicious it is, and I get others around the table to talk about it in

order to divert attention from my plan. Now, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is actively involved in the serving of this meal.

My plan is to sneak a sugar-laden cookie or two from the table when she is distracted. With doughnuts, cookies, and pies all around, I couldn't be in a better place.

When I want to pick up a cookie, I will cause a little distraction and talk about how delicious that turkey was, and whoever made that turkey is a genius. Everybody will laugh and point to the person who baked that turkey, none other than The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Everybody will be laughing while behind the laughing I sneak a few cookies and slide them onto my plate.

After all, how can I get caught eating something somebody in our family baked? It would be very rude for me not to eat something that someone in our family brought to the meal. That is, everything but broccoli.

Those Thanksgiving dinners are some of the most wonderful times of

the year. Yes, I love and enjoy the turkey. But if I can use the turkey to create a shield to sneak several cookies, it is that much more delicious.

After the meal when everybody has gone, I usually go and sit down in my easy chair and relax a bit and reflect on our time around the Thanksgiving table.

It is then that The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage will come and say, "I know you didn't eat any cookies during the meal so I thought I would bring you one in appreciation of your faithful abstinence."

Nothing feels more wonderful than when a plan comes together. I'm not sure who is tricking whom here. Did I tricked her, or is she tricking me into believing that she didn't see me take some cookies off the table?

I look at her and say very cheerfully, "You know those pies on the table today looked so delicious and I was so tempted when looking at them."

"Well," she said, "maybe I will let you have a small piece of pumpkin pie tonight for supper."

Refusing her offer would be stupid; I munched her cookie, dreaming of the pumpkin pie I'd enjoy later-life's perfect moment.

As I was thinking of our family celebration I was reminded of a Bible verse, Psalm 127:3, "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward."

Thinking about my family at our Thanksgiv-

ing celebration caused me to remember how blessed I am. My goal is not to take this blessing for granted but thank God each day for it.

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No obituaries or death notices submitted for this week. – Editor

Sheriff's Report

This report is for activity November 21st to 28th. There were 1,219 total calls for service during the week.

FRIDAY, NOV. 21

- Deputy Dustin Saba responded to Tyner Drive in reference to a damaged property complaint. Contact was made with the reporting person who advised he discovered the rear lift gate window to his vehicle damaged. The last time he saw the window intact was when he arrived for work at Walmart on Nov. 20. He stated he arrived at work at 2 p.m. and returned home at 11 p.m. without noticing the damage. He contact law enforcement after his discovery of the damage. Deputies attempted to locate surveillance footage from the parking lot of Walmart with negative results. No suspects or witnesses have been located at this time.

- A subject was arrested for stealing tuna from Macks Meats. She fled the scene on foot but deputies were able to put out a Be On the Lookout alert and locate the subject walking down the road. Deputies made contact with her, and after gathering sufficient evidence, placed her under arrest. She was transported to the county jail without further incident.

SATURDAY, NOV. 22

- Deputy Dustin Saba responded to Sam Marks Road in reference to a stolen vehicle complaint. Contact was made with a citizen who advised he

discovered his Nissan Titan missing from his residence. He advised he last saw the vehicle on Nov. 21 at 10 p.m. The vehicle was entered into FCIC/NCIC as stolen and the vehicle was located a short time later in Leon County by FSU Police department. The vehicle was located at the intersection on West Pensacola St and Champions Way abandoned and was towed from the scene by Professional Parking Services.

- Lt. William Spence responded to Old Woodville Hwy in reference to packages being delivered to the wrong address. Contact was made with the reporting person, who advised she received a notice that her Amazon order had been delivered to her address. When she checked her front door, she did not observe any packages. Once she checked the photo provided by the delivery driver, the background did not resemble her residence. She made contact with the neighbors on Old Woodville Hwy to inquire about her packages with negative results. She requested the incident be documented in order for Amazon to send her a replacement order.

SUNDAY, NOV. 23

- Deputy Dustin Saba responded to the 3500 block of Spring Creek Hwy in reference to a theft complaint. Contact was made with the reporting person who advised his neighbor removed a steak from his freezer. He advised she visits his residence occasionally and prepares meals for him.

When she arrived today, he noticed her exiting his residence with a grocery bag containing unknown items. Shortly after, he discovered the steak missing from his freezer. Contact was made with her at her residence. She advised she only removed approved non-perishable food from his residence.

- A citizen reported a possible burglary. While on scene, she advised someone had eaten a can of chip dip and left it in the sink as well as left a smudge mark on her refrigerator. She informed Deputy Joshua Parker that people had cast spells on her and she sometimes hears noises in her residence but when she looked, she found nothing. She advised she believed it to be her father's spirit. During the investigation there were no signs of forced entry or foul play suggesting a burglary had occurred.

MONDAY, NOV. 24

- A citizen reported the theft of his father's headstone. The headstone was provided by the military for his service with the U.S. Navy. Due to a lack of suspect information, and no video footage, this case will be closed.

- A citizen reported being scammed out of money. He met a subject online who pretended to be an attractive woman. However, this subject scammed him out of approximately \$194,000 over the last six months. Case forwarded to Criminal Investigations Division.

TUESDAY, NOV. 25

- A subject reported his Apple iPad had been hacked. He stat-

ed someone had used his information to purchase pornography via Apple Pay in several states. He was not out any money nor are there any known suspects. He made contact with Apple which will be filing a report on his behalf.

- Deputy Aimee Hoagland responded to the area of Eunice Road and Williams Road in reference to a structure fire. Upon arrival, along with Wakulla Fire Rescue, the flames were extinguished. Contact was made with the owner of the camper, who advised he was not home during the time the fire began. Another subject advised he was inside the residence when the fire began. He stated he heard the fire and immediately began trying to put it out. He valued the camper at \$1,000. He also stated he did not have any paperwork or insurance on the camper. The camper was deemed a total loss and no foul play was suspected.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26

- Deputy Lexi Kreitlow conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for no tag displayed. Upon observing the vehicle travelling northbound on Crawfordville Highway, Deputy Kreitlow noted the vehicle was the same vehicle stopped earlier where the driver was issued a citation for Driving While License Suspended or Revoked (DWLSR) Unknowingly. Upon making contact with the driver Dep. Kreitlow placed him under arrest for DWLSR Knowingly. He was then transported to the county jail without further incident.

THURSDAY, NOV. 27

- Deputy Dylan Buckhalt conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Mike Stewart Drive and Crawfordville Highway on a vehicle with no operable brake lights. During the investigation, the driver gave consent to search. She and her passenger both exited the vehicle. During the search, Deputy Buckhalt located a clear baggie of crystal-like substance under the front passenger seat. Both subjects were then detained and secured in the patrol vehicles on scene. The crystal-like substance was then field tested which produced a positive for methamphetamine. Upon making contact with both subjects once more, they advised they did not possess anything else. A probable cause search was then conducted. The search led to discovering a separate criminal incident. Prior to transporting her to jail, both subjects were asked once more if they had anything on them. She advised she did have more methamphetamine. The other subject once more denied anything further. Both subjects were transported to the county jail. Once inside, jail staff conducted a strip search of both females. The search produced finding the methamphetamine she spoke of. The other subject also possessed more meth. All narcotics located during this incident was seized and submitted to property and evidence as evidence. One subject was charged with possession of methamphetamine, introduction of contraband, and trafficking methamphetamine. The other subject was

also charged with possession of methamphetamine. The total weight of the narcotics seized weighed 30.5 grams.

- While investigating the above-mentioned case, a state trooper located numerous soft cover notepads/books containing a large amount of people's full names, date of births, and Social Security numbers. Also located were two phones, multiple bank cards, and a check, none of which belonged to the subjects. The books also contained a monetary value next to some of the names. Due to there being Social Security numbers and the elements of fraud evidence, the items were collected and submitted to property and evidence for fraud investigation.

FRIDAY, NOV. 28

- Deputy Lewis Marshall responded to Sharman Circle regarding jewelry theft. A citizen advised \$7,400 worth of jewelry and cash was stolen from inside her house. She suspects her son took the items and cash. Contact with the son wa

- Deputy Shay Sullivan responded to the WCSO front lobby in reference to an identity theft. A citizen advised a subject known to her used her identity to open bank and "other" accounts to transfer money in her name. She requested a report for information purposes at this time and signed an affidavit for non-prosecution.

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

Movie screening

From Front Page

The film features a number of Wakulla County residents and their families and was largely shot on site at Mashas Sands Beach, the Historic Sopchoppy School and on private property. Sets used in the film were built by the film participants themselves.

Actors Mario Tschanner and Erik Kremkav built the spaceship used in the film. The "Superstition Mountain" scene was filmed in Arizona where Cook once lived.

Both band members of Crawfordville's Dusty Gravelers – Brian Misiolek and John Keller Gilbert – filled the roles of "Texan #1 and Texan #2. Both agreed, "It was a blast to be involved in this."

"I fell in love with acting in just one day because of this experience," said Gilbert.

Child actor Wyatt Hindle Duncan said, "It felt good to be in the movie, but I was nervous at first."

Cook's wife Vaneta said about the children, "I am really impressed how well they did act-

ing, and especially with their facial expressions, we are all excited for them when they try to do good."

Palaver Tree's director Herb Donaldson attended the event and said, "I am looking forward to seeing the full version in the future."

Cook said, "I had this vision for the film in my head for many years, creating it scene by scene in my head at night, and I am glad to finally produce it. I have been writing music and art since I was 10 years old; film is my favorite of the arts because it combines all three."

Cook said he met Herb and Chuck Rob-

inson – who does audio – and Herb put him in touch with Suzanne and Krissy and they built a team.

"We had a casting call in April, and we had a variety of people auditioning. I chose the Hill-billy/Rockabilly music for the film because it a favorite of mine. We will get feedback for the film through emails and upload it to Angel Studios. If the guild is approved, we start the funding process; if the film is successful, we get returns."

A "Torch" film is a short section of the film used to obtain funding from Angel Studios. The Angel Guild consists of thousands of members who participate in the decision-making process for film and television projects. Members review "Torches," which are concept videos or completed films, and vote on whether Angel Studios should take on these projects. If a project meets the Guild's voting criteria, it enters a due diligence process to determine its viability for production.

Director Jeff Cook and wife Vaneta, who is originally from Lithuania, have a son with cerebral palsy, who inspired the story.



Director James Cook gets kids ready for the movie screening at Palaver Tree Theater.

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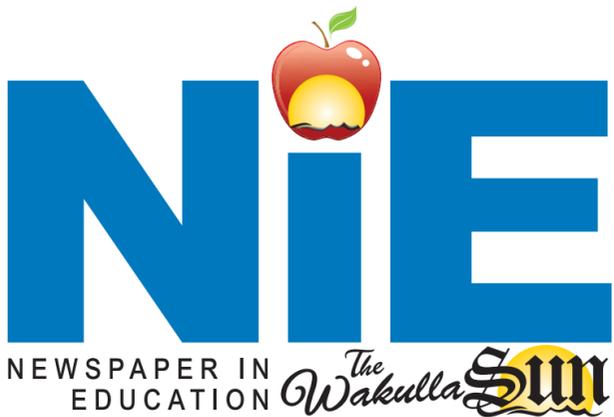
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1. PARADE OF NEW CHARACTERS

The 99th Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City mixed old traditions with brand-new stars. Huge balloons like Mario, SpongeBob, and Minnie Mouse floated over the streets along with new characters such as Labubu and the monster Demogorgon from "Stranger Things." Marching bands, dancers, cheerleaders, and colorful floats filled the parade route while families bundled up in the cold to watch. Some people even spent all year getting ready, like a boy who practiced his snare drum and a man who drove in at 2:30 a.m. to sell silly turkey hats. Behind the scenes, puppeteers worked hard inside the Demogorgon float, using their muscles to move its arms and legs for the whole 2½-mile walk. The parade showed how a long-running tradition can change with each new generation while still keeping favorites like Tom Turkey and Santa at the end. Pretend you are in charge of adding one brand-new float or balloon to next year's Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. In 3 to 5 sentences, describe what your float or balloon would look like, which character or idea it is based on, and how it would move or act in the parade. Then explain why you think kids and families watching from the sidewalks and their windows would be excited to see your creation.

2. A BEE LAB IN TROUBLE

For more than 100 years, the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center in Maryland has helped farmers and scientists learn how to grow safer, healthier food. Scientists there have bred better turkeys, studied dangerous fungi, and done important research to protect bees and find out why they sometimes die suddenly. Now the Trump administration wants to close the center and move its work to other labs across the country, saying that fixing the old buildings would cost too much money. Many farmers, beekeepers, and scientists are worried that moving or shutting down the lab will slow down research and cause expert workers to quit rather than move away. They say some things, like long-term test fields and delicate samples, might be damaged or lost if they are moved. People who care about food safety and bee health are asking the government to repair and modernize the center instead of

closing it. Imagine you are a beekeeper who depends on the Beltsville bee lab to help keep your hives healthy. Write a friendly letter of 4 to 6 sentences to a government official explaining why this research center is important to you, your bees, and the food people eat. Be sure to tell what the scientists do there, what might go wrong if the center closes, and what you hope the government will do instead.

3. COOLING DOWN HOT NEIGHBORHOODS

New York City is getting hotter as the climate changes, and extreme heat can be very dangerous for people who live there. A new "climate budgeting" plan is helping the city decide how to spend money to keep neighborhoods cooler and

protect residents. Scientists found that places with lots of trees, parks, and light-colored roofs stay cooler, while areas filled with dark asphalt and tall buildings trap heat. The city's plan includes spending hundreds of millions of dollars to plant more trees, protect wetlands, and change streets and roofs so they reflect more sunlight. These changes are meant to lower temperatures, improve air quality, and make it easier for New Yorkers to stay safe during heat waves. Over time, the city hopes this work will also help reduce pollution and move toward its goal of net-zero emissions by 2050. Think about your own neighborhood and how hot it feels in the summer. In 3 to 5 sentences, describe where you think it feels hottest and where it feels coolest, and explain what kinds

of things (like trees, grass, playgrounds, or parking lots) you see in those places. Then write 2 to 3 more sentences suggesting at least two changes your city or town could make to keep your neighborhood cooler in the future and why those changes would help.

4. BREATHING IN DIRTY AIR IN NEW DELHI

In New Delhi, the capital of India, the air is so polluted that it can be dangerous just to breathe outside. Every day, people wake up and go to bed in thick smog caused by car and truck exhaust, factories, and farmers burning leftover crops. Tiny particles in the air called PM2.5 are often more than 20 times higher than what health experts say is safe. This dirty air makes people's eyes burn, gives them headaches and coughs, and sends many more patients to the hospital

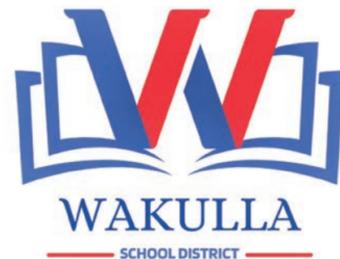
with breathing problems. Schools sometimes have to close, and students stay home because it is not safe to be outside. Some people wear masks or use air purifiers, but many workers and families do not have that choice and must stay outside all day to earn money. Create a poster or the script for a TV news segment that tells people about the dangers of polluted air. Include suggestions of what people can do to keep themselves safe.

5. WOMEN CHANGING HEART SURGERY

In the United States, less than 10 percent of heart and lung surgeons are women, even though more women are entering medicine. At a special meeting in Florida, over 200 female surgeons and students gathered to share their research and talk about the challenges they face in a field that has long been dominated by men. Many of

them have experienced unfair treatment, such as lower pay, fewer promotions, or patients asking for a male doctor instead. They also talked about struggling with long hours, raising families, and feeling like they do not belong, even when they are highly trained and skilled. The women at the conference encouraged each other to stay confident, support one another, and show younger girls that they can become surgeons too. They believe that having more women in heart and lung surgery will help patients and make hospitals fairer places to work. In 4–6 sentences, describe a poster or presentation you would create for an elementary school career day that would encourage people to join a field where not many people look like them yet. Explain how your words and images would help other kids feel brave enough to follow their own big dreams.

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Health FACT:

What is the name of the chart that eye doctors use to measure vision?

Answer: Snellen scale

How they say that in...

English: Sight
Spanish: Vista
Italian: Vista
French: Vue
German: Sicht

Math Blocks

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

	4		13
9	0		17
	10	2	18
21	14	13	

2	0	9
8	0	6
3	4	9

Solution

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

REPCEFT NVOIIS

Answer: Perfect vision

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

DEC 6

1884: The Washington Monument in Washington, D.C., is completed.

1897: London becomes the world's first city to host licensed taxicabs.

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 Located at 113 Dreamwood Stables Rd., Crawfordville, FL 32327
 In the County of Wakulla
 Intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporation of the Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Published on December 4, 2025

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
 LINDA LOUISE HOOKER,
 DECEASED

FILE NO: 25-CP-179

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of LINDA LOUISE HOOKER, Deceased, whose date of death with February 17, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file the 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 F.S. 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is November 27, 2025.

ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
 /s/ WILLIAM H. WEBSTER
 Attorney at Law
 P.O. Box 4
 Hosford, FL 32334
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billwebsterlaw@yahoo.com

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
 MARC WALDEN HOOKER
 32 Lauderdale Lane
 Crawfordville, FL 32327

November 27, December 4, 2025

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

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
 GLADYS FAYE BURR,
 DECEASED

FILE NO: 25-CP-175

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of Gladys Faye Burr, deceased, File Number 25-CP-175, by the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division; that the decedent's date of death was September 24, 2025; that the total value of the estate is \$12,825.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Tommy Gene Smith, II, 128 Chase Ridge Drive, Hartford, AL 36344
Catherine Moody, 302 Plantation Drive, Dothan, AL 36303

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

A Personal Representative or Curator has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in 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 27, 2025.

Attorney for Co-Petitioners:
 /s/ David F. Holmes
 David F. Holmes, Attorney
 Florida Bar No. 0261602
 P. O. Box 1180
 Slocomb, AL 36375
 (334) 886-3123

Co-Petitioner:
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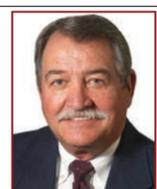


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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: THOMAS E. WATSON, DECEASED DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO.: 25-CP-182

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The ancillary administration of the Estate of THOMAS E. WATSON, Deceased, Case No. 2025 CP 182 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 Hwy Crawfordville, FL 32327. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative'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 27, 2025.

Ancillary Personal Representative: /s/ Sean W. Gellis Rebecca Williams 402 Eady Creek Road Barnesville, GA 30204 SEAN W. GELLIS Florida Bar No. 105924 GELLIS LAW, PLLC 2931 Crawfordville Hwy Crawfordville, FL 32327 Phone: 561-371-2848 sean@gellislaw.com

Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 2025

NOTICE OF SALE

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

BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST, Plaintiff,

Case #: 65-2023-CA-000675

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, ROBERTA B. EVANS, DECEASED, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 12, 2025, and entered in Case No. 65-2023-CA-000675 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida in which Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust, is the Plaintiff and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, or other Claimants claiming by, through, under, or against, Roberta B. Evans, deceased; Connie Snyder; Denise Gary; Evelyn Karrey Hart; James Allan Evans; James Evans; Pamela Davis; Randolph Evans; United States of America Acting through Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Any And All Unknown Parties Claiming by, Through, Under, And Against The Herein named Individual Defendant(s) Who are not Known To Be Dead Or Alive, Whether Said Unknown Parties May Claim An Interest in Spouses, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Or Other Claimants are defendants, the Wakulla County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the front lobby of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, Wakulla County, Florida at 11:00AM EST on the 18 day of December, 2025, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 4, BLOCK "A", MILL CREEK ESTATES, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 15 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 96 MILL CREEK ROAD CRAWFORDVILLE FL 32327

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim before the Clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.

{{County Court Seal}}

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



NOTICE OF SALE

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

Win trust Mortgage, a division of Barrington Bank & Trust Company, N.A., Plaintiff,

Case #: 25000060CAAXMX

vs.

Ronald Natale a/k/a Ronald Dominic Natale, III; Alma Dayot Bonita; Cavalry SPV I, LLC, as Assignee of Synchrony Bank; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s); Unknown Parties in Possession #2, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s), Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 25000060CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein Wintrust Mortgage, a division of Barrington Bank & Trust Company, N.A., Plaintiff and Ronald Natale a/k/a Ronald Dominic Natale, III are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Greg James, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT LOBBY OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HWY, CRAWFORDVILLE, FLORIDA AT 11:00 A.M. on December 18, 2025, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 69 & EAST 112 OF LOT 70, BLOCK 5, WAKULLA GARDENS UNIT TWO, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 42 OF PUBLIC RECORDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

DATED in Wakulla, Florida this, 18th day of November, 2025.

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 THE ADA COORDINATOR: 301 SOUTH MONROE STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32301; (850) 606-4401 AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION OF THE TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE IS LESS THAN 7 DAYS. IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711.

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



November 27, December 4, 2025

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

Philippe Bernier, Plaintiff,

Case #: 25CC 243

vs.

John Joseph Coombes Jr., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for establishment of ownership of personal property described as: 2006 Honda Shadow Motor Cycle VIN# JH2RC44446M00 1258 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Plaintiff, Philippe Bernier, whose address is: 85 Harbour Point Drive, Crawfordville, FL 32327, on or before December 31, 2025, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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



Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 2025

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

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR OCWEN LOAN ACQUISITION TRUST 2024-HBI, Plaintiff,

CASE NO. 24-CA-101

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF MARIE SHERMAN, DECEASED, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION- CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF MARIE SHERMAN, DECEASED, and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE EST ATE OF MARVIN ANTHONY DAVIS, DECEASED,

whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

TO: DONTANOUS ANTWON DAVIS, whose residence is unknown and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

LOTS 31 AND 32, BLOCK "21", WAKULLA GARDENS, UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 39, PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before January 3, 2025 (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Wakulla County, Florida, this 26th day of November, 2025.

{{County Court Seal}}

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



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Dec. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025

CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Popular wine __ Spu- mante
5. Greatly im- pressed
11. __ and that
12. Uttered with passion
16. Boats
17. Veteran actor Harris
18. Casserole with game
19. Reprehensi- ble acts
24. They pre- cede C
25. Says under one's breath
26. Taxis
27. It transfers genetic info
28. NFL great Randy
29. Where col- lege students sleep
30. Major Euro- pean river
31. Taco condi- ment
33. -frutti
34. Polish city
38. Astronomy unit
39. Khoikhoi peoples
40. Bears QB Williams
43. Scrambled, fried, boiled
44. Price indi- cators
45. One-time world power
49. When you hope to get somewhere
50. Farm build- ing
51. Choose carefully
53. Magnum was one
54. One who combines
56. Nursemaids
58. Partner to Pa
59. Notable river
60. Officially honors

- 63. Colorless compound
64. A fancy chair
65. Email func- tion

CLUES DOWN

- 1. The central area in a building
2. Religion of Japan
3. Leggings
4. Officially distributes
5. Arabian Sea seaport
6. Spanish doc- tors
7. It cools your house
8. Currency of Poland
9. Slowly moves into
10. Days (Span- ish)
13. Unit of vol- ume
14. Emit
15. With two replaceable hy- drogens
20. Title for a man
21. Equally
22. Scarlett's home
23. One-time tech titan
27. Subway dwellers
29. One-tenth of a liter
30. Central Eu- ropean river
31. Distress signal
32. Expression of sympathy
33. The bill in a restaurant
34. Football equipment
35. Dance mu- sic
36. Russian river
37. Cosmetics giant Mary __
38. Gym class
40. Automo- biles
41. Roman honorific
42. Losses in sports
44. Skin tone in summer
45. Distant planet
46. Critical humor
47. Illegally obtained
48. Go back over
50. Home appli- ance brand
51. Unit of ra- dioactivity
52. Home of the Flyers
54. Short offi- cial note
55. Emit coher- ent radiation
57. Anno Do- mini (in the year of Our Lord)
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Grid for a 9x9 sudoku puzzle with some numbers pre-filled.

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45. Distant planet
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Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-65 indicating starting points for clues.



NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that DUANE EVANS LLC The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

Certificate #: 46 Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023 Parcel #: 12-5s-03w-063-00798-000 Description of Property: 12-5s-3w Indian Summer Lot 76 OR 46 P 28

Name in which assessed JEAN C GOOSMAN said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: January 28, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

November 7, 2025 Signature: Greg James, Clerk By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida Published on November 27, December 4, 11, 18, 2025

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that DUANE EVANS LLC The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

Certificate #: 85 Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023 Parcel #: 02-6s-03w-000-01308-016 Description of Property: 2-6s-3w p-12-16 .85 ac a parcel adjacent to Lot 9 of Ochlockonee River Estates Unit 2 OR 182 P 709 OR 101 P 843-845 OR 436 P 178

Name in which assessed BROWN BROWN LEONARD ROE ETAL/ THOMAS R WRIGHT ETAL said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: January 28, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

November 7, 2025 Signature: Greg James, Clerk By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida Published on November 27, December 4, 11, 18, 2025

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 021

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Certificate #: 226 Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023 Parcel #: 09-5s-02w-000-02748-000 Description of Property: 9-5s-2w p-11-m-40 Begin at SE cor of NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 DB 47 P 180 OR 1107 P 799 OR 1107 P 801 OR 1294 P 32 OR 1307 P 760

Name in which assessed HAZEL RANDOLPH/ JACQUELINE WASHINGTON said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: January 28, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

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Certificate #: 266 Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023 Parcel #: 23-5s-02w-056-02821-000 Description of Property: Joseph Lee Estates Block G Lot 8 OR 54 P 254 & OR 71 P 967 OR 1079 P 458

Name in which assessed CHARLES PETE GRIGGS said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: January 28, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

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Certificate #: 42 Date of Issuance: May 29, 2020 Parcel #: 35-4s-03w-000-00581-000 Description of Property: 35 4s 3w p-5-m-25 in the S 1/2 of Sec 35 OR 16 P 390 OR 85 P 435 OR 141 P 871 OR 499 P 634 OR 792 P 644 OR 869 P 730

Name in which assessed HEIRS OF BUREK GUNBAY said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: January 28, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

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Certificate #: 600 Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023 Parcel #: 08-6s-01w-302-04863-d04 Description of Property: Tradewinds Sub Boat Dock 4 OR 504 P 451 OR 760 P 703 OR 786 P 154 OR 992 P 523 OR 1171 P 797

Name in which assessed PANACEA BAY LLC said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: January 28, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

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Certificate #: 712 Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023 Parcel #: 03-4s-01e-313-05700-a05 Description of Property: Shell Island Retreat Ph I Lot 5 Block A OR 527 P 224 OR 618 P 774 OR 870 P 576 OR 986 P 469 OR 1208 P 501

Name in which assessed MCCABE BROTHERS LLC said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: January 28, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

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Certificate #: 949 Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023 Parcel #: 00-00-035-008-07924-000 Description of Property: Wakulla Gardens Block 24 Lot 19 OR 5 P 827 OR 351 P 462 & 463 OR 1122 P 794

Name in which assessed JOHN GLYNN PHILLIPS said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: January 28, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

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Certificate #: 959 Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023 Parcel #: 00-00-035-008-07984-000 Description of Property: Wakulla Gardens Block 25 Lot 12 OR 52 P 157

Name in which assessed CHESTRESS D STAYWICK said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: January 28, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

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Certificate #: 976 Date of Issuance: June 1, 2022 Parcel #: 00-00-043-010-08866-000 Description of Property: Wakulla Gardens Unit 3 Block 20 Lot 47 OR 7 P 853

Name in which assessed MISS IRIS BAKER BAUMGARNER BAKER said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: January 28, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

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Certificate #: 1246 Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023 Parcel #: 00-00-072-000-10153-005 Description of Property: Lot 72 HS p-5-5-m-21a a parcel in the NW 1/4 of HS 72 on S Side of Hwy 61 OR 448 P 588 OR 881 P 536 OR 993 P 855

Name in which assessed BRYAN LEE HUDSON said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: January 28, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 030

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Certificate #: 1261 Date of Issuance: June 1, 2023 Parcel #: 00-00-073-178-10186-a18 Description of Property: HS Lot 73 Block A Lot 18 of Trice Estates Unit 1 OR 123 P 699 OR 177 P 434 OR 321 P 573 OR 383 P 154 OR 392 P 719 OR 642 P 282

Name in which assessed HALENE HARTSFIELD said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: January 28, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

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GUESS WHO ?

I am an actor born on December 3, 1968 in Indiana. I made my acting debut in a crime reenactment for "America's Most Wanted." I'm a star who made it big in the 1990s with various action movies, including a trilogy about mummies. After a hiatus, I made a strong comeback and even won an Academy Award.

Answer: Payroll Answer: Brendan Fraser

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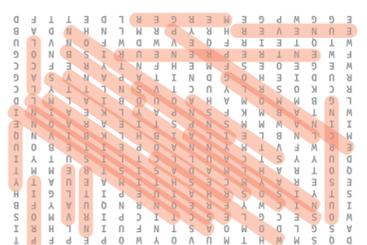
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WRESTLING

Lady War Eagle season opener

By **WALT JACOBS**
Correspondent

The Lady War Eagle wrestling team opened their season and Jon Sanchez made his debut as Head Coach on Tuesday, Nov. 25th at the Flagler Rotary Girls Invitational.

To give some perspective on how tough this tournament is, last year almost half of the champs at Flagler became state champs later in March.

According to Coach Sanchez, this year's tournament featured "eighty-six ranked wrestlers competing. Five are returning state champions and seventeen wrestlers are ranked in the Top Ten."

In her opening bout, Julia Baggett decisively defeated Elle Smith of Winter Springs. Baggett got a takedown at the one minute and thirty-eight second mark and 12 seconds later she secured the pin just before the period expired.

In the next round, Baggett fell to Viera's 5th ranked Ryauna Nepomuceno.

In Baggett's final match of the tournament, she lost a very competitive contest to 22nd ranked Marlee Karounos of Horizon.

"Julia is wrestling tough," said Coach Sanchez, "and I believe she's right at that point where a wrestler makes a big jump in their abilities.



Lady War Eagle Kendal Haynie with medal.

She's a hard worker and has that drive you want to see in your athletes. I think big things are ahead for this young lady."

In her debut as a War Eagle, Kameron Easter quickly defeated Marlee Karounos of Horizon by pinfall. In round two, Easter fell to top ranked Cameron Lord of Sunlake.

Easter rebounded from the loss by

going on a three-match win streak. She pinned Winter Springs' Elle Smith with 11 seconds remaining in the second period, followed by a first period pin of Isabella Romero of Bartram Trail in her next match.

In the following match, Easter notched her 4th fall of the tournament when she pinned Freedom's Sarah Lucena in the second period.

In her final bout of the tournament, Easter fell in the first period to 12th ranked Raegan Hatch of Deltona.

In dominating fashion, Kendal Haynie placed 1st in the 120 pound weight class without surrendering a single point. Haynie opened the tournament with a 15-0 tech fall over 14th ranked Jocelyn Quiroz of Winter Springs. She followed that up with a win by pin over 19th ranked Camilla Alderman.

In the semi-finals, Haynie pinned 17th ranked Memphis Moses of Middleburg midway through the first period.

In the finals, Haynie faced Viera's Catalina Kenney who placed 4th in the state last season at 115 and is currently ranked 3rd at 120.

At this juncture in the tournament, Kenney, like Haynie, had not surrendered a single point either. However, Kenney proved to be no challenge for Haynie as the sensational sophomore led 6-0 before pinning the senior midway through the 2nd period.

"I think we are doing all the right things in the room to get us where we need to be at the end of the season," Sanchez said. "Our next tournament at Border Wars will have teams that are in our district and region, so that'll give us a good look on where we stand looking at the postseason."



Julia Baggett vs Marlee Karounos.



Kameron Easter with hand raised.

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