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Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday Friday Saturday



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Sheriff's major fired

Dale Evans, head of road patrol, had filed several complaints against sheriff

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

Major Dale Evans, who headed the Road Patrol division of the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, sent an email to The Sun last week that said simply:

"Well they terminated me."

A spokesman for the sheriff's office said the matter was not final. Deputies can appeal a recommendation of termination with a name-clearing proceeding and his termination would not be final until that hearing was held.

Evans did not return a phone call seeking further information.

The same day Evans contacted the Sun, Dec. 5th, he posted on his Facebook page: "Well I am officially retired as of



Major Dale Evans

today."

Evans had been the subject of an internal affairs investigation after months of filing complaints alleging improper behavior by Sheriff Jared Miller towards staff creating a hostile workplace environment, and complaining of unfair treatment of some deputies.

In August he was suspended and placed on administrative leave with

pay after he submitted a series of memos about Col. Chuck Whaley, who heads the office's Criminal Investigations Division, calling him a "failed leader" and accused Whaley of hiding information from the sheriff.

The grounds for Evans' suspension was reportedly "Disrespect."

Back in August, Sheriff Miller was emotional talking about Evans' complaints, saying the two had been friends for more than 30 years.

"I wish I knew what he needs and wants so I could help him work toward it," the sheriff said at the time.

After seeing the sheriff's comments in print, Evans fired back in a text to The Sun: "No one responds to my emails so the sheriff saying he cares and wants to help is BS."

As Evans is a member of the sheriff's command staff, the investigation was reportedly handled by the Leon County Sheriff's Office.

Evans appears to have become increasingly disgruntled after he was investigated last year, August 2024, for his role in using a burner phone to contact another deputy to alert her that she was under investigation and might be fired for stalking a person reportedly connected to a romantic partner. That deputy was allowed to resign rather than be terminated.

Evans was ultimately revealed as the person contacting that deputy, and he was counseled, and a memo was placed in his file. No criminal charges or formal discipline were pursued against him.

Sex offender back in Wakulla for local charges

Donovan Sauleda was sentenced to 60 years in federal court; he faced local charges last week

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

Sex offender Donovan Sauleda was in Wakulla Circuit Court last week to resolve his local charges before going off to the federal Bureau of Prisons to serve a 60-year sentence for possession of child pornography and production and distribution of obscene material portraying a child.

On Thursday, Dec. 4, Sauleda was in Wakulla Circuit Court for a violation of probation for a 2011 offense for traveling to meet a minor for unlawful sexual offense, and use of a computer to possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell, both second degree felonies punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

Defense attorney Joshua Zelman negotiated an agreement in which Sauleda admitted the violation and was ordered to serve one day in the Wakulla County Jail with time considered served.

Sauleda indicated to Circuit Court Judge Layne Smith that he was hopeful that his actual time served of 790 days would be credited by the federal Bureau of Prisons.

The federal case was prompted by an investigation in Wakulla for failure to register internet accounts. As part of that, child sex dolls and child porn was found, along with videos Sauleda made.

He went to trial on federal charges in June 2025 and was found guilty by a jury.



Donovan Sauleda

SEASONAL TUNES



Winter Concert

Riversink Elementary held a student performance last week that featured Castle Harrell playing the

air guitar to 'Rock 'n' Roll Snowman.' The concert also featured the Wakulla High Jazz Band. (Photo by Perry Dissmore)

Christmas events pack the weekend

Staff Report

While the threat of bad weather led to the cancellation of last Saturday's planned Christmas in Panacea, no such bad weather appears on the horizon this week.

That's good news as there are a lot of Christmas-themed events coming up this week:

• It kicks off on Friday, Dec. 12 with the annual Holiday Story Time with Sheriff Jared Miller reading Christmas stories to kids at the public library meeting room from 5 to 6 p.m.

• Sheriff Miller then goes to Christmas in the Park - a Wakulla Holiday Festival, sponsored jointly by the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office and Wakulla County administration - which will be held at Hudson Park beginning at 6 p.m.

On Saturday, more fun:
• Christmas in Sopchoppy will be held from 1 to 7 p.m. There will be vendors and food trucks and a visit from Santa, with the right jolly old elf on hand from 3 to 5 p.m.

• Of note as well, not necessarily a Christmas event, but Pet Jam, a fundraising benefit for Wakulla Animal Group, will be held at Palaver Tree Theater from 4 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$5. Musical groups include Sawgrass Zoo, River-Dogs, and The Sevens.

On Tuesday, Dec. 16, a more somber Christmas tradition: Big Bend Hospice's Service of Remembrance will be held at Family Funeral Home from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

• Also on Tuesday, A Holiday Safari, sponsored by the Friends of the Wakulla County Public Library, will be held at the community center on Trice Lane from 6 to 7 p.m.

And the final Christmas event, next Saturday, Dec. 20, is the annual St. Marks Golf Cart Parade. Line up at Bo Lynn's at 7 p.m.; parade starts at 7:30 p.m. Bring an unwrapped toy for Operation Santa.

Robotics team prepares

The team will compete in a LEGO challenge this weekend

Story & Photos By
LINDA ANN McDONALD

Wakulla STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math), is preparing to compete in a FIRST LEGO League Challenge. The event will be held at the Maclay School in Tallahassee on Dec. 13th.

Wakulla STEAM is a non-profit organization created by Tyson and Danielle Folsom of Crawfordville.

Stemming from archeology, this year's robotics challenge theme is titled, "Unearthed" and is followed up with the thought provoking, open-ended question, "How do you use technology to help archeologists?"

The team also had the opportunity to meet and talk with archaeologist



Coach Tyson Folsom with Thomas Latham, Jayce Perez, Claire Urbik, Brooke Williams, Rob Baker IV holding the robot, Hudson Folsom and Coach Rob Baker.

Barbara Clark to further explain the nature of her work.

FIRST is an acronym for "For Inspiration and

Recognition of Science and Technology." The LEGO League educational program provides children with an ide-

al introduction to research, engineering, and programming. It sparks early interest in Science,

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CHECK PLEASE

'Check Please' is set

Wakulla High School's Theatre Department is bringing laughter to the stage this weekend with its production of "Check Please," the wildly popular 30 minute one-act comedy by Jonathan Rand. Known for its quick wit, eccentric characters, and fast-paced dialogue, "Check Please" follows two hopeful romantics—Guy and Girl—as they navigate a series of hilariously disastrous blind dates.

From overeager clingers to germaphobes, each date pushes the lead characters closer to the realization that maybe the right person has been beside them all along. The play's relatable humor and rapid-fire structure makes it a

favorite for schools and community theatres across the nation.

Now, with a fun twist, WHS is offering two viewing options. On Saturday, December 13th, the theatre program will team up with the culinary arts program for dinner and a show! Tickets can be purchased online only for \$15 for a salad, flatbread pizza, dessert and a show! Join WHS for lunch at 12:30 or dinner at 6:30. The following day, December 14th, a normal performance will be held in the auditorium at 2:30 and 6:30 for \$3 for students and \$5 for adults. Because the theatre program has grown so much, this show features two talented casts with each group performing once each day. Join WHS and support two growing programs and dozens of talent students.

Please visit Teachtix.com/wakullahs for tickets!

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Wakulla Historical Society holds open house

Story & Photos By
LINDA ANN McDONALD

The Wakulla County Historical Society held its annual open house event in its museum on both Friday, December 5, from 4-7pm and Saturday, December 6, from 1-4pm. The museum was formerly the county's jail house located at 24 High Drive, in Crawfordville.

"This is the first time the annual event was held on two separate dates, we wanted to attract the people that work in and live by the courthouse square when they are available after work, said Andrea Carter, President of the WCHS.

Historic exhibits, oral story telling performances by local art-



Historical society volunteers with goodies for the open house – Brenda Hindrick, Debbie Jay, Alaine Solburg and Alindeara Jefferson.

ist Ernest Toole, and a meet and greet with book signing by local author Cindy Roe Lit-

tlejohn were the fun, informative highlights of the event. Littlejohn's first book

won the Bronze Medal for History in the President's Book Awards from the Florida Au-

thors and Publishers Association. Later, she wrote a trilogy on Florida history based on her ancestors, who settled in Monticello, FL in 1829. The Palmetto Pioneers series includes: The Emigrants, published in 2022, about pioneer Florida; From Harmony to Hostility, (2024) about the events leading up to the Civil War; and Yankees in the Courthouse, recently released, about Reconstruction in north Florida.

At the event, Littlejohn said, "The books are based on the life and history of my third great grandmother, Mary Adaline Walker Andrews. History surrounding both Jefferson and Wakulla counties are significant in the

trilogy. "I wanted people to understand how people lived in this era. The hardships, communities and large family units pulling together to survive was amazing," said Littlejohn.

A wide variety of homemade treats were provided and served by Alaine Solberg, Alindeara Jefferson, Debbie Jay, and Brenda Hindrick, all volunteers for the event.

The museum is open weekly, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday and Friday; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Information about the WCHS is available at Wakullahistory.org and information about Littlejohn's trilogy at PalmettoPioneers.com.

Medart School of Music recital set

Special to The Sun

The Medart School of Music will be having its Winter recitals on Saturday, Dec. 13th at the Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Church located at 2780 Surf Road. There will be performances at 11a.m. and 2 p.m.

Students performing at 11a.m. include Lulu

Fenenbock, Isabella Laughlin, Kaylee Keays, Gabi Morales, Titus Williams, Nina Fox, Laila Francis, Eliana Howard, Raelyn Prentiss, Wyatt Prentiss, Ariel Revell, Addison Wells, Brooks Loper, Ava Lucas, Olive Kelly, Walker Roberts, Bella Sutton, Poppy Yost, Zander Sweatt, Olivia Davis, Madelyn Davis, Kadence Nix,

Mason Key, Emma Key, Annalise Aguirre, Aiden Aguirre, Sutton Parker and Zoey Francis.

Students performing at the 2 p.m. recital include Sabian Jett, Latesha Monroe, Riley Solano, Brooklyn Ruggless, Lauretta Compton, Ryan Ladwig, Fabiola Larregui, Isabella Larregui, Lily Bridges, Conor Bridges, Celia Whittle,

Lydia Brown, Morghan Courson, Alexandria Coronel, Harper Arkenberg, Lylah Tull, Jacob Perry, Easton Rundles, Colton Bohling, Nolan Moody, Emily Byrd, Kennedy Meissner, Lorelei Sultemeier, Anabeth Lott and Kash Dickson.

Other students who attend the Medart School of Music are

Ruari Robinson, Ariel Roe, Madalyn Carraway, Gary Diskerud, Gideon Ely, James Patterson, Alexis Porter, Henry Hanks, Jason Grantham, Matthew Grantham, Taylor Townsend, Layla Scott, Shealyn Horne, Addyson Bryant, Anna Bach, Alexis Rosier, Khalesia Jeudi, Kadi Jeudi, Kaziah Jeudi, Marlene

Meeks, Martha Coggins, Kenny Hughes, Dale Carraway, Fonder Rosier, Harrison Wehmann and Beth Mullins.

At the Medart School of Music we offer lessons for ages 4 to adult Monday through Saturday in piano, organ, voice, woodwinds, brass, percussion, violin, guitar, ukulele and music theory.

FWMA's Christmas with the Critters

By **LINDA ANN McDONALD**
Correspondent

Despite cold rain and weather, a huge crowd turned out for the Florida Wildlife Mammal Association's 7th annual Christmas for the Critters. The event was on Saturday, December 6th at Hudson Park.

125 beautiful native red cedar trees were available for decoration along with a huge variety of pre-decorated trees to choose from.

Christmas music,

hot coffee and cocoa hit the spot along with homemade cookies and assorted treats baked by Daniella and Megan Jones from Smitten with Kittens- Tallahassee.

Geraldine the screech owl, an Ambassador of FWMA, was present at the event.

Wakulla's 4-H Club was also in attendance providing safe, edible garlands for wildlife and pine cone birdfeeder kits.

Raffles for large, decorated home-made

wreaths and gift baskets were ongoing throughout the event.

"I want to thank all the volunteers and donors who braved the cold to be here to support our cause," said Jessica Beatty, Executive Director of FWMA.

Rhiannon Dugas said, "I love the idea of something so festive as this event is and the fact that after the holiday, you can plant the tree and its helps provide for the wildlife, it's a gift that keeps giving and a tradition,

for sure."

"We have been coming for several years now since we built our house together. We buy trees every year and we line our driveway with them, it's a great event to support," said Keith and Michele Gray of Crawfordville.

Trees are for sale for a \$25 donation at Ace Hardware and Mike's Feed Store in Crawfordville for anyone who is interested in supporting the rehabilitation of injured wildlife.

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REQUEST FOR MECHANICAL
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SCHOOL HVAC RENOVATIONS
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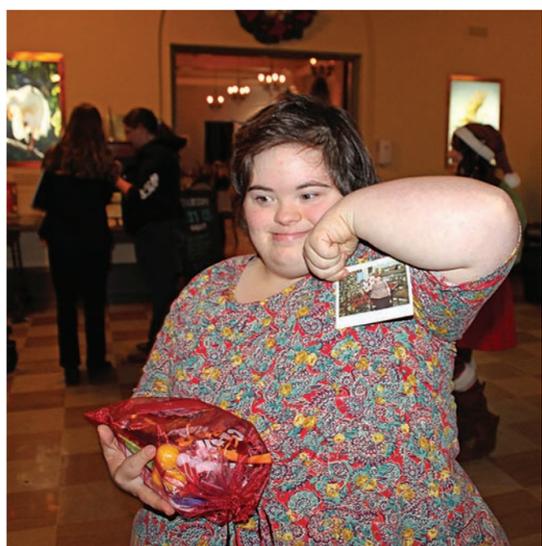
The Wakulla County School Board is accepting proposals for Mechanical Engineering Services to provide planning, design and construction administration for HVAC Renovations and Upgrades for portions of Medart Elementary School. All those interested should submit (4) four copies of the following: Resume, 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

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Keith and Michele Gray, above, with a tree; at right, Donna Fritsche, Jessica Beatty, Maggie Wester, Ashlye Taylor, Laurie Manno, Robin Ruby-Edwards and Geraldine the Screech Owl.



A Joy-filled Christmas

The quarterly special-needs event, this time Christmas-themed, was held at Wakulla Springs Lodge on Thursday, Dec. 4, and Rachel Seidler posed happily with a photo of her with Santa at the event. (Photo by Linda Ann McDonald)

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LETTERS FROM READERS

Vendors sought for Arbor Day

Editor, The Sun:

Artisan and craft vendors are invited to display their wares on Saturday, January 17th at the annual Crawfordville Arbor Day Celebration in Hudson Park between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Garden art, gardening tools, bird feeders, and such will appeal to festival goers. Yard service companies, nurseries, and other nature-based businesses are encouraged to publicize their services. Food vendors are sought as well.

Educational exhibits of all kinds are welcomed. Exhibitors and non-profits pay no fee. However, commercial vendors selling goods at the event are required to pay a \$15 fee to Wakulla County. About 900 people attended last year.

To participate as a vendor or exhibitor at this year’s festival, please contact Lynn Artz (lynn_artz@hotmail.com; 850-320-2158).

Lynn Artz

Golf course should support itself

Editor, The Sun:

David Edwards stated in the paper that they want the golf course to support itself or at least break even so this shows it is not making money.

Why not do a financial report on the golf course so the taxpayers of Wakulla County can see just how much money is being spent on it instead of the safety

of the citizens.

They increase the fire tax and trash and anywhere they can get money to keep the golf course open the hell with the taxpayers.

David Edwards and any county commissioner that was involved in the golf course should be run out of the county for a bad investment of taxpayers money.

Stephen Harper

Something on your mind?

Email Letters to the Editor to editor@thewakullasun.com; or mail it The Wakulla Sun, 12 Arran Road, Crawfordville FL 32327; or drop it by the office on the courthouse square.

Thanks for coverage of robotics team

Editor, The Sun:

Thank you so much for coming to see us and recognize the kids. After you left they were all buzzing that they would be making the news! It was very special.

My daughter, Claire, has been counting the days until she was old enough to compete in FIRST Lego Competition. We were thrilled to see this year that Wakulla started a team and she was old enough to

join! We went to the sign up meeting and after hearing she was on the team over the summer she would tell anyone she could find that she would be participating in Lego Robotics this fall! We are grateful to the parents volunteering their time and our donor for the kit. It’s wonderful to see our community come together for our kids to have this experience.

Take care,

Sarah Urbik

Email chain confirming land swap is off

Editor, The Sun:

A chain of emails confirming the land swap is off beginning with a Nov. 19 email from Forestry:

It has come to our attention that during the last Board of County Commissioners meeting of November 17, 2025, the Chair voted to no longer pursue the land exchange with our agency.

If your team could please provide written confirmation to withdraw the request, we would greatly appreciate it.

Danela Head

Lands and Special Uses Program Manager

On Nov. 20, Assistant County Administrator Somer Pell responded:

Thank you for reaching out. I would like to clarify that the Board did not actually vote specifically on

this issue at Monday night’s meeting. The vote taken was related to the Adopted Infrastructure Plan, which includes a number of projects ranging from sewer, roads, recreation, and parks. There has historically been a reference to the proposed land exchange with Forestry, but this language was modified to include other options currently available to the County. While there was some discussion on this matter, the Board did not specifically provide direction on withdrawing the request.

That being said, at this time we would like to take this opportunity to explore the other options that have been identified before moving forward with the Forestry Service. We greatly appreciate your time and attention to this matter and may be in touch in the future if the situation warrants further discussion.

Somer Pell, CFM, CPM

Assistant County Administrator

On the Horizon

Calendar of events for the week of December 11

Thursday, December 11

- St. Marks City Commission meets at the St. Marks Yacht Club at 6 p.m.
- 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 12

- Holiday Story Time with Sheriff Miller will be held at the public library meeting room from 5 to 6 p.m.
- Christmas in the Park – a Wakulla

Holiday Festival, sponsored jointly by the Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office and Wakulla County administration will be held at Hudson Park beginning at 6 p.m.

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

Saturday, December 13

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- Pet Jam, a fundraising benefit for Wakulla Animal Group, will be held at Palaver Tree Theater from 4 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$5. Musical groups include Sawgrass Zoo, RiverDogs, and The Sevens.

Sunday, December 14

- Hannukkah begins.
- 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 15

- Wakulla County School Board meets in the district office at 5:45 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. every Monday at 54 Ochlockonee St.
- Gentle Yoga and Stetching Class, every Monday, 11 a.m. Wakulla Community Center. Bring a mat. Come early to sign in. Chair Yoga participants welcome. \$2 per class.
- Line Dancing Class is held at Wakulla Dance Academy every Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. \$5 per person. Wear dance shoes or tennis shoes.

Tuesday, December 16

- Big Bend Hospice Service of Remembrance will be held at Family Funeral Home from 5 to 6:30 p.m.
- A Holiday Safari, sponsored by the Friends of the Wakulla County Public Library, will be held at the community center on Trice Lane from 6 to 7 p.m.
- 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 17

- 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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Polled at the Wakulla County Historical Society's Open House: **What's your favorite historical fact about Wakulla?**



RITA SPARKMAN
Retired WCSB

"My great-grandfather, George Washington Tully, built the old wooden courthouse and he also donated the land for the Crawfordville Cemetery. Basically the Crawfordville area was his plantation."



DEBBIE JAY

"It is fascinating how many cemeteries there are scattered throughout Wakulla all back in the woods."



ANDREA CARTER
Retired educator

"The San Marcos Spanish Fort and the fact that the City of St. Marks is one of the oldest of three settlements in the USA."



SHERRY COLVIN
Retired

"The fact that our children, grandchildren, my husband and myself are still on the land my husband's ancestors settled on in the late 1800s. Don't hear that much these days."



SERENA ROBERTS
Retired FAMU

"The fact that Wakulla County used to be a part of Leon County and the citizens here petitioned to be their own county."

Wakulla Crossroads

By **VERNA BROCK**

This past Sunday was the 84th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The sneak attack launched by the Japanese, on a quiet Sunday morning so many years ago, changed the trajectory of the war and history.

By attempting to literally sink the American fleet in the Pacific, the Japanese ensured America's entry into the forge of war. The catalyst at last was ignited and would be extinguished only by ultimate victory or unthinkable defeat.

My family was fortunate enough to live in Honolulu in the early 1960s, some 20 years after the end of World War II. The shock and horror of that day were still fresh, still raw, in the minds of longtime residents.

My mother's closest friend there was our neighbor (Japanese American, or Nisei) Amy Shinoki. Amy was walking to Sunday School that fateful day and saw the Japanese Zeros flying over on their way to Pearl. She immediately turned and began running home; before she arrived she could hear the bombs exploding in the har-

bor. For Amy, the war had begun. Her older brother would join the fight as part of the storied 442nd Combat regiment. Eventually he would return home like so many Americans of valor.

As a child, the war seemed far, far away. A thing of the past. For my parents' generation, it was like yesterday.

Today, Pearl Harbor Day barely gets a mention. Most of those who lived through the attack and subsequent war are gone. I had seven uncles who served, either in the European or Pacific theaters. I never heard any of them speak of it. Only one remains, and at 98 he is still sharp as a tack. But I do wonder if future generations will be able to grasp the gravity of the

conflict and the values defended.

It would sure be a shame if the lessons learned then have to be re-learned down the road. And not all the lessons have to do with fighting. Recognizing the humanity of all people, and their inalienable rights, should never be lost "in the fog of war."

Something to think about.

The Wakulla United Methodist Church will have a holiday covered dish dinner, this coming Sunday, Dec. 14th at 11 a.m. Also on the 14th, the Woodville United Methodist Church will be hosting the Second Sunday Sing at 6 p.m., followed by a delicious fellowship supper.

Sopchoppy News

By **DJ BUTCH**

This small town Sopchoppy boy hit 11 million views in the last 28 days on Facebook. Say what? Yes, you heard me right...11 million! Oh and that's not all....

The crab race video from the Blue Crab Festival passed 20 million views. Unbelievable. Y'all, Sopchoppy has a population of 500 or less.... That is a lot of people. I know God has a plan

and I'm here to do it. I have learned a lot in the past few years. I'm growing and learning. I ask God for guidance and He has made a way.

We take our everyday lives for granted. We are surrounded by beautiful nature, wildlife and people. I film these things and tell people how great it is. Our way of life is unique. People are entertained by watching me do what we all grew up doing.... We are blessed.

I hope you had an amazing Thanksgiving. Love to your family!

Christmas is coming.....

Christmas in Sopchoppy is December 13th from 1-7 p.m. at the Sopchoppy Depot Park. I will be doing the sound for this event.

Come on out!

We need some rain and it has arrived. The river is low. The temperature has actually been nice. Some days cold...

Memory Lane is in Sopchoppy at Depot Park. This is where people paid to have a bag with a light in it to honor a passed family member. Pol-

lie and her crew did an amazing job on this. Sopchoppy has a long history of amazing people. I walked through recently and saw so many names that I know. People that I miss, people that helped make Sopchoppy the amazing place it is. Some names have been gone for many years, some have passed more recently. This was absolutely beautiful! The holiday season can be hard without our loved ones so to see so many great people being honored touched my heart! ♥ The light Remains!

MERRY CHRISTMAS from Sopchoppy!

Wakulla Giving Hands holds Christmas giveaway



There was a large gathering on Saturday at the Historic Sopchoppy Gym for the annual Wakulla Giving Hands giveaway for free toys, clothing, shoes and much more.



Kids picking out toys.

PHOTOS BY GERALD BROWN



From left, 15-year-old Micheal Butler picked out a unicycle; center, Nikki's Face Painting decorates faces; right, Santa with Annie Leigh Land, 8, and Avarie Land, 7.



Outdoors

outdoor sports

HOME ON THE RANGE

Comparing the FN 509C and the S&W Equalizer



By MARJ LAW

First of all, let me say that Joe and I like to compare handguns. He has his favorites and I have mine. We are simply comparing. We are not trying to say: "Mine is best," because owning a handgun is a very personal thing. What fits and works for one person is not the same as it will work for another.

That being said, my Smith & Wesson Equalizer is a better gun than Joe's FN 509C.

To be fair, both these handguns are very similar in dimensions. My Equalizer is 4.5 inches high, while Joe's FN is 4.6 inches high. The overall length of my Equalizer is 6.75 inches and Joe's FN is 6.8 inches long.

My S&W's barrel length is 3.675 inches and his FN's is 3.7 inches long.

So, you see, these guns are very similar in size.

Not only are they similar in size, but both have come with 15-round magazines. Joe's FN also came with a 12-round mag. My Equalizer (just a tad more equal than his FN) came with not

just the 15-round, but a 13 and a 10-round magazine as well. Oh, and it came with an UpLula, too. In my opinion, that's a fine bonus.

Another difference is in weight. My Equalizer is lighter at 22.9 ounces than his FN at 25.5 ounces. Now, you'd think that a couple ounces isn't a whole lot. But lift up each handgun, and you'll feel a definite difference. That FN feels a lot heavier. Two ounces does make a difference.

Another difference is that one of these guns is striker-fired and the other is hammer-fired. You'd think my Equalizer is striker-fired. After all, where's the hammer?

Yes, at first, I thought the Equalizer was a striker-fired gun. But then, I pulled back the slide and turned the gun upside-down and what do you know, but I saw a firing pin; not a striker. Well, dang. I usually prefer a striker-fired gun.

And, yes, that FN of Joe's is a striker-fired handgun. The handgun fairy is laughing at me about that.

But the major difference in these two guns is that I've got a green dot reflex sight on my Equalizer. I like a green dot better than a red dot sight. The green dot makes it much easier for me to acquire a sight picture because it appears to me to be crisper and brighter than a red dot sight. To me, it's a lot easier to acquire a sight picture with the green dot than looking through



FN 509C



Joe's FN's tritium rear sights and lining them up with the big green front sight. That's simply more work.

Yep. I know. It's almost cheating to use a green dot sight when comparing the shootability of the two guns, but that's part of what makes the Equalizer a better handgun. And let me tell you other reasons why the Equalizer is a better gun.

The Equalizer is easier to manipulate. Again, in my opinion, jacking the slide of the Equalizer is a lot lighter than jacking the slide of the FN.

Trigger pull on the Equalizer is lighter than trigger pull on the FN, although to be fair, both trigger pulls are light and easy and trigger travel is short on both as well.

When you put the 15-round magazines in each gun, even Joe's big hands have no problems getting a secure grip with no pinky dangle. I have to be honest here. My small hands manage both the FN's and the Equalizer's grips just fine, but the FN does have a slightly more ergonomic feel. That's probably because the FN

indents well on the high part of the grip where the web of your hand sits. The Equalizer has a grip safety which gives a longer grip from front to back, so it doesn't feel so ergonomic to me.

But that's a small problem because the Equalizer is so much the better gun. Let's recap: the slide is much easier to deal with and the trigger is lighter. As Sean Curtis of Pew Pew said: "General manipulation of the Equalizer is a piece of cake." He goes on to note: "The right to defend yourself should not be blocked by an inability to manipulate a slide or stuff magazines." So true!

And remember, the entire gun is lighter and the Equalizer has that lovely green dot sight. Oh yes, and it came with that great UpLula.

So now have I convinced you that the Equalizer is in fact the better handgun?

Probably not. Joe points out Bob Campbell's thoughts about the FN on Cheaper Than Dirt. "This is a handgun built for soldiers. It is more than good enough for the rest of us."

With good ergonom-

ics, a good ammunition reserve and a good measure of practical accuracy, the FN 509C makes the grade for personal defense, home defense and service use."

Of course, Joe would agree with that. He thinks his FN is the far better gun.

We decide to take both guns to the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range to compare shooting both. I'll try to be gentle when Joe finds that my gun is not only easier to use, but it shoots more accurately, too.

We both use Fiocchi 124-grain rounds from the same box to have complete fairness. We will shoot five rounds from each handgun. The target on the left will be for the FN and the target on the right will be for the Equalizer.

Joe shoots first. He starts with the FN. Well. His first shot is a bullseye. The other four rounds hit the target in a nice grouping to the lower left of the bullseye.

Next, he shoots my Equalizer. Drat! I mean, good shooting! He gets another bullseye. With my gun. The other four rounds hit just below the

bullseye and slightly to the right. Not bad at all.

With Joe's FN, I get all five rounds on the target. One next to the bullseye and two a little further out with the other two on top of Joe's lower left holes. Altogether, the FN's target shows a nice grouping at the center and another nice group close to the center but slightly lower left. Not a bad showing at all.

Finally, I shoot my Equalizer. Hmph. Well, the holes are somewhat scattered throughout the target. I see nine holes out of a possible 10, so one of my rounds didn't hit the target. Drat. Double drat.

Looks like the bullets didn't hit the Equalizer target as well as they did that of the FN.

Well, what can I say. I still prefer my Equalizer, even though on this particular Wednesday, I shot the FN better.

Liking a handgun is all about personal preference.

I still like my Equalizer best

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



HONEYCOMB COWFISH (*Acanthostracion polygonus*)

The scales of this fish fuse together to create an armor, and the two horns over its eyes. It feeds on marine invertebrates such as shrimp, sponges or tunicates. They live in shallow clear water reefs and grow up to 10" long. Little is known about their reproduction. Each males has two females in a polygamous family group. They are considered a delicacy in the Caribbean but they can cause ciguatera poisoning by eating and concentrating the toxins of dinoflagellates resulting in serious illness in humans.



Eukarya, Animalia, Cordata, Actinopterygii, Tetraodontiformes, Ostraciidae,

Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratory www.gulfspecimen.org

WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO

Retired Wakulla Springs State Park Ranger Bob Thompson, on a recent wildlife survey at the park, took this photo of a White Ibis who has just caught a crayfish.



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Thursday 11	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:23 AM	11:52 PM
5:37 PM	12:40 AM
Moon Illumination 52%	
Friday 12	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:24 AM	12:49 AM
5:38 PM	1:07 PM
Moon Illumination 42%	
Saturday 13	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:24 AM	1:44 AM
5:38 PM	1:33 PM
Moon Illumination 32%	
Sunday 14	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:25 AM	2:38 AM
5:38 PM	2:00 PM
Moon Illumination 24%	
Monday 15	
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7:26 AM	3:33 AM
5:39 PM	2:30 PM
Moon Illumination 16%	
Tuesday 16	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:26 AM	4:29 AM
5:39 PM	3:03 PM
Moon Illumination 10%	
Wednesday 17	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
7:27 AM	5:26 AM
5:39 PM	3:41 PM
Moon Illumination 5%	

Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

Dec. 11 - Dec. 17

GO FISH!

Tide charts by tides4fishing.com

Best fishing days this month
Dec. 11, 16-22

Thursday 11	
Major Times	Minor Times
5:20 AM	12:10 PM
5:40 PM	11:22 PM
Friday 12	
Major Times	Minor Times
6:01 AM	12:19 AM
6:21 PM	12:37 PM
Saturday 13	
Major Times	Minor Times
6:42 AM	1:14 AM
7:02 PM	1:03 PM
Sunday 14	
Major Times	Minor Times
7:23 AM	2:08 AM
7:43 PM	1:30 PM
Monday 15	
Major Times	Minor Times
8:04 AM	3:03 AM
8:26 PM	2:00
Tuesday 16	
Major Times	Minor Times
8:49 AM	3:59 AM
9:12 PM	2:33 PM
Wednesday 17	
Major Times	Minor Times
9:35 AM	4:56 AM
10:00 PM	3:11 PM

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	12:20 am ▼ 1.3 ft	6:06 am ▲ 2.5 ft	1:06 pm ▼ 0.8 ft	7:39 pm ▲ 2.5 ft
Fr	1:47 am ▼ 1.1 ft	7:53 am ▲ 2.2 ft	1:58 pm ▼ 1.2 ft	8:28 pm ▲ 2.6 ft
Sa	3:13 am ▼ 0.7 ft	9:47 am ▲ 2.2 ft	2:55 pm ▼ 1.4 ft	9:17 pm ▲ 2.7 ft
Su	4:22 am ▼ 0.4 ft	11:07 am ▲ 2.3 ft	3:52 pm ▼ 1.6 ft	10:03 pm ▲ 2.8 ft
Mo	5:16 am ▼ 0.0 ft	12:01 pm ▲ 2.4 ft	4:43 pm ▼ 1.7 ft	10:45 pm ▲ 2.9 ft
Tu	6:01 am ▼ -0.3 ft	12:42 pm ▲ 2.6 ft	5:28 pm ▼ 1.7 ft	11:25 pm ▲ 3.0 ft
We	6:42 am ▼ -0.5 ft	1:18 pm ▲ 2.7 ft	6:08 pm ▼ 1.6 ft	

City of St. Marks

Th	1:24 am ▼ 1.1 ft	6:42 am ▲ 2.3 ft	2:10 pm ▼ 0.7 ft	8:15 pm ▲ 2.3 ft
Fr	2:51 am ▼ 1.0 ft	8:29 am ▲ 2.1 ft	3:02 pm ▼ 1.0 ft	9:04 pm ▲ 2.4 ft
Sa	4:17 am ▼ 0.7 ft	10:23 am ▲ 2.0 ft	3:59 pm ▼ 1.3 ft	9:53 pm ▲ 2.5 ft
Su	5:26 am ▼ 0.3 ft	11:43 am ▲ 2.1 ft	4:56 pm ▼ 1.5 ft	10:39 pm ▲ 2.6 ft
Mo	6:20 am ▼ 0.0 ft	12:37 pm ▲ 2.3 ft	5:47 pm ▼ 1.5 ft	11:21 pm ▲ 2.7 ft
Tu	7:05 am ▼ -0.2 ft	1:18 pm ▲ 2.4 ft	6:32 pm ▼ 1.5 ft	
We	12:01 am ▲ 2.8 ft	7:46 am ▼ -0.4 ft	1:54 pm ▲ 2.5 ft	7:12 pm ▼ 1.4 ft

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Th	12:46 am ▼ 1.3 ft	6:27 am ▲ 2.6 ft	1:29 pm ▼ 0.4 ft	8:00 pm ▲ 2.7 ft
Fr	2:08 am ▼ 1.0 ft	8:05 am ▲ 2.3 ft	2:19 pm ▼ 0.8 ft	8:47 pm ▲ 2.7 ft
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Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Th	12:31 am ▼ 0.9 ft	5:58 am ▲ 1.9 ft	1:17 pm ▼ 0.6 ft	7:31 pm ▲ 1.9 ft
Fr	1:58 am ▼ 0.8 ft	7:45 am ▲ 1.7 ft	2:09 pm ▼ 0.8 ft	8:20 pm ▲ 1.9 ft
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St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

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Dog Island West End

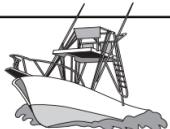
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Best hunting and fishing based on solunar times: MAJOR feeding periods are 2 hours long, centered on the solunar time. MINOR feeding periods are only 1 hour long, again centered on the solunar time.



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 2 of 2.

Wear a Life Jacket. Just do it. Modern PFDs are comfortable, non-confining and affordable. Some of the inflatable PFDs are available in camo. They are camo when worn, but the bladder is bright yellow when inflated. They can easily be adjusted to fit over bulky hunting clothing. There are many other approved camo life jackets and flotation coats on the market. For boaters who won't wear a PFD, their PFDs must be kept readily available. They can't be buried beneath a mound of blind material and a bunch of decoy bags.

Protect your best friend. Our beloved best friends are tough and good swimmers, but they can suffer hypothermia and can't swim indefinitely. A neoprene dog PFD will provide flotation and a little added warmth.

Boaters need to consider how they will communicate if something goes wrong. Most hunting skiffs aren't equipped with an installed VHF radio. In most of the Coastal regions along the Gulf of Mexico, a handheld VHF radio will have the power to reach Coast Guard antennas. A PLB can provide emergency communications in areas without VHF coverage. There are reasonably priced commercial satellite subscription based communication devices on the market as well.

Boating Emergencies

Coast Guard Station	
Panama City	(850) 234-4228
Coast Guard Station	
Yankeetown	(352) 447-6900
Coast Guard Auxiliary	
Apalachee Bay (Flotilla 12)	(850) 942-7500
or	(850) 284-1166

Too many hunters rely exclusively on a cell phone. Prime hunting areas are often beyond cell phone range. The kind of accidents that find hunters needing to call for help may also find their cell phone wet. It's always a good idea to keep cell phones in a water-proof enclosure.

Hunters often travel in periods of darkness. Beyond that, poor visibility conditions are prevalent during hunting seasons. The law requires boaters to travel at a speed that will allow them to stop in time to avoid an accident. Another way of expressing that is that boaters should not out-drive their line of sight. Many of the waterways hunters travel, snake back and forth and have tall vegetation growing along the banks, making it impossible to see other vessels. Boaters have to expect other boaters around those blind bends and waterway intersections, and throttle back. GPS is NOT a radar. It may show you where you need to go, but it won't show other boats. Budget enough time to travel at a safe speed.

File a detailed float plan. Every year reports of overdue boaters come in with very little information

about the voyage or the boat. There are a lot of float plans available on the internet. Hunters need to fill one out and leave it with a responsible person who can call authorities in the event they don't return on schedule. Be sure to leave an image of the boat with the float plan.

Cold kills. Cold water and cold air kill. Cold water shock can set in when water temperatures are 70 degrees and below. People naturally and uncontrollably gasp when immersed in cold water. If you are under water without a PFD when you take that reflexive breath, you are in deep trouble. In cold water a PFD protects us in the initial stages and buys us time during the 10 or so minutes that follow when we have some useful motor control. The danger of hypothermia persists when we are out of the cold water. Having a change of clothes in a waterproof bag can be a lifesaver.

Carry an emergency kit and prepare to be seen. Offshore boaters carry a ditch kit. Inshore boaters should carry a waterproof box or bag with safety, survival and signaling equipment. The kit should include flares, fire starter, flashlights, glow sticks, bug spray,

sunscreen, a multi tool, some basic first aid supplies, cordage, signal mirrors, communication devices, emergency blankets, orange bandannas and anything else that might help hunters stay warm and dry or help draw attention. As hunters we dress so that we won't be seen, so having something that helps us be seen can be vital. The silver survival blankets check a number of boxes. They can keep hunters dry and they also make a great search target. Use jacket pockets for smaller safety, survival and signaling items.

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

Sinkholes, windows into our drinking water.

February 23, 2012

I climbed down the slope at a favorite sinkhole and dive site last week only to be met by the stench coming from bags of rotting fish heads. Last month it was the remains of a butchered deer. Every month the trash is different: a broken toilet, soiled diapers, or racks of beer bottles, but the message is the same.

Clearly the folks trashing our local sinkholes have not made the connection that these sites are also windows into our drinking water.

How could anyone in good conscience soil their drinking water? I would have thought the county commission requirement for universal trash pickup would have made clandestine dumping trash less likely. But I continue to hear this common complaint from other land owners with sinkholes on their property.

The problem is not new. Wes Skyle's video "Water Journey" documents a number of sites littered with old batteries, spent antifreeze and tar buckets oozing poisons into the very water that feeds downstream drinking wells.

Years ago, a farmer in Central Florida decided to dump old pesticides in a sinkhole on his property. All animal life residing in the downstream passage was killed.

Before you say it does not matter because you get your water from Talquin, ask yourself where do they get that water? That's right, from our local aquifer, exposed to the very sinkholes into which people continue to dump their trash.

Archaeologists tell us sinkholes are a wonderful source of historic materials, nicely preserved in the muds of time. They tell us all manner of ancient trash are found there. Sonny Cockrell said of Warm Mineral Springs that 30,000 years of Florida history, including human remains, could be found in the ledges and mud deposits below.

Two thousand one hundred feet into the main spring of Jackson County called Jackson Blue is a trash pile, out of which someone found a 1930s stoolight. Someone perched it on top of a stone in the middle of the passage, and to this day it's listed on cave maps.

Several years ago on an Island in the Bahamas our search for new species of crustaceans was curtailed by an enormous pile of glass bottles pushed into the sinkhole. The heat had actually melted some of them above water. Any chance of penetrating the cave was lost, but I'm sure bottle collectors one day will find this a treasure.

Locally, cave explorers have had their progress halted because of an apparent sinkhole collapse that may be explained by the actions of a previous landowner. They did not like the location of a sinkhole on their property, so they filled it in with dirt dug up from another part of their yard.

So how can we change? How can we make our sinkholes attractive, not repulsive?

We can start by recognizing our caves have an intrinsic value that attracts people (and their money) from around the state, nation and world. We can encourage the Wakulla County Dive Club that happily provides sinkhole clean-up services in exchange for diving privileges. Whenever the club visits dive sites now, they always carry trash bags and clean up the trash before leaving.

Is it possible to keep our sinkholes clean or shall we continue to support some future archaeologist's quest for our trash?

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

What extraordinary adventures are we missing out on?



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

Do you struggle to trust God when He leads you in a new direction? Is it hard to believe that God has a plan for you – at your age?

When the angel Ga-

briel told Mary that God had chosen her, a virgin, to give birth to the Messiah (see Luke 1:26-38), Mary could have presented valid reasons why this didn't fit into her plans. She could have explained to Gabriel how it might cause Joseph to call off their wedding. Or Mary could have refused God's plan because she didn't want to endure the gossip about her out-of-wedlock pregnancy.

Yet, Mary (possibly only 12-16 years old) responded to Gabriel's news by saying, "Be-

hold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38 ESV).

I admire Mary's mature faith and respect her confidence in God, even when circumstances seemed unbelievable. It's amazing how this young woman recognized her Lord's right to guide her life in the way He had chosen for her.

I want to have the same type of yielded spirit.

Even more, I want to emulate Mary's complete trust in her Father's love for her, which

gave her the confidence to say yes to God when He revealed His extraordinary will for her.

I wonder, when the circumstances surrounding God's will for us seem extraordinary, do we respond with the same faith? I fear that many of us (myself included) are more likely to present our case as to why we can't – or won't – comply.

Just as it happened to Mary in the Christmas story, God's direction for us may include facing rejection from those closest to us, be-

ing misjudged by our neighbors or having to start over in an unfamiliar place.

What would happen if we trusted God's love for us? If we believed He could do whatever was necessary to pave the way for His will to be done in our lives? Even if it seems impossible. Even if it costs us everything.

Consider what Mary would have missed if she'd said no to God's plan. And how it would have changed not only her life and eternal destiny, but ours as well.

Choosing a different path than the one God has for us can lead to negative – and possibly disastrous – outcomes for us and those impacted by our choices.

Not to mention that we'd miss out on some unbelievably extraordinary adventures.

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Step by step



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

I'm sure it happened like this, though I don't remember my first steps. Nonetheless, I imagine Mom there, her two fingers tucked safely in my little hands as she steadied my feet. Her voice, soft and sure, urging me to stand... and then to take a brave, first step.

Then I picture the day she and Dad knelt on the floor, a small space

between them. I imagine Mom lifting me to my feet, and Dad with outstretched arms, his voice calling to me. Those initial steps toward him must have been unsteady, yet I was drawn by his voice – taking my earliest steps into the world on my own.

It's a scene played out in living rooms all over the world – mothers leaning in close, encouraging those shaky, tottering steps, and fathers calling with open arms from just a few feet away. At the beginning, the steps are small, and uncertain, but they grow steadier with each passing day. Strength builds, confidence rises, and what begins as a hesitant reach becomes a sure stride.

We all grow from those toddler years to precocious children – climbing trees, riding bikes, and playing baseball in the field next door. Then come the teenage years, where bikes are exchanged for car keys, high school for college, and new homes are established. It's the shared story of growing up – guided, supported, and cheered on by the ones who love us most.

In the same way our earliest steps were guided on earth, our Heavenly Father invites us to step out in faith. Each movement is held and known by Him, drawing us toward something higher than our starting point.

Long before we are born, God knows us in-

timately – forming us, guiding our every step, and threading purpose into each moment of our lives. As Psalm 139 reminds us, we are fearfully and wonderfully made, intricately knit together in our mother's womb. Even before our conception, God knew us, declaring through Jeremiah that our lives were woven with purpose from the very start.

Abraham was called to take a step of faith – to leave his father's household and go to a land God would show him. He didn't have all the answers, and the path was uncertain, yet he trusted the One who called him. In the same way, Jesus calls each of us to follow Him, inviting us to leave what is familiar and step

out in faith, just as He called the disciples to leave their boats and walk with Him.

He reaches out His hand to steady us when we falter, whispers encouragement when we hesitate, celebrates every triumph, and rejoices over each small step we take faithfully toward Him. The Holy Spirit walks alongside us, giving courage when needed and reminding us that we are never alone in taking the next step.

I do not know what your steps have looked like or where your life has led you, but I do know the Heavenly Father is still calling your name. Jesus invites you to take a step of faith, to trust His hand, and to walk with Him. The

same God who knew you before you were conceived, who has held you from your earliest days, is with you now. Just like Abraham, we may stumble or doubt, yet our Savior – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – never leaves us. They delight in our journey and faithfully guide us homeward, step by step.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

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

OUT TO PASTOR

Why are flies so attracted to my nose?



By **JAMES SNYDER**

Throughout my life, I have dealt with many "pesky" things that provoke the dickens out of me. I sure do miss those "dickens." When I think I've got one pesky thing under control, another comes along.

I've had so many "pesky" things, but I'm still not a master in that area.

Recently, a new "pesky" thing entered my life.

The new "pesky" thing is a fly. I never knew flies could be so dominating in a person's life. After all, they're just little things with wings. About a month ago, I noticed flies buzzing around my head, especially around my nose, probably because I was wearing that suspiciously fragrant cologne I always wear.

I'm not sure why, because I blow my nose every day, and so there's nothing up my nose that should attract them. And yet, they are attracted to my nose all day long. No matter where I go, there is a fly somewhere attracted to my nose.

In a restaurant this past week, I was having lunch with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, and just as we were getting started with lunch, a fly buzzed around my nose.

I tried swatting him with both hands, but only hit my nose. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage looked at me and said, "What are you doing?"

I wasn't too happy, but I responded, "Don't you see these flies buzzing around me?"

Then she laughed. There are times I like when she laughs, and there are times when I really don't like her laughing about what she was laughing about.

Looking at me, she said, "Oh, you silly boy, where are those flies coming from? I don't see any!"

Then she told me she thought I might be seeing floaters in my eyes. I just looked at her and shook my head and tried to leave it at that.

It wasn't long until that fly came at my nose again. I clapped my hand on my nose, and wouldn't you know it, I got that fly. Looking at my wife, I grinned and said, "Does this look like a floater?"

She didn't know what to say.

Even when riding in the Sissy Van, I am being attacked by these frustrating flies. How they get into the Sissy Van is beyond anything I can think of right now.

When I sit down in the Sissy Van, I buckle my seatbelt and then look around very carefully to see if there are any flies, and I don't see any.

Somehow, they have a way of hiding long enough, then attacking my nose. The good thing is that I'm not driving; otherwise, there would be serious consequences.

Trying to hide her chuckle, The Gracious

Mistress of the Parsonage said, "Maybe it is the cologne you're wearing. They may be attracted to that cologne." Then her giggle broke out.

Finally, Sunday came and The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I went to our church service as we do every week. She plays the piano, I lead the singing, and then the preaching. Something we like to do every week.

I was really involved in the service and the singing, and then started my Sunday sermon, not knowing a fly was about to turn the service into a comedy show.

As I began preaching, all of a sudden, there was a fly right in front of my face. I just swatted, hoping to chase it away. For a few seconds, I didn't see it and thought it had just gone away.

Then it all began. The fly landed on my nose, almost going up my nostril. I chased it away and thought it was gone forever. However, it came back and landed on my cheek, then on my ear, and I was getting very frustrated. I didn't want anybody

to know that I was being distracted by this lousy fly.

I was preaching, and when I preach, I open my mouth. I never gave that a thought, but as I was preaching, all of a sudden, the fly went inside my mouth.

Now I have a dilemma here. What do I do? How do I get rid of the fly? Do you think I should spit it out in front of everyone? I didn't know what to do.

And then I did the unthinkable. I'm known for doing things without thinking. However, here was the worst example of that I've ever had.

I swallowed the fly, hoping nobody would see what happened.

Did you ever swallow a fly? It is the most disgusting experience I've had in my whole life. I could feel that fly fluttering down my throat, landing in my stomach.

I didn't want anyone to know what I just did, so I coughed a little and then took a sip from my water bottle.

Eating a fly during a church service is not something I had ever thought about. I tried to keep my composure, hoping no one had wit-

nessed what I just did.

On the way home, a verse of scripture came to my mind.

Philippians 4:6-7, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

No matter the aggregation, "the peace of God" is bigger and brings me peace that the world cannot take away.

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Obituaries



James 'Bryan' Ledford

James Bryan Ledford passed away at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital on Oct. 29, 2025 ending his battle. He was born May 19, 1978 in Macon, Ga. He was a dedicated husband, father and fisherman.

He was predeceased by his father, and mother. He is survived by his wife Brandi Mayfield and his children Juliana, Aubree, and Levi. His uncle Eric and aunt Michelle. He will be dearly missed by his fishing family, Mitch and Lee, Wayne, Louie and everyone else who knew him.

We will celebrate his wonderful life on Dec. 13, 2025 at 4 pm. down at Spring Creek boat launch. Everyone who knew him is welcome to come join.

DEATH NOTICES

- **Archer Driggers**, 1 month, of Crawfordville, died November 26, 2025.
 - **Thomas Henning**, 75, of Tallahassee, died November 30, 2025.
 - **Jackson Meyer**, 24, of St. Marks, died December 1, 2025.
 - **Pauline Sayre**, 89, of Crawfordville, died December 1, 2025
 - **Kathryn F. Scott**, 75, of Carrabelle, died December 2, 2025.
- Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel, 850-926-5919, www.familyfhc.com.

Sheriff's Report

This report is for activity November 28th to December 5th. There were 1,153 total calls for service during the week.

FRIDAY, NOV. 28

• Deputy Lewis Marshall responded to Willie Jenkins Road in reference to the theft of cameras. A citizen advised three unknown females were on his property and took his game cameras. He signed an affidavit for prosecution.

• Deputy Meredith Sullivan responded to WCSO front lobby in reference to a fraud call. A citizen advised she received a link in reference to an Apple bill of \$149.99. After buying multiple Apple cards and sending them to a "company" she is out of \$1,512.42. She requested to press charges.

SATURDAY, NOV. 29

• Deputy Zachary Godwin conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for faulty equipment and made contact with the driver who was in possession of a small amount of marijuana. The substance was seized for destruction.

• Deputy Meredith Sullivan responded to Dollar General Market Place on Bloxham Cutoff Road in reference to two unknown individuals dumpster diving and taking the shipping containers the store has to return. Reporting party signed an affidavit for non-prosecution.

SUNDAY, NOV. 30

• Deputy Zachary Munroe responded to Steeplechase Lane in reference to the property (currently under construction) has

two unknown juveniles trespassed in it and damaged property within. The homeowner advised this has happened three other times. He provided photos from his cameras inside which only showed the back of two males. The value of damage done was approximately \$700. He signed an affidavit for prosecution.

MONDAY, DEC. 1

• Deputy Lexi Kreitlow responded to the 500 block of Spring Creek Highway in reference to a burglary complaint. Contact was made with the reporting person, who advised that when she returned from a weekend trip she discovered multiple items inside her residence out of place. On today's date, she discovered her black .357 Magnum revolver was missing from her dresser drawer inside her bedroom. She advised only family members had access to her residence while she was away and she engaged her security alarm prior to leaving. There were no signs of forced entry to the residence. She was unable to provide a serial number for the missing firearm.

• Deputy Jackson Kittrell responded to Smith Creek Highway in reference to a vehicle theft. Contact was made with the reporting party who noticed a John Deere tractor and enclosed trailer missing from the property. The reporting person watches over the property for the owner, who resides in Texas. The owner requested the reporting person report the items missing until he can make it back to the county. The tractor and trailer were both entered into FCIC/

NCIC as stolen.

TUESDAY, DEC. 2

• Deputy Jackson Kittrell responded to the 2100 block of Bloxham Cutoff Road in reference to a burglary complaint. Contact was made with the reporting person who advised she believed someone burglarized the shed on her property and removed multiple items. Prior to the end of shift, she advised she located the majority of the missing items and was no longer concerned about any remaining missing items. This report is for documentation purposes.

• Deputy Ashton Williams responded to the sheriff's office in reference to a lost property complaint. Contact was made with the reporting person who advised she misplaced her red Vera Bradley bag. She stated she arrived at Azalea Park at 10 a.m. for a walk and believes she left the bag in the front seat of her vehicle. However, when she returned from her walk, she could no longer locate the bag. She stated she had multiple bottles of medication located inside the bag and wished to have the incident documented in the event the bag and its contents are returned.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3

• Deputy Rosa Sammons conducted a traffic stop at the Circle K on Crawfordville Highway and Songbird for improper passing. Upon making contact with the driver the odor of marijuana was detected. He admitted to having marijuana in the vehicle and turned over a clear bag containing a green leafy substance. A probable cause search was conducted which produced negative results. The marijuana was seized,

weighed, and submitted to property and evidence for destruction. The total weight of marijuana was 4.4 grams.

• Sgt. Ernesto Trujillo conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for faulty equipment. During the stop, the odor of marijuana was detected. Both the driver and passenger advised they did not possess a medical marijuana card. Due to this, a probable cause search was conducted which resulted in locating 6.3 grams of marijuana. The marijuana was seized and submitted to property and evidence for destruction.

• Deputy Austin Rivers and Detective Dakota Haddock responded to the area of Wakulla Beach Road in reference to a stolen vehicle. A felony stop was conducted on the vehicle and the driver was placed under arrest for vehicle theft and Driving While License Suspended or Revoked (DWLSR).

THURSDAY, DEC. 4

• Deputy Lewis Marshall and Sgt. Heather Will responded to an anonymous tip that someone had marijuana in his room. Contact was made at his residence with his mother. She advised she does have marijuana inside her residence and to come inside and seize it. A small amount of marijuana was located and seized for destruction.

• Deputy Ronald Weekes responded to the front lobby and made contact with the reporting person who stated she lost her book bag while at the laundry mat and needed a report to obtain a new driver license.

• Deputy Meredith Sullivan responded to Maidu Street in reference to an anonymous caller stating there is a dog in a crate at the above listed address

with a table cloth over its crate and no shelter. She observed a grey and white adult pitbull in a large kennel. The dog had no food or water visible. It appeared the animal was sitting and laying in fecal and urine matter. The crate did not have adequate shelter from the weather elements (50 degrees and raining). Contact was made with home owners. They advised their son owns the pitbull. Animal Control responded gave them the option to bring the dog inside or be fined. They did not want the dog inside and surrendered it to Animal Control.

FRIDAY, DEC. 5

• Deputy Joshua Parker conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Boykin Road and Coastal Highway due to faulty equipment. During the stop, the odor of marijuana was detected. After confirming that the occupants of the vehicle did not possess a medical marijuana card, a probable cause search was conducted. During the search, a small clear vial-like container was located with white powder residue. The residue was

field test and produced a presumptive positive for cocaine. Furthermore, 27.6 grams of marijuana was located. All narcotics/paraphernalia were seized and submitted to property and evidence. The subject was placed under arrest and transported to the county jail without incident.

• Deputy Jackson Kittrell responded to Wainscott Circle in reference to a theft complaint. Contact was made with the reporting person who advised she was informed by her neighbor that someone removed her wooden "Grinch" decorative piece from in front of her apartment and placed it by the dumpster. Her Ring doorbell camera detected the occupant of a nearby apartment retrieving the decoration from her property. The suspect was identified. The subject denied having any knowledge of the above incident. The videos from the incident were uploaded to Evidence.com. A warrant request will be sought out for this matter.

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Robotics team

From Front Page

Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics while simultaneously fostering teamwork and communication skills.

Coached by Tyson Folsom and co-coach Rob Baker, the team is comprised of 10 children ranging from 9-14 years old. The team has attended 13 of 14 meetings which are held at the Wakulla County Public Library, each meeting lasting 1-2 hours.

At the beginning of the competition season, FIRST sends a set of official competition materials to each registered team, consisting of a "challenge mat," LEGO electronic and mechanical components, and instructions for building the items

for the mat (collectively known as the Challenge Set, formerly the Field Setup Kit). The teams also receive a list of tasks – called "missions" – to complete involving each model on the mat (e.g. taking a loose piece from one model and placing it inside another).

The FIRST LEGO League Challenge gives teams complete freedom on how to complete the missions, providing that they are completed by a programmed LEGO Education robot with no outside assistance. The robot has two and a half minutes to complete the missions, called the Robot Game. Each team has a minimum build period of 8 weeks to analyze the challenge mat, design and build a LEGO Educa-

tion robot, and program it to fulfill the given missions in any manner they see fit. The robot must be autonomous, and may contain only one LEGO Education programmable block and no more than four motors.

"After shipping, each kit costs about \$600 for each team," said Folsom.

After collaborating and voting on the requirements for assembly of the robot, the team created an AI generated orthographic blueprint complete with full schematics.

"The kids came up with a multi-function robot to take care of harder tasks such as moving buckets of dirt and to do sifting," said Folsom. "They even put a camera with lights on the robot in effort to live stream in real time for anyone all over the world who wants to watch.

"The judging rubric for the Robot Designs is based on identity, design, create, iterate/identify areas for improvement and communication, there is also a feedback session for the coaches after the competition.

"It's fun," said competitor Rob Baker IV. "I like knowing this robot can do all the stuff we created it to do, and I like the outcome of all our hard work."

Jason Perez, father of competitor Jace Perez said, "He enjoys this, I enjoy it, it really helps him learn how to relate to the bigger picture and it is great how he can use this in his own work when he gets older."

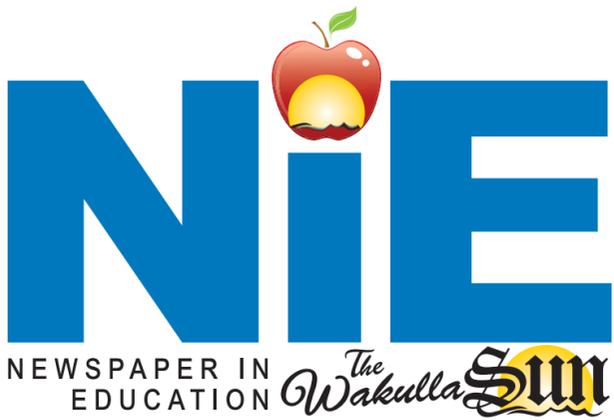
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USE THE NEWS

1. ANCIENT ROMAN COFFIN IN BUDAPEST

Archaeologists in Budapest, Hungary, discovered a stone coffin called a sarcophagus that is around 1,700 years old. It had never been opened or stolen from, so the skeleton and the objects inside were still in place. Inside, the scientists found the bones of a young woman along with glass bottles, bronze figures, coins, and fancy items like a hair pin and jewelry, showing that her family loved her and that she was probably important and wealthy. Now experts will study her bones and the objects to learn more about her health, how she lived, and what life was like in that Roman town long ago. Imagine you are one of the archaeologists who helped open this special coffin. In 4-5 sentences, describe what you saw inside and what one object you would be most excited to study and why.

2. WHAT IS GIVING TUESDAY?

GivingTuesday is a special day that happens right after Thanksgiving in the United States, when people are encouraged to give money, time, or help to others. It began as a hashtag online in 2012 and has grown into one of the biggest days of the year for charities, which use it to raise money and find new supporters. This year, higher prices are making it harder for some people to give, but new tax rules and a strong stock market may encourage others to donate more. Many nonprofits also offer matching gifts, which means that every dollar a person gives can count for two or even more. Pretend your class is planning its own GivingTuesday project. In a short paragraph, explain which cause you would choose to support (such as helping a food bank, an animal shelter, or a library), what your class could do to help on that day, and how you would encourage other students and families to join in.

3. ANIME KEEPS OTAVALO CULTURE ALIVE

In the mountains

of Ecuador, young Otavalo Indigenous artists created an animated short film called "We're Aya" to keep their culture and language alive. The movie uses a Japanese-style anime look to tell the story of a brave warrior named Aya and other characters who live in the Andes and are watched over by a powerful condor. The characters speak Quichua, an Indigenous language, and their adventures are based on old customs, music, and beliefs that are important to the Otavalo people. The filmmakers hope that Otavalo children will feel proud

of their roots and want to learn and use their language again. Think about a show, movie, or cartoon that you like and imagine it was remade to show your own culture, family traditions, or hometown. In 4-6 sentences, describe one scene from this new version: which characters would be in it, what special clothes, foods, or music would appear, and how the story would teach kids to be proud of where they come from.

4. A COSMIC BUTTERFLY IN SPACE

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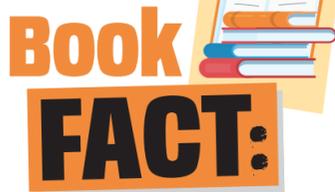
scope in Chile took a beautiful new picture of the Butterfly Nebula, a glowing cloud of gas in space that looks like a giant butterfly. This "cosmic butterfly" is thousands of light-years away in the constellation Scorpius, and its wings are made of gas that was thrown off by a dying star in the center. The hot white dwarf star in the middle heats the gas, making it shine in bright colors that spread out like delicate wings. Schoolchildren in Chile helped choose this object as a target to celebrate 25 years of the Gemini Observatory. Draw a picture of what you imagine the Butterfly Nebula would look like. Then,

look up the telescope photo online. Write 3-5 sentences about how your drawing is alike or different from the photo.

5. DONKEY COUNTRY, U.S.A.

In Reche Canyon, a semirural community in Southern California, hundreds of wild donkeys wander through yards, cross roads, and even show up at backyard weddings. They can cause problems by eating gardens, blocking traffic, and leaving messes, but many residents have grown to love them and even hang donkey pictures and signs in their homes. When officials brought in a group to move the donkeys

away, people were so upset that they started petitions, spoke at meetings, and made "We ? Our Donkeys" bumper stickers until the plan was stopped. Now the community is trying to protect the burros from dangers like car crashes and cruel attacks, while also learning how to live with them safely. Pretend you are writing a "Welcome to Donkey Country" guide for new neighbors who have never lived around wild burros before. In 5-6 sentences, explain at least one reason the donkeys are special, one problem they can cause, and two rules or tips people should follow to keep both the animals and the community safe.



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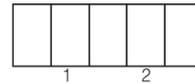
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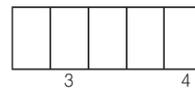
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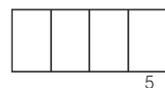
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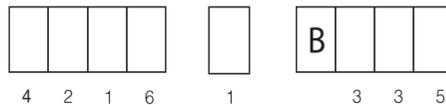
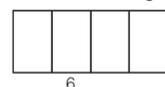
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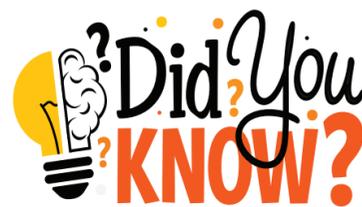
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PLAINTIFF,
V.
Case No.: 65-2025-CA000117-CAAM

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS,
CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING
INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LISA
M. MORGAN A/K/A LISA MARIE PAGE MORGAN A/K/A LISA MORGAN,
DECEASED; ET AL,
DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

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

Last Known Address: Unknown

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

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

MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 59 OF THE
HARTSFIELD SURVEY OF LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
AND RUN SOUTH 72 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST
2365.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 17 DEGREES 52 MINUTES
45 SECONDS EAST 659.02 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT
(MARKED #2919) LYING ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY
BOUNDARY OF STATE ROAD NO. 61 MARKING THE POINT OF BE-
GINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING AND LEAVING SAID
RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY RUN SOUTH 17 DEGREES 46 MINUTES
33 SECONDS EAST 375.20 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT
(MARKED #2919), THENCE RUN SOUTH 72 DEGREES 43 MINUTES
18 SECONDS WEST 159.54 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT
(MARKED #2919), THENCE RUN NORTH 18 DEGREES 01 MINUTES
08 SECONDS WEST 369.70 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT
(MARKED #2919) LYING ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY, RIGHT-OF-
WAY BOUNDARY OF STATE ROAD NO. 61, THENCE RUN NORTH
70 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT-
OF-WAY BOUNDARY 161.16 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
TOGETHER WITH 1999 ADMI MOBILE HOME IDENTIFICATION
NOS. GMHGA1299820841A AND GMHGA1299820841B, TITLE NOS.
77429721 AND 77429724.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your
written defenses, if any, to it on Amanda Driscole, Esquire, Brock & Scott,
PLLC., the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 4919 Memorial Hwy, Suite
135, Tampa, FL 33634, within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication on
or before **January 10, 2026**, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court
either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; oth-
erwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the
complaint or petition.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said court at Crawfordville, Florida 24th day
of October, 2025.

{{County Court Seal}}

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



December 11, 18, 25, 2025, January 1, 2026

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

Philippe Bernier,
Plaintiff,
vs
Case #: 25CC 243

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
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NOTICE OF ACTION

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

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, CASE NO. 24-CA-101 NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR OCWEN LOAN ACQUISITION TRUST 2024-HBI, Plaintiff, vs THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, 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, GRANTEES, 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, GRANTEES, 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 ANTOWN 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



ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, AND SCHNEID, PL ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF 6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100 Boca Raton, FL 33487 PRIMARY EMAIL: fimail@raslg.com Dec. 4, 11, 18, 25, 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, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, 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



IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS NEEDING A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE ADA COORDINATOR NOT LATER THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS PRIOR TO THE PROCEEDING AT THE OFFICE OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY CLERK OF COURT, 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HWY., CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327; TELEPHONE: (850) 926-0905; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); 1-800-955-8770 (VOICE), VIA FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE. TO FILE RESPONSE PLEASE CONTACT WAKULLA COUNTY CLERK OF COURT, 3056 CRAWFORDVILLE HIGHWAY, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327, TEL: (850) 926-0905; FAX: (850) 926-0901. December 4, 11, 2025

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- 1. Spiritual leaders
7. A type of solution
13. Fortified wine
14. Edible mollusk
16. They precede C
17. A way to compare
19. Government lawyer
20. "Game of Thrones" actor
22. The eighth month (abbr.)
23. Very willing
25. ___ ex Machina
26. Makes happy
28. Type of berry
29. A doctrine
30. Popular Dodge truck model
31. Dekagram
33. Naturally occurring solid
34. Company officer
36. Villains
38. Cricket frogs
40. Influential German psychologist
41. Endured
43. A female domestic
44. You can get stuck in one
45. Cigarette (slang)
47. Fiber optics network
48. Group of blood disorders (abbr.)
51. Employee stock ownership plan
53. Belonging to the bottom layer

- 55. Sound Hank
58. Very attractive person
59. Late beloved sportscaster
60. South Dakota
61. Mockingbird
64. Symbol for gold
65. Longtime Braves pitcher
67. Humor
69. Shawl
70. Preliminary patient assessment
1. Animal disease
2. Commercial material
3. Necklace
4. Containers
5. A way to save for your future

- 6. Colorado Heisman winner
7. Dipped down
8. Head injury (abbr.)
9. Lay about
10. Intestinal
11. Opposite of yes
12. Caused to be loved
13. Spiritual leader of Islam
15. Businesslike
18. Not in
21. Number above the line in a fraction
24. An animal with its own day
26. Pouch
27. Swedish krona
30. Start over
32. Field flowers
35. Fourteen
37. A visual way to interact with a computer
38. Up-to-date

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-70 and some pre-filled letters.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

PRIME MERIDIAN BANK, a Florida chartered bank, Plaintiff, -vs- ALINA DAVALOS PEREZ, and ANACANY A. PEREZ, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Amended Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered December 3, 2025, the Clerk of Court for Wakulla County, Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder the following described property on January 8, 2026, 11:00 a.m. EST, on the first floor in the courthouse lobby at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327: LOT 6 OF STRATTONWOOD PLACE, a Replat of Lots 6 and 7, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 105-6, of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida.

Commonly known as 120 Strattonwood Place, 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 NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED.

/s/ Michael C. Rayboun, Esq. Florida Bar No. 150444 RA YBOUN WINEGARDNER PLLC 1410 Piedmont Drive, E, Suite 2 Tallahassee, FL 32308 Telephone: 850-270-9064 Facsimile: 850-518-6124 Primary Email: Mike@FlaLawFirm.com Secondary Email: Michelle@FlaLawFirm.com Counsel for Plaintiff



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

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration, 301 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301, (850) 606-4401, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711, via the Florida Relay Service. To file response please contact Leon County Clerk of Court, 301S. Monroe Street, Room #241A, Tallahassee, FL 32302, Tel: (850) 606-4170. December 11, 18, 2025

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

1211-1218 TWS NOFS

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

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, CASE NO. 25000009CAAXMX Plaintiff, vs. JOSHUAL. HICKS; Defendants

SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment in Mortgage Foreclosure dated July 7, 2025, and entered in Case No. 25000009CAAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA County, Florida. LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC (hereafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and JOSHUA L. HICKS, are defendants. Greg James, Clerk of the Circuit Court for WAKULLA, County Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the First Floor of the Courthouse Lobby, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327 at 11:00 a.m., on the 8TH day of JANUARY, 2026, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Francene Brown, Office of Court Administration, Second Judicial Circuit 301 S. Monroe Street, Room 225 Tallahassee FL 32301, Phone no. 850-606-4401 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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

Si ou se yon moun ki andikape ou enfim ki bezwen akomodasyon pou w ka patisipe nan pwosedi sa, ou kalifye san ou pa gen okenn lajan pou w peye, gen pwovizyon pou jwen kèk èd. Tanpri kontakte Francene Brown, Office of Court Administration, Second Judicial Circuit 301 S. Monroe Street, Room 225 Tallahassee FL 32301, Phone no. 850-606-4401 nan 7 jou anvan dat ou gen randevou pou parèt nan tribinal la, oubyen imedyatman apre ou fin resevwa konvokasyon an si lè ou gen pou w parèt nan tribinal la mwens ke 7 jou; si ou gen pwoblèm pou w tande oubyen pale, rele 711.

Dated this 3rd day of December 2025.

Counsel of Plaintiff

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

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



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. December 11, 18, 2025



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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

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 #: 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.

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 022

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 #: 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.

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 023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that IDE TECHNOLOGIES INC The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

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.

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

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that IDE TECHNOLOGIES INC The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

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.

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 025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that IDE TECHNOLOGIES INC The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

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

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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 in Texas on December 13, 1967. I broke several school records as a young football player in high school. I had a breakout role on a TV series that also included Jim Carrey. I won an Oscar for playing a famous blind musician.

Answer: Jamie Foxx

Answer: Purts

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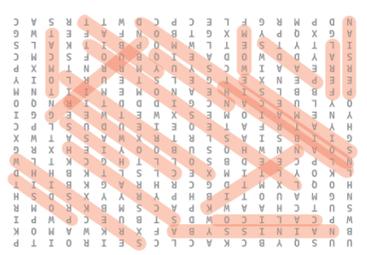
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WRESTLING

Wakulla defeats Chiles in season opener

By WALT JACOBS
Correspondent

As the house lights went off, a lone spotlight shone in the center of the mat and the air began to pulsate with the sound of Metallica's "Enter Sandman."

With each riff of Kirk Hammett's guitar, anticipation grew and shouts of support from the crowd erupted, culminating with the 2025 Wakulla Wrestling Team emerging from a tunnel formed by the War Eagle Cheerleaders.

After the team's brief warmup, the angelic voice of Miss Luna Martinez sweetly singing the "Star Spangled Banner" was juxtaposed against the visual of battle hardened warriors from Wakulla and Chiles High who were faced off against one another on opposing sides of the mat.

Following an electrifying introduction of the starting lineups, Wakulla quickly took the lead 12-0 with a pair of forfeits at 106 and 113.

Chiles responded with a pin by 13th ranked Jason Marsala over No. 8 Matthew Thaxton.

Wakulla's William Harvey answered with a pin of his own over Dominic Cicco. Harvey's pin began a barrage of points by Wakulla from 126 through 150 lbs that extended the War Eagle's lead to 39-6.

Patrick Cooksey got a second period fall over Jayden Larson at 132. Subsequently, Brady Jackson notched a 2nd period tech fall over Connor Blaine.

It only took Aaron Robinson 27 seconds to pin J.R. Jordan at 144.

At 150, Troy Thaxton garnered an 8-0 major decision over Toby Trumbower.

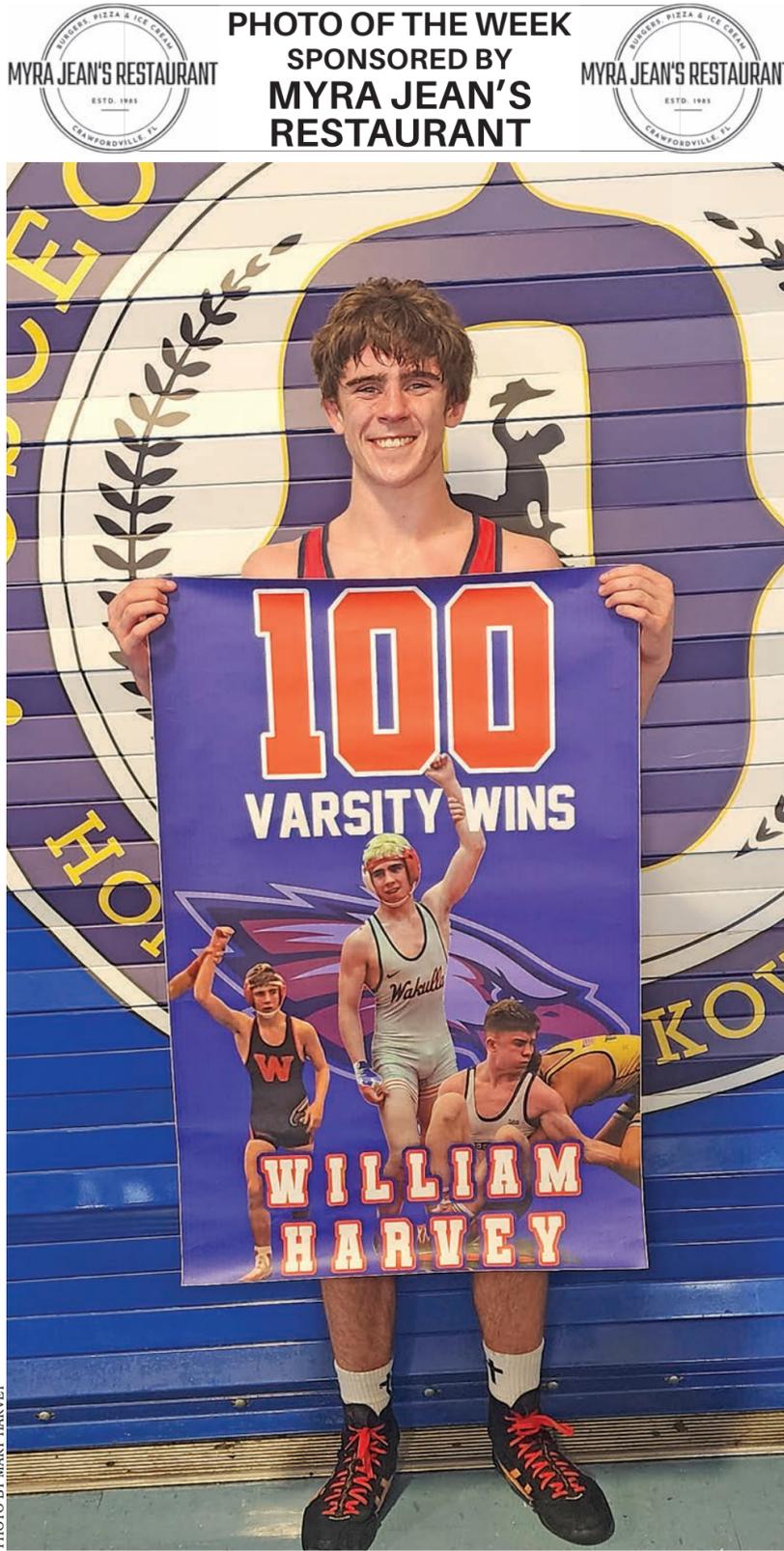
Chiles gained some ground when Wakulla forfeited 157 and 165 making the score 39-18.

Chiles continued to slowly chip away at the deficit when Hayden Smith secured a 17-1 tech fall over Wakulla's Cole Manning.

At 195, in the second period, Gavin Mitchell was winning handily over Chiles' Levi Bradley 11-1, when a slam by Mitchell was ruled illegal by the referee.

Bradley was awarded at point, and when he could not continue to wrestle, he was awarded the victory by default.

At this juncture, the score was 39-29. With two matches remaining, victory was still well within reach for the Timberwolves, but in the 215 pound bout, Blake Barodte slammed the door shut on a Chiles comeback when he pinned Andrew Hutton 58 seconds into the second period.



William Harvey

In the final match of the dual, Zechariah McGriff pinned Wakulla sophomore John Chancy.

The final score of the dual was Wakulla 45 Chiles 35.

The War Eagles will be back in action at home against Suwannee High on Thursday, December 11th.

On December 5th and 6th the War Eagles traveled to Kissimmee to compete in the Danny Byron Invitational.

Danny Byron Invitational Day 1 Gold Pool Results

Day 1 (Pooling) Results determine seeding for day two.

- Gold Pool**
- 106: Brayden Hodges 5th place
 - 113: Kyle Manzi 3rd place
 - 120: Matthew Thaxton 2nd Place
 - 126: William Harvey 1st Place
 - 132: Patrick Cooksey 6th Place
 - 138: Brady Jackson

- 1st Place 144: Aaron Robinson
- 3rd Place 150: Troy Thaxton
- 3rd Place 175: Cole Manning
- 5th Place 190:Gavin Mitchell
- DNP 215: Blake Barodte
- 2nd Place 285: Lonnie Pierce
- 4th Place

- Day 2 (Bracketing)
- Gold Pool**
- 126: William Harvey 2nd place in Gold Pool
 - 138: Brady Jackson 2nd place Gold Pool
 - 215: Blake Barodte 4th place in Gold Pool

- Blue Pool**
- 113: Kyle Manzi 2nd place in Blue Pool
 - 144: Aaron Robinson 2nd place in Blue Pool
 - 285: Lonnie Pierce 3rd place in Blue Pool

- White Pool**
- 106: Brayden Hodges 1st place
 - 132: Patrick Cooksey 3rd place
 - 175: Cole Manning 2nd place
 - 190: Gavin Mitchell 1st place

LADY WAR EAGLES COMPETE AT BORDER WARS

On Saturday, December 6th, the Lady War Eagles and 16 other teams, mostly from the North Florida area, converged upon South Walton High School in Santa Rosa Beach to compete in the Seahawk's Border Wars Tournament.

In round 1 of the 125 pound bracket, Julia Baggett faced No. 22 Gracelynn Janssen of Bay High. Janssen got a takedown early in the 1st period to take a three point lead, but Baggett managed to get a reversal before the period expired to make it 3-2. Baggett got another reversal 47 seconds into the second period to momentarily take the lead 4-3. Twenty-Seven seconds later, Janssen was able to get a reversal of her own and regain the lead 5-4. With time expiring late in the second, Baggett reversed Janssen yet again and secured the

pin with 13 seconds left in the period.

Wakulla's Kameron Easter also won with a second period pin in the first round of the 125 pound bracket over Caroline Anderson of North Bay Haven.

Baggett and Easter both faltered in the next round. Baggett fell to Niceville's 25th ranked Gianna Muscarella and Easter to Jefferson's Ava Goodwin.

The pair pinned their way into the 3rd place match where the teammates would face one another. Baggett won the contest over Easter by pin with 43 seconds left in the second.

"Julia wrestled very well this weekend against some very tough opponents," Coach Sanchez said. "She was able to recover from some hard matches last weekend at Flagler by making some good adjustments and finished strong at this tournament"

Sanchez had glowing remarks for Easter as well: "Kameron is continuing to turn heads as she's progressing into the season. Her technique and aggressiveness on the mat is proving to be a big factor in her success."

In her very first tournament, freshman Rose

Cooper went 1-2 over the weekend. Her lone victory was a dominant 17-0 tech fall over Bay High's Johanna Smith. Her performance on the day impressed her coaches so much that they named her the girls wrestler of the week.

"This is her first year wrestling but she has taken to the sport quickly. She wrestled very tough against more experienced wrestlers."

Kendal Haynie added more gold hardware to her already sparkling resume on Saturday. She completely dominated her competition with a tech fall and three consecutive pins, including wins over No. 23 Taylor Molstrom and No. 12 Nova Estrada.

"Kendal wrestled very aggressively at the tournament. In four matches, she wrestled for a total of 7 1/2 minutes." Sanchez said. "She is very focused on becoming a state champion and I don't really see very many wrestlers standing in her way of achieving just that."

Next up for the Lady War Eagles: Queen of the South in Enterprise, Alabama.

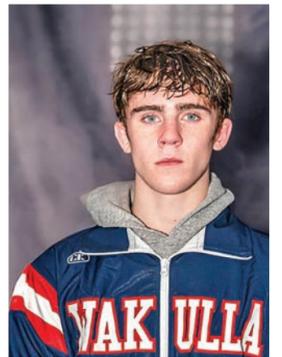
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- Coach Nate Litowsky



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