

She was the first black mayor of Sopchoppy – and a number of other firsts

A huge milestone for Mitchell was becoming the first black majorette with Wakulla High School War Eagles under section leader Jackie Lawhon. Mitchell said, "It was exciting to walk out on the field to perform, and we were coached by Ms. Lawhon to always strive for the best," she says. "This important lesson has always stuck with me;

Willie Fred Skipper Sr. of Soper
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The lowdown on those free credit scores



By BRIAN ENGLISH

The Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act of 2003 provided individuals with valuable rights to the credit information companies keep on them, but did you know that the credit

score provided to you may be different than the one provided to lenders?

The first thing you should know is that you have a right to see your credit report once annually without cost. You can find free credit reports online. The report will contain important information that may affect your credit score.

While your credit report can be obtained for free, your credit score will cost you money, except in the case where you

have been denied a loan on the basis of your credit score, in which case you may obtain your credit score for free. However, many banks and lenders are now providing their customers with free monthly credit score updates.

Your credit score is a numerical representation of your creditworthiness, which takes into account past and current credit activities, including any late payments, judgments, liens, bankruptcies, and foreclosures.

When you see an offer for getting your free credit score, it may be a marketing-driven incentive

to get you to sign up for a fee-based credit monitoring service. The score may be only available at no cost if you agree to sign up for a trial subscription and don't cancel prior to the end of that trial period.

THE DIRTY LITTLE SECRET OF CREDIT SCORES

Before you purchase your credit score, understand that the methodology used to calculate the score you buy is different from that used to determine the credit score lenders receive.

While the correlation between the

scores is high (90%), correlations vary among different consumer subsets. For instance, the correlation is strongest among consumers with scores below the median than for consumers with scores above the median. In fact, up to 27% of the scores received by individuals could be placed in a different credit score category from what the lender receives.¹

While knowing your credit score may be important, it may be more vital to review your credit report to correct any errors that may be hurting your score. After that, you can

take any necessary steps to improve your credit profile.

1. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 2023. Based on a landmark study published in 2012. Most recent data available.

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-September 18 - Category 4 Great Miami Hurricane devastated southeast Florida, abruptly ending the state's massive land boom.
-September 20 - Mob boss Al Capone survived a machine-gun assassination attempt by the North Side Gang at the Hawthorne Hotel in Cicero, Illinois.
-September 23 - Crowd of 120,557 boxing fans pay to see the Dempsey vs. Tunney heavyweight bout at Philadel-phia
-September 25 -The League of Nations signed the 1926 Slavery Convention in Geneva, committing interna-tional signatories to abolishing slavery and the slave trade.

-September 16 - La Opiión, the most-read Spanish language newspaper in the United States and second only to the English language Los Angeles Times as the best-selling L.A. daily news-paper, published its first issue. and was in its 100th year of existence in 2026.

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Born on October 23, 1925 in Corning, Iowa. At the age of 8 he found a book of magic at a friends house and bought a mail-order magician's kit. He practiced his tricks in front of family. He would follow his family members around saying “Pick a card – any card” . His mother made him a cape for his shows and his first performance was in front of the local Kiwanis Club at age 14 and was paid \$3.After graduating from high school, he hitchhiked to Hollywood. There, he was arrested and fined \$50 for impersonating a midshipman. He joined the U.S. Navy June 8, 1943. He was assigned to damage control, was given the task of supervising the removal of the bodies of 20 servicemen and their effects. “They'd been down there for 18 days, and I want to tell you, that was a terrible job.” He finished his service in Guam, decoding encrypted messages.. He attended the University of Nebraska and majored in journalism with the intention of becoming a comedy writer but then graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in radio and speech with a minor in physics in 1949. He began his broadcasting career in 1950 at age 25 at WOW-AM and WOW-TV in Omaha, Nebraska.[16] He soon hosted a morning television program called The Squirrel's Nest. One of his routines involved interviewing pigeons on the roof of the local courthouse that would report on the political corruption they had seen. He supplemented his income by serving as master of ceremonies at local church dinners – attended by some of the same politicians and leaders he had lampooned on the radio. In 1953, comic Red Skelton – a fan of this man's low-budget sketch comedy show, asked him to join his show as a writer. In 1954, Skelton accidentally knocked himself unconscious during rehearsal, an hour before his live show began. He successfully filled in for him. In 1955, Jack Benny invited him to appear on one of his programs during the opening and closing segments. He imitated Benny and claimed that Benny had copied his gestures. Benny predicted he would have a successful career as a comedian. Ed McMahon would say “Heeeere's Johnny!”
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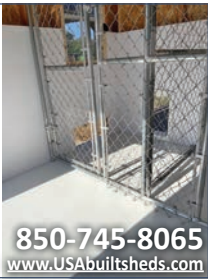
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MISS INFORMATION FUN PAGE *By Lynda Kinsey*

Content contributor William Diekman

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(If using wooden skewers - soak skewers in water prior).
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#5. Who designed and flew the first successful motor-powered airplane.
- Answers:

#1. Thomas Edison, #2. Nikola Tesla

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WHO INVENTED THAT?

-In 1903, **Mary Anderson** patented the first manual windshield wiper though car makers deemed it unnesesary. It later became a standard on cars world-wide. Anderson never prof-ited from her invention.
-**Josephine Cochrane** patented the first practical dishwasher in 1886. She created it after servants chipped her fine china, and soon hotels adopted the machines. Her invention is found in millions of homes around the world and her company lives on through KitchenAid.
- In 1810, Peter Durand patented the tin can. Early versions were so thick they required a hammer. Soldiers and explorers relied on canned food for survival, and it's now a global staple. His idea also led to the can opener.

“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.” – Theodore Roosevelt

SPORTS

Who became the heavyweight champion of the world on September 23, 1926

Gene Tunney became the heavyweight champion of the world on September 23, 1926 defeating Jack Dempsey!

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Embellished sweaters emerged in the early 1940s as American and European designers began decorating utilitarian wool and cashmere cardigans with sequins, beads, and metallic threads to offer cheerful evening wear during and immediately after World War II. Peaking popularity between the '40s & '60's. Authentic vintage pieces are usually lined with rayon or silk acetate to protect the wearer's skin from the interior stitching weight and to keep the knit from sagging under the heavy beading.

The knitted sweaters were often manufactured in Japan, the United Kingdom, or the U.S., but the intricate beadwork was mostly hand-stitched by large artisan networks and workshops in British Hong Kong during the 1950s and 1960s.

Washing recommendation tags started around ~1970's. If your sweater has this tag it is not vintage. Most clothing manufactured after the mid-1960s transitioned to plastic zippers instead of the metal ones.



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-The real word for the # symbol is not “hashtag”. It's “octothorpe.”

-The people who voiced Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Wayne Allwine and Russi Taylor, were married in real life!

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Investing in our youth through prevention



By **JARED MILLER**
Wakulla Sheriff

As Sheriff of Wakulla County, I believe some of the most important work we do is not simply solving crimes, but preventing them before they happen. One of the most effective ways to accomplish that is by investing in our youth.

When young people receive guidance, encouragement, and opportunities to succeed, they are better prepared to make

responsible choices and overcome challenges. That is why the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office remains committed to prevention, education, mentorship, and meaningful youth engagement.

Our School Resource Officers are more than a uniform on campus. They serve as mentors, role models, and a daily source of safety and support. Through school-safety initiatives, anti-bullying efforts, and personal connections with students, our deputies encourage good decisions and help connect young people with appropriate resources before problems escalate.

We are also proud to provide the L.E.A.D. program—Law Enforcement Against

Drugs and Violence—in Wakulla County schools. Through this program, deputies teach students about drug prevention, bullying, responsible decision-making, and healthy relationships. Beyond the curriculum, L.E.A.D. gives students an opportunity to develop positive and consistent relationships with law enforcement.

Preparing young drivers is another important part of our prevention efforts. Through the Florida Sheriffs Association's Teen Driver Challenge, young drivers receive free instruction in defensive-driving techniques, hazard recognition, and vehicle control from trained deputies. The skills learned through this program can help teens become safer

and more confident behind the wheel.

The Wakulla Sheriff's Explorers Program offers young people interested in law enforcement an opportunity to gain hands-on experience in public safety, leadership, and community service. The program promotes discipline, teamwork, responsibility, and a commitment to serving others—qualities that benefit participants regardless of the career path they ultimately choose.

Our commitment also extends beyond the classroom. The Sheriff's Office proudly works with local youth organizations, sports teams, cheer squads, 4-H programs, and other community partners. Supporting these activities means sup-

porting the confidence, discipline, teamwork, and sense of belonging they help develop.

Moments of joy and connection matter as well, especially during the holidays. Christmas in the Park brings families together in a festive and safe environment while helping provide gifts to hundreds of local children. Through Shop with a Cop, deputies and community partners ensure that children have an opportunity to shop for gifts and essentials and know that their community cares about them.

Meaningful prevention cannot be accomplished through one program, one classroom, or one agency. It takes parents, educators, law enforcement officers, community leaders, local businesses, and neighbors working together. By ad-

ressing concerns such as vaping, substance abuse, mental health, bullying, and peer pressure early, we can help young people make healthier choices and create safer outcomes for everyone.

Prevention requires time, effort, patience, and heart. However, every moment spent teaching, encouraging, mentoring, or simply showing up for a young person is an investment in the future of Wakulla County.

At the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, we will continue leading with compassion, commitment, and an unwavering belief in our youth—because they are not only our future; they are our responsibility today.

Jared Miller is Wakulla County Sheriff.



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Colleen Mitchell

From Front Page

everywhere I go, and everything I do, I am always striving for the best.”

Grounded in the values she grew up with, Mitchell approaches each responsibility with integrity, compassion, and a determination to make her community stronger for everyone.

Mitchell started her career working for the Wakulla County School Board as a paraprofessional and then went on to work for the County Administrator, which was Parrish Barwick at the time. “I also worked with both the Property Appraiser’s Office and Wakulla Fire Rescue. I find it a great honor to work for all of them, and I enjoyed it.”

The largest milestone for Mitchell was to be both the first female and first African American Mayor of the City of Sopchoppy.

“Some of my best moments on the Sopchoppy City Council were working on the city’s five-year comprehensive plan which included extending the city’s limits, working on the city’s organizational chart, and repairing the Sopchoppy School’s historic gym,” she says.

“One of my most exciting accomplishments while serving on the Sopchoppy City Council was being a part of the team working towards the addition of more street lighting on Surf Road and downtown Sopchoppy,” she says. “Through grant funding, we improved sidewalks, bike trails, and purchased new water towers through-

out Wakulla County. “What I found rewarding was providing the best possible solution to each individual issue.”

Tallahassee State College, formerly known as Tallahassee Community College, honored Mitchell for her innovation and her accomplishments. Her achievements are on display in the school’s library.

Owning a servant’s heart, Mitchell has worked at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital in Nursing Operations. “One of the most rewarding jobs while working for the hospital was when I worked with funeral directors, I had the opportunity to be a beacon to others when they were at probably the lowest point in their life,” she says. “To know that I helped give closure to families is what is most gratifying. However, it did take a toll after a while, but to know I made a difference to these folks is all that matters.”

Mitchell is a member of Skipper Temple Church of Sopchoppy. “How fortunate I am to have my mother Ethel Skipper as my Pastor, devoted counselor, and friend.”

A woman with deep roots in her community, Mitchell is proud to serve the people she’s grown up alongside. Her public service is grounded in listening, showing up, and working hand-in-hand with neighbors to strengthen the place they all call home.

Most recently, Mitchell was appointed by



Nelson Martin and Mitchell at the historic Sopchoppy Depot.

the Wakulla County Commission to work on the Sopchoppy Depot Committee alongside Depot President and Caretaker Nelson Martin.

“I love Sopchoppy,” she says. “I have lived here my whole life, and I enjoy supporting and taking care of the Depot and its restoration. My father has history here in the Depot, and nothing can make me prouder than to work where my father is remembered.”

Mitchell’s father, Willie, has his photo on display in the Depot which highlights the fact he was a community member who rode on

the train to Carrabelle and Arran, and is a veteran of World War II.

Mitchell’s family includes her husband, retired NBA basketball player for the Cleveland Cavaliers, Tony Mitchell; a daughter, Elizabeth Hawkins, and a son, Rona Hawkins (deceased), and a son, Gary Clary, who graduated FSU with a bachelor’s degree in computer science with a business minor this past July.

As a single mother raising her daughter alone, Skipper said, “I am blessed to have a father like mine, he took the father role upon his shoulders

and was the best father figure for my daughter; I am proud to have a great father like him.”

Mitchell’s grandchildren include Arie Hawkins and Helyy Richardson.

“My grandmother Charlotte Rosier worked in the line of foster care alongside Wakulla’s former public health nurse, Ms. Anita Townsend. My grandmother fostered for families with some families with as many as eight individuals within one household; public service and humanity is in my blood.”

Hobbies include crocheting. “I love to crochet; it just takes

me away - it is very relaxing. I learned from Ms. Jane Cambell; her work was the prettiest work I have ever seen.” Mitchell mentioned her mother, Ethel Skipper, worked for Campbell for some time. Mitchell enjoys singing spiritual music with “Amazing Grace” being her favorite hymn.

“Wakulla County is very special to me because in Wakulla, you are connected by either friendship or family, and sometimes both.

“Because of my love for Sopchoppy, I am strongly considering serving on the City Council again in the future,” Mitchell says.

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Real life friendship



By GREG GAST

Friendship is a relationship of mutual affection between people. It is not an acquaintance or an association. Friendship is one of the simplest, most primal bonds of human experiences. Friendships are formed by choice usually on the basis that the parties involved admire each other and enjoy common interests and socialization. Most friendships have six agreed-upon expectations or areas:

- **Positive regard:** They genuinely like each other and are not

pretending to like each other for the purpose of social climbing or some other benefit.

- **Self-disclosure:** Friends feel they can discuss deep personal topics.
- **Instrumental aid:** This is where friends can help each other on practical ways.
- **Similarity:** This is friends who have similar world views. It can be culture, class, religion, or life experiences.
- **Enjoyment:** They believe that it is fun and easy to spend time with each other. And finally,
- **Agency:** The friends have valuable information, skills, or resources that they can share with each other.

Studies have shown that strong social support improves a person's prospects for good health and longevity. Loneliness and a lack of social support are linked with increased risk of heart disease, viral infections,

and cancer along with higher mortality rates overall. Having few or no friends is a common thread among those who are diagnosed with a range of mental disorders. Friendships contribute to self-esteem, self-confidence, and social development. Having close friends is correlated with improved mental health and cognitive ability.

Friendships matter; they are a universal survival tool. At its most basic friendship provides security, shared resources, and protection against isolation. In our modern times they have evolved into Companionships: relief of loneliness, Emotional regulation: friends as comforters and coaches, Resilience: quicker recovery from adversities and setbacks, Health: reduced stress, lower blood pressure, and extended life, Identity support: clar-

ify values, encourage growth and remind us of who we can become and Lifelong learning: exposure to new habits, perspectives, and different problem-solving styles. Here are some ways to be a better friend. Be consistent: Being reliable is the best gift you can be even in small ways. Be vulnerable: Share more of your victories and your struggles. Be curious and non-judgmental: Ask about their life, dreams, family, and struggles. Respect timing and privacy: Some folks need space, some need more frequent contact, know their rhythm. Practice gratitude: Thank them for being in your life. Let me know what you think...

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Putting Out the Fleece



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Judges 6 tells of the Hebrews' suffering in Canaan after they turned away from God and embraced idols. To encourage repentance in the Hebrews, God allowed the Midianite armies and their allies to attack. Israel was invaded during harvest, and their produce was stolen and they were left in deep poverty. Invasions against Israel would continue for seven years. Just before the eighth invasion, God called a farmer named Gideon to deliver his people from the Midianites. Gideon was reluctant to go because he lacked confidence that he could do it. Although God had already promised Gideon a victory, Gideon asked for signs that He'd keep His promise. He tells God, he'll put a fleece on the floor, and if God's truly going to save Israel with Gideon's help, God should make the fleece wet, but leave the floor under it dry. The next morning it's just as

he asked. But Gideon is unsatisfied, he risks God's anger by asking for more. So, for the second night, he asked for a wet floor with a dry fleece. Again, the next morning it's as he asked. The floor is wet and the fleece is dry. Gideon is convinced God would keep his promise. This episode in Gideon's life opened the door to many people's imaginations. People ask for physical, literal, signs from God. This is a major mistake. Scripture clearly warns against asking for such. Deuteronomy 6:16 prohibits putting God to the test by such demands. This principle is confirmed by Jesus when he is tempted by Satan in the wilderness in Luke 4:12. The Jews incessantly demanded signs from Jesus during his earthly ministry, but Jesus steadfastly refused to give them any. Paul implies the Jews would suffer severe consequences as a result of their demands and doubts. "Putting out the fleece" is an approach used by people like Gideon who lack faith to trust God to do what He says he will do. Twice Gideon reminded God of what he had said, and twice Gideon asked God to reaffirm His promises with a miracle. Who are we to remind God of what He said?

Who are we to tell God what conditions He must meet, especially when He has already spoken to us in His Word? "Putting out the fleece" is not only evidence of our unbelief, but it usually results in our fleecing ourselves and suffering severe consequences. One fundamental fact is that there is no way to know God's will or to receive His guidance, apart from the Holy Scriptures. The Scriptures are not a catalog of do's and don'ts on all matters of life in alphabetical order. Instead, the Scriptures consist largely of general and special principles that are applicable to all life. These principles are available to those who make the effort to understand the Bible adequately. Wise Christians study the Scriptures regularly to learn these principles so that when needed decisions can be made with Bible understanding. Come worship with us each Sunday @10:00 am Oyster Bay Church of Christ 1044 Shadeville Road Crawfordville, Florida www.oysterbaychurchofchrist.org Contact Info: Robert W. Kornegay oysterbaychurchofchrist@gmail.com Listen to more @ PearlsOfWisdomOnline.org



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On the Horizon

The calendar of events for September

Tuesday, Sept. 1

- 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, Sept. 2

- Wakulla County Coalition for Youth meets at the Wakulla Public Library at 12:30 p.m.
- Muffins with Moms Prenatal Support Group meets at 9 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 10 a.m. at the Wakulla County Health Department. Contact Liz Neighbors at 850-888-6078 or elizabeth.neighbors@flhealth.gov for more information.
- 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.

Thursday, Sept. 3

- The Rotary Club of Wakulla County meets at the TSC Wakulla Center at 8:30 a.m. on Thursdays.
- Coastal Optimist Club

meets at noon at Myra Jean's on the first and third Thursdays.

- 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, Sept. 4

- Wakulla War Eagles travel to Tallahassee to play the Chiles Timberwolves at 7 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 7 p.m. every Friday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Saturday, Sept. 5

- The Panacea Community Garden Farmer's Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Panacea.

Sunday, Sept. 6

- 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.
- Alcoholics Anonymous

mous meets every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Monday, Sept. 7

- LABOR DAY – Banks, schools and government offices will be closed in observance.
- The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group meets at Lake Ellen Baptist Church at 9:30 a.m. every Monday.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. every Monday at 54 Ochlockonee St.
- Gentle Yoga and Stretching Class with Margaret every Monday at 11 a.m. First Baptist Church CLC Building in Crawfordville. Bring a mat.

Tuesday, Sept. 8

- Wakulla County Commission meets in commission chambers at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 9

- Wakulla County Industrial Development Authority meets in the county administration conference room at 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 10

- St. Marks City Commission meets at City Hall at 6 p.m. -926-6050.

Friday, Sept. 11

- 9/11 Memorial event will be held at the sheriff's office parking lot at 8:30 a.m.
- Echo & Vibe, a light and sound experience at Palaver Tree Theater, 59 Shadeville Road, from 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$25 advance or \$30 at the door.
- Wakulla War Eagles travel to Santa Rosa County to play the Pace Patriots at 7:30 CDT.

Saturday, Sept. 12

- Threads Through Time, a presentation by the Wakulla County Historical Society, will be held at the Crawfordville Woman's Club from 2 to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and available at the historical society gift shop.
- Night Sky Program at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge for guests from first time sky watcher to experienced stargazers and photographers, from 8:30 to 11 p.m. \$5 per car. Gates closes at 9

p.m. and will not re-open for entry after that. Tallahassee Astrological Society will have telescopes for the public to use or bring your own.

- The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group will meet at the Wakulla County Public Library at 10 a.m. every second Saturday of the month.

Monday, Sept. 14

- Wakulla School Board meets in the district office at 5:45 p.m.
- Planning commission meets at 6 p.m. in the commission chambers.
- The Sopchoppy City Commission meets at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.
- Crawfordville Woman's Club monthly meeting is the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 64 Ochlockonee St., in Crawfordville. Call (850) 566-5727 for more information.

Tuesday, Sept. 15

- Sarracenia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society meets at the public library at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Chuck Hess will speak on "Trends in Vegetation, Prescribed Fire and the Landscape Trap in the Apalachicola

National Forest."

Friday, Sept. 18

- Wakulla War Eagles host the Rickards Raiders at J.D. Jones Stadium at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 19

- Festival of Joy, an event for special needs kids, will be held at the Lodge at Wakulla Springs from 1 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 22

- FIRST DAY OF FALL.

Friday, Sept. 25

- Wakulla War Eagles host the Suwannee Bulldogs at J.D. Jones Stadium at 7 p.m. in a district rivalry.

Saturday, Sept. 26

- St. Marks Community Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in St. Marks.
- Panacea Blue Crab Festival will kick off with the parade at 10 a.m. and gates open to Woolley Park at 10:30 a.m. General admission is \$3, kids 12 and younger free.



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7. __ Rogers,
cowboy
10. Unruly lo-
cale
12. Edible
mushroom
13. Influential
noblemen
14. Rattling
breaths
15. David __
George, Brit.
P.M.
16. Musician
Clapton
17. Small Eur-
asian deer

18. Invests in
little enterprises

19. Perimeter

21. Chicago
ballplayer

22. Animal
body part

27. It's every-
where these
days

28. Fictional ad
exec

33. Mr. T char-
acter Baracus

34. Against the
current

36. Subway ro-
dent

37. Armor plate

38. Hair on the

head
39. Strong in-
sect
40. Swollen
lymph node
41. A way to
lessen
44. Walter
White poison
45. Sleeveless
garment
48. Long ac-
companied song
49. Without
features
50. Yankee
great Mattingly
51. Removes
from record

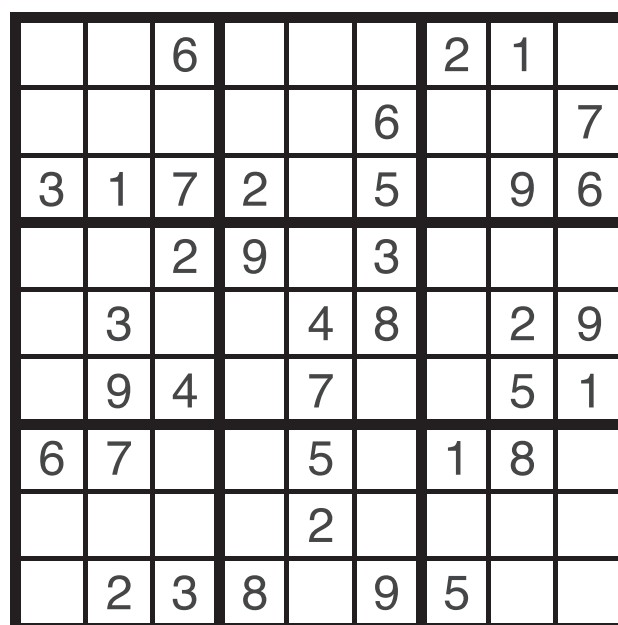
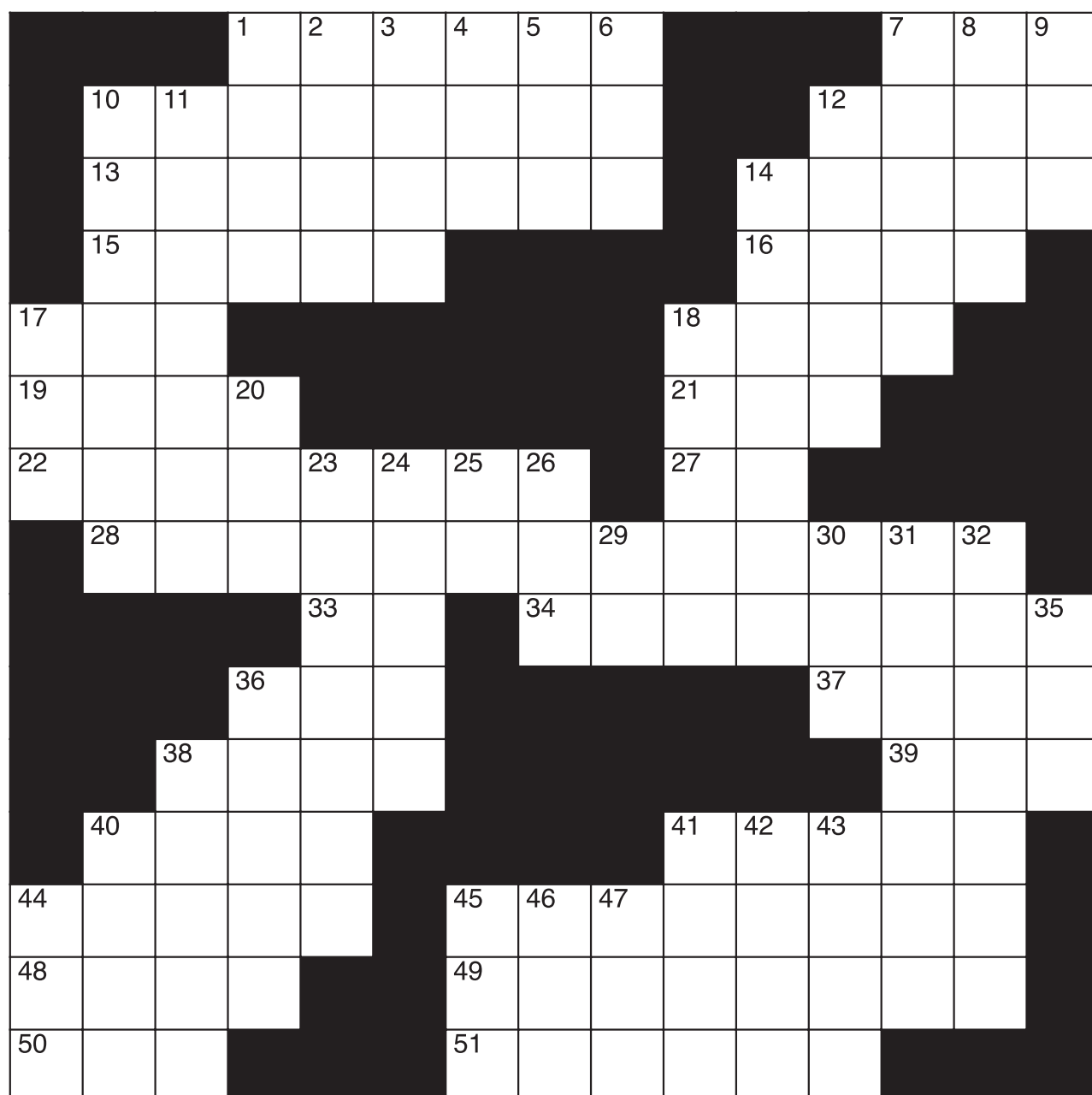
CLUES

DOWN

1. Root of taro plant
2. Those ones
3. Appliances have one
4. A way to sing
5. Midway between east and southeast
6. Animal dwelling
7. An object that has survived from the past
8. Oil cartel
9. Affirmative
10. Foul smell
11. Brisk tempo

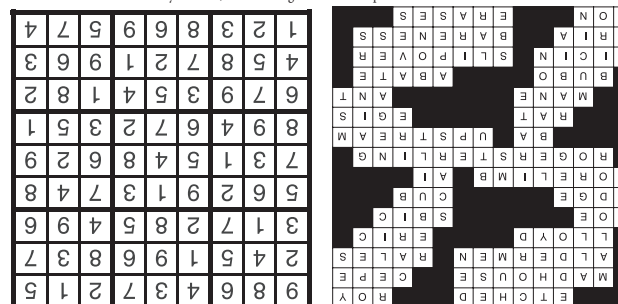
12. S. American indigenous person
14. Restored
17. Official
18. Skin lesions
20. Electroencephalograph
23. Middle Eastern country
24. Extremely angry
25. Title used before a woman's name
26. British thermal unit
29. By the way (abbr.)
30. Anger
31. Nullifies
32. Ones who acquire

35. Time zone
36. Arabic
name
38. Protein in
mucus
40. Ballpoint
pen
41. Mimics
42. Humans
have a lot of it
43. Expressions
of good wishes
44. Cool!
45. One point
east of due
south
46. City of An-
gels football
team (abbr.)
47. A way to
save for retire-
ment



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A tale of three tombstones

By Elizabeth F. Smith, published in the April 1967 edition of the Magnolia Monthly

PART 2 OF SIX.

Ann, one of Theophilus Hamlin's five daughters, m. the Hon. Luthe Severance, who was born in New York state, worked on a Philadelphia paper, and was commended by President Monroe for an article on the Missouri Compromise. Severance wrote political articles for "The National Intelligencer" in the 1820's and then came to Augusta to establish the "Kennebec Journal" in 1824. His influence on Maine politics lasted until 1854 when James G. Blaine began his editorial career on the paper and later ran for the presidency.

Severance served in the Maine State Senate, and then in Congress. In 1850 he went to Hawaii for his health, was made U.S. Minister to the court of King Kamehameha, dying there in 1855. Ann Hamlin Severance died in Hawaii in 1887.

Malvina Hamlin, b. 1807, married a lumberman who built the first lumbermills using gang saws at Gardiner, Maine, but (says "The Hamlin Family") "misfortune overtook him in 1844 by signing for a friend" and he quickly removed in 1846 to another town.

Sarah Hamlin, b. 1789, married Joseph Ladd (d. 1835 at Magnolia) son of Jonas Ladd and Rachael Field. Joseph was b. in Deerfield, N. H. in 1786. He went with his father soon after the American Revolution to

Mount Vernon, Maine, and then to Augusta, where he completed his education with the Rev. Payson Stone, intending to become a clergyman, but changed his mind and became a merchant in Augusta, adding lumber, carding wool, dressing cloth, grinding grain, and farming. He built and owned a line of packets, which ran from Maine to the St. Marks River. In 1832 he was interested in an extensive mercantile business with a branch in Florida. He was a stockholder in the first woolen factory operated in Maine. It was probably 1833 when he came to Magnolia, and died of yellow fever there two years later. His wife died in Augusta in 1874. The Ladds had 10 children, and it is Joseph whose name is the most prominent on the commemorative headstone in the Winthrop Street cemetery, though he is buried in Wakulla County.

Joseph's son, Joseph Edwin, is the third of the family buried at Magnolia. Joseph, E. was b. in Augusta and was visiting in Newport on the St. Marks River when he d. there in 1853.

Joseph's second son, Franklin, b. 1815 in Augusta, was a portrait painter. It was Franklin's wife who kept all the Florida relatives' children when they came north to be educated before the Civil War.

It was Joseph's third son who was best known in Wakulla County,



Daniel Ladd of Magnolia was the richest man in Middle Florida in 1850.

Daniel Ladd. Born in Augusta in 1817, Daniel came to Magnolia in 1833 and, though only 16 years of age, started as a bookkeeper in his uncles John and Nathaniel Hamlin's cotton export business. His knowledge of cotton prices and their fluctuations, plus the cost of manufactured goods from the north, gave him the business sense that made him, by 1850, the richest man in Middle Florida.

But we must go back to Augusta again and to Theophilus Hamlin. His establishment on the Market Square was known as "the green store" for its color. It is not known how long he planned a trip south, but he had first to assure himself that his wife and daughters were old enough and capable enough of doing without the presence of men in the family. But the south was a lucrative market for the manufactured products from the mills on the river, including some he had an interest in. And he

needed cotton in return.

But he knew the dangers of the long trip. According to Mrs. Ballard's diary, sloops coming up the river were often stranded on the bars. Going down the coast of the vast country, they had to pass the dangerous reefs off of Cape Hatteras, and between Florida and the Bahamas was a narrow but dangerous stretch of open water where the salvage pirates lay in wait for any unwary vessel. It is said they used lights at nighttime to lure the ships into impassable shoals.

Theophilus reckoned the dangers and chanced the trip anyway. Along with his cargo of iron kettles, cotton bolts, and tortoiseshell combs, he put aboard his five sons, John, George, Nathaniel, Theophilus Jr., and Weld. The latter two were mere boys, Theo about 13 and Weld 11. The other three were in their 20's and given to caution except for George, who was something of a sport and often reckless. Little did he know that some day he would fight a duel that would cause a scandal in Territorial Florida.

Theophilus took his sloop and his sons to New Orleans and stayed there for a number of years. It is said that he engaged in business there, but other than exchanging his kettles for cotton, it is not known specifically what he was doing. John and George may have helped their father for a while, having traded

in Augusta before they took the trip. But after some years, which was largely a blank in the well recorded life of the Hamlins, Theophilus returned to Augusta and ran the Kennebec Hotel, the principal inn on the river.

Land fever and the opening of the Mississippi valley after the Louisiana Purchase, infected the five sons. They journeyed to Liberty County, Mississippi and purchased government lands newly opened, with the idea of speculating in sales and trades. It was a quicker, though riskier, way to get rich than by swapping kettles and hoes. In Liberty County, John and Nathaniel married Amanda and Matilda Johnson, either sisters or cousins, and Theophilus Jr. died while still in his teens.

There is plenty of evidence that after Theophilus Sr. returned to Augusta, he was buying and selling property as busily as his relatives (not to mention his sons down in Mississippi). According to some of the earliest records in the Kennebec County courthouse, Theo paid a quit claim of \$100 to Joseph Ladd on a small lot in Augusta in 1821. At about the same time Sarah Hamin Ladd, wife of Joseph, for \$50 relinquished claim on some property to Theo.

A custom of the day was noted in Vol. 50 of Deed Records of Kennebec County. In order to keep a church solvent, families bought or rented pews. Joseph Ladd

relinquished "Two Pews, situated on the lower floor in the New Meetinghouse in the south Parish" in Augusta to Theo. Hamlin for \$150 quit claim in 1821, "one of said Pews being Number Sixty three and the other being Number Sixty five, with the privileges and appurtenance to said pews belonging."

Meanwhile Theo kept up correspondence with his sons in Mississippi. His son John had apparently left Liberty County, for his address was now Amite County, Mississippi. His father paid him \$50 in a quit-claim to a store lot in Hallowell that his father had given him in 1816 "beginning about 2 rods easterly from the dwelling house of Daniel Day at a stake and stones on the south side of the road from Hallowell to Winthrop." John's quit-claim was witnessed by George Hamlin with Weld Hamlin attesting. This document was signed in April 24, 1822 and registered in the courthouse at Augusta in 1824. Apparently, Theo was stung on this exchange for he sold the store lot to John Mullier for \$45 not long afterwards in 1824. This was a loss of \$5 – no small sum in that day.

The mill dam is often mentioned in the histories of Augusta, as well as the genealogy of the Hamlin's. It is still there, located above the railroad bridge. It is not impressive, for it is not high and looks merely like wooden siding that somehow got caught in

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A tale of three tombstones

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the shallows. But the dams (which may have been shored up or rebuilt many times because of the ice in the stream) is still used, for its penstocks are diverted to the many mills, old or modern, still clustered along the streams. The Bastes woolen mill is on the west side nearest to the dam. A steep bluff runs from the dam up to the old tenement houses where the millhands, often of southern European parentage, live. On the highest point of the bluff is the imposing edifice of the Catholic Church, which gives a Gothic, European tone to this colonial town.

In 1824 Joseph Ladd bought for \$1,000 a piece of land 4 rods from the top of the mill dam erected on Ladd's stream (there is a stream running into the river before one climbs the hill to the church) with the "privilege at all times

for said Ladd to take water through the dam...on said stream at the northerly end thereof, by a penstock sufficient (to) work a falling (fulling or sizing) Mill and two carding machines for all the custom work which he may have at said mills" from Thomas Jones in 1824.

Joseph Edwin Ladd (the third tombstone in the old Magnolia Cemetery), a druggist in Augusta, paid \$2,300 to Esther Fuller of Augusta for some property on Winthrop Street in 1845.

The Kennebec Journal, which was founded by Theo Ladd's son-in-law, Luther Severance, in 1824 (and still going strong after 163 years) has items about the Hamlin's and Ladds from time to time. W.M. Ladd had a book and stationery store "a few rods below the squares...having been appointed agent for the sale of a number of valuable schoolbooks, among

which are Lee's and Hawes United States Spelling Book...recommended by most Colleges and Academies in this part of the country." This was in the April 14, 1827 issue. W.M. Ladd also bound books and repaired them. His stationery store was in a new brick building.

Other Augusta merchants advertising in the Kennebec journal eventually came to Florida and did business through The Magnolia Advertiser on the St. Marks River. These possibly included Willard Snell, whose mercantile establishment sold "medicines, paint and shagbark" among other things, and a Burley who ran the stage line from Augusta to Bango three times a week. Theo Hamlin operated the Kennebec Hotel and the Stage Tavern at this time.

One of the outstanding citizens of Augusta at the time was the Hon. Daniel Cony, president of

the Kennebec Bible Society. Either his brother or son, Robert, came to Magnolia on the St. Marks River on the schooner "Delta" in 1829. There is a Cony Street and a Cony High School named for Daniel on the east side of the river.

Unlike the newspaper put out in Magnolia from 1826 to 1830, the Augusta paper had considerable news. It covered the activities of Andrew Jackson (who had already hanged a man and shot another on the St. Marks River), Congressional speeches, the wars in Europe, and the drowning of 4 teenage girls in Pennsylvania. It also mentioned the West Baptist Society holding a lottery on August 18, 1827, with 4 prizes of \$1,000 each. On September 26 Theo Hamlin advertised a "Traveler's Trunk" 2-1/2 feet long of Spanish rawhide (which was) "still unclaimed after 20 months."

Meanwhile, the

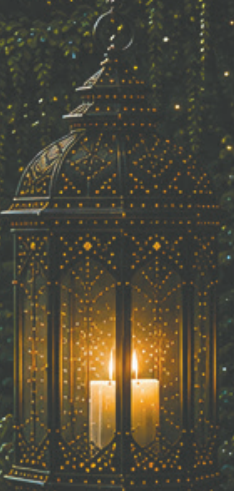
four sons still in the south had left Mississippi and had started for the Florida Territory. The land had been purchased from Spain 6 years previously and the brothers had managed to buy some government land along the St. Marks River where they had plans to sell lots and build a town to ship out cotton to the mills along the Kennebec River. There was, it seemed, a profit to be made at both ends of the line. And after all, it was directly south by only 18 miles the new territorial capital.

The town of Magnolia was founded on July 4, 1827, 8 miles north of St. Marks, which had a settlement around the old Spanish fort, San Marcos de Apalache. The first time St. Marks is mentioned in the Kennebec Journal is on September 22 when it advertises: "For St. Marks, Fla. The schooner HELEN will sail about the fifth of October next, bound

either to this place or Mobile, as the Helen will probably touch at the latter place. Enquire of Eveleth and Hartwell."

Thus, it was not without coincidence, that in the same issue the town of Magnolia on the St. Marks River is advertised to the dwellers of the wintry state of Maine. (Continued next month.)

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