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The Wakulla Sun

WAKULLA WeatherSTEM
Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AM Clouds/ PM Sun	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy
Hi: 77° Lo: 63° 23%	Hi: 78° Lo: 63° 37%	Hi: 77° Lo: 58° 60%
Sunrise 7:13 AM Sunset 6:29 PM	Sunrise 7:12 AM Sunset 6:30 PM	Sunrise 7:11 AM Sunset 6:31 PM



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Thursday, February 19, 2026

TnT Hideaway's 50 years in business

The canoe rental business will host a celebration on Saturday, Feb. 21

Special to The Sun

TnT Hideaway is going to celebrate its 50th Anniversary big time on Saturday, Feb. 21, with family and friends.

There will be catering by Hamaknockers and Real Paella, there will be Chicken Poop Bingo, cornhole and a Silent Auction. Kids will have a petting zoo, bouncy house and games. You can get more details on our website www.tntn-hideaway.com.

Here is our story:

We found our river lot on the Wakulla River in 1972. Gretchen Evans drove across the Wakulla River bridge and noticed an old broken "For Sale" sign down a trail to the bank used for catfishing. She took the number down and when she got to Illinois called the phone number.

Gretchen was a 50 year old single mother of five children: Sandy Koontz, Darlene Earl, Bernie Evans, and the twins John and Jacki Evans. When Gretchen showed her children her purchase in the middle of nowhere, we asked



Gretchen Evans founded TnT Hideaway on the Wakulla River after falling in love with the property. Four generations have succeeded her in operating the business.

her what she was thinking, her reply was "I don't know it just spoke to me." She and her son John with his wife Connie, moved to Tallahassee and began to hand clear the land along the river.

Among her friends was Tommy Bevis of Mysterious Waters, during

a visit with Gretchen he made the comment "Gretchen you need to rent canoes here," her reply was "By golly that is what I'll do!" And from her little camper she rented a few aluminum canoes. Her hours were from when she saw the whites of your eyes til dark. During that time

her son, John Evans, a carpenter by trade, started to construct the building that we still use as our rental office, and we officially opened in March 1976. Gretchen came up with the name "TnT Hideaway", there are many different myths as to what the TnT stood for; dynamite – for such an explosive place, turkey and trout – what Gretchen thought she was seeing but was vultures and mullet.

John operated the business full time while Gretchen worked in Tallahassee, until his untimely death in April 1981 from a fatal car accident just 2 miles from the river. John left behind his wife, Connie Evans and two daughters, Stephanie and Christina. Gretchen retired and dedicated herself fulltime to the business. She became an icon to Wakulla County, not only because of her personality but for her involvement in the community, so much that the new bridge over the Wakulla River built in 2010 was dedicated the

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The Wakulla Sun celebrates 4th anniversary

Join us for a celebration on Thursday, Feb. 19 at the newspaper from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Four years ago, Feb. 22, 2022, the first issue of The Wakulla Sun hit the streets. (That issue was dated Feb. 24, but still...)

Join us on Thursday, Feb. 19, as we celebrate that milestone at our office from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

In conjunction with the Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce and its After Hours Networking events, the newspaper will host the event with lots of food and drink, and socializing and fun.

The Sun office is located at 12 Arran Road in Crawfordville – on the courthouse square. It's the building with the awnings on the northside of the courthouse.

A busy weekend on tap: Black History, Mardi Gras and Mudbugs

Staff Report

It's another of those weekends in Wakulla where you can't complain that nothing's happening.

• African American History Festival kicks off on Friday night with the Arthur Andrews Memorial Scholarship Gala at the community center beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and will not be available at the door.

• On Saturday, the African American History Festival kicks off with a parade at 10 a.m. followed by entertainment and vendors in Hudson Park.

• Mardi Gras, a fundraiser for Friends of the Wakulla County Public Library, will be held at the community center from 6 to 9 p.m. The event features dinner, live jazz and a cash bar. Tickets are \$60.

• Mudbugs & Music, a crawfish cookoff to benefit Keep Wakulla County Beautiful and Big Bend Maritime Center, will be held at Woolley Park beginning at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$20.

And on Sunday:

• African-American Read-In Chain will be held at Palaver Tree Theater, 59 Shadeville Road, beginning at 2 p.m.

WHS WIND ENSEMBLE AT OPPENHEIMER



Winds perform

The Wakulla High School Wind Ensemble got the opportunity to perform at Oppenheimer Music Hall at FSU recently. Those Wakulla performers included Troy Thaxton, left, and Chase Hall. (Photos by Perry Dissmore)



Here come the House, Senate budgets

By JIM TURNER
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE – Hours after the Senate announced Thursday it would delay the release of its budget to align its timing with the House, the House unveiled its spending plan.

The \$113.58 billion House proposal would be about \$1 billion less than the current budget.

The Senate quickly altered its plans, announcing appropriations committees would hold public hearings on Wednesday on its own \$115 billion budget, along with implementing and conforming bills would be before the

full chamber on Friday.

"Through this budget, we are holding the line on spending, living within our means and striking the right balance between spending and saving," Senate President Ben Albritton, R-Wauchula, said in a released statement.

The House will start subcommittee budget hearings on Monday.

Among the House's accompanying bills are measures to keep alive the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund the governor has used for national disaster and immigration enforcement.

EMERGENCY FUND

The Senate on Wednesday reauthorized the emergency fund (HB 7040) to remain active beyond Monday. But the House had remained quiet on the matter until releasing the budget implementation bill (PCB TED 26-02) that goes before the Transportation & Economic Development Budget Subcommittee on Monday.

Money in the fund can't be used to buy aircraft, boats or motor vehicles, according to the House proposal. Also, federal reimbursements of state emergency expenditures have to go into the General Revenue Fund rather than into the emergency fund.

And the executive office must provide

quarterly reports to House and Senate leaders on the projected year-end chase balance of the fund, an accounting of all inventory and assets purchased by event and agency, and a "written attestation, under penalty of perjury, from the director of the Division of Emergency Management that the information in the report is true, accurate, and complete."

During the Senate debate, Democrats heavily criticized DeSantis' administration for spending \$4.77 billion through the fund, with much of the money going toward emergencies declared by DeSantis that weren't related

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Student of the Week

Jacarrion Greene – 3rd grader at Medart Elementary

Principal: Stan Ward.

Achievements/Reason for Nomination: Medart Elementary is proud to recognize Jacarrion as our Student of the Week. Although this is his first year being a Mustang, he has quickly become a valued member of our school community. He has shown tremendous growth in positive behavior and consistently strives to give his best effort academically. His determination, positive attitude, and willingness to learn have not gone unnoticed. We are very proud of his progress and the example he sets for others at Medart Elementary.



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Carjacking suspect arrested in Wakulla

From WCSO

On Jan. 31, 2026, at approximately 1:18 a.m., the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office received a request for mutual aid from the Tallahassee Police Department regarding a carjacking that had just occurred involving a gray 2014 Acura SUV. The vehicle was reported traveling southbound on Wakulla Springs Highway entering Wakulla County.

On Feb. 1, 2026, Wakulla County Sheriff's Office Deputies located and arrested Christopher Kentrell Roberts, 39, on an out-of-county warrant related to a carjacking investigation being conducted by TPD. Roberts was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

After the initial Jan. 31 call from TPD, Wakulla



Christopher Kentrell Roberts

deputies responded to the area of Spring Creek Highway and Wakulla Arran Road. During the response, law enforcement technology captured the vehicle traveling south on Spring Creek Highway near the Shadeville Highway intersection. At approximately 1:33 a.m., Deputies located the vehicle near Inez Lane and attempted a traffic stop.

The driver fled at a high rate of speed, and deputies lost sight of the vehicle.

TPD requested Air One to assist with searching the area. During the investigation, TPD's Real Time Crime Center identified the suspect as Christopher Kentrell Roberts, with a possible Crawfordville address.

Deputies later located the stolen vehicle abandoned on Patricia Lane with the driver's door open and the engine still running. Deputies observed footprints leaving the vehicle and established a perimeter. A TPD K9 unit responded and tracked east from Patricia Lane toward Rehinkle Road and across Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Boulevard before losing the track near Feli Way.

TPD Forensics responded to process the vehicle, which was later

returned to the owner.

Later in the investigation, Wakulla County deputies received additional intelligence from TPD indicating Roberts was possibly located at a residence on Raker Lane in Crawfordville. Deputies responded to the residence, where the homeowner granted consent for deputies to enter.

While inside, deputies located Roberts, who initially provided a false name before admitting his identity. Roberts was detained at the request of TPD.

After TPD obtained a warrant signed by a Leon County Judge, Roberts was formally placed under arrest.

This arrest was the result of coordinated efforts between the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office and the Tallahassee Police Department.

PUBLIC NOTICES:

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



In accordance with Section 121.55, Florida Statutes, Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners intends to designate the following position to the Senior Management Service Class in the Florida Retirement System: **Planning & Community Development Director**

February 19, 2026

Notice of Public Meeting:

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners has scheduled a Public Meeting of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee on March 5, 2026, at 10:00 AM in the Wakulla County Fire and Rescue conference room at 318 Trice Lane in Crawfordville, FL. Interested parties are invited to attend and participate.

Persons with a disability needing a special accommodation should contact the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Office at least two (2) days prior to the meeting at (850) 926-0919; Hearing & Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771; or email at ADARequest@mywakulla.com.

February 19, 2026

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

WAKULLA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WAKULLA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS 2026-02

DESIGN BUILD SERVICES FOR A MANUFACTURING FACILITY ADVERTISEMENT BEGIN DATE: FEBRUARY 19, 2026

RELEASE DATE: FEBRUARY 19, 2026

PROPOSALS DUE TO BOCC:
MARCH 20, 2026 @ 3:00 P.M.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Board of County Commissioners, 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327; until 3:00 P.M., Local Time, on MARCH 20, 2026, at which time the proposals will be opened and read aloud. Proposals received after said time will be returned unopened.

The principal features of this procurement by the County are known as: **DESIGN BUILD SERVICES FOR A MANUFACTURING FACILITY**. The specifications of this procurement are stated in RFQ 2026-02

The RFQ and any addenda issued will be posted to the County's Website at www.mywakulla.com or can be obtained by contacting the County Purchasing Office at 850-926-0919 or mmetcalfe@mywakulla.com.

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The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid; reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part; re-bid a project, in whole or in part; and to accept a proposal that in its judgment, is the lowest and best bid of a responsible bidder. In accepting a bid, Wakulla County may award a contract based only on the base bid, the base bid plus all alternates, or the base bid plus any alternates which Wakulla County selects -- with all decisions being made based upon what Wakulla County believes to be the best interests of its ratepayers, in the reasonable exercise of its discretion. Wakulla County further reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities as may be required to meet the needs of Wakulla County, at the unit price which was bid.

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February 19, 2026



Murder under the Moose Big Top

The tenth annual Moose Lodge Murder Mystery was held last weekend, sponsored by Prime Meridian Bank, Panacea Waterfronts, and the Moose Lodge, directed by Herb Donaldson and produced by Kay Gay Cannon featuring: Charlene, Susie Jester, Carole McKay, Kevin Hodnett, Stephanie Strubble, Arthur Hart, Tyler Patrick, Janice Salgado, Kimberly Pelt, Barbara Coppola, Liz Blais, Tracie Singletary, Jeff Cannon, Dodi Sheffield, Denise Crawford, and Gail Passenier. (Photo by Gerald Brown)

State budget

From Front Page

to hurricanes or other natural disasters.

About \$573 million has been spent on immigration enforcement, including the detention center in South Florida known as "Alligator Alcatraz." State officials have said the federal government has pledged to reimburse Florida for all the immigration enforcement expenses, but Division of Emergency Management Director Kevin Guthrie has said the Department of Justice is holding up the payment.

HOUSE FLOOR

The House approved several bills Wednesday that have uncertain futures in the Senate.

An 84-28 mostly party-line vote in the Republican-controlled chamber supported a measure that puts a definition of "materials harmful to minors" into a controversial 2023 Florida law that led to books being removed from school libraries (HB 1119).

Apopka Republican Rep. Doug Bankson, the bill's sponsor, said nothing in his proposal "addresses banning

classical literature or sexual orientation, gender identity, political views, religious issues, vulgarity, or bad language, violence or gore."

The identical Senate version (SB 1692) has yet to appear before a committee.

A 92-14 vote passed a ban on state agencies using the term "West Bank" to refer to the section of land controlled by Israel. It also requires new public school and charter school instructional materials and library media center collections to refer to the land by its historical name of "Judea and Samaria."

Orlando Democratic Rep. Anna Eskamani cautioned against the political implications of altering the wording used in international law and United Nations diplomacy that works towards peace in the region.

A similar version in the Senate (SB 1106) has cleared two committees and will next go before the Rules Committee.

And in a 112-1 vote -- Rep. Alex Andrade, R-Pensacola, was the sole opposing vote -- the American flamingo was backed as Florida's state bird (HB 11).

The seemingly annual effort to replace the mockingbird has two committee stops ahead in the Senate (SB 150).

STORY OF THE WEEK: After mixed messages about the status of their corresponding budget proposals, the House and Senate on Thursday and Friday released proposed spending plans.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"If there's one thing that all of us in this chamber can agree on is, it's how annoying fraudulent robo-calls are." - Sen. Carlos Guillermo Smith, an Orlando Democrat, on Wednesday as a bill (SB 1516) advanced to make it harder for fraudulent telemarketers to mask their true identities.

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Ask Judge Smith: Civil trials explained



By **JUDGE LAYNE SMITH**

Q. Judge Smith, I am

curious about how civil trials work. Can you break them down for me? Sincerely, Gerald

A. Sure. Civil trials follow set patterns, and I can explain their key components. Let’s dive in.

Civil trials start with jury selection. Potential jurors are summoned and questioned by the lawyers and the judge to ensure they can be fair and impartial. Both sides want jurors who will listen to their ar-

guments without bias. Once the jury is selected and sworn, the trial begins.

Next come opening statements. Here, the parties present an overview of their cases, outlining what the evidence will reveal and what they want. Think of it like the table of contents in a book, or a roadmap for the jury.

After opening statements, both sides present their evidence by calling witnesses and

offering exhibits into evidence. The plaintiff goes first, followed by the defendant. The evidence is the meat of the trial. Jurors must consider the credibility of the witnesses and decide the contested issues of fact.

After the parties have finished presenting their evidence, the lawyers deliver their closing arguments. During their closing arguments, lawyers explain the evidence, suggest

an outcome, and urge the jury to render a verdict in their client’s favor. This summation is each side’s last chance to persuade the jury. Thus, the lawyers highlight the strengths of their cases, downplay any weaknesses, and expose their opponents’ flaws.

Next, judges instruct the jury on the law they must follow. Afterward, the jury deliberates, discussing the case and weighing the

evidence. When they reach a unanimous verdict, they return to the courtroom to deliver it.

The judge or the court clerk reads the verdict, and the case ends, subject to an appeal. Gerald, that is a basic overview of a civil trial.

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

LETTERS FROM READERS

Commissioners: Reject parcel for development

Editor, The Sun:

An open letter to County Commissioners:

Commissioners,

I’ve reviewed the agenda item for CPM25-04 and wanted to share my concerns before the Feb. 17 meeting. Please include this email in the public record for that meeting.

I understand growth will occur, but the County’s 2017 Residential Needs Analysis indicates we already have sufficient designated density through 2035 without additional land-use

amendments. That makes me question why this change is necessary in this specific location.

This parcel is in the Wakulla Springs BMAP Primary Focus Area. The report states that the County is not guaranteed to meet its nitrogen-reduction milestones because not all planned projects are funded. If we’re already uncertain about meeting those goals, I don’t understand why we would increase septic loading in a PFA2 area without requiring a sewer connection. The report even shows how much lower nitrogen levels are with advanced wastewater treatment compared to septic. If sewer is the better environ-

mental option and is available nearby, why isn’t that part of this proposal?

I’m also concerned about the reliance on private wells. If there is an old landfill or dump site directly across the road or nearby, it should have been clearly addressed in the staff analysis. Was FDEP Waste Cleanup consulted? Is there groundwater monitoring data from that area? Has a Phase I environmental site assessment been required? Has the Health Department evaluated the safety of adding more private wells in that corridor? These feel like basic questions that should be answered before increasing residential use.

The report acknowledges insufficient capacity at the elementary school level but states it will be addressed later, at the site plan or plat stage. That feels like we’re pushing the problem down the road rather than resolving it before approving a higher land-use category.

I also noticed the report says the parcel is outside the Coastal High Hazard Area, but FEMA maps show

portions in Zone A, which is a 100-year floodplain.

Finally, the phrase “market preference may justify additional units” stood out to me. I would appreciate clarification on what that really means. Market preference is not the same thing as demonstrated need, especially when the County’s own analysis says we already have sufficient capacity.

This decision sets a precedent. If we approve density increases in the Primary Focus Area without requiring sewer or resolving infrastructure questions, it becomes harder to say no the next time

For all of these reasons, I respectfully ask that you deny or at least defer this Comprehensive Plan amendment until these questions are fully addressed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

Sue Damon
Crawfordville

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.

On the Horizon

Calendar of events for the week of February 19

Thursday, February 19

- The Wakulla Sun will hold a 4th anniversary celebration at the office, 12 Arran Road on the courthouse square from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- The Rotary Club of Wakulla County meets at the TSC Wakulla Center at 8:30 a.m. on Thursdays.
- Gentle Yoga and Stetching Class, every Thursday, 11:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church. Bring a mat. Come early to sign in. Chair Yoga participants welcome. \$2 per class.
- The VFW Auxiliary Bingo Night will be held at 7 p.m. at 475 Arran Road in Crawfordville, every Thursday. There are concessions and raffles.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Friday, February 20

- Arthur Andrews Memorial Scholarship Gala will be held at the community center beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and will not be available at the door.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 8 p.m. every Friday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Saturday, February 21

- African American History Festival kicks off with a parade at 10 a.m. followed by entertainment and vendors in the park.
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- Mudbugs & Music, a crawfish cookoff to benefit Keep Wakulla County Beautiful and Big Bend Maritime Center, will be held at Woolley Park beginning at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$20.

Sunday, February 22

- African-American Read-In Chain will be held at Palaver Tree Theater, 59 Shadeville Road, beginning at 2 p.m.
- 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 meets every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Monday, February 23

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6 p.m. for women and 8 p.m. for men 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, February 24

- Sopchoppy community dinner is held every week at the Towles House at 6:30 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Wednesday, February 18

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

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– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Polled at the Rotary Valentines Festival held at Hudson Park: Do you believe in love at first sight?



KALEM CARRAWAY
KC Trees

“Yes, I do! We were at a gathering and I had been cutting firewood for the bonfire when I saw Cynamin getting out of a Jeep. Covered in sawdust, I ran inside to shower and change clothes then introduce myself to her. She is my wife of 8 years and I remember it like yesterday.”



BUDDY MONTAGUE
TLC Lawn Care

“Yes, we met when we were 12, I was way into baseball, but I knew one day we would probably get together. We married later and have been together 34 years.”



TARA COCKMAN
Capital Area Healthy Start

“Oh, my husband would say yes for himself. It took me a little longer to fall in love, but 21 years later and one child we are still together.”



SARA SHADRICK
Friends of Wakulla Library

“Of course I do. You have to, why not? You can't have love at first sight without believing in love at first sight.”



ALEX GONZALEZ
CAMPUS USA

“Yes, I do actually. I met my wife when we both worked at a movie theater together. I was immediately attracted to her. We are married and three children later...”

Wakulla Crossroads

By **VERNA BROCK**

Last week I left you with a tale of a terrible accident and conflagration. This week I'll share the story of a North Florida firebug. As far as I know, his identity (they are almost always men, aren't they?) has never been determined. But he wreaked his havoc across at least three counties that I know of.

Each time he struck, he set an old, conveniently vacant wooden building ablaze.

In Wakulla Station, I know of three fires set by an arsonist. One was the fire that destroyed the closed restau-

rant, Kojack's. It was a popular barbecue joint, the second of its name. The first was founded in Tampa by the Fournay family. They set up business in the Edwin Culbreath house, a beautiful home from the early 1900s. Eventually, they closed, and moved back to Tampa for a while. Not long after that, the place went up in flames.

A few years later, “Beep's” restaurant was torched, not once, but twice. Now it's known as “Sandy Bottoms” and the current owner continues to live in the attached home, which may have prevented a third time!

Over the years, several abandoned houses in Newport have suffered sim-

ilar fates, as have any number of places in Leon and Jefferson counties.

I know of one place in Monticello, a beautiful Victorian home. It had undergone a renovation costing over a million dollars, and its new owners were scheduled to move in the morning after a firebug reduced it to ashes. He seized his opportunity to create chaos before it slipped through his fingers, and the mansion became a memory.

I've asked law enforcement about these cases. Speculation has it that the firebug has either died or is incarcerated, since it has been at least a decade since the last incident. It is amazing to me that the culprit has never been revealed.

It's that time of year, when I be-

gin promoting my favorite event, the Woodville Founders Day Festival. Always held on the third Saturday of March, it is free and open to the public. Located at the J. Lewis Hall Recreation and Ball Fields off the Old Woodville Road, it is always a fundraiser for the Woodville Volunteer Fire Department.

There will be a vendor fair, as well as live entertainment, historical reenactors and demonstrations, the Mountain Dew Cloggers, and numerous food trucks. Theater With A Mission will be there giving special performances celebrating our nation's 250th anniversary.

There truly will be something for everyone, so circle the date on your calendar and come out for a great day!

Sopchoppy News

By **DJ BUTCH**

Hello from Sopchoppy! I recently went to Universal Studios in Orlando. I was invited by DJ Dap. He does his radio show live from Universal Studios in Orlando to promote Mardi Gras at Universal Studios.

His show broadcast in North Florida and South Georgia but was done live in Universal Studios park. They treated us great. We stayed at Sapphire Falls Resort. We took a boat to city walk. We ate at the Chocolate Emporium.

When we arrived to do the show they brought us in through the back of the park. It was an amazing experience! I got to see a lot of behind the scenes and I was featured on the radio with DJ Dap. I ate at the Minions restaurant. No waiters. You scan a code on the table, get the app and order online. Food comes right out....

I'm from Sopchoppy so this was wild to me. But it was a neat experience in technology and good food. It was a great time! Special thanks to DJ Dap and Universal Studios for an amazing experience. The food, view, park and everything was unbelievably amazing. You can see some footage on my social media sites...

I'm back in Sopchoppy now. No place like home! It's about to be festival season! Mudbugs and music, Beer and Oysters, and Worm Gruntin' is all coming up. I'm excited!

The weather in Sopchoppy has been much better! It warmed up a lot. I was walking recently and ran into some neighbors who purchased a home that has been in my family for many years. I showed them a picture of a family Thanksgiving in 1965 in front of their house with my Grandmother, Grandfather, Mother and many others. My mother was a young

lady at the time. The picture was taken in front of the house. I found the picture in a Sopchoppy book in the Wakulla Historical Society museum. My Aunt Mary is probably who submitted the photos. She kept amazing records and history.

She also has stuff featured at the Camp Gordon Johnson Museum. The house belonged to her sister. They gave me a tour of the house and it was really cool to see how they restored it. They kept a lot of the old doors, handles but fixed everything up. It was really cool to see. The house belonged to my Grandmother's sister. It's a real Sopchoppy charm!

I love to see our history saved and restored. This is what Sopchoppy is all about.

They spoke how they love the area and the people. It made me feel good to hear how much they loved my hometown. They have not moved permanently but I can tell they can't wait to. It is a special place. I gave them a copy of the photo. My family has been in Sopchoppy for many generations.

I went to a meeting about the Worm Gruntin' festival and I'm super excited. They will have two stages this year! One will be the Heritage stage. This will feature our heritage like Tupelo honey, turpentine, Worm Gruntin' etc. I will be hosting the Worm Gruntin' contest. The other stage will kick off in the afternoon featuring bands. They are going to have all kinds of food and vendors. I'm excited! The Worm Gruntin' festival is April 11th.

The Second Harvest Food Drive is every second Friday at the historic Sopchoppy School at 9 a.m. Thank you to Sopchoppy Congregational Holiness Church.

Life is more than money and materialistic items. You can't put a price on peace. Live your life, don't be greedy, stop chasing stuff. Slow down and live. Enjoy the moment. Enjoy the journey. Do something good with your life.

Sending you all love and good vibes from Sopchoppy.

Library News

By **LINDA OAKS**
Library Director

Library News February 19th– February 25th

Thursday, February 19th

- Tiny Tummy Time 9:30am
- Creative Writing I 10am
- Veteran's Meetup 11am
- Wakulla Amateur Radio Club 7pm

Friday, February 20th
• Quilting Guild 10am

Saturday, February 21st
• Girl Scouts 9:30am
• READ Therapy Dogs 10am

Sunday, February 22nd
• Closed

Monday, February 23rd
• No Programs

Tuesday, February 24th
• Book Bunch 10am
• Creative Writing II 10am
• CTST 11am
• Spears Crossing 6pm

Wednesday, February 25th
• Book Babies 10am
• Mahjong 1pm
• Knitting Group 4pm

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HOME ON THE RANGE

Protecting Your New Handgun



By MARJ LAW

Well, it's February. Your new gun is still in the box. It's in your closet. On the top shelf. You haven't used it yet, but at least it's safe.

No, it's not. Your gun itself isn't safe, and it isn't safe from curious eyes.

Let's take it down.

First, whoever shipped the gun may have coated it with a film of some sort of preservative to keep it from rust. This preservative may be somewhat thick, and may keep your gun from operating properly. This preservative has got to go go go before your first range trip.

How's that going to happen?

You probably don't want to hear this, but the answer is: get out your manual and start reading. Even though you're halfway terrified, and mighty excited, guns are not magic. Once you begin reading, you'll begin to understand your gun and this will remove some of the mystique.

Now, fieldstrip that

Car Gun Safe



Digital and/or key lock

Tether to car

hunk of metal and then clean the parts with a good solvent. After cleaning comes lubrication. This is super important because you want all the parts to move against each other smoothly.

January was really cold in Florida, and I've found it isn't much fun to hold a chilly piece of metal at 45' with an even colder wind. I get that you haven't gone to the range yet.

Now you can choose to go to a range like the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range, or you can put your gun in a safe place until you're ready to take it to a range.

But it's time for ac-

tion! If you're not ready to visit the range, better put that gun away. No, don't put it back in your closet. That is not a safe place. For example, one of our friends kept her gun in a closet. She lived alone and felt the closet was a good place to store her gun.

But what were all these reddish-brown spots on her gun? She asked us. Well, her closet didn't have any air movement. Add that to the humidity in Florida, and she had rust blooms all over her new gun. It doesn't take long for those rust blooms to pit the surface of your gun's metal.

Clean off the rust, and there probably won't be too much damage, but your gun has just plummeted in value.

Guns are a terrific responsibility. What if a child is visiting? Children are curious. What's in that interesting box? Will a child drag a chair to your closet, climb up and reach for the box?

Will the teenager who came to your house to help you move furniture spy the box and want to know more? Does he visit a range with his father, and does

he think he knows all about guns? Will he take it down, and look around for some ammunition? How do you know exactly how much he knows about guns? And even if he does have some experience, he's still underage. He and your handgun are totally your responsibility.

Guns are small and portable. You are now responsible for anyone who knows you have a gun. You're responsible for every service person who visits. For every friend, neighbor or relative who comes to your home.

Your new gun has to be locked up; not just tucked away in a closet or drawer, because now you are responsible for the actions of every child, teen, or other adult who comes to your house. This frightening accountability is almost enough to keep you from owning a gun. But, wait! All you need is a safe place to store your handgun. And the good news is that there are lots of ways to keep that gun safe.

By law, new guns are sold with inexpensive cable or trigger locks.

You can do better than that.

Which brings us to gun safes. Since there are many different types of safes, you can choose the one that fits your needs best. I think the most simple is a safe which is lockable by a key. Of course, this means that the key has to be where no one can get at it except you.

A safe which opens by placing one of your fingers on its touch-pad is another option. The whorls on your fingers are unique to you. In theory, this safe is wonderful. In practice, however, you might not want to choose one of these.

Your finger has to be placed in the exact angle every time. Sometimes, it takes attempts of finger positioning to get it just right to open. If someone is about to break in your house, you don't have time to figure the exact position. I hear that this type of safe has improved since I purchased one, so be careful if you think you'd like this one.

Some safes have barrel keys. These would be more difficult to duplicate, so they seem like a good option.

Some have digital numbers to press. You can practice with the numbers and learn to press them quickly. Of course, if your memory isn't so great, this might not be your best option. And you'd probably like to give the number to one person you trust.

A small metal safe is great for travel, as well. If you travel from one state to another, you may need 2 safes: one for your unloaded gun and one for your ammunition. It's safest no matter where you travel, to keep these in an unoccupied area of your vehicle. These safes often have sturdy metal chains to lock them to your car. They're also great for a place to put traveling cash and jewelry.

Do you have a utility room with a wooden door? A lot of garages have them. Replace the wooden door with a metal one. Try to kick that super door in, Mr. Bad Guy!

Add an electric keypad for extra security. To make certain your guns are safe, put them in this utility room with the metal door and keypad. Figure this super-doooper door and lock, Mr. Bad Guy!

I don't think I'm paranoid, but then consider placing a locking gun safe inside the locked utility room. That's a super-super-doooper safe way to make certain no one can get to your guns.

And did you know that as additions to the garage, these utility rooms have cement floors? Usually, the gun safes can be drilled through their bottoms. Then you can drill them to the cement floor as well. How safe is all that?

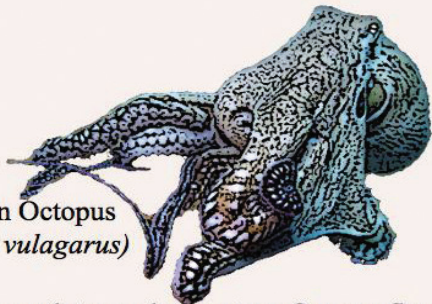
You'd about have to bomb a house to get to guns within a lockable safe, which is drilled to a cement floor, which is in a utility room, which has a digital locked door, which by the way happens to be made of metal!

Perhaps this seems over-the-top, but at least now you know that owning a lockable safe is a pretty easy way to store your gun. Remember, even if you live alone, lots of people come to your house for one reason or another. Make sure there is no way they can access your guns.

And, now that Florida's temperatures are reaching the 70s, it's time to visit the range and practice your shooting skills on paper targets!

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

Common Octopus (*Octopus vulgaris*)



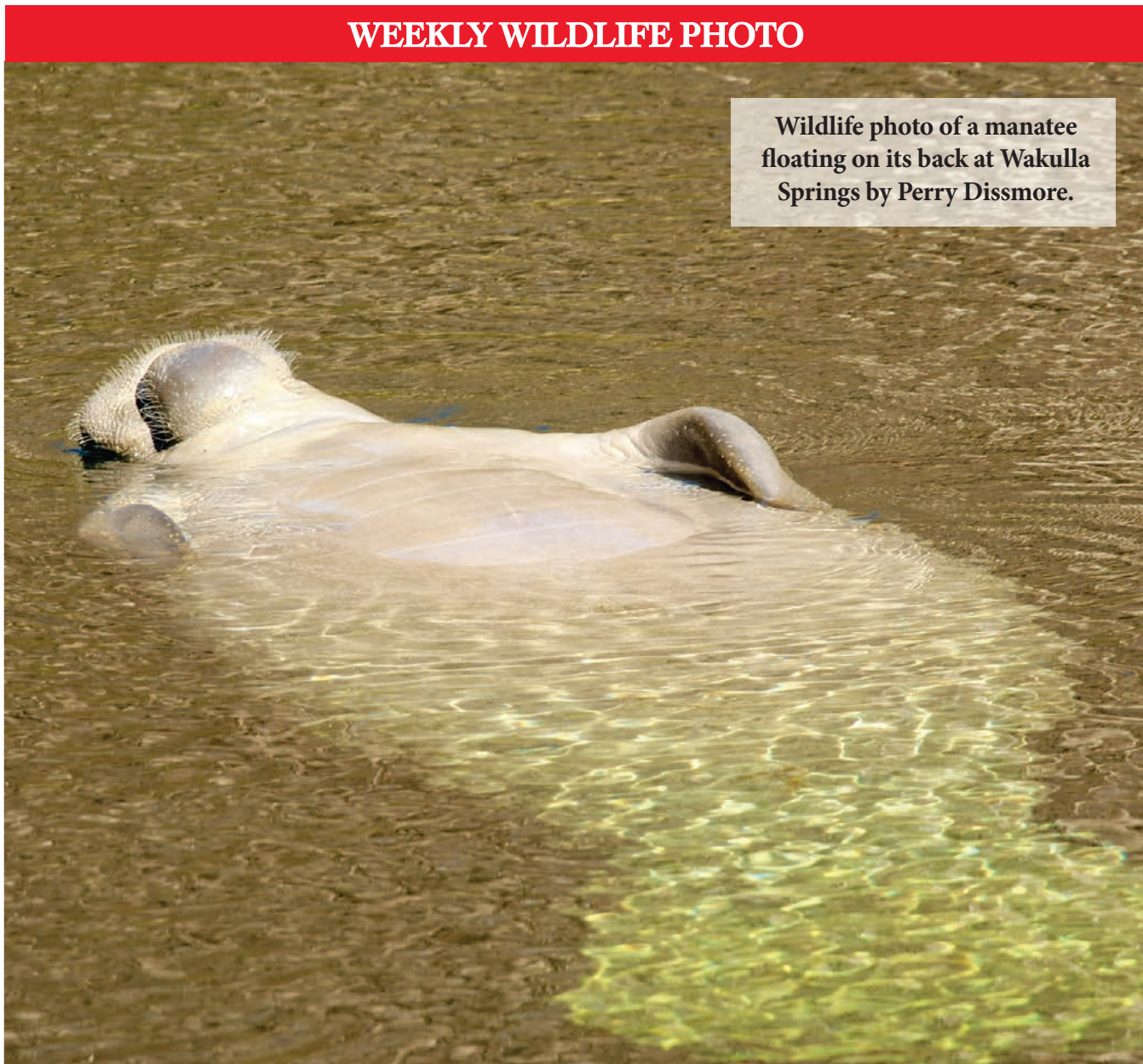
A fearsome predator and a master of camouflage, the common octopus grows to 3ft and lives 2 years. They hunt at dawn in coastal waters up to 350ft using a secreted nerve poison to paralyze prey and a hard beak to crack shells. They hide in crevices and can squeeze their bodies through tiny spaces and making then escape artists. They change color or squirt a cloud of black "ink" to confuse attackers. Females lay up to 500,000 eggs but most are eaten as plankton. Octopi can learn complex tasks like opening a jar. They are also an important protein source for humans.

Eukarya, Animalia, Mollusca, Cephalopoda, Octopoda, Octopodidae

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WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO

Wildlife photo of a manatee floating on its back at Wakulla Springs by Perry Dissmore.



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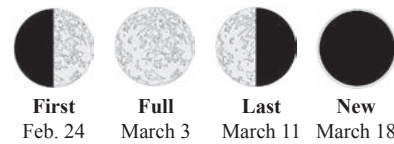
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Best fishing days this month
Best fishing day(s) is in the center of date ranges.
Feb. 14-20, 24, 28, March 1-6

Thursday 19	
Sun rise/set 7:13 AM 6:29 PM	Moon rise/set 8:24 AM 7:52 PM
Moon Illumination 6%	
Friday 20	
Sun rise/set 7:12 AM 6:29 PM	Moon rise/set 8:54 AM 8:54 PM
Moon Illumination 12%	
Saturday 21	
Sun rise/set 7:11 AM 6:30 PM	Moon rise/set 9:26 AM 9:57 PM
Moon Illumination 20%	
Sunday 22	
Sun rise/set 7:10 AM 6:31 PM	Moon rise/set 10:02 AM 11:03 PM
Moon Illumination 30%	
Monday 23	
Sun rise/set 7:09 AM 6:32 PM	Moon rise/set 10:44 AM 12:11 AM
Moon Illumination 41%	
Tuesday 24	
Sun rise/set 7:08 AM 6:32 PM	Moon rise/set 11:33 AM 1:21 AM
Moon Illumination 52%	
Wednesday 25	
Sun rise/set 7:07 AM 6:33 PM	Moon rise/set 12:31 PM 2:29 AM
Moon Illumination 63%	

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	2:54 am ▲ 3.4 ft	9:07 am ▼ -0.4 ft	3:16 pm ▲ 3.4 ft	9:28 pm ▼ -0.3 ft
Fr	3:36 am ▲ 3.3 ft	9:35 am ▼ -0.1 ft	3:38 pm ▲ 3.5 ft	10:08 pm ▼ -0.5 ft
Sa	4:23 am ▲ 3.0 ft	10:03 am ▼ 0.3 ft	4:03 pm ▲ 3.6 ft	10:54 pm ▼ -0.5 ft
Su	5:18 am ▲ 2.7 ft	10:34 am ▼ 0.8 ft	4:31 pm ▲ 3.5 ft	11:50 pm ▼ -0.5 ft
Mo	6:28 am ▲ 2.3 ft	11:08 am ▼ 1.2 ft	5:05 pm ▲ 3.5 ft	
Tu	1:04 am ▼ -0.4 ft	8:11 am ▲ 2.0 ft	11:51 am ▼ 1.6 ft	5:50 pm ▲ 3.3 ft
We	2:42 am ▼ -0.3 ft	10:23 am ▲ 2.1 ft	1:08 pm ▼ 1.9 ft	7:02 pm ▲ 3.0 ft

City of St. Marks

Th	3:30 am ▲ 3.2 ft	10:11 am ▼ -0.4 ft	3:52 pm ▲ 3.2 ft	10:32 pm ▼ -0.2 ft
Fr	4:12 am ▲ 3.0 ft	10:39 am ▼ -0.1 ft	4:14 pm ▲ 3.3 ft	11:12 pm ▼ -0.4 ft
Sa	4:59 am ▲ 2.8 ft	11:07 am ▼ 0.3 ft	4:39 pm ▲ 3.3 ft	11:58 pm ▼ -0.5 ft
Su	5:54 am ▲ 2.5 ft	11:38 am ▼ 0.7 ft	5:07 pm ▲ 3.3 ft	
Mo	12:54 am ▼ -0.4 ft	7:04 am ▲ 2.1 ft	12:12 pm ▼ 1.1 ft	5:41 pm ▲ 3.2 ft
Tu	2:08 am ▼ -0.3 ft	8:47 am ▲ 1.9 ft	12:55 pm ▼ 1.5 ft	6:26 pm ▲ 3.0 ft
We	3:46 am ▼ -0.3 ft	10:59 am ▲ 1.9 ft	2:12 pm ▼ 1.8 ft	7:38 pm ▲ 2.8 ft

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Th	3:17 am ▲ 2.8 ft	9:38 am ▼ -0.4 ft	3:45 pm ▲ 3.3 ft	9:55 pm ▼ -0.2 ft
Fr	4:01 am ▲ 3.3 ft	10:05 am ▼ -0.1 ft	4:08 pm ▲ 3.4 ft	10:35 pm ▼ -0.4 ft
Sa	4:48 am ▲ 3.1 ft	10:33 am ▼ 0.3 ft	4:32 pm ▲ 3.5 ft	11:21 pm ▼ -0.5 ft
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We	3:02 am ▼ -0.3 ft	10:34 am ▲ 2.1 ft	1:15 pm ▼ 1.9 ft	7:18 pm ▲ 3.0 ft

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Th	2:46 am ▲ 2.5 ft	9:18 am ▼ -0.3 ft	3:08 pm ▲ 2.6 ft	9:39 pm ▼ -0.2 ft
Fr	3:28 am ▲ 2.5 ft	9:46 am ▼ -0.1 ft	3:30 pm ▲ 2.6 ft	10:19 pm ▼ -0.3 ft
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We	2:53 am ▼ -0.2 ft	10:15 am ▲ 1.6 ft	1:19 pm ▼ 1.4 ft	6:54 pm ▲ 2.3 ft

St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

Th	2:55 am ▲ 2.5 ft	9:17 am ▼ -0.3 ft	3:26 pm ▲ 2.3 ft	9:33 pm ▼ -0.1 ft
Fr	3:44 am ▲ 2.4 ft	9:47 am ▼ 0.0 ft	3:50 pm ▲ 2.4 ft	10:15 pm ▼ -0.3 ft
Sa	4:37 am ▲ 2.2 ft	10:17 am ▼ 0.4 ft	4:16 pm ▲ 2.5 ft	11:03 pm ▼ -0.5 ft
Su	5:36 am ▲ 2.0 ft	10:44 am ▼ 0.8 ft	4:45 pm ▲ 2.6 ft	11:58 pm ▼ -0.6 ft
Mo	6:49 am ▲ 1.7 ft	11:07 am ▼ 1.1 ft	5:17 pm ▲ 2.6 ft	
Tu	1:08 am ▼ -0.6 ft	8:43 am ▲ 1.5 ft	11:14 am ▼ 1.4 ft	5:58 pm ▲ 2.5 ft
We	2:41 am ▼ -0.5 ft	7:02 pm ▲ 2.4 ft		

Dog Island West End

Th	3:14 am ▲ 2.1 ft	9:36 am ▼ -0.2 ft	3:50 pm ▲ 2.0 ft	9:55 pm ▼ 0.0 ft
Fr	4:07 am ▲ 2.0 ft	10:07 am ▼ 0.2 ft	4:12 pm ▲ 2.1 ft	10:44 pm ▼ -0.3 ft
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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.



A Florida black bear in the woods.

THE OLD PRO

Is the winter weather finished?



By AL HARTMAN

Fish like the Seatrout and Redfish have been in the rivers and streams for a quite a while.

Seems like there have been a lot of Sheepshead this year also.

Some of the anglers I have spoken with say the Mullet have been in big numbers and they have using snatch hooks to put them on board.

The Reds are loving cut up crabs and the Trout are loving live shrimp. Both are taking cut bait also but not as fast.

Soon they both will be on the flats if the weather keeps warm-

ing. The figures are in about the bear hunt. The first in a decade. More than half of the bears taken where in the Panhandle. There were 52 taken state wide.

The biggest was taken in Collier County. It weighed 697 lbs.

There were 28 bears were taken in the Panhandle and 45 of all the bears were taken on private land.

One of the reasons the take was so low was a bunch of the permits were taken by people who don't hunt and they didn't use them to save the bears. One bear was

taken by a nonresident hunter.

I wrote about hunter registrations going down but Florida had a increase this year. We have 20 million people in Florida and the hunters are a little over 200,000!

Thanks to the F.W.C. for being there for us!

If you see a gray Silverado 2500 with the Old Pro on its door, say hello!

Happy hunting and fishing, and take a youngster.

Al Hartman can be contacted at redmanldpg@aol.com.



Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

Underwater photography. May 10, 2012

The Diving Scientist often documents his or her experiment or data using an underwater camera. One of our earliest training modules in the Applications of Diving To Research class was to provide the technology and techniques to capture an image underwater.

But first came lectures on the physics behind light penetrating water, where the sun reflects off the surface bringing long dusk and dawn periods underwater.

Light also refracts in water, resulting in objects looking 25 percent larger and closer than they really are. And finally, sunlight is absorbed, resulting in the loss of color the deeper you go, losing red in the first few feet.

Your typical point and shoot camera is compromised underwater without some help. Our Nikon cameras had settings to control light and lenses to help focus the image.

Students were issued underwater cameras and film and taught how to physically take a picture before going out to document their research.

If a student took one or two identifiable pictures out of a roll of 36, the exercise was considered a success. So we got creative. Students set their cameras to a setting that captured as much information as possible in one picture and bracketed their pictures in a range of light settings and used all the film on every dive. Some even took multiple cameras down.

Others developed a super-8 movie camera into a time lapse (taking a frame very few seconds) that over several hours would record hundreds of pictures.

We then introduced artificial light. Strobes and flashlights improved depth-of-field (the distance within the camera's view that was in focus) and brought the brilliant reef colors out on film.

Yes, all those drab colored reef creatures seen by divers using sunlight show a very different color when viewed with artificial light shining on them. Special lenses permitted greater areas covered or let them document the miniature overlooked reef creatures.

By the end of the semester, most students could capture a decent underwater image.

On the way back from the Florida Keys one summer, my class visited the National Park Services' George Fischer on the eve of his discovery of a Biscayne Bay shipwreck. Out of time and resources, he was desperately documenting the site and asked for help.

My students and I loaded our cameras that night and over six hours the following day, took more than 500 sequential pictures along multiple transects laid along the wreck. Over the next semester we built a photomosaic that was used in court to identify and secure the wreck for the National Park Service.

Today, with digital photography, the expensive bulky cameras have all been replaced with tiny high definition technology that almost anyone can use and get wonderful pictures underwater.

Today we can attach one of these video cameras the size of a vitamin bottle to a scooter and make a photomosaic the size of a shipwreck in less than an hour. A computer program can then digest the data and produce an impressive detailed site document.

I participated in such a project documenting a site in Lake Michigan, and hope to do so again in the near future in the bone room of Wakulla Springs.

But it is still all about the light.

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



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Procrastination – and God’s mercies

By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

It’s 1 p.m. on Saturday at my house. I finally turned off the TV and sat down to write this (hopefully) inspiring column. I already feel better about myself (and

my day) simply because I pushed through and took the steps necessary to accomplish something.

But some days are harder to push through than others, aren’t they?

I write several articles about procrastination every year because I hear from so many people who struggle to manage their time. They lack energy and drive and feel guilty for wasting another day.

I get it. Years ago, when I suffered from depression, I barely had the motivation to do anything. I felt judged by people.

Even worse, I felt God’s disappointment almost every day. I saw myself as a failure, and the fear of watching my life slide into a worthless puddle of inactivity consumed me. I hated my life, and I hated myself.

I knew my depression contributed to my low energy. I also knew that if I didn’t begin to accomplish at least some basic daily tasks, I’d continue spiraling downward.

One morning during my quiet time, I read Lamentations 3:22-23 (ESV), which said exact-

ly what I needed to hear from God: “The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

After reading these beautiful words, I wanted to hug God – probably because I felt like He was hugging me through those verses. His Word reminded me that He loves me unconditionally.

I don’t know what I would have done without God’s compassionate love during that season of my life. In the days and years

that followed, I probably would have given up if His unceasing love hadn’t greeted me each morning. Not once in all those years of struggle did His mercy come to an end.

Although I no longer struggle with depression, I still struggle with managing my time.

If you’re battling procrastination, lack of motivation or just plain laziness, instead of allowing guilt and anxiety to consume you, let’s explore ideas that can help. In future articles, I’ll share practical tips that have

made a difference in my life.

In the meantime, I encourage you to meditate on this week’s verse. My prayer is that you’ll come to know God’s steadfast love and mercy.

And that you’ll experience it anew every morning.

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Lessons in daily grace

By **CHERYL CRUCE**

It was during the years when my children were attending a small Christian school. Like most families, Monday mornings seemed to arrive sooner than expected. With three children to dress, lunches to prepare, and school supplies to gather, our mornings often felt like a race against the clock. On this particular Monday, we made the usual mad dash

to the car and arrived just in time. I dropped my things on my desk while the children hurried off to take care of theirs, and soon we all gathered in the fellowship hall for the morning devotion.

Of all mornings, the speaker’s message that day was about being prepared. He spoke about the “mad rush” that happens when we begin the day unprepared and how much smoother life feels when everything is carefully laid out the night before — clothes ready, plans made, and the morning entered calmly instead of hurriedly. He talked about how preparation allows us to step into the day with peace rather than pressure.

As he spoke, I re-

member quietly trying to slip my keys into the pocket of my dress. But I couldn’t find the pockets. I tried again, still searching, growing more confused by the moment. That’s when I realized something was terribly wrong. In all the hurry of the morning, I had not only put my dress on backwards — it was also inside out. Of all the mornings to hear a message on being prepared. Life has a funny way of teaching its students.

The truth is, most of us do not begin our days perfectly prepared. Life rarely allows for that. Some mornings run smoothly, while others leave us doing the best we can just to arrive on time. Between our best intentions and the real-

ity of daily life, we learn that preparation is not always what carries us through — sometimes, it is grace, quietly given in the moment.

In Lamentations 3:22-23, we see that God’s love prevents us from being overcome by each day. His mercies are new every morning, and He faithfully carries us through whatever comes. Scripture also reminds us in Matthew 6:34 not to worry about tomorrow, for each day has enough trouble of its own. We don’t need to bear the weight of the future before it arrives. God gives us exactly what we need today — His mercy, His strength, and His presence — to meet each moment fully, one step at a time.

In the Scriptures, we read how the Lord provided manna daily for the Israelites in the wilderness. Even when they were not prepared for tomorrow, He met their needs each day (Exodus 16:4). King David, too, relied on God for daily rest, strength, and guidance, even when his life was chaotic. In trusting the Good Shepherd, he learned to walk through each day with confidence, knowing God’s provision and loving care would carry him through (Psalm 23:1-3).

Honestly, we will always have mornings that feel upside down — when our plans are scattered, our energy is low, or our pockets aren’t where they should be. Yet God meets us

exactly where we are. Strength often comes not from having everything in perfect order, but in small, sufficient portions, given just when we need them. As He provided manna for the Israelites and guided David through chaos, His mercy, grace, and presence are with us to take each step faithfully, one day at a time.

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it” (Isaiah 30:21).

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

OUT TO PASTOR

Valentine’s Day just another day on the calendar?

By **JAMES SNYDER**

The older I get, the more I have to forget, and believe me, I don’t forget to forget. I can’t keep up with dates, holidays, or even my birthday. I believe a day is a day, and that should be the end of it.

As I was drinking my morning coffee, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage entered and said, “Do you know what day Saturday is?”

I didn’t know what kind of question this was, because she always throws me questions that confuse me, just to see if I can be confused. Looking at her, I said very seriously, “I believe that it will be Saturday.” Then I looked at her and smiled.

“Oh, you silly boy. This Saturday is February 14. You do know what day that is.”

I had to admit to her that I had no idea what she was talking about. I thought about it and then said to her, “Is it one of our granddaughter’s birthday?” We always like to celebrate these birthdays, and I had no idea which of our granddaughters had a birthday this week.

“You sure don’t keep up with the times, do you?” She said rather snickerly. Looking at me with one of her serious looks, she said, “This

Saturday is February 14 and that is Valentine’s Day. Remember what Valentine’s Day is?”

I had to think for a moment, and then it came to me, another holiday that I can’t keep up with.

“Don’t you remember we became engaged on Valentine’s Day 55 years ago?”

Looking at her, I said, “No way it’s that long!”

I had to give this a lot of thought, and I began to remember that 55 years ago, on Valentine’s Day, we became engaged. Then six months later, we got married. My, oh my, how time flies when you’re getting old.

That sure was a long time ago, and it has gone by rather quickly. I never thought I would live to be this old. But here I am, celebrating 55 years of being engaged.

I remember meeting The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage six months before our engagement. And then six months later, we were married.

We were at Bible school together, where we met. One Sunday, a bunch of us went to a church to sing. We did that often during our school time. I lip-synched while the others actually sang.

On our way home, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were sitting towards the back of the van. We were talking about this and that and everything. Then she asked me a question, which I assume was rhetorical.

She said, “Wouldn’t it be wonderful to be married?”

Not knowing that it

was not rhetorical, I smiled and said, “Yes, it would be wonderful to be married someday.”

That was the end of that conversation. She was smiling all the way back to the dorms.

The next day, as I walked down the school hallway, everyone looked at me, smiled, and said, “Congratulations.” I smiled back and thanked them. I thought I had finally passed one of my tests, and they were congratulating me. But everybody I passed congratulated me.

Not knowing what was going on, I stopped one of them and said, “What are you congratulating me for?”

“Oh, you know. You’re getting married.”

I was getting what? I had no idea where that was coming from. But the rhetorical question was, in fact, a real one. I was the last one at school to find out I was getting married.

At first, I thought it was some prank that people were playing on me. I went along with it, not wanting to look stupid.

I met with the former Gracious Mistress of the

Parsonage and wanted to get things straightened out. I didn’t want to take anything for granted; what I really wanted to know, was this the truth?

We went to a little restaurant down the street, and as we were sitting there, I looked at her and said, “Did you hear the rumor that you and I are getting married?” I then laughed quite hilariously.

She smiled and said very enthusiastically, “That’s not a rumor it’s true. You and I are going to get married.”

Well, there wasn’t anything more I could do about that.

Now that I’m old, I can say that Valentine’s Day 55 years ago was probably the best day of my life, and it was all because of The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

I looked back at The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and said, “Valentine’s Day is one of the best days of the year. Don’t you agree?”

In pondering this I was reminded of what King Solomon said, “Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all

the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun” (Ecclesiastes 9:9).

This August we will celebrate our 55th wedding anniversary and I intend to follow King Solomon’s advice to “Live joyfully with the

wife.” Why change when it’s working just fine so far?!!

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Obituaries

DEATH NOTICES

- **Jeffery Kelley**, 61, of Crawfordville, died February 8, 2026.
- **Elmer Oliver**, 68, of Crawfordville, died February 13, 2026.

- **Woodrow Walker Jr.**, 80, of Crawfordville, died February 9, 2026.

Family Funeral Home at Harvey-Young Chapel, 850-926-5919, www.familyfhc.com.

Sheriff's Report

This report is for activity Feb. 6 to Feb. 13. There were 1,449 total calls for service during the week.

FRIDAY, FEB. 6

- A known suspect was observed on video taking merchandise without purchase at Walmart. She passed all point of sale with approximately \$180 worth of unpaid merchandise.

SATURDAY, FEB. 7

- Deputy Ian Kilbourn and Deputy Zachary Godwin responded in reference to a citizen reporting her property was thrown out into the yard and that the items were damaged. Upon deputies' arrival, there were multiple clothing items and household items soaked and damaged. A suspect was located shortly after and probable cause was established for an arrest.

- Deputy Austin Rivers responded in reference to a citizen reporting that her vehicle had been broken into. She advised after returning home last night she left her purse in the vehicle which contained her Glock 42, \$150 in cash and other miscellaneous items. When she entered her vehicle this morning, she noticed the purse containing

these items were missing.

- Deputy Ian Kilbourn and Deputy Zachary Godwin responded in reference to Tallahassee Police Department sending an attempt to locate for someone who was reporting missing out of TPD. Contact was made with the person at the residence. Contact was then made with TPD who removed him out of NCIC/FCIC as being missing.

SUNDAY, FEB. 8

- Deputy Austin Rivers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle, during the stop a small amount of suspected marijuana was seized for destruction.

- Deputy Austin Rivers responded to Richardson Road and made contact with a citizen, who stated someone entered his residence by forcing entry inside the home. He stated a television and a piece of driftwood was stolen from within the residence. Crime Scene responded and processed the scene. A possible suspect has been identified.

- Deputy Shay Sullivan responded to Walmart reference a retail theft where asset protection had located the subject stealing and had her in the store of office. She was placed

under arrest and issued a Notice to Appear due to medical issues. She was issued a trespass warning to not return to Walmart.

- Deputy Shay Sullivan responded to Fontaine Circle in reference to a delayed theft. The reporting person advised someone had stolen approximately \$47 worth of items from his property. He provided images of who the suspects are.

MONDAY, FEB. 9

- Deputy Karius McMillan responded to Graham Trail in reference to a fraud complaint. Contact was made with the reporting person, who advised he discovered \$700 missing from his Direct Express Card account between Feb. 3rd and 4th. He stated he believes someone known to him gained access to his card information and began accessing his funds. He stated the subject is a former roommate and he never authorized her to remove money from his account.

- Deputy Dylan Buckhalt responded to Terrace Lane in reference to a theft complaint. Contact was made with the reporting person, who advised he recently had a package delivered to his residence. He advised he received the alert indicating the package was received. Once he made it to his mailbox, he discovered

the delivered package was open and the item he ordered was no longer inside the box. There were no witnesses to this incident.

- Deputy Lexi Kreitlow responded to Extract Shack in reference to a theft complaint. Contact was made with the complainant who advised an unknown female stole firewood from the business and fled the scene in a maroon SUV. The stolen firewood's value was \$20. He wishes to pursue charges if the suspect is located.

- Deputy Karius McMillan and Deputy Dylan Buckhalt responded to Sister's Floral in reference to a theft complaint. Contact was made with the reporting person who advised an unknown suspect removed a Valentine's Day sign from the business sometime on Feb. 8. The sign's value is \$60. There were no witnesses to the incident.

TUESDAY, FEB. 10

- Deputy Dustin Saba conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle due to the vehicle impeding the flow of traffic. During the traffic stop, it was discovered the driver had an active warrant out of Alabama. A hit was sent to the corresponding agency which confirmed and advised they would extradite. The driver was placed under arrest and his

vehicle was towed using rotation tow company. He was then transported to the county jail without further incident.

- A citizen reported a fraud which resulted in her being scammed out of \$250. She advised she Googled the phone number to Paramount Plus due to wanting to dispute a charge on her account. When she called the number, an unknown male answered stating he was an employee for Paramount. During the call, the subject requested the payment information she normally used and advised her he would refund the money. She provided the information request and ended the call. The next day, she began receiving alerts on her phone advising her of five separate charges for \$50 each. It was at this time she realized she was scammed. She provided a sworn statement and a request for prosecution.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11

- Sgt. Heather Will conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for tag attached not assigned. The driver advised he took the tag from his other vehicle due to him not having time to get the current one registered. He also had only a Florida ID card with previous suspensions. He was placed under arrest and transported to the Wakulla County

Jail.

THURSDAY, FEB. 12

- Deputy Austin Rivers responded to Publix in reference to someone slashing the victims' tires with a knife. The victim stated the suspect was upset over a parking spot. After the argument, the victim entered the store and upon returning, he noticed the damage to his tires. A suspect was later identified in this case.

- A citizen reported a delayed vehicle burglary. He reported several weeks ago his vehicle had been burglarized. He stated his wallet containing miscellaneous cards, and a small amount of cash was the only thing taken.

FRIDAY, FEB. 13

- A citizen called in stating that her house was on fire. Complainant believed that the fire started with the window unit. Fire-Rescue and law enforcement were dispatched. Duke Energy was contacted.

- A citizen called in to report that an unknown subject was using the complainant's identity to get loans from different financial institutions.

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

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From Front Page

Gretchen Evans Memorial Bridge. Numerous pictures in the Wakulla News and Tallahassee Democrat showed her at the river, either wading waist deep in hurricane water or showing off her beloved manatees.

She was among the first to document the manatee existence in the river. She, along with friends and neighbors, founded the nonprofit organization HuManatee, to help protect the manatees in the local rivers. Through their efforts and education, the entire region became aware of the manatees, and slow speed zone ordinances were put in place in the Wakulla and St. Marks rivers. A festival sponsored by the HuManatee organization became an annual event in St. Marks to welcome back the manatees. Even the Governor rented from her, reservations were always under an anonymous name, but when the black SUVs with bodyguards would show up she would know it was Jeb Bush and family. Her great-grandson, Hunter Hyatt, accompanied them

on one of the tours and told the Governor to "hush or you'll scare the manatees away!" Hunter was teased when Jeb Bush was running for President that he had told this candidate for the Presidency to "hush."

Gretchen was also one of the original members of the Wakulla Tourist Development Council for many years. This partnership with the TDC has been upheld throughout three generations. Her daughter, Jacki Evans Youngstrand served on the council for 8 years and Robert Baker, her grandson, is currently on the council. She also helped found FACLO, Florida Association Canoe Livery Outfitters, which developed into FPPA, Florida Professional Paddlesports Association, a statewide association to benefit outfitters in the state of Florida.

Gretchen continued to run the business, her employees consisting of children but mostly grandchildren, aka the River Rats, until September 2001 when she was totally disabled by a stroke. While Gretchen was rehabilitating her daughter

Jacki quit her job at Olin and dedicated full time to her mother's care and the operation of the business. The doctors had given Gretchen 3 months to live so we took her home to the Wakulla River where she was cared for by Jacki, family members and friends. There she surpassed the 3 month prediction and lasted 4 years and 2 days, passing in September 2005.

We are truly a family business, throughout our 50 years every member of these four generations have held a position with the company. First generation, Gretchen Evans who had the foresight on a feeling to purchase the land and start a business. The second generation, Sandy Koontz, Darlene Earl, Bernard Evans, Jacki Evans Youngstrand and Connie Evans (John's wife) helped with the startup of the business and have worked at the business and have held positions on the Board of Directors. John Evans our main

contributor was the foundation of the business, with the construction of the buildings and operating the business till his death in 1981. Third generation, also known as the river rats include Danet and Neil, (Sandy Koontz children), Rachelle Earl Rader (Darlene Earls daughter), Roseanne Evans, Carie Evans and Bernie Evans (Bernard Evans children), Stephanie Evans and Christina Evans (John Evans children), Robert Baker, Elizabeth Stalvey and Linda Youngstrand Luczun, (Jacki Evans Youngstrand children). Fourth generation include Sandy Koontz grandchildren, Gabby and Victoria, Bethany, Shelby and Marley. Bernie Evans granddaughter Gretchen (Gigi). John Evans grandchildren, John and Christopher. Jacki Youngstrand grandchildren, Hunter, Fisher, Robbie, Isabella and Colton (the twins). All of the river rats were raised on the river, working for their grandmothers

every summer.

Third generation are the Board of Directors and now running the business, and currently fourth generation and great grandsons to Gretchen, Hunter Hyatt is a guide for our tours and works at the shop, Fisher Deason and Robbie Baker (in training) also work at the shop. (Although Robbie Baker isn't on the payroll yet, he's only 11). As well as other fourth generationals who

are awaiting their time at the helm, too young to yet step into the workforce. Every member of the Evans family has had a part in and contributed to the business. We enjoy having customers speak of their memories of when Gretchen ran the business, and that they were brought here by their parents and are now bringing their children or even grandchildren.

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USE THE NEWS

1. CLIMATE SUPERCOMPUTER GETS NEW MANAGEMENT

A powerful climate supercomputer named Derecho helps more than 4,000 scientists study hurricanes, wildfires, air pollution and other weather events. It can perform nearly 20 quadrillion calculations every second, allowing researchers to analyze huge amounts of data and improve forecasts and disaster warnings. For years, it has been managed by the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Colorado. Now, the National Science Foundation says a new “third-party operator” will take over running the machine, but it has not said who that will be or when the change will happen. Some scientists are worried that changes could interrupt important research that helps communities prepare for storms and other emergencies. Officials say they plan to make sure the supercomputer continues operating smoothly. In 4 to 5 sentences, explain why a supercomputer like Derecho is important for keeping people safe during severe weather. Then imagine you are a scientist who uses this computer. Describe one kind of weather event you would study and how your research could help families in your community.

2. NEW ASTRONAUTS ARRIVE AT SPACE STATION

The International Space Station is back to full strength after four new astronauts arrived to replace crew members who had to return to Earth early because of a health emergency. SpaceX launched the new team from Florida, sending astronauts from the United States, France and Russia into orbit. When the spacecraft docked, the astronauts opened the hatch, hugged their teammates and prepared to begin months of research and maintenance.

One astronaut who returned early had a serious medical issue, but NASA has kept that information private. The new crew members will live and work in space for eight to nine months, conducting experiments and helping keep the station running smoothly. Write 4 to 6 sentences describing what daily life might be like on the International Space Station. Include at least two challenges astronauts might face in space and one reason why their research is important for people on Earth.

3. HOW PRESIDENTS DAY CHANGED OVER TIME

Presidents Day be-

gan as a way to honor George Washington’s birthday, but the holiday has changed a lot over the years. After Washington died, people began collecting souvenirs and celebrating him with parades and festivals on his birthday. In 1971, the holiday was moved to a Monday to create a three-day weekend, which helped boost travel and shopping. Today, many people think more about sales at stores than about Washington’s life and leadership. Some historians believe it would be helpful to spend more time reflecting on what presidents have meant to the country. In 4 to 5 sentences, describe one way your class or family could make

Presidents Day more meaningful. Explain what you might learn about George Washington or another president and why remembering history is important.

4. A STOAT BECOMES AN OLYMPIC STAR

The 2026 Winter Olympics in Italy introduced a new mascot: a stoat, a small animal related to a weasel. Stoats have brown fur in the summer and turn white in the winter, which helps them blend into snowy landscapes. The mascot named Tina represents the city of Cortina, while her sibling Milo represents Milan and the Paralympics. Milo is missing a paw and uses his tail to help him walk, showing that athletes can

succeed in different ways. Olympic mascots have included many unusual characters over the years, including a snowball, an ice cube and even a red hat. Draw your own Olympic mascot based on an animal that lives in your state or region. In 3 to 5 sentences, describe what your mascot looks like, what special qualities it represents, and how it would inspire athletes during the Games.

5. A VIDEO GAME ABOUT RETURNING ART

A new video game called Relooted asks players to break into museums to retrieve artifacts that were taken from African countries long ago. In the game, a team of characters plans careful missions to

return important cultural objects to their original homes. The creators say they want players to think about whether items that were removed during colonial times should be given back. The game does not name real museums directly, but it includes real artifacts and historical details. Some people have praised the game for encouraging conversations about history and fairness, while others have questioned its approach. Write a paragraph to explain why cultural artifacts are important to the countries and communities they come from. Then describe one peaceful way countries could work together to decide where important historical objects should be kept and displayed.

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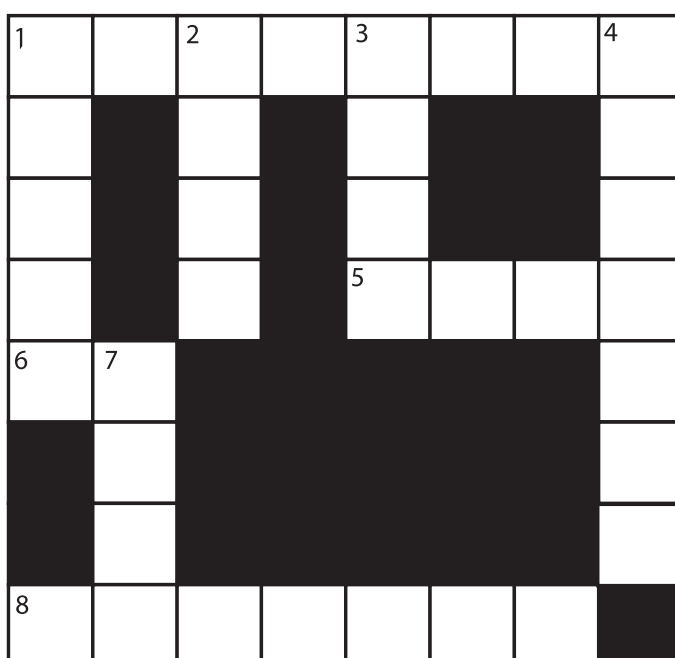


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Although the claims cannot be confirmed, some link this device to an early Chinese philosopher.

Answer: Kite

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Connects kite to person
- Defrost
- Southern U.S. state
- Hand spinning tool

DOWN

- Flying devices
- Part of a kite
- Gain height
- Twist together
- Slap hands together

Answers:
 Across: 1. Kite line 5. Thaw 6. SC 8. Spindle
 Down: 1. Kites 2. Tail 3. Lift 4. Entwine 7. Clap

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

FEB 20

1792: The Postal Service Act is signed in the United States.

1824: William Buckland announces Megalosaurus as the first non-avian dinosaur species.

1986: The Soviet Union launches its Mir spacecraft, which remains in orbit for 15 years.

NEW WORD

TAIL

a part of a kite that improves stability and adds color

How they say that in...

English: Windy
Spanish: Ventoso
Italian: Ventoso
French: Venteux
German: Windig

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Guinness World Records says Australian Robert Moore’s kite reached the highest altitude by a single kite in 2014. Moore’s kite reached 16,009 feet, or 4,879.84 meters.

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NOTICE Public Sale

Pursuant to the Florida Self-Storage Facility Act, notice is hereby given that Crawfordville Self Storage, located at 3291 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327; will sell or otherwise dispose of the contents of the following self-storage units to satisfy its lien for unpaid rent and other charges. The sale will be ***online ONLY***. Pictures and item descriptions can be viewed at www.storage-treasures.com. Bidding will end at 8pm on Sunday, 2/22/26. Unless otherwise noted on www.storage-treasures.com, the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Christopher Davis, B37 & E12; Roger Carroll, Jr., C30.

In the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit
In and for Wakulla County, Florida
Civil Division

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., Case #: 2025-CA-000057
Plaintiff,
-vs.-
MARYLYNN M. HARPER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARYLYNN M. HARPER; BENNIE MAE MILLER; and UNKNOWN TENANT,
Defendant(s).

Dated this 12th day of February, 2026.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

0212-0219 TWS NOFS

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

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, CASE NO. 25000125CAAXMX
Plaintiff,
vs.
CASSANDRA CHARLENE KRIMMEL A/K/A
CASSANDRA KRIMMEL, et al.,
Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 06, 2026, and entered in 25000125CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC is the Plaintiff and CASSANDRA CHARLENE KRIMMEL A/K/A CASSANDRA KRIMMEL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CASSANDRA CHARLENE KRIMMEL A/K/A CASSANDRA KRIMMEL; FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT are the Defendant(s). Greg James as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., the Front Lobby, Wakulla County Courthouse, Crawfordville, FL 32327, at 11:00 AM, on March 12, 2026, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 4 AND 5 IN BLOCK A OF WAKULLA HEIGHTS UNIT 1, AS SHOWN BY PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION OR RECORD ON PAGE 68, PLAT BOOK 1, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON, INCLUDING THE 1999 MOBILE HOME WIHT VIN NUMBERS OW65172A AND OW65172B, AND TITLE NUMBERS 79331230 AND 79331278.

Property Address: 19 ATKINSON RD, 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 in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: ADA Coordinator; 301 South Monroe Street; Tallahassee, FL 32301; 850.606.4400; 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.

Dated this 5th day of February, 2026.

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

February 12, 19, 2026

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Case No.: 2025CA000141
PLAINTIFF,
V.
DOYAL W. HESTER; ET AL.,
DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Doyal W. Hester
Last Known Residence: 56 Chickat Trl Crawfordville, FL 32327

TO: Unknown Spouse of Doyal W. Hester
Last Known Residence: 56 Chickat Trl Crawfordville, FL 32327

TO: Unknown Tenant #1
Last Known Residence: 56 Chickat Trl Crawfordville, FL 32327

TO: Unknown Tenant #2
Last Known Residence: 56 Chickat Trl Crawfordville, FL 32327

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

LOTS 53 AND THE NORTHERN 27.74 FEET OF LOT 52, BLOCK "48" OF WAKULLA GARDENS, UNIT 5, AS SHOWN ON PLAT ON PAGE 56 OF PLAT BOOK NO. ONE OF THE 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 to ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, Plaintiffs attorney, at 401 W. Linton Blvd. Suite 202-B Delray Beach, FL 33444, on or before **March 14, 2026** 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.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said court at Crawfordville, Florida 4th day of February, 2026.

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

February 12, 19, 2026

NOTICE

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327-0337, 850-926-0905 telephone, within two working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771; if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770. February 12, 19, 2026

NOTICE

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

ANA DANIELA BULL, CASE NO. 2025-CA-000152
PLAINTIFF,
V.
HELEN S. FORT, IF ALIVE, AND IF DECEASED, UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS, ASSIGNS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST HER, DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: HELEN S. FORT; if alive, and if deceased, unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, assigns, and all other parties claiming by through, under or against her

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Complaint for Quiet Title on the following property in Wakulla County, Florida:

LOT 48. BLOCK 9 OF WAKULLA GARDENS UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THW PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 42, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA WAKULLA COUNTY PARCEL ID No. 00-00-034-009-08591-000

Address: DR MLK JR MEMORIAL RD, Crawfordville, Florida

has been filed against you and others, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, to ANA DANIELA BULL, 19 MARDI GRASS WAY, ALLIGATOR POINT, FLORIDA, 32346, no more than thirty (30) days from the first publication date of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff or immediately thereafter, otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED this 8th day of January, 2026.

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

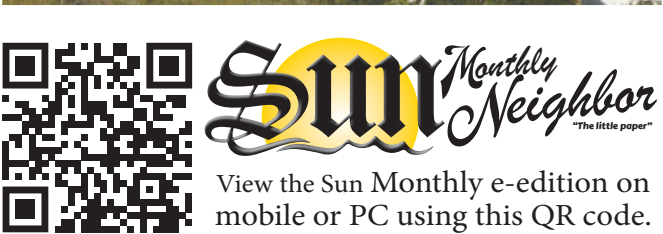
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

PAFFORD PROPERTIES & CONSTRUCTION, LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PLAINTIFF, Case No.: 2025-CA-000169 V.

ROBERT D. WILLIX, JR., IF ALIVE, AND IF DECEASED, UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, CREDITORS, ASSIGNS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST HIM, AND REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE, DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: ROBERT D WILLIX, JR.; if alive, and if deceased, unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, assigns, and all other parties claiming by through, under or against him

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Complaint for Quiet Title on the following property in Wakulla County, Florida:

LOT 4, BLOCK P OF SURF, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 17, PAGE 222, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Wakulla County Parcel ID No. 03-6S-02W-035-03792-004
Address: Surf Road, Panacea, FL

has been filed against you and others, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on ANDREW J. POWER, ESQUIRE, SMITH, THOMPSON, SHAW, COLÓN & POWER, P.A., Plaintiff's attorneys, 3520 Thomasville Road, Fourth Floor, Tallahassee, Florida 32309-3469, no more than thirty (30) days from the first publication date of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED this 21st day of January, 2026.

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



January 29, February 5, 12, 19, 2026

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

PAFFORD PROPERTIES & CONSTRUCTION, LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PLAINTIFF, CASE NO. 2025-CA-000137 V.

DARRYL MOORE, SHELDON M. STONE AND TED EDWARDS, IF ALIVE, AND IF DECEASED, UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, CREDITORS, ASSIGNS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THEM, DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: TED EDWARDS; if alive, and if deceased, unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, assigns, and all other parties claiming by through, under or against him

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Complaint for Quiet Title on the following property in Wakulla County, Florida:

LOT 4, BLOCK 4 OF WAKULLA GARDENS UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE(S) 42, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Wakulla County Parcel ID No. 00-00-034-009-08216-000
Address: Spokan Trail, Crawfordville, FL

has been filed against you and others, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on ANDREW J. POWER, ESQUIRE, SMITH, THOMPSON, SHAW, COLÓN & POWER, P.A., Plaintiff's attorneys, 3520 Thomasville Road, Fourth Floor, Tallahassee, Florida 32309-3469, no more than thirty (30) days from the first publication date of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED this 29th day of January, 2026.

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



February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

RANDOLPH SMITH, PLAINTIFF, Case No.: 2025 CA 14 V.

AKIRBY HOLDINGS, LLC; KATIE WILLIAMS RASHED; JEROME A. HAWKINS; DELVERNA RUTH HAWKINS HENRY; DOROTHY LEE HAWKINS; ALBERT HAWKINS, JR. DECEASED, ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISES, GRANTEEES, CREDITORS, ASSIGNS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST HIM; JOEL R. LAY AND BARBARA N. LAY, DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

To: DELVERNA RUTH HAWKINS HENRY, DOROTHY LEE HAWKINS and ALBERT HAWKINS, JR. deceased, any unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, assigns, and all other parties claiming by through, under or against him.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Complaint for Access has been filed on the following property in Wakulla County, Florida:

THE WEST 15 FEET OF THE FOLLOWING PARCEL:
THE SOUTH 8 ACRES OF THE NORTH 40 ACRES OF THE SOUTH-EAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
BEGIN AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER 281.46 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN WEST 1357.63 FEET TO THE WEST BOUNDARY OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 24, THENCE RUN SOUTH 02 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 31 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID WEST BOUNDARY 281.58 FEET TO A ST. JOE PAPER COMPANY CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN EAST ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER 1360.73 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 8.78 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

AND THE SOUTH 15 FEET OF THE FOLLOWING PARCELS:
THE EAST ONE-HALF OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER (E 1/2 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4) OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, AND CONTAINING FIVE (5) ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

AND THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4) CONTAINING 2.50 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

AND THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4) OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, CONTAINING 10 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

AND COMMENCE AT A ST. JOE PAPER COMPANY CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 23 (AS MONUMENTED) A DISTANCE OF 711.07 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #2919), THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST 36.82 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED #4261), MARKING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST 264.88 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #2919), THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST 699.64 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #2919), THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST 308.37 FEET TO A ST. JOE PAPER COMPANY CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST 612.22 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #1254), THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST 377.29 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED #4261), THENCE RUN EAST 655.92 FEET T A RE-ROD (MARKED #4261), THENCE RUN SOUTH 328.45 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 10.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

TOGETHER WITH A 20.00-FOOT-WIDE INGRESS AND EGRESS EASEMENT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT A ST. JOE PAPER COMPANY CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 04 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 23 (AS MONUMENTED) A DISTANCE OF 592.49 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST 1044.62 FEET, THENCE RUN WEST 20.00 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED #4261), THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 21 SECONDS EAST 1044.77 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #1254) LYING ON THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 23, THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID SOUTH BOUNDARY A DISTANCE OF 20.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

has been filed against you and others, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on JAMES C. THOMPSON, ESQUIRE, SMITH, THOMPSON, SHAW, COLÓN & POWER, P.A., Plaintiff's attorneys, 3520 Thomasville Road, Fourth Floor, Tallahassee, Florida 32309-3469, no more than thirty (30) days from the first publication date of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise, 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 11th day of February, 2025.

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Greg James
As Clerk of the Court
Wakulla County, Florida
By: /s/ Ethan Brown
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

PAFFORD PROPERTIES & CONSTRUCTION, LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PLAINTIFF, Case No.: 2025-CA-000170 V.

ROBERT D. WILLIX, JR., IF ALIVE, AND IF DECEASED, UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, CREDITORS, ASSIGNS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST HIM, DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: ROBERT D WILLIX, JR.; if alive, and if deceased, unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, assigns, and all other parties claiming by through, under or against him

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Complaint for Quiet Title on the following property in Wakulla County, Florida:

LOT 5, BLOCK "P", SURF, FLORIDA, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 17, PAGE 222, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Wakulla County Parcel ID No. 03-6S-02W-035-03792-005
Address: Surf Road, Panacea, FL

has been filed against you and others, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on ANDREW J. POWER, ESQUIRE, SMITH, THOMPSON, SHAW, COLÓN & POWER, P.A., Plaintiff's attorneys, 3520 Thomasville Road, Fourth Floor, Tallahassee, Florida 32309-3469, no more than thirty (30) days from the first publication date of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED this 21st day of January, 2026.

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



January 29, February 5, 12, 19, 2026

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Cut quickly
- 5. A way to state clearly
- 11. River in NE Scotland
- 14. Expansive
- 15. Lacking social polish
- 16. Amount of time
- 17. Frame
- 19. Automobile
- 20. Toadstools
- 21. High school dances
- 22. Utilize
- 23. Experimented with
- 25. One-sided
- 27. Acquisitive
- 31. Potted plants
- 34. Everyone has one
- 35. Kalahari Desert lake
- 38. Unidentified flying object
- 39. People 65 and over
- 41. Small amount
- 42. Daughter of Acrisius
- 44. Ornamental box
- 45. Government agents
- 46. Uncertain
- 49. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
- 51. Treeless plains
- 55. One's sense of self-importance
- 56. Consumer advocate
- 60. Type of lounge
- 61. Body part
- 62. Can be persuaded
- 64. Woman (French)
- 65. Ready and willing to be taught
- 66. Arab ruler title

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
7	8	9	1	2	3	4
9	1	2	3	4	5	6



Please Recycle

- 67. Unhappy
- 68. Gradually went away
- 69. Able to think clearly
- 7. Litigates
- 8. Outer
- 9. Parallelograms
- 10. Uneasy feelings
- 11. Cross
- 12. A way to remove
- 13. Pages can be dog-__
- 18. Ukrainian city
- 24. A citizen of Denmark
- 26. Month
- 28. Hindu queens
- 29. Group of chemicals
- 30. Rider of Rohan
- 31. Wet dirt
- 32. Southwestern Russia city
- 33. Observed
- 36. Angry
- 37. Drivers' licenses
- 39. Musical composition
- 40. Auction
- 43. They __
- 45. Women
- 47. Be filled with love for
- 48. Thick-soled sock
- 49. Appears
- 50. Old World lizard
- 52. The leading performer
- 53. Protein
- 54. "Gunga Din" script writer
- 57. Art __, around 1920
- 58. __ Blyton, children's author
- 59. Abnormal breathing
- 63. A place to rest

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Brushed
- 2. Small water spirit (Germ.)
- 3. Heroes
- 4. Monetary units
- 5. Some don't want to share theirs

Rotary Valentines Parade & Festival



Valentine Parade Grand Marshals Kenny and Robert Manning.



County Judge Brian Miller throws out beads along the parade route.



Sheriff Jared Miller's parade float.



Kaci Livingston and Charlotte Ross.



Fist bump from the Tiger Rock Ninja Turtle.



Youth Football and Cheerleading float with champion Cougars and Bulls.



Clerk of Court Greg James and his driving assistant.



Jack and Tripp Durrance watch the parade.



The Optimist Club float featuring some Junior Optimists.



Nicholas Lee at the parade.



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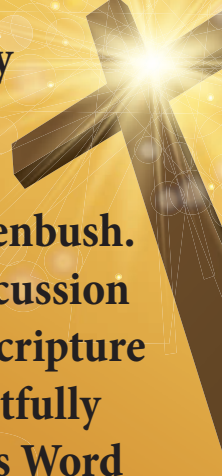


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Lady War Eagles soar at district

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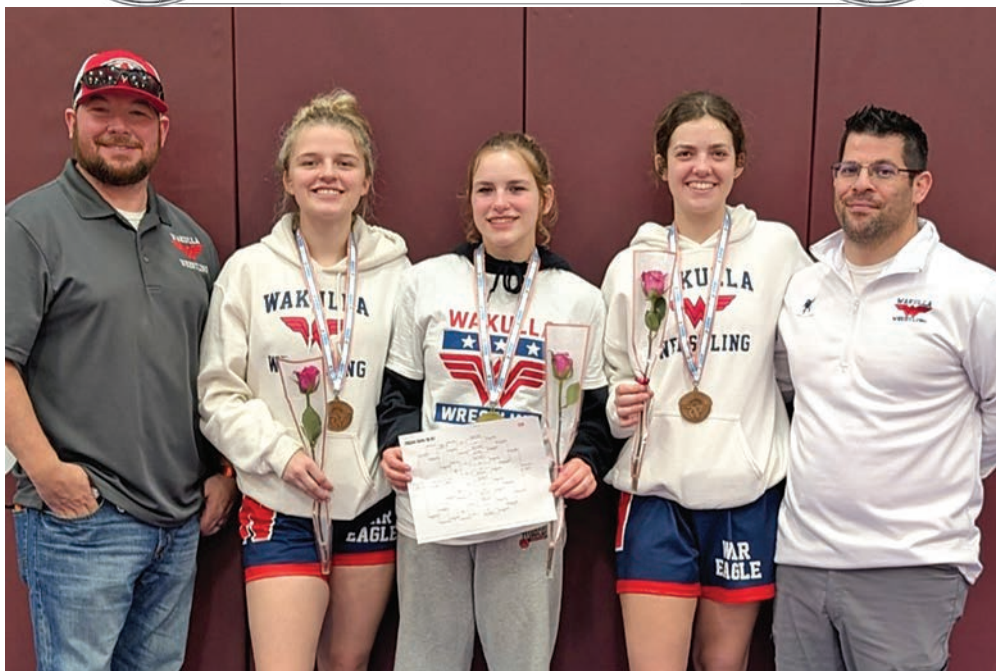
On February 14th, the FHSAA Girls District 1 Championship was held in Niceville, Florida. Four Lady War Eagles weighed in on Saturday hoping to place in the top four of their respective weight classes and advance to Regionals.

Freshman Rose Cooper gave a valiant effort, but unfortunately came up short. In her first match, Cooper lost by pin to Allie Barker from Freeport. In her second match, midway through the first period, Cooper was winning 7-0 over Lincoln's Natalie Durrance. However, Durrance was able to reverse Cooper and get the pin to end the match.

In her first match of the day, Kameron Easter faced familiar foe Layla Hicks from Milton. Hicks had beaten Easter in a previous match earlier in the year, but this time around Easter came out on top with a first period pinfall. After falling to Adalyne Fowls of Gulf Breeze in the semifinals, Easter bounced back with a pin over Bay's Tanya Leveret in the consolation semifinals. In the consolation finals, Easter had a 19-11 lead over Niceville's Adleigh Hannigan, but midway through the 2nd period Hannigan was able to reverse Easter and secure the pin. With her 4th place finish, Easter punched her ticket to Regionals.

Julia Baggett pinned Allie Begin of South Walton in the first period of her opening match. In the semifinals, Baggett lost to Niceville's 25th ranked Gianna Muscarella 12-0. In the consolation semifinals, Mosley's Valentina Peralta frightened the Wakulla faithful when she had Baggett at the brink of elimination late

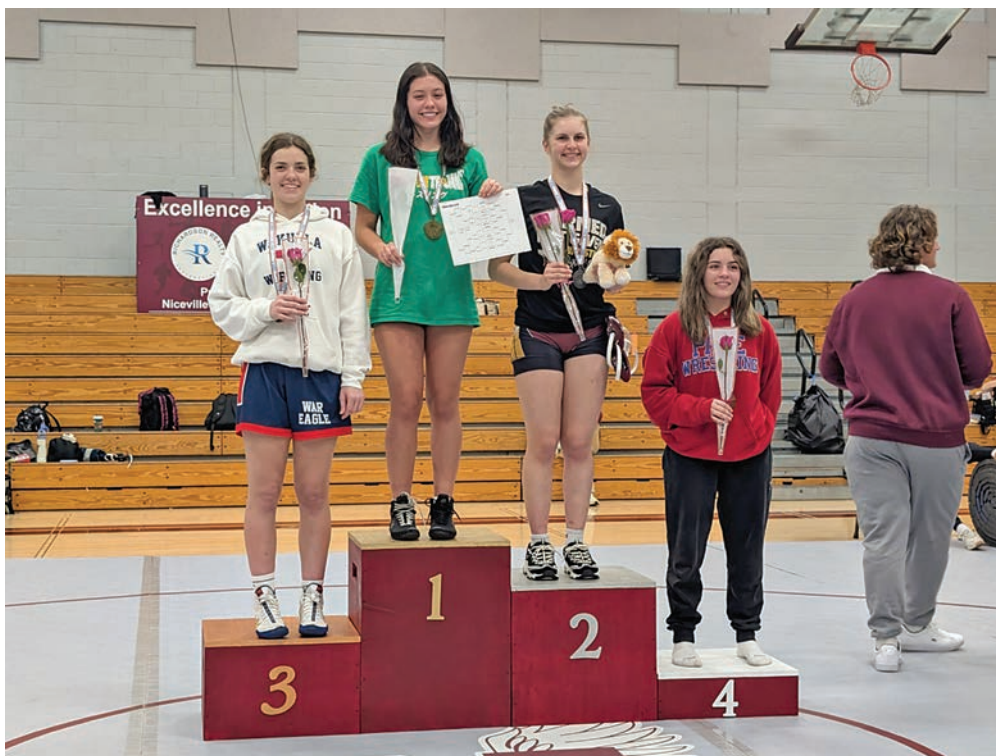
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Coaches with Lady War Eagles Kameron Easter, Kendal Haynie and Julia Baggett, who all three reached the podium.



Kendal Haynie with a first place on the podium.



Julia Baggett won third place at district.

in the first period. Peralta took Baggett down with 8 seconds remaining and almost pinned her before time expired. Trailing 7-0, Baggett remained poised, took top in the second period and

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– Coach Jon Sanchez

subsequently pinned Peralta. In the consolation semifinals versus Pace's Talin Strott, Baggett found herself trailing 3-0, but once again Baggett took top and secured the pin midway through the second period for 3rd place.

It had been two months since Kendal Haynie's last competition, but she showed no signs of rust on Saturday.

Haynie, who is undefeated on the year, pinned her way through the tournament en route to her second district championship.

Haynie pinned Car-

oline Anderson from North Bay Haven in 21 seconds. In the semifinals, Haynie pinned Pace's Taylor Faye Molstrom in 1 minute and 34 seconds. In the finals, Haynie pinned No. 16 Mary McKinney from Choctawhatchee midway through the second period.

Baggett, Easter, and Haynie will compete at the FHSAA Girls Region 1 Championship, held at Mosley High School in Lynn Haven on Saturday, February 21st at 10 a.m. CST.

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