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 Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Partly Cloudy Hi: 85° Lo: 67° 24% Sunrise 6:49 AM Sunset 8:18 PM	Scattered Thunderstorms Hi: 80° Lo: 66° 49% Sunrise 6:48 AM Sunset 8:19 PM	Scattered Thunderstorms Hi: 80° Lo: 67° 51% Sunrise 6:47 AM Sunset 8:20 PM



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Our 5th Year 19th Issue
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Youth coalition brunch

The organization honors community volunteers on Saturday

By LINDA ANN McDONALD
Correspondent

Wakulla County Coalition for Youth partnered with FSU Health Community Engagement in hosting a Champions for Change Brunch by hosting an extraordinary brunch and recognition awards ceremony for their volunteer efforts in Wakulla County.

The individuals and organizations were honored for their time, dedication and passion for serving youth and our community. The event is a way to say thank you to those who make a difference every day in the Wakulla community.

The first time Champions for Change Brunch was held at the Wakulla Community Center on Saturday, May 2.



Volunteers recognized included Robert and Kenning Manning, Tammie Nason, Linda Oaks, Caden Gruebel, and Riley Schaefer. Not pictured: Hiroshi Yoshioka.

Caden Gruebel was awarded the Youth Volunteer of the Year. "It feels good to earn this

award and I am really shocked I won because of all the tough competition. I am graduating

this year, but I am not going to stop volunteering and being active in

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Kemp's motion to dismiss heard by judge

Circuit Judge Jeremiah Hawkes takes matter under advisement; sets trial for August

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN/Editor

Former County Commissioner Mike Kemp was in court on Monday with his attorney arguing for dismissal of two felony charges of using a public record to harass and tampering with a witness.

The motion was heard by Circuit Court Judge Jeremiah Hawkes, who did not immediately rule, but gave Kemp's attorney, Stephen Webster, and Wakulla Chief Prosecutor Andrew Deneen another day to file any last minute responses to matters.



Mike Kemp

Judge Hawkes set the case for trial during the week of Aug. 17.

Judge Hawkes is the third judge to preside over Kemp's case, two other judges having recused themselves: Wakulla Circuit Judge Layne Smith came off the case after making some intemperate remarks to attorney Webster in an unrelated case; then Circuit Judge Ron Flury had the case but recused himself last month without explanation.

On Monday, Judge Hawkes jumped into the case to start the hearing, asking Deneen to explain the basis of the charges against Kemp, especially the charge of using a public record to harass.

Deneen contended that Kemp obtained the voter ID of the victim in the case, who he believed was behind the anonymous Facebook account of "Thunder Lightning" (sic), who trolled Kemp and Wakulla Citizens Page administrator Becky Whaley. Kemp provided the ID to Whaley, who posted it on her page.

The action was done, Deneen said, with the intent to harass the victim, who he and Whaley believed was behind the account. In fact, it was not the person behind the account.

There was debate about whether posting the information – which included name, address, birthdate, party affiliation, etc. – made it a crime, to which Deneen responded it was posting the information with the intent to harass the person Kemp and Whaley believed was Thunder Lightning.

Webster, representing Kemp, contended that this was protected political speech – basically responding to an online troll who had been sharply critical of Kemp.

Judge Hawkes noted that one of the legal cases cited in the motion to dismiss dealt with a citizen

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REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES GATHER



GOP meet & greet

A couple of Republican candidates for Congress, Keith Gross and Evan Power, above with County Commissioner Fred Nichols, visited Wakulla last week for meet & greet at Tropical Trader, sharing their views. Local candidates, right, Cale Langston for school board, Carrie Hughes and Fred Nichols for seats on the county commission, joined by Fred's wife, school board member Angie Nichols. (Photos by William Snowden)



CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENT

Carrie Hughes is candidate for county commission, district 4

By CARRIE HUGHES
Special to The Sun

Carrie Hughes has announced her candidacy for Wakulla County Commission, District 4, focusing on responsible growth, transparency, and protecting the county's character.

Hughes was raised in Tallahassee and has lived in Wakulla County for the past 20 years. Her husband, Lex, and his family have called Wakulla home for nearly 40 years. Not long after Hughes relocated, her sister joined her and raised children here who have since graduated from Wakulla High School, further strengthening the family's deep roots and lasting commitment to the community.

She also serves as a board member



County commission candidate Carrie Hughes

of Wakulla Animal Group, Inc. (WAG), a local nonprofit dedicat-

ed to improving animal welfare and supporting pet owners in the

The Wakulla Sun offers candidates the opportunity to announce their candidacy, and tell voters the issues that are important to them.

community. Through her work with WAG, she has helped support initiatives such as free vaccine clinics, low-cost microchipping, and community outreach efforts aimed at keeping animals safe and with their owners. Her involvement reflects a continued commitment to serving Wakulla County and addressing community needs through practical, grassroots solutions.

A longtime resident with 30 years of public service experience, in-

cluding work with the State of Florida and the City of Tallahassee's Growth Management Department, Hughes says Wakulla County is at a critical point.

"Wakulla County is growing, and growth brings both opportunity and responsibility," Hughes said. "We need to make sure decisions are thoughtful, they aren't changing the county faster than our infrastructure and community can handle, and that we give the people who live here a voice in what comes next."

Hughes' campaign priorities include:

- Responsible, planned growth that aligns with infrastructure and community input
- Balanced property rights that respect both

individual landowners and the neighboring community

- Transparency and communication so residents understand and trust the process

- Preserving Wakulla's character and natural resources for future generations

"This campaign is about listening, asking questions, and making sure we get it right," Hughes added. "Because the decisions we make today will shape Wakulla for years to come."

Hughes encourages residents to stay engaged and choose leadership that reflects their vision for the future of the county.

For more information, visit hughes4wakulla.com.

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Student of the Week

Gunner Allen – 8th grader at Wakulla Middle School

Principal: Amy Bryan

Achievements/Reason for Nomination: Gunner Allen has been selected as Wakulla Middle School's Student of the Week for his outstanding dedication, versatility, and positive presence both in and out of the classroom. A talented athlete, Gunner competes on the school's track and field team, where he excels in the 800-meter run, 100-meter dash, and long jump. He also demonstrated endurance and commitment during cross-country season, competing in 2K races. Beyond athletics, Gunner plays an integral role on the school's Broadcast Crew, where he consistently performs a wide range of responsibilities—including anchor, cameraman, data board operator, and computer technician—with ease and excellence. In the classroom, Gunner is a hardworking student who takes pride in doing his best each day. He is well-liked by both his teachers and classmates, and his great personality makes him a positive influence on those around him. Gunner's ability to balance academics, athletics, and extracurricular responsibilities speaks to his strong work ethic and character. Gunner's well-rounded involvement, leadership, and dedication make him a valued member of the Wildcat community and a deserving recipient of Student of the Week.



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FOLLOW THE SUN.



Wakulla Community Theater will be presenting the musical



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Friday, May 8 - 7p.m.
MOTHERS DAY, Sunday May 10 - 3p.m.
Saturday, May 16 - 7p.m.
Sunday May 17 - 3p.m.

Tickets are available for purchase at wakullacommunitytheater.org

We have put together an amazing cast; mark your calendars now because you will not want to miss this show!!!

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Wakulla County Tax Collectors Office

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plate serves as an alternative to the standard Florida license plate, with all regular fees applying. Motorists may request the America 250 license plate at the time of vehicle registration or renewal.



Night of Joy Prom held at Wakulla Springs

By **LINDA ANN McDONALD**
Correspondent

Wakulla Springs Lodge was transformed into a magical night of friends, fun, dancing, and Joy as JOY-Filled Journeys Corp held their annual Night of Joy Prom on Saturday, May 2.

The sensory-friendly event is held in a quiet, low-key environment, such as Wakulla Springs Lodge, in an effort to provide the ideal environment for special needs guests to enjoy a magical night planned especially for them with conditions like autism, epilepsy, ADHD, etc.

Elizabeth Goble, who visited JOY-Filled Journey's Easter event in April and picked out a beautiful red prom dress to wear to this year's prom, was unable to wear her dress due to lack of finding a seamstress to fit her dress in time. Instead, she wore her "Plan B" dress, which was a sequined, dark purple colored dress.

Mary Wallace, Director of the nonprofit organiza-



Savannah Kent, Shiann Croley, Rachel Seidler and Sarah Andrews at the prom.

tion said, "I hope these kids are having a fun time; I hope it gives them joy. This event is not about me; it's not about anything else except these kids receiving joy.

"I want to say thank you, thank you, thank you, to all those who helped, volunteered and made this night such a wonderful success," Wallace said. "This event is about community love for our kids."

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.



Notice of Public Meeting:

Wakulla County Administration will host a Public Meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. EDT at the **WAKULLA EDUCATION CENTER (WEC)** 87 Andrew J. Hargrett Sr. Road Crawfordville, FL 32327

Purpose of Meeting:

To Conduct a Public Engagement Session Discussing Potential Future Uses of the Wakulla Education Center (WEC), Receive Public Comments and Tour the Facility.

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

Persons with a disability needing a special accommodation should contact the 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 by email at ADARquest@mywakulla.com. May 7, 2026

Tree tales with Stan Rosenthal on Sunday

We live in a "tree-mendous" region, with local forests exhibiting some of the highest tree diversity in the country. Join well-known retired Leon County Extension forester Stan Rosenthal for a look at his favorite, often missed, and possibly underutilized trees found in our area. Stan's background is extensive in "all things" trees and his engaging style will open our eyes to the mysteries of trees. His recent article in the Tallahassee Democrat highlighted concerns about our local dogwoods. Bring your questions and curiosity to the talk. Celebrate Mother's Day and bring Mom to a fascinating free tree talk at 2 pm at the



Wakulla Environmental Institute at 170 Preservation Way, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Please register using the following link to ensure your space: <https://tinyurl.com/yfjfr52a>.

Medart School of Music recital set

Special to the Sun

The Medart School of Music will be having its Spring recitals on Saturday, May 9th at the Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Church located at 2780 Surf Road. There will be performances at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Students performing at 11 a.m. include Lulu Fenenbock, Alexis Porter, Isabella Laughlin, Kaylee Keays, Gabi Morales, Nina Fox, Laila Francis, Eliana Howard, Brooks Loper, Ava Lucas, Olive Kelly, Harper Arkenberg, Walker Roberts, Bella Sutton, Olivia Davis, Madelyn Davis, Kadence Nix, Mason Key, Emma Key, Mary Bach, Nolan Moody, Tessa Moody, Lorelei Sultemeier, Colton Bohling, Hannah Harris, Makayla Bechtel and Hannah Hogue.

Students performing at the 2 p.m. recital include Sabian Jett, Ruari Robinson, Addison Wells, Latesha Monroe, Brooklyn Ruggless, Lauretta Compton, Ryan Ladwig, Fabiola Larregui, Isabella Larregui, Lily Bridges, Conor Bridges, Celia Whittle, Lydia Brown, Alexandria Coronel, Lylah Tull, Jacob Perry, Emily Byrd, Emma Reams, Gary Diskerud, Titus Williams, Madalyn Carraway, Jason Grantham, Sutton Parker, Khalessia Jeudi, Kadir Jeudi and Aliza Kever.

Other students who attend the Medart School of Music are Ariel Roe, Raelyn Prentiss, Wyatt Prentiss, Ariel Revell, Poppy Yost, Riley Solano, Easton Rundles, Kennedy Meissner, Harper Williams, Julia Chatman, Owen Harris, Ava Slotter, Kayden Parker, Morghan Courson, Zander Sweatt, Annalise Aguirre, Aidan Aguirre, Zoey Francis, Matthew Grantham, Taylor Townsend, Layla Scott, Shealyn Horne, Anna Bach, Alexis Rosier, Kaziah Jeudi, Laythan Crump, Martha Coggins, Kenny Hughes, Dale Carraway, Fonder Rosier, Harrison Wehmann, Beth Mullins, Trixie Smith and Albert Porter.

The Medart School of Music offers lessons for ages 4 to adult in piano,

organ, voice, woodwinds, guitar, ukulele and music brass, percussion, violin, theory.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
WAKULLA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR WAKULLA GARDENS STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE
ADVERTISEMENT BEGIN DATE: MAY 7, 2026
RELEASE DATE: MAY 7, 2026
BIDS DUE TO BOCC: JUNE 8, 2026 @ 3:00 PM EST

Sealed bids 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 June 8, 2026, at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. Bids received after the deadline will not be accepted.

The principal feature of this procurement by the County is known as PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR WAKULLA GARDENS STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE. The specifications of this procurement are stated in RFQ 2026-09.

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 Procurement Office at 850-926-0919 or Procurement@mywakulla.com.

All technical inquiries and clarification requests shall be submitted in writing to the Procurement Office located at the Wakulla County BOCC or Procurement@mywakulla.com in accordance with the RFQ. Verbal clarifications will not be provided.

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public

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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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NOTICE OF DELINQUENT TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR 2025

AS PROVIDED BY CHAPTER 197.016, ACTS OF 1972, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES ASSESSED FOR 2025 ARE NOW DELINQUENT AND BEGINNING WITH APRIL 1, SUCH TAXES ARE DRAWING INTEREST OF 1-1/2% PER MONTH. ALSO, BEGINNING MAY 1, SUCH TAXES HAVE A 25% COLLECTION FEE PLUS THE PROPORTIONATE COST OF PUBLISHING THIS NOTICE. UNLESS THE AMOUNT SET OPPOSITE EACH NAME BELOW, WHICH INCLUDES THE COST OF THIS ADVERTISEMENT AND PENALTIES AND FEES, ARE PAID BY MAY 31, 2026, WARRANTS WILL BE ISSUED HEREON DIRECTING LEVY UPON AND SEIZURE OF THE TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE TAXPAYERS.

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Opinions

THE FIRST AMENDMENT

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

Ask Judge Smith: Honoring the 250th birthday of the U.S.



By **JUDGE LAYNE SMITH**

Years ago, I wrote three newspaper columns with “Independence Day” in-mind. I share them now in celebration of our nation’s 250th birthday.

Talking Taxes and the French and Indian War (part one of three)

Our discussion of government and American justice begins with the French and Indian War. This conflict began in 1756 when local Indian tribes allied with the French and fought against the British expansion.

In response, American colonists formed their first continental army to fight in the war; however, the army was inadequate-

ly financed, poorly trained and largely ineffective. The British Army joined the fray, but for years fared no better. Eventually, Great Britain won the war by building up and maintaining a large-standing North American army and then taking the fight to the French and their Native American allies throughout the continent.

The French and Indian War lasted seven years, and the cost of winning the war and maintaining the peace afterward created a huge debt for

the British Empire. In response, Parliament imposed heavy regressive taxes on American colonists, while simultaneously denying them the right to vote in Great Britain’s Parliamentary elections.

Our Founding Fathers bristled at this situation.

They were required to obey British laws and be loyal subjects, but their rights were dramatically restricted. They were prohibited from gathering, their speech was censored, and they couldn’t print what they wanted to say in

their newspapers or other publications.

British military and law enforcement officers searched colonists and their properties without cause, and American colonists were arrested, jailed, and held indefinitely without being told why. They had no right to counsel, no right to a trial by a jury of their peers, and these trials were not open to the public. Criminal defendants were forced to testify; otherwise, their silence was used to incriminate them.

The combination of

taxation without representation and these legal injustices sowed the seeds of the American Revolution. If the French and Indian War had never happened, our legal system would be dramatically different. And I’d probably have to wear one of those funny white, powdered wigs in the courtroom.

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

Historical Society will hold its annual Show & Tell program

Wakulla County Historical Society’s 9th Annual Show & Tell will be held on Tuesday, May 12, at 6 p.m. at the Wakulla County Public Library.

Back by popular demand! Our annual Show & Tell program! This is a great opportunity for those of you lucky enough to have a long family history in this part of Florida to bring in and show off those items handed down from earlier generations—and for the rest of us to see and learn about and admire them! Members and guests are invited to display and talk about

their items related to North Florida or Wakulla County history. Display tables will be set up for attendees to view your artifacts.

Bring those antique books, buttons, tokens, bottles or any object of historical value you’ve been storing in the closet, share your stories about them and enjoy viewing the artifacts of other collectors!

Call the Museum to reserve table space at 850-926-1110.



Chris Parkinson shows her collection of antique alligator handbags at last year’s Show & Tell.

On the Horizon

Calendar of events for the week of May 7

Thursday, May 7

- National Day of Prayer.
- Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office Golf Tournament will be held at Wakulla Sands with registration at 7 a.m. and tee-off at 8 a.m. Funds go to community events sponsored by the sheriff’s office.
- Rotary Club of Wakulla presents Bubbles and Blooms, a flower arranging workshop before Mother’s Day. Tickets are \$60. Each ticket includes all the flowers and materials to design your bouquet, light bites, and for guests 21+ a wine and mimosa bar.
- The Rotary Club of Wakulla County meets at the TSC Wakulla Center at 8:30 a.m. on Thursdays.
- Coastal Optimist Club meets at noon at Myra Jean’s on the first and third Thursdays.
- The VFW Auxiliary Bingo Night will be held at 7 p.m. at 475 Arran Road in Crawfordville, every Thursday. There are concessions and raffles.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Friday, May 8

- “Annie,” the musical, will be performed by Wakulla Community Theater at the Sopchoppy Auditorium beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each. Additional performances May 10, 16 and 17.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 8 p.m. every Friday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Saturday, May 9

- Interact Club at Wakulla High School presents Spring Into Peace at Azalea Park from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Medart School of Music spring recital will be held at Ochlockonee Bay UMC, 2780 Surf Road, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group meets at the Wakulla County Public Library at 10 a.m. every second Saturday of the month.

Sunday, May 10

- Mother’s Day.
- “Annie” will have a matinee performance at Sopchoppy Auditorium beginning at 3 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, May 11

- Planning commission meets at 6 p.m. in the commission chambers.
- Sopchoppy City Commission meets at city hall at 6:30 p.m.
- VFW Post 4538 and Auxiliary holds monthly meetings on the second Monday of the month with fellowship at 6 p.m., meetings at 7 p.m.
- Crawfordville Woman’s Club monthly meeting is the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 64 Ochlockonee St., in Crawfordville. Call (850) 566-5727 for more information.
- The Wakulla Respite Program is available for anyone with memory impairment at no cost from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Ellen Baptist Church every Monday.
- 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 with Margaret every Monday at 11 a.m. First Baptist Church CLC Building in Crawfordville. Bring a mat.
- 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, May 12

- Tourist Development Council meets at the conference room at the county administration office at 9 a.m.
- Wakulla County Historical Society will hold its popular Show & Tell program at the library at 6 p.m. Bring your interesting historical artifacts to share.
- 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, May 13

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

“It’s A New Day!”

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Polled at the UF/IFAS Wakulla Master Gardener Volunteers Annual Plant Sale:

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What's your favorite plant?



RACHEL PIENTA
4-H Director

“Caladiums, I love caladiums, to me they look like peace and shade.”



CLAYTON BANIA
Extension Director

“My favorite plant is the Hyacinth. I love ALL my leafy lovers.”



JIUJING GU
Retired

“Anything edible. I grow fruits and vegetables and plants for making teas.”



SHERRY BALCHUCK
Office Manager

“The Copper Canyon Daisy. They are very fragrant, they bloom all summer and are drought tolerant.”



RITA SCHUENTZ
Retired Teacher

“A Red Buckeye, it's a native understory tree.”

Wakulla Crossroads

By **VERNA BROCK**

This Sunday is Mother's Day, and I have been thinking about what motherhood means in all of its iterations. After all, every last one of us has a mom. Many of us ARE mothers. There are countless other women who have taken on the nurturing role of motherhood in one way or another. I realize not all mothers are created equal, but for the most part “mamas” do their best to rear their children to be happy and well-adjusted people. Most people I know claim to have the world's best mom.

I lost my mother almost 5 years

ago, and not a day goes by that I don't think of her. And yes, my brother and I DID have the best mom in the world, at least for us. A couple of years ago I wrote a poem about Mothers and their day, and I decided to share it with all of you:

Mother's Day

We come into this world, helpless and cold,

Warmed by our mother's embrace,
Spending the rest of our lives straining against her, and
Needing her every moment.

How strange to be a motherless

child now, at nearly seventy,

Always knowing she was there, even at a distance,
Accessible, available,
Now gone, impossibly, irretrievably erased, out of reach.

I never missed her then,
No matter the miles between us,
She was there, always there, on call,
At the ready to share recipes, jokes, advice, life.

Who was she before me?
Young, laughing, beautiful, smart, playful,
She always worked to hide herself from her children,
Labored to be who she needed to be, but maybe,
Not who she was.

I miss her now, dream of her, long for her,
Just one more story, one more memory,
Even reproach and nagging would be welcomed.

And I wonder who I will be to my children,
How much will they know of my mother,
Her true self,
And how much will they know of me,
And my true self?

Take some time this weekend to treasure the moments of motherhood wherever and however you find them. Happy Mother's Day!

Sopchoppy News

By **DJ BUTCH**

Sopchoppy needs some rain! I see a burn ban on Wakulla County. It's dry... we need some rain. Where are the April showers?

Well, Worm Gruntin' was a success! We love our festival! It was a great year! Sopchoppy will be having more great events and I will try to keep yall in the know....

The Smithsonian Magazine put out an article about worm gruntin' and the festival. The Smithsonian museum is the world's largest museum and research complex. What an honor! Our

little town has been featured on Dirty Jobs, CBS Morning Show and much more. Sopchoppy is a special place. You come to visit and it draws you back. Woods, water, easy living and great people. What a blessing to be from Sopchoppy.

Wednesday I was the DJ for the Wakulla Special Olympics. It was an awesome day. The sheriff, superintendent, WHS band, Cash & Woody from the radio, the War Eagle mascot and more. I love to see Wakulla support this event. It was so cool! I also saw several news outlets covering the event! Thank you all for making it awe-

some! It makes me feel good being a part of such a wonderful community!

Speaking of community: BattleBall was Saturday at the rec park. BattleBall is a softball tournament that is put on by Battle14 to raise money for people in our community. Battle14 is a faith-based nonprofit that really helps our community. If you're looking for a nonprofit to donate to, this is the one! It reaches people, it spreads the word of God, and they help our people!

I got a text from a neighbor of a pic of a Yella fly! Looks like it has started.... If you're new here... get ready! I have not had any issues with them yet. I have heard of some sightings... hopefully it won't be bad this year. We shall see.

I got a worm gruntin video on Instagram that passed 11 million views recently. It's crazy when you think about it. I mean Sopchoppy has a population around 500. It has gone viral on a few platforms. If you enjoy the Sopchoppy News follow me on Facebook at Corey Benedict. (65k followers), on Instagram I'm CountyBoyz (34k followers) but if you search Dj Butch it will come up. TikTok is Dj Butch with 46k followers. What a blessing. Lil ol' Sopchoppy boy reaching millions... I'm thankful for every follow. I do a lot of history posts on Facebook. People really enjoy those. I also do all kinds of videos, pics and more. Follow meeeeeee.

Sending you all love and good vibes from Sopchoppy!

Library News

By **LINDA OAKS**
Library Director

Library News May 7th– May 13th

Thursday, May 7th
• Tiny Tummy Time 9:30am

• Creative Writing I 10am

Friday, May 8th
• Quilting Guild 10am

Saturday, May 9th
• Alzheimer's Caregivers Support

Group 10am

Sunday, May 10th
• Closed

Monday, May 11th
• American Legion Post 114 PEC 5:30pm

Tuesday, May 12th
• Book Bunch 10am

• Creative Writing II 10am
• Historical Society 4pm

Wednesday, May 13th
• Book Babies 10am
• Legal Clinic for Housing Issues 12pm
• Mahjong 1pm
• Knitting Group 4pm

Youth coalition

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my community,” said Gruebel. Emily Zak and John Alex Edwards were also nominated for the award.

Taking home the Friend of WCCY was Wakulla County Public Library. Director Linda Oaks said, “It feels great to know we are able to give back to the community. We pride ourselves in such a way that we let Wakulla

know the library is a fun, welcoming place for all the community to enjoy.” FRESH and Wakulla County 4-H were also nominated for the award.

Board Member of the Year was awarded to Keep Wakulla County Beautiful's Tammie Nason. Tammie said, “I was surprised, we have such great Board members in Wakulla, but to actually be nominated and win, I still just can't believe it.” JoAnn

Daniels of Wakulla Coastal Optimist Club and Novella Franklin of the 4-H Advisory Board were fellow nominees.

Kenny Manning of Wakulla County Christian Coalition won the Adult Volunteer of the Year award and said, “It's an honor to win, but you really don't think about when you do it (volunteer) from your heart. When you do it from your heart, that's all you need.”

Also recognized were Hiroshi Yoshioka and Riley Schaefer for making a difference in Wakulla County with the “Rising Star Award.” These young community members are instrumental in

creating change through volunteering at events with Wakulla 4-H. Yoshioka has helped raise \$400 for the Wakulla Animal Shelter by designing and selling his homemade dog chew toys made from T-shirts.

WCCY Secretary Karen Zak said, “We have a need to recognize our volunteers who give so much to our community, and this is a great way to do it. Bonnie Werfenberger and I wanted to make the volunteers and Board members feel appreciated, and we are hoping to make this an annual event.”

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HOME ON THE RANGE

Great grains for your 9mm!



By MARJ LAW

Gail is a competent woman. When she decided to purchase a gun, she took a “concealed carry” class and then she went to rent several guns. She selected a 9mm Smith & Wesson Equalizer. This compact gun would fit in her big purse and she was comfortable with it when she wore an “inside the waistband” holster.

“It had more recoil than even larger 9mm guns,” she confided to me. “But it fit wherever I would need it. Yes, it has some recoil, but I can manage that. Besides, I’ll practice Wednesday mornings at the Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office range when you’re there. You’ll remind me if I forget any range rules, and you’ll help if I have a problem. It’s good to know you’ll be there. I love Tom, but he has a tendency to take over and I want to be able to handle my handgun myself.”

So, Gail ended up in a local gun shop. She looked for the boxes that said “9mm.”

What a lot of choices! She found boxes that said 9mm. But some said 115 grain and some had 124 grain on the label. Some said 147 grain rounds. Which did she need?

And some said Luger in big letters. Some said Parabellum. Some said NATO. She even found a few that said Makarov. Did it make a difference which 9mm round she bought?

Gail admitted to me that she didn’t know



Smith & Wesson Equalizer



Check out Labels!
Parabellum!
Luger!
115 Grain!
147 Grain!
and More!

My friend Gail told me of a conversation she had with her husband, Tom.

“In case anything happens to me, I want you to feel protected,” said Tom to Gail.

“I know. That’s why I went to Talon to rent handguns, and ended up buying the one I like best. I was so overwhelmed with deciding on a gun that I forgot to purchase ammunition.”

“Would you like me to go with you?” Tom offered.

“No,” Gail was firm. “I think since I purchased the gun, I ought to be able to buy bullets for it as well.”

“Okay, I know what you mean. However, when you ask for ammunition, tell them you want 9mm ‘rounds’ or ‘cartridges.’ The bullet is the projectile at the end of the round. If you ask for bullets, you might just get a handful of copper projectiles!”

“That’s good to know. I’m not embarrassed to be a newbie. People at the gun shop will help if I need it. We all have to start somewhere.”

which to purchase.

The man at the shop asked which she wanted.

“I don’t know,” she told him. “I’m new to guns and recently got a Smith & Wesson Equalizer. I should’a remembered ammunition, but forgot. Are Parabellum, Luger, NATO and Makarov all the same? Do all of these fit into my gun?”

“You can choose either the Luger or the Parabellum. You said you’re new to shooting?” he asked.

“Yes. This will be my first box of ammunition.” “Then I’d skip the NATO rounds for now. They tend to have more powder and will probably have more recoil.”

“What about the Makarov?” she wondered.

“No. You can’t buy Makarov. They won’t fit your gun.”

Gail asked him about grains.

“What’s the difference between grains?”

“Let’s discuss the round,” he suggested.

“The entire round is composed of a few parts,” he began. “The back has a primer in it. See the indentation in the center? Your gun’s firing pin whacks this center. When it does, it is hitting the primer. The primer makes a spark.”

“And then?” Gail asked.

“Then the spark sets off powder in the casing. This causes an explosion which sets the projectile flying. The projectile is the bullet.”

“Oh. So, just part of the round is the bullet; not the whole thing.”

“Right. And the bullet has weight that is measured in grains.

When used for target shooting, most people choose the rounds with 115 grains in the bullet. These rounds are usually less expensive than others and may have less recoil.”

“Why not the 124?” she asked.

“Some people believe their gun shoots more accurately with a heavier bullet. It’s a personal preference, and the 124s are usually more expensive.”

“Why do some 124s say NATO?” she wondered.

“Those are usually considered military rounds set to the NATO standard, and their gunpowder is considered to give the bullets more oomph to fly out of the gun faster.”

“And what about the 147 grain bullets?” she continued asking.

“Those are much

heavier bullets. When there is more mass, there is also more penetration. Because of their weight, their velocity is less.”

“What’s the deal with +P?”

“+Ps have more energy imparted to the bullet. Not all guns should fire the +P rounds. You need to check your manual before buying +P.”

For the time being, Gail intended to shoot at targets at the WCSO range. She purchased a couple boxes of the 115 grain ammo.

She asked Joe and me to come to the range. She wanted us to shoot a 9mm gun with different grained rounds to see if there would be a difference in accuracy and recoil.

So, this Wednesday, Joe and I shoot the Smith & Wesson Equalizer, and we’ve brought 115, 124, and 147 grain ammunition.

First, we shoot the 115 grain rounds. On a scale of 1-5, with 1 meaning the lightest recoil, we both give the Sellier and Bellot a 2.

We try the 124 grain NATO Monarch rounds. I find it quite strong and give it a 3.5 while Joe gives it a 2.5.

Last, we shoot the heavier 147 grain Fiocchi

rounds and find they have much less recoil. We rate recoil at a 2.

Grain weight can make a difference with perceived recoil. If you plan for target shooting only, a lighter grain weight bullet can make your day at the range easier and less expensive.

Higher grain weight can be better for defense.

“When you shoot more, you’ll find that other factors will affect recoil,” said Joe. “Besides grain weight, the velocity of the ammunition will make a difference. The mass of your gun and length of your barrel will make a difference. How your hand fits into the grip will make a difference on how you can control your gun and this will affect felt recoil.”

The 115 grain ammunition is economically suitable for range practice and getting acquainted with your gun. The higher-priced defensive rounds are great for self-protection, but not necessary for range practice.”

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



GRAY SAND STAR
(*Luidia clathrata*)

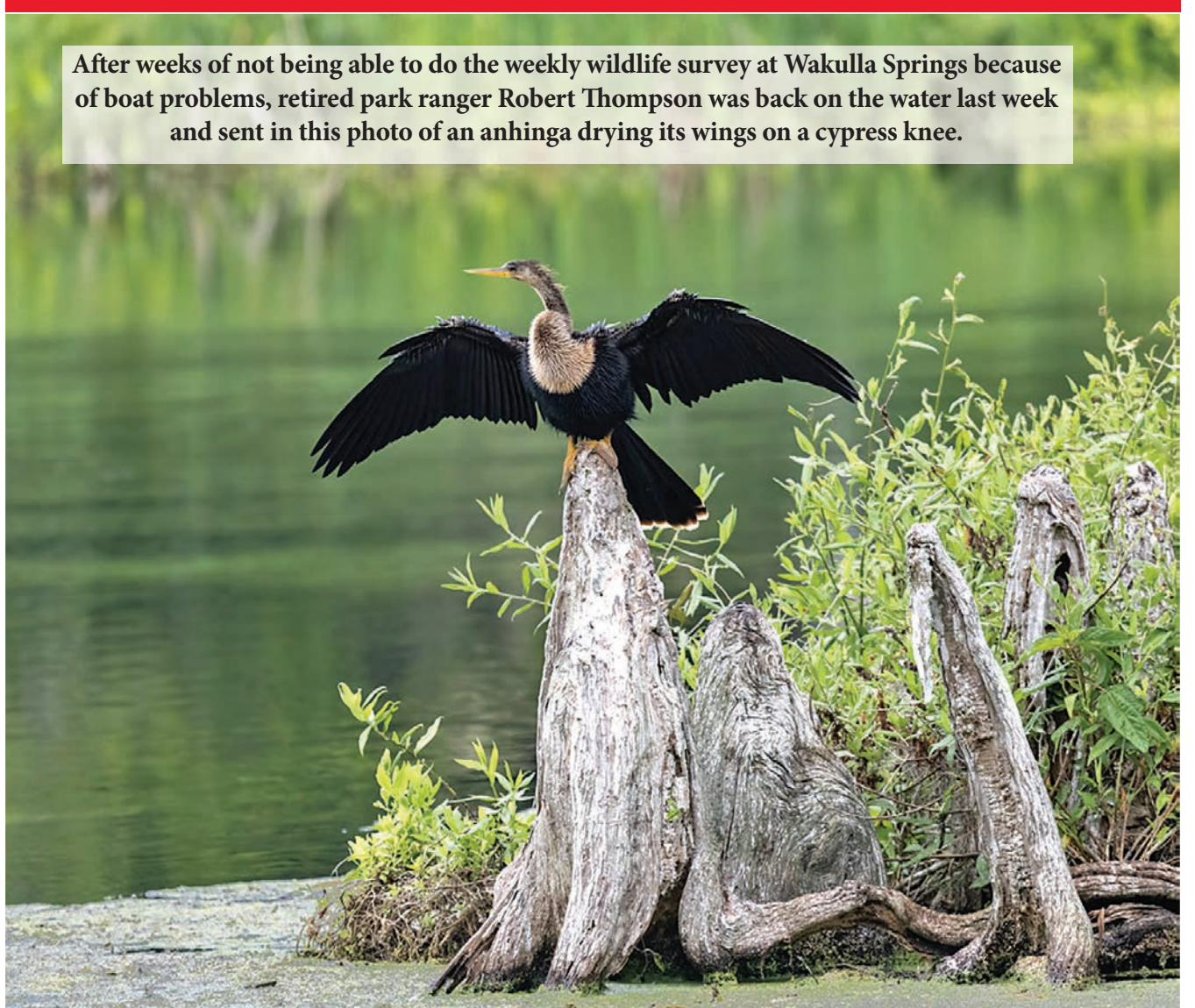
A common starfish in Florida, it ranges from Virginia and Alabama to Brazil in shallow soft bottom costal waters. It is nonetheless seldom seen because it hides from light by burying in the mud and hunting only during darkness. It spawns once each year and it has a fast growing larvae that metamorphose into the adult form after only one month. If the gray sand dollar loses an arm it quickly regenerates a new one.

Eukarya, Echinodermata, Asteroidea, Paxillosoida, Luidiidae



WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO

After weeks of not being able to do the weekly wildlife survey at Wakulla Springs because of boat problems, retired park ranger Robert Thompson was back on the water last week and sent in this photo of an anhinga drying its wings on a cypress knee.



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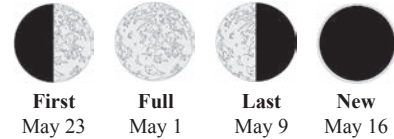


Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

May 7 - May 13



Tide charts by
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Best fishing days this month
Best fishing day(s) is in the center of date ranges.
May 13 - 19

Thursday 7	
Sun rise/set 6:49 AM 8:18 PM	Moon rise/set 12:58 AM 11:08 AM
Moon Illumination 71%	
Friday 8	
Sun rise/set 6:48 AM 8:18 PM	Moon rise/set 1:39 AM 12:06 PM
Moon Illumination 62%	
Saturday 9	
Sun rise/set 6:47 AM 8:19 PM	Moon rise/set 2:15 AM 1:05 PM
Moon Illumination 52%	
Sunday 10	
Sun rise/set 6:46 AM 8:20 PM	Moon rise/set 2:47 AM 2:04 PM
Moon Illumination 42%	
Monday 11	
Sun rise/set 6:46 AM 8:20 PM	Moon rise/set 3:17 AM 3:03 PM
Moon Illumination 32%	
Tuesday 12	
Sun rise/set 6:45 AM 8:21 PM	Moon rise/set 3:47 AM 4:04 PM
Moon Illumination 22%	
Wednesday 13	
Sun rise/set 6:44 AM 8:22 PM	Moon rise/set 4:17 AM 5:08 PM
Moon Illumination 14%	

For tides at the following points add to
Dog Island Listings:
High Tide Low Tide
Carrabelle 28 Min. 25 Min.
Apalachicola 1 Hr., 53 Min. 2 Hrs., 38 Min.
Cat Point 1 Hr., 13 Min. 2 Hrs., 31 Min.
Lower Anchorage 1 Hr., 36 Min. 2 Hrs., 3 Min.
West Pass 1 Hr., 26 Min. 2 Hrs., 39 Min.

St. Marks River Entrance

Th	12:21 am ▼ 0.1 ft	7:02 am ▲ 2.7 ft	11:33 am ▼ 1.8 ft	5:14 pm ▲ 3.4 ft
Fr	1:12 am ▼ 0.3 ft	8:06 am ▲ 2.7 ft	12:32 pm ▼ 2.0 ft	6:02 pm ▲ 3.1 ft
Sa	2:11 am ▼ 0.4 ft	9:17 am ▲ 2.7 ft	2:00 pm ▼ 2.0 ft	7:19 pm ▲ 2.8 ft
Su	3:16 am ▼ 0.6 ft	10:19 am ▲ 2.8 ft	3:44 pm ▼ 1.8 ft	9:20 pm ▲ 2.7 ft
Mo	4:18 am ▼ 0.7 ft	11:05 am ▲ 3.0 ft	5:06 pm ▼ 1.4 ft	11:04 pm ▲ 2.8 ft
Tu	5:14 am ▼ 0.8 ft	11:42 am ▲ 3.2 ft	6:04 pm ▼ 0.8 ft	
We	12:18 am ▲ 3.1 ft	6:03 am ▼ 1.0 ft	12:14 pm ▲ 3.4 ft	6:53 pm ▼ 0.2 ft

City of St. Marks

Th	1:25 am ▼ 0.1 ft	7:38 am ▲ 2.5 ft	12:37 pm ▼ 1.7 ft	5:50 pm ▲ 3.1 ft
Fr	2:16 am ▼ 0.2 ft	8:42 am ▲ 2.5 ft	1:36 pm ▼ 1.8 ft	6:38 pm ▲ 2.9 ft
Sa	3:15 am ▼ 0.4 ft	9:53 am ▲ 2.5 ft	3:04 pm ▼ 1.8 ft	7:55 pm ▲ 2.6 ft
Su	4:20 am ▼ 0.5 ft	10:55 am ▲ 2.6 ft	4:48 pm ▼ 1.7 ft	9:56 pm ▲ 2.5 ft
Mo	5:22 am ▼ 0.6 ft	11:41 am ▲ 2.8 ft	6:10 pm ▼ 1.2 ft	11:40 pm ▲ 2.6 ft
Tu	6:18 am ▼ 0.7 ft	12:18 pm ▲ 3.0 ft	7:08 pm ▼ 0.7 ft	
We	12:54 am ▲ 2.9 ft	7:07 am ▼ 0.9 ft	12:50 pm ▲ 3.2 ft	7:57 pm ▼ 0.2 ft

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Th	12:40 am ▼ 0.2 ft	7:24 am ▲ 2.8 ft	11:51 am ▼ 1.9 ft	5:30 pm ▲ 3.5 ft
Fr	1:31 am ▼ 0.3 ft	8:26 am ▲ 2.7 ft	12:52 pm ▼ 2.0 ft	6:22 pm ▲ 3.2 ft
Sa	2:31 am ▼ 0.5 ft	9:34 am ▲ 2.8 ft	2:21 pm ▼ 2.0 ft	7:41 pm ▲ 2.9 ft
Su	3:36 am ▼ 0.7 ft	10:34 am ▲ 2.9 ft	4:02 pm ▼ 1.8 ft	9:43 pm ▲ 2.8 ft
Mo	4:38 am ▼ 0.8 ft	11:20 am ▲ 3.1 ft	5:22 pm ▼ 1.3 ft	11:25 pm ▲ 2.9 ft
Tu	5:33 am ▼ 0.9 ft	11:58 am ▲ 3.4 ft	6:21 pm ▼ 0.7 ft	
We	12:37 am ▲ 3.2 ft	6:22 am ▼ 1.1 ft	12:31 pm ▲ 3.6 ft	7:11 pm ▼ 0.1 ft

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

Th	12:32 am ▼ 0.1 ft	6:54 am ▲ 2.0 ft	11:44 am ▼ 1.3 ft	5:06 pm ▲ 2.5 ft
Fr	1:23 am ▼ 0.2 ft	7:58 am ▲ 2.0 ft	12:43 pm ▼ 1.4 ft	5:54 pm ▲ 2.3 ft
Sa	2:22 am ▼ 0.3 ft	9:09 am ▲ 2.0 ft	2:11 pm ▼ 1.5 ft	7:11 pm ▲ 2.1 ft
Su	3:27 am ▼ 0.4 ft	10:11 am ▲ 2.1 ft	3:55 pm ▼ 1.3 ft	9:12 pm ▲ 2.0 ft
Mo	4:29 am ▼ 0.5 ft	10:57 am ▲ 2.3 ft	5:17 pm ▼ 1.0 ft	10:56 pm ▲ 2.1 ft
Tu	5:25 am ▼ 0.6 ft	11:34 am ▲ 2.4 ft	6:15 pm ▼ 0.6 ft	
We	12:10 am ▲ 2.3 ft	6:14 am ▼ 0.7 ft	12:06 pm ▲ 2.6 ft	7:04 pm ▼ 0.2 ft

St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

Th	12:21 am ▼ 0.1 ft	7:35 am ▲ 2.1 ft	11:20 am ▼ 1.8 ft	5:19 pm ▲ 2.6 ft
Fr	1:15 am ▼ 0.2 ft	8:43 am ▲ 2.1 ft	12:29 pm ▼ 1.9 ft	6:14 pm ▲ 2.4 ft
Sa	2:17 am ▼ 0.4 ft	9:50 am ▲ 2.2 ft	2:51 pm ▼ 1.9 ft	7:44 pm ▲ 2.2 ft
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We	12:44 am ▲ 2.1 ft	6:29 am ▼ 1.2 ft	12:02 pm ▲ 2.4 ft	7:18 pm ▼ 0.1 ft

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

FSU professor on reducing the risk of boat strikes on sea turtles

Special to The Sun

As summer approaches and more boaters take to the water, the risk of vessel strikes increases for the sea turtles that inhabit Florida's coastal environment.

Florida State University Professor Mariana Fuentes helps reduce the impact on sea turtles by studying issues around their conservation and management. Within the Department of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Science, she leads the Marine Turtle Research, Ecology and Conservation Group, where her team studies sea turtles across every life stage, from nesting beaches to coastal feeding grounds.

A recent study identified places on the U.S. Atlantic and Gulf coasts that expose protected marine turtles to the highest risk of being struck by vessels. Along with partners around the state, she is part of a statewide educational campaign called "Boaters for Turtles" to reduce vessel strikes on sea turtles.

Q: What do we know about high-risk areas for vessel strikes?

A: Vessel strikes are not isolated incidents. Our research reveals clear and concerning patterns. Injuries from watercraft are found in roughly 25% of stranded sea turtles, with loggerhead and green turtles among the most affected species. Geographic hotspots span heavily trafficked coastal regions, particularly in Florida, Texas and across the Gulf Coast, where boating activity overlaps with critical feeding and nesting habitats. These

areas often include coastal passes and nearshore zones where turtles gather in high numbers. It's a combination of having more boats and also having more turtles in those areas that make it risky.

Seasonal trends further intensify the issue, as peak boating months coincide with key periods in sea turtles' life cycles, bringing human activity and marine life into closer and more dangerous contact. While previous studies examined localized trends, our research is among the first to analyze vessel strikes across a broad geographic scale.

How does the Boaters for Turtles initiative turn research into real-world impact?

The Boaters for Turtles initiative uses science and community collaboration to help protect Florida's sea turtles, keystone species that are crucial to a healthy ecosystem. Vessel strikes are a major threat to sea turtles, although there have been initiatives to reduce them through voluntary go-slow zones. We are expanding that work by creating a broader network of voluntary go-slow areas across the state to reduce the threat. We are emphasizing slower speeds in certain areas, highlighting other behaviors boaters can adopt to reduce their impact and working with institutions and county partners across Florida to raise awareness.

What are simple actions people can take to reduce the risk of vessel strikes on sea life?

Small changes in how people operate boats — like slowing

down, keeping a careful watch, respecting wildlife zones and giving animals plenty of space — can greatly reduce both the chances of hitting marine life and the severity of injuries if a collision occurs.

What are the next steps in the Boaters for Turtles initiative?

The campaign is built on the data we have collected to identify where go-slow areas are most needed. After launching and implementing additional go-slow zones throughout Florida, the goal is to expand the campaign across the broader Gulf region. Our initial research helped demonstrate how significant vessel strike is as a threat to sea turtles, and now the focus is on scaling solutions and increasing awareness to reduce that impact. The effectiveness of our campaign will be evaluated at the end of the year, so we can learn what worked and what did not work.

What questions are researchers still trying to answer?

Our work is far from finished. While we've identified where vessel strikes occur, we're now investigating how these interactions affect turtle behavior, even when collisions do not happen. This includes studying stress levels, feeding patterns and energy use, as well as how boat traffic influences these behaviors. We're also examining how boaters respond to speed guidelines and what drives compliance. By understanding both the ecological impacts and the human dimensions, we can develop more effective strategies to reduce risks to sea turtles.



Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

The Intern.
August 23, 2012

Over 20 years ago, I was teaching our introductory class in compressed gas diving at FSU and was frustrated that the staff assisting me was poorly trained in the mechanics of diving.

We had a leadership program to train enthusiastic students in Assistant Instructor, Dive Master and Instructor, but many who applied could not explain how our life support technology worked, let alone fix it. What to do?

I had just hired Michael Dunning, a man from the Isle of Man, to become our dive engineer, to be sure our life support equipment worked. He needed a lot of help and there was no money to hire additional staff. After many late night deliberations, he and I realized that we had a solution to several challenges.

I soon had a semester curriculum for a Dive Locker Technician that included training on nearly everything I saw missing in my Leadership Program. Students bought books but paid for training with volunteer labor. And because training required proficiency to become beneficial, Michael got his much needed help.

Michael filled in the considerable details and then assisted me through several classes, ultimately taking over, where I became the guest speaker.

Students first learned workplace safety procedures, then eased in to fill station operations. Filling high pressure cylinders can be challenging if you are not taught correctly.

Every week another topic, such as cylinder inspections, regulator repair, hydrostatic testing, gas blending, exposure suit repair, and the list went on for 15 weeks.

The final exam was a room full of stations, each with a question or problem technology to repair. Those who passed got a certification in Dive Locker Technology and a list of specific credentials from national agencies that went a long way toward future employment at dive shops around the country.

And I now had a prerequisite for my Leadership Program! In the space of one year, the quality of our growing dive locker, and our Leadership Program improved dramatically, enabling us to take on many more ambitious challenges in the decades to follow.

I carried the entire package to Panama City in 2000 to teach the Scientist in the Sea Program at the Naval Coastal Systems Center, followed by the Advanced Science Diving Program and ultimately the Underwater Crime Scene Investigations Project. None were possible without what we now call the Diving Intern.

I retired a few years ago. I was soon asked to provide the Diving Internship training privately.

When we opened Wakulla Diving Center in Medart, we incorporated the class much as it was taught at FSU. Travis Kersting now serves as my Dive Engineer and coordinated the interns. Justin Heath, the latest graduate of our internship this summer, is from the University of Texas in Austin where he has returned to continue classes. He is the 12th intern to graduate since my retirement from FSU.

But I cannot begin to explain the vitality these folks bring to our table.

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

Motion to dismiss

From Front Page

going after a public official; but this case could be characterized as a public official going after a citizen.

Webster noted in his response that Kemp had advised Whaley not to post all the information on the victim.

Deneen answered that Kemp didn't tell her not to post any in-

formation and that the goal was still to harass the person they believed was behind the Facebook account.

In trying to figure out who was behind the account, Kemp — who retired as a major from the sheriff's office before running for office — contacted Deputy Don Newsome to track down an incident report. Webster noted

that the information sought by Kemp was public record and that Kemp is still a reserve deputy.

The judge noted that there was no sheriff's office purpose in Kemp's communication with Newsome.

As for the tampering with a witness, Deneen contended it was Kemp offering to take the victim out to dinner or do anything for him.

In the motion, Web-

ster contended Kemp was just trying to resolve the issue.

Additionally, it was argued that there was no open investigation at the time of Kemp's communications with the victim.

Whaley and Deputy Newsome both accepted Deferred Prosecution Agreements for their role in the matter, as well as agreeing to testify against Kemp if the case should go to trial.

Depending on God's grace to care for aging parents

By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

Remember the energy it took to raise your children? How often did you find yourself on your knees, asking God for strength to make it

through another day?

Some of you are in this season right now. Whether as stay-at-home or working parents, raising children is a full-time job. A job that requires endless patience – and grace.

Fast-forward 30 years. Once again, you may find yourself on your knees, this time praying for patience and grace to care for your aging parents. Parents who loved you through all the stages of your life now need your loving care in their final years.

You pray to care for your mom and dad in a way that honors them. Just as God's grace helped you through the long days and sleepless nights of parenting, this same grace is available to help you care for your parents as they face new and increasingly challenging circumstances.

I respect the cycle of life: Just as we, as young parents, lovingly provided for and cared for our children, so our parents did for us. Now we're honored to repay

our parents' sacrificial service.

I understand that it's not always easy to "honor your father and your mother" (Exodus 20:12 ESV) as their needs change. Sometimes you must agonizingly choose to place mom and dad in assisted living. If so, God's grace can guide you to remain diligent and present for them.

If you're feeling overwhelmed and "sandwiched" between caring for teenagers and aging parents or in-laws, don't give up. Take advantage

of the resources available. Eldercare, a public service of the Administration for Community Living, is available at eldercare.acl.gov and will connect you to services for older adults. You can also reach them at 1-800-677-1116.

Take heart. God loves you! He knows how exhausted you are – how much you love your parents and how you want to give back to them for all the long days and sleepless nights they've spent with you over the years.

Be assured, God will supply the patience, grace, energy and strength you need to make it through the day. And the next day. And the day after that. He will empower you to care for your aging parents with the love and dignity they deserve.

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When hope took the field

By **CHERYL CRUCE**

It was the top of the sixth inning, my grandson Conway and his Little League team had not fared well during the season. This game looked no different. Down 7-0, they came to bat with little reason to believe anything would change. You could see it on their faces and in the slow walk toward the dugout – not only the loss of a game, but

the loss of believing in themselves.

Then it happened. A hit. Then another. The bases were loaded. A runner crossed home plate. Then another. Suddenly, what had been quiet and defeated began to stir with life. Hope started growing in the dugout. Parents and grandparents, finding their voices, began cheering for the team, and moms reached for their cell phones to record through the fencing what was unfolding. The young boys straightened their shoulders and lifted their heads like the champions they were. Energy returned, and belief settled in their hearts. What had seemed out of reach no longer felt impossible.

Through the cheers and stolen bases, the top of the sixth ended with a fly ball to center field and the game suddenly within reach. But the score was not the only change. The slow walk to the dugout became quick and steady as they took the field with newfound determination. They had tasted hope and no longer carried the weight of defeat. They became a team that believed victory belonged to them.

Three batters. Strikeout. Strikeout. A ground ball to second base – cleanly fielded and thrown to first. Out! Game over! And the team, nearly out of hope before the final inning, walked away victorious. I wonder how often life

turns when we think the story is over. Sometimes the last inning holds more blessings than we imagined.

Again and again, what seemed like the final inning has become an opportunity to turn toward His blessings. Scripture is filled with such moments. As Israel stood at the Red Sea with the enemy behind them and no path ahead, the Lord made a way where there was none (Exodus 14). The Samaritan woman came to the well weary of life, yet she left changed by meeting Jesus (John 4).

But one of the most caring and often overlooked stories is found at the city gate of Nain, where Jesus met a widow following the body of

her only son. If ever life looked like the final inning, surely it was then. The tender moment comes when Jesus speaks to her tears: "Do not cry." Before He ever spoke to the death of her son, He first spoke to the grief of the mother. He stepped into her sorrow and met her in her heartbreak – where grief seemed to have the final word, Jesus revealed that sorrow is never unseen in the presence of God (Luke 7:11-17).

Honestly, we've all stood in what felt like the last inning, when doorways and avenues seemed blocked. We have come to dry wells, longing for a fresh drink.

And Jesus has met us, speaking to our fear and meeting us in our

tears.

So if you find yourself standing at a gate of sorrow, beside a dry well, or before an obstacle you cannot move, remain in hope. What feels like the final inning may yet become the place of His greatest blessing. His greatest work may still be yet to come.

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland (Isaiah 43:19).

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OUT TO PASTOR

The fine art of compromise

By **JAMES SNYDER**

After being married for more than 50 years, I have concluded the secret of a happy marriage is a happy wife. What it takes to make her happy is worth all the effort.

Today, most marriages don't work. Divorce is on the rise in our country.

A great philosopher, Groucho Marx, once said, "Marriage is the chief cause of divorce."

There are all kinds of ideas along this line, and many of them are fighting for the crazy award.

This year The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and her adoring husband will celebrate their 55th anniversary. After so many years of being married, I think I have come to some conclusions about how to have a happy marriage. After all, everybody wants to be happy.

I've looked into many aspects along these lines, but the one that really pays off is the idea of compromise. If you can't compromise, you won't get along. It's just that simple.

Over the years, I have struggled with this idea of compromise, trying to figure out what it was and how two people can compromise. I'm not sure I have figured it all out; after all, I'm the husband.

But in a marriage, compromise is not how they compromise in politics. Have you ever watched politicians compromise on some subject? If that is a compromise, then I have to start all over again. Thankfully, marriage has nothing to do with political compromise.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I have had our differences for years. After all, we are human and have our own ideas about certain things.

The biggest difference we've had throughout the years is the "Broccoli and Apple Fritter". These two things never intermingle. Fortunately, we have compromised: She gets the broccoli, and I get the Apple Fritter. There is just no way to mix the two.

There are other areas of our lives where we've had to compromise. Over the years, I have learned how to use compromise effectively to get things accomplished.

If The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage believes she's getting her way, then everybody's happy. I need to set it up so she believes she won, and, when she wins, so do I.

It took me a while to realize that if I win, then nobody's happy. What good is it to win and not really enjoy the winnings? But when she wins, she's happy, and when she's happy, so am I.

After understanding how this works, my life began to take on a great deal of sunshine and happiness. When I was younger, I was only happy when I got things my way. But as I

got older, I realized that a level of compromise can help me get things my way.

For example, when we want to go out to a restaurant to enjoy a meal together, we have to decide which restaurant. For me, it doesn't really matter which restaurant we go to as long as they have food and coffee. But for The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, there is a different restaurant for a different kind of celebration.

This is where I learned what compromise is all about and how to use it to my advantage.

I asked her, "My Dear, which restaurant do you think we ought to go to tonight for our celebration?"

Looking at me, she said, "I would like to go to the Southern Pig and Cattle restaurant."

From my perspective, it didn't matter.

I've been there several times, and I know they have food and coffee. That's all that really matters to me.

So now I need to work on my compromise scheme. "Well," I said to her rather seriously, "I was thinking we ought to go to IHOP. I really love their food."

That got her thinking a little bit, and she replied, "I'd like IHOP to, but for our dinner tonight, I would like to go to Southern Pig and Cattle restaurant."

I tried to stretch it out as long as possible and replied, "Well, I'm not into that restaurant as much as you are. I really would like to go to IHOP tonight." I paused a little bit and then said, "Well, if that is what you prefer tonight I'm willing to let you choose the restaurant."

I never see her smile as much as she does when something like

that happens. What she doesn't know is that I won the compromise and not her. That gives me a little bit of leverage down the road when we are facing another compromise situation.

I always begin by saying, "Do you remember when you wanted to go to the Southern Pig and Cattle restaurant and I wanted to go to IHOP? And I finally gave into your request."

She looked at me, and there was a great deal of reluctance in her voice, saying, "Yeah, I remember. So, I'll let you have it this time."

Thinking about this, one of my favorite Bible

verses came to mind. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3).

I'm sure there are many applications to this Bible verse. It applies to all parts of our lives. Being "agreed" is one of the most important aspects of humanity. When applied to marriage, it is a wonderful expectation. Walking together is the blessing of our Christian experience.

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DEATH NOTICES

- **June Cox Allen**, 80, of Crawfordville, died April 27, 2026.
- **James Edward Asbell**, 82, of Crawfordville, died April

30, 2026.

- **Randy Hopper**, 70, of Crawfordville, died April 28, 2026.

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

Sheriff's Report

This report is for activity April 24 to May 6. There were 1,372 total calls for service during the week; 18 arrests; 61 traffic stops.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

- Deputy Lexi Kreitlow responded to Otter Lake Road in reference to a burglary complaint. Contact was made with the reporting party, who advised a subject known to him entered his residence while he was at work and removed his 6x10 inch speaker. He advised the speaker is valued at \$50. There were no witnesses to the incident and no surveillance video available at this time.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

- Deputy Kory Smith conducted a traffic stop near Ivan Church Road and Crawfordville Highway. During the stop, Deputy Todd Kent, who was assisting, was given consent to search. During the search, a small amount of marijuana was located and seized for destruction. The driver was given a verbal warning for not wearing a seatbelt. The seized marijuana was submitted for destruction.

- Deputy Jackson Kittrell conducted a traffic stop on a motorcycle for tag attached not assigned. While attempting to gain the driver's information, he provided a false name to Deputy Kittrell. After some time, the driver came forth with his real name. During the stop, it was discovered that he did not possess a valid license or a motorcycle endorsement. He was also deemed a habitual traffic offender and had numerous Driving While License Suspended or Revoked (DWLSR) convictions. Dispatch also advised he had outstanding warrant from Leon County. Due to all the information gathered, he was placed under arrest and transported to the county jail without further incident.

- Deputy Todd Kent responded to Walmart for a report of a shoplifting incident that occurred several days prior. Asset Protection was attempting to locate information on a subject due to her ID be-

ing in the lost and found at Walmart. In reference to this report, the shoplifting occurred on April 23 at approximately 2 p.m. hours. AP stated she reviewed video footage of the subject checking out via self-checkout on April 23. Asset Protection stated the subject did not scan a pair of shoes valued at \$25.98, tomatoes valued at \$1.01, and an avocado valued at 60 cents. The total value of the shoplifted items is reported to be \$27.59. The subject placed these items into the shopping bags, paid for other items she scanned, exited past the last point of sale at approximately 2:30 p.m., and left the area in a lime green SUV. Case forwarded to CID.

- Deputy Jonathan Kilbourn responded to Cora Mae Drive in reference to a citizen calling in stating a subject had stolen her phone. She advised the two hung out for most of the day and when they returned home, he brought up a conversation about her being friends with other men. She advised the subject got up to leave the residence and took her phone in the process. At this time, she advised she wanted to give the subject an opportunity to return the phone without pursuing charges.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

- Deputy Kory Smith responded to Preston Circle in reference to a theft that occurred sometime over the weekend. The reporting party stated an unknown subject had taken a total of 24 cans of wood stain from the back of the restaurant over the weekend. She advised the cans were last seen on Friday, April 24th. While speaking with her, she advised there were no security cameras or video footage of the incident and valued the stain at approximately \$500. She requested this report be taken for informational purposes.

- Deputy Dylan Buckhalt conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Spring Creek Highway and Jack Crum Road for unlawful speed. Contact was made with the driver, and the smell of marijuana was detected emanating from the

vehicle. The driver advised she did not possess a medical marijuana card and a probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted. The search produced 11 grams of a green leafy substance in addition to two smoking devices. The paraphernalia and leafy substance were seized for destruction and she was issued a warning for the traffic violation.

MONDAY, APRIL 27

- A citizen called the Sheriff's Office advising that an unknown male was caught on her camera breaking into her shed at approximately 1:30 this morning. She also advised that the shed was completely ransacked to the point she was unsure of what, if anything, was missing. Dep. Aimee Hoagland made contact with the complainant and took the report.

- A citizen called in reporting that a Walmart delivery driver had damaged her gate. Dep. Ian Kilbourn took the report for this case.

- Multiple callers notified the Sheriff's Office of a vehicle swerving excessively and going off the road multiple times on Crawfordville Hwy. Lt. Anthony Paul conducted a stop by Publix on Crawfordville Hwy. The driver had initially stopped but then pulled off again prompting Lt. Paul to ask for backup. The driver pulled over again at the Circle K where additional units arrived. Florida Highway Patrol was contacted to assist with a breath test. Coastal responded to tow the vehicle and the driver was placed under arrest and transported to the county jail without incident.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

- A citizen reported that he allowed an employee to use his credit card for business purposes only. He discovered the employee had misused the card for personal gain. A total of approximately \$25,000 was charged against his account, however the reporting party did not want to pursue charges and signed a non-prosecution.

- A citizen reported that she responded to an ad via YouTube reference to debt consolidation. She was to send approximately \$500 a month for

a year and help pay off her debt of \$20,000. After making her first payment of \$533.67 she realized she had been scammed. Case forwarded to CID.

- Deputy Ian Kilbourn responded to Purify Bay Road in reference to a found firearm. Contact was made with the reporting party who advised he was walking his dog in the St. Marks Wildlife Refuge at Otter Lake Road, when he located a loaded Stoeger P350 12 gauge shotgun in the bushes near the walk trail. He advised he took possession of the firearm and transported it back to his residence, later contacting Law Enforcement to report his findings. The firearm was seized at this time for safe keeping.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

- Deputy Arturo Cordoba conducted a traffic stop where the driver admitted to knowing his license was suspended and was currently trying to reinstate it. Due to the driver's admission, he was provided an Notice To Appear.

- Deputy Todd Kent responded to Mathers Farm Road in reference to Verizon accounts being unknowingly opened. The reporting party stated he received a Verizon bill for \$2,668.50 in reference to two cell phone numbers that he does not possess. He stated he has not sus-

tained a financial loss. He stated he contacted Verizon and Verizon requested a report number to resolve the matter.

- Deputy Dylan Buckhalt responded to Walmart in reference to a suspicious person complaint. Contact was made with an unidentified male on scene. Through data mining by responding deputies, the subject was identified. An active trespass warning was located for the subject at the above location. He was subsequently placed under arrest and transported to the Wakulla County Jail without further incident.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

- Deputy Joshua Parker conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Emily Lane and Wakulla Springs Road due to faulty equipment. During the stop it was discovered the driver did not possess a valid driver's license. This information was discovered when he produced his identification card along with providing his name and date of

birth to dispatch. Due to this, he was placed under arrest and transported to the county jail without further incident.

- Deputy Lexi Kreitlow responded to Walmart in reference to a theft complaint. Contact was made with Asset Protection and a female who failed to scan multiple items in the self-checkout aisle. She was subsequently placed under arrest and transported to the Wakulla County Jail. She was also issued a Trespass Warning for the location.

FRIDAY, MAY 1

- A citizen discovered three unauthorized charges against his bank account. The charges were for \$1,081.57 via Amazon. He did not make the purchases nor did he authorize the transactions. This report was written for bank purposes only.

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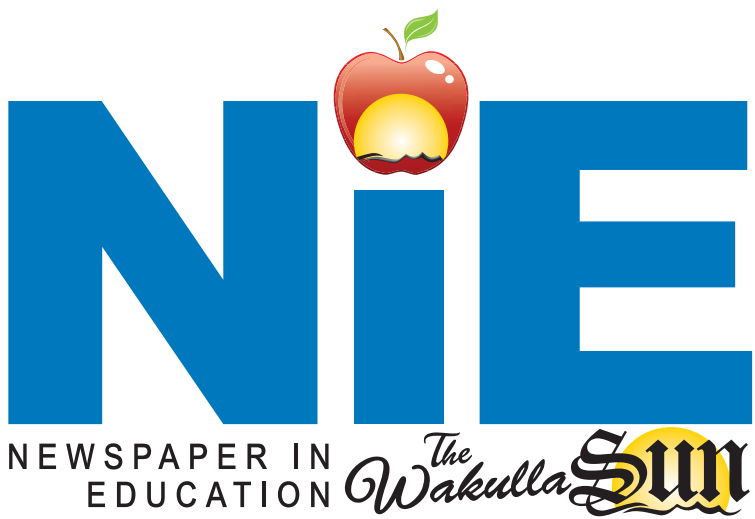
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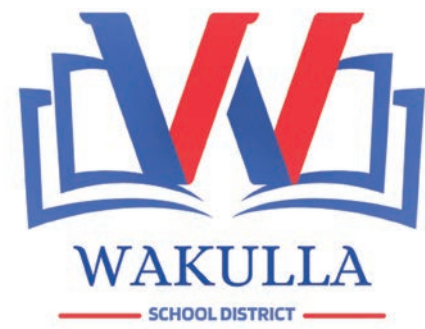
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Cherie DeVaux made history when her horse, Golden Tempo, won the Kentucky Derby. She became the first female trainer ever to win the famous race. DeVaux did not always plan to train racehorses. She once studied to go to medical school, but later changed paths and began working with horses at a racetrack. With help from mentors, family, and years of hard work, she built a successful career. Golden Tempo was not expected to win, but the horse raced ahead near the end and gave DeVaux a victory she once never imagined. Write a short paragraph about a time when changing plans could lead to something good. Use Cherie DeVaux's story as an example, and explain how hard work, help from others, and believing in yourself can make a big difference.

2. TIMMY THE WHALE SWIMS FREE

A humpback whale nicknamed Timmy was rescued after being stuck for weeks in shallow water near Germany. Timmy was about 40 feet long and weighed around 26,000 pounds, so moving him was not easy. Rescuers tried several ways to help, including removing fishing net from his body and digging a channel in the water. Finally, they guided him into a large water-filled barge and towed him to the North Sea, where he was released. The rescue showed how much people cared about one whale, while also reminding everyone that many sea animals are hurt by fishing nets and unsafe oceans. Create a rescue update for a classroom news board. In 4 to 6 sentences, explain what happened to Timmy, how rescu-

ers helped him, and why ocean safety matters for whales and dolphins.

3. A TREASURE HUNT IN SAN FRANCISCO

People in San Francisco are searching for a buried treasure chest filled with 10,000 one-dollar coins. The chest weighs about 150 pounds and is hidden about one foot underground somewhere in the city. The treasure hunt began when mysterious clues were posted online in the form of a poem. Soon, people used maps, shovels, bikes, ferries, and lots of

creative thinking to search parks and famous places around San Francisco. Some people tried using technology to solve the clues, while others believed local knowledge and careful observation would help more. Even if they do not find the money, many treasure hunters say the adventure itself is part of the fun. Write your own short treasure clue for a hidden object somewhere in your school or classroom. Then write 3 to 5 sentences explaining where your clue would lead, what details a good treasure hunter would need to notice, and

why solving clues can be exciting.

4. CHONKERS THE SEA LION

A huge sea lion nicknamed Chonkers has become a surprise star at San Francisco's Pier 39. Chonkers is a Steller sea lion, which is much bigger than the California sea lions that usually rest on the docks there. Experts think he may weigh between 1,500 and 2,000 pounds. Visitors have rushed to the pier to take pictures and watch him lounge near the smaller sea lions. Scientists say he may have traveled from farther north and found plenty of fish to eat in San Francisco Bay. Even

though Chonkers stands out, people have enjoyed watching him try to fit in with the other sea lions. Pretend you are making an animal profile card for Chonkers. Write 5 sentences that describe what kind of animal he is, why people are excited to see him, and what makes Pier 39 a good place for sea lions to rest.

5. COWS ON SOLAR FARMS

A solar farm in Tennessee is testing a new idea: letting cattle graze under solar panels. The farm has rows of panels that make electricity from sunlight, but instead of gravel underneath, there is green pas-

ture for cows and calves. Workers move the cattle from one area to another every few days so the animals can eat grass while the panels still make power. The shade from the panels may help cattle stay cooler, drink less water, and avoid heat stress. Supporters hope this kind of project can help farmers earn money, protect farmland, and create cleaner energy at the same time. Draw a picture of a farm that uses both animals and solar power. Under your drawing, write a short explanation of how the cows, grass, shade, and solar panels could all work together.



This term in tennis refers to a score of zero. It may have come from the French word for egg.

Answer: Love



English: Tennis
Spanish: Tenis
Italian: Tennis
French: Tennis
German: Tennis

Math Blocks

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

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Solution

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

AMEG, TSE, TMCAH

Answer: Game, set, match

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1527: German and Spanish troops sack Rome, marking what many scholars feel is the end of the Renaissance.

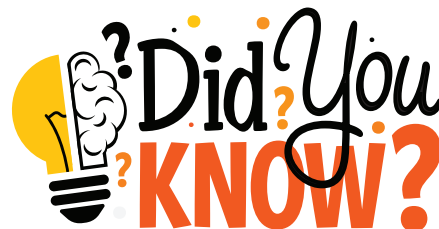
1835: James Gordon Bennett, Sr. publishes the first issue of the New York Herald.

1941: The first flight of the Republic P-47 Thunderbolt takes place.

NEW WORD

VOLLEY

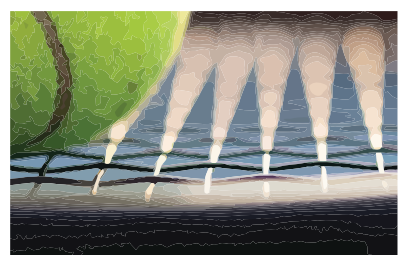
strike of a ball before it hits the ground



A tennis player wins a game by scoring four points, unless the game is tied (deuce), then two more points in a row are needed. A match is won by winning two out of three sets.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Tennis racket and ball

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NOTICE OF FICTITIOUS NAME

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice under Fictitious Name Law, pursuant to Section 856.09, Florida Statutes. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Megan Penik, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of THE STITCHY FLAMINGO

Located at 184 Linzy Store Road, Crawfordville FL 32327
In the County of Wakulla
Intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporation of the Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Published on May 7, 2026

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

DEBRA NEW, PLAINTIFF,
V.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND BENEFICIARIES OF RUSSELL A. SMITH, DECEASED DEFENDANTS.

Case No.: 2026-CA-54

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: Unknown Heirs and Beneficiaries of Russell A. Smith, Deceased

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to partition real property pursuant to Florida Statute Chapter 64 has been filed against you. This action involves real property in Wakulla County, Florida (the "Property") more particularly described as:

TRACT NO. 15, OF AN UNRECORDED PLAT OF SHADY ACRES: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, (MARKED BY A CONCRETE MONUMENT BURIED IN COUNTY ROAD); THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SECTION 24, 1,321.4 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 26 MINUTES WEST 1,688.65 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, WHICH IS THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTINUE TO RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 26 MINUTES WEST 230 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST 186.09 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY OF A COUNTY ROAD, THENCE RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID COUNTY ROAD, 230.0 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE RUN NORTH 1 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST 191.47 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING SITUATE IN THE SOUTH 112 OF THE SOUTHEAST 114 OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, AND BEING OTHERWISE DESCRIBED AS TRACT NO. 15 OF AN UNRECORDED PLAT OF SHADY ACRES. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON, DESCRIBED AS A 2002 PIONEER WITH VIN NUMBERS PH1124GA19527A AND PH1124GA19527B.

Parcel Identification Number: 24-2S-0 1 W-000-04008-004
Property Address: 20 McMahon Drive, Crawfordville, Florida 32322

This action was instituted in the Second Judicial Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida, and is styled Debra New vs. Unknown Heirs and Beneficiaries of Russell A. Smith, deceased, Unknown Heirs and Beneficiaries of Willie M. Shorrock, deceased, Unknown Heirs and Beneficiaries of Milford Jensen, deceased, and Unknown Heirs and Beneficiaries of Mildred Jensen, deceased, County of Wakulla, In the State of Florida. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on the Plaintiffs Attorney, Michele Diglio-Benkiran, Esquire, whose address is C/O Legal Counsel, P.A., 13330 West Colonial Drive, Unit 110, Winter Garden, Florida 34787, on or before **May 15, 2026** and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the 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 15th day of December, 2026.

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As Clerk of the Court
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

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

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

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: KATIE WILLIAMS RASHED

YOU ARE 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 TO 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, COLON & 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 30th day of April, 2026.

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



May 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
RICHARD ANDREW SOSEBEE,
DECEASED
DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO: 2026-CP-66

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Richard Andrew Sosebee, deceased, File 2026-CP-66 is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney is set forth below.

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

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is April 30, 2026.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Frances Casey Lowe, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 521450
Frances Casey Lowe, P.A.
68-A Feli Way
Crawfordville, Florida 32327
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April 30, May 7, 2026

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

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:
ANGELA DAVERSA a/k/a ANGELA D'AVERSA,
DECEDENT.
DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO.: 26-CP-54

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of ANGELA DAVERSA a/k/a ANGELA D'AVERSA, Deceased, Case No. 26-CP-54 is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of Court, Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of Court, Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327. The names and addresses of the Petitioner and the Petitioner's Attorney are set out at the end of this Notice.

ALL CREDITORS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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

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

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

The Personal Representative or curator has no duty to discover whether property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in sections 732.216-732.228, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under section 732.2211.

The date of first publication of this notice is April 30, 2026.

Petitioner: Peter Daversa
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/s/ Sean W. Gellis
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April 30, May 7, 2026

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

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:
ANN P. CAUSSEAU,
DECEDENT.
DIVISION: PROBATE

File No. 2026 CP 65

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Ann P. Causseaux, deceased, whose date of death was February 17, 2026, is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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The date of first publication of this notice is April 30, 2026.

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April 30, May 7, 2026

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:
CODY L CASTILLO,
DECEDENT.
DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO.: 26-CP-60

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of CODY L CASTILLO, Deceased, Case No. 26-CP-60 is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of Court, Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of Court, Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327. The names and addresses of the Petitioner and the Petitioner's Attorney are set out at the end of this Notice.

ALL CREDITORS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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

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

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

The Personal Representative or curator has no duty to discover whether property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in sections 732.216-732.228, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under section 732.2211.

The date of first publication of this notice is April 30, 2026.

Petitioner: Makayla Harvey-Castillo
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/s/ Sean W. Gellis
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April 30, May 7, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
MARIE FAYE BUSSEY a/k/a MIDGE BUSSEY,
DECEASED
DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO: 2026-CP-67

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Marie Faye Bussey a/k/a Midge Bussey, deceased, File 2026-CP-67 is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney is set forth below.

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

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is April 30, 2026.

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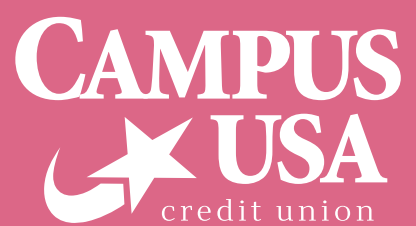
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