

# The Wakulla Sun

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## One charge against Kemp dismissed

Felony charge of using public record to harass is out; he still faces charge of tampering with a witness

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**  
 Editor

The judge presiding over the criminal case of former county commissioner Mike Kemp dismissed one of two felony charges against him for using a public identification to harass.

The case stemmed from the posting on Facebook of a person that Kemp and Wakulla Citizens Page Administrator Becky Whaley was behind the "Thunder Lightning" (sic) Facebook account that was a frequent online critic of both Kemp and Whaley.

But their information was mistaken and instead Whaley posted the voter ID of another person, Craig Rawlings, who had nothing to do with the matter. Along

with the post identifying Rawlings, Whaley noted the public record indicated that person she believed was "Thunder Lightning" had not voted in a Wakulla election despite moving here in 2022.

Circuit Judge Jeremiah Hawkes issued a 9-page ruling on Tuesday, May 9, finding that "there is no real dispute that the defendant used personal identification information... The question at hand is whether (Kemp) harassed (the victim)."

The judge found that Kemp's motive was an effort to reply to an on-line political critic.

"The actions of the Defendant fall into the range of acceptable political debate at least so far as they involving



**Former county commissioner Mike Kemp**

naming his opponent and identifying what he honestly believed was his spotty voting record. That (the victim) had unwanted fallout from the post does not affect its legitimate purpose. His intent was to engage in protected speech, regardless of whether he may have been misguided or reckless in who was named," the judge wrote. "There may be a civil remedy for the er-

rant post but the state cannot criminalize protected speech."

In fact, earlier this month, Rawlings and his wife filed a civil lawsuit in federal court against Kemp, Whaley and Deputy Don Newsome seeking damages for the emotional distress brought on by the actions of the three. (Deputy Newsome was charged with improper use of an agency's database for providing information on the sheriff's database to Kemp with authority. In addition to being a former county commissioner, Kemp retired as a major from the sheriff's office.)

Judge Hawkes did not dismiss the second felony charge of tampering with a witness, finding there was enough evi-

dence for a jury to make a finding.

It's not yet clear if the state attorney's office intends to appeal the judge's ruling, although the office did request a transcript indicating the possibility of an appeal. It's also not clear if the state Attorney General's Office will pursue the appeal.

Stephen Webster, Kemp's attorney, commented: "We appreciate the court's careful consideration of the motion and his opinion which unequivocally demonstrates Mr. Kemp did not engage in any activity which constituted the criminal use of personal ID and that his posts on FaceBook are protected speech under the First Amendment."

"It is a perilous prop-

osition to think that law enforcement can use the (underlying criminal) statute to become FaceBook police - which is what has occurred here," Webster said.

It's not clear what effect the judge's ruling may have, if any, on Whaley's deferred prosecution agreement with the state: she took an offer from the state on the same charge that the judge dismissed in Kemp's case. The deal was the charge against Whaley would be dropped if she admitted the violation and agreed to testify in trial against Kemp.

Deputy Newsome also accepted a DPA on his charges rather than go to trial. He is still on paid administrative leave with the sheriff's office.

### GRADUATION FOR CHAMBER CLASS



### Leadership Wakulla

The second class of Leadership Wakulla graduated in a ceremony held on Tuesday, May 12 at the community center. The program is designed to teach a group about what's going on in the county,

from tourism to education to the justice system and more. This year's graduates were James Lewis, Molly Jones BoWell, Alex Gonzalez, Kaitlyn Wilson, Kellie Wilsey, Novella L. Franklin, Samatha Kennedy, Tina Torrance and Tina Messer. (Photo by William Snowden)

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## R.F. Crum files lawsuit against Wakulla County

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN** / Editor

Panacea businessman Ronald Fred Crum filed a lawsuit in circuit court against Wakulla County over a disputed title for coastal property in Panacea that he wants to develop as an upscale fishing enclave.

At the root of the dispute is whether the county holds some rights to a platted roadway for Division Street that has never been opened. Currently Division Street ends at Clark Drive, but plats show the road continuing onto Crum's property, dividing the lots he owns.

Crum's lawsuit notes that the county commission enacted a resolution in 1980 closing and abandoning that undeveloped portion of Division Street. In 2005, the lawsuit states, the county closed and abandoned Paradise Lane, which also abuts the Crum properties.

The county has claimed in its response that it has title to the property by virtue of quitclaim deed from A.B. Taff and Sons from 2008.

Crum's lawsuit claims that, at the time of that 2008 deed, Taff and Sons did not hold title to the property described.

## Lady War Eagles headed to state semi-final

Staff Report

The Wakulla High School Lady War Eagles are in the Final Four after a walloping of Paxon 13-2 on Thursday, May 14.

In the semi-final to be held this week on Thursday, May 21, the No. 2 Lady War Eagles will face the No. 3 Eustis Panthers at the Boombah-Soldiers Creek Park in Longwood, in the Orlando metro area. The winner plays in the state championship game on Friday against the winner of No. 1 Coral Springs Charter and No. 4 McKeel Academy.

Because the semi-final is on Wakulla's graduation day, a special graduation for the five seniors on the softball team will be held on Wednesday, May 20 at 11 a.m.



Clockwise from above: the team after their victory over Paxon; Parker Stubbs hits a homerun; Stubbs greeted at home plate by her teammates; the five seniors on the team.

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**Makena Glassner – 8th grader at Riversprings Middle School**  
Principal: Josh Sandgren

**Achievements/Reason for Nomination:** Makena is an exceptional student who consistently earns top marks in advanced coursework and demonstrates excellence in the school's band program. In addition to her academic and extracurricular achievements, she has gone above and beyond by dedicating her time to tutoring fellow students in science. Through one-on-one support and encouragement, Makena has worked diligently to help her classmates better understand key scientific concepts in preparation for the 8th grade science assessment. Her leadership, commitment, and willingness to help others make her truly deserving of recognition as Student of the Week.



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## From the notebook: The passing of Mark Wallheiser, stolen flowers



By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**  
Editor

It is with much sadness that we note the passing of photogra-

pher extraordinaire and friend of this newspaper Mark Wallheiser.

A longtime photographer at the Tallahassee Democrat, Wallheiser had an exceptional skill to take photos that told stories.

He was also an avid supporter of this newspaper – and all local newspapers still working to be a local asset, providing news services to their community despite the financial difficulties often facing us.

Mark shared the occasional news photo with this newspaper, including some terrific photos of a fire at a condo in Shell Point several years ago.

Our condolences go out to Mark’s wife, Jeanie Booth, and family.

A Celebration of Life for Mark will be held on June 11 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. at Shell Point Beach, Crawfordville, FL 32327.

Beach attire, chairs, beverages, cookies, cameras, and dogs are

all encouraged.

Please RSVP to booth.jeanie@gmail.com.

In another matter, it is with some considerable disappointment that we note that some scofflaw made off with some of the flowers in front of our office recently.

The newspaper’s salesperson, Lynda Kinsey, keeps up a beautiful bunch of flowers in boxes and planters at the front of

our building.

Numerous people have told me how much they enjoy seeing the flowers out front – and I always give credit to Lynda for her green thumb.

I, on the other hand, have a brown thumb and would kill a weed if I tried to grow one.

At any rate, I came in one Sunday afternoon to start laying out the paper and notice there’s some empty spaces where flowers used to be. And seeing as how it was Mother’s

Day, I assume the culprit stole the flowers to give to his/her dear old mom.

So, if you are a mom and received some potted plants on Mothers Day, namely a hibiscus and a flower fuchsia in a hanging basket, you may be the recipient of some stolen goods.

And shame on the ne’er-do-well who did it.

*William Snowden is the editor and publisher of The Wakulla Sun.*

## Ask Judge Smith: Out with the old and in with the new



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.

**This is part three of three:**

The Revolutionary War began in 1775 and ended in 1783. It spanned over 8 years

(101 months). During that time, many American soldiers received little to no pay for their military service. After the war ended, Congress couldn’t satisfy the nation’s war debts, including soldiers’ back pay. Chronically short of funds, the federal government caused runaway inflation by over-circulating worthless paper money. Farmers were hit hard, and many lost their farms to foreclosures.

In 1786-87, armed mobs looted stores in rural Massachusetts. In January 1787, Daniel Shays lead 1,500 rebels in an attack on the armory in Springfield, Massachusetts. These rebels intended to seize its weaponry and overthrow the state’s government. The federal

government was unable to muster any military response. Instead, a privately funded state militia squashed Shays’ Rebellion.

In May 1787, the Constitutional Convention met in Philadelphia. There, our Founders proposed scrapping the Articles of Confederation and replacing it with a new federal government under a Constitution.

Having been ratified by Congress and the legislatures of all 13 states, the Articles of Confederation could only be dissolved by unanimous consent. Lacking unanimity, the Constitutional Convention baldly asserted that the Constitution would take effect if ratified by Congress and at least nine states. Even so, everyone feared that anything short of a rat-

ification by all 13 states would result in anarchy.

The Federalists, led by George Washington and Alexander Hamilton, wanted to empower the federal government to raise taxes, satisfy the war debts, and regulate commerce. They supported ratifying the Constitution.

The Anti-Federalists, led by Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe, didn’t want to strengthen the federal government. They believed doing so would be at the expense of the people and the sovereign states. Anti-Federalists opposed ratifying the Constitution.

The Federalists believed that the proposed Constitution would provide a strong and flexible government that would adequately protect the

people’s rights. They argued against adding amendments because the new federal government’s powers would already be limited to those specifically delegated to it by the people.

The Anti-Federalists couldn’t raise enough support to save the Articles of Confederation. Likewise, they couldn’t sway enough state legislatures to scuttle ratification of the Constitution by at least nine states. However, they could generate enough opposition to prevent its unanimous ratification by all 13 states. This clout turned out to be just enough leverage to negotiate a compromise.

Anti-Federalists agreed to ratify the Constitution if it included 10 amendments, which became known as the Bill

of Rights. The purpose of these amendments was to protect the people’s individual rights against tyranny and to prevent the national government from usurping the states’ sovereignty.

Even with this compromise, ratification by every state was no slam-dunk. On May 29, 1790, by a vote of 34-32, Rhode Island was the 13th and final state to ratify the Constitution, as amended.

Anyone who listens to CNN or FOX news can still hear the echoes of Federalists’ and Anti-Federalists’ arguments playing out.

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

## On the Horizon Calendar of events for the week of May 21

### Thursday, May 21

- Wakulla High School Graduation will be held at J.D. Jones Stadium beginning at 8 p.m.
- Semi-final playoff game with the Lady War Eagles softball team will be held at Soldiers Creek Park in the Orlando area beginning at 11:30 a.m. Winner goes to the state title game on Friday.
- The Rotary Club of Wakulla County meets at the TSC Wakulla Center at 8:30 a.m. on 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 22

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

### Saturday, May 23

- St. Marks Community Market will be held on Port Leon Drive from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Sunday, May 24

- 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 25

- MEMORIAL DAY – Banks, government offices, and many businesses will be closed to observe the holiday.
- Memorial Day Ceremony, the annual ceremony to honor fallen soldiers, will be held on the grounds of the Wakulla County Courthouse beginning at 10 a.m.
- 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 Stretching 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 26

- 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 27

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

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- Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

**Polled at Palaver Tree's May 20th Family Reunion event:**  
**What's your favorite movie or book about the black experience?**

 <p><b>FLOYD BANKS</b> Buckhorn Masonic Lodge</p> <p><b>"The movie 'The Color Purple,' it just brings out a lot of the history."</b></p>	 <p><b>CARSEN BANKS</b> School &amp; Banks BBQ</p> <p><b>"I liked the Harriet Tubman movie, it shows her experiences and what all she went through."</b></p>	 <p><b>DA'SHA RICH</b> 2nd grade teacher</p> <p><b>"My favorite movie is 'Sinners' by Ryan Coogler. It just came out last year. It's about the black experience in the South in the Mississippi Delta."</b></p>	 <p><b>PAMELA DAVIS</b> Dept. of Revenue/Retired</p> <p><b>"The Wiz' with Michael Jackson and Diana Ross."</b></p>	 <p><b>SHIRLEY MONROE</b> MidFlorida Credit Union</p> <p><b>"I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings' by Maya Angelou."</b></p>
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# Wakulla Crossroads

By **VERNA BROCK**

Last week I wrote about how we can fully live in the moments of our lives. It seems we spend our limited existence trying to balance life's demands with its rewards. The goal may be to live a deeply conscious life, but we always seem squeezed into focusing on mundane tasks like paying bills and doing daily chores.

So what steps can we take to preserve our peace of mind? How do we shift the emphasis from barely surviving day to day, to living every moment?

For me, finding ways to express myself creatively is extremely satisfy-

ing. Writing and painting classes have been great ways for me to meet new people while exercising my creative muscles. Singing in my church choir is spiritually and emotionally fulfilling, and I look forward to joining others in worship through harmony.

Gardening is another way I center myself. There is something therapeutic for me in digging, weeding and planting. It is one of the best ways I know to completely lose myself in the moment. The scent of freshly turned soil, the feel of dirt under my spade, and the satisfaction of seeing a newly planted flower bed are hard to beat!

I have a close friend who finds peace

sitting at a sewing machine creating beautiful works of art. Another prefers cooking and baking, yet another loves horseback riding.

Walking, birdwatching, enjoying music, reading, knitting (the list goes on and on) are all activities that require us to take a beat, and slow down. No one ever crocheted a beautiful afghan in a hurry!

I remember sitting with my grandmother on her front porch, rocking and shelling peas. No one was in a rush, we just sat with bowls in our laps and chatted while popping those shiny black-eyed peas from their pods. The rhythm of our hands matched the rocking, while dinner grew closer with every pop.

So many of my favorite memories center around the moments spent

with the people I love. When I was a little girl, everything seemed to move at a much slower pace. Part of that was because it was a different time, with less technology to distract us. Part of it was because I had fewer responsibilities as a child. But didn't it seem like an eternity til Christmas would arrive each year?

I confess, I often miss that simpler time in my life. Don't we all? But despite today's breakneck hurtle through life, we still have the power within us to slow down and genuinely appreciate the world around us.

All of us have memory-making moments every day of our lives. The secret is to recognize them as they happen, and hold them close.

Decide to cherish every minute, and savor the sweetness.

## Library News

By **LINDA OAKS**  
Library Director

Library News May 21st- May 27th

- Thursday, May 21st
- Creative Writing I 10am
  - Veteran's Meetup 11am
  - Amateur Radio Club 7pm

- Friday, May 22nd
- Quilting Guild 10am

- Saturday, May 23rd
- Closed

- Sunday, May 24th
- Closed

- Monday, May 25th
- No Programs

- Tuesday, May 26th
- No Children's Programs
  - Creative Writing II 10am

- Wednesday, May 27th
- No Children's Programs
  - Mahjong 1pm
  - Knitting Group 4pm

## Employees of the Month



Kimberly Musgrove was Teacher of the Month for April from Riversink Elementary.



Teri Morrison was Employee of the Month for April in the District's Transportation Department.



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## HOME ON THE RANGE

### Battling handguns



By MARJ LAW

Yes, my Kimber Mako is indeed a striker-fired gun. In fact, it's the first striker-fired gun made by Kimber. In the past, Kimber has long been known for its 1911-style handguns, and is fiercely venerated by handgun lovers everywhere. Just say the word "Kimber," and ears will perk up and swivel immediately.

You'd think just the name Kimber would have this gun selling off the shelves like the proverbial hotcakes, and reports on this gun are very favorable.

"The R7 MAKO is Kimber's first polymer-framed, striker-fired, high-capacity, subcompact handgun," says Jay Langston on the Truth about Guns. He goes on to report that the "Kimber R7 Mako ran like a sewing machine."

But, sadly you can't teach old dawgs new tricks.

Gun misogynists. And I'm chagrined to say that Joe is one of them. "It's a striker-fired gun?" he'll scoff. "It will never have a trigger like the 1911-styled hammer guns."

So, I'm planning on comparing my Kimber Mako with Joe's Springfield Ronin.

Now, just a bit of history. Or herstory. I saw the Ronin first and immediately liked it because that barrel is thick thick thick. And it seats really well in the web of my hand because it's rather heavy. Balance is perfect.

But somewhere in the past, I wanted a different handgun and traded



#### Kimber R7 Mako

- 9mm
- Reflex Sight
- Compact



#### Springfield Ronin

- 9mm
- Red Fiber-Optic Sight
- Heavier
- Longer Barrel

It's not like we're competitive or anything. Joe and I just like target practice. So, when I asked him what he planned to shoot on Wednesday morning at the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range, Joe suggested we play a game of Battleship.

"Oh, so we're going to shoot the ships on the target." I'm game. Too bad I left my long-barreled handgun at home. That's the bad news. The good news is that my Kimber R7 Mako with the green (red) dot reflex sight is in the back of the car.

"Yes. You get your target, and I'll get mine. We are shooting 9mm handguns. We'll each shoot 26 times on our targets. Then we'll see who sank the most ships. I bet my Springfield Ronin will beat your Mako, even if you do have a green dot sight. We both know the sight will give you a tremendous advantage."

"Wait a minute. You didn't say this was a competition," I complain.

"Afraid your striker-fired gun won't compare with my hammer-fired Ronin?"

with Joe: the other gun for Joe's interest in the Ronin. Sometimes I rue the day...

Let's make sure we have an accurate comparison. Yes, my Kimber has a green red dot reflex sight. I like it a lot. Placing a dot on the target is much easier than aligning two rear sights to a front sight. I will agree that's an advantage.

No safety? To me, that's an advantage. If Mr. Bad has just broken the door down, I don't want to wonder if the safety is in the correct position.

The Mako fits well in my hand. With the red dot, it weighs 22 ounces. Barrel length is 3.37 inches. Very nice balance.

The Ronin has a red fiber optic front sight. It's quite easy to see. It weighs 30 ounces: substantially more than my Mako. With its weight, it sure does seat well in my hand. Sits well in Joe's hand, too. Like I said of the Mako: great balance.

Ronin has a beaver-tail grip safety. It's large and deep and doesn't get in the way of shooting. There's a thumb safety too. In times of peril, you have to remember: is the safety engaged or not?

Barrel in the Ronin is 4.25 inches. Generally, the longer the barrel, the more accurate. Ronin's barrel is almost an inch longer than the Mako's.

Hm. Maybe I shouldn't be so quick to agree to competition.

The Battleship targets have five ships. One ship has one spot to sink, another ship has two spots, the third has three spots, the fourth has four spots and the largest ship has six spots. You have to shoot a round into all these spots to "sink" ships. So, to get all ships, we have to shoot a total of 16 shots into those spots. We agree that we will shoot 26 shots altogether to try to sink the ships.

Simple, right? We played this game

about 10 years ago. We had no problems then. It's different today. Why is that reflex sight dot wiggling so much? Was there too much caffeine in our coffee? Is the wind blowing too hard? Something just isn't the same. I can't believe these targets are 10 years old.

Anyway, Joe had the same coffee, and the wind is blowing the same for him too.

We shoot. Dang. I used to be so much better at this.

After the agreed-on 26 shots, I gaze at my target. It doesn't look right. It appears that I haven't sunk any of Joe's ships. Time to call "cold!" so we can go downrange and inspect the targets up close. If we even touch one of the spots on a ship, it counts.

We walk downrange. There's something wrong with my target. Only six rounds have hit ships! Let's go look at Joe's target. One, two, three...

He hit eight rounds into my ships! And he sank one of them. Drat.

I guess we're not like fine wine. We have not improved with age. Drat again.

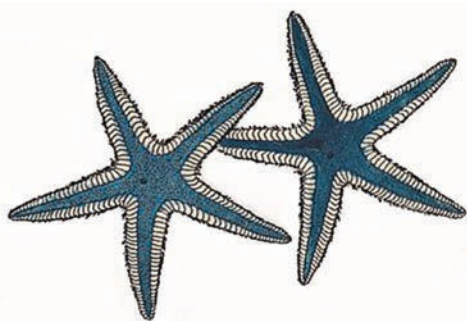
Next time, I'll be shooting with a heavier handgun. One that has a longer barrel. One that has a huge beavertail. And I won't have coffee first.

But I'll keep the red dot sight.

However, remember that if you're protecting your life, you're not shooting at a one-inch spot. You shoot toward the center mass, and that's good. You need to be able to stop the threat, if that threat wants to end your life or do you grievous harm.

Fine tuning is for competition.

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



POINTED SAND STAR  
(*Astropecten articulatus*)

This brightly colored starfish is probably the most common one in sandy continental shelf waters of the south east Atlantic coast. It has five spiny jaws for eating anything that comes its way. It is so good at eating anything that scientists use its stomach contents to do species census of sandy ocean floor. It is often called the royal starfish due to its purple color with gold trim. Arms commonly grow to 3.5 inches.

Animalia, Echinodermata, Asteroidea, Paxillosida, Astropectinidae



### WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO



Retired park ranger Bob Thompson was back on the water for weekly survey of Wakulla Springs, and took this photo of gallinule chicks.

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**Thursday 21**

Sun rise/set: 6:40 AM / 11:32 AM  
8:27 PM / 12:53 AM

Moon rise/set: 11:32 AM / 12:53 AM

Moon Illumination 31%

**Friday 22**

Sun rise/set: 6:39 AM / 12:39 AM  
8:27 PM / 1:34 AM

Moon rise/set: 12:39 AM / 1:34 AM

Moon Illumination 41%

**Saturday 23**

Sun rise/set: 6:39 AM / 1:41 PM  
8:28 PM / 2:08 AM

Moon rise/set: 1:41 PM / 2:08 AM

Moon Illumination 52%

**Sunday 24**

Sun rise/set: 6:38 AM / 2:40 PM  
8:29 PM / 2:39 AM

Moon rise/set: 2:40 PM / 2:39 AM

Moon Illumination 63%

**Monday 25**

Sun rise/set: 6:38 AM / 3:37 PM  
8:29 PM / 3:07 AM

Moon rise/set: 3:37 PM / 3:07 AM

Moon Illumination 72%

**Tuesday 26**

Sun rise/set: 6:38 AM / 4:33 PM  
8:30 PM / 3:35 AM

Moon rise/set: 4:33 PM / 3:35 AM

Moon Illumination 81%

**Wednesday 27**

Sun rise/set: 6:37 AM / 5:30 PM  
8:30 PM / 4:03 AM

Moon rise/set: 5:30 PM / 4:03 AM

Moon Illumination 88%

## Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

May 21 - May 27

GO FISH!

Tide charts by [tides4fishing.com](http://tides4fishing.com)

Best fishing days this month  
Best fishing day(s) is in the center of date ranges.  
May 23, 29 - June 3

**Thursday 21**

Major Times: 6:02 AM / 5:37 PM  
Minor Times: 12:23 AM / 11:02 AM

**Friday 22**

Major Times: 6:28 AM / 6:28 PM  
Minor Times: 1:04 AM / 12:09 PM

**Saturday 23**

Major Times: 6:54 AM / 6:54 PM  
Minor Times: 1:38 AM / 1:11 PM

**Sunday 24**

Major Times: 7:35 AM / 7:14 PM  
Minor Times: 2:09 AM / 2:10 PM

**Monday 25**

Major Times: 8:18 AM / 7:57 PM  
Minor Times: 2:37 AM / 3:07 PM

**Tuesday 26**

Major Times: 9:00 AM / 8:39 PM  
Minor Times: 3:05 AM / 4:03 PM

**Wednesday 27**

Major Times: 9:42 AM / 9:21 PM  
Minor Times: 3:33 AM / 5:00 PM

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

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

Location	Day	Time	Tide
St. Marks River Entrance	Th	12:30 am	▼ -0.4 ft
	Th	7:15 am	▲ 2.8 ft
	Th	11:39 am	▼ 1.9 ft
	Th	5:28 pm	▲ 3.7 ft
	Fr	1:24 am	▼ 0.1 ft
	Fr	8:13 am	▲ 2.7 ft
	Fr	12:50 pm	▼ 1.9 ft
	Fr	6:32 pm	▲ 3.2 ft
	Sa	2:22 am	▼ 0.5 ft
	Sa	9:12 am	▲ 2.8 ft
	Sa	2:25 pm	▼ 1.8 ft
	Sa	8:09 pm	▲ 2.6 ft
Su	3:23 am	▼ 1.0 ft	
Su	10:08 am	▲ 2.9 ft	
Su	4:08 pm	▼ 1.4 ft	
Su	10:15 pm	▲ 2.6 ft	
Mo	4:23 am	▼ 1.3 ft	
Mo	10:56 am	▲ 3.1 ft	
Mo	5:29 pm	▼ 1.0 ft	
Mo	11:50 pm	▲ 2.6 ft	
Tu	5:15 am	▼ 1.5 ft	
Tu	11:37 am	▲ 3.2 ft	
Tu	6:27 pm	▼ 0.5 ft	
We	12:54 am	▲ 2.7 ft	
We	6:00 am	▼ 1.7 ft	
We	12:14 pm	▲ 3.5 ft	
We	7:14 pm	▼ 0.2 ft	
City of St. Marks	Th	1:34 am	▼ -0.3 ft
	Th	7:51 am	▲ 2.6 ft
	Th	12:43 pm	▼ 1.7 ft
	Th	6:04 pm	▲ 3.5 ft
	Fr	2:28 am	▼ 0.1 ft
	Fr	8:49 am	▲ 2.5 ft
	Fr	1:54 pm	▼ 1.7 ft
	Fr	7:08 pm	▲ 3.0 ft
	Sa	3:26 am	▼ 0.5 ft
	Sa	9:48 am	▲ 2.6 ft
	Sa	3:29 pm	▼ 1.6 ft
	Sa	8:45 pm	▲ 2.6 ft
Su	4:27 am	▼ 0.9 ft	
Su	10:44 am	▲ 2.7 ft	
Su	5:12 pm	▼ 1.3 ft	
Su	10:51 pm	▲ 2.4 ft	
Mo	5:27 am	▼ 1.2 ft	
Mo	11:32 am	▲ 2.9 ft	
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Tu	7:31 pm	▼ 0.5 ft	
We	1:30 am	▲ 2.5 ft	
We	7:04 am	▼ 1.5 ft	
We	12:50 pm	▲ 3.2 ft	
We	8:18 pm	▼ 0.2 ft	
Shell Point, Spring Creek	Th	12:54 am	▼ -0.4 ft
	Th	7:36 am	▲ 3.0 ft
	Th	12:10 pm	▼ 2.0 ft
	Th	5:52 pm	▲ 3.7 ft
	Fr	1:50 am	▼ 0.0 ft
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	Fr	1:25 pm	▼ 2.0 ft
	Fr	7:01 pm	▲ 3.2 ft
	Sa	2:49 am	▼ 0.4 ft
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We	1:11 am	▲ 3.0 ft	
We	6:25 am	▼ 1.6 ft	
We	12:29 pm	▲ 3.6 ft	
We	7:32 pm	▼ 0.1 ft	
Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay	Th	12:41 am	▼ -0.3 ft
	Th	7:07 am	▲ 2.1 ft
	Th	11:50 am	▼ 1.4 ft
	Th	5:20 pm	▲ 2.8 ft
	Fr	1:35 am	▼ 0.1 ft
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We	6:11 am	▼ 1.2 ft	
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We	7:25 pm	▼ 0.1 ft	
St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.	Th	12:29 am	▼ -0.5 ft
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We	6:19 am	▼ 1.5 ft	
We	11:57 am	▲ 2.8 ft	
We	7:18 pm	▼ 0.0 ft	
Dog Island West End	Th	12:49 am	▼ -0.3 ft
	Th	8:39 am	▲ 2.1 ft
	Th	12:43 pm	▼ 1.9 ft
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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.

## The Old Pro: Some bear news



By AL HARTMAN

The U. S. Wildlife Federation did a survey of the states that have most problems with bear reactions with humans. Florida belongs very high on the nationwide bear problem call list because Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has one of the

clearest long-term public datasets anywhere.

Its statewide bear page says the agency received 101,956 bear-related calls from 2006 to 2025, with garbage, property damage, animal encounters, and structure issues all part of the mix.

Its regional numbers are especially telling, with the Northeast Region alone totaling 26,594 bear calls from 2016 to 2025 and the Northwest Region totaling 21,729 in that same span.

That is a massive call burden, and it reflects what Florida really is now: a state where black bears and expanding neighborhoods overlap constantly.

The conflict may not always look like mountain-state bear trouble, but it is common, chronic, and thoroughly doc-

umented.

Florida is one of the clearest "for a reason" states on this whole list.

In other bear news, a Tallahassee Judge will rule next month if a lawsuit against FWC on how they approved the recent bear hunt.

A Florida group called Bear Warriors United, is trying file the lawsuit because they say that the FWC used outdated bear population numbers. Judge Angela Dempsey set May 29 for both sides to submit their filings on the bear hunt process.

The weather has been a little rainy but when you can get out the fishing has been good from the beach to miles offshore.

So get out there and catch yourself some.

Happy Hunting and Fishing!



## Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

Oxygen.

September 6, 2012

The princess of gases and a requirement for life as we know it, oxygen is carefully managed by divers.

Most everyone takes this plentiful breathing gas for granted, since oxygen in the atmosphere surrounds us most of the time. We simply breathe it into our lungs, transport it to our cells through the blood and metabolism it to get energy with which to live.

Because water is 800 times denser than the air in our atmosphere, when we are underwater, the oxygen we breath is also denser. In other words, there is more of it per breath.

Most folks appreciate that more of a good thing is beneficial to a point. Oxygen is often provided in the hospital to encourage recovery from many injuries.

Air is no longer the same underwater. Air in the atmosphere at sea level has 21 percent oxygen or .21 of the complete mixture (most of the rest is nitrogen). But underwater, the added pressure increases the number of oxygen molecules per breath the deeper we go.

At a relatively shallow depth of 132 feet (five times the pressure of the surface atmosphere), the diver is breathing the equivalent of 100 percent oxygen at the surface. At a hospital that would be called oxygen therapy! Under pressure that is called Hyperbaric Oxygen (HBO).

Many hospitals provide HBO therapy using a hyperbaric chamber in which to compress patients to treatment depths. Capital Regional Medical Center in Tallahassee has such a chamber under the direction of Dr. William Kepper. Patients with injuries, carbon monoxide poisoning and other maladies are prescribed HBO treatments.

An excess of oxygen becomes toxic to our body. Underwater as divers, we can expose ourselves to greater concentrations of oxygen than on land, making management of the gas much more critical. Air does not reach that critical oxygen dose (a PO2 of 1.6) until 218 feet (not likely seen by recreational divers). But a Nitrox blend of 40 percent reaches the same critical dose at a depth of 99 feet in the ocean.

Divers manage their oxygen by selecting an appropriate blend that is safe at their intended depth. We call this depth the Maximum Operating Depth or MOD.

The therapeutic benefit however, is seldom the reason divers select an oxygen blend. We are most often interested in diluting the nitrogen in the breathing medium by using oxygen.

Our decompression stress created by the greater concentration of nitrogen at depth, limits our dive time. The lower the nitrogen in the breathing mixture, the more time we can spend underwater. We balance the need to reduce nitrogen against an excess of oxygen.

A more traditional use of oxygen on or near the surface post dive works to improve the elimination of the excess nitrogen still left in the body. The application of higher oxygen concentrations improves the safe removal of nitrogen during decompression, that period of 24 hours after the dive.

So we use oxygen to minimize the nitrogen we absorb during the dive and then later, during decompression, we use oxygen to increase the elimination of nitrogen.

Oxygen is the key to a safer dive when carefully managed underwater, and has the unintended benefit of hyperbaric therapy.

Ever wonder why diving can be so addictive?  
**Editor's Note: This is a repeat of a column from 2012.**

## Ocean Conservancy joins lawsuit over red snapper

From News Service of Florida

Ocean Conservancy, an environmental advocacy group based in Washington, D.C., is backing a legal challenge to the recent federal approval of exempted fishing permits for Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

The lawsuit was filed May 5 by the Southeastern Fisheries Association, shortly after the National Marine Fisheries Service issued exempted fishing permits allowing the four

states to set their own red snapper regulations for state and federal waters.

Earthjustice, a Tallahassee-based environmental law nonprofit representing Ocean Conservancy, announced it was filing an amicus brief in the case on Monday.

The filing states the fishing permits undermine U.S. fisheries law and impose "grave harm not just to the South Atlantic red snapper population and those who depend on it, but to the rational, lawful operations of federal fisheries management itself."

Ocean Conservancy contends the changes will result in the annual catch limit being exceeded by 20 times. A release from Earthjustice states the annual catch limit for the recreational sector is 22,797 fish. Meanwhile, a recent two-day red snapper fishing season in Florida resulted in 24,885 landed fish.

On May 11, Gov. Ron DeSantis announced a 39-day red snapper fishing season in the Atlantic coast this year, an expansion from the two days allowed last year.

DeSantis has long

pushed for the federal government to allow longer red snapper seasons in the Atlantic to match the expanded season on Florida's west coast, where the state manages the red snapper population.

"Every single person I talk to that fishes out there will say (the fish are) everywhere," DeSantis said during an appearance in Fernandina Beach to announce the Atlantic season. "I don't believe that the data is accurate. Sure enough, the experience (on the Gulf coast) has shown that that's the case."

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# May America resound with the prayers of future generations



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

What would happen if we taught our children and grandchildren to pray for our nation?

How different might our future generations be if more of us earnestly prayed for those who serve in our armed forces? Think of how glorious

our intercession could be for America – and for the nations that benefit from her influence.

Conversely, imagine where our country would be today if no one prayed for our nation and our military and their families. Or if we neglected our Gold Star families (families of fallen service members).

We owe a great debt to those who are serving and have served. Without them, we'd be vulnerable to our adversaries and suffer unthinkable terror and bondage like some nations are experiencing.

We want our chil-

dren and grandchildren (and their children and grandchildren) not only to live in a free country but also to understand the cost of freedom and never take our great (albeit imperfect) country for granted.

Earlier this month, we prayed for our nation as we celebrated the National Day of Prayer. Now, on Memorial Day, we honor those who have died defending our country. What better way to honor them than by continuing to pray for America, including – rather especially – for our military?

Let's place the protec-

tion of our armed forces high on our prayer list. Let's also intercede for our soldiers' families – especially those who can never welcome their soldiers back home.

I'm thankful God blessed me with people who modeled prayer as a way of life. Because of their example, I sought to model the same to my children. If we teach our younger generations well, perhaps they'll learn to respect our nation's leaders and our military. Maybe they'll be more likely to honor our flag and better appreciate our Gold Star families.

Paul, in 1 Timothy 2:1-2 (ESV), urges us to pray for all people: "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way."

The future of America lies in the hands of our younger generations. As we share our love of freedom with them, may our beloved country resound with an overwhelming multitude of voices in deep, continual prayer.

If we commit to inter-

cede for America, especially for our leaders and our armed forces – and teach future generations to do the same – we could become a country whose values God can bless.

Do our country and its leaders really need our prayers? Would our military and their families notice if we interceded on their behalf?

What do you think?

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## Daylilies of the soul



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

I noticed it recently while visiting one of my grandchildren. Somehow, without me realizing it, that little child I remembered now stood nearly a head taller than me. I could no longer hold him in my arms quite the same way, and if he were to sit with me in our favorite chair there would hardly be room for comfort anymore. The growth did

not happen overnight. It happened little by little in ordinary days until suddenly a young man was standing where a child once stood. The thought of that still tugs at my heartstrings.

His parents probably never saw the change quite the same way because they were blessed to see him every day. I suppose that is true of many things. We often fail to notice gradual change when we live beside it every day. Children grow taller. Parents grow older. And all the while time quietly keeps moving forward as changes gently unfold around us.

It is not only people who change. It happens in the commonplace parts of life that

surround us every day. Driveways become overgrown. Fence rows slowly disappear beneath vines and brush. What once looked neat and open gradually becomes crowded, and because the change happens little by little, we hardly notice it at all. Then a new set of eyes comes along and draws our attention to what we missed seeing every day.

I was reminded of this recently at a place of worship. A new member noticed the overgrowth along the driveway and began trimming it back. What had become crowded and unnoticed suddenly looked fresh, open, and inviting. But the real beauty of his effort was not simply in what had been cleared

away. It was in what appeared days later. Beneath years of tangled brush and creeping vines, a daylily had been waiting for the light to come. Once the overgrowth was cleared away, it opened its bloom heavenward.

It made me wonder how many beautiful things remain hidden beneath seasons of neglect, busyness, hurt, or simply the overgrowth that slowly gathers around the heart. Perhaps this was true of the paralytic man lying beside the Pool of Bethesda. For thirty-eight years he had become part of the unnoticed landscape until one day Jesus walked by and saw the beauty beneath the brookness (John 5).

The same could be said of the woman Jesus encountered while teaching in the synagogue. There she stood, bent over for eighteen years. People had grown accustomed to seeing her burdened beneath the weight she carried. Yet Jesus saw her. And with a word He lifted the heaviness that had bowed her low and caused her to stand upright in His presence (Luke 13). From the paralyzed man to the bent-over woman, the beauty of Scripture is that God not only sees us, but gently lifts the burdens we were never meant to carry alone.

Maybe we are all a little like that hidden daylily. Beneath the overgrowth there is still

something beautiful waiting to bloom. Sometimes all it takes is for the tangled places to be cleared away so the light can reach what has been there all along. And even when it becomes hidden from the eyes around us, it is never hidden from God. For the truest parts of you are not gone. They are simply waiting to awaken again in His presence.

She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me (Genesis 16:13).

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

### OUT TO PASTOR

## Soap isn't always soap



By **JAMES SNYDER**

After several months of mayhem in our house, things began to quiet down. It was beginning to get back to our normal way of life.

Of course, because of the mayhem, many things that needed to be done did not get done. That made The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage jump in line to try to catch up with everything around the house. If there's one thing undone, she cannot sit down.

I was able to get into my office and begin working on projects. I sure missed all that time working on my favorite projects. But I was committed to getting up to date with everything in my office. Of course, my up-to-date definition does not compare with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage's.

I noticed there were a lot of dishes to be cleaned, so I went up to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and said, "Would you like me to do the dishes today?"

After a long period of laughing, she looked at me and said, "Do you remember the last time you did dishes for me?"

My memory isn't always up to date, and I had to think a little bit about what she was talking about. Then it

occurred to me.

About 20 years ago, I did the dishes for her. I think she was away shopping or something, so I decided to step in and help her with some of these kitchen chores.

I packed all of the dishes into the dishwasher. It took me quite a while because I couldn't figure out where they all went. Eventually, I got them all in.

Now I had to find soap to clean these dishes. I looked everywhere, and I couldn't find any soap in the kitchen. I finally went back to the laundry area and found a big box of soap there. I took that soap, went to the kitchen, opened the dishwasher, and just poured it all on those dishes. My goal was to make them cleaner than they've ever been.

I made sure every dish and utensil had a little soap on it. I was going to make The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage proud of her husband's work in the kitchen.

I put everything in the dishwasher, along with the soap, then closed the door and turned it on. I smiled as I heard it working there before me. I then went back to my office to do a bit of work while the dishwasher ran.

While I was in the office, I began to hear a lot of noise from the kitchen that I couldn't explain. It could be the dishwasher, since I've never heard it make that kind of noise before. What was happening in the kitchen?

I got up from my desk and went into the kitchen, and just as I entered the kitchen, I stopped

in great shock. Soap from the dishwasher was pouring onto the kitchen floor.

The dishwasher was cleaning the kitchen floor, which I've never seen before.

That soap kept coming out of the dishwasher. I didn't know what to do. I've never been in a situation like this before. I've never washed dishes before.

I ran over to the dishwasher and turned it off. In a minute or two, the flow of soap ceased coming out of the dishwasher. I looked all over the kitchen floor, and it was soaked with soap.

I did not know what to do, and as I stood there, I heard the front door open, and in walked The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. She came into the kitchen, stopped, and yelled as

I'd never heard her yell before.

"What have you done?" She said to me rather strongly.

I looked at her with some puppy-dog eyes and confessed, "I thought I could help you by doing the dishes today."

She looked at me, looked at the kitchen floor, then looked back at me.

I'm not sure how to resolve this situation. Still, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage looked at me firmly and said, "Why don't you just go to your office and do your work, and I'll stay here in the kitchen and do my work?"

Not knowing what to do, but knowing I was in a great deal of trouble, I did what she said and went back to my office. It took her most of the

morning to clean up that mess I created.

That was 20 years ago, and I've never had that incident happen again. So, when I ask The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage if I could help her in the kitchen, I began to realize that the best help I could do for her was to get out of the way and go to my office.

I later found out that the soap I used was not for dishes but was for something completely different. How did I know there was a different soap for each project?

While in my office, I was reminded of a verse

of scripture.

"Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord" (Psalm 27:14).

In my Christian life, the best thing I can do is get out of God's way and let Him do His work His way. If I don't, I mess up everything in my life.

*Dr. James L. Snyder lives in Ocala with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Telephone 1-352-216-3025, e-mail jamesnyder51@gmail.com, website www.jamesnyderministries.com.*

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# Obituaries

## DEATH NOTICES

• **Cheryl Ann Galloway**, 58, of Crawfordville, died May 12, 2026.

• **Mary Dell Robinson**, 64, of Crawfordville, died May 16,

2026.

• **Mark Cooper Wallheiser**, 72, of Crawfordville, died May 15, 2026.

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

## Sheriff's Report

This report is for activity May 8 to May 15. There were 1,499 total calls for service during the week; 22 arrests; 145 traffic stops.

### FRIDAY, MAY 8

• Deputy Kory Smith responded to Sam Smith Circle in reference to a citizen reporting a theft of some checks. She advised she had placed multiple checks in the mail to pay bills. When the mailman came to deliver her mail, he advised her there was only one envelope in the mailbox. She checked her bank account and none of the checks had been cashed as of this moment. She requested this incident be documented and potentially re-opened if an attempt to cash the checks were made.

### SATURDAY, MAY 9

• Deputy Jackson Kittrell initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle with an expired tag. Upon stopping the vehicle, Deputy Kittrell verified the information through dispatch. The driver reportedly admitted to not having a valid driver's license. His information was relayed to dispatch which advised he had 10 prior Driving While License Suspended or Revoked (DWLSR) convictions. Due to this information, he was placed under arrest and transported to the county jail without further incident.

• Deputy Lexi Kreitlow responded to the sheriff's office lobby in reference to a fraud complaint. Contact was made with the reporting person, who advised he was contacted by someone he believed to be employed by the sher-

iff's office. The unknown caller told him he had a warrant and needed to pay court fees for failing to show up to court. The unknown caller sent him barcodes to submit payment. He sent \$500 to one of the barcodes. He realized the caller was misleading him after the payment was submitted. He wishes to pursue charges for the incident.

### SUNDAY, MAY 10

• Deputy Jonathan Kilbourn responded to Hidden Valley Lane in reference to a citizen wanting to report a burglary. While speaking with him, he advised he came to check on the property when he observed a wagon in the wood line. He thought it strange due to the wagon originally being in the shed. He immediately went to the sheds on the property and discovered them in disarray. He checked on the residence which had burnt down (documented in a prior report) and discovered that items had been moved around as if someone had gone through the rubble. Due to items being missing, he requested a report. Case forwarded to Criminal Investigation Division.

• Deputy Kieron McMillan responded to Elie Carter Lane in reference to a lost property complaint. Contact was made with the reporting person, who advised his binder went missing from his shed. The binder was last seen on May 5 and contained over \$600 in Pokémon cards. He advised someone came by the residence on May 5 to purchase a bean bag chair and may have taken the binder con-

taining the Pokémon cards. The reporting person realized the binder was missing on May 8 as he attempted to place more cards in the binder. He advised the shed containing the binder is unable to be secured properly so it is unknown if someone entered the structure without his knowledge. There were no witnesses to the incident.

### MONDAY, MAY 11

• Deputy Lexi Kreitlow responded to Royal Oaks Court in reference to a criminal mischief complaint. Contact was made with the reporting person, who advised he observed two individuals driving ATVs near his property. He advised the subjects possibly damaged the easement on his property and damaged a lock to a secured area. Contact was made with two subjects in the area on ATVs. It is unclear if the subjects were the ones observed by the reporting person. There were no witnesses to the incident. Nothing further advised.

• Deputy Zachary Godwin conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for an expired registration. Contact was made with the driver who was found to knowingly have a suspended driver's license. He was placed under arrest and an inventory of the vehicle was conducted yielding a firearm and ammunition. He was found to have nine felony convictions as well. He was placed under arrest and transported to the jail without incident.

### TUESDAY, MAY 12

• Deputy Ian Kilbourn responded to Walmart and made contact with Asset Protection Officer who stated an unknown female passed the last

point of sale with approximately \$20 of merchandise without paying. Case forwarded to CID.

• Deputy Dustin Saba responded to the 100 block of Sopchoppy Hwy. and made contact with a citizen who stated he rented a skid steer and the engine compartment caught fire. The fire was extinguished, but the value of the damage was unknown.

• Deputy Zachary Godwin responded to Grayes Place and made contact with the reporting parties, who stated while away someone entered their residence and stole several items totaling \$1,180. Possible suspects have been identified. Case forwarded to CID.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

• Deputy Jonathan Kilbourn responded to Rocky's in reference to theft. Video footage depicted an older white male enter the store stealing \$126 in Pokémon cards and a large boiled peanut order. He departed in a black Chevy with a red kayak in the back. Case forwarded to CID.

• Deputy Joshua Parker made contact with Ethan Gray whom advised his tag was stolen and doesn't know when or where. The tag was entered in to NCIC/FCIC as stolen.

### THURSDAY, MAY 14

• Deputy Dylan Buckhalt responded to the sheriff's office lobby in reference to a fraud complaint. Contact was made with the reporting person, who advised he discovered fraudulent activity to his banking account. He advised

he was recently issued a new banking card and used it on May 11 at the gas station. He started seeing unauthorized charges to his account shortly after this transaction totaling \$1,025.41. He reported the incident to his banking institution. He did not wish to pursue charges at this time and requested the incident be documented in order to begin the refund process. Nothing further advised.

• Deputy Ashton Williams responded to Friendship Lane in reference to a theft complaint. Contact was made with the reporting person, who advised he discovered his firearm was missing from his residence. He last saw the firearm on March 29. He stated he usually keeps the firearm in a backpack, located in his bedroom closet. He advised he recently had bedroom furniture delivered to his residence on May 5. He advised he briefly left the movers unsupervised inside his residence. He was unable to provide a serial number for the missing firearm at this time. Case forwarded to CID.

### FRIDAY, MAY 15

• Deputy Ashton Williams responded to the area of East Ivan Road and Crawfordville Highway, in reference to an incident. A purse was located in the area by an onlooker and turned over for safekeeping. An identification card was located inside the purse. Deputies attempted to return the purse to the owner with negative results. Deputies were unable to locate the involved parties from the initial complaint. The purse was seized for safekeeping. Nothing further advised.

• A citizen called in reference to a vehicle burglary. Video footage was reviewed in the 90 block of Spokane Trail showing an unknown subject on her property. There was nothing taken from her vehicle or shed. There was a vape and cell phone left in the back seat and credit card found on the ground, which she stated was not hers. She did not wish to press charges and signed an affidavit for non-prosecution. Case closed with option to re-open.

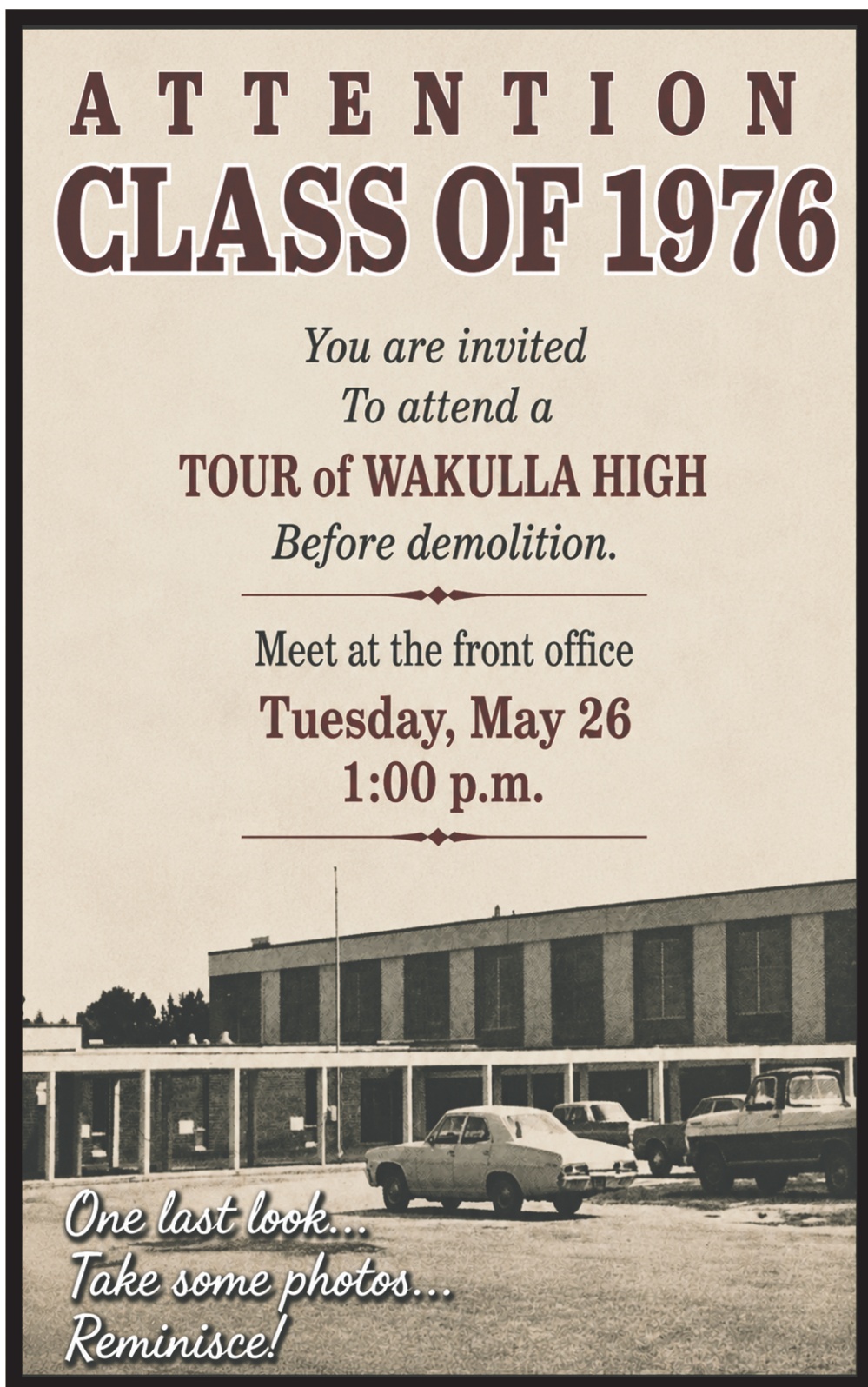
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## Crum lawsuit

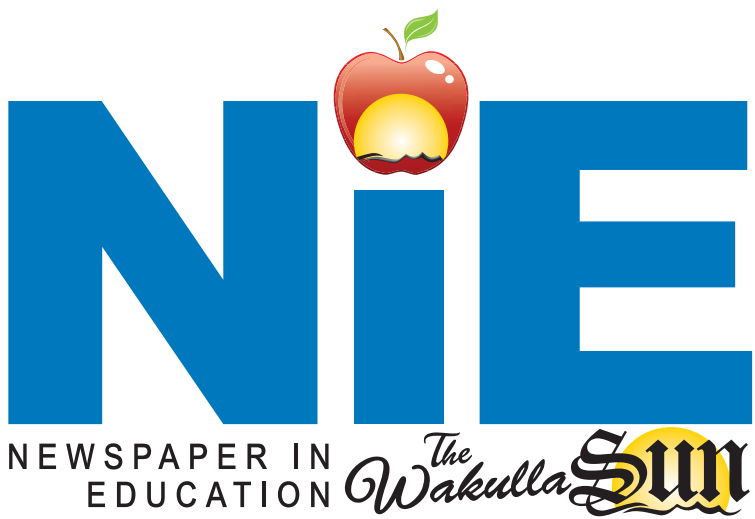
### From Front Page

Crum, who owned Crum's Mini-Mall in Panacea for years and developed properties around the marina, has indicated he wants to develop the property to show off the beauty of Panacea and its bay, building several small houses on the property to rent to fishers, with a common area with a pole barn and a dock.

For several years, Crum has tried to develop the land - he hired Walt Dickson to cut down trees to open the roadway to his property, but a neighbor complained and the county asserted its rights to that part of Division Street.

Crum is represented in the lawsuit by Tallahassee attorney Christopher Lunny.

Wakulla County is represented in the case by attorneys Elmer Ignacio and Matthew Shaud of the law firm Nabor, Giblin & Nickerson.



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## USE THE NEWS

### 1. BULGARIA WINS EUROVISION SONG CONTEST

Bulgaria won the Eurovision Song Contest for the first time after singer Dara surprised audiences with her energetic song “Bangaranga.” The competition took place in Vienna, Austria, and millions of people across Europe watched the performances. Dara was not expected to win before the show, but she earned many points from both judges and viewers at home. Eurovision is famous for colorful costumes, exciting music, and creative stage performances. This year, some countries chose not to participate because of disagreements about Israel’s involvement in the contest, but many fans focused on the music once the show began. Dara explained that the made-up word “bangaranga” was inspired by old Bulgarian traditions and can mean being your best self. Imagine your country is entering a huge international music contest. Design a performance for the show by describing the song, costumes, stage decorations, and dance moves. Then write a short paragraph explaining what message you would want your performance to share with people around the world.

### 2. LONG ISLAND RAIL ROAD STRIKE SHUTS DOWN TRAINS

Workers on the Long Island Rail Road went on strike for the first time in more than 30 years, causing trains to stop running. The workers said they wanted higher pay and better agreements about health care after years of contract talks that did not succeed. More than 270,000 people normally use the railroad to travel between Long Island and New York City, so many families had trouble getting to work, school, and events. Some people had to drive long distances or take buses and subways instead. The strike also affected businesses near train stations and even baseball fans traveling to games. Leaders from the railroad and the unions are still trying to agree on a solution. Think about how important transportation is in your

community. Write a paragraph explaining what problems might happen if buses, trains, or roads suddenly stopped working for several days. Include at least three examples of how people’s daily lives could change and one idea for how communities could help during the problem.

### 3. ARCHAEOLOGISTS FIND MUMMY BURIED WITH THE “ILIAD”

Archaeologists in Egypt discovered a 2,000-year-old mummy buried with a piece of writing from the ancient Greek story called the “Iliad.” The “Iliad” is a famous poem about the Trojan War written by Homer long ago. Scientists believe the papyrus may have been

placed with the mummy to help the person in the afterlife, almost like a lucky charm or spiritual guide. The discovery is special because it shows how Egyptian and Greek cultures mixed together during Roman times. Researchers found the mummy in Oxyrhynchus, an ancient city where many old writings and artifacts have been discovered. Experts say the finding helps people better understand what ancient societies believed about life, death, and the afterlife. Create your own “ancient artifact” that people might discover thousands of years from now. Draw or describe the object and explain what it would tell future historians about life today. Then write a few sentences about why you think

people save special objects from the past.

### 4. LOUISIANA RELOCATION BECOMES A CAUTIONARY TALE

Families from Isle de Jean Charles in Louisiana moved to a new community because rising seas and storms were slowly destroying their island home. The government helped pay for the move to safer land, hoping it would become a model for helping communities affected by climate change. While many families are safer from flooding now, some residents miss their old way of life and feel unhappy with rules and problems in the new neighborhood. Some homes had leaks and repairs, and residents said they did not always feel included in important decisions. Scientists

say climate change may force many more communities around the world to move in the future. The story shows that moving people to safety can still be difficult emotionally and culturally. Imagine your town had to move because of flooding or another natural disaster. Write a diary entry from the point of view of a child moving to a new community. Describe what the child would miss, what might feel exciting or strange, and how they would try to keep old traditions alive in the new place.

### 5. NASA SPACECRAFT FLIES PAST MARS

NASA’s Psyche spacecraft is flying close to Mars as it travels toward a rare metal asteroid far out in space. The spacecraft will use Mars’s

gravity to help speed up its journey, a technique called a gravity assist. During the fly-by, Psyche will take thousands of pictures of Mars to test its cameras and instruments. Scientists are excited because the asteroid Psyche may be made mostly of metal and could be the core of an ancient planet. By studying it, researchers hope to learn more about how planets formed billions of years ago. The spacecraft launched in 2023 and is expected to reach the asteroid in 2029. Pretend you are a scientist working on the Psyche mission. Write a short mission report describing what you hope to learn from the asteroid and why space exploration is important. Include at least two questions you would want the spacecraft to answer during its journey.



## Holiday FACT:

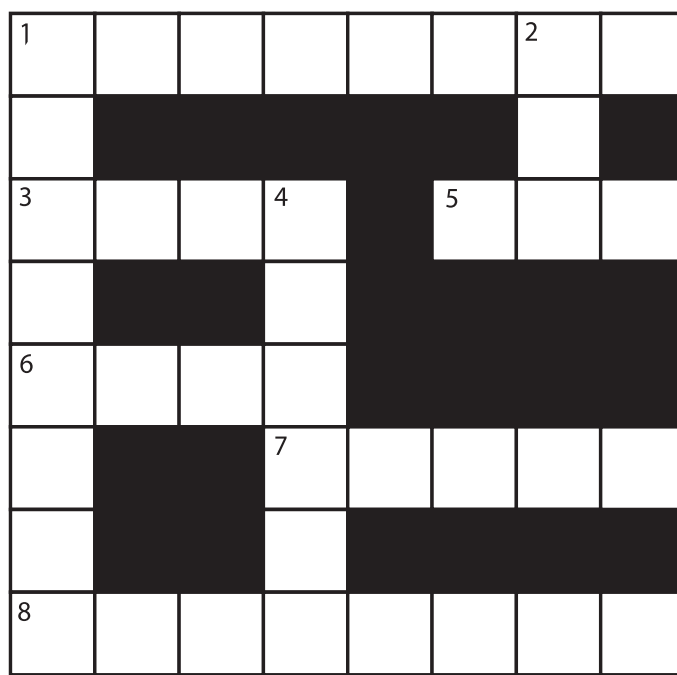
These North American holidays during the month of May may be times when people host guests and serve grilled food.

Answer: Memorial Day, Victoria Day



- English:** Grill
- Spanish:** Parrilla
- Italian:** Griglia
- French:** Gril
- German:** Grill

## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

1. Cuts of beef
3. Curved bones
5. Not high
6. At any time
7. Type of oil
8. Contains a letter

### DOWN

1. Slow-cooked food
2. In addition
4. A way to hit something

Answers:  
 Across  
 1. Briskets 3. Ribs 5. Low 6. Ever 7. Olive  
 8. Envelope  
 Down  
 1. Barbecue 2. Too 4. Stroke

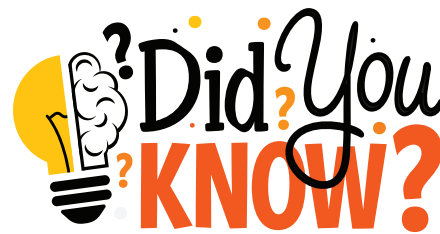


- 1535:** French explorer Jacques Cartier sets sail on his second North American voyage.
- 1911:** Parks Canada, the world’s first national park service, is established.
- 1962:** Marilyn Monroe sings “Happy Birthday” to President John F. Kennedy.



### PELLETS

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

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: SARAH KATHREEN REAKES, DECEDENT.  
DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO.: 26-CP-73

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the Estate of SARAH KATHREEN REAKES, Deceased, Case No. 26-CP-73 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 Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's Attorney are set out at the end of this Notice.

ALL CREDITORS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702, FLORIDA STATUTES, WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

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The date of first publication of this notice is May 21, 2026.

**Personal Representative:** /s/ Sean W. Gellis  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: CYNTHIA BROWN SIMMONS, DECEDENT.  
DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO.: 2024 CP 000107

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of Cynthia Brown Simmons, deceased, whose date of death was April 5, 2022, 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.

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**NOTICE OF FICTITIOUS NAME**

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Notice under Fictitious Name Law, pursuant to Section 856.09, Florida Statutes. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, DAWN GALEENER, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **ANEW AVENUE BIOMAGNETISM**

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Located at 424 Tiger Hammock 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.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

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

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: CAROL JEAN ANDREWS, DECEASED  
DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO.: 2026-CP-50

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the Estate of SHANNON PHILLIPS JOINER, Deceased, Case No. 26-CP-69 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 Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's Attorney are set out at the end of this Notice.

ALL CREDITORS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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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 May 21, 2026.

**Personal Representative:** /s/ Sean W. Gellis  
SEAN W. GELLIS  
Florida Bar No. 105924  
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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: SHANNON PHILLIPS JOINER, DECEDENT.  
DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO.: 26-CP-69

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

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, Case No.: 2026CC47  
FSB AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF CFS15 GRANTOR TRUST,  
PLAINTIFF,  
V.

UNKNOWN HEIRS BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEE,  
LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEE, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING  
AN INTEREST BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, HOWARD WILLIAM  
FRYE, DECEASED, AS AN HEIR TO DOROTHY FRYE AIKJA DOROTHY  
DISTLER, DECEASED; ET AL.,  
DEFENDANT(S).

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

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LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEE, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, HOWARD WILLIAM FRYE, DECEASED, AS AN HEIR TO DOROTHY FRYE A/ KIA DOROTHY DISTLER, DECEASED**

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LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEE, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, CARRIE ANN GARCIA, DECEASED, AS AN HEIR TO SHARON GARCIA, DECEASED, AS AN HEIR TO DOROTHY FRYE A/KIA DOROTHY DISTLER, DECEASED**

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WITNESS my hand and seal of said court at Wakulla County, Florida 13th day of May, 2026.

{{County Court Seal}}

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



May 21, 28, 2026

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

A THENE ANNUITY AND LIFE COMPANY, Case No.: 25000129CAAXMX  
PLAINTIFF,  
V.

TIMOTHY ORRELL A/KIA TIMOTHY CRAIG ORRELL, ET AL.,  
DEFENDANT(S).

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

**TO: TUNKNOW TENANT IN POSSESSION 1  
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**FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE NORTH 17 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY 282.83 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 72 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST 770.04 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 17 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST 283.02 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 72 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST 770.05 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

has been filed against you and you are required to a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Morgan B. Lea, McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, 225 East Robinson Street, Suite 155, Orlando, FL 32801 and file the original with the Clerk of the above- styled Court on or before June 12, 2026 or 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said court at Wakulla County, Florida 29th 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 14, 21, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF  
RICHARD HELMER PAGARD,  
DECEASED  
DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO: 2026-CP-51

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the Estate of Richard Helmer Pagard, deceased, File 2026-CP-51 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.

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The date of the first publication of this Notice is May 14, 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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Personal Representative: Terence Allen Pagard  
5522 Kenwood Place, N., Apt. A  
Seattle, WA 98103

May 14, 21, 2026

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 089**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **AVK REAL ESTATE LLC** The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: **1027** Date of Issuance: **May 29, 2019**

Parcel #: **00-00-035-008-07902-000**

Description of Property:

**Wakulla Gardens  
Block 23 Lot 65  
OR 2 P 886  
OR 813 P 113**

Name in which assessed **VERONA LLC** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **June 17, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

**April 23, 2026**

Signature: Greg James, Clerk

By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk

Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida

**Published on April 30, May 7, 14, 21, 2026**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 087**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **AVK REAL ESTATE LLC** The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: **1032** Date of Issuance: **May 29, 2019**

Parcel #: **00-00-035-008-07922-000**

Description of Property:

**Wakulla Gardens  
Block 24 Lot 17  
OR 1 P 210**

Name in which assessed **RUSSELL J RIES SR/SHARON K RIES** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **June 17, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

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Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 085**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **AVK REAL ESTATE LLC** The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: **1001** Date of Issuance: **May 29, 2019**

Parcel #: **00-00-035-008-07808-000**

Description of Property:

**Wakulla Gardens  
Block 22 Lot 44  
OR 1 P 220  
OR 813 P 144**

Name in which assessed **VERONA V LLC** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **June 17, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 088**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **AVK REAL ESTATE LLC** The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: **1031** Date of Issuance: **May 29, 2019**

Parcel #: **00-00-035-008-07915-000**

Description of Property:

**Wakulla Gardens  
Block 24 Lot 10  
OR 18 P 434  
OR 813 P 107**

Name in which assessed **VERONA LLC** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **June 17, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF  
GERALD BRUCE NORMAN,  
DECEASED  
DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO: 2026-CP-64

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the Estate of Gerald Bruce Norman, deceased, File 2026-CP-64 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.

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The date of the first publication of this Notice is May 14, 2026.

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Florida Bar No. 521450  
Frances Casey Lowe, P.A.  
68-A Feli Way  
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Personal Representative: Benjamin J. Norman  
2884 SE Pace Dr.  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984

May 14, 21, 2026

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
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TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 086**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **AVK REAL ESTATE LLC** The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: **1040** Date of Issuance: **May 29, 2019**

Parcel #: **00-00-035-008-07954-000**

Description of Property:

**Wakulla Gardens  
Block 24 Lot 49  
OR 2 P 652  
OR 813 P 104**

Name in which assessed **VERONA LLC** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **June 17, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

**April 23, 2026**

Signature: Greg James, Clerk

By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk

Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 092**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **DONALD J SHEMWELL** The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: **371** Date of Issuance: **May 29, 2019**

Parcel #: **25-5s-02w-046-03368-000**

Description of Property:

**Aqua De Vida  
Block F Lots 1 & 2  
OR 12 P 190, OR 137 P 793**

Name in which assessed **JAMES ROBERT HARKINS/MARIE DEL BELCHER C/O JF HARKINS** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **June 17, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

**April 23, 2026**

Signature: Greg James, Clerk

By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk

Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 091**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **AVK REAL ESTATE LLC** The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: **1003** Date of Issuance: **May 29, 2019**

Parcel #: **00-00-035-008-07812-000**

Description of Property:

**Wakulla Gardens  
Block 22 Lot 48  
OR 1 P 193 &  
OR 233 P 740**

Name in which assessed **BARBARA ILIDAN** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **June 17, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

**April 23, 2026**

Signature: Greg James, Clerk

By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk

Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 090**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **AVK REAL ESTATE LLC** The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: **1021** Date of Issuance: **May 29, 2019**

Parcel #: **00-00-035-008-07875-000**

Description of Property:

**Wakulla Gardens  
Block 23 Lot 37  
OR 7 P 63  
OR 825 P 309**

Name in which assessed **TARPON IV LLC** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **June 17, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

**April 23, 2026**

Signature: Greg James, Clerk

By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk

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## May 20th gathering

On Saturday, Palaver Tree Theater hosted a 'Family Reunion' to celebrate the upcoming May 20th Florida

Emancipation Day. Food was prepared by the Buckhorn Masons and volunteers, and included fried chicken, 85 pounds of fried mullet, lima beans, barbecued pigs feet, coleslaw, hoecakes, and sweets for dessert. Activities included a May Pole, below. (Photos by Gerald Brown)



## Spring football jamboree held

The Wakulla War Eagles, under new coach Derek Allen, traveled to Chiles to play halves against Tallahassee schools Lincoln and Rickards on Thursday.

Photos by Ken Fields



### NOTICE OF ACTION

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

RANDOLPH SMITH,  
PLAINTIFF,

Case No.: 2025 CA 14

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

### NOTICE OF ACTION

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 SOUTHWEST 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 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.

This 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



A Wakulla Wild Animal Rescue

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

We always need donations of these items:

- Bleach
- Paper towels
- Fruit cocktail
- Birdseed & nuts
- Pedigree wet & dry dog food
- Friskies wet & dry cat food

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