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# The Wakulla Sun



Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Partly Cloudy	PM Thunderstorms	PM Thunderstorms
Hi: 91° Lo: 73° 21%	Hi: 92° Lo: 75° 37%	Hi: 93° Lo: 75° 63%
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## Track record-setter

Riversprings' Sam Harris Jr. is the total package

By WALT JACOBS  
Correspondent

"I wasn't the fastest kid on the block," said Sam Harris Sr. "So when I started getting these phone calls and talking with Coach Kam, he was like, 'Mr. Harris, your son is pretty fast.' I'm like OK, cool. He said, 'I don't think you get it, he's really fast.' I said, OK, well let's see. From there it took off."

In Sam Harris Jr.'s first year competing in track and field, the 14-year-old eighth grader set school records at Riversprings Middle School in the 50 meters (6.1 seconds), 100 meters (11.35 seconds), and 200 meters (22.94 seconds).

Although Harris only competed in the long jump a few times, he also set the school record for that event as well, with a leap of 19 feet 8 inches.

His performances during the season qual-



Sam Harris at the Middle School Track and Field Championship in Bradenton where he finished 6th in long jump, the 200 meters, and 11th in the 100 meters.

ified him for the FLYRA Middle School Track and Field State Champion-

ship held in Bradenton at the IMG Academy. On the biggest stage,

Harris recorded his best numbers of the season, resulting in a 6th place finish in the long jump, 6th in the 200 meters, and 11th in the 100 meters. Harris' stellar performance earned him an invitation to compete in the Under Armour Track and Field Nationals. It is the first time a middle school track and field athlete from Wakulla County has received the honor.

Riversprings Principal Joshua Sandgren described Harris as the "total package."

"Sam is the type of kid that has his priorities in the right way," said Sandgren, "where it's always school first and academics are most important. As tremendous of an athlete as he's grown to become, he still hasn't lost that vision of 'I'm a student before I'm an athlete.' I think a lot of that probably goes back to what his mom

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## Rockin' Reds tournament is this weekend



A competitor at last year's tournament with her catch.

Special to The Sun

The 6th Annual Gage Pitman Memorial Rockin' Reds Fishing Tournament takes place this weekend, June 12-14 at Woolley Park in Panacea.

This annual event honors the life and legacy of Gage Pitman by celebrating his passion for fishing and bringing the community together for a weekend of competitive angling, live music, great food, and a raffle featuring a guitar signed by the Red Clay Strays, along with waterfront fun.

The tournament challenges anglers to reel in red snapper or redfish - two of Gage's favorite catches. At the heart of the tournament is Gage's lasting impact on the community, which lives on through events like this that help fund educational and recreational opportunities for the youth of Wakulla County.

Late online registration is available at [www.gagepitmanmemorialrockinreds.com](http://www.gagepitmanmemorialrockinreds.com) until Friday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m. Anglers can compete by boat in the Inshore and Offshore Divisions or individually in the Youth Division. Boats must be powered by a combustion engine of at least 10 horsepower.

The tournament schedule is as follows:

Friday, June 12 - Kickoff Events at Woolley Park  
• Late in-person registration: Available from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

• Mandatory Captain's Meeting: 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 13 - Tournament Day 1

• Fishing Begins: 5:30 a.m.

• Weigh-In: 2 - 6 p.m.

• Participants must be in line with their fish by 6 p.m.

Sunday, June 14 - Tournament Day 2

• Final Weigh-In: 1 - 4 p.m.

• Participants must be in line with their fish by 4 p.m.

• Drawings and awards for all categories will be held shortly after the final weigh-in

Non-competitors are encouraged to join the fun - watch exciting weigh-ins, enjoy delicious local food, sip ice-cold drinks, and take in festive live entertainment along the Panacea waterfront.

For complete rules, registration information, and event updates, please visit [www.gagepitmanmemorialrockinreds.com](http://www.gagepitmanmemorialrockinreds.com).

## FIRE IN SOPCHOPPY



### Wildfires

The U.S. Forest Service was monitoring the wildfire outside of Sopchoppy on CR 22 and Forest Road 340, which was mostly contained by the weekend.

Another fire was reported in the Springhill Road area near Helen Guard. That fire, too, was mostly contained by the first of the week. (Photo by Gerald Brown)

## POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### Luke Murphy: 'We deserve a warrior in Congress'

By LUKE MURPHY  
Special to The Sun

I grew up on a dirt road in rural Florida. The values that shaped me came from the outdoors, hard work, and a deep respect for the land and waters that make North Florida special. After the attacks of September 11, I left home to serve our country in Iraq, where I was wounded in combat. Today, I am running for Congress because I believe the people of North Florida deserve a representative who will fight as hard for them as I once fought for our country.

Few places embody the Florida way of life more than Wakulla County. From the crystal-clear waters of Wakulla Springs to the St. Marks River, Apalachee Bay, and the Gulf Coast, our natural resources are not only part of our heritage - they are the foundation of our economy and our quality of life.

Generations of families have made their living from commercial fishing, charter fishing, seafood harvesting, forestry, and outdoor recreation. These industries support local jobs, small businesses, and communities



Congressional candidate Luke Murphy

throughout the region. They deserve a voice in Washington.

Unfortunately, too many politicians see rural communities as places to exploit rather

than protect. Whether it is poorly planned development, threats to water quality, or policies that ignore the needs of working families, the people of Wakulla

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

County are too often left behind.

I believe conservation and economic growth can go hand in hand. We should protect our springs, rivers, bays, and estuaries while ensuring local families can continue making a living from the resources they have responsibly managed for generations. Washington should be helping

us preserve these treasures - not imposing one-size-fits-all policies that threaten them.

I will fight to protect Florida's fisheries and the livelihoods they support. That means standing up for commercial fishermen, recreational anglers, seafood distributors, and small business owners who depend on healthy waters and sustainable fisheries. It means ensuring federal agencies use sound science and common sense when making decisions that affect our coastal communities.

I will also oppose ef-

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## Baseball champs

The Wakulla 12U All-Stars appeared at the county commission meeting on Monday, June 1, as district champs and as they prepare for the state championship in Lake City. Coach Jason Perez said the boys on the team

are proud of representing Wakulla and when they won at the district level, they wanted to celebrate by jumping off the high dive at Wakulla Springs in their uniforms. The team is seeking to raise money for travel expenses – donations can be made at the website [wakullabaseball.com](http://wakullabaseball.com) or through the Facebook page for Wakulla County Youth Baseball. (Photo by William Snowden)

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14-year-old Matthew Mathis working as a page during the recent legislative session.

## Matthew Mathis served as page during session

By **LINDA ANN McDONALD**  
Correspondent

Wakulla County's Matthew Mathis is a 14-year-old young man with autism who had the opportunity to complete the Florida House of Representative's House Page and Messenger Program in Tallahassee, February 16 through February 20, 2026.

Fully aware of Matthew's disabilities, he was sponsored by Representative Gallop Franklin II, of Leon and Gadsden counties.

Describing the experience, Matthew said, "It felt good to work with Representative Franklin; he reminds me of myself. He is a black man who also worked his way up through challenges in school, but he made himself a pharmacist and he is able to help the community, I like that."

"I am proud to be a Page and a part of the State of Florida Legislature. I was a little scared at first, but I like to be where all the

action is. After this experience here, I learned how legislature works and is brought back into the community. It was amazing and if I had the chance to do it again, I will do it; I am already asking to do it again next year."

Matthew's adoptive parents are David and Deana Morris, and he is a great grandson to the late Buster and Myra Mathis of Sopchoppy.

Deana Morris said, "He had a blast serving his representatives! His sponsoring representative was Gallop Franklin, of Leon and Gadsden counties who signed for him to serve knowing that he has disabilities. This allowed him to participate and learn and for him to not be defined or limited by his disabilities."

Pages and Messengers are students who come to the Capitol and work one week during the 60-day Regular Session. Each of our 120 Representatives may sponsor one Page and one Messenger. Pages

and Messengers assist Representatives and their staff during the Capitol's busiest time of year while observing state government in action.

The Page & Messenger Program is a long-standing tradition in the Florida House of Representatives. Our historic journals include mention of them as far back as 1865. Each student who serves as a Page or Messenger will have his or her name appear in the Journal of the House. This will be an official record of their time spent in the Florida House to one day show their children and grandchildren.

While performing their duties, Pages and Messengers have the opportunity to observe lawmakers, lobbyists, staff, and constituents working together in the legislative process. Opportunities will include committee meetings, House sessions in the Chamber, and occasionally press conferences with notable people or celebrities.



## Three generations of Optimists

The Optimist Club of Wakulla was chartered on May 27, 1971. Noah Posey, one of its founding members, enjoys the distinction of being part of an Optimist Legacy family with three generations of his family currently active in the club. His daughter Sherrie Posey Miller and grandson Kinsey Miller are also members. The Wakulla Coastal Optimist

Club enjoys a long history of supporting the youth of Wakulla County through scholarships, oratorical and essay contests, brain brawls and many other activities. Thank you to the Posey family for your continued support! Pictured are Sherrie Posey Miller, Kinsey Miller and Noah Posey.

## Moose hold jelly drive

Kay Cannon (Lodge President) and Pat Harrington (Lodge Vice President) took jelly donations to the Wakulla Giving Hands for the Sunday distribution. Thank you Wakulla Moose Lodge for your generosity! This is how you take care of your community and what the Moose is all about!



## Moose donations

Moose Lodge 2510 held a successful moose migration Walk fundraiser that raised \$930 was raised with over 50 participants! The Women of The Moose donated half to Big Bend Maritime Center (a boat-building center for children

in the Panacea area) and the other half went to Sleep in Heavenly Peace which builds bunk beds for kids in Wakulla County that have no beds (run through the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office).

## Murphy

From Front Page

forts that threaten North Florida's rural character. Massive industrial projects and poorly planned development have no place in communities when they jeopardize our water resources, wildlife habitat, forests, and quality of life. Once these resources are lost, they cannot simply be replaced.

Conservation is not a partisan issue. It is about stewardship. We have a responsibility to leave our children and grandchildren a North Florida that is cleaner, stronger, and more beautiful than the one we inherited.

The people of Wakulla County understand sacrifice, hard work, and personal responsibility. They deserve a Congressman who shares those values and who will fight to protect the waters, forests, fisheries, and way of life that make this region unique.

North Florida deserves better. It is time to send a warrior to Washington. Find out more at LukeMurphyForCongress.com

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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.”

## It's time to celebrate America 250! and the time capsule



By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**  
Editor

This year is the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America.

In addition to the usual Fourth of July

fireworks and festivities at Sopchoppy and St. Marks, there's going to be something a little different on the courthouse grounds a couple of days before that: digging up a time capsule buried in 1976 for the Bicentennial.

And then burying a new time capsule to be opened in 50 years, in 2076.

Thanks to Clerk of Court Greg James for chairing this committee and bringing together people interested in it.

I looked up stories on the time capsule from the bounds volumes of the newspa-

per from 1976 and found a story from November 1976 where the main issue before county commissioners was where to bury the time capsule. The site selected was the flower bed in front of the courthouse.

“It was one of the shortest and least controversial meetings in recent months,” the article said.)

A month later, a story in the Dec. 23, 1976 issue, noted that the time capsule was originally going to be buried for 100 years, but that was reduced to 50 years – and a second time capsule was add-

ed.

Some of the items placed in the capsules range from a J.C. Penney's catalog to a savings passbook from Wakulla State Bank in which then-bank vice president Walter Dodson noted the account had been created with \$100 in it.

There was a \$2 bill, a brochure from the Panacea Blue Crab Festival and a Bicentennial necktie, brochures of Wakulla County and Wakulla Springs, a copy of the historical publication Magnolia Monthly, and a Wakulla War Eagle button. Plus various business

cards and menus from local restaurants.

What survived? What condition is this stash of stuff in? We'll find out on July 2 on the courthouse grounds at 5:30 p.m.

The only surviving person at that ceremony from 50 years ago is retired Sheriff David Harvey, who was sheriff-elect at the time and just 26 years old. He is scheduled to be at the capsule-opening ceremony, as are members of the Wakulla High School Class of 1976 and the Class of 2026.

Local civic groups have been asked to submit items for the

time capsule that's being buried that day.

If you'd like to send a message to the future, we're going to print an America 250! section in the newspaper that will go in the capsule.

You can write a note to future generations sharing what life is like now or a photo of your family to be opened in 50 years by contacting Lynda Kinsey at (850) 962-8019.

July 2 promises to be a dramatic day.

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

### LETTERS FROM READERS

## Looking for musicians who want to take next step

Editor, The Sun:

My name is Steve Defibaugh, President of Dynamic Music International.

I am working with Al Gomes at Big Noise Promotions on a Grammy campaign for some songs I wrote. Al Gomes/Big Noise is a full voting and nominating member of the Recording Academy and has made the career's of Christina Aguilera, Alice Cooper, Chicago, Viola Davis, and Katharine McPhee just to name a few. They all

won Grammys.

I'm recruiting people for the band "New Magic" to learn the songs, record, and play live shows between June and September with October being the big "For your consideration" party to meet record companies, producers, management firms, entertainment attorneys, musicians and more.

I am paying all production and promotional expenses. All I want are artists who would like to take the next step.

Contact: Steve Defibaugh  
(850) 210-9595

niknar1548@yahoo.com

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**Steve Defibaugh**

## Junior Optimists collect can tabs

The Junior Optimist Club at Riversink Elementary held a contest to see which homeroom could collect the most aluminum can tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald. The fourth and fifth grade classrooms had a fierce competition going all month long, but the fifth grade came out on top. Winning first place was Mrs. Alvarez's fifth grade homeroom. Her students were rewarded with an ice cream party for their dedication to this service project. Junior Optimist president, Kyle Lowry, and his mom, Angelique Harper-Lowry, delivered all the can tabs after the students went



through them with magnets to make sure all the can tabs were aluminum. The Ronald McDonald House provides a place for parents to stay when they have sick children needing hospital care all around the world.

## Something on your mind?

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

## On the Horizon Calendar of events for the week of June 11

### Thursday, June 11

- St. Marks City Commission meets at the St. Marks Yacht Club at 6 p.m.
- The Wakulla County Cancer Support Group meets in the Education Center of the Crawfordville United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. This group meeting is for men and women, regardless of the type of cancer. Spouses, caregivers, and friends are welcome. For more information, call 850-926-6050.
- 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, June 12

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

### Saturday, June 13

- Rockin' Reds fishing tournament in memory of Gage Pitman will be held throughout the day at Panacea's Woolley Park.
- Keep Wakulla County Beautiful's Greatest American Cleanup, will be held at Hudson Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group will meet at the Wakulla County Public Library at 10 a.m. every second Saturday of the month.

### Sunday, June 14

- FLAG DAY.
- Rockin' Reds fishing tournament will be held throughout the day at Panacea's Woolley Park.
- 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, June 15

- School board meets at the district office at 5:45 p.m.
- County commission meets in the commission boardroom at 6 p.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, June 16

- 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, June 17

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

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– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

## Polled at the monthly Panacea Community Market: What do you like to shop for at markets like this?



**ASHLEY BURLISON**  
Special Ed Teacher

**“I shop for fresh local produce and homemade baked goods.”**



**MARY BELL**  
Bookkeeper

**“I just like to come out and support local businesses.”**



**KATHY ENNS**  
Unique Quality Bags

**“For me it is a variety of baked goods and craft items.”**



**CHRIS BLAICHER**  
Retired maintenance

**“Kettle Corn, caramel.”**



**SARA BROCK**  
Granny's Goodies

**“Anything rare, because you just cant buy everything at Walmart.”**

## Wakulla Crossroads

By Verna Brock

First, I'd like to remind everyone that the Wauulla United Methodist Church is having a garage sale to help raise funds for our Food Pantry. As you know, grocery costs are only rising. The pantry operates, as it has for years, on donations from friends. This Saturday you have an opportunity to help support a cause that helps many families. Jesus bade us feed the hungry and clothe the naked, among other things.

Come out this Saturday, June 13th, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. to the log cabin church on the bike trail. The Kast Net will have its food truck there serving lunch and is generously donating all proceeds to help stock the pantry. Arts and crafts makers will be in the Alford Social Hall, while the garage sale will be in the little white

chapel. Be sure to get there early to scoop up the great bargains! See you there!

Recently, I have been in a lot of discussions, conversations and powwows concerning the proposed property tax “reform” making its way to the ballot as an initiative for voters to either approve or reject. Admittedly, at first glance, it sounds like a pretty good deal. Who doesn't want to pay fewer taxes?

Recently, someone I love and respect made the comment, “I'm tired of paying rent on a house I'm supposed to own.” He seemed to overlook that taxes support services. Everything from ambulances, fire and police first responders, road and bridge departments, libraries, parks and recreation, the courts—the list goes on and on.

Sure, we could all pick and choose

things we might think unnecessary, but our elected representation has spent entire careers balancing the wants and needs of constituents. Property appraisers are intimately acquainted with how revenue is raised, and how funds are disbursed in accordance with state and federal laws. The current system seems to be a delicately balanced edifice held together by a net of legislation that has been calibrated and amended to “fix” previous unintended consequences.

The current proposals could (and most likely will) sweep away the foundation designed to support services for even the most fragile citizens among us. Eliminating the bulk of property tax will necessitate other ways to fund government and services. The most obvious alternative, since Florida has no income tax, could be a shocking increase in the sales tax. Another option could be levying fees for services. Either way (or both), these solutions would place significant regressive pressure on those with the fewest re-

sources.

In small rural counties such as ours and our neighbors, funding sources are seriously limited to begin with. Small population, limited developable land and economic development all result in a much smaller tax base from which to draw resources. Despite these restraints, the state legislature has worked to equalize and balance how taxes are paid.

Some legislators say the law would hold ad valorem funds for education “harmless.” However, careful reading of the bills suggests there might be a way to reduce school funding in the fine print.

No matter what, this seems a pretty clumsy effort to reduce tax burdens without adequate forethought and planning.

I urge you to follow this legislation as it moves through the process from the special session to the ballot. Make sure you truly understand all of the ramifications your vote might have.

## KWCB plants fruit trees

Special to The Sun

Keep Wakulla County Beautiful was joined by volunteers from the Wakulla County Garden Club on June 6 for another successful fruit tree planting at Azalea Park, helping prepare the park for Wakulla County's Greatest American Cleanup celebration scheduled for June 13.

During the workday, volunteers planted a variety of fruit trees, including pear, plum, peach, apple, and persimmon trees. The group also removed a dead Bradford pear tree to make way for healthier, more productive plantings.

This marks the third fruit tree planting event at Azalea Park as part of KWCB's ongoing Park a Tree initiative. Through the program, individuals, families, businesses, and organizations can sponsor a fruit tree. Each sponsorship includes a personalized engraved brick monument and an interactive sign that allows visitors to learn more about the tree and its sponsor. Sponsorship funds help cover planting and



maintenance costs while supporting KWCB's goal of expanding fruit tree plantings into additional parks and public spaces throughout Wakulla County.

The timing of the planting was especially meaningful as volunteers worked to enhance Azalea Park in advance of the community's Greatest American Cleanup celebration on June 13.

Currently, four trees at Hudson Park have been sponsored through the Park a Tree program. Current sponsors include Sheriff Jared Miller; a tree dedicated in memory of Naoma Ruth Irons by Colin Irons; a tree dedicated in memory of Ruth Sobkowski by Christina and Steve Sanabria; and a tree dedicated in memory of William and Owen But-

ler by Kathleen Butler.

As additional sponsorships are secured, KWCB plans to continue growing the community orchard and bringing more fruit-bearing trees to public spaces where residents can enjoy their beauty, environmental benefits, and future harvests.

KWCB extends its sincere appreciation to the volunteers from the Wakulla County Garden Club for donating their time and expertise. Partnerships like these help strengthen the community while creating greener, healthier public spaces for everyone.

For more information about sponsoring a tree through the Park a Tree program, contact Keep Wakulla County Beautiful or visit [www.kwcb.org](http://www.kwcb.org)

## Sam Harris

From Front Page

and dad have instilled in him.”

Harris' dad, Sam Harris Sr. said, “I can't give all the credit to me and his mom. Just like he brags about his parents, Sam brags about Coach Knight, he brags about Coach Kam, he brags about all the teachers out there, the principal, just everybody. You know it takes a village to raise these kids.”

Kam Rosier, Harris' track and field coach, said, “Sam is very humble, very self-motivated, and very outgoing. He's always willing to put in the work and go above and beyond, with no questions asked.” Rosier continued, “He exceeds all expectations that he has set for himself. Even the goals that I had set for him as a coach, he set his own goals even higher. He's an overachiever, a real true go-getter when it comes to sports, academics, all around. He's the definition of a student-athlete.”

Tom Robison is another coach and teacher who has had the pleasure of having Harris as a pupil. Robison, who played professional football in

both the USFL and the NFL, raved about Harris saying, “He is one of the most respectful kids his age. It's pretty amazing. He's very polite and no trouble. If you ask him to do something, there is no argument, there is yes sir and he does it.”

“At some point, you're going to be playing against people that have just as good or better physical abilities as you do,” says Robison. “If you're better, you're just barely better.” Robison believes diligence, discipline, and preparation make the difference.

Rhetorically, Robison asked, “Do you put in the work? Are you prepared? Do you know what you're going to do? Do you put in the practice time? Do you pay attention? Are you studying?” Robison affirmed, “Sam is unbelievably coachable. He will respond and work hard.” He added, “He's really an amazing kid. If the school was full of kids like Sam, what an easy job teaching and coaching would be. He's a tremendous young man with a great future.”

Harris' optimistic outlook and affable demeanor have made a positive impact on everything

he does and everyone he meets. Harris' math teacher Sierra Miles said many students claim Harris as “their best friend.” Harris' parents recognize these traits in their son as well and are proud of how he conducts himself. Harris' mother, Janay said of her son, “He is so sweet.”

That may sound like a mother just saying what mothers are expected to say, but her words were seasoned with such love and tenderness that you could not help but feel the truth in them. Harris Sr. said, “He knows how to uplift people around him. When he's out there with the other kids, they are happy to see him. He comes around, he gives them a little advice, not only that, his energy rubs off on them, he's always staying positive and saying you know what, we can do better today, let's do better tomorrow, every day we come in let's just get better.”

High achievement is something that everyone has come to expect from Harris, leaving Principal Sandgren to conclude, “If he continues to work at it, I think Sam Harris could be one of those names that people remember for a very long time.”

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## HOME ON THE RANGE

### The Ruger LCR Model 5401 38 Special +P



By MARJ LAW

Last week, Joe and I visited Panama City to watch over grandchildren. As we were leaving their house, the car just happens to notice a gun shop. And, all by itself (of course), the car's nose turns into the parking lot.

Since the car is now in the lot anyway, we have to go into the shop and view the inventory. Right. Wouldn't you?

At the end of a long glass-topped case, I spy something pink. And not just any pink. This gun sports an aggressively pink grip. Neon pink. Glow in the dark pink? Well, probably not. But the grip is pink enough to make anyone look in horror. (Ha!)

"What is... that?" I ask Joe.

"It's a Ruger .38," he replies. "It will take +P ammunition."

"Oh great," I say in a voice the salesperson can't hear. "Some guy is going to buy his wife a .38. And not just a .38, but one with the most violent pink grip anyone can possibly find."

Joe knows that I'm not a fan of .38s anyway. He

knows I feel that men buy .38s for their spouses because .38s are simple to use and will never jam. While I agree that they are indeed simple to use and will probably never jam, I have strong feelings against .38 revolvers.

I've met many women over the last 16 years at the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range. And many of them come with... you guessed it... a .38 revolver. Something they were told by their spouse that the .38 is the best gun for a newbie because all they have to do to defend themselves is to point and shoot.

Loading? It's a breeze. All you have to do is drop the rounds into each of the five holes in the cylinder. How easy is that?

I recall a day when I met Evelyn.

While the range was "hot," Evelyn took her gun out of its pouch.

"This is my new gun," she told me proudly. "It's a .38. I even have ammunition!"

I look at frail white-haired Evelyn. She's 75 if she's a day. "My nephew went with me to a gun shop. He said this is the gun I should have for protection. He even bought it for me! He's a fine nephew."

Of course, I agree that she has a fine nephew. We discuss safety rules of the range. We talk about grip and stance. "I know how to load it!" Evelyn said proudly. "James taught me. I can do it by myself!"

So, while keeping the muzzle of her gun pointing downrange, Evelyn loaded her new .38.



**Ruger LCR 5401  
38 Special +P**

"Your gun will have quite a bit of recoil," I warn her. "Hold your grip tightly."

"James showed me how to push with my right and pull back with my left," she said confidently. "See? This gives me strong arms!"

She aimed. She pointed. She pulled the trigger. Blam!

Evelyn's hands flew in the air and she dropped her gun in surprise.

She turned to me. "That thing kicked hard. Is it always like this?"

Joe answered: "Well, you can find ammunition called Wadcutters. They have a lot less powder in them, so the recoil is less. Would you like to try them?" He happened to have some .38 Wadcutters in his bag.

"Yes. Especially if they don't kick so much."

We loaded her gun with Wadcutters. She looked at Joe. "Can I watch you shoot?"

Of course, Joe was happy to shoot. He aimed and fired. Blam! The bullet hit the target.

"Okay. I'll shoot now," said Evelyn. She aimed and fired. Again, her hands flew in the air.

"Let's try again," sug-

gested Joe.

"Oh, no," Evelyn sat down on the bench. "I think I'll just watch you shoot."

Needless to say, Evelyn didn't shoot again. The .38 had far too much recoil for her, even with Wadcutters.

So, today I'm looking at that .38 in the gun store. The model 5401 is quite small. It is 4.5 inches tall with an overall length of 6.5 inches. It weighs 13.5 ounces. That's light! And the barrel is only 1.87 inches. The rubberized pink Hogue grip looks to be half of the overall length.

There's a reason for the big pink grip. Matthew Maruster, writing "Ruger LCR Review, Why I still Love this .38 Special Revolver" suggests a reason:

"Of course, the downside to very light guns, especially revolvers, is greater felt recoil. Ruger addressed this well by adding a rubber, Hogue 'Tamer Monogrip' that makes the gun easier to grip and control. Also, the area high on the back strap, where the webbing of your hand would meet, has an added rubber insert that helps lessen the felt recoil."

Recoil is subjective. Where felt recoil can be light for a large man, it can be a lot harder for a woman.

Matthew continues: "Ruger says the trigger pull weight should be around 7 lbs, 8 ounces. I would put it closer to 10-11 pounds, as it maxed out my 8 lb trigger pull gauge and had quite a bit more to go."

So, on top of sporting a large rubberized grip to help reduce recoil, trigger pull is also difficult. I prefer a trigger pull of 4-5 pounds, and this LCR's is a whole lot more. Why would a mature woman choose a handgun with a hard trigger pull and a harsh recoil?

Usually, with the greater mass of the gun, you have less felt recoil because the greater mass absorbs some of it. However, due to customers wanting small and easily-concealable guns, they end up purchasing lighter handguns that have greater "felt recoil." Ruger lightened the LCR with a polymer frame and fluting on the stainless-steel cylinder.

While the LCR already has a great recoil, as a defensive gun it can take

the +P ammunition. This would give it even more "felt recoil."

Evelyn would have had an awful time with this gun. It has the hard trigger pull and a hard felt recoil. On top of that, the sights are difficult. The rear sight is a groove notched integrated to the metal, and the front sight is a dark metal pinned ramp nib that's hard to see. I've read that the front pinned ramp sight can be replaced with a fiber optic sight. This just means to me that Ruger is aware that the front sight should be more obtainable.

The bottom line for me is that I feel 38 lightweight revolvers tend to have a hard trigger pull and a lot of recoil. Since this particular handgun will take the higher +P rounds, it will have even a higher perceived recoil and trigger pull.

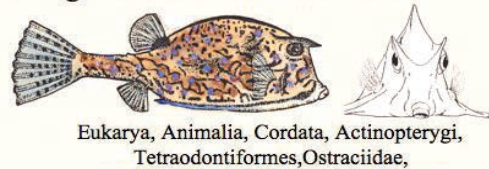
Yes, a small snub-nose revolver is a "point and shoot" gun made for defense. The problem is: will Evelyn practice with it? Will you?

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



**HONEYCOMB COWFISH**  
(*Acanthostracion polygonus*)

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



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## WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO

Local photographer Perry Dismore shot this manatee in the Wakulla River, while Lisa Vince shot a Sopchoppy white squirrel.



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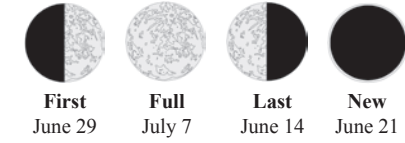


## Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

June 11 - June 17



Tide charts by  
tides4fishing.com



Best fishing days this month  
Best fishing day(s) is in the center of date ranges.  
June 12 - 17, 21, 26 - July 2

Thursday 11	
Sun rise/set 6:35 AM 8:38 PM	Moon rise/set 3:19 AM 5:03 PM
Moon Illumination 17%	
Friday 12	
Sun rise/set 6:35 AM 8:38 PM	Moon rise/set 3:58 AM 6:14 PM
Moon Illumination 9%	
Saturday 13	
Sun rise/set 6:35 AM 8:39 PM	Moon rise/set 4:45 AM 7:29 PM
Moon Illumination 3%	
Sunday 14	
Sun rise/set 6:35 AM 8:39 PM	Moon rise/set 5:41 AM -
Moon Illumination 0%	
Monday 15	
Sun rise/set 6:35 AM 8:40 PM	Moon rise/set 6:47 AM 8:41 PM
Moon Illumination 0%	
Tuesday 16	
Sun rise/set 6:35 AM 8:40 PM	Moon rise/set 7:59 AM 9:47 PM
Moon Illumination 4%	
Wednesday 17	
Sun rise/set 6:35 AM 8:40 PM	Moon rise/set 9:13 AM 10:42 PM
Moon Illumination 9%	

For tides at the following points add to Dog Island Listings:  
 Carrabelle 28 Min. High Tide 25 Min. Low Tide  
 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	5:05 am ▼ 1.6 ft	11:08 am ▲ 3.6 ft	6:27 pm ▼ 0.0 ft	
Fr	1:09 am ▲ 3.2 ft	6:02 am ▼ 1.8 ft	11:55 am ▲ 3.8 ft	7:24 pm ▼ -0.5 ft
Sa	2:09 am ▲ 3.4 ft	6:55 am ▼ 1.9 ft	12:42 pm ▲ 4.0 ft	8:17 pm ▼ -0.9 ft
Su	3:03 am ▲ 3.5 ft	7:44 am ▼ 1.9 ft	1:30 pm ▲ 4.2 ft	9:08 pm ▼ -1.1 ft
Mo	3:52 am ▲ 3.4 ft	8:31 am ▼ 1.9 ft	2:19 pm ▲ 4.4 ft	9:57 pm ▼ -1.1 ft
Tu	4:38 am ▲ 3.4 ft	9:17 am ▼ 1.9 ft	3:07 pm ▲ 4.4 ft	10:44 pm ▼ -0.9 ft
We	5:21 am ▲ 3.3 ft	10:03 am ▼ 1.8 ft	3:56 pm ▲ 4.3 ft	11:28 pm ▼ -0.6 ft

**City of St. Marks**

Th	12:34 am ▲ 2.8 ft	6:09 am ▼ 1.4 ft	11:44 am ▲ 3.3 ft	7:31 pm ▼ 0.0 ft
Fr	1:45 am ▲ 3.0 ft	7:06 am ▼ 1.6 ft	12:31 pm ▲ 3.5 ft	8:28 pm ▼ -0.5 ft
Sa	2:45 am ▲ 3.1 ft	7:59 am ▼ 1.7 ft	1:18 pm ▲ 3.7 ft	9:21 pm ▼ -0.8 ft
Su	3:39 am ▲ 3.2 ft	8:48 am ▼ 1.8 ft	2:06 pm ▲ 3.9 ft	10:12 pm ▼ -1.0 ft
Mo	4:28 am ▲ 3.2 ft	9:35 am ▼ 1.8 ft	2:55 pm ▲ 4.1 ft	11:01 pm ▼ -1.0 ft
Tu	5:14 am ▲ 3.1 ft	10:21 am ▼ 1.7 ft	3:43 pm ▲ 4.1 ft	11:48 pm ▼ -0.9 ft
We	5:57 am ▲ 3.0 ft	11:07 am ▼ 1.6 ft	4:32 pm ▲ 4.0 ft	

**Shell Point, Spring Creek**

Th	12:20 am ▲ 3.1 ft	5:23 am ▼ 1.7 ft	11:30 am ▲ 3.7 ft	6:47 pm ▼ -0.1 ft
Fr	1:26 am ▲ 3.3 ft	6:18 am ▼ 1.9 ft	12:15 pm ▲ 3.9 ft	7:42 pm ▼ -0.6 ft
Sa	2:24 am ▲ 3.4 ft	7:09 am ▼ 2.0 ft	1:00 pm ▲ 4.2 ft	8:34 pm ▼ -0.9 ft
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We	5:37 am ▲ 3.4 ft	10:22 am ▼ 1.9 ft	4:13 pm ▲ 4.3 ft	11:49 pm ▼ -0.7 ft

**Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay**

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**St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.**

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**Dog Island West End**

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### BIRDING AT THE REFUGE

# Birding in the rain

By DON MORROW

Before leaving for St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge this morning, I had studied the weather radar and worked things out very carefully. It was a perfect plan. The rain would clear out at 6 a.m. just as I arrived.

Unfortunately, my calculations were slightly off and I found myself parked on the side of the road in the dark at the Double Bridges in a steady downpour.

I opened the car window to listen for owls, but rain was coming into the car. Because I had not planned on rain, I hadn't carried a rain parka but I keep a small, hi-tech folding umbrella in the car. I stuck the umbrella out and pushed the button on the umbrella's handle. The

umbrella extended and unfolded with a satisfying snap. I sat and listened for owls as the rain drummed down on the umbrella canopy.

Tiring of this, I decided to go for a walk in the rain, which meant that I had to close the umbrella. This involved pressing the handle button, which collapsed the canopy, but left the umbrella shaft extended. I pulled it in, closed the window and stepped out of the car, manually pushing the umbrella runner, the metal piece at the base of the umbrella ribs, to extend the canopy.

The umbrella canopy has a wide coverage and I was dry and comfortable as I walked along.

A grunting Chuck-wills-widow flew by me and then I heard the low tremulous calling of a Barred

Owl. It was about this time that the umbrella canopy, which had not locked in place, collapsed. Thinking quickly, I grabbed the runner to pull it all the way down to the handle. This would reset the umbrella and allow me to use the handle button to reopen and lock the canopy in place. Unfortunately, in my haste, my fingers slipped and the spring-loaded, high-tech umbrella went airborne and landed five feet away, leaving me uncovered in the steady pre-dawn rain.

I eventually managed to get the umbrella open, making a mental note to buy a cheap plastic low-tech rain poncho.

The rain finally tapered off and stopped just after sunrise and a strong east wind sprang up, which helped to dry

me out.

There were some good birds. Northern Bobwhite and a Yellow-breasted Chat were calling along the edge of Lighthouse Road.

There was an American Avocet on Stony Bayou and Lighthouse Pool had oystercatchers, godwits and a late Red-breasted Merganser.

I managed to get Black Tern and a Swallow-tailed Kite over East River Pool, but my second stop at the Double Bridges in mid-morning had no birds.

It was just a quick trip to the refuge. However, despite my technical umbrella problems, it was a good morning.

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## Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

Up the proverbial creek with out a paddle.

September 27, 2012

Every time I drive by the exit to Steinhatchee off Route 19, I reflect back to a distant time when we were engaged with Florida law enforcement to search for a person whose skull was discovered underwater.

When we first evaluated the site before the contract, it was a small clear stream with little flow. But when we returned several weeks later, the Steinhatchee was anything but its lazy predecessor.

We set up camp at the small roadside park for a two week survey of the river bottom. The skull that brought us to this river was that of a young woman with what appeared to be a bullet hole. We were tasked to find the remainder of the body's bones. The once-small basin, the target of the study, was now three times the size and near zero visibility. Thanks to Jim Dunbar of the Division of Archaeological Research, we borrowed their large pump and suction dredge system. The university tossed in the band masks with communications that were fed by low pressure breathing air to the heavily weighted single diver expected to operate the dredge in the water.

On land a person watched the effluent that was pumped out on to a sieve table where bones should settle while sand and water fell through.

The water was also cold this time of the year. So we bundled up in thick wet suits and each took our turn sweeping the basin floor hoping to pull up human bones.

The work dragged on as we cleared one section of the river basin after another.

One day I was at the dredge head by myself with everyone hard at work on shore. They had suited me up carefully to minimize the effects of cold water. I was told they found that if they tucked the hood of the band mask under the wet suit and zipped the wet suit jacket up tight around my neck that I might be warmer. If I needed anything I could just ask for it over the communications line. I was heavily weighted against the river current to stay in place and in only 5 feet of water. What could be easier? The diesel pump was loud and the staff tired by this time in the project.

As I progressed along the bank, I noticed the water level in my mask was slowly rising. I was not concerned as I could purge the mask by venting more gas, so I let the water rise a bit more. When I finally tried to vent the water out, I found venting only made more water rush in. Since a band mask combines the breathing area with the seeing area, my ability to breathe was diminishing rapidly. I called out for help to pull me out and got no reply.

I was too heavy to just swim up! So I moved to emergency plan B, to just pull the mask off and breathe from a spare regulator at my side. But try as I might, the mask was so well tucked in to my wet suit that I could not budge it off.

Here I was, about to drown, with all this wonderful technology and me, the director of the program, up the proverbial creek with out a paddle in 5 feet of water! I finally got angry at myself, grabbed the band mask, tore it apart, and off my head. Adrenalin is useful stuff when you need it. With my backup regulator firmly in my mouth, I dragged myself back to shore to find everyone over looking at the sieve were bones were showing up from my efforts, distracted by the thrill of discovery. They later proved to be deer bones.

We found many bones on that project, but none of them human. To my knowledge, the mystery remains unanswered. And in almost 50 years of diving all over the world, that was the closest I came to dying underwater.

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## Judging others as we want them to judge us

By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

birthday. The pristine pages made it look as if I had never read my Bible, and I realized the error of my ways.

Do you ever find yourself making snap judgments about people? If we examine our behavior, we might be surprised to realize the subtle ways we judge others.

A child behaves uncontrollably, and we're convinced their parents are poor disciplinarians.

We see an overweight person and assume they have no self-control.

Whether or not our

assumptions are true, passing judgment on others is always hurtful. And, let's face it, sometimes we assume things about others when we don't have all the facts.

Could it be that the unruly child has a disruptive behavior disorder? Or the overweight person is suffering from a severe thyroid problem? Perhaps the person sitting next to you in church whose Bible looks like it's hardly been read might be reading from a recent birthday gift – or using an electronic copy the rest of the week. Or

maybe they just don't like to write in their Bible.

When we feel snubbed by someone at work, that person could be embarrassingly shy. Maybe the unsmiling cashier wasn't being intentionally rude but had just learned that his father was terminally ill. What if we label a woman as immoral, only to discover later she's pregnant because she was raped, but was too ashamed (or scared) to tell anyone?

Most of the time, we're simply unaware of what's going on with

the people around us.

We all know how it feels to have someone mis-assume something about us. What if we moved past our first assumptions and asked God to help us be more loving, considerate and thoughtful? How might others respond if we were kinder? What sort of bridges might we build? Isn't it interesting that although we're often guilty of making snap judgments about others, we often gravitate toward people who exercise nonjudgmental love?

How many more op-

portunities might we have to share the gospel if we practiced Matthew 22:39 (ESV): "You shall love your neighbor as yourself"? This is a great verse to guide us in all our relationships.

Whose day can we change today by being more kind, thoughtful ... and a whole lot less judgmental?

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## Quiet conversations

By **CHERYL CRUCE**

an ache I could not ignore. For the first time in more than 50 years, the two people who had been part of every chapter of my life were no longer present. Soon I discovered that in many ways, they remained.

There are still times when I hear them calling my name. In those early days of missing them, I would turn instinctively, that familiar little-girl reflex still alive in me, expecting to see them nearby. Then I would smile, hold the moment close, and carry on. Perhaps this is what happens when someone has shaped your life for so many years. Their presence does not end; it simply changes form. Somewhere within me linger their conversa-

tions – lessons that formed our love and continue to shape who I am even now.

In time, I came to understand this was not unusual. It was what happens when a life has been shaped by years of shared words and presence. For more than 50 years, my life was molded by their words – guidance, wisdom, correction, encouragement, and love. Their voices became part of who I am. When I was younger, there was always something to talk about. But as the years passed, the conversations slowly gave way to something quieter. Not because there was less love or less to say, but because there came a gentle understanding

that sometimes it was enough to just sit together.

And this is one of the lessons that has carried over into my relationship with God.

There are seasons when my prayer life is full, like King David pouring out his heart in the Psalms, or Moses speaking with God as a friend speaks with a friend. But there are also times when words seem unnecessary – when it is enough merely to sit in His presence. Martha felt the need to busy herself with the many tasks of hospitality, while Mary sat at Jesus' feet and listened. Jesus did not criticize Martha's desire to serve, but gently reminded her that one

thing was needed in that moment. In contrast, Mary understood that sometimes the most faithful response is not to do more, but only to be with Him, listening in the stillness for His voice (Luke 10:38-42).

Maybe that is why the presence of God remains such a comfort. We do not see Him with our eyes, yet He continues to speak – through Scripture, memories, quiet nudges upon the heart, and a peace that settles over us when we need it most. And sometimes, like those moments with my parents in their later years, it is enough to sit quietly and know we are loved.

Today, the invitation is easier than we assume. We don't need

elaborate prayers or perfect words. We only need an open heart willing to be still before Him. The truth is, our Father is never far away, even when life feels distant or heavy; if your heart is full, speak, and if your heart is heavy, sit quietly and listen. If your heart feels somewhere in between, simply rest in His presence – for He is closer than you realize, and His love is steadier than your awareness of it.

"Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

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

### OUT TO PASTOR

## Monday's here, but Sunday's a-coming

By **JAMES SNYDER**

questioning the simplicity of my retirement.

For me, Monday is hard to get started. After a wonderful weekend, I now have to get back in the saddle again and get into my routine. I guess as you get older, it's hard to get back in your routine after taking a day or two off.

As I was pouring coffee into my cup, she said, "Well, at least you got something done today," then burst into laughter, making me realize even my coffee breaks are a comedy show, at least for her.

I slowly walked back to my office and got seated behind my desk. As I took a sip of coffee, I thought of all the stuff I needed to do this week. Why is it that on Monday, you have to start the week all over again?

A thought jingled in my mind at this time. What if I don't do anything today? After all, I am retired, so I do have charge of my time.

I leaned back in my chair and thought about what I could do today if I weren't working in my office. For the life of me, I couldn't think of anything to do. Looking at my desk, I saw everything I needed to do this week.

Even if I take Monday off, I still have to do the work that is needed for the week. That means my Tuesday is crammed with catch-up work. The only catch-up I like is on my hamburger.

I took a deep sigh,

leaned back in my chair, and said to myself, "Self, you gotta get to work and Get'er done."

I can't remember the time I really listened to myself. I'm not sure today is going to be that time.

After some deep thought, I decided to get started. I looked through my desk to make sure I had a list of everything I needed to do this week. As I piled that list on the desk, I was amazed at all the work I had to do.

Just as I was putting it all together, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came to the office. She said, "You do know that you have a doctor's appointment on Thursday."

Of course, I didn't, and that changed everything I was working on today. All those doctor appointments eat up a lot of my week. I personally don't like going to the dermatologist because they al-

ways get under my skin.

Now I needed to reshuffle my week to fit in my doctor's visit, proving that Monday's chaos is as unpredictable as a sitcom plot twist.

Before The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage left, I asked an important question, "I don't have any more doctors appointments this week do I?" She replied in the negative, which was a great relief to me.

Throughout the years, I have learned that my Monday determines my schedule for the entire week. If I screw up on Monday, I'm going to have a bad week for sure. And I know that from personal experience.

If I get Monday's work done today, the rest of the week will be more doable. The harder I work on Monday, the easier the rest of the week will be. If I slack on Monday,

I'll have a terrible week ahead of me.

As much as I enjoy Sunday, I don't enjoy Monday. But I do know that my Monday will prepare me for the Sunday that's ahead. I'll get to work, no matter how long it takes, and finish Monday as best I can.

Nothing is more satisfying than finishing the week on a positive note. That's my goal, and I'm getting close.

Thinking on this, I was reminded of what the Apostle Paul said. "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15-16).

I must confess that I often procrastinate. Every time I do, it costs me and makes me look like a fool. Paul encourages us to "redeem the time."

Solomon understood this when he wrote, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

This is my challenge every Monday as I start a new week.

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For many years, even before I became a pastor, Sunday was always a very special day. I lived in a rural community in Pennsylvania where they had what they called the "Blue Laws." No business was open on a Sunday, but churches were full.

In those days, Sunday was focused on church, gathering as a congregation, and worshipping the Lord.

Then came Monday. Monday is the beginning of a new week. That means I need to get everything in order and get ready to do what needs to be done for the week.

Recently, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came to my office on Monday and said, "Are you ready for the week?" Then she walked away laughing, knowing that Monday was my most difficult day of the rest of the week.

After the best day of the week comes this day, which is very difficult for me.

I looked at my calendar and couldn't believe I had so much work, which made me realize how Mondays can leave me feeling overwhelmed and

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## DEATH NOTICES

• **Betty Newberry**, 97, of Crawfordville, died May 10, 2026.

• **Zonie Fruge**, 79, of Carrabelle, died May 31, 2026.

• **Suzanne Mary Beaty**, 81, of Lanark Village died June 2, 2026

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

## Sheriff's Report

Sheriff's Report is for activity May 29 to June 5. There were 1,338 total calls for service.

### FRIDAY, MAY 29

• While conducting a search warrant on Catherine Street, deputies observed a citizen returning to the residence driving a motor vehicle. It was reported his Florida driver's license was cancelled Feb. 4. He was arrested and transported to the Wakulla County Jail.

### SATURDAY, MAY 30

• Deputy Ian Kilbourn responded to Civic Brewery after a report that someone broke into the food truck during the night and stole \$400 worth of items. Case forward to Criminal Investigations Division.

### SUNDAY, MAY 31

• Deputy Joshua Martin responded to the 60 block of Rose Street in reference to a citizen advising someone broke into her shed and stole items. Approximately \$3,000 worth of items were missing. Case forwarded to CID.

• A citizen reported his cell phone and wallet had been stolen sometime over the last few days. He stated he got an alert advising someone had attempted to use his card. He believes the items were taken from his vehicle while at Dux. Case forwarded to CID.

### MONDAY, JUNE 1

• A citizen reported packages missing from her mailbox. She advised she received a delivery notice on her phone but didn't check the mailbox immediately. After several days passed, she went to check her mail and the packages were missing. The package was valued at \$37.

• Deputy Jackson Kittrell responded to Easy Street in reference to a citizen who lost her wallet. She advised earlier in the day she and a friend went to Myra Jean's to eat. She pulled out her wallet to pay for her meal, but said her friend paid

for the meal instead and she laid her wallet on the table. After leaving, she realized she left her wallet. When she went back, the wallet was gone. She attempted to locate the wallet but was unsuccessful.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 2

• Deputies responded to the 300 block of Ace High Stables Road in reference to a structure fire. Contact was made with the homeowner, who advised she detected a large amount of smoke throughout the residence and contacted Wakulla Fire Rescue. The source of the smoke appeared to be coming from the air conditioning unit. She shut off power to the unit and Wakulla Fire Rescue identified it as the source of the smoke. Pictures were taken of the unit and the estimated damage was \$5,000.

• Deputies responded to the 100 block of Mag-nolia Ridge in reference to a fraud complaint. Contact was made with the reporting person, who advised he was alerted to his Champion's First Credit Union account being maxed out. He stated he reviewed his statements and discovered over \$2,000 in fraudulent charges. He stated he used to allow an acquaintance to reside at his residence. He stated she was struggling financially and may have been able to access his account information. He wishes to pursue charges at this time.

• Deputies responded to Concord Road in reference to a suspicious person complaint. Contact was made with the reporting person, who advised she observed a female appear to open her mailbox in passing. The subject did not appear to remove any items at this time. This incident was documented for informational purposes.

• Deputies responded to the 100 block of Dakota Drive in reference to a theft complaint. Contact was made with the reporting person, who advised he discovered \$2,900 missing from his nightstand. He advised he recently sold his boat

and placed the proceeds inside his nightstand. He stated he has been in the process of moving and lost track of the funds after moving his furniture to his new residence. He stated he has been having a dispute with his former landlord of the Dakota Drive address over back rent. The location of the missing funds is unknown at this time. Nothing further advised. Case forwarded to CID.

• Deputies responded to Stanley Drive in reference to a theft complaint. Contact was made with the reporting person, who advised she discovered a missing utility cart and tool set at the above property. She stated she arrived at the property to complete some landscaping and observed the items missing. There were no witnesses to the incident.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

• Deputy Joshua Parker responded to the area of Curtis Mill Road in reference to a citizen calling in advising she had located a bag of medication abandoned on the side of the road. Deputy Parker collected the bag and discovered who it belonged to. Upon closer examination of the medication, it appeared the medication was expired and had been exposed to the elements for some time. An attempt to locate the owner was made however yielded no results. Due to being unable to locate the owner, the medication was seized and submitted to property and evidence for destruction.

• Deputies Joshua Parker, Jackson Kittrell, and Lt. William "Buddy" Spence responded to Stanley Drive in reference to a theft. Contact was made with the reporting person who advised an unknown male had come on to his property, entered his shed and stolen a pressure washer

and weedeater. He was able to provide a description of the items taken but stated he did not know who the subject was. During this investigation, a subject arrived on scene and advised that multiple neighbors had seen a white male walking through people's yards with objects in his hands. At this time an address for the subject was unknown. He was also able to provide a photo of the subject. After receiving the photo, deputies began to search the area in an attempt to locate the subject. After speaking with some neighbors in the area, along with some data mining, it was discovered the subject resided on Merwyn Drive and was identified. Deputies attempted contact with him but yielded no results. Due to this, the investigation was paused temporarily until someone called back in a short time later advising he observed the suspect walking down the road. Lt. Spence, being nearby, began to search for him and located him near Friendship Church and Floyd Gray. After speaking with the suspect, he departed the scene but later made contact with him again at his residence. While speaking with the suspect again, deputies were able to locate the stolen items which were in his possession. After verifying the items and confirming them to be stolen, he was placed under arrest and transported to the county jail without further incident.

• Deputy Ian Kilbourn responded to the front lobby of the sheriff's office to take a report on a theft. Upon arrival, contact was made with the reporting person who advised his boat motor was stolen by a known acquaintance. He advised that, approximately 2-3 years ago, he allowed this person to conduct maintenance on a 6-horsepower outboard

boat motor at P.A. Sanders Road. He advised he contacted the subject and questioned him on the motor's whereabouts, and he replied with "It isn't my problem." He is unsure of the motor's whereabouts and advised the motor is worth approximately \$780. Case forwarded to CID.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 4

• Deputy Joshua Martin responded to Walmart in reference to a retail theft that had already occurred. Upon arrival, contact was made with Asset Protection, which advised on June 3 an unknown subject requested to purchase two iPhones, along with two sets of Apple Air Pods. The subject explained to the employee that he needed to continue shopping and was not ready to purchase these items. He eventually completed shopping and approached a register. While at the register, the subject took possession of the two iPhones and two sets of Apple Air Pods, and ran out of the store passing all final points of sale without making a purchase. Ultimately, the subject stole \$1,556.00 of store merchandise. Case

forwarded to CID.

• Deputy Aimee Love responded to the sheriff's office lobby in reference to a fraud. Upon arrival, contact was made with the reporting person. He advised on June 1 he noticed fraudulent charges on his Capital City Bank statement from May 29 that equaled a total amount of \$1,526.97. He advised these charges originated out of Canada. He filled out an affidavit for prosecution at this time. Case forwarded to CID.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 5

• A citizen reported two unknown males consuming chocolate milk and boiled peanuts while inside the store and not paying for the consumed items. Total loss to the store was \$8.77. Close circuit video was uploaded to Axon Evidence.

• A citizen reported finding a handgun in the area of the Sand Pit / FH-13. The handgun was collected and submitted into evidence.

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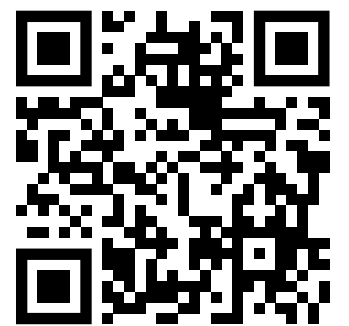
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 0604-0625 TWS NOA  
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 CASE NO.: 2026 CC 99

WE NOT ME FARMS MINISTRIES INC,  
 PLAINTIFF,  
 VS  
 COASTAL TOWING OF WAKULLA LLC,  
 DEFENDANT.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
 TO: COASTAL TOWING OF WAKULLA LLC  
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for establishment of ownership of personal property described as: **THE TITLE FOR A TRUCK AND MINISTRY PAPERWORK AND COSTS ASSOCIATED** has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Plaintiff, **We Not Me Farms Ministries Inc** whose address is: 2343 Crawfordville Hwy Suite 107-132 Crawfordville FL 32327, on or before **July 1, 2026**, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court immediately thereafter, otherwise a Default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.  
 WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this **May 5, 2026**.

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 Greg James  
 As Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: /s/ Ethan Brown  
 As Deputy Clerk  
 Published June 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

**528-0618 TWS NOA**  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA, FLORIDA  
 FAMILY LAW DIVISION  
 CASE NO.: 2026 DR 5

TINA GRIER,  
 PETITIONER/WIFE,,  
 AND  
 DEREK GRIER,  
 RESPONDENT/HUSBAND.

**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE**  
 TO: DEREK GRIER  
 106 CANTONMENT RD.  
 CANTONMENT, FL 32533

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Petitioner/Wife Tina Grier's Petition For Dissolution Of Marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Adam R. Cowhey, Esquire, Petitioners' attorney, whose address is 247 E. 71h Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida 32303, no more than thirty (30) days from the date of first publication of this Notice Of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Family Law Division, at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327 before service on Petitioners' attorney or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.**

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WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this **May 18, 2026**.

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 As Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: /s/ Lindsey Nichols  
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**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
**0611-0702 TWS NOA**  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 PAFFORD PROPERTIES & CONSTRUCTION, LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PLAINTIFF,  
 V.  
 BERTHA E. STANLEY, IF ALIVE, AND IF DECEASED, UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS, ASSIGNS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST HER,  
 DEFENDANTS.  
 Case No.: 2026-CA-000072

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
 To: BERTHA E. STANLEY; if alive, and if deceased, unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, assigns, and all other parties claiming by through, under or against her  
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Complaint for Quiet Title on the following property in Wakulla County, Florida:  
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 Wakulla County Parcel ID No. 00-00-043-010-09075-000  
 Address: Redman Road, Crawfordville, FL

has been filed against you and others, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on **ANDREW J. POWER, ESQUIRE, SMITH, THOMPSON, SHAW, COLÓN & POWER, P.A.**, Plaintiff's attorneys, 3520 Thomasville Road, Fourth Floor, Tallahassee, Florida 32309-3469, no more than thirty (30) days from the first publication date of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.  
 DATED this 3rd day of June, 2026.

{{County Court Seal}}  
 Greg James  
 As Clerk of the Court  
 Wakulla County, Florida  
 By: /s/ Rachel Howard  
 As Deputy Clerk  
 June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 2026

**0528-0618 TWS NOA**  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MICHAEL THOMAS HADDEN  
 Former Husband,  
 and  
 DESTINY AMANDA HADDEN,  
 Former Wife.  
 DIVISION: FAMILY LAW

**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR MODIFICATION OF TIME-SHARING AND SUPPORT**

TO: DESTINY AMANDA HADDEN  
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YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Modification of Time-Sharing and Support has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Michael Thomas Hadden, whose address is C/O Jeffery S. Richardson, Esq., 400 Capital Circle SE, #18-134, Tall. FL 32301, on or before **June 15, 2026**, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 3056 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, FL 32327, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated **May 18, 2026**  
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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**0611-0618 TWS NOFS**  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

MOVEMENT MORTGAGE, LLC., CASE NO. 23000627CA  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 ESTATE OF TIMOTHY WAYNE BLYTH; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF TIMOTHY  
 WAYNE BLYTH; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2,  
 Defendants

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 4, 2026 in Case No. 23000627CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein MOVEMENT MORTGAGE, LLC is Plaintiff and ESTATE OF TIMOTHY WAYNE BLYTH; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF TIMOTHY WAYNE BLYTH; DESSIE BLYTH; TIMOTHY CHARLES BLYTH; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 N/K/A CASEY KIMBRELL; and UNKNOWN TENANT #2 A/K/A TRAVIS KIMBRELL are Defendants, the Office of Greg James, Wakulla County Clerk of the Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the first floor in the Courthouse lobby at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, beginning at 11:00 a.m. on the 9th day of July, 2026, in accordance with Section 45.031(10), Florida Statutes, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 34, RUSTLING PINES**  
**COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT AND LIGHTWOOD POST MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 36 OF THE HARTSFIELD SURVEY OF LANDS IN WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA AND THENCE RUN NORTH 18 DEGREES 42 MINUES A.ND 43 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 36, A DISTANCE OF 580.00 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 71 DEGREES 10 MINUTES EAST 351.00 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF A 60.00 FOOT ROADWAY EASEMENT, THENCE RUN NORTH 18 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 21.00 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 71 DEGREES 10 MINUTES EAST 351.00 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 18 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST 464.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE RUN NORTH 71 DEGREES 10 MINUTES EAST 409.49 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF A 60.00 FOOT ROADWAY EASEMENT, THENCE RUN ALONG SAID CENTERLINE AS FOLLOWS; NORTH 14 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 32 SECONDS WEST 83.09 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT, THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE WITH A RADIUS OF 59.56 FEET THRU A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 80 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 20 SECONDS FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 83.18 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 85 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST 318.78 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT, THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE WITH A RADIUS OF 408.26 FEET THRU A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 08 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 28 SECONDS FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 61.46 FEET, THENCE LEAVING SAID CENTERLINE RUN SOUTH 18 DEGREES 42 MINTUES 43 SECONDS EAST 232.33 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

**SUBJECT TO A ROADWAY AND UTILITY EASEMENT OVER AND ACROSS THE EASTERLY AND NORTHERLY 30.00 FEET THEREOF. TOGETHER WITH A 1999 FLEETWOOD DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME, VIN# GAFLW54A83082HS21 & GAFLW54B83082HS21.**

Also known as: 27 LESLIE CIRCLE, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327 together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements and fixtures.  
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2026.

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



June 11, 18, 2026



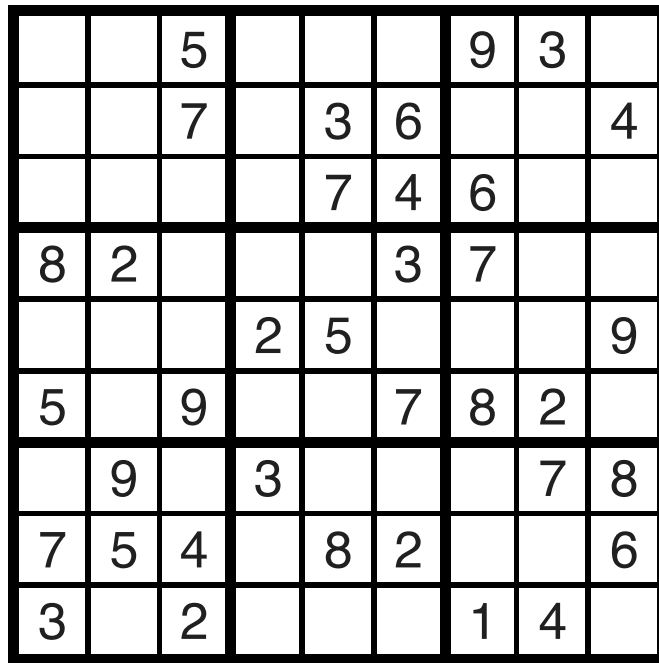
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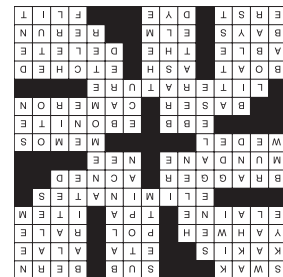
1. Sealed with a kiss
5. Large sandwich
8. Swiss city
12. Japanese persimmons
14. When you hope to get somewhere
15. Wings
16. A name of God
18. Elected official (informal)
19. Abnormal breathing
20. "Seinfeld" character
21. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
22. Something for sale
23. Gets rid of
26. One who touts
30. Blemished
31. Less than exciting
32. Born of
33. N. German town
34. Notes
39. Move away from land
42. Vulcanite
44. More ignoble
46. Child actor Kirk
47. Written works
49. Sea vessel
50. Residue
51. Engraved
56. Having sufficient skill
57. One and only
58. Erase
59. Broad inlets
60. Nightmarish street
61. Play again

**CLUES DOWN**

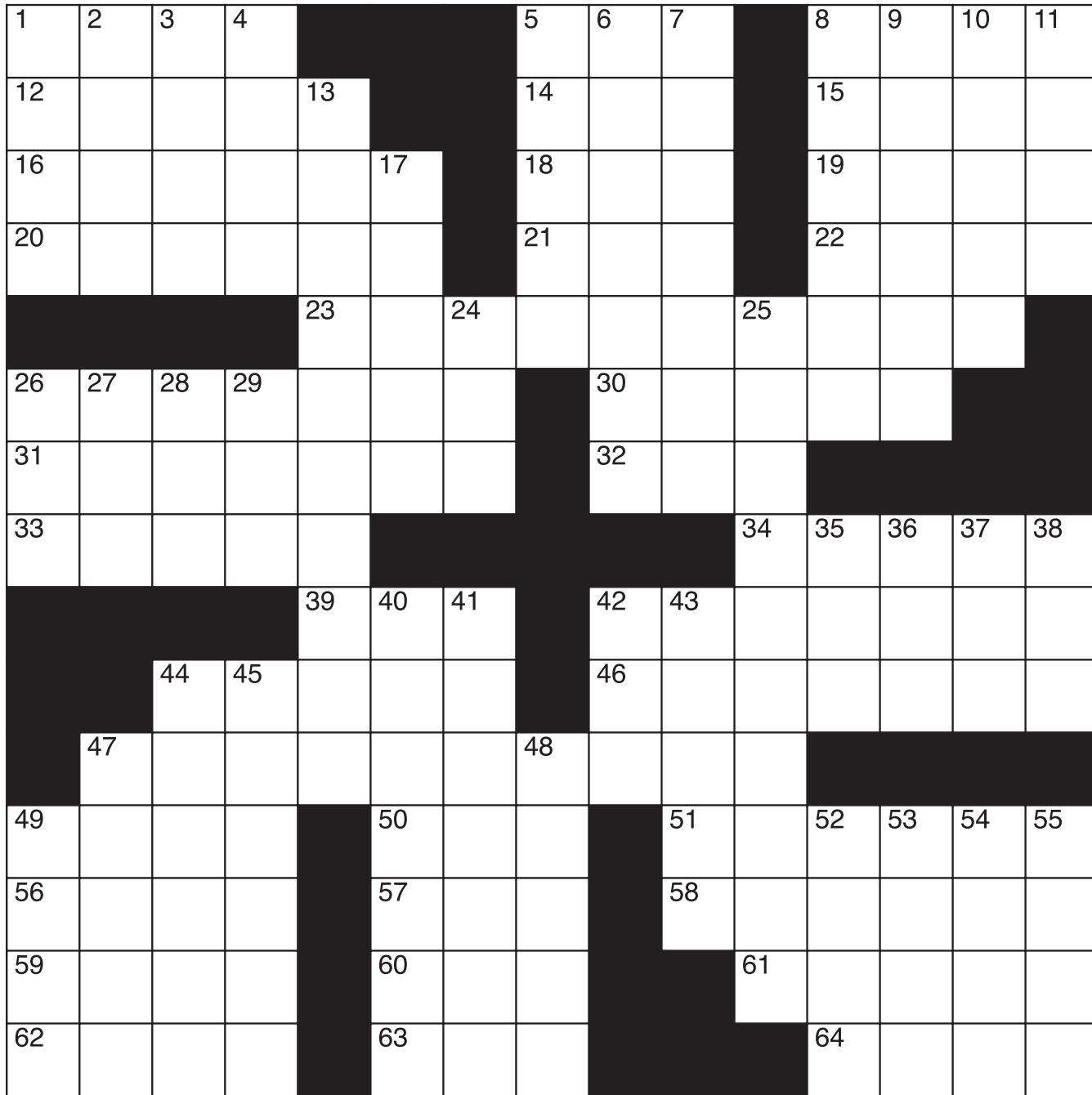
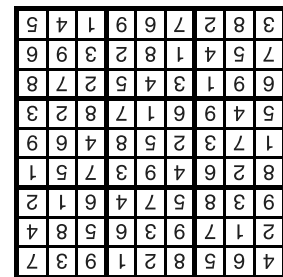
1. Scottish island
2. River in the Netherlands
3. Asian people
4. Fuzzy fruit
5. Ninth month (abbr.)
6. An idealistic social reformer
7. What you owe
8. Colorless mineral
9. Overjoyed
10. Rattling breaths
11. Tropical Old World tree
13. A citizen of Senegal
17. Greek mythological beauty
24. Wrath
25. Instrument to measure wind speed
26. Luxury carmaker
27. Bitterly regret
28. Not or
29. Google certification
35. Midway between northeast and east
36. Space station
37. Relating to the ears
38. Congressman
40. Yelled at



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41. Rudely assertive
42. Defunct European money
43. Shared one's soul
44. Onion rolls
45. A way to state clearly
47. Relating to a lobe
48. Underlying message
49. Hollywood pig
52. Indicates pitch
53. Filament of a feather
54. Small ornamental ladies' bag for small articles
55. Diminish



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