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The Wakulla Sun

WAKULLA WeatherSTEM

Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday Friday Saturday



PM Thunderstorms Hi: 87° Lo: 74° 64%
Sunrise 6:37 AM Sunset 8:42 PM
Scattered Thunderstorms Hi: 90° Lo: 74° 39%
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"It's a New Day" Locally Owned & Operated

Our 5th Year 26th Issue Thursday, June 25, 2026

Board votes to prohibit AI data centers

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN Editor

County commissioners voted unanimously Monday night to prohibit data centers in Wakulla – and received a standing ovation from the standing-room only audience.

Data centers are proliferating with advancements in artificial intelligence and have become controversial over the enormous strain on local electrical grids and the immense use of water to cool the centers.

County Commissioner Valerie Russell put the issue on the agenda for the June 15 meeting and moved to have staff draft an ordinance prohibiting the permitting, construction and operation of data centers in the county.

About a dozen citizens spoke out against data centers, most expressing concern about the potential impact on local water resources.

Evan Rosenthal, attorney with Nabors, Gublin & Nickerson law firm which represents

the county, was filling in for attorney Heather Encinosa at the meeting and Rosenthal advised commissioners of possible legal risk if they passed a permanent ban.

Rosenthal noted that, while the legislature did pass SB 484 that allows local governments to reject data centers, there was potential conflict with SB 180, which restricts local governments within 100 miles of a federally declared disaster zone after a hurricane from adopt-

ing land-use regulations that are more restrictive. That law encompasses Wakulla County through Oct. 1, 2027.

Commissioners debated whether to declare a moratorium for a year on data centers, until Commission Chair Ralph Thomas commented that he believed the board should take the risk and go forward with an outright ban “because we think that’s the right thing to do.”

All five commissioners voted for the prohibition. Assistant County Ad-

ministrator Somer Pell noted that it would likely take two or three months to draft an ordinance and hold public hearings to pass it.

Citizens who spoke against data centers included Madeleine Carr, who said: “Nothing in this county is more important that the water under our feet.”

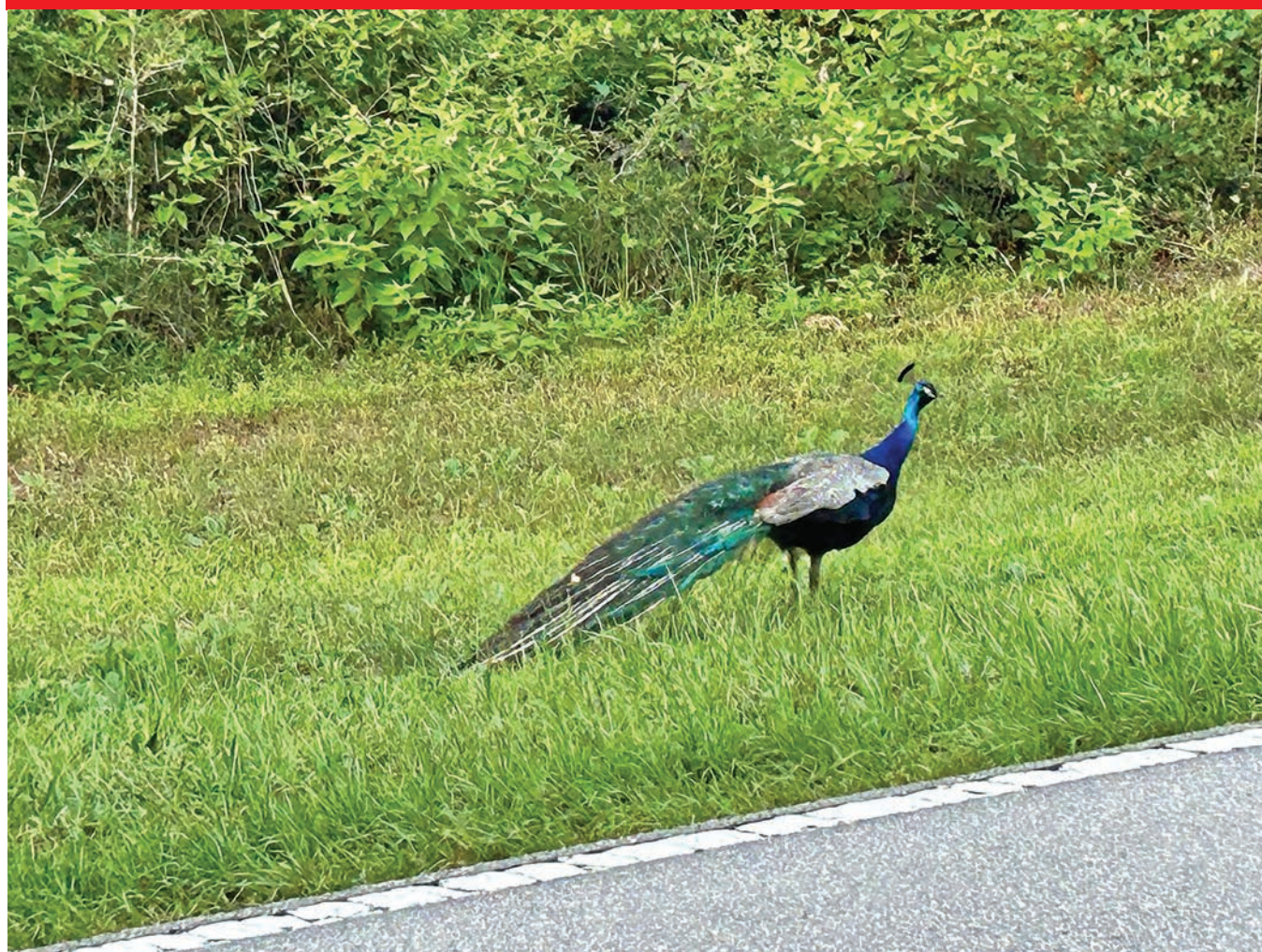
Kellie Keys commented that Wakulla’s unique karst features are just sand and limestone over underground water making it the wrong place for potential pollution.

Fishing podcaster Hunter Levine said it was important to protect the county’s natural resources.

Adrienne Johnson, who is executive director of the Florida Shellfish Aquaculture Association, said oyster farmers could be devastated by reduction in water flows.

Chad Hanson, who chairs the Wakulla Springs Alliance, said, “Water extraction is a problem,” and noting the number of dark water days at Wakulla Springs are increasing.

BIRD MYSTERY



Peacock sightings

Bruce Ritchie, a reporter with Florida Politico, was visiting Wakulla recently, and had an unusual experience of seeing a peacock on the side of the road on Spring Creek Highway, and then another a few miles away near Cherokee Sink. He contacted

The Wakulla Sun saying he was unsure if these were people’s pets that had gotten loose, but was uncertain as to the strange sightings of two peacocks on the side of the road miles away from each other. Anyone know the story behind these birds? Let us know by calling The Sun at (850) 962-8024. (Photo by Bruce Ritchie on Facebook)

County looks at budget options if amendment passes

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN Editor

County commissioners held a budget workshop after their regular meeting on Monday night, and much of the focus was on how to respond if the constitutional amendment on property taxes passes in November.

The state Legislature has proposed a constitutional amendment that would increase homestead exemption on residential property from \$50,000 to \$150,000 in 2027-28 and then \$200,000 the year after. It will appear on the ballot on the Nov. 3 general election.

The amendment would still allow taxes for school districts.

Wakulla County is heavily dependent on ad valorem taxes to fund county services such as the sheriff’s office, fire-rescue and constitutional offices. Forty-six percent of the property taxes collected in Wakulla are on homestead properties, and if the amendment passes, the county is projected to have a nearly \$9 million shortfall in revenues.

County Commission Chair Ralph Thomas said the key question the board needs to answer is whether they will cut services – the library and recreational sports programs would likely be among the first to go – or seek other funding sources and try to make up for the lost revenue.

Thomas noted for example that the county could pursue other assessments, such as Municipal Services Benefit Unit (MSBU) for services such as fire and sheriff.

Projected taxable values in Wakulla for the next budget year are \$2.64 billion, an increase of \$120 million or 4.78%. That’s a marked decrease from prior years: Last year values increased by \$243 million or 10.66%, and the year before the increase was more than 14%.

Of this year’s increase, \$99 million was from new construction.

County commissioners took under advisement requests from non-profits for \$170,000 in funding. That includes \$100,000 for the senior center; \$40,000 for Keep Wakulla County Beautiful; \$15,000 for We Care Network; and \$15,000 for North Florida Medical Centers. Florida Wild Mammal Association did not make a funding request this year.

Commissioners acknowledged that if the property tax amendment passes, non-profit funding is likely the first thing to go. The board would hold that money until November to see the outcome of the vote.

Commissioners also gave a head nod to increasing the pay of county staff by 3%, but withholding the increase until after the November election. If the amendment doesn’t pass, the pay increase would be retroactive to Oct. 1.

It was noted that the cost of employee insurance is anticipated to increase 8% this year under Capital Health Plan. Commissioners indicated support for passing on some increased costs for insurance to employees: a \$35 per pay period increase for employee and spouse in the top tier plan; or \$53 for employees in the top tier family plan.

The board was also told there is an anticipated 11% premium increase for property, auto and liability insurance coverage.

4-H holds safe space dance

Special to The Sun

Wakulla County teens gathered for an evening of music, connection, and fun at the recent Sunset Social Dance, a lively event hosted by Wakulla 4-H. Held following the Teen Town Hall, the dance offered youth the flexibility to attend one or both events, empowering them to shape their own experience for the night.

The Extension Arena was transformed into a vibrant tropical escape, with colorful décor setting the tone for the evening. As dusk settled, tiki torches illuminated the entrance, welcoming youth ages 11–18 into a festive and inviting space. Inside, strings of lights and upbeat music created the perfect atmosphere for socializing and dancing.

Entertainment was



4-H teens at the Sunset Social Dance at the livestock pavilion.

in full swing thanks to DJ Dave (David Pienta), who kept the energy high with a playlist that had participants on their feet throughout the night. Adding to the excitement, a popular photo booth featured local personality Jerry Boler—known to many as “Mr. Christmas” from the Songbird neighborhood—giving teens a chance to capture memorable moments with friends.

The event also provided plenty of refreshments, with pizza, snacks, and drinks available as youth mingled, laughed, and enjoyed the evening’s activities. Beyond the music and food, the event emphasized creating a safe, inclusive environment where young people could connect and build friendships.

A dedicated team of volunteers played a vi-

tal role in the event’s success. Adult volunteers Lauren Latham, Jennifer Counce, Karl Gruebel, Cari Brown, Weston Brown, Amanda Murphy-Brown, Christa Bingel, and Karen Zak helped ensure the evening ran smoothly and safely for all attendees.

The Sunset Social Dance is part of Wakulla 4-H’s ongoing commitment to offering

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St. Marks officials attend workshop

By LINDA ANN McDONALD
Correspondent

The City of St. Marks was invited by the Florida Institute for Build Environment Resilience (FIBER) to attend the Urban Futures Workshop on May 7 in Gainesville.

City Manager Katherine Gatewood and City Clerk Paula Bell attended the workshop to collaborate with other Florida municipalities, UF's College of Design, Construction and Planning, and the Duke Energy Foundation.

FIBER is interdisciplinary research institute within the University of Florida's College of Design, Construction and Planning dedicated to advancing research, design, and planning strategies that help communities address environmental, economic, and development challenges.

The initiative focuses on small Florida communities located within Duke Energy's service territory that include designated Opportunity Zones, as well as other depressed areas that may benefit from strategic design and urban development concept ideas. The program aims to foster collaboration between local leaders, university researchers, and design experts to explore strategies that can support community revitalization and long-term resilience.

Participants engaged with faculty from UF and invited experts. The workshop included presentations, discussions, and roundtable sessions designed to exchange knowledge, identify local priorities, and explore potential strategies to support the future development of participating communities.

At no cost to the city, the initiative was made possible through the support of the Duke Energy Foundation, whose commitment to strengthening communities across Florida helps make efforts like this possible.

With coastal resilience the focus of Gatewood's presentation, resilience problems identified included: historic tidal and stormwater flooding, FEMA AE/VE flood zones, aging drainage infrastructure, and businesses hesitate to invest.

Gatewood pointed out challenges such as financial constraints, deferred maintenance, limited staff capacity, no stormwater master plan and barriers to competitive funding despite being in a Rural Area of Opportunity as to reasons why the city's resilience problems have not been

solved.

A "cycle" was acknowledged and identifies with flooding risk yields investment discouragement, less investment yields limited revenue, followed by limited revenue proves no infrastructure upgrades, and finally, no upgrades equal continued flooding.

Gatewood illuminated opportunities for St. Marks by sharing that stormwater mitigation reduces risk, builds investor confidence, supports downtown redevelopment, and proved stormwater equals economic development.

After collaboration with workshop participants, a Case Study Focus was created highlighting a downtown stormwater mitigation plan, drainage improvements, potential green infrastructure, and flood mitigation strategies.

Crawfordville's Tia Unsell is in Miss Florida competition

Special to The Sun

Tia Unsell, 27, of Crawfordville, will be competing June 24th-27th at the 90th Miss Florida Scholarship Competition in Lakeland.

Currently, Unsell holds the title of Miss Gainesville. Unsell won the title of Miss Gainesville January 17th at Eastside High School in Gainesville, where there were 11 young women in her division.

If crowned Miss Florida, she would be the first young woman from the Panhandle of Florida to win the crown in 12 years. She will be competing in five mandatory phases of competition: Private Interview, On Stage Question, Evening Gown, Talent and Fitness.



Tia Unsell of Crawfordville is in the Miss Florida competition.

Unsell's community service initiative is More Than a Ribbon-Emphasis on Early Detection and Prevention, an organization that emphasizes early detection, prevention, and

resources for cancer. Her talent is a lyrical dance to "When You Believe" by Mariah Carey & Whitney Houston.

The winner of the Miss Florida Scholarship Competition will

go on to compete at Miss America in September in West Palm Beach, FL. The Miss America Organization is the largest provider of scholarships for young women.

Unsell is a 2017 graduate of Wakulla High School and is a graduate of Florida State University with a degree in Communication Sciences & Disorders to become a Speech Language Pathologist. She is also a recreational and competitive dance teacher at Studio 88 Dance Productions in Crawfordville.

To keep up with the competition week, please like the Miss Florida Scholarship Program page and Miss Gainesville 2026- Tia Unsell on Facebook.

4-H Dance

From Front Page

"Safe Space" events that foster positive youth development and community engagement. Building on the success of this event – and last sum-

mer's popular game night – Wakulla 4-H looks forward to hosting more opportunities for teens to gather, connect, and thrive in a supportive environment.

"This event is all about

giving our youth a safe, welcoming place to have fun and be themselves while building positive connections with their peers," said Wakulla County 4-H Agent Rachel Pienta. "We're proud to create opportunities like this that support both social development

and a strong sense of community."

With its lively atmosphere and strong community spirit, the Sunset Social Dance proved to be a memorable night for Wakulla County youth—and a promising glimpse of more exciting events ahead.



THE SCHOOL BOARD OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA NOTICE OF INTENT TO CHANGE

RULE CHAPTER AND TITLE: School Board Policy 4.24+ - Artificial Intelligence Acceptable Use

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To reflect procedural clarity and legislative alignment.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1001.42

LAWS IMPLEMENTED: 1001.02, 1002.22, 1002.222, 1003.02, 1002.321, Florida Statutes

ECONOMIC IMPACT: None

REVISION ORIGINATED BY: Priscilla Colvin, Chief Academic Officer

REVISION APPROVED BY: Richard Myhre, Superintendent of Schools

IF REQUESTED WITHIN TWENTY-ONE (28) DAYS OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE HELD -

TIME: 5:45 p.m.

PLACE: Administrative Offices, Wakulla County School Board, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327

DATE: July 27, 2026

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June 25, 2026



The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners is Seeking a Member to Serve on the Historic Preservation Committee

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners is seeking a volunteer to serve on the Wakulla County Historic Preservation Committee. This Committee was established to review and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on matters related to the designation, regulation, and administration of historical, cultural, and architectural resources in Wakulla County.

The BOCC is seeking one (1) member who must be a resident of Wakulla County from the disciplines of architecture, history, architectural history, planning, prehistoric and history archaeology, folklore, cultural anthropology, curation, conservation, landscape architecture or related disciplines; or who can demonstrate special interest, experience, or knowledge in history, architecture, or related discipline.

Interested persons should submit a cover letter explaining their interest in serving on the Historic Preservation Committee and provide a resume or other detailed information related to professional experience, education, background, knowledge, etc., which shall also include the person's name, address, telephone number, and email address no later than July 31, 2026. Please e-mail your information to Ashley Rowland-Yost, Planner, ayost@mywakulla.com or by fax to 926-1528.

June 25, 2026

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Notice of Meeting Cancellation:

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners hereby announces that the previously scheduled Public Meeting of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee on July 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. has been cancelled.

June 25, 2026

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF WAKULLA COUNTY ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING:

EVENT: School Board Meeting

DATE: Monday, July 20, 2026

TIME: 5:45 pm

PLACE: School Board Room, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida

PURPOSE: Monthly School Board Meeting

For further information please contact:
Superintendent's Office
Wakulla County Schools
Post Office Box 100, 69 Arran Rd
Crawfordville, Florida 32326
850-926-0065

June 25, 2026

WAKULLA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS 2026-13

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PANACEA INFLOW & INFILTRATION PROJECT

ADVERTISEMENT BEGIN DATE:
JUNE 25, 2026

RELEASE DATE: JUNE 25, 2026

PROPOSALS DUE TO BOCC:
JULY 28, 2026 @ 3:00 P.M.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Board of County Commissioners, 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327; until 3:00 P.M., Local Time, on JULY 28, 2026, at which time the proposals will be opened and read aloud. Proposals received after said time will be returned unopened.

The principal features of this procurement by the County are known as: PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PANACEA INFLOW & INFILTRATION PROJECT. The specifications of this procurement are stated in RFQ 2026-13.

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

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June 25, 2026

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Opinions

THE FIRST AMENDMENT

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LETTERS FROM READERS

The nature of change

Editor, The Sun:

Acceptance of change is not a form of surrender, but rather a higher level of awareness. Such awareness allows man to adapt.

Failure to adapt leads to extinction.

William Dickman
Crawfordville

Taxpayers push back on plundering

Editor, The Sun:

I believe Gov. DeSantis may be one of our state's more effective chief executives we've ever experienced.

However, I am in disagreement with the basic points of reducing property taxes because it, largely, carves out school district taxes from accountability. School district taxes account for nearly 59% of the property tax bill.

Why? There is a plethora of empty school classrooms within our district. The reasons, chiefly, are falling birth rates and competition from the Universal School Voucher program. The Universal School Voucher forces all schools to do a much better job.

Yet, we, property tax payers get zero respect or representation. When was the last time you heard a school board member candidate address their plans to represent the taxpayer? The candidates always spout “it's for the children” or “I'm for teachers”. The lack of representation, for the taxpayer, results in little oversight and runaway spending, which ultimately becomes increased property taxes.

School district spending must reflect judicious use of precious resources. Property taxpayers are not an endless supply of revenue. However, the administration and school board members will not control spending unless there are realistic limits on spending.

Capping the plundering of property taxpayers will compel better stewardship of taxpayer resources.

We, property taxpayers, are treated like serfs where we must pay a fee to local government otherwise the local governance will take our hard-earned assets away from us. The school districts and municipal government have no skin in the game when it comes to our assets. They didn't save and work hard to pay off the mortgage. They didn't work hard to pay the taxes or to remodel and improve the property assets. No, the school districts and municipal government view us taxpayers as if we are their servants and serfs.

It is time the property taxpayers are represented. It is time we, property taxpayers, rise up and collectively protect what is ours and push back, hard, against the plundering of our assets.

Robert Franco
Surf Road

Something on your mind?

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

Thanks for support of Optimist fundraiser

Editor, The Sun:

Thank you to our incredible bakers and bidders! The 2026 Coastal Optimist Club of Wakulla Cake Auction was a huge success, and it's all thanks to YOU! With matching funds, we were able to award five academic scholarships to Wakulla High School seniors total-

ing over \$12,000!

To our 12 amazing bakers, Alex Gonzalez, Brandon Geiger, Derek Allen, Donny Bennett, Greg James, Joe Morgan, Josh Brown, Josh Lawhon, Kinsey Miller, Niraj Patel, Robert Pilkington, and Shadrach Hines, thank you for helping us continue our work for the kids of

Wakulla County. Your gift of time, talent, creativity, and heart is so appreciated. The cakes were stunning, the videos fantastic and your efforts made this event unforgettable!

To our winning bidders, Jordan Lee, John Shuff, Lori Allen, William Snowden, Allison Barwick, Karen Radabaugh, Jasmine McMillan, Emily Jones, and Andrew Riddle,

thank you for your generous support! Every dollar you contributed goes directly toward programs that benefit the kids of Wakulla County.

To our wonderful community, whether you baked, bid, donated, or cheered us on, you played a part in making a difference.

Thanks again,

The Wakulla Coastal Optimists

On the Horizon

Calendar of events for the week of June 25

Thursday, June 25

- The Rotary Club of Wakulla County meets at the TSC Wakulla Center at 8:30 a.m. on Thursdays. (No meeting this week)
- 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 26

- VFW Post 4538 Salure to Our Veterans will be held at the community center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open to all veterans and their families – medical and VA services, financial services, counseling and support and more.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 8 p.m. every Friday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Saturday, June 27

- Preparedness Expo, hosted by Wakulla Emergency Management, will be held at the new Emergency Operations Center from 9 a.m. to noon. Visit with vendors and get a sneak peek of the new EOC facility, scheduled to open in July.
- Radio Field Day, a test of the preparedness of amateur radio operators, will be held during the day. To observe or participate, contact Ken Fields at w4kef1@gmail.com.
- VFW Post 4538 Salure to Our Veterans will be held at the community center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open to all veterans and their families – medical and VA services, financial services, counseling and support and more.
- St. Marks Community Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in St. Marks.
- Pride in the House Party will be held at Palaver Tree Theater at 6 p.m., hosted by Wakulla's own Alexis Montgomery. Tickets are \$15 or two for \$25.

Sunday, June 28

- Wakulla Giving Hands regular weekly food giveaway is held 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 29

- The Wakulla Respite Program is available for anyone with memory impairment at no cost from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Ellen Baptist Church every Monday.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6 p.m. for women and 8 p.m. for men every Monday at 54 Ochlockonee St.
- Gentle Yoga and Stetching Class with Margaret every Monday at 11 a.m. First Baptist Church CLC Building in Crawfordville. Bring a mat.
- Line Dancing Class is held at Wakulla Dance Academy every Monday

from 7 to 9 p.m. \$5 per person. Wear dance shoes or tennis shoes.

Tuesday, June 30

- 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, July 1





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UPCOMING Thursday, July 2

- America250! is being celebrated locally with a ceremony to exhume a time capsule buried in 1976 and bury a capsule to be opened in 2076. The event will be held on the courthouse grounds beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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Polled at the Chamber After-Hours event on June 18: Who is your favorite historical figure and why?



SEDITA CAYSON
Realtor

“George Washington. He paved the way for the U.S.A.”



TRISHA QUASNEY
War Paint

“Elizabeth the First or Catherine the Great. They became such strong leaders in a world of men.”



GWENDOLYN STATEN
Notary

“Barack Obama. The first African American president of the U.S.A. for two terms. He’s got swagger! Very cool dude.”



KRISTIN CORBIN
Corbin Systems

Charlie Kirk. He was a genuine Christian who stood up for humanity. He could debate anyone.”



TOM MANN
Musician

“George Washington. His prior experience in battle and becoming the General of the Continental Army.”

Wakulla Crossroads

By **VERNA BROCK**

I hope everyone had a happy Father's Day. Across the board, it is a great blessing to have a strong and loving father in our lives. Having a positive father figure, biological or not, helps children feel secure, confident and valued. Many faiths equate the Creator with a compassionate father; Christians across the globe refer to God as “our Father”. Loving fathers help reflect a loving and engaged heavenly father, and that in itself is important.

Those of us fortunate enough to have a good dad know the difference it makes in our lives. I was blessed to have my father well into my sixties. Since my dad died in 2023 at age 91, I have often thought about him and what he still means to my family and me. He had the best laugh I have ever heard, and he genuinely loved every kid he met. As a little girl, I pretty much thought he was a super hero. As I grew up, I realized (like every child) that he wasn't perfect, but he was definitely perfect for our family.

I know so many great dads, includ-

ing my husband Ed. There are granddads, uncles, brothers, and friends, each filling the role of “Dad” for boys and girls all around us. To each and every one of you, I say thank you. I hope your Sunday was filled with love and joy!

Have you ever noticed how profoundly fashion informs our understanding of events and history? I don't mean the crazy things we sometimes see on exotic runways. I'm talking about the everyday garments, accessories, hair and styles we adopt throughout our lives.

Have you ever noticed that the one place producers keep styles very non-descript is in commercials? They seem to intentionally choose the least

noticeable outfits just so that Pepto Bismol commercial can air unedited for decades. Any ad for the numerous (and unpronounceable) medications that dominate the airwaves nowadays typically features forgettable people and styles. Heck, often I can't tell you what's even being marketed!

I'll be honest. I miss the gloriously fun and memorable commercials from my childhood in the 1950s and 60s. Whatever happened to catchy jingles and animated Alka Seltzer tablets? A little retro creativity might be a welcome change from some of the boring and confusing ads we watch, ad infinitum, everyday. Here's to more clarity, and less obfuscation, all presented with taste and fewer fever dreams!

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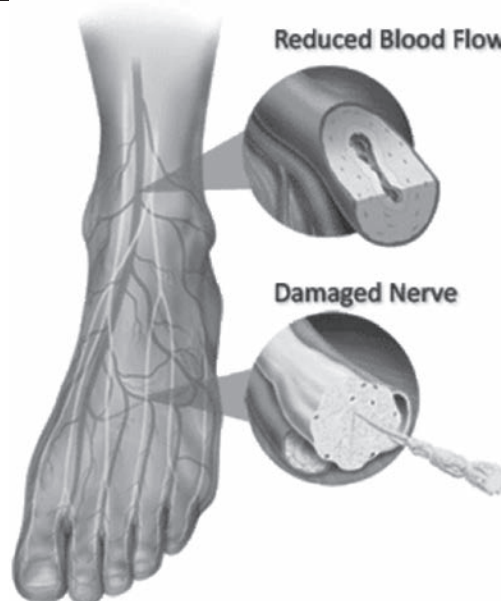
Chronic pain and/or other nerve issues is a result of damage to the nerves often causing weakness, pain, numbness, tingling, and the most debilitating balance problems. This damage is commonly caused by a lack of blood flow to the nerves in the hands and feet which causes the nerves to begin to degenerate due to lack of nutrient flow.

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“I came in for my foot and its improved to a 3 out of 5.

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-Joseph L. Scheppers, Westphalia, MO
“I came in for severe pain and noticed instant improvement!

I rate my improvement 4 out of 5 and love the 'old Waylan' they play in the morning!”

- Charlie Koelling, Hermann, MO

“I came in for help walking on my leg. Now I rate my improvement at Dr. Ferrin's clinic a 4 out of 5!”

- Linda Juno, Eldon, MO

“My numbness was improved 4 out of 5 stars,

I immediately noticed improvement and Rate Dr. Ferrin's clinic 'the best!’”

-Jacque Sue Meyer, Lohman, MO

“Foot and leg pain is a great deal better! 4.5 stars out of 5 -

I wish this treatment had been around for my Dad!

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- Mitch Anderson, Russellville, MO
“My foot feels a lot better!”

- Greg Borgemeyer, Wardsville, MO

“My leg pain improved 5 out of 5 and my Plantar Fasciitis improved 4 out of 5! I noticed improvement after my first treatment! I recommend Dr. Ferrin's clinic!”

- Gary Dake, Jefferson City, MO

“The treatments have given me a better outlook on my overall health. Thank you ... Dr. Ferrin's clinic”

-Jerry Schmitz, Jefferson City, MO

“I immediately started feeling better and it lasts all day!”

- Mark Kerstner, Lohman, MO

“The staff are very compassionate, capable and friendly!”

- Hazel Rea, Russellville, MO

“I came in to relieve pain in my foot and shoulder and noticed improvement after my third treatment!”

- David Welch, Holts Summit, MO

“I recommend this office; I enjoyed the appointments, the staff were friendly and professional!”

- Bill Wekenborg, Jefferson City, MO
“I've had serious issues with my leg nerves for years!

Thanks for offering this treatment to us in Jefferson City, very much needed!”

- Tonny Hammond, Jefferson City, MO

“I noticed improvement after my first treatment! The treatments were successful and did everything I was hoping for. Everyone in the office is very professional and friendly!”

-Tim Frevert, Jefferson City, MO

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-Leroy Lenger, Jefferson City

“On a scale of one to five, I rate it a five! Maximum improvement.”

- Margaret Poettgen, Freeburg, MO

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- Evelyn Sue Kauffman, Jefferson City, MO



“After a few sessions, I experienced a big improvement in my body! I no longer experienced leg cramps, my bowel movements became normal without medications and my sciatic nerve pain was gone without taking pain pills!”

Thanks to the expertise of Dr. Ferrin.

- Dr. Eriberto Languido, M.D.

“I noticed improvement after 3-4 treatments - improvement is a 4 on a scale of 1-5! I would definitely recommend someone to Dr. Ferrin's clinic.”

- William T. Ward, Russellville, MO

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HOME ON THE RANGE

Rimfire vs. center fire



By MARJ LAW

Wednesday, a daddy is out with his two children. Ben appears to be around 13 and Ella is about 11.

“I got a gun that shoots real bullets!” Ben crows.

“Mine has real bullets, too!” claims Ella.

“Nuh-uh,” he persists. “See, my bullet’s got this dot in the middle of the back. That makes them real bullets. Right, Dad?”

I can see Dad doesn’t want to get in the middle of this sibling rivalry. He looks at me helplessly.

“Would you explain the difference to them?” he asks. They both await my verdict. Clearly, each one wants to be vindicated.

I don’t want to get in the middle of this, either. Suddenly, a thought comes to me.

“Why don’t we ask Wikipedia?”

“Yeah, Wiki will know,” says Ben importantly. He turns to his sister. “Then, you’ll know I’m right.”

He hangs over me as I find Wiki’s opinion on my cell phone.

“What’s projectile?” asks Ella.

“The projectile is actually the bullet that flies out of your gun and hits the target,” I reply. “You both have bullets at the tip of your cartridges. But, the entire piece is called a round or a cartridge.”

“Let’s look at the ammunition you have for each of your guns. Now you know that you both have bullets at the tip of



your rounds. However, you, Ben, have a dot in the center of the back of your round. Your firing pin whacks right there. When it does, its primer sets off a spark that sets off gunpowder in the casing of the round. This causes an explosion and wham! out the bullet goes toward your target.

“See? Wiki says that a centerfire cartridge ‘is a type of metallic cartridge used in firearms, where the primer is located at the center of the base of its casing.’”

“See,” says Ben proudly to Ella. “Maybe we both got bullets on our rounds, but mine is a metal cartridge used in firearms. See, my gun is a firearm. A real gun. It has a dot in the center that sparks and makes gunpowder explode and send out my bullets!”

Ella looks crestfallen and turns to me. “Mine isn’t a real gun?”

“Yes, it is,” I assure her. “But your firing pin doesn’t hit the center like Ben’s does.” Ben smirks triumphantly.

“Instead, your ammunition is named rimfire ammunition as the firing pin strikes and crushes the base’s rim to ignite the primer. Wiki goes on to say, ‘the priming compound is filled from inside into the trough cavity inside the rim. The case is then filled with propellant (gunpowder) and sealed

off by the projectile.’”

“What this means is,” I say to her, “your firing pin hits the rim of this round instead of in the center. Your rounds have primers, just like Ben’s. The difference is, the rim is where your primer is located instead of in the center. And, when that firing pin whacks the primer on the rim of your round, it sets off a spark just like Ben’s. This ignites gunpowder inside the brass case. Then, Wham! The gunpowder causes an explosion that sends your bullet out to fly towards your target!”

“That means we both got primers and we both got gunpowder and we both got bullets,” says Ella smugly. “My primer is just in a different spot,” she continues. “Are you sure that’s what Wiki says?” asks Ben, trying to recover some pride.

“Wiki goes on to say: ‘The majority of today’s handguns, rifles, and shotguns use centerfire ammunition.’ Then it says: ‘with the exception of some .17 caliber, .20 caliber and .22 caliber rimfire handgun and rifle cartridges...’”

“That’s mine!” says Ella happily. “My gun is a .22 caliber!” “Does it say anything more about centerfire cartridges?” Ben persists.

“Let’s see... OK, it says: ‘Centerfire car-

tridges are more reliable for military purposes because the thicker metal cartridge cases can withstand rougher handling without damage, and are safer to handle because explosive priming compound in a protruding rim’ (as in rimfire guns) ‘is more likely to be triggered by impact if a rimfire cartridge is dropped or pinched.’”

Ella feels her point is made and is now watching squirrels in a tree nearby.

I continue: “The stronger base of a centerfire cartridge is able to withstand higher chamber pressures which in turn gives bullets greater velocity and energy.”

“That means my bullets go faster,” says Ben importantly to Ella, but Ella is no longer paying attention.

“Let’s draw a picture of both of your rounds,” I suggest. “We can use that picnic table over there by the trees. Is that okay, Dad?” I turn to their father. He grins, happy to be excluded from their bickering.

“Ella,” I hand a piece of paper and a pen to her. “What does your round look like?”

“Me too!” Ben doesn’t want to be left out. He gets paper and pen, as well.

“Now, let’s make a circle showing the base

of the gun, because we can’t see it by the side view we’ve drawn.” I take a dime and help Ella trace the dime. Then I hand it to Ben.

“Where is your primer located, Ben?” I ask.

He places a dot in the middle of the circle.

“Fine!” I praise him. “Now, Ella, where is the primer in your round?”

Ella traces a deeper circle within the original circle.

“That’s it! Great job! OK, where is the gunpowder?”

Both kids squiggle the entire center of their rounds.

“Good! Now, show me the bullet!”

And both kids darken the tips of their rounds. Daddy joins us at the table.

“You guys ready to shoot?” he asks. “I put a box of bullets beside each of your guns.”

Ella grins at her father.

“Those are called rounds, Daddy.”

“Yeah,” chips in Ben. “Only the tip is the bullet. That’s the part that hits the target!”

“That so?” asks Daddy. He winks at me over their heads. “And here I thought the whole thing is called a bullet!”

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



RED DRUM
(*Sciaenops ocellatus*)

If it hits like a freight train, and tries to wrap your line around the pilings, it’s probably a Redfish. Otherwise known as Red Drum, they have a beautiful coppery color with one tail. Rarely a fish may have two or none. Young grow in estuaries, feeding on crustaceans, small fish and mollusks for 4 years before migrating nearshore. During the Aug-Nov spawning, they move into brackish and tannin stained inshore waters. There they turn into the rich bronze they get their name from. Red drum can be killed by a cold snap in shallow waters. They can reach 4 ft.

Eukarya, Animalia, Cordata, Actinopterygii, Perciformes, Sciaenidae



WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO

Retired park ranger Robert Thompson was on his wildlife survey at Wakulla Springs and shot this photo of a Laughing Gull flying with a fish in its beak.



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June 25 - July 1



Tide charts by
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Best fishing days this month
Best fishing day(s) is in the center of date ranges.
June 26 - July 2

Thursday 25	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:37 AM	5:18 PM
8:42 PM	3:07 AM
Moon Illumination 84%	
Friday 26	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:37 AM	6:16 PM
8:42 PM	3:43 AM
Moon Illumination 90%	
Saturday 27	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:38 AM	7:12 PM
8:42 PM	4:23 AM
Moon Illumination 95%	
Sunday 28	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:38 AM	---
8:42 PM	5:10 AM
Moon Illumination 98%	
Monday 29	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:38 AM	8:05 PM
8:42 PM	6:01 AM
Moon Illumination 100%	
Tuesday 30	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:39 AM	8:53 PM
8:42 PM	6:56 AM
Moon Illumination 100%	
Wednesday 1	
Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
6:39 AM	9:37 PM
8:42 PM	7:54 AM
Moon Illumination 97%	

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

St. Marks River Entrance

Th	12:45 am ▲ 2.5 ft	4:42 am ▼ 2.1 ft	11:21 am ▲ 3.3 ft	6:56 pm ▼ 0.3 ft
Fr	1:36 am ▲ 2.7 ft	5:44 am ▼ 2.1 ft	12:12 pm ▲ 3.4 ft	7:42 pm ▼ 0.1 ft
Sa	2:15 am ▲ 2.8 ft	6:38 am ▼ 2.1 ft	12:58 pm ▲ 3.6 ft	8:23 pm ▼ -0.1 ft
Su	2:49 am ▲ 2.9 ft	7:25 am ▼ 2.0 ft	1:38 pm ▲ 3.7 ft	9:00 pm ▼ -0.2 ft
Mo	3:22 am ▲ 3.0 ft	8:07 am ▼ 1.8 ft	2:14 pm ▲ 3.8 ft	9:33 pm ▼ -0.2 ft
Tu	3:54 am ▲ 3.1 ft	8:47 am ▼ 1.7 ft	2:47 pm ▲ 3.8 ft	10:04 pm ▼ -0.3 ft
We	4:25 am ▲ 3.2 ft	9:25 am ▼ 1.6 ft	3:20 pm ▲ 3.9 ft	10:32 pm ▼ -0.3 ft

City of St. Marks

Th	1:21 am ▲ 2.3 ft	5:46 am ▼ 1.9 ft	11:57 am ▲ 3.1 ft	8:00 pm ▼ 0.3 ft
Fr	2:12 am ▲ 2.5 ft	6:48 am ▼ 1.9 ft	12:48 pm ▲ 3.2 ft	8:46 pm ▼ 0.1 ft
Sa	2:51 am ▲ 2.6 ft	7:42 am ▼ 1.9 ft	1:34 pm ▲ 3.3 ft	9:27 pm ▼ -0.1 ft
Su	3:25 am ▲ 2.7 ft	8:29 am ▼ 1.8 ft	2:14 pm ▲ 3.4 ft	10:04 pm ▼ -0.1 ft
Mo	3:58 am ▲ 2.8 ft	9:11 am ▼ 1.7 ft	2:50 pm ▲ 3.5 ft	10:37 pm ▼ -0.2 ft
Tu	4:30 am ▲ 2.9 ft	9:51 am ▼ 1.6 ft	3:23 pm ▲ 3.6 ft	11:08 pm ▼ -0.2 ft
We	5:01 am ▲ 3.0 ft	10:29 am ▼ 1.5 ft	3:56 pm ▲ 3.6 ft	11:36 pm ▼ -0.2 ft

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Th	12:52 am ▲ 2.7 ft	5:17 am ▼ 2.1 ft	11:35 am ▲ 3.5 ft	7:09 pm ▼ 0.2 ft
Fr	1:44 am ▲ 2.9 ft	6:11 am ▼ 2.1 ft	12:20 pm ▲ 3.6 ft	7:55 pm ▼ 0.0 ft
Sa	2:27 am ▲ 3.0 ft	6:59 am ▼ 2.1 ft	1:02 pm ▲ 3.7 ft	8:37 pm ▼ -0.2 ft
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Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

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St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

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Sa	2:55 am ▲ 2.3 ft	6:50 am ▼ 2.0 ft	12:20 pm ▲ 3.0 ft	8:12 pm ▼ -0.2 ft
Su	3:26 am ▲ 2.4 ft	7:24 am ▼ 2.0 ft	12:59 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	8:47 pm ▼ -0.2 ft
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We	4:50 am ▲ 2.4 ft	9:12 am ▼ 1.9 ft	2:57 pm ▲ 3.1 ft	10:27 pm ▼ -0.2 ft

Dog Island West End

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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.

Gulf Specimen is rehabbing turtle with 'bubble butt'

From Gulf Specimen

This month, we welcomed our new rehab patient, Robin!

Robin is a Loggerhead Sea turtle, weighing in at a whopping 232 pounds! The length of her shell measures 102 centimeters!

Robin was spotted floating offshore near Panama City Beach, unable to dive down for food or protection. Some amazing boater heroes spotted her in distress and had Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation (FWC) come to rescue her. With the help of FWC and Florida Panhandle Marine Institute (FPMI), she was safely removed from the water and docked overnight at FPMI. She was then transferred to Gulf Specimen on Friday, May 22nd.

Once we got her back to our turtle hospital, we ran some X-rays, gave her fluids, and ran blood tests to get a better understanding of what caused her to have her buoyancy issues. All with the amazing help from our vets, Dr. Julie O'Brien of Compassion Vet, and Dr. Liz McGowan of Shepard Springs Animal Hospital. We learned that



Gulf Specimen staff with Robin the Loggerhead Sea Turtle.

she has a type of infection causing air to be trapped under her shell causing what we call bubble butt.

Robin is happily in one of our deep rehabilitation tanks and healing swimmingly! She is not currently on display for the public so as not to interfere with her recovery process. But we hope to show her off once she gets better!

Robin's story is an amazing example of how helpful we can be when we work together!

A huge thank you goes out to the amazing boaters, Dr. O'Brien, Dr. McGowan, FWC, FPMI, and all of the GSML volunteers for their teamwork and dedication to turtle rehabilitation and ocean conservation!



Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

Dive Education

October 18, 2012

Now that the summer is over, the weather is cooling down and the number of requests for basic diver training has gone up. Folks are preparing for the adventures of next spring now that school is back in session and the family shifts into a different routine.

I have been training people to breathe compressed gases underwater for 45 years. The answer to a request for diver training is seldom the same.

I ask what the anticipated outcome from this requested training might be?

Parents want their kids to dive with them. Spouses want to accompany each other underwater. Fishermen want to spear fish in their native habitat. Scientists want to collect data below the surface. Police want to collect evidence or a body that has been dumped in a sinkhole. Clam fishermen want to harvest their catch. People want to dive for good health. Photographers want to capture images of the silent world. People want to build artificial reefs. Mostly, people want to see beautiful reef fish.

I am always pleased at the variety of things we want to do or see underwater.

I begin by encouraging them, regardless of age, to get a mask, snorkel and fins and learn how to breath-hold dive. Just about any age can do this activity called snorkel diving.

We usually collect scallops by holding our breath and briefly sliding below the surface to search for the blue-eyed swimmers. And kids can practice in their supervised family pool, strengthening swimming skills until they are old enough to move to the next step.

As a family, I took my kids into surface supplied diving first. I placed a compressor on the boat and supervised them breathing from a regulated gas supply while watching from the surface until they were confident and informed enough to join me at very shallow depths. This approach works for adults also. There is no heavy cylinder on your back and you are on a leash!

Freedom from any connection to the surface is the ultimate objective however, and a Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus is what most folks want. A traditional quality scuba class will take five days, include lectures to learn details about the physics and physiology of the environment, local residents and the technology. Pool training to master skin and scuba skills takes the same amount of time.

The last two days of the class are dedicated to checkout dives, hopefully in clear and somewhat warm water. How this class is bundled together is up to the instructor and students to arrange, either as weeknight lectures with weekend water work, or morning lecture with afternoon pool sessions.

In the end, the certification earned is a learner's permit to depths no deeper than 60 feet.

Classes with couples are taught differently from those with kids and different again from training police officers. They each have their charm and challenges.

I understand that Wakulla High School has a new Engineering Program. I wonder if they might be interested in our Dive Engineer curriculum taught along these same lines? Safety through education!

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

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When we're humbled by God's mercy

By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

Everyone felt it – especially the woman standing half-dressed before the condemning crowd. Her eyes frantically scanned every angle of the temple court, seeking an escape.

Even a passerby could sense the crowd's impatience and eagerness to carry out "righteous judgment" by stoning the woman caught in adultery. She stood alone – her posture bent in shame, her eyes brimming with tears. She braced herself for the first stone.

But then ...
"I don't condemn you. Go and sin no more," Jesus said after sending her accusers away to consider their own sinful history (see John

8:1-11).

Scripture doesn't tell us what the woman did after her encounter with Jesus, but we can imagine. Although I've never committed adultery, I, too, have experienced God's great mercy. Because of this, I love Him deeply.

Still, I fall short of this week's verse: "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might" (Deuteronomy 6:5 ESV).

I love the challenge this verse stirs within

me. What would it be like to love God with every emotion, every thought and every ounce of my strength?

I'm confident that the woman mentioned earlier had no trouble loving God wholeheartedly. What if we recall times when we, too, have been humbled by God's kindness? Would these memories stir within us a desire to love Him with our entire being?

Would you consider joining me in meditating on (and perhaps memorizing) Deuteronomy

6:5?

How would it change our lives, our choices – even the way we respond to stress? How would applying Deuteronomy 6:5 change our hearts, our relationships? How would loving God with everything we've got change our prayer life?

Let's ask God to help us love Him with our whole being because of Who He is (Almighty God) – and because of all the times His love gives rise to mercy.

This will not only bring our Father joy but

also change us in ways we can only imagine. If we loved God with even a fraction of our entire being, we'd experience such an awareness of God's love that it would shatter all shame from our past.

And this, dear reader, will give our Father even greater joy.

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From reeds to rest

By **CHERYL CRUCE**

It was during my time as a home health aide working with local hospice that I learned some of life's deepest lessons. I remember one gentleman in his upper 90s who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness he simply called "old age." Even so, his mind remained sharp, and his memory reached back over a life well lived.

In our conversations, he often reflected on growing up during seasons when war and the Great Depression had shaken the nation, yet there remained a sense of simplicity – front porches, gardens, one-room schoolhouses, and picnics after church. There was a slower rhythm of life, when neighbors knew one another and people truly cared for each other.

He would smile when he spoke of boyhood days – walking home from school, long summer afternoons, and swimming at the springs with friends. Even the mischief of those days became stories told with laughter and fondness. He spoke of a life fully lived and of the faith-

fulness of God. As he neared the end of his journey, he had no regrets – only peace and the knowledge he had never walked alone.

When our conversation turned toward today, he would pause. The world, he said, felt faster – busier, more connected, yet more distant. I asked, "Is it better now, or was it better then?" He exhaled and said he could not compare the two.

For him, the slower pace had been better. But he also understood that every generation carries its own weight – what's gained and what is lost – and that life is best when it is lived in faith. As we talked in his final season, there was no fear in his voice –

only an awareness that the same God who had carried him all along was still with him...and still enough.

Truthfully, God is always enough. Moses reminds us of this. His life began among reeds and river currents, was shaped in a palace, refined in the silence of Midian, and tested in the wilderness. Through every season, God was there. And in his final chapter, as he stood at the edge of the land he would not enter, there was no sense of abandonment – only a quiet completion. A life carried, shaped, and held by God from beginning to end.

And maybe that is where the conversation turns gently toward us.

Because we live in a world that is faster now – more connected, more immediate, more full of noise that asks us to hurry through the most precious moments. Still, even in the rush, the invitation of God has remained the same. Our Heavenly Father still invites us to be held, to be known and to be accompanied by Him in every season – not only in the quiet years of reflection, but in the busy ones too.

Therefore, the question is not whether our time is better or worse than another time. The question is whether we recognize, in our own lives, the same steady presence that carried those who came before us. God continues to walk alongside His

children. His presence shapes every chapter and every step of our journey. And no matter how difficult the path is, we are never alone. For the God who carried Moses through every season of life is the One who carried the man I sat with in his final days. And He carries us, even now, with grace for every step.

Even to your old age and gray hairs I am here, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you – Isaiah 46:4

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

OUT TO PASTOR

Help! I'm becoming my father

By **JAMES SNYDER**

As I celebrated Father's Day this year, I remembered my father. It was 16 years ago that he passed away, and I have not forgotten him one single day.

One thing that stands out in my memories of him is his money. He did not have a lot of money, but the money he did have was somewhat of an obsession with him. When he got his monthly bank statements, he spent the whole day going through them line by line.

As he reviewed his statements and deposits, he remembered each deposit and its source. Sitting with him one time as he was going over his bank statements, I asked him how he could remember each deposit and where it came from.

Continuing to look at his bank statement, he said, "Son, it's more important to know where your money is coming from than where it's going."

I'm not sure I understood exactly at the time what he was talking about.

He had a construction business and kept track of all the money coming in from the sale of a house. It was important to him to review

his money every month.

Today, we can check our bank balances online every day. Back in his day, he didn't have the Internet like we have today. I like to think of what it would be like if he could check his bank balances every day. I think he would really have enjoyed that.

Thinking of his connection with money, I could not help but think about going out to lunch with him. Often, several of his friends would come out together, and we would have lunch at a restaurant. I did not catch this at first, but it did not take me long to see what was happening.

Everybody paid their own bill, but Dad picked up mine, which I was thankful for. He told everybody that he would take care of the tip, and nobody needed to worry about it. I noticed that he laid down the tip. I did not quite understand what it was, but as he walked away, I looked back and saw that his tip was a quarter. Sometimes it was only a nickel, but this time he was being very generous.

As we were walking out, some of the guys would say they had to go to the bathroom and would catch up with us in the parking lot. I never assumed what they were doing, but later I realized they were going back to the table and leaving generous tips for the waitress. It's a good thing good old dad didn't know anything about that.

Tipping was not his favorite thing to do, as

you can imagine.

Compared to my father, my mother was not frugal at all. Believe me, Dad had to watch over her with a very sharp eye so she would not spend too much of his money, which taught me the value of careful spending and the importance of financial discipline in family life.

This was particularly true around Christmas time. Mother wanted to buy all of us kids a lot of presents for Christmas. Dad, on the other side of the Christmas tree, believed that each should only get one Christmas present. And he was unanimous in that. It was one of the few things they really disagreed. Dad was not going to spend a lot of money on Christmas.

When it came to Christmas trees, he was just as frugal. I remember that several

years ago, the week before Christmas, we went driving around the countryside looking for a Christmas tree. I did not understand at the time, but I was later to understand what he was doing. If he found a tree that looked like a Christmas tree, he would stop, dig it out of the ground, put it in the car, and take it home.

That was our Christmas tree for the year.

Then, after the Christmas season, he would take that tree in our backyard and plant it. I cannot tell you how many Christmas trees were planted in our backyard, which made my father so very proud. I cannot tell you how many times he would sit on the back porch and look at those Christmas trees. He could tell which year each Christmas tree was acquired.

Of course, the same

attitude was prevalent at our birthdays. Mom would like to get us half a dozen birthday gifts, but Dad would only settle for one. I can remember them arguing over which gift to get me for my birthday.

It was not that our father did not like us; he was just very careful about his money. Money came very hard to him, and he was going to make sure it would be harder to go out of his bank than to go in. From him, I learned the importance of saving and being cautious with spending, lessons that still guide me today.

I like to go online to check my bank account, and when I do, I

think of my father. How he would have loved checking his money every day. To him, money was very important.

The Apostle Paul understood this in 1 Timothy 6:10a, "For the love of money is the root of all evil."

Our problem is not money itself. We need money to live every day. "The Love of money" is what undermines our lives.

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Betty Louise Newberry

Betty Louise Newberry, age 97, passed peacefully into the arms of Jesus and the long-awaited hug of her best friend and husband, Ernest Brown Newberry Sr., on May 10, 2026. In a beautiful testament to their enduring love, her passing occurred on what would have been their 77th wedding anniversary reuniting them for eternity on the very day their lifelong commitment began in 1949.

Betty was born February 28, 1929, to Edgar and Addie (Keefer) Knill. Betty was raised on a dairy farm along with 8 brothers and sisters. She was preceded in death by her beloved

husband, Ernest B. Newberry Sr., who passed away February 2023 after 74 years of beautiful marriage. Betty's deep Christian faith and unwavering devotion to her family served as the cornerstone of her 97 years of life. She was a woman of gentle grace, quiet strength, and profound love, whose warmth left an indelible mark on everyone who knew her.

Her remarkable legacy of faith, love, and family lives on through those she leaves behind. She is survived by her devoted children: Ernest Newberry Jr. with wife Cathy, Deborah Newberry Flora with husband Steve, and Joy

Newberry Maltese with husband Joe. She also leaves behind a rich lineage of six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, all of whom she loved fiercely and prayed over continuously.

While our hearts are heavy with her departure, we rejoice in knowing that she has run her race, kept the faith, and is finally home, holding hands once again with her beloved Ernest in the presence and light of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Service Information: Betty will be laid to rest beside her beloved husband at the Tallahassee VA National Cemetery on June 30, 2026, at 10 a.m.

DEATH NOTICES

- **Jeffrey Alward**, 70, of Crawfordville, died June 6, 2026.
- **Frankie Darell Bright**, 81, of Crawfordville, died June 18, 2026.

- **George Etheridge**, 46, of Bristol, died June 16, 2026.
- **Eugene L. Freeman**, 60, of Crawfordville, died June 11, 2026.
- **Bleve "BB" Hollis**, 83, of St. Marks, died June 13, 2026.
- **Joseph John Arthur Locke**, 66, of Woodville, died June

19, 2026.

- **Susan Vatter Moninger**, 69, of Crawfordville, died June 10, 2026

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

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff's Report is for activity June 12 to 19. There were 1,369 total calls for service.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

• A citizen reported the theft of an air compressor from a D.R. Horton Construction Site located at Argonne Drive. He valued the compressor at \$2,500. He wanted to report this for information and signed a Request for Non-Prosecution. There are no witnesses or video of this incident. Due to ongoing thefts from this construction site, this case is being forwarded to Criminal Investigations Division for follow up.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

• Deputy Dustin Saba responded to Blue Dolphin Way and made contact with a citizen who stated she was following a vehicle when she observed a cell phone fall from the rear bumper. She was unable to prove any information on the vehicle, but turned the phone over to WCSO for safekeeping.

• A credit/debit card was discovered by the ATM machine at Centennial Bank. Deputies contacted a representative from the bank which deactivated the card. The card was shredded.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

• Deputy Zachary Godwin, along with deputies Ian Kilbourn, Joshua Martin and Austin Rivers, made contact with a suspicious person behind Authentic Life Church. During the contact, the subject had paraphernalia in plain view. Upon a search of his personal property, he fled from deputies and jumped into a pond. After deputies removed the subject from the pond, methamphetamine was located in his pocket. He was taken

into custody and transported to the jail.

MONDAY, JUNE 15

• Deputy Bushong responded to the WCSO lobby in reference to a fraud. Contact was made with the reporting person who advised she received a text from her bank advising her of transactions that were made which resulted in a loss of \$1,023.91. She disputed the transactions through the bank but needed a report for the investigation. She advised she did not wish to pursue charges and wanted this incident documented for informational purposes.

• Deputy Jonathan Kilbourn responded to the 400 block of Woodville Highway in reference to a citizen wanting to report an issue with receiving citations. He advised he began receiving citations in the mail from Hillsborough County for unpaid tolls. He advised he does not travel to that county and went to the DMV thinking this was a scam. After being informed the citations were legitimate, he became concerned. However, the DMV advised him the tag used was altered to make it appear as though it was his tag. He was advised to contact the local authorities in Hillsborough County to make a report. This report was documented for informational purposes.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

• Deputy Kittrell and Deputy Bushong responded to the 2500 block of Crawfordville Highway in reference to a suspicious person. Contact was made with the reporting person who stated while preparing to depart, in his semi-truck in the parking lot of McIver's Flooring, he was sitting in the cab of the truck with the driver's door open. He

advised a male in a camo shirt, shorts, and a hat grabbed his calf. He was very startled because the male appeared out of nowhere. He advised he then called law enforcement. An attempt to locate the subject was made but to no avail. He completed a non-prosecution for this incident.

• Deputy Bushong responded to the WCSO lobby in reference to lost property. Contact was made with the reporting person who stated while conducting personal errands in town, he lost his passport. He advised the passport was lost at Publix and only realized it when he returned home. He went back to Publix to look for the passport to no avail. He advised he needed a report to obtain a new passport.

• A citizen reported finding the back window of her vehicle shattered. She advised she noticed it as she was leaving for work. She advised she had no clue who would have shattered the glass. During the investigation, an attempt to locate footage from neighbors was made but yielded no results. Due to no video, witnesses, and no potential suspects, this incident was documented for informational purposes.

• Deputy J. Kilbourn responded to the 2500 block of Crawfordville Highway in reference to a criminal mischief. Contact was made with the reporting person who stated he had a work order for repairs to the tower generator. When he arrived, he noticed the fence was cut and parts of the structure were damaged and missing item components such as wires that allow the tower to work. While on scene, Deputy Kilbourn observed "putty" laying on the equipment which contained fingerprints. The putty was collected and submitted to property and evidence. He stated the total cost of repairs and missing items were approximately \$3,500.

Case forwarded to CID.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

• Walmart Asset Protection reported they had two subjects detained in their office. These subjects were observed skip scanning and exchanging tags without paying actual price, valued at approximately \$100. Both were taken into custody and transported to the jail facility.

• Walmart Asset Protection reported a delayed theft. An unknown subject passed all points of sale with approximately \$1,797.00 worth of unpaid merchandise. Case forwarded to CID.

• Deputy Ian Kilbourn responded to the front lobby and made contact with a citizen who reported losing his iPhone 17 at Wakulla Springs.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

• A citizen reported being scammed out of \$2,000. She was told by the scammers to send four Amazon cards to an unknown subject, believing she had won money. Case forwarded to CID.

• Deputy I. Kilbourn responded to River Plantation Road in reference to a citizen reporting her iPhone 13 missing.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

• Deputy Parker conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle due to the vehicle not having a license plate displayed. Contact was made with the driver and informed the reason for the stop. During the stop, it was discovered that he had been stopped previously for no plate displayed. After discovering this information, he was placed under arrest and transported to the county jail without further incident.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

0625-0702 TWS NOFS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

UNITED WHOLESALE MORTGAGE, LLC, CASE NO. 2025-CA-000106
Plaintiff,
vs.
HUY NGOC NGUYEN, ET AL.,
Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Greg James, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Wakulla County, Florida, will on July 30, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. ET, Lobby of Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327 in accordance with Chapter 45, F.S., offer for sale and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Wakulla County, Florida, to wit:

Lot 88, SUMMERFIELD PHASE 1, according to the plat as recorded in Plat Book 6, Pages 31 through 33, of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida.

Property Address: 20 Springdale Dr, Crawfordville, FL 32327

pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style and case number of which is set forth above.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: ADA Coordinator, 301 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301, (850) 606-4400 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Dated this 17th day of June, 2026.

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

June 25, July 2, 2026

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

SELENE FINANCE, LP, CASE NO. 25000050CAAXMX
Plaintiff,
vs.
MIRANDA STORM WEST; ET AL.,
Defendants

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Plaintiffs Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on June 11, 2026 in the above-captioned action, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Wakulla County Courthouse Lobby, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 30th day of July, 2026 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure or order, to wit:

LOT 41, BLOCK B, CHADWICK ESTATES PHASE 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGES 6 AND 7, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property address: 105 Windsor Way, Crawfordville, FL 32327

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In accordance with Rule of General Practice and Judicial administration 2.515, the undersigned represents that the legal authorities identified herein exist and are accurately cited.

Dated this 17th day of June, 2026.

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By: /s/ Rachel Howard
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MIRANDA STORM WEST; ET AL.,
Defendants

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Plaintiffs Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on June 11, 2026 in the above-captioned action, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Wakulla County Courthouse Lobby, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 30th day of July, 2026 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure or order, to wit:

LOT 41, BLOCK B, CHADWICK ESTATES PHASE 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGES 6 AND 7, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property address: 105 Windsor Way, Crawfordville, FL 32327

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Susan Wilson, ADA Coordinator; 301 South Monroe Street; Tallahassee, FL 32301; (850)577-4401; at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

In accordance with Rule of General Practice and Judicial administration 2.515, the undersigned represents that the legal authorities identified herein exist and are accurately cited.

Dated this 17th day of June, 2026.

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As Clerk of the Court
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June 25, July 2, 2026

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NOTICE OF ACTION

0604-0625 TWS NOA
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2026 CC 99

WE NOT ME FARMS MINISTRIES INC,
PLANTIFF,
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**.

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

Published June 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

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, GRANTEEES, 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:

LOT 2, BLOCK 29, WAKULLA GARDENS UNIT THREE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE(S) 43, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

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

EQUITY PRIME MORTGAGE LLC, CASE NO.: 2025CA000007
PLAINTIFF,
V.
VITO KNOWLES, ET AL.,
DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: UNKNOWN SETTLERS AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE TRUST AGREEMENT DATED THE 18TH DAY OF JULY, 2024, KNOWN AS 103 CENTER STREET LAND TRUST
103 Center St. Panacea, FL 32346

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under the above-named Defendant(s), if deceased or whose last known addresses are unknown.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to wit:

LOTS 7 AND 8, BLOCK "H", OF PANACEA PARK, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 14, PAGE 191, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Bradford Petrino, Esq., Lender Legal PLLC, 1800 Pembroke Drive, Suite 250, Orlando, Florida 32810 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said court at Wakulla County, Florida 18th 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 25, July 2, 2026

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