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School board, COAST settle

The St. Marks charter school submits new application, pays district’s legal fees

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

The Wakulla County School Board and the Charter School for Arts, Science and Technology (COAST) in St. Marks have reached a settlement, it was announced at the school board meeting on June 15.

The school board voted at the meeting to accept COAST’s newly submitted charter application.

On the recommendation of Superintendent of Schools Rick Myhre,

the school board voted to reject the application from COAST back in March.

COAST then filed an appeal of the decision to the state Division of Administrative Hearings claiming the district could not wield its renewal power over the charter school this way.

Myhre and district staff had contended COAST’s application for renewal of the charter was outdated, that it basically resubmitted the application from 1999 when the school was founded – though the



Wakulla School
Superintendent Rick Myhre

school’s offerings and services had changed over the past 25 years.

A settlement was reached with the charter school, which included that it would

submit a new charter application to be reviewed by the district.

The school also agreed to cover the district’s legal fees.

In a memo to the the COAST board several months ago, Superintendent Myhre recommended terminating the contract and suggested the school look at becoming a private school.

The school would still be able to get state scholarship monies for students, but it would face less onerous requirements than as a public school.

Charge against Kemp dropped before trial

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

Days before former County Commissioner Mike Kemp was to go to trial on a felony charge of tampering with a witness, the state attorney’s office dropped the charge.

The state attorney’s office appealed another felony charge against Kemp, dismissed by the judge in the case, for using a public record to harass. That matter is still pending before the 1st District Court of Appeal.

Kemp’s attorney, Stephen Webster, issued a statement after the state filed on Thursday, June 25 to drop the charge, saying: “Mike Kemp has dedicated his life to public service. From the National Guard, to the Sheriff’s Office, to his work building ramps for those who need assistance accessing their homes, Mike has always tried to make the world a better place. The dismissal of these criminal charges is overdue, as they should have never been filed. Nonetheless, Mike is grateful to have this difficult time behind him, and he will remain steadfast in serving the citizens of Wakulla County.”



Former county
commissioner Mike Kemp

The state had sought a stay to delay the tampering charge, which was set for trial on Wednesday, July 1, but both Circuit Judge Jeremiah Hawkes and the 1st DCA rejected the request.

With the trial being cancelled, the state also filed to drop charges against Becky Whaley and Deputy Don Newsome, both of whom had signed Deferred Prosecution Agreements with the state with a condition that they would testify against Kemp at trial.

The charges against Kemp stemmed from allegations that he had provided a public record to Becky Whaley, who was administrator of the Wakulla Citizens Facebook page, so she could out the person behind a Facebook account “Thunder Lightning” (sic). The person behind that account was a frequent critic of the county commission and Whaley.

Thunder Lightning had put up a post that his wife was nearly struck in a parking lot by a person driving a white work truck. Kemp contacted Deputy Newsome to track down the report of such a case and came up with the name of Craig Rawlings. County Commissioner Ralph Thomas used his WebElect account, an app that provides Republican candidates with voter information, to look up Rawlings and gave it to Whaley and Kemp.

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EMERGENCY READINESS



Preparedness Expo

A good crowd turned out for the Emergency Preparedness Expo held on Saturday and got a tour of the new multi-million dollar Emergency Operations Center, scheduled to open in mid-July.

Sheriff Jared Miller and Emergency Management Director Jen-

nifer Nagy, right, were on hand. Vendors at the event included Air Methods, the flight ambulance service with one of their helicopters and nurse-medic Kara Linder, and flight-medics Michael Daly, David Nunez and Mike Williamson.

(Photos by William Snowden)



Noreen Britt retires

By LINDA ANN McDONALD
Correspondent

Noreen Britt is the face of the Wakulla County’s rec park. After 34 years as Wakulla’s trusted “go to” for all recreational athletic related programs, Britt is retiring.

Alongside her duties at the rec park, Britt has also been dually employed with the Wakulla School Board. “I worked 37 hours a week at the school board alongside the rec park for 35 hours a week – for a 72 hour every week – for 22 years. I worked weekends too, but it is something that I love. The personal satisfaction is simply great.”

Outside coaching, Britt has filled many roles in the school system. In 2004, she worked at Wakulla High School making copies. A semester later, she was the attendance guru.



Noreen Britt worked at both the county rec park and for the school system.

She also worked under the assistant principal and in the guidance department.

“I coached girls’ tennis at Wakulla High School for 16 years and went to state a couple

of times, which was a big accomplishment for me.”

The rec park is where Britt laid her foundation in Wakulla County. “I started working the summer camp program

in 2006 with Jamie Lay, keeping kids in order. Then Brian Roddenberry wanted me to run the sports program. I helped with concession stands during football season at night and I became full time.

“I worked weekends too, doing tackle football, soccer, T-ball, more soccer, flag football,” she says. “I did scheduling, helped coaches with teams and schedules, and helped with uniforms.”

Britt has instilled good sportsmanship in athletes by stressing sharing.

“We are here at the rec park to have fun, and win or lose, we don’t care, this is recreation, not World Cup soccer,” she says. “I understand folks are passionate about sports, we are out here to have fun.”

Looking back, Britt said, “I made a lot of friends working for

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Fourth of July celebrations set

Staff Report

Fourth of July celebrations are set for St. Marks and Sopchoppy on Saturday:

- Sopchoppy Fourth of July Festival will begin with the annual parade at 4 p.m. through downtown, then music and fireworks at the City Park.
- St. Marks Fourth of July Celebration will be held beginning at 4 p.m. with vendors and food trucks. Fireworks over the river at dark.

Springs 3-D cave map to be shown

Staff Report

Friends of Wakulla Springs State Park and Wakulla Environmental Institute will present a program on the Sunfish, the underwater robot that has been 3-D mapping the underground cave system of Wakulla Springs.

The mapping of 45-miles of the cave system will be shown at WEI, 170 Preservation Way, on Friday, July 10 from 1 to 5 p.m.

State Rep. Jason Shoaf, R-Port St. Joe, is also scheduled to speak on how the Legislature and universities are partnering with the researchers conducting the work.

The scientists will be on hand to show the tools they use to explore the cave system.



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The City of St. Marks will consider 2nd reading and adoption of Ordinance 2026-01 at their Regular Commission Meeting on Thursday July 2, 2026 at 6:00pm at the St. Marks City Hall at 788 Port Leon Drive, St. Marks, Florida 32355

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. MARKS, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A TRANSIENT LODGING REGISTRATION PROGRAM; REGULATING VACATION RENTALS, SHORT-TERM RENTALS, RECREATIONAL VEHICLE OCCUPANCY, AND OTHER TRANSIENT LODGING USES TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE, AND MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; REQUIRING REGISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION; PROVIDING FOR ZONING, FLOODPLAIN, BUILDING, FIRE, PARKING, SOLID WASTE, AND UTILITY-CAPACITY COMPLIANCE; REGULATING RECREATIONAL VEHICLE OCCUPANCY IN RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS; PROVIDING NONCONFORMING-USE AND TRANSITION PROVISIONS; ESTABLISHING INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT, PENALTIES, SUSPENSION, REVOCATION, APPEALS, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The purpose of the ordinance is to establish a transient lodging registration program that protects public health, safety, and municipal infrastructure. A copy of the full text and the business impact statement can be viewed on the city website at cityofstmarks.com, or in person at 788 Port Leon Drive, St. Marks, Florida 32355

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WAKULLA COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE UNCLAIMED MONIES JULY 2026

As required by F.S. 116.21, below is a list of unclaimed monies the Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office is holding. Named Individuals must submit a written claim on or before September 1, 2026 by the close of business at the Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office. A valid form of identification will be required to make a claim. If these monies are not claimed on or before said deadline these monies shall be declared forfeited under Florida Statute 116.21(2) to Wakulla County Board of Commissioners Fine and Forfeiture Fund.

First Name	Last Name	Balance
WILFREDY	ACTE CHUB	\$44.00
ERIC	ALLRED	\$11.50
SEAN	ANDERSON	\$70.00
ROBERT	ATKINSON	\$49.46
TOMAS	BALTAZAR GASPAR	\$94.00
KEITH	BARKER	\$10.00
MELISSA	BARKER	\$13.00
ZACHARY	BECK	\$23.00
ISMAEL	BONTHI	\$98.00
DARIEN	BOONE	\$15.50
EMANUEL	BRAVO	\$10.00
VICTOR	BRAVO	\$419.00
JOSEPH	BROWN	\$25.63
JON	BURGESS	\$11.83
CHAD	CARRAWAY	\$13.00
ALVIN	CHAMBERS	\$10.79
TRISTAN	CHIPMAN	\$22.00
ERICK	CHOC RAX	\$28.00
ANDREW	CORBIN	\$17.15
KEITH	CRUM	\$13.00
CHRISTOPHER	DAILEY	\$20.00
JONATHAN	DOUGLAS	\$129.00
JOSEPH	ENSOR	\$30.45
FREDY	ESCALANTE LUCAS	\$103.00
SUMMER	FIELDS	\$38.00
ANTHONY	FLEISCHMAN	\$12.59
KYLA	FOUNTAIN	\$12.50
RONALD	GLOVER	\$94.88
ENRIQUE	GOMEZ	\$40.33
CHARLES	GRAY	\$28.08
EDWARD	HARRIS	\$83.62
SHADREQUA	HINES	\$27.25
CHELSEY	HISER	\$10.00
MISTY	HOLLINGSWORTH	\$10.00
SHANE	JOHNSON	\$10.75
RONALD	JOHNSON	\$17.07
KEITH	JONES	\$283.75
TORIE	KENDALL	\$42.50
LINA	MARTINEZ-MUNOZ	\$20.00
SARIEM	MCMILLIAN	\$15.69
EMERZON	MEJIA GOFF	\$26.00
BRANDON	MONZON MEJIA	\$24.46
HOLLY	NEWTON	\$20.00
SELENIA	NOLASCO-RAPALO	\$75.86
JASON	PACK	\$23.64
MODESTO	PEREZ-FERNANDEZ	\$70.85
WALT	PORTER	\$96.66
JESSICA	PYNES	\$19.00
JOHN	RAKER	\$38.00
CALEB	RIVERS	\$30.00
DAVID	ROBINSON	\$25.00
JOHN	SHAW	\$81.75
KRISTIE	SHEFFIELD	\$34.00
MATTHEW	STEWART	\$53.00
CHARLES	SWITALSKI	\$20.00
PHILLIP	VAUSE	\$403.02
JOSEPH	WEINMAN	\$20.00
CHAD	WESTERLUND	\$74.33
DAVID	WILKINSON	\$50.00
KORENNA	WILLIAMS	\$23.27
TYLER	WIMBERLY	\$18.00
ZACHARY	WRINKLE	\$41.00

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



Notice of Public Meeting:

The Wakulla County Tourist Development Council will hold a Public Meeting on July 15, 2026, at 9:00a.m. at the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Conference Room, 3093 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327, (850) 926-3695.

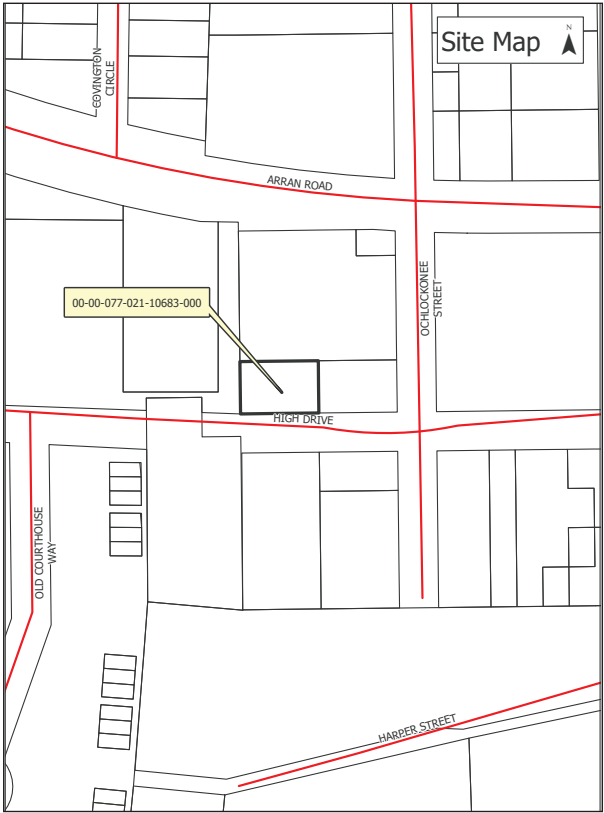
Purpose of Meeting:

To Discuss General Business of the Tourist Development Council.
If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
Persons with a disability needing a special accommodation should contact the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Office at least two (2) days prior to the meeting at (850) 926-0919; Hearing & Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771; or email at ADARquest@mywakulla.com.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING AN APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATION

The Wakulla County Historic Preservation Committee and Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners propose to consider the following application for a national historic places nomination and has scheduled Public Hearings on this nomination. A Public Hearing before the Wakulla County Historic Preservation Committee on Tuesday, July 21, beginning at 3:30 P.M. to be held at the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration conference room located at 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327. There will also be a Public Hearing before the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners on Monday, August 3, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard. This public hearing will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.



1. Application for National Register of Historic Places Nomination

Property Owner: Wakulla County
Applicant: Debra Jay
Proposal: Old Wakulla County Jail
Tax ID Number: 00-00-077-021-10683-000
Existing FLU Map: Urban Fringe (FLUE Policy 1.2.7)
Current Zoning: CO (Section 5-35, LDC)
FEMA Flood Info: “X” zone on Panel 0225E
Parcel size: 0.037 +/- acres
Location: 24 High Drive

Hearings Required: Historic Preservation Committee: Tuesday, July 21, 2026 @ 3:30 PM
BOCC: Monday, August 3, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

If an individual wishes to submit documents or other materials related to a matter before the Wakulla County Historical Preservation Committee for consideration by the Historical Preservation Committee at a public meeting, they are strongly encouraged to submit copies of all such documents or other materials to the Wakulla County Office of Planning and Community Development at least 3 days prior to the date of the meeting so that they can be provided to the Committee Members. If an individual wishes to bring documents or other materials for consideration by the Historic Preservation Committee that were not previously provided to the Wakulla County Office of Planning and Community Development in accordance with the preceding sentence, they must bring at least twelve (12) copies of each such document to the meeting.

Copies of applications, draft ordinances, and any related public record files may be viewed at the County Planning Department located at 11 Bream Fountain Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327, 8 AM to 4:30 PM M/F; Phone (850) 926-3695. Any person desiring to appeal a decision of a County Board must ensure a verbatim transcript or copy is made of the testimony and exhibits presented at said hearings. Persons with a disability needing a special accommodation should contact the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Office at least two (2) days prior to the meeting at (850) 926-0919; Hearing and Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771; or email at ADARquest@mywakulla.com.

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Purpose of Meeting:

To review and make recommendations to the BOCC on matters related to the designation, regulation and administration of historical, cultural and architectural resources in the County based on the criteria set forth in Ordinance #13-04.
If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
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FLORIDA BICYCLE ASSOCIATION MEETS WITH CONGRESSMAN VERN BUCHANAN IN SARASOTA TO DISCUSS AMERICA BIKES ACT

SARASOTA, Fla. — The Florida Bicycle Association met with Congressman Vern Buchanan in Sarasota to thank him for his leadership on the bipartisan America Bikes Act and to discuss how Florida can help turn federal bicycle safety policy into measurable local results.

The meeting focused on H.R. 9041, the America Bikes Act, which supports a broad framework for safer bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, Safe Routes to School and youth bicycle education, better integration of bicycling with public transportation, expanded access to active transportation, stronger community safety programs, and domestic bicycle manufacturing.

For Florida’s bicycling community, the issue is deeply personal. Over the past year, local riders have lost two fellow cyclists and friends while riding on roads they used every week. These were not statistics. They were people known by name, people expected at the next group ride, and people whose deaths remind the community that safer bicycling is a matter of lives saved.

“We appreciate Congressman Buchanan’s leadership because the America Bikes Act recognizes that safer communities require more than infrastructure alone,” said Eugene Rider of the Florida Bicycle Association. “Long-term success depends on infrastructure, education, partnerships, and public policy working together.”

The Sarasota meeting included FBA representatives and local bicycling leaders, reflecting a shared regional commitment to safer roads and practical implementation. FBA emphasized that infrastructure improvements must be paired with public education so bicyclists, motorists, pedestrians, and e-bike riders understand how to use Florida’s roads and new facilities safely.

Florida faces some of the nation’s most serious bicycle safety challenges, but FBA believes the state also has the opportunity to become a national model for implementing the goals of the America Bikes Act. The federal government can help establish the framework. Florida Bicycle Association can help connect that framework to local implementation through statewide partnerships.

FBA is positioned to help bring together federal transportation policy, FDOT, MPOs and TPOs, local governments, law enforcement, schools, League Cycling Instructors, engineers, planners, advocates, and community organizations into one coordinated statewide safety effort.

“Every cyclist deserves to arrive home safely,” said Richard Garrett, President of the Florida Bicycle Association. “That means we need safer roads, better education, stronger partnerships, and a clear statewide voice focused on practical solutions.”

During the meeting, FBA discussed Florida bicycle safety priorities, the role of education alongside infrastructure, youth bicycle and e-bike safety education, existing statewide partnerships, and opportunities for continued collaboration with Congressman Buchanan’s office. The discussion also included opportunities for continued coordination on bicycle safety education and future safety initiatives connected to the America Bikes Act.

FBA respectfully asked Congressman Buchanan to continue championing the America Bikes Act and to consider Florida as a demonstration state for implementation. The association stands ready to convene partners, share best practices, support community education, and help connect federal goals with measurable safety outcomes across Florida.

The meeting aligns with FBA’s strategic priorities of Advocacy and Policy Influence, Infrastructure and Planning Partnerships, Education and Safety Leadership, and Expanding Reach.

About the Florida Bicycle Association

The Florida Bicycle Association works to make bicycling safer, easier, and more accessible across Florida through advocacy, education, infrastructure partnerships, and practical communications. FBA is your voice for safer bicycling in Florida, because we deserve better.

For more information, visit floridabicycle.org.

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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.”

America250! – We’ve come a long way, baby!



By LINDA KINSEY
Staff

Putting the America 250 special section together for all of you in the future has been my pleasure. Wish we had more time and space to share more.

Here we are in 2026 wondering what life will be like in 2076 so I’m going to go over a few changes we have had in the past 50 years.

I remember when we only had land line telephones and it was long distance to call about anywhere, even Wakulla Station. Many of us still had Tallahassee addresses until the E911 addresses were implemented in the mid 1990s. After the land lines came the cordless phone, you could actually talk on the phone and pull weeds from your flower garden, prep food and other time saving projects.

Selling advertising and working with customers at the local paper in Wakulla – we would print out an ad, then get in the car and take

it to the client for proofing. They would mark up the changes or corrections and you would get in your car and take the copy back to the office for the changes. You would then get back in your car and take it back to the customer for final approval. Then there came the fax machine and most businesses had one and you could just fax back and forth. No wonder I stayed thin all those years.

Then there came the cell phone and the internet. Some people had the big bag phones in their car before everyone started getting the smaller hand held models.

We did not have a computer at home or a cell phone until the late 1990s.

The cell phone companies charged you for the service and for the minutes you used. I gave my phone number to a friend then told her not to call me. I got it for emergencies only. We got the plan also for my teenage daughter and I got one for my mother. I told my mother to make sure she hangs it up after a call or the minutes would continue charging me... so she never used it.

Then texts became a feature on the cell phones. You type a message and send to another phone. A friend

of mine, Cheri Morgan, texted me and said “dork” just because she could... So I returned with “double dork.” So she returned with “dork to the 2nd power” ... and we continued. We found out later when we got our bills that each dork was costing us 25 cents so we laughed but didn’t play around with that anymore. You also had to pay for roaming if you were out of your call area.

One time I called Sheriff David Harvey about an advertisement and he said that he was in Paris right now and to call him when he gets back in town. I remember thinking “Wow, he has a premium cell package,” my plan wouldn’t connect in Paris.

Back in the ‘90s you also had to pay for the email service. AOL charged you \$20 per month to be able to email someone.

Now most people like to receive an email or text about their advertisements but I like to meet people in person whenever possible and learn more about them and their business so I can assist them in the best way possible. Then we may go to texts and emails.

Now everyone has a phone with a camera and a lot of people use that feature.

You still have to pay for phone service but there is no roaming fee, text fee or long distance.

I gave my land line up and stopped paying for that in the late 2000s when I realized I had not used it for two years. My phone number was 926-1122 and hard to give up.

I talk about this fabulous technology we have today and how convenient much of it is , but when I was growing up we didn’t have a cable bill, a cell phone bill, an internet bill, a water bill AND sewer bill. It was a much simpler time where little kids played in the neighborhoods, kids were everywhere and kids were safer. kids were outside more often playing.

- TV stopped airing at midnight. White static screen is all you would get.

- The first front page color photo appeared in the paper in Wakulla in March 1998. It was done once just to see what it would look like. It was the talk of the town and there was no going back.

- My first computer game was Pong – you would paddle a ball across the screen.

- In 2006 we sent our first electronic version of the paper to print via the internet.

- Wakulla had many mobile homes until native Wakullian Gene

Cutchin started building neighborhoods. Google says he started in the ‘70s but it really ramped it up in the 1990s on.

- Wakulla Springs was beautiful and clear in 1988, a gradual decline began in the late 1980s and 1990s. The State of Florida and others fought Ed Ball over the fence across the Wakulla River at Upper Bridge until the state purchased Wakulla Spring after Ball’s death.

- There was decline in the livelihood of many fishermen and fish houses started to decline in 1994 when Florida voters approved a constitutional amendment that banned gill nets.

- The Sanders Crab House continues to sell crab claws, lump crab, and crab meat in 2026.

- Stone Crab Season would start every year on Oct. 15. It was a fun time with claw lovers and friends of the Tookes who would gather for the boat to come in at St. Marks Seafood. They always allowed me to take photos for the paper and I would buy several pounds while I was there. They would share some with those who had gathered to come to buy some claws or just to share and celebrate the season opening.
- Stan West from Riverside Café would always come over and help a bit

and wait to take some back next door to serve to his patrons.

- We have A+ rated schools.

- Wakulla Volunteers – there are so many giving people in this county I hope those shoes have been filled by the next generation. Big shoes to fill.

- There are three hotels and two motels in the county.

- Sopchoppy began its annual Fourth of July parade and fireworks celebration in 1973. Founded by Bill “Mr Sopchoppy” Stephens, the community event takes place annually in downtown Sopchoppy and at the Myron B. Hodge City Park.

- Sharon Bailey, who is living today, lived in the old jail where they housed the inmates. Her dad, Fred Bailey was the jailor and her mom cooked the meals for the inmates. The Baileys lived on the ground level and the inmates were housed upstairs.

We have come a long way, baby!

Lynda Kinsey was with The Wakulla News from 1988 to 2022, and The Wakulla Sun from 2022 to ...

Lynda Kinsey is the sales and marketing executive for The Wakulla Sun.

On the Horizon

Calendar of events for the week of July 2

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. • 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.	and 8 p.m. every Friday at 54 Ochlockonee St.	Friday, July 3 • Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon	Saturday, July 4 • FOURTH OF JULY • St. Marks Fourth of July Celebration will be held beginning at 4 p.m. with vendors and food trucks. Fireworks over the river at dark. • Sopchoppy Fourth of July Festival will begin with the annual parade at 4 p.m. through downtown, then music and fireworks at the City Park. • The Panacea Community Garden Farmer’s Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Panacea.	Sunday, July 5 • Wakulla Giving Hands food giveaway will not be held because of the Fourth of	July holiday. • Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee St.	Monday, July 6 • Planning commission meets at 6 p.m. in the commission meeting room. • 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, July 7 • Keep Wakulla County Beautiful Awards Banquet will be held at the community center beginning at 6 p.m. The event will honor people, businesses and organizations that work with KWCB to make an impact. • 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 8 • Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at 54 Ochlockonee St.
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"It's A New Day!"

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– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Polled at the A Salute to our Veterans event hosted by VFW4538 & the Auxiliary:

What is your favorite branch of service?



MICHAEL MAYFIELD
Post 4538 Chaplain

I’m blessed- the United States Army. We are the oldest branch and we are the ones who secured our freedoms in the Revolutionary War. ”



MIKE SIMMONS
Retired

“Gotta be the United States Army. I spent 21 years in the Army and have you ever heard anything about little kids going outside to play Navy. It was always go outside to play Army.”



SEAN GOLDER
DVOP Career Source

“The Army, it’s the one I served in. Most males in my family served in the Army. We had one Marine in the family but we didn’t hold it against him.”



KENNY NWOKO
Corbin Systems

“It’s the Navy for me. The Navy gave me the opportunity to travel, sports, and to connect with people all around the world. I served for 4 years.”



MICHAEL HARRIS
Retired

“As a Navy Veteran, I must say the United States Navy. I’m partial to the Blue Angels out of Pensacola. I worked on aircraft carriers on the flight deck and was a wartime photographer mate.”

Wakulla Crossroads

By VERA BROCK

In a few days, we will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, our Semiquincentennial (yep, that’s a real word...I looked it up).

The last big celebration of this sort was 50 years ago in 1976, the nation’s Bicentennial year. It’s really easy for me to remember, since that is also the year Ed and I got married. As a newly graduated history major, I loved the idea of having an historically significant connection to America. The patriotic celebrations lasted a full year, and having a wedding that year was the cherry on top!

Our current year has been full of commemorations and celebrations. All across the country, states and towns are holding special recognitions of their unique contributions to the huge tapestry that is the history of the US of A. This Fourth will

be especially festive, with dramatic fireworks and light shows wherever possible. Despite the very real issues facing us, love of country is blooming and Americans everywhere are recognizing the beautiful, as well as the not so pretty, parts of our past. All of it has shaped us, and the world.

With the World Cup being held in North America this past month, social media has been chockablock with visitors from across the globe discovering the delights of the United States. Our food, our friendliness, our venues, and our wide open vistas have been a revelation. The Tartan Nation, in full kilt regalia, has delighted and charmed Americans with its good humor and enthusiasm. The Orangemen from the Netherlands have tickled us with their sideways hopping, and lighthearted Norwegians have rowed up escalators in horned helmets.

Tourists from the Japanese, to the Brits, the Irish and the Argentinians

have sung the praises of Buc-ee’s, free refills, restaurant portion sizes, Ranch dressing, and barbecue in all its many variations. I won’t lie, it has felt great to see so many fall in love with this country. But what has warmed my heart even more has been watching our countrymen and women open their hearts with so much kindness and genuine welcome.

Last week, I shared a table at Costco with a couple originally from China. Their English was still broken, but their pride in being American citizens shone brightly, despite the language barrier. It was so warming to see their joy!

Then there was Alfred, the charismatic young man who inspected my house last Wednesday (at the behest of my property insurers), who hails from Haiti.

Every month or so, I go to the salon and get a manicure from Matt, my technician, who is originally from Vietnam. Each of these people loves being here, and is grateful for the same opportunities my own immigrant ancestors enjoyed. But even

more than that, I am personally enriched whenever I meet people from around the world. I am reminded that very little separates us, no matter our origins. In the span of a few days I met people from around the world without ever leaving home, and loved every minute!

That being said, I am very concerned about the recent Supreme Court decision affecting Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for immigrants and refugees. Tens of thousands of people, many with years of valuable contributions to the US, are at risk of immediate deportation. This will devastate their lives and be destructive to the construction, healthcare, agriculture and processing industries as well. I’m not sure what the long term goals are, but disrupting families and the economy seems ill-advised and unnecessary. I genuinely hope and pray my worst fears aren’t realized.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Fourth of July, filled with family, fun and good food. Be safe and God bless America!

Library News

By LINDA OAKS
Library Director

Library News July 2nd– July 8th

Thursday, July 2nd

- Tiny Tummy Time 9:30am
- Creative Writing I 10am
- Free Lunch for kids with Summer Breakspot 12pm
- Junior Readers 3rd-5th Grade

Friday, July 3rd

- Closed 4th of July

Saturday, July 4th

- Closed 4th of July

Sunday, July 5th

- Closed

Monday, July 6th

- No Programs

Tuesday, July 7th

- Book Bunch 10am
- Creative Writing II 10am
- Free Lunch for kids with Summer Breakspot 11pm
- Evening Mahjong 4:30pm
- Summer Reading Tuesday Night Entertainment at the Community

Wednesday, July 8th

- Book Babies 10am
- Free Lunch for kids with Summer Breakspot 11pm
- Little Readers K-2nd Summer Reading Book Group 1pm
- Mahjong 1pm
- Introduction to Coding for Kids 4pm
- Knitting Group 4pm

Center 6:30pm

Noreen Britt

From Front Page

Wakulla County in both jobs. At the rec park, I worked with a lot of diverse backgrounds; I was unbiased about everything, and we played games by the rules. Our main goal is to coach these children in sports and to have fun playing.”

Britt adds: “It was many years and many hours I have worked, but I enjoyed doing it, and that is why I kept doing it for so long. Now, I have four grandchildren and although I’ll still be at the rec park, I’ll be able to be there watching and enjoying them.

“I also have an Alaska trip booked with my daughter Kaycee Britt,” she says. “We enjoy cruises because they are relaxing and fun. I may start taking two cruises a year now!”

She says thank you to Wakulla County for all the many years of fun, good sportsmanship, learning all the ins and outs of education and meeting great people..

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Son born to Blanco, Kinsey

Special to The Sun

Our family just got a little bigger – and a whole lot cuter!

Ashley Kinsey and Jay Blanco of Waterford, Virginia are proud to announce the birth of their son, Theodore Jorge Blanco, born June 7th, 2026.

He joins one brother Julien Miguel, who is 3 years old as of July 10, 2026.

Maternal Grandparents are Lynda Kinsey of Crawfordville and the late Michael Kinsey.

Paternal Grandparents are Teresa and Jorge Blanco of San Antonio, Texas.

KWCB Awards set

Special to The Sun

Keep Wakulla County Beautiful (KWCB) is proud to announce its 2026 Environmental Awards and invites the community to join in celebrating the individuals, businesses, organizations, and volunteers who are making Wakulla County a cleaner, greener, and more beautiful place to live, work, and play.

This year’s Awards Banquet carries the theme “Just Imagine” and is especially meaningful as it coincides with America’s 250th Birthday, honoring both our nation’s rich history and the local citizens who are helping build a brighter future through environmental stewardship and community service.

The community is invited to attend the 2026 KWCB Awards Banquet on Tuesday, July 7 at the Wakulla Community Center, 318 Shadeville Road, Crawfordville.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for a social hour, giving guests an opportunity to mingle with nominees, community leaders, and fellow supporters before dinner begins at 6 p.m.

Tickets are available at kwcb.org. Throughout the evening, KWCB will recognize outstanding achievements in environmental conservation, beautification, volunteerism, education, sustainability, and community leadership while announcing the winners in each award category.

The evening will blend patriotism with environmental stewardship, reminding attendees that preserving America’s natural beauty begins in our own hometowns. As our nation celebrates 250 years of independence, KWCB invites the community to honor those who are creating a lasting legacy right here in Wakulla County.

Join us as we celebrate our nominees and winners while commemorating America’s 250th Birthday with an evening of recognition, fellowship, dinner, and community pride.

Outdoors

outdoor sports

HOME ON THE RANGE

Fighting for independence



By MARJ LAW

“Listen, my children, and you shall hear
Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,
On the eighteenth of April, in Seventy-Five:
Hardly a man is now alive
Who remembers that famous day and year.

One if by land, and two if by sea;
And I on the opposite shore will be,
Ready to ride and spread the alarm
Through every Middlesex village and farm,
For the country-folk to be up and to arm.”

Doesn't every American know at least the first verse of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem: "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere?" And no, no one is still alive to remember that particular fateful day of 1775, but we remember this poem. I thought of our colonists gathering their firearms to defend themselves from the lines of British soldiers standing shoulder to shoulder. What do peo-

ple think today of this time in history?
High school kids were on their way home. I decided it would be a good time to ask them what they thought it was like when Paul Revere called the colonists to grab their arms as the British were coming.
One boy ventures to say: "While the British were advancing in their straight lines, our colonists were taking cover in trees and in their branches, behind fences and buildings; anywhere in our rugged terrain."
"And what were our colonists using for fire-

a .44 Magnum back then."
"You're such a Jello-head," his friend jabs him with his elbow. "The Peacemaker was the gun of choice. It's much older than the Dirty Harry gun. It was the gun that won the west."
"Yes, it is an older gun, but it still wasn't around in 1775," I say. "The Peacemaker was first manufactured in 1873; long after Paul Revere's midnight ride."
Then the guys brighten and say together: "The blunderbuss! They used the blunderbuss like we saw in the movie 'Pirates of the Caribbe-

the football. Some colonists would have the cheaper, smooth bore muskets which might be able to shoot a distance of 80 yards. These guns would be used to provide meat for their families or to defend themselves from large animals."
"The blunderbuss might have been used as well," I continue. "The blunderbuss was found on Revolutionary naval ships such as the USS Constitution (Old Ironsides) used to repel boarders. Unfortunately, the blunderbuss was more of a close-up gun and could only shoot

whatever you can find and you can still have plenty of ammunition to shoot at your enemies!"
"That might be an advantage," I agree, "but what would that do to your soft brass barrel?"
"Oh." The boy looks crestfallen. "But why else would the blunderbuss have a flared barrel?"
"Ease of loading is one reason. But you're not entirely wrong about finding whatever is around as ammunition. If your life were at stake and you ran out of ammunition, then you might use whatever you could find. This would

first boy. "Blunderbusses were used in the movie Pirates of the Caribbean. On the deck of a ship, they wouldn't have to shoot far. If pirates were about to board the ship, you could pick them off before they even reached the deck!" He looks happy at this gory thought.
"I read in my history book that they were also used in coaches to defend from highwaymen who wanted to steal money and jewels. And you could shoot easily on horseback because the barrel is a lot shorter than the rifles," he continues. "So maybe



The Blunderbuss
A close up gun

Flared Barrel for Easy Loading

arms?" I ask him.
"Make my day!" he grins. "The .44 Magnum!"
Remember, this was 1775. Movies make a huge impact on kids, and I certainly recall the phrase: "Make my day." However, Dirty Harry's .44 Magnum was only invented in 1956, so naturally it could not have been used in the Revolutionary War.
"Oh," he says. "So, they couldn't have used

an!"
Were our colonists protecting themselves with the blunderbuss?
"Yeah!" The guys are excited.
"The blunderbuss was that real cool gun with the wide opening in front!"
"Yes, the blunderbuss could have been one of the guns used by our colonists," I agree. "Although many of them were farmers. When called to arms, they would grab the only gun they had. That would probably be the flintlock .36 or .45-caliber long rifle which could shoot up to 250 yards. It shot longer than the ordinary musket because the bore was grooved, which made the ball come out like a football quarterback as he gives the football a twist. He does this to improve accuracy and distance. This works in the rifle, just as it does with

about 25 yards. So, it was more likely they would be using their old muskets or their rifles if they were going to fight the British. Besides the long rifles and muskets took a lot less time to load than the blunderbuss. Where the rifles could be reloaded a few times per minute, it could well take the blunderbuss from two to five minutes to load. When someone is shooting at you, loading time becomes important!"
"Yeah, but the blunderbuss could do what muskets and rifles couldn't!" The first boy maintains, excited. "It might be hard to have sufficient ammunition for the muskets and rifles, but not for the blunderbuss! Because of that flared end of the barrel, when you run out of lead balls, you just lean down and pick up gravel, nails, glass...

be a last resort, as otherwise, you might ruin your barrel."
"Darn," says the second boy. "If you didn't want to use whatever is at hand because you might ruin your barrel, then why bother to make the blunderbuss?"
He thinks for a moment. "Oh, I know. The flared barrel would send out shot in a wide area. Our guys could take out several of the British at once!"
"Sorry," I hate to remove that last romantic but not practical thought. "The blunderbuss was like a shotgun. Since the shot follows the bore, you're not going to get a wide disbursement. Also, remember the blunderbuss was made for close targets, and the shot would not have time to disburse."
"Yeah," agrees the

the blunderbuss didn't shoot far, but they had their use."
"Until the double barrel flintlock shotgun came out," says the second guy, not to be outdone. "Two shots were a whole lot better than one. And then when percussion guns came out in the early 1800s, well, the blunderbuss just about became obsolete."
"That's too bad," says the first boy. "Those blunderbusses looked really cool. But if I were a colonist up in a tree, and the British tramped down in a straight line, I'd want a Kentucky Rifle to pick them off before they got too close."
Happy 250th birthday, America!

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



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WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO

Retired park ranger Robert Thompson was on his wildlife survey at Wakulla Springs recently and shot this photo of a Barn Swallow.



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BIRDING AT THE REFUGE

Midsummer birding

By DON MORROW

The cabbage palms are beginning to bloom at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge and pine hibiscus blossoms now dot the low wetlands. In the predawn darkness, frogs are calling in the marshes, but up in the flatwoods, where fireflies are flashing in the night, the Chuck-wills-widows have mostly gone quiet. It's midsummer at the refuge and sometimes already 80 degrees at sunrise. It won't be getting cooler anytime soon.

We are at a tipping point in the refuge year. It is a gray area between the tail end of spring migration and the first slow start to fall migration. In truth, the two sometimes overlap. It is also the annual low point for bird diversity when there may only be 120 species on the refuge and without large flocks of wintering birds, it's also the annual low point for bird numbers. However, things are

about to change.

Our summer resident species are generally single-brooded and are finishing up their breeding cycle. Everywhere you look you can see evidence of this. Morning bird song has diminished. Parula warblers are feeding young at the Double Bridges. Territorial behavior is breaking down as species finish nesting and disperse. Chimney Swifts and Purple Martins are showing up in the refuge skies as they fatten up before migrating. I have already seen one large post-breeding flock of Mississippi and Swallow-tailed Kites at the refuge. The temperature may not reflect it, but fall migration is beginning.

The refuge's shorebird population also hits its low point in late June. There are five breeding species found at the refuge: Willet, Wilson's Plover, American Oystercatcher, Black-necked Stilt and Killdeer. Most have finished nest-

ing. The Killdeer started early and are already flocked up on the edge of Stony Bayou near Lighthouse Road. There are still, however, a few stilt nests on Mounds Pool 3, where newly fledged Wilson's Plovers are running across the sand flats.

Yearling birds of some shorebird species don't migrate and the refuge has had a good number of Short-billed Dowitchers, Greater Yellowlegs, Black-bellied Plovers and Semipalmated Plovers oversummering here this year. These birds stay in their first winter plumage until their second Spring, when they molt into breeding plumage and begin their first north-bound migration.

The first few Fall migrant shorebirds have arrived at the refuge. I've seen small flocks of Marbled Godwits and Whimbrels, two species that often show up in late June. Among the Short-billed Dowitchers and Black-bellied

Plovers I've seen single birds in breeding plumage, indicating that they have returned from their breeding grounds. I also recently found a Wilson's Phalarope feeding with stilts and yellowlegs.

There's a lot of summer left to go, but as the weeks progress, the refuge will see an increasing number of migrant birds. More shorebird species will appear; Least Sandpipers, western Willets and Ruddy Turnstones. By the end of July, we'll start seeing the first migrant warblers. I always watch for Yellow Warblers in cabbage palms in late July. Sometime in August, the first Bald Eagles and Blue-winged Teal will arrive.

There is no denying that it is miserably hot. However, if you get up early and come down to the refuge, there's a lot going on.

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Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

The Public Safety Dive Team.

November 1, 2012

My family has remained glued to the Weather Channel monitoring Hurricane Sandy's assault on the East Coast.

Our hearts and thoughts are with friends and relatives who must evacuate as the ocean surge waters are driven inland, flooding homes, roads, and lives.

We empathize because, in Wakulla County, we know what tropical storms can do to a community.

When storm water inundates a community, the Public Safety Dive Team becomes a welcome life saving and investigative force.

The Public Safety Diver is a fireman or police officer who has been trained beyond the basic scuba level, to include water rescue and/or underwater investigations, depending upon their specialization. Special teams have organized in various Florida counties.

Leon County has a respected county Public Safety Dive Team, once lead by Sgt. Ken McDonald, now retired.

Sgt. McDonald participated at my request with Florida State University's national Program in Underwater Crime Scene Investigation and published his own manual.

He trained my research team through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Public Safety Diver Program offered at the Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy under Tallahassee Community College. We have wonderful regional resources.

Wakulla County once had such a Public Safety Dive Team based upon the success of the Leon County's team. Budget cuts and changes in priorities disbanded our county team.

They left behind a significant dive locker now under lock and key awaiting better economic times.

Periodically, I am visited by previous team members at the Wakulla Diving Center expressing their hope one day conditions will permit a return of the team.

You can imagine my pleasure when Madison County came to us recently to train their newly forming Public Safety Dive Team.

The two month training began this week, working with four sheriff's deputies at our center. This team will begin with the basics and specialize with underwater investigations.

We have a shallow pond on our property, in which we will install an obstacle course for problem solving challenges, including a ship wreck, entanglements, overhead obstructions and other topics.

I welcome our county's Public Safety Dive Team, currently disbanded, to stop by and collaborate through the center, to refresh their skills and network with Leon and Madison county's dive teams.

Perhaps together we can more cost effectively respond to a regional crisis, such as the one currently hitting the New York region along the East Coast.

The momentum has started! Let's get organized.

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

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Celebrating America!



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

America is the most generous country in the world, helping other nations in times of crisis. At home, we are a land of endless opportunity, enabling hardworking citizens to pursue their dreams. Our military is second to none.

This is why it saddens

me to see America so deeply divided.

Many of us have such strong opinions that we refuse to listen to another's point of view, much less consider it.

The animosity between political parties has eaten into every corner of our nation, devouring family, work, and (sadly) even church relationships. Even members of the same political affiliation have turned against each other.

It breaks my heart to see America so angry, and I'm not alone.

What will it take to bring us together? Where do we begin?

Perhaps we first need to see ourselves more honestly. I believe true change will happen when we humble ourselves before God, confess our prideful arrogance and admit we've gotten caught up in our own way of thinking.

When we humble ourselves further and pray for the needs of those with whom we're at odds, we'll begin to see their hearts more clearly too.

First Chronicles 16:11 (ESV) says, "Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!"

What would happen if we, as the church,

truly sought God? What if we read, read, read the Bible, and asked His Holy Spirit to help us understand its meaning? What if we prayed, prayed, telling God everything in our heart – and then listened to hear what's on His?

How would it change us if, during our prayer time, we admitted we were imperfect and weak? That we needed God's wisdom and strength? What if we confessed we need help with our attitude and repented of our offensive rhetoric? Then, when we must take a stand, we can do so respectfully.

Consistently seeking

God's presence could transform our perspective if we asked Him to show us how much He loves those with whom we disagree – even those we "hate."

Think how it would change us if each American (beginning in the church) continually asked God for grace to honor Him in all our relationships. Imagine how it would change our nation.

Seeing others as people God loves can move us toward being willing to listen to each other. It could make us more willing to find common ground – and maybe help us realize

how much we need one another.

This year, as one of the world's oldest continuous democratic republics, we mark the United States of America's 250th birthday! Join me in praying that we'll once again work together as a united nation and that every July 4th, we'll celebrate our shared pride and love for America.

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Living in the gray



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

There was a time when the window into the world closed at midnight. It happened when the "Star-Spangled Banner" would blare through the small speakers of a black-and-white television. Then static would fill the room as the picture faded. Only enough light remained for Dad to cross the room and turn the set off. It wasn't

often that he stayed up until midnight, but when he did, I remember the sound of silence that followed the twist of the dial. The house grew still.

It felt safe – tucked in bed with my sister lying next to me, when rest came easy and all of the dangers of life remained at a distance. The world could be turned off then.

Today it feels as if it never stops, and we don't know how to rest in the in-between anymore. It is as though we are suspended between yesterday and tomorrow.

Even the gray areas of our lives are now filled with senseless chatter that crowds out our conversations with the Lord. Somewhere along

the way, life stopped turning off, and we now live in the gray – between the visible and what God is still unfolding.

This is not just the gray of silence or noise – it is the gray of waiting, standing at the edge of a river that has not yet opened. The space between promise and fulfillment, between God's spoken word and what we can see. It is the moment when obedience is required before understanding comes, where God says, "Go forward," but the water still looks too deep, too strong, too impossible.

Israel understood this gray at the edge of what God had spoken. It was a time when the Jordan River was at flood stage.

The waters were raging, and Israel was caught between yesterday and tomorrow – between the promised land and the fulfillment of God's promise.

Not knowing where to turn, Joshua told them to consecrate themselves to the Lord and prepare their hearts for what God was about to bring to pass.

So with hearts prepared, Israel followed behind the Ark of the Covenant as the priests stepped into the raging waters. The moment their feet touched the river, the waters stopped, and they carried the Ark into the center of the dry riverbed. The waters held back as the very presence of God remained in the middle

of the Jordan while all of Israel passed through. God did not just make a way. God became the way. Not at a distance. Not ahead of them calling them forward. But right in the middle of the seemingly impossible – holding back the waters they could not control until everyone had crossed over on dry ground.

Could it be that Joshua 3 is teaching us how to live in the gray – not a gray of confusion, but a gray of trust, where God is still present in the waiting?

A place where we quiet our hearts before Him, not escaping life but turning back to the One who holds the crossing. A place where we prepare – not for

what we can see, but for what He has already spoken. Where we keep Him at the center of our journey into tomorrow, trusting Him to carry us through the night when the world is turned off and stillness returns.

For each of us there is a Jordan to cross, and we still long for the silence of midnight where the voice of the Lord is heard.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you...they will not sweep over you. Isaiah 43:2

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

OUT TO PASTOR

How to get out of a pickle



By **JAMES SNYDER**

Throughout my time on this planet, I have gotten into many pickle situations that I could not escape. Each pickle was different from the last, which made dealing with them quite a problem for me.

It was the latest pickle I got into that I am most concerned about.

Last week The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was ready to go to Publix for grocery shopping. As she went out the door, she looked back at me and said, "Is there anything you want me to get at Publix?"

Immediately, I responded by saying, "Yes, my dear. I sure would like an Apple Fritter."

Stopping in her tracks, she looked back at me and said, "Just keep dreaming, that will never happen in a million years."

I knew how she would respond, but I could not help but respond anyway. Her questions always put me in a playful pickle, and I could not resist the fun of it.

As she closed the front door, I could hear her laughing hysterically, and I kinda knew why she was laughing.

I certainly was not going to hope for an

Apple Fritter that day. I enjoy an Apple Fritter every once in a while when I can get it behind The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage's back. She does not like it, but I love it. On the other hand, she loves broccoli, and I hate broccoli.

That is the only difference we have between ourselves.

Getting back to work in my office, I forgot about the Apple Fritter incident. Yes, every once in a while, I would think about an Apple Fritter, but I knew that was beyond me. The only way I can get an Apple Fritter is to sneak behind her back and not let her see me.

Don't let her know this, but every year she, her daughter, and her granddaughter go to St. Augustine for a week. They have been doing that for at least 20 years. It is during that week that I find myself enjoying an Apple Fritter. The last time I did it, I forgot to throw away the receipt, and it was on the counter. When she got back, the first thing she found was the receipt for my Apple Fritters. I need to learn my lesson from that.

I let that go to the back of my mind and focused on the project I was working on.

In a few hours, I heard the front door open and remembered that The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was out shopping. She had returned and was coming into the kitchen with all her grocery bags.

Then I heard something I had never

dreamed of hearing in my life. As she was putting the groceries away in the kitchen, she yelled back to me, "Honey, I got your Apple Fritter."

When I heard that, I laughed to myself and said, "I'm not falling for this trick this time."

Then she walked into my office, and in her hand was the Apple Fritter. "Here's the Apple Fritter you wanted. I'll put it out in the kitchen for you to have later." Then she went back to the kitchen.

I was in a pickle and did not quite know what to do. I knew this was a trick, but I did not quite understand its dimensions. No way would she buy me an Apple Fritter. There had to be something attached to it, and I had to find out

what it was.

Being in a pickle like this is not something I yearn for at any time of year. What I had to do was figure out what to do at this point. Why did she get me an Apple Fritter? There is something behind this, and I have been working to figure it out.

Later on, I went out to the kitchen to get a cup of coffee, and there was the Apple Fritter. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said, "You can have your Apple Fritter now with your coffee." Then she smiled at me, a very suspicious smile that I could not quite explain.

Of course, I am going to eat the Apple Fritter. But I'm also going to keep in mind that this Apple Fritter has me in a coil I can't explain. Do

not get me wrong, I enjoyed eating every bite of that Apple Fritter.

I do not know when I will figure it out, but my eyes and my ears are open. Every day, I am going to keep a lookout for what is behind this Apple Fritter pickle.

As I reflected on this recent pickle, I was reminded of a verse in the Bible.

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (James 1:5).

It is not easy for me

to acknowledge my "lack of wisdom," but when I do, I begin the path to finding the wisdom I need at that time. Whether I can fix the pickle I'm in now is worth trying. It might also help me get ready for the next pickle I have to face.

Dr. James L. Snyder lives in Ocala with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Telephone 1-352-216-3025, e-mail jamessnyder51@gmail.com, website www.jamessnyderministries.com.

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DEATH NOTICES

• **Mary Louise Hunter**, 92, of Crawfordville, died June 20, 2026.

• **John Philip Grimes**, 87, of Crawfordville, died June 22, 2026.

• **Judith Gempel**, 72, of Woodville, died June 23, 2026.

• **Gary Robert Russell**, 83 of Crawfordville died June 27, 2026 .

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

Sheriff’s Report

Sheriff’s Report is for activity June 19 to 26. There were 1,330 total calls for service; 18 arrests; 90 traffic stops.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

- Walmart Asset Protection reported a theft. An unknown subject passed all points of sale with approximately \$1,797 worth unpaid merchandise. Case forwarded to Criminal Investigations Division.
- Several persons reported a large tree blocking the Wakulla Springs Road at Old Shell Point Road. The county Road and Bridge Department responded and cleared the debris.
- Deputies responded to a car accident in the area of Bloxham Cutoff, with minor injuries.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

- While conducting proactive patrol, Deputy Parker received information on a vehicle

and verified the registered owner did not possess a valid license, so conducted a traffic stop. Contact was made with the driver and confirmed him to be the registered owner of the vehicle. The driver was advised the reason for the stop. During the investigation, the deputy issued a citation with a court date.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

- Deputy Kreitlow conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Jasper Thomas Road for driving without an attached tag. During the car stop information received the driver had no valid license. The driver was subsequently placed under arrest.
- Deputies Bushong and Kittrell responded to J&K Lane in reference to a stolen vehicle. Contact was made with caller who stated his vehicle was stolen sometime during the early

morning hours. After further investigation, the deputies were able to locate and arrest the suspect.

MONDAY, JUNE 22

- Deputy Williams observed person operating a moped without a tag attached. A traffic stop was initiated and prior to coming to a stop, the driver was observed throwing three clear plastic baggies away. The deputy detained the driver and with the assistance of Deputy Kreitlow, deputies were able to locate the baggies and field test the substances found within. Suspect was placed under arrest for the Possession of Methamphetamine.
- Deputies responded to a Criminal Mischief report, as the caller explained her 1992 F-150 project truck had been damaged. Both driver and passenger side windows were busted along with a vent window. Damages were estimated at approximately \$250. There was

no video footage or suspect information at this time.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

- Deputies Love and Kilbourn conducted a traffic stop on a motorcycle being operated by a male subject for faulty equipment. Further investigation revealed the driver was operating a motor vehicle while license suspended. Case status: Closed by Arrest

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

- Deputy Love responded to Surf Road for a reported burglary. Upon arrival the complainant reported his shed had been broken into and several HVAC items were stolen. Items were reportedly valued at \$9,600. Case forwarded to CID.
- Deputy Bushong responded to the front lobby in reference to fraud complainant. The victim explained she received a text message about her Amazon account being hacked. She

was instructed to call a number which was in the text message. Upon calling the number provided a male answered the phone then took control of her phone. complainant advised she checked her Venmo account and discovered \$1,200 was transferred from her account. Case forwarded to CID.

- Deputy Cordoba conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for the registered owner having a suspended license. During the traffic stop it was found the driver was given a verbal warning by Deputy Parker in May of this year. The driver was issued a citation for knowingly Driving While License Suspended or Revoked (DWLSR) and released from the traffic stop.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

- Deputies responded to a report of a vehicle fire. Upon arrival, a white 2005 Ford F-150 was fully engulfed. The owner advised he had just picked the truck up from having the fuel

injectors replaced at a shop in Sopchoppy. The value of the vehicle was estimated at \$1,500 and deemed a total loss.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

- Deputy Kilbourn responded to Walmart in reference to counterfeit currency. Asset Protection advised the suspect attempted to purchase items using counterfeit currency, but was quickly stopped by attentive employees. It was later found the suspect had an active Trespass Warning for Walmart. Due to this, a warrant request is being submitted.
- Deputy Parker responded to Forest Road in reference to firearms being located by a Realtor. Deputy Parker took possession of three firearms. The firearms were submitted to property and evidence for safe-keeping.

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

Mike Kemp

From Front Page

In May 2024, frustrated with Thunder Lightning, Whaley texted Kemp to provide her the name, saying she was “about to bust him out.” Kemp sent her the voter ID but warned her not to put everything online, referring to the date of birth and home address.

Whaley put it online, adding a comment that Thunder Lightning hadn’t even voted in any elections. But the name was wrong: Rawlings had nothing to do with the Thunder Lightning account.

Rawling’s wife went online and asked Whaley to take it down, saying she was being contacted by people about the post.

Rawlings went to the sheriff’s office and filed a report, which was taken but the deputy noted he was unaware of any crime that had been committed. About a week later, Rawlings went back to office and talked to Detective Chris Ormerod and showed him a recently passed law that made it a crime to use a public record to harass a person.

Whaley was the initial focus of the investigation

and, in an interview with the detective, wrote down Kemp’s name as the person who supplied her the information.

Kemp then came under investigation, and his connection to Deputy Newsome. (Kemp retired as a major at the Wakulla Sheriff’s Office before he was elected as a county commissioner. He continues to be a reserve deputy.)

The investigation went all the way up to State Attorney Jack Campbell, who directed the charges to go forward, but because Kemp was the midst of a political race running for re-election, Campbell ordered the arrest and prosecution to proceed after the election. (Kemp lost his 2024 re-election bid to Valerie Russell.)

The tampering with a witness charge stemmed from Kemp having conversations with Rawlings and his wife trying to make things right. The family had recently moved to Wakulla and Kemp offered at one point to take them to dinner and tell them about Wakulla. It was portrayed by the state as an offer of dinner in exchange for them not

pursuing the case.

Whaley and Newsome both accepted DPAs in which they put forth admitted to charges against them with the charges being dropped if they met certain conditions, which included testifying against Kemp.

After Webster, Kemp’s attorney, filed a motion to dismiss charges, Judge Hawkes dismissed the use of a public record to harass finding that Kemp was within his rights as a candidate to respond to political speech on the internet from a critic.

The judge dismissed the charge and the state quickly appealed the decision.

Webster argued before the court that the law was intended as an anti-fraud measure to prevent public records being used to steal identities.

The Rawlings, meanwhile, filed a federal lawsuit with Tallahassee attorney Marie Mattox claiming that Kemp and Whaley were responsible for infliction of emotional pain and suffering, and retaliation – and against Wakulla County for negligence – seeking unspecified damages.

ified damages.

Meanwhile Kemp has filed a complaint with the sheriff’s office seeking criminal charges against the Wakulla Reports Facebook page and Sue Damon, who administers another Wakulla Citizens Facebook page, claiming to be the victim of harassment. The sheriff’s office has confirmed the complaint was filed but it is still under investigation.

Several people have been critical of the investigation done by Detective Ormerod, who has investigated many recent high-profile cases. Kemp claims Ormerod embellished his report and left out details with the goal of getting him.

There have also been questions about why County Commissioner Ralph Thomas was never interviewed. (Former head of Criminal Investigations Chuck Whaley told The Sun back in 2024 that detectives get only one shot and it was thought possible that Kemp might roll over on Thomas.)

Kemp said he viewed the tampering charge being dropped as vindication.



More Public Notices appear on Page 3.

CITY OF ST. MARKS, FLORIDA
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)
PROFESSIONAL FINANCIAL CONSULTING SERVICES

The City of St. Marks, Florida, is requesting Statements of Qualifications from qualified firms to provide professional financial consulting services related to municipal infrastructure funding, financial sustainability, impact fees, municipal service assessments, special assessments, and alternative revenue programs authorized under Florida law.

The complete RFQ package may be obtained from the City of St. Marks by calling (850) 925-6224 or visiting www.cityofstmarks.com.

Statements of Qualifications must be received by the city no later than 2:00 p.m. EST on July 23, 2026.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all submissions, waive informalities, and accept the submission deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

July 2, 9, 2026

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

**City of Sopchoppy
Notice of Public Meeting**

The City of Sopchoppy will hold a regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 13, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, FL.

Purpose of Meeting: General Business.

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

Persons with a disability needing a special accommodation should contact the City of Sopchoppy, Administration Office at least two (2) days prior to the meeting at (850) 962-4611.

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Notice under Fictitious Name Law, pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Kenneth Glover, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of HI-TECH ENERGY SOLUTIONS

Located at 37 Moo Brock Trail, Crawfordville FL 32327

In the County of Wakulla

Intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporation of the Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Published on July 2, 2026

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.

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, 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.

0702-0709 TWS NOFS

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

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, PLAINTIFF,

vs.

ELIZABETH E. ESSMAN; CHRISTOPHER ESSMAN; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;

Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on February 9, 2026 in Civil Case No. 2024 CA 000130, of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein, LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC is the Plaintiff, and ELIZABETH E. ESSMAN and CHRISTOPHER ESSMAN are Defendants.

The Clerk of the Court, Greg James will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327 on July 30, 2026 at 11:00:00 AM EST the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 21 AND THE EAST 1/2 OF LOT 20, BLOCK 28, GREINER'S ADDITION TO CRAWFORDVILLE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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.

WITNESS my hand on the 26th day of June, 2026.

{{County Court Seal}}

Greg James

As Clerk of the Court

By: /s/ Rachel Howard

As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

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.

July 2, 9, 2026

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 Mortgagee, 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

0625-0702 TWS NOFS

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

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

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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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Greg James
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Rachel Howard
As Deputy Clerk



June 25, July 2, 2026

0702-0709 TWS NOFS

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

CADLES OF WEST VIRGINIA, LLC, AN OHIO CASE NO. 2025-CA-68
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CAROLYN SHERRELL, A/K/A C. CAROLYN SHERRELL, AND UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION,
Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 6, 2026, entered in Case No. 2025-CA-68 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, the Clerk, Greg James, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327 at 11:00 a.m. on the 23rd day of July, 2026, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to-wit:

PARCEL 1
Begin at a 3/4 inch iron pipe marking the intersection of the Easterly right-of-way boundary of U.S. Highway No: 319 with the North boundary of the South half of Section 9, Township 3 South, Range 1 East, Wakulla County, Florida. From said Point of Beginning and leaving said right-of-way boundary run South 89 degrees 23 minutes 07 seconds East along the North boundary of the South half of said Section 9 a distance of 200.00 feet to a 5/8 inch re-rod (marked #4261), thence run South 00 degrees 36 minutes 53 seconds West 100.00 feet to a 5/8 inch re-rod (marked #4261), thence run South 81 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds West 177.51 feet to an "X" scribed in a concrete drive, lying on the Easterly right-of-way boundary of said U.S. Highway No: 319, thence run North 10 degrees 19 minutes 00 seconds East along said right-of-way boundary 130.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

AND
PARCEL2
Commence at an old concrete monument marking the Southeast corner of Section 29, Township 3 South, Range 1 East, Wakulla County, Florida, and thence run South 89 degrees 27 minutes 15 seconds West along the Section Line 450.23 feet, thence run North 1276.46 feet to the Northerly right-of-way boundary of a powerline easement, thence run North 85 degrees 20 minutes 32 seconds West along said right-of-way boundary 2795.92 feet to the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning continue North 85 degrees 20 minutes 32 seconds West along said right-of-way boundary 283.04 feet, thence run South 32 degrees 05 minutes 40 seconds West 802.13 feet to the Northeasterly edge of the Wakulla River, thence run South 58 degrees 02 minutes 59 seconds East along said river's edge 251.20 feet, thence run North 32 degrees 05 minutes 40 seconds East 931.92 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Subject to a powerline easement over and across the Northerly 200.00 feet thereof.
Subject to a 60.00 foot roadway easement over end across the above described property.

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. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.

Dated this 25th day of June, 2026.

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Greg James
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Rachel Howard
As Deputy Clerk



July 2, 9, 2026

NOTICE OF SALE

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

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Case #: 2024 CA 105
Plaintiff,
-vs.-
CIARA DANIELLE ADAMS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CIARA DANIELLE ADAMS; LESLIE ERNEST LYNCH, III; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LESLIE ERNEST LYNCH, III; MELANIE LYNCH; and UNKNOWN TENANT
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment dated December 03, 2025 entered in Case No. 2024 CA 105 of the Circuit Court in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein CIARA DANIELLE ADAMS, LESLIE ERNEST LYNCH III and MELANIE LYNCH are the Defendants, that Greg James, the Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller, will sell to the highest and best for cash, on JULY 30, 2026 at 11:00 a.m., at the front lobby of the Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, on the following described real property as set forth in the Final Judgment:

COMMENCE AT AN OLD CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA (AS MONUMENTED), THENCE RUN NORTH 87 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 01 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION (AS MONUMENTED) 165.06 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #2919) ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OFWAY BOUNDARY OF HILLIARDVILLE ROAD, THENCE LEAVING SAID NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER RUN SOUTH 02 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY 734.45 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #2919), THENCE LEAVING SAID WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 402.36 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AND CAP (MARKED #7160) AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 141.82 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #2919), THENCE RUN NORTH 06 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST 306.76 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (MARKED #2919), THENCE RUN NORTH 46 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 28 SECONDS WEST 105.25 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AND CAP (MARKED #7160), THENCE RUN SOUTH 82 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST 170.07 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AND CAP (MARKED #7160), THENCE RUN SOUTH 02 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 59 SECONDS EAST 353.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; CONTAINING 1.00 ACRE, MORE OR LESS. TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO A 12 FOOT NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF INGRESS AND EGRESS AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 282, PAGE 868 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NOTICE: IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

Dated this 26th day of June, 2026.

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



If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration, 301 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee; FL 32301, (850) 606-4401, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are bearing or voice impaired, call 711, via the Florida Relay Service. To file response please contact Leon County Clerk of Court, 301S. Monroe Street, Room #241A, Tallahassee, FL 32302, Tel: (850) 606-4170.

July 2, 9, 2026

NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS

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

IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF: Case #: 2009-GU-1
PETER GLOVER,
Incapacitated.

NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS

Pursuant to section 733.816, notice is hereby given that unclaimed funds exist in the above-described guardianship. If you have a claim to funds in this guardianship, please contact the Clerk of Court for Wakulla County, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. If no claim is made for these funds within six (6) months of date this notice was first published (July 2^d, 2026), the funds will be deposited with the Chief Financial Officer for the State of Florida.

Dated this 24th day of June, 2026

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



July 2, 9, 2026

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

IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF: Case #: 2024-GA-4
PAMELA WINANS,
Incapacitated.

NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS

Pursuant to section 733.816, notice is hereby given that unclaimed funds exist in the above-described guardianship. If you have a claim to funds in this guardianship, please contact the Clerk of Court for Wakulla County, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. If no claim is made for these funds within six (6) months of date this notice was first published (July 2nd, 2026), the funds will be deposited with the Chief Financial Officer for the State of Florida.

Dated this 23rd day of June, 2026

{{County Court Seal}}

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



July 2, 9, 2026

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 111

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

Certificate #: 884 Date of Issuance: **May 31, 2024**

Parcel #: 00-00-034-009-08162-000

Description of Property:
**Wakulla Gardens Unit 2
Block 3 Lot 23
OR 5 P 543 & OR 88 P 561
OR 525 P 145
OR 641 P 291**

Name in which assessed **HERBERT LEE PLYMPTON SR ESTATE** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **August 19, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

June 25, 2026

Signature: Greg James, Clerk
By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk
Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida

Published on July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 112

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

Certificate #: **1007** Date of Issuance: **May 31, 2024**

Parcel #: **00-00-034-012-09571-064**

Description of Property:
**Wakulla Gardens Unit 5
Block 48 Lots 63 & 64
OR 48 P 784 OR 361 P 590
OR 447 P 825 OR 560 151/152
OR 740 P 212 OR 859 P 473**

Name in which assessed **DONNA ACKERMAN TAYLOR** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **August 19, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

June 25, 2026

Signature: Greg James, Clerk
By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk
Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida

Published on July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 113

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

Certificate #: **474** Date of Issuance: **May 31, 2024**

Parcel #: **08-3s-01w-208-04334-028**

Description of Property:
**Walkers Crossing Lot 28
OR 139 P 412 OR 144 P 316OR 146 P 778 OR 802 P 452
OR 986 P 870 OR 1037 P 258
OR 1299 P 653 OR 1304 P 769**

Name in which assessed **ZELMA SMITH** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **August 19, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

June 25, 2026

Signature: Greg James, Clerk
By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk
Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida

Published on July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 114

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

Certificate #: **1019** Date of Issuance: **May 31, 2024**

Parcel #: **00-00-034-012-09631-001**

Description of Property:
**Wakulla Gardens Unit 5
Block 54 Lot 2
OR 37 P 472 & OR 614 P 736
OR 646 P 803, OR 646 P 804 OR 659 P 485**

Name in which assessed **LUISA MOORE** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **August 19, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

June 25, 2026

Signature: Greg James, Clerk
By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk
Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida

Published on July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 115

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

Certificate #: **1173** Date of Issuance: **May 28, 2021**

Parcel #: **00-00-054-000-09911-001**

Description of Property:
**Lot 54 HS P-6-1-m-14
also .50 acres in the NE 1/4
of Lot 54 HS
OR 90 P 749 & OR 96 P 961
OR 80 P 697 & OR 96 P 960**

Name in which assessed **STEPHEN LANCASTER/CHRISTIE LANCASTER** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **August 19, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

June 25, 2026

Signature: Greg James, Clerk
By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk
Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida

Published on July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 116

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **RAM TAX LIEN FUND II LP/RTL F - FL II LLC** The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: **1202** Date of Issuance: **May 31, 2024**

Parcel #: **000-00-078-013-10734-000**

Description of Property:
**Magnolia Gardens
Block A Lots 8 & 9
DB 60 P 253 Less R/W
OR 121 P 861 OR 673 P 28
OR 784 P 101 OR 1068 P 839**

Name in which assessed **VICKI S ROBINSON/CEDRIC O ROBINSON** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **August 19, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

June 25, 2026

Signature: Greg James, Clerk
By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk
Clerk of Circuit Court, Wakulla County, Florida

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VFW holds Salute to Veterans event

Wakulla Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary Post 4538 hosted the 3rd annual A Salute To Our Veterans event at the Wakulla County Community Center on Friday and Saturday, June 26-27th.

The free event provided information and resources connecting veterans and their families to useful resources such as medical and VA services including financial services, counseling support, Career Source and Hospice's Valor Program.

Wakulla Animal Group was present at the event promoting animal support opportunities and adoptions, as well as FSU Health, and First Florida Credit Union.

Officials from the office of U.S. Senator Ashley Moody and Congressman Neal Dunn were on hand, as well as County Commissioners Ralph Thomas and Fred Nichols, both of whom are veterans, were present to support the event.

Event founder Sean Golder of the VFW, a retired veteran, said, "I participated in Tallahassee's Stand Down events and I wanted to take a piece and make it my own, here in Wakulla."

"We want to take the concept of 'Call to Action' when local service providers provide free provision of actual services," he said. "We believe in this event because we want to bring the services to them. For example, the counseling provided by A Time to Change Counseling, the point of meeting at this event is to get at least the first face-to-face meeting here, and they can move forward."

"It is not mystery why you are here, come talk to a counselor, get any type of help you need here, it's all here in one place," Golder said.

"Also, our veterans enjoy the comradery. We just want everyone to know this is a safe place. This is for people like me, my brothers and sisters who need help getting through the red tape. We are not here to hand walk anyone, we are here to ask you as soon as you walk in the door 'What is it you think you need?' and offer the reassurance that they don't have to navigate this all on their own."

"From veterans, we also get a lot of, 'I don't know what I need.' From there, we ask, 'Are you enrolled?' and we take it from there, we take them and introduce them to the area of assistance they need and get them connected."

Speaking of his passion, Golder said, "Several of us are retired and changed from active duty to retired, but I still have the same passion as I did back then. Our mission is, if we help one veteran with the services they earned, this event is a success. When we get a call from a veteran widower, we are here to talk about last wishes or finding documents, and this is the family piece of our event."

Golder added: "I remember I worked with a couple looking for house remodeling services, and there was a lot of road blocks to get them connected. That is why we are here today, to help people who don't know how to navigate the system and then, that's the piece of where



Veterans at the event included County Commissioner Ralph Thomas, Robert L. Ponder, County Commissioner Fred Nichols, and Sean Golder of the local VFW.

Story by LINDA ANN McDONALD/Correspondent
Photos by GERALD BROWN

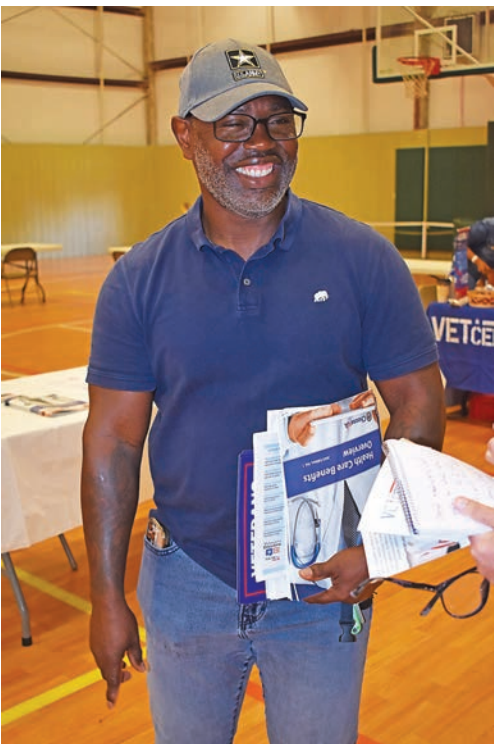
a veteran helps a veteran."

Ryan Adkins of the VFW was working as an event check-in volunteer at the event. "I like giving back to all who were deployed, who helped about 70 veterans last night and we hope to help even more with today's event."

Bobby Mills, a volunteer who took off from work to offer his help at the event, said, "I served 21 years active duty and have been deployed numerous times, I am now retired and this is a wonderful event to help veterans."

Walter Harris of the Veteran's Services assists with claims for benefits with the VA.

"We are a conduit between the VA and the vet, and we help with claims and benefits and help navigate the process. It is a tremendous feeling to help veterans, and this is something



Wakulla Veterans Service Officer Winston Murphy, left, and retired Army Ranger Bobby Mills.



I wanted to do, to give back to the community."

Golder is in the process of creating another

event for dental and vision service provision with the help of PanCare.

"The assistance for

Veterans does not stop with this weekend, we are here everyday to help any veteran and their family," he said.

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