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Our 5th Year 28th Issue
Thursday, July 9, 2026

TIME CAPSULE OPENED



Cathy Frank and Lynndeara Jefferson of the Wakulla County Historical Society unfold a poster of The Fonz from the 1976 time capsule.



Clark of Courts Greg James was the Master of Ceremonies for the event on the courthouse grounds on Thursday, July 2, to open time capsules from 1976 and bury capsules to be opened in 2076.

Several hundred on hand for event at courthouse

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

Days before the America 250! event at the courthouse, county Road and Bridge Director Mike King had equipment on the grounds to pull up the solid concrete mass that held two time capsules from 1976.

After hours of cutting and chiseling at the block, workers finally freed the two plastic-wrapped PVC capsules.

At the ceremony on Thursday, July 2, the two capsules were placed in the deep hole and Clerk of Courts Greg James invited people to pull the capsules from the hole. Jumping up to volunteer were Jace Cantrell, great-great grandson of John Pigott, who put the capsules in the ground in 1976, plus volunteers Mae Counce and Jocie Counce.

The end of the first capsule was cut off with a Sawzall and it was

taken inside the courthouse where historical society volunteers Cathy Frank and Lynndeara Jefferson removed items and showed them to the crowd.

The first capsule contained a letter from then-Sheriff A.B. Taff, a Pigott keychain, a letter from then-Clerk Carlton Tucker, and a 1976 Wakulla News, and lots of Bicentennial stationery.

The second capsule came in and the biggest surprise was a Fonz poster from the TV series Happy Days.

More 1976 newspapers, including a Tallahassee Democrat with a story on Wakulla’s old wooden courthouse, lots of photos, a map of Florida, a New Testament Bible, a program from the 1st Blue Crab Festival in 1975 (with an advertisement for Panacea Plaza “Opening Soon!”), an issue of Elizabeth Smith’s Magnolia Monthly, a program for the Sopchoppy Fourth of July’s second annual



County Road and Bridge workers chiseled through some 30 inches of concrete to get to the 1976 time capsules.

event, and menus from The Oaks restaurant, the Dykes restaurant, and photos of the motel and restaurant at Spring Creek – then owned by the Council

family.

A life and drum corps played music before the event kicked off and then performed the national anthem.

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Jones son dies in diving accident

Kyler Jones, a student at Wakulla High School, was 16 years old

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

Kyler Jones, the 16-year-old son of Kyle and Susan Jones, died in a diving accident on Friday, July 3.

According to a Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission press release, he was diving with his dad near Alligator Point and they became separated.

A search by FWC, the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office and the Coast Guard found his body near Dog Island.

“Our hearts are with the family and loved ones of the victim during this tragic time,” FWC said in a statement.

According to the online obituary for Family Funeral Home, Kyle Randall Jones II was a lifelong Wakulla County resident, Kyler was a student at Wakulla High School and a faithful member of River of Life Church, where he served others and loved Jesus. He had a passion for the outdoors and was an avid sportsman who loved fishing, duck and deer hunting, and playing football. He will be remembered for his love of life, his adventurous spirit, and the joy he brought to those who knew and loved him.

In a tribute to their teammate, members of the Wakulla War Eagle football team marched in the Sopchoppy Fourth of July parade with Kyler’s jersey.

A Funeral Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 10, at River of Life Church. Interment will follow at Friendship Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Wakulla High School Football program.



Members of the Wakulla War Eagle football team with Kyler Jones’ jersey at the Sopchoppy Fourth of July.

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.



The Sunfish robotic explorer craft will be on display as well as 3-D maps of the cave system.

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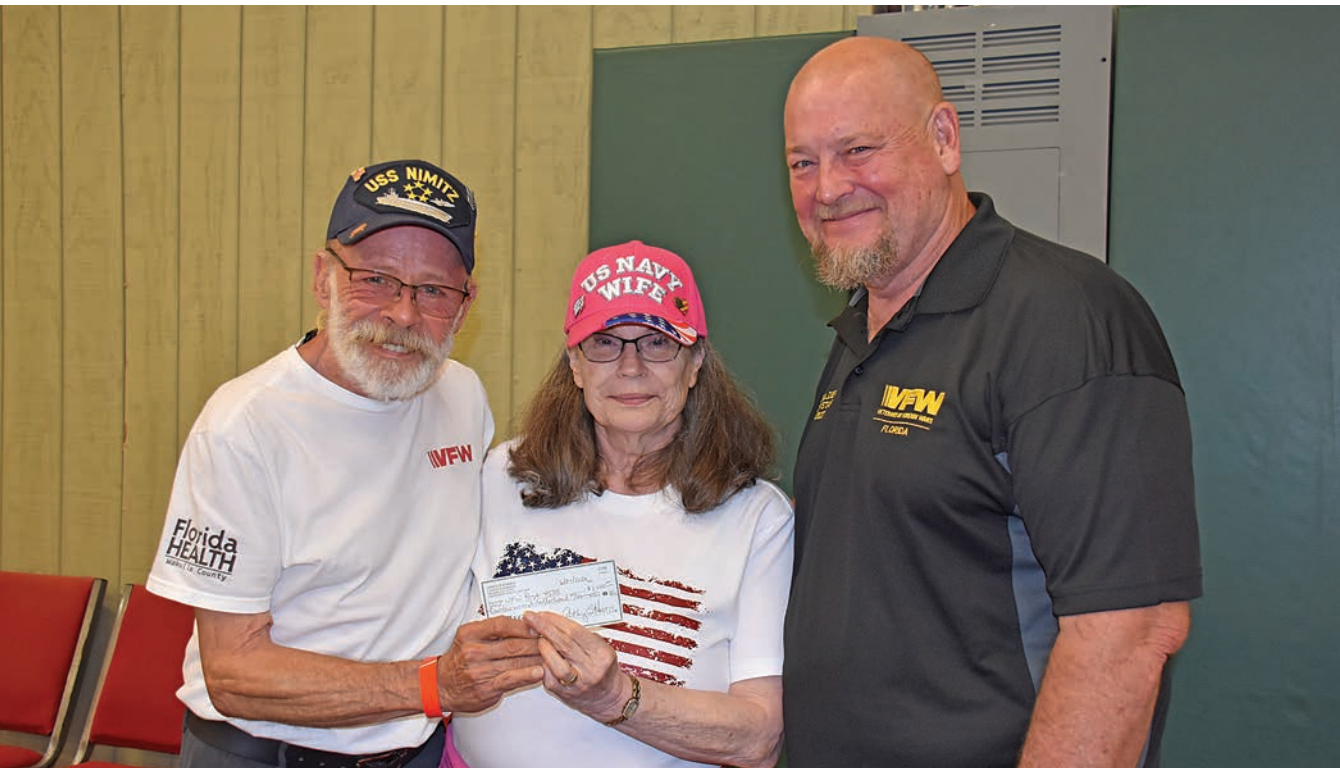
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\$1,000 donation to VFW

At last week's Salute to Veterans event at the community center to bring services to military veterans, Michael and Cathy Harris of Wakulla made a donation of \$1,000 to the event sponsor Veterans of Foreign Wars. VFW Post Commander Sean Golder is seen with the Harrises. Cathy Harris stated that "We believe we need to give it away in order to keep it."

(Photo by Lynda Kinsey)

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Lisa Craze, CFC

Wakulla County Tax Collector

ENACTED: December 15, 2025

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Frances Casey Lowe law firm joins Ausley McMullen

SPECIAL TO THE SUN

Ausley McMullen, one of Florida’s oldest and highly respected law firms, today announced Lowe Legal & Title will be joining their firm, creating an expanded legal team that combines more than a century of trusted legal counsel and broadens the services and resources available to clients throughout North Florida.

For clients of Lowe Legal & Title, this represents continuity rather than change. Clients can expect the same trusted relationships, responsive service, and commitment to their success that have defined Lowe Legal & Title for decades.

“This brings together two firms that share remarkably similar values,” said Benjamin B. Bush, a shareholder at Ausley McMullen. “Both organizations have built their reputations on trust, personal relationships, and excellence in serving clients. We are honored to welcome the Lowe Legal & Title team to Ausley McMullen and look forward to building on the outstanding legacy they have established.”

Founded in Tallahassee in 1930, Ausley McMullen has earned a reputation as one of Florida’s premier full-service law firms, representing



Crawfordville Attorney
Frances Casey Lowe

individuals, businesses, financial institutions, utilities, healthcare organizations, governmental entities, and nonprofit organizations throughout Florida.

For more than two decades, Lowe Legal & Title has been a trusted legal resource across Wakulla County, offering legal counsel and title services while building lasting relationships with generations of families, businesses, and community leaders.

“Our clients have always been at the center of every decision we make,” said Francie Lowe. “Joining Ausley McMullen allows us to continue serving our clients with the same team and personal attention while providing access to additional legal resources and expanded expertise. We believe this creates tremendous long-term value for the people and businesses we serve.”

The decision to join forces reflects both firms’ commitment to investing in North Florida and to ensuring clients have access to comprehensive legal services as their needs continue to evolve.

Clients will continue to receive the high level of personal service they have come to expect, supported by an expanded team of attorneys and professionals experienced across a broad range of practice areas.

“Strong relationships have always been at the heart of both firms,” added Benjamin B. Bush. “Joining together honors that history while positioning our combined team to serve clients even more effectively for generations to come.”

Together, Ausley McMullen and Lowe Legal & Title embark on a new chapter, built on shared values, trusted relationships, and an enduring commitment to serving the people, businesses, and communities of North Florida.

KEY FACTS

- Effective: July 1, 2026
- Combined Firm: Ausley McMullen
- Wakulla Office: Continues serving clients with the same staff
- Expanded Services: Access to broader legal practice areas and resources
- Service Area: Wakulla County, Tallahassee, and throughout Florida
- Websites: LoweLegalandTitle.com (transitioning) and Ausley.com.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

WAKULLA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS INVITATION TO BID

No. ITB 2026-14

REBID DR. MLK JR. MEMORIAL ROAD MULTIPURPOSE PATH CONSTRUCTION

ADVERTISEMENT BEGIN DATE: JULY 9, 2026

RELEASE DATE: JULY 9, 2026

BIDS DUE TO BOCC:

AUGUST 11, 2026 BY 3:00 P.M. EST

Sealed bids for the construction of a multipurpose path along Dr. MLK Jr. Memorial Road will be received at the office of the Board of County Commissioners, 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327; until 3:00 P.M., Local Time, on August 11, 2026, at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. Bids received after the deadline will not be accepted.

The principal feature of this procurement by the County is known as **REBID DR. MLK JR. MEMORIAL ROAD MULTIPURPOSE PATH CONSTRUCTION**. The specifications of this procurement are stated in **ITB 2026-14**

The ITB and any addenda issued will be posted to the County’s Website at www.mywakulla.com or can be obtained by contacting the County Procurement Office at (850) 926-0919 ext. 715, or email Procurement@mywakulla.com.

All technical inquiries and clarification requests shall be submitted in writing to the Procurement Office or Procurement@mywakulla.com in accordance with the ITB. **Verbal clarifications will not be provided.**

A mandatory pre-bid conference is scheduled for **JULY 16, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. EST**. The meeting will be held at the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Office, 3093 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327. The meeting is **MANDATORY** for all contractors who plan to submit bids. Attendees must sign in at the pre-bid conference in order to be authorized to bid on the project. All question(s) asked at the pre-bid meeting will not be formally addressed via addendum unless provided to the County in writing.

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO (\$35,000) for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid; reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part; re-bid a project, in whole or in part; and to accept a proposal that in its judgment is the lowest and best bid of a responsible bidder. In accepting a bid, Wakulla County may award a contract based only on the base bid, the base bid plus all alternates, or the base bid plus any

Alternates which Wakulla County selects -- with all decisions being made based upon what Wakulla County believes to be the best interests of its ratepayers, in the reasonable exercise of its discretion. Wakulla County further reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities as may be required to meet the needs of Wakulla County, at the unit price which was bid.

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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.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF WAKULLA COUNTY ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING:

EVENT: School Board Meeting
DATE: Monday, July 20, 2026
TIME: 5:45 pm
PLACE: School Board Room, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida
PURPOSE: Monthly School Board Meeting

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

July 9, 2026

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

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
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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
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SARIEM	MCMILLIAN	\$15.69
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JASON	PACK	\$23.64
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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT EVENT COORDINATORS:

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Facebook Page: FRESH Back to School Outreach Event

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wakulla County Code Enforcement Special Magistrate will hold a **Public Hearing** **On July 31, 2026 at 9:30am** in the Wakulla County Courthouse, Courtroom B, 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327.

Interested parties are invited to attend and participate.

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 ADARequest@mywakulla.com.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the magistrate, 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.

July 9, 2026

Polled at The America 250! event on the courthouse lawn:
What do you think is in the 1976 time capsule?



LUCY FOUNTAIN
Wakulla Garden Club

“Baseball cards, graduation announcements, the census.”



CAROLANN WILLIAMS
Larson Park Realty

Information and recognition about the great schools and teachers like Miss Mary Green, Mrs. Hendrix, and Mrs. Alice Stokley. We were so pleased when we moved here to find such great school system.”



MINA SUTTON
Wakulla Community Theater

“I have no idea what is in there, but I am so excited to find out.”



SUSAN BROOKS SHEARER
Controller

“Maybe there’s a pom pom from my cheerleading shoe and some information about the current president.”



LAURETTA COMPTON
Student

“A notebook maybe with different happenings and photos to show the history for that time period.”

Wakulla Crossroads

By Verna Brock

I hope everyone had a good Fourth of July. It’s hard to believe we just celebrated our 250th anniversary as a country. America is clearly an adolescent nation, especially when compared to so many others. Our oldest cities and towns can’t begin to compete with London, Paris or Rome. But oh what a ride it has been!

Very few of our (manmade) landmarks are older than a couple of centuries. So many of our historic buildings have burned or crumbled. No ancient colosseums or ancient cathedrals for us. Certainly in Florida, we’re fortunate to even have build-

ings that date from the 1800s. Often constructed from wood, our humid climate does little to preserve them, especially without constant care and updating.

It’s one reason I’m so tickled to have our old cracker house, which is nearly 100 years old. It dates to a far slower time. Built with no electricity, indoor plumbing and a two-rut road out front, it has survived many changes, growth, and three owners. The history that has transpired in Wakulla mirrors so much of what occurred across the country. I hope I get to spend a few more years loving this place.

I like to imagine the first pioneers here, and wonder what they would think if they saw us today. I doubt they would recognize the place or imagine the fast-paced world we live in. Computers, the Internet, phones with a dozen functions, radio and television, and an age of medical miracles all make our lives much easier (if more complicated). Huge grocery stores carry everything we can possibly desire or imagine—even some things we don’t realize we want until we see them on the shelf. We can order anything, and have it delivered right to our homes, sometimes in less than twenty-four hours.

I know events can seem overwhelming. We’re all bombarded with streaming messages 24-7, and the news cycles never end. But it helps to remember the dark times this nation has weathered. From the Revolution we just celebrated, to the Civil War and Jim Crow, the Great Depression, the World Wars, the struggle for equal rights for all of our people, Vietnam, and 9/11, our people have managed to be strong. We defend and commit to the ideals which birthed this country. However flawed or long the journey, we repeatedly prove that “the moral arc of the universe continues to bend towards justice.”

All of history is a living, breathing tapestry, binding each of us to our forefathers and to one another. It will always stretch back through previous generations as an instruction, even as it points the way to the future. Where it takes us completely depends on where we as Americans choose to go.

Let us choose to follow our ideals into the future.

Sheriff’s Report

This report is for activity June 26 to July 3. There were 1,299 total calls for service during the week.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

- Deputy Jonathan Kilbourn responded to the 1000 block of Wakulla Arran Road due to a citizen calling in advising animal carcasses were dumped in the area. Deputy Kilbourn arrived on scene and took photographs of the carcasses and Animal Control responded to take a report.
- A contractor for the power company reported a construction trailer had been burglarized in the 100 block of Railroad Avenue. A variety of tools were stolen valued at approximately \$2,531. Case forwarded to Criminal Investigations Division.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

- Deputy Zachary Godwin conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle due to an expired registration. Contact was made with the driver David Banegas, who was discovered not to have a valid license. Banegas was placed under arrest and transported to the jail facility.
- Walmart Asset Protection reported a delayed theft. The suspect passed all points of sale with unpaid merchandise. Taken was an I-Phone 17 Pro Max valued at \$1,249.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

- Deputy Shawn Jones responded to Harry Morrison Road in reference to a citizen reporting damage to his cable wires. Due to no witnesses or video footage, this case will be closed until further information becomes available.

MONDAY, JUNE 29

- Deputy Jonathan Kilbourn responded to the 2900 block of Crawfordville Highway and made contact with the reporting person, who stated when he arrived to work this morning, he noticed multiple American flags damaged on his fence line. During the investigation he was unsure who might have caused the damage. No camera footage was able to be obtained. He wished to pursue criminal charges for criminal mischief for \$25 worth of damaged American flags.
- The manager at Dux Liquors reported someone taking \$300 from an employee’s purse on June 27. She was able to playback security camera footage of this incident and it appeared to be a friend of hers who took the cash from the purse on three separate occasions while sitting at the table with her. Due to not being able to positively identify the person in the footage, this incident report will be forwarded to CID.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

- A citizen reported his exterior garage on fire. He advised hearing a loud boom and his dogs going crazy. Upon checking the property, he observed black smoke coming from the garage. Once Wakulla Fire Rescue arrived, he advised he kept two custom motorcycles and two custom SUVs in the garage. Upon extinguishing the fire, it was determined the fire was caused by a battery charger plugged into the custom Harley Davidson motorcycle. The estimated damage caused by the fire was \$126,000. He could not provide the insurance information at the time of this report.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

- A citizen reported being scammed out of \$8,400. He advised a subject pretending to be with the Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office notified him he had had active warrants for missed jury duty. He made two transactions via Bitcoin and cash app for \$8,400. Case forwarded to CID.
- Deputy Aimee Love responded to Spring Creek Road and Reservation Court to take a report. Upon arrival, the reporting party stated he had recently purchased a motorhome and was driving it home when the exhaust overheated, causing a fire. The motorhome was a total loss, with a value of \$4,500.
- A citizen reported her vehicle had been burglarized. Items taken include her purse along with cash and her CashApp card. The card was used at a Marathon in Tallahassee. Case forwarded to CID.
- A citizen reported receiving a call from the fraud department of her bank and was instructed to withdraw \$7,000. She further stated an unknown subject pretending to be with her bank showed up at her residence and was instructed to hand over the money. Case forwarded to CID.
- A citizen reported her cell phone as stolen. She stated she accidentally left the phone on her hood. The phone was tracked by them to Shadeville Road, but not located. The phone was valued at approximately \$400. The phone was entered into NCIC/FCIC. Case forwarded CID.

THURSDAY, JULY 2

- A citizen reported someone stealing a package containing two T-shirts from his front porch, which were valued at \$40. There was no surveillance or suspect information.
- Deputy Dustin Saba was conducting a sex offender address verification when he discovered Lucas Kanitz possibly having a vehicle registered to him which had not been disclosed.

FRIDAY, JULY 3

- Deputy Jonathan Kilbourn responded to Walmart in reference to an active theft. Contact was made with Asset Protection who advised the suspect Danielle Dyal had just left the parking lot. While Deputy Kilbourn was speaking with Asset Protection, Deputy Jackson Kittrell located the suspect at a separate location. Danielle Dyal was detained until the arrival of Deputy Kilbourn, who then made contact with Dyal and confirmed her identity. She was in possession of the stolen items which were seized and returned to Walmart. Dyal was issued an Notice To Appear and released from the scene.
- Deputy Kory Smith responded to Graham Trail in reference to a burglary. Contact was made with the reporting party at a separate location who advised while at home, someone known to her had come in to her residence uninvited and began a verbal altercation regarding her going on vacation. During the altercation she managed to separate herself from him and leave to a friend’s house. She advised he destroyed the residence and she was unsure of his location. Images were taken of the residence and the minor injuries sustained during this incident. Case forwarded to CID.
- A citizen reported fraudulent activity on her USAA Bank card. She notified USAA and froze the account as well as the bank card. A total of two transactions were made in the State of Ohio by an unknown person(s). She advised the transactions totaled \$1,000. USAA advised her to file a report with local law enforcement agency to help aid the bank with their investigation.

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HOME ON THE RANGE

Carrying your handgun



By MARJ LAW

Now that my kids are well over the teen stage, or even the low twenties age, I thought that boring time of listening to bickering was over.

Not.

I was at the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range last Wednesday with Joe. We usually plan to be there around 10 a.m. in case a person requires a bit of help. Well, this Wednesday, two young people had a difference of opinion on how to transport their handguns to the range and to other places in Florida.

Ellen is 18, Harry is 21.

"Things are different in Florida now," says Harry importantly. "I can carry my gun in Florida. I can carry it on my hip, on my back, or in front using 'appendix' carry. One way to carry is IWB. That means inside the waistband. I can carry OWB, too, and that means outside the waistband."

"I know that," retorted Ellen. "But even if you can carry your gun,

you can't display it. You need a shirt or sweat-shirt to drape over it, so no one guesses you are carrying. I'm glad of that, because I think showing that you have a gun makes you look like an aggressive person. If I saw someone showing off a gun, I'd be scared."

"I wouldn't do that," said Harry. "Another way I've been carrying is in my car."

"Maybe you can carry it in your car, but you can't wear it in your car," argues Ellen. "If you're in your car and you don't have your concealed weapon and firearm license from Florida, then you must have it 'securely encased.' This means storing it in a place that is: 'not readily accessible for immediate use, and you cannot carry it on your body,' says LegalClarityFlorida in the article: Carrying a Handgun Without a License."

"Saying it more simply, LegalClarityFlorida goes on to say: "The key limit is that the handgun must stay concealed. Florida bans open carry of firearms, so a handgun sitting on your dashboard in plain view creates a separate problem..."

"That sounds kinda complicated. Those lawyers make everything difficult."

"Oh, Harry. When they say that the handgun must be concealed, it just means to put your gun in a place that



is enclosed. My girlfriend made a zippered pouch for her subcompact gun. It's a padded floral fabric. Who would think a handgun would be inside? It's too girly. Enclosed places also means any gun case or in the glove compartment, for example. Even the console, if it is closed. But not where it can be seen. You don't want it seen if you open the door, either."

"So" maintains Harry. "You don't need one of those concealed carry licenses anymore in Florida."

"That may be true, but then you can't wear your loaded Glock in the car."

"Darn," complains Harry. "I'd like my Glock beside me because I'm tired of crummy drivers. Imagine, waving my Glock in the window the next time some idiot cut me off. I'd show him!"

"Just as well you have to keep your gun concealed in the car. Brandishing a gun is never permitted in or out of the car. You'd end up in trouble yourself for doing it. Now,

it would be different if your gun was revealed by accident. Like if you were at Walmart, and you lifted your arm to pick Spam on a high shelf and your shirt rode up. That would be flashing, not brandishing. It would be very temporary and totally unintentional."

"Oh yeah. I know that. I can't brandish, but if I do get a CWFL, then I am permitted to carry in my car. I can even carry my Glock loaded," adds Harry smugly.

"But it still has to be concealed," continues Ellen. She's a bit miffed because she's too young to have a CWFL herself. "And since you don't have your CWFL yet, you can't carry it loaded on your person in your car."

Hearing them bicker, I'm thinking that transporting your firearm in your car does require careful thought. Not all states have the same rules as Florida. If you are traveling to a different state, you'll need to look up the regulations of that state. And since

other states have different rules, how can you best protect yourself?

First, you can put your handgun in one locked container and place your ammunition in another locked container. Make sure your handgun is not loaded. Then, place both containers in an unoccupied location in your car.

Next, check to see what states you'll be passing through. In some states, your firearm might not be legal at all. If you're still determined to carry your gun, you may need to plan another route.

Will you need to spend the night on the way to your destination? If so, choose a place in a firearms-friendly state. Remember, even if you are just passing through, not knowing other state's laws is not a legal defense should you be stopped.

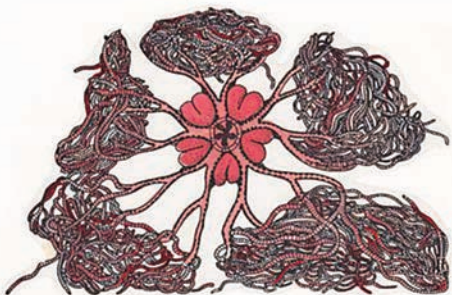
According to U.S. LawShield, you'll need to: "Research the state gun laws of every place you intend to visit. The best practice when traveling to other states is

to do your homework. Research the firearm laws of each state you plan on visiting before you leave home. Even if your travels will only carry you across a small corner of a state that is not gun-friendly, it can go badly if you carry guns or are transporting guns in ways that state doesn't allow. Never assume a brief stop or short visit will keep you legally safe. Not only could that ruin your vacation, but it could also have far-reaching implications for you as a gun owner."

Well, Harry and Ellen are squabbling about how to carry their guns on their bodies and in the car. This kind of bickering is good because it helps them to learn the legal way to carry their guns.

Bickering? At least this time, bickering is useful.

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



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(*Astrophyton muriatum*)

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Moon Illumination 35%

Friday10

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Moon rise/set
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5:06 PM

Moon Illumination 25%

Saturday11

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Moon rise/set
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Moon Illumination 15%

Sunday12

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Moon Illumination 8%

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Tuesday14

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Moon Illumination 0%

Wednesday15

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Moon rise/set
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Moon Illumination 1%

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

High Tide

Low Tide

Carrabelle28 Min.

25 Min.

Apalachicola1 Hr., 53 Min.

2 Hrs., 38 Min.

Cat Point1 Hr., 13 Min.

2 Hrs., 31 Min.

Lower Anchorage1 Hr., 36 Min.

2 Hrs., 3 Min.

West Pass1 Hr., 26 Min.

2 Hrs., 39 Min.

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Tide charts by
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First

July 29

Full

Aug. 5

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July 14

New

July 21

Best fishing days this month
Best fishing day(s) is in the center of date ranges.
July 11-17, 21

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Saturday11

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

Coast Guard Auxiliary Reports

By Emory Smith

Boating Emergencies

From FWC News

The 2026 recreational bay scallop season from Franklin County through northwestern Taylor County (including Carrabelle, Lanark and St. Marks) as well as portions of Levy County and all of Citrus and Hernando counties (including Cedar Key, Crystal River and Homosassa) opens July 1 and will remain open through Sept. 24.

The daily bag limit in these areas is two gallons of whole bay scallops in the shell or one pint of bay scallop meat per person, with a maximum of 10 gallons of whole bay scallops in the shell or 1/2 gallon (four pints) shucked bay scallop meat per vessel per day. Throughout

the season, vessel limits do not allow an individual to exceed their personal bag limit.

Harvest of bay scallops is permitted only by hand or by using a landing or dip net. Commercial harvest is prohibited.

A few things to remember:

- Practice safe boating and diving habits by maintaining

360-degree awareness and adhering to all divers-down flag regulations.

- When scalloping in open water, divers should stay within 300 feet of a correctly displayed divers-down flag or within 100 feet of a divers-down flag if on a river, inlet or navigation channel.
- Always operate your boat at idle speed when traveling within 300 feet of a divers-down flag in open water or within 100 feet of a divers-down flag on a river, inlet or navigational channel.

Visit MyFWC.com/Boating click on "Boating Regulations," and select "Divers-down Warning Devices" for additional information.

Gregg Stanton

Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

Cold Water Diving. November 8, 2012

We know when the ocean water temperature begins its decline when the clammers and underwater bridge inspectors show up asking for thicker thermal protection. Most everyone else has hung up their fins for the year and are oiling up their rifles for hunting season. As the winter diving season progresses, thermal requests move from thicker wet suit to dry suits. There are plenty of challenges involved in finding the warmest solution for your investment. The question is where to start and what is the progression?

Wet suits work by capturing water under a protective garment that your body can heat up. If the suit fits too loosely, this warm water escapes and is continually replaced by cold water the body must reheat (at great expense and discomfort). This garment itself has thermal properties like land clothing, except that it works in water. The thicker the garment, the more heat it can hold from escaping through the material. Wet suits must fit tightly to work and be thick enough to keep the heat in. Most think the colder the water, the thicker must be the garment.

The secret is to keep the water your body has warmed from escaping by neck, wrist and ankle seals. New suit designs are more form fitted, joint flexing, cloth lined and sealed systems. They keep everything in until you unzip the system or over pressure it. Yes, there are two types of divers out there, those that admit they pee in their wet suits and those that lie about it. Cold water on the skin causes vasoconstriction of the extremity veins and a shunting of blood to the body's core. This build up of plasma must be disposed of, so the body dumps the extra fluid to the bladder, which when released, does make you feel warmer for a short while if you are wearing a wet suit.

Several engineers in Maryland came up with a simple and logical next step. Rather than invests up to \$2,000 in a dry suit to stay warm during the winter, they heated the water under their sealed wet suit with a battery supported heating pad. Bikers have been using a heating pad under their jackets for years. Divers already carried lead as added buoyancy control, so the lead is now in the battery instead. The cost of the technology is a quarter that of a new dry suit, and has many applications.

Dry suits have come a long way as well. They do seal the water out by maintaining an air pocket around the body in which dry clothing keeps you warm. A gas source is required to compensate for increased pressure at depth, and additional training is required to accommodate added buoyancy challenges. But new dry suit designs dive more like wet suits these days, and can accommodate the same heating pads used in wet suits. As our community matures, we incorporate more creature comforts every day.

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

When we do the very thing we hate



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

We can never sin so much that God would withhold His forgiveness from us. God hates our sin, but He loves us. I love both parts of this sen-

tence. I’m thankful that God loves me. AND I’m thankful that He hates my sin. I love that He is holy. I need Him to be holy. I’m glad He calls me to holiness. “But as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct” (1 Peter 1:15 ESV). When God shows me my sin, I don’t feel like a failure. Instead, I hear Him say, “My mercy and power are here for you.” One of my favorite Bible verses, Hebrews 4:16 (ESV), explains this perfectly: “Let us

then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Once we acknowledge our sin, God forgives us. As we yield our will to His, He helps us make choices that honor Him and His Word. I hear you. You’ve blown it “more than anyone else.” I can practically hear your tears of frustration and shame, which are likely similar to my own. Yet I stand by my opening statement: we

can never sin so much that God would withhold His forgiveness from us. You are not the worst sinner ever. You are not beyond God’s grace and mercy. We all struggle with entangling sin that we feel we’ll never obtain victory over. Paul himself said, “For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate” (Romans 7:15 ESV). And then, nine verses later, said, “Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body

of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!” (vv. 24–25). Truth be told, I find great comfort in knowing, as verse 14 tells us, that I’m not the only one who struggles with doing “the very thing I hate.” I find tremendous relief (and joy!) in the next verses I quoted, that Jesus Christ delivers us from the control of sin! Mike Clark, a Facebook friend, commented on one of my posts, “I often wondered about the Judgment Seat of

Christ and what it will be like with having to see all my sins rolling before me. Recently, I understood how much more that experience will help me to love my Savior, Jesus Christ, for paying the price for ALL those sins!” Thanks be to God! *Sheryl H. Boldt is a sales executive for Wave 94 and author of the blog, www.TodayCanBeDifferent.net. Connect with her at SherylHBoldt.Wave94@gmail.com.*

Staying humble



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

Every now and then, a memory quietly drifts back into our minds – not because we went looking for it, but because it still has something to teach us. One of those memories for me is of my mentor of 24 years, Pastor Rich. He was a man who faithfully followed the Lord and touched countless lives along

the way – mine included. Beyond his ability to preach the gospel of Jesus with love and conviction, he possessed a beautiful singing voice that I secretly envied. One day, during a conversation about worship, Brother Rich taught me a lesson in humility that has stayed with me ever since. I have never professed to be a singer. Music was never one of the gifts God entrusted to me. Instead, He carved out a place for me through stories. Somewhere along the way, I discovered that I could often reach people’s hearts with a simple story long before I ever reached their minds with a sermon. Brother Rich knew

that about me. With that familiar twinkle in his eye, he said, “From time to time, you’ll preach a sermon that falls flat. It’s God’s way of keeping you humble.” Then he smiled, adding, “When that happens to me, I can always close with a song.” He paused for just a moment, looked straight at me, and with a chuckle said, “I don’t know what you’re going to do.” His laughter filled the room, and before long, mine joined his as I realized the truth of his words. Humility and serving go hand in hand. Moses was one of the great leaders in the Old Testament, yet at the beginning of his journey he confessed to the Lord

his inability to speak well (Exodus 4:10). To lead the people, Moses had to rely on God. He could not lead by his own words, but only by the Word of God. In a similar way, Gideon began his journey by telling the angel of the Lord that he was the least in his father’s house (Judges 6:15). Even so, God called him to lead. Gideon learned that it would not be his strength or courage that would win the battle, but the hand of God. Looking back, I realize our conversation that day was never really about sermons or songs. It was about humility. God has a gentle way of reminding us that we should not rest in our abilities but in His

faithfulness. There are moments when sermons fall flat, when words do not come easily, and when we are reminded that our best efforts are still not enough on their own. Yet even in those moments, God is still at work. It is true that some people sing, while others preach, teach, or quietly serve behind the scenes, often unnoticed and unrecognized. Whatever the gift may be, there will always be moments that remind us how much we still need Him. Perhaps that is one of God’s greatest mercies – He loves us enough to keep us humble and He is gracious enough to keep using us anyway. May we never con-

fuse our ability with His anointing, or our effort with His grace. Instead, may we allow even our weaknesses to draw us back to Him, trusting that what we cannot do in our own strength, He is still more than able to accomplish through us. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. (2 Cor. 12:9) *Cheryl Mixon-Cruce is Pastor of Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Church and Sopchoppy United Methodist Church.*

OUT TO PASTOR

Getting old is not as bad as I thought



By **JAMES SNYDER**

I was celebrating and eating an Apple Fritter. I’m not sure what I was celebrating at the time, but it doesn’t matter as long as I’m celebrating with an Apple Fritter. Life has its way of opening up doors of celebration. While I was in this celebratory mood, I happened to remember that I turn 75 years old this month. Just the thought of that surprised me and made me pause while eating my Apple Fritter. I did not think I was that old, but reflecting on my journey filled me with gratitude and appreciation for how far I’ve come. But 75? That has to be old. I never thought I would get old. As a teenager, I often made fun of my grandparents because they were so old. Both my grandfathers experienced significant hair loss, while my grandmother’s hair was turning gray. I can’t tell you how many times I laughed at them – of course it was always behind their back. I always wanted to keep in good standing with my grandparents. As a young person, I always thought getting old was a terrible expe-

rience, and I was going to do everything in my power to avoid it. As I watched my grandparents and saw all the difficulties they experienced with old age, I promised myself I wasn’t going to walk down that same path-way. I was going to enjoy life to the very end. Of course, I had no idea what the end was. I must say that I have enjoyed my life every step of the way. My birthday was just something I celebrated once a year and had nothing to do with my getting older. Occasionally, I forget what birthday I was celebrating. Often, when scammers call and want to help with my medical insurance, they ask me how old I am. Usually, I answer, “I’m not quite sure how old I am because my age changes every year and I just can’t keep up.” Then I hear the magical “click,” and they are gone. Hallelujah! However, as I look ahead to my 75th birthday, I must admit that getting old hasn’t been nearly as bad as I had thought. When I was in my 20s, I assumed that when I got to my 70s, I would be in some nursing home and not even know where I am or who I am. As I continued munching on my Apple Fritter, I just thought about my life, and here I am, soon to be 75, and I have everything I want. Yes, there are times when I can’t walk as strongly as I used to. Sometimes my hip gives away a little bit. The only

travel I can afford these days is to my doctor’s offices. I did not know how many doctors I was supporting. I’ve seen so many doctors in the last several years that I probably qualify for some doctoral degree. When I see how some older people struggle to walk or talk, I feel thankful for my health and grateful for the family that supports me every day. I remember a month or so ago, I was sitting in the doctor’s waiting room when I noticed people walking past me. At the time, most of them were older people, and some were walking very slowly with canes. I noticed that most people, if they weren’t older than me, at least looked and acted older than me. I let out a sigh of relief and said to myself how lucky I was not to be

“that old.” As I finished my Apple Fritter, I continued thinking about my age and the benefits I have of being as old as I am. First, I’m retired, and I don’t have to go to work every day. For about 50 years, I pastored churches, which meant I was at church every day of the week. Now I’m retired, and I don’t have to go to any office. My office is at home. Also, I have Social Security and a retirement fund, so I don’t have to worry too much about a weekly salary. I’m not rich, but I have enough to live on for the rest of my life as long as I live frugally. But there is another benefit to getting old that I hadn’t thought about. That benefit boils down to grandchildren and even great-grandchildren. I have nine grandchildren and four

great-grandchildren at my disposal. I mean, what can be better than that? All I have to do is tell them Grandma has fresh cookies, and they come right over. I haven’t celebrated my 75th birthday yet, but in a few weeks, I will, and I’m going to celebrate as I’ve never celebrated any birthday in my life. I just hope I remember it. I am happy to be as old as I am, and I’m not sure how much older I’ll get, but I’m always going to walk down that happy path. As I was thinking about my upcoming birthday, I remembered a very interesting verse

in the Bible. “The glory of young men is their strength: and the beauty of old men is the grey head” (Proverbs 20:29). The older I get, the more wisdom I will have. There is no time in life where wisdom is more appropriate than old age. I’m going to examine my grey hair and see how much wisdom I have. *Dr. James L. Snyder lives in Ocala with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Telephone 1-352-216-3025, e-mail jamesnsnyder51@gmail.com, website www.jamesnsnyderministries.com.*



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Obituaries



Shirley Ann Baxter

DECEMBER 27, 1947 – JUNE 14, 2026

Shirley Baxter of Crawfordville, Florida, passed away peacefully on June 14, 2026, at the age of 78.

Shirley was born on December 27, 1947, in Champaign, Illinois, to George Lewis Jr. and Ruby Marie Lewis. She grew up in Central Illinois and attended Mahomet-Seymour High School, where she developed the independence, determination, and confidence that would define her throughout her life.

Shirley built an impressive career at a time when women were often underrepresented in leadership roles. Early in her professional life,

she served as a Vice President at a bank in Champaign, Illinois. Later, she chose to step away from her career to raise her children, opening a small daycare in her home while also selling Mary Kay cosmetics. Once her children were older, she returned to the workforce and built a successful career selling construction materials for CPI Supply. Throughout her life, Shirley was a trailblazer who was often ahead of her time. She frequently found herself in male-dominated industries and environments, yet she always held her own with confidence, intelligence, and determination. She wasn't afraid to break the mold, take on new challenges, or do things her own way.

One of Shirley's lifelong dreams was to retire in Florida, and she was grateful to spend her later years in Crawfordville, a place she proudly called home. She loved the beach, the sunshine, and the relaxed pace of coastal life.

Outside of work, Shirley lived life with enthusiasm and adventure. She loved golfing and looked forward to getting out on the course whenever she could. For several years she owned and rode a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, embracing the freedom and excitement it brought. She was a lifelong George Strait fan, and his music would always perk her up and bring a smile to her face. She had a special affection for frogs and owls, even

commemorating her love of frogs with a tattoo on her foot. She was naturally athletic and excelled at sports, despite growing up in an era when opportunities for girls and women in athletics were limited. One of Shirley's greatest joys was cheering on her children and grandchildren. Whether they were on a ball field, at a school event, or pursuing a new passion, she was always their biggest fan, encouraging them every step of the way and celebrating their accomplishments with pride.

Shirley was fiercely competitive, incredibly generous, and always thinking of others before herself. She was known for her loyalty, her strength, and her unwavering devotion to the people she loved. She cared deeply for her family and friends and maintained lifelong relationships throughout her life. Even at 78 years old, she remained actively involved with her Mahomet-Seymour High School classmates, cherishing the friendships and connections she had built decades earlier.

Shirley faced pancreatic cancer with remarkable courage and determination for nearly six years. In a disease where survival is often measured in months rather than years, she continually defied the odds. Her oncologist frequently called her an "anomaly," noting that she was the longest-living pancreatic cancer patient he

had ever cared for. To those who knew Shirley, that came as little surprise. She spent her entire life exceeding expectations, breaking barriers, and proving that determination could take her further than anyone imagined.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, George Lewis Jr. and Ruby Marie Lewis, and by her husband, Bradley Bruce Baxter.

She is survived by her daughter, Kelly Morena and husband Bobby Morena; her son Ryan Baxter and wife Megan Baxter; and her son Doug Little and wife Amy Little. She was a proud and loving grandmother to Jake Little, Natalie Little, Caleb Baxter, and Josh Baxter.

Shirley is also survived by her devoted partner of eight years, Don, whose love, support, and unwavering presence brought her great comfort. He stood faithfully by her side throughout her journey, and her family will always be grateful for the care, companionship, and love he gave her.

Her family will remember her as a woman who lived boldly, loved deeply, and was the strongest person they knew. Her memory will live on in the hearts of those who loved her, in stories shared around dinner tables, on golf courses, at class reunions, at the beach, and whenever a frog or owl unexpectedly crosses someone's path.

She will be deeply missed and forever loved.



Dr. Larry Collins

Dr. Larry Collins, a devoted father, accomplished educator, and lifelong music lover, passed away at the age of 88, at home, on June 22, 2026, surrounded by loved ones. Born on November 16, 1937, in Reinbeck, Iowa, Larry was the younger child of Lloyd and Berneda (Kitts) Collins

and grew up in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Larry held a deep appreciation for his early experiences and was an optimist who believed that tomorrow would always be another great day. He reflected on life with gratitude, saying, "I was lucky like that." His guiding philosophy was to look for the beauty in all things and people, paired with a simple mantra during difficult times: "Yes—it will get better!"

Larry's childhood was shaped by family, music, and the Iowa landscape. He spent weekends at the family farm and grew up in a home at 1003 Clay Street, built by his father. His father worked and tuned pianos, while his mother taught dance lessons to more than 100 local students, with Larry providing piano accompaniment.

Larry often said, "Music literally held my life together." He played piano, saxophone, and trombone, and became the youngest member of Cedar Falls' concert band. He later performed in a local jazz band and

remained a lifelong admirer of jazz, especially Dave Brubeck.

In his youth, Larry worked downtown at a men's clothing store and managed the Ray Edwards pool. He enjoyed golfing, dancing, and loved German sports cars, motorcycles, travel, and the simple pleasure of a well-prepared meal or thoughtfully chosen outfit.

His curiosity extended into the mind itself. For years, Larry pursued a personal project called Neuronavigators, studying meditation and performance. What began as a way to improve his golf game became a lifelong exploration of mindfulness.

Larry's academic career reflected his devotion to learning. He earned his Bachelor of Arts from Iowa State Teachers College (now the University of Northern Iowa), his Master's from Middlebury College, and his Doctorate of Education from Indiana University. He also completed the Management Development Program at Harvard University's Institute for Educational Management, including

study in Mainz, Germany.

After teaching high school and moving into higher education leadership, he founded the Collins Consulting Group, working with organizations on time and stress management. Across every role, Larry believed learning never ends and that every experience offers something to understand or improve.

In his final years, Larry faced the challenges of dementia. Yet, of all the things the illness caused him to lose or forget, it could never steal his joy or his deeply grateful spirit. Until his earthly ending, he maintained that beautiful core of who he was and remained able to tell his loving daughters exactly how much he loved them.

Larry is survived by his daughters, Kim (David) of Crawfordville, Florida, and Kristin (Aaron) of Flagstaff, Arizona; his grandchildren, McKinley, Austin, and Steeley; extended family and his former wife and longtime friend, Karen Thorsen.

DEATH NOTICES

- **Louis Davis Jr.**, 73, of Crawfordville died June 29, 2026.
- **Raymond Maag**, 97, of Tallahassee, died July 2, 2026.
- **Kyle "Kyler" Randall Jones II**, 16, of Crawfordville, died

July 3, 2026.

- **James Clifford Stevens**, 81, of Tallahassee, died July 1, 2026.

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Time capsules
From Front Page

As the old time capsules were being inventoried inside the courthouse by the historical society, new capsules to be opened in 2076 were being put in the ground and sealed in concrete.

Items had been solicited from several civic groups and those submitting items included the Coastal Optimist Club, the local 4-H, the Rotary Club of Wakulla, the Crawfordville Woman's Club, the Wakulla High School Class of 2026, the Wakulla County Christian Coalition, the City of Sopchoppy, the Wakulla Chamber of Commerce, and the Wakulla County Garden Club, Panama Waterfronts and The Wakulla Sun.

Among the items placed in the capsule were a photo of Wakulla's Class of 2026 and a graduation tassel. The City of Sopchoppy submitted a Sopchoppy High School Yellow Jackets car tag and a ticket from the first Sopchoppy Opry performance



The new time capsules are placed in the ground to be opened in 50 years, in 2076.

A juvenile was struck by a car during the ceremony on July 2 while crossing Crawfordville Highway. Deputies and paramedics responded.

The juvenile suffered minor injuries but was transported by paramedics to the hospital.

back in 2001.

The Optimist Club included a legacy photo of three generations of members: Noah Posey, a founder of the local club, daughter Sherrie Posey Miller, a club member, and her son, Kinsey Miller, also a member.

Rotary submitted a club banner, a coin with the 4-Way Test, and an End Polio pin.

4-H submitted a

T-shirt, two club buttons, and 11 notes and letters from young members.

The woman's club had numerous items with the club's logo, a pen, a letter, photos of the Easter Bunny fundraiser, and a fashion show program.

The Christian Coalition submitted the most items, including a 2026 African American History Calendar, a Wakulla Sun Monthly from 2023 that

profiled Kenny and Robert Manning, books, a FRESH T-shirt, and a Palaver Tree Theater T-shirt.

The Wakulla Sun submitted its special edition America250!

Elected officials submitted letters, including Sheriff Jared Miller, whose letter also has a handwritten note to his son and grandson.

Circuit Judge Layne Smith wrote a letter, as did County Judge Brian Miller. Clerk of Court Greg James included a letter and photos of office staff.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
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).

Case #: 2024 CA 105

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 RIGHTOF-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



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June 2, 9, 2026

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

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TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 114

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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.

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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.

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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

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By: D. Dee, Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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 - 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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 117

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that FIG 20 LLC FBO SEC PTY 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 #: 1285 Date of Issuance: May 31, 2024

Parcel #: 00-00-092-000-11669-002

Description of Property:
Lot 92 P-12-2-M-28
Lying in SE 1/4 of lot 92 HS
OR 95 P 617 OR 96 P 263
OR 159 P 633
OR 918 P595 ESMT
OR 973 P 623 OR 979 P 402

Name in which assessed ROBERT BENSON HANWAY 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.Court-housen: 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 30, 2026

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 118

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that FIG 20 LLC FBO SEC PTY 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 #: 1269 Date of Issuance: May 31, 2024

Parcel #: 00-00-086-188-11586-05B

Description of Property:
Wildwood Acres Phase II
Block B Lot 5
OR 172 P 938 OR 567 P 544
OR 821 P 15, OR 831 P 493

Name in which assessed JOSE M TZINTZON 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.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 119

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that FIG 20 LLC FBO SEC PTY 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 #: 1050 Date of Issuance: May 31, 2024

Parcel #: 00-00-044-000-09819-004

Description of Property:
Lot 44 HS P-6-M-11 23.84 AC
In SE 1/4 of Lot 44 Cont 50 AC
M/L Lying in SE 1/4 of HS 44
OR 706 P 753, OR 1074 P 739 and Tract 2

Name in which assessed SARAH C KING 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.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 120

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that FIG 20 LLC FBO SEC PTY 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 #: 1028 Date of Issuance: May 31, 2024

Parcel #: 00-00-036-076-09686-001

Description of Property:
Lot 36 HS
Crestwood Acres Unit 1
Tract 3
OR 18 P 220 & OR 75 P 50, OR 126 P 554 OR 436 P 360

Name in which assessed AUGUST GARNER 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.

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TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 121

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that FIG 20 LLC FBO SEC PTY 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 #: 936 Date of Issuance: May 31, 2024

Parcel #: 00-00-043-010-08824-000

Description of Property:
Wakulla Gardens Unit 3
Block 19 Lot 49
OR 9 P 533 OR 68 P 512
OR 188 P 39 OR 294 P 751, OR 398 P 257 OR 570 P 566

Name in which assessed ROSS ALLEN MATHEWS JR 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.Court-housen: 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.

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TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 122

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that SAMMIE D & DONNA G SIMMONS 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 #: 430 Date of Issuance: May 31, 2024

Parcel #: 30-2s-01w-000-04171-004

Description of Property:
30-2s-01w Lot "A"
Corbett Subdivision PB 6 P 58
Prior deed ref OR 1214 P 290
OR 1139 P 349
OR 23 P 79 & OR 68 P 917

Name in which assessed THE DEBORAH HOGAN TRUST/DEBORAH HOGAN TRUSTEE 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.

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