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Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

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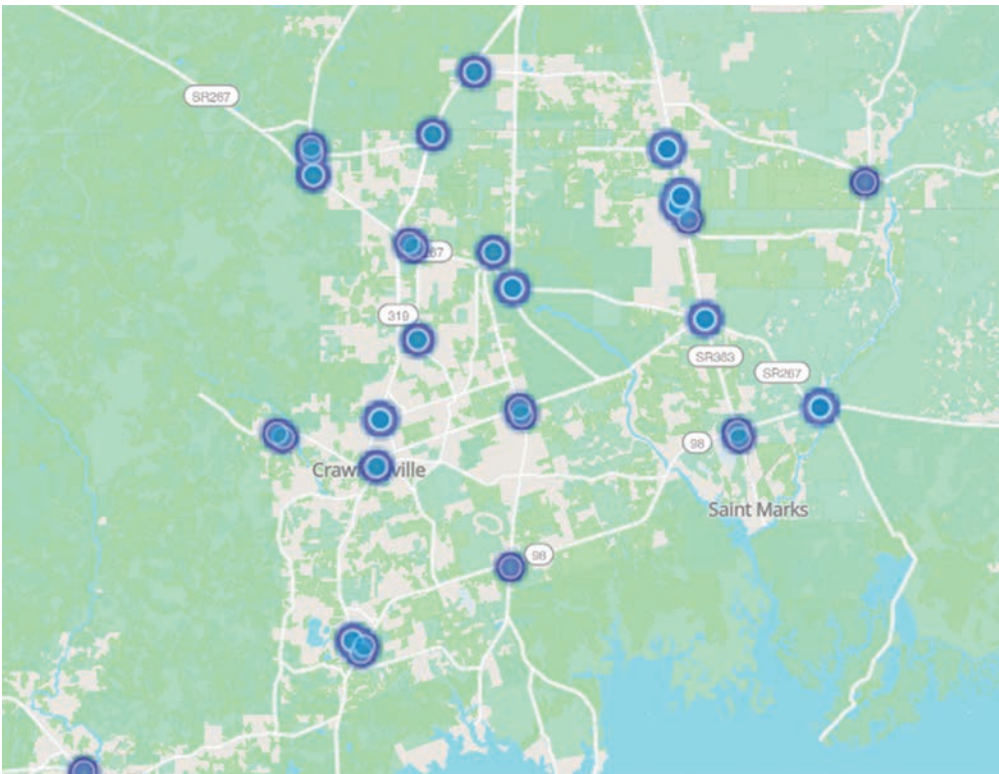
Controversy over traffic cameras

License plate readers, used in Wakulla, draw concern over issues of mass surveillance vs. public safety

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

Several citizens have voiced concern about Flock license plate readers set up by the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office throughout the county. The concern by several speakers at county commission meetings is mass surveillance of citizens, and who has access to that data. Capt. Brett Surace, public information officer for the sheriff's office, said the cameras were paid for by a U.S. Department of Justice grant and started being place on road rights-of-way in November 2025. The sheriff's office did a Facebook post at the

time announcing the equipment was in place. There have been allegations of some protestors being tracked in other areas of the state – notably some citizens who voiced opposition to the state bear hunt had their driver licenses and license plate reader info pulled by state wildlife officers with the Florida Conservation Commission. In another case, the property appraiser Shawna Beach in neighboring Taylor County has filed a federal lawsuit claiming improper behavior by FWC officers, including allegations that they viewed her and her husband's driver licenses and



A map from the website deflock.org that shows locations of license plate reader cameras in Wakulla that enable law enforcement to cover the main roads in and out of the county.

viewed Flock camera info. There was a criminal claim that Beach had shot a deer on property that was owned by the Suwannee River Water Management District. In those cases of alleged abuses of the system, FWC officers reportedly entered into databases that the reason for the searches was related to criminal investigation. Surace said that, unlike those alleged abuses, access to Wakulla's information is strictly audited, and those pulling information from license plate readers have to enter a purpose code that requires a case number or CAD number.

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Old buildings coming down
Demolition of some of the old buildings at Wakulla High School got underway last week to make way for new buildings. The old part of the high school, built in 1967, is being demolished as a new classroom-administration building will be built,

flanked by a performing arts center at one end and a new gym at the other. A new layout of the school will have the entrance coming in at the traffic light off U.S. Highway 98. The whole project will not be finished until 2028. (Photo provided by school board member Eddie Hand)

Wakulla Sun to host Congressional candidates

Staff Report

The Wakulla Sun has invited all 12 candidates for Congressional District 2 to a gathering on Tuesday, Aug. 4, at the public library beginning at 6 p.m. There are eight Republicans and four Democrats in the party primary to be held Aug. 18. The party winners will face off in the November general election. The Democrat candidates are Yen Bailey, Brice Barnes, Amanda Marie Green and Nic Zateslo. Republican candidates are Keith Gross, Lee Jones, Nick Lewis, Luke Murphy, Jim Norton, Evan Power, Austin Rogers, and Audie Rowell. The Sun has received commitments from most of the candidates to attend. The Sun will livestream the forum on Facebook and archive the video on our YouTube page.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Quincee Messersmith seeks re-election to BOCC

By QUINCEE MESSERSMITH
Special to The Sun

In 2018 I committed that she would be "accessible" and "involved," and that I would use my experiences in life, education and work, combined with "listening" and "common sense," to the issues that come before the Commission. Since then, I have been a reliable, common-sense leader you can count on to look out for Wakulla County. I am solution oriented and committed to working every day to keep Wakulla County an even better place to live, work, and raise a family. I am invested personally in Wakulla County's future. When it comes to involvement, I serve on



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

the 4-H Advisory Council, Panacea Waterfronts, and Big Bend Hospice. I pride myself on my favorite name besides, Mama... Professional Volunteer. From Paws Dog Washes to Joyful Journeys Prom, Scholarships and other civic dedication, I have a passion for giving back. My County Commission appointments affect the outcome of our region as a whole. Just this year I was awarded the Presidential Advocacy Award. This recognition is given to a Commissioner who has gone beyond representing their own county by contributing to statewide policy. I represent Wakulla on the Career

Source, Transportation Disadvantaged Council, Apalachee Regional Planning Council, Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency and the Wakulla Economic Development Council boards. Serving on the Commission is not two meetings a month, it's a commitment to love where you live. I believe Wakulla's fabric is too special to stop quilting now. From its natural resources to its budding economy, there are opportunities every day to apply my experience, tenacity and knowledge of the process that makes Wakulla County better for its most precious asset: the people who live here. Whether you just moved here, or your family has been here for generations – Welcome and I am so glad you chose to call Wakulla County home!



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Moose
donation
for school
supplies

Wakulla Moose Lodge President Kay Cannon and Liz Blias presented a \$1,500 check to Amber Allen, assistant principal at Medart Elementary, to assist teachers with purchasing school supplies for students. People don't realize how much money comes out of a teacher's pocket to purchase things for their students and this will help.
(Photo submitted)





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Traffic cameras

From Front Page

Also, Surace said that Wakulla owns the data it collects, and unless it is being used in a criminal case, the data is deleted every month.

At the same time, there has been a proliferation of license plate readers – they’ve been on interstates and toll roads for years, and some private businesses like big chain retailers have put up license plate readers at the edge of their property. Even some homeowners associations are buying the cameras to see who comes into the development.

A couple of weeks ago, the Tallahassee Reports newspaper reported that the Leon County Commission reacted to public pressure and rejected a grant that was going to

the Leon County Sheriff’s Office to flow through to Wakulla, Jefferson, Liberty and Taylor counties.

Surace confirmed the grant was intended for roadside signs that show travelers speed and included license plate reader cameras.

Surace also touted the cameras use in fighting crime: two different homicide suspects were caught in Wakulla County because of the cameras, plus a carjacking suspect from Leon, multiple stolen cars and people involved in car burglaries and retail thefts.

Deputies pulled over and stopped a car full of juveniles recently who were known to have been involved in past Walmart thefts because of a Flock hit on a stolen car out of Tallahassee.

Tree planting funding

Special to The Sun

On Oct. 7, 2025, the Wakulla County Commissioners entered into a Federal Agreement with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. This Agreement provided up to \$5,715 in funding from the United States Department of Agriculture’s Forest Service to perform a tree planting project at the Big Bend Maritime Center property in Panacea.

With this funding assistance, Wakulla County

was able to plant the following types of trees at the Big Bend Maritime Center property earlier this year:

- Bald Cypress
- Pond Cypress
- Flame Maple
- Red Cedar
- Sand Live Oak
- Sweet Bay Magnolia.

These trees will improve the aesthetics of the property while aiding in stabilizing the soil and increasing water uptake. In addition, this project provides the next generation of trees for this public property.

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.



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Notice of Public Meeting:

The Wakulla County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee will hold a Public Meeting on August 6, 2026, at 9:00a.m. at the Wakulla County Community Center (Wakulla Room), 318 Shadeville Rd, Crawfordville, FL, (850) 926-3695.

Purpose of Meeting:

To Conduct General Business of the Committee in Accordance with Resolution 2022-36.

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 ADARrequest@mywakulla.com.

July 30, 2026



Notice of Public Meeting:

The Wakulla County Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group will hold a Public Meeting on August 19, 2026, at 9:00a.m. at the Wakulla County Community Center (Wakulla Room), 318 Shadeville Rd, Crawfordville, FL, (850) 926-3695.

Purpose of Meeting:

To discuss the Local Mitigation Strategy, which is a comprehensive, coordinated planning document utilized to decrease the County’s vulnerabilities to natural and man-made hazards.

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Joe Williams passes

We received word late on Monday that decorated World War II veteran Joe Williams, who was 106, passed away on Saturday, July 25. Williams is seen here in a photo from May 2024 with David Pienta when he went on an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. Robert Manning recalled as young person calling Williams ‘the Bible Extoller’ for his memory of verses.

City of Sopchoppy Notice of Public Meeting

The City of Sopchoppy will hold two regular monthly meetings Monday, August 10, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. Both meetings 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.

July 30, 2026

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

RULE CHAPTER AND TITLE: School Board Policy 2.25 School Board Adopted Plans (Code of Student Conduct & Attendance Policies)

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

LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1001.42, Florida Statutes

LAWS IMPLEMENTED: 1001.41, 1001.43 Florida Statutes

ECONOMIC IMPACT: None

REVISION ORIGINATED BY: Coleman Wells, Director of Safety & Student Conduct

REVISION APPROVED BY: Richard Myhre, Superintendent of Schools

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

TIME: 5:45 p.m.

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

DATE: September 14, 2026

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED REVISION MAY BE OBTAINED AT COST FROM:

Wakulla County School Board, Post Office Box 100, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32326-0100

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

July 30, 2026

Notice of Public Hearings Concerning a Text Amendment to the Wakulla County Land Development Code

The Wakulla County Planning Commission and Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners propose to consider the following ordinance. Public Hearings are scheduled before the Wakulla County Planning Commission on Monday, August 10, 2026, beginning at 6:00 P.M. and before the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners on Monday, August 17, 2026, beginning at 6:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard. All public hearings will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. All affected parties may appear at the public hearings, be heard, and submit evidence and written comments on the application.

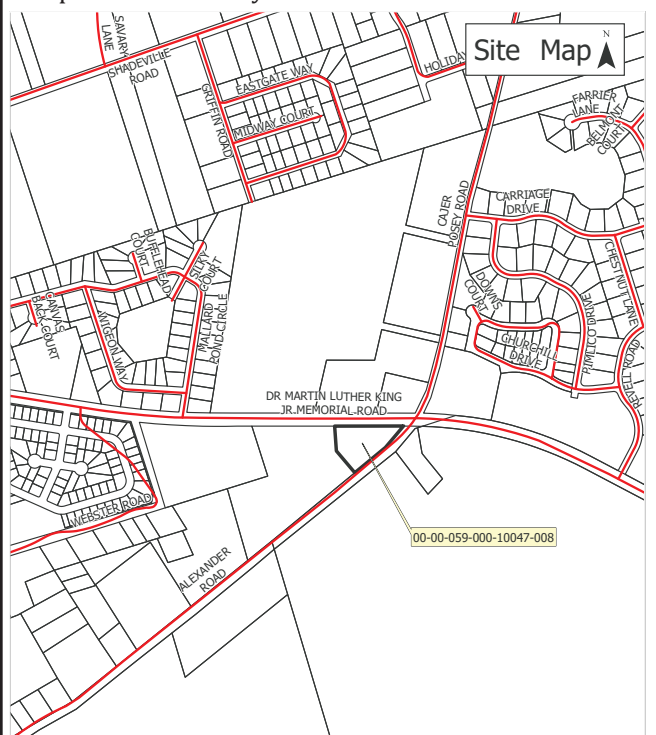
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 7-49 OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATING TO SIDEWALKS WITHIN THE CRAWFORDVILLE TOWN PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Copies of applications, draft ordinances, and any related public record files may be viewed at the Wakulla County Planning and Community Development 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 & Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771; or email at ADARrequest@mywakulla.com.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING A SMALL-SCALE MAP AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND AN APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF ZONING

The Wakulla County Planning Commission and Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners proposes to consider the following applications and/or adopt the following by ordinance and has scheduled Public Hearings before the Wakulla County Planning Commission on Monday, August 10, 2026, beginning at 6:00 P.M. and before the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners on Monday, August 17, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard. All public hearings 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.



AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING, REVISING, AND REPLACING IDENTIFIED PORTIONS OF THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NUMBER 2018-23, AS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON JUNE 18, 2018, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND FOR FILING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

1. Application for Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment: CPM26-01

Applicant: Golden Construction Company, Inc.

Agents: Gardner Bist King & Wood, LLP/ Timothy J. Perry, Esq. & Teramore Development, LLC

Proposal: Adoption of Amendment to Future Land Use Designation - Small-Scale

Tax ID Number: 00-00-059-000-10047-008

Existing FLU Map: Suburban Transitioning (FLUE Policy 1.2.8)

Proposed FLU Map: Urban Fringe (FLUE Policy 1.2.7)

Current Zoning: LDR (Section 5-68, LDC)

Proposed Zoning: LIC (Section 5-67, LDC)

FEMA Flood Info: “X” zone on Panel 0250E

Parcel size: 2.52+/- acres

Location: southwest corner of Dr MLK Jr Memorial Road and Alexander Road intersection

Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, August 10, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

BOCC: Monday, August 17, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WAKULLA COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, ORDINANCE NO. 85-4, AS AMENDED; CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION AND OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS FROM LDR TO LIC FOR PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS ATTACHED EXHIBIT “A” TO THE ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2. Application for Change of Zoning: R26-06

Golden Construction Company, Inc.

Agents: Gardner Bist King & Wood, LLP/ Timothy J. Perry, Esq. & Teramore Development, LLC

Proposal: rezone from low density residential to low intensity commercial

Tax ID Number: 00-00-059-000-10047-008

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If an individual wishes to submit documents or other materials related to a matter before the Planning Commission for consideration by the Planning Commission 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 Commission Members. If an individual wishes to bring documents or other materials for consideration by the Planning Commission 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 ten (10) 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 ADARrequest@mywakulla.com.

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– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Polled at the FRESH Backpack Giveaway in Panacea on Saturday:

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KAREN ZAK
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“I am 100% ready for school. I’m ready for a routine.”



ANIKA POWELL
Nursing Instructor

“I’ve been ready. Why did it stop?”



EILEEN DURANT
TSC Professor

“Yes! I just finished summer classes at TSC, now I am ready for the kids to go back.”



JUNE DAVIS
Senior Instructional Designer

“No, but I have to be ready. My son is going off to college.”



EDISON ZAK
8th grade – RMS

“Yes, ma’am. I am ready to see old faces and some new ones too.”

Wakulla Crossroads

By Verna Brock

As I age, insomnia has begun to visit me more frequently. There doesn’t appear to be rhyme or reason to it, but it is relentless in its pursuit. A few times a month I find myself wide awake. I can literally be bone weary, yet sweet slumber evades me. Tossing and turning in the pitch blackness of the night, I eventually rise, and find small chores that can be accomplished quietly. The last thing I want to do is signal “Time to get up!” to my four dogs, because it is always, most definitely, NEVER time to get up. There’s no sense in rousing the entire household just because I can’t sleep.

I’ve given a great deal of thought to this conundrum, this affliction. I

approach every evening like a combatant squaring off with a familiar nemesis. Will it find me this night, and how will I fare? Will I drift gently off to dream? Or wage warfare with a chattering consciousness that refuses to relinquish its hold on wakefulness? What is up with THAT?

I don’t have a particularly guilty conscience; I seldom have nightmares, and I genuinely desire to fall asleep and stay asleep. Reading sometimes helps, but only if it isn’t a really good book. Sleep aids are a complete waste of time and money, having no effect on my sleeplessness. I might as well pop Skittles. Heaven help me if I’ve had a slow day with little exertion, I can almost guarantee a long night of clock-watching and frustration.

Should I need to rise, shine and arrive somewhere early, sleep abandons me completely. No matter how many alarms I may set, my brain doesn’t trust them.

Surprisingly enough, I seem perfectly capable of functioning well into the next night with little to no sleep. Mercifully, I am able to slip into the Land of Nod with ease by that point. But I am also aware that missing sleep is very unhealthy, and not to be recommended. Advice abounds with admonishments to drink lots of water and get eight hours of solid sleep every day. Alas, I am very bad at both of these.

Recently, I stumbled across a fascinating article about sleep studies. Scientists recently analyzed the habits of modern indigenous tribes who continue to rest in large groups around fires, as our ancient human ancestors did. What they discovered

is that as a species, we are primed to have diurnal, biphasic sleep cycles; young children and elders both have shorter cycles than other members of the group. Over the course of any given night, someone in the group was awake at almost every moment of the evening. This watchful behavior serves to protect the entire group from predators and danger.

As we age, humans across all cultures and continents still rouse between two and three in the morning, making it more difficult to get the recommended seven or eight hours of sleep each night. Some of us regularly struggle to sleep at all. Apparently, my restless nights have an evolutionary purpose rooted in self-preservation.

However, I continue to prefer sleeping to not sleeping, welcoming the warm embrace of restorative rest each evening. Wish me luck!

Sopchoppy News

By DJ Butch

It’s been so hot lately and then out of nowhere we get a hail storm. I was in my studio in Sopchoppy and heard stuff hitting the roof. I ran outside and couldn’t believe my eyes. Hail dropping everywhere. It was storming and windy too. Power went out but came right back on for me. It was a wild storm. Hail storm in the summer heat. Hope everyone is safe. Then we got tropical storm Bertha. Mashers Sands flooded I heard but just a little water across the road.

I recently was the DJ for the 1991 WHS class reunion. I was excited for this event. They invited all classes to come. Grown people know how to party. They ain’t scared to dance. They ain’t trying to just look cute. They come to get down... plus old school music is better and really gets a party going... watch my videos to see the dancing. This event was at

Low Tide under Trident in Panacea. They have amazing food, service and let’s not forget about that view. The view of the bay is beautiful. You can take a walk, take a picture and enjoy our paradise. They also rent kayaks and paddle boards. You should visit Trident and I DJ Low Tide every 2nd Friday.

I went to Sopchoppy Bakehouse Saturday and ordered a mocha latte. It was good! I needed a pick me up! Even the ice cubes are coffee. Go visit the Sopchoppy Bakehouse. They also have bagels, croissants, huge cookies and so many other great items.

I saw the Sopchoppy Feed Store has a mascot. A rooster that hangs out. Go visit the rooster and get some feed for your animals. This will save you a trip to town. If Robert doesn’t have what you need just let him know. The rooster may get a new home soon.

I saw the thrift store was hiring.

If you are interested go apply at the Wakulla Senior Center. Make sure you visit the store because you never know what you might find. You can also donate to the store.

I went fishing in the Sopchoppy River with my son recently. We caught bream and catfish. We used local worms from Live n Kickin bait shop right up from Civic. Funny story... Their grandson wanted one of my shirts. His mother contacted me. I told her no charge just give me some credit at the bait shop. Ain’t that Sopchoppy! I love it! So I used those worms and had a great day on the river. They were huge worms and worked great.

Sopchoppy has a visitor from the United Kingdom. Yes! She traveled from England to New Mexico and then drove here. She is studying our Worm Gruntin culture. She has high powered microphones that pick up sound beyond the human ear. She said they have competitions in the UK. They call it worm charming. I showed her how we do it and she was amazed. I also showed her the

historic Sopchoppy gym, historic Sopchoppy School, the train depot and the city park. She also linked up with our local legends the Revell family. She got to experience the bait woods with them. I told her about them and that if she gets the opportunity it will be amazing.

I love our history and our culture. Sopchoppy is a special place. From the rivers, to the historic buildings to the amazing people. We must protect all this! We must understand some things are worth more than money. This is our charm, this is who we are.

I hope you all have an amazing day! If you enjoy reading the Sopchoppy News follow me on my fast growing social media. You will see pictures and videos related to my news stories. It’s Corey Benedict on Facebook. CountyBoyz (DJ Butch) on instagram and DJ Butch on TikTok. I appreciate all the love and support!

Sending you all love from Sopchoppy!

Library News

By Linda Oaks
Library Director

Library News July 30th– August 5th

Thursday, July 30th

- NO CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS TODAY
- Creative Writing I 10am
- The Park HOA 6pm

Friday, July 31st

- A Night at Hogwarts 6pm

Saturday, August 1st

- Storytime with Felicia Maddox 9:30pm

Sunday, August 2nd

- Closed

Monday, August 3rd

- No Programs

Tuesday, August 4th

- Book Bunch 10am
- Veteran’s Support/A time to change counseling 1pm
- Evening Mahjong 4:30pm
- Wakulla Sun Congressional Candidate Forum 6pm

Wednesday, August 5th

- Book Babies 10am
- Wakulla County Garden Club Board 10am
- WCCY 12:30pm
- Mahjong 1pm
- Knitting Group 4pm
- WCYFCA 6pm



Outdoors

outdoor sports

HOME ON THE RANGE

My thoughts on your first gun choice



By MARJ LAW

When you’re about to choose your first handgun, you’ll hear all sorts of well-meaning advice as to the very best gun to purchase. Starting with the .22 and working our way up to much larger caliber handguns, I’m offering my opinion.

Why should you choose a .22?

The .22 is generally easy to shoot because it is easy to rack, has a light trigger pull and has light recoil. Because recoil is light, the new shooter won’t flinch in anticipation of the shot. This allows the new shooter to learn about handling the gun: how to load and aim, and how to do so without shooting fatigue. Plus, 22 rounds are inexpensive, so you can shoot a lot of ammunition when practicing. You can find many good .22 handguns like the Ruger Mark IV, the Sig Sauer P322, the Browning Buckmark and the Smith & Wesson Victory, just to name a few.

While a .22 is a great learning tool, a major drawback is that the .22 has little take-down power if wanted for defense.

Once the new shooter feels more confident at the range, he or she might well desire a handgun with more “take-down” power. This can get expensive as these .22s generally run (new) from \$450 to \$800. Then the new shooter is faced with purchasing a new handgun for several more hundred dollars.

The .380 is another fairly easy-to-use handgun. From the small Sig Sauer P238, and the Glock 42, to a slightly larger Sig 365/380, to the larger Smith & Wesson Shield 380 EZ, you can find these guns ranging from \$360 to \$850 or more, depending on all the goodies you want attached to it. I like the Sig P238 and the Glock 42 because they shoot well and fit into a “carry” purse. I like the Sig 365 for its shootability and accuracy. I like the Shield 380 EZ because, personally, I find it the easiest to rack the slide and pull the trigger. I really like the light recoil and high capacity.

You’ll find many mature guys who don’t like the idea of a .380 because the .380 had a history of having faulty ammunition. This is not true anymore, but some guys are stuck on that thought. However, though newer .380 ammunition is reliable, many will tell you that the .380, like the .22, doesn’t have sufficient take-down power as a defensive handgun.

The 9mm handguns seem to get more respect as defensive weapons. While the diameter of their casing is the same as the .380, the casing itself

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is longer and the 9mm has stronger powder within the casing. As you get a larger caliber handgun, usually you’ll find that the slides are more difficult to rack, and there is more recoil.

I like the slim 9mm Sig Sauer P365. It comes in several iterations which vary the cost. You can find ones with longer grips, ones that have front compensation cut-outs to lower recoil, ones that have recessed levers and buttons, and ones that have “rainbow” colors. The P365 can fit into most purses.

Glock makes a 9mm handgun that is small enough to fit into most purses. That’s the Glock P43.

Canik makes handguns that shoot accurately and are relatively easy to manage. The SFX is one example. It’s a target gun, and like the Sig P365, the cost will vary depending on the accessories you add.

My favorite 9mm handgun is the Smith & Wesson Equalizer. I find it an easy shooting, accurate gun. Yes, it’s not small enough to fit in most purses, but it is pretty compact. My Equalizer came with a 10, 13, and 15-round magazine.

Like the .380s, the

9mm handguns vary in cost. New, they’ll run anywhere from \$500 to \$830 or more. I sure do understand why, after purchasing a .22, you’ll not be thrilled to shell out another \$500 or more for a more “defensive” handgun. But if you want a gun for defense, you’ll end up spending the money for one.

A popular choice is .38 revolvers because men often think a “point and shoot” revolver is the most simple to use, and is therefore what they want for their significant other. I’m a bit offended at this thought. If you are a woman, and can read this article, then I bet you’re able to figure out the semi-automatic handgun.

Back to the revolver. Yes, the .38 revolver is quite simple. Point and shoot. However, you usually get either five, six, or maybe eight shots in a .38. If you’re not a particularly good shot, you may want a gun that holds more rounds than a revolver. Also, the .38 has a stiff recoil.

Something else you’ll want to watch out for in a .38, is that some of them are called “Airweights” like the Smith & Wesson model 642. This means the .38 is not very heavy.

Women might like this because it will not be too heavy for the purse. On the down side, since there isn’t much weight to absorb recoil, recoil in the lightweights will be even more noticeable than in other .38s. Taurus also makes an “Ultralite” .38. I’ve shot the Airweights and don’t like them at all.

A .38 that is not lightweight? Joe likes the Smith & Wesson Chief’s Special model 36. The Chief’s Special has a short barrel and is all steel. Mass usually absorbs recoil, but the Chief’s Special still has a whole lot of recoil. Joe is a big-boned person, and most recoil doesn’t bother him. It bothers me.

Even though some .38s are lightweight, they may not fit the purse well. These .38s are revolvers. The cylinder in the revolver makes the guns wider than most semi-automatics, which can make them too fat for a purse.

The .38s generally range in cost from \$500 to \$800 and more.

As this article is targeting the new shooter, I won’t even go into the .40 or the .45 caliber handguns. The .357 and .44 Magnums are also too much gun for newbies.

Generally, smaller-boned people will find

these guns to have a heavy recoil and will be uncomfortable to shoot. Generally again, the shorter the barrel, the snappier these guns will be. I don’t suggest either a .40 or a .45 caliber handgun for a new shooter.

If you’re a new shooter, starting out shooting a .22 is a fine idea. Some ranges allow you to “try out” a gun for a fee. This is a great idea.

When you’re looking for a gun, remember that a gun that fits well in your hand might not shoot well for you. “Try it before you buy it” is the best way to know if you’ll like a particular handgun.

After you’ve shot and become comfortable with a .22, you’ll most likely want a larger caliber gun if your aim is to use it for defense. Again, if you can try it first, this is the best way to tell if you’ll enjoy practicing with it. Practice is critical if one day you might have to use the gun to defend your life.

Despite all the helpful information people will give you, the best person to decide the best gun for you is you, yourself.

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



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(*Ophioderma brevispinum*)

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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 Double Crested Cormorant.

Water Ways

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Thursday 30

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6:54 AM
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Moon rise/set
8:51 PM
7:44 AM

Moon Illumination 99%

Friday 31

Sun rise/set
6:55 AM
8:32 PM

Moon rise/set
9:23 PM
8:42 AM

Moon Illumination 96%

Saturday 6:55

Sun rise/set
AM
8:30 PM

Moon rise/set
10:20 PM
9:39 AM

Moon Illumination 91%

Sunday 6:56

Sun rise/set
AM
8:29 PM

Moon rise/set
10:48 PM
10:37 AM

Moon Illumination 84%

Monday 3

Sun rise/set
6:56 AM
8:28 PM

Moon rise/set
11:18 PM
11:37 AM

Moon Illumination 75%

Tuesday 4

Sun rise/set
6:57 AM
8:27 PM

Moon rise/set
11:51 PM
12:38 PM

Moon Illumination 65%

Wednesday 5

Sun rise/set
6:58 AM
8:27 PM

Moon rise/set

1:43 PM

Moon Illumination 55%

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High Tide

Low Tide

Carrabelle 28 Min. 25 Min.

Apalachicola 1 Hr., 53 Min. 2 Hrs., 38 Min.

Cat Point 1 Hr., 13 Min. 2 Hrs., 31 Min.

Lower Anchorage 1 Hr., 36 Min. 2 Hrs., 3 Min.

West Pass 1 Hr., 26 Min. 2 Hrs., 39 Min.

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First
July 29

Full
Aug. 5

Last
Aug. 12

New
Aug. 19

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July 26-Aug. 1, 5, 10-15

Thursday 30

Major Times
1:15 AM
1:37 PM

Minor Times
7:14 AM
8:21 PM

Friday 31

Major Times
1:59 AM
1:59 PM

Minor Times
8:12 AM
8:53 PM

Saturday 1

Major Times
2:45 AM
3:00 PM

Minor Times
8:40 AM
9:20 PM

Sunday 2

Major Times
3:30 AM
3:45 PM

Minor Times
9:35 AM
9:55 PM

Monday 3

Major Times
4:15 AM
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Minor Times
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10:30 PM

Tuesday 4

Major Times
5:00 AM
5:15 PM

Minor Times
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Wednesday 5

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BIRDING AT THE REFUGE

Fall migration is underway

By DON MORROW

Moonset was long past by the time I got down to St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge this week. An Eastern Screech Owl was giving its whinnying call on Lighthouse Road and one of the teenage Great Horned Owls near the Visitors Center was squealing, but Chuck-wills-widows have stopped calling and may have left.

This month's rains have helped to refill the refuge's ponds, pools and marshes and out in the darkness, unseen frogs of several species were loudly proclaiming their approval of this fact with a chorus of croaks, toots, honks and grunts. I made my way out the levees to the far end of the Stony Bayou Pools

and waited for sunrise, listening as the night faded and the sky lightened.

It is late July at the refuge and seasonably hot. Partridge pea is blooming and half-grown bobkittens are following their mothers as they learn to hunt. Along Lighthouse Road, Fish Crows are eating swamp dogwood berries and heavy clumps of ripe elderberry are bent over waiting for cardinals.

Yet despite the heat, Fall migration is well underway. Post-breeding shorebirds are on the move and wildfires in Canada may have caused additional birds to leave early. Additionally, Tropical Storm Bertha was in the western Gulf and may have shifted migrants east over

the prior few days. Whatever the reasons, there were a lot of shorebirds on the refuge. I counted 493 shorebirds of 21 species as I slowly drove my survey route on the levees. This is about thirty percent more birds and five more species than I had expected at this time of year.

The "good" shorebirds, the ones only seen at the refuge on migration, were more common than usual. I had Pectoral, Spotted, Stilt and Solitary Sandpipers, as well as, a single Red Knot. Peeps, the small gray sandpipers, are also migrating through. Least and Semipalmated Sandpiper numbers are increasing and I had a handful of Western Sandpipers. Among a group

of American Oystercatchers that were on Lighthouse Pool was a banded bird. I reported it and found that it was originally banded at Fort Desoto in Pinellas County in 2024 as a chick, spent last winter in Chokoloskee Bay in southwest Florida, returned to Pinellas County for the summer, and is now visiting the refuge.

It is not just the shorebirds that have begun to migrate. I've had a single Blue-winged Teal and seen two Pied-billed Grebes, both species were early by a month.

Songbirds are moving too. I have had Prairie Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler and Louisiana Waterthrush on the refuge this month.

As I scoped the mudflats for shorebirds during my survey, I identified at least three species of biting flies feeding on me. There may have been more.

However, if you choose to live on the Gulf coast of Florida that is part of the price you pay.

Living in Florida comes with benefits too. On my way out of the refuge, I had a mixed flock of 75 Mississippi Kites and 11 Swallow-tailed Kites over East River Pool, swooping, diving and soaring against the summer sky.

Come down to St. Marks. There is heat and there are bugs, but there are also natural wonders.

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Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

The Recovery.

December 20, 2012

Grim faces met me as we continued our police diver training at my place in Beechwood. The pool had been covered a month earlier, before the large hickory overlooking the deep end had shed its leaves. The deck was six inches deep in fresh crispy fall residue, the distinction between pool and deck lost with the underbrush.

We pushed the deck leaves away and prepared to pull the bubble wrap off trying not to spill the overbearing pile of leaves into the pool's water. They knew the water would be cold. They knew they would soon be in it and they were not optimistic of the task ahead. There was a crime scene within and they needed to record and recover evidence.

Joerg Hess quickly deployed Deep Tracker, a new and inexpensive Remotely Operated Vehicle or ROV for short, attached to the surface by way of an umbilical. This colorful little droid quickly scampered around the deep end of the pool and found the body in no time at all.

Robots like this are often seen as toys by police departments because they are controlled by game consoles, their color cameras displayed through glasses and just look like too much fun. The closest relative to the Deep Tracker costs in the upper \$25,000 so the expense has been significant.

At just \$4,000, or half the cost of outfitting another police diver, this creature caught our attention at DEMA, and we brought it home for a visit. Those that have visited the Center recently saw the granddaddy droid in the back that occupies 30 times the space, and requires a forklift to move.

One person carries the Deep Tracker and all its support features in a foot-cubed plastic box.

Now folks had to get in the water to verify what the droid so quickly found and solve the pending case. New dry suits were pulled over thermal protection against the 65 degree water. Soon a plan was set in place to record the crime scene the old fashioned way, by divers in situ (in the water at the site).

After some preliminary steps, the first team came back to report the body was facing east, appeared to be recently deceased and no other evidence could be found in the area. Everyone agreed to wait until the body was recovered before making positive ID.

Witness reports confirmed that damage in the vicinity of the pool had caused the residing dog great unrest, the garden was torn up and as recently as the night before, an intruder was seen lurking near the pool gate.

A body recovery shroud was deployed and with great care what was documented within the first few minutes of our arrival, and validated by divers, was removed to the shallow end and carefully lifted to the pool deck.

Everyone agreed, it was a rather large armadillo, remarkably preserved but very dead.

Gaining access to the pool deck through the rails that surround it, this armadillo did not distinguish between the solid deck and the collapsing pool cover because of the leaf overburden.

Once on the cover, there was little chance of recovery, its body slipping between the cover and the pool in what could best be described as leaf quicksand.

Everyone agreed it could have been a human, considering the circumstances.

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When we don't want to 'count it all joy'



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

What if our faith was never tested? Would we still grow? Probably not. Consider 1:2-4 (ESV): “Count it all joy, my brothers, when you

meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” We might laugh or scream at the words “count it all joy” when we face a trial – unless we understand the meaning of the rest of the text. Only when our faith is tested (when we’re feeling mistreated or facing a devastating ordeal) will we experience firsthand God’s power

and intervention. And, consequently, discover how strong our faith is. “But let’s be real,” you say. “Counting it all joy when a loved one faces a terminal illness or when a dream dies goes against human reason.” I agree. But we’re not talking about human reasoning. Although I still struggle with anxiety when I imagine the worst-case scenario, my faith is growing because I know God will continue to carry me and change me for the better in difficult seasons.

This is where joy comes in. The devil loves to entice us to think about the worst-case scenario. He loves to make us forget that God is far greater and much more powerful than he (the devil) ever could be. Therefore, I meditate on Scripture that reminds me of God’s love, mercy, power, ability, compassion, etc., etc., etc.! (Take that, Satan, for messing with me!) Being joyful in tribulation isn’t about being happy when bad things happen. Rather, we can

have confidence that, through it all, we can grow in spiritual maturity by abiding in God’s presence through prayer and Bible reading. Furthermore, finding joy in trials sets a believer apart from the rest of the world. It allows those around us to see the gospel hope within us. Let’s pray to our heavenly Father now: Father, show us how different we can be from the person we are today. Give us a glimpse of what we’ll be like when we mature in our faith. And, if we can handle

the truth, show us what our future self will be like if we don’t change. In the meantime, Lord, remind us how important it is to count it all joy as we trust that You are in control – no matter what we’re going through, especially when we can’t “feel” You. Amen. *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.*

Before the day begins



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

Mornings do not always begin with quiet solitude and a freshly brewed cup of coffee. Some are a hurried rush for the shower and the front door as schedules intervene on our time. Somewhere along the way, mornings began to lose their gentle pace. Now, it seems as if the alarm clock is followed by a rush of noti-

fications, appointments, and responsibilities. Fading into the background of our busyness is the scent of coffee brewing and the invitation to sit for a moment before the world crowds in. Once upon a time, the kitchen was more than a place to prepare a meal; it was a room of morning greetings where coffee was poured and thoughts were gathered. Breakfast was shared, and conversations lingered a little longer before everyone stepped into the responsibilities waiting outside the door. It may have seemed like an ordinary routine, but looking back, it was a gift we did not even know we were receiving. Today, we step

through the door with travel mugs that promise to keep our fresh brew hot during the commute. They are practical and convenient, but sometimes I wonder if, in taking our coffee with us, we have forgotten the blessing of sitting together before the day begins. If so, then perhaps the issue is not the travel mug we carry, but the moments we leave behind. Life will always provide responsibilities to shoulder, schedules to follow, and places to be. Yet even on the busiest of mornings, we can choose to pause, to listen, and to remember that connection is one of God’s greatest gifts, especially our connection with Him. I wonder what would

change if we set the alarm 30 minutes earlier and made room for stillness before the day demanded our attention. What if we made room for a quiet moment with those we love and with the One who walks beside us? What if we considered our time as valuable an offering as our tithe and talents? Would our days flow differently because of the gift we choose to give before the day begins? These questions find their answer in the morning meal that Jesus prepared for His disciples. In John 21, Peter returned to what he knew. “I am going fishing,” he said, and the others followed. After all they had experienced, returning to the familiar

seemed natural. Yet Jesus was waiting on the shore. Before He spoke of purpose or reminded Peter of his calling, Jesus prepared breakfast. He built a fire, cooked fish, and invited His disciples to share a meal with Him. We often hurry past that morning meal to get to the words, “Do you love me? Feed my sheep.” But there is something holy in the breakfast itself. Jesus was reminding them that ministry begins with relationship, that service flows from love, and that some of the deepest blessings are found as we simply linger with Him. I believe the same invitation remains for us today. Before the demands of the world pull

us in different directions, Jesus invites us to slow down, to gather, and to receive the gift of His presence. The ordinary moments we often rush through may be the very places where God is waiting to meet us. A cup of coffee, a shared conversation, or a quiet morning with Him can become a sacred reminder that we were created not only to do, but also to be still with Him. “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.” — Psalm 23:5 *Cheryl Mixon-Cruce is Pastor of Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Church and Sopchoppy United Methodist Church.*

OUT TO PASTOR

I found another button to push



By **JAMES SNYDER**

Life has its many experiences. I’m about to hit number 75 this month, a big experience for me. I’m not sure how to celebrate my 75th birthday, especially since I’ve done just about everything, so no 75 candles on my cake. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage’s birthday is two days after mine. Also, she’s two years older than me, but you didn’t hear me say that. When we go across town for any business, we always take The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage’s Sissy Van. After all, she does not like riding in my truck. Also, she prefers to sit behind the steering wheel. I don’t like to sit there because it takes me almost an hour to get in behind that wheel. I don’t know if the Sissy Van is too small or if I’m just too big. Personally, I don’t mind her driving her Sissy Van. I can barely get into the passenger side, but I do. Every time I ride in the Sissy Van, I learn to appreciate my truck all the more. My truck is a man’s vehicle. I enjoy getting behind the steering wheel and drive around town. It’s my way of ex-

ercising my manhood. The Sissy Van is a completely different situation. I’ve been riding with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage for several years now, and I hope it will be a lot more years ahead. Almost a month ago, I had one of those “moments.” I don’t often get “moments” like this, but when I do, I like to take advantage of it. Over the years of riding in the Sissy Van, I have discovered certain “buttons” to push. It took me a long time to discover this, but once I did, it made riding that much more pleasant for me. I have always enjoyed figuring out certain “buttons” to push on the people around me. I’ve always got a kick out of that, and there have been times I have gotten into trouble. But the trouble has always been worth it in my opinion. As we were driving across town, I started pushing those “buttons.” Coming to a traffic light that had just turned red I said, “The light is red and you need to stop.” The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage just looked at me after we had come to a stop at the red light. It was all I could do to keep from laughing. But I managed it. When the light turned green, I said to her, “The light is green and you need to get going.” All I heard from the other side was a deep sigh. I’m not sure how I’m going to be able to keep from laughing, but I’m going to work on it

as long as I can. We were going across town to celebrate our birthday at a restaurant. When we left the restaurant, we were going to a store for The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage to purchase some supplies for her craft room. We stopped at a red light, and a lady was crossing the road, and I said, “Oh, my dear, don’t hit that lady.” There is a deep sigh going on on the other side of the front seat. After the stoplight, we were to turn left. So as the light turned green, I said, “You need to turn left right here.” The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage didn’t say anything at that time, but I knew that marbles were rolling in her head. I sure do love pushing buttons. When she got back from the store and got into the Sissy Van, and

before she turned the engine on, she looked at me and said, “Are you having a crazy episode?” Looking at her, I calmly said, “I don’t know what you’re talking about.” “Oh, yes you do. And if you want me to drive home you’re gonna have to let me do the driving.” It was then that I lost control and started laughing. As I looked at her, I noticed that she was not laughing. “I’m sorry,” I said, “I was just having a little bit of fun.” Looking at me, she replied, “You may think it’s fun but you don’t see me laughing, do you?” She started the engine up, and we left the parking lot and headed home. Whenever she came to a traffic light to stop, she would look at me with one of her looks and say, “Don’t say a word.”

It was all I could do to keep from laughing. I found new buttons to push, and I’m happy about it. While I was thinking about this, a Bible verse came to mind. “And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching” (Hebrews 10:24-25). Thinking of this scripture challenged me to use my time uplifting the people around me instead of pushing their “buttons.” To encourage

someone in his or her life is probably the most important thing I can do. I may be the only person that can do that in someone’s life. I’m going to focus on that for the rest of my life. My focus will be finding the encouragement “buttons.” I may be the only person in their life who can push that “button.” *Dr. James L. Snyder lives in Ocala with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Telephone 1-352-216-3025, email jamesnsnyder51@gmail.com, website www.jamesnsnyderministries.com.*

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DEATH NOTICES

• **Ricky Wayne Berryhill**, 66, of Tallahassee died on July 21, 2026.

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• **Dr. Aquilla S. “Quill” Turk Jr.** passed away on July 19, 2026, in Melbourne, Florida.

Sheriff’s Report

Sheriff’s Report is for activity July 17 to 24. There were 1,455 total calls for service.

FRIDAY, JULY 17

• An employee with Inframark reported a Buck Fuel Tank with pump and \$300 in diesel fuel taken from the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Lawhon Mill Road. The employee who reported the theft suspects a current employee of the plant (unnamed) may have taken the tank and fuel. The only camera which could have captured this incident is currently not working due to a lightning strike. The estimated cost of the items taken was valued at \$1,300.

SATURDAY, JULY 18

• A citizen reported a tree from his backyard falling onto his neighbor’s car. Upon arrival, deputies observed the fallen tree laying across his privacy fence and on top of his neighbor’s car. The neighbor was not home at the time of contact but did call in to the sheriff’s office to speak with the responding deputy. An agreement has been made between the two parties to have the tree removed on Tuesday after the insurance adjuster comes out. The vehicle was not being driven and had been parked due to health reasons.

• Deputy Kory Smith responded to Fallwood Lane in reference to a theft of a Snapper Lawn mower. Deputy Smith made contact with the victim who advised he noticed his lawn mower was missing on today’s date. He advised he last seen the mower on July 17 at approximately 5

p.m. Deputy Smith was informed he believed his neighbor was involved. With this information Deputy Smith went to the address to make contact. When he arrived, Andrew Baxley ran inside the residence at the sight of law enforcement. Eventually Baxley came outside to speak with Deputy Smith and made the statement “Did the guy on camera look like me?” to Deputy Smith. The value of the lawn mower is \$1000. Case forwarded to Criminal Investigations Division.

SUNDAY, JULY 19

• A citizen reported loaning her Lexus SUV to Mohamed Diane on July 18. She advised Diane had not returned her vehicle as agreed upon. Further investigation revealed, Diane had contacted Payless Towing in Leon County to come tow the vehicle back to her residence in Wakulla. Tallahassee Police were sent to Arkansas Street in Tallahassee and located the vehicle. Diane was not with the vehicle. TPD advised they will be towing the vehicle using a rotation tow service and would reach out to the reporting person and advise what company towed the vehicle.

• A citizen reported being scammed out of \$1,480. He responded to an advertisement of a home for rent on Facebook Marketplace with the listing being at Mohawk Trail. Prior to moving in, he requested his deposit back (1st month rent) and this is when the “Realtor” (Jakavious Hamilton) asked for additional funds from the victim.

MONDAY, JULY 20

• Deputy Moen responded to NT Smith Road and made contact with the reporting person, who stated his vehicle was entered and a remote starter kit was stolen, along with his key fob being damaged. He believed his sister to be the suspect. Contact was made with the sister, who stated she was in Old Town, Florida, picking up a vehicle during the timeframe the vehicle was burglarized. This case was closed until further information becomes available.

TUESDAY, JULY 21

• Deputy Dustin Saba and Sgt. Wade Wright responded to Woodland Drive to assist State Probation with the arrest and transport of Kelwin Rosier to the county jail.

• Deputy Arturo Cordoba conducted a traffic stop on Daniel Spencer for a traffic violation. Spencer admitted to knowing his license was suspended and he was transported to the county jail.

• A citizen reported a delayed burglary to her shed with the theft of approximately \$20,000 worth of tools. She identified a possible suspect. Case forwarded to CID.

• Deputy Joens responded to Whiddon Lake Road in reference to a citizen reporting his wallet being left at BodyTek. The wallet was later found to have pinged at a restaurant in Tallahassee. He wished for this case to be documented for informational purposes.

• Deputy Moen and Deputy Godwin responded to the front lobby of the Sheriff’s Office and made contact with a citizen who re-

ported being scammed out of \$4,000. He stated he received a call from someone stating they were with the Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office and that he missed jury duty. He was then told to send the funds in order to take care of his warrant for not showing up. He proceeded to send the funds through Apple Pay. Case forwarded to CID.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

• Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for failing to stop at a designated stop on Martin Luther King Memorial Drive. Upon contact with the driver, the odor associated with burnt marijuana was detected. A user amount of marijuana was seized and submitted into Property & Evidence for destruction.

• A citizen reported unknown individuals dumping yard debris on a property he manages. This incident occurred on July 21 at 7:16 p.m. He was provided with an Axon link to upload video footage of this incident.

• Deputies conducted a traffic stop after deputies received a report of a road rage incident on U.S. Hwy. 319 southbound. Upon contact with both vehicles, the odor associated with burnt marijuana was detected emitting from the suspect vehicle. A user amount of marijuana was seized and submitted into Property & Evidence for destruction.

THURSDAY, JULY 23

• A citizen reported returning to his residence at Mary Ann Drive and finding his home in shambles. Further investigation revealed multiple items

had been stolen from the residence while he was away. WCSO Crime Scene and On-Call CID responded to process the scene.

• A citizen reported getting a suspicious phone call informing her she was being investigated. The caller identified himself as “Ben Wood” and asked for her bank account information to help aid in his investigation into her. She felt she was being scammed and disconnected the line. She is not out of any funds at this time and simply wanted to report this incident to WCSO.

FRIDAY, JULY 24

• Deputy Aimee Love

responded to Renee Street in reference to State Probation requesting assistance due to them locating narcotics on a residence search. Ultimately the female subject was placed under arrest by State Probation and transported to the county jail.

• Deputy Dustin Saba responded to Arden Drive in reference to a citizen reporting being scammed out of \$8,334 from someone claiming to be Wells Fargo. Case forwarded to CID.

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0730-0806 TWS NOFS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

TRUIST BANK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ANGELA MARIE HOWE, ET AL.,

Defendants

CASE NO. 26000019CAAXMX

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment and/or Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale, entered in Case No. 26000019CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the SECPND Judicial Circuit, in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein Truist Sank is the Plaintiff anq Angela Marie Howe; The Hammocks Subdivision Property Owners Association, Inc.; Wakulla County Clerk of Court, Florida are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at, the front door of the courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, beginning at 11:00 AM on the 3rd of September, 2026, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 25 OF THE HAMMOCKS- PHASE I, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE(S) 44 AND 45, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUN~Y, FLORIDA.

TAX ID: 00-00-073-335-10187-025

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

Dated this 22nd day of July, 2026.

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Greg James

As Clerk of the Court

By: /s/ Rachel Howard

As Deputy Clerk



July 30, August 6, 2026



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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
CAROLYN GILLEY,
DECEASED
DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO: 2026-CP-100

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Carolyn Gilley, deceased, File 2026-CP-100 is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney is set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 FLORIDA STATUTES, WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is July 23, 2026.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Frances Casey Lowe, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 521450
Frances Casey Lowe, P.A.
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Personal Representative: Clayton Gilley
70 Ace High Stables Rd.
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July 23, 30, 2026

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
CHRISTOPHER G. BARTEK, SR.,
DECEASED
DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO: 26000038CPAXMX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Christopher Glenn Bartek Sr., deceased, whose date of death was August 1, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Hwy Crawfordville, Florida 32327. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is July 30, 2026.

Attorney for Personal Representative: THE DEVRIES LAW FIRM, P.A.
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NOTICE OF ACTION

0723-0816 TWS NOA

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

ESTES HOMES AND CONSTRUCTION, LLC, Case No.: 2026-CA-106 PLAINTIFF, V. HAROLD R. JOHNSON (DECEASED), UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF HAROLD R. JOHNSON, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, JUDGMENT CREDITORS AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST HAROLD R. JOHNSON (DECEASED) OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); KNOWN AND UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION; AND ALL CLAIMANT(S), PERSON(S) OR PARTIES, NATURAL OR CORPORATE, OR WHOSE EXACT LEGAL STATUS IS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMES OR DESCRIBED DEFENDANTS HEREIN, Collectively "Defendants".

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: HAROLD R. JOHNSON (DECEASED);

UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF HAROLD R. JOHNSON; KNOWN AND UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION, AND ALL CLAIMANT(S), PERSON(S) OR PARTIES, NATURAL OR CORPORATE, OR WHOSE EXACT LEGAL STATUS IS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMES OR DESCRIBED DEFENDANTS HEREIN,

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title to the following property in Wakulla County, Florida:

Lot 45, Block 8, WAKULLA GARDENS, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof, recorded in Book 1, Page(s) 39, of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida.

PIN #: 00-00-035-008-06964-000

has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on Frances Casey Lowe, Esquire, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 68-A Feli Way Crawfordville, Florida 32327, on or before the date not less than 28 days and no more than 60 days after the first publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately after service; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

DATED this 16th day of July, 2026.

{{County Court Seal}}

Greg James

As Clerk of the Court

Wakulla County, Florida

By: /s/ Ethan Brown

As Deputy Clerk



July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 2026

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, Case No.: 2026-CA-108 V.

BOOKER HAWKINS, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF BOOKER HAWKINS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST BOOKER HAWKINS OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); RUFUS HAWKINS, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF RUFUS HAWKINS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST RUFUS HAWKINS OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); JOHN MCPHERSON, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF JOHN MCPHERSON, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST JOHN MCPHERSON OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); NATHANIEL FARMER, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF NATHANIEL FARMER, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST BOSSIE HAWKINS OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); BOSSIE HAWKINS, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF BOSSIE HAWKINS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST BOSSIE HAWKINS OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); A.N. REVELL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF A.N. REVELL, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A.N. REVELL OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); NORTON D. HAWKINS, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF NORTON D. HAWKINS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST NORTON D. HAWKINS OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); MARY HAWKINS, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF MARY HAWKINS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST MARY HAWKINS OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); WELDON W. HAWKINS, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF WELDON W. HAWKINS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST WELDON W. HAWKINS OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); BERNICE HAWKINS DAVIS, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF BERNICE HAWKINS DAVIS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST BERNICE HAWKINS DAVIS OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); MARIE HAWKINS MILLER, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF MARIE HAWKINS MILLER, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST MARIE HAWKINS MILLER OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); ANNIE C. HAWKINS, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF ANNIE C. HAWKINS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST ANNIE C. HAWKINS OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); PRISCILLA HAWKINS, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF PRISCILLA HAWKINS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST PRISCILLA HAWKINS OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); SHERRI BARBER, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF SHERRI BARBER, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST SHERRI BARBER OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); GENO HAWKINS, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF GENO HAWKINS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST GENO HAWKINS OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); ALICE DUGAN, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF ALICE DUGAN, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST ALICE DUGAN OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); JOHNETTA JONES, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF JOHNETTA JONES, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST JOHNETTA JONES OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); JOHNNY HAWKINS, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF JOHNNY HAWKINS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST JOHNNY HAWKINS OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); SHADA HOPKINS, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF

NOTICE OF ACTION

0730-0820 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, Case No.: 2026-CA-000101 V.

JOHN PORTEMONT, JR. AND MARILYN TERRY PORTEMONT, IF ALIVE, AND IF DECEASED, UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS, ASSIGNS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THEM, Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: JOHN PORTEMONT, JR. and MARILYN TERRY PORTEMONT; if alive, and if deceased, unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, assigns, and all other parties claiming by through, under or against them

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Complaint for Quiet Title on the following property in Wakulla County, Florida:

LOT 28, BLOCK 2 OF LAKE ELLEN ESTATES UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 44, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Wakulla County Parcel ID No. 26-4S-02W-022-02204-000

Address: Franklin Drive, 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 & 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 22nd day of July, 2026.

{{County Court Seal}}

Greg James

As Clerk of the Court

Wakulla County, Florida

By: /s/ Rachel Howard

As Deputy Clerk



July 30, August 6, 13, 20, 2026

0730-0820 TWS NOA

SHADA HOPKINS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST SHADA HOPKINS OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); MAROLON ISAAC, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF MAROLON ISAAC, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST MAROLON ISAAC OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); FLORENCE CREECH, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF FLORENCE CREECH, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST FLORENCE CREECH OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); MARY E. JACKSON, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF MARY E. JACKSON, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST MARY E. JACKSON OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); DIONNE P. JACKSON, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF DIONNE P. JACKSON, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST DIONNE P. JACKSON OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); AMMIE THOMAS JACKSON, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF AMMIE THOMAS JACKSON, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST AMMIE THOMAS JACKSON OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); VERNADINE PLUMMER, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF VERNADINE PLUMMER, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST VERNADINE PLUMMER OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); CLARA T. POOLE, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF CLARA T. POOLE, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST CLARA T. POOLE OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); LINCOLN DAVID JACKSON, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF LINCOLN DAVID JACKSON, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST LINCOLN DAVID JACKSON OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); TRELINDA GILMORE, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF TRELINDA GILMORE, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST TRELINDA GILMORE OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); CYNTHIA JACKSON, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF CYNTHIA JACKSON, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST CYNTHIA JACKSON OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); ANDREW JACKSON, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF ANDREW JACKSON, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST ANDREW JACKSON OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); SANDRA TIMMONS, UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF SANDRA TIMMONS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST SANDRA TIMMONS OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); KNOWN AND UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION; AND ALL CLAIMANT(S), PERSON(S) OR PARTIES, NATURAL OR CORPORATE, OR WHOSE EXACT LEGAL STATUS IS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMES OR DESCRIBED DEFENDANTS HEREIN, COLLECTIVELY "DEFENDANTS".

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: BOOKER HAWKINS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BOOKER HAWKINS; RUFAS HAWKINS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RUFUS HAWKINS; JOHN MCPHERSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOHN MCPHERSON; NATHANIEL FARMER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NATHANIEL FARMER; BOSSIE HAWKINS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BOSSIE HAWKINS; A.N. REVELL; UNKNOWN SPUSE OF A.N. REVELL; NORTON D. HAWKINS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NORTON D. HAWKINS; MARY HAWKINS; UNKNOWN SPOISE OF MARY HAWKINS; WELDON W. HAWKINS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WELDON W. HAWKINS; BERNICE HAWKINS DAVIS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BERNICE HAWKINS DAVIS; MARIE HAWKINS MILLER; UNKNOWN SPOISE OF MARIE HAWKINS MILLER; ANNIE C. HAWKINS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANNIE C. HAWKINS; PRISCILLA HAWKINS; UNKNOWN SPOISE OF PRISCILLA HAWKINS; SHERRI BARBER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHERRI BARBER; GENO HAWKINS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GENO HAWKINS; ALICE DUGAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ALICE DUGAN; JOHNETTA JONES; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOHNETTA JONES; JOHNNY HAWKINS; UNKNOWN SPOISE OF JOHNNY HAWKINS; SHADA HOPKINS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHADA HOPKINS;

NOTICE OF ACTION

0730-0820 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, Case No.: 2026-CA-000104 V.

MARIA ELENA PICCIRILLO, 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: JOHN PORTEMONT, JR. and MARILYN TERRY PORTEMONT; if alive, and if deceased, unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, assigns, and all other parties claiming by through, under or against them,

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Complaint for Quiet Title on the following property in Wakulla County, Florida:

LOT 7, BLOCK 1 OF GREINER'S ADDITION TO CRAWFORDVILLE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA. LESS AND EXCEPT THAT PORTION CONVEYED TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA AS PER DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 51, PAGE 839, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Wakulla County Parcel ID No. 00-00-077-014-10391-000

Address: Dr MLK Jr Memorial 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 & 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 22nd day of July, 2026.

{{County Court Seal}}

Greg James

As Clerk of the Court

Wakulla County, Florida

By: /s/ Rachel Howard

As Deputy Clerk



July 30, August 6, 13, 20, 2026

MAROLON ISAAC; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MAROLON ISAAC; FLORENCE CREECH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FLORENCE CREECH; MARY E. JACKSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARY E. JACKSON; DIONNE P. JACKSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DIONNE P. JACKSON; AMMIE THOMAS JACKSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF AMMIE THOMAS JACKSON; VERNADINE PLUMMER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF VERNADINE PLUMMER; CLARA T. POOLE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CLARA T. POOLE; LINCOLN DAVID JACKSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LINCOLN DAVID JACKSON; TRELINDA GILMORE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE TRELINDA GILMORE; CYNTHIA JACKSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CYNTHIA JACKSON; ANDREW JACKSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANDREW JACKSON; SANDRA TIMMONS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SANDRA TIMMONS; KNOWN AND UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION, AND ALL CLAIMANT(S), PERSON(S) OR PARTIES, NATURAL OR CORPORATE, OR WHOSE EXACT LEGAL STATUS IS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMES OR DESCRIBED DEFENDANTS HEREIN,

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title to the following property in Wakulla County, Florida:

TRACT "D"

Commence at a concrete monument (marked #2919) marking the Southwest corner of Lot 5 of the Hartsfield Survey of Lands in Wakulla County, Florida, thence run North 16 degrees 44 minutes 29 seconds West along the West boundary of said Lot 5 (as monumented) 591.54 feet, to a concrete monument (marked #2919), thence run North 16 degrees 29 minutes 03 seconds West along the West boundary of said Lot 5 (as monumented) 114.23 feet to a concrete monument (marked #2919) marking the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said Point of Beginning and leaving said West boundary run South 76 degrees 22 minutes 12 seconds West 559.84 feet to a concrete monument (marked #2919), thence run North 22 degrees 33 minutes 49 seconds West 828.77 feet to an iron rod and cap (marked #7160) lying on the Southerly maintained right-of-way of Lower Bridge Road, thence run North 87 degrees 36 minutes 36 seconds East along said maintained right-of-way 443.21 feet, thence leaving said Southerly maintained right-of-way run South 17 degrees 01 minutes 33 seconds East 260.89 feet, thence run North 87 degrees 04 minutes 36 seconds East 216.53 feet to said West boundary, thence run South 17 degrees 01 minutes 33 seconds East along said West boundary (as monumented) 329.91 feet to a concrete monument (marked #2919), thence run South 17 degrees 01 minutes 41 seconds West along said West boundary (as monumented) 102.51 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

More particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Southeast corner of Lot 5, of the Hartsfield Survey of Lands also, being the Southwest corner of Lot 5, of the Hartsfield River Survey of Lands, Wakulla County, Florida; thence run along the Easterly boundary line of Lot 5, of said Hartsfield Survey also being the Westerly boundary line of Lot 5 of said Hartsfield River Survey, North 17 degrees 24 minutes 51 seconds West 705.66 feet to a concrete monument marking the intersection of said Easterly and said Westerly boundary line with the Northerly boundary line of property as described in Official Records Book 768, Page 298, in the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida, said point being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence leaving said POINT OF BEGINNING and said Easterly and said Westerly boundary line run along said Northerly boundary line South 75 degrees 37 minutes 15 seconds West 560.20 feet to a concrete monument; thence leaving said Northerly boundary line run North 24 degrees 28 minutes 02 seconds West 834.24 feet to a re-bar lying on the Southerly maintained right of way line of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Road; thence run along said Southerly maintained right of way line North 86 degrees 43 minutes 10 seconds East 462.11 feet to a rod and cap; thence leaving said Southerly right of way line run South 17 degrees 42 minutes 46 seconds East 260.89 feet to a rod and cap; thence run North 86 degrees 23 minutes 35 seconds East 216.50 feet to a rod and cap lying on the Easterly boundary line of Lot 5 of said Hartsfield Survey of Lands, also being the Westerly boundary line of Lot 5, of said Hartsfield River Survey of Lands; thence run along said Easterly and said Westerly boundary line South 17 degrees 43 minutes 52 seconds East 329.95 feet to a concrete monument; thence run South 17 degrees 34 minutes 49 seconds East 102.25 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 9.25 acres more or less.

PIN # 00-00-005-000-06246-000

has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on Frances Casey Lowe, Esquire, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 68-A Feli Way Crawfordville, Florida 32327, on or before the date not less than 28 days and no more than 60 days after the first publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately after service; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

DATED this 23rd day of July, 2026.

{{County Court Seal}}

Greg James

As Clerk of the Court

Wakulla County, Florida

By: /s/ Rachel Howard

As Deputy Clerk



July 30, August 6, 13, 20, 2026

Girls of Summer music festival is held



Sopchoppy local singer-songwriter Kara Frazier with blues guitarist Mike Nunziante.



The Girls of Summer two-day music festival was held in the historic Sopchoppy Auditorium Friday and Saturday night, and started off with Lindsay Sparkman and her dad, Jerry Evans.

Saturday night headliner Nashville singer-songwriter Allison Clarke.

PHOTOS BY GERALD BROWN



The Dolce Trio bluegrass from Georgia.



Originally from Eastpoint, Ashley Morgan and husband Adam.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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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 HS 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.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 30, 2026

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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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.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 30, 2026

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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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.

June 30, 2026

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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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.

June 30, 2026

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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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/DEBO-RAH 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.

June 30, 2026

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

Published on July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

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.

June 30, 2026

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

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