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Candidate forum

BOCC candidates Quincee Messersmith and Carrie Hughes give views

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

Republican candidates for county commissioner district 4 appeared at a forum hosted by The Wakulla Sun last week.

Incumbent Quincee Messersmith and challenger Carrie Hughes shared their views at the event held Tuesday, July 28 at the public library.

Candidates were given 3 minutes to answer questions, but their answers were so brief that not once did either reach the limit and the forum was done after 35 minutes.

The forum opened with the candidates introducing themselves.

Messersmith, who has been a county commissioner since 2018, and said she's kept her vow to be accessible and involved. "Public service is about listening, showing up and making thoughtful decisions," she said. Growth, she added, presents opportunities as well as challenges.

Hughes has lived in Wakulla County for 20 years, and has 19 years experience in growth management. She stressed she supported "responsible growth" while protecting the character of Wakulla. "I think there's been a lot of changes and I'm not thrilled with the way things have been going, and the trajectory we're on," she said.

Asked about their positions on growth,

Republican candidates for county commission district 4, incumbent Quincee Messersmith and challenger Carrie Hughes at The Wakulla Sun forum held Tuesday at the public library, from a screenshot of the YouTube video.

Hughes stressed she thinks there's a misperception that she is anti-growth, which is not true, she said, but wants to see growth done in a responsible way. She said she supports impact fees to help pay for growth.

Messersmith acknowledged growth is a big deal and that there are strong feelings. But she said she believes in private property rights: "I'm never gonna tell anybody what they can or can't do with their property."

Asked about the proposal to increase the homestead property tax exemption that is set to be on the November ballot to increase homestead exemption – whether they support it, and what changes

A video of the forum can be viewed at The Wakulla Sun website, thewakullasun.com.

or cuts to services they would make if it passes – Hughes said she supported meaningful property tax reform, and said she would look at "creative ways to trim the budget without completely wiping things out."

Messersmith said whether she supports the measure is a personal matter, and said if it passes "cutting amenities is obviously going to be very, very real."

Water quality was one of the primary topics of reader-submitted questions, especially problems with water quality

for Talquin customers. It was acknowledged that county commissioners have no control over the issue, but the candidates were still given the opportunity to respond. Hughes said she supported bringing the parties together to work for a resolution. Messersmith noted the issue involved private parties controlled by the state.

Controversy over Flock license plate readers was the second-most asked question by readers. Messersmith said it's a matter for the sheriff's office; Hughes said she is not for or against it, "but if we're going to have it, we should establish strict policies on access, retention, searches and other things."

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Head of teachers union is pleased with district offer

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

Wakulla Classroom Teachers Association president Cassandra Johnson was effusive in her praise of the superintendent and school board in salary negotiations for this year: the offer was an increase for teacher salaries from monies from the Legislature with a match from the district, plus increase in supplements.

"For a veteran teacher like me, I'm getting like an 8% increase," Johnson said.

She said that Superintendent of Schools Rick Myhre made the comment that Wakulla is an A district, and teacher pay should reflect that. "It's been a really great experience working with Rick," she said. "We're heading in the right direction."

Teachers are scheduled to vote this week on whether to ratify the new contract.

Myhre issued a statement that "For the past two years, we have built our budget around the intent of providing competitive raises for all employees while also holding off any increases to health insurance. This was made possible by reducing positions at the district office and closing unnecessary school sites."

The proposed contract is poised to help relieve some of the "compression" stress after the state set beginning teacher pay at a rate that in some cases exceeded the pay of some veteran teachers.

The base pay is currently \$47,500 and set to increase this year to \$47,750.

Teachers with more than 10 years experience will receive a Teacher Salary Increase Allocation of \$1,800 plus a district increase of \$1,200.

WCTA president
Cassandra Johnson

School Superintendent
Rick Myhre

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Audie Rowell is candidate for Congress

By AUDIE ROWELL
Special to The Sun

I am running for Congress in Florida's 2nd Congressional District and I am a six-generation Floridian from right here in the Big Bend/Panhandle area. I am not a political insider, a lawyer or a career politician. I have been a public servant who has served Florida's 2nd congressional district for nearly 40 years as a law enforcement officer, retiring as Chief Deputy.

As a lifelong public servant, I have spent my career showing up for my community day in and day out, and I intend to bring that same commitment to Washington. The people of Florida's 2nd District do not need another politician. They need a neighbor, someone who knows these counties, knows these

communities, and knows what it takes to get things done for real people living real lives.

On the issues I am clear and I do

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

not waver.

- Our Values: I believe we should stay grounded in the values our country was founded on. That being our Christian/family values, our Constitutional values, our Capitalist values, and our Constitutional Republic values. All of our values are under attack by socialism, communism and woke ideology and these must be eradicated from our culture. I will stand strong and be vocal against the disease that has infected our country.
- Our Veterans: Veteran's Affairs (VA) is the biggest socialist program within the US Government. The

men and women who served in the Armed Forces, are given government mandates on where to go, when to go and who to see when they need medical care. This leads to long wait lines, poor quality care and even no medical care. Our veterans need choices. Instead of 25-30,000 doctors working for the VA in specific locations, we need 300,000 approved physicians working throughout the country. Veterans should be able to choose their own doctor in the location they want. VA government mandates must end.

- Farmers: Farmers are an essential part of North Florida. Not only do they provide food and agriculture to Americans across the country, but they also provide jobs for working class families. My time in congress will be about ensuring

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Teachers union

From Front Page

Non-instructional staff are also set to receive pay increases.

Johnson said the WCTA and the district also revisited supplements – stipends that teachers are paid for extra-curricular student activities like clubs and coaching.

Johnson now faces the challenge of making sure the WCTA has the support of teachers because the union must meet a 50% participation threshold in certification and recertification elections and petition for recertification if fewer than 60% of eligible members pay dues.

Dues are less than \$70 a month for the 10-month work year.

Johnson worried that if the union loses teacher representation then the teachers lose the contract and some of the benefits they ensure, such as guaranteed lunch, planning time, and perks such as being able to bank sick time.

In a written statement to the Sun, Myhre wrote: “When questioned during my campaign, ‘How will you address concerns about teacher and staff compensation and benefits?’ my answer was always simple, you prioritize it. For the past two years, we have built our budget around the intent of providing competitive raises for all employees while also holding off any increases to health insurance. This was made possible by reducing positions at the district office and closing unnecessary school sites.

“While we have improved our state ranking in the average salary of almost all job roles within the district” Myhre wrote, “we still fall below the comparable level of academic outcomes our staff are providing to our students. We know that our staff aren’t in this field for the money, but it is difficult to keep our best staff when they could be compensated better for doing the same job somewhere else. This is why it has been such an important part of my administration to raise all staff salaries, and we are continuing that trend in this year’s budget.

“Additionally, we will be humbly asking our community for an additional millage on the November ballot to further support our staff with raises they deserve,” Myhre said. “I have made, and will continue to make, as many cuts as possible to divert funding to staff and students, but there is a theoretical limit we are nearing without cutting necessary services which support students.

“The slight increase we are requesting will not take us to the top of the salary rankings, but will be a clear sign of support for those who so often put our children’s needs above their own,” Myhre said.

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Notice of Workshop

City of Sopchoppy

The City Commission of the City of Sopchoppy will be holding a budget workshop on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the commission chambers located at City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, FL. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss/develop the 2026/27 fiscal year operating budgets.

Persons wishing to comment may do so in person at the workshop or by writing to the City Commission at P.O. Box 1219, Sopchoppy, Florida 32358. No formal actions will be taken at the workshop by the Commission.

If an individual decides to appeal any decision made by the commission with respect to this meeting, a verbatim transcript may be required. If so, the individual should make provision for a transcript to be made at the meeting, (RE: Florida Statute 286.0105). Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the city at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting Ashley Schilling at the above address or 850-962-4611.

August 6, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING TO REIMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE SERVICE ASSESSMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Wakulla County, Florida will conduct a public hearing to consider the continued imposition of annual solid waste service assessments for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, and future fiscal years to fund the cost of solid waste management, collection, and disposal services, facilities and programs provided to improved residential properties located within the unincorporated areas of the County and within the City of Sopchoppy and to authorize collection of such assessments on the tax bill.

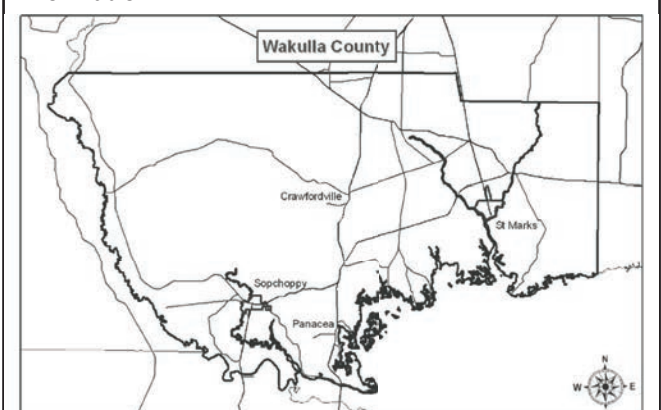
The hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on September 8, 2026, in the Board of County Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Road Crawfordville, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the Board within 20 days of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Executive Assistant to the County Administrator at (850) 926-0919, at least two (2) business days prior to the date of the hearing.

The assessments will be computed by multiplying the number of dwelling units on each parcel of residential property by the rate of assessment. The rate of assessment for the upcoming fiscal year will be \$214.00 per dwelling unit.

Copies of the Ordinance, the Initial Assessment Resolution for Solid Waste Services, the Final Assessment Resolution for Solid Waste Services, the Preliminary Rate Resolution, and the updated assessment roll showing the amount of the assessment to be imposed against each parcel of property are available for inspection at the office of the County Administrator, 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida.

The assessments will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2026, as authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title. Unless proper steps are initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief within 20 days from the date of County's action at the above hearing (including the method of apportionment, the rate of assessment and the imposition of assessments), such action shall be the final adjudication of the issues presented.

If you have any questions, please contact the office of the County Administrator at (850)926-0919, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or visit our website at www.mywakulla.com for additional information.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

August 6, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICES:

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

More Public Notices appear on Page 16.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF WAKULLA COUNTY ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING:

EVENT: School Board Meeting
DATE: Monday, August 17, 2026
TIME: 5:45 pm
PLACE: School Board Room, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida
PURPOSE: Monthly School Board Meeting

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

August 6, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF FIRE PROTECTION SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Wakulla County, Florida will conduct a public hearing to consider the imposition of annual fire protection special assessments for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026 and future fiscal years to fund the provision of fire protection services within the boundaries of the Wakulla County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services, which includes all of the unincorporated areas of the County and the incorporated areas of the cities of St. Marks and Sopchoppy.

The hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on September 8, 2026, in the Board of County Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments and their collection on the tax bill. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the County within 20 days of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Executive Assistant to the County Administrator at (850) 926-0919, at least two (2) business days prior to the date of the hearing.

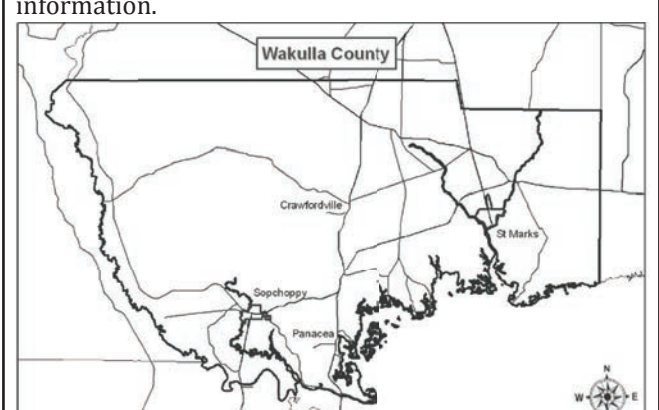
The assessment for each parcel of property will be based upon each parcel’s classification and the total number of billing units attributed to that parcel. The following table reflects the proposed fire protection assessment schedule.

FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENTS	
Residential Property Use Category	Rate Per Dwelling Unit
Residential	\$277.00
Non-Residential Property Use Categories	Rate Per Square Foot
Commercial	\$0.289
Industrial/Warehouse	\$0.038
Institutional	\$0.619
Vacant Land Property Use Category	Rate Per Acre
Vacant Land	\$4.16

Copies of the Master Service Assessment Ordinance, the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution for Fire Protection Services, and the preliminary Fire Protection Assessment Roll are available for inspection at the Office of the County Administrator, 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida.

The assessments will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2026, as authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title. The assessments imposed against government leasehold property may be collected by a separate bill to be sent by the County. Unless proper steps are initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief within 20 days from the date of Board action at the above hearing (including the method of apportionment, the rate of assessment, and the imposition of assessments), such action shall be the final adjudication of the issues presented.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

August 6, 2026

Opinions

THE FIRST AMENDMENT
“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

LETTERS FROM READERS

My wildflowers were mowed down

Editor, The Sun:

I live on Surf Rd. Monday, 7/27, I mowed alongside the county roadside of Surf Road between my driveway and the next one to the east. I am not alone in mowing my roadside and I realize that. I have a huge patch of wildflowers I

have nurtured for more than 5 years at the side of the county road. The patch contains LOTS of Blanket flowers and many more blooming wildflowers. Yesterday, 7/28, half my patch was mowed down by Wakulla County mowers. That patch has survived Duke sub contractors trimming the trees, county folks digging out the ditch and other county mowers. I am terribly disappointed that some “young whippersnapper” would come along and mow HALF the entire patch. No rhyme nor reason to that action. I wrote an email/letter to Bridge and

Road folks in hopes they will better train those who are maintaining our county roads. If the roadside had grown out of control, I would understand. BUT our roadsides are mowed by the property owners in many areas of Surf Road; therefore should be exempt for destruction. I didn’t ask for replacement, they ARE wildflowerers. I did ask the powers that be to be put me on a “do not mow down her wildflower patches” list. The bees and hummingbirds and ME would appreciate the effort to leave alone the area from my driveway

to the one east of me. I mow it and maintain it. There is no reason to use the county machine on my roadside. As of this writing, I have heard nothing from our county employees. No apology, no proposed plan to remedy the problem. Please allow us to beautify our mailbox area, our roadside and take care of the bees and butterflies.

Val LaHart
Ochlockonee Bay

Kratom killed my son, why is it legal?

Editor, The Sun:

Dear Bill Snowden,

Thank you for speaking to me today about my 32 year old son, William Cave, who died while wade fishing at St Marks Lighthouse on April 20th, 2024. Witnesses who were fishing in a small boat close to shore saw Will fall face forward and not get up... There was no struggle or attempt to get up. By the time they got to him and

pulled him to shore, he was gone. William was wearing a go-pro camera which recorded his death. When William’s toxicology and medical examiner report came back, it showed Will had accidentally drowned and the only contributing cause was mitragynine (Kratom) toxicity. Since his death I have been on a mission to advocate for change by educating lawmakers at the state and local levels of government by providing support for other families who have lost a loved one from kratom and by reaching the public through news/social media outlets. While the state of Florida only temporarily bans 7-OH and other dangerous derivatives, I sit back and

wonder how many more people will have to die before the State of Florida gains some common sense and realizes that you would not have 7-OH and other semi-synthetic derivatives if you remove the source – kratom. Currently, the state of Florida profits from Florida kratom manufactures by making them purchase a permit to sell and distribute their product. The State of Florida has turned a blind eye to the deaths and destruction kratom has caused but it will soon realize its mistake when more deaths and addiction occur, when calls to poison control centers spike, when rehab centers see an influx of people seeking help for kratom (mi-

tragynine) addiction, and when calls to EMS for kratom overdoses increase. The FDA has declared kratom not be lawfully marketed in the U.S. as a drug product, a dietary supplement, or a food additive in conventional food. So, still after 2 years of not having my son, I sit back and wonder why is it still being sold throughout the state of Florida. Thank you Bill...for listening. Please reach out if you have any questions or want to know more about the kratom conundrum in FLORIDA.

Susan Cave
Havana
williamscottcave@outlook.com

History highlight: 14th, 15th colonies

Editor, The Sun:

Ever heard of the 14th and 15th colonies? They were both in Florida, which was a stronghold for British loyalists during the Revolutionary War. Though Spain was the first European power to colonize America, establishing Pensacola in 1559, St. Augustine in 1565 and the Franciscan mission to the Apalachee In-

dians, Mission San Luis, near Tallahassee in 1633, Spain lost its holdings in Florida to the British in the French and Indian War. As a result, Britain moved to occupy Florida in 1763, regarding St. Augustine the capital of East Florida, its 14th colony, and Pensacola the capital of its 15th colony, West Florida. Only 20 years later, in 1783, when the newly formed United States won its War of Independence, Spain regained possession of Florida until 1821, when it became a U.S. territory under Andrew Jackson, the first territorial governor of the state of Florida.

Celebration ensued as homesteaders poured into the state. Come see examples of the clothing of these early Florida pioneers. Tickets for “Threads through Time”: a historic clothing fashion show and English tea are available at wakullahistory.org for \$25. The event will be held at the

Crawfordville Women’s Club on Saturday, September 12 from 2 to 5 p.m. Clothing entries are still being accepted.

Andrea Carter, President
Wakulla County Historical Society

Something on your mind?

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

On the Horizon

Calendar of events for the week of August 6

Thursday, August 6	Saturday, August 8	Monday, August 10	
• The Rotary Club of Wakulla County meets this week at the Wakulla public library at 8:30 a.m. • Line dancing is 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Women’s Club. 6:30 to 8 for beginners. \$10. • The VFW Auxiliary Bingo Night will be held at 7 p.m. at 475 Arran Road in Crawfordville, every Thursday. There are concessions and raffles. • Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at 54 Ochlockonee St.	• FRESH Back to School backpack giveaway will be held at the community center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. • The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group will meet at the Wakulla County Public Library at 10 a.m. every second Saturday of the month.	• FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL – It will be an early release day. • Wakulla Planning Commission meets at 6 p.m. in the commission chambers. • Sopchoppy City Commission meets at City Hall at 6:30 p.m. • The Wakulla Respite Program is available for anyone with memory impairment at no cost from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Ellen Baptist Church every Monday. • Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6 p.m. for women and 8 p.m. for men every Monday at 54 Ochlockonee St. • Gentle Yoga and Stetching Class with Margaret every Monday at 11 a.m. First Baptist Church CLC Building in Crawfordville. Bring a mat.	• Crawfordville Woman’s Club monthly meeting is the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 64 Ochlockonee St., in Crawfordville. Call (850) 566-5727 for more information.
Friday, August 7	Sunday, August 9		Tuesday, August 11
• Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 8 p.m. every Friday at 54 Ochlockonee St.	• Wakulla Giving Hands food giveaway every Sunday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the facility across from Medart Elementary on Highway 98. Line up begins at 11 a.m. • Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee St.		• Sopchoppy community dinner is held every week at the Towles House at 6:30 p.m. • Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee St.
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Polled at the library’s An Evening at Hogwarts on Friday night:

Who is your favorite Harry Potter character?



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Voldemort, because he’s bald.”



EASTON GOOCH
11, Shadeville
“Harry Potter! The main character, he’s the hero.”



JOSIE GOOCH
13, RMS
“Hagrid, because I like his personality.”



GRACIE PARKER
11, RMS
“Hermione, she’s very pretty and smart.”



MAX MCNAMARA
8, third grade
“Harry Potter, I just like him because he’s cool.”

Wakulla Crossroads

By Verna Brock

This past Saturday, I had the great pleasure of joining the Woodville VFD’s annual summer get-together again. I am a mere auxiliary member, the program coordinator for the Woodville Founder’s Day Festival every year. It has always been my honor, and joy, to do my small part to support these amazing and dedicated men and women who step into the breach whenever the call sounds. I am proud to be a small part of an organization, full of great people, who

continually leave me in awe. I freely admit to actively avoiding any hint of an adrenaline rush. Don’t like it at all. It makes me queasy, not happy or excited. I was never the kid seeking out thrill rides at the fair. I have zero desire to flirt with death and dismemberment. I absolutely know I would expire watching a horror movie... I too readily suspend disbelief and enter the on-screen terror. Jump-scares literally make my heart skip beats, while folks all around me are laughing and giggling. So no scary movies for me!

I absolutely know I am not cut out to fight fires. I’m not sure I’d be a valuable asset at the scene of a horrible accident either (but better there than at a conflagration!). But these volunteer dragon slayers train relentlessly to keep their skill sets sharply honed. They work year round to raise the necessary funds to pay for diesel, vehicles, life-saving equipment, insurance – you name it. It is all very expensive. But year in and year out, they do the job with big smiles on their faces. They rescue us with bravery and tender compassion. As VOL-UNTEERS.

Across the country, intrepid volunteers become tight-knit families fighting a common enemy: death and

destruction. The one thing they all have in common, besides their fierce dedication, is their appreciation for adrenaline and risk-taking. Not in a bad or dangerous way. But definitely in a way you and I probably couldn’t endure! It only took me 15 years to grasp that what would put me down, helps them get up and go.

So when you see my dragon slaying team on a street corner somewhere, holding a boot-drive, drop a couple of bucks in the kitty. You’ll be glad you did. You never know when it’ll be your call they’re rushing to answer. And just think, they do the job so you don’t have to!

For that, I am eternally grateful. May God bless them all.

Library News

By Linda Oaks
Library Director

Library News August 6th– August 12th

Thursday, Aug. 6th

- Rotary Club of Wakulla 8:30am
- Tiny Tummy Time 9:30am
- Creative Writing I

10am

- Lego Robotics Team Kickoff 5:30pm

Friday, Aug. 7th

- Quilting Guild 10am
- Dementia Care Healthy Aging Series 11am

Saturday, Aug. 8th

- Zeta Amicae 9am

- American Legion Riders Meeting 9:30am
- Alzheimer’s Caregivers Support Group 10am

Sunday, Aug. 9th

- Closed

Monday, Aug. 10th

- American Legion

Post 114 PEC 5:30pm

Tuesday, Aug. 11th

- Book Bunch 10am
- Veteran’s Support/A time to change counseling 1pm
- Evening Mahjong 4:30pm

Wednesday, Aug. 12th

- Book Babies 10a
- Mahjong 1pm
- Knitting Group 4pm



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Candidate forum

From Front Page

What grade would you give the county administrator: Messersmith defelcted the question, saying job performance rating would be appropriate with the four other county commissioners. Hughes also declined, saying she had a feeling but it wasn’t data-based and “it wouldn’t be fair of me to do that.”

Hughes said she supported more transparency, such as easier access to commission agendas, and the county holding town halls before controversial decisions.

Messersmith said that, with her schedule, she has town hall meetings five days a week meeting and talking to citizens.

Asked what three main issues do you see facing Wakulla, Hughes answered: “Infrastructure is one of the big ones,” and that there was difficulty keeping up with growth. Growth was the second, and the potential impact of the property tax issue.

Messersmith said property tax and it’s impact on the budget, amenities, and people.

Asked what is the main thing they would change about the way

Wakulla government operates, Hughes said transparency. “I feel like the citizens feel like they’re not being heard,” she said.

“I think the most important thing I would change about Wakulla County government is there would be more citizen involvement,” Messersmith answered.

In her closing, Hughes said the decisions being made now will affect the future.

“I support responsible growth, careful use of taxpayers dollars and listening to citizens before decisions are made.” Hughes said she respected Messersmith’s service to the county and her volunteering, but said she sees the county at a crossroads and a decision needs to be made “if the current approach is what we want for another four years.”

Messersmith said in her closing simply that she appreciated the people who turned out and wished more citizens would get involved.

Wakulla Sun Editor William Snowden was moderator, and Rotary Club member Heather Bryan was timekeeper.

A straw poll was held in which audience members voted, and they went 2:1 for Hughes.

The party primary election is Aug. 18. The winner between Messersmith and Hughes will face Democrat Beverly Keister and NPA candidate Patricia Dyzser in the November general election.

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Percussssion to cartridge



By MARJ LAW

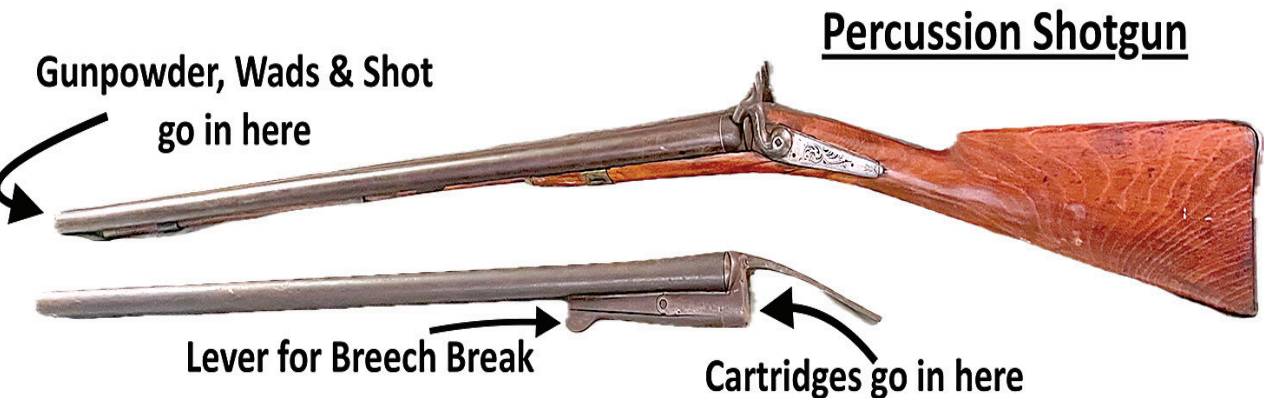
In this gun, you can open the breech and put in a cartridge into each barrel. Cartridge guns like this came after muzzle-loading percussion shotguns.

According to Wikipedia of cartridge shotguns: “In the 1840s and 1850s the percussion cap was first integrated into a metallic cartridge, where the bullet is held in by the casing, the casing is filled with gunpowder, and a primer is placed on the end. By the 1860s and 1870s, breech-loading metallic cartridges had made the percussion cap system obsolete.”

“Wow. These barrels really must have come from a shotgun over 100 years old!”

To show me the difference between percussion and cartridge guns, Joe brings out an old percussion shotgun. It has two barrels, side by side, like the mystery gun. It has two hammers. Put the load in the barrel, and fit a cap over the nipple. The hammer hits the cap, which makes a spark that sets off the gunpowder you’ve placed down the muzzle and then added a wad, the shot and another wad to keep the shot in. The gunpowder goes off, sending the shot out of the gun.

This mystery gun part that was left at the door has a breech-break lever under the barrels. You turn the lever and at this point, the metal breaks apart so that you can place a cartridge in the breech of each barrel. The gun would have had two triggers like its predeces-



Barrel Portion of a Cartridge Shotgun

sor: the percussion gun. The forward trigger is assigned to the right barrel and the back trigger goes to the left barrel.

The mystery gun would have had two hammers like the percussion gun. Instead of having caps to set off the gunpowder, each hammer would have a firing pin that would hit the center of the cartridge that was placed in the barrel at the breech break. When the hammer is cocked, and the trigger is pulled, the firing pin whacks the center of the cartridge.

The center of the cartridge is where the primer is located. The primer is the charge which, when whacked by the firing pin, ignites the gunpowder in the cartridge. Shot is located within the casing and flies out when the gunpowder is ignited. The size of the shot put in would depend on the size of the game.

“The guns are different, but you can see the progression in technology. What was the main use of this shotgun, and how far could it shoot?” I

ask Joe.

“This is the kind of gun a farmer would have kept by the door or above it for easy access. He would hunt game like rabbit, pheasants and grouse. Shooting would be accurate from around 30 – 40 yards.”

“How do they shoot?”

“These guns are both single-action only. Remember, in single action, the trigger has only one job. It releases the hammer. You have to cock the hammer before you can shoot. Since you must cock the hammer manually, you don’t need a safety. The gun will not fire by itself.”

“Several years ago, I wrote about Damascus steel barrels. Both the percussion shotgun you have and this mystery barrel seem to have lines circling the barrel. Are they both made of Damascus steel?” I ask Joe.

“Yes,” says Joe. “Although there is lots of finely pitted oxidation on these barrels, you can see the lines showing the layering of Damascus steel.”

According to Mizo-

guns.com: “The layered construction consists of different types of steel, which greatly enhances the barrel’s strength and flexibility. For example, high-carbon and low-carbon steels are often combined, creating barrels that can handle the high pressures generated when a shotgun is fired. This combination of aesthetic beauty and practical utility is what makes Damascus barrels truly exceptional.”

So, back around the late 1800s and the turn of the century, Damascus barrels are known for their elegant appearance. I read they were relatively lightweight (although I picked up the mystery barrels and they feel heavy to me!) and the construction of these barrels was said to have absorbed some of the recoil.

“Could we shoot the gun, if we locate the missing parts?” I wonder.

“Probably not,” Joe replies. “First, to finish the gun, it will need a stock, a trigger assembly, hammers and side plates to

hold the hammers. Even if we find these pieces, modern ammunition is too strong for the older barrels, which used black powder. Furthermore, the welding of the metals may have weakened with age. You can even see that the steel has thinned with time and use. Also, since the exterior of the barrels has a patina of oxidation, who knows how badly the barrel might be

“Drat. I guess this means that even if we find the rest of the gun, we won’t be able to shoot it. But it might be fun to keep an eye out for the parts and put it back together again.”

“We’ll see what we can find. This would make a great wall-hanger. Together with the percussion gun, we can have a visual history of the development of shotguns from percussion to cartridge.”

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



ATLANTIC CROAKER
(*Micropogon undulatus*)

On the incoming tide schools of the commercially important Atlantic or “hard jaw” croakers are common over sand and mud bottoms, using their small barbels to sense crustaceans, worms mollusks and smaller fish. Atlantic croakers grow to 20” and 4 lbs. Like other estuarine dependant fish, they tolerate wide range of salinities (0-35ppt) and temps (35-86F). Like many members of their family, they can vibrate a muscle next to their swim bladder to produce a deep croaking sound. Males do this to attract females during early fall spawning

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Retired park ranger Robert Thompson was on his wildlife survey at Wakulla Springs recently and shot this photo of a cooter turtle sunning on a branch.



Welcome back

from Superintendent of Schools Rick Myhre

Greetings Wakulla County,

All communities provide public education, but few support and cherish their schools the way Wakulla County does. Perhaps that is because, for so many of us, these schools helped shape who we are, and we have purposefully chosen to raise our children here as well.

This atmosphere is also what attracts our new residents to our community, the expectation of excellence. As I visit classrooms and attend school programs, the true source of our success is clear: our staff. From bus drivers and paraprofessionals to secretaries, custodians, administrators, and teachers, our team shares a common purpose – the children of this community. The commitment and resolve they show each day are a testament to their excellence.

On Aug. 10, our doors reopen for the 2026-27 school year. We know there will be challenges along the way, and we will not shy away from them. We will face them, learn from them, and grow stronger because of



School Superintendent Rick Myhre

them. We are coming off an exceptional year of student achievement, yet no school believes it has reached its peak. Each school spent the summer planning ways to better serve students and families. In the year ahead, you will see improvements in technology, facilities, communication, safety, and overall culture and climate.

While some districts across the state and nation may speak from a place of despair, Wakulla County's mindset is different. We are eager to embrace opportunities for growth and confident in our ability to keep improving.

Thanks to the leadership of the School Board and district staff, we are in a stable financial position and focused on opportunities to move our district closer to the very top in Florida.

Still, we understand

that success is not defined by metrics alone. On Aug. 3rd, we welcomed back teachers and staff not only with remarks from adults, but with a student-led pep rally. This intentional change helped re-center our purpose: a connected school community. Seeing students cheer for the teachers who have helped them grow – and seeing the pride on those teachers' faces – was truly inspiring.

The first days of school will be long. Traffic patterns will need time to adjust, and buses may run late, but it will all be worth it.

After a long summer, our community will once again feel as it should—alive with the daily experiences our teachers and schools provide for our students.

As always, thank you for your unwavering support of the Wakulla County School District. Together, we share the responsibility of protecting and strengthening this community for the next generation of students.

God bless,

Rick Myhre
Superintendent

Public schools

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School bus safety for bus riders

As Sheriff of Wakulla County — and as a parent and lifelong member of this community — I want to share a few reminders as we begin the 2025–2026 school year.

Every August, more than 3,000 Wakulla County students board a school bus or walk into school for another year of learning and growth. With that excitement comes shared responsibility — for students, families, school staff, and every driver on the road.

Nationwide, over 26 million students ride school buses daily, traveling more than 4 billion miles annually. Thankfully, school buses are the safest form of student transportation. The National Safety Council reports a crash rate of just 0.01 per 100 million miles — much safer than regular passenger vehicles.

Still, the most dangerous part of a bus ride isn't the ride itself — it's when students are getting on or off the bus. That's where we, as motorists, play a crucial role. Too many tragedies have occurred because someone was distracted or ignored a stopped school bus. In Florida, it's illegal to pass a school bus with its stop arm extended — violators face steep fines and put children's lives at risk.

This school year, my deputies will be visible in school zones and at bus stops. Our goal is education and prevention — not just enforcement.

If you're a parent or caregiver, take time now to review school bus safety with your child:

- Arrive early and wait in a safe spot, away from traffic.
- Board only after the bus stops completely and the door opens.
- Stay seated, buckle up if seatbelts are available, and keep aisles clear.

- Keep your head, hands, and arms inside the bus.
- Cross only in front of the bus — never behind.
- Make eye contact with the driver and wait for their signal before crossing.

For many young students, especially kindergartners and new middle schoolers, this may be their first time riding the bus. Practice safety habits in advance to help them feel confident.

If you're driving, please slow down, put the phone away, and be patient. You may be in a rush — but that child crossing the street is someone's everything.

Expect delays the first couple of weeks as routes and routines adjust. And remember: if you see a bus with flashing red lights and an extended stop arm — you must stop.

Wakulla County Schools open Monday, August 11. Let's work together to make it a safe, smooth, and successful year — from the first stop to the final bell.

Thank you for watching out for our kids — and each other.



SHERIFF JARED F. MILLER

Meet the new school staff

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Adaline Burwell
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Era Taff

Administration Changes:

- Tim Wheeler (former principal of Shadeville Elementary) is the new District Administrator of Athletics at Wakulla High School
- Eden Rodgers (former Assistant Principal at Shadeville Elementary) is the new Principal at Shadeville Elementary
- Sarojanie Samlal is the new Assistant Principal at Shadeville Elementary.



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USE THE NEWS

1. WOMEN’S PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE BEGINS

A new professional baseball league for women played its first game in Springfield, Illinois. More than 4,000 fans came to watch, even though rain made the field wet and windy. The Los Angeles Queens came from behind to defeat the New York Heights 10-8. Players and fans said the game was important because girls can now see women competing in professional baseball. Before the game, 99-year-old Maybelle Blair threw a special first pitch. She once played in an earlier women’s baseball league and helped inspire future generations of players. Create a poster welcoming fans to the new women’s baseball league. Include the name of a team, a picture of a player in action, and a slogan that encourages girls to follow their athletic dreams. Then write three or four sentences explaining why seeing women play professional sports can inspire young people.

2. A TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

On August 12, a total solar eclipse will pass over parts of Spain, Iceland, and Greenland. A total solar eclipse happens when the moon moves directly between Earth and the sun and blocks the sun’s light for a short time. Some places will become dark for more than two minutes, while people in other regions will see only part of the sun covered. Scientists will use telescopes, airplanes, satellites, and high-flying balloons to study the eclipse and changes in Earth’s atmosphere. People must wear special eclipse glasses whenever any part of the sun is visible. The same day may also include a meteor shower and several planets appearing in the sky. Make a three-part eclipse safety card. In the first section, draw how the sun, moon, and Earth line up during an eclipse. In the second section, write two rules for watching safely. In the final section, describe one thing a scientist might learn by studying the sky

during the eclipse.

3. ICE AGE CLOTHING

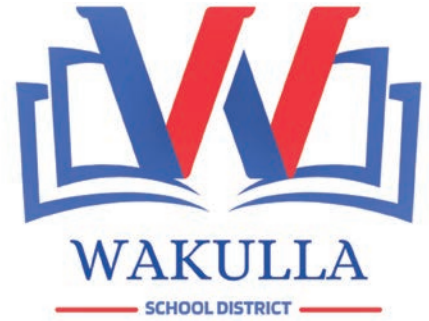
Olga Soffer died last week at the age of 83. Soffer began her career working in fashion, but she later became an archaeologist who studied people from the Ice Age. Archaeologists learn about the past by examining objects and remains left behind by earlier people. Soffer studied tiny marks on pieces of clay that were more than 26,000 years old. She discovered that some marks had been made by woven cloth and plant fibers. Her research showed that prehistoric people

made cloth, baskets, nets, hats, belts, and skirts much earlier than scientists once believed. Her work also helped show that women played important roles as makers, workers, and hunters in ancient communities. Choose one Ice Age object mentioned in the story, such as a basket, net, cap, belt, or skirt. Draw what you think it might have looked like and label the materials that could have been used to make it. Under your drawing, explain how that object may have helped people survive or complete an everyday task.

4. CRASH LANDING

A used section of a SpaceX rocket is expected to crash into the moon after drifting through space for more than a year. It will strike the moon at about 5,400 miles per hour and may create a crater nearly 90 feet wide. Scientists hope to observe the dust and rocks thrown up by the crash. Spacecraft orbiting the moon will take pictures before and after the impact so researchers can study the changes. The crash is not expected to cause a major problem, but it reminds scientists that more rockets and spacecraft are creating space junk. Better tracking may be needed to protect future robots, astro-

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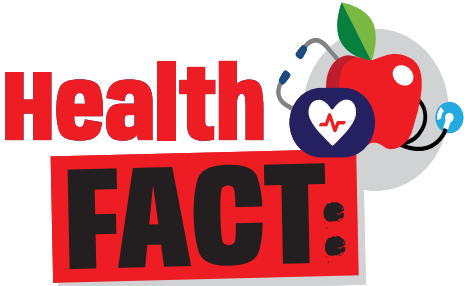


nauts, and moon bases. Design a “space traffic control” system that could help people keep track of old rockets and other space junk. Draw a control screen, satellite, warning signal, or tracking map. Add labels showing how your system would find dangerous objects and warn astronauts before a crash happens.

5. DOGS COMPETE IN A SURFING CHAMPIONSHIP

Dogs of many sizes competed in the World Dog Surfing Championships in Pacifica, California. The dogs wore colorful life jackets and rode surfboards toward the beach while their human helpers chose

safe waves. Judges scored the dogs on how long they stayed on the board, the size of the wave, and how confident they appeared. Some events included two dogs or a dog and a person sharing the same board. Hundreds of spectators cheered for the animals from the beach. The event also raised money for animal charities and helped pets find new homes. Create an award certificate for a surfing dog. Give the dog a name and invent a special prize, such as “Best Balance,” “Bravest Rider,” or “Most Colorful Life Jacket.” Decorate the certificate, and write a short announcement explaining what the dog did to earn the award.



This refreshing fruit is an excellent source of lycopene, which helps keep the heart healthy.

Answer: Watermelon



- English: Watermelon
- Spanish: Sandía
- Italian: Cocomero
- French: Pastèque
- German: Wassermelone

Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20. The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

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Solution

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

LCESI FO MNOEL

Answer: Slice of melon

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1610: During Henry Hudson's search for the Northwest Passage, he sails into what is now known as Hudson Bay.

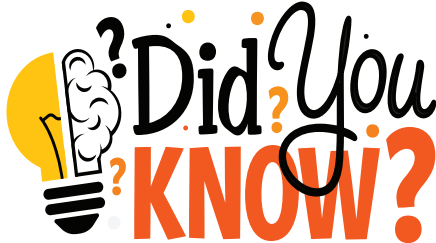
1776: The signing of the United States Declaration of Independence takes place.

1939: The space shuttle Atlantis is launched to deploy the TDRS-5 satellite.

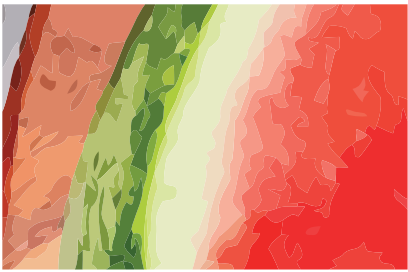


HYDRATE

cause the body to absorb water



Watermelon contains 92 percent water. That means that watermelon is both tasty and can help keep the body hydrated.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Watermelon

School Calendar 2026-27

July 2026

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WAKULLA COUNTY SCHOOL CALENDAR
2026 — 2027

July
2 Independence Day Holiday

August
3-7 Pre-Planning /Inservice(10 & 9 1/2 Month Personnel)
10 Students and 9 Month Personnel Return/Early Release

September
7 Labor Day Holiday

October
9 End of 1st Nine Weeks
12 Teacher Planning/Inservice Day (No Students)

November
11 Veterans' Day Holiday
23-27 Thanksgiving Holidays (All Personnel and Students—
Holiday begins at end of day on 11/20)

December
18 Early Release/End of 2nd Nine Weeks/ End of
Semester 1
21-31 Winter Holiday (All Personnel and Students — Holiday
begins at end of day on 12/18)

January
1 Winter Holiday (All Personnel and Students)
4 Teacher Planning/Inservice Day (NO Students -10 &
9 1/2 Mo.Personnel Return)
5 Students and 9 Month Personnel Return
18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (All Personnel and
Students)

February
15 Presidents' Day Holiday (All Personnel and Students)

March
12 Early Release/End of 3rd Nine Weeks/Teacher Planning
& Inservice
15-19 Spring Break (begins at the end of the day on 3/12 - All
Personnel and Students)
22 Teacher Planning/Inservice Day (NO Students -10 &
9 1/2 Mo.Personnel Return)
23 Students and 9 Month Personnel Return
29 Spring Holiday

April
20 GRADUATION
25 Early Release
26 Early Release/End of 4th Nine Weeks/End of
Semester
27-28 Post Planning
31 Memorial Day Holiday (12 Month Personnel)

*Possible unplanned closure make up days to be deter-
mined as needed 11/23, 24/2026; 5/26, 27, 28, 29/2027*

January 2027

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Thursday 6		For tides at the following points add to Dog Island Listings:		Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac Aug. 6 - Aug. 12  Tide charts by tides4fishing.com 		 First Aug. 28Full Aug. 5Last Aug. 12New Aug. 19 Best fishing days this month Best fishing day(s) is in the center of date ranges. Aug. 5, 10-15	
Sun rise/set 6:59 AM 8:27 PM	Moon rise/set 12:30 AM 2:52 PM	High Tide Carrabelle 28 Min. Apalachicola 1 Hr., 53 Min. Cat Point 1 Hr., 13 Min. Lower Anchorage 1 Hr., 36 Min. West Pass 1 Hr., 26 Min.	Low Tide 25 Min. 2 Hrs., 38 Min. 2 Hrs., 31 Min. 2 Hrs., 3 Min. 2 Hrs., 39 Min.			Thursday 6 Major Times 6:37 AM 7:06 PM Minor Times 12:00 AM 2:22 PM Friday 7 Major Times 7:36 AM 8:07 PM Minor Times 12:45 AM 3:31 PM Saturday 8 Major Times 8:39 AM 9:11 PM Minor Times 1:40 AM 4:39 PM Sunday 9 Major Times 9:44 AM 10:16 PM Minor Times 2:43 AM 5:42 PM Monday 10 Major Times 10:48 AM 11:18 PM Minor Times 3:53 AM 6:36 PM Tuesday 11 Major Times 12:15 AM 11:48 AM Minor Times 5:06 AM 7:21 PM Wednesday 12 Major Times 1:08 AM 12:43 PM Minor Times 6:17 AM ---	
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Moon Illumination 32%							
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Moon Illumination 22%							
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1,000th sawfish tagged

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Characterized by their long, flattened, toothed rostrum, often referred to as “the saw,” the smalltooth sawfish is the only species of sawfish found in Florida.

FWC biologists have been studying this endangered species for over two decades, tagging and sampling mostly juveniles in the Caloosa-hatchee River, Peace River, Charlotte Harbor, and St. Lucie River. They recently tagged the 1,000th sawfish as part of this research.

“Back when we started this work over 20 years ago, the thought of tagging a thousand sawfish wasn’t a goal,” said project lead Dr. Gregg Poulakis. “We just wanted to learn as much as we could to help promote recovery, since the species is only found in Florida and the western Ba-

hamas these days. A thousand is certainly a milestone to appreciate, but there’s a lot more to do.”

By collecting fin samples, biologists can learn more about the biology and ecology of the smalltooth sawfish, including population health and stability.

Learn more about FWRI’s Sawfish Research on our website, MyFWC.com/Research.



Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

Paintball!

December 27, 2012

With everyone on holiday, and the weather turning colder, we see an increase frequency of very small steel and aluminum cylinders showing up for re-charging.

These cylinders were first developed decades ago driving the gas for soda making machines. Today they drive a thriving sport called paintball.

The cylinders are DOT-monitored just like our scuba cylinders, but apart from their size, differ most often in that they are filled with low pressure liquid Carbon Dioxide or CO2.

A year ago, folks at Air Gas begged me to set up a CO2 recharge station in Wakulla based upon the number of requests they got in Tallahassee. But there is so much more to this sport than filling CO2 cylinders.

Last year a group from FSU asked if they could use our cleared 5 acres to set up a playing field. Boy, did I get an education!

The sport involves shooting a plastic ball filled with different color paints from a special gun. Whether you shoot at targets or each other defines the protective clothing (and face shield) you wear.

The cooler weather makes donning the protective equipment more comfortable.

The FSU crowd brought inflatable targets and structures that filled the field. Teams were selected and scores were kept based upon the number of successful (kept by color) strikes that were made.

When the day was over, the field looked very colorful, but the first rain washed it all away. It appears the balls and the paint are quickly biodegradable.

After the next rain storm, I found no vestige of the games played!

The guns used are available from many sources locally and on the internet. They are driven by CO2 or high pressure air. These guns can be very sophisticated and expensive, but most are very affordable.

A local dad was in yesterday discussing his recent acquisition of paintball supplies and said his children were joining up with several other families to get into this sport.

He was a bit frustrated since many of the cylinders he had purchased were out of the DOT required hydrostatic testing dates and were cheaper to replace than retest. But we sorted it all out in the end. We currently only fill the drive gas cylinders.

We offered the backlot. In fact, we offer to work with folks if they would like to set up a course back there.

Here is a great opportunity to take unused space and make something fun out of it. Obviously we want to work with parents and their children to find a safe recreational activity this holiday season.

The winter ocean is rough and cold, the warm local springs are off limits to recreational diving, so why not expand the compressed-gas horizons.

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



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Forgiving reckless and willful sins against us



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

What does a big, cold, ugly block of cement symbolize to you?

How about a big, cold, ugly case of . . . unforgiveness?

The longer our grievance festers, the longer we resist forgiving the

one who’s hurt us – and the bigger, colder and uglier our unforgiving heart grows.

I sincerely hope that forgiving others isn’t as hard for you as it is for me, especially when those who hurt us don’t seem sorry for what they’ve done.

It’s certainly much easier to forgive when the person didn’t intend to hurt us.

Which leads us to a question: Does God expect us to forgive people when their actions or words against us are thoughtless or even intentional?

As much as we may dread hearing the answer, what would become of us if we refused to hear God’s heart about this? Matthew 6:14 (ESV) says, “If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.”

The Greek word for trespasses (paraptōma) does, in part, apply to “willful” sins.

Willful.

How do we let go when someone deliberately hurts someone we love? Or give up resentment when they bully us for having convictions that

differ from theirs?

How do we forgive our spouse for the reckless and willful sins they commit against us? How do they forgive us? What about those who purposely hurt us on social media? Or at church?

One side note: When there’s abuse involved, forgiveness doesn’t mean staying in a dangerous situation. We can forgive someone who willfully sins/sinned against us while also removing ourselves from that environment – even to the point of involving authorities if necessary.

If we’re not in an abu-

sive situation, have we harbored resentment for so long that forgiveness no longer matters to us as it once did? Or have we justified our self-righteousness for so long that we’ve become blind to our own offenses?

Our merciful God sees clearly, and He hates our unforgiving attitudes – especially when we recklessly and willfully choose to ignore the abundant grace He, Himself, has shown us. (Read the story of the unforgiving servant in Matthew 18.)

If we’ve forgotten the

many times God has shown us grace, let’s be honest about it and ask Him to help us remember the times He’s forgiven our reckless and willful sins against Him.

I have no doubt we’ll come away humbled and ready to forgive others for their trespasses so we can let go of our big, cold, ugly, unforgiving heart.

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Already there



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

For three summers during my youth, I participated in a walk-a-thon – a 20-mile walk benefiting the March of Dimes. Sponsors pledged donations for every mile completed. Along the route, volunteers marked our progress, and every step counted.

I remember one summer when the sun was so hot, and it seemed like

there was such a long way to walk. I wanted to catch a ride with one of the volunteers who drove the route. I was tired, and I honestly thought I could not finish. As my nephew Johnny and I kicked rocks along the road, we wondered how much farther we had to go. Then, up ahead, we saw it – a little wooden bridge.

Beneath the bridge was a slow-running little creek the color of sweet tea. After walking that far in the summer heat, the playful ripples beneath us were more than we could resist. It didn’t take us long to decide – the creek invited us. We jumped in. Later, we sat on the creek bank, letting our clothes dry as we enjoyed the peanut

butter and jelly sandwiches our moms had packed for us. Ten or 20 minutes later, we were cooled off, refreshed, and ready to finish the walk.

There is a quiet beauty in old country roads, wooden bridges, and slow-running creeks. Even when little boys and little girls grow up, they still remember when. They remember tired feet and cool waters. They remember green grass and folded peanut butter sandwiches. They remember rest, long walks, and miles crossed off. They remember the little moments when they were cared for, even before they understood they were being cared for.

King David understood something about

the grace found along an old dirt road. He knew what it meant to long for still waters and to rest beside them. He knew that God did not always remove the distance before him or the enemies who followed him. Instead, God walked with him, restored him, and prepared a table for him even in the presence of those enemies (Psalm 23).

I wonder how many times David reached back into his own memories of God’s faithfulness when the road became difficult. Perhaps he remembered the fields where he watched his father’s sheep, the quiet places where he sang, and the moments when God had already provided what he need-

ed. The shepherd boy remembered the Good Shepherd.

Years later, I can look back on that little creek beneath the wooden bridge and see something I could not see as a child. The Shepherd was already there. He was teaching me that He does not always remove the miles ahead, but He provides places of rest along the way.

Maybe that is the greater truth. We all have moments when we look back and realize God was caring for us long before we recognized His hand. There are memories of quiet places and unexpected moments of rest. Perhaps it was a smile from a stranger, a kind word at just the right time, or even a little

brown paper bag holding a folded sandwich.

Simple gifts that remind us we were never walking alone. The God who watched over David in the fields, the God who prepared a table in the presence of his enemies, is the same God who watches over us. He is the Shepherd who leads us, the Father who loves us, and the One who rejoices over His children. Along the way, He gives places of rest—quiet reminders of His care.

My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” — Exodus 33:14

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

OUT TO PASTOR

Maybe I should rob a bank



By **JAMES SNYDER**

Throughout my life, money has been quite a challenge. I was a pastor for almost 50 years, and as a pastor I did not get much of a salary, barely enough to get by on. But I didn’t become a pastor for the money, or I would’ve become a televangelist. I didn’t say that, did I?

Both The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I worked to be as frugal as possible with our budget. We tried our best not to spend our money on things we didn’t really need. Then when the children came along, that certainly changed our budget.

As a young kid, I was frugal with my money. I didn’t make very much money, but I made sure most of it went into my little piggy bank. Every week I would look at my piggy bank and count the money several times. I knew how much I had, but I enjoyed counting it and looking at it.

Now that I’m older, but not that much wiser, I check out my savings account every week. At least once a week, sometimes several times during the week, OK, every day. I enjoy looking at that money in my savings account. What I

enjoy the most is seeing the interest I’m earning in my savings account. Like my father used to say, “A penny earned is a penny saved.” I want all my pennies in my savings account to earn interest.

That money was for emergencies and, boy, when I had to take money out of my savings account, it was the hardest thing that I ever had to do. It was easy putting it in, but it was very difficult for me to pull it out. I know the savings account was for emergencies, but I had a hard time defining “emergencies.” Sometimes The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage steps in and helps with that definition.

Every time something happened unexpectedly in the financial area of life, I really wrestled with drawing the money from the savings account. I know it had to be done, but I kicked it down the road as far as I could.

Just the other week, there was a mechanical problem with the Sissy Van. It was a problem that needed to be fixed, and it was around \$1,000. I never kept that much in my checking account because I preferred most of my money to be in my savings account.

When I got the bill, I was very sad. I looked at my savings account and then looked at the bill for the Sissy Van, and I was not too happy about it. It was almost as much as my Social Security checks each month.

As I was looking at my

savings account online, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came in and asked about getting her mechanic bill paid. We needed to go pick it up, and when we did, we needed to pay for the mechanical services.

“You do have enough money to pay for that, don’t you?” The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said.

I looked at her with very sad eyes and said, “Well, the money for the mechanical bill is in my savings account. I hate to transfer it to my checking account.”

“You do have it in the savings account for emergencies, right?”

I looked at her, then looked back at my account on the computer, sighed very deeply, and said, “I’m going to have to move money over to my checking account,

and you know how much I hate doing that.”

With a very serious look on her face The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage looked at me and said, “Instead of taking it out of your savings account, why don’t you just go and rob a bank this afternoon. Then you might have more money to put back into your savings account after you pay the mechanic bill.”

I looked at her, chuckled, and said, “Did you say to go and rob a bank?”

I’m not sure what planet she was on at the time, but robbing a bank never came to mind as I was thinking of my money. Of course, it would make sense if I could rob a bank and get away with it.

“What if I get caught?” I asked her very seri-

ously.

“Then,” she said with a smile on her face, “you’ll have free room and three meals a day and you won’t have to pay for any of that. You do like free don’t you?”

I just stared at her for a few moments and watched her smile back at me. It never occurred to me to rob a bank, but as I looked at my savings account, it didn’t seem like a bad idea at the time.

I finally had to move the money from my savings account to my checking account. That is the hardest thing I ever did in life. I sighed very deeply and closed

the computer, then I picked up my checkbook and said to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, “Let’s go and get your Sissy Van.”

Later that day I read Ecclesiastes 5:10, “He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity.”

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- **Helen Moore Blanton**, 82, of Carrabelle, died on August 1, 2026.
- **Rebecca Jean Harrod**, 63, of Crawfordville, died on July 30, 2026.
- **Gerald F. “Jerry” Morrissey**, 84, of Crawfordville, died

on July 29, 2026.

- **Ellen Rosemarie Thom**, 90, of Carrabelle, died on July 30, 2026.

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

- **Michael Scott Edgerton**, 64, of Crawfordville, died July 29, 2026.

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel, rick-goodingfuneralhomes.com.

Sheriff’s Report

Sheriff’s Report is for activity July 24 to 31. There were 1,377 total calls for service.

FRIDAY, JULY 24

- Deputy Aimee Love responded to Renee St in reference to State Probation requesting assistance after locating narcotics on a residence search. Ultimately the female subject was placed under arrest by State Probation and transported to the county jail by Deputy Love.
- 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 Criminal Investigations Division.

SATURDAY, JULY 25

- Deputy Dustin Saba responded to the sheriff’s office lobby in reference to narcotics being found in a recently purchased vehicle. The narcotics were seized for destruction.

SUNDAY, JULY 26

- Deputy Aimee Love responded to River Plantation subdivision in reference to damage to the community pool fence. Case forwarded to CID.
- Deputy Jonathan Kilbourn responded to JK Moore Road in reference to a lost firearm. Contact was made with the reporting person who stated while cleaning out his rent-

al-truck he noticed his firearm was missing. He advised he searched for the firearm but was unable to locate it. He further advised the last time he saw the firearm was on a recent trip to Perry. The firearm was entered into NCIC/FCIC as missing.

MONDAY, JULY 27

- Deputies responded to the area of Coastal Highway and Surf Road in reference to an unidentified subject walking nude in the area. Contact was made with Lance Palmer approximately a half mile north of Surf Road. Palmer was detained and advised the following post-Miranda: he stated he has been walking nude in the area for multiple days, including today due to spiritual reasons. Palmer further stated God told him to do so. Subsequently, Palmer was transported to the Wakulla County Jail without further incident.

TUESDAY, JULY 28

- Deputies responded to the sheriff’s office lobby in reference to a fraud complaint. Contact was made with the reporting person, who advised there have been several recent unauthorized charges to his Ameris Bank checking account. The total missing from the account at this point is \$383.55. He wishes to pursue charges for the incident. No suspect information is available at this time.

- Deputies responded to Leslie Circle in reference to a disturbance. Deputies attempted to make contact with Joanna Ross inside the residence. While attempting to speak with her, she continued to make random statements which made no sense. Ross continuously spoke on random topics, avoiding the matter at hand. During the time contact was made with her, she threw a lighter at Deputy Joshua Parker and kicked Deputy Jackson Kittrell as he was attempting to have Ross stand up. Ultimately, she was placed under arrest and transported to the county jail without further incident.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

- Deputy Joshua Martin responded to the 3400 block of Sopchoppy Highway in reference to a suspicious vehicle. Deputy Martin responded and observed the vehicle to be blocking a part of the roadway. After numerous attempts to locate a phone number for the owner. The vehicle was towed from the scene.
- Deputy Moen and Deputy Zachary Godwin responded to 506 Hickory Wood Drive in reference to a tree limb falling onto a workshop. The workshop sustained approximately \$2,500 worth of damage. This report was documented for informational purposes.

THURSDAY, JULY 30

- A citizen reported being defrauded out of \$900 in an Apple card

scam. Case forwarded to CID.

- Goodwill found ammunition in donations received. The ammunition was collected and turned over to the WCSO range.
- Deputy Cole Irvin responded to an area off of Spring Creek Highway in reference to a citizen claiming that Tidewater construction company began clearing his land without his permission. He wished for this incident to be documented for informational purposes.
- Deputy Joshua Martin responded to Happy Time Drive in reference to a structure fire. After the fire was extinguished by Wakulla Fire Rescue, a citizen noticed his air conditioning unit and stove were damaged.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

- Marcos Audias Lopez was observed operating a motor vehicle without wearing a seatbelt. Upon conducting a traffic stop for the violation, it was discovered Lopez did not have a Florida Driver’s License. Lopez presented a Guatemala ID card instead. Lt. Michael Alexander responded and conducted an investigation into the citizenship of Lopez. Further investigation revealed, Lopez had been previously deported and was in the United States illegally. The local ICE field office was contacted and a detainer was prepared for Lopez. He was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with no Florida DL and transported to WCSO Jail Facility without incident.

- Walmart reported an unknown female passing the last point of sale with unscanned merchandise. The unknown female used a debit card to pay for some of the items. The total for the unscanned items was \$84.95.
- A citizen called in stating he thinks someone named “Lisa” may have punctured his vehicle tire. Surveillance from the Pool House located at Hampton’s Way was unable to be obtained due to no one being there. He advised “Lisa” was parked beside him in front of the pool house. Case forwarded to CID
- Deputies responded to the Trident in reference to a firearm being pulled in the parking lot. According to bar patrons a fight occurred inside the bar between Donald Hoover and Jymarries Fedd. After the altercation Fedd along with his friend were followed into the parking lot by a group people where a man named Spencer was pushed

by Hoover’s father and witnesses stated Spencer pulled a firearm and told them to back up. During this time Fedd pulled a firearm and threatened the crowd of people before getting a vehicle attempting to flee. Deputy Kory Smith and Deputy Caleb Bushong stopped the vehicle and Fedd fled on foot. Contact was later made with both Fedd and Spencer who stated they were in fear after being followed out to the parking lot and Spencer being pushed while trying to leave. At this time, this investigation is still ongoing. Deputies worked together in the attempt to locate video surveillance but the Trident’s cameras don’t show the bar floor or the parking lot. There is a camera located at Rock Landing Marina and will be attempted to be obtained.

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Audie Rowell

From Front Page

farming is not a dying industry but rather a thriving occupation passed down for many generations.

- Taxes: Our seniors have worked their entire lives, and they deserve to keep what they earned. I will fight to eliminate federal income tax on all retirement accounts, whether its social security, 401k or a defined retirement benefit plan the government has no business taxing money that hardworking Americans already paid into. I also support no federal income tax on the first \$30,000, permanent no tax on tips up to \$30,0000, elimination of the inheritance tax, and raising the minimum capital gains tax.
- Immigration: If you follow the process coming into this country, then you deserve a process going out, however if you don’t follow the process, you only deserve two things: a set of handcuffs and a trip back to the border. I will always fight to ensure ICE is fully funded.
- SAVE America Act: The world is not eligi-

ble to vote in our elections. The socialists/communists need this to fail because they don’t have enough Americans to vote for them. The socialists and communists have hijacked the Democratic party and now they want to hijack America. This needs to pass congress now.

- Government Spending: Have you ever heard of the US government cutting spending? Well, neither have I. As long as government exists it will spend money. The number one function of government is public safety. That’s our military, courts, law enforcement, corrections, fire/EMS. I will always ensure they are fully funded and supported.

All other forms of government are up for debate as to either reduce, restrict or eliminate. When government doesn’t exist, it can’t spend money. I will always be an advocate for reducing, restricting or eliminating government.

- Our Children: Our children deserve to be protected. I fully support efforts to keep woke ideology out of our schools and to en-

sure parental rights in education. Parents should always have the first and final say in what their children are taught. That is not a political position. That is common sense.

- Data Centers/AI: I support communities that do not want data centers. I encourage communities to have their planning and development order in place now and take in the following considerations. 1. Data centers not allowed in a place that affects property values (residential and commercial) or quality of life. 2. Must generate their own power and not allowed to connect to an existing power grid. 3. Required to use a closed loop cooling system. 4. Required to cover public safety costs related to data centers (i.e. fire department).

If we don’t control AI, AI will control us. We must have strong legislation to ensure

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GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

TRUIST BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

ANGELA MARIE HOWE, ET AL., Defendants

CASE NO. 26000019CAAAXMX

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment and/or Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale, entered in Case No. 26000019CAAAXMX 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 swplus as unclaimed.

Dated this 22nd day of July, 2026.

{{County Court Seal}}

Greg James

As Clerk of the Court

By: /s/ Rachel Howard

As Deputy Clerk



July 30, August 6, 2026

0806-0813 TWS NOFS

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

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

BRIANNA CRONAN AND PHILLIP HIGHSMITH, ET AL., Defendants

CASE NO. 26000037CAAAXMX

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 07, 2026, and entered in 26000037CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff and BRIANNA CRONAN; PHILLIP HIGHSMITH; FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION; FIFTH THIRD BANK, N.A.; COMMODORE COMMONS OF WAKULLA COUNTY PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC. are the Defendant(s). Greg James as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., the Front Lobby, Wakulla County Courthouse, Crawfordville, FL 32327, at 11:00 AM, on August 27, 2026, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 30 OF COMMODORE COMMONS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE(S) 99, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 10 COUNTRY WAY, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.

Dated this 30th day of July, 2026.

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Greg James

As Clerk of the Court

By: /s/ Ethan Brown

As Deputy Clerk



August 6, 13, 2026



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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.

Personal Representative: Christopher Glenn Bartek Jr.

/s/ Shawn A. DeVries, Esq.

Shawn A. DeVries, Esquire

Florida Bar Number: 99379

shawn@devrieslegal.com

Joshua Tyson, Esquire

Florida Bar Number: 104222

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July 30, August 6, 2026

NOTICE OF ACTION

0806-0827 TWS NOA

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice is hereby given that SETTING SUN PANACEA, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, has been dissolved effective October 15, 2026, pursuant to the Florida Revised Limited Liability Company Act. The Company has ceased conducting business except as necessary to wind up its affairs. Any person having a claim against the Company must present the claim in writing to:

Setting Sun Panacea, LLC

c/o Frances C. Lowe, Esquire

Ausley McMullen

68-A Feli Way

Crawfordville, Florida 32327

The written claim must include:

The claimant's name, address, telephone number, and email address (if available);

The amount of the claim;

The basis for the claim; and

Copies of any documents supporting the claim.

Claims must be received no later than four (4) years after publication. Any claim not received by the stated deadline may be barred to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.

Dated this 22nd day of July, 2026.

SETTING SUN PANACEA, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company

By: s/ Frances C. Lowe, Esquire

Ausley McMullen

68-A Feli Way

Crawfordville, Florida 32327

Published August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026



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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 CORPO-
RATE, OR WHOSE EXACT LEGAL STATUS IS UNKNOWN, CLAIM-
ING UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMES OR DESCRIBED DEFEN-
DANTS 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, Case No.: 2026-CA-108
PLAINTIFF,
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, grant-
ees, 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 prop-
erty in Wakulla County, Florida:

LOT 28, BLOCK 2 OF LAKE ELLEN ESTATES UNIT ONE, ACCORD-
ING 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 Plain-
tiff'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, 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 LINCOLN
DAVID JACKSON 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, grant-
ees, 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 prop-
erty 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 COUN-
TY, 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 Plain-
tiff'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 CLAIM-
ANT(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 mon-
umented) 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 BEGIN-
NING. From said Point of Beginning and leaving said West bound-
ary run South 76 degrees 22 minutes 12 seconds West 559.84 feet
to a concrete monument (marked #2919), thence run North 22 de-
grees 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 monu-
mented) 102.51 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

More particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Southeast corner of Lot 5, of the Hartsfield Sur-
vey of Lands also, being the Southwest corner of Lot 5, of the Harts-
field 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 Eas-
terly 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 main-
tained 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 bound-
ary 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 monu-
ment; 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

The library turns into An Evening at Hogwarts



Tyson Folsom as Dumbledore.



Samantha Kennedy and Rebecca Sahar at the Potions Station.



Far left, Catelyn, Lilly and Ellie Williams. Left, Patti Owens gets a laugh at a scare in the Spider Maze. Right, UF/IFAS in herbology.

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LINDA ANN McDONALD



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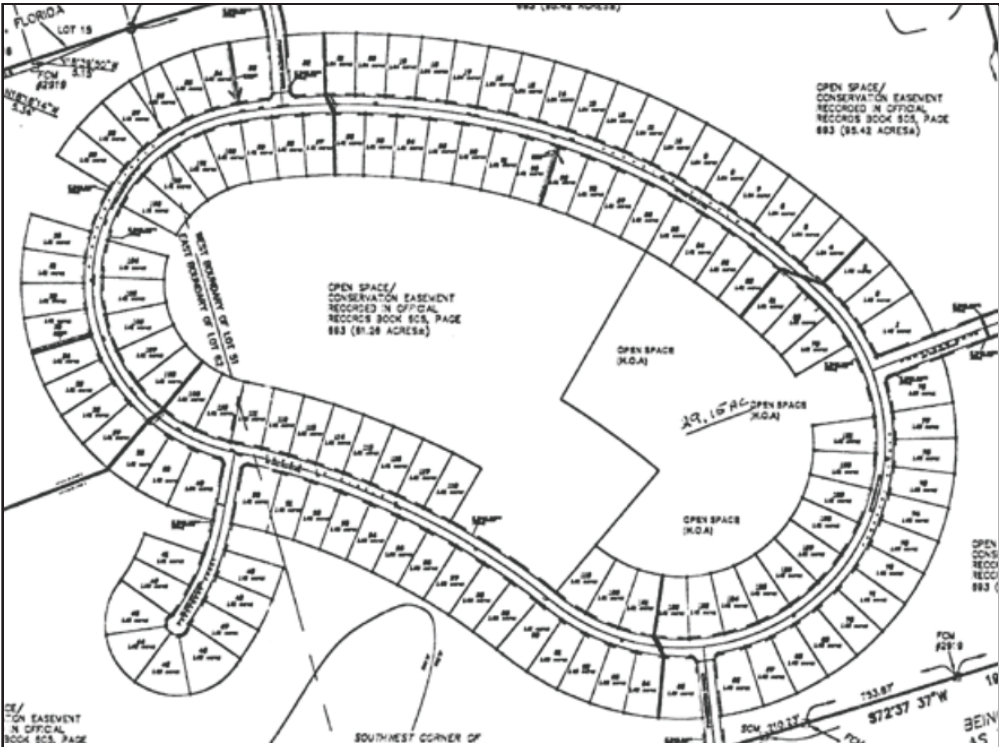
A Wakulla Wild Animal Rescue
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

We always need donations of these items:

- Bleach
- Paper towels
- Fruit cocktail
- Birdseed & nuts
- Pedigree wet & dry
- dog food
- Friskies wet & dry cat food
- Dawn dish soap

Florida Wild Mammal Association

198 Edgar Poole Road
Crawfordville, FL 32327
FWMA.org
363-2351



NOTICE OF HEARING TO APPROVE ASSESSMENT ROLL AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS IN THE PARK SUBDIVISION MUNICIPAL SERVICES BENEFIT UNIT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Wakulla County, Florida, will conduct a public hearing to consider approval of the assessment roll relating to non-ad valorem special assessments imposed within The Park Subdivision Municipal Services Benefit Unit ("MSBU"), as shown above, to fund the capital costs of Broadband improvements for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, and to authorize collection of such assessments on the tax bill.

The hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on September 8, 2026, in the Board of County Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the assessment roll. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the County within 20 days of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Executive Assistant to the County Administrator at (850) 926-0919, at least two (2) business days prior to the date of the hearing.

The Broadband Improvements Assessments have been imposed to fund the installation of broadband facilities to provide access to high-speed internet services within the MSBU. The Broadband Improvements Assessment for each parcel of property is based upon the number of buildable lots attributable to such parcel. The maximum annual assessment is \$187.70 per Lot.

A more specific description is set forth in the Initial Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 2022-14) and Final Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 2022-28). Copies of the Initial Assessment Resolution, Final Assessment Resolution, and the updated Assessment Roll for the upcoming fiscal year are available for inspection at the Office of the County Administrator, 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

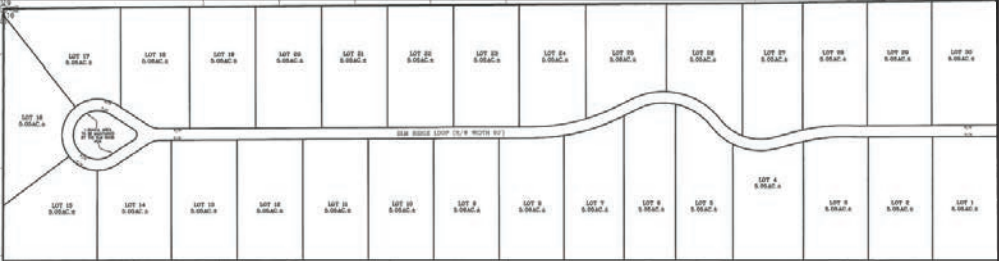
The assessments will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2026 by the Wakulla County tax collector, as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the real property which may result in a loss of title. The assessments will be collected in five (5) annual installments, commencing with the tax bill mailed in November 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact the County Administrator at (850) 926-0919, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO APPROVE ASSESSMENT ROLL AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS IN THE ELM RIDGE SUBDIVISION MUNICIPAL SERVICES BENEFIT UNIT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Wakulla County, Florida, will conduct a public hearing to consider approval of the assessment roll relating to non-ad valorem special assessments imposed within the Elm Ridge Subdivision Municipal Services Benefit Unit ("MSBU"), as shown above, to fund the capital costs of Broadband improvements for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, and to authorize collection of such assessments on the tax bill.

The hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on September 8, 2026, in the Board of County Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the assessment roll. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the County within 20 days of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Executive Assistant to the County Administrator at (850) 926-0919, at least two (2) business days prior to the date of the hearing.

The Broadband Improvements Assessments have been imposed to fund the installation of broadband facilities to provide access to high-speed internet services within the MSBU. The Broadband Improvements Assessment for each parcel of property is based upon the number of buildable lots attributable to such parcel. The maximum annual assessment is \$905.32 per Lot.

A more specific description is set forth in the Initial Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 2022-15) and Final Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 2022-27). Copies of the Initial Assessment Resolution, Final Assessment Resolution, and the updated Assessment Roll for the upcoming fiscal year are available for inspection at the Office of the County Administrator, 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The assessments will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2026 by the Wakulla County tax collector, as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the real property which may result in a loss of title. The assessments will be collected in five (5) annual installments, commencing with the tax bill mailed in November 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact the County Administrator at (850) 926-0919, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.